

CLARK'S WEEKLY NEWS OF HARNESS HORSE

Agricultural Fairs an American Institution Which Has Developed with the Progress and Added to the Wealth of the Nation.

HARNESS RACING THE PRE-EMINENT FEATURE OF ALL FAIRS.

Nebraska After Passing through Panic and Crop Failures Is where the remainder of the boys Again Coming to the Front as a Horse Producing State.

There is no institution more American, more redolent of the American temperament to exchange ideas and receive mutual profit therefrom than the frequent live stock conventions, more commonly called "agricultural fairs," which are held in every community of this country during the summer and fall months. The county fair, though of continental origin, is conducted along lines peculiarly Americanesque and no other institution has done so much to exemplify and to intensify those self same declarations of fraternity and equality as enunciated in Liberty Hall one hundred and thirty-five years ago. Time changes many things and many customs, but the agricultural fair of today, is as respects Americanism, the same institution of years ago and it is to be hoped in all sincerity that the spirit of keen, though friendly competition, which prevails wherever and whenever an agricultural fair is held, will endure with all time.

There was a day when the county agricultural fair was adjudged the court of last resort and that honors there bestowed denoted the acme of fitness; but such is not now the case. On the contrary, the county fair of today is but one step in the elimination process and all exhibits must seek a higher classification before meriting the honors which were once synonymous with county fair awards: for, to be deemed a champion, an exhibit must receive the award of a state fair board and, even after that ordeal, comes the International Exhibition, held annually at Chicago, where the state fair winners meet in final competition, where Greek meets Greek, and a champion of champions is proclaimed.

The state fair of the present day is the pride of the people of its commonwealth and justly so; for, financially supported more or less liberally by the state itself has an indirect voice in the management of his state fair and though the interest of management may be even so slight, mutual state pride evidences itself and the individual is invariably a herald of publicity and is ever abroad, beating the highways and byways, as it were, to add to the success of his own state fair.

Each year adds to the importance and to the prestige of the several state fairs, their premium lists are being gradually increased and, in consequence, exhibits are multiplying proportionately, each year's admission gates show a marked increase and the appropriation committees of the state legislatures are lending a helping hand, all for the good of the live stock interests.

At each county fair and at each state fair, "His Kingship the Horse," is the attraction in the main but the attraction of all attractions is the harness racing programme without which no fair, county or state, would have the temerity to open its gates. In fact, the day's entertainment at a fair is not in full swing until the races are called; and, from a listless and wandering crowd of time killers, the thrill of the trotting and pacing contests permeates the entire grounds until the grandstand of the race course is packed to over-

flowing. Then and then only, is it "fair-week". All other exhibits and attractions are forgotten in the whirl of sulky wheels and the pattering of hoof beats and not until the last contest on the programme card is completed is the day at the fair at an end.

Furthermore, it takes a good horse to win a state fair event because the best horses of each section are prepared and pointed for state fair honors and because harness racing conditions have so changed that the banner meeting of each season are those conducted by the speed department of the several state fairs. Purse events of values from \$1,000 to \$10,000 are offered by the agricultural boards and these are well worth racing for. In consequence, the best horses are entered and the racing is the keenest.

Nebraska is again making remarkable long strides to line up with the leading states as a breeding center of light harness horses. She has passed through panics and crop failures which gave her breeders staggering, almost knock-out blows; but they are "coming back" courageously and attracting the attention of horsemen all over the country. Before the panic of 1893 and 94, Nebraska had a large number of breeders and the most active State Breeders' Association in the union and was fast gaining a leading position among the horse producing states when the dark days of the panic fell upon herdsman all over the country and was particularly hard on the breeders of the young state. They struggled bravely through it, however, and were fast regaining their former foothold. Almost every farmer had one or more choice brood mares and in each town and city business and professional men were annually breeding a few good mares to the promising young sires standing for public service and the state had a fair chance to taking the lead and becoming a prominent factor in the horse breeding industry. With such men as Morris J. Jones, W. A. Paxton, E. D. Gould, John D. Creighton and others she began to cause horsemen to "sit up and take notice." Fine stock was purchased, new tracks were built, meetings with authorities and rich stakes were given. Then came the crop failure and money stringency along in 1893 and 94. With no feed and no money to buy feed, many standard bred horses were turned out on the broad prairies to shift for themselves; others were used up and sold for work horse prices, yet Nebraska had good horses enough to send east for sale, which brought more money back to the state to help recuperate than all the other interests combined; sold at a sacrifice, at that. But those horses saved many a farm and kept families until times were again normal.

