

The County Fair.

Custer county fair of 1902 has passed into history. In many respects the fair was highly successful while in others it was not as satisfactory as desired. The exhibit of agricultural products, fruit, stock, and fowls was considerably above the average year. Of the shelled grain there was 83 sacks and good display of corn in the ear and grain in the sheaf. A large variety of grasses were on exhibit which was not only highly creditable but set off the display of the hall very materially. The fruit exhibit was the largest the county has ever had. The finest specimens of the county product was furnished by H. Weaklin of Berwyn, consisting of several varieties of apples, crabs and pears. Ben Talbot of Berwyn had on exhibit 5 varieties of crabs and 6 varieties of apples. A. Gustafson of Fleming Valley had three varieties of apples. We were unable to get the names of the other exhibitors in this class except Stevens of the Crete Nurseries who had an extensive exhibit. Among the interested spectators in the class was D. L. Myers of Sargent who has 40 acres planted to fruit trees, near Sargent.

S. K. Haines who resides east of town led all others in making entries. In all classes he made 395 entries. A large number of them were for his neighbors and others that he had solicited throughout the county. In the agriculture department we were unable to get the individual exhibitors except where they were present and pointed out their exhibit. Of those were Rev. S. C. Cadwell of Lodi who had some exceptionally fine potatoes, carrots and onions all of which were awarded premiums. In the poultry department Mrs. Fannie Moore of this city, Allan Reyner, and G. E. Cadwell had splendid exhibits. Mrs. Moore had three varieties some very fine Buff Cochins and Partridge Cochins. G. E. Cadwell's silver laced carried off

first premium. Allan Reyner had turkeys, ducks, pigeons and chickens on which he received several premiums. Among the exhibitors of cattle were B. J. Tierney of Anselby, Silas Thompson of Upton, Bert Dethrege, Frank Weissenreder, E. L. Thompson, G. E. Cadwell, Allen Reyner, Dr. J. G. Brenizer and Peter Rapp. Mr. Tierney had on exhibition eight yearling Durham bulls and two cows with calves. The bulls were fine specimen of the short horn class. They are of the Young Mary family. Of the number Mr. Tierney sold six while at the fair.

J. H. Stewart of Broken Bow bought Baney, which was a year old the 12th of last May and weighs 930 pounds. He was sired by Billy Hawkins No. 12694. Geo. Dewey of Anselby purchased Carter, he was a year old the 14 of last April and weighs 1170 pounds.

L. H. Jewett of Broken Bow bought Charley, a roan Durham, a year old the 12 of last May. We failed to get his weight, but he is a fine animal.

B. McDowell of Lee Park bought another that was a year old the 20 of last May. F. Thomas of Merna bought the one that took first premium. He was a year old May 10.

Dave Christen of New Helena bought the one that took second premium. He was a year old May 7th.

Mr. Tierney has left thirty head of registered Durhams all from the best herds in Illinois and rank among the first in quality. He proposes next year to have a much larger number on exhibition at the fair. Those that want to invest in the Durham cattle cannot do better than look over Mr. Tierney's herd.

E. L. Thompson and Frank Weissenreder each had an exhibition of grade Poll Angus cattle. Messers Rapp, Dethrege, Silas Thompson and G. E. Cadwell exhibited the Herefords of which they had some fine animals. Dr. Brenizer had an exceptionally fine Durham cow on exhibition. Allen Reyner had both the short horn and Jersey breeds represented. Among the exhibitors of hogs were Prof. Roush, G. E. Cadwell, David McCracken, Allen Reyner, H. Rogers, P. H. Munk, L. McCandless, John Wehling and C. A. Pittin. The Jersey red predominated but the Poland China and Chester whites were not without representation.

Grand Pa Willis had one of the finest spring colts on exhibition we have seen in years. It is about three months old and weighed 622 pounds. Ham Rogers had a fine span of two year old mules that were not beat.

Had the weather been favorable the fair would have been a great success, but the grounds had to be abandoned Friday owing to the rain. The fair was extended over to Saturday but owing to the mud and wet weather a number of the attractions had to be abandoned and the street fair could only be put on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Not being on the grounds but a small portion of the time we cannot give the result of the races, except the ladies contest. This required the lady to harness, hitch and drive her own horse.

The contestants were, Pearl Jewett, Filbert Tierney and Mrs. R. J. Morton. Miss Jewett came out first, Miss Tierney second.

The receipts of the fair were not sufficient to meet the expenses and premiums for which the rain is responsible.

COMPARISON OF RECORDS

Fusion Extravagance vs. Republican Economy.

SOME FACTS FOR THE VOTERS.

Deficit Which Was Left by the Fusionist Administration Has Been Wiped Out and State Institutions' Ledger Now Shows a Good Surplus.

Nothing has done more towards exposing the extravagance of the fusionists in managing the affairs of the state than the economy and business-like methods of the incumbent Republican officials.

