

NEBRASKANS AT ST. LOUIS

Gossip About the Colony Drawn There by the World's Fair.

HEADQUARTERS ARE QUITE ATTRACTIVE

Rooms in the Agricultural Palace Fitted Up for Convenience and Comfort of Visitors by the Commission.

ST. LOUIS, May 12.—(Special Correspondence of The Bee.)—The Nebraska exhibits were among the very few which were in complete readiness for the official inspection made by President Francis, the exposition officials, and the executive commissioners last Thursday afternoon. On the opening day, April 30, the Nebraska exhibits scored the highest of any upon the preliminary inspection and rating made by department chiefs for completed installation at the time of opening. At that time Nebraska's horticultural and agricultural exhibits received a marking of 100 each, and the educational and mineral exhibits markings of 98. Since this preliminary inspection, Mr. H. C. Shedd, secretary of the commission, ably assisted by the superintendents of the various departments, has pushed all of the minor details of installation so that this week has seen all of the exhibits ready for the most scrutinizing inspection.

At the Nebraska headquarters, in the Agricultural palace, the reception room has been furnished with easy chairs, a large reading table, writing desk, a register for Nebraska visitors to the fair, and ice water. This reception room is the only spot in the Agricultural palace where a tired sightseer may rest and cool off. Postoffice, check room and lavatory facilities are also provided for the comfort of the visitors. The novel little theater which adjoins the reception room, has been fitted with opera chairs and electric fans, and the walls tastily decorated with sheaves of grain and grasses. Inasmuch as no electric current was provided for commercial use in the Agricultural building during the first ten days of the exposition, it was impossible to show the moving pictures, illustrating vividly and graphically Nebraska's varied resources, until Wednesday of this week. Since the show was put on, however, the theater has been crowded at each exhibition, and has been the center of interest and attraction for the whole agricultural palace. The novelty of a free show, depicting in motion actual scenes on Nebraska farms and on the range, at the state fair and the Ak-Sar-Ben festival, in the feed yards and the stock yards, in orchards, on dairy farms and in creameries, draws the people as no other exhibit in the building. This show, taken with the mounted steer Challenger, the world's champion, which stands in the center of the exhibit room, and the fine display of corn, small grains, grasses and sheep grain, which has been prepared by Superintendent of Agriculture James Walsh, has won such recognition everywhere that the Nebraska pavilion is pronounced by exposition officials, exhibitors and sightseers, as the most attractive and popular in the entire Agricultural palace.

The resignation of Mr. Henry Rustin, formerly of Omaha, as chief electrical and mechanical engineer of the exposition, has been received, but as yet no official announcement of its acceptance has been published. Several months ago Mr. Rustin was compelled to leave St. Louis on account of his health, which had been impaired by the strain of his work. Immediately after the Pan-American exposition he came to St. Louis with the ambition to make the electrical illuminations here surpass the Buffalo exposition, where his work was considered the crowning feature. This he has done. Besides planning and designing the electrical installation, he has had charge of the work incidental to the erection of the enormous power plant and all the mechanical engineering of the fair. He has not been well since coming to St. Louis, but recently went to the Adirondack mountains, where he has been continuously except for brief visits to St. Louis. Finding that his health failed to improve materially and that he was unable to direct the work properly from such a distance, Mr. Rustin sent in his resignation. It is now understood that he is resting in Omaha.

Mr. Rustin's work in illuminating the Transmississippi exposition at Omaha first brought him into prominence. Although perhaps the youngest electrical engineer given such responsibility, Walter B. Stevens, secretary of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company, says: "The electric tower at Buffalo was considered the greatest thing in its line that had been done until that time. Mr. Rustin designed the tower and superintended the execution of his plans. When I last saw him he was confident that his plans here would produce a much more beautiful display. His is a rare genius and the World's fair will be the greatest tribute to it. I consider him the greatest man in the country at his work."

At the last meeting of the Nebraska commission an appropriation for the transportation of Nebraska live stock to the exposition stock shows next fall was made. This money was apportioned as follows: For horses, not to exceed \$400; sheep, not to exceed \$300; hogs, not to exceed \$400; cattle, not to exceed \$1,000; poultry, not to exceed \$300. This money is to be paid by the commission, for freight only, to the live stock and poultry associations of Nebraska, or to whomsoever in the state they may designate on presentation of proper freight receipts and certificates of the presidents and secretaries of the respective associations. The rules and regulations governing the preliminary exhibiting and judging of such live stock may be presented for such transportation to St. Louis as to be made by the executive officers of the live stock and poultry associations. Very probably these associations will hold competitive shows at the state fair, and there choose the live stock and poultry which they will transport to St. Louis, to be entered here for the heavy cash prizes offered by the exposition. With the limited means at its disposal the commission feels that by thus transporting free of cost, within the above sums, all live stock and poultry deemed worthy of exhibition, by these associations, it will be enabled to thus properly represent the live stock and poultry interests of Nebraska.

