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FARMERS' INSTITUTE

The Farmers' Institute is in full swing this week, the interest in the city and surrounding country being centered on this the big event of the year. Many entries were made Monday afternoon and the workers were busy getting the various buildings in shape. The greatest interest this year is given to the cattle and hogs very largely on account of the boys' and girls' clubs. These clubs are organized as a part of the extension work of the University of Nebraska. The University professors are with the county agent directly in charge of the clubs and the University gives full credits for the work done by the members.

Webster county, has a number of good working clubs and, according to a statement made by one of the professors, there are no better in the state. These calves, Shorthorns and Herefords, show that they have had very loving and painstaking care, their horns are polished, their coats are groomed and they are made to look their very best. Stories will be written by the members telling just what they fed their animals, how they cared for them and what their gain was. Some are better than others but they are all magnificent animals.

Another reason why the cattle exhibit is attracting so much attention is because there are a number of our farmers who have devoted their attention to the live stock industry the past few years and they have purchased high priced animals of exceedingly fine breeding and Webster county is already known for its progress in the breeding of live stock. You may see a splendid assortment of as fine animals as can be found in the state right here in the Institute stock barn.

Many more hogs are on exhibit this year than ever before. These animals are all of the big modern type stock, the kind that can weigh a half ton and stand up and look for more worlds to conquer. They are beautiful and worth anyone's time and attention. These are also to be found in the big barn but from all indications more space must be found next year for big as the barn is the live stock industry is bigger yet and the barn will not hold all the entries.

The horses down at the big Bailey tie barn are numerous and splendid specimens. While many of our farmers are turning their attention to cattle and hogs a good many are devoting their time to the raising of handsome horses and the offerings this year show that the horse breeders are experts in their line.

The poultry exhibit is a very creditable one but not so large as some of the years in the past. However it must be said that the exhibits in all breeds show a distinct advance over former years. The forming of poultry clubs under the supervision of the University is directly responsible for more interest being taken in chickens and when it is remembered that the hens of the country could in a short time pay the national debt it will be readily seen that this is after all one of the big industries of the nation.

The farm products department is not nearly so large as it has been in the past. This should have been one of the biggest exhibits for we have had bountiful crops of every description this year and this exhibit should have been full and running over. However it is a fair display and the articles entered are all excellent. Wheat, oats, barley, onions and others were conspicuous "by their absence."

The Ladies department and the school exhibit are to be found in the Odd Fellows hall and as usual these exhibits are full. The most tempting foods of all kinds, the most beautiful handwork, everything that makes home a home may be found here. The work of the children in the

school exhibits show that more attention has been given of late years to other things besides reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Tuesday was given over to student's stock judging contests and domestic science demonstration contests. These were very interesting and instructive. Tuesday evening the program was given entirely by the public schools to a capacity house. This was one of the best ever given in Red Cloud and was much appreciated by the large audience.

On yesterday the farm products, poultry, horses and hogs were judged. The program last night opened with a chorus by the Community Club, then followed by a solo by Mrs. Hughes. The lecture on Poultry was delivered by Prof. Cornman of the State University. The professor stated that he faced the largest agricultural audience so far gathered in the state. He had no idea that there was so much interested developed here and was highly pleased.

Mrs. Kailey gave several readings in her usual splendid manner and Prof. Ondrak closed the evening's program with an imitation of a brass band which was loudly applauded.

Today comes the Hereford judging and sale and the big foot ball game. Tomorrow will close the Institute with the Shorthorn judging and sale and the big parade.

Confirmation at Red Cloud

The Right Rev. Charles P. O'Reilly Catholic Bishop of Lincoln and all the South Platte country, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on twenty candidates in the Sacred Heart church at Red Cloud on Tuesday morning. He came from Superior, where he also confirmed a class of children and adults, on the night train.

At 9:30 Tuesday morning the congregation assembled to greet their Chief Pastor and a procession was formed and went to the Rectory and from thence proceeded to the main entrance of the church.

First came the Cross bear, then the Censer bearer and the Holy Water bearer, followed immediately by the little boys, some in their church robes, and then by the little girls dressed in white and wearing wreaths and veils, the Clergy and the Bishop.

Arriving at the church door the Bishop was received by the Pastor, and the procession moved into the church.

The Bishop is a tall, gracious man and in his pontifical robes looked indeed the High Priest of God. At the Altar he was again saluted by intoned prayers, sung by the pastor.

The Very Rev. John Hahn of Orleans was the celebrant of the Mass, the local choir was assisted by members of the choir from Superior.

At the end of the Mass the Bishop addressed the congregation on the fundamental principles of Catholicism.

Then followed the examination of the children, for Confirmation, in their prayers and the Christian Doctrine Confirmation was then conferred by the Bishop, seated before the Altar as the children in pairs came before him.

The morning's beautiful ceremonies, which took nearly two hours, were completed by the solemn blessing given by the Bishop, to all present. A hymn of thanks was then sung and the procession marched out of the church to the parish house.

A beautiful morning, a full attendance at the ceremonies, the happy children and the gracious Bishop made another memorable page in the history of the Catholic church in Red Cloud.

Well Known Conductor Dies

Conductor Robert Reilly, who had been in the Burlington service for the past 25 years, passed away at his home in St. Joseph, Mo., this morning at 12:05, after an illness of several months duration. Mr. Reilly has run into this city for many years and during his stays here has made many friends who regret to learn of his demise. A wife, two sisters and a brother are left to mourn his death.

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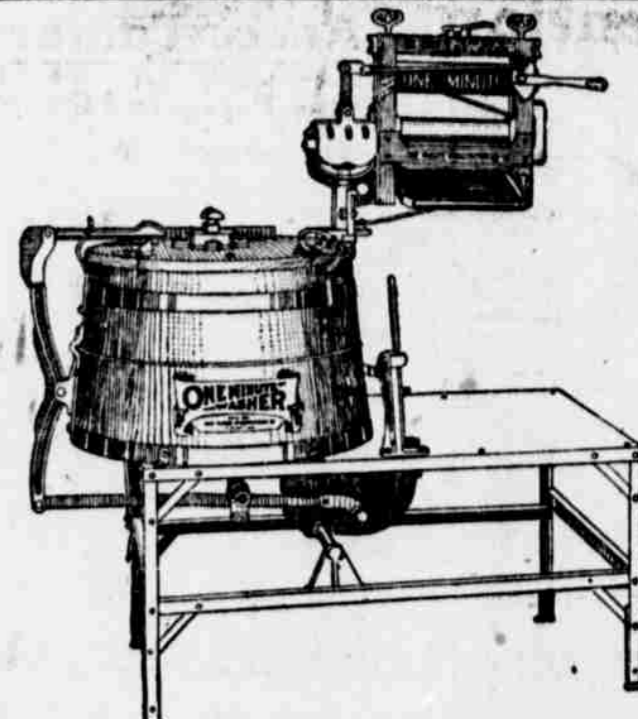
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