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A BIG TIME NEXT WEEK.

Lincoln County Fair to Be Held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Other interesting and important communications from various parts of the county.

THE LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR.

The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Agricultural Society, which meets at the fair grounds in this city on the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th of this month, ought to be the most successful ever held in this county. Crops have been much better than usual thus giving our people an abundance of material to contribute toward making the fair a complete success, and the officers of the association have spared no pains to do their share in making the fair all that could be expected of a first class county fair. The grounds have been put in fine condition for the accommodation of live stock, grain, vegetable, and everything which goes into the make up of an agricultural exhibition and from present indications there is nothing to hinder us from having a fine exhibition.

THE RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Which are in all cases of the most reasonable and liberal character, will be rigidly enforced, and the officers of the different departments are men who are disposed to see that everything is conducted in a fair and impartial manner. For the benefit of those who have not received a copy of the premium list, THE LEADER hereby reproduces as much of it as will be of service to them.

Best stallion, 4 years old and over, first premium, \$10, second, \$5.
Best brood mare, with colt by side, first premium, \$6, second, \$3.
Best filly or gelding, two years and under, first premium, \$4, second, \$2.
Best colt, one year and under two, first premium, \$3, second, \$2.
Best sucking colt, first, \$3, second, \$2.
Best pair of matched mares or geldings, first, \$5, second \$2.50.
Best pair driving mares or geldings in harness, first, \$5, second, \$2.50.
Best team of mules in harness, first, \$10, second, \$5.

Best short horn bull, three years old and over, first, \$5, second, 2.50.
Best short horn bull, two years old and under four, first premium, \$4, second, \$2.
Best short horn cow, four years and over, first premium, \$5, second, \$2.
Best short horn calf, first premium, \$2, second, \$1.

The premiums will be given for excellent specimens of the Hereford, Holstein, Jersey, and Angus, Galloway, and various other breeds of cattle.

In the line of hogs, the best Poland China hog one year old and over, first, \$5, second, \$2.50.
Best Poland China sow, one year and over, first, \$4, second, \$2.
Best pair Poland China pigs under six months, first, \$5, second, \$2.50.
Same premium will be given for the best Berkshires, Chester Whites, Jersey Red or Duroc Jersey, and several other breeds.

A premium of \$3 will be paid for the best sheep buck, and \$2 for second best, the same for the best and second best long wool ewes, and same for lambs.

A splendid exhibition of poultry is expected and the list of premiums, while not large, are ample to secure a large attendance.

In the mechanical department, the best display of farm machinery will get \$5 and the best harrow in operation will get the same.

Liberal provision has also been made for premiums on exhibitions in Horticulture, dairy products, flour, feed and vegetables of all kinds. In the household the lady who bakes the best two loaves of salt-rising bread will be rewarded with a premium of \$3, and the second best, 50c. All other kinds of pastry will be equally rewarded for first and second best. Crazy quilts, log cabin quilts, knittings, sewings and fancy works of every variety will have an opportunity to come here and contest for the premiums of which there are a large number.

THE RACES.

Arrangements have been made for a grand exhibition of speed, to be a part of each day's entertainments, and in several of the races none but Lincoln county animals will be admitted, thus giving the farmers an opportunity to carry off the victory. This department has been placed under the supervision of Mayor Zeller and is therefore a certain success so far as management is concerned.

A game of base ball has also been arranged for Wednesday afternoon. The fair begins Tuesday morning, September 9, and all entries for exhibition must be made before six o'clock, p. m., of that day. Entries should make their en-

tries as early a date as possible. The following are the officers of the various departments:

I. N. Martin, superintendent of horse department.

F. S. Moulton, superintendent of cattle department.

W. U. Parke, superintendent of swine department.

John Iverson, superintendent of sheep department.

James Madden, superintendent of poultry department.

A. A. Arnold, superintendent of implement department.

J. Richards, superintendent of horticulture and Farm products department.

Mrs. G. W. Martin, superintendent of household department.

