

THOUSANDS OF

Exhibits at Poultry Show of Promoters' Expectations

THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED S.

New Classes Created to Accommodate the Many Exhibitors.

SOME AWARDS ARE BEING MADE

General Manderson Among Those Who Make Entries.

CHILDREN MUCH IN EVIDENCE

Take as Much Interest in the High Bred Poultry and Dogs as Their Elders—Some Fine Sporting Dogs.

Three thousand, five hundred fowls are now on exhibition at the Poultry show. This is 200 more than the directors anticipated. The fact of the large patronage given the show by exhibitors and spectators places this show on a parity with the big annual events of Omaha and encourages the management to effort greater next time. Many of the higher classes of birds have been filled and several other high-grade birds.

Following are some of the awards made yesterday:

Buff Wyandottes—J. A. Pease, first; Dodge, second; first cock, first; second cock, first; first pullet, fourth and fifth pullet.

Blue Game—Second and third and fifth pen, third cock, fourth cock, second hen, third hen, first cockerel, fourth cockerel, second best, third pullet, fifth cock.

J. W. Bartholomew, Tennant, Ia.—Fourth pen.

Henry Hess, Winona, Minn.—First cock, fifth pen.

D. S. Frasier, Omaha—Fifth cockerel.

Some of the Exhibitors.

Aye Bros, of Blair, are among the largest exhibitors of Barred Plymouth Rock fowls. This firm is making a shipment of eggs and Red's Yellow Dent corn to Mexico, through Zafarino Dominguez, agent for the Mexican Experiment station.

J. A. Pease of Ft. Dodge, Ia., is making a large exhibit of Buff and Columbia Wyandottes. Mr. Pease is president of the Iowa Poultry association, and has entered the shows in Sioux City and Chicago. He pronounced the Transmississippi Poultry show far and away ahead of either Chicago or Sioux City.

"Especially is the Wyandotte display here fine," he said.

The youngest exhibitor of poultry is DeForest Gay of Essex, Ia. He is showing several coops of beautiful Houdeons. Young Gay is 12 years of age.

J. M. Maher of Fremont, who originated the White Leghorns and Smoke Ball duck is among the exhibitors. Mr. Maher is one of the best known breeders in the state.

General Charles P. Manderson is exhibiting some silver laced Wyandottes in which he takes great pride. Three years ago a soldier of General Manderson's old regiment went home from one of the five birds and they were so pretty that General Manderson was at once interested and has looked after his birds until he now has quite a number of birds.

Bert Dixon has a beautiful pointer on exhibition. He is called simply James, and Mr. Dixon had him sent from his ranch in Oklahoma especially for the show. James is a big, powerful pointer, and is snow white.

The smallest dog at the kennel show is a diminutive lap dog belonging to A. D. Brandeis which Emil Brandeis brought from Egypt. The dog goes by the ordinary name of "Puppy" and weighs but four and three-quarter pounds.

Conrad Young is showing his champion "Young Vic" a big, strong pointer, a son of Champion Young's Rip Rap, who is a descendant of some of the leading English dogs. Mr. Young's dog is broke for field work and is splendid game, but only about field trial events of the country.

Days for Children.

Tuesday and Wednesday were children's days at the show and large numbers availed themselves of this opportunity to learn of chicken and fowl culture. One of the most interesting exhibits to the young folks is that of the George H. Lee company, which has chickens hatching in the incubators. These began to hatch Wednesday morning and later in the week will be used to demonstrate the brooders which this firm manufactures.

So successful has been the experiment of adding the exhibit of the Nebraska Kennel club to the show that the directors are already planning to expand next year and offer special inducements for cats and pigeons. Liberal prizes will be hung up for these side lights and it is hoped thereby to secure a large number of exhibitors and thus add to the attractiveness of the show. Many beautiful cats are now shown, but these came as post entries and no special provisions were made for them. Next year they will be made one of the featured shows.

PEASE BOOSTS THE OMAHA SHOW

Winner of Three Firsts Predicts Big Future for It.

