

HARNESS HORSE NEWS

The Herald's Weekly Letter From
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INTERESTING TO NEBRASKANS

There is no institution more American, more redolent of the American temperament to exchange ideas and receive mutual profit therefrom, than the frequent live stock conventions, more commonly called "agricultural fairs," which are held in every community of this country during the summer and fall months. The county fair, though of continental origin, is conducted along lines peculiarly Americanesque and no other institution has done so much to exemplify and to intensify those self same declarations of fraternity and equality as enunciated in Liberty Hall one hundred and thirty-five years ago. Time changes many things and many customs, but the agricultural fair of today is, as respects Americanism, the same institution of years ago and it is to be hoped in all sincerity that the spirit of keen, though friendly, competition, which prevails wherever and whenever an agricultural fair is held, will endure with all time.

There was a day when the county agricultural fair was adjudged the court of last resort and that honors there bestowed denoted the acme of fitness; but such is not now the case. On the contrary, the county fair of today is but one step in the elimination process and all exhibits must seek a higher classification before meriting the honors which were once synonymous with county fair awards; for, to be deemed a champion, an exhibit must receive the award of a state fair board, and even after that ordeal comes the International Exhibition, held annually at Chicago, where the state fair winners meet in final competition, where Greek meets Greek, and a champion of champions is proclaimed.

The state fair of the present day is the pride of the people of its commonwealth and justly so; for financially supported more or less liberally by the state itself, each citizen himself has an indirect voice in the management of his state fair and though the interest of management may be even so slight, mutual state pride evidences itself and the individual is invariably a herald of pub-

licity and is ever abroad, beating the highways and byways, as it were, to add to the success of his own state fair.

Each year adds to the importance and to the prestige of the several state fairs, their premium lists are being gradually increased, and in consequence, exhibits are multiplying proportionately, each year's admission gates show a marked increase and the appropriation committees of the state legislatures are lending a helping hand, all for the good of the live stock interests.

At each county fair and at each state fair, "His Kingship the Horse," is the attraction in the main but the attraction of all attractions is the harness racing programme without which no fair, county or state, would have the temerity to open its gates. In fact, the day's entertainment at the fair is not in full swing until the races are called; and, from a listless and wandering crowd of timekillers, the thrill of the trotting and pacing contests permeates the entire grounds until the grandstand of the race course is packed to overflowing. Then and then only, is it "fair week." All other exhibits and attractions are forgotten in the whirl of sulky wheels and the pattering of hoof beats and not until the last contest on the programme card is completed is the day at the fair at an end.

Furthermore, it takes a good horse to win a state fair event because the best horses of each section are prepared and pointed for state fair honors and because harness racing conditions have so changed that the banner meeting of each season are those conducted by the state department of the several state fairs. Purse events of values from \$1,000 to \$10,000 are offered by the agricultural boards and these are well worth racing for. In consequence, the best horses are entered and the racing is the keenest.

Nebraska; Lincoln Sept. 4-8
Wyoming; Douglas Sept. 25-29
Iowa; Des Moines Aug. 26-31
Kansas; Topeka Sept. 11-15
S. Dakota; Huron Sept. 11-15
Colorado; Pueblo Sept. 18-23
Oklahoma; Oklahoma City Sept. 26-29
Illinois; Springfield Oct. 2-6
Missouri; Sedalia Oct. 2-6
Utah; Salt Lake City Oct. 2-7

Nebraska is again making remarkably long strides to line up with the leading states as a breeding center of light harness horses. She has passed thru panics and crop failures

which gave her breeders staggering almost knockout blows; but they are "coming back" courageously and attracting the attention of horsemen all over the country. Before the panic of 1893-94, Nebraska had a large number of breeders and the most active State Breeders' Association in the union and was fast gaining a leading position among the horse producing states when the dark days of the panic fell upon horsemanship all over the country and particularly hard on the breeders of the young state. They struggled bravely thru it, however, and were fast gaining their former foothold. Almost every farmer had one or more choice brood mares and in each town or city business professional men were annual breeding a few good mares to the promising young sires standing for public service and the state had a fair chance of taking the lead and becoming a prominent factor in the horse breeding industry. With such men as Morris J. Jones, W. A. Faxon, E. D. Gould, John D. Creighton and others she began to cause horsemen to "sit up and take notice." Fine stock was purchased, new tracks were built, meetings with futurities and rich stakes were given. Then came the crop failure and money stringency along in 1893 and 94. With no feed and no money to buy feed, many standard bred horses were turned out on the broad prairies to shift for themselves; others were used up and sold for work horse prices, yet Nebraska had enough good horses to send east for sale, which brought more money back to the state to help recuperate than all the other interests combined; sold at a sacrifice, at that. But those horses saved many a farm and kept families until times were again normal.