Mrs. O. R. Isackson, superintendent of textile fabrics department.

Mrs. N. C. Nash, superintendent of fine art department.

J. M. Zeller, superintendent of sporting department.

Miss Lizzie Wimer, superintendent of Juvenile department.

The fair will last four days, and THE DAILY LEADER, will be issued at 7 o'clock each morning to keep the attendants posted on the progress of the exhibition.

WORTHING AFTER THE COURT HOUSE.

The First Step Made Towards Removing the County Seat to That Place.

The Working county seat agitators have enacted the second chapter in the war upon the town of Canton for the county seat and it is probable that this question will be added to the political contest now about to begin. A petition, supposed to be signed by over half the legal voters of the county, has been placed on file at the county auditors office and the board of commissioners are wrestling with it today. Auditor Cooper says that it is his opinion that the petition has a sufficient number of names to bring the question to a vote this fall, but there seems to be some question as to whether the names on the petition all represent legal voters. It is the duty of the board to investigate this question and if it is found that a majority of the legal voters of the county have signed the document, the board will instruct the auditor to issue a proclamation submitting the question to a vote of the people this fall.

CAN'T STAND THE TICKET.

All is Not Gold That Glitters in the Republican Field.

WORTHING, Sept. 1.—Special Correspondence: If the feeling in this locality is to be taken as a criterion, the action of the republican convention held at Mitchell last week, has practically sealed the doom over the head of the republican party in this state, in Lincoln county at least. It has become an assumed fact, that the nomination of John R. Gamble, of Yankton, to fill the place of O. S. Gifford in the next congress, assures the election of P. A. Leavitt. The prohibitionists will not support a man who is not a temperate man, at least, and it is well known that Mr. Gamble is a confirmed drunkard. This will undoubtedly give Mr. Leavitt the vote of the prohibition people on this side of the Missouri. Your correspondent is informed that the prohibitionists of this part of the county will vote for Mr. Leavitt to a man, and a great many others, who were formerly radically opposed to him, are now open in their declaration to vote and work for his election. Their reasons for this are good and sufficient—but all based on the same grounds—they do not propose to be bulldozed into supporting a set of men for office whose nomination has been dictated by an infernal ring. They have the good sense to reason that if the ring that has ruled in the republican party for many years, is strong enough to control the party conventions in spite of the expressed wishes of the people, it has become dangerous to be entrusted with the public welfare. This fact will give the independents a great many votes—in this township, at least—of men who have always been strong republicans and who even now say they will cling to the party hereafter if it does the fair thing by the people, but they cannot stand a deal like the one put up at the Mitchell convention. Your correspondent has made some efforts during the past few days, to ascertain the correct feeling among the people toward the Mitchell ticket and he finds that go where you will, you find the sentiment changing for Leavitt, prohibition and women's suffrage. Said a well posted young Norwegian republican to me yesterday "The moneyed element will make a strong effort to carry the election, but you will see that it can no longer be done. The people have put on their thinking cap and money will have no influence in this campaign—they are going to vote as their consciences dictate, no matter what their party affiliations may be. Yes, Mr. Leavitt has a strong following among the Scandinavians, and their vote amounts to a considerable." The greatest indignation at the result of the

Mitchell convention is felt among the Norwegians here. They are naturally very sensitive as to their independent principles and they feel that they have been imposed upon in this instance. Some take the action of the convention as a direct stab at the Norwegians, and on the whole, they are turning away from the old party in battalions.

PIERRE GAINING AT EDEN.

How the Sentiment is Changing Toward the Geographical Center.

