

Organized Agriculture Meets in Nebraska

Jan. 18-23, the many organized agricultural societies of Nebraska, met in Lincoln to hold their annual sessions. While the attendance was cut somewhat short of the usual number and perhaps there was not so many distinguished men from abroad, on the lists of speakers, this did not seemingly work to the disadvantages of the interest and value of the sessions, for the fewer big subjects handled, gave the privilege of more time for discussion and in this there was no shortage and our state boasts of many who are able to intelligently discuss the problems of agriculture.

The Omaha Corn Exposition drew many people away as they attended that meeting and did not feel ready to attend another so soon. There was no attempt made to have a corn show, but the discussions on corn growing was of the highest order.

We had Prof. Holden there and there need nothing more be added to make it certain that the best was on tap. For two hours on Wednesday evening, at the University Temple, he poured corn talk on an immense audience and the way that talk soaked in, showed that the Nebraska people are awake on this great question.

GROWERS OF LIVESTOCK HOLD MEETING

The judging pavilion at the State Farm, held a big crowd all day long and every moment seemed to be crowded with interest. Nebraska livestock interests are fortunate in that Gov. Shallenbarger is "one of them" and takes a deep interest in their welfare. No bills favoring livestock interests will receive a veto at his hands. His welcoming address was inspiring and full of practical thoughts.

Prof. Mumford of the University of Illinois, was the most noted speaker from abroad and handled the "Problems of Cattle Feeding" in such a way that great interest was manifested, many questions asked and many interesting discussions were had. The whole meeting tended to show that the stock breeders of this state are men of broad minded intelligence and awake to the problems that confront us. All the different Breed Associations held meetings and every one was an interesting session.

Several resolutions of vital importance were passed. One expressed a sentiment embodied in resolution requesting the legislature now in session, to create a sanitary board, that we might have closer veterinary inspection.

Another asked for a larger appropriation for the State University fund.

THE POULTRY SHOW

In the big auditorium up town there was held the annual Nebraska poultry show. It was a success and many fine birds attested to the fact that the farmers and poultry raisers of every sort, are acquainted with the fact that the poultry production is no mean part of the agricultural problem. Chickens, geese, ducks and turkeys were all there and attested to the popularity of poultry raising.

HOME ECONOMICS

Perhaps no department of the whole affair, showed so large a number of excellent subjects and an equally large interest in the handling of them. Many ladies of this state are fast growing a national reputation along this line and the subjects were broad and deep, but at the same time of the most practical and large crowds listened with deepest interest.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

This society held an excellent meeting and discussed a wide range of subjects, including fruits, flowers, trees and other themes of interest to the society.

The display of fruit was excellent and its artistic arrangement showed it to good advantage. No speakers from abroad, addressed the fruit men, but a goodly array of home talent was on the program.

THE GOVERNOR ENTERTAINS

The farmers of the state were honored by an invitation to attend a reception at the mansion and for several hours the horny handed sons of toil and some whose hands were not so caloused, but nevertheless were not more honorable, streamed through the parlors and enjoyed the hospitality of the governor and his wife.

Farmers of late years are learning how to mix with city people and feel no embarrassment. There has been a vast change in the past twenty years. Farmers are now graded with business men, in fact they are the moneyed class of the west. Their money makes up the deposits in the banks and they travel and dress as well as other people. These great state meetings give to the world as well as to themselves, the import of their calling.

SOME THINGS WE HAPPENED TO

Every one seemed to be attending strictly to the purpose of getting all they could out of the meetings.

They were found in the assembly rooms and not on the streets or in the stores shopping.

The management made one mistake, it was in not announcing the program. Sometimes when changes had been made, nothing was said and many were disappointed and after waiting an hour or two to hear some certain topic, found the place filled with another man with another subject. Perhaps there was another meeting they had left, expecting to hear a favorite speaker and were thus doubly disappointed. It is to be hoped that another year this will not be so. There are many interests and we ought to be given a chance to get the best out of all the various ones, or at least hear what we especially wait for, or be given a chance to attend another meeting.

HIGH SCHOOL INTERESTED

The Young People Make Several Good Suggestions.

Falls City is too slow in public enterprise. She lacks in energy and push. 'Tis true, she has awakened of late and installed a new Electric Light and Water Plant. We have a public library, the gift of a noble woman. But outside of these enterprises, nothing of importance has been done for our city. Other towns not much larger, have city halls, paved streets, Young Men's Christian Associations and sanitary improvements. Why can't Falls City have some of these improvements? The boys have a City Athletic Association, the women, numerous clubs and some good people have been talking for some years about a building for a Young Men's Christian Association. Now let all these interests join in an effort to buy the ground and erect a building for those purposes adjoining the library. It would face the south, be warm in winter and receive the cool breeze of the summer months. It would be handy to the public library, the young men could have a room for their athletics, the women a place for their club-meetings, and the young people of the town a place to assemble for moral and intellectual improvements. It's the moral and industrious who build up a town. Such a building would encourage these classes of people, be a pride to our citizens, and an invitation to the good to come and dwell with us. Can not the churches, the women's clubs, and the young of our city and all of our energetic citizens join in undertaking this commendable enterprise.—Orange and Black.

LETTERS FROM J. T. MCCOY

From Port Said, Egypt, and Colombo, Ceylon

Colombo, Ceylon. My Dear Mother: Here I am, down in the country of fakirs and hoodoo merchants. It is just as you said, I am having the time of my life, but I have to go through a lot of misery while at sea for it.

