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A Great State Fair.

ANNUAL EXPOSITION FOR THE YEAR 1889.

few of the Strong Features Already Announced by the Management.

Bigger and Better Than Ever.

Everything indicates that the coming Nebraska state fair and annual exposition to be held at Lincoln, September 6th next, will be the most extensive, attractive and entertaining of anything to find ever held in the United States. The Nebraska state fairs of late years have been universally conceded by all to be unsurpassed, it is the aim of the management this year to eclipse all of its predecessors in all respects. The fact is recognized that all agricultural products of Nebraska and the new west generally are never so promising as the present.

The state board of agriculture proposes to bring all to the front, and present to the world in full force and to the possible advantage, all the resources of the state. The live stock interest was never before so thoroughly tested. Speed men are also to the front. A better line of horses than ever before will be on hand. Secretary Farnum announces that more accommodations are already engaged than ever before, three to one. Some of the best sets of cattle and horses in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin, are already booked. Some from New York and Ohio. They seem to understand that they can show to a paying advantage. The \$1,000 premium offered for stakes on cattle attracts attention over the country. The liberality of the board in offering a like sum \$1,000 for county collective exhibits, willing to the fair, especially all the counties in Nebraska—many are already booked for space. Beside the soil, agricultural factors, usual and unusual, the board has made extraordinary provisions for instructive and interesting attractions this year. At great expense, a flock of seven full grown, full plumed South African ostriches will be on free outdoor exhibition each day on the fair grounds. Not of the caged up menagerie sort, but something nice and fresh from ostrich breeding farms. Mad. Marantette, with her fine trained and educated horse in the world, "Woccahawn," will be on hand today. Also she will drive on the track the fastest double team in the world. She has made 1:34. There will be rare and instructive attractions. During the evenings of the fair the city of Lincoln will show the finest trade's spectacular display and pyrotechnic exhibition ever produced in the west. This will be accompanied by a reproduction, revised, corrected and improved presentation of the King Tartarax pageants, unsurpassed even by the famed Videl Prophets or Mardi Gras. Altogether it is repeated, the coming fair at Lincoln means to stand without a rival.

At the competitive examination of applicants for the appointment as cadet at West Point from the third congressional district, T. T. Patterson, of North Platte, made the best record and will be appointed. Allen P. Brown came next and will be alternate.

C. W. Allen has leased his interest in the Chadron Democrat to C. W. Conger who has taken control. Mr. Allen has given the people a good paper (except politics) for the past four years and is glad to rest. We wish Mr. Conger success in his new field.

We are in possession of a sample of oats raised by Eli Smith on his farm north of town which show good indications of what this country can produce. They are nearly five feet high and have heads that promise an immense yield. It is being demonstrated almost every day that it pays to do good farming and the sooner the farmers get to plowing their ground to a good depth and culturing the crops as is done in older farm districts the sooner they will get the returns for their labor. It does not pay to do anything in a half-way manner.

The man who handles the local department of a newspaper learns after experience not to expect even brief expressed thanks for a column of pleasant things but he knoweth as sure as cometh the winter that a line in such there is a single unintentional representation will cause some one to hear from as one on a house tops. We may add that when he has made mention 999 times of some place or thing, but on the 1,000th occasion fails to do so, he must not be forgiven. The omission may have been from accident, inadvertence, even for an entire lack of knowledge matters not. The simple fact remains he will be judged in that fact—O. O. Advocate.

"FOR GOD AND HOME AND NATIVE LAND."

Contributions by the Womans Christian Temperance Union.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold its meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday's of the present month, (August). Members will please observe, and used no further notice. On the 8th inst. the semi-annual election of officers will occur.

The president of the National Womans' Christian Temperance Union having desired that the beautiful life and strong temperance principles of the late Lucy Webb Hayes should be made the subject of a memorial service throughout the country on Sunday, July 28, our pastor, Rev. R. H. Figgins, gave a glowing tribute to her life and character, which was enriched by personal reminiscence, and the recall of many unusual and considerate acts of the lovely lady, which had been experienced by himself and personal friends. We wish that every W. C. T. U. Worker might have listened to the sermon.

A careful housewife recommends the following arithmetic lesson to the attention of drinking workmen. "Two drinks of whiskey means a pound and a half of beefsteak; two beers, a dinner of mutton chops; a cocktail, an eggplant or a head of cauliflower. What'll you take? Charlie stands for a nice oyster stew for the whole family Sunday morning. Set 'em up again means sugar in the house for a month."

An exchange thinks it quite appropriate that closely connected with the vote to continue the liquor traffic in Massachusetts, was the laying of the corner stone for the Massachusetts home for intemperate women.

SIOUX COUNTY.

The following is an extract from a letter from Sioux county which appeared in the July issue of the American Farm News, published at Akron, Ohio.—The Journal's premium paper:

The tide of immigration is still westward, and has reached this the north-west county of Nebraska. For years this section was used only as a range for the herds of the great cattle men, but about two years ago the people who were seeking free homes began to take up land in the territory which now forms Sioux county, and now there are nearly four thousand people living within the limits, and there seems to be as bright a future for this country as for any of the older settled counties in the eastern portion of the state.

There has been no boom for this section of country and it has thus far received its settlement from the natural tide of immigration. In some respects it has advantages possessed by but small portions of Nebraska. When we first settled in southeastern Nebraska, fifteen years ago, the cry went up that the country there would never amount to much for the lack of fuel and timber for posts, and to-day the high price of fuel is a serious question for the poor man to meet. Here it is different. In Sioux county the pine ridge crosses the county from east to west about four miles north of Harrison, the county seat, and that not only furnishes the people with fuel, free of charge, except the labor of getting it to their houses, but also enables the settler to get posts for fencing and logs for houses without the outlay of a cent of cash, and in addition to that, all the small streams have a quantity of timber along their banks, so that many of the farmers have all the wood and posts they need right on their own land.

About three years ago the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley railroad built through this county, (that road being an extension of the great Chicago and Northwestern railroad,) in order to reach the coal and mining fields of Wyoming. This road has large coal interests about 100 miles from here and coal can be bought here for one-half of what it costs in the eastern part of the state. This settles the fuel question so that no one need hesitate to come here on that account.

The climate is fine here, much better than points east and south of here. There are none of the severe blasts from the northwest that freeze one almost to the bone, for we are sheltered from the winds by the Black Hills which lie less than one hundred miles to the north and Laramie Peaks are about the same distance to the west of us.

Unlike southeastern Nebraska and northwestern Kansas, there is no danger of drought or hot winds, for the southwest winds will invariably bring rain in a few hours. The showers are frequent and refreshing and keep the crops growing finely.

The principal crops so far have been small grain, but corn matures in fine shape, and further than that we will not say in this letter, but will go into detail in our future letters.

We will simply say that if any one desires to get a home cheap it will be to their advantage to investigate the prospects for this locality.

The report that the Lincoln Journal had been sold recently got out, but it was found to be only a rumor and had no foundation whatever. The Journal has proved too valuable property for the owners to wish to dispose of it.

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