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OTHER CANDIDATES NOT HEARD FROM

Roast Ox Proves a Greater Attraction Than the Speaking—Democrats Are Conspicuous by Their Absence.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—At Epworth park this afternoon George W. Berge, fusion candidate for governor, formally opened the campaign. Mr. Berge talked for two and a half hours and at the conclusion of his act the meeting was dismissed with a number by the band, Chairman Allen having made the announcement. This sudden ending of the session left Candidate Townsend, Berge's running mate; Candidate Canaday, who wants to be auditor, and Candidate Watzke, who wants to be secretary of state, still sitting in the rear of the platform apparently waiting for a great flood of enthusiasm to roll up and drag them to the front. But it didn't roll up. The audience did, however, rise up and leave. The day could not have been more ideal for a picnic or a public meeting. It was just warm enough on the outside and the breezes blew just gentle enough to put the people in a recipient mood. But all this was on the outside of the big pavilion. On the inside it was different. A blighting frost seemed to have settled down on everything. Mr. Berge talked himself hoarse. He talked well and could not have been in better form. He delivered a good speech from a fusionist standpoint, but he couldn't do the business. In the first place, he didn't have the crowd, for at no time during the speech, and the audience shifted several times, were there 1,000 people in the pavilion. Some say there were not 600.

Another thing was the absence of the great bulwarks of democracy. There was no Governor Boyd there; neither was there a Lee Herdman; neither was there any other representative of the Parker democrats of the Jacksonian club or of the Douglas county democracy, either. Even Judge Wilbur F. Bryant was absent and so were many others who in the past have done things in the fusion party. As these were absent, so were the big democrats of Lancaster county. More than half of the audience were women and children.

Enough for One Day.

The enthusiasm is better shown by the remark of Chairman Allen of the democratic state committee, who presided. It had been announced before the meeting that the state candidates would have a word to say after Mr. Berge finished. When Berge did get through Mr. Allen announced that after the band played one more number the audience could consider itself dismissed. He was asked why the other candidates were shut off. He replied: "Two hours and a half of speaking ought to be enough, don't you think?" His manner in answering was marked with disappointment and gloom, as the audience was marked with a lack of enthusiasm.

Preceding the speaking a roasted oxen was disposed of by a good-sized crowd, many of whom left when the inner man was satisfied. The oxen was not cooked whole, after the regulation barbecue, but was cut up in sections and cooked all the same as one gets it at home. With the meat was served coffee and bread. Chairman Allen of the democratic state committee presided and introduced Mr. Berge. Music was furnished by the Hagenow band. Mr. Berge said in part:

Mr. Berge's Speech.

In accepting the nomination for the chief executive office of the state, I am fully conscious of the responsibilities it places upon me. It has been frequently asserted that there are no issues in this campaign, except to get the offices. It has been said that the populists and democrats no longer represent any principle, and that this campaign is simply a scramble for spoils. If I believed this, I would resign my candidacy at once. If this was true there would be no good reason for the election of any candidate on the fusion ticket.

But who is it that says there are no issues? It is easy for those holding official positions under the dominant party to say that there are no issues. Have the taxpayers said that there are no issues? Do the farmers, the business men and the laboring men say that there are no issues in this campaign? It can be shown that a great deal of money has been recklessly squandered during the last two years, and do the men, who are taxed to raise the money, do they say there are no issues?

The speaker then proceeded to denounce the free pass system and demand its abolition and also took a shot at the legislative lobby.

The last session of the fusion legislature was in 1897. You know that each legislature appropriated money for the state government for two years. The fusion legislature appropriated $2,335,843.10 to be expended by the state officials in maintaining the state government for two years, ending March 31, 1899.

Our state officers carried on the state government with efficiency those two years at a total cost of $2,161,587.17, and paid off $364,559.46 of the floating debt, and in addition paid off the last dollar of the bonded indebtedness of the state, amounting to more than $300,000.

Refers to State Debt.

The last republican legislature (1903) appropriated $3,704,280.70, to be expended by republican officers in maintaining the state government for two years, ending March 31, 1905. They will spend every cent of it. Now then, when you go in debt you must make provision to pay that debt. The republicans were extravagant and were forced to raise the money in some way to pay for that extravagance. Two years ago in their state platform they pledged themselves to enact a comprehensive and fair revenue law. Whatever their pretentions were, the real object was to raise more money. It was a conspiracy hatched out in the plotting minds of those in control of the legislature. Extravagance demanded more money than the old law would produce. In making the new law they must shield themselves. The farmer, the business man and the small taxpayer must bear a heavier proportion of the burden.

