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IOWA IN THE LEAD

Hawkeye State Breaks All Records for Exposition Celebrations.

ALMOST EQUALS CROWD OF THE FOURTH

Citizens of Nebraska's Older Neighbor Do Themselves Full Justice.

DEMONSTRATION WORTHY OF THE

Nob. Soc'y State Historical Soc'y
Aug. 15, 1898
Grand Commonwealth Gives Evidence of Material Greatness.

THOUSANDS JOIN IN THE EXERCISES

Great Parade Witnessed by Huge Concours and Speeches Listened To by All the Auditorium Would Accommodate.

Total Admissions Yesterday, 39,094 Total to Date, 1,477,457

To the Hawkeye state, assisted by The Bee's special excursions, belong the honor of having the biggest state day of any commonwealth that has yet made its obelisk on the exposition grounds. Its celebration was attended by the second largest crowd of the season and every feature was carried out with an enthusiasm that inspired the most hearty admiration. The attendance exceeded the record for the opening day by several thousand and the high water mark of July 4 was very nearly reached. Iowa day was a tremendous success in every detail and it will remain one of the red letter days of the exposition. The exercises of the day were heard by the biggest audience that has ever assembled in the Auditorium and the program was in every respect commensurate with the importance of the occasion. The parade was a real feature and not such a perfunctory affair as sometimes accompanies similar demonstrations and the minor incidents of the celebration were of sufficient merit to interest every visitor.

But, after all, the crowd was the distinctive and striking feature of the day. From the west heavily loaded trains brought the men and women who joined the popular excursion organized by The Bee. From the east the Hawkeyes came in crowds that swamped the railroads and threatened to depopulate the state. And when the two big crowds merged into one inside the exposition gates they filled up the big enclosure at a rate that almost equalled the tremendous congregation of the Fourth of July. The railroads were simply unable to haul the people who wanted to come to Omaha yesterday and even train that pulled across the bridge was loaded to the doors. The crush was almost as great on the street car lines. Early yesterday morning the street railway company turned out every piece of rolling stock in its barns. The loop service on the Twenty-fourth street and Sherman, Avenue lines was multiplied until the trains were frequently more than an hour apart and even at that every car carried all the people that could hang on the footboards. All three of the lines leading to the grounds were run to their full capacity and the rush continued well into the afternoon.

Jump at the Gates.

At the grounds the crowd was in evidence from the minute the gates were opened. Several hundred people were waiting at the main entrances when the gatekeepers unlocked their turnstiles and from then until late in the afternoon the sills scarcely ceased turning. There was a continual crush in front of the ticket windows, but the state was admirably handled and no one experienced any avoidable delay. Before 9 o'clock the rush was on in full force and for four hours there was no let up. Even the Sherman Avenue gate, which of Horticultural building was literally besieged by visitors who headed for the Iowa building before beginning their inspection of the grounds. The state building was flooded with Hawkeyes all day and after 8 o'clock it was almost impossible to move through the apartments. The Iowa commissioners were overwhelmed, but jubilant, and they congratulated each other on the prospect that the attendance record might be broken.

President Wattles' Welcome.

The conclusion of Governor Shaw's address was enthusiastically applauded and the audience held up their hands and cheered for him to play a violin solo by Miss Lucile Fraenckel, who played a "Lied" by Wieniawski and a polonaise by Miska Hauser. Her performance displayed considerable artistic sentiment and a technique that is entirely creditable to so young an artist.

In the welcome he extended on behalf of the exposition management President Wattles declared that Iowa is the finest agricultural state in the union. It has a smaller percentage of unutilizable land than any other territory in the world. It has a smaller percentage of illiteracy and fewer criminals. When you go home tonight, tell the children that the world is big and constantly expanding; that this day's experience has broadened your mind and has given you more real and hope more ardent, and that both you and the world, and especially the state, expects something of them. Wake the boy in the night, break in upon his dreams with stories of hopeful possibilities, with the kind of things that let him dream of greater heights, of nobler achievements, of higher altitudes, of nobler achievements. Neglect neither seed-time nor harvest; watch the growing and maturing crops; watch and protect both plants and herbs.

The citizens of the state and the office,

the avenues were almost solidly lined with promenaders. The Plaza concert and the fireworks entertained immense audiences and the Midway attractions played to houses that were packed to the walls.

None of the exposition officials have been able to obtain definite information in regard to the prospective attendance of Modern Woodmen today. The local committee of the order has expended a good deal of energy and printers' ink in organizing the demonstration and its members are confident that there will be not less than 5,000 Woodmen on the grounds. As the bulk of the Iowa visitors and nearly all those who were brought in by The Bee excursion will remain over it seems that this will be another record-breaking day.