EDEN, August 30.—Special Correspondence: There are a great many hearty supporters of Pierre, the geographical center of the state and by all odds the proper place for the capital, and while the Huron campaigners have all made their boast of having a mortgage upon the vote in this part of the state, especially upon the Farmers' Alliance, it is just now in order to state that if Huron is reposing its confidence of success in the vote of the Farmers' Alliance, it will be the worse defeated town in the state that ever aspired for capital honors. THE LEADER representative has mingled with the members of the Alliance a great deal the past two weeks, and he finds that Pierre has some of its best friends in the Farmers' Alliance of this locality. Among these are many who were formerly strong supporters of Huron and Sioux Falls. I called upon a prominent leader in the Alliance of Fairview township a few days ago for the purpose of securing an interview on the capital situation in his township.

"I suppose you are as usual solid for Huron for the capital?" queried the correspondent. "No, I'm not," was the prompt and emphatic reply. "I voted for Huron and done all possible to locate the temporary capital at that place last fall, but Pierre is my choice for the permanent location. You may be somewhat surprised at this but I have good and sufficient reasons. In the first place a great change has taken place since the last election. The reservation is opened with hundred of settlers on it; Pierre built a temporary capital building for over \$15,000 and donated it to the state, that will serve us for years; a consideration we can't afford to throw away. If you vote for Huron now and she gets it, the state will put up a new building costing at least \$100,000 and probably twice that amount. Can the people stand this now? I understand the treasury is about empty now, besides a large debt.

Second, as to location, Huron is nearest center of population now, but she is fast losing this point also. Pierre is gaining at the same rate that Huron is losing and in a few years, she will be the center of everything pertaining to the capital question. I can also say that I am not alone in this opinion. Pierre is gaining friends daily down in my township and I think she will easily carry the day on November 4."

FARMERS' WAREHOUSE AT EDEN.

It Commences Business This Week and Will Make Things Firm.

EDEN, Sept. 1.—Special Correspondence: The Farmers' Warehouse company have completed all arrangements to commence the business of handling grain about the middle of the present week. Their warehouse is nearly completed at this writing and the scales are being put into place. All other details necessary to commence immediate operations have been carried out. It is understood that a buyer has been engaged to take charge of the business but the name of the gentleman could not be ascertained. The business men of the town are looking forth with much hope to the opening of the new enterprise as heretofore a great deal of grain and other business has gone to other places that will now come to this point. The company is a strong concern, having a membership of about 100 of the best farmers in this locality, and will no doubt do a big business. The company will also handle coal.

IN THE HEREAFTER.

Mrs. Fred Kundert Ends a Life of Suffering, at Beresford.

BERESFORD, August 28.—Special Correspondence: Mrs. Fred Kundert, residing a few miles from this place, in Pleasant township ended a life of long and patient suffering at the residence of Mr. B. Schmidt in this city at an early hour last Tuesday morning. Mrs. Kundert had been an invalid for many years, and a few days before her death, had been taken to town in order to better undergo medical treatment for the cure of her ailment. While she had been sick a long time and her case was practically hopeless, she passed away more suddenly than was expected. Her funeral took place from the Methodist church in this city yesterday, and was attended by a large concourse of friends and relatives. Mrs. Kundert was a faithful member of the Methodist church and was generally esteemed as a model Christian woman. A husband and two children are left to mourn her departure.

A MODERN EL Dorado.

A Land Teeming With Wealth and Grandure—Its Rapid Development and Promising Future.

Prof. Bailey's Black Hills Lecture—Interesting as a Novel, and Instructive as a Cyclopaedia.

THE WONDERLAND OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

In spite of the heat, Prof. G. E. Bailey held the close attention of his audience at Bedford Hall Tuesday evening, while he described the marvelous resources of the Black Hills. The Hills contain gold, silver, copper, lead, tin, graphite, asbestos, mica, zinc, iron, coal, oil, salt, timber, building stone of every variety and description, cement, fire clays, brick clays, and a host of other minerals. The interior is covered with the finest body of pine timber west of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

For fifty miles around from the foothill the farmers have an abundance of rain fall and raise good crops without irrigation.

