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SHERMAN COUNTY FAIR A GLORIOUS SUCCESS

Exhibits Exceptionally Good and Crowds in Attendance Far Beyond Greatest Expectations of Promoters.

OVER 5000 PEOPLE PRESENT THURSDAY

The First Sherman County Fair, closed last Friday, has been a great and glorious success and way beyond what was expected by the most sanguine, on account of the dilapidated condition of the crop season.

The first day, Wednesday, of last week, opened with the finest exhibits, ranging from jolly big pumpkins to the finest of draft stallions, ever brought before a first county fair in the history of Central Nebraska. It caused the eyes of the people to open to the widest extent and from every side were heard expressions of astonishment over the wide range and generous complement of exhibits brought in from every portion of the county.

It had been thought, on account of the lack of rains and necessarily shortness of the corn crop, especially, that there would be a lack of interest and enthusiasm over the present county fair, but happily such proved not to be the case. On the other hand, one would not think to look at the exhibit of corn made that there had anything happened along that line, for never have we seen a finer exhibit of corn made than that given in Floral Hall during the present fair.

Beginning at the gate of Jenner's park, where the county fair was held, and passing to the left you were greeted by the stalls of as fine a lot of horses, ranging from the beautiful little Shetland ponies to the magnificent Clydes, Percherons and Shires, ever gathered into an exhibit in any county in Central Nebraska. In the center of the field were the pens of the hog exhibit, showing the favorite breeds of Poland Chinas, Jersey Reds, Duroc Jerseys, Cheshires, Berkshires, etc., while still to the right were a fine collection of cattle, principally Jerseys and Polled Angus, while still to the north were a number of fine draft teams, making a surprising collection in all of fine bred stuff which puts Sherman county in among the leading counties of the state along above lines.

Passing down into the beautifully shaded park, and over near Lovers' Lane was the fowl exhibit, numbering a variety of choicest strains, such as Rhode Island Reds, Brahmas, Cochins, Hoodans, Wyandottes, Leghorns, etc., as fine a collection as one could desire to look at or own—either to feed the preachers or their product for a fine dinner of ham and eggs. To lovers of poultry the exhibit was very satisfactory.

But up in the pavilion was where one would find the ladies. If you lost your wife or sweetheart anywhere upon the grounds, all you had to do was to make a bee line for the pavilion, where you would find her busily engaged looking over the wonderful creations of the art department, which covered the entire north wall of the large building, hundreds of of everything in the needlework line from the daintiest of doilies to the finest of hand-made lunch cloths and embroidered work of all descriptions. Especial mention should be made of the art department from Ashton, which occupied from a fourth to a third of the space allotted, and which certainly was a credit to the Ashton ladies who made the exhibit. In fact, there were a number who were unstinted in their praises, and generous enough to claim that

Ashton had the rest of the art department to a large extent out-classed in a number of the exhibits, at least. In fact, the Ashton art department reflects much credit on our sisters to the east.

Although the fruit exhibit was not very large, it made up in quality what was lacking in quantity. Not even at the State Fair could be seen a finer collection of apples, peaches, grapes, plums and all other varieties of fruits common to this section of the country. And yet could be heard on all side exclamations from those present to the effect that they had finer than those on exhibit and would bring them next year, but if they had, they will have to go some to beat those shown.

The horticultural exhibit was also of exceeding interest, though of course much smaller than will be the case at succeeding fairs. One of the most interesting was the cotton plant, with pods from the perfectly closed bulb to those opened in full and the cotton in its native state shown forth. Another was the rubber plant, while there were many interesting features of the show, which could be mentioned, but as our horticultural reporter is away on a vacation, we will have to pass over.

The agricultural exhibit was a most pleasant surprise, and as one lady expressed herself to the reporter that judging by the samples of all kinds of products shown one would not think there had been any lack of good season for crops. Nowhere could one have seen finer sheafs of oats, wheat, rye, barley, millet, and glorious alfalfa than shown in this department. It was indeed a revelation to those who were not in close touch with existing conditions along crop lines. We could heartily wish we could have had farmers from all portions of the state present at the fair, and indeed agricultural people from other states, just to "show" them what Nebraska, and especially Sherman county, can raise. It would have proved to them that Nebraska was just as good as any of them, and not poorer than the best of them.

But oh, you corn; you king of all. Was not the exhibit a surprise party to us all? Even our farmer friends themselves expressed astonishment at the showing made. Long rows of the yellow, white and red beauties, full and complete in every respect, met the eye of the beholder and one and all paused before the king to render due homage.

Of course, pumpkins. Nothing is complete without a goodly array of these, which has dubbed all agricultural fairs as "Pumpkin show." Well, what's better than good juicy pumpkin pies, anyway? Never make fun of your betters. And they showed well as always. Then came the turnips, beets, rutabagas, and small grains of all kinds in bulk, all making splendid showing.

