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**GETTING
READY FOR
THE FAIR**

Many Improvements Are Being Made for the Convenience and Comfort of Visitors.

Carpenters, electricians, plumbers and a gang of sturdy workers are making the fair grounds a scene of busy activity, and those who visit the fair this year, providing they have not looked over the grounds recently, will hardly know the place, such a change has been made in the appearance of the grounds and buildings.

The concrete entrance will soon be completed, and all is prepared for the concrete men to go to work as soon as the board can secure the contractor and hands. The board was depending upon some Salem contractors who were desirous of doing the work but a short time ago, but when notified that the concrete work was ready for them to start they refused to accept the job and the fair board was compelled to look elsewhere for workmen. They are now figuring with contractors in Portland and Seattle, but just when they can get them to commence on the entrance is not yet learned. The entrance arches have been set up and workmen are busy finishing off the rooms for the officers. There are 10 rooms in the entrance, which is known as the administration building also, and each room is to be fitted up in the best manner for the accommodation of both the fair officers and the public in general.

Secretary Welch has sent east for an up to date turn-stile, which will be put in the entrance by fair time. Over the entrance there has been installed 60 electric lights which will illuminate it brilliantly. A walk of crushed rock covered with a thick layer of fine grade granite sand will be laid from the entrance to the street car terminal. The street car company is also going to change the route of its line. Instead of running cars across the Southern Pacific track to the entrance of the fair grounds proper, they are going to make the turn sharp at the Fair Ground store and direct the route along the south side of the road and up to the Southern Pacific track near the depot, where suitable platforms will be constructed for the accommodation of street car patrons.

The Southern Pacific company, at

the request of the fair board, is now changing the siding switch from the south end of the depot to the north end, and will extend it back to the ground fence in order to enable the exhibitors to transfer their stock and other exhibits to the grounds by a short route.

Another important and well planned change has been made to the grounds just inside the entrance. The old building which was formerly used for restaurant purposes has been moved a hundred feet to the north and east and it now stands facing the main walk leading to the pavilion. The old structure has been painted and renovated within and without and presents a far cleaner and more sightly appearance. The old Catholic building has also been moved along side of the restaurant and will be converted into a neat eating house also. Between the two restaurant houses the board has planned an up to date bungalow reception and rest room. This building will be completed by fair time and a more serviceable structure could not have been built by the fair board. In this building will be installed toilets, wash stands and every convenience necessary for the comfort of the fair visitors. It is planned on the bungalow style and will be 45 by 35 feet. A nursery for those who chance to become ill, or for the caring for children has been provided; a matron will be in attendance and there will be a separate resting apartment, a comfortable fireplace in the ladies' apartment and the men's will be provided with every convenience.

The board has dispensed with a separate machinery hall this year. The frame structure formerly housing the wagons and other vehicles has been torn down and 9000 feet more floor space has been added to the regular machinery building adjacent to the pavilion for the machinery, which will not be distributed about the grounds so much this year.

The creamery buildings and dairy buildings have all been gone over and cleaned up, together with the barns, pavilion and poultry houses. In addition to the poultry exhibit this year the board has arranged for a bench show of farmers' collie dogs. This will be made a feature of the fair and many entries are expected for the event.

The exhibition and judging of stock will be carried on within an oblong arena this year. A board wall four feet high has been set up near the stock barns, and inside of this arena, which is to be covered with sawdust, the stock will be brought and judged. A judge's stand has been erected in the center of the arena and the entire view afforded the judges could not have been more favorably planned.

Taking the efforts of the state fair board as a whole, many valuable improvements have been made, and

from the present outlook the exhibits at the state fair this year will far exceed anything seen heretofore. Next year the board intends to have constructed east of the pavilion in the large open plot the Oregon building which now stands in the grounds at the Seattle exposition and which is greatly admired by the thousands who have visited Seattle.

The sewage matter at the fair grounds is the only thing which is now causing the board any worry, a company that was to furnish the piping for the sewer notified the secretary yesterday that it could not comply with the order and that they would have to turn it down. Secretary Welch is now conferring with other firms in Portland and Seattle and it is probable that he can secure enough drain pipe to finish the sewer by fair time.

Out of respect to the late M. D. Wisdom, vice president of the Oregon state fair board, who died Thursday, the flag has been raised at half mast over the entrance to the grounds, a fitting tribute to one of the greatest air promoters in the Pacific northwest, a wide-awake, patriotic citizen and a splendid man.

**CORONER'S JURY SAYS
DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL**

Los Angeles, Aug. 21.—Though the coroner's jury has returned a verdict stating that William Sauters, the aged civil war veteran of Tacoma, Wash., whose crushed body was found in the street near his apartments early Sunday, was trampled by horses while he lay in the street, several unusual phases of the case still mystify the police.

The coroner's jury decided yesterday that Sauters was trampled to death by horses attached to a garbage wagon driven by Samuel White. The aged man's chest was crushed, and a discolored wound shows itself over the right eye. The police are unable to agree that this peculiar wound was inflicted by White's horses. Sauter's body was taken in charge by relatives, who arrived here yesterday.

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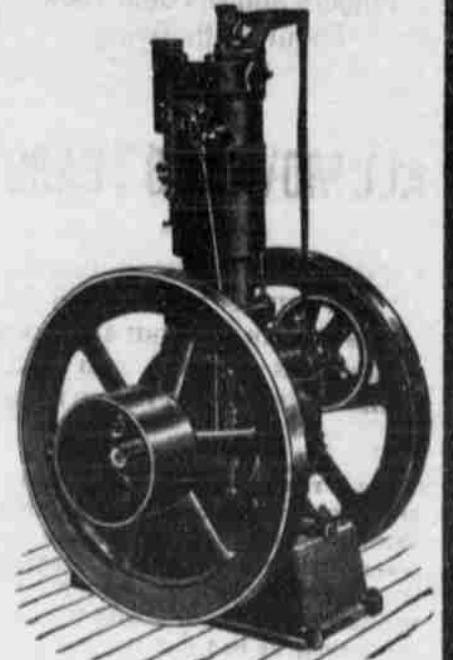


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