An examination of the records discloses the fact that there now remains, of the total sum appropriated for the maintenance of the various departments of the state institutions, a surplus of \$189,225.65, and an unexpended balance of \$435,000.

How different is this from the condition of affairs when the fusionists went out of power!

The fusionists entirely exhausted the appropriation and had a shortage of \$149,000 in the form of unpaid bills.

The difference in favor of the Republican administration is the difference between a surplus of \$189,225.65 and a deficiency of \$149,000, or \$338,225.65.

This difference, so large as to be almost startling, is due to economy on the part of the Republicans and wanton and reckless prodigality and extravagance on the part of the fusionists.

Fusionists Out for Spoils.

The principalsaving has been made in connection with the state institutions. These were the principal spoils of the fusionists. Into them more than 200 relatives and friends of fusion leaders were clandestinely smuggled there to be housed, fed and often clothed at the expense of the state. When the fusionists turned over the institutions there were 227 people being fed and sheltered in them who were neither employees nor inmates. At one institution two separate tables were being maintained for twenty-seven fusion parasites. At another, one-quarter of the accommodations was monopolized by relatives and friends of the official in charge. At another, outsiders were taken in and boarded at the state's expense and for which the state received no compensation. And still at another private house rent and office rent were paid in coal and groceries stolen from the state, while at another a fusion newspaper plant was given three rooms with light, heat, power and a monopoly of the job printing, for all of which the dear taxpayers had to go into their pockets and settle.

At the Beatrice institution a fusion superintendent, after having made way with nearly everything that was not riveted down, destroyed the records to conceal his crime. There are yet warrants in the hands of the present superintendent of that institution that were issued against appropriations made by the last legislature that have never been called for. The presumption is that the claims, which were filed before the fusionists went out of power, were fraudulent and the best evidence of this is that the warrants, though issued nearly two years ago, have not as yet been claimed by the individuals in whose name the claims were filed and the warrants drawn.

These and other fusion raids on the treasury wiped out the appropriations and brought about the largest deficiency in connection with current expenses the state has ever been called on to pay.

Governor Savage's Instructions. When Governor Savage assumed the reins of government one of his first acts was to call in the superintendents of the state institutions and enjoin them to the strictest economy consistent with good government. Governor Savage is a hard-headed, methodical man. He has had hard and efficient training in business life. "I want you to treat your inmates in every respect better than they have ever before been treated, yet keep within the amount appropriated. I will tolerate neither abuse of the inmates nor extravagance. Treat your inmates as if they were members of your family and spend the state's money more carefully than you would your own. No one but employees and inmates and minor children of the superintendent must be permitted to stay at the institution." That is what the big-hearted, strong-minded man from Custer county said when he assumed the executive chair.

By consulting the figures representing the expenses of the different institutions, it will be found that the governor's instructions were strictly observed.

Remarkable Showing for Economy. Possibly the most remarkable showing for economy is made by the two superintendents of the institutions for the insane. More than a year ago the hospital at Norfolk was destroyed by fire and shortly thereafter the 298 inmates of that institution were divided between the hospital at Lincoln and the asylum at Hastings. Notwithstanding this large and sudden increase in the number of inmates of these institutions, Superintendents Green and Kern have succeeded in managing the affairs of their respective institutions

so economically as to have a large surplus at this time. The unexpended balance of the appropriation for the Norfolk hospital is \$41,885.65, and the surplus in the appropriation for the Hastings asylum is \$50,361.37 and in the Lincoln hospital \$2,364.85. This is the best showing for economy that has ever been made since these two institutions were established, and that, too, in face of unprecedented prices for provisions and failure of crops which compelled the state to go into the market for potatoes and other articles of food usually grown on its own land.

The institution for feeble minded youth at Beatrice has a large surplus to its credit. Though the number of inmates has increased, and though the institution has been brought up to a very high standard, Superintendent Johnson has conducted it so that the surplus in the funds at this time is \$23,483.33.

The term "surplus" in this connection means that the institutions have been managed for that much less than the cost estimated by the legislature, the unexpended balance of the total appropriation for the departments and institutions being \$435,000.

The eviction of the horde of fusion parasites from the institutions and the limitation placed on the Republican officials, which permitted even the superintendent to have his wife and only minor children at the institution, enabled the Republicans to materially reduce expenses. The fusionists permitted nearly every employe and official to move his family into the institution to be maintained at the expense of the state and further permitted state officers and prominent fusion leaders to dispose of cumbersome relatives and friends in the same way.

At one institution a fusion congressman moved in his entire family and made his home there and the state paid the expense, while he pocketed \$5,000 a year, all for the dear people. When congress adjourned he returned to Nebraska and joined his family at the institution. Illness overtook him and he died and the report is that the remarkable spectacle was presented of a congressman's funeral at a state institution, nor is it at all unlikely that the funeral expenses or part of them came out of the state funds.

It would be hard to find anywhere a record that for fraud and extravagance would compare with that of the last fusion administration.

Where the Money Went.

