

# Scene on the Nebraska State Fair Grounds



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## "The Nebraska State Fair"

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For the past sixteen years the Nebraska State fair has had a permanent home just north of the limits of the city of Lincoln and has been held under the auspices of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture. This board wishes to announce, through its board of managers and secretary, that every effort is being made upon its part to make the state fair of 1917 the largest and best in its history.

Preparations are now in full swing to put in fine shape the grounds, containing some eleven acres, with extensive walks and good streets and with thirty-five buildings covering 513,496 square feet under roof, to house the mammoth exhibits which are expected to be contained therein during the week of September 2-7.

### Big Institution.

That the Nebraska State fair is a big financial undertaking no one will deny. Since this fair has been such a success the great truth of our next statement must be apparent to all—that "the people of the state of Nebraska" are the responsible financial backers of this great institution and through their attendance we must win our way to further success or we must fail. The Nebraska State fair belongs to the people of this state and the officers and members of the State Board of Agriculture feel confident the people will support the fair this fall under the present conditions as well as the people of Canada, in spite of the war, have supported their fairs and expositions, breaking all attendance and exhibit records in the year 1916.

Since permanently locating the Nebraska State fair on its present site in 1901 the State Board of Agriculture has received from legislative appropriations the sum of \$248,500 for buildings and improvements on the grounds. In this same period we have paid out for premiums the sum of \$369,389.90. Our total disbursements during this time have been \$1,067,972.48, of which amount \$185,393.04 was for permanent improvements paid out of the fair receipts.

### Greatest Industry.

One of Nebraska's greatest assets is its live stock industry and a visit to the exhibits of this department will convince the most skeptical that Nebraska has the right to be justly proud of the "blue bloods" that are

brought together in competition annually. In order to give the uninitiated some idea of the enormity of this industry it is sufficient to say that our entries for the year 1916 were approximately 400 head of horses, which received the sum of \$1,500 in premiums; 1,286 entries in cattle, which received \$7,000 in premiums; 1,500 head of swine, which took back to the farms with them \$3,500 in premiums; 440 head of sheep, carrying away some \$1,100 in premiums; 1,643 individuals in the poultry department drew from the fair treasury the sum of \$1,124.

### All Must Raise Stock.

In order that the world may be supplied with meat it behooves every farmer in the state of Nebraska to raise the animal or animals of the highest degree of efficiency which can produce the greatest number of pounds of meat from the high-priced grains and products of our soil. In conjunction with our exhibits of pure bred live stock comes the pure breeding of our agricultural products, of which exhibit, in our agricultural hall, Nebraska claims the right of leading. In this class of farm products is found the best in all lines of vegetables, small grains and forage and grasses raised in Nebraska from the Missouri river to the Colorado line and from Kansas to South Dakota. In your rounds of the grounds this fall you will miss one of the greatest treats of your life should you overlook this agricultural exhibit, housed in the big agriculture-horticulture hall along with the best there is of fruits and flowers produced in the state, where in 1916 there were over 4,000 entries with a premium outlay of \$4,553.90.

### Hours of Labor.

To make a creditable exhibit in any of the departments contained in the making of such a big fair it is necessary for the individual to spend many hours of patient labor, not only for a short time previous to the opening of the fair, but in some cases these same exhibitors are working nearly twelve months in each year, for as soon as they are through with one year's show they immediately lay plans for the coming year.

The dairy industry, which has grown so rapidly in Nebraska during the last ten years, should be commended by the people of this great state, as under proper management

it has brought more wealth to them each succeeding year. The dairy exhibit is one of the constantly growing departments and to the State Dairyman's association we owe much credit for this condition and we feel justified in saying that the fair visitors will find something new in the dairy exhibit this year, as they have found to be the case in the past.

### Domestic Products.

In the domestic product we hope to see exemplified some of the lessons now being taught over the whole country. Not so much in the baking of bread, cakes, etc., for we know in these arts the women of Nebraska need no improvement, but in the matter of canning and preserving we hope the information being scattered broadcast throughout the United States, as to the grave necessity for preserving all the food we can, will be taken to heart and that the women will bring to the fair their best efforts along these lines. Would it not be a good idea to have, in conjunction with this exhibit, some plan by which these good women can exchange ideas, taking from each other all helpful suggestions for the future preservation of the foods we may need later? In Class H last year we had 1,434 entries and paid \$365 in premiums.

