

# CARNIVAL SPIRIT WILL PREVAIL IN BOISE NEXT WEEK

**Fair and Rainmakers' Festival Will Make the City Lively Place—The One Big Week of the Year.**

All Idaho joins with Boise in making the big dual event, the Idaho Inter-mountain fair and Festival of the Rainmakers, which occur simultaneously during the week of October 7 to 12, the greatest civic celebration ever held in the northwest. From reports received every county, every city and town in the state, each will have large numbers of its citizens here during fair week.

For the fair, exhibits of the choicest products of each section of Idaho are arriving daily ready for installation in the mammoth exhibition halls and temporary structures at the fair grounds, while the fair directors are making preparations to handle the largest number of exhibits of all kinds ever before shown and the largest crowds of visitors.

One feature that tends to make the coming fair one of the most distinctive ever held in Idaho is the fact that during the exposition a large camp of school children, members of the various potato and sewing clubs throughout the state, will be maintained. This camp which will be under the supervision of Miss Grace M. Shepherd, state superintendent of schools, will be something unique and is attracting a great deal of attention in every school district. The clubs were formed during the summer in the various schools and the display of the handiwork of the children and the camp at the state fair is the culmination of the season's work.

In the past the Inter-mountain fair has gained the reputation of having the most complete exhibition of extra fancy varieties of fruits and the fair this year will undoubtedly not only sustain the reputation but will make it stronger. Under the direction of State Horticultural Inspector John U. McPherson, the deputy inspectors all over the state have taken a leading part in securing comprehensive exhibits of fruits for the Inter-mountain and reports received daily demonstrate the fact that the greatest collection of various fruits ever shown under one roof will be at Boise during the fair.

**The Stock Show.**  
At the stock show which is held as a division of the Inter-mountain fair, what will probably be one of the largest exhibits of thoroughbred animals ever displayed here will be shown. Idaho is not so far removed from the days when the cattle industry and sheep growing were two of the highest industries in the state and even today the wool growing business is ranked among the first of Idaho's industries, and this fact makes possible an extraordinarily large display of fine sheep.

The dairying industry is forging rapidly to the front and makes possible a splendid showing of fine dairy cows. Swine and horses are also extensively raised in Idaho and the surrounding states and a very complete showing of those animals is assured.

To the average fair-goer the spectacle of a number of finely bred and spirited horses tearing down the home stretch in an effort to be declared winner of the race, is an inspiring sight. At this session of the fair an especially good program of races, both harness and running events is scheduled, and horse lovers will have an opportunity of seeing the best horses on both the Idaho-Oregon and north Pacific circuits in speed trials.

Several departments of especial interest to the women have been included in the arrangements at the fair. Numerous prizes have been offered in the culinary division, where in the women of the state will display their ability to cook. A department in which an exhibition of plain and fancy needle work will be given should prove an irresistible attraction for the woman visitor. Some of the newest styles of fancy stitching as well as all of the old stand-bys will be demonstrated.

That the Inter-mountain region harbors a large number of ambyro Whistlers and Sargeants, as well as a few Dana Gibsons and Chandler Christies, will also be amply demonstrated to the visitor to the fair arts section. A large amount of fine oil and water color paintings, as well as pen and ink and wash drawings, have been entered in this section and from the class of many of the exhibits the people of Idaho not only know how to raise mammoth crops, but can also turn their hands to the niceties of art. An especially large exhibit of farming implements and various manufacturers will also be shown in Agricultural hall, while many exhibits of this character will be shown in the open, on account of the large number of entries. Labor saving devices without number, recently patented machines and other objects of interest to the person with a mechanical turn of mind, will be shown in one of the most complete manufacturing exhibits ever held.

**Program of Amusements.**  
In addition to the purely educational and instructive exhibits, the fair directors have arranged an especially fine program of amusements. Melz Russian Imperial band, the musical organization which, in Russia occupies the same position to the czar that the celebrated United States Marine band does to President Taft, has been engaged for the entire week and will give concerts at stated intervals each day.

