

CONFESSION REIGNS SUPREME

Every day Busy Arranging Exhibits for the
Fair. Which Opens Monday.

EVERYTHING WILL BE IN READINESS

The Man With the Lung Tester, the
Showman, the Peanut Vender
and the Popcorn Maker in
Their Element

Lafayette, Neb., Sept. 6.—[Special to The Ben.]—The state fair grounds were in chaotic condition today preparatory to the grand opening Monday morning. Upwards of \$5,000 have been expended in improvements. The fairs last season and the facilities are now, as quoted from the catalogue, "second to none in America." Agricultural hall has been doubled in size and repainted and painted throughout, a commodious and attractive new art hall has been erected and the old poultry building has been replaced by a larger one. The grounds are very extensive and smaller buildings have been erected to compare these with the other improvements and greatly to the appearance of the grounds.

Exhibits were received all day today. Goods were being unpacked here and there and there was confusion everywhere. The people are here in great numbers, and the peanut dealer and the popcorn maker have commenced to get in their show, and

present in abundance. A fair official, after walk over the grounds with The BEE representative this afternoon, said: "If only the people attend we will have the greatest show on record this year. Notwithstanding the poor crops in some localities, our agricultural exhibit is finer and much larger than ever before, agricultural hall."

Few of the county exhibits are yet in shape, but the passages are filled with many interesting items. The fairgrounds and Custer counties both have unusually fine displays, the latter showing the legend, "My father gave me nine weeks," suspended over a huge golden grain and tempting array of fruits, vegetables and grain generally. The fairgrounds also feature a contest on the opening day with a representative exhibit and Holt county is preparing to capture the prize for the best county collection of products. The fair will be held at the fair grounds and play ever made at the fair. Skilled demonstrators are in charge and some very artists are at work as well. In the center is a great big log cabin with a large sign reading "Michigan log and litter." Then there are many more designs made of corn, shelled and unshelled, and other agricultural products. There are also many displays of vegetables including a remarkable assortment of potatoes. Specimens of brook trout and wild game etc., complete the exhibit.

The fair is being held at the Grand Island county quads outside herself in a presentation of the sugar beet industry, wherein is displayed a large number of sugar beets and other agricultural products. Across the lake the state experimental station vies with Grand Island

The Board of managers expects a most prosperous season, and only in the case of rain during a possible disappointment.

resulted in the loss of one of the most brilliant features in connection with the staff fair—an artillery drill daily by regular United States troops. An invitation had been extended to battery F of the Second regiment of the United States artillery. Secretary Furness to be here during the fair and Colonel C. A. Woodruff telegraphed the same to the headquarters at Washington and was given permission to bring the battery to Lincoln at no expense to the government. The fair management had previously published this feature as one of the great attractions and it was generally understood

Colonel Woodruff, Lieutenant E. S. Dudley and Lieutenant H. S. Reid, with a battery of nearly 100 men arrived in the city this afternoon in accordance with the invitation. There was nobody to meet them and arrangements made for the entertainment of the men. When the attention of the financial commissioners was called to the arrival of the troops they flatly refused to provide

Capital hotel was one of the citizens who felt indignant over the shabby treatment of the visitors and he kindly extended the courtesy of his house to all officers in the battery. But the offer was declined and at 9 o'clock the battery returned to Fort Leavenworth. Later, when the report concerning the matter spread abroad, there were no less than fifty citizens who offered to pay for bringing the soldiers back and settle any expense incurred in their entertainment while in the city.

STATE NEWS.

The Rennon Closes.

Telegram to THE BEE.—The twelfth annual reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic of Nebraska practically closed last night as the immense crowd of people left for their homes on the trains in all directions. On lips were words of praise of the reunion, which was the best ever held in the state. T

in chief of the United States Grand Army of the Republic, General Veazey of Boston, which was full of enthusiasm and feeling. He received

The West Virginia veterans in Nebraska elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, J. A. Wear of Grand Island; secretary and treasurer, T. C. Willoughby of Kearney. Illinois veterans elected for president, General C. D. Dilyworth of Hastings; vice president, C. A. Allee of Omaha; adjutant, George D. Whitman of Oxford, Indiana.

lected for president James B. Powell, Neb.; adjutant W. H. Ray of Marquette, Neb.; treasurer L. B. Willoughby of Central City.

The Twenty-first infantry left on the special train for Fort Sidney this morning at 10 o'clock; also Battery F, Second United States artillery, of Leavenworth, Kan.

At the same hour, the cavalry, which has been

The banquet and ball given by the traveling men last night at the Ancient Order United Workmen temple was the most brilliant social event ever witnessed in this city. Music was furnished by the famous Two first infantry band. The ladies of

Hail Storm at Loup City.
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