

AT NEBRASKA'S STATE FAIR.

Annual Exhibition Opened at the Lincoln Grounds Yesterday.

GREAT SHOW OF FARM PRODUCTS MADE.

What the Farmers Say Concerning the Crop—Scenes Among the Exhibits—Among the Machinery and Implements.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 7.—[Special to The Bee.]—The state fair opened in a most auspicious manner. The temperature in the open air was about 70° and enabled the people to visit all parts of the grounds with but comparatively little fatigue and to dispense with the annoyance of an umbrella.

Visitors reached the grounds as early as 6 o'clock, a constant stream filling the vast entrance up to 10 o'clock in the afternoon. They came in wagons, motors and by the B. & M. stub to the grounds. This last mentioned accommodation saves the necessity of a change of cars to those from abroad either in going to or leaving the grounds. The train leaves every five minutes and one sooner unless than they return to town for another load, two trains being thus employed the whole day.

The motor cars also run within the grounds and by an arrangement which is an evidence of enterprise are enabled to accommodate thousands of people who may thus be taken to any part of the grounds.

In the several halls, the work of decoration had not been completed in many exhibits until late in the afternoon. Tomorrow, however, everything will be in excellent condition, and the refuse which has cluttered the aisles will have been removed and the place turned over for the benefit of the people.

Today 10,000 people will be in attendance. This is one of the largest gatherings ever known on the first day of a state fair in Nebraska. It will steadily increase until Thursday, when the largest attendance is expected.

About 6 o'clock tonight the sky became overcast and a light rain fell for a few moments, but hopes were entertained for a pleasant day for tomorrow.

The grounds are full of police, but many people take exception to the manner in which the former enforce the orders of the board. Several conflicts took place today between officers and the people. At the fair, Westover, a local blacksmith, was struck by Officer Sanders with a heavy wire cane over the head, receiving two large cuts from which the blood flowed copiously. Westover, it is claimed, sought to hit the officer with a hammer, but the officer objected, words and blows resulted. No disposition has as yet been made of the case by the prosecuting attorney. Another man, Frederick, was brought to the fair, owned by Mr. Arms of St. Paul in this state, and intended for exhibition at the fair, was killed by a car Sunday while on his way to this city.

Agricultural Hall.

Cuming county's display is in charge of W. R. Artman of West Point, George Gregory and wife, and J. J. Wagoner. It contains a magnificent array of grain of all kinds, vegetables and grasses, and is most artistically arranged.

"Corn up on," said Mr. Artman, "is a little backward, but if we have ten days more of the right kind of weather, every crop will be full. We have nearly 100 bushels of corn with the sugar beet, and have several samples some of which are very fine. Nearly all of them were planted early and well attended. There is not a second crop in corn that is not carefully cultivated, and it, as a consequence, shows the effect of intensification."

The exhibit of the Cuming county is in charge of L. Kinman of Beaver City; L. Vandevander and C. L. Case of Cambridge; C. F. Carper, Arapahoe; C. E. Hoppling, Denver. They are a great variety of certain stages of excellent development. They contrast greatly with the display of last year, when Furnas county was among the drought visited counties.

"We put in a general crop this year," said Mr. Kinman. "Last year, of course, we had a very small crop. In the first two years and in some of the divides there were some good crops but those were the exception. Our corn is nearly all second crop and is going to stay with us."

The Oxnard sugar beet factory at Grand Island is well represented. It has a table which represents the grounds of the institution. On it are outlined the tracks and switches leading up to the factory. The model is a miniature of the actual representation in miniature is given. The table is covered with white and brown sugar, the latter being used to make the drives and roads through the grounds.

Burt county has an elaborate display of farm products of all kinds. It has a number of fine exhibits. It has a number of fine exhibits. It has a number of fine exhibits.

"We shall have a first class corn," said Mr. Griffin. "I have seen it in the field. In fact we shall have the largest crop that the county has ever experienced. We have more small grain planted this year than we ever did before and the corn will be better and there will be more of it than we ever had."

South county makes a larger showing of cabbage and corn and hitechock county has a fine display of wheat and other grains. Hayes county's display of grain is very elaborate and beautiful.

The most demonstrative exhibit, however, is that of Lincoln county which occupies a large area. The most notable feature is a miniature representation of a locomotive and tender made out of farm produce. The workmanship is admirable. In the harvest engine deservedly attracts the attention of every passer by. The display is under the management of J. G. Boieser of Lincoln. The most notable feature is a miniature representation of a locomotive and tender made out of farm produce.

Frontier county's display is managed by W. H. McCowan. It is a fine display of the agricultural society. There is a great variety of grain and other articles, but the most noticeable feature is a number of specimens of wheat. R. Shurtz is being regarded by Mr. McCowan as one of the best of the prize. These are of the white, yellow and red varieties. They are held together by Mr. McCowan as one of the best of the prize. These are of the white, yellow and red varieties.

