

Nebraska

WELCOMES PUBLIC TO TRACTOR SHOW

President Wolz of Fremont Commercial Club Tells of Many Attractions There During Plow Exhibit.

By GEORGE F. WOLZ, President Fremont Commercial Club. Fremont, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The growth of the National Power Farming Demonstration from a little show of eighteen tractors plowing a field of 160 acres to the present mammoth demonstration when upwards of 250 tractors, including all types will be seen on exhibition, covering 3,000 acres of stubble land, is in brief the history of the tractor show in the five years since these demonstrations were started in Fremont.

As the result of the first little show in August, 1913, when not over 10,000 people visited the fields east of Fremont during the week to see the iron horses perform, the National Tractor show has grown to the present mammoth proportions. It is the one show held in the United States that has the support of the tractor manufacturers.

How They Started. These tractor demonstrations started through a conversation between the representatives of the Twentieth Century Farmer and representatives of the Fremont Commercial club in the spring of 1913, when the Twentieth Century Farmer made inquiry of the club, as to the possibility of securing a small strip of land in the vicinity of Fremont to hold a demonstration. The idea at once looked like one which would be feasible to the parties interested, and Fremont being awake to the situation grasped the opportunity and joined with the Twentieth Century Farmer in putting on the first demonstration, at which time 160 acres of ground were plowed with an estimated attendance of 10,000 visitors.

At the conclusion of the show, being such a great success, plans were laid for the 1914 demonstration at which time the tractors entered had increased in number to almost double the number of the previous year. The amount of land plowed was doubled and estimated attendance on the grounds were placed to 20,000.

Becomes Annual Event. After the 1914 demonstration, it was decided to make this an annual affair with the result that forty-eight iron horses were demonstrated. During the 1915 show the acreage was increased to 400 acres and 50,000 people visited the grounds. As each succeeding year had proven larger than the one before, so 1916 was so much larger than 1915 as 1917 was larger than 1916.

Sixty tractor manufacturing firms were represented at the demonstration last year, when 800 acres of land were plowed. The total attendance was estimated at 123,000. The largest daily attendance of this year was 40,000.

Expect Huge Crowd.

It is estimated that at least 200,000 people will visit Fremont during the demonstration and the various committees are diligently working out detailed plans for handling them. Reservations are being made in private residences for guests. Fifteen hundred rooms have been assigned to the Commercial club in addition to the hotel facilities. Reservations have been asked for from all parts of the United States and a great many foreign countries will be represented.

Arrangements have been made for parking at least ten special Pullman cars, which will be on track during the week for parties coming from Canada, Texas and eastern states. The president of the American Sugar Refining company of Cuba will be in attendance with a representative of the commercial interests of Cuba. Ex-President Taft will be at Fremont during the demonstration. The National Society of Automotive Engineers has made reservation for 150 members of their organization. This will include a large list of government representatives. Fremont citizens are awake to the situation and are doing everything possible to make it pleasant for visitors.

The county and city officials and the Commercial club committees are working in unison to take care of all guests. Ample protection will be given to the public. Efficient traffic officers will be on duty and every precaution will be taken for "safety first," so we want the public to feel safe in visiting the demonstration August 6 to 10, both inclusive.

Seven Sioux Indians Join South Dakota Guards

Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Seven Sioux Indian young men belonging to the Yankton Indian reservation have joined the service of their country, having enlisted in the Parker company of the South Dakota National Guard. A large number of persons gathered at the agency to wish them goodspeed when they departed to join their company at Parker. The names of the young Indians are varied and some of them are unique. The Indian recruits are: Peter Frederick, Andrew Plant, Frank Obershaw, Jesse, St. Pierre, Charles Littleowl, Adam Feather and George Blome. All are fairly well educated. They are enthusiastic and courageous and it is believed they will make good soldiers.

Sues Heirs for Settlement. Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—John R. Davis, who agreed to run the farm of his father, Daniel O. Davis near Lincoln, if the estate was divided equally among six children, has sued the other heirs for settlement.

Notes from Beatrice And Gage County

Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Judge Raper of the district court yesterday entered an order dismissing the suit for divorce of Hettie Campbell against George Campbell, postmaster at Wynona. The plaintiff brought suit on the grounds of cruelty. The case was tried before Judge Raper of Pawnee City, who took the matter under advisement some weeks ago, handing down his decision yesterday. The costs in the case, which will amount to \$200 are assessed against the defendant.

William E. Mudge, who settled on a homestead in Elm township in Gage county in 1867, died at his home in this city last evening, aged 85 years. He is survived by seven children, his wife having passed away some years ago.

