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STATE FARMER'S INSTITUTE.

State and Allied Conventions at Kansas State Agricultural College.

The biggest agricultural event in the history of Kansas is scheduled for Manhattan, Dec. 27 to January 5, a State Farmer's Institute and several important state conventions. The State Institute is an outgrowth of the remarkable series of county farmers' institutes held this fall, over one hundred in number.

This State Institute will convene at eight o'clock Thursday morning, December 27, and close at noon on Saturday, January 5, nine days. The work will be devoted wholly to stock and stock judging under Professors Kinzer and Wheeler, and corn, grains and grasses and judging under Prof. A. M. TenEyck, two hours a day devoted to each subject. The Institute body will be divided, half taking stock work and half the grain work from 8 to 10 and the other half will be accommodated from 10 to 12. The afternoons of the first three days will be given to drills in judging in small squads with student leaders.

The Allied conventions will be held the second week beginning on December 31, and will bring together several hundred of the leading men of the state. As all the conventions have common interests it is thought that practically all the attendants will want to attend all conventions. The several meetings will offer as speakers some of the leading authorities on their subjects in the country.

The Boys State Corn Contest Dec. 31 to Jan 1, have as to principal speakers, James E. Wing of the Breeders Gazette and Professor Shamel of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Wing will stay practically all week. Professor Shamel will also address the State Corn Breeders' Association that meets on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Then on Wednesday 2 p. m., the State Good Roads Association will convene and will hold there sessions ending at noon on Thursday. In addition to several state leaders in this movement, addresses will be made by Hon. M. O. Eldridge of the Good Roads Bureau of the Department of Agriculture of Washington and W. R. Goit of Oklahoma City.

On Wednesday 4 p. m. the Kansas Draft Horse Breeders will meet to organize an association. Their other meetings will be held on Thursday morning at 8, Thursday evening and Friday evening with addresses by Mr. Wing, Prof. W. J. Carlyle of Colorado, F. D. Tomson of Chicago and others.

On Thursday 2 p. m. the State Dairy Association will meet and in addition to the best program of state speakers the Association has ever prepared, Hon. E. H. Webster of Washington, D. C. and Hon. R. M. Washburn of Missouri will make addresses.

Then on Thursday 4 p. m. the Swine Breeders Association will meet, holding separate business sessions for the Poland-China, Berkshire and Duroc-Jersey breeders, followed by a session from 8 to 10 Friday in the judging room, followed by a general session at 10 a. m. Friday.

On Friday afternoon the Aberdeen-Angus breeders will meet and form an Association and hold a practical two hour session with addresses by three state breeders and by F. D. Tomson and Jos. E. Wing of the Breeders' Gazette.

Then on Saturday at noon will be held the Arbutnot Hereford sale.

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The corn for the Boys' Corn Contest should be sent, (if not to be brought) by express, prepaid to Superintendent Farmers' Institute, Manhattan, to reach Manhattan not later than Saturday noon, Dec. 29. Address for any information, programs, etc.

J. H. Miller,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Death of Mrs. G. C. Grey.

Anna Elizabeth Robinson was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1842, and would have been sixty-four years old in January. She was married in 1865 to George C. Grey, and to this union two children were born, both of whom, Mrs. Grant Jones and Miss Lucy Grey, survive their mother and reside in this city as does Mr. Grey.

Mr. and Mrs. Grey were among the early settlers of Barton county, coming here in 1877, and residing in the county and in this city since that time. Mrs. Grey had not been in good health for some time, and death came Monday morning, December 10th. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Sutherland, and interment being in Woodlawn cemetery.

Masonic Election.

Friday evening, Dec. 14th, occurred the annual election of Great Bend Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M., which resulted in the election of the following officers for the ensuing year:

W. M., R. Coe Russell.
S. W., F. A. Moses.
J. W., Chas. Lundblade.
Treas., Louis Zutvren.
Sec., W. Torrey.

Trustees, E. C. Cole, F. V. Russell, A. H. Connett, C. G. Morrison, and M. M. Eppstein. After the election the Worshipful Master announced the following appointments for the ensuing year:

S. D., W. A. Bolinger.
J. D., Henry Weirauch.
S. S., W. L. Lyda.
J. S., F. F. Baily.

Royal Neighbors.

The Royal Neighbors held a meeting at their hall on Thursday, and elected the following officers for the ensuing term.

Mrs. Anna Miller, oracle.
Mrs. Mattie Strong, vice oracle.
Mrs. Ella Stoke, chancellor.
Mrs. Minnie Butler, recorder.
Mrs. Ella Hemker, receiver.
Mrs. L. Marx, marshal.
Mrs. L. Plankhorn, I. S.
Mrs. Ora Hayes, O. S.
Mrs. H. Meyers, Mgr.
Dr. A. H. Connett, Phys.

Sons of Veterans Officers.