Let us examine this new law for a moment. It is a cunning piece of legislation. It not only was passed to raise more money, but to build up a mighty political engine. Under the old law every township or precinct or ward elected its own assessor. Some of the townships elected republican assessors, some populist and some democratic.

Under this new law, however, one county assessor is elected. He is elected for four years. This county assessor appoints his deputies in each precinct. He may appoint local men. He may send in carpet baggers, but every one appointed by him is his political lieutenant. The moment a county assessor is elected and his deputies appointed he has a political machine. With this additional machine the people are more helpless. The machine runs for four years. There is no relief until four years have expired and then the people will be again tied hand and foot by the same machine.

He followed this up with a general denunciation of the new revenue law.

Smith Sent to Jail.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—H. C. Smith, who a couple of weeks ago left this county with his goods and chattels for Minnesota unbeknown to his creditors, was yesterday brought back to this place by Sheriff H. C. Hansen from Marshall, Minn., on the charge of removing mortgaged property from the state on complaint of Joseph Clements. In default of $500 bonds for his appearance for his preliminary examination on the 19th inst., Smith was placed in jail.

Wedding in Prospect at Dakota City.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Announcement is made of two weddings to take place within the near future in which prominent Dakota countyites will be the participants. The marriage of Porter Beales to Miss Alice Karst will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents on Walker's island on the 22d inst. On October 5, in the Catholic church at Homer, William H. Ryan and Miss Julia Ashford will be united in matrimony. Mr. Ryan at present is cashier of the Security State bank at Homer. For six years he was sheriff and four years county judge of this county. He is a pioneer resident of the county and a man with many friends. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ashford, pioneer and well-to-do citizens of Omadi precinct, and was born and raised in this county.

NORTH NEBRASKA METHODISTS

Annuity Fund for Veteran Preachers Proposed by Omaha Pastor.

WAYNE, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The North Nebraska conference, in session in this city, has been honored by the presence of some of the notable men of Methodism. Rev. W. F. Anderson, D. D., of New York, secretary of the national society, gave a stirring address to the conference on Thursday. Dr. T. C. Iliff of Philadelphia, Pa., assistant secretary of the board of church extension, reminded the Methodists of their duty toward the unhoused masses.

The semi-centennial of Nebraska Methodism was celebrated in a very fitting manner on Thursday evening. Rev. T. C. Webster presided, and addresses were made by Rev. E. Combie Smith, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church in Omaha. It was a splendid address and stirred the hearers as he spoke of hardships and privations of the early itinerant ministers.

Rev. William Gorst, pastor of Seward Street church, Omaha, spoke of a plan to raise an annuity fund for the veteran preachers. The plan proposed is that every pastor give his note for an amount equal to 1 per cent of his salary for seven years, and that the laymen of the church join with the pastors in raising the sum of $100,000. The income of this sum is to be used to help care for the ministers as they come to the time when they are unfit for service. The bishop, I. W. Joyce, spoke of the saddlebag brigade, and gave some pictures from real life. The sum of $4,500 was subscribed to this fund by the preachers.

The Woman's Home Missionary society was represented by Mrs. Libby Allen of Des Moines, Ia. She is a forcible and eloquent speaker, and as she portrayed the needs in our great cities, among our foreign population, and the southern states she moved her audience to tears.

The anniversary of the missionary society was held on Friday evening. Dr. J. B. Trimble of Kansas City, Mo., assistant secretary of the missionary society, Bishop Joyce and Dr. C. C. Spencer, editor of the Central Christian Advocate, were the speakers. They brought such peaceful reports that some of the people shouted, while others wept. The report of the conference treasurer shows that the conference has raised $8,542 for missions, a gain of $654 for this year, $240 of which comes from the Omaha district.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society was presided over by Mrs. F. M. Sissen of Norfolk. Bishop Joyce and Miss Watson of Lincoln were the speakers at this meeting. Money was secured to supply a native worker in India, and a number of new members were added to the society. The financial report of this conference shows a notable increase. The pastors received $88,350, an increase of $2,472. The membership of the conference is 13,366.

DESPERATE CHARACTER ARRESTED

Deputy United States Marshal Captures "Featherlegs."

