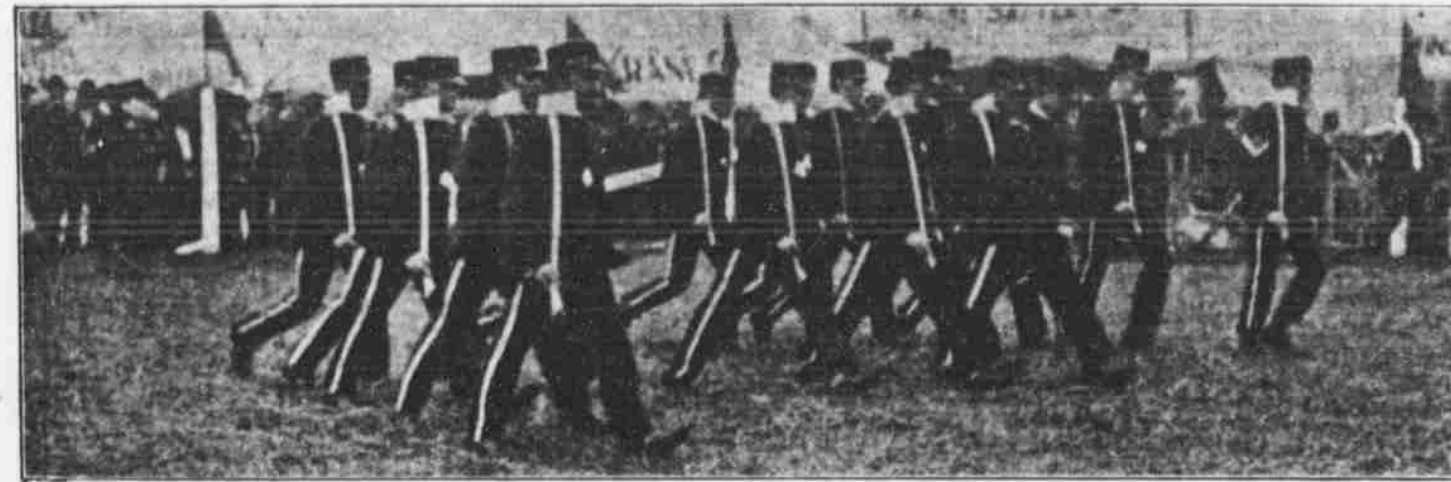
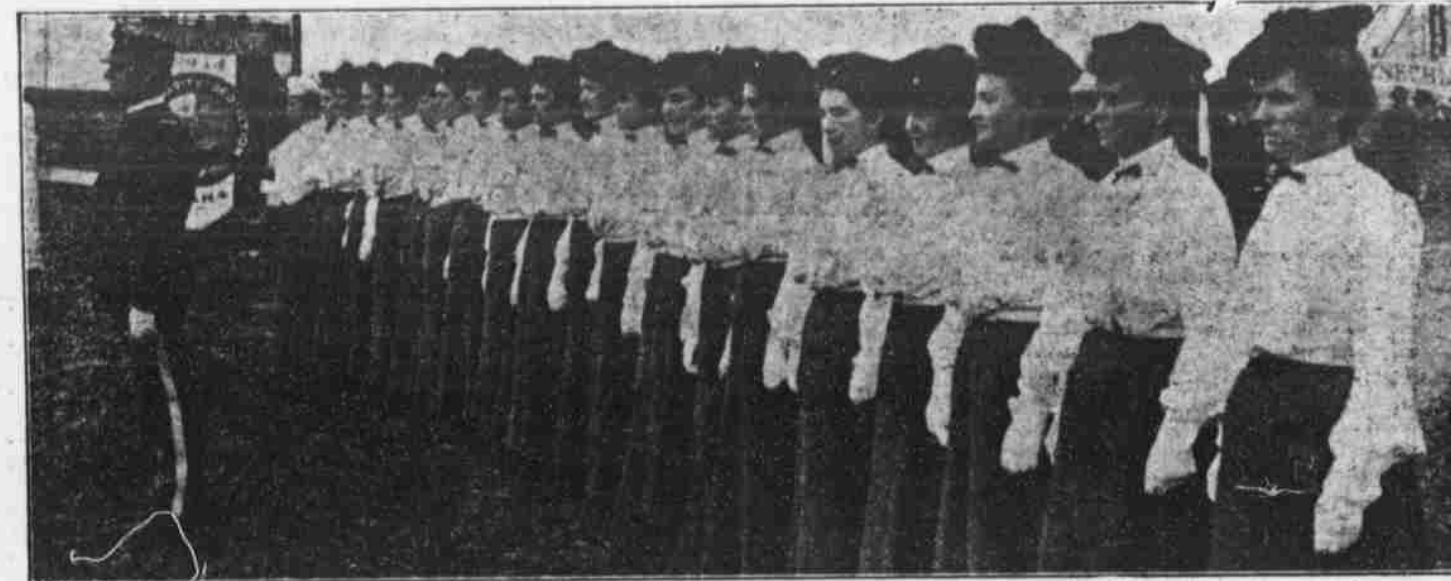




