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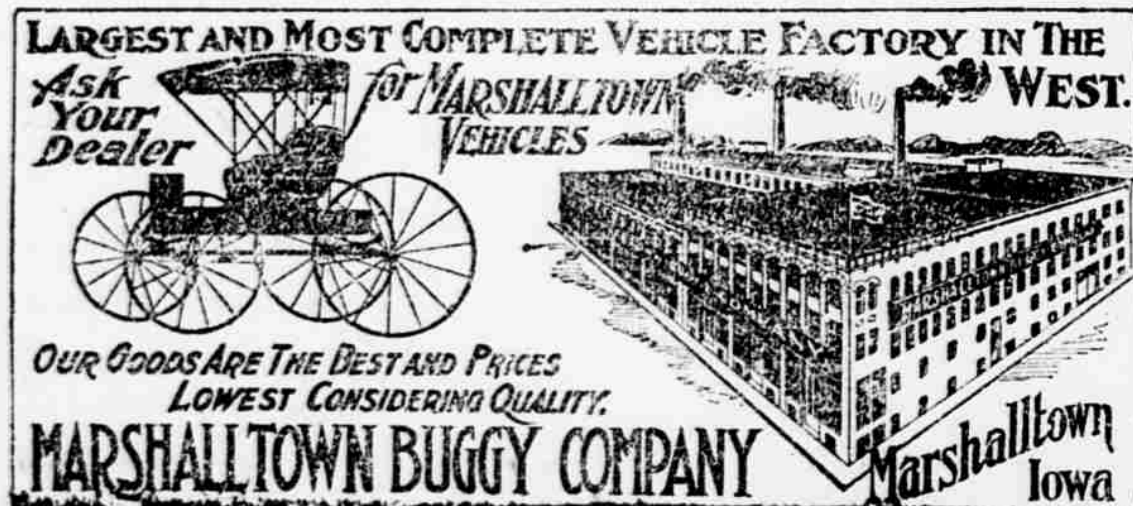
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AT THE STATE FARM

Ex-County Clerk Reece and County Assessor Young, both of Simeon, returned Sunday morning from Lincoln where they spent a week at the Stock Grower's association. Mr. Reece gives the following account of their visit:

"In company with P. H. Young we attended the meetings of Organized Agriculture which meets at the State Farm each year in January.

"On reaching Fremont we met a fellow stockman and worked up such an animated discussion that the train for Lincoln pulled out and left us, much to our disappointment.

"On Monday and Tuesday we attended the Dairy meeting and Veterinary meetings where we saw the milking machines operated and various surgical operations performed on horses, cattle and mules.

"Tuesday evening we listened to what we considered one of the greatest lectures we ever heard, by Frank Hall of Illinois. His subject was 'Education as Applied to Vocation,' in which he showed that one who can do his work well is a well educated person and that our schools should more and more train our boys and girls to do the things of actual every day life.

"Dr. Rogers of the Kansas station delivered a very encouraging lecture on tuberculosis in animals and showed that with proper care it could be almost entirely eradicated within two years.

"On Monday we visited the State herd and by the courtesy of Chas. Shumac we were shown the cattle that were exhibited at the International Stock Show at Chicago.

"It is a source of great pride to Nebraskans that we won many ribbons. 'Flint', the yearling Angus steer, weighing more than 1400 pounds, won grand championship over all breeds in the yearling class.

"The poultry show was a surprise to us. We were completely lost amid so many kinds of fowls.

"The meeting of 'Improved Live Stock Breeders' Association' was the great event of Thursday.

"The 'Judging Pavillion' was crowded—probably 1,000 persons attended. Prof. Smith of our University gave a splendid lecture on 'stock judging,' bringing in types of the various breeds and showing their good and defective points. He urged the men to keep grading up their herds, and brought out very clearly the kind of animals which bring the greatest profit to their owners.

"The State Farm holds an annual sale of its surplus stock each year during the Agricultural meetings. All the stock was pure bred.

"The hogs sold from \$22.50 to \$55. The cattle, including some calves, sold from \$35 to \$200. Anyone wishing a pure bred animal of any breed will do well to look up this annual sale as they have about the best in the state, and sell on an absolutely fair basis.

"The 'Short Horn and Angus Associations' held their meetings Friday.

"We secured much inspiration and encouragement at these meetings and came home more contented with our surroundings and vocation.

"The Farmers' Institute will meet March 6th, and two very able men will be with us. You will miss something that will be worth

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