Mrs. Frank Noakes died Monday night at her home at Crab Orchard after a brief illness. She had been a resident of that place for many years. She was 52 years of age and leaves her husband and five children.

Will Bentley, a high school student, sustained a broken nose at Wyoming by running against a tree while playing on the high school campus there.

Hail Driven by Fierce Gale Penetrates Wall of House

Aberdeen, S. D., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Some startling stories of the hailstorm of Sunday night are related. On the farm of Fred Ellwein, northwest of town several miles, it is stated the hailstones were driven with such force by the terrific northwest gale that they penetrated the siding and plaster of the new house Ellwein built last spring, besides breaking every window on that side of the house, and covered the floors with hail several inches thick. Gardens, grain, trees, were all stripped by the hail, and chickens and a calf were killed. The width of the storm was from two to three miles and the length about ten miles.

Gering Slacker Thought He Could Beat the Game

Gering, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The only case of slackness so far developed in Scottsbluff county, which registered 1,786 young men, was brought to light Monday when L. S. Sellers was arrested upon the charge of evading registration. In view of the fact that Sellers is a married man with a child he could probably have secured exemption. He admitted that he had deliberately evaded the law with the belief that he could "beat the game." Sellers has been an employe of the Gering sugar factory, and is about 24 years old. He is being held in the county jail awaiting the arrival of a federal officer.

Auto Upset Victims Sue Scottsbluff for \$37,000

Gering, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Scottsbluff county will have four damage cases to answer growing out of automobile accidents on county roads. Two of the cases were filed by members of the Buckmaster party, in which Wesley Buckmaster was killed and his sister, Pearl, badly injured, and involve claims of \$20,000. Two other suits filed yesterday are by A. C. Morrison, a former county commissioner, whose car went into a canyon on the night of July 4, inflicting more or less serious injuries upon Morrison and his wife, who together ask for \$17,000 damages.

Fourth Regiment Band at Syracuse Red Cross Day

Syracuse, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—A band concert, moving pictures, dance and baseball game were the features of a special Red Cross day here yesterday. The ball game, which was between the machine gunners team of the Fourth Nebraska regiment and the local team was won by Syracuse, 14 to 9. After the game the soldiers were guests at the homes of citizens. All proceeds from the entertainments were donated to the Red Cross.

Daniel Kroh, Pioneer of Stella District, is Dead

Stella, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The funeral of Daniel Kroh, who has lived in this community for forty-five years, was held yesterday morning. Rev. Mr. Hershey preached the sermon. Mr. Kroh, who was wealthy, served three years in the Illinois infantry, and is survived by a widow and six children. The children are Sherman Kroh, Mrs. A. J. Wixson and Mrs. Robert Wood of Peeta, Colo., and E. A. Kroh, Mrs. L. F. Gergens and Mrs. H. V. Davis of Stella.

Seward Man Injured When Autos Collide

Seward, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—August Blendemann, proprietor of a meat market, sustained a broken shoulder and was otherwise bruised when his truck ran into the car of Jasper Findlay. A clump of trees at a bend in the road prevented the men from sighting each other.

Officers Chosen for Home Guards at Seward

Seward, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—M. B. Russell has been elected captain and Glen Harvey first lieutenant of the Seward County Home Guards. The organization was formed to take the place of the men mustered into federal service and numbers 379 men.

THOMAS PLEASES PEOPLE OF MAINE

Former State Superintendent of Nebraska Writes of His Experiences in New Work in Pine Tree State.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Dr. A. O. Thomas, former state superintendent of Nebraska, but who was recently appointed to a similar position in Maine, has grown fat on clams, quagogs, cod fish and lobsters, which are found along the New England shores, and has gained fifteen pounds in the month he has been there, according to a letter received by State Treasurer George Hall from him yesterday.

In his letter he says in part: "I reached Augusta at 2 o'clock in the morning and at 9 o'clock was sworn in and duly installed ready to receive work and callers. On the third I went to Bangor for a meeting of the board of trustees of the State normals. On the fifth I went by boat down the Penobscot river to the old town of Castine on Penobscot bay for a ten days' conference with about 300 superintendents of schools. I delivered my inaugural address on the evening of the ninth to a big audience in the town hall. Governor Milliken came over and introduced me. I was given a fine reception and an ovation at the close of my address. Before the conference closed the governor called me by long distance telephone to express his pleasure from the reports he had received.

Visits Normal Schools. "The first duty cut out for me by the governor and council was to visit the six normal schools which took me into all parts of Maine. Tonight I leave to visit the state university at Orono and from there I go with an assistant into the Moosehead Lake country to establish some common schools in lumber camps. My next trip will be to visit the "Light House" schools on the islands along the coast. "The state is liberal with me and insists that I live well and comfortably when I am attending to its business out in the state.