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—By working a ruse Deputy United States Marshal Sides succeeded in capturing Alonzo Show, known as "Feather Legs," a confirmed "bootlegger" and would-be desperado, who has been in and around the reservation for some time.

Show escapel from arrest August 26 while in charge of Mr. Sides and since then has been in Iowa and Minnesota. He returned to Homer this week and threatened to kill any officer who should try to take him. Marshal Sides got word that he was in Homer, and knowing it would be futile for him to attempt his arrest, as the saloons and bootleggers have sentinels placed around the outskirts of the town, he deputized George Cain to make the arrest.

Cain, in company with Town Marshal Dan Purdy of Homer, found "Feather Legs" in Luckhart's saloon and arrested him, placing him in the Homer calaboose. Marshal Sides was notified of the arrest and went to Homer from this place at once. In the meantime "Feather Legs" made an attempt to break out of the calaboose by battering down the door of the jail with an old iron door which was in the jail. Had Mr. Cain not gone to the calaboose when he did, about an hour after "Feather Legs" was put in, his prisoner would have been gone. "Feather Legs" was heavily ironed and brought to this place and placed in jail until the departure of the train for Pender, where he will have his examination on the charge of bootlegging before United States Commissioner Sloan.

CANNON, BRYAN AND BALL GAMES

Three Big Days for Northern Nebraska Promised for Next Week.

NORFOLK, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—September 27, 28 and 29 will be big days for Norfolk and the surrounding territory in northern Nebraska. A base ball tournament of three days, in which will compete the fastest teams in the northwest, together with speeches by "Uncle" Joseph Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives, and by W. J. Bryan, are features which are planned to draw the biggest crowds that have assembled for four years. Tilden and Plainview will play against each other on the 27th. Humphrey and Stanton will meet on the 28th. On the 29th the two winners will play. The prizes amount to $300. Cannon and Bryan will be here during the three days.

Daughters of Rebekah Elect.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The regular annual district convention of the Daughters of Rebekah was held in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' hall last evening and was largely attended. The elaborate banquet was much enjoyed. The retiring president, Anna Sayles of Weeping Water, presided. The following named officers were elected and installed: President, Miss Leona Pollard of Nehawka; vice president, Mrs. William Delles Dernier of Elmwood; warden, Mrs. Maud E. Hollenberger of Avoca; secretary, Miss Sophia Ruhge of Avoca; treasurer, Miss Isadore Hall of Nehawka. Among others in attendance from out of town were: Mrs. Mary D. Livingston of Fremont, the state president of the assembly; Mrs. H. M. Pollard, Miss Nancy Warden, F. C. Shomaker, wife and mother of Mrs. T. Fulton, all of Nehawka; E. F. Sayles and wife and Miss Mamie Hillman, all of Weeping Water; Postmaster D. Cecil Capes and wife, Mrs. Lulu D. Russ, Mrs. Philippine Nutzman and C. D. Quinton, all of Avoca, and Mr. E. Stuht and wife and Mrs. B. F. Strawn of Omaha.

Ladies' Dormitory at State University.

The Grand Hotel at Lincoln has been completely refurnished and changed into a girl's dormitory for the State University. The building is steam heated, hot and cold water, elevator, parlors and reception halls. Rooms are as cheap as at private houses. Table board in same building, if desired, at $3.00 per week. Prof. Candy and Mrs. Frankish are in charge.

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BOOK MATTER TO COME UP

Regents of University Will Consider It at the Next Meeting.

REALIZE STUDENTS NEED TO SAVE MONEY

Attorney General Files Appeal in the Nemaha County Tax Case—County Clerk Not Willing to Appeal.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The matter of furnishing text books to the students of the State university at cost will be taken up by the Board of Regents at their next meeting. The matter will be brought up by C. S. Allen, one of the Lincoln members of the board, and if the plan is practicable and there is any disposition shown by the students for such a method being adopted Mr. Allen will advocate it. He said this morning:

"I have not looked very closely into the legal phase of the question—that is, whether the regents have the authority by law to buy the books for the students, but if there is any way to save the students any money in this matter of course I will heartily endorse it. None of the students have spoken to me about the matter and except what I have read about it I do not know that there is any great demand on the part of the students for us to do this. If there is, then I for one will be glad to do all I can in the matter. The students should be saved every cent that is possible. Many of them are compelled to work their way through school and every dollar counts with them. I hope the students will let us know their thoughts on the matter and if there is a demand for the regents to purchase the books, and if we can do it and thereby save money for the students, I am in favor of it. I will call the attention of the board to the matter at its next meeting."

