

Other Things than Business to Attract Attention at the Show



A Scene on Main Street



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LARGE STOCK OF FINISHED MONUMENTS SET UP IN OUR YARD TO SELECT FROM

ALL the watermelon you can eat and a delicious slice of barbecue or some of the attractions that Fremont is offering its guests during the week of the National Power Farming Demonstration, August 9 to 14. Don't let anyone tell you that just because the watermelon crop of Nebraska suffered from late frosts and an over-supply of moisture there won't be any melons on hand at Fremont, for the deficiency will be made up by carloads imported from Georgia, so that the expectant guests, who have enjoyed the luscious Nebraska watermelons of former years, will not be completely disappointed. The barbecue will be furnished by the South Omaha Union Stock Yards. Their eats have been among the most popular things on the grounds heretofore and there is reason to suppose that they will live up to their reputation this year. And in addition to the watermelon and the beef there will be coffee served free by the German-American Coffee company all week.

Of course, the most important and interesting thing at the demonstration will be the tractors. Even to the man who doesn't know whether a Duro-Jersey is a cow or a sheep and whose only experience on a farm has been to stop and beg a drink from the well, the occasion will be a memorable one. There will be forty-two different tractors present, with over 100 complete tractor outfits. This immense group of tractors, all working at once in the fields, make a spectacle never to be forgotten. When each firm picks one representative tractor, and the forty-two line up and all start to work at once at a given signal, it is as impressive and exciting as the line-up at a horse race, and it is real fun to watch for your favorite to pull out ahead of the others. But the tractors do not work all day, although they come pretty near doing it, and there is plenty to do while you are resting or are tired of watching the machines. For instance, every morning from 9 to 12 there is a tractor short course. This is a summer school, where you can go and rest and listen to a lecturer, who will explain the vital parts of the big machine. He will tell you why a tractor goes and show you just how its "innards" are made and what makes them work as they do. He will have a stripped engine to demonstrate the points of his lecture, just as the instructor in anatomy has a skeleton at hand when he tells his class of budding physicians about the human bones. He will tell you exactly how to operate a tractor, and when you have learned you can go and do it under his direction. You can ask him all the questions you want to about the machines, and he will be able and willing to answer them. In this way those who go to the demonstration with a real desire to learn something about tractors and tractor farming are enabled to secure the information they desire.

From 10 to 11 a. m. each day there will be dynamic exhibitions. It is really wonderful what constructive work is now being done with this descendant of gunpowder, which was designed in the beginning for destructive purposes only. When a man has some old stumps on his place, occupying valuable acres or disfiguring the landscape, all he has to do is to bore a little hole in the proper place in the stump, put in a small stick of dynamite and blow the stump to a thousand atoms. When he wants to dig a ditch for drainage purposes he lays a train of dynamite in the approved manner, sets it off and, presto, there is his ditch complete!

They are even using dynamite for planting trees. They find that if you bore a hole for your fruit trees, the earth is broken up and pulverized all about the hole, while if the hole is dug, the digging packs the dirt about the sides, so that there is a hard wall for the tender rootlets to break through. And these are only a few of the uses that the up-to-date farmer has found for dynamite. What can be done with this new form of farm power and how to do it are to be demonstrated daily at the demonstration grounds at Fremont.

Monday, August 9, is to be Iowa-Kansas day, when the show is opened by a grand parade of the tractors, led by the band. All the mechanical animals will be present, and if you think it will be a dull and monotonous affair, set over the idea at once, for the various tractors are as different from each other as the animals that went two by two in Noah's procession. There is as much difference between the Bull and the Calopteryx as there is between the living creatures for which they are named, and you will find that the Iron Horse and the Steel Mule differ more than their prototypes in the animal kingdom. In the evening of this day the regular Get-Together banquet is held, which is the good-fellowship meeting held annually, where the Fremont business men, the management of the show and the representatives of the tractor manufacturing companies are appointed.

Tuesday is Fremont and Dodge county day. This is the day when local patriotism will be at its height and all the



Buoy at the Barbecue

neighboring cities and farms will turn out immense crowds to watch the machines and join in the merry-making. In this connection, it is not to be forgotten that the champion wrestler, Joe Stecher, is at home in Dodge county and has been invited to be present at the demonstration.

Wednesday is dedicated to the implement dealers. In the afternoon the tractor men will give a demonstration of what their machines can do besides plowing, the job for which they were originally intended. You will be able to see these well-trained machines running grinders and grindstones, shelling corn, operating elevators and washing machines, and in fact behaving themselves with all the docility and usefulness of the domesticated elephant of India.

Thursday is Nebraska and South Dakota day, when the owners of big stretches of prairie wheat land and the proprietors of the smaller and more diversified corn-belt farms will meet on common ground to see what science and progress have done to make the life of the farmer one of comparative ease. On this day there will be a "Three Generations" parade. It will be led by Gov-

ernor Morhead and his staff, who have promised to be present in honor of that day. Following them will come the representatives of the "Past," the veterans of the civil war. Then will come the "Present," as exemplified by the Fourth Nebraska regiment. Following them the school children will represent the "Future." The school children are being trained in a beautiful chorus of 2,000 voices, which will be heard that day.

On Friday the Knights of Al-Sar-Ben and the live stock men will join in making things hum. This is the day when the South Omaha Union Stock yards will put on the big barbecue. Omaha and South Omaha will send big delegations and there will be something going every minute.