At the regular meeting of Fort Zarab camp No. 9, Sons of Veterans, held Thursday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

A. G. Frey, Capt.
W. L. Smythe, 1st Lt.
Will Harmison, 2nd Lt.
W. L. Townsley, Ed. Chapman, and Elmer Harmison, camp council.

Mrs. Chas. Leschesky Entertains.

Mrs. Chas Leschesky of Kansas City Mo., was the hostess of a pleasant little party Friday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. Albert Weis, corner Broadway and Holland, in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. W. George, of Kansas City, Mo. Progressive whist was the game of the afternoon, and three ladies tied for first honors, Mrs. George, Mrs. Lindas, and Miss Dean, the former proving the lucky lady in drawing for the prize. Delicious refreshments were served, and the guests enjoyed the afternoon immensely.

ABOUT THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

Facts and Figures as to How Libraries Sift in Other Places.

For the purpose of securing information for the general public some correspondence has been carried on relative to the library proposition, and to see how some of the cities who have Carnegie libraries are satisfied with them, and as to how they are conducted. The following letter from Chanute gives about as full information as any and will be of interest to our people.

Chanute, Kansas,
Dec. 11, 1906.

Editor Rustler.

Great Bend, Kana.

Dear Sir:

The librarian has just handed me your letter under date of 3rd inst., asking some information in regard to our public library. I will answer your questions to the best of my ability.

We received from Mr. Carnegie \$14,500 donation to build with. We had to furnish a lot. The lot cost us \$3,200. With the Carnegie fund we erected our building, which is 55x50 feet square, laid cement walks around it, graded the lot and filled up the same, installed a complete and most successful hot water system of heating, thoroughly wired every part of the structure for electric lighting also for lighting by natural gas, put in a \$100 mantel around our fireplace in which we use a gas log, handsome, bronzed chandeliers throughout, also ornate bookshelves and two cabinets of shelves, ten tables for reading rooms, 12 arm chairs for old people, 20 low ones for children, 70 chairs for the public generally, and 102 folding chairs for our auditorium or hall. Carnegie money paid the whole bill. Did not cost our people a single cent.

The building belongs to our city in fee simple as absolutely and unconditionally as does our city hall or calaboose or our school house. Carnegie asked the city council to levy a tax annually that would raise a fund of one-tenth of his donation to support the library. Succeeding councils can do this or not at their option. I presume, however, they will always support the library.

Under the Free Public Library Law, you know that as much as three mills in the dollar can be levied for library purposes. Last year our council levied 1 1/2 mills. This year they levied two mills which will raise \$1712, for library support. We pay our janitor and librarian (man and wife) \$600 per year. The city furnishes us water, gas, and electricity free. One million the dollar would not give our library adequate funds to conduct on the lines we now follow.

Our library is open to the public every day in the year and every evening till 9.00 o'clock. The ladies on the library board of directors have bought a piano for use in the auditorium. They bought it on the installment plan and are paying for it by entertainments, fines, donations etc. The tax raised by the levies are sufficient to meet the requirements of the library.

Our library is a success from every standpoint. It is popular and is appreciated by our people. We have about 2500 volumes in our library, of which some 500 or 600 are public documents.

Last year 24,815 volumes were taken out by our people. This year a greater number of volumes will be read. We take 28 of the leading magazines of this country and about 30 of the daily and weekly papers. Our reading rooms are absolutely free to anybody who desire to read. Last year about 8,000 people availed themselves of our reading rooms. The library is one of our "institutions", a necessity-indispensible.

Very respectfully

F. M. Abbott,
President Board of Library Directors.

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Charles E. Sowle, Deceased.

The grim harvester, death, has again gathered one of ripe years and of fruitful record into the great granary of Eternity. Our old and respected friend, Chas. E. Sowle, passed away at his home, 1116 Catalina Street, Los Angeles, California, on Monday the tenth of December, at the age of nearly 82 years, after a serious illness of about three weeks.

Deceased was a native of New York, having been born in that state March 10, 1825. In the early seventies he and his wife and interesting family of boys and girls came to Great Bend, Kansas and shortly located on a farm just across the river south of town, where they resided for a number of years. Mr. Sowle doing a dairy business. Later they moved to town, building a home on Williams street. In 1889, accompanied by his wife and two daughters, he removed to Oakland, a suburb of Topeka, Kansas, where they bought property. At Oakland Mrs. Sowle was called to her long rest, and in the fall of 1905 deceased and his two daughters moved to Los Angeles, where they bought a home.

Four children survive him. A. C. Sowle of Topeka, Kansas; L. L. Sowle, Mrs. Nettie Harris and Miss Mary Sowle, of Los Angeles, California. His only sister Mrs. L. W. Cornwell, of Alden, New York, was with him for a week or so before he passed away.

The life of C. E. Sowle was a busy and a useful one. Earnest in all his efforts, firm in his beliefs, strong in his contention for right and justice and humanely kind and courteous, he has many firm friends in Great Bend and Barton county who will greatly regret this last farewell.

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