

IT WAS THE CHILDREN'S DAY

And Thousands of Them Were at the Omaha Fair.

SOME OF THE FINE EXHIBITS.

The Awards Are Now Being Made and Many of the Old Exhibitors are Again Receiving Deserved Distinction.

The Infus. Carriages were on every street corner yesterday and the crush on the streets was far more noticeable than on Monday. All the trains now are loaded and the family carriages of our country cousins are beginning to jostle each other on the streets.

Thousands of the Little Ones See the Sight's-Poultry Exhibit. It was children's day, and as early as 7 o'clock troops of children commenced flocking into the gates and continued all morning until by the early part of the afternoon nearly 10,000 merry, neatly-clad youngsters of all ages and sizes were on the grounds.

It was a great day for the refreshment stands while the sidewalks and merry-go-rounds have taken in a mint of money. The fair has commenced and all the various exhibits were finally in shape for the inspection of the visitors.

The display in poultry is very fine and as large as ever made here before. S. S. Barton, of Blue Springs, and G. Allen, of Millard, are the main exhibitors, in fact their displays include half of the exhibit.

M. J. Hesser, of Plattsmouth, has a number of dominos, Pekin ducks, brown leghorns, Plymouth rocks and white rabbits. P. J. Osterman, of Wisner, buff cochins, Plymouth rocks and light Brahmas.

S. S. Barton, of Blue Springs, exhibits fifteen varieties, requiring thirty-nine separate coops. He has light and dark Brahmas, buff cochins, partridge cochins, white and black, and leghorns as large as turkeys, also a number of geese, ducks and fancy pigeons.

W. A. Stevens, Omaha, includes in his collection white leghorns, white Brahmas, partridge cochins, lace Wyandottes, white crested black Polish, and some fine specimens of golden bantam Pouter.

James Barrett, Omaha, makes a specialty of duck winged bantams, black breasted games and speckled games. C. O. Howard, Omaha, exhibits some fine specimens of lace Wyandottes.

C. H. Bantoni, of Omaha, makes a specialty of Pekin ducks, white Brahmas and Plymouth rocks. The judges of the various departments were late in getting started at their work, and it was after 10 o'clock before a single animal was brought out for inspection.

In Class 1, draught horses, J. W. DeFrance of Omaha, and E. J. Moore of Des Moines, acted as judges. There were nine entries of Clydesdales, four-year-old and upwards. All were noble looking animals. The first premium was awarded to Dr. H. Noble of Blair, and the second to Ed Trinder & Co., of Atlantic.

Alexander Leuge, of Schuyler, and L. Miller, of Marysville, Mo., acted as judges in the cattle department. The first display of Short-horns, three years old and over, presented a very difficult problem for the judges, which they solved by awarding R. Daniels first prize and George Dugan second.

Some Fine Sport on the Association's Half-Mile Track. This was a delightful day for racing, with clear skies, an invigorating breeze and magnificent track. The attendance was quite good, the grand stand being packed to repetition, principally with children, this being children's day. The crowd about the track, too, was very large and enthusiastic, while the quarter-stretch was filled with vehicles. The first event on the card was the 2:48 trot, purse \$500. The following horses responded to the tap of the bell, for the race: Pete Gardner, Governor, Bend D'O'r and Golden Wing. They drew positions in the order named, and on the third scoring got off well together with the pole horse holding a slight advantage. The race for the length at the first quarter and three at the third, Bend D'O'r second, Governor third and Golden Wing last. In this position they came under the wire, Golden Wing barely saving her distance. Time, 2:38 1/2.

There was considerable difficulty experienced in getting off for the second race, but on the fourth scoring, just after the judges' stand had been passed, the sulks of Governor and Gardner collided, and it looked for a moment as if Bob Keeble, the driver of Governor, would be seriously hurt. His sulky came within an ace of going over, but fortunately did not do so, and after changing sulks the horses came out again and after a couple of scorings succeeded in getting a beautiful send-off. Gardner pulled to the front almost immediately after the first quarter led by a length, Bend D'O'r second and Governor third. In rounding into the half Governor took second place, Gardner here broke, but instead of being thrown, notwithstanding this advantage the little brown mare kept well upon his neck without a skip in the whole mile, and came under the string but a head in the rear of the big Gardner, with Bend D'O'r with his nose in their wheels and Golden Wing a length in the rear. On account of the race being so work and the extreme closeness of the finish, the judges award the heat to the brown mare, and Pete Gardner second, Bend D'O'r third and Golden Wing last.

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Miss Lois McGinn, a girl of twelve, took the first premium on rag carpets. The art ball is the great center of attraction. The display of painting, drawings and textile fabrics are unusually fine. This evening's list will contain a full description of it.

Ed Rothery's display of carrier pigeons is attracting great attention. The four-year old trotting colts on Thursday programme have been changed to the 2:30 class.

Among the novel attractions on the track today are the chariot and hurdle racing, ladies' change riding, umbrella races on horseback, etc. Three by-falcons and a cross between a common cow and a buffalo are one of the attractions at the fair.

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