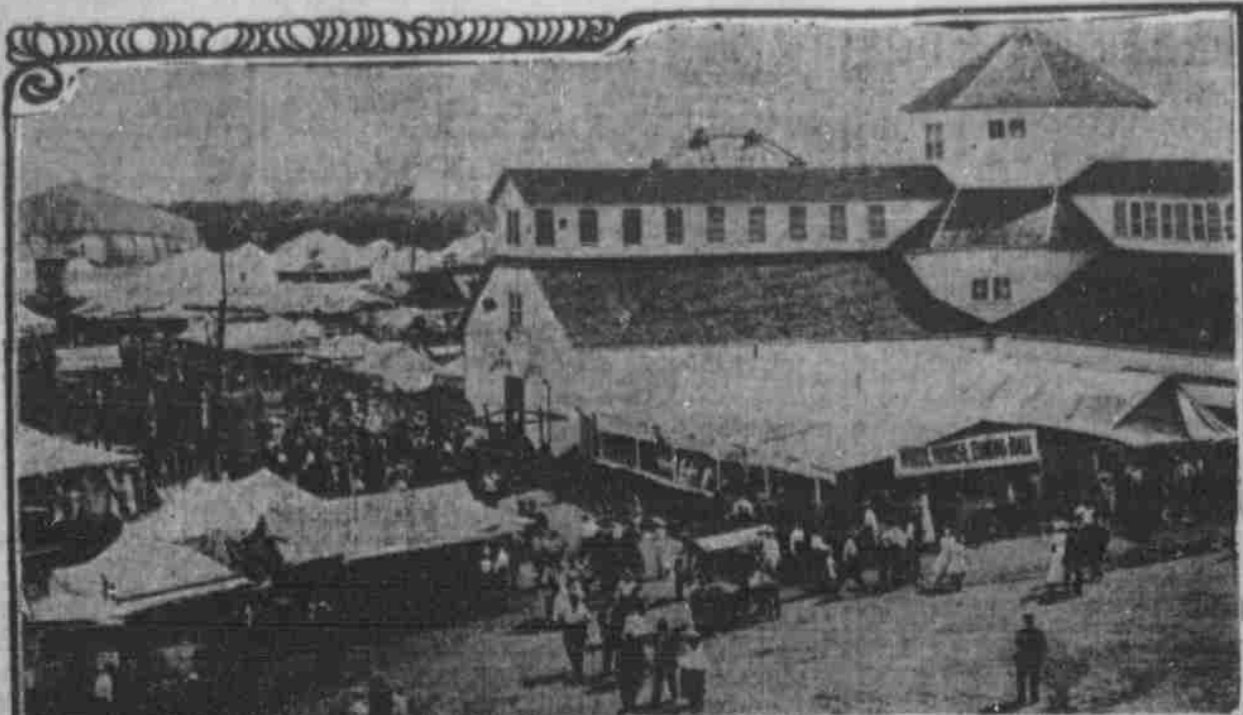


# Fruits of Field, Orchard and Garden Shown



the orchard and the granary. The colleges have failed to keep the colleges trained young man on the farm, and this being the case, I contend that the world's best agricultural college is a home on the farm. By this I mean the small farm for personal work is best for the man, the land and the coming generation."

William James of Dorchester, superintendent of the agricultural exhibits, is making a special effort to surprise the state fair visitors. He means to garner in the best of displays and make a record for the fellows to follow who produce the exhibits in the boom years. His efforts have been successful, he says, and he is surprised at the courage and resourcefulness of the farmers of the state. "The dairying interests are 'on the job' for 1913. All the phases of the industry will be exemplified. Patent milkers will

Crowds on the Nebraska State Fair Grounds



**D**ESPITE drought reports, the agricultural displays at the Nebraska State fair will be both instructive and creditable.

Visitors, who have been reading "crop estimates" sent out by speculators, will doubtless be surprised at what Nebraska can do under conditions somewhat adverse. The great North Platte regions will have products to exhibit this year. The same is true of the western part of the state, the eastern portion and portions of the South Platte country.

The first cutting of alfalfa was a memorable one. Spring wheat was excellent, the oats crop in the eastern half of the state was heavy. The 65,000,000-bushel wheat crop has moved eastward, but speculations remain.

Altogether the agricultural exhibits will arouse speculation and envy. County officials in all parts of Nebraska have been interested and the counties will enter into earnest competition for the prizes. Douglas, Saline, Gage, Fillmore and Lancaster usually indulge in a friendly brush. Scott's Bluff county may prove a formidable competitor this year and there has been considerable hustling in that part of the state to make a fine display at the fair.

The boys' acre corn contest promises to be of especial importance this year. The youthful corn growers have been fighting the dry weather with the most advanced methods known to the experiment station. It will be interesting to note the yields obtained by the contestants, as compared with the results secured by their elders, who farm on a more extensive scale.

The smallest farm in the United States will offer agricultural exhibits in nearly all the lines of diversified farming. Arroll Martin of Ia Bois, who has made twenty acres of Nebraska land yield him a handsome income, has written Secretary W. H. Mellor that the Pawnee county garden between the hills is not out of the running by any means. Martin is the man who took a \$50 prize at the Chicago corn show and who carried off \$1,000 in prizes at the Nebraska and Kansas state fairs in a single year. He uses intensive methods on his twenty acres, keeps up with the times and he is the last person in the world who needs to worry.