Besides these special days, with their special attractions, there will be many outside amusements to help visitors occupy their time. During the week of the demonstration there will be an encampment of the Fourth regiment of Nebraska national guards just outside the city, and the maneuvers of the khaki-clad boys will add to the possibilities of entertainment.

Besides this, the Redpath chautauq, with its many excellent speakers, beautiful music and crowds of campers, will be in session near Fremont all week. It was feared for a time that there would not be watermelons available for the annual watermelon feed, so a fish bake was arranged to take its place. Watermelons were secured, however, so now there will be watermelons and fish, too. The fish bake will be held at Morse park one evening during the week. The boating and bathing facilities at Morse park are unusually fine and will no doubt be taken advantage of by the fish eaters.

Fremont is a good town in which to entertain these crowds. Its beautiful drives, artistic and comfortable homes and enterprising and hospitable citizens are a combination that few towns in Nebraska or any other state can offer. Fremont is amply able to entertain the multitude of guests that will be present during the week of the demonstration, and attendance at this show will be one of the very most profitable and entertaining methods of spending a week's vacation that can be offered in the west this summer.

Fremont's Lights and Streets

SREMONT has the best lighted main streets in the state, with the possible exception of Omaha. "Possible," we must admit, because the brilliancy of Main street, Fremont, at night is really astonishing.

On either side of the street are pillars of splendidly sculptured massive iron, bearing aloft five electric lights in globes. The topmost of these is of 100 candlepower. The four grouped around it are of sixty-candlepower each.

There are six of these electric pillars to each block, three on each side of the street, making a total public illumination of over 2,000 candlepower to the block.

In addition to these are numerous electric business signs of various colors and some of them mechanical—regular metropolitan style.

You'll go far before you see a more impressive night scene than Main street, Fremont, with the lines of electric lights stretching away until they nearly come together in the distance.

Nor are these lights confined to the principal street. They are also on several of the adjoining business streets.

The paving is also of first quality. Eight miles of broad streets are paved with brick. And the "job" has been well done. There's not a whole or a depression in it. And it is all kept very clean by the street cleaning department of the city.

The many stores are up to date, many of them with elegant store fronts and with most artistically dressed windows. And the private electric business signs, as stated, are numerous.

Two big new business blocks are in course of construction on Main street.

A splendid theater, the Empress, was recently completed. Its front looks very much like the Omaha Empress, after which it was largely modeled.

and water works plant is owned by the city. It has a large and imposing building near the center of the city and supplies electric light and power and the water for the city. This plant represents an investment by the city of \$300,000, and is under the management of the Board of Public Works.

The Fremont fire department had the first fire auto truck in Nebraska. It now has two auto trucks of the latest type, composing a fire fighting apparatus of really exceptional value.

In parks the city is rich, though one wonders what is the need of parks when each cozy home has its own private park right around it, and every wide, tree-shaded street is a park in itself.

Riverside and Morse parks are great play places, where there is good bathing and all the things that go to make desirable parks.

Besides these, there are various public squares, provided with benches, bandstands and other park equipment.

Another feature on which the city is right at the front of municipalities is the absence of overhead wires from its business streets. Not a wire is to be seen, all being carried in subterranean conduits.

Such are the attractions provided for the inhabitants. The natural attractions of the surrounding country invite to enjoyment. There are many picturesque walks and drives—rivers, bluffs, wooded islands, lakes, good fishing resorts, delightful picnic and camping grounds.

There is an inexhaustible supply of the purest water, wholly free from all salt and pollution. Perfect drainage and sewerage add to the fine natural health conditions.

Sample of Song for Fremont

UP at the club rooms one evening George Wols, who is always of thinking of ways to boost Fremont, and is never entirely happy unless he is devising some new scheme for sounding the glories of his city or making those glories greater, remarked:

"I have a standing offer of \$5 to any one who will write and set to music a song about Fremont. It must be something catchy and inspiring like 'Old Kentucky home' is for Kentucky and 'Maryland, My Maryland' is for that state. There's a chance for the song writers to get a little extra money."

Then up spoke "Doc" and said: "A good idea, and I'll put \$25 on top of that."

Good sample of civic spirit and "esprit de corps."

So we sat down and tried a hand at it and produced the following beautiful ballad. To save the extra work in this act of "efficiency" we just wrote it to the metre of "America" and it should be sung to that tune in order to get its full beauty. Here it is:

"My Fremont, tis of thee,
Town of Prosperity,
I love thee more,
Than any other town."

I thank the blessed fate
That placed me in this state,
And ever will re-echo
Fain Fremont's fame."

If this proves satisfactory to the "enthusiast putting up the fifty boxes" we will engage to write four more verses, even more beautiful than this one. Five verses for \$25, gentlemen. It's a bargain.

City at a Glance

A CONCRETE idea of the size and growth of Fremont is obtained from comparative figures of two years, compiled by the Fremont Tribune, as follows:

Bank clearings	1914	1915
Postoffice receipts	\$29,171,692	\$17,648,650
General improvements	47,417	47,827
Residence improvements	217,420	234,026
Total improvements	642,907	729,899
Railroad business	313,529	774,523
School enrollment	2,195	2,143
Library circulation	87,365	36,116
New residences	62	71

LOST!

What? Millions of bushels of one dollar wheat and seventy-five cent corn.
Where? Right here in Nebraska.
Why? Just because some of the owners of low land did not prepare for so much moisture.

WON!

Who? The land owners that took advantage of the dry years and prepared for the wet ones.
How? By having their land Tile Drained. We can tell you the rest if you will meet us in Fremont at the National Power Farming Demonstration.

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