

State Fair

Secretary Gunn of the State Fair commission makes following report: Actual cost of the fair was \$5,900. Total cash income exclusive of guarantees fund was \$4,349. Of this sum there was \$2,457 received for gate money; \$994 represents amount for concessions the horse and stock shoe entries amounted to \$772 and special cash premiums paid to the commission amounted to \$125. Expenditures were \$1,732 for trotting and running races; \$225 for Indian races. Salaries, judges, war dance and other miscellaneous amounted to \$1,694.--
Yakima Democrat, October, 1900.

A special Woman's day at the state fair is one of the plans now being talked up for the coming fair in September.

Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe, known throughout the state as an active worker in the interests of women was in the city yesterday and conferred with Secretary Pace of the fair commission and Miss Lombard, superintendent of the women's building, about advisability of having one day set apart especially for women.

When Mrs. DeVoe's husband was president of the State Fair commission in South Dakota she instituted what was known as Woman's day. It proved to be very successful in every instance. Since that time in this state, at Puyallup, at Mrs. DeVoe's instigation, there have been Woman's days twice at the fair there. The Seattle and Tacoma women have taken a great interest in them.

While Mrs. DeVoe is an advocate of equal suffrage and will no doubt have this movement represented at a booth in the Woman's building, a special day devoted to women will not be a suffrage affair.--Yakima Republic, May 27, 1910.

Fair

To give North Yakima the most elaborate fair in the entire northwest is the aim of Secretary John W. Pace who is at work on the job of spending \$27,000 toward that end.

Ten new exhibit buildings, an up-to-date paddock, a 100-foot main boulevard, several acres of additional lawn and an elaborate women's reception hall, all these are under construction or about to be started at this time and the enterprising Mr. Pace says that this is not all of the improvements that will be ready when the North Yakima State Fair opens September 26.

The women's building will occupy a space 200 by 200 feet just north of the main entrance gates and will be an exact reproduction of the Yakima building at the AYP last year.

The old original landmark, the main exhibit building, will be converted into two halls which will be occupied by the machinery and manufacturers' exhibits. These buildings will be located north of the horticultural hall and will face the main boulevard...Yakima Republic, April 1, 1910.

Fair

The Puyallup Commerce is asking for the world's fair. Yakima does not want it. We have a unique project of our own to call attention to the advantages of this locality and suggest the building of a watermelon palace next fall. Ellensburgh would die with cramps contemplating it--Yakima Herald, December 12, 1889.

State Fair-Education

Both ends of the entertainment and instruction will be served at the state fair held here September 26 to October 1 by the plans which Secretary John W. Pace has formed.

Of principal educational interest is the department which has been established for the first time this year. In addition, the secretary has provided for the delivery of numerous lectures by prominent persons.

State Superintendent Henry B. Doe Dewey has consented to not only to assume active charge in the educational department but will also give a series of lectures especially interesting to parents and teachers.

Furthering the causes of agriculture, horticulture and stock raising, well known authorities will give talks on those subjects.

Entertainment will be presented on a new stage, 40 by 50 feet in front of the grandstand. Yakima Republic, July 1, 1910.

Fairs

Agricultural Fair and Races--Another fair is to be held in Yakima this year and our farmers, stock men and housewives are requested to commence their preparations early. The Gilson tract has been secured and will be finished, and grand stands and other buildings erected. The coming fair, if the anticipations are realized and the plans carried out on the scale now proposed, will be the best and most attractive exhibit in Washington . Every one should cheerfully bear a hand and contribute to the success of the undertaking. The Yakima Herald, W.T., March 14, 1889.

Fair

Permanent Fair Grounds--It is proposed to purchase that portion of the S.A. Gilson place that is covered by the race track for permanent fair and racing grounds. Nearly all the money necessary for the purchase has been subscribed and a meeting of the subscribers for the purpose of perfecting the organization has been called at Goodwin & Pigglesley's office for Saturday, June 29 at 2 p.m. Herald, June 28, 1880.

Fair

It has been decided to hold a grand agricultural, horticultural and stock fair at North Yakima on the 4th, 5th and 6th of September on the occasion of the reunion of the Missourians and the following list of committees is announced.

Agricultural products, J.M. Stout, James Gleed, F.B. Woodcock, R.S. Morgan, Daniel Sinclair, M.B. Curtis, S.O. Morford and John Brice.

Horses and horse races: John Stone, W.F. Jones, C.J. Taft, W.L. Splawn, M.B. Savage, H.L. Tucker and J.P. Mattoon.

