

OPENING OF EXPOSITION

BIG SHOW GROUNDS AT ST. LOUIS DEDICATED.

PRESIDENT PRESSED BUTTON

Saturday Was a Big Day at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition and the Great Show is Now Open to the People of the World.

St. Louis, April 30.—Along the broad avenues and spacious terraces of the great ivory city representatives of all nations elbowed one another today. Tall and gaunt Patagonians from the southernmost region of America walked side by side with the Esquimaux—children of the frozen north. Subjects of the Mikado sauntered along the roadway casting furtive glances at fierce Cossacks of the Don; sooty Nubians jostled yellow Mongols, and picturesque Turks, Moors and Soudanese added rich color to the picture. It was a veritable congress of nations. Foreigners of dignified appearance and resplendent in uniforms covered with gold lace were encountered at every turn. There were Germans, Austrians, Englishmen, Swiss, Italians and Spaniards, France, the original possessor of the great Louisiana territory, was much in evidence.

Above the heads of the throng floated the flags of all nations. The British Union Jack fluttered in the breeze side by side with the sun standard of Japan; the tri-color of France was everywhere; and the Austrian eagles flew in the air, along with those of Germany. The white and blue of the Fiji Islands, the crescent and sun of Arabia, the lion of Persia, China's yellow dragon pennant, the snake and eagle of Mexico, all these were there; and floating above them all the standard of the great republic, the stars and stripes, snapped in the breeze, a symbol of liberty and asylum to the oppressed of the whole earth.

The wisdom of the committee on ceremonies in making the opening exercises as brief as possible was evident. No one was in a humor to listen to long speeches or flowery dissertations. That sort of thing was well enough at the dedication exercises a year ago, but today everyone was anxious to begin the inspection of the great exposition, and the crowds that ebbed and flowed through the great white palaces and along the broad avenues was an earnest of the multitudes yet to come when the pilgrimage to the Mecca of civilization should have been fairly begun. Of course, everyone who could obtain entrance to the big auditorium listened with attention and respect to the orators of the day, but there was an evident disposition to begin sightseeing as soon as possible.

It is true that the exhibits are not yet complete in all their details. They have not arrived so rapidly as was expected, and the work of classification has been somewhat delayed. Still, with these drawbacks, the attractions may be said to surpass those of any previous exhibition in its completed state. Satisfactory as this condition of affairs is, yet contrasted with the display which will greet the visitor a week or two hence, that of today will be remembered only as a prologue to one of the most instructive and bewildering spectacles in the history of the world. It is safe to say, however, that none of the visitors today was dissatisfied with what he saw. From end to end, throughout every part of the great tract of 1,240 acres, there was a succession of strange and novel sights, moving multitudes and a display of the resources and products of civilization such as has never before been collected in one place.

All the arrangements for handling the crowd were excellent. The gates were at no time choked and the throng passed into the grounds with less trouble than is often experienced at a theater or other place of amusement. The crowd itself was a good-natured one. Aside from the foreigners, who after all formed but a small fraction of the great throng, the bulk of the multitude was made up of St. Louis people. This was to be expected, considering the fact that most of the prospective visitors from other states had long ago made their arrangements to reach St. Louis after the exposition shall be fully under way. St. Louis, however, had evidently resolved to take a day off in honor of the event, and the attendance was highly gratifying. Neighboring cities and states were not by any means unrepresented, however. Special trains brought into the city thousands of sightseers from Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Arkansas and states even more distant, and these visitors helped to swell the throng that had gathered from all parts of the Mound City and its suburbs to join in the opening of the big show.

Many Police. Throughout the grounds were distributed the world's fair police, Jefferson guards as they are called. They were of value in directing the movements of the crowd when a blockade was threatened, and their services were occasionally called into requisition to clear the way for a passing vehicle connected with the hos-

pital service, the police department or the sanitary department of the exposition. Accidents of a serious character were surprisingly few considering the magnitude of the crowd. The transportation facilities, while not yet completed to their fullest capacity, were fairly adequate. The people, too, made the task of the transportation companies easy by starting early. Though the hour for the official opening was set for early afternoon, eight and nine o'clock in the morning saw the down town streets filled with people headed for Forest park. The crowds did not depend upon the steam railroads and the trolley lines, however. They came in every conceivable fashion—on foot, on bicycles and in carriages and carts.

All day long the crowds ebbed and flowed in and about the great white palaces, ascended the ridge to get a better view of the marvelous panorama or sauntered leisurely along the enticing waterways. With most people the great difficulty was to determine where to commence, and once fairly started on the tour of sightseeing there came a feeling of helplessness and despair of ever accomplishing the task of inspecting the whole exposition.

