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## Farmers Institute.

Extensive preparations have been in progress for the past month or more for the Farmers Institute in this city and everything done which would lead interest and value to the occasion. For the convenience of the farmers it was decided to hold the Institute later in the year than heretofore, as this would give those interested a better chance to attend each and every session, their fall work being well out of the way, and the date was set for the 18th, 19th and 20th of this month.

### TUESDAY'S SESSION.

The forenoon having been taken up with the receiving and placing of the exhibits in their various departments, the Institute was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. by President M. J. Schaible. A much enjoyed quartette selection was rendered by Messrs Mauger, Smith, Eversole and Mathers, followed by the invocation by Rev. W. T. Cline.

Another pleasing song was rendered by the Quartette, and received much applause. Prof. Oliver on behalf of Mayor Barrett, delivered the address of welcome, which was ably responded to by H. E. Lemmon, on behalf of the farmers.

The President then introduced Mr D. P. Ashburn, of Gibbon, Nebraska, whose discourse was on the broad theme of Good Roads. His address called forth many inquiries from the attentive audience as to methods that should be employed and also the experiences of the trial of the same. An animated discussion was participated in by G. A. Abbott and F. O. Edgcomb, and many points of value were given to those present. It was conceded by all to be a very important question, both for the farmers and for the merchants with whom they transacted their business affairs. The conditions of the country roads was cited as being suggestive and an index to the wealth of the surrounding farms and country.

At 3:20 p. m. Mr. R. A. Emerson spoke on the Results of Spraying Tests in Eastern Nebraska orchards, showing by practical tests that it pays to spray in a majority of cases. Sometimes the labor costs more than the material used but with a complete outfit of good size, the material costs more than the labor. As a result of the spraying the fruit are of a much better quality and command a decidedly higher market price than that of the imperfect fruit. This in the long run saves the farmer much work in the sorting and handling of the fruit and in the disposal of the same. After a general discussion the session adjourned to meet again that evening.

The exhibit department proved to be one of much interest to all, as the first day brought many fine exhibits, D. R. Grush being superintendent of the Grain, Christ Wamsley of the Fruit and Vegetables and Mrs. L. J. Hitchcock, assisted by Mrs. Mike Schaible, of the bread, cake, butter and eggs.

A list of the Tuesday entries are as follows: Forty-one plates of apples, thirteen entrees of potatoes, one of sweet potatoes, one of onions, six of oats, five of wheat, one of clover seed, thirteen of yellow corn, twenty-five of white corn, twelve of eggs, seven of cake, six of white bread, two of brown

bread, four of corn bread, twenty of butter and one of cheese. This is doing remarkably well for the first day and will of course be followed by more.

Poultry Raising as discussed by Mr. Ashburn Tuesday evening, was one of especial interest to the farmers wives, and also to the many poultry raisers, in and around this city. As this is one of the sources of much revenue, just now, it is needless to discuss the attention this discourse received.

At 8:30 o'clock, Mr. Emerson ably handled the subject of Our School Grounds and Gardens, after which the meeting was adjourned until the following morning.

### WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

The Wednesday morning session was called to order by President Schaible and this was followed by several piano selections by Miss Sallie Schoenheit, one of Falls City's talented musicians.

The President then introduced Ex-Governor Poynter, whose topic of discussion was Cream Production. Speaking on this subject he noted the change of methods in securing the cream, and also the introduction of cream separators, mentioning the fact that there are now one hundred and forty thousand hand separators used on the farms over the state. Owing to the absorbant nature of cream and milk the utmost care cleanliness is necessary in handling the milk in order to obtain the best results in butter, and get the best price. The care of the cow also composes one of the essentials, the hired hand who will be the successful help must be given a better treatment than the ordinary farm hand. The feed also of the cow must be considered, and for cream production, nothing beats alfalfa. The farmer and cream producer should test the cows individually and turn out the boarders who do not furnish enough cream to pay for her hay. Concerning butter making, care should be exercised in the churning and especially in the working of the butter, if not the results will be an inferior article. Butter when finished should be in a pleasing form or shape.