ROYAL HIGHLANDERS MARCHING ON TO DRILL.



ONE OF THE WOODMEN TEAMS EXECUTING A MANEUVER.



DRILL TEAM OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PROTECTION.



CROWNING OF CRESCUS AFTER HE HAD MADE A NEW RECORD.



A LITTLE GLIMPSE OF THE CROWDED GRANDSTAND.



Some Exhibits that Were Not Listed

A PARTY OF "STATE HOUSE GIRLS" WHO HAD A MERRY AFTERNOON AT THE FAIR—THE SIGNS THEY DISPLAY MUST NOT BE TAKEN TO INDICATE THAT THEY WERE OVERLOOKED.



HE DID TRICKS WITH CARDS AND TALKED AT THE SAME TIME.



NEBRASKA PRODUCTS THAT ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION AT THE FAIR.



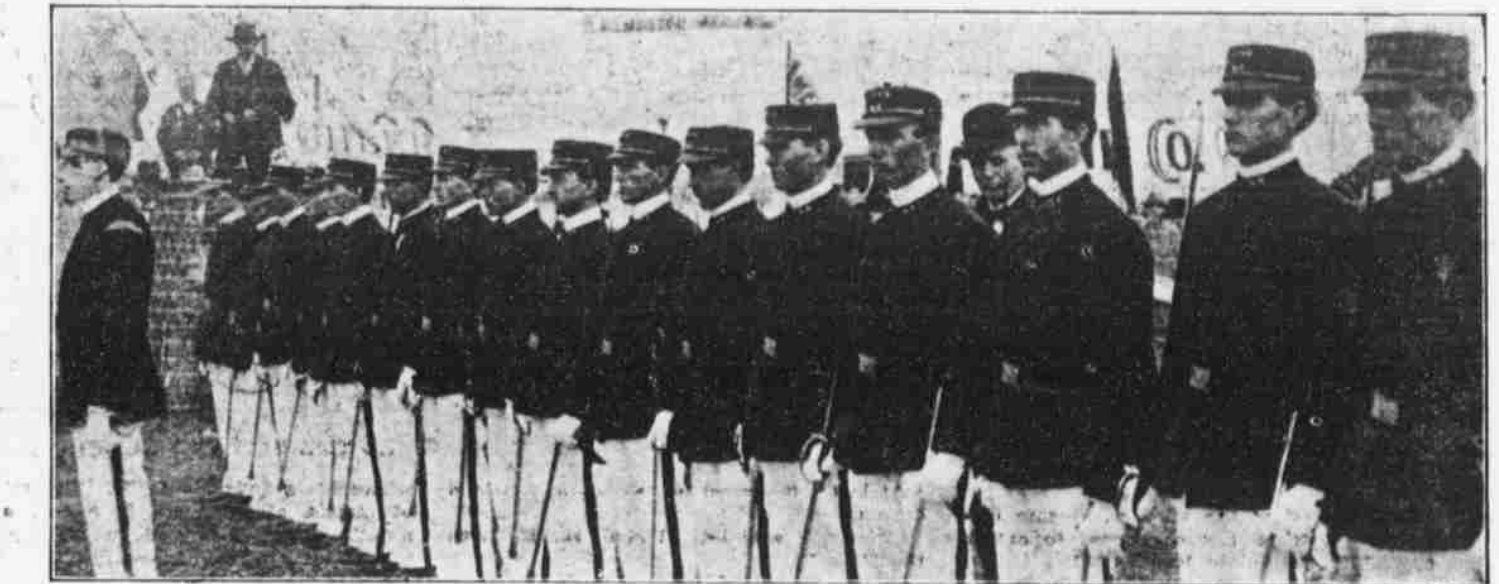
AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE MIDWAY THERE WAS A CROWD ALL THE TIME.