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ROB RIGHT AND LEFT BEHIND MASKS

A Burlington Station Agent Forced to Open His Cash Drawer—Three Men Captured After a Hot Chase.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 7.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Particulars were received here today of a successful robbery made at the point of a revolver about 3 o'clock yesterday morning at Diller, a small station on the Burlington, thirty miles west of here. At the hour named the night man in the Burlington station was confronted with a revolver in the hands of a visitor, who ordered the agent to hold up his hands.

A second later he was ordered to open the cash drawer, which he did. The robber then helped himself to the money, in sight, about \$25, and backing to the door escaped in the darkness. He wore a mask, and had his coat on inside out.

Deputy Sheriff Cook organized a posse and started on a search for the party about 6 o'clock in the evening. While on the hunt Cook was informed that a robbery occurred a few miles from Diller a short time before. Dr. Fairchild, while attending to work about his barn, was confronted by two masked men, who held him up, securing some change and a fine watch.

The agent at Diller was dark the sheriff's posse ran across three suspicious looking characters, who attempted to hide in a cornfield. The posse followed them for over an hour, when the three were overhauled after a lively skirmish. One of the parties drew a revolver and showed fight, but being too closely pressed threw his weapon away.

Near where the parties were first seen a sack was found containing a pair of worn Army members' swords, which were found to have been stolen from a nail at Hubbell, several miles west of Diller.

The agent at Diller was unable to identify either party but there is little doubt that one of them was the robber. Mr. Fairchild has been sent for and will probably be able to identify his assailants.

The matter has thrown the county into the wildest excitement and a threat of summary vengeance are heard on all sides.

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PONCA FAIR ASSOCIATION.

POUCA, Neb., Sept. 7.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—It is the design of the Ponca Driving and Fair association to make the mile race place, which is under construction at this place, one of the best in the west. The grounds, containing 110 acres, which were selected for the location, possess a natural adaptability for the purpose. The soil is excellent and uniform in quality and the convenience of the entire tract is without a noticeable variation.

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Seeking Nebraska Patronage.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Sept. 7.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Mr. Bonebrake, of Ohio, has been corresponding with the Board of Trade of this city about coming here to establish a steel roofing plant. In fact, he received today from John C. Watson, president of the Board of Trade, his proposal to organize a stock company with a capital stock of \$100,000 and divide the stock into shares of \$100 each. He agrees to take ten shares and will superintend the works for \$800 the first year and \$1,000 the second. In case the stock company is organized, he agrees to give his entire right to his patent at three per cent royalty.

His patents include a steel roofing over trusses, a free air back and vent through hanger, stop ventilation, liquid stone polish, and a half dozen other things. The board will consider his proposition at once.

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Lincoln Citizen's Troubles.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 7.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Frank J. Bush has filed his petition in the district court praying that upon final hearing and trial a permanent injunction may be obtained against Kerkland & Johnson for retaining any wages or wages of a defensive nature in Salt Creek bank. The petitioner states that he lives in North Lincoln; that the bank was raised from eleven to five dollars and that he has been naturally slung with crooked change. It holds back water which extends five miles up the stream containing animal and vegetable matter as well as sewage, and is a health hazard. The plaintiff alleges that the water extends near to his residence and the odors and filth from the bank are a nuisance and injury to his family and the value of his premises.

Missouri River Floater Identified.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Sept. 7.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The body of a man, whose name was here today and identified the articles found on a floater picked up here June 19. Mrs. W. Keelock says the knife, clothing and other property now in the hands of the coroner belonged to her husband, who was killed on the Missouri river. She has heard of since. He is supposed to have jumped off the Omaha bridge while in a temporary fit of insanity. When found W. Keelock was in possession of a card bearing the name of John H. McManus, who was an acquaintance with her husband and as soon as she saw the card she recognized the name. The body was found in the Missouri river and remains disinterred and removed to Omaha.

Beatrice Bonds Voted.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 7.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A special election was held today, propositions being voted on for the issue of bonds to pave districts eight, nine, ten and eleven and for the issue of \$5,000 bonds for the extension of the water main. The proposition for the issue of \$5,000 bonds was carried by a large majority. The proposition for the issue of bonds to pave districts eight, nine, ten and eleven was also carried. The proposition for the issue of bonds to pave districts eight, nine, ten and eleven was also carried.

Democracy in Convention.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Sept. 7.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The democratic convention was held here this afternoon. A full county ticket was put in the field except that of the county superintendent. The utmost liberty prevailed and a disposition to criticize the independents showed itself at every stage of the convention. The ticket of H. C. Warren, clerk, and J. H. Miller, supervisor, was carried by a large majority. The ticket of Oscar Smith, county clerk; J. T. O'Neill, county judge; J. J. Tooley, register of deeds; J. H. Miller, supervisor; and Dr. C. H. Morris, coroner. H. E. O'Neill, Richard Bragg and W. A. Gilmore were elected delegates to the state convention.

Sherwood Grove Picnic.

LIBERTY, Neb., Sept. 7.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Parelli lodge of this place and Barnston, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held a grand picnic at Sherwood Grove on the Blue river near Barnston, Neb., yesterday. The picnic was a success. A splendid dinner was spread at 12 o'clock, after which Rev. Dr. Miller of this place addressed the audience. The party enjoyed the day very much. The picnic was a success.

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