

STATE FAIR IS PROSPERING

Iowa's Great Exposition Proves a Money-Making Institution.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS ARE SUBMITTED

President and Secretary Make a Fine Showing to the Farmers' Institute at Its Second Day's Session.

DE MOINES, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The closing day of the Iowa State Farmers' Institute and State Agricultural convention was marked by the reading of a few papers and the reading of the reports of the officers of the society having in charge the state fair and supervision over county and district fairs. The first and most important of these reports was that of Secretary George Van Houten, which covered the whole range of fair work in the state and the general agricultural and horticultural interests of the state, his report forming the body of the annual year book published by the state. He called attention to the fact that Iowa crowds according to his estimate about 135,000 people every year, this year than last, owing to better crops, larger acreage, greater diversity and better prices. The Iowa State fair of 1900 was, under these circumstances, a record-breaker. The society had on hand last January \$16,584.82. The gate receipts at the fair amounted to \$30,755.50 and total receipts, \$68,552.97. The society now has on hand to begin the new year \$28,616.61. The fair directory board this year abolished all entry fees except in case of money premiums, chiefly in speed classes, and this was found to be very successful in increasing the number of exhibitors. Another good thing done this year was to keep the entries open until Monday morning, even though the fair commenced on Friday. The secretary reported that eighty-four county and district fairs reported for securing the state appropriation of \$200 each. The average receipts of these local fairs in Iowa was \$2,667 and the average amount paid in premiums \$665. The new law providing for agriculture and horticulture shall be taught in the public schools has not brought good results because there is much opposition to it. He recommended that county fairs should be more generally attended by the teachers and pupils in the public schools. The Iowa horticulturists are not realizing their expectations in the matter of profit from fruit growing, but there is still great interest in horticulture.

President Congratulates All.

President Johnson, in his annual address, referred but briefly to the conditions which combined to make the fair of 1900 a greater success than any of its predecessors. The new society, now known as the Department of Agriculture for Iowa, has nothing to complain of and starts out in a most prosperous condition. He recommended the building of an amphitheater at each show ring, and many other minor improvements.

The reports of officers were referred to proper committees and approved. A resolution mildly approving the proposed national forest reserves at the headwaters of the Mississippi river and recommending that the government put all forest reserves under control of the Department of Agriculture was passed.

H. W. Green of Harlan county presented the resolutions, which commanded the people of the whole country on the prevailing prosperity, and especially the prosperity of the farmers of Iowa, who are doing business on the present good times basis. The address of the president was commended and his recommendations were approved. The resolutions also recommended the printing of the year book, payment being made out of the funds of the society, and a committee to be appointed to go before the next legislature and secure reimbursement. The last legislature failed to make an appropriation for this purpose. The work of all officers of the society was commended. The resolutions were adopted. This disposed of all business except the election of officers and directors.

R. J. Johnson of Humboldt was unanimously reelected president. John C. Frazer of Bienville was elected vice president in the same way.

Directors—J. P. Manastri, Fairfield; Charles Phillips, Maquoketa; W. C. Brown, Clarion; S. T. St. John, Riceville; S. B. Packard, Marshalltown; T. C. Legge, Waukon; M. J. Wragg, Waukon; W. W. Morrison, Attow; M. W. McDonald, Guthrie; J. W. Wadsworth, Algona; C. E. Cameron, Alta.

The secretary will be elected tomorrow and Van Houten will probably be re-elected.

The Iowa Horticultural society was in session today. Many papers were read and reports discussed. The following officers were elected: President, M. J. Wragg, Waukon; vice president, N. K. Fluke, Davenport; secretary, Wesley Greene, Davenport; treasurer, Elmer Reeves, Waverly.

Postmaster Hane of Hillside will not

POINTS OF EXCELLENCE.

A Few Reasons Which are Rapidly Making a New Cataract Cure Famous.

Stuart's Cataract Tablets, the new Cataract cure, has the following advantages over other cataract remedies.

First: These tablets contain no cocaine, morphine or any other injurious drug and are as safe and beneficial for children as for adults; this is an important point when it is recalled that many cataract remedies do contain these very objectionable ingredients.

Next: Being in tablet form this remedy does not deteriorate with age, or an exposure to the air as liquid preparations invariably do.

Next: The tablet form not only preserves the medicinal properties, but it is so far more convenient to carry and to use at any time that it is only a question of time when the tablet will entirely supersede liquid medicines as it has already done in the medical department of the United States Army.