Cattle, sheep and Hogs: H.H. Allen, Wm. Ker. Wm. Dickerson, John Cleman, H.D. Scudder, A.J. Splawn, J.H. Conrad and J.H. Scheldnecht.

Poultry: R.K. Nichols, J.B. Dugsley D.E. Lesh, H.D. Cook, S.C. Henton, Mrs. J.W. Farmer, Mrs. M.B. Curtis and Mrs. D.W. Stair.

Fruits, butters , preserves etc: Mrs . J.H. Thomas, Mrs.P.L. Flint, Mrs. J.T. Eschelman, Mrs. F.B. Woodcock and Mrs. D.E. Lesh.

Committee on fancy work and fine arts: Ms. H.H. Allen, Miss Francis Dunning, Mrs. Mary Ogden, Mrs. L.J. Mav, Mrs. J.M. Stout, and Mrs. G.W. Cary.

An immense number of people are expected to visit at our city at that time and it is desired that this exhibit will be worthy of the garden and orchard of Washington. The big Cadwell brick has been secured for the exhibit--Yakima Herald, July 17, 1890.

Missouri

Fair

Yakima has been wrapped up in joy this week. She has been occupied by a successful fair, by the reunion of the Missourians, races and will wind up with a barbecue and ~~sporting~~ sparring exhibition.

The fair is a great success. The exhibition of fruits and vegetables would be a credit to any county and is the cause of much favorable comment.

About thirty horses are present for the races and before the meeting closes some rapid times are in prospect.

The reunion of the Missourians was inaugurated Thursday night at the opera house. Hon. J.B. Reavis was made the chairman of the meeting. Mayor R.K. Nichols spoke for about 15 minutes. He was followed by Hon. Trusten Pope Dyer of Seattle, who is a representative of one of the historical families of Missouri.

The Missourians met in the opera house Friday for organization. J.B. Reavis was elected chairman and Dudley Eshelman secretary. A committee consisting of Dyer, M.M. Goodman and R.D. Wills was appointed on constitution and by laws. Mr. Dyer nominated Capt. J.H. Thomas for president and it was named unanimous. The vice presidents are T.P. Dyer of Seattle, M.M. Goodman and Dayton and J.B. Reavis of Yakima. H.H. Allen was elected treasurer and Messrs Caton, Burget and Eshelman were chosen to select the advisory board which will consist of one member from each county.

North Yakima was again chosen as the place for holding the next meeting. Yakima Herald, September 4, 1890.

Fair

When the crowd surged into the building, the first thing seen was a double row of watermelons, 120 in all, from Yakima, but the day was rather cool and the Yakima melon patch suffered no violence at the hands of the multitude. One of these melons weighed 67 pounds. A.B. Ross, who is in charge, intends to have a bevy of United States troops parading up and down the double row of temptation.

The story is told that down in the Yakima country corn grows so high that step ladders have to be used in picking it. In proof of this Mr. Ross has on exhibit a lot of corn stalks 19 feet high. The incoming crowd, after looking for a moment at the corn and melon combination wonders, did not pause to see the other prodigies of Yakima soil but rushed on, apparently afraid of bewildering their minds further by contemplation of such freaks of nature.

But those who saw the first display and lingered awhile, saw a radish weighing twenty six pounds.

"Think of taking that up in your fingers, sticking it into a salt cellar and munching it with one bite," said a bystander to a farmer.

This is the way, according to sample, the grain and vegetables grow in Yakima: Plums 2 inches in diameter; tobacco 1,000 pounds to the acre, oats 7 1-2 feet high; timothy six feet, alfalfa 12 feet, corn 10 feet, clover six feet.

Today the battle of a miniature irrigation ditch will be heard 1000 in front of this display---Spokane Spokesman, October, 1890.

Fair

A well attended meeting was held Wednesday afternoon at the city hall to complete the organization of the Yakima Fair association.

While not definitely settled, it was plainly the wish of the assembly that of propositions submitted for the lease of the sale of the Gilson track, the latter be accepted.

Mr. Gilson offers to sell fifty-eight acres of land with buildings, sprinkler and tools for \$5,000 and a committee consisting of Joseph Baxter, S.J. Lowe and H.B. Scudder was appointed by Chairman W.F. Jones to thoroughly investigate the propositions and report at a meeting to be held at the same place Saturday afternoon.

The incorporation papers were completed and signed and will be forwarded at once to the auditor of state.

The capital stock is placed at ~~\$10,000~~ \$10,000 to be divided into 2,000 shares of \$5 each.