A splendid coterie of attractions to be presented free for the amusement of the crowds have been engaged and there will be no tedious waits either between the races or the other events on the program. As an additional feature the directors have arranged for a number of thrilling motorcycle races each day and from the class of the entries it is thought that many of the present northwestern motorcycle records will be broken.

A band numbering over 100 Indians of the Bannock and Shoshone tribes with their ponies and trappings will be camped on the fair grounds and will prove of especial interest to the visitors. The Indians will also take part in a number of specially arranged

Indian races and will also give an exhibition of a number of tribal dances and games.

From every standpoint the coming Inter-mountain fair should break all records both as to excellence of exhibits and attendance and will amply demonstrate to visitors from outside the state that Idaho is indeed a land of plenty.

**The Rainmakers.**

In connection with the fair the second annual Festival of the Rainmakers takes place each evening in the city and from the plans made by the various committees having the different features of this big northwestern Mardi Gras in charge, should prove an even bigger event than the noted Potlatch at Seattle. Each committee is working overtime to make its portion of the mammoth spectacle a success in every way.

From a spectacular point of view the main event of the festival promises to be the big parade of Rainmakers which occurs on Thursday evening of fair week. In this huge pageant at least 2000 school children of the city will take part, in addition to large delegations representing the various nationalities in the state.

In the school portion of the parade alone over 30 magnificent floats will be used, each telling its own particular story of some event either of an historical or allegorical nature. The floats in this division will be the handiwork of the boys and girls of the manual training department of our schools and will remain the property of the school department from year to year to be worked up by the students into new creations for the succeeding festival.

Under the direction of Superintendent C. S. Meek and Chairman J. F. Pennell, the manual training students are now busily engaged in creating the wonderful floats. A feature of this division of the Rainmakers' parade will be the Overland Limited, in which an engine, dining car and observation car will be faithfully reproduced. Other floats in this division will portray such historical incidents as the landing of Columbus, the entry of Washington into Yorktown, the treaty of Penn with the Indians and others. The students and the teachers of each school in the city are enthusiastic over their parade and are working earnestly to make it the most notable pageant in the northwest.

**Industrial Parade.**

The Industrial parade in which the progress of Boise and Idaho in a manufacturing way will be demonstrated will also be held on a large scale. Over 100 floats representing various businesses and industries of Boise and Idaho will be in line, many of them of extremely artistic nature. Others will cater to the unique and some new ideas in float construction are promised. Chairman H. J. McGirr, who is directing the staging of this parade declares that practically every merchant and business house in Boise will be represented and an effort will be made to have a particular division of the industrial parade in the nature of a "Made in Boise" exhibition.

In an event such as the Rainmakers' Festival, it is necessary that the life and customs of the early days be demonstrated, not alone as a tribute to the men and women who made the present prosperity of the country possible, but in order that the newcomers and the younger generations might realize the hardships and tribulations of the pioneer. The Pioneer parade will occur on Tuesday morning and is the only event of the Rainmakers' Festival which occurs other than at night. Under the direction of General Joseph Perrault and John Halley, both of whom are some of our earliest pioneers, this feature of the celebration is rapidly being worked into shape.

The early history of the state will be depicted and the types of those days will be strictly adhered to. In this parade the element of beauty will be missing, if we except the faces of the pioneer women who through the hardships of early days have taken on a beauty all their own. Everything in connection with the parade will be as nearly a reproduction of conditions and things of the days portrayed, as possible.

The trappers, Indians, prospectors, miners and others of the types now vanishing will each have its place. The emigrant trains, the pack trains and the crude farming implements of those days will be shown too and as the parade progresses and the real pioneers—the men who made the west—pass in review, the spectator cannot but think with gratitude of the work of these early men and women.

