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GETTING READY FOR SECOND LOCAL FAIR

VARIOUS NEW FEATURES ARRANGED FOR ANNUAL SHOW
SEPTEMBER 11-16.

With Saturday scheduled as "tag day" to raise finances for the fair, with a crew of men at work on the grounds preparing them for the week's exhibition, and with the race program arranged and most of the entertainment concessions contracted for, details for the second annual Thurston County Fair September 11 to 16 are being rapidly whipped into shape, according to an announcement made this week by Secretary L. L. Snow.

Various new features are promised at this year's show, among them community exhibits by half a dozen or more subordinate Granges of the county, a demonstration tent for local auto dealers, an exhibit by the United States forestry department, and a generally larger series of displays throughout. Last year only one community exhibit, that of the Pleasant Glade Grange, was displayed at the fair.

Secretary Snow went to Chehalis Wednesday to attend the Southwest Washington Fair, to complete arrangements for the race program and for further concessions, and quite a number of local people visited the neighboring exhibition and advertised the local shows. Premium lists and entry blanks are ready for distribution and may be obtained from Secretary Snow or the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. C. Nommensen and Mrs. E. W. Olson, together with two women to be named from the country, will have charge of the sale of tags Saturday and will be assisted by a number of women and girls. It is expected that a considerable sum can be raised in this way, which will assist materially in defraying the expenses of the fair.

Both the Northern Pacific and O. W. R. & N. railroads have offered special rates of one and one-third fares to the city from all nearby points during fair week. The increases in the number of displays expected and the entries already made have caused the directors to arrange for the erection of one more large exhibition tent than was needed last year.

Program for Week.
The tentative program for the week is as follows:

Monday—Entry day, entries closing at 6 p. m.

Tuesday—Formal opening.

Wednesday—Olympia day.

Thursday—Mason county and Southwest Washington day.

Friday—Children's day.

Saturday—Everybody's day.

The fair directors announce that the grounds will be kept open until 10 o'clock each night, when both the exhibits and concessions will be open. A straight admission charge of 25 cents will be made, no season tickets being sold, children less than 14 years old being admitted for 15 cents. There will be a 10-cent fee for the grandstand and a 50-cent charge for parking autos inside the race track, though another site will be provided where automobiles may be left without charge.

Big Fund for Forest Trails.

The state of Washington will receive \$91,379 of the federal fund of \$1,000,000 just appropriated by congress for the construction and maintenance of roads and trails wholly or partly within national forests, according to an announcement made by Secretary Houston. Applications for roads or trails must be filed with the district forester by October 1, each application containing a statement of the estimated cost of the desired road, the territory to be served and the extent to which it would aid in the development of the resources upon which communities within or adjacent to the national forests are dependent.

All of the Iowa residents who live in Olympia and the neighboring country joined in an annual picnic at Priest Point park Wednesday, when corn was the principal "piece de resistance" on the menu of the bounteous dinner served at noon. An interesting program was given during the afternoon.

LOCAL FIRM BRANCHES OUT.

New Olympia Industry to Build Cement Silos in Seattle Territory.

The Washington Cement Slave Silo company, one of Olympia's new industries, this week shipped a carload of Playford cement slave silo material to Seattle, to be used in the erection of several silos in the surrounding territory. The company's first silo in King county will be one of 160 tons capacity, 14x40 in size, to be built at Renton.

The local firm plans to establish a branch factory in Seattle soon for the benefit of customers in King and Snohomish counties. It recently completed two silos at South Union and announces that others will be built shortly in this vicinity. The company has material for a dozen or more silos on hand and additional material is being manufactured daily.

ALL SCHOOLS WILL BE OPENED TUESDAY

MORE PUPILS EXPECTED IN THE COUNTY—CITY ENROLMENT SAME AS LAST YEAR.

All of the city schools and, according to County Superintendent O. C. Goss, practically every school in the county, will open the new school year next Tuesday, September 5, meaning a new record for Thurston county, for last year, for instance, nearly a month elapsed between the opening of the first county school and the last. The new plan will make the school work more uniform throughout the county.

One of the new features to be offered in the city schools this year will be a course in concrete work and farm mechanics, under the direction of C. B. Gwynn, supervisor of the manual training department. And in six of the county schools, those at Yelm, Rainier, Tenino, Little Rock, Tumwater and Hayes, manual training will be offered for the first time, while in the seventh and eighth grades of all of the schools of the county as well as the high schools courses in domestic science will be taught the girl pupils.