EXERCISES AT THE AUDITORIUM.

Great Audience Hears Good Music and Excellent Speeches.

The official celebration in the Auditorium yesterday afternoon filled the big building as it had never been filled before. Every seat was taken long before the hour for the exercises to begin and still there was no interruption of the demands for admission. The people filled the lobby and stood in the aisles by hundreds. From the stage to the pinnacle of the gallery there was scarcely enough space left to accommodate a 10-year-old child and if the building had been half as big again it would have been filled as completely. The program was commensurate with such an assemblage. There was not too much oratory and what there was was worth hearing. The speeches were interlaced with musical selections of more than ordinary merit and the entire program was vitalized by the enthusiasm of the day.

The official party arrived very nearly on time and was greeted with vigorous applause. Vice President Allan Davis of the Iowa commission called the crowd to order and introduced the Ladies' band of Eldora, which rendered an overture in a fairly capable manner. An impressive invocation by Rev. A. S. Barnes of Council Bluffs was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Nellie May Brewster, who sang a very trying selection with excellent taste. She displayed a soprano voice of exceptional range and purity, which was heard to better advantage in the ballad with which she rewarded a well merited encore.

Governor Shaw was then introduced and

ESTERHAZY HAS THE SECRET

He Alone Knows Inside Facts of the Dreyfus Affair.

HIGH OFFICIALS MAKE HIM A SCAPEROAT

He Goes to London in Disguise to Protect Himself and May Yet Use His Knowledge to Advantage.

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LONDON, Sept. 21.—The Echo de Paris says: "The people of Iowa are not idle, but the day will have been lost to us and to our children unless what is here said, and done, and witnessed, and enjoyed shall bring water-thoughtfulness and increased knowledge to the land of the Wampumungs."

The audience welcomed him with a generous demonstration. His address was brief but pertinent, and it was heard with close attention. He said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, Citizens and Friends of Iowa—Not many generations ago in the place where you now sit, encircled by all that exalts and embellishes civilized life, the rank thistle nodded in the breeze, and the w'd fox dug his hole under a rock. So did Charles the First—King—queer—of a century ago, and the utterance is as true when applied to the land of the Omahas as to the land of the Wampumungs."

We meet this day as citizens of Iowa, on the soil of a desert, for no idle purpose. The people of Iowa are not idle, but the day will have been lost to us and to our children unless what is here said, and done, and witnessed, and enjoyed shall bring water-thoughtfulness and increased knowledge to the land of the Wampumungs."

Today he is to take the train for Paris. Esterhazy said:

"You do not recognize me. That is not so astonishing. Such as you see me I passed for several days before secret agents to watch Mme. Dreyfus's domicile and not one of them recognized me. I fancy there were fifteen of them the first night, but I mistrusted events and I was right. I said to General Pelleix after the suicide of Colonel Henry that it would now be impossible to stop things and that the movement would be formidable. The general lost their heads. I wrote Cavagnac a long letter, making him acquainted with the most salient points in the affair. He refused to receive me. My ruin had been determined upon. I was thrown overboard and the only course open to me was to go away and await developments. General Pelleix said that nothing could be built on such foundations. He did not listen to me, contenting himself with the publication in the texture of the paper—*Le Temps*, which was only apparent and not confirmed by a clear examination. As I write to the minister there are officers who either from ignorance or sheer perverseness are hiding the truth from him. I offered in my second letter to prove it to him as clear as day, but he once more refused to give me a hearing. There were but three persons who knew the truth of the matter—Colonel Sandher, Colonel Henry and myself. The first two are dead and I alone hold the secret."

Major Esterhazy said he had also written to M. Martin, commissioner of delegations judiciaires, who on petition of the officer's cousin had summoned him to appear before him. "I told him," said the major, "that I refused to attend as I had no confidence in justice and that my cousin's application was only pretext to create a diversion to arrest me and render me helpless."

Esterhazy said he was now reflecting as to what course it would be best for him to follow. "I do not know," he added, "whether I shall make use of the documents and papers in my possession. It will depend on the march of events."

The Daily Paris correspondent hears from a gentleman who recently visited Colonel Picquart in prison that he was perfectly healthy and resolute. Pleurat remarked: "The maximum imprisonment I can receive is five years. If the worst should come to the worst I will serve that time, but when I come out again it will only be to recompence and so on until justice has been done to Dreyfus."

Colonel Picquart on Trial.

PARIIS, Sept. 21.—The papers here say the minister of war, General Chanoine, has examined the documents in the Dreyfus case and has ordered the prosecution of former Colonel Picquart, on the charge of forgery.

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