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THE MERCHANTS CARNIVAL

The Merchants Carnival which closed Monday night was a decided success from beginning to end and those who promoted the event and labored ceaselessly for its interests may well be proud of the result of their efforts. While the weather was dark and threatening during the morning hours of each day, but little rain fell and the result was but to cool the atmosphere and make the conditions delightful for the balance of the day. Large crowds were in attendance at all the days, and the consensus of opinion is that it was one of the most successful events ever attempted in the county. The best of order was maintained throughout and visitors generally expressed themselves as fully satisfied with the treatment received.

The morning of the first day which was set apart for a live stock, fruit and grain exhibit was quite cloudy, and a slight sprinkle threatened to turn to a downpour of rain, but the owners of live stock gladly welcomed the accompanying cool weather and many who might not have brought in their fine stock for entrance on account of the dust and great heat hurriedly prepared their animals for the show and brought them in for entry. The scene at Smith's barn and enclosure, where the stock was exhibited, was very attractive and lively, there was little confusion and before the noon hour every available stall and space had been filled and the stock correctly entered on the secretary's books.

Mr. J. F. Coupe of Falls City was on hand ready for duty, having arrived the evening before and the judging began promptly at 10:30 a. m., as had been arranged. Mr. Coupe though a young man proved to be an able judge and much credit is due him for his fairness and ability. At the close of the judging the premiums were awarded and the exhibitors displayed their stock in a grand parade which was one of the best features of the entire carnival and excited the admiration of the spectators who seemed surprised to learn that such beautiful and valuable stock was raised and owned in the confines of Cass county. Nearly one hundred animals were in the parade and it was generally conceded that it would be next to impossible to find anywhere in the state a like number that could beat them for grace, beauty and quality. A list of owners and their animals that won premiums

While the Weather was Dark and Cloudy in the Mornings it Usually Cleared up by Noon and Good Crowds were the Result

is given below:

-HORSES-

Percherons—Best Reg. Stallion—James Sage
2nd Best Reg. Stallion—Henry Hirz.
Best Bred Mare—H. Gansmeier
2nd Best Bred Mare—H. Gansmeier.
Best Yearling—Chas. Shopp
2nd Best Yearling—H. G. Todd
Best Suckling Colt—John F. Wehrlein
2nd Best Suckling Colt—Louis A. Meisinger.
Coach—Best Reg. Stallion—James Sage
Best Yearling—Chas. T. Peacock
2nd Best Yearling—S. L. Thomas
Best Suckling Colt—Ed. Donat
2nd Best Suckling Colt—Julius Pitz.
Clydesdale—Best Mare—Glen Wiles.
Shire—Best Mare—J. E. Hanna
2nd Best Mare—J. E. Hanna.
Belgian—Best Mare—P. Mumm
2nd Best Mare—J. E. Hanna
Best Yearling—Bryan Snyder
2nd Best Yearling—Harry Manspecker
Best Suckling Colt—Geo. H. Meisinger
Shetland—Best Reg. Stallion—Wm. Gilmour
Best Mare—M. Soennichsen
2nd Best Mare—D. Patterson
Best Pony—Sam Gilmour
2nd Best Pony—H. M. Soennichsen
Best Suckling Colt—Sam Gilmour.
Sweepstakes—Champion Stallion—James Sage's Coach
Champion Mare—P. Mumm, Belgian
Best Driving Team—Philip T. Becker

Good Order is Maintained and the Consensus of Opinion is That it Was One of the Best Events Ever Held in Cass County.

2nd Best Driving Team—Elbert Wiles.
Best Single Driver—Ralph Wiles
2nd Best Single Driver—S. G. Smith
Best Draft Team—J. E. Hanna
2nd Best Draft Team—R. Chriswiser.

-MULES-

Best Draft Team—H. Gansmeier
Best Yearling—L. Baumgart
Best Suckling Colt—J. N. Elliott.

-CATTLE-

Red Polled—Best Reg. Male—Luke Wiles
2nd Best Reg. Male—Luke Wiles
Best Reg. Female—Luke Wiles
2nd Best Reg. Female—L. Wiles.
Black Galloway—Best Reg. Female—H. Hirz.
Jerseys—Best Reg. Female—T. Parmele.
Herefords—Best Reg. Male—C. A. Bengen
2nd Best Reg. Male—Geo. A. Kaffenberger
Best Reg. Female—C. A. Bengen
2nd Best Reg. Female—Geo. A. Kaffenberger.
Short Horns—Best Reg. Male—Elbert Wiles
Best Reg. Female—John P. Tritsch
2nd Best Reg. Female—Elbert Wiles.
Pell Durhams—Best Reg. Male—S. L. Thomas
2nd Best Reg. Male—S. L. Thomas
Best Reg. Female—S. L. Thomas
2nd Best Reg. Female—S. L. Thomas.
Holstein—Best Reg. Female—W. C. Hamilton.
Sweepstakes—Champion Bull—C. A. Bengen
Champion Cow—C. A. Bengen.