J. A. Pease, winner of three firsts in the Buff Wyandottes class resides at Fort Dodge, Ia., and is president of the Iowa State Poultry show which will be held at Fairfield, Ia. January 11, 12, 13 and 14. Mr. Pease has secured a large number of the exhibitors at the Transmississippi show to also take their birds to the Iowa show.

"This Omaha show far surpasses anything ever held in the west and it will grow larger every year," said Mr. Pease. "We have a splendid show, but only about 1,500 birds against the 2,500 which are now on exhibition in Omaha. The classes are large in number and are well filled and the competition is most keen."

DOG COMES FROM DOWN SOUTH

Pixley's Captain Hustles Up from Old Mississipp.

W. A. Pixley received a wire that his famous dog, Captain, was on the road from Mississippi to be shown at the Kennel show in connection with the poultry show. Captain has been south in the hands of Trainer Jones and is entered in the big field trial events of the east. Death in the family of Mr. Jones has made a change of plans for Mr. Pixley and he wired Monday for Captain to be sent north that he may be shown at the Omaha show. In response to several requests from dog lovers in the state for an exhibition of the field work of some of his dogs, Mr. Pixley has consented to give an exhibition later in the week.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Thursday, December 31, 1908.

1908—DECEMBER—1908

THU	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

THE WEATHER.
FOR OMAHA AND VICINITY—Fair Thursday; continued cold Thursday.
FOR NEBRASKA—Fair and colder, with cold wave in east portion; Thursday fair with rising temperature.
FOR IOWA—Fair and colder in east portion Thursday.
Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour	Temp.	Dir.
5 a. m.	22	S
6 a. m.	21	S
7 a. m.	21	S
8 a. m.	21	S
9 a. m.	21	S
10 a. m.	21	S
11 a. m.	21	S
12 m.	21	S
1 p. m.	21	S
2 p. m.	21	S
3 p. m.	21	S
4 p. m.	21	S
5 p. m.	21	S
6 p. m.	21	S
7 p. m.	21	S
8 p. m.	21	S
9 p. m.	21	S

DOMESTIC.

President Stillman is about to retire from the position he holds in the National City bank.

The newspaper transportation case may soon be taken up in the United States supreme court.

The Hains case was adjourned over yesterday because of the illness of one of the lawyers for the defense.

Thirty-eight men will die from the explosion in the Lick mine in West Virginia.

The senatorial fight in Ohio has grown warm and an open rupture exists between Charles P. Taft and Congressman Burton.

A fierce snowstorm rages in Canada and Minnesota with zero temperature.

Misourians are beginning to fear that the result of contests in the legislature will seat enough republicans to elect a senator.

Princess Helie De Sagan has been allowed possession of her children by the decision of the French court.

Negotiations are about to begin between the United States and Venezuela.

The death list in the earthquake in southern Italy may reach 150,000 people, with a loss of thirty-five cities in Calabria alone.

Scenes of indescribable horror are witnessed by the relief workers, who are so few that hundreds perish unaided under fallen walls.

Peru Plow company decides to move from Council Bluffs to Omaha.

Street railway company to build its new cars early in the spring.

Omaha Italians will raise money to aid their stricken countrymen.

Restriction against infighting is to be imposed on contests in Sydney hereafter because of the brutality of the Johnson-Burns mill.

Live stock markets.

Stocks and bonds.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

Port.	Arrived.	Sailed.
NEW YORK	California	Rotterdam
COLUMBIA	Columbia	Columbia
LONDON	Mississippi	

BUCHANAN WELL RECEIVED

Negotiations With Venezuela Are About to Begin—Castro Burned in Emory.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 30.—Via Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 29.—W. L. Buchanan, the special commissioner of the American government to the government of Venezuela, arrived in Caracas today from La Guayra. He was given a cordial reception by the officials of the new government. It has been decided to begin at once a series of conferences on the question of settlement of diplomatic relations between the United States and Venezuela and formulation of a basis for settlement of all pending questions.