One of the curiosities on exhibit was a sunflower stalk some twelve feet in height, fully four inches in diameter at the butt and with a flower at the extreme height some 13 1-3 inches in diameter.

To lovers of base ball sport, the three days' games furnished plenty of enthusiasm, thousands witnessing the series and fans kept the air resounding with their hearty support of their favorites. Jess Marvel, king of umpires, than whom

are none better outside of the big league fellows, was ump, from first to last and at all times was most fair and impartial and gave satisfaction to all. In only one game of the series was there any dispute, and that come from the Scotia boys, who, somewhat rattled by their own bad errors, felt more or less grouchy and heaped their discontent upon Jess' devoted head, who with that exasperatingly good natured smile of his passed over their ill-nature with unconcern, kept "sawing wood," and had the good will of all, even the Scotia nine ending with better feeling over their smiling concern at their grouch at times bubbling forth. However, the Scotia boys are a bunch of pretty good injuns and may be excused for their few exhibitions of concern over their sure-coming defeat. Loup City and Ashton tried conclusions the first day and the game was a beauty from start to finish, both nines doing splendid work, but ending with the latter's defeat by a score of 8 to 6. Ashton was up against a hard proposition, but made one of their very best efforts of the season. There were comparatively no errors on either side. The second day, Arcadia and Hazard had the diamond for action, and Arcadia won by a score of 5 to 1. It was a very pretty contest, good-natured throughout, with acknowledged superiority on the part of the Arcadia contingent. The third day came Arcadia against Scotia, and would have been the most closely contested game of the series, had it not been for the repeated errors in fumbles of the second baseman for Scotia, who was evidently off his feed. Had he played his usual game, and he is usually one of their best, the score might have been materially changed, although with pitcher Duryea of the Arcadias fanning out eighteen men in the nine innings there was not much hope for the vaunted and one of the very best amateur teams in the state, as Scotia is rightly considered to be.

Just a word in conclusion for the best Park and grounds in the state outside of the larger cities. It had been thought and said that

Jenner's Park would be too small to hold the fair and crowds that would be in attendance. But the contrary was found. On Wednesday, with an estimated attendance of over 5,000 people, there was yet room for half as many more, and not exhaust the room and grounds for holding the crowds that could have been accommodated. Thus one excuse for not holding our county fair at Jenner's Park has gone up in thin air. Besides the grounds that were used at the present fair is much space east of the creek or draw that could easily be utilized for stock exhibits, should the said exhibits be too large for their present limits. And then again, one of the fine points in favor of the use of the park and grounds for the fair is the cool and shaded retreat, where the children, the tired mothers and the picnickers can utilize the grounds and tables for their use, where there are swings, cages of animals and curios without number to attract their attention and utilize time which might otherwise hang heavy on their hands. Whatever others may think, we feel satisfied more satisfactory arrangements, better accommodations and more complete enjoyment to all concerned can be secured at Jenner's Park for future holdings of our county fairs, and better financial outcome, as well, than by purchase of any tract of land elsewhere for regular fair grounds.

Following we give a list of the premiums awarded:

HORSES

Percherons over 3 years; Henry Beck 1st, J. W. Johnson 2nd. Two years and over; Henry Beck 1st. One year and over; Henry Beck 1st. Best colt under 1 year, 1st and 2nd. Brood mare showing two or more colts, Henry Beck 2nd and 3rd.

Belgian Stallion over 3 years; J. W. Johnson 1st, Henry Kuhl 2nd, Henry Beck, 3rd. Belgian mare 4 years and over, J. W. Johnson 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Three years and under 4, Henry Beck 1st. One year and under 3, Henry Beck 1st. Best colt under 1 year, Henry Beck 1st and 2nd. Brood mare showing two or more colts, Henry Beck 1st.

Grade gelding 3 years and over, H. G. Hosier 1st, Robert Dinsdale 2nd, Mare 2 years and under 3, Frank Petersen 1st. One year and under 2, Frank Petersen 2nd. Colt under 1 year, Chas. Stickney 1st, Jay Plant 3rd. Draft team in harness, Frank Petersen 1st, Geo. Thompson 2nd.

Jack 3 years and over, Henry Beck 1st. Two years and under 3, Jack Pageler 1st and 2nd. One year and under Henry Beck 1st, Jack Pageler 2nd, Henry Beck 3rd.

Shetland pony, A. M. Robbins 1st.

CATTLE

Galloway cow, Wm. Critel 1st. Bull, Wm. Critel 1st, Jersey Cow, A. M. Robbins 1st, John Jezewski 2nd. Shorthorn bull calf and heifer, Earl Keeler 1st. Twin calves Frank Petersen 1st.