Mrs. C. E. Walton, of Fairbury, then delivered an interesting instruction on the Care and Management of the Kitchen. Mrs. Walton seemed to be well versed along this line, and depicted the worst evils in the kitchen to be fuel that smokes, ashes, and dirt. The kitchen should not be a place of drudgery but a place where the happiness and health of the family are provided for. The kitchen should be supplied with all conveniences so that its affairs can be accomplished with the least amount of physical energy. Another important factor is a good stone linoleum on the kitchen floor, which saves much work for the housewife, as it affords a cushion for the feet, is easily cleaned, is cool in the summer, and warm in the winter. The comfort and ease of the mother is of far more importance than hogs and cattle.

It then being nearly 12 o'clock, they adjourned for dinner.

At 1:30 President Schaible again called the meeting to order, and those present were favored with a piano solo by Miss Schoenheit. Ex-Governor Poynter then spoke on Soil Tillage. The hall was filled to overflowing and a large number of ladies were present at this

meeting. The first point considered by Mr. Poynter was the escape of moisture from the soil capillary attraction being responsible for the loss. Mulching is a remedy, but is not practical over large areas. The best available method of conserving the moisture is to fine the surface by soil tillage. The soil should be firm below and no space for air in order to destroy capillary attraction. The disc is a very useful implement to preserve this condition. To save the moisture the soil should be stirred on the surface as soon after a heavy rain, as possible. Heavy rains, after corn is laid by does much more harm than good unless the surface is stirred. Suckers on the corn are likely to shorten the yield by consuming moisture but making no ear. The four shovel cultivator is not the best tool to raise corn as it breaks the soil too deeply and leaves it too rough and cloddy. Land becomes old and worn out more by improper tillage than by exhaustion of fertility, in the growing of crops. We should not become wedded to a method as science may point out something better.

The attention of the large audience was given closely to the speaker, showing the importance of the subject and their satisfaction with the way it was presented by Mr. Poynter.

Wm. Mohler followed this discourse with an address on fruit raising, commencing with the subject of strawberries. The best time to clip runners off of the plants is during the fore part of the growing season, and to mulch the plants with coarse, coffee or sugar cane.

Currents and gooseberries can be successfully grown by cultivation and not allowing new shoots to grow until after the fruiting season. Clipping the canes back and giving a more stocky growth gives good results.

Mrs. Walton then spoke on Some Essentials in Home Making and as before her talk was replete with interesting facts. She placed order as the first essential. To young wives un-instructed in the essentials of home making, the kitchen in an experiment station, and success comes as much by successful and judicious spending of money as in earning it. The children should be taught to care for their belongings and it is not best to give them everything because they ask for it. The care of a home does not appeal to some of the young women as a very high calling, which it is, and the washing of dishes and putting of a room in order is looked upon as beneath them. Ventilation is another thing that should not be overlooked, as it is very important as a preservation of health. Mrs. Walton then gave her idea of a kitchen, plenty of light by windows, good draft in the flue, plenty of shelves covered with white oil-cloth, rollers under your wood-box, an easy chair within reach to rest in as opportunity offers. This was followed with a few ideas on bread making. If bread-makers will use a half teaspoon of soda dissolved in warm water and work it into the bread at the first kneading they will not be troubled by sour bread.

Mrs. Walton suggested that the farmers wives organize reading clubs for mutual improvement.

Immediately after the dinner

hour Mrs. Walton awarded the premiums on bread, cake and butter. They were awarded as follows:

Butter, 1st. Mrs. Fred Bahr; 2nd. Mrs. L. J. Hitchcock, 3rd. Mrs. M. J. Schaible.

Cake, 1st. Mrs. E. J. Fry, 2nd. Emma Brecht, 3rd. Master Wm Hutchison, 4th. Mrs. John Rieschick.

Brown Bread, 2nd. Mrs. G. Horn.

White Bread, 1st. Mrs. Bartlett, 2nd. Mrs. Hitchcock, 3rd. Mrs. Dora Gilligan.

Corn Bread, 1st. Mrs. M. Lichty, 2nd. Mrs. G. W. Bartlett, 3rd. Mrs. Dora Gilligan.

Other awards were: Eggs, 1st. W. R. Smith, 2nd. George Scholl.

