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NOW FOR THE FAIR.

With the details of the organization satisfactorily worked out and the officers for this year's exhibit agreed upon, a county-wide campaign to sell stock in the Thurston County Fair association will soon be under way, the idea being to insure a permanent annual display of the agricultural products and resources of the county which will avoid the delays that have occurred this year, and it behooves every person in the county to unite in the successful formation of the association so that the annual exhibit will truly become county-wide in interest, scope and display.

For a time last week it looked as if plans, previously brought nearer to a satisfactory basis than at any time before, were all awry again, but the meeting of the representatives of the Agricultural Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce and the executive committee of the Pomona Grange last Saturday night, when several hours were devoted to discussion of all phases of the situation, resulted most happily in the settlement of all differences and in the establishment of the plans for this year's exhibit on a firm basis.

Active management of the Fair and the supervision of all its details remains in the hands of the members of the Pomona Grange, who successfully carried out last year's show, while the financial responsibility is borne jointly by the Pomona and the Chamber of Commerce. The president, three trustees and secretary of the Association are all members of the Grange, while the Fair manager is chairman of the Agricultural Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce as well as a Grange member. So it is as it should be, still a farmers' Fair, with the details of its arrangement left in the hands of those who know what the farmers want, while co-operating with them and particularly in the important feature of financial responsibility, is the city's organization, the Chamber of Commerce.

Those who have joined in working out the plans for the Fair Association have done so in the confidence that there are a thousand persons in Thurston county sufficiently interested in the maintenance of a permanent exhibit to buy stock at the rate of a dollar a share. We believe that they have been conservative in their anticipations—we feel sure that, once the campaign is under way, from two to three thousand shares will be disposed of, as an indication of the interest and eagerness with which our people will co-operate in a well-planned, well-organized and well-directed effort to present a County Fair each year.

**MR. BRYAN AND MR. HUGHES.**

The general sentiment of the political writers of the country is emphasized by William Jennings Bryan when he says, in the June issue of "The Commoner," that the Republican nominees, Messrs. Hughes and Fairbanks, are immune from personal attack, and that "The Republicans have presented a ticket composed of men of high character, acknowledged ability and large experience," but, leaving the personal side of it, he turns to the official record of Mr. Hughes and recalls some things which have not been given publicity since the latter's nomination, and for obvious reasons. This portion of his comment Mr. Bryan begins with the statement, referring to both Mr. Hughes and Mr. Fairbanks, that "they represent stand-pat Republicanism—the Republicanism that looks after the captains of industry and takes advice from the monopolist exploiter," and then he goes on to say:

"It is a very respectable Republicanism but the kind that caused more than half of the Republicans to revolt against the party organization. Both candidates belong to the Taft wing of the party. Mr. Hughes vetoed the 2-cent passenger rate bill which even a New York legislature was willing to support. He was the only governor who asked a legislature to refuse to ratify the income tax amendment to the constitution. And the legislature, supporting his views by a small majority, denied to the state the glory of the victory. He led Mr. Taft's fight in defense of the trusts against the Democratic attack in the campaign of 1908. He is satisfactory to the big corporate interests and yet his semi-independence of the bosses and his advocacy of the primary make him less objectionable to the Progressives than almost any other prominent Republican."

That is just exactly why he was nominated, of course; and inasmuch as a number of years of re-

frainment have elapsed since Mr. Hughes was governor of New York, it is well for some one to recall to us official acts of his while occupying that position which would tend to give us an idea of what his viewpoint would be and what he would be apt to do, if he should happen to be elected president.

**PERFORMANCE VS. PROMISES.**

As familiar and perhaps as pointed an illustration as one could find of that distinction between the Democratic and Republican parties to which we referred last week, is to be seen in the record which the Wilson administration has made in surveying a million acres of hitherto untaxed land in this state, granted years ago to the railroads and now held by them or timber syndicates, land untaxed because unsurveyed. In the last three years Surveyor General E. A. FitzHenry, whose headquarters are in this city, has directed the survey of six hundred thousand acres of these lands and, the weather permitting, will finish up the remaining four hundred thousand this year.