The students of Caracas today paraded through the city, carrying a large doll dressed to represent the former President Castro. They were followed by a shouting and shouting crowd. The effigy was finally burned in the Plaza Bolivar.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Dec. 29.—It is reported here from Porto Cabello that General Mariano Garcia, governor of the Venezuelan state of Falcón, declined to recognize Guan Vicente Gomez as president of the republic. He was at once thrown into prison.

STEPS TAKEN FOR RELIEF

Pope Pius Authorizes General Collection in Chicago Biscione for Earthquake Sufferers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The work of providing Chicago's share of relief to the earthquake sufferers went forward with a bound today. Archbishop Quigley expected a cablegram from the pope permitting him to issue a general collection throughout his archdiocese next Sunday for the benefit of earthquake victims. Orson Smith, Illinois treasurer of the Red Cross society, reported a flood of letters containing contributions; Italian societies in Chicago and vicinity continued the gathering of funds and several newspapers announced that they would receive contributions.

Among the Chicagoans believed to be, or have been, in the danger zone are the following:

Mr. and Mrs. O. Elger, Paul Barber, Dr. Charles A. Logan, Miss Magdalena Henley, T. A. Griffin and Mrs. Jacob Baur, who were on their honeymoon trip. Mrs. Baur before her recent marriage was Miss Bertha Duppler, secretary to Postmaster Campbell and said to have been the highest salaried woman in the government employ.

SNOW AND COLD IN NORTH

Fierce Storm, Accompanied by Drop to Zero, Happening in Minnesota.

FEROUS FALLS, Minn., Dec. 30.—A fierce snowstorm is raging here today. The mercury is down to zero and going lower every hour.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 30.—A severe blizzard is raging all over western Canada today.

FIRST HOMESTEADER DEAD

Daniel Freeman Passes Away at His Home in Beatrice.

HAS BEEN SICK OVER YEAR

Still Owns the Land, Seven Miles from Beatrice, Taken Up by Him, and Which is Covered by Homestead Certificate No. 1.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Daniel Freeman, the first homesteader in the United States, died at his home in this city this evening.

Daniel Freeman, the first homesteader in the United States, was born in Preble county, O., April 26, 1838. When 10 years of age he removed with his parents to Illinois, where he grew to manhood. He was married in Illinois to Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, a native of Ohio, who died in Rock Island, Ill. In 1861, leaving three children, Mr. Freeman was married a second time to Miss Agnes Sulter of Scott county, Ia. February 8, 1865, who, with nine children, survives him.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman located in Gage county nearly half a century ago, making the first filing under the homestead law. The farm is located about seven miles northwest of Beatrice on Cub creek. In an early day Mr. Freeman took an active part in the upbuilding of Beatrice and surrounding country, and always seemed to take considerable satisfaction in knowing that as the first homesteader he lived and prospered in Gage county.

For years he was active in politics, and has always been a supporter of W. J. Bryan. Of late years failing health has forced him to retire from active business life.

During the last few winters Mr. Freeman has been located at Seely, Ark., leaving Beatrice in the early fall and returning in the spring. A year ago he suffered a severe spell of sickness at Seely, and was removed to his home near this city.

Mr. Freeman has long been a leading member of the Old Settlers' association of Gage county, and also of the Nebraska State Historical society. During the golden anniversary celebration held here last fall he was one of the leading features and appeared in the parade with a float representing the log cabin built by him on the first homestead.

Mr. Freeman, who was a soldier in the civil war, was in Nebraska on a furlough when the homestead law became operative and filed on the Gage county land. His homestead certificate is marked No. 1, and has always been one of his proudest possessions.