Honey, 1st. G. W. Schock, 2nd. H. Hahn; 3rd. C. Wamsley.

Early Potatoes, 1st. Wm. Mohler, 2nd. W. P. Long, 3rd. H. Rahlf.

Late Potatoes, 1st. Clem Stump, 2nd. J. W. Crook, 3rd. Mrs. C. Horn.

Any Kind Potatoes, 1st. Wm. Mohler, 2nd. J. W. Crook.

Sweet Potatoes, 1st. Wm. Mohler.

Wheat, 1st. J. W. Crook, 2nd. A. H. Ernst, 3rd. Herman Wolf. Oats, 1st. F. M. Shafer, 2nd. D. R. Grush and Son, 3rd. J. W. Crook.

Clover Seed, 1st. D. R. Grush and Son, 2nd. Fry Bros., 3rd. L. J. Hitchcock.

Onions, 1st. John Rieschick.

Wednesday evening's session was devoted to Some Essentials to Successful Farming by Mr. Poynter and Social entertainment made the evening a pleasant one.

The Institute this year has been the most successful ever given in this city and has been attended by large and interested crowds. The program as arranged could not have been better and the results are very flattering to the management.

Owing to the crowded condition of our news page we will not be able to print Thursday's program in this issue, but a full report of the same will appear in next issue, also the award in fruit and corn.

## Ursaline Concert.

The following program will be rendered at the Concert Hall at 8 p. m., Sunday Dec., 23rd, 1906.

- Our First Duet.....Instrumental
- Fuby and Ruth Knickerbocker
- We Meet Again.....Chorus
- The Record of the Hours.....Recitation
- Father Time.....Alice Murphy
- Day.....Marie Guan
- Hours.....Girls of 5th and 6th Grades
- Hail Christmas Day.....Chorus
- The Boys of Mother Goose
- Mother Goose.....Joe Twively
- Hoet.....Martin Schlosser
- Tommy Tucker.....Paul Frederick
- Jack Be Nimble.....Carl Butman
- Boy Blue.....Freleigh Faulstner
- Tom the Piper's Son.....Charlie Stitzer
- Single Simon.....Willie Wolf
- Old King Cole.....Joe Gagnon
- Fiddlers Three.....Joseph Portray
- Edward Twively
- Earl Mahoney
- Jack Horner.....Roy McFarland
- Warblings at Eve.....Piano Solo
- Julia Frederick
- The Rival Speakers.....Dialogue
- Thomas.....Herbert Dissner
- Samuel.....Elbert Ridley
- Little Violet.....Chorus
- Impromptu.....Vocal
- Cecilia Quiett
- The Magician's Lesson (Manners make the man)
- Pompey.....Alex Schlosser
- Tommy Whiteface.....Peter Frederick
- Dick.....Joe Schlosser
- Harry.....George Coupe
- Magician.....Willie Faulstner
- My Favorite Transcription, Piano Solo
- Maggie McKiever
- Looking for Santa Claus.....Dialogue
- Children of 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades
- Merry Christmas to All.....Chorus
- Doors open at 7:30 p. m. Admission 15 cents.

## Look For The Date.

The High School Band is making fine progress, though hampered by the lack of several much needed instruments.

The Woman's Club has decided to give a musical some time in January for the benefit of the band. This is a very worthy effort and should receive excellent patronage.

## Narrow Escape.

Monday night the cloth in the window at Samuel Wahl's store became ignited from burning oil dropping from the lamp on the large automobile in the north window. A disaster was averted by the fortunate fact that it was early in the evening and the force was still at work, the Christmas trade making it necessary that the store be open now after supper. Prompt action on the part of the employees put out the fire.

## A Change.

We note that there was quite a change at the Auburn Herald office last Saturday when the resignation of J. W. Barnhart manager and editor-in-chief, went into effect. Mr. Barnhart was the founder of that valuable paper and has built up a splendid plant, second to none in the state, outside of the large cities. Mr. Barnhart is an excellent newspaper man, this fact being demonstrated by his success of the Herald. He will be superseded by Mr. Thomas, for several years the C. B. & Q. agent at Brownville.