As soon as conditions permitted breeders, great and small, again began operations and from present indications the time is now close at hand when Nebraska will again command the attention of the horse world and reach a high plane in the breeding industry of the country. Space will not permit of many illustrations; but Dudie Arehdale 2:06 3/4, which came out of Nebraska last year and was the racing sensation of the season, is not an accident or an exception. Lady Jane Etti (3), 2:19 3/4, who has shown two-minute speed this spring passed from Nebraska to Connecticut through the auction, and barring accidents will prove the above claim, with others sure to follow.

It is doubtful that Nebraska will ever again see the return of as bad financial and crop conditions as existed ten years ago, if they should occur, history will repeat itself, for Nebraska will be able to send to other and wealthier parts of the country, another lot of standard-bred horses that will bring more

"THE LITTLE COUNTRY PAPER"

When the evenin' sun is fallin' at the endin' o' the day,
An' a feller rests from labor smokin' at his pipe o' clay,
There's nothin' does him so much good, be fortune up or down,
As the little country paper from his ol' home town.

It ain't a thing of beauty an' it's print ain't always clean,
But it straightens out his temper when a feller's feelin' mean.
It takes the wrinkles off his face and brushes off the frown,
That little country paper from his ol' home town.

It tells of all the parties and balls of Pump'kin Row
'Bout who spent Sunday with whose girl, an how crops'll grow.
An' it keeps a fellow posted 'bout who's up and who is down,
That little country paper from his ol' home town.

Now I like to read the dailies an' the story papers, too,
An' at times the yaller novels an' some other trash—don't you?
But when I want some readin' that'll brush away a frown,
I want that little paper from my ol' home town.—Y. P.

money than all of the other stock raised in the state combined.

Any man who so practically evinces his interest in his community as to purchase a high-class young stallion and gives the service of the same to his neighbors at a purely nominal price is a public benefactor, and the man who breeds and develops one like Joan or Lady Jane Etti, not only attracts outside money, but advantageously advertises that section of the country; while legislatures which are liberal with their laws and premiums, thereby encouraging the breeders of good stock, will add greatly to the fair fame and wealth of their states.

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Still Life.
"No, Herbert," whispered the maid; "you mustn't put your arm around me. We are watched."
Herbert looked around the dimly lighted parlor.
"Oh, yes," he smiled; "I see there's a rubber plant at the other end of the room."
"Sh! There's another one that you don't see. Johnny's hiding there!"

Ruins? Well!
"If you only had some ruins in this country," said the foreigner, "it would be much more interesting than it is."
"Ruins!" replied the leading citizen; "if ruins add interest, we have 'em. Come around and have a look at the courthouse that we built here about fifteen years ago."

He Wasn't Mugged.
"There goes a man who wrote a ragtime song about goo-goo eyes."
"I am not surprised to observe that he is on crutches."
"Oh, he wasn't crippled in the way you suppose. He accidentally sprained his ankle."

Literal Feeling.
"Did the boss kick when you asked for more pay?"
"He did; but I wouldn't have minded his kicking so much if the stairs had not been so near and so steep."



HE LEFT.
Henpeck—Caught a burglar in my house last night.
Hyson—Get rid of him all right?
Henpeck—Oh, yes. I threatened to call my wife if he didn't leave at once.

And Quicker.
The man who burns the midnight oil
May rise to heights of fame;
But the man who sells that midnight oil
Still gets there just the same. —Puck.

No Fear.
"I hope the lecturer we are to have on social conditions will not give us any cheap talk."
"Oh, he won't. He's asking two dollars for a ticket."