More Pupils in County.
The enrolment in the city schools is expected to be about the same as last year, Superintendent C. E. Beach believing that an anticipated increase in the high school will more than offset any decrease in the grades. County Superintendent Goss expects a considerable increase in the county schools, quite a number of new families having settled in different districts this year, especially at Yelm.

Quite a number of improvements have been made in the school buildings of the city and county during the summer vacation. A pressure water tank and a motor-driven pump have been installed in the McKinley building, affording drinking fountains and faucets throughout the structure; new oil burners have been installed in the high school furnaces; new plumbing has been installed throughout, affording lavatories in the basement and on the first and second floors, and the chemical laboratory has been enlarged.

Out at Yelm a new \$4,000 building is just being completed, the main floor of which affords the district auditorium and gymnasium, the auditorium being available for community meetings and evening entertainments, while in the basement modern equipment for manual training and domestic science instruction has been installed.

New Buildings at Tenino.

Among the other improvements in the county schools are the installation of furnaces in the Lacey and South Bay buildings, the addition of one room to the Stony Point school, where a portion of the high school course will be offered this year for the first time, and the construction at Tenino of a fine new two-room and basement building and a new gymnasium, both heated by a hot water plant located between the buildings.

In addition to these, minor improvements have been made to the buildings in nearly every district, such as painting, building new roofs, repairing foundations, digging new wells, and tinting or calcimining the interior walls of the buildings.

The same number of teachers will

OFFUT LAKE PEOPLE WIN FIGHT FOR OWN SCHOOL

Court Declares Appeal Illegal—Goss to Appoint New Directors.

County Superintendent O. C. Goss expects to appoint the latter part of this week directors for a new school district at Offut lake, following the decision given by Superior Judge Mitchell Monday sustaining the demurrer interposed by six taxpayers of the Offut lake district that the appeal of the Plum station residents to the commissioners was not properly taken. Incidentally statements that Prosecuting Attorney Yantis prepared this appeal are untrue.

This will be the concluding chapter in a controversy between the residents of Plum station and Offut lake for the past several months, which after a public hearing before County Superintendent O. C. Goss resulted in the creation of a new district at Offut lake mainly from territory previously included in the Plum station district.

Various taxpayers of the latter district appealed from Goss' decision to the commissioners, and after a hearing the commissioners overruled Superintendent Goss and re-established the old district. Then action was started in the superior court by the Offut lake people, ending in Judge Mitchell's decision this week that the appeal to the commissioners had not been taken in the proper legal manner. This re-established Goss' division of the territory and upheld the formation of the new district.

Plans for the erection of a school building at Offut lake will be started immediately, Superintendent Goss says, and in the meantime school will be held in a temporary structure.

KINCAID REPORTS ON OYSTER STUDY

OPERATORS SHOWN BY INVESTIGATION HOW TO INCREASE RETURNS.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Oyster production will soon be on an sound, scientific and efficient basis as any other business, if the efforts of the United States bureau of fisheries and Professor Trevor Kincaid, University of Washington biologist, are to count. They are showing the operators how to eliminate loss of revenue by preventing the death of the little oysters, through the right methods of culture.

In the past the operator has guessed when he should throw in his "culch" of old shells for the baby oyster to fasten to, and all too often he guessed wrong. The result was a tremendously high mortality. By using the scientific knowledge, recently made public by Professor Kincaid, the grower may now determine the exact time for putting the old shells in his beds. This enables the young oysters to attach themselves to the shells before they become covered with slime and moss, and insures the oysters life and growth.

And the next point, as yet distant, is to devise an artificial system of culture and do away with haphazard methods entirely. Professor Kincaid recently spent considerable time at Oyster bay, near Olympia, and has made a survey of the industry in the state, from which he intends to compile a report for the government. Next summer he will continue his investigation.

Life of Native Oyster.

Professor Kincaid has made an extensive study of the oyster industry on the Pacific coast. Recently he made public a complete history of the life of the native oyster. Briefly it is as follows:

In the early summer, usually about

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be employed this year in the city and county schools. Among the new ones in the city staff are: Floyd Beardslee, elementary manual training teacher; Ethel I. Benson, English, and Florence M. Allen, Latin, in the high school; Helen Leghorn, Fourth grade, and Elva Uhler, first grade, at the Washington school, and Margaret Crim the fifth and sixth grades and Grace M. Beaven the third and fourth grades in the Roosevelt school.

TO DEDICATE MEMORIAL AT LACEY CEMETARY SOON

Ornamental Entrance and Fence Erected by Gwin Hicks Nearly Finished.