As soon as conditions again permitted, breeders, great and small, again began operations and from present indications the time is now close at hand when Nebraska will again command the attention of the horse world and reach a high plane in the breeding industry of the country. Space will not permit of many illustrations; but Dudie Archdale's 2:06 1/4, which came out of Nebraska last year and was the racing sensation of the season, is not an accident nor an exception. Lady June Etta (3), 2:19 1/4, who has shown two-minute speed, this spring passed from Nebraska to Connecticut through the auction, and barring accidents will prove the above claim, with others sure to follow.

While it is doubtful that Nebraska will ever again see the return of as

bad financial and crop conditions as existed ten years ago, if they should occur, history will repeat itself, for Nebraska will be able to send to other and wealthier parts of the country another lot of standard-bred horses that will bring more money than all of the other stock raised in the state combined.

Any man who so practically evince his interest in his community as to purchase a high-class young stallion and give the service of the same to his neighbors at a purely nominal price is a public benefactor, and the man who breeds and develops one like Joan or Lady Jane Etta, not only attracts outside money, but advantageously advertises that section of the country; while legislatures which are liberal with their laws and premiums, thereby encouraging the breeders of good stock, will add greatly to the fair fame and wealth of their states.

SOIL MAPS AND CLASSIFICATION

Howard C. Smith, who is with the United States Department of Agriculture and Bureau of Soils, favored The Herald office with a call the latter part of last month, and gave us some interesting information about the work that he and others working with him are doing in this part of the west. They are soil scientists and are sent out by the government to make a general classification of the soil of western Nebraska, and also an agricultural survey.

It is the purpose of the government to make a soil map of western Nebraska, the idea being to divide the soil into agricultural types suited to irrigation, dry farming and stock grazing. The result of the work will be published in book form together with a soil map, showing the location, number of acres, and agricultural values of this portion of the state. This book will be for free distribution and when completed may be secured through application to Congressman Kinkaid, or by applying directly to the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C.

Eight presons are connected with this work in western Nebraska, but they are not all working in a group. They drive through the country, take soil examinations by boring three feet into the ground, and record the result of their observations. Some samples of the soil are sent to Washington for chemical examinations.

Mr. Smith kindly consented to furnish The Herald with further in-

formation in regard to this important work, which we will be glad to give our readers.

CANADA AND RECIPROCIITY

There is a difference of opinion in this country as to the attitude of the Canadian people on the reciprocity question. There are some people in this country who claim that the Canadians favor it, but The Herald has copies of Canadian papers sent us by one of our subscribers in that country, William Morzow, from which it appears that there is very strong opposition to the proposed reciprocity treaty. The Weekly Herald, published at Calgary, Alberta, had an article under big head lines showing the "Consequences" of same, some of which, according to that paper, would be a loss of home market, destruction to trade routes, and industries would have to fight for their existence.

WYOMING STATESMEN

IN ALLIANCE

Congressman Frank W. Mondell of Wyoming was in Alliance last Thursday on his way home from Washington. Mr. Mondell has represented Wyoming in congress for the last eighteen years and has a national reputation of being one of the most influential congressmen, being the author of the 320 Acre Mondell Homestead act, and other practical land laws which have done much for the development of the west. To a Herald representative he said that the western states are being well represented in congress and western interests are not being neglected at the national capitol. Judge Craig of Wyoming was on the same train, returning to Cheyenne from Sheridan, where he had been holding district court.

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CONDENSED NEWS

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The Cincinnati Price Current reports a considerable decrease in the number of hogs marketed.

Crazed by heat, Mrs. McCrary killed her three children and ended her own life at Lockney, Tex.

Archbishop Dennis O'Connor of the Roman Catholic diocese of Toronto died of Bright's disease.

The Grady bill, prohibiting the photographing and measuring of suspected criminals, was voted by Governor Dix of New York.

Using a pick and crowbar to pry open the vault, robbers broke into the State bank of Byars, Okla., obtained \$4,000 and escaped.

President Taft nominated Even R. Young of Plankinton, S. D., to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Ecuador.

More than 2,500 engineers of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad were granted an increase in wages amounting to about 6 per cent.

Hirth, the German aviator, with a passenger, flew from Munich to Berlin, 345 miles, in five hours and forty-five minutes, winning a prize of \$12,500.

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