

FAIR IN FULL SWING

CHILDREN'S DAY BRINGS OUT THROGHS OF YOUNGSTERS FOR FORMAL OPENING.

JUDGING STARTS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT

Prize Winners Announced in Butter Contest—Entries in Baby Contest Numerous and Another Day Required—Farmers Grain Dealers Association Spreading Co-operation.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Aug. 28.—The Iowa state fair formally opened yesterday with a complete program. It was children's day when children under 15 were admitted free and troops of youngsters, accompanied by their parents or older members of the family were on the grounds. The weather was ideal for comfort but not hot enough for the concession men to do the business that the hot weather brings them.

Judging started in all departments yesterday. In the horse department Sheldahl, Welsh and Hackney ponies were judged. There are six exhibitors of Welsh ponies, fourteen of Sheldahls and eight of Hackneys. Butter scoring began Thursday and up to noon yesterday the judges had finished only a part of the work. Awards in the butter contest were announced up to noon yesterday as follows: Creamery butter, whole milk class, first, Thomas E. Sadler, Oelwein; second, J. J. Jensen, Copas, Minn.; cream class, first, C. W. Green, Hartley; second, E. A. Gudvangen, Hanlontown; dairy butter, first, Otto Rasmussen, Altoona; second, Mrs. J. A. Peters, Ankeny.

One More Day For Babies. Babies were judged rapidly in the baby health contest in the women and children's building. There are such a large number of entries this year that the judges have decided to use one more day for the judging. Last year the judging concluded with final awards on Thursday morning but this year Friday morning will see the finish of the contest. There are 399 babies entered this year as against 225 last year. An additional class has been provided this year known as the improvement class and prizes are being offered for those babies scored in classes for babies twelve to twenty-four months old last year which show the most improvement in a year's time. There are almost as many parents interested in this class as in the other classes. By noon yesterday the judges had judged thirty-five babies and they expect to score seventy-two a day.

Grain Dealers Advertise. The Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa, which had a prominent part in the recent fight to prevent a rise in grain rates being put into effect by the railroads, has a tent on the grounds with considerable literature on hand with reference to the association. Men outside the organization, frankly, are not in the grain dealers' association and the Corn Belt Meat Producers Association for helping to win the fight against increased freight rates.

The grain dealers association is a co-operative movement among farmers here in Iowa which has met with distinguished success. The statistical information relative to the farmers' co-operative movement in Iowa given out at the state fair headquarters shows that Iowa has 367 farmers elevator, grain and lumber companies and the average number of stockholders in each organization is 135, making a total membership of the farmers elevator and co-operative movement in Iowa of approximately 49,545. It is estimated that the farmers of the state have received an average of three cents per bushel above what they would have received for their grain, had it not been for the co-operative companies which in a year would have amounted to \$3,483,849.

There was a big crowd of boys entered in the boys' judging contest at the fair yesterday, so many in fact that the judges had not finished the scoring at a late hour last night. This is one of the features of the fair of special value to the boys. Five scholarships are awarded in the state agricultural college at Ames to the winners, valued at \$200, \$150, \$125, \$100, and \$75 respectively. The latter prize is for a short course.

HOSPITALS FILLED. Facilities Inadequate to Care For Increasing Patrons at Estherville. Special to Times-Republican. Estherville, Aug. 28.—During the past year Estherville's physicians and surgeons have kept the two hospitals and city hospital, tending to capacity, the number of operations performed being greater than at any point in the northwest. Rochester not excepted, in proportion to the number of surgical work. The increase in

DOGS TRAIL MURDERER

FOLLOWING MAN BELIEVED TO HAVE KILLED MERCHANT AT WEBSTER CITY.

BURGLAR BELIEVED TO HAVE SHOT STOREKEEPER

W. A. Frazier Makes Farm Gate With Several Novel Features. Special to Times-Republican. Geneva, Aug. 28.—W. A. Frazier, a young man residing on a farm north of this place, has invented a farm gate which promises to make him famous. This invention has a novel feature of a small gate within a large gate which allows hogs to pass thru without opening the large gate. Another special feature is the peculiar structure of the hinge which, when the gate is lifted, closes by gravity.

The hinge is also so constructed that when the gate is swung to open position it is held firmly and can not be accidentally released. Mr. Frazier is going to Des Moines next week to make arrangements to have the gate manufactured.

LAWYER SUES WALSHES

M. F. Healey Asks \$15,000 as Attorney's Fees From Clients Who Were Made Defendants in Colby Motor Company Litigation.

Special to Times-Republican. Mason City, Aug. 28.—M. F. Healey, of Fort Dodge, today instituted suit against Mari and John Walsh for \$15,000 as attorney's fee. At the same time another suit was brought against the Walshes for collection of a \$1,000 note given to the American Steam Laundry Company for stock. According to papers filed an agreement was reached between Attorney Healey and Mari and John Walsh whereby he was to receive \$15,000 for the work he and Attorney Kelsch did in the recent litigation with trustees of the Colby Motor Company, and Mrs. Walsh instructed her banker to pay this sum or sell securities she had in the bank to that amount and deliver to Mr. Healey. Mr. Healey says that he has not seen any of the money, and has brought suit for recovery.

SUES FOR \$19,500.

