

What the State Fair Offers in Way of Amusement

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BARNET OLDFIELD, the nervy automobile racer, and DeLloyd Thompson, the tumbling of the air, are to be the headliners of the amusement program at the coming state fair. They will race against each other every day during the big fair, and then as a supplement to their marvelous exhibition will do a multitude of daring tricks.

Oldfield, the speed demon, has caused chills to chase themselves up the back of hundreds of thousands of American people.

The Thompson tumbling far above the earth has thrilled American spectators for the last year and a half as none other, not even that of the midget marvel Lincoln Beachey, before he went to his death. Secretary Mellor recently saw Thompson in action and he is authority for the statement that he will make Nebraska people sit up and take keen notice of what is going on in the air above them.

As a stem-winder finish to these exhibitions there will be automobile races on the concluding day and the day after the fair. These will be held under the auspices of the International Motor Contest association. Several of the well known drivers of the world will be entered in this event. The final announcement of the entries and the various events is expected to make Nebraskans resolve to take in the affair.

The Horse Races.
Superintendent Lamb of the speed department has announced a list of events that will be up to the standard of former years. The ravage of various diseases which kept horses from participation in numerous other meets of the country is thought to be about over and this will assure Nebraska racing devotees of seeing a number of the fast equines in action.

It is said that the season has been a failure in some of the important cities of the country due to stringent quarantine rules, and that horse owners the country over are anxious now to make up for lost receipts and will get into every big event that comes along. Many of them have made their entries here and there will be no disappointments when the starters begin to work.

The races as outlined by Mr. Lamb are as follows:

EARLY CLOSING.	
2-year-old trot, half mile heats, September 6.....	\$ 400
2-year-old trot (for colts eligible to 2:35 class), September 9.....	500
2:30 trot, "The Capital City Purse," September 6.....	1,000
2:30 trot, "The Industrial Purse," September 6.....	1,000
2-year-old pace, half mile heats, September 6.....	400
2-year-old pace (for colts eligible to 2:35 class), September 9.....	500
2:30 pace, "The Cornshakers Purse," September 6.....	1,000
2:30 pace, "The Gate City Purse," September 6.....	1,000
CLASSES.	
2:50 trot, September 8.....	\$ 500
2:35 trot, September 8.....	500
2:14 trot, September 8.....	500
2:30 pace, September 7.....	500
2:15 pace, September 6.....	500
Free-for-all pace, September 7.....	500
RUNNING.	
2-year-old, Nebraska bred (3/4 furlongs), September 8.....	\$ 150
Nebraska Derby (1-1/8 miles), September 7.....	200
Three-fourths mile dash, September 4.....	150



SPECTATORS PACK THE GRANDSTAND AND LINE THE RAIL TO WATCH THE RACES THAT THRILL HORSE LOVERS AT THE STATE FAIR.

Five-eighths mile dash, September 5..... 100
 Seven-eighths mile dash, September 6..... 150
 One-half mile and repeat, September 7..... 100
 One mile dash, September 9..... 200
 One-half mile consolation dash (for horses that have started and not won money), September 9..... 100

On the Midway.
 Patterson's Mammoth Midway, always a favorite, and this year, according to advance notices, the best that it has ever been, will again be found camped at the Nebraska state fair.
 This show struck a lucky streak during the last year which will insure to the benefit of their patrons at the coming state fair. The dullness of the theatrical season, both in vaudeville and drama, drove a wholesale amount of actors to the carnival tents, and with a line of shows that have proven exceedingly interesting. Patterson, the leader, took his pick of the acts and made such good choices that he has not been compelled to drop any of them since he started out.
 The Patterson shows complete will reach Lincoln two days before the opening of the fair in order to get properly located on the midway. They will be