HOGS

Duroc Jersey boar 1 year and over, G. A. Richmond 1st, Ben Klimper 2nd.

O. A. Clark 3rd. Sow 1 year and over, Ben Klimper 1st, O. E. Stickney 2nd. Boar under 1 year, Ben Klimper 1st, G. A. Richmond 2nd and 3rd. Sow under 6 months, Ben Klimper 1st, O. A. Clark 2nd and 3rd.

Poland China boar over 1 year, F. M. Goff 2nd. Sow over 1 year, F. M. Goff 1st. Boar under 6 months, H. J. Johansen 1st, Earl Keeler 2nd. Sow under 6 months, H. J. Johansen 1st. Hampshire boar under 6 months, A. D. Jones 1st and 2nd. Sow under 6 months, A. D. Jones 1st and 2nd.

CHICKENS

Rhode Island Reds, trio, Ira Timson 1st, Mrs. Wm. Draper 2nd. Pullets, Ira Timson 1st and 2nd. Rose combs, cock, Henry Kuhl 1st, Mrs. Will Draper 2nd. Cockerel, Henry Kuhl 1st. Pullet, Henry Kuhl 1st, Mrs. Will 2nd. Hen, Mrs. Will Marcy 1st.

Sultan, pair, Jim Gray 1st. Black Langshan, pen, Mrs. J. W. Johnson 1st. Hen, Mrs. J. W. Johnson 1st and 2nd. Cock, Mrs. J. W. Johnson 1st.

Silver Wyandotte, trio, Mrs. Henry Kuhl 1st. Cockerel, Mrs. Henry Kuhl 1st. Pullet, Mrs. Henry Kuhl 1st and 2nd.

White Wyandotte, trio, Mrs. M. E. Thornton 1st. Cock, Mrs. M. E. Thornton 1st. Hen, Mrs. M. E. Thornton 1st and 2nd.

S. C. Buff Orpington, trio, Mrs. M. E. Thornton 1st. Cock, Mrs. M. E. Thornton 1st. Hen, Mrs. M. E. Thornton 1st and 2nd.

Houdans, pen, Hal Chase 1st. Cock, Hal Chase 1st. Hen, Hal Chase 1st and 2nd. Pen, Willie Thrasher 1st. Cockerel, Willie Thrasher 1st. Pullet, Willie Thrasher 1st and 2nd.

Buff Wyandottes, pen, A. D. Jones 1st. Cock, A. D. Jones 1st. Hen, A. D. Jones 1st and 2nd. Pen, Fred Richmond 1st. Cockerel, Fred Richmond 1st. Pullet, Fred Richmond 1st and 2nd.

Barred Plymouth Rocks, trio, R. L. Arthur 1st and 2nd. Cockerel, R. L. Arthur 1st and 2nd. Pullet, R. L. Arthur 1st and 2nd. Cock, R. L. Arthur 1st. Hen, Arthur 1st and 2nd.

Turkeys, pair, Mrs. M. E. Thornton 1st. Turkeys, Holland, pair, Mrs. J. W. Johnson 1st.

Ducks, pair, Mrs. Burr Robbins 1st. Geese, pair, Henry Kuhl 1st. (Owing to the lack of space and the extreme length of the list of premiums awarded we will have to continue the balance till next week's paper.—Ed.)

AGED MAN INJURED BY FOUL BALL

Last Wednesday afternoon, during the game between Arcadia and Hazard at the ball park, a batted foul ball struck old gentleman McKowski on the right side of his face on the upper jaw, cutting the face open and loosening the teeth, the force of the ball nearly rendering the aged man insensible. The batted foul came so swiftly and unexpectedly that no one could dodge, nor protect himself from the rapidly approaching sphere. He was hurried to his

BADLY INJURED BY FALL IN DITCH

D. L. Adamson Meets With Frightful Accident; While Working on Greeley County's New Court House Falls in Ditch; Hits Stake.

NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH

Last Thursday evening at Greeley, as D. L. Adamson of this city, who has been working on the new court house, was about the building after dark, he stepped into a trench, falling full force on an upright stake, striking him in the left side above the hip, badly injuring that side, affecting the bladder and kidneys. He was immediately attended by Dr. Loup of that city, formerly of Loup City, and was in a serious condition all that night and Friday, but was well enough to be

brought home the following Saturday evening by train and is, at the present time only able to be from his bed at short intervals, but seemingly improving. The injury appears to have been for the most part internal, only badly bruised and discolored flesh showing from the outside. It is thought, however, that if no serious complications arise he will get along all right, though it will be some time before he will be able to resume work.