The Hills are becoming famous for their blooded horses and cattle; claiming that they can equal Kentucky in raising fine stock. The towns are full of life and push, priding themselves on securing everything in the way of electric lights, street cars, etc., that the larger eastern cities boast of. The region is far advanced in educational matters having the State Normal school at Spearfish; the State School of Mines at Rapid; and Indian school at Rapid; a Methodist college at the Hot Springs, and several Catholic and public schools.

It is impossible to reproduce in print the professor's description of the marvelous wealth of the "Belt Mines" at Lead City, one forgets to write in listening to the rushing stream of facts and figures, descriptions of prodigious wood piles, narrow-gauge railroads, concentrating works, pyrite smelters, and the mighty mills with their 800 stamps crushing 2,500 tons of ore per day.

The Hills produced last year \$3,407,177 of gold and silver. One of the most interesting portions of the lecture was the description of the tin districts, the Harney Peak and Nigger Hill. They are the largest tin mines, the widest and richest in the world. The Harney Peak company have steam hoisting works, and compressed air drills in some twenty camps. They are building 80 miles of railroad to bring the ore to the mills. A 3,000 ton mill will start in the spring.

Last year the United States imported \$22,000,000 worth of tin. To make this at home it would require an army of 150,000 men. It would require 800,000 tons of iron; 1,500,000 tons of coal; 300,000 tons of limestone; besides immense quantities of charcoal, lead, tallow, sulphuric acid, etc. The description of the coal veins from 10 to 40 feet thick was listened to with interest by our farmers.

The Hills can supply the Dakotas with cheap coal and coke for all time to come.

The professor described the present condition and possibilities of the reservation. The Hills have grown from nothing to their present state of prosperity in thirteen years. They will soon have a population of over 100,000. The trade is now controlled by Nebraska railroads. Mr. Bailey is closing showed fully the advantages to our farmers of securing the cheap coal of the Hills, and the value of the mining regions as a market for our farm products.

Place the capital at Pierre and the state will not be lopsided but a magnificent empire rich in agriculture in the east and minerals in the west, bound together by their mutual interests.

The Prof's ability as a word painter needs no praise. His descriptions of the scenery, the canyons, peaks and mountains must be heard to be appreciated.

COUNTY INSTITUTE AFTERMATH.

Attendance and Proceedings of the Last Week of the Institute.

The Lincoln county Teachers Institute closed its eighth annual session last Friday afternoon, and so far as we have been able to learn the teachers go to their respective homes feeling that the session has been one of the most profitable they have ever enjoyed. The instructors seem to have been well chosen and the most intense interest seemed to prevail throughout. Except in the matter of attendance Superintendent Isham expresses himself as entirely satisfied, and considering the fact that attendance has never been made compulsory, that a week's institute was held last March, and that it came at a busy time among the farmers, he feels this is no serious ground of complaint. Evidently the institute should be sustained, a very large per cent of the teachers come from the common school and are unable to take special training away from home at a normal school. The institute comes in with a body of training instructors and at a nominal

expense largely supplies the deficiency.

To make this new system of fitting teachers successful, however, the public should give it all possible encouragement, and school boards should discriminate against those who neglect to improve its advantages. It is a mistake to suppose the stay-at-homes do not need the instruction, in most cases they are weaker in teaching ability and are less ambitious to satisfy the public demand than those who are prompt and profited in attendance.

As was previously announced the institute was organized in two divisions and two instructors were given work at the same time, by this plan, all were kept busy. Professor Hood had the advanced language work covering grammar and composition for his morning work and in the afternoon, United States history, commencing with the Revolutionary period, and during the last three-quarters of an hour each day talked on the theory and art of teaching. Professor Spafford taught both classes in arithmetic and writing and the A class in geography. Miss Barber taught language and reading for beginners and second reader pupils, also physiology and the effects of stimulants and narcotics, to both divisions. Miss Hattie Taylor gave daily lessons in elocution to both classes, and the superintendent taught the B division in United States history and elementary geography, besides keeping the machinery of the institute in good running order.