GOLD COIN SENT TO DENVER

Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Millions Taken from Pacific Coast for Safety.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—According to a story printed in this morning's Examiner, \$225,000,000 in gold coin has been shipped from the local mint to the mint at Denver since last August. It is said that the shipment was made as a measure of precaution against a possible invasion of the Pacific coast by a hostile power. The shipment of the treasure was in charge of United States Marshal Elliott, assisted by a number of Wells Fargo special messengers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Moving \$25,000,000 in gold coin a distance of more than 1,000 miles without accident or without loss of a dollar is the feat just successfully accomplished by the Treasury department of the United States under the supervision of the director of the mint.

Owing to the fact that all the principal vaults of the San Francisco mint had become filled with gold coin and the basement and other less secure vaults of the mint had to be used to store this additional accumulation of gold it was deemed desirable to move this amount to the new modern vaults of the Denver mint, which are the largest and most secure of any in the United States. Secretary Cortese, therefore, ordered its transfer. The movement of the coin was begun August 15 and was completed December 13.

NEWSPAPER CASE UP SOON

Publishers May Have Early Decision on the Newspaper Transportation Issue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Whether newspaper and magazine publishers may legally accept transportation over the railroads in return for advertising, probably will soon be decided by the supreme court of the United States. The Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railway company, generally known as the Monon route, has brought to that court a case involving this question, and it is probable that the court will find in it a subject of such general importance as to justify it in advancing the hearing.

The suit originally was instituted by the government in the United States circuit court for the northern district of Illinois. That court held that such a transaction would in all probability result in discrimination and therefore decided against the company.

If the case should be advanced it will be possible to hear and decide it before the final adjournment Friday of the present term of the court.

WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

Number of Minor Appointments Announced in the Department.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—On recommendation of Congressman Conner, Dr. Charles Enfield has been appointed pension examining surgeon at Jeffersonia.

L. C. Waller of Dubuque, Ia., has been appointed clerk in the War department and located in Texas.

George Thompson has been appointed postmaster at Olaf, Wright county, Iowa. Vice, T. H. Benson, resigned.

STILLMAN ABOUT TO RETIRE

Head of National City Bank Said to Be on Point of Yielding His Office.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the National City bank of this city on January 12 it is expected that James Stillman will retire from the office of president and will be elected chairman of the board of directors. It is expected that Frank A. Vanderbilt, now vice president, will be elected president. The National City bank has deposits of more than \$200,000,000 and capital stock of \$25,000,000.

DEATHS MAY REACH HUNDRED-FIFTY THOUSAND

OMAHA ITALIANS WILL AID DISTRESSED AT CALAMITY. THEY PLAN TO JOIN IN RELIEF.

MOST FROM STRICKEN DISTRICT

Grief and Anxiety Pathetic Among the Local People and They Grab for News of the Earthquake.

Omaha Italians will hold a mass meeting to raise funds for their stricken fellow countrymen and relatives in Italy and Sicily.

The unparalleled disaster which has befallen the heel of Italy and the adjacent island has thrown local Italians into an anxiety and anguish which can be easily understood because of the 2,000 or 4,000 who live in Omaha nearly all are Sicilians or Calabrians. Mothers and brothers and even in some cases wives and affianced sweethearts live—or did live—in the afflicted provinces. Accordingly, although the immediate concern is now of the fate of their relatives, yet steps are being taken to raise funds here for the relief of those who have survived the appalling catastrophe.

The mass meeting, the date of which has not been settled, but which will be some time this week, is being projected by Joseph Seato, Toni Venuto of the Italian consular agency, Sebastian Salerno and L. J. Platt. Some prominent residents other than Italians will also be asked to speak at the meeting.

A preliminary meeting was held at Joe Calabria's saloon Tuesday night, and it was determined to co-operate with other Italians.

Local telegraph offices have been

INDESCRIBABLE DISASTER

King Victor and Queen Helene of Italy arrived at Messina today and found what was said to be the most

terrible disaster in the memory of living man. The conditions resulting from so many dead bodies were such that the queen faltered, but mustered up courage and remained at the king's side. Ten thousand soldiers will be needed to bury the dead. The city of Reggio is practically obliterated, a portion having sunk below the shore line and being covered by the sea. The loss of life, it is estimated, may reach the total of 150,000. It is reported that the shock caused the wreck of cities on the Aeolian islands, near Sicily, having a population of 12,000. Robbers have been utilizing the terror of the populace to loot the possessions of the dead. The Bank of Italy believes it has sustained a loss of \$2,000,000 in this way at Messina.

