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Just now every one is looking for "a cloud as big as a man's hand".

Fourteen Commercial Club representatives from all parts of the United States were guests of Omaha last Sunday. The gentlemen who are members of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, were enthusiastic over Nebraska and Omaha.

We note the fact that Cecil Matthews, of the Riverton Review, is on the program for an address at a farewell dinner to be tendered R. L. Metcalfe at Lincoln this evening. No, we are not jealous, but how plain it brings back the old proverb: "Tis hard to keep a good man down."

One hundred ten entries have been received for the National Clay Courts tennis championships, which open at the Field Club grounds in Omaha, July 21. This exceeds former years by twenty per cent. In the list are twenty Nebraska players, the best in the state, and representing various localities. The Nebraska lads will have the work cut out for them, however, as the pick of the United States is represented.

Few counties in the state can show a greater yield of wheat per acre than Webster county. Webster county is far up towards the top this year. Mr. Lippencott's wheat threshed out a little better than thirty four bushels per acre, Mr. Platt's yielded nearly thirtyone and others have twenty six to twenty eight bushels. When we take into consideration that the average yield in the state is under twenty bushels we will see the splendid position of our own county.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have had a long dry spell of extremely hot weather corn has withstood the unusual conditions in a remarkable manner and if a good rain comes this week the corn crop will be excellent. The crop conditions speak high praise for the scientific manner with which our farmers are conducting their business. Had the methods of twenty years ago been pursued this year there is little doubt but what 1913 would go down into history as a failure. As it is we already have excellent wheat, one large crop of alfalfa and in some instances two good ones, the potatoes are of excellent quality and a good yield.

With the Thirty-First Triennial Conclave of the United States but four weeks off, arrangements are practically complete for handling the big gathering. Denver is usually well provided with first class rooming houses and hotels and many of these have been leased outright by the larger commanderies of Knights Templar for the week. The decorations alone being placed for the convalescence, which work has already begun, will cost \$50,000. Fifty-four bands, including Creator's world famous musical organ, 1st Regiment band of Wash-

ington, D. C., Marsball's Military Band of 75 pieces from Topeka, Kansas, Captain Jack Sinclair's Cowboy Band, originally formed at Dodge City, Kansas, and many other noted brass organizations are under contract to serve the convalescence committee and will be in Denver. The grandstand which is nearly completed, and which will seat approximately 30,000 people is the largest temporary structure of its kind ever built in America. It is two blocks in length and nearly a block wide, and 1,200,000 feet of lumber was used in its construction. Seventeen drill teams of Knights Templar, all of them crack organizations, have entered the competitive drill contests. From Canada and England will come some of the leaders of Masonry and Templarism. The delegation from Canada alone includes seven past supreme grand masters of the Supreme Great Priory of Canada.

A newly married couple and a friend were traveling by train, when they were suddenly plunged into the darkness of a tunnel. There was no light in the car and when they abruptly returned to daylight the bride and the bridegroom were caught kissing furiously. The friend was embarrassed and he said the first thing that came into his head. "That—ah—that tunnel cost two million dollars." The bridegroom nodded his head wisely, "Well," he said judicially, "it was worth it."

The meeting held Tuesday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce rooms showed conclusively that the stock holders of the chautauqua association were in favor of pushing this year's meeting with energy and making it the best ever held in the city. The officers called the meeting because they wished the stock holders to know the true conditions. It seems that the committee has purchased the most expensive talent ever provided for a chautauqua here and they desired to know whether or not their actions would meet with the approval of the association. After some discussion a vote was taken and the association expressed its approval of the action of the committee.

This we think is a wise move. We cannot have talent that is too good for this community and the better the program the larger the crowds which will insure a financial success. We have taken hold of this form of entertainment and instruction and the Chief believes that we should keep it up and make it better and better as the years go by. The program selected this year is very strong and of a character that will not only give us intellectual advancement but it will also give us material financial aid. The Corn man Bowen will be worth thousands of dollars to this community alone. We believe in keeping the good work going and we believe in giving the very best that can be secured. We are very much pleased at the disposition of the stock holders to continue even in the face of a possible deficit but with such attractions as we will offer this year there ought not to be any deficit.

The following is taken from the files of the Chief of September 16, 1912. "The second meeting of the Men's Educational Association was held in the school house last Thursday night. The subject under discussion was "The changes that may be made to make our Chautauqua more of a success". Among other things the following were suggested:

First there should be no permanent platform manager, but a new manager should be appointed for each day, who should give his services for nothing. This would permit an additional one hundred dollars to be appropriated for talent. There should be one day devoted to the discussion of subjects of a purely agricultural nature. There should be one day devoted to home talent, musical, reading, oratorical including the school children Prof. Moritz, with the help of Miss Coon, was asked to give this matter consideration, so that the school children of the entire county should have a day to look forward to in connection with the Chautauqua program."

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Acresage Reports

Acresage reports from assessors, compiled in the office of Secretary W. R. Mellor of the state board of agriculture, indicate that in forty-eight counties the planting of alfalfa has increased 32 per cent over 1912. More than 115,000 acres was devoted to this crop than was planted last year. In fifty counties the winter wheat acresage has increased 19 per cent or 85,125 acres. The corn acresage in fifty-three counties increased 275,438 acres or 7 per cent. In 1912 the total alfalfa acresage was 884,025, winter wheat 2,840,708, and corn 6,076,057, according to figures compiled by the labor commissioner.

Educational Exhibits

At least three new exhibits will be shown by the educational department at the state fair. Columbus, Hastings and Sarpy County have made reservations for work. Hastings will display industrial work, Columbus manual training and Sarpy county will show some of its up-to-date school houses. Each place has made a specialty of the work which they will show. In addition to these new exhibits most of the old exhibitors will have their usual booths.

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