

Scenes at Nebraska Fair

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were built and not only the funds appropriated to this end, but the space also was exhausted, so there was no other source of satisfactory adjustment. The stock show was not only remarkable because of numbers, but because it was a Nebraska show. This fact was due largely to the management at Hamline refusing to release any of the exhibitors' share until Saturday evening, September 5. How narrow-minded and short-sighted must be a board that could not at once see that this would injure their fair for the future. Exhibitors who were treated thus this year and did not get to Nebraska with their stock at all, simply said that they would never return to Hamline with an exhibit. But when any state can fetch out such a number of really good useful show animals of every breed as was produced by Nebraska this year, it may well be classed a leader. Thus far, there has not been a single fair whose exhibit was so purely the product of its own state.

The agricultural exhibit was certainly one that would do credit to any state in the corn belt. In fact at no state fair thus far has there been such a magnificent and demonstrative display of agricultural products. From Rock and Holt counties to the north to Furnas and Hitchcock on the far south and west the state was represented by the products of diversified farming. And what a conclusive manifestation it was of the resources of Nebraska soil. Saline county ranked first on the number of points in its collective exhibit, with Howard county following closely for second. The premiums offered on these county collective exhibits greatly enhance and swell the display in agricultural hall.

The display of machinery and agricultural implements was remarkable, to say the least. Manufacturers have learned that this is a progressive and resourceful state, and if they have a worthy article and can prove it no one will try it more readily than these people who on account of the scarcity of hired help and the high wages exacted by them must employ every possible means of moderating labor on the farm. So the manufacturer comes here, erects a permanent building and places his machines before the farmer and the dealer. It is a successful and productive as well as inexpensive method of advertising.

For the success of the Nebraska State fair let us give credit to President J. W. Dinsmore, to Secretary Robert W. Furnas, to the superintendent of every one of the many different departments and to the patrons of the fair. But there is still one criticism to be made. The arrangement of the awards in the live stock department was in no wise satisfactory or commendable. That idea of a class for "Nebraska bred animals" is wholly without a redeeming feature. This fair, as all others, should make competition in every class open to the world and invite our neighbor stockmen to come and compete with us. What good is derived by a breed if a man wins without competition. True, this method encourages some home breeders to come out, but there are no loyal breeders in the state who are fair and aggressive who would not meet the best in the land. Open wide the doors and invite the world to share with us the pleasures of competing for Nebraska premiums. They will never know the quality of our stock and of our agricultural products until they have met us in the show ring.

The Terrible Turk

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"My belief is," said another, very darkly, "that you are all Greek pirates and have come here with the intention of investigating the fort, and we are perfectly justified in slaughtering you at once."

To all of which our Turkish shipmate replied in kind, with not a suggestion of a smile about his lips.

As all the world knows, the Turks are infinitely better as soldiers than sailors. I once saw a battalion of Turks at drill at Scutari, and their tactics were faultless. But the drillmaster was a coal-black negro—not an Arab, but an African negro, with egg-shaped head, woolly hair and thick, protruding lips. He had those troops under perfect control. They seemed to understand his every movement and obeyed each command with the unity of a school of herring.

In this battalion was a company of Bashi-Bazouks. My preconceived idea of a Bashi-Bazouk—he who has been committing wholesale massacre in Macedonia—was that he was a big, black, bewhiskered creature with a murderous face. The sentry who kept us from going too far up the parade ground was a Bashi-Bazouk, but it required a great deal of convincing talk to persuade me that he was any such thing. In the first place, he had light brown hair and blue eyes, and an innocent light moustache over thin weak lips. When you spoke to him he grinned sheepishly and acted like an embarrassed country bumpkin come to town to see his city relatives.

Pictured His Wants

Tom Browne, the English painter, who has achieved wide fame, although still very young, was once on an errand boy for a Nottingham lace-maker. Once when on a tour in Spain, unable to speak the language, he pictured his wants.

Alpheus B. Stickney

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In this cool, calculating, quiet and determined business man one would scarcely look for the thread of romance, and yet 'tis there. He is the hero of one of the most interesting of dramas and it is not necessary to unfold all the pages of his life to read the last of this unique chapter.