The directors elected to hold until the first annual meeting on the second Saturday in June are H.B. Scudder, J.M. Baxter, George Dorfell, S.J. Lowe, H.D. Cock, William Splawn and John Bartholet--Yakima Herald, April 2, 1891.

Fair

Representative Webb of King county has introduced House bill No. 147 for the organization of a state agricultural fair for the advancement of agriculture , stock , horticulture, mining, mechanical and industrial pursuits to be held at or ne r North Yakima beginning on the last Monday in September each year and continuing five days.

The bill provides that the fair shall be under management of seven commissioners to be appointed by the governor and to hold their office for four years.

It authorizes this commission to purchase not less than 200 acres of land as near North Yakima as possible for state fair buildings and grounds and appropriate \$40,000 for 1893 and \$10,000 for 1894 for this purpose.

Representative Weed is working hard for the success of this bill and it is claimed that there is a good prospect of its becoming a law--Yakima Herald, February 2, 1893.

Fair

No action has yet been taken by the legislature on the state fair bill, but Senator Eshelman and Representative Weed have strong hopes of its being received with favor.

They both have their coats off and are doing effective work. At last report Senator Eshelman had succeeded in getting two members pledged to support the bill who had actively started to encompass its defeat.

No stone is being left unturned and if energetic and intelligent labor will bring the fair here, the people of Yakima can rest peacefully in the assurance that the prize will be ours--Yakima Herald, Feb. 9, 1893.

Senator Eshelman and Representative Weed returned from Olympia on Saturday last and that afternoon they were met in the reception room of the Yakima club by a number of leading citizens and explained the situation and prospects for the bill locating the state fair at Yakima.

It seems that King, Spokane and Thurston counties are not satisfied with the public institutions that have been located with each, but greedily want the state fair as well and are prepared to offer sites in order to secure it.

Mr. Weed was of the opinion that Yakima would have to do as much and ten or a dozen citizens signed an agreement pleding to the state ample grounds in case this point was selected as a permanent location for the state fair.

A subscription was also raised for defraying the expenses of Mr. Vinson while on a trip to Olympia for the purpose of assisting in forwarding the efforts of Messrs Eshelman and Weed--Yakima Herald, Feb. 16, 1893.

State fair

The state fair is ours. The bill has passed both houses of the legislature and although it was so loaded down with amendments and corrections that it is hardly recognizable by its parents, it is nevertheless law.

When it was brought up in the senate an effort was made to strike out North Yakima as the place for building the fair, thus permitting the commission to select the location, but this was defeated by the friends of the bill as were also attempts to name Kent jointly with North Yakima and to strike out any portion of the bill that would admit of betting or selling pools on the races.

The Herald is informed that of the \$10,000 appropriated only \$5,000 is available this year and if that is a fact the amount or as much of it as is required should be expended in making, as the bill calls for, a "speeding track of the most approved pattern."--Yakima Herald, March 9, 1893.

The state fair commission is one which pleases every citizen of Yakima. It could not have been improved and this section has cause for feeling much satisfaction over the appointments: George Donald and Fred Parker, North Yakima; J.R. Reavis, Spokane and J.R. Patton, Tacoma, were the ones named, although Mr. Donald resigned and is succeeded by John Reed--Yakima Herald, April 13, 1893.

Fair

The Wayne Field track has been abandoned as the location of the fair grounds as it was found that the present high water sub-irrigation unfitted one forty for the purposes required.

The next choice of the commissioners is the Judge Lewis ranch to the north of the city--Yakima Herald, May 4, 1893.

The state fair commission held a meeting in this city on Wednesday and selected the Gilson tract as being the most suitable for their purpose.

The Field and Lewis tracts were abandoned, the former on account of high water from the Yakima river and the latter because of the grade, two feet being all that a track can stand.

There are 120 acres in the Gilson tract for which the commission are to pay \$10,000. The purchase includes the grove, ice house, 25 acres of alfalfa and the race track. The selection is probably as good a one as could have been made, taking in consideration its proximity to the city, easiness of accessibility by the railroad and the fact that several thousand dollars will be saved in improvements already on the grounds.

President Parker informed the Herald representative that every effort on the part of the commission would be put forth to hold a successful fair this fall and asks the cooperation of the people and aid to this end--Yakima Herald, May 11, 1893.

places a new device on the way of a harrow side by side with a rust-eaten sheet iron and wooden plow, once owned by the famous Hudson Bay company.

