

ATTENDANCE AT FAIR A RECORD BREAKER

Number of People Present at County Fair Almost Doubles That of the 1911 Exposition.

Display of Horses, Cattle, Poultry, Grain and Grasses Excels Exhibits of Previous Years.

This year's fair of the Mille Lacs County Agricultural association was bigger and better than any which ever preceded it. The new horse barn, the exhibit rooms beneath the grand stand, and the setting apart of the main hall exclusively for vegetables, grains and fruits gave ample space for the display of all exhibits. Ideal weather prevailed throughout the fair and the attendance was larger than ever before known. Friday was the banner day in number of attendance, there being 2,241 paid admissions, while on Thursday there were 1,413 and Saturday 1,566. The races, ball games and other amusement features were good and the music by the two Princeton bands was of the best.

The rest room for women and children was found of great convenience and many took advantage of the opportunity to utilize it.

Praise was heard on every hand for the management of the fair and exhibitors were highly pleased with the ample accommodation which had been provided in all departments. The county fair buildings are now the most substantial and best arranged in the northwest. President Bryson and Secretary Stanley were busy men during the fair, as was Treasurer Jack, and in fact all the officers of the society, while Clifton Cravens and Herbert Zimmerman assisted at the ticket windows. They are all entitled to praise for the regularity with which the work was carried out. Superintendents of exhibits, races, etc., also performed their full share toward making the fair the success which it proved to be.

The gate receipts on Thursday were \$494.55, on Friday \$784.35, and on Saturday \$548.10, an aggregate of \$1,827.00. Last year the total was \$1,235.25.

On Thursday afternoon Governor Eberhart addressed the multitude in the grand stand and made a very favorable impression. He was introduced by R. C. Dunn and commenced his speech by paying a high tribute to the Mille Lacs County Agricultural society for its enterprise in erecting such magnificent buildings and conducting such an excellent fair. He also praised Mr. Dunn for his efforts to bring about better highway conditions. He said he had been requested to eschew politics and that he was glad of it. So he confined his remarks to the advocacy of consolidated rural schools, the teaching of agriculture and domestic science. He interspersed his talk with anecdotal illustrations and held the crowd at attention throughout. A round of applause greeted him at the close.

Congressman C. B. Miller on Friday afternoon delivered an excellent address and in his opening remarks declared that the exposition was the best he had ever attended and that he had been present at many a county fair. He talked upon the agricultural resources of various states and compared them with those of Minnesota, and in these comparisons Minnesota was shown to be a long distance in the lead. Mr. Miller is an excellent speaker, and his discourse was appreciated and applauded.

The weather was not propitious on Friday afternoon for the hog cholera serum demonstration, but Professor Nelson of the state agricultural department gave a talk on the different breeds of dairy cattle and illustrated his address by means of animals of various types brought from the barn.

On Saturday afternoon Hon. L. C. Spooner gave a short talk on the benefits derived by the farmers from the manufacture of binding twine and harvesting machinery at the state prison. He was presented to the assemblage by R. C. Dunn, who praised him for his work in the legislature. The law which authorized the manufacture of binding twine and harvesting machinery at the state prison, said Mr. Spooner, has assisted the farmers materially. The trust has been compelled to reduce its prices in consequence, said he, and he cited a case where dealers at Redwood Falls had to reduce the

price of their machinery because men handling a product of the state penitentiary in the same town could afford to sell it for a much less price. The output at the Stillwater penitentiary will be greatly increased, declared Mr. Spooner, and it will not be long before the farmers of Minnesota will be independent of the harvester trust. Mr. Spooner is the father of the law which makes this possible. He touched upon the extravagance of the present state administration and said there was no necessity why such heavy taxes should be levied. Mr. Spooner's speech was enthusiastically received.

THE DISPLAYS.

There was a magnificent display of vegetables, grain and grasses. In consequence of a much larger space being devoted to the exhibition of these products this year some persons were of the opinion that the entries were not as numerous as those of 1911, but there were just as many, if not more. There were specimens of almost everything of which the soil is capable of producing—the onions, potatoes and cabbages being of especially fine quality. The township of Princeton collection, collected and placed on exhibition by Chas. Berry, was a very fine display. In the grain and grass department we noticed several fine specimens of alfalfa, one of which was grown on sandy land near Elk lake. Superintendent Craig says that just as good alfalfa can be grown here as in any part of the country, and that it surpasses clover for fodder.

