

PRIZES FOR HORSEMEN

STATE FAIR BOARD OUTLINES ITS SPEED PROGRAM.

Increase of Four Thousand Dollars Over Last Year's Expenditures is Planned—Officers and Class Superintendents Appointed.

Members of the Nebraska state fair board increased the appropriation for the state fair speed program \$4,000. According to the plans \$10,500 will be paid in prizes. Last year the cash paid out was \$6,500.

After an extended discussion the question of a speed program was decided, the rules were outlined and superintendents chosen. The following announcement was made:

Monday, Sept. 3

Trotting, three-year-olds or under, stake, purse \$500.

Pacing, 2:22 class, purse \$500.

Running, half mile and repeat, purse \$100.

Pacing, 2:30, stake, purse \$1,000.

Tuesday, Sept. 4

Trotting, 2:23 class, purse \$500.

Pacing, three-year-olds or under, stake, purse \$500.

Running, five-eighths mile dash, purse \$100.

Trotting, 2:27, stake, purse \$1,000.

Wednesday, Sept. 5

Pacing, 2:14 class, purse \$500.

Trotting, 2:16 class, purse \$500.

Running, three-quarter mile dash, purse \$100.

Thursday, Sept. 6

Pacing, 2:10, stake, purse \$1,000.

Trotting, 2:35 class, purse \$500.

Pacing, 2:20, stake, purse \$1,000.

Running, mile dash, purse \$100.

Friday, Sept. 7

Trotting, 2:10, stake, purse \$1,000.

Trotting, 2:19, stake, purse \$1,000.

Pacing, 2:17 class, purse \$500.

Running, half mile dash, purse \$100.

Conditions

Entries to all stake races close Monday, June 4. Entrance fee, 3 per cent, payable as follows: One per cent to accompany nomination, June 4, 1906, when horse must be named; 1 per cent payable July 2, and 1 per cent August 1. The party declaring out will be held only for amount paid in. An additional 5 per cent deducted from winners of any part of stakes. The association reserves the right to declare off any stake not filling satisfactory. Any horse distancing the field or any part thereof is entitled to first money only. Old distance rules to govern. Entries can be made in the above stakes at the regular time of closing class races, August 11, by paying 5 per cent, but horses must be eligible to class at that time. Money divided, 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent. All races best three in five. Mile heats to harness. Rules of American Trotting association to govern, of which this association is a member. All stakes guaranteed for above amounts, and no more.

Superintendents in most of the departments of the fair were elected, and the pay roll schedule was adopted. The appointed officers are as follows:

Appointed Officers

William Foster, general superintendent, Saltville; C. J. Tracy, chief of police, Loup City; W. W. Cole, superintendent of agricultural hall, Neligh; L. E. Emmerson, master of railroad transportation, Lincoln; E. M. Searle, Jr., superintendent of gates, Ogallala; F. C. Kinyon, superintendent of mercantile hall, Lincoln; O. E. Mickey,

superintendent of amphitheater, Osceola.

The following are the new class superintendents:

Class Superintendents

Class A—Horses, W. A. Apperson, Tecumseh.

Class B—Cattle, O. P. Hendershot, Hebron.

Class C—Swine, L. W. Leonard, Pawnee City.

Class D—Sheep, R. M. Wolcott, Palmer.

Class E—Poultry, C. M. Lewellen, Beaver City.

Class F—Farm products, L. Morse, Benkelman.

Class G—Textile department, Mrs. C. F. Ladd, Lincoln.

Class H—Fine arts, Mrs. F. M. Hall, Lincoln.

Class I—Dairy, lots 8 to 14, Mrs. J. H. Presson, Milford.

Class J—Educational, E. C. Bishop, Lincoln.

Class K—Bees and honey, E. Whitcomb, Friend.

Class M—Machinery, I. W. Haws, Minden.

Class O—County collective exhibits, W. W. Cole, Neligh.

Class Q—Specials, Charles Mann, Chadron.

Class S—Speed, N. S. Ronin, Fremont.

EDUCATORS WANT NEW NORMAL

Demand Comes From Northern Portions of the State

The next legislature will be asked to increase the number of normal schools maintained by the state from two to three. From Holt county comes the protest that the teachers of the northern and extreme northwestern part of the state are not supplied with proper facilities to equip them for school work.

Normal schools are maintained by the state at Peru and Kearney, the Peru school being established many years ago and the Kearney school being created by the legislature of 1903. At the time of the location of the Kearney school a strong effort was made to place it at some point further north or west, but without result. At the session at which the second school was decided upon the establishment of five junior normal schools was arranged for. These schools are held at Holdrege, McCook, Valentine, Alliance and O'Neill. Terms of ten weeks each are held during the summer. The teachers of the northern part of the state insist that the short term does not give them sufficient time to prepare for school work and that the expense is too great to permit of the attendance of all who would attend a regular school.

BEET GROWERS ARE ORGANIZED

Have Many Grievances Against the Standard Company.

North Platte, Neb., Feb. 11.—The spirit manifest elsewhere for beet growers to organize has become rife in Lincoln county and is being carried into careful plans of organization for the benefit of those who grow the vegetable. A meeting has been called at the court house of Lincoln county, in this city, for February 15 for the purpose of organizing a county association of beet growers. In this county the agitation began at Sutherland and the conditions are ripe for a successful organization of all the beet growers in the county.

