

Southwestern Washington Fair.

The attendance at the Southwestern Washington fair, held at Chehalis during the week of Sept. 19 to 24, was about 25,000 people. Inasmuch as there is only about 9000 population in each of the cities of Centralia and Chehalis, this is a very good showing, and shows a steady growth of the territory by which this fair is sustained. Taken as a whole, the board of directors made a very creditable showing, and some of the success was probably due to secretary Barnes of the Southwestern Washington Development Association.

Vegetable and fruit exhibits were very much better than those of the Western Washington fair. Several county exhibits were made and deserve much credit for this cooperative work. Farmers competed with farmers to show the greatest variety of crops produced on one farm. These exhibits attracted a great deal of attention.

Wednesday was governors' day, and Governor Hay together with a great many other people motored down from Olympia. This added gaiety to the crowd, which itself always is one of the interesting features of a fair. It is touching elbows that makes good soldiers as well as good farmers, and the making of good farms is the avowed objective at least by the board of directors of these Fall fairs, though to see the many dancing booths and tents at some fairs one would naturally think some of them were designed for the purpose of educating people for the vaudeville stage. However, this charge could not be laid to the Southwestern Washington fair board as theirs was a clean agricultural show all through.

The racing, always the principal feature of the entertainment, was

very good. It is this entertainment that is supposed to bring out the city crowds, though it is safe to say that just as many of these would bring out their children to see the livestock and poultry as those who are induced to come on account of the races. However, there were other entertainment features aside from the races. The bicycle riding, bicycle jump, the balloon ascension and some speech making by the governor and others.

Among other things the governor stated that half of the population of Washington lives in cities of five thousand or over. He urged these to raise something in the agricultural line, but reminded them that it requires some training to make a success. He commended the state college at Pullman as doing a great work in helping to solve the problems of farm life, and urged every young man who is seeking an independent life to spend one or two years at the Pullman school.

Marshall K. Snell, of Tacoma, in an interesting address, gave a historical resume of the state. He said that twenty years ago the two towns of Centralia and Chehalis were lighted by tallow candles and oil lamps. They did not have as many hundred inhabitants as they now have thousands.

Klickitat and Pacific counties showed splendid fruit exhibits, mostly of apples. These included Spitzenburgs, Newtowns, Grimes Golden and Gravensteins.

The industry of women showed up magnificently in the exhibits building. This included tating, battenburg, drawn work, patch quilt work, bead work, eyelet embroidery, Irish point lace, Irish crochet cross stitching, silk crazy and basket patch work, etc. Sofa cushions were there in profusion and added greatly to the gaiety of the department.

The state training school had a fine exhibit under the grand stand. Interest was added to this from the fact that a tailor, a carpenter and a shoemaker were working at their respective trades, with a new boy at the bench every day. They exhibited their handiwork as it was made there on the grounds. All of the cases, desks and cabinets at the display exhibits were made by the boys in the carpenter department of the school, and in comparison to this, the girls' exhibit showed equal skill and diligence, in sewing, laundry work, cooking and baking.

The agricultural display of the training school included over 60 kinds of grains and vegetables. Many odd vegetables were exhibited. The farm adjacent to the training school has about 50 acres of garden, about half of which is given over to potatoes.

In the vegetable display some pea vines were shown which were over ten feet long. Timothy 6½ feet high with heads nine inches long, and one single stool of oats with approximately 10,000 grains, astonished the lovers of big things. Surely this is the climax of grain production.

Prof. Lawrence of the Puyallup experiment station exhibited 51 varieties of potatoes, and 150 varieties of mangos, rutabagas, carrots, turnips, etc. The object of the exhibit was to illus-

Dates of Northwestern Fairs

DATE	FAIR	PLACE	SECRETARY
Oct. 3-8	Spokane Interstate Fair	Spokane, Wash.	R. H. Cosgrove
Oct. 4-8	Valley Fair	Puyallup, Wash.	
Oct. 4-8	New Westminster, B. C.		
Oct. 4-8	Caldwell, Idaho		
Oct. 10-15	Idaho Inter-Mountain Fair	Boise, Idaho	Will H. Gibson
Oct. 10-15	Lewiston-Clarkston Fair	Lewiston, Idaho	C. W. Mounts
Oct. 10-15	Lewiston, Idaho		

STATE AND DISTRICT FAIRS

Oct. 10-15	American Royal Livestock Show	Kansas City, Mo.	
Oct. 20-29	Fifth National Dairy Show	Coliseum Bldg. Chicago	
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The poultry display was quite extensive, and was an interesting department of the fair, and some good specimens were shown. A number of owners of good individual stallions exhibited their horses, and these attracted much attention. B. F. Fryar of Sumner was there with his Holstein cattle. Aside from these, the stock exhibits were very light. Merchants of Chehalis and Centralia had some attractive booths showing their merchandise.

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