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GREAT CLEARING SALE!

Slaughter! Slaughter! Slaughter!

We have got to make room for our immense line of Fall Goods and for that reason will sell all of our goods at marvelous low prices—lower than ever known in Western Nebraska.

Now is Your Chance!

We positively will allow no one to undersell us. Comparison solicited. Goods freely shown.

STAR CLOTHING HOUSE,

WEBER & VOLLMER, PROPS.

We Welcome all to

The Boston Store

We invite the visitors attending the Irrigation Fair to come and pay a visit to our store. For this great event we have engaged extra clerks so we can wait upon the many people whom we expect during the Irrigation Fair. We have marked everything down to the lowest possible prices in order to advertise our establishment that we are the only store in the city with good goods at low prices.

Our stock is exceptionally large, and includes

Dry Goods,
Cloaks,
Carpets,
Millinery,



Ladies' and Gents'

Furnishing Goods

HATS AND CAPS,
Trunks and Valises,
Boots and Shoes—
Everything at lowest prices.
Yours for big bargains.



Boston Store, - - J. Pizer, Prop.

No. 3496

First National Bank,

NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

CAPITAL, - - \$50,000.
SURPLUS, - - \$22,500.

H. S. White, - - - President.
P. A. White, - - - Vice-Pres't.
Arthur McNamara, - Cashier.

A general banking business transacted.

THE IRRIGATION FAIR.

The first annual fair of the Nebraska Irrigation Association is a great success. Of this there is no doubt. It exceeds the expectations of the fair managers and the people of the city. The gratifying result is due to the push, the indomitable energy and the business ability of President Park, Secretary Seeburger and the other officers. They have labored unceasingly, and have overcome obstacles which less energetic men would have considered insurmountable. They went into it to win and they have won.

To give a complete write-up of the fair would require more space than THE TRIBUNE has at its command, and only a brief summary is hereto attached:

AGRICULTURAL HALL.

The big agricultural hall is crowded with exhibits that cannot fail to impress upon spectators the wonderful fertility of the soil of western Nebraska. The famous delta of the Nile is not greater in its production of grains, grasses and vegetables than is the Platte valley of Nebraska—the Eden of the west—and especially is this true of that section where irrigation is applied.

The entire north side of the hall is occupied by products raised along the North Platte canal, the Birdwood canal and the Paxton & Sutherland canal. The exhibits by the farmers of these respective localities are very complete, embracing all products of the farm—grains, grasses and vegetables of all kinds. None of the articles were nurtured by any special attention; they are not much above the average of their kind, and are therefore all the more worthy of consideration. As a rule these exhibits are nicely arranged and present a very pleasing appearance.

On the west side of the south wing of the building is the Dawson county exhibit. This exhibit was specially prepared for the state fair this year and presents a magnificent appearance. The arrangement of the sheep grain and grasses is particularly striking, and the quality second to none. This exhibit is very complete and cannot but prove a great advertisement for our prosperous county on the east.

On the opposite side of the hall is the Buffalo county exhibit, or more correctly speaking the exhibit from the farm connected with the State Reform School. The display is as complete as it is excellent and speaks well for the management of that institution. In addition to the agricultural exhibit, samples of the work performed in the school are shown.

Scotts Bluffs county makes a creditable, though not very extensive exhibit, among which is a squash weighing 135 pounds. Every article exhibited is of superior quality, and gives evidence of the wonderful fertility of the soil of that county under irrigation.

Kath county is represented by an excellent display of products, some of which were raised by irrigation and others on "dry" land. The exhibit is well arranged and presents a very attractive appearance.

Though not in the irrigated section, Frontier county has an exhibit that is worthy of consideration and one that makes an excellent showing for that county. Had the rainfall been up to the average this year, Frontier would have been able to make a showing second to none.

To the left of the main entrance to the hall are exhibited products raised on non-irrigated soil contributed principally by the farmers of Lincoln county. Taken as a whole the display is a magnificent one, and one which does not fail to attract much attention.

In the center of the building is the horticultural exhibit, which is one of the most attractive points in the building and one which reflects great credit upon the county. In fact the display is one which surprises a majority of visitors who labored under the impression that no fruit was grown in western Nebraska. The display includes apples, peaches, plums and grapes and the size and quality compare very favorably with the fruit raised in the east and south. W. W. Birge, superintendent of this department, is entitled to much credit for the interest he has taken in collecting the exhibit.

The general appearance of the agricultural hall is such as to bring forth many complimentary remarks from visitors. W. O. Thompson, the superintendent of the farm product department, together with his assistants, have every reason to feel proud of the results of their labor. The displays are certain to prove a great advertisement for western Nebraska, and good results are sure to follow.

THE WOMAN'S ART BUILDING.