The handsome new entrance gate and ornamental fence being erected by Gwin Hicks around the pioneer cemetery at Lacey will be completed the latter part of this week, and then the bronze tablets, four of which have been on display at Talcott Bros. jewelry store this week, will be placed in the six cobblestone piers at the entrance, and the memorial will be formally dedicated during the fore part of this month, under the direction of Mr. Hicks and the Washington Historical society.

Many of the first settlers of this section of the Puget Sound country are buried in this cemetery, and this fact is referred to in the inscription on the tablet contributed by the state historical society and signed by W. P. Bonney as secretary. Two of the tablets bear stanzas from Gray's elegy, while the first contains the inscription:

"In memory of his ancestors, and with a decent regard for the preservation of their last resting-place, the undersigned has erected this fence as a barrier between the irreverent public and the revered ground inclosed, and calls upon his posterity and the succeeding generations to respect the bones of the first white inhabitants of this countryside.—Gwin Hicks."

LOCAL TEBBETTS STORE IS CLOSED

STOCKHOLDERS CONSIDER TAKING IT OVER—RECEIVER TELLS SITUATION.

The Olympia Groceria on East Fourth street, one of four stores operated by M. C. Tebbetts, Inc., the Tacoma firm which went into the hands of a receiver a couple of weeks ago, was closed Wednesday afternoon by Receiver R. D. Simpson and arrangements are now being made to dispose of the stock. The local store was the only one of the four to continue operations after the company was thrown into a receivership following a mysterious fire in its A street store in Tacoma August 15 and the arrest of the promoter, M. C. Tebbetts, on a charge of arson.

Several local stockholders favor the purchase from the receiver of the stock of the local store, a reorganization of the firm's affairs into a separate company consisting of the local stockholders, and reopening the store with a new manager in charge. Approximately \$10 a share will have to be put up by the stockholders to carry out this plan.

All of the 400 to 500 stockholders in M. C. Tebbetts, Inc., will lose every cent they put into the concern, Receiver Simpson says, and at that creditors will receive only about 50 cents on the dollar. Whether those stockholders who have not paid for all of the stock for which they contracted to pay on the monthly instalment plan will have to pay the remainder, is undetermined, the receiver says.

Tebbetts, the promoter of the concern, received one-third of the revenue from all the stock sold as his commission, in addition to a salary of \$75 a month, Receiver Simpson says. There are some 400 to 500 stockholders in the concern and altogether some \$76,000 stock was contracted for, from \$15,000 to \$18,000 of it locally. Tebbetts' commission of one-third was taken out of the first cash paid the company on each stock sale, the receiver says, and the total amounted to approximately \$25,000. Out of this he was to pay a commission to stock salesmen and all expenses incident to stock selling.

Some \$25,000 or \$30,000 more was spent in opening the three stores in Tacoma and the one here, remodeling the buildings and buying fixtures and stock and in paying salaries of employees and operating expenses, the receiver says his examination of the books shows. The firm's affairs are so involved, however, according to the receiver, that it would take an accountant a couple of months to find the true situation.

TO UNVEIL MORE MARKERS.

Two More Oregon Trail Monuments to Be Dedicated Wednesday.

The second and third markers of the old Oregon trail in this county, one at Bush Prairie and the other at Tenino, will be unveiled next Wednesday, September 6, Lafayette's birthday, with appropriate exercises under the auspices of the local chapters of the Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution.

The Tenino marker, located on the old Hodgson donation claim on the Pacific highway, will be dedicated at 2 o'clock that afternoon, and the one on Bush Prairie, placed near the site of the home of George Bush, at 4 o'clock. Governor Ernest Lister, Mrs. Edmund Bowden, state regent of the D. A. R., O. J. C. Dutton, state president of the S. A. R., George A. Virtue, T. F. Mentzer, Rev. D. E. Ellis, Miss Jessie Louise Campbell of Tenino, and Miss Annie Gaston, granddaughter of George Bush, will be among the speakers.

FIRE REPORT MAY CENSURE BIGELOW

CITY ATTORNEY SAID TO HAVE FAILED TO ENFORCE ORDERS CONDEMNING BUILDINGS.

Censure of City Attorney George R. Bigelow for alleged failure to enforce the council's orders condemning eight buildings in the city as public menaces from the fire standpoint and ordering their removal, will, it is reported, be the principal feature of the report to the Civic Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce by the special committee recently appointed to investigate the situation with reference to fire protection.