-HOGS-

Duroc Jerseys—Best Reg. Male—Ed. Tritsch
2nd Best Reg. Male—Chas. Wiles
Best Reg. Female—Ed. Tritsch.
Berkshires—Best Reg. Male—Geo. A. Kaffenberger
2nd Best Reg. Male—Thomas Fry
Best Reg. Female—Thomas Fry
2nd Best Reg. Female—Thomas Fry.

The grain, fruit and poultry entered were placed on exhibition in the room first door east of the court house and though there were a large number of grain entries there were not as many entries of poultry and fruit as had been expected. A great many tall stalks of corn were entered, the winner of the premium being nearly 16 feet tall. This was owned by Master James Ferguson and was but a few inches taller than the stalk entered by Master Joe McMaken. The grain was of exceptionally good quality and the poultry was the cream of the finest strains. Supt. A. H. Smith, of the Nebraska State Poultry Association was present to judge the poultry and Mr. Kiesselbach of the Nebraska State Farm acted in like capacity for the grain and fruit. Both gentlemen are expert in their line and loud in their praise of the quality of the exhibits. These

men and Mr. Coupe of Falls City, who judged the stock are very clever cultured gentlemen and during their visit in the city met a large number of people who are glad to know them. Below is given a list of the premium winners.

-POULTRY-

Barred Plymouth Rocks—1st and 2nd on cock—Dr. J. H. Hall
1st and 2nd on hen—Dr. J. H. Hall
1st and 2nd on pullet—Dr. J. H. Hall
1st on cockerel—Dr. J. H. Hall
2nd on cockerel—Cash L. Wiles.
White Plymouth Rock—1st and 2nd on cockerel—Peter Halmes
1st and 2nd on pullet—Peter Halmes
1st on cock—Mrs. Geo. A. Kaffenberger
1st and 2nd on hen—Mrs. Geo. A. Kaffenberger.
Buff Orpingtons—1st on cockerel—W. C. Hamilton
1st and 2nd on cock—W. C. Hamilton
1st and 2nd on hen—W. C. Hamilton
1st and 2nd on pullet—W. C. Hamilton
2nd on cockerel—Wm. J. Streight.

-GRAIN-

Best Peck of Winter Wheat—Wallace Hunter
Best Peck of Spring Wheat—Geo. A. Kaffenberger
Best Peck of Early Oats—Geo. A. Kaffenberger
Best Peck of Late Oats—Peter Halmes
Best 10 ears of White Corn—Peter Halmes
Best single ear of White corn—Dan Kiser
Best 10 ears of Yellow Corn—Rex Major
Best single ear of Yellow Corn—W. G. Schuetz
Tallest stalk of corn exhibited by boy under 15 years of age—James Ferguson
Best Peck Red Clover Seed—Chas. T. Peacock
Best Peck Timothy seed—Jake Hild
Best Bale of Alfalfa Hay—Julius Pitz.

-POTATOES-

Best Peck Early Potatoes—Peter Halmes
Best Peck Late Potatoes—Peter Halmes
The Largest Pumpkin—Wm. Ferguson.
-APPLES-
Astrican—Best 1-2 doz—Wm. Schneider
Crabapple—Best 1-2 doz—Michael Timmis
Wolf River—Best 1-2 doz—G. G. Pitz
Greenling—Best 1-2 doz—G. G. Pitz.

-TOMATOES-

Yellow—Best 1-2 doz—Geo. Hild
Red—Best 1-2 doz—George Hild.

-GRAPES-

Best Plate Pocklington—H. C. McMaken
Best Plate Niagara—H. C. McMaken
Best Plate Lady—H. C. McMaken
Best Plate Worden—H. C. McMaken
Best Plate Moores Early—H. C. McMaken
Best Plate Telegraph—G. G. Pitz
Best Plate Concord—G. G. Pitz
Best Plate McKinley—H. C. McMaken
Best Plate Gilverna—G. G. Pitz
Best Plate Clenton—G. G. Pitz
Best Plate Brighton—Joe McMaken
Best Plate Newton—Joe McMaken
Best Plate Delaware—Joe McMaken

In connection with the above the members of the committee on live stock, fruit and grain wish to thank the several exhibitors who gave their time and money and exhibited their animals, fruit and grain, all of which contributed in the greatest measure to the success of the show.

The committee also greatly appreciated the many valuable suggestions of exhibitors and other interested parties; and in conclusion wish to say that the decided success of this year's show has proved that it is possible to make it an annual event and the co-operation of the enterprising farmers and stock raisers of this community and Cass county is earnestly solicited with the above end in view.

Pioneer Day.

Thursday, Pioneer Day, though it opened with cloudy sky and very discouraging outlook turned out to be one of the best days of the carnival. By noon the clouds had passed on and the sunshine and blue sky were very exhilarating to the large crowd which had begun to gather on the streets to see the splendid free attractions.