The Board of Regents have a meeting called for about the first of October, at which time the members will discuss what they want from the next legislature. This will be at a date too late to help the students during the first semester; therefore, if students desire to secure their text books cheaper than they have been getting them they should bring pressure to bear on the regents and get a meeting for the immediate future.

Kahn Sues for Damages.

Siegbert Kahn, one of the two jewelry salesmen who were arrested by the police last week, on the nominal charge of selling jewelry without a license, but who were held as suspicious characters because of the large amount of diamonds on his person, sued members of the police force this afternoon for damages.

Appeal Nemaha County Case.

Norris Brown, deputy attorney general, filed the petition in error in the Nebraska county tax case, in the supreme court today. The case retains its original form, being entitled, "Charles B. Hacker, county clerk of Nemaha county, Nebraska, against Church Howe, for himself and on behalf of all other taxpayers of Nemaha county, Nebraska." The petition in error is signed by E. B. Quackenbush, county attorney of Nemaha county, Attorney General F. N. Prout and Deputy Attorney General Norris Brown. These two signatures last named are the only evidences in the petition that the state is a party to the action.

Changed Their Minds.

There was some foundation for the report from Auburn that the county officials at one time decided not to appeal this case, but to accept as final the ruling of Judge Kelligar, which was highly satisfactory to the taxpayers of the county. An Auburn newspaper contains a copy of the letter that was prepared and sent to the attorney general, in spite of the agreement and understanding, at the time the decision was rendered, that it would be reviewed by the supreme court.

Dr. Gilligan for Senate.

O'NEILL, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. J. P. Gilligan of O'Neill was nominated for the state senate by the republicans of the Thirteenth senatorial district. Dr. Gilligan is the leading surgeon of this part of the state. The nomination is considered exceptionally strong.

DEMOCRATS NAME POPULISTS

Fusion Ticket in Adams Gives Two Places to Younger Party.

HASTINGS, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Adams county democrats and populists met in convention and fused. Dr. John Lyman, populist, was nominated for state senator; W. E. Joynt, democrat, for representative, and John Snyder, populist, for county attorney. Each convention chose a nominee for the latter office and several hours were consumed in negotiating before the conference committees effected the nomination of Mr. Snyder. There was little enthusiasm in the convention and several populist country delegates expressed dissatisfaction.

KEARNEY, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The populist county convention met in this city this afternoon and nominated Fred A. Nye for county attorney. A. A. Worsley addressed the delegates, after which a set of resolutions were adopted.

George J. Burgess Shoots Himself.

M'COOK, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—This community was deeply moved this morning by the news that George J. Burgess, an aged and respected citizen, had shot himself fatally.

He died about noon. Deceased for many years lived in Arapahoe before moving here.

News of Nebraska.

PLATSMOUTH, Sept. 17.—County Superintendent C. S. Woetman examined about thirty teachers for certificates today.

PLATTSMOUTH, Sept. 17.—Ex-Mayor Frank J. Morgan, who was operated on in Omaha recently for appendicitis, is reported to be better today.

BEATRICE, Sept. 17.—The Independent Telephone company, having been granted a franchise in Wymore, will install its lines within the next few weeks.

PLATTSMOUTH, Sept. 17.—The republican primaries were held throughout Cass county this evening to elect delegates to the county convention in Elmwood, September 24.

WEST POINT, Sept. 17.—Charles H. Sass, the present incumbent of the office of supervisor on the county board from Sherman township, has been renominated for that office by acclamation.

CHADRON, Sept. 17.—Considering that Dawes is one of the very youngest of Nebraska's counties, it feels proud to stand No. 20 in agricultural products in the state fair just held at Lincoln.

WEST POINT, Sept. 17.—Miss Katherine Langer, a former Cuming county teacher, has been elected principal of the public schools at Edholm, Neb., and left yesterday to assume charge of her work.

BEATRICE, Sept. 17.—The students of the Northwestern Business college of this city met yesterday afternoon and organized a foot ball team. The eleven will soon be in shape to play any team in the state.

CHADRON, Sept. 17.—Rev. Lee H. Young, rector of Grace Episcopal church, has accepted a call and will soon remove to Hastings. He and his wife will be given a farewell reception next Tuesday evening.

GENEVA, Sept. 17.—A successful county fair is ended. The ball games between the Geneva chicken pickers and the Wymore team resulted in a victory for the former. There was a good racing card.