## City In Darkness.

Since last Friday the city has been in darkness as far as the electric light and street lamps are concerned. There was a breakage about the engine at the city power house and the necessary new parts had to be ordered from Kansas City, causing a delay in the fixing of the break. The accident was a very inconvenient one, more so when the busy holiday work and trade was in full swing. When once we see the welcome little glimmer I do not think we will feel disposed to grumble over them being small or of giving poor service, on the contrary we should all feel a trifle optimistic on the subject.

## Higher Rates For Post Office Boxes.

The department has issued rates which effects this office as follows:

- Call Boxes.....25c
- Small Lock Boxes.....45c
- Large Lock Boxes.....60c
- Large Drawers.....75c

The only small boxes number from 134 to 185 inclusive.

Read section 348 Postal Laws and Regulations.

## REGULATIONS REGARDING COLLECTION OF BOX RENT.

No box shall be assigned to the use of any person until the rent therefor has been paid. Box rents must be collected at the beginning of each quarter for the entire quarter, but no longer. When a box is rented after the beginning of a quarter rent must be collected pro rata for the remainder of the quarter. Ten days before the last day of each quarter postmasters are required to place in each rented box a bill, on this form, bearing the date of the last day of the quarter, which must be received upon payment of the rent. If a box holder fails to renew his right to his box on or before the last day of a quarter, the box shall then be closed and offered for rent and the mail placed in the general delivery. (See section 348, Postal Laws and Regulations.)

## Married.

Fred Gerit and Elizabeth Hahn were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in this city, on December 12th, Rev. O. H. Engelbrecht performing the ceremony. Both of these young people have a large number of friends in this city, all of whom wish them smooth sailing on the sea of matrimony.

One of the prettiest home weddings of the season occurred on the evening of December 19th, at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. McNall on Evergreen Heights.

Promptly at 8 o'clock Miss Una Snidow took her place at the piano and began playing the wedding march, and the bridal party, consisting of groomsmen, Ray and Dean Hindman and bridesmaids, Miss Lena Brecht and Miss Mary McCoy, of Rockport, Mo., marched into the parlor, followed by Elder Lindenmeyer, of the First Christian church, accompanied by the bride and groom, and assembled under a bower made of smilax and holly, with potted palms in the background.

Miss Snidow continued playing softly while in the presence of relatives and invited guests. Mr. Richard A. Hindman, of Fairfax, Mo., and Miss Eva Lee McNall, pledged their mutual love and confidence in each other taking each other as husband and wife in response to the stated vows by the officiating minister.

After the ceremony and congratulations the company partook of a three course wedding supper.

The bride was attired in a white silk colone over white silk and carried a shower bouquet of white roses; the bridesmaids wore dresses of white china silk and carried bouquets of bride's roses. The groom and groomsmen were arrayed in the conventional black. After the supper, the bride threw her bouquet which was caught by Miss Lena Brecht. The bride is one of Falls City's most excellent young ladies having resided here with her parents about five years. She is well and favorably known through her service in the central office of the local telephone company. The groom is an industrious young farmer of pleasing appearance. They left on the 10 o'clock train for Lincoln and will be at home for their friends at their country home three and one-half miles northwest of Fairfax, Mo., after January 10, 1907.

## Pioneer Party.

About forty of the lady pioneers of Falls City congregated at the home of Mrs. J. R. Wilhite Tuesday to participate in one of the most enjoyable and novel functions given this season. Upon arriving each lady was given a block to piece for a quilt, at which employment they engaged themselves until the serving an elaborate dinner. After dinner the various guests were called upon for an exhibition of their accomplishments such as they gave in the years gone. Mrs. Wilhite sang "Daisy Deen," Mrs. Isham Reavis played "Smith's March" and Miss Gillispie sang "Peace, Perfect Peace." All these selections were encored and Miss Gillispie favored the company with "When you and I were young, Maggie." As the quavering voice of the dear old lady sang the old words so familiar forty years ago there was scarcely a dry eye in the company.

After a most delightful afternoon the party closed with a Virginia reel under the supervision of Uncle Jesse Crook the only man in attendance.

Mrs. Wilhite is to be commended for keeping alive the old associations and her example should be followed at least once a year.