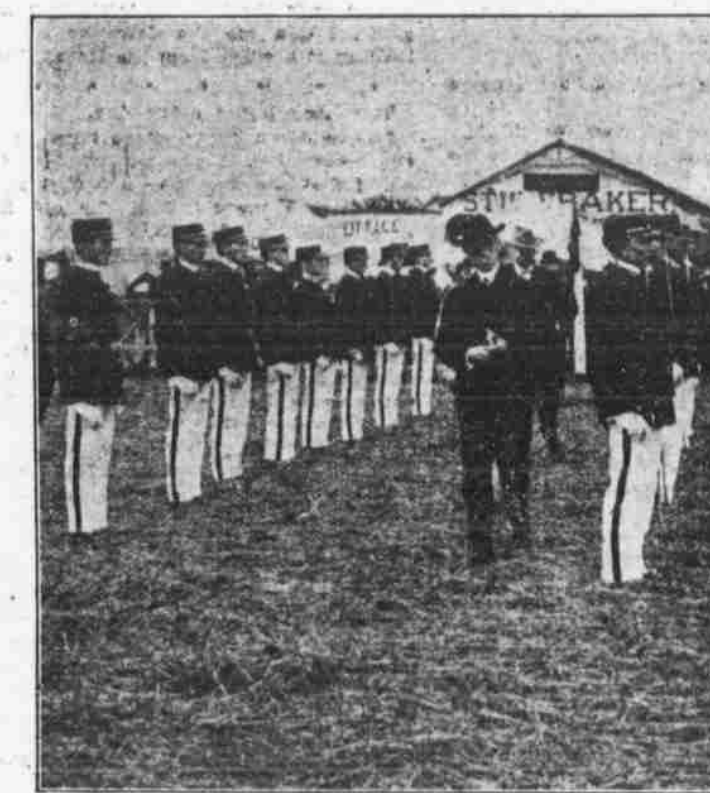
THE CAMERA SHOWS WHERE THE SQUAD FAILED.



ROYAL HIGHLANDERS' DRILL TEAM—"ILKA LASSIE HAE HIG LADDIE."



A. O. U. W. DRILL TEAM AT COMPANY FRONT.



A. O. U. W. TEAM LINES UP FOR INSPECTION.



ROYAL HIGHLANDERS FORM ST. ANDREW'S CROSS.

THE NEBRASKA State fair for 1923 is now a matter of history. Its record is that of the most successful ever held, and who is the Nebraskan who cannot love his state more because of what has been achieved; because of what has been demonstrated; because of what has resulted from this memorable event? State fairs are held for the collection and exhibition of the resources of a state. Then if a state is always favored with abundant crops; if its cattle and hogs never know the want of succulent grasses and fattening cereals; if its people are progressive and enterprising, why should it not grow steadily and find it easily possible from year to year to make needed improvements

and in time become expansive and permanent? These are the main reasons why it has been possible for the three state fairs which we have reported in past issues to be successful. They could not be otherwise, for they have always had every necessity at hand and do not know reverse. But it has not always been the with Nebraska. Its crops have not always been the best. Hot winds and drouth have visited its vast fields of corn and have blighted prospects that were the most promising. They have burned the pastures and thus cut off the last source of sustenance for cattle on the plains. But these conditions were not this year, nor last year. For the last two years Jupiter Pluvius has been more than liberal and in consequence