Detailed information in regard to this preliminary competition can be obtained of Mr. O. E. Micokey, secretary of the Nebraska Live Stock association, Osceola, Neb., and Judge T. L. Norvell, president of the State Poultry association, York, Neb.

The Nebraska Press excursion, which will reach St. Louis on Saturday, May 16, is expected to number at least 250. They will come in over the Burlington and be landed at the exposition committee's station, where the exhibition committee on Press Parliament week will meet them. The representatives of the Nebraska commission will also look after their comfort during their stay.

Captain Dominique Moretti, the Venetian who has navigated the harbor on the lagoon in Hanscom park in Omaha for the last five years, is now in St. Louis engaged as a gondolier on the World's fair waterways. His gondola may be found at the steps close by the Electrical building by his Nebraska friends. Moretti states that he hopes to return to Omaha in 1905 and resume his life of guiding children over the Hanscom park lagoon again.

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Mr. J. A. Barrett, secretary of the Historical society, returned to Lincoln this week, after installing the Historical society exhibit in the Nebraska headquarters. This exhibit numbered forty pieces of interesting relics illustrating the history of Nebraska from the earliest Indian times through the days of the Spanish and American explorers to the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thurston, since their marriage a few weeks ago in this city, are spending the summer at the fair. Mrs. Thurston, who was known in Omaha before her marriage as Miss Nellie Cotter, is a niece of Mrs. Richard C. Cushing of this city.

Yamachita Yashichuro, the young Japanese student at the state university, who for four years has made his home with the family of William J. Bryan, has completed his studies and is now in St. Louis, where he holds an official position with the Japanese commission. After spending several months at the fair he will return to Japan to enter his country's service.

Mr. Yashichuro states that he leaves two Japanese students in Lincoln, Toma Hachiya and Kinakag, and that a third, S. Murashima, is on his way to spend the coming year at Cotner university in preparation for the Japanese ministry.

E. M. Pollard, superintendent of the horticultural exhibit for Nebraska, has been elected president of the World's Fair Horticultural Exhibitors' association, an organization formed to look after the horticultural exhibitors' interests. Just at present this organization is engaged in fighting the excessive transportation charges for bringing fruit from the cold storage companies in St. Louis to the fair grounds.

James H. McTague, formerly of Omaha, and manager of the fashionable McTague's cafe in St. Louis, has been asked by the St. Louis Catering company to resign the management of his restaurant. The restaurant which Mr. McTague has built up was two years ago merged into what is known as the St. Louis Catering company, a concern that includes the four largest restaurants in the city—Caesars, Tony Faust's, Nagel's and the American. Each man manages his own concern, receives a salary for his services, and the earnings are pooled and pro-rated. It is alleged that Mr. McTague, who is said to be the largest stockholder, has failed to make his business return a good profit, although he receives \$5,000 a year as salary for managing his restaurant, and the dividend paid on his preferred stock in the combine brings him \$7,000 a year additional. Mr. McTague declares that he will not resign the management.

Since the announcement, some days ago, of the secret marriage of Mr. Allen Kent Hannay to Miss Katherine Lowe, daughter of General W. W. Lowe, last December, Miss Lowe's sister, being the only one knowing of the marriage except the contracting parties and pastor, the young couple have been living in St. Louis, where Mr. Hannay is superintendent of the Hemp-hill cement works. So far no statement has been made as to why the news of the marriage was kept secret so long.

Mr. James Walsh, superintendent of the Nebraska agricultural exhibit, has been in Omaha the past week on business.

The family of Mr. John A. Wakefield, chief of concessions, has arrived from Omaha and are now living at the Inside Inn.

Loftiest Lakes in the World. The most lofty lakes are found among the Himalaya mountains in Tibet. Their altitudes do not, however, seem to have been very accurately gauged, for different authorities give widely different figures regarding them. According to some, Lake Manasarovar, one of the sacred lakes of Tibet, is between 19,000 and 20,000 feet above the level of the sea, and if this is so it is undoubtedly the loftiest in the world.

Two other Tibetan lakes, those of Chamtamo and Burakol, are said to be 17,000 and 15,400 feet in altitude, respectively. For a long time it was supposed that Lake Titicaca, in South America, was the loftiest in the world. It covers about 4,500 square miles, is 24 feet in its greatest depth and is 12,500 feet above the sea. In spite of inexactitude with regard to the measurements of the elevation of the Tibetan lakes,

they are no doubt considerably higher than this or any other.—Baltimore Herald.

Sacrifices \$700,000 to Wed. Jack Rawlinson, a rich young New Yorker who is at Hartsville, Wyo., to enjoy cowboy life and has been working on a large stock ranch for some time, has created a sensation by marrying Miss Jessie Everett, a Detroit girl, who went to Wyoming for the benefit of her mother's health. She is but 17 years old, and will lose her right to her grandmother's fortune of \$750,000 by marrying Rawlinson, who is only 18, against her mother's wishes. He, however, has a fortune in his own right. They will spend their honeymoon in Wyoming and go to the bridegroom's home in New York next fall.

Ten free trips to the World's Fair each week. See coupon on page two.