"ALL INHABITANTS ARE DEAD"

This is Report Received of Fate of Town of Ten Thousand People.

CANTAZARO, Calabria, Dec. 30.—A report received here early this morning says that the town of Reggiano, on the coast to the north of Reggio, has been completely wiped out, fire finishing the work of destruction. The report says that "all inhabitants of Reggiano are dead." The town counted about 10,000 people. In a few days time will be scattered over the heap of ruins which alone mark the site of a once populous town.

CITIES LOOK LIKE POMPEII

Reports from Reggio and Messina Tell of Obliteration.

SURVIVOR TELLS TRAGIC STORY

Lower Part of Reggio Sank and Was Covered Up by the Sea—People Live in Open Spite of Rain.

CANTAZARO, Calabria, Dec. 30.—Such fragmentary news as has been received from Reggio goes to confirm the previous report that the city has been practically obliterated. A laconic telegram from some operator in the zone of which Reggio was the center says:

"Reggio has been almost entirely destroyed. The local director of telegrams and the operators are dead. Messina and Reggio look like Pompeii."

The perfect of Reggio, Signor Orso, who was thought to have been killed, has reached a coast point in safety after twenty-four hours of fearful experience. The man could hardly talk, but he said Reggio had been almost entirely devastated, that the number of dead ran into thousands, and that the surrounding villages also have been destroyed.

The region between Roccella, Jonica and Caulonia, not far from Reggio, is flooded.

Part of City Submerged in Sea.

A laborer who escaped from Reggio relates that shortly before daybreak a deafening noise like the roaring of a hundred cannon was heard. This was followed by the subsidence of the entire lower portion of the city. At the same time the sea swept over the water front. The cathedral, all



THE NEW MEMBER.

From the New York World.

sieged all day with Italians asking if cables have come for them and themselves sending messages of inquiry to their former homes. Their anxiety is paralleled only by the days following the San Francisco disaster when hundreds of Omaha residents were worried about the fate of relatives or friends in California. Only in this present case the greater distance and the fact that this is still a strange country to many of the Omaha Italians makes their uncertainty all the greater and their anguish the more keen.

NOTABLE EARTHQUAKES.

Place.	Year.	Lives Lost.
Catania, Sicily	1197	15,000
Syria	1180	20,000
Cilicia	1240	80,000
Naples	1456	40,000
Lisbon	1521	20,000
Naples	1656	70,000
Baguas	1667	5,000
Schamalia	1678	80,000
Port Royal, Jamaica	1692	2,000
Sicily	1693	100,000
Aquila, Italy	1703	5,000
Jeddah (Tobek)	1703	200,000
Abruzzi, Italy	1708	15,000
Algiers	1710	20,000
Palermo	1716	20,000
Syria	1721	100,000
Naples	1733	1,900
India and Callao	1746	18,000
Grand Cairo	1754	40,000
Kashan, Persia	1755	40,000
Lisbon	1755	50,000
Yen, Morocco	1758	12,000
Syria	1759	20,000
Maritime	1767	1,900
Tauris	1780	45,000
Calabria	1783	25,000
Bolivia	1797	40,000
Naples	1805	6,000
Kutch, India	1819	6,000
Aleppo	1822	20,000
Murcia, Spain	1828	6,000
Canton, China	1830	6,000
Calabria	1835	1,000
Martinique	1839	700
Cape Maylen, S. Do.	1842	5,000
Puerto-Pitre, Guady	1843	2,000
Great Sanger	1843	3,000
Calabria, Italy	1857	10,000
Quito	1859	9,000
Erzeroum, Asia Minor	1859	6,000
Mendoza, S. Amer.	1861	7,000
Hankow	1862	1,000