

## SHOULD GIVE ACCOUNTING

GROWING BELIEF THAT PUBLIC MONEY USED FOR INTERSTATE FAIR MAKES IT A PUBLIC AFFAIR.

Since the management of the interstate fair has appealed to the public, and more particularly to the county for financial assistance, it appears only fair and business-like that the public should know to what use every dollar of their money has been put. If the enterprise were entirely financed by the stockholders, the amount of money handled would be a matter of their concern only. For many years a public subscription has done much for the success of the fair, and last year a substantial sum of money was provided by the county, but no rendering of accounts been made.

The secretary of the organization draws a certain salary. Other than this, it is said, no salaries are paid. And still the entrance fees and the money derived from the sale of concessions together is insufficient to offset the expenses of the fair. The stockholders maintain that they derive no profits from their interests and support the institution merely for the good of the community.

The word of the gentlemen back of the fair is not questioned, but in private relations similar to that desired with the county financially they would certainly require accountings.

There is a growing supposition that the public will be expected to continue to support the fair, enhancing the value of the grounds until it is platted and thrown upon the market. Conceding that the stock is not interest bearing, the dividends derived from the sale of the land will make tenfold restitution. The public will have no word in this and reap none of the benefits.

The second attempt to have the fair grounds exempted from taxation has been made by offering for public uses through the playground commission a small triangular fraction of ground on the extreme west end. Through an understanding with the playground commission, this piece of ground will be improved and beautified by the commission to the extent of the amount of taxes thus canceled. The petition was brought before

the county commissioners who, acting upon the advice of the prosecuting attorney to the effect that they had no power to adjust or cancel taxation, tabled the matter.

It had been previously taken before the board of equalization which denied the owners of the fair grounds the right to exemption from taxation.

It is held reasonable that the county commissioners require a complete accounting for all public money expended on the fair before they fix the levy asked by the stockholders.

## NEW SHOPS START NEW TOWN

The Press some time ago published a report that the grade separation fight here had shifted focus railway activities in this region to Sandpoint, Idaho. Here's some more of the evidence.

Fred B. Grinnell in a few days will open the new town of Koonal, situated at the north end of Bend d'Oreille lake, Idaho, adjoining Sandpoint. The proposed town will be upon a flat plain three miles in extent fronting on the lake.

It is claimed to be the natural gateway of three transcontinental railways—the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Canadian Pacific.

The deep waters in front of the townsite afford steamship connections with more than 300 miles of shore line. Millions of feet of timber are being rafted upon the lake to the big mills adjacent to the townsite.

The Humboldt Lumber Co. mill lies but a short distance away and also the Panhandle smelter and Northern Pacific shops. The shops are now being rushed to completion by a large force of men and are to be completed by February 1, 1909. The railroad company is expending \$300,000.

Mr. Grinnell predicts that within a few months 125 train crews daily will run into the new town, the Spokane, Portland & Seattle being one of the lines.

## OPEN CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—The republican campaign in California starts tonight with two big meetings at Redding and Martinez. Attorney General Shortridge speaks at Redding and Governor Gillette at Martinez.

Faith is not a balancing pole for the man on the fence.

## WHO OWNS THIS BOY THE GYPSIES STOLE?

Special Correspondence to The Press

DENVER, Oct. 3.—Denver has a Peter Pan. His name is "Frenchie"—just "Frenchie"—this unadoptable boy without a home, and who will not have a home outside of the bare walls of the local detention home.

Superintendent Wright of the detention home is in a quandary as to what to do with "Frenchie." He inherited him when he took the office several years ago, and there is no one connected with the home who remembers when the waif did appear on the horizon of the waif's retreat. He is the pioneer of the establishment. He has been taken by the best families in Denver and in Colorado, but his time limit away from the fare of the outcasts is about two weeks. Then he comes back and says none of them equal the detention home for "real living." Most of the boys and girls of the home would escape in their "nighties" if they could get the chance.

Way back in the ancient history of the home there is a legend that Frenchie was left on a ranch near here by a band of roving gypsy Indians, they having stolen him from rich parents.

## ASK EMPLOYERS TO HELP BOYS

In an effort to make the educational benefit of its night school as open to as many boys as can possibly be reached the Y. M. C. A. has issued the following appeal to employers of boys:

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Can you not talk with the boys in your employ, and help him and your business in this way?

We suggest this: Advise them to take a course you may select



THIS IS "FRENCHIE."

## BATTLE WITH AX AND KNIFE

OREGON FARMERS ENGAGE IN A BLOODY FIGHT FOLLOWING DISPUTE OVER DEAL FOR PROPERTY.

HILLSBORO, Ore., Oct. 3.—With a gash extending from his right temple to the other side of the cheek, and nose nearly severed, E. V. Galloway, a prosperous Beaverton farmer, is in the hospital here. William H. Adams, accused of wielding a double-bitted ax causing the ugly wound, is in jail with knife wounds in the face. Galloway called to buy the Adams ranch yesterday. He did not like it and a quarrel followed. The ax and knife were brought into play.

## FIRE SWEEPING FOREST RESERVE

ALBANY, Ore., Oct. 3.—Raging fiercely for three days, a fire in the Cascade forest reserve, 10 miles east of Detroit, Ore., is reported today to be completely beyond the control of the small force of men fighting it. Only a down-pour of rain can extinguish the fire.

## UNION PARK BAPTIST

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## MILWAUKEE OVER HILL

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