

### Omaha Gets Place As Racing Center With New Track

#### Running and Harness Events On Ak-Sar-Ben Oval Already Race History; Fall Meet Promised Successful.

Some years ago when the board of governors of Ak-Sar-Ben announced the intention of the organization to start a regular Ak-Sar-Ben plant, including an air field, race track, carnival grounds and many other things, they were called "dreamers." Today the skeptics have changed their tune. The first big step in the "dream" has been realized with the completion of the Ak-Sar-Ben race track and grandstand.

#### Worked All Summer.

The opening of the track, was one of the latest activities of Ak-Sar-Ben. All summer long a force of men had been busy building the track and erecting the big steel and concrete grandstand.

"You'll never fill it," one of the usual croakers said. "O yes, we will," one of the smile makers said, and the stand was filled one day during the races and Omahans had an idea of what a large crowd looks like.

Aside from the spectators in the grandstand there were thousands in automobiles parked along the fence in the "infield" of the track.

#### Announce Spring Meet.

Last spring the knights announced a spring race meeting such as is held every year in Churchill Downs, Inverness, Sheepshead Bay and other big racing centers.

Again there was a chorus of groans from the croakers. "Nebraskans are not educated to running races," they know is trotting and pacing.

"We'll educate 'em," Secretary Charles Trimble said. Most of the winter he had been busy engaging horses which had been making track history at Tijuana.

When the spring race meet opened the crowd was small but full of pep. In a short time the fame of the runners spread and before the racing was over, there were thousands of fans at the track each day.

#### Attendance 30,000.

At the spring meet there was an attendance of 30,000 with purses of \$25,000 hung up. There were several thrilling races during the event which horsemen still talk about. The races have proved a success.

The races this year were better than last year, officials say. The horses which had been burning up the track on the Great Western circuit were here.

That Omaha will soon be known as a racing center is proven by its affiliation with the Great Western circuit. Springfield, Ill.; Milwaukee and Hamline, all big racing centers, have seen the horses which will race here this fall.

#### Bootleggers' War Forces Price of Liquor Down

Akron, O., Sept. 17.—Competition for business between Akron bootleggers is becoming so keen that a marked drop in the price of alcoholic drinks is reported here by Lieut. Frank E. McGuire, in charge of enforcement of the state prohibition law. He blames the condition upon low fines and lenient sentences imposed by judges, saying Akron judges put maximum fines at \$100.

"So much raisin jack is being made that the price of drinks is coming down," he declared. "The same sized drink that used to cost 50 cents can be obtained for 25 or 35 cents."

#### One Word Cabled From China Brings Joy—"Boy"

Cleveland, Sept. 17.—It was only a word of three letters, cabled from China, but it brought joy and pride to Joseph Schauweker, Cleveland stock exchange broker. Incidentally it cost \$9, or \$3 per letter.

The message follows: "Tsin-Tsin, China, July 31. Schauweker-Schofield Building, Cleveland, O., U. S. A.—Boy."

There was no signature. "But I know who it is from—my son-in-law, Captain Thomas Arms, U. S. Infantry, stationed at Tsin-Tsin," Schauweker explained. "I'm a grand-daddy."

#### Pink Marble to Be Used on Cleveland Federal Bank

Tate, Ga., Sept. 17.—What is probably the largest individual order of marble from one quarry is recorded by the Georgia Marble company of this city, which recently began shipping 100,000 feet of pink Georgia marble to be used in the construction of the Fourth District Federal Reserve bank in Cleveland, O.

Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve bank, became interested in the Georgia marble when the new postoffice building in Birmingham was built with the material.

#### California Has Big Crop Of Kansas Sunflower

Fullerton, Cal., Sept. 17.—Sunflowers which are said to rival the largest that Kansas ever produced are now growing on the Fullerton municipal farm. The stalks range from 10 to 20 feet in height and from one to four inches in diameter. How to permanently get rid of the crop is a problem, as a team cannot get through the patch to plow them under.

#### Ribbon Latest Fashion For Trimming Fall Hats

London, Sept. 17.—Many of the new autumn millinery models are either trimmed with or partly composed of ribbon. Narrow ribbon, wide ribbon, waxed ribbon, corded ribbon, velvet ribbon, all play their parts in making up milady's latest fashionable headgear.

### Former Kings and Queens

E. M. Bartlett.....1895	Meliora Woolworth (Mrs. E. M. Frazier)
Casper E. Yost.....1896	Maie Dundy (Mrs. E. W. Lee, New York)
Edward P. Peck.....1897	Gertrude Kountze (Mrs. J. T. Stewart)
R. S. Wilcox.....1898	Grace Allen (Mrs. H. T. Clarke)
W. D. McHugh.....1899	Ethel Morse
F. A. Nash.....1900	Mildred Lomax (Mrs. Frank de Blount)
H. J. Penfold.....1901	Edith Smith (Mrs. C. B. De, Washington)
T. A. Fry.....1902	Ella Cotton (Mrs. Jerome Mayer)
Fred Metz.....1903	Elizabeth Brady (Mrs. T. L. Deane)
Charles H. Pickens.....1904	Ada Kirkendall (Mrs. L. Watson)
Gurdon W. Wattles.....1905	Mary Lee McShane (Mrs. Willard Hooford)
Gould Dietz.....1906	Margaret Wood (Mrs. W. H. Cruser, Denver)
V. B. Caldwell.....1907	Natalie Merriam (Mrs. Martin Millard)
Will L. Yetter.....1908	Brownie Bess Baum (Mrs. John Brown, Baltimore)
Arthur C. Smith.....1909	Jean Cudahy (Mrs. Frank Cudahy)
E. Buckingham.....1910	Frances Nash (Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Paris)
Joseph Barker.....1911	Elizabeth Davis
Thomas C. Byrne.....1912	Elizabeth Pickens (Mrs. Kenneth Patterson)
C. E. Black.....1913	Elizabeth Congdon (Mrs. R. F. Farns, Chicago)
Ward M. Burgess.....1914	Frances Hochstetler (Mrs. Fred Vanhook)
Charles D. Beaton.....1915	Marion Howe (Mrs. Wood Peters)
John L. Webster.....1916	Mary Megeath
Willard Hosford.....1917-18	Elizabeth Reed (Mrs. Isaac Carpenter, Jr.)
Randall K. Brown.....1919	Helen Murphy
Charles L. Saunders.....1920	Gladys Peters