"There are great agricultural possibilities here. Aroostook county will raise 20,000,000 bushels of potatoes, the farmers there got rich last year on \$3 per bushel. They raise potatoes as the Nebraskans raise corn. "There is a fallow field for work in the schools in this state. The problem is not so simple here as in Nebraska, but it is interesting and I am already into it with the assurance of loyalty and co-operation on the part of the people and the educators. "I shall be back to Nebraska in August to attend to some unfinished business and shall see you at that time."

Will Maupin Appointed State Publicity Agent

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The state public welfare commission today appointed William M. Maupin, editor of the York Democrat, publicity manager of the state at a salary of \$2,000 a year. The last legislative session created the office, but placed the handling of the appropriation of \$12,500 in the hands of the governor.

The publicity commission officially known as the conservation and welfare commission, consists of Governor Neville, Chancellor Avery, Dr. George E. Condra, Secretary Danielson of the State Board of Agriculture, and A. E. Sheldon of the State Reference bureau.

State Defense Council Members at Tractor Show

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The State Council of Defense is arranging a series of meetings during the tractor exhibition in Fremont next week. A special tent will be put up and seed wheat propaganda carried on in charge of Prof. W. W. Burr of the University of Nebraska. There will be a speaking program each day, when Secretary Danielson of the State Board of Agriculture, President Gustafson of the Farmers' union, O. G. Smith of the Farmers' congress, S. R. McKelvie and others will address the people on seed wheat.

Two Barns at Dorchester Burn

Dorchester, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The White Elephant livery barn, situated close to the Burlington tracks, was burned Monday night. The barn belonged to Ira Urlick, whose loss will be \$4,000. A large barn owned by Mr. Pigg was burned, containing several pieces of machinery owned by Draper & Carper and it is thought their loss will be about \$2,000.

Obituary Notice

MRS. ISABEL GRAY, a native of Dixon, Ill., and a resident of Nebraska since 1867 and of Harvard since an early date, died at the home of one of her children, near Kremlin, Okl., Sunday, July 29. The body was brought to Harvard Monday afternoon and on Tuesday forenoon was buried by the side of her husband, Robert Gray, who died in September, 1915. She is survived by two sons and five daughters, one sister, five brothers, twenty-nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Christian church at Giltner, Neb., and of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic at Harvard.

BOYS' CAMP TO BE BEST EVER THIS YEAR

Secretary Danielson and Committee Plan to Care for More Young Farmers Than Have Ever Attended Before.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The boys' camp this year during the state fair bids fair to outshine all previous efforts, according to Secretary Danielson.

The executive commission having the camp in charge is composed of Charles Strader of Lincoln, superintendent; Governor Neville, State Superintendent Clemons, Dean Burnett of the Agricultural college, Secretary Luke of the Young Men's Christian association, C. W. Pugsley, superintendent farmers' institute, and H. E. Bradford of the Agricultural college. Attendance at the camp is based on the following: Two boys will be admitted from each of the counties of the state, two extra from Lancaster and four extra from Douglas county. Should any county fail to fill its quota it may be made up from some other county, but no county outside of Douglas can have more than four representatives.

The boys are selected by a committee composed of the county superintendent of the county and the resident member of the State Board of Agriculture. The state board pays railroad fare for each boy, but the boy must contribute \$5 for board and furnish blankets, etc., and toilet articles for the week.

Deshler to Give Great Farewell to Enlisted Men

Deshler, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Tuesday, August 2, will be "Soldiers' Day" at the Thayer county fair at Deshler. Old soldiers and sailors, volunteers and drafted men will be guests of the fair on that date. There will be big special feature acts, races, ball games, motion pictures of the army and navy furnished by the government, and the evening program will close with a spectacular patriotic fireworks program. The event will be in the nature of a great farewell demonstration to the enlisted men of this section of Nebraska and Kansas.

Rural High School Formed Near Selby

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Lincoln State Superintendent Dixon organized a rural school about five miles south of Selby yesterday. The district is composed of eight sections, which has a valuation of \$120,000. The district has \$1,000 in cash in its treasury, but has voted an additional \$1,000 with which to build an addition to their present building and hire an extra teacher.

Fisher to Watr College.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Lieutenant J. E. C. Fisher of Beatrice, adjutant of the second battalion of the Fifth regiment, has been authorized to receive special instruction in trench warfare at the war college in Washington.

Burial of Harry Babbitt.

Cambridge, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Harry Babbitt, former Cambridge young man, who was drowned at Fresno, Cal., July 22, was buried here yesterday.

