

CONVENTION WAS WELL ATTENDED

Thousands of Visitors Enjoyed Selves on the Streets and at the Fair Grounds

AUTO POLO THE BIG FEATURE

With the largest crowd in history, the 21st annual Stockmen's Convention closed last Friday night. Contrary to most expectations, the last day saw as large a crowd as any previous day, both on the streets and at the fair grounds.

People began arriving from the surrounding country as early as Sunday, and on Tuesday, the opening day, there was the largest crowd in the history of the conventions, on any first day. A conservative estimate is that 5,000 people enjoyed themselves on the midway and at the fair grounds each day. All of Nebraska was represented, from the largest city—Omaha—to the smallest villages.

Every form of attraction was here—amusements that interested everyone, from the baby in arms to the oldest inhabitant, and every concession was well patronized. On the streets were the great Wortham shows, with their many and varied attractions which occupied Box Butte avenue for four blocks. At the fair grounds each afternoon were the races, auto polo and broncho riding.

Early Tuesday evening, the delegations from neighboring towns began to arrive, and there was a continual stream of autos and other vehicles pouring into town until late Thursday evening. Every town in the western half of the state was represented by from two to a hundred people, some of them coming on the trains and others in automobiles.

Wednesday morning the Gordon Boosters arrived with their band, which rendered a number of selections on the streets shortly after arriving. In the afternoon this musical aggregation went to the fair grounds where they furnished a part of the music during the races, and everyone after hearing them decided Gordon possessed a band of which they should be very proud.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon the parade formed at the corner of Box Butte and Third, and proceeded to the fair grounds. This parade was composed of leading citizens, members of the Wortham aggregation, and the auto polo players in their machines. All business in the downtown section was practically suspended during the afternoons, most of the stores and all of the Wortham shows being closed from 2 till 4 o'clock.

Two private cars came in Wednesday morning bearing the South Omaha and Sioux City commission men and other prominent citizens in each city. At an early hour a number of Alliance men marched down to the cars and after numerous (?) attempts succeeded in waking the inmates. As soon as the delegations were dressed and made their way up Box Butte avenue to the scene of activity, their sleepiness immediately vanished, and they were soon scattered over town, visiting with old customers in this part of the state and looking up prospects. They brought with them an unlimited supply of boosting paraphernalia, from lead pencils to special editions of their home newspapers, and it was only a short time after the appearance of the boosters on the streets that everyone attending the convention good markets for live stock in this part of the country. At the fair grounds Wednesday afternoon these visitors were provided with a special conveyance drawn by four horses, furnished by the Wortham shows, and as the band struck up "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary", they joined in on the chorus, riding up and down in front of the grand stand as they did so.

Senator Hitchcock arrived Wednesday, and Congressman Kinkaid came in Tuesday. These distinguished visitors were met at the station by large delegations and were taken to their respective stopping places. Wednesday, both gentlemen made short addresses at the fair grounds, complimenting Alliance on her achievement this year in bringing so many people, and in securing such a collection of attractions for convention week, and all expressed regret that it was impossible for them to remain during the entire week.

The Crawford delegation, about one hundred strong, arrived Friday with their band, which marched up town from the station, formed a circle at Second and Box Butte and enveloped the throng with a number of excellent selections. In the afternoon they played for a few minutes on the street, leading the parade to the fair grounds for the afternoon entertainment. There was also a large number of Sidney citizens here Friday. It had been the intention to have the Sidney band here Friday, but they were unable to come.

Up and down "Joy avenue", which was bordered on either side by the Wortham shows, the crowd walked during the mornings and evenings; everyone carefree, everyone radiating merriment and good will. The Wortham shows are in the best class, and carry a large enough assortment of attractions for any sized celebration.

There were about 600 automobiles in town each day, and storage room in the garages was at a premium. Many of these autos bore tags of neighboring states. Hotels and rooming houses had reserved all their rooms two weeks previous to the convention, and during the week every available room in private residences was rented. On Wednesday and Thursday nights the demand was so great that sleeping porches were utilized, some of them being occupied by five and six persons.

3,000 persons witnessed the events at the fair grounds each afternoon, estimating from the gate receipts. The grand stand was filled to capacity, and there were between one hundred and two hundred automobiles inside the quarter stretch, each of these machines being occupied by from two to six persons. It seemed that everyone was there, and the downtown streets were nearly deserted during the fore part of the afternoons. The races were interspersed with band music, both by the home aggregation and by visiting bands.

The track had been repaired until it was in good condition. Naturally it was not quite so good for the motorcycle races, as it had been "cut up" pretty bad by the horses and mules, but even at that the motorcycles made good time in each race.

The chariot and wild mule races proved very good, and provoked many rounds of laughter from the spectators. Forest Allen as Mrs. Hayseed and Zediker as the old boy himself proved expert mule drivers. In the wild mule race it was necessary for the riders to saddle and mount from the word "go", and the grandstand was in an uproar from the start until the finish. However, the start was a little uneven, and the winner was nearly around the track before his next competitor had started, owing to the difficulty of teaching some stubborn mules which way the track led. The majority of the riders had not even mounted their

mules before the arrival of the winner under the wire. These mules pulled off some bucking and pitching stunts that would make old "Steamboat" sit up and take notice. One of the riders failed to cinch his saddle tight enough, and had gone only a few yards when he went over the starboard side on account of the saddle turning. But he did some good riding before he was dismounted.

The horse races were good, nearly all of them being neck-and-neck contests, and some of the best horses in this part of the country were entered. Both the cowgirls and the cowboys exhibited some good horsemanship.