The important part women have taken in the success of the fair is visible in the neat and attractive stone building known as the woman's palace of art, the most conspicuous object on the grounds. It is a monument of woman's business ability and "push," for it was through the efforts of the ladies that the funds necessary for the erection of the building was raised. Well may they feel proud of their efforts.

articles is very large and critics pronounce the work excellent. In the southwest corner of the building is the exhibit of the ladies of Gothenburg, which is varied and very attractively placed. Directly opposite is the exhibit of the ladies of Ogalalla, and very pretty and commendable is the work there displayed. There are also exhibits by the ladies of Maxwell, Sutherland and other places. The walls are well hung with works in oil, crayon and water colors, and there is indisputable evidence that there are artists of no mean ability residing in western Nebraska. There are also exhibited many exquisite pieces of embroidery. Relics of different kinds also form an important display. The pantry stores exhibit is quite extensive and reflect creditably upon the skill possessed by the exhibitors. There is no place on the grounds where a few hours can be passed more pleasantly than in the palace of art.

THE FISHERIES BUILDING.

One of the most important and interesting exhibits on the ground is that made by the Nebraska Fish Commission with Col. Bob Oberfelder in charge. The exhibit is very complete, some of the specimens weighing as high as ten pounds, the varieties being those best suited to the waters of this state. In a case is exhibited the skeleton of a small mermaid, a novelty not often seen. This mermaid is Colonel Oberfelder's special pride, and he takes great pleasure in showing it to his visitors. The tanks are nicely arranged and the fish are shown to excellent advantage.

THE BEE EXHIBIT.

This department is not as complete as Supt. Hartman anticipated several bee raisers who promised to have displays having failed to reach here. There are, however, several colonies of the honey producers, together with the apparatus used in an apiary. This exhibit is in the rear part of the fisheries building.

THE POULTRY EXHIBIT.

The poultry exhibit is located in a tent just west of the agricultural hall and is very creditable indeed. There are about fifty pens of the fowls, including a dozen different strains of chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. The exhibits are owned principally by North Platte residents, and show that we have quite a number of chicken fanciers.

THE STOCK EXHIBIT.

The stock exhibit is not so large as might be expected in a country where stock raising is so extensively carried on, yet the pens and stalls are well filled—in fact the cattle exhibited are more numerous than the stalls provided.

WINDMILLS AND PUMPS.

Of much interest to the visitor who is a farmer or stockman is the display of windmills and pumps. This exhibit is located in the extreme northeast part of the grounds and is very complete. V. E. Meyer has a very extensive exhibit, including several different pumps of his own manufacture. On this part of the grounds is also to be seen the big hydraulic ram and the Thomas Greek water wheel or water conveyor. There is also seen the canal of the North Platte Land and Water Co., the first irrigation ditch of any magnitude constructed in Nebraska, as well as laterals, drops, checks and other apparatus used in irrigating.

THE PAGE WIRE CO.

The exhibit of the Page Woven Wire Co. is a novel and striking one. The company has erected a fence of the wire manufactured by them around an inclosure in which have been placed a half dozen of Colonel Cody's buffaloes—the remnants of the "millions of 'buffers'" which formerly pastured on the succulent grasses of the Platte valley. These animals are splendid specimens of their kind, one bull being especially large and hideous. The Page company has several fences constructed of the different wires manufactured by it and also has a tent well supplied with chairs in which to entertain their callers.

KELLNER'S LAKE.

The ten acre lake at the northeast corner of the grounds is proving one of the most attractive points. An artificial lake of this area is somewhat of a novelty, and the pleasures of a boat ride is one new to many. The lake is well supplied with both row and sail boats, and attendants are ready to supply all demands for "a sail on the briny deep."

THE GROUNDS.

As one enters the gates the grounds present a very attractive and active appearance. In addition to the permanent buildings, there have been erected a large number of tents and booths for refreshment and amusement purposes. There are two large dining halls which can accommodate several hundred people, and in addition to these there are a number of refreshment booths. The ladies of the Presbyterian church have erected a large tent in which they have a lunch counter. The A. O. U. W. have a large tent which they use as headquarters, and it was there the exercises of this morning were held.

THE REUNION GROUNDS.

At camp Lon H. Church there are over 200 tents and every one is crowded to its utmost capacity with old soldiers and their families.

In fact the tents are inadequate to accommodate the crowd, and many are living in the covered wagons in which they drove to town. Those in charge of the grounds say that fully 2000 people were in camp there yesterday and last night, and the crowd is fully as great today.

This forenoon the opening exercises of the camp were held in the big tent. The address of welcome was delivered by W. T. Wilcox and the response made by Hon. H. C. Russell of Lincoln. The camp was then formally turned over to District Commander James S. Robbins. At eight o'clock this evening a camp-fire will be held in the big tent. W. C. Elder will be the chairman of the meeting and Major T. S. Clarkon, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., and others will make addresses. To-morrow evening Mrs. Condon, of the W. R. C., will make an address. Two brass bands are on the grounds and furnish excellent music.

BUFFALO BILL'S SHOW.

The great Wild West show arrived from Omaha at 2 o'clock Sunday. The admiration which our people have for Colonel Cody was evidenced by the crowd at the depot when the trains pulled in. The audience was estimated at from 2,000 to 2,500, and included the Gordon Cornet band and the Cody Guards. Colonel Cody stood on the steps of the rear car, and as soon as the crowd caught sight of him a mighty and prolonged cheer went up. The Colonel waved his hat and bowed his acknowledgement of the hearty greeting given him. As he stepped from the car he was met by a number of his old time friends and escorted to the tally-ho awaiting his arrival. The Colonel was driven to his residence where he passed the afternoon and evening in resting up.