These were all a great success and especially the balloon ascension in which a man and a dog participated, each dropping very gracefully on separate parachutes. This stunt was greatly appreciated by the crowd as it was a novel and pretty scene. Another great feature of this day was the Fort Crook Military Band which arrived with the base ball team, their music adding much to the pleasure of the day. The Fort Crook ball team won the game from the locals by a score of 9 to 2.

Governor Shallenberger, who arrived unexpectedly from Union by automobile, was tendered a reception at the Hotel Riley and later in the afternoon delivered the principal address of the day, which made a hit with the large audience. Other speakers introduced by Chairman R. B. Windham followed in a happy vein and Grandpa Bailey a man 94 years of age was introduced by Basil S. Ramsey as the oldest pioneer present. Other prominent men who were present and made speeches which were well received were Hon. J. B. Strode, Rev. A. L. Folden and O. S. Payne of the Nebraska Historical Society.

The grand banquet to the pioneers in the evening was a fitting close to this great day. Hon. R. B. Windham presided as toastmaster and introduced the various speakers in his usual brilliant manner. Messages from Hon. F. E. White and Orlando Tefft expressing their regret at being unable to attend were read. Conrad Schlater, the veteran organist, was present and played on the same organ he had played over fifty years before for the choir then singing in the Methodist church in this city. This was an incident filled with beautiful sentiment and will never be forgotten by those present. Canon Burgess pronounced the invocation, a fervent and eloquent appeal for blessings upon the aged pioneers both present and absent. The toasts were eloquently responded to by the following gentlemen: Mayor John Sattler, Hon. E. M. Pollard, Conrad Schlater, Hon. S. L. Thomas, Hon. Matthew Gering, Judge J. E. Douglas, Rev. A. L. Folden, Judge M. Archer, Attorney A. L. Tidd, Hon. J. L. Root, Rev. A. A. Randall, County Judge Allen J. Beeson, Father M. S. Shine, District Judge H. D. Travis, Attorney D. O. Dwyer, D. W. Foster, Geo. L. Farley, E. A. Kirkpatrick and Dr. M. M. Butler. The banquet was one of the best ever given in the city and the ladies of the Episcopal church, by whom it was served, were extended a vote of thanks for the feast. The day as a whole was a splendid success and the committee headed by Hon. R. B. Windham and Ex-Senator Thomas are deserving of much credit for their tireless efforts in its behalf.

Merchants Day.

Friday was Merchants day and another success was scored by the energetic and enterprising business men of the city. Weather conditions as on live stock and Pioneer day were threatening and the clearing of the atmosphere soon after dinner was greatly appreciated by those who had prepared at great expense for the amusement of visitors. Bright sunshine and blue skies quickly dispelled the gloom and soon a happy and large throng were on the streets taking in the various attractions. The stores were handsomely decorated and their goods skillfully displayed by the merchants. The object of the merchants was to let the people of the surrounding country see for themselves the variety, quality and price of goods which could be purchased in the county seat and they succeeded admirably, their success being beyond measure. In connection the free attractions were well given including the slack wire, trapeze, and contortionist performances, band music, balloon ascension and parachute leap. As the wind was from the west the aeronaut expected to travel towards the Missouri river and the dog was not taken up. He himself was compelled to cut loose sooner than otherwise necessary in order to escape a plunge in the river. A good crowd witnessed the base ball game between Elmwood vs. Plattsmouth the locals winning by a score of 5 to 0. The game was a much better one than the score would indicate as the following will show.

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Elmwood.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0

The Elmwood nine was accompanied by a large number of rooters who came in on the special train chartered by the carnival promoters for the occasion. Another feature of Merchants day was the awarding of special prizes by the enterprising clothing firm of Falter & Thierolf, who offered a \$5 Stetson hat for the largest ear of corn, which was won by Wm. Murray of Mynard, and a \$2.50 Manhattan shirt for the second largest, which was won by Jake Bengen of Mynard, while the third prize was won by Mayor W. F. Gillespie of Mynard receiving a 1-2 dozen pairs of Everwear hose. The valuable sanitary milk bucket offered as a special prize for the champion cow by Kroehler Brothers, hardware merchants was won by C. A. Bengen of Mynard whose splendid Hereford cow carried off the sweepstakes premium.

Sports Day.

The damp and cloudy weather which had prevailed during the first three mornings of the carnival was given in evidence Saturday, which was to be a day of sports. However as on other days the weather cleared and the crowds proceeded to enjoy the program of various sports which had been secured for the occasion. The feature of the day were the double header ball game at the park in which the locals met and defeated Union by a score of 5 to 4 and Manley by a score of 4 to 0.

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Dutchess Guessing Contest.

The buttons in the Dutchess jar will be counted by a committee next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. A pair of Dutchess \$3.50 pants will be awarded to the person whose guess is the nearest. Anyone can guess during the week.

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