The session was animated by two of the most interesting and instructive lectures ever delivered before a Canton audience. The first was delivered at the Presbyterian church on Thursday evening, Aug. 21 by L. G. Pinkham, state superintendent, and the second, by Prof. B. T. Hood, the conductor of the institute, at the Methodist church. Both lectures were largely attended both by the teachers and the citizens of the town.

The following is the entire enrollment. The figure placed opposite the name indicates the number of days of attendance:

| DIVISION A. | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Charles DeGraff, 5 | Chas. Linington, 54 |
| Emma Ellis, 3 | Susie Gray, 54 |
| Rebecca Gehon, 10 | Nellie Abbott, 64 |
| Amy Allison, 4 | Orrie Allison, 4 |
| Mary Smith, 72 | Mayde C. Taylor, 94 |
| Nita Nash, 9 | Mrs. Copeland, 84 |
| C. Dickman, 10 | Eliza Mitchell, 9 |
| Corra Martin, 3 | Mary Schirmer, 74 |
| Cathanka Lee, 94 | Myron E. Ingalls, 3 |
| Lizzie Whitlow, 3 | Florence Dresbach, 2 |
| Bell Pelton, 74 | E. S. Beck, 3 |
| Oliver P. Ashley, 4 | Lewis Vath, 3 |
| Lizzie Wimer, 24 | Helen Tibbets, 64 |
| Mrs. Herman, 2 | Hannah Sheldon, 2 |

| DIVISION B. | |
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| Clara Thompson, 10 | E. J. Holter, 9 |
| Molla Teterud, 10 | May Crowley, 8 |
| Martha Hilden, 94 | Ella Whitlow, 3 |
| Anna Tossland, 9 | Nellie Parker, 5 |
| Hannah Nordqvist, 3 | Cora Parker, 5 |
| Ida Lander, 94 | Gunda Jacobson, 84 |
| Cathanka Lee, 94 | Julia Spencer, 9 |
| Betsy Nelson, 10 | Nellie Norton, 94 |
| Joanna Donohue, 94 | Mary Donohue, 94 |
| Emma Dunlap, 34 | Jessie Shore, 8 |
| Minnie Keller, 64 | Minnie Wiggins, 4 |
| Julia Elster, 74 | Ella Erickson, 6 |
| Nellie Manger, 9 | Kittie Ingalls, 4 |
| Lilly Thickett, 4 | Julia Jackson, 44 |
| Amy Hayes, 34 | Nellie Mendenhall, 5 |
| Rudolph Kahl, 44 | Mary Pierce, 24 |

WORTHING WAITS.

An Interesting Budget of News From the Hub City.

WORTHING, Sept. 2.—Special Correspondence: Our grain buyers here are paying a good price for grain and produce of all kinds is coming in quite lively... W. B. Wait, of Lennox, shipped two car loads of wheat from Mr. Holsey's farm this week. Mr. Pattee, of Canton, superintended the same... There seems to be a hush in political affairs just now, pending the schemings on the part of the republican ringsters to capture the township caucuses to be held for the coming county convention... Miss May Henry has been visiting friends at Canton this week... Mr. Cooper and family of Canton, were in town last Sunday... It is rumored here that there is a probability of the Milwaukee road being extended westward from Chamberlain this fall.

PROFESSOR HURLBURT

And His Wonderful Troupe of Trained Horses and Dogs.

From the Painesville, Ohio, Journal.

It is very seldom that a more striking illustration of the domain of human over brute intelligence is seen than that furnished by Prof. Hurlburt and his marvelously trained horses, donkeys and dogs. During the present week three entertainments were given at Excelsior rink, and at each one the large building was crowded to its utmost capacity with delighted and astonished people. When his first announcements were first scattered through the town the Journal was inclined to look upon them as of the usually exaggerated style of advertising indulged in by traveling companies. But after attending the performance one comes to think that as a matter of fact the statements are fully borne out by the exhibition actually given. Prof. Hurlburt's is not the first

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POLITICAL MOSSBACKS.