The fruit entries were not as large as last year, but there were some excellent varieties, especially of apples. Plums, cherries and other fruits were included in the display. The display of flowering plants and shrubs outclassed that of last year, many rare varieties being exhibited.

In the honey department specimens of concentrated sweetness made from goldenrod, basswood, clover, etc., were attractively displayed, as well as preserves and pickles in honey. In butter there was not a large exhibit but the quality was of the finest.

The lady exhibitors did themselves proud in the bread, pastry, preserves and domestic manufacture department,—they entered a large assortment in each. The pastry and preserves looked especially enticing, and in fancy work the display was attractive to a high degree.

Many drawings and water colors were placed on exhibition and a most attractive display was that of the high, Whittier and rural schools, which consisted of drawings, paper fancy work, specimens of penmanship, etc., and the teachers are entitled to praise for bringing their pupils up to so marked a degree of perfection. County Superintendent Guy Ewing is also entitled to a share of the praise for the efforts he put forth to gather such an excellent collection of rural school work and agricultural exhibits. The potatoes, corn, onions, etc., displayed by the rural school pupils were of an excellent quality and compared favorably with those in agricultural hall.

Many fine horses were displayed and, despite the fact that a large new barn was recently erected, the space afforded was none too much to accommodate the entries in this department. Among the entries were some of the prettiest animals we ever clapped eyes upon.

In the cattle department there was a remarkably fine display with the dairy breeds predominating. P. W. Jensen had his splendid herd of Friesian-Holsteins, 14 in number, on exhibition, with a full-blooded sire, Henry Webster of Minneapolis also had a herd of 11 full-blooded Jerseys on exhibition, many of them prizetakers. One of them, Lusitania, took first prize at the state fair upon three occasions. She was imported from the channel islands. These Jerseys, with their polished horns, are indeed pretty creatures and as docile as kittens. Mr. Webster takes great care of them and they pay him well for his pains. Scarcely a cow in the herd could be bought for less than \$500. There were also Herefords, Shorthorns, Guernseys and Polled Angus stock on exhibition—a collection of splendid animals.

There were but three pens of sheep on exhibition this year and very few hogs, but those displayed were of a high grade. A pair of goats in harness were also displayed.

In poultry there was an excellent showing and most of the birds were displayed in coops of adequate

size, but a couple of the inclosures were altogether too small. There was a great improvement, however, over last year's accommodatory arrangements.

Jos. Craig, jr., and Alfonso Howard won Senator Swanson's tiling prizes for chickens and ducks respectively. McIlhargey was the only hardware firm which had a display and J. H. Hoffman had a showing of lap robes.

MUSICAL FEATURES, ETC.

Music was furnished on Thursday and Friday by the Citizens' band of Princeton, under the direction of Prof. Heinzenman of Minneapolis, and the boys are entitled to praise for the fine selections discoursed. On Saturday the Princeton juvenile band, arrayed in zouave uniforms, supplied the music and did themselves proud.

There was a merry-go-round on the grounds for the amusement of the little ones, and several pastimes for the grown-ups.

Refreshment booths were there in great plenty and there was no necessity for anyone to go hungry or thirsty.

HORSE RACES, ETC.

The track events were particularly interesting, and were pulled off in a systematic manner. The judges were T. J. Kallher, Fred Keith and J. J. Skahen, with Charles Keith acting in the capacity of starter and megaphonist.

Thursday: Trot or pace, half mile heats, farmers' horses only, best two in three. Purse \$35, divided into \$15, \$12.50 and \$7.50. Kuhlman's horse won, McVicar's was second and Ross' third.

Fat men's race, 50-yard dash, contestants to weigh 200 pounds or over. John Balfanz, first; Henry Erickson, second; Jerry Kalkman, third.