Last but not least is a box of potatoes, each of great weight and wondrous shape, grown in one hill in Yakima county by Charles Lee of Yakima cit . As these potatoes measure fully a bushel and a half and combine such varieties as Burbanks, Early Rose, Peachblows, etc. the supposition is strong that Mr. Lee meant foothill when he said one hill.

The concessions upon the grounds aside from the pavillion are filled with the usual fakes headed by that latest and most artistic (?) fake of all, the girls who (do not) give you the famous dance du ventre. After these are baby rakes, egg throwing devices, merry-go-rounds and lunch counters galore.

...Watch us in 1895. Yakima Herald, September 27, 1894.

Fair

President Parker of the state fair commission informs the "erald that it is yet impossible to tell whether or not the commission will have to contend with a deficit as the result of the first exhibition.

A considerable amount of money yet remains to be collected from various sources, and an equally considerable amount is yet to be paid out. The local members of the commission are holding impromptu and informal meetings almost every day, whenever their business will permit, and hope to have money sufficient to square all obligations incurred at least for the conduct of the fair during the week just passed. A full statement will be furnished for publication as soon as it is possible--Yakima Herald, Oct. 4, 1894.

Fair

Certificates of indebtedness have been issued by the State Fair commission to the various firms and individuals owed by the commission.

President Parker assures The Herald that these certificates will be redeemed with any money obtainable from the state in the form of an appropriation this winter; and that they should consequently be readily taken for goods or indebtedness by our local merchants.

The certificates represent the labor of many men who are unable to do without the money represented by the pieces of paper with which the state redeemed (for the present) its promises made when the men were employed primarily. It would seem that these certificates were equally as good as some of the unsecured promises taken by our merchants in exchange for goods and that therefore the laboring men who hold them might be able to dispose of them at a reasonable discount.

If the legislature grants an appropriation they will be paid and every Yakima merchant hopes and believes that the legislature will give us at least \$20,000--Yakima Herald, Oct. 18, 1894.

Fair

The temporary structure erected at the fair grounds last year for use as an exhibition hall fell to the ground on Thursday at 1 p.m. with a mighty crash.

The accident was caused by the weight of snow upon the roof and the absence of ~~solid~~ supports or stringers beneath. Some of these had lately been removed by Supt. Ball.

It is expected that the entire structure would be torn down in the early spring and the lumber in it used for the construction of new sheds and stalls for exhibiting stock and horses; so that little loss was entailed by the fall. The lumber will simply be cared for until the time when it will be used as above described.--Yakima Herald, January 17, 1895.

Fair

The governor has filled the vacancies in the State Fair commission by appointment of A.B. Weed of this city to succeed J.R. Patton and the reappointment of John B. Reavis of Spokane to hold office until March, 1899.

Mr. Weed will bring into the management of the state fair an executive ability that is possessed by few men.

Governor McGraw has chosen well and the people of the state and of Yakima especially are to be congratulated that the management of this institution has devolved upon such able and worthy citizens--
Yakima Herald, ~~March~~ April 11, 1895.

President Fechter of the Yakima Fair board, after making careful and conservative estimates, feels that success is assured not only as to the exhibits and jubilee but also financially.

Concessions to the amount of \$500 have been sold and the assurances are that the attendance from abroad as well as from home will be greater than at the state fair last year.

From Seattle and Tacoma there will be large excursions.

Wagner's First Regiment band of Seattle has been engaged for the entire week...The new exhibition hall, which is to be in the form of a cross with wings 50 feet wide and a depth each way of 140 feet, is fast approaching completion and the contractors are confident they will turn it over by September 20....Yakima Herald, Sept. 12, 1895.

Fair

Every dollar of indebtedness, every penny of premium awards paid and \$850 cash left in the hands of Treasurer Sinclair to be put into some worthy cause not yet determined--that is the record of the Yakima fair, October 7 to 12, just closed.

It is an unprecedented undreamed of climax to a worthy conception and a result possible of obtainment only because of the right men at the head of the project.

Messrs Edward Whitson, A.B. Wyckoff, J.G. Lawrence, E.F. Benson, W.H. Redman, Frank Horsley, F.E. Thompson, A.L. Aiken, M. Stanton, Nelson Rich and Robert McCook, step out from the ranks and hear what Yakima has to say to you and your executive committee: Messrs O.A. Fechtner, H.K. Sinclair and G.G. Brownell.

Long list of premium awards follows. Yakima Herald, Oct. 17, 1895.

A new feature for children at the state fair will be a steam merry-go-round, the largest and best in the state. A pair of trick bicycle riders will perform two hours daily in front of the grandstand.,
Yakima Democrat, Aug. 25, 1900.