Alpheus Stickney fell prey to Cupid when a mere boy and before he knew it the little cherub had complete mastery over him. His young sweetheart reciprocated his affections with equal ardor and the betrothal came to be looked on in that little New England town as a matter of fact. Suddenly a strange obstacle appeared and for some reason unknown to the village gossips young Stickney and his girl friend were not seen together.

"A rival," was whispered, and sure enough it was so. Another had found her way into the recesses of the future railroad president's heart. Time passed and the couple married. The girl who had been the idol of young Stickney's affections remained single.

About four years ago, which was long after the death of Mrs. Stickney, the president of the Chicago Great Western slipped from St. Paul back to Boston, confiding his mission to no one but his immediate relatives and private secretary. Somehow it got out and an industrious society reporter had the whole story in print ready for Mr. and Mrs. Stickney to read on their return bridal trip from Boston. The old, old boyhood and girlhood love had not died and the beautiful Summit avenue home in St. Paul now can tell the happy ending of that little story which began many years ago in old New England.

Carpenter's Letter

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can flour, on another, American hams and upon others canned stuffs from fish to fruit. There were peaches, pears, plums and apricots, as well as canned tomatoes and other vegetables. There were cans of chicken and turkey, and of bacon, tongue, ham and corned beef. Sweden raises plenty of oats, but our rolled oats and cracked wheat are selling here.

This country has some of the best iron of the world, and it makes some of the best steel. Its people buy carpenter's tools from the United States, and the best axes used in the great lumber industry come from America.

Sweden is now importing heavy machinery from the United States. It recently bought twenty-one American locomotives, and it is likely to import others. It is buying considerable mining machinery, especially for the large iron mines, which are being opened up in the far north, and the heavier kinds of agricultural machinery, such as reapers and mowers, are in steady demand. Altogether there are many things made of iron which we ship to this one of the chief iron and steel making countries of Europe.

Indeed, our hardware and machinery are so good that they are copied, even to the trademarks, by both the Swedes and the Germans. These people are pirates and a patent means nothing if it is not taken out in their own country. I was shown gas radiators at Brussels which were exact copies of the American article. They had been made in Sweden and were sent to Belgium for sale.

The American importer who was handling them said he had built up a trade in American stoves, but that he could sell these cheaper and could make more money out of them. I see here in Stockholm pitchforks marked American forks. They are made in Sweden, however, and are sold at a less cost than we can export them. If they break it will be a discredit to the Americans and not to the Swedes, as they are called American forks. The Swedes have no law against the home use of foreign trade marks. Their laws provide only

that foreign goods shall not be sold as Swedish goods.

In Russia I found the merchants selling machines marked as American which were made in Sweden after American models. It is the same here as to clocks. The little nickel-plated dollar kind are to be seen everywhere. They came in first from America, but are now only a cheap German imitation, which makes its way on the reputation built up by our goods.

Stockholm has an export bureau devoted to pushing Swedish trade all over the world. In a chat with one of the officials I was told that the prejudice against Americans was fast passing away. Said this man:

"There are so many Swedes in the United States that we look upon it as our sister country. When we buy of you we feel as though we were trading with our brothers, and in general we are disposed to favor American goods. On the other hand, you are our competitors as to certain things, and in those we have got to fight you."

"There are many branches in which American trade might be increased," the official went on. "One of the chief is in the importation of the American shoe. There are shoes sold here at \$5 a pair, which do not equal the American machine-made shoe which sells for \$3 or \$3.50. We have a tariff on imported shoes, but notwithstanding that you could sell your shoes at a profit."

"There is also an opening for all sorts of Yankee notions and small machines, for foodstuffs, and all sorts of little things. American locks are used here, American lead pencils are to be obtained at the stationery stores, and American desks are in demand, notwithstanding this is one of the chief wood manufacturing countries of Europe. What we should like to have is a reduction in the American tariff, and we should not object to a reciprocity treaty."

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