For years the Republicans fiddled around with these surveys, doing next to nothing, with only five or six surveying crews in the field, while the holders of the lands escaped the payment of any taxes. And though the various state authorities tried to get some action, it was not until after there had been a change of administration at Washington and a new surveyor general was placed in charge in this state, that any real progress was made. Two years ago ten parties were put into the field, last year there were seventeen and there are fifteen, each composed of nine men, at work now. When the work is completed a million acres of land will have been added to the taxable wealth of the state.

This is the kind of an administration that counts for something, an administration which does what should be done, not one which contents itself with vague promises intended to fool the people, and contents itself with the semblance of activity and not the fact.

**1776—1916.**

Next Tuesday we celebrate the one hundred and fortieth anniversary of the birth of the United States, an anniversary which has come to have a varying meaning for us as the years progress, but which nevertheless serves to remind us of the things our forefathers set out to do when they proclaimed the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776. And the experiences of the last two or three years, with the strains and stresses the European war has brought upon us and the changing influences it has had on the thoughts and viewpoints of the day, have served to crystallize in us as a nation the purposes and objects underlying and permeating the Declaration—Independence from the Old World, the formation of our own nation, strict neutrality, an idealism which prompted us to demand for ourselves that which the Old World would not grant and which we sought to establish before the world as every man's right. Firmer entrenched are we now in these fundamentals—next Tuesday we will demonstrate it.

Official statement by the head of the coast department that the Washington militia was the first of that of any state in this jurisdiction to be recruited up to war strength, is a pleasing commendation to the state as a whole. Incidentally it is just another demonstration of the fact that when we start out to do anything, we do it right.

All of Thurston county as well as representatives of many other parts of the state joined with the farmers of the Yelm district in the celebration of the opening of their big irrigation project Thursday, and rightly so. Our whole county particularly, and many other districts throughout Western Washington have much to learn from this successful enterprise, while in joining in its dedication we bespeak our approval of the energy which made it possible.

Olympia's Chautauque season the middle of this month compacts into one week a valuable aggregate of amusement and instruction, something which brings good to any community. The enterprise of those local citizens who are promoting it is most commendable; the interest with which it is being generally received by our people demands congratulation.

Quite an elaborate program is planned by the local pioneers in which their Pierce county friends will join, on the occasion of the dedication at Tumwater, July 12, of the statue to Colonel Michael Troutman Simmons, the first United States citizen to settle along Puget Sound. The gathering is one whose importance and interest will extend far beyond the ranks of the pioneers themselves and we have no doubt that many who have come to this country years later than they will unite with them in their exercises.

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From the Washington Standard for July 3, 1891. Vol. XXXI, No. 32.

The 20th annual reunion of Oregon Pioneers will be held at Astoria on the 11th, 12th and 13th of May, 1892, that beign the time selected for the centennial celebration of the discovery of the Columbia river.

Farmers are engaged in haying in good earnest.

Plum street will soon be opened and graded from Fourth to Eighth streets.

The piling and capping for the new Long bridge are finished half way across the bay.

The assessment of Olympia this year foots up, in round numbers, \$3,600,000, nearly three times the amount returned last year.

Good progress is being made on the new Eighth street bridge. The piles have been driven and the stringers are on the ground.

Indians on foot, Indians on wagons and Indians on ponies are en route to the Mud Bay Fourth of July grounds, where a good time will be held by the painted Siwash tomorrow. The celebration will be unique this year and some 2,000 of our dusky neighbors from all parts of the Sound will be present.

**WHAT OUR FATHERS READ ABOUT IN THIS PAPER FIFTY YEARS AGO**

From the Washington Standard for June 30, 1866. Vol. VI, No. 34.

Rather Warm—The thermometer indicated 86 degrees Fahrenheit "in the shade" last Wednesday about 2 p. m. It was the first real summer day we have had during the season. The "event" was commemorated by a display of thunder and lightning in the evening.

The Fourth—We have heard of no preparations being made for a general observance of the approaching anniversary. We regret that this is so.

It is anticipated that a large emigration will cross the plains into Oregon, Idaho and Washington the present year.

Fourth of July Party—We have been desired by the committee of ladies who superintend the Fourth of July party for the purchase of a horse carriage for the use of the town, to request the ladies citizens of the place that they furnish during the afternoon of the Fourth, without further solicitation, such articles of provisions for the supper as they may feel desirous of contributing for the purpose.

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