

THE COUNTY FAIR

Our Sister Town Surprises People With Her Fair.

ARION MAKES A TEN STRIKE

Big Crowds, Good Weather, Everybody Pleased

The great event of last week was the county fair held at Arion, the next station west of Denison, on the Northwestern and Illinois Central roads. It was wonderful how the people of that small town could put up such a clean, interesting, crowd attracting fair. When one considers that the big Boyer flood caused the entire tract to be used as grounds, to be covered for days with water, thus hindering work in preparing the race track or putting up buildings, it is marvelous what the Arion people did. It would appear as if every man, woman and child in the town and neighborhood had some hand in the thing. We said "clean" for there was not a gambling device on the ground although there had been much pressure brought to bear on the officers to allow something of the kind. The tract selected for the fair is a field belonging to Mr. Butler just south of town where the three railroads cross. On the west side there is a row of large trees which well filled the promise of "shade" for those who wanted to sit where it was cool. With much effort Mr. Butler had laid out and graded up a half mile track. Some parts of it were soft, but then, the races were not for two-five horses but those owned in the county, who were to make a trial of speed in friendly contests. A grand stand sufficient in seating capacity at twenty-five cents a head to bring in fully \$50 per day had been erected, and was of course filled to the utmost. We will give the racing results elsewhere so proceed to talk of the balance of the attractions. The first surprise was to find a big display of fruit, all raised in Crawford county. Think of two plates of delicious looking peaches grown near Arion, and then apples, plums, pear, prunes, tempting and luscious. Robt Cruise who now lives at Galland Grove was there with four plates of choice apples, one of crabs, and one of plums. Said he had twenty varieties at home he might have brought. Frank Switzer from his orchard only ten years old had on display four

plates of plums, ten of apples and two of crabs. On the same table Jake Kepford made a showing of three plates of plums, three of crabs, eleven of apples three of grapes and one of blackberries. Wm. Fishel made a grand showing with five plates of plums, five crabs, two of pears, two of peaches, eleven of apples one of grapes and one of German prunes. John Eggers showed some pears. Many of the apples were of the best winter varieties. Under the same tent enclosure was the fancy work department, and the samples of the needle work of our ladies showed them indeed experts. The premium list will give an idea of the articles on display. Not all the work gained a premium, but there was not an article there not worthy of mention, and a credit to the one doing the work. The poultry show was not up to what is expected at Denison next December but all the birds were good representatives of the breed. Jas. Tranter, showed Golden Wyandottes; Mrs. D. F. Bryan, Black Langshans; Mott McHenry, White Plymouth Rocks and Brown Leghorns; Frank Bolton a pen of Rhode Island Reds; also Houdans and Blue Andalusians; Wm. Balentyne, White Rocks; Mrs. Peffer, Pekin ducks; Guy Tranter Toulouse geese; Mott McHenry, White Holland turkeys; and Mrs. Julius Ahart Two Bronze turkeys. There was an incubator which had hatched out some bright cunning chicks, who were looking about for mother hens to nestle under. The incubator was in charge of E. R. Cadwell of Dunlap and he also had a display of some of the rare breeds of birds. Under this tent was the display of farm products. The premium list will tell the names of those contributing. There was some fine corn, which Prof. Holden would have said up to standard, also potatoes, squash, and the like. There was much interest at the hog pen for two breeders from Defiance were making a good showing. Wm. Ray and Son had eleven head of the favorite Poland Chinas, and J. W. Reynolds the Durco Jerseys. C. H. Chase of Washington township had a pen of four boars under one year old. Mr. Glassburner was superintendent of this department. Wm. Eggers was superintendent of the sheep department and had Mr. Rudolph Lehfeldt of Denison for the judge. Mr. Glassburner had seven head of sheep in the pens. Two were rams he bought recently at the state fair. They had taken first and

second prizes in the Oxford Down class, and so easily stood at the head here. Mott McHenry had two pens of the Oxford, Peter Spigle a pen of good sheep, Art Eggers two of the Shropshire variety, also three Angora goats, one of which had monstrous horns. John Meeves also showed five healthy looking lambs. Through some misunderstanding the owners of fine cattle did not make an extensive showing this year, but they will be in line next time. The horse display had fifteen head, all of them good animals. The two Denison implement firms, of Romans Co., and J. H. Tamm saw their opportunity to get before the farmers and were on hand. Mr. Tamm made a specialty of gas engines and grinders, while the Romans firm showed buggies as a leader. Many business men and farmers present decided to have a big exhibit next year. They saw the possibilities of a great agricultural, stock and mechanical fair and realizing that the management is worthy, mean to help with a will. The races were most entertaining. The horse and driver were known and thus the crowd took much interest in the contests. The boys especially enjoyed the running races, when they had the chance to show what their horse would do. Mr. Smith the well known talkative auctioneer was down from Denison to be one of the judges. There was one accident on Thursday when in the running race Joe Bauman fell from his horse and under the animal which fell over him. Joe sustained a broken ankle and numerous other wounds. In the auto race on Friday the Dow City machine run by Mr. Howorth was the winner. The machines were of the same engine power and the winner made it by having the hardest track. The third auto which "budded in" when not in the race bothered Mr. Boylan who ran the machine from Denison. The man and woman who chased each other on the stage and through the door and windows of the house created much fun. He is pretty near a "boneless man" from the way he could twist up his body. We congratulate the fair management on the success of their undertaking, and predict that next year a much larger fair can be made. President Thos. Rae, and Secretary Nelson are entitled to credit for what they did. Denison people are with them in their undertaking. The gate receipts were \$746.80; the grand stand \$100; quarter stretch \$9; entries \$85.50 and privelidger \$77.