PLATTSMOUTH, Sept. 17.—Mrs. H. N. Dovey pleasantly entertained fifty of her lady friends at a kensington yesterday afternoon. Elegant refreshments were served by Misses Ione, Helen, Florence and Hazel Dovey.

BEATRICE, Sept. 17.—The members of the Beatrice Driving association are making plans to hold a running meet in this city during the week of September 26. Between thirty and thirty-five head of horses will be entered for the races.

BEATRICE, Sept. 17.—The eighty-acre farm of William P. Norcross, located two miles northeast of Beatrice, was sold yesterday to Frank Marsh for $85 per acre. As far as known this is the highest price ever paid for farm land in Gage county.

NEBRASKA CITY, Sept. 17.—Thomas Johnson plead guilty in the district court yesterday to forgery and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary by Judge Paul Jessen. Johnson was charged with forging the name of L. Wrenn to a bank check for $40.

WEST POINT, Sept. 17.—While threshing wheat on the farm of E. McGill, northwest of this city, this week, the separator of Claude Emley was consumed by fire, together with a number of stacks of grain belonging to Mr. McGill. The cause of the fire is unknown.

PLATTSMOUTH, Sept. 17.—Judge Weber fined Hattie Harkins $20 and costs for using obscene language on the street and attempting to break into the resort of Grace Miller, which is near by. Grace Miller was fined $20 and costs for conducting a disorderly resort.

ADAMS, Sept. 17.—Adams is to have a 'phone line in operation soon. F. B. Dasper is president and W. C. Gray secretary-treasurer. They expect to have the town and country supplied by the first of December.

PLATTSMOUTH, Sept. 17.—Plattsmouth is to have a first-class lecture course this year, and the following executive committee has been elected: President, G. L. Farley; vice president, A. L. Tidd; secretary, E. L. Rouse; treasurer, J. L. Barton, and promoter, C. C. Wescott.

PAPILLION, Sept. 17.—A. W. Clark and I. D. Clarke have had plans drawn for the erection of an elevator in Papillion this fall. The former elevator was burned nearly sixteen years ago and the new one will probably be erected near the place where the old one stood.

M.NDEN, Sept. 17.—A movement has been started for the organization of a commercial club and every business and professional man in the city has signed a call for a meeting which will be held next Tuesday night to discuss the matter and perfect the organization of the club.

GENEVA, Sept. 17.—The Grand Army of the Republic reunion and picnic will be held in Geneva next Wednesday. The Geneva Choral society, under the leadership of John Barsby, will sing. Addresses will be given by E. H. Hinshaw and Department Commander Bross. The old soldiers will parade before dinner.

BEATRICE, Sept. 17.—A suit for $500 damages, brought by Louis Wehn, because of injuries received in a fight with Wallace Moore some time ago, was tried in the county court yesterday before a jury, which brought in a verdict of $25 damages for the plaintiff. The principals in the suit are both business men of this city.

CHADRON, Sept. 17.—Hon. E. J. Burkitt spoke in the opera house here last night. This was supposed to open the campaign, but as neither the democrats nor the populists have made their legislative nominations, local affairs are not yet warm. Conventions are called for their senatorial nomination September 20 at Rushville.

MINDEN, Sept. 17.—Active preparations are going forward for the twenty-seventh annual fair of Kearney county, which will begin next Wednesday. The yield of all kinds of farm and garden stuff has never been better. Friday has been set apart as children's day and many of the schools have made application for tickets. The indications are for a most successful fair.

NEBRASKA CITY, Sept. 17.—Stockholders of the Faultless Castor company last night elected new officers and decided to double the capacity of the factory. The improvements decided on will necessitate the employing of about thirty-five additional men. Several new pieces of machinery have been ordered and will be installed as soon as additions now being made to the building are completed.

NEBRASKA CITY, Sept. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Nicholson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Friday. They were married on September 16, 1854, and came to this county in 1857, where they have since resided. Many friends gathered at their home during the afternoon and evening and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson received several beautiful presents.

BEATRICE, Sept. 17.—Word was received here yesterday from Joplin, Mo., that J. T. Sullivan, the traveling man formerly in the employ of Allen Bros. of Omaha, who recently became mentally unbalanced and was taken to Joplin for treatment, has been removed to Hot Springs, Ark., where he will be cared for by his mother and the family physician who has charge of the young man's case.