Soldiers' Home Notes

Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Jones, who took a sixty days furlough on June 25, returned to the home last Friday after a visit with a daughter, who resides in southern California. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kegan left Tuesday for a month's visit in Omaha. Mrs. R. J. Roush has returned from Sioux City, Mo., where she has been visiting with her son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox of Fairbury, Neb., arrived last evening, in company with Mrs. Anna Zee, a patient for the West hospital. Mrs. Latham and three children, of Springfield, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Alliance, in company with Mr. W. D. Kell, an old acquaintance of members of the Burket home, are enjoying the sights at the home. Mrs. Chapman of Savannah, Mo., is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Hiram Miller, in her home on the outside. Comrade David Rumbarger has returned from a ten days' visit with relatives and old-time acquaintances in Alda and Wood River.

State Defense Council Issues Wheat Warning

SEED WHEAT SITUATION. Nebraska's 1917 wheat crop will probably be about 10 per cent normal. Breadstuffs will be extremely scarce because of this shortage and the increased demand abroad. The world will need over bushel of wheat that can be grown. In parts of Nebraska where seed wheat will be available, threshing is already under way, and much of the wheat is being marketed. If this wheat can be obtained for seed there probably will be enough for the state's own use. To do this, immediate action is necessary.

HOW TO GET SEED.

Farmers needing seed wheat should arrange for their seed at once. Seed wheat can be most cheaply and certainly obtained in carload lots. Arrangements may be made cooperatively or through local grain dealers. Grain dealers will handle seed wheat at actual cost. If any difficulty arises in obtaining seed wheat, write the State Council of Defense, Lincoln, Neb.

State Engineer at War With Uncle Sam Over Ditch

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—State and federal authorities are at war. It comes from the act of State Engineer George Johnson, who ordered the diversion dam in Sheep Creek near Morrill destroyed so that the water could follow its natural course down stream and be used by the farmers along the Rams Horn ditch, which he claims had a prior right to the water before the reclamation service put in the diversion dam, which diverted the waters from their natural course. Formal notice has been served by the government on the state engineer by a reclamation official not to interfere with the dam and Johnson in return has notified the federal officials not to transgress state laws, which, he says, he will enforce.

Farewell Banquet Given Guardsmen of Company L

Ashland, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Members of Company L, Fourth Nebraska, who have been guarding the Burlington railroad's bridge over the Platte river here for over four months, were tendered a farewell banquet Monday evening in Oscar Hoffman's new building by the citizens of Ashland, headed by Mayor Edwin Wiggemhorn. Addresses and short talks were made by Rev. Bert W. Salmon, of the Methodist church; Postmaster W. C. Rosecrans and others. After the banquet the soldier boys were given invitations to free ice cream at the drug store. The company left Ashland today for Fort Crook, preparatory to enlisting for Deming, N. M.

State Treasury Balance Takes Little Drop in July

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The balance in the state treasury took a small drop in July, according to the report of State Treasurer George Hall. The balance at the close of business, July 31, was \$1,686,696.24 as against \$2,005,881.75 the month before. Receipts for July amounted to \$578,938.94 and the disbursements were \$898,134.43. Cash on hand and on deposit is given as \$1,184,186.24. Money loaned out for which the state holds bonds amounts to \$9,900,130.58.

Christian Church Pastor Tenders His Resignation

Harvard, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Rev. J. J. Langston, who was re-elected pastor of the Christian church of this city two weeks ago by a majority vote of two to one, tendered his resignation a week ago last Sunday, to accept a call to the church at Sidney, Neb. He preached his farewell sermon Sunday night at an open or outdoor meeting of all the city churches, with a large attendance.

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PROHIBITION CUTS NUMBER IN JAILS

Less Than Half in the County Bastile and City Cuts the Former Figure by Three.

Effect of three months' prohibition on county jail figures are startling. During May, the first month of the "drouth" in Nebraska, the average number of county jail prisoners was 106. During June the average was ninety-seven and during July only fifty-five.

These figures are less than one-half those of the corresponding months last year, when J. Barleycorn occupied his throne in Douglas county without molestation. The number of men arrested during July neared the thousand mark, while in June, 804 names graced the blotter, and in May only 856. Of the 937 men and women arrested during July, 1917, only 114 were

Table showing Drunkenness Arrested and Trunk Arrested figures for May, June, and July 1917 and 1916.

Belle Fourche \$1,500,000 Sugar Factory Assured

Belle Fourche, S. D., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—At a joint meeting of officials of the Great Western Sugar company and directors of the Commercial club of Belle Fourche in Belle Fourche in 1918, was announced. It is expected that construction on parts of the factory will be commenced this fall.

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