The question has been asked repeatedly, What did the fusionists do with the money appropriated and how did it happen that when they went out of office they left behind them \$149,000 of unpaid bills?

That question no one but those who dissipated the funds can answer. The money was not expended for improvements, for the buildings were in a sadly dilapidated condition. At the Kearney reform school, the buildings were so near a complete wreck that they had to be propped up until repairs could be made. The money was not expended for current needs beyond an ordinary degree. It took a large part of it to support the 227 fusion guests and it took a large part of it to make up the bank accounts of some who were holding office. Some of it went to "Your Uncle Jake" Wolfe for pigs, which he sold the state at prices ranging as high as \$124 each. Some of it went for drugs that were never delivered, and for linen, laces and fancy dress goods that were charged to the state as groceries, but that were for the private use of wives, daughters and daughters-in-laws of fusion officials.

In a thousands ways the money of the taxpayers was scattered with a recklessness that would make the prodigal "Coal Oil Johnny" look to his laurels.

It is always safe to array yourself on the side of your country; it is always safe to stand against lawlessness and reputation.—Major McKinley, at Canton, Sept. 23, 1896.

It is not true that as the rich have grown richer the poorer have grown poorer. On the contrary, never before has the average man, the wage-worker, the farmer, the small trader, been so well off as in this country and at the present time.—President Roosevelt in message to congress, Dec. 3, 1901.

Call the roll of nations that are for protection. * * * At least 430 million people are in favor of protection and 38 million Britons are against it; to whom must be added those Americans, whose numbers are not known, who, while living under our flag, seem to follow another.—Major McKinley at Toledo, O., Feb. 12, 1891.

There have been abuses connected with the accumulation of wealth, yet it remains true that a fortune accumulated in legitimate business can be accumulated by the person specially benefited only on condition of conferring immense incidental benefits upon others. President Roosevelt, in message to congress, Dec. 3, 1901.

President Roosevelt's views on tariff revision were explained at length in his speech at Logansport, Ind., Sept. 23, 1902. The president advocated changes in many present schedules, declared them advisable, owing to new conditions, but he insisted upon one point—that nothing must be done to interfere with the American standard of living for American workmen. A commission, or body of experts, men of a character above suspicion, to act on proposed alterations in the tariff schedules, was advised by the president. He, however, declared there must be no abandoning of the policy of protection, only a readjustment, made necessary by the various changes in the world of commerce. These, he said, must not be too radical or of a nature to unsettle conditions.

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Republican Resolutions of Custer County

The republicans of Custer county in convention assembled, reaffirm the principles of republicanism as set forth in the national platform of 1900.

We congratulate the people upon the happiness and prosperity that has come to them as a result of republican policy and republican legislation. Wages were never so high, nor producers so well compensated for their products as now. Men were never so well housed, clothed and fed, and have never before had more contentment of mind than during the years since republican policy has been enacted into law.

We congratulate the President and the Army on the satisfactory progress made in the Philippines in suppressing the insurrection and establishing order, and we unqualifiedly endorse the policy of our government therein. Our flag is in the Philippines and there it will remain until such time as the American people may deem it expedient or proper to give the islands a free and independent government, such as it has just given Cuba.

The American Army has taken up the work of maintaining authority in the Philippines, and while we deplore and severely condemn any instances of cruelty which may have occurred, we remember our soldiers are fighting a barbarous and treacherous foe which has inflicted most revolting and inhuman atrocities upon its prisoners. It is the Nation's Army drawn from every section of our country, knowing no politics nor creed, but fighting the Nation's battles under the Nation's flag; and we resent with indignation, the recent democratic efforts to drag its honor in the dust and cast reproach upon its fair name.

We congratulate the republican party for the faithful fulfillment of the pledge made at its national convention of 1900, to give the oppressed island of Cuba a free and independent government, which was consummated at Havana on May 20, by the withdrawal of the American troops and the turning over of its government to its own people.

We commend our present county officials for their business like methods in the administration of county affairs.

We congratulate the people of Nebraska upon the present prosperity of our state, and we commend the business like and economic methods employed by Gov. Savage and the state officials of his administration, which have resulted in a saving to the state in comparison with preceding administrations of nearly two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Be it further

RESOLVED, That we disapprove of the inequality of the present methods of the assessment of property for taxation, there being no two counties assessed upon the same basis. We therefore demand that our revenue laws of the state be amended so that every dollar's worth of property or franchises shall be assessed at its actual cash value and that the levies be decreased to the lowest possible number of mills, that will provide sufficient revenue for county and state purposes. Be it further

RESOLVED, That it be made the duty of the attorney general and county attorney to see that the law is properly enforced; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we recommend the calling of a constitutional convention in the near future, or that the question of amendments to the constitution be submitted to the people of the state for their ratification.

With the understanding that the Hon. F. M. Currie is a candidate for the position of congressman from this congressional district; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we recognize in Mr. Currie his eminent fitness for the place; and as a mark of our confidence, we do hereby authorize him to name the delegation to represent his interest in the congressional convention.

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