"One year," said Mr. Martin, "I divided the farm as follows: Eight acres in field corn, one acre in popcorn, one-half acre in small grain of forty varieties, two acres in potatoes, two acres in grasses, two and one-half acres in pasture (one-half timber), three acres orchard, one-half acre onions and one-half acre in millet. Total twenty-three acres."

"I will explain where the three extra acres come in. Two acres in alfalfa; the first cutting from one acre of alfalfa was harvested May 24 and plowed and planted to white rice, popcorn, pumpkins, squashes, beans and all sorts of late vegetables with good success. Of the two acres of potatoes, one-half was planted in corn after the last plowing of potatoes; one-half acre of German millet was sown May 24 after the last plowing of potatoes; the millet was harvested August 23 and the ground disked up (leaves ready for alfalfa early in September).

"Five hundred loads of manure have been hauled onto the place in the last three years besides what the farm has produced itself. As many as thirty loads

to the acre have been hauled from town, two miles distant. I do not know just how much good the large quantities of manure did the land, but I think the \$1,000 is a good answer, and I will hear more of it in the future. In the years to come the crops will tell. I have 225 bushels of

corn as a result of intensive farming. "The more intensive the method of farming carried on, the more necessary is experience, and the getting of the experience lies in the working out of the problems of the field, and getting the answer direct from nature in the garden,

be shown to the students of dairying and university lecturers will explain their use. Immediately after the fair the dairy cows, a great deal of the apparatus and the lecturers will make a tour of the dairy country under the leadership of R. W. McGinnis and S. C. Bassett.

## One Woman Who is Kept Busy in Many Ways

**T**ALENTED women of the present day have distinguished themselves in many unique lines of endeavor. However, it remains for a daughter of Nebraska to win fame and immense wealth in practical soil judging and deals in farm and ranch lands.

Mrs. Charles Oliver Norton, supposed to be the richest woman in the state, has certainly achieved unprecedented success in her chosen calling. She manages, buys and sells large farms and ranches. As an expert on the value and productiveness and desirability of farm lands and rural products it is admitted that she is practically unrivalled, according to information received by the State Board of Agriculture.

Sixteen years ago her husband, a popular banker, died. Mrs. Norton had followed every detail of her husband's business and had paid particular attention to land values. She foresaw the marvelous expansion of the present day and laid the foundation of her immense fortune by shrewd and sagacious buying.

But a mere pliance of her time is devoted to business. She spends a certain portion of it in automobile tours of inspection, visiting even the outlying ranches. Then she plunges into philanthropy and the amazing masses of detail connected with a number of patriotic and historical societies. She has just finished two years' service as state regent of the Nebraska Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and, besides her work in this organization, has taken an



Mrs. Charles O. Norton

active part in the affairs of the Nebraska Society of Colonial Dames, of which she is a charter member. She was an organizing member and first vice president of the United States Daughters of 1812. As a member of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, she established her ancestry on four lines—a most unusual record. Other societies to which she belongs are Daughters of Colonial Governors, Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century, Nebraska State Historical society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society of Massachusetts, Nebraska Memorial association and Oregon Trail commission. Under her direction the Oregon Trail has been marked across Nebraska. This was a difficult task and took months of careful planning and organization.

Mrs. Norton is the daughter of Hon. Elijah Atwood Gove, an eminent jurist. Her mother is Maria Louisa Haynes, a writer. Her son, Oliver Gove Norton, is 19 years of age. He is a student in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston. In the confusing whirl of duties incident to her membership in the patriotic societies and in handling the mass of business detail, she finds time to follow painstakingly the college career of her son. Courses, subjects and the personnel of the institution are subjects with which she is thoroughly familiar.

She is an after-dinner speaker of merit and has won much applause for her wit and tactful sayings.

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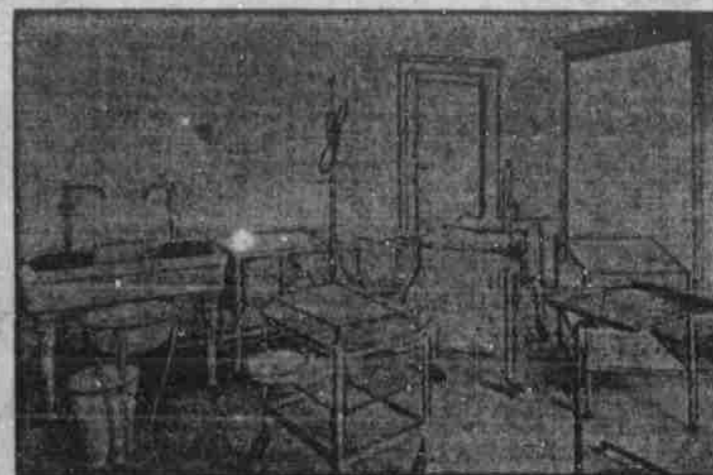
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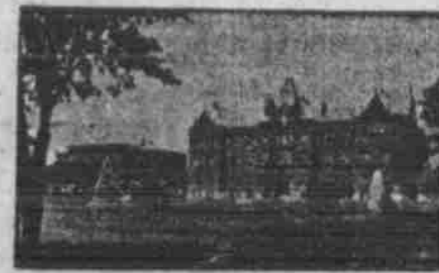
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