**Masquerade and Ball.**

To the average visitor the huge parade which takes place in the evening of Friday of that week will be of more than passing interest, for it is the mammoth masquerade parade and carnival ball. Following the spectacular entry into this city of King Ohadi, the Mysterious, and his Queen Eslob, and their reception by the state and city authorities, a huge masquerade procession in which 5000 maskers are expected to participate, will wind its way through the city. In the van of the big procession will be Ohadi and Eslob and this funny pair will endeavor to force at least one smile from every spectator.

After passing through the business district, the carnival parade will turn into Jefferson street in front of the new state house where from a handsomely decorated reviewing stand, the maskers will be reviewed by Governor Hawley and state officials and Mayor Hodges and city officials after which the monster carnival ball will begin.

For this dance a special surface two city blocks long will be provided in order to accommodate the throngs of masked dancers. After a certain hour and the awarding of the prizes for the best dancers and costumes, the floor will be thrown open to the general public who may dance to their heart's content without masking.

According to W. E. Gray, chairman of the carnival committee, the big parade and ball of maskers will be on a scale never before attempted outside of New Orleans. Numerous parties composed of members of the various sets of Boise society are preparing to appear in magnificent costumes. A costumer has been engaged by the committee and is now located in a centrally located store building where those desiring to order special costumes for the occasion may do so.

Another committee and a one-man committee at that, is in charge of one of the most important features of the whole festival—the lighting and decoration of the city's streets and also the dissemination of information to the visitors. A festival without lights and decorations would be no festival at all so George Ball has been delegated to handle this phase of the matter, and according to his plans as announced Boise will be one blaze of brilliant light during the festival week.

Information Bureau.  
On an occasion such as the festival, when thousands of persons from outside points arrive in Boise, some congestion and confusion regarding the securing of accommodations is usually found but such will not be the case in Boise this year. Mr. Ball will maintain an information bureau on the southeast corner of Tenth and Idaho streets, wherein a complete list of hotels, rooming houses and boarding houses will be on file and visitors desiring accommodations can obtain them. A list of private houses in which visitors can secure lodgings for the time they are in the city will also be kept and in every way the comfort of the out-of-town person during the festival will be taken care of. The service in connection with this bureau will be free and no charge of any description will be made.

In addition to the spectacular parades a large number of attractions have been secured for the entertainment of the throngs. Boyd and Ogles circus will be given nightly at some central point where the greatest number of people can witness the acts. With this aggregation is the noted educated horse, King Pharaoh. Pharaoh is said to be a marvel and can do most everything but talk. He adds, subtracts, divides and multiplies as well as the average school child and can also spell simple words.

The most marvelous part about this act is that the horse will perform as readily for persons unknown to him as for his trainer. With the circus is Dan Hart, said to be the originator of the present day circus clown. Hart is past 72 years of age and has been with every tented aggregation that ever toured the country. With him he carries his famous trick mule and between the two the audience is kept in good humor every minute of his act. Trained ponies and educated dogs as well as an educated goat are among the free attractions of the festival. Lady Livingstone, a bear that roller skates just as well as any small boy will also go through her paces.

The musical features of the festival will be on a scale considerably larger than any previous year. Melz Imperial Russian band, one of the most noted musical organizations in the world will give nightly concerts. This band was in the historic siege of Port Arthur, where the Russians capitulated to the combined Japanese armies under command of General Nogi, who recently committed hari-kari.

Several other bands have also been secured among them some of the most noted musical organizations of the state and good music will be heard upon every occasion. A carnival company will also put up its shows with brilliant fronts on vacant lots in the city and they will give nightly concerts. The bally-hoosers and the free shows given by the street carnivals will also be taken care of.

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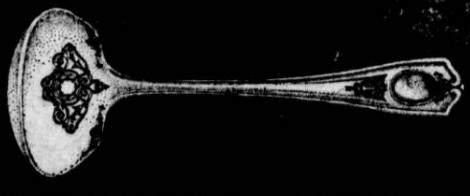
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