Hurdle race, blindfold. Two Robideau boys, tie for first; Edson, second.

Hundred yard dash for boys. Branchaud, first; Sifert, second.

Free for all pony race, half mile heats, best two in three. Purse \$25, divided into \$12, \$7.50 and \$5.50. Geo. Schurrer's pony was first, Earl King's second, and Elmer Edson's third.

Friday: Free for all trot or pace, mile heats, best two in three. Purse \$200, divided into \$100, \$65 and \$35. Frank Smith's horse won, Chas. King's was second and F. C. Foltz' third.

Farmers' trot or pace, half mile heats, best two in three. Purse \$35, divided into \$15, \$12.50 and \$7.50. Gust Kuhlman's horse first, Forrest McVicar's second.

Hundred yard dash, free for all. Doane first, Roos second, Davis third.

Tug of war, Princeton vs. World, for purse of \$15. Princeton won.

Automobile race, Ford cars. In this race O. B. Randall and Fred Dugan entered their cars, which were stripped for action and presented a most comical appearance. One carried number 13 and the other 23. It was a race which created much amusement, as the machines carried on a series of buckings and kept stopping for repairs. Randall had with him Joe Crompton as machinist and Fred Dugan carried Art. Kallher. Dugan's machine won the race.

Free for all running race, half mile heats, best two in three. Purse \$35, divided into \$15, \$12.50 and \$7.50. Geo. Schurrer's horse won, Earl King's was second and Louis Dzik's third.

Saturday: Amateur driving race, trot or pace, mile heats. Purse \$100, divided into \$50, \$35 and \$15. Chas. King's horse won, Ans. Howard's came in second and F. C. Foltz' third.

Free for all running race, half mile heats. Purse \$35, divided into \$15, \$12.50 and \$7.50. Geo. Schurrer's horse won, Earl King's was second and J. Chapman's third.

Fifty yard sack race. Bisnan first, Robideau second.

Fifty yard wheelbarrow race. Knutson and Kittilson tied for first, Dzik was second.

Ladies' ball throwing contest. Mrs. Moeger first, Mrs. McKenzie second.

Automobile race, Ford machines. Dugan first, Randall second.

Free for all slow race, one heat only. Purse \$25, divided into \$12.50, \$7.50 and \$5. Miss Ida Simons of Spencer Brook gave an exhibition of horsemanship and won a race in which a male contestant participated.

BALL GAMES.

The base ball program at the fair

brought out three close and exciting games and furnished the large crowds with some good amusement. On the opening day Long Siding and Princeton played a nip and tuck game up to the seventh inning, when Princeton took a big brace and finished strong, going under the wire the winner by an 8 to 3 score.

On the following day Zimmerman turned the tables on the Princeton boys and defeated them 6 to 7, although the locals made a sprint in the eighth inning that almost won the game and kept the crowd on edge until the finish.

On the third and closing day Crown gave the locals a decisive defeat, shutting them out for eight innings and beating them 9 to 2.

Following is a list of the premiums, with the names of the successful exhibitors, awarded at the Mille Lacs county fair:

PREMIUM LIST.

HORSES.

Mare colt one year old—William J. Skrentny 1st, Philip Devlin 2nd.
Grade mare colt 2 years old—Jos. Leathers 1st.
Male colt one year old—Edwin Hamilton 1st.
Registered Percheron stallion—Joseph Leathers 1st.
Grade Shire colt four months old—Andrew Johnson 1st.
Span carriage horses—C. A. Raiche 1st.
Mare and three of her get—William Hartman 1st.
Grade Percheron stallion—Andrew Lindberg 1st.
Grade Percheron colt six weeks old—Lester Compton 2nd.
Single driving horse—John Thoma 1st.
Draft team—L. A. Solberg 1st.
Span matched colts—John Thoma 1st.
Mare three years old—C. L. Campbell 1st.

CATTLE.