running full blast by Monday morning, bright and early, and those who enjoy some of their multitudinous offerings will have an opportunity to see them at their best.
 The Pattersons have a gigantic merry-go-round, a Ferris wheel fifty feet high, the best animal show on the road and a line of side show attractions that has never been excelled by any carnival company in the country.
 Added to this feature will be the great vaudeville acts which will be given before the grand stand each afternoon and evening. In this amazing category will be the following:
 "Motor Madness," the acme of human daring.
 "The Half Dozen Cornellas," wonderful acrobats.
 "The Flying Kays," comedy bounding bar act.
 "The Four Boats," a bicycle act in challenge to all the world.
 "The performing elephants," the best trained group of elephants in the world.
 The claim is made for the show that it is as good as the best entertainment shown on the Orpheum circuit, and the claim has never been disputed where the

companies have performed. Those who attend will therefore be given a treat. These acts will be shown twice daily in front of the big grand stand on the track and there will not be a cent's additional cost for this treat.
 Three bands are down for performances at the state fair, the Hagenow band of Lincoln, George Green and his band of royal entertainers, and the Fifth Regiment band of the Nebraska National Guard. The three bands will be on constant duty almost, and the attendants at this year's fair will have more music dished up to them than for years past.
 Concerts will be given in the auditorium of Agricultural hall, at the stock coliseum and in front of the grand stand every day. These organizations are composed in the main of the best bandmen in the state and have to take back seats for none of the organizations that have visited the fair in years gone by.
 Concerts will also be given daily in the auditorium, and these will be of an especially interesting nature. August Hagenow, one of the master directors of the country, will have charge of the preparation of this part of the program, and that promise has been given out on

his behalf that the program will be filled with some of the most attractive selections offered by any band in the country.
Amusements for the Evening.
 Fireworks of a display more elaborate and expensive and unique than any other display attempted in the state during the year, will be the chief feature of all evening programs. There will be band concerts, too, and nightly vaudeville, but the mammoth carnivals in powder will attract the greatest crowd of attendants.
 Each evening spectacle will be in charge of the master fireworks experts of the fair company. The men who arrange and set off the pieces are sent here direct from the factory in order that the effect of the mammoth display will not be lost. In past years the display has attracted wide attention because of the marked variety in pieces. This year there will be variety and stupendity, too, and some of the offerings will astonish those who do not realize what marvelous things can be done with powder and matches.
 Several patriotic pieces will be set off during the week which have been specially designed for the Nebraska state fair. The motif is particularly appro-

priate at this time and will doubtless be much enjoyed by those who see them.
In the Boys' Camp.
 The third annual boys' camp will be held at the state fair grounds during the coming fair. This is something many state fair attendants have never taken time to look over. Its features are becoming so impressed upon the people now, however, that the coming camp is expected to entertain its full quota of visitors. The camp is for boys from 14 to 21 years of age and is chock full of good for the boys who attend it.
 The commission headed by the governor and presided over actively by State Superintendent Thomas, Principal Bradford of the state farm and Charles Strader, the well known Young Men's Christian association boys' worker, has set out the following information regarding the camp:
 "The aim of the school is to offer a select body of young men the means for systematic observation and study, under the direction of competent instructors of the animal, agricultural, mechanical and educational exhibits of the state fair, and through such agency more fully to inform and interest the residents of the counties

in the resources of Nebraska, and the achievements of its citizens as demonstrated by the displays on exhibition.
 "Two boys will be admitted from each of the ninety-two counties, two extra from Lancaster county, and four extra from Douglas county, making a total of 200. Should any county fail to fill its quota, such vacancy may be filled from other counties, provided that no county outside of Douglas shall be allowed to exceed four members. One member shall be selected to represent the rural schools, and one the city schools. The age of the delegates must be over 15 and under 21 years.
 "Each boy will be required to keep a record of each day's observation and instruction. This record will be passed upon by the principal and assistant principal. Each member of the school will be expected to prepare, from his week's observation and study, a report suitable to give to his school and to the County Farmers' Institute; also to furnish a statement of the same for the home papers.
 "While the greatest care will be exercised to keep the boys from hurtful and undesirable experiences, each boy must be held personally responsible for his actions."