Even Admitting It.
"Perhaps I know more than you think I do."
"Perhaps you do, but don't flatter yourself that that makes you a high-brow."

Dr. and Mrs. Bailey and daughter Miss Elsie left Monday for Bennett, Nebr., where they will visit with friends for a short time.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Carl Chandler of Shubert was here Friday, coming down in his automobile.

Don O'Grady of Dawson was in the city Friday attending to matters of business.

Wm. Peck of Ohio Township was in the city Friday on matters of business.

T. J. Oliver was in Rulo Monday attending to matters connected with his office.

Talk about this hot weather! The dust is so thick that a team can hardly wade through it.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bacon of Salem were in the city Friday attending to some shopping.

Charlie Bruner of Frankfort, Kas., has accepted a position with the National Poultry & Egg Co.

Several autos from Salem were in the city Saturday advertising the Salem Fourth of July celebration.

Messrs. Mike, Ambrose, Alex and Joe Tichen of Salem were in the city Friday on matters of business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stetler of Salem spent Saturday in Falls City the guest of Mrs. Alice Pittoek and son.

Miss Elsie Bailey, the Tribune reporter, is taking a three week's vacation. She expects to spend the most of it in Colorado.

Thomas E. Oliver, the eleven-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Oliver of this city, left Thursday for Lincoln, Nebr., where he will spend the next three weeks visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Evans.

Prof. Reynolds, the Suggestive Therapist and Magnetic Healer, has moved from John Powell's office to the office rooms over the Richardson County Bank, formerly occupied by Harry P. Custer. The Professor will now have a nice location and he is at present busy in making his new office comfortable and attractive.

Sheriff Fenton will have to make another trip to Michigan in a few days, after another man Mr. Sherwood, who married Dr. Moran of this city and afterwards stole four of her horses and all her jewelry while she was in Omaha and who has now been located in Michigan. The horses were recovered from the men to whom Sherwood sold them at an auction sale and the men are anxious to see the law get at Sherwood.

Clarence E. Smith has just received one of the finest lines of Pianos ever brought to Falls City. The fine Circassian Walnut, Baby Grand, was the instrument on exhibition at the Coliseum in Chicago during the Great National Piano Dealers Convention, June 3 to 10. Mr. Smith has a number of high grade pianos in the polished and art finishes, different woods, also one of the finest Inner Player pianos on the market today. If you enjoy looking over some of the finest pianos that were ever in the city, call and examine them thoroughly. He will be pleased to show them to you at his residence opposite the Court House.

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KEEPING THE STREETS CLEAN

Suggestions of New York Man for Securing Pure Air in the Large Cities.

William Van V. Hayes of New York presents suggestions for improving the care of the streets in New York so as to secure pure air. All sorts of micro-organisms are found in the dust of the streets; anthrax, tuberculosis, diphtheria, tetanus, typhoid and dysentery have been detected in it. The tubercle bacillus when dried in large, thick crusts and left in a cold, dark place like a corridor will live for six to eight months. The bad condition of the streets is in part due to carelessness of the citizens and in part to antiquated methods of cleaning. The removal of ashes in cans on a long automobile cart, without emptying them in the street, is advocated. The use of vacuum cleaning wagons is advisable. The people must be educated not to throw things into the street. Spitting should be forbidden in the streets as well as on sidewalks and proper receptacles provided. Cats and dogs should not be kept in the city and automobiles should take the place of the horse, whose manure soils the streets. Flushing the streets should be more frequent. The subway should have in front of stations an improved roadbed that can be cleaned properly; the entering air should be screened and dust-gathering cars should pass over the road at intervals.—Medical Record.

A FLYER AT ADVERTISING

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TO THE EAST.

Take advantage of the low excursion rates available this summer to eastern cities. There are 30-day tourist rates to New York, Atlantic City, Boston, Montreal, Portland, Buffalo and other places slightly higher 60-day tourist rates to many of these cities; there are diverse tours via Old Point Comfort, thence ocean voyage to New York and Boston; this tour recently introduced by the railroads, has become one of the most popular tours of American travel.

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