Aged Holstein bull—P. W. Jensen 1st.
Cows three years and over—P. W. Jensen 1st and 2nd.
Yearling Holstein bulls—P. W. Jensen 1st.
Holstein heifers two years old—P. W. Jensen 1st and 2nd.
Yearling Holstein heifers—P. W. Jensen 1st.
Holstein heifer calves—P. W. Jensen 1st and 2nd.
Holstein bull calves—P. W. Jensen 1st and 2nd.
Best dairy herd—P. W. Jensen 1st.
Most typical dairy cow—P. W. Jensen 1st.
Aged Jersey cow—C. L. Campbell 1st, B. Bates 2d.
Yearling Hereford heifer—B. Bates 1st.
Polled Angus bull three years old—A. H. Johnson 1st.
Grade Holstein heifer two years old—Lucas Slagter 1st.
Grade beef cows—Fred Eggert 1st and 2d.
Aged Guernsey bull—Martin Mattson 1st, F. S. Walker 2d.
Grade dairy heifer one year old—F. S. Walker 1st.
Grade dairy heifer two years old—C. O. Moore 1st.

SHEEP.

Aged ewe—Myron Wallace 1st.
Yearling ewe—Myron Wallace 1st.
Lamb—Myron Wallace 1st, Wm. Carmody 2d.
Aged ram—Wm. Carmody 1st.
Aged ewe—Wm. Carmody 1st.
Yearling ewe—Wm. Carmody 1st.

SWINE.

Aged boar—Jos. Leathers 1st.
Yearling sow—Jos. Leathers 1st.
Best pen pigs—Jos. Leathers 1st.

POULTRY.

Single Comb White Leghorns—J. O. Runsten 1st and 2d.
Single Comb White Leghorn chicks—Wm. Sealberg 1st.
Rose Comb White Leghorn chicks—C. R. Erickson 1st, L. Slagter 2d.
Single Comb Brown Leghorns—R. Anderson 1st.
Buff Orpingtons—H. Hannay 1st, John South 2d.
White Orpingtons—Andrew Bavier 1st.
White Plymouth Rocks—Allen Hayes 1st.
Buff Plymouth Rocks—J. C. Herdlika 1st.
Buff Plymouth Rock chicks—Mrs. A. Bryson 1st.
Rhode Island Reds—Verge Hatcher 1st, S. Winsor 2d.
White Wyandottes—J. H. Craig 1st.
White Wyandotte chicks—J. H. Craig 1st.
Game Bantams—Bert Bates 1st.
Bantams—Ward Foote 1st.
Bantams—Wm. Hartman 1st.
Geese—Alfonso Howard 1st.
Goslings—Alfonso Howard 1st.
Pekin ducks—Wm. Hartman 1st,

Alfonso Howard 2d.
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Brahmas—Mrs. A. Bryson 1st.
Pigeons—Vernon Foote 1st.

VEGETABLES, ETC.

Red Globe onions—H. R. Brinks 1st, Mrs. J. W. Craft 2d.
Yellow Globe onions—Mrs. S. E. Dorn 1st, H. R. Brinks 2d.
Weatherfield onions—Chas. Berry 1st, A. Noeske 2d.
Pickling cucumbers—A. Noeske 1st, Mrs. S. E. Dorn 2d.
Yellow rutabagas—A. Noeske 1st.
Flat Dutch cabbage—A. Noeske 1st.
Red beets—A. Noeske 2d.
Winter radishes—A. Noeske 1st.
Late Rose potatoes—L. Henschel 3d.
Table beets—Frank Rehaume 2d.
Parsnips—L. D. Larson 1st, Frank Rehaume 2d.
Celery—Frank Rehaume 2d.
Carrots—Harold McVicar 1st, Frank Rehaume 2d.
Tomatoes—C. L. Campbell 1st, Mrs. H. E. Cook 2d.
Best collection potatoes—M. C. Thorrning, third of 1st, 2d and 3d premiums.
Navy beans—Bert Bates 1st, Fred Lowell 2d.
Crockett squash—Bert Bates 2d.
Pumpkins—Ed Preston 1st, Bert Bates 2d.
Flat turnips—W. H. Gebert 1st, Bert Bates 2d.
Yellow beans—Mrs. Van Wormer 1st, A. E. Shaw 2d.
Best collection potatoes—Mrs. S. E. Dorn, third of 1st, 2d and 3d premiums.
Pickling cucumbers—Mrs. S. E. Dorn 1st and 2d.
Long watermelons—Mrs. S. E. Dorn 1st, A. Steinbach 2d.
Ripe cucumbers—Mrs. Wm. Heckler 1st, Wm. Skrentny 2d.
Golden Russet potatoes—Nels Robideau 1st.
Triumph potatoes—Louis Rocheford 1st, Nels Robideau 2d, J. Pierson 3d.
Stock beets—O. C. Chalstrom 1st and 2d.
Plum tomatoes—Catherine Eidam 1st, Harold McVicar 2d.
Yellow beets—Wm. Bergman 1st.
Brown wax beans—A. E. Grow, special.