Next: No secret is made of the composition of Stuart's Cataract Tablets; they contain the active principle of Eucalyptus bark, red gum blood root and Hydrastis, all harmless antiseptics which, however, are death to cataract germs wherever found, because they eliminate them from the blood.

Next: You cannot cure cataract by local applications to the nose and throat, because these are simply local symptoms and such treatment cannot possibly reach the real seat of cataract disease, which is the blood; for this reason inhalers, douches, sprays and powders never really cure cataract, but simply give temporary relief which a dose of plain salt and water will do just as well.

Cataract must be driven out of the system, out of the blood, by an internal remedy because an internal remedy is the only kind which can be assimilated into the body.

Stuart's Cataract Tablets do this better than the old form of treatment because they contain every safe specific known to medicine in the antisepctic treatment of the disease.

Next: The use of inhalers and spraying apparatuses, besides being ineffective and disappointing is expensive, while a complete treatment of Stuart's Cataract Tablets can be had at any drug store in the United States and Canada for 50 cents.

be so accommodating to his patrons hereafter as to keep the United States post office open on Sunday. Some of his patrons begged of him to have the postoffice of the village kept open for a short time each Sunday and after consulting with attorneys as to whether or not he had the right to do so or not, he made obligation to thus accommodate the postoffice patrons who decided he would do so. This was pleasing to many of the patrons of the office, but not to a few, who made complaints which culminated in the filing of a charge against Mr. Haney of violating the state law against laboring on the Sabbath day. He was taken into court and fined. The fine has been paid and will keep the postoffice closed on Sunday hereafter.

For several months the Des Moines Jobbers' and Manufacturers' association has been trying to devise some plan by which a reduction in freight rates can be secured. It is thought one has finally been found. It is proposed to organize a transportation company, which shall take care of the shipments out of and to Des Moines, thus securing a large portion of the freight business of the city, after which it will be offered to the road which will offer the best rates for it.

Mrs Broadbent Shot.

At 8 o'clock this evening Mrs. Broadbent, the witness in the Richardson divorce case, gave such sensational testimony against Mrs. Richardson, was shot in the neck, the head and both wrists. She claims she was shot by a man who came into her room, but there is a suspicion that it was attempted suicide on account of the notoriety of the case.

Judge McPherson, in the United States district court, today decided that John Kline, marshal of the town of Colfax, must go to jail for three days for contempt of court. Kline was accused of violation of the liquor laws and in order to prevent a trial arrested and confined in jail one of the leading witnesses in the case. He claimed that the arrest was done to protect his own life, but the court decided that it was done to defeat justice. Scott Slabaugh of Colfax is already serving a twenty-day sentence for contempt in the same case. Judge McPherson declares he will purify the air in the criminal department of his court and put an end to such trials.

Miss Ethel Crawford of Mitchellville, this county, was stirring the fire when a spark flew out and into a can of kerosene, causing a fire which completely enveloped her before she could get away. Her clothes were burned off and her body frightfully burned, so that it is almost certain she will die.

MASONIC TEMPLE DEDICATED

HANDSOME NEW STRUCTURE AT SHENANDOAH, Ia., FORMALLY OPENED WITH ELABORATE BANQUET.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Tonight occurred the formal opening of the new Masonic temple here and a splendid banquet was served by Eastern Star, Shenandoah chapter No. 81, at which 402 guests were seated.

The monument is to be built of granite, and will be twenty-five feet in length fifteen feet in width and seventeen in its greatest height. The roof is to be constructed of two solid granite slabs, with a cone of another solid piece fitting the others, making impossible of leaking. It will have four columns at the front, of solid granite, the capitals of which will be Ionic only and the pillars fluted. When completed the mausoleum will be the finest of its kind in Iowa. The floor will be of pure bronze.

REPUTANT FARMER MAKES RESTITUTION.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—A case of troubled science and restitution is reported by Allyn Bros, bankers of Mount Ayr. Twenty years ago, when the bank was under the management of Morris & Allyn, a Rice township farmer had on deposit \$100. One day he went into the bank and drew from the deposit, which was subject to check, \$12,50. Some time later he drew out the remainder and by mistake was paid the full amount of the check, \$100. For twenty years he had the use of the \$12,50 and he stepped into the bank last week and related the incident to Mr. Allyn and wanted to pay back the money with compound interest. It amounted to \$30. The full money was sent to Mr. Morris' widow, at the request of the respondent farmer, and the other half was retained by Allyn Bros.