### Wait—That's Chief Duty of Tender in Coop Atop Spidery Girders of I. C. Draw Bridge

Fifty feet above the swirling waters of the Missouri river, in a little house atop the spidery girders of the Illinois Central railroad bridge, sits a man whose job is to wait.

He is the bridge tender, required by federal law to be maintained on all swinging or draw bridges over navigable streams. The Missouri, technically, is a navigable stream. Therefore sitting in his hermit's hut, but for the modern feature of a switchboard and rheostat which control the bridge mechanism—the bridge tender waits for the steamer which never—or hardly ever—comes.

When he goes home, another takes his place. For 24 hours a day, someone sits in the little house on the bridge and listens for the four blasts of a raucous whistle which is the signal to start the central spar of the bridge slowly swinging on its axis, to permit the vessel to pass.

#### Burst of Activity.

The past summer, however, has seen a burst of activity in the bridge tending business. The bridge has been opened fully three or four times to permit small steamers operated by the Woods Contracting company to pass. Those were gala days.

"But then we open the bridge once a month, whether there are any steamers or not, to oil the wheels," explains J. W. Busha, who has the shift from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. "Don't you get lonesome?" he was asked.

"Oh, no, not any more. Sometimes we get as much as a couple of trains a day, and then sometimes wagons cross over here, and everybody has to pay toll. Sometimes people crossing the bridge climb the stairs and visit with me."

#### Boasts an Electrician.

Besides Mr. Busha, Sherman H. Gruver and Melvin Umbie, both of Council Bluffs, hold the bridge from 4 p. m. to midnight, and from midnight to 8 a. m., respectively.

There is only one day of the year on which the inhabitants of Monte Carlo are allowed to gamble at the Casino tables—the prince of Monaco's birthday.

### Hippodrome Acts Were Feature of Ak-Sar-Ben Races

#### Gigantic Shows Were Staged on Big Platform Inside Track at Fall Harness Events This Year.

Ak-Sar-Ben is always doing something new and big. The same old stuff doesn't go with the knights of the pep and smile. This year the new departure at the races was the big show seen on a mammoth platform erected in front of the grandstand and upon which 12 big hippodrome acts were staged, between races.

The races and entertainment features cost the knights \$55,000 before the gates to the big affair opened.

There were 12 big acts on the stage and then Ruth Law performed hair-raising stunts on an airplane. Ruth has been flying for years, being one of the pioneers among female flyers.

#### Stands on Wings.

She stood on the wings of her plane while it looped the loop four times. Then she dropped a rope ladder from her plane and one of her assistant daredevils climbed the ladder from the automobile going at the rate of 70 miles an hour.

At night Ruth repeated her stunts on the airplane. Everything was as plain as day as Ruth and the plane were all lighted up, with electric lights.

A ballet composed of 22 pretty girls was another entertainment feature. The ballet was given each afternoon and night.

#### Fire Works Display.

At night the ballet preceded the famous fire works display, "The Last of the Aztecs," which depicted scenes in Mexico during its conquest by Cortez. Three hundred persons took part in this huge display which showed the progress of a celebration by the Aztecs, but which ended in the total destruction of the palace of the Montezuma when it was attacked by Cortez. Thousands of dollars worth of fireworks were "shot off" during the evening.

The same company that put on the "Pageant of Progress" in Chicago recently, staged this production.

Each afternoon music was furnished by Tangier Temple, Shrine hall, under the direction of Oscar Lieben.

These entertainment features are the biggest attempts of their sort ever known in the history of Ak-Sar-Ben.

#### 1,500,000 Sacks of Sugar to Be Produced in One County

Santa Ana, Cal., Sept. 17.—By the middle of November it is expected that 1,500,000 sacks of sugar will have been produced from the four large plants that are operating in Orange county this season. Beet merchants estimate that the tonnage for the county will be more than 400,000 tons.

While the total county acreage of beets is less than in 1920 the added yield per acre this year will increase the total production, it is said.

#### Human Heart in Alcohol Two Centuries, Is Found

London, Sept. 17.—A human heart preserved in alcohol and enclosed in a bronze vase bearing the date, January, 1743, and a Latin inscription, "You are dust; you return to dust," has been discovered in a tomb in a convent at Geneva.


The heart is believed to be that of one of the dukes of Milan. The convent was built in the 13th century.

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