White Globe onions—C. A. Raiche 1st, L. D. Larson 2d.
Best collection potatoes—G. H. Tomlinson, jr., third of 1st, 2d and 3d premiums.
Field pumpkins—Mrs. Gens 1st, Louis Rocheford 2d.
Sugar beets—David Raiche 1st, C. A. Raiche 2d.
Green beans—A. Steinbach 1st, C. A. Raiche 2d.
Stock carrots—David Raiche 2d.
Largest squash—John Thoma 2d.
Carrots—Mrs. Geo. Roos 1st.
Ohio potatoes—J. Pierson 1st, C. L. Campbell 2d.
King potatoes—W. L. Shrode 1st, W. H. Gebert 2d, Oliver Schrepel 3d.
Early Minnesota corn—Nels Robideau 1st, C. L. Campbell 2d.
Golden Hubbard squash—Louis Rocheford 1st, Ed Preston 2d.
Leeks—Louis Rocheford 1st.
Blue potatoes—Wm. Skrentny special.

Watermelons—Hartman Camp 1st and 2d.
Parsley—Mrs. Geo. Tomlinson, sr., 1st, Mrs. R. Mount 2d.
Green cucumbers—A. Stienbach 1st, Mrs. A. Bryson 2d.
Green Hubbard squash—Mrs. A. Bryson 1st.
Round tomatoes—Mrs. A. Bryson 1st.
Table beets—Mrs. J. Crompton 1st.
Rutabagas—Mrs. J. Crompton 2d.
Golden bantam corn—C. L. Campbell 1st.
Holland cabbage—A. Stienbach 1st.
Yellow pod beans—A. Steinbach 2d.
Pie pumpkin—A. Steinbach 2d.
Gourds—Ruby Sanford 2d.
Burbank potatoes—Frank Wenberg 1st, W. H. Gebert 2d.
California Wonder potatoes—Henry Kuhn special.
Evergreen corn—Chas. Berry 1st.
Red kidney beans—J. H. Craft special.

Best collection vegetables and grains—W. H. Gebert 1st, Myron Berry 2d.
Onion sets—R. C. Weldon 1st.
Rhubarb—Mrs. Richard Mount 1st.
Early Six Weeks potatoes—J. H. Craft 1st.
Lincoln potatoes—W. H. Gebert special.
Late Rose potatoes—W. H. Gebert 2d.
Early cabbage—W. H. Gebert 2d.
Dill—W. H. Gebert 1st.
Stover Evergreen corn—W. H. Gebert 2d.
Largest squash—J. E. Tilley 1st.
Conical cabbage—Oliver Schrepel