OPENING EXERCISES ARE SIMPLE

In Perfect Consonance With the Methods of Those in Charge of the Exposition.

St. Louis, April 30.—President Roosevelt touched an electric button in Washington today. As he did so the report of a cannon was heard here by the expectant multitude, flags unfurled as if by magic, an avalanche of water poured down the cascades, the great engines in the machinery palace and the power houses started throbbing—and the Louisiana Purchase exposition was open to the world.

The opening ceremonies were so simple and so plain that they were in perfect harmony with the methods of President Francis and his efficient aids, but they were at the same time very impressive, and made a fitting prelude to one of the most memorable events in American history. The dedication ceremonies, a year ago, were attended by a military parent that was significant of the nation's progress, and after the baptism of arms comes the sweet essence of art and science, and the formal opening today

President Francis and his party were escorted from the Administration building to the scene of the day's ceremonies, where they were joined by the foreign commissioners, who had assembled earlier at the British pavilion; and the governors of states and state commissions and committees who had rounded up at the United States government building. Secretary Taft, as the representative of President Roosevelt, was escorted to the grounds by a military guard, and proper escorts were furnished also to the members of congress and other specially invited guests.

Promptly at half-past ten the exercises of the day began. There was little formality, hardly any display to attract the seekers of the picturesque, and still the program was carried out amid surroundings and in a manner in all ways appropriate. The ceremonies were opened with an invocation by the Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulis of Chicago. The invocation was followed by the rendering of "America" by the bands, and an address by the Hon. D. R. Francis, president of the exposition. President Francis was given a great ovation. He spoke as follows:

was marked by the absence of soldiery in uniform. The place of rendezvous was the great plaza to the north of the Grand Basin and in the shadow of the imposing Louisiana Purchase monument. At 9 o'clock the board of directors of the fair, the members of the national commission, the board of lady managers and other officials met in the Administration building, where there was an interesting little ceremony as a prelude to the more important events of the day. This consisted of the presentation to President Francis of a gavel with which to call to order the assemblage of notables. The gavel was made of many pieces of wood taken from various trees grown in the Forest park portion of the exposition grounds.

TWO PIERCE DEATHS.

Mrs. Manske and Willie Cross, Both Funerals Today.

Pierce, Neb., May 2.—Special to The News: Two deaths occurred in Pierce and two funerals are arranged for this afternoon. Mrs. Albertina Manske, aged 69, died Saturday night of pneumonia. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Frank Schultz and Mrs. Fred Schultz; and two sons, Fritz Manske and H. J. Manske. All of the children live in Pierce except H. J. Manske, who lives in Norfolk. The funeral is this afternoon.

Willie Cross, son of Anton Cross, died yesterday of acute meningitis. He was born October 3, 1885, and the funeral will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Plainview Field Meet.

Plainview, Neb., May 2.—Special to The News: There will be a field meet here May 12 between the firemen and the non firemen.

CREIGHTON BALL TEAM BEAT

TOOK GAME FROM PLAINVIEW, SCORE 8 TO 5.

OAKDALE BEATS NELIGH AGAIN

In a Listless Game With Hard Hitting as a Feature, the High School Boys Won Out With Score of 18 to 7—Plainview Field Meet.

Plainview, Neb., May 2.—Special to The News: The high schools of Creighton and Plainview played a game of baseball here Saturday in which Creighton won by a score of 8 to 5.

Batteries: Creighton, Buckmaster and Crew; Plainview, Buckingham and Hladik.

Oakdale 18; Neligh 7.

Oakdale, Neb., May 2.—Special to The News: The Oakdale high school ball team defeated the Neligh high school team in a game played before a large crowd yesterday. Neligh made many and costly errors and the home team also fielded listlessly. The feature of the game was the hard, steady hitting by the Oakdale club, batting out safe at pleasure.

Score by innings: Oakdale 5 1 2 6 1 1 0 1 1—18 Neligh 1 3 0 0 1 0 0 2 0—7 Batteries: Oakdale, Ray and Stringfellow; Neligh, Plekerel, DeWitt and Thornton. Time 2:10. Empire, Jackson.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Mayor C. S. Smith of Madison is in the city.

Dr. J. H. Mackay has gone to Omaha to attend the meeting of the medical association.

John R. Hays attended the Knox county district court at Center yesterday, returning this morning.

M. D. Tyler and Judge I. Powers were among Norfolk attorneys who went to Center yesterday to attend court.

W. M. Robertson was in Center yesterday. He has been making a trip through the county inspecting his farm and ranch land.

J. R. Carey, publisher of the Neligh Yeoman, was in the city yesterday to attend a meeting of the trustees of the Norfolk Building & Loan company last night.