They had the cholera well under control when I went ashore there. I didn't think much of the place.

We had been at sea after leaving the Philippine Islands but 8 days when a case of small-pox broke out on this ship. We immediately left the fleet, fired a few more boilers and came into Colombo two days ahead of the fleet. Of course we rang up the quarantine flag and waited for the authorities ashore to remove the case from the ship. Went out of quarantine five hours later and commenced coaling ship, finished just as the fleet was coming in on Sunday morning.

Monday I went out with a special party to the old Capitol, Kandy. It takes four hours for the train each way. We saw some very beautiful scenery on the trip and at Kandy and when we came aboard in the evening we were so tired and hungry, we were almost sick.

The first liberty I took in the

city of Colombo I spent most of the day helping some of the rest buy silks. Went ashore again yesterday and went out to Mount Lavinia, by carriage. It was a beautiful trip going out and I never saw so many naked children in all my life. On the top of the mountain is a fine large oriental hotel, over hanging a beautiful stretch of beach. They served a fine luncheon just before we left.

I wish you could come out in these places and see what they look like. The average suit of clothes for the natives consists of one square yard of calico and some none at all.

I am saving souvenirs of each place and coins. We haven't much room on board ship for such things and they are hard to keep.

Port Said, Egypt. Dear Mother: Am writing these few lines to let you know that I arrived safely on board yesterday morning.

We left Cairo Wednesday morning at 7 a. m. arrived at Pt. Said about 1 p. m. Had luncheon at the Continental hotel, went around the city until 5 when we reported aboard the U. S. S. Kentucky, our ship not having arrived yet. Had supper on the Kentucky, slept in the dynamo room and reported aboard this ship the next morning.

Am a little tired and sore yet

but wouldn't have missed the trip to the Spins for the world.

We are coaling now, but leave for Marseilles, France, at 5 p. m. arriving on January 14. Our port was changed on account of the Messina earthquake.

Received candy and thank all of you for same. It must have been very good once, but when I received it, it was in one lump and hard as glucose. Also received a letter from Frank White, written

for the two grandmas. She expected me home for Christmas.

We go to the Philadelphia navy yard about March 1st and are to be painted slate color. Don't take any stock in reports about a 100 year war with Japan as we would clean them up in two years at the most. Must end this now. Write often. Your loving son.

J. T. McCoy.

January 8, 1909.

Conservatism

We hear the word used a whole lot regarding banks and their management. It is a good thing, and properly applied is of very great advantage, but in many cases the word does not bear out its definition, or rather its application does not. Fossilism, dry rot, coldness, these are not conservatism. How often some fellow, a great stickler for what he called conservatism, but who was simply petrifying, has been succeeded in the management of a bank by a man of ideas and good sound sense, with the result that deposits have doubled in a year and the business of the bank gone forward with leaps and bounds. This bank is conservative enough all right, but it does not use the iceberg variety, as that brand ever has been and always will be a detriment to any bank. We can handle some more business, and we ought to have yours. If you feel as we do about this, come in and let us talk it over.

The Farmers' State Bank

PRESTON, NEBRASKA

PUBLIC SALE

Having decided to move to Kansas, I will sell at public auction on the Heinzelman farm, 2 miles south and 1 mile east of Verdon, and 2 1-2 miles north and 1 mile east of the Salem depot, and 4 1-2 miles west and 3 1-2 miles north of Falls City, on

Friday, Feb. 12th

commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property, to wit:

9 HORSES AND MULES

Consisting of 1 span of sorrell mules 5 years old, weight about 2500; 1 bay mare 5 years old, weight about 1050; 2 colts coming 3 years old; 2 colts coming 2 years old and 2 colts coming 1 year old.

33 HEAD OF CATTLE

Consisting of 6 cows, 4 of which are good milch cows, 2 are fresh and 2 will be soon; 1 thoroughbred Short-horn bull (L. J. Hitchcock's breeding), 10 steers, 1 of which is coming 2 years old; 8 heifers, coming 2 years old, and 8 heifer calves.

15 - HEAD OF FINE HOGS - 15

Among which are 12 sows, all bred, and 1 thoroughbred Poland China boar.

IMPLEMENTS:

1 wagon, 1 two-seated carriage, 1 spring wagon, 1 McCormick binder, 1 McCormick mower, 1 hay rake; 1 haying outfit, consisting of four 32-foot legs, 150 feet of wire cable, carrier pulleys, etc.; 1 hay rack, 1 two-row stalk cutter, 1 Moline disc harrow, 1 three-section harrow, 1 Marseilles feed grinder, 1 Dandy riding cultivator, 2 disc cultivators, 1 broadcast seeder, with grass seed attachment; 1 walking lister, 1 walking plow.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1 set work harness, 1 heating stove, 1 refrigerator, some household furniture, 1 hog crate, 1 hog snooting trap, some troughs, a few tons of hay, pitchforks, shovels, hedge axes, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

B. F. Jörn will sell the following articles at this sale: 1 buggy, 1 mower, 1 riding plow, 1 riding cultivator, 2 disc cultivators, 1 stalk cutter, 1 cart and 1 set work harness.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED ON THE GROUNDS

TERMS OF SALE

All sums of \$10.00 and under, cash. On sums over \$10.00 a credit of three, six or nine months will be given on bankable note at 7% from date. 2% off for cash. No goods to be removed until settled for.

COL. C. H. MARION, Auctioneer
F. M. ROBB, Clerk

G. A. JORN