The older the writer grows, the more he is puzzled to account for the existence of what are so properly called "mossbacks," especially political mossbacks. The writer has lived long enough to witness their growth from the tadpole condition, but is puzzled to know why and for what purpose, God has afflicted the world with such a worthless, useless imitation of the human race? In his younger stage of growth, the old mossback is one who gets his ideas and opinions ready made, just as he gets his misfitting coat from the slop-shop, and yet lives on, year after year, the poor fool, in the delusion that he is a thinker, when he only thinks that he has been thinking. This class appear on the stage whenever questions of any kind are discussed among men, but prominently they constitute the mental surfdom of American politics upon this race of intellectual paupers, reposes the confidence of demagogues and the assurance of scheming villains, whose seek official positions only to rob the people.

"Do we have these mental mendicants in South Dakota? Yes, we have them here in swarms, though everybody don't detect them at sight. We have a great number of them growing in the vicinity of Canton, and the writer knows several who have reached the condition of full-grown mossbacks. These men started out in life, as infants, having the average amount of brains, but in their manhood (this word is used in a very restricted sense) they have depended on others, who had a few more dollars than they, to cut and make up their opinions until their brains have become so flabby by disease, that if they were boiled down in a glue factory and the scum of self-conceit skimmed off they would not make the ordinary mullage of the ten cent stores.

During the years intervening between the pollwing state and the incrustated mossback, these things are vigorous voters but don't seem to care what they vote for provided it is called democratic or republican; in late years it is mostly the latter. They differ from the parrots only in this, if their bosses should tell them to lay eggs on election day, they would spread themselves and try it, but they could not do it. It is these voting lipids that grow and thrive on the filthy saliva and vomit in which many of the partisan papers of South Dakota have been sopped and mopped and soaked for the last two or three months, simply because men have assumed the right to begin to think their own thoughts and vote for their own interest—simply because a large number of farmers and laborers have made the discovery that clams would have to be supplied with at least a little additional abilities in order to make statesmen and legislators, and that because an anglerworm has just a little longer tail than usual, it is not a great sea serpent, or huge levitation of the political deep.

The writer was a soldier, and it makes him red-hot to hear some of these old partisan coats justifying themselves in being mossbacks, because they "fit rebs and copperheads" when they were young. Of all fools, the most contemptible fool is a fool with gray hairs, and if anybody can see wherein having "fit rebs and copperheads" lends dignity to gray haired stupidity, let him speak out.

One of these old mossbacks lately met, on the streets of Canton, a young man who has thought thoughts in political economy that would kill such an old fossil quicker than lightning killed Kemmler and because that young man had not entered the school of mossback-hood, as he has done when "of age," he delivered the following characteristic mossback oration: "Look at my gray hairs, I've tuck in this hull subject I fit rebs and copperheads in the war, and I lay you are only a sucklin' and ye've learned all ye knows of these d—d rebs and copperheads around here of 'em." It is useless to state what party this old idiot is voting in, but everybody may not know that all his "fightin' with rebs," was emptying slops, as a hospital detest, and while not himself making similar slops, for other dead-beats to carry out, he readily sought other scavenger duties, anything but "fightin' rebs."

The above is an illustrative specimen of the mossback contingent, and he had much better have kept his dirty mouth off of may kid. A. FORRESTER, SR.

HIGHLAND HIBERGOLYPTIOS.

Another independent in Highland. He came to Sivert Alness Monday and engaged board and lodging for 21 years to come. He is a bouncer and Sivert is justly proud.

Mr. Ole Olson accompanied by his wife was up from Lodi, Sunday, visiting his brothers Rev. E. and Halvor Olson.

The Worthing boys have been canvassing our township lately in the interest of their, would like to be, county seat fight. They are hustlers and met with fair success.