City Attorney Bigelow disclaimed to the committee any responsibility for the enforcement of the condemnation orders, it is said, but the committee was informed by other city officials that the responsibility did rest upon him, and quoted an ordinance to that effect. Just what form the committee's report will take is not known, but it is suggested by some that the particular friendship that exists between Bigelow and one or two members of the committee may result in tempering whatever references may be made to him.

May Criticize Council.

Some criticism may also be directed at the council itself for failure to supply the fire department with all the new hose requested by Fire Chief B. H. Barnes, but the chief fact so far uncovered by the committee, according to all reports, centers around the failure of whoever is responsible to see to it that condemned buildings are removed.

The committee's investigation uncovered the fact that Fire Chief Barnes recommended the condemnation and removal of these eight buildings some time ago, that the council's fire committee, after investigation, approved the recommendation, and that the council, adopting the committee's report, ordered the removal of the buildings. The committee also discovered that the buildings have not been removed and is reported to have come to the conclusion that City Attorney Bigelow is the official who has been negligent.

All Hose Tested.

The local fire department now has a little more than 4,000 feet of hose, Chief Barnes says, all of which has been tested under 93 pounds pressure and found to be in good condition. This is the heaviest pressure the city water system affords, the average throughout the city being much less.

Following the fire at the Chatfield house, when the department was hampered in its work by bursting hose, some 200 feet of hose was discarded, the chief says, this being the portion which bore evidences of acid. The rest of the hose has been examined for acid and no traces of it found, he says. The discarded hose, councilmen say, can be used by the street department.

The opinion has been expressed in some quarters that the investigation has developed a political nature and this belief has resulted in the suggestion that the report would be delayed until the city campaign comes on the latter part of November.

ACT OF CONGRESS MAY STOP STRIKE

PRESIDENT RECOMMENDS EMERGENCY LEGISLATION TO MEET SITUATION.

Enactment by Congress of legislation recommended by President Wilson in a special message delivered to that body Tuesday will, it is hoped and expected, prevent the threatened railroad strike already called by the brotherhood leaders to go into effect next Monday, Labor Day.

Efforts of the president to effect a temporary settlement of the differences between the railroads and their union employes having failed because of the attitude of the railroad presidents, and a counter-proposal made by the latter having been turned down by the union leaders, President Wilson went before congress, reviewed the situation and asked for legislation to meet the emergency.

All the influence of the administration has also been brought to bear on the brotherhood officials to cancel or postpone the order calling the strike next Monday, pending action by Congress. The union officials replied that they had no power to recall the strike order unless "a satisfactory settlement" were reached, but they let it be known, after a careful study of the legislation proposed by the president, that its enactment by Saturday night would prevent the strike.

Embargo on Freight.

Meanwhile, all the railroads of the country are preparing for the strike and have placed embargoes on all freight which cannot reach its destination by Sunday night. These embargo orders were received Wednesday by the local agents of the Northern Pacific and O. W. R. & N.

Apparently the legislation which is being counted upon to stay the brotherhoods is that part of the president's program which would fix an eight-hour day for railroad employes engaged in operating trains in interstate commerce and provide for an investigation of its effects by a commission or board.

The tentative legislation proposed contemplates:

Establishment of eight hours as the standard for a day's work for railroad employes operating trains in interstate commerce, and the appointment by the president of a wage commission of three members to observe the administration and financial effects of the institution of the eight-hour day, the president to submit its recommendations to the interstate commerce commission, which would accept the findings unless clearly erroneous, and adjust rates to insure a fair return on invested capital; wages of employes not to be reduced, for a period to be determined, below the present standard day's wage, pending the report, and pro rata proportion to be paid for service in excess of eight hours; the commission also to study and report on the problem of compensation for railroad employes.

Amend Arbitration Law.

Amendment of existing arbitration law directing the board of mediation and conciliation, if unable to induce parties to submit controversies to arbitration, to refer differences to a board for investigation, pending decision of which it would be unlawful for employers to cause a lockout or employes to cause a strike; each party to a controversy to name one member of the board of investigation, which would consist of three members.

Empowering the president, whenever railways engaged in interstate commerce or in transportation of the mails shall cease to operate or be seriously interrupted because of a strike, to direct operation of railroads sufficient for military purposes; to draft into federal service all persons necessary and to use the military forces of the nation.

To Re-Wire Courthouse.

Complaints and objections made by fire insurance underwriters have resulted in preparations by the county commissioners to re-construct the electric wiring in the county courthouse. Other repairs are also to be made, including patching the plastering in various rooms and painting the steam pipes and radiators.