We will print the premium list in full next week.

SUNDAY CONFERENCE

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rest of the head is yet dark in color. Knowing that he was to speak for over an hour, the Bishop directed that the opening exercises be short so, that by 10:30 he had announced his text and begun his sermon. He had read in Revelation of the call of God's spirit, beginning with the familiar words, "And the Spirit and bride say come," and gave for his text words found in Genesis. "And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden." Thus the subject of the sermon was, "The call of God." In the beginning God called, in the end of the bible God calls. Then the Bishop began a grand summing up of the "calls" to the men and women of the bible and to all people. There was the call of Abraham; to Moses, to whom the speaker gave an eloquent tribute; to Elijah, and there he spoke of the men of the country districts who were able to commune with God in nature, and are strong; Elsha, so opposite to his predecessor; to David; to Isaiah and to Jeremiah in the old testament dispensation. Then in the new testament the call of God, had come to Peter, James and John to Matthew, and the many others whom Jesus called upon to follow Him, and then to Paul, and the bible closed with the call to all who hear, to him that athirst and whosoever will, to come and drink of the water of life freely. All familiar with the bible will readily see the possibilities for a great sermon in our brief summary of leading points. At two came the missionary sermon preached by Rev. Ward of Glenwood. Then followed the service of memorial for the ministers and their wives, who have died since the last conference. Over this service Rev. Curtis of Dow City presided. Two pastors and one pastor's wife had gone on during the year, and brief eulogies were read. Then the Bishop arose and paid tribute to Bishops McCabe and Fitzgerald who had died in the past year. McCabe is so emotional, so full of zeal, beloved by the church, who had shed sunlight wherever he went, had died in the harness as he said he would, expiring from a stroke of apoplexy at New York City when just stepping off a train returning from dedicating a church and lecturing to free it from debt, a most wonderful man, God crowned. Fitzgerald was a man of great intellectual power, his sermons brought conviction by weight of commanding force, he was strong as a business manager of the church affairs. He died at Hong Kong, China when on his way to visit the church in India from pneumonia. In words that showed he loved them as a brother, Bishop Goodsell spoke of these two men. The most impressive service of all, was the conferring on one woman and some forty men the offices of Deaconess, and Deacon and Elder in the church. The tone of voice and tender prayer, the kindly words to the women who was dedicating her life to the poor, the sick, the unfortunate, the call for silent prayer from all that she might be blessed, made an impression on all present. Then came the young men just starting out, who had however shown themselves worthy on the field. These were made Deacons. Just before the final ceremony the wives of any of the men were asked to come and kneel beside their husbands. The prayer for the wives was such as to keep them faithful to every duty. With their hands resting on the bible, the men one after another, were given authority to preach, baptize expound the bible. Next came the conferring of the office of Elder. With this a minister enters into full rights, particularly can he administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Their wives were also called to come and kneel beside their husbands. Then all on their knees at the altar, the great man of God raised his voice in prayer for the men who were about to have new responsibilities put upon them, for their wives who were to share their trials and triumphs and then the prayer arose "For my dear wife with whom I have lived these forty-eight years, and from whom I am separated so much of the time, may I see her again." There was hardly a dry eye in the great audience. Now the men arose, the Bishop placed his hand on the head of each, the six presiding elders put their hands on top of his, and the candidate was commissioned an Elder in the church and empowered to preach and teach and administer the communion service. Later the Bishop took each by the hand and gave an individual word of blessing or admonition. Then all the ministers and friends were invited to come forward and shake the hands of the men and women again consecrated to religious work. The Bishop wears no robes of office, but his saintly strong face, solemn voice, his kindly manner was most impressive and one can never forget the impressions of the hour.

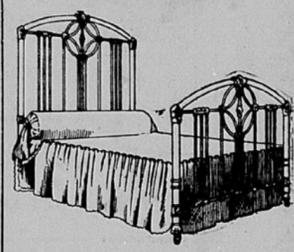
The Arion Anchor

CHARLES D. HORN, Department Editor.

E. G. Wiggins was an Arion caller from Dow City Monday. M. B. Nelson has taken charge of his new position in the mill. Wm. Flint and wife of Manilla were Arion visitors last Friday. Mrs. Hudson, now of Cedar Rapids was also an Arion visitor during the fair. Asa Scott of Creighton, Nebr. spent a few days with friends in Arion. P. R. Madison of Council Bluffs helped in the Mercantile store during the fair. Miss Butler and Miss Jobs of the Anchor force, were Denison visitors Saturday evening. L. C. Butler went to Omaha Tuesday and from there will go out to Nebraska to look after his interests there. W. E. Trent, formerly our village blacksmith, but now of Winterset was here the first of the week shaking hands with old time friends. York Moore, formerly an Arion boy came all the way from Davenport to take in the fair and to visit with friends. He returned to his work Sunday. Mrs. Ida Talcott and son Edger, returned from Omaha Monday, where they had been visiting the past week. They also attended conference in Council Bluffs while down. John Horn came from Rock Rapids Saturday night and spent Sunday with his brother, Chas. He left Monday for Omaha where he expects to buy a bunch of sheep to take home to feed. Police court was in session nearly all day Saturday, listening to the troubles of those who drank to freely at the old drinking fountain during the fair. Some who were fortunate by having finance left, paid their fine, while others were taken to Denison to think it over for fifteen day. There was no trouble at the new drinking fountain. The Crawford County Fair for this year has past into history. But we will not say much about it here as the editor of the Review has promised to give it a write up on another page. But we feel that the fair has been a great success, and Arion together with all others who helped boost for it, need not be ashamed of their work. So let us all keep on boosting and have a still bigger and better one next year.

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