The causes which have brought about the state of affairs are many grievances which the growers have had with the Standard Beet Sugar company, which contracted much land in this neighborhood in the name of Heyward G. Leavitt. Leavitt executed written contracts in this and Keith and Dawson counties in which he agreed with the beet growers that he would construct at some point in Lincoln county a sugar beet factory in time for the crop of 1906. This promise was made upon condition that there should be approved contracts

to grow 6,000 acres of beets and sell same to Leavitt for \$5 per ton. The acreage was secured and Leavitt made the announcement that the factory would be built. To a meeting of the Commercial club of this city and of the beet growers Mr. Leavitt last year stated that he would have the factory begun in the fall of 1905 if the same should be used for the 1906 crop. The contracts obligated the growers to furnish to Mr. Leavitt the crop grown on a stated acreage for a period of three years. Some time ago Mr. Leavitt published a notice in a local paper here that he had heard threats of parties going back on their obligations and warned them that they had entered into a solemn agreement in writing to grow the beets for three years and that they would be expected to comply with the written terms of their agreement. Yesterday Mr. Leavitt authorized the publishing of a letter in which he stated that he would not build the factory which he had agreed in writing to do in the same solemn instrument which was signed by the beet growers.

LINCOLN MAN WINS CONTEST

Fireman Charles Lee is Checker Champion of Nebraska

Charles Lee, a member of the Lincoln fire department, is the champion checker player of Nebraska. This was decided in the final contest held at Engine house No. 1 by the Nebraska Checker association. The scores made in the "knock-out" playing were as follows:

Brooking 2, drawn 1, Johnson 0.

Kelley 2, drawn 2, Calkins 0.

Bestor 2, Whitesides 1, drawn 5.

Lee 3, Hurlbut 1, drawn 4.

Second round:

Brooking 2, Kelly 0, drawn 1.

Lee 2, Bestor 0, drawn 2.

Unfinished finals:

Brooking 2, Lee 2, drawn 2.

The contest finally lay between L. T. Brooking and Charles Lee. The four games necessary to be played in the finals resulted in a score of 2 for each player. It was then decided to play two more games. These were played and each contestant won a game. By the time the six games had been played it was growing late and both the men were worn out. The final contest was postponed until the next day.

The first game on the following day was a victory for Lee. The next game was a draw. Lee was thereupon declared the champion of Nebraska and awarded the gold medal and the presidency of the state association. Brooking was the holder of the gold medal and president of the association last year. Lee has been known locally as a "crack" checker player but has never before presumed to enter the state tournament.

Death Takes Pioneers

Merna, Neb., Feb. 8.—The hand of death is being felt quite heavily at Merna. Last Thursday Don Stafford, the fat boy of northwestern Nebraska, died suddenly, aged fourteen years, and weighed 260 pounds.

Friday Henry Michele, who "homesteaded" in this valley a quarter of a century ago, passed away.

Tuesday Brad Burlin, who died the day before from the effects of bursting a blood vessel, was laid to rest by a body of men who with him took homesteads in Ortello valley some twenty-eight years ago.

Word was received here Tuesday night that O. E. Burton, who is in the train service, was accidentally killed at Sheridan. The Highlanders have charge of the remains and the body will arrive here for burial Friday.

Send \$1.00 for a year's subscription to The Independent and receive Mr. Berge's book, "The Free Pass Bribery System," free as a premium. This offer will remain but a short time.

BOYS LIKE THE NEW SYSTEM

Sending Them Alone to Industrial School Has Good Effect

Superintendent Hayward of the industrial school at Kearney was a caller at the state house in Lincoln and took time to express himself in favor of court officers sending boys to the school without an escort. Mr. Hayward said reposing this trust in a boy who had been sentenced to the school did more than anything else to take from the boy's mind the idea that he was a criminal and the world was against him. It gave the boy confidence in himself and impressed him with the idea the state was interested in making him a good citizen.

"Probation Officer Bernstein of Omaha and I talked the matter over," said Mr. Hayward, "and we decided to try it. Several boys have been sent out from Omaha without being accompanied by an officer, and so far they have come all right. The appearance of the first boy alone created some surprise among the boys at the school, but they looked upon it as quite an achievement, and they showed some little envy that the boy had been trusted."

"Now the boys are striving with each other to see which can be trusted the most. For the last two years I have allowed boys who were sick to go home alone, and not one has failed to return when he recovered. Recently the night watchman was sick and I had one of the boys act in this capacity for ten nights. He was surprised I should trust him and he performed his duties as well as the watchman. I would trust any boy in the institution."

"It takes some time to get the scenes of the courtroom out of the boy's mind, but the juvenile court law is helping us along those lines. Mothers who have visited the school have left there with a different idea of what it is. The industrial school is not a prison, but it is a school and were it not for the fact boys are sentenced to it it would be filled with boys whose parents would pay tuition."

"We have many military companies as well drilled as the students of any school, and the officers of the companies are responsible for the conduct of the boys. They make splendid disciplinarians. I am trying to get the idea out of the minds of the boys and their parents that the school is a prison. If I could eradicate that idea we would be much more help to the boys."

Runaway Girl is Found

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 8.—Edna Jones, a fifteen year old girl, ran away from her home at Sixth and L streets in Fremont and was located where she was staying with another woman in a rooming house. Her brother, William Jones, at whose request the search was instituted, left for Grand Island to bring her home.

The police have been led to believe through the statements of the interested relatives that the woman who accompanied the girl induced her to go away. They say, however, that no complaint is likely to be filed.

Plans For Y. M. C. A. Home

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 8.—The building committee of the new Young Men's Christian association building met Tuesday morning at the First National bank building to consider the plans drawn and submitted by J. C. Fiske of Lincoln.

The plans were approved and the committee will advertise for bids at once. The estimated cost of the building is placed by the architect at \$18,000 and unless they are materially higher, the plans adopted will be carried out in detail.

The plan calls for a three-story and basement brick building with stone trimmings. C. P. Sheaff, A. L. Clark and C. E. Higinbatham are the building committee. State Secretary J. P. Bailey of Omaha was present at the committee meeting.