The show train pulled up to the west end of the yards, unloaded, and within two hours the numerous tents and the vast amphitheatre were up. The work of unloading and putting up the tents proved quite an attraction and was witnessed by several thousand people. The Wild West parade was held at 9:30 yesterday morning. Col. Cody headed the procession followed by detachments of the companies of soldiers of all nations and a liberal number of Indians. Two bands furnished music for the parade. The streets were densely packed with people, and Col. Cody was greeted with cheer after cheer. Shortly after noon the people began to wend their way to the show grounds; thousands walked, thousands rode in vehicles and the special trains on the U. P. carried over 3,000. At the hour for opening the programme the seating capacity of the vast amphitheatre was almost fully occupied. What a sea of humanity! What a wonderful crowd to be seen in a town so small as North Platte! It was truly remarkable. The seating capacity of the show is 15,000; there were not 2,000 unoccupied seats. The actual number of persons attending the afternoon performance was 13,200. What a great compliment to the world-renowned hero and showman, the Honorable Buffalo Bill!

At 2 o'clock the trumpets blared and the grand ensemble of the soldiery, the rough riders and the Indians took place in the arena. What a gorgeous spectacle—a sight never to be forgotten. From the rear appeared a lone horseman riding swiftly to the head of the command. It was Buffalo Bill. The ovation given him was thunderous, prolonged and of that enthusiastic nature that denotes genuine pride and satisfaction. Colonel Cody halted his steed, removed his hat and hesitated. To him it was a moment of supreme happiness; he stood in the presence of thousands of personal friends, hundreds of whom have known him for a quarter of a century. He realized that he was in his home town, among his home people, and he was visibly affected by the welcome given him. But he made a speech typical of the man. He welcomed the magnificent audience; it was greater by far than he expected. Fourteen years ago he started from North Platte with the show, and during all the intervening years it had been his ambition to exhibit in his home town. The time had come and the show was here. He was proud of North Platte, proud of its people and proud of the grand reception given him.

Then followed a two hours programme of wonderful feats of horsemanship by the riders, the remarkable shooting of Annie Oakley and John Baker, and Colonel Cody, the bucking bronchos, the attack of the Indians upon the Deadwood coach, the war dances of the Indians and the manifold attractions which go to make the Wild West the greatest show on earth. The audience was enthusiastic in its applause of the entire performance, and everyone enjoyed the programme throughout. The audience present in the evening numbered six thousand. The Wild West show has come and gone, but its presence in our midst for nearly two days will never be forgotten.

A TERRIFIC UPSETTING OF PRICES

at The Fair!

A bold, determined move to make Fair week the busiest week this year!

Never were we so bountifully supplied with bargain ammunition. Now is the time to buy, when you can choose from hundreds of special purchases too good to last long. Not in our 6 years' experience have such all-around low prices prevailed.

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

Our shelves in this department are overloaded with Dress Goods, Flannels, Gingham, Prints, Sateens, Muslins, Table Linens, Towels, Handkerchiefs and Sundry Notions.

OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT.

Everybody knows that this department is the largest and best assorted of any in the city. We are receiving new and up-to-date styles every day. Call and see them.

CLOAK DEPARTMENT.

This department is filled to overflowing in Jackets, Capes and Cloaks in all sizes and prices.

TRUNK DEPARTMENT.

We have one of the largest line of trunks in the city, all kinds. Lowest prices.

Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods.

A fine line of Clothing, Shirts, Neck-wear, Overalls, Blouses, Suspenders, etc.

Give us a call. Ask to see in all departments, and do not be afraid to ask prices.

Yours for business,

THE FAIR, RICHARDS BROS., Props.

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Is all right, but the X dollar bill will buy more Furniture now than ever before. We have an elegant line of

PICTURE AND ROOM MOULDING.

Now is the time to have your chairs and couches upholstered. Bring them in and we will give you good work at reasonable prices.

E. B. WARNER.
(UNDERTAKER.)

Visitors

To the Irrigation Fair

Are cordially invited to visit

Rennie's,

The Leading Dry Goods Establishment in North Platte.

Fall stock of Dress Goods,
Millinery, Ladies' Wraps,
Carpets, etc., now open.

VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE.

190 acres adjoining and half mile from center of city of North Platte. All under canals; irrigable; large crops; best located. Can be laid out as an addition to the city in blocks and lots, or into 2 1/2 and 5 acre plats and sold to large profit. Will sell whole or one-half interest in same. For particulars address Fredk. Baker, or box 54, North Platte, Neb.

FOR SALE.

300 Acres of Good Land,

Situated six miles west of North Platte; 11 acres of fine timber; 20 acres under cultivation; 125 acres of hay land. For information inquire of JAS. BABBITT, North Platte, Neb.