KEEPER BITTEN BY HUGE RATTLER

Bob Jenner Keeper of Dangerous Reptiles, Stung on Wrist by Large Guatemalan Rattlesnake.

WOUND CAUTERIZED; DANGER OVER

A few days ago, while the Jenner brothers were feeding the big Guatemalan rattlesnakes, lately received from South America, the frantic creatures in their wriggling around in the clutches of Mr. Robert Jenner, managed to disarrange the heavy gloves worn in the operation, exposing Mr. Jenner's left wrist a couple of inches back of the thumb, and one of the

big fellows fastened his fangs in that member. Almost immediately he placed his mouth to the wound and sucked some of the poison out while local remedies were at once applied. He then hurriedly went to Dr. Longacre's office, where the wound was thoroughly cauterized and the danger was eliminated. However, it was an accident that Mr. Jenner will never want repeated. It seems that at least once a week, the Jenner boys have to feed the snakes a quantity of milk, holding the monsters while they inject or pump them full of the lactal fluid. Of course the fellows do not appreciate the operation and make every effort to get away, striking venomously at the keepers, who carefully watch every movement, holding the serpents near the head to prevent danger, but in the above instance one snake wriggled far enough to make the dangerous strike.

MEYER'S GETS TWO STRAIGHT FALLS

At the handicap wrestle at the Daddow Opera House last Wednesday evening, in which Jack Myers of Omaha was to throw S. P. Mogensen of this city twice within an hour, Myers won in two straight falls, the first in 38 minutes, by a double toe hold, while Mogensen had a scissors lock on Meyers' body, with the latter on top! In the first bout,

the double-toe hold on Mogensen so badly injured one foot that the pain affected him in the second he gave way and was pinned to the mat in about ten minutes. While Mogensen is a whirlwind in his class—170 pounds—yet Meyers' superior weight of 190 pounds and 6-foot frame work, with accompanying gigantic strength gave Mogensen a handicap he he could not overcome.

MOUTH DISEASE PROVING FATAL

Some two weeks ago we had an article in the Northwestern in regard to a new disease which was afflicting cows in this vicinity, affecting the mouth and throat. Our veterinarian, in giving us the symptoms, acknowledged it was serious and little known. On Monday of this week, R. D. Hendrickson out in Webster township lost one of his fine milkers from the complaint, which is claimed to be infectious and there is a possibility that others in the herd may contract the disease. Besides the one lost by Mr. Hendrickson, we hear that Pete Larsen has recently lost

three of his herd from this disease, and we may hear of more losses later.

GREAT SCHEME TO AVOID LAW

Down at Lincoln it is claimed that heads of institutions are swapping employes in order to evade the anti-nepotism section of the law defined by the attorney general as published in last week's Northwestern. Great is democracy and democratic office holders. In some places postmasters cannot get their commissions till they comply with the ruling of the post-office department to get rid of every other business first. In other places, (for instance, Loup City as one of them) the postmaster gets his commission without having to dispose of his other business, and continues to run both postoffice and newspaper. But maybe the first named fellows were not pet monkeys of Billy Bryan.

TRACTION ENGINE BREAKS THRU BRIDGE

Last Thursday afternoon as the Aufrecht traction engine was attempting to cross the Arcadia bridge leading to Lee's Park, and just as it got on the south approach, the end gave way letting the engine tangle on the ground below, completely wrecking that end of the bridge. It is claimed it will take at least \$800 to repair the damage. One extremely fortunate incident was connected therewith. When the engine went through, it

caught the Aufrecht boy's lower limbs beneath a heavy mass of iron, but later careered to the other side releasing him from the heavy weight and saved crushing him to death. As it was, he was so caught that it was not for some time and by strenuous work he was taken out.

BROTHER KILLED IN IOWA TOWN

Mrs. Jos. Daddow of this city received a telegram yesterday (Wednesday) morning conveying the sad news that her brother, Mr. Isaac, Leamon, a wealthy farmer living near Nashua, Iowa, was killed the day previous, the news being sent by the brother's wife. No particulars were given. Mr. Daddow took the noon train for Nashua, Mrs. Daddow not being able to accompany him on account of ill-health.

WRESTLER MILLER ON MAT-GAME TOUR

Our wrestling pride, Warran Miller, has made arrangements with Farmer Burns to make a tour with the latter over Iowa in a series of mat engagements, calculated to put him in splendid shape for future wrestling contests. It is confidently expected that his engagement with Farmers Burns will place him away up with the

big ones, and that he will develop into one of the best. Farmer Burns claims that Miller has the arms, shoulders, accompanying strength equal to that of Gotch, and with the experience and knowledge to be gained only in mat contests Miller will be the equal of Gotch himself.