1st.
Ground cherries—Mrs. Richard Mount 1st.
Kale—Mrs. Richard Mount 1st.
Peppergrass—Mrs. Richard Mount special.
Tobacco—David Raiche 1st.
Timothy in straw—C. A. Raiche 1st, Robt. Shaw 2d.
Blue stem wheat—S. E. Dorn 1st, J. L. Anderson 2d.
White cap dent corn—F. A. Lowell 1st, Frank Rehaume 2d.
Yellow flint corn—Marcus Larson 1st, Bert Bates 2d.
Northwestern dent corn—Edward Preston 1st, Marcus Larson 2d.
Field corn in sheaf—Edward Preston 1st, Erick Findell 2d.
Broom corn—W. H. Hake 1st.
Barley—Theo. Rosin 1st.
Timothy seed—Theo. Rosin 1st, C. A. Raiche 2d.
White dent corn—C. L. Campbell 1st, S. E. Dorn 2d.
Winter rye—S. E. Dorn 1st, F. A. Lowell 2d.
Oats—S. E. Dorn 1st, W. H. Gebert 2d.
White rice popcorn—Harold McVicar 1st, S. E. Dorn 2d.
Clover seed—C. A. Raiche 1st.
Winter wheat—Fred Eggert 1st.
Fodder corn—C. L. Campbell 1st.
Yellow dent corn—J. H. Craft 1st, Edward Preston 2d.
Wheat in sheaf—Chas. Berry 1st, A. Steinbach 2d.
Oats in sheaf—Chas. Berry 1st, A. Steinbach 2d.
Red clover in straw—Chas. Berry 1st, A. Steinbach 2d.
Flax in straw—Andrew Johnson 1st, A. Steinbach 2d.
Rye in sheaf—Chas. Berry 1st.
Alfalfa—J. H. Craft 1st, W. H. Gebert 2d.
Sorghum cane—Alfred Cotten 1st, Bert Bates 2d.
Flax seed—M. A. Carlson 1st.
Sand vetch—C. L. Campbell 1st.
Township exhibit—Chas. Berry.

FRUITS.
Yellow plums—Mrs. M. Ellenbaum 1st, Vivian Holm 2d.
Grapes—Mrs. M. Ellenbaum 1st.
Assorted plums—Geo. Schmidt 1st, L. Slagter 2d.
Sugar plums—Geo. Schmidt 1st.
Belloflower apples—Geo. Schmidt 1st.
Seedling crabapples—Peter Jensen 1st.
Minnetonka apples—Peter Jensen special.
Ben Davis apples—Mrs. A. Van Wormer special.
Transcendent crabapples—F. A. Lowell 1st.
Seedling apples—O. H. Uglem 2d.
Red plums—Robt. Christopherson 1st, Carrie W. Stone 2d.
Freestone plums—Mrs. S. E. Dorn 1st, Frank Wenberg 2d.
Dutchess apples—C. A. Erickson 1st, Mrs. R. Carlson 2d.
Wealthy apples—C. A. Erickson 1st.
University apples—C. A. Erickson 1st, J. E. Judkins 2d.
Crabapples—S. S. Giles 1st.
Strawberry crabapples—J. E. Judkins 1st, Mrs. R. Carlson 2d.
Patent Greening apples—J. E. Judkins special.
Transparent crabapples—J. E. Judkins special.
Snowball apples—J. E. Judkins 1st.
Northwestern Greening apples—Jos. Craig special.
Wolf River seedling apples—Mrs. Geo. Tomlinson 1st.
Compass cherries—Vivian Holm 1st, Frank Wenberg 2d.
Peach plums—Frank Wenberg 1st and 2d.
Plate seedlings—Ida Schrepel 1st.
Whitney crabapples—C. L. Campbell 1st and 2d.

FLOWERS.
Mixed asters—H. E. Cook special.
Carnations—H. E. Cook special.
Pansies—H. E. Cook 1st, Mrs. Geo. Roos 2d.
Morning Bride—H. E. Cook special.
Daisy—Mrs. A. W. Van Wormer special.
Paper flowers—Mrs. A. Sjoberg special.
Flowering myrtle—Hans Stay special.
Foliage plant—Ida Fogg 1st.
Bouquet—Sadie Penhalegon 1st, Mrs. L. Erickson 2d.
Geraniums—Mrs. A. E. Hayes 1st, Mrs. W. H. Miller 2d.
Mixed asters—Sadie Penhalegon special.
Pansies—Mrs. Geo. Tomlinson special.
Collection flowers—Mrs. A. Bryson special.
Calla Lily—Mrs. A. Bryson special.
Abutilon—Mrs. A. Bryson 1st.
Fuchsia—Mrs. A. Bryson 1st and 2d.
Salvia—Mrs. Geo. Young special.
Balsam—Geo. Hanson special.
Begonia—Geo. Hanson 1st and 2d.