W. J. Hahn stopped a runaway horse while passing down Norfolk avenue at a high rate of speed.

The oyster season is over and will not come back again until September. It isn't possible to get an "R" into the month of May, however contriving.

The household goods of H. W. Steffen are being packed, preparatory to the return of the family to St. Paul, Minn., where they expect to make their home in the future.

The fire department was presented with \$5 for its active response to the alarm yesterday, by C. B. Durland, whose barn was ablaze. The department always appreciates tokens of that sort.

E. L. Howell, who has taken the editorial and business management of the Clearwater Record, is making some decided improvements to the publication and it is full of local and general news of interest.

Railroad tracks across Norfolk avenue are being repaired so that people can walk across them without so much danger to life and limb. The north side of the street is the only one which is as yet being repaired.

The funeral of Mrs. Manske at Pierce is to be held today instead of yesterday. Her son, F. J. Manske of this city is attending the funeral. Her children are Fritz Schultz, Mrs. William Scheerers, Fritz Manske and F. J. Manske.

Campbell Bros. circus train had a fire near Pawnee City which resulted in a loss of \$20,000. The circus is headed for this city and will be here in spite of the accident. Perhaps some of the charred animals will be on exhibition.

"I won't get out of town," said the stranger to Chief of Police Kane. "I'm a free American citizen and you can't make me move." And then he landed in the grip of the copper and was tossed behind the bars of the steel cage for a chance to sober up.

Norfolk fishermen Sunday went to the farm of August Kientz and destroyed his camping ground improvements. He had fixed up the place so that it was delightfully comfortable and convenient. The rodents tore up the pump and knocked down the furniture.

The Sunday Chicago American devoted several columns to the opening of the Rosebud reservation on the Northwestern line of railway in South Dakota, the article being illustrated with a number of half-tone cuts and drawings. Such attention on the part of eastern publications helps materially in bringing the reservation to the attention of the public and will serve to bring many people in this direction.

Farewells to Yamaschita Yasichiro were spoken at a party held in his honor at the home of W. J. Bryan last evening. Today will see the departure of the Japanese youth, who has been a member of Mr. Bryan's family for several years. He will go to St. Louis to join the Japanese commission. Many of the Lincoln people who have taken a liking to the young man had been invited by Mr.

and Mrs. Bryan to be present at the party.

Tooth and all their mysteries and problems will be given three days of consideration at the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Nebraska State Dental society which will be held at Omaha, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 17, 18 and 19. The solemn study of the interior of the face will be alternated with entertainment and recreations. One of these will be a theatrical attraction Tuesday night at the Boyd to which the visitors will be taken by the resident dentists of Omaha. Rates of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan have been granted in the state and the attendance is expected to be large. Many dentists of the state will read papers during the sessions, which will be held day and night, except on the night of the play. Day meetings will be at the Omaha Dental college; evening meetings at the Millard hotel, headquarters.

Below is a list of sales of pianos and organs made by the Sturgeon Music Co., the Norfolk piano men, since the commencement of their opening sale. At the close of this sale we will give away absolutely free to some two of our customers a \$300 piano and a \$75 organ. If you are going to purchase an instrument soon it will pay you to get in on this scheme. Don't forget about it, the time will soon expire.

C. F. Benton, Verdell, Nobr. Farrand organ. N. Vandenhoof, St. Edwards, Neb. Schubert piano. Fred Beckwith, Neligh, Neb. Farrand organ.

A. H. Cropper, Norfolk, Neb. Farrand organ. C. E. Ferguson, Stuart, Neb. Newman Bros' piano.

Minnie Foltz, Tilden, Neb. Farrand organ. A. E. Gore, Spencer, Neb. Schubert piano.

D. H. Kay, Wakefield, Neb. Sturgeon organ. Carrie Storm, Royal, Neb. Story & Clark piano.

Ervin Stringfellow, Oakdale, Neb. Howard piano. Chas. Sultor, Tilden, Neb. Schubert piano.

E. A. Walker, Stuart, Neb. Schubert piano. Frank Dolney, Stuart, Neb. Farrand organ.

L. M. Carville, Fairfax, S. D. Sturgeon organ. Wm. F. Anderson, Fairfax, S. D. Story & Clark piano.

Ella Hauptli, Norfolk, Neb. Farrand organ. W. P. Canning, Verdell, Neb. Newman Bros' organ.

A. M. Church, Atkinson, Neb. Farrand organ. H. A. Owershaw, Clonster, Neb. Farrand organ.

Elina Halbert, Emerick, Neb. Farrand organ. Geo. Hunter, Oakdale, Neb. Howard piano.

Millard Green, Norfolk, Neb. Farrand organ. John Browning, Clearwater, Farrand organ.

