

PENDELTON SPONGER SHOW A REVIVAL OF OLD FRONTIER

Great Roundup Is a Remarkable Portrayal of Life on Cattle Range

Not a Money-Making Scheme for Private Individuals; All Services Donated

Little City of 5,000 Puts on a Cowboy Show That Is Attracting Attention

PENDELTON, Ore., Sept. 24.—The "Old West," with all its rugged wild life, in which the cowboy has been playing an important role, is fast disappearing, and even now the stage coach, camp wagon, settler's cabin and lonely "night letter" seem more of a curiosity than a reality. As the outlet of the West's largest, as well as wealthiest stretch of cattle country, Pendleton has long been the rendezvous of all range riders bringing their herds to market. At the close of the summer, when the cattle were caravanned and sorted, these cow-free range artists vied with each other in range sports, rope twisting, fancy shooting, broncho busting, etc.

Stage Passing of the Frontier And so it was that two years ago the citizens of this enterprising little town decided to present to the people of Northwest and the United States the passing of the last frontier—the days of fifty years ago.

The first season the Round Up was known only over the Pacific Northwest, but so phenomenal has been its growth that all over the civilized world it is heralded and people journey great distances to witness the exhibition.

There are two splendid reasons for the rapid advance of this show—first, its genuineness, and, secondly, the fact that it is not a money-making scheme. The spectators, lured by the inhabitants of Pendleton and Umatilla county, have from the outset given liberally of their time and efforts without one cent of remuneration—not even to the seats they occupy at the Round Up—and the stadium, with a seating capacity of 25,000, has been donated to the city and all surplus left in the treasury at the close of each year is used in staging and putting on the following year's performance. The loyalty and civic pride shown by all interested in the big event has probably been one of the reasons of its glowing success—such spirit always wins.

Show is All Genuine Then, too, from the outset the Round Up has been absolutely a genuine exhibition. From the cowboy participants and stock to the minutest detail, it is an amateur show, and one in which amateurism only adds to the genuineness of the event. The cowboys and a horse that has ever ridden on a track or otherwise, is barred from entry.

Stratagem: It is even the settler's realistic, nestled between the rolling, verdant hills of Western Oregon, setting everything fresh, the mounted cowboy and cowgirl lined up knee to knee a quarter way round the track, to the village of Indian traps in the background, as you gaze, there is everywhere evidence that you may have been dropped into the wild, new West of years gone by—as vivid as the scene before you.

From a city of 5,000 persons, 362 days of the year, Pendleton over night swells to one of 25,000 and 20,000. Every private residence, and in a sort of annex for the overflow of the up-to-date hotels, of which the city has many, during the three days of the Round Up.

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