Baby Burned to Death.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Cyril, the 2-year-old son of Mrs. J. Stevens, a widow living at 850 Bluff street, is so badly burned that he will die. The accident occurred while the mother was at her housework. The child was in the kitchen, and his mother does not know whether he set fire to his clothes with a match or they caught fire on the kitchen stove. He died a few hours after the accident. The child's father was killed by falling off a bridge at Webster City about a year ago.

Stone's Case Continued.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Judge Smyth this morning sustained the application of the defendant, John W. Stone, for a continuation of the case of the state against him for the larceny of property belonging to the state, while he was employed at the Iowa hospital here as foreman of the industrial department of the institution. The continuance of the cause was made on account of the illness of Attorney W. F. Kopp, who is the principal counsel of the defendant.

Stone's Case Continued.

ONTAWA, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Mayor Brown imposed a fine of \$100 on Harris Heitman, a boy, for defacing the banister and front door of the public school building to "get even" with a teacher whom he didn't like. Then the mayor reproved and counseled the young man at some length and suspended sentence during good behavior.

Belle Plaine Banker Dead.

BELLE PLAINE, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—L. T. Sweet, cashier of the First National Bank, died from a second stroke of paralysis, leaving a wife, but no children. He was one of the prominent men of the town and interested in several enterprises aside from the bank.

Is Held on Serious Charge.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Ronald Laftwick was held to the grand jury yesterday for an assault on J. M. Miksell. The charge is assault with intent to kill. Laftwick cut Miksell with a knife in an alteration at Aten. Laftwick furnished

Five Seek Divorces.

DENISON, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—District court has convened at Denison, with Judge Z. A. Church in the bench. The docket is small. There are five divorces apportioned for and two criminal cases on the docket.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL EMPLOYEE KILLED.

WATERLOO, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—To corner the softshell crab market is the somewhat important task undertaken by H. B. Sears of Sioux City, and Dr. Perry Bowman of Waterloo. Mr. Sears, who formerly was manager of the Chesapeake Oyster company in this city, is now in New York dealing with fishing concerns which produce the softshell crab supply. It is declared the scheme is to be backed by \$200,000 capital and that the prospects for its success are bright. It is asserted that 90 per cent of the product already is assured the promoters of the enterprise. It is yet a little early for softshell crabs, but Messrs. Sears and Bowman desire to be on the ground floor.

Farmers' Fatal Hallucination.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—W. D. James of Highgate township, committed suicide this morning. He placed the muzzle of a shotgun to his abdomen and kicked the trigger with his foot. Imaginary in pending financial ruin provoked the dead. Mrs. James says she has lived in fear of her life for weeks, her husband having suggested that both would be better off dead. James was in splendid circumstances.

Wants Iowa Acres Researched.

ONTAWA, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Farmers who places adjoin Lake, near Onawa, are much concerned over an application filed in the land office at Washington by J. Callahan, grantee of Monona county of all swamp land within its bound-

daries, for a survey by the government of a 1,200-acre tract that lies in townships 83 and 84 and comprises some of the best farms in the county. In his petition Callahan states that though a part of the tract is rolling prairie land it was included in "swampland and overhadowed acreage," contemplated by the act of Sept. 28, 1850, and shown by the government plat. Callahan further claims that the earlier survey was a cheat to the government and pray that the land be now resurveyed, platted and thrown open to entry as provided by law.

FIX BAIL FOR MRS. HOSSACK

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE ROSS IS NOW TRYING TO DETERMINE THE RIGHT AMOUNT.

INDIANOLA, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Hossack, in jail on a charge of murdering her husband, will be released as Justice Ross fixes the amount. The transcript of the evidence taken at the coroner's inquest was submitted to him and he has decided that it is proper to admit the defendant to bail, but has not yet been able to agree on the amount. There is no doubt that Mrs. Hossack will be able to give bail in any reasonable amount.

TRYING TO DETERMINE THE RIGHT AMOUNT.

INNOCENT.

MISSOURI PACIFIC-IRON MOUNTAIN ENGINES COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED NEAR DES ARC, MISSOURI, AND TRAINS BURN-DISREGARDED ORDERS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 12.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from De Soto, Mo., says:

"An head-end collision occurred between Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain railway at Des Arc, Mo., between two freight trains, resulting in the death of Engineer James Britt of Olney, Ill., and Brakeman Ed Bradley of De Soto, Mo. The latter was caught under the wreckage, which took fire and cremated him.

Friends of former Congressman Holmes of Missouri have been in the state to see him.

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