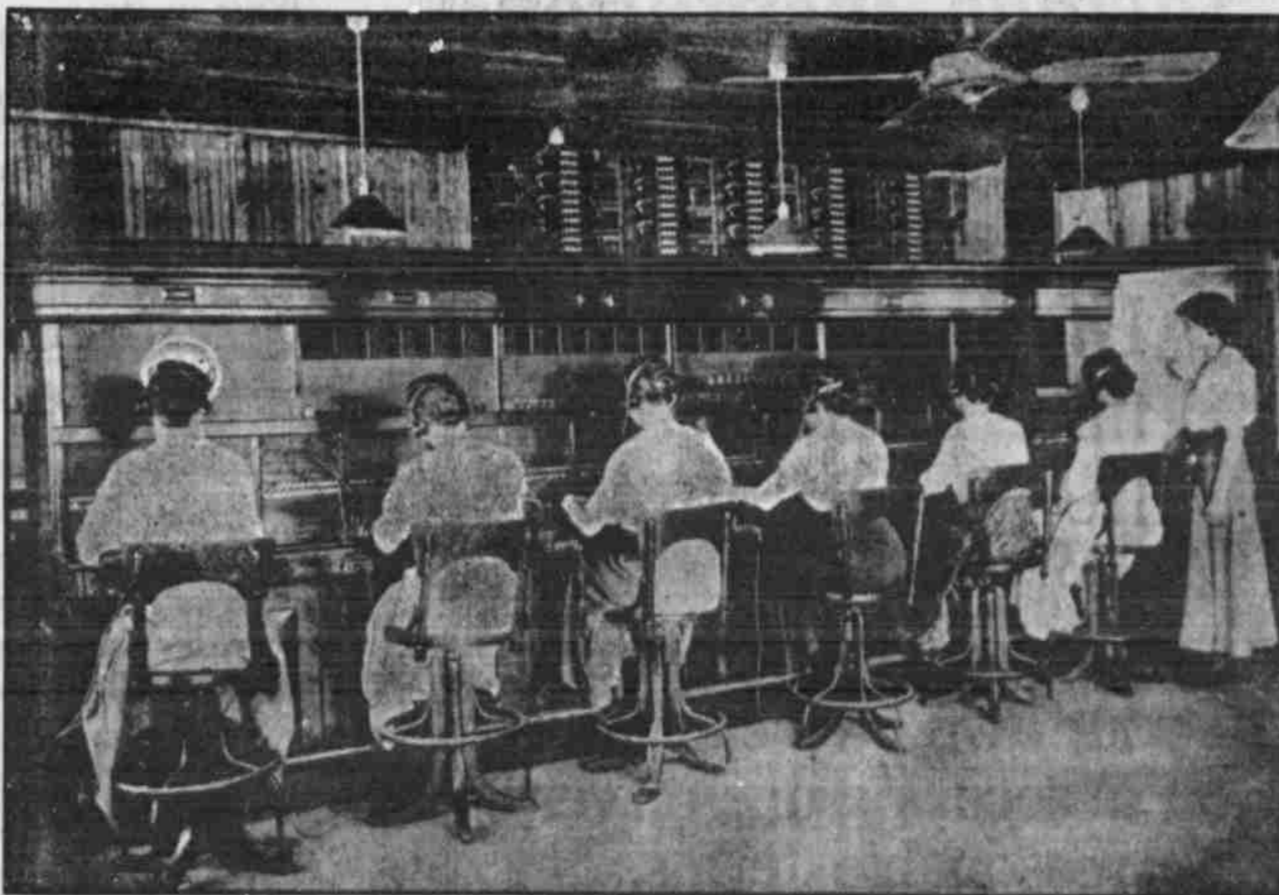
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