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ADVERTISE THE FAIR.

The people of Clatsop county, who contributed \$20,000 to the Lewis and Clark fair appropriation, will not be at all pleased with the manner in which the Lewis and Clark fair is being advertised. Astorians returning from St. Louis say that one must hunt around for hours for any placard calling attention to the Oregon fair, and that the advertising which is being done is totally inadequate.

The board of directors of the Lewis and Clark fair should look into this matter. A very considerable appropriation was made for advertising purposes, but it is evident that it is being improperly expended. The St. Louis fair affords magnificent opportunities to advertise the Portland fair, and the gentlemen in charge of this department ought to be required to do their duty properly.

Oregonians say that they are ashamed to acknowledge that they are from this state when visiting at St. Louis. Oregon's exhibit is really a disgrace. An instance of the careless manner of making the exhibit was stated a few days ago. Before the St. Louis fair was opened a mammoth timber was cut at the Hume mill here for exhibition at the world's fair. That timber is now lying in the rear of the Oregon building, and when a party of Astorians recently hunted up the specimen they found it covered with old sacks. It was out of the sight of those interested in such matters and failed miserably to serve the purpose for which it was intended.

This sort of thing has gone about far enough. Portland is using the money of the entire state for its fair, and the outside counties have the right to demand that it shall be properly expended. Unless there is no improvement in the methods employed, the legislature should be petitioned to make no further appropriation for the Lewis and Clark fair. It is a burning shame that the money of the state should be thrown away, and almost incredible that the central managing body should allow such lax methods. The showing is one calculated to excite doubt in the minds of the people of Oregon and to bring into bad repute the men in charge of the fair.

If the Portland exposition is to be a success, business methods must characterize its conduct.

DENVER'S JUVENILE COURT.

Through a pamphlet designed as a part of the Denver exhibit of juvenile court work at the world's fair and aptly entitled "The Problem of the Children," those interested in the question of the treatment of delinquent and incorrigible children at the hands of the law will find a report the most cheering, says the Call. In this resume of the fourth year of the juvenile court's jurisdiction in Colorado's capital city, written largely out of the personal experience of the presiding magistrate, the Hon. Ben B. Lindsey, will be found detailed account of the progress made by those devoted to the regeneration of wayward children under Colorado's well-advised laws.

Judge Lindsey gives the spirit of the juvenile court's aim in a nutshell, when he says that its efforts are not so much toward reforming as to forming of childish character. It is for the young incorrigible and not against him that all efforts are directed and the fact is early impressed upon his understanding. The judge himself doffs the stern majesty of the law in dealing with juvenile cases and brings himself down to the social level of "Boyville" by entering into the story of each offender's special wrongdoing with every show of personal interest and by giving advice rather than grave admonition. To combat the negative influence of so many homes—too often the real cause for youthful delinquency—the Denver juvenile court has as adjunct special libraries and baths for all boys who care to take advantage of them; an allied private society obtains summer labor in the country for the probationaries; offenders under arrest cannot be taken to jail, but are temporarily lodged in a home-like detention house, provided by law.

Colorado has taken a long step in the right direction by placing responsibility for the delinquency in the child upon the parents and the home. By statute it has been enacted that parents and guardians against whom neglect or immoral influence displayed toward children can be proven are themselves amenable to the law's punishments. Had we such laws in California our own excellent juvenile court would find its labors lightened.

The prompt measures taken last evening toward the construction of a modern hotel indicates a determination on the part of the people of the city to carry the project to a successful issue without any unnecessary delay. The scheme adopted seems to be a very good one, and one which will command the support of Astoria's most representative men. Perhaps the plans may be changed somewhat; this is a matter for future settlement. Again tonight there will be a joint meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, and every good citizen of Astoria should attend. The hotel can easily be arranged for, if the start already made is followed up, and within ten days' time Astoria's greatest need can be supplied.

The peace congress in session at Boston is surely making a record in its efforts to bring about a complete understanding between the powers, and it is becoming evident that the war now on will be the last in the history of the world.

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