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## THIS IS ELKS' WEEK

Large Attendance Each Evening —  
Gave Fine Comic Parade  
on Wednesday

While the Elks fair was officially opened Monday, it was not in full blast until Wednesday—but it started in earnest then and has been "some" goin' since.

The comic parade occurred Wednesday morning at 10:30, and it beat any circus parade that ever came to Alliance. The members of the order were arrayed in grotesque and fancy costumes, and starting from the new home they marched to the depot square where a concert was rendered by the "hobo sobo" band, a musical organization that showed remarkable talent and training. After finishing the concert they marched to the platform of the depot and gave another concert as the trains pulled in. Afterward they passed through the station and returned to the home.

Hundreds of people witnessed the parade and the laughter did not let up until after it was finished. Special costumes had been imported for the occasion, and all were perfect "fits". Nearly everybody passing through on the trains got off and watched the antics of the members of the parade.

"Little Willie" Harper as the old farmer, and Bill Sloop as his wife, were a decided "hit" in the parade. They rode in a decrepit looking old buggy with one horse attached, and the only place they did not follow the parade was when it marched through the station on the return. All the other members wore appropriate suits, for instance J. G. Downs represented Uncle Sam; Harry DuBuque was an Irish beau brummel; W. R. Metz and Ben Sallows wore clown outfits. There was not an idle moment from the time they started, and the spectators were kept busy watching for some new antic.

Each evening of this week the merriment proceeds in the Elks' home, and hundreds pay it a visit nightly. Everything is there—even to the country store, and all the concessions are well patronized. The inclement weather of the first of this week caused a slight depression in business, but it is now in fine condition. The dance hall is also well patronized, dances costing ten cents each.

Some people attend just to see the "inside" of the new home, and all

join in pronouncing it a beauty, and better than most of the homes in larger cities. Many out-of-town people are here this week, and it is probable that many more will arrive Friday and Saturday, to take in the last day of the Elks' fair and to be here at the start of the Stockmen's Convention.

The local Elks are to be congratulated on the success of the fair thus far. No pains have been spared to make this an event to be remembered in future years.

### Another Ford Story

W. D. Fisher, secretary of the Alliance Commercial Club, who recently bought a new Ford automobile, tells the following on this popular car:

"An Alliance man was telling some of his friends that he was so familiar with the sound made by the different autos that if blindfolded he could call the names of the cars as they passed by. Believing that he was overestimating his sense of hearing his friends blindfolded him and gave him a test in which he won. When the first auto passed by he said, 'That's a Reo.' When the next passed he said, 'That's an Overland.' Just then some boys up the street caught a dog and tied a can to its tail. As the dog rushed past the blindfolded man said, 'That's a Ford with a loose fender.'"

### Stock Show Next January

Now that the cattle contagion in the East seems to be under control, plans are being made for the annual National Western Stock Show in Denver. The dates were fixed the other day at January 17 to 22, 1916, and the secretary was instructed to proceed immediately to get out the premium list and classification.

Western stockmen hardly realized what an important factor the annual Stock Show had become in the western live stock business until last January, when the show was abandoned because of the danger from cattle contagion. It is proposed to make the next show larger than ever and because of the enforced abandonment of the last show, it is expected that the attendance and interest in the next show will be larger than ever before. Plans are being made for increased facilities to take care of the larger exhibits that are confidently expected. It is believed now that after the experience of last winter there will be practically no danger of foot and mouth contagion. The whole country is organized to fight

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this disease, and even should other cases develop they can be quickly stamped out, so there is little question but that the next show will be pulled off promptly on time.

All of the old officers of the Western Stock Show Association have been re-elected—Governor Ammons as president, and Fred P. Johnson as secretary and manager. It is ex-

pected that the premium list for the next show will be published about the middle of this month.

Adam probably complained about the cut of Eve's fig leaf as effectively as his sons have complained about feminine styles ever since.

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