a great many shocks of Nebraska wheat and hay have "gone down salt creek." Yet Nebraska has never had a reverse by which it has not profited. The failures of clover and timothy, as well as corn and wheat, introduced alfalfa, now the king of all grasses, a crop which never fails entirely and which as a supplemental food is not equaled. The Nebraska people are imbued with a loyal, resourceful nature, and that is why, under the most adverse conditions, its state fair has made this steady growth, defying every misfortune or reverse. The breeder of pure bred stock has found a permanent home here. He came many years ago, but it is only within the last few years that he has become familiar

with the conditions to cope with crop failures, etc. He now comes to the fair with his stock and is proud to say to his farmer neighbors, his city cousin, or even William Jennings Bryan as he perambulates through the stock barns: "I won the first on that one, and there is one I sold for \$100 for \$1,000 as the case may be, but what do you think of my being turned down on that smooth fat rascal, the very one on which I had placed my whole hopes of winning." Then mayhap he shows his pigs or his cattle or his massive draft horses to his farmer brother with the view to selling. This has come to be one of the main features of taking stock to the state fair, and sales at the Nebraska fair this year were excellent.

The total attendance at the fair was right at 70,000 and we are pleased to say that of this number a larger share than in past years were representatives of the state's agricultural industries. It must be so, for the fair represents in greater part the agricultural resources of a state and these exhibits to be appreciated must be seen by the man who has "been there" and knows just how much labor and pains it has taken to raise that perfect ear of corn or that "round fat pig," that looks as though it had been made in a mould. And the farmer's wife has equal interest. In fact, she has more than equal interest, for she not only admires the stock and fine rich grain, but she may go through the

Art hall and admire and appreciate every article. There will come a time—the change is here now—when our farm homes will be adorned with beautiful pastels and crayon portraits, costly hand-painted china will be seen on our tables, and Baitenburg and point lace will be nothing unusual. These will be the product of the skill of the farmer's wife, and this change will be more readily wrought by a few extra moments spent in the Art hall at the state fair or elsewhere. Then isn't it a shame and to be deplored that any true husband will think of leaving his noble wife at home to "see after things" while he goes to the fair smoking a brand new cigar the size of a corn-cob? The wife would be more than pleased only to go and would not think of

asking for any such delicacies. And, too, while in Lincoln she could do her shopping and would save a great many times the expense of going, to say nothing of the more modern and up-to-date ideas she would get of household furnishings and clothing for herself and children. It was foresight and good management on the part of the fair board that brought Cresceus to the fair this year. It not only brought out again as many people from the cities, but, "there's no use talkin'," the farmer and his wife and family went to see this "feller go a bit." And he did go. He is a noble horse; so sensible, so kind and so willing. He sped around the course that easily that few realized the clip he was making, and what an ovation he was given

when it was announced that he had broken his own record on a half-mile track, making the mile in 2:38 1/2. The "speller" for the shows was present, but not in such evidence as at some of the past fairs, this season. It will be a day for rejoicing when these fairs and ville shows can be excluded from our state fairs. True, the American people like to be duped; this is because of their ambitious and inquiring nature, and the only way by which to eliminate or modify this trait is to eliminate entirely these unrefined, debasing shows and put in their stead institutions of culture that tend to uplift rather than to detract from the purest thoughts of the mind. These institutions are tolerated because of the pecuniary aid they afford the fair as

association, which proves distinctly that a wrong would be licensed because of the money to be derived by doing so. But in a financial way the state board is now about \$1,000 to the "good," which, with the appropriation coming from the state, should make it unnecessary to resort to any such means of procuring more funds. In the way of taking care of the live stock the management is certainly to be lauded for their noble efforts. This department was the most important and the most liberally patronized of any part of the fair, and while over 80 head of hogs were ordered to not be shipped because of the inadequacy of the facilities, this could not possibly be avoided. Several new barns