BEATRICE, Sept. 17.—The base ball season closed in Beatrice yesterday. The members of the Beatrice team will leave for their homes in various parts of the state for short visits, after which most of them intend to enter the state university for the winter. Glenn Odell, who has been manager of the team, will remain in Beatrice and manage Company C foot ball team, which was organized last week.

AUBURN, Sept. 17.—Hon. Church Howe, consul general at Antwerp, Belgium, who has been home about a month on a visit, will leave here Monday for Washington, where he will spend some days and receive such instructions as the department may desire to impart. From Washington he will go to Oyster Bay and call on the president for confidential instructions. On October 1 he will sail for his post of duty.

NEBRASKA CITY, Sept. 17.—Nicholas Fellen, a prominent farmer, was found yesterday lying unconscious alongside the road. He had received a stroke of paralysis while driving from his home to Julian and had fallen out of the buggy. He was taken to Julian, where his condition was found to be serious. There is small hope for his recovery.

WEST POINT, Sept. 17.—A joint convention of rural school teachers and school officers has been called by Superintendent Stahl to meet in this city October 1. The meeting of teachers and officers of the country schools and the consequent exchange of ideas and suggestions relative to good government and efficiency has proved very popular and beneficial in this county, where the movement was initiated by Superintendent Stahl a year ago.

WEST POINT, Sept. 17.—The district court of Cuming county will convene for the fall term on September 26, with Judge Guy T. Graves of Pender on the bench. The health of Judge Graves has improved. The court calendar is extremely light, there being only thirty-six civil cases and eight criminal, 60 per cent of the whole being equal cases, held on the docket for payment of costs or awaiting final order.

WEST POINT, Sept. 17.—I. E. Gehris, supervisor of road district No. 2, adjoining the city, has filed complaint against F. F. Wortman, a farmer, living on the line of road in his district, for plowing up a portion of the road. This action is intended to put a stop to the almost universal custom of farmers of encroaching upon the public highway to extend the area of their cultivatable land. The case will be tried before County Judge Dewald.

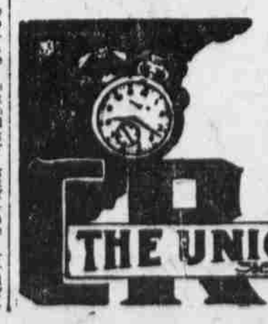
MINDEN, Sept. 17.—Corn in Kearney county is out of the way of frost and the crop is one of the old-fashioned bumper kind. A number of ears and big stalks are being exhibited in different business places around town and some of them are indeed wonders. Some of the ears weigh nearly two pounds. Many of the farmers are busy seeding and the acreage of winter wheat promises to be larger than it was this year.

AUBURN, Sept. 17.—Friday was the closing day at the Nemaha county fair. A large crowd was present and all voted the day a good one. The fair as a whole has been a success. The gates were not opened the first day on account of rain, and the second day the attendance was small on account of the muddy roads, but Thursday and Friday were record breakers. The live stock and fruit exhibits were the largest ever shown here. The races were all sharply contested and the time made in most of them was fast.

WEST POINT, Sept. 17.—D. G. Giffert, a former state senator from this district, who was nominated by the republicans for representative from this county, has sent in his resignation to the county central committee, who accepted the same with much regret. In his letter of declination he states this his private business will preclude his presence in the state at the time of the meeting of the legislature. F. E. Peatrowskey has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Peatrowskey is a young farmer and a stalwart republican, and enjoys a strong political following.

BEATRICE, Sept. 17.—The Gage County Old Settlers' association held its annual picnic on the Chautauqua grounds yesterday afternoon, the attendance being rather light compared with former years. A basket dinner was served, after which brief addresses were delivered by some of the pioneers present. Daniel Freeman, who has the distinction of being the first homesteader in the United States, was among those in attendance. Officers were elected for the coming year, as follows: E. M. Buswell, president; F. H. Dobbs, vice president; H. A. La Selle, secretary; A. D. Sage, treasurer.

OSCEOLA, Sept. 17.—The officers of the Polk County Agricultural society, with President Thomas Klassy and Secretary G. T. Ray, have done all in their power to make the fair that begins next Tuesday a grand success, and if the weather man smiles on us the twenty-seventh annual fair for the county will be the best that it has ever had. The shows, the racing and all that is usually connected with fairs will be in full blast for three days, beginning September 22. Up to the present time more space has been spoken for and more entries made than at any fair the county has held.



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