### Women's Department.

Regardless of the high cost of living and particularly the high cost of all fabrics used in the many mysteriously constructed articles on display in the women's department, this particular portion of the Nebraska State fair continues to flourish more each year. It would be of no use to attempt to describe the many beautiful things on display in Class J, the only way is to go and see them and this advice is certainly followed by the lady visitors to the fair for this interesting exhibit in the old agriculture hall is almost constantly surrounded by a crowd of spectators and not only the women but the men as well, seem to enjoy it. Last year we had over 2,500 entries, and paid out nearly \$600 in premiums. Class K, Fine Arts, is another department where much interest is always displayed, and in which we have both men and women exhibitors. In 1916 there were 796 entries, and \$433.70 was paid them in premiums.

One of the finest exhibits at the fair is that of Class L, the educational department. On the balcony of the new Agriculture-Horticulture hall will be found one of the best exhibits of school work in the United States. There were over 1,200 entries last year, with premiums paid of \$582.75, and we trust that the only change this year will be toward improvement as

we want our schools represented in this great educational institution.

### Better Babies.

One of the most interesting departments at the fair is known as "Better Babies." Requests are already coming in from mothers who are desirous of entering their children in this contest, which has for its object the education of the mother along lines that will be helpful to her in the rearing of the future men and women of Nebraska.

We are expecting our races at the coming State fair to be very interesting, our early closing events have shaped themselves in good condition, and we know that you will be pleased with the daily program scheduled. Over \$11,000 for harness and team races and \$1,850 for running races is being offered.

### Boys' Camp.

Of the other departments of the fair, let us say briefly that the boys' camp which is one of the best places in which your boy could spend a week and where he will receive only the best of influence and training, the University building and the fish exhibit, will all be ready for your inspection and enjoyment the opening day of the fair and we hope you will slight none of them. Our automobile exhibit is a stupendous affair, in which the best products of the genius of mankind are arrayed for your pleasure and inspection. We want you to see them all.

One of the most pleasant vacations some of the people in Nebraska plan is to spend a week at the fair and camp on the grounds. We have an ideal camping space, with plenty of shade and everything possible will be done to make the stay of such visitors pleasant.

### Proud of Institution.

The management of the Nebraska State fair feels perfectly confident that the people of this great state are a

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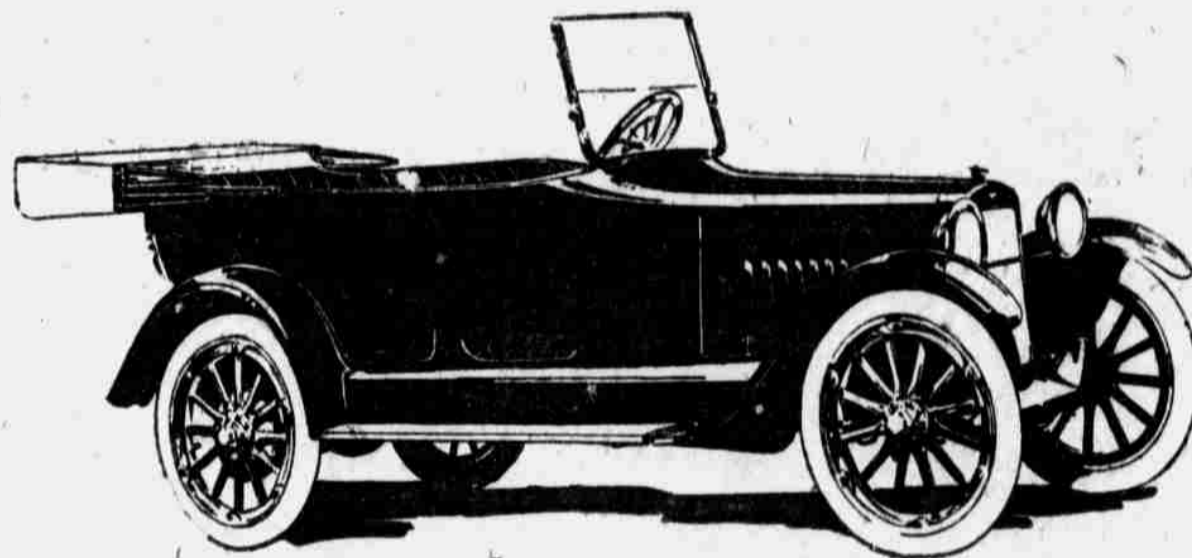
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