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Largest and Most Successful Farmers Institute Ever Held

The farmers institute so long expected was held at the court house in this city Friday and Saturday of last week. To speak of it as successful is to do scant justice to the most successful institute ever held in Falls City. During most of the sessions the large court room was inadequate to accommodate the crowd of farmers present and an adjournment to the large auditorium of the Methodist church was necessary to provide room for the many who desired to attend the Saturday evening meeting.

Friday afternoon session was introduced with choice musical selections rendered by Ethel Cade much to the delight of the audience. V. G. Lyford expressed the pleasure Falls City felt in entertaining the institute and gave a very hearty welcome in his usual good taste for which speech H. E. Lemon and R. E. Grinstead responded.

After Rev. E. E. Haskins had pronounced the invocation C. M. Lewelling of Beaver City, Nebr., gave a masterly and exhaustive address on "Economic Pork Production." Mr. Lewelling made the fur or rather the bristles fly. It is greatly to be regretted that every farmer in Richardson county did not hear this splendid address. The speaker neglected no feature of his subject and gave his auditors the benefit of the knowledge and experience which he had acquired in the hard school of his life's work. He demonstrated that success in any branch of human endeavor can be purchased only by correct thinking and practice.

After an interesting talk by Mrs. C. E. Welton of Fairbury on bread and yeast making which was greatly enjoyed by the ladies present, Mr. Lewelling was again the speaker on the subject "the care of seed corn." The subject was so fully and ably covered that the query box was not called into play, in fact there was nothing left to be answered.

At the opening of the afternoon session Anna Dorrington delighted the audience with a charming vocal selection, her accompaniment being played by Miss Shoehheit.

Household hints was the topic to which Mrs. C. E. Shelton spoke interestingly. Mr. Lewelling again demonstrated the care and study he had given to agriculture by an exhaustive address on the

care and management of poultry and as before the question box was not used.

Wm. Mohler the successful nurseryman greatly interested an attractive audience on horticulture. Mr. Mohler has spent the best part of his life in the study of trees and his talk was not only practical but very entertaining as well. R. E. Grinstead discussed the important question of reduced freight rates to the world's market for all horticultural products in South Eastern Nebraska. Mr. Grinstead made the statement that at least fifty thousand bushels of fruit went to waste last year in each of the five south east counties of Nebraska because of exorbitant freight rates. These rates Mr. Grinstead thought could be reduced if the subject was properly brought to the attention of the railroad companies.

Miss Cade enlivened the meeting with musical selections.

Saturday afternoon's session was begun with Mr. O. Hull's address on soil tillage. Mr. Hull also delivered a treatise on alfalfa culture and handled each subject in a masterly manner and greatly to the interest of the large crowd of farmers in attendance. It is but due Mr. Hull that we state that Mr. Lewelling in his talk the day before on the pig and a balanced ration had broken into Mr. Hull's alfalfa field in a way that left a fear that there would be slim picking when he got out, but he arose to the occasion and fairly boasted with alfalfa before he had finished.

The question of good roads was postponed until some indefinite future time.

Supt. Crocker had well planned to arrange for the closing exercises to be blended with the educational interest of the county. A joint debate between two members of the Humboldt schools and two members of the Falls City schools was the feature of the evening which attracted a crowd so large that an adjournment to the M. E. church was made necessary. The subject was "Country life is in every respect preferable to city life." The affirmative was taken by F. G. Arnold and Miss Jessie L. Draper of Humboldt. Earl Cline and James Coupe took the negative. The crowd in attendance felt like standing up for Nebraska as it listened to these young people acquitting themselves so proudly. The finest of all fine Nebraska products is the fresh faced young men and women who are so soon to become the responsible head of our great commonwealth. The respective merits of the debaters was a more serious problem than the "Age of Ann." If the writer had possessed the wealth of Andy Carnegie

those young men and women would have received a present of a thousand dollars each as a reward of merit. Mr. Arnold made one of the happy hits when he said that the farmers never moved to town until he was worn out and no good, cross, crabbed and of a bilious temperament, then he moved to town to find congenial company.

Humboldt won the debate but Earl Cline was declared the best individual debater and was awarded a gold medal.

Miss Draper had a moments confusion in her address but it was only a moment, for she gathered herself and with a little smile of confidence on her face she, conscious of her own strength continued her argument in a well modulated voice that reached every ear in the crowd, until the crowd broke forth into applause over the pluck and ability of one of Nebraska's little daughters.

Miss Grace Minor charmed the audience with a reading as she always does. Dep't state superintendent E. C. Bishop delivered an able address on "The 20th century farmer," after which the crowd dispersed and the most helpful and successful farmers institute ever held in Falls City was brought to a close. The Tribune joins the citizens of Falls City in inviting all of you to come again as the latch string hangs out always to the farmers of Richardson County.

The best one dozen ears of seed corn was exhibited by A. Aikin for which Hall & Greenwald gave a pair of fine shoes.

Mrs. Mike Schaible got a dozen of Knight's photo's as a reward for the best loaf of bread.

Mrs. Noah Peck had the best pound of butter and received a set of silver spoons at Wirth and Winterbottom.

Miss Cully a fine rug from V. G. Lyford for the heaviest dozen eggs.

A City's Charity.

If a stranger had visited this office Monday, he would have inferred that we were about to launch in the mercantile business. Package after package of clothing, caps, hoods, mittens, shoes and stockings for the poor children of our city were brought us for distribution, and through us reached those who needed them most. Last week's issue of The Tribune was scarcely in the post office before Mayor George Holt, whose heart is as big as his body came in search of such information as we had as to the true condition, and learning it proceeded to get busy. The result was that fully a dray load of warm clothing and other necessities were distributed among the little unfortunates. It is a pleasure to speak of the open heartedness of such firms as V. G. Lyford, George Cleveland, Johnston & Sons, Bode & Sons, Hall & Greenwald, Chas. Hargrave, Dr. Roberts and the many men and women who have

assisted in this charity. Miss Minnie McDonald of the kindergarten department of our schools was especially active and The Tribune extends its thanks to her for her helpful co-operation. Altogether Falls City has a good many men and women that God made, and all that it requires to demonstrate this fact is to let it be known that some one is in need of assistance. The Tribune has been very happy in doing its part and will gladly lend its assistance at any time in the future, but it occurs to us that there should be a board of charity in this town whose duty it is to ascertain any suffering and to relieve it in the most practical way. With such an organization such suffering as occurred last week would be obviated and a public appeal by the press rendered unnecessary.

Charlie Cain Dead.

The sad and unexpected news of the death of Charlie Cain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cain reached this city Monday evening.

For about two weeks Charlie has been very ill at Billings, Mont., with small pox. From the news received daily from his bedside there was every hope of his ultimate recovery as he had safely passed the danger point and to all appearances was on the road to recovery. The news of his death which occurred Monday afternoon at four o'clock was a great shock to the entire community.

Chas. Cain was about twenty-three years of age and was a young man of splendid habits and great promise. From a position as clerk in the store of Donavan & McCormick he had in a few years risen to the position of general manager in charge of all the buying at a salary of \$1200 a year.

The world cannot afford to lose young men like him. The loss to his parents is peculiarly sad, for though his father, Fred Cain, went to Billings at once he was never permitted to see his son and could learn of his condition only through telephone messages.

The body was buried within two hours of death. There is nothing to be said that can lessen the grief of the stricken father and mother who were denied even the sad pleasure of ministering to the wants of their dying boy. The great heart of Falls City however, goes out to them in their anguish and the many friends of the family offer their tenderest sympathy.

Though it be a mystery now, sometime—somewhere, we shall understand.