Mary C. Oline, Monroe Story & Clark piano. C. W. Reed, Winslow, Newman Bros' organ.

Geo. H. Mathew, Gross, Neb. Farrand organ. P. Billeter, Butte, Neb. Farrand organ.

W. B. Sherbahn, Emerson, Neb., Schubert piano. M. Philben, Monowi, Neb., Farrand organ.

M. Moolich, Norfolk, Neb. Schubert piano. D. W. Hoar, Bonesteel, S. Dak. Erhohh organ.

K. L. Flisram, Bonesteel, S. Dak. Farrand organ. N. N. Vroman, Fairfax, S. Dak. S. & C. organ.

J. H. Heying, Fairfax, S. Dak. Farrand organ. Lena Dorman, Wakefield, Neb. Sturgeon organ.

Joseph Morten, Hartington. Newman Bros' piano. J. K. Elliott, Hartington Schubert piano.

M. E. Eby, Hartington, Neb. Schubert piano. Mrs. R. Lewis, Meadow Grove, Neb. W. C. organ.

John Hoffman, Fairfax, S. Dak. S. & C. organ. W. M. McClintock, Verdell, Neb. Newman Bros' piano.

Mike Philben, Monowi, Neb. Farrand organ. J. W. Scott, Fairfax, S. Dak. Merrifield organ.

L. S. Willoughby, Bonesteel, S. Dak. Sturgeon organ. D. W. McDonald, Neligh, Neb. Newman Bros' piano.

Ethyl Warwick, Oakdale, Neb. Howard piano. John Kalol, Stuart, Neb. Farrand organ.

BARN FIRE.

Calls Out Department at C. B. Durland's Home—No Damage.

Fire which broke out in the barnyard of the C. B. Durland home, North Ninth street, shortly after noon, called the department out but did no damage. All of the down town fire companies, which had started to make the run, were flagged near the Northwestern tracks at Seventh street and relieved of the trip. The West Side hose company completed the journey. A bucket of water did the business.

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A LETTER FROM HONDURAS

COUNTRY WHERE NEGROES ARE HAPPIEST AND BEST.

PARADISE FOR COLORED MAN

A Colony in Central America Which is Built up Largely by the English. England Has Done Much for the Country in Commercial Way.

Belize, British Honduras, April 18.—Special Correspondence: To those who have visited the Central American countries, Belize is a pleasant surprise. It is a town of about 8,000 inhabitants. Viewed from the harbor a mile out, where the ships anchor, it seems that every building is painted white. This color contrasted with the green tops of the tall palms and the other tropical trees and plants gives the most beautiful effect that can be imagined.

On a closer view the effect is not spoiled. A placid harbor shows two steamers and three large sailing ships at anchor, a dozen smaller sailing vessels closer in, and half a hundred sailing dories and canoes moving about doing the transfer business, or going to and from the outer harbor for fish, coral, pearls, mahogany or logwood. It is a pretty and lively scene on the water side. In the town the entire population seems to be on the streets, and all seem to be in their Sunday best. White suits predominate, with a strong mixture of linen and khaki.

I am inclined to think that if there is an earthly paradise for negroes it is right here. They are better dressed and more prosperous looking than any I have ever seen, and their happiness seems more real and their laughter less forced or exaggerated than it is in the United States, where the negro is less sure of his position in society and often becomes a buffoon to cover his embarrassment or distress. The negro here has no recollection and scarcely a tradition of slavery times, and he carries no social load. He is generally educated and is perfectly at ease. The women and girls are modest and bright, and dressed in good taste. The entire boating business and practically all of the other work is in the hands of the black man. Many of them are clerks in the stores of the Englishmen, and many operate shops of their own. The soldiers and policemen are all black.

It may be that the negro is a better and a more valuable citizen here because he is able to look down upon and scorn a lower race of people, the greasers. I think there is much in the theory that the men or race of men have more hope and more ambition, who find that they already are a grade above some other race in the social and political scale. At any rate with the negro of the English colony, there is a wider gulf downward to the "greaser" than there is between the whites and blacks in the United States. This is apparent at a glance. One notices that the negro is a good citizen, and believes that the greaser is simply good fuel for the warm time in the Great Hereafter.

British Honduras is the part of Central America retained by England when the early attempt was made to gather in the entire east coast as far south as the San Juan river in Nicaragua. It is a civilized spot in a dark country. One almost thinks the Monroe doctrine has been a mistake if it kept out English civilization from the balance of the country in order that it might remain dark. If the United States has kept guard over it that it might sometime be settled and civilized from the American side, then it is high time the work was begun. Perhaps the not very carefully veiled movement at Panama is a start in the desired direction.

From a commercial standpoint the English have done much for this colony. It looks to me that there is more

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