The auto polo was of course the feature event, hundreds of people from the surrounding towns coming here for the purpose of witnessing this attraction. They were all satisfied that the announcements regarding the game had not been far-fetched regarding the facts, and there were few, if any, that did not leave the grandstand with exclamations of surprise and pleasure at witnessing this most modern of sports. Many attended all three days just to witness the auto polo games.

Throughout Wednesday's game there were a number of bad spills, but the little machines are so constructed that there is small danger of either the driver or the mallet man getting hurt, even when the machine turns completely over. On one occasion a front tire blew out with great force, and some of the spectators thought for a few seconds that one of those 42-centimeter German guns had been shot in close proximity to the fair grounds. Auto polo is a fine sport (to watch) and the Hankinson teams know how to play it. Although these players travel together and play together nearly every day during the season, there is nevertheless keen competition between them, and those who watched the games here could see no evidence of a "frame-up" on the part of the players.

The 5-mile motorcycle race proved to be an interesting event. There were four entrants—three outsiders and one home man, the home man, Charles Shafer, winning first money the first day; Langston, of Broken Bow the second day, and Dull, of Broken Bow the last day. In Wednesday's race Shafer won only by a "neck". The race was anybody's throughout, and even when the racers were coming down home stretch no one had an appreciable lead. Shafer was about one length behind at that time, but coming down the stretch he "threw it open", and came in with about one foot to spare. Time, 7:36. Although better time was made in the succeeding races, the riders were scattered along the track more than on the first day, the winner coming in with a greater lead, and the last man coming under the wire almost a lap behind. The races were all spirited, and it is probable that motorcycle events will now occur here frequently.

Following are the names of the entrants in Wednesday's races. Thursday and Friday's events were the same, with a few broncho riding and fancy roping contests added.

5-8 dash—1st, Montauk Queen, owned by John Smith, ridden by Zediker. 2d, Metetece Diver. Bundle race—Fred McKinn; 2d, Archie Phitts; 3d, Bud McLaughlin. Chariot race—1st, Forest Allen; 2d, Zediker.

1/2 mile dash—1st, Madalene; 2d, Shawboy; 3d, Lone Star. Cow horse race—1st, Gus Anderson on "Goldie"; 2d, W. S. Todd on "Flash".

Cow girl race—1st, Mrs. Petersen on "Fox"; 2d, Jim Eaton; 3d, Bud McLaughlin.

Wild mule race—1st, Fred McKinn; 2d, Jim Eaton; 3d, Bud McLaughlin.

Motorcycle race—1st, Shafer; 2d, Bowman; 3d, Dull; 4th, Lankford. Time for 5 miles, 7:36.

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FARMERS' MEETING

The regular meeting of the officers and directors of the Box Butte County Farmers' Association will be held at the Court House, Friday June 25, 1915, at 2 p. m. All are urged to be present, as some important business is to come before this meeting.

H. F. Williams of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in charge of farm management survey work, will be present at this meeting.

F. M. SEIDELL, County Agricultural Agent, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

FOUND DEAD IN WATER

Body of Stranger Found in Lake Near Mason City—Had Been Dead for Some Time

The body of a stranger, evidently that of a foreigner, was found Sunday morning of last week in a small lake about one mile east of Mason City. The body had been in the water so long that it had become a "floater", and was resting on the surface of the water a short distance from the bank when found by two boys. When first seen, the feet of the body were resting partially on a log.

Upon arriving the officials found the body so badly decomposed that it was impossible to make identification. The flesh was dropping off in places, and the face could not have been recognized had it been seen before.

In the man's clothes, which were scanty, were found a twenty dollar bill, and seventy-nine cents in change; also there were several letters, a rosary, a pocket knife, and a railroad ticket purchased in the M. K. & T. railroad office in Kansas City, Mo., on June 2, from Kansas City to Billings, Mont., to which place he was probably bound.

The letters bore the Austria-Hungary stamp, but had been in the water so long that the addresses were hardly distinguishable. Two of the envelopes bore the name of John Bregar, addressed to Ardmore, Okla. It was concluded that the dead man was an Austrian.

The theory of the officials as to how the man came to his death is that he was traveling during the heavy rains of three weeks ago. One of the through trains was stopped near Mason City, at night, and alongside the train was a deep pool, and it is presumed that this man stepped off the train and stumbled into the deep water. As there were submerged fences and other entanglements, he was probably unable to reach shore and was drowned. An effort is being made to locate the dead man's relatives.

New Postmaster at Oshkosh

Gilber Swanson of Oshkosh has received his commission as postmaster of that place and has taken charge of the office. Mr. Swanson has been connected with the service as rural carrier out of Oshkosh for some time past. A. B. Wynes, the retiring postmaster, resigned in order to give

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TRAINS DELAYED

Clondburst Near Ardmore Washes Out Track—Passengers Are Transferred Across

A clondburst near Ardmore Friday night, June 11, washed out several railroad bridges and as a result, all trains Saturday were many hours late; the first one to reach Alliance coming in at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Alliance division crew worked all Saturday night in making temporary repairs. Passengers on the eastbound trains were transferred to the opposite side of the washout, and visa versa. The washout is about 125 feet in length, and it will require much dirt and a considerable length of time to make the structure again permanent. County bridges were washed out above, and these lodging against the railroad bridge made the washout worse than it would have been otherwise.

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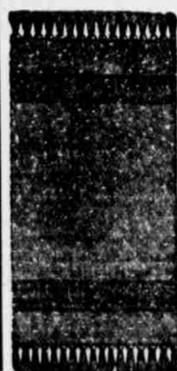
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