A. F. Daughenbaugh Made Defendant in Alleging Misrepresentation. Special to Times-Republican. Port Dodge, Aug. 28.—A. F. Daughenbaugh, Webster county's biggest land owner, is being sued by John Y. Anderson for \$19,500, alleged due him because of misrepresentation in a land transfer he made in a \$80,000 land transfer he took 150 shares of stock in the Enameled Concrete Company of Des Moines. He claims he lost on the trade as the stock was reported to be worth \$20,000 and was in reality worth only \$500.

"BIG FOUR" PICNIC MONDAY.

Former Minnesota Executive to Speak at Belle Plaine Outing. Special to Times-Republican. Belle Plaine, Aug. 28.—The "Big Four" picnic will be held at Miller's grove, northeast of this city, on Monday, Aug. 30. Hon. A. O. Eberhart, former governor of Minnesota, will give an address at 1:30 p. m. The Belle Plaine band will furnish music during the day, and an orchestra will play for the bovery. Different kinds of amusements have been provided. The Belle Plaine merchants have provided prizes for the different athletic events.

Contract For Women's Dormitory. Ames, Aug. 28.—The contract for the women's dormitory to be erected on the campus at Iowa State College, Ames, was let recently at a meeting of the finance committee of the state board of education to the J. B. Evans Construction Company. The price named is approximately \$48,000, which will enable the board to complete the building within the limit of the appropriation allowed for its construction.

The sum of \$60,000 has been allowed for the building. The plumbing, heating and lighting will be done by the college, and it is estimated that this work will complete the building within the sum allowed.

Johnson Becomes School Head. Special to Times-Republican. Denison, Aug. 28.—Prof. Jacob Johnson, who has been at the head of the manual training department of the Denison schools for over eight years, has been elected principal. He will continue to have charge of his old department. Under his work manual training has done wonders for the boys of the Denison schools.

Fort Dodge Hotel Transfer. Special to Times-Republican. Fort Dodge, Aug. 28.—A. J. Morton, proprietor of the Wagon Wheel Hotel for two years past, has sold the lease to Edward Awo and John B. Julius for \$90,000. The new owners are local men who take possession Sept. 1.

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Northern Iowa Items

Hampton. Lita is moving swiftly for William Strimann, a farmer living west of town, who was married at Lansing, Iowa, on June 10, 1915. He soon found afterward that his wife's love had cooled, but he persuaded her on Aug. 12th to leave him, and then two days later found that his bride was gone. He persuaded her to return, but on Aug. 14th she took her clothes and some furniture that belonged to her and left him, so the petition states.

Chicago. William Griffin, a butcher of this city, is starting work this week on a new brick block to be erected on his property on West Main street. The two old buildings now standing there are being torn down to make room for the new structure, which will be sixty feet deep. It will be two stories in height, constructed of yellow brick with Bedford stone trimmings. There will be two store rooms on the first floor, and two modern flats on the second floor. The south and east fronts will be solid plate glass.

Hampton. At the quarterly conference of the local Methodist church, held last Monday, the congregation unanimously passed, urging the return of Rev. De Witt Clinton as pastor for another year. He has been pastor of the church for seven years, a record unequalled by any other pastor before him, and the unanimous request for his return for the eighth consecutive year is a commendation that any person may feel proud of. The honor is not all one-sided, tho, as Rev. Clinton has made a splendid record here.

Alexander. The Cooney Grocery Company has purchased the Albin Johnson stock of goods at Alexander, and has appointed him to take charge of the business a few weeks ago by the creditors of Mr. Johnson. The stock consists of dry goods, groceries and everything usually found in a general store, and the Cooney Grocery Company purchased the entire stock at about 50 cents on the dollar. He was doing a good business at Alexander, but lack of capital to conduct a business carrying a \$12,000 stock forced an assignment.

Chicago. Work on the new Illinois Central roundhouse here was delayed last week on account of the unexpected conditions which prevailed. When the foundation was started for the outside wall, soft mud to a considerable depth was found, and engineers were summoned from Chicago to determine what course to pursue. A large number of workers were discharged pending the outcome of the investigation of the engineers. Friday it was decided to drive a 12' x 12' pile as a support for the wall foundation, and the next day the work was in full swing. The new roundhouse will be one of the most modern in the northwest.

Fort Dodge. Judge H. E. Frye, who will find 443 cases on the district court docket when he convenes court here Sept. 6. This is one of the largest number of cases, if not the largest ever confronting judge Frye and attorneys at a district court session. This number of 443 cases will be increased considerably by 10 to 20 today, 25 new civil cases had been filed. Old civil cases number 229. The probate cases up for consideration number 160, as shown by the records in the office of G. L. Lindquist, deputy clerk, on an automobile trip thru northern Iowa Wednesday, visited Pocatontas. The clerk there told him that but six cases had been filed since the March term.

Britt. Britt people were again reminded of the uncertainty of life when last Thursday morning the news was flashed from Cody, Neb., that Alvah Arnett had been cutly killed that morning while driving an automobile. Britt, deputy clerk, on an automobile trip thru northern Iowa Wednesday, visited Pocatontas. The clerk there told him that but six cases had been filed since the March term.

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GATHERED BY THE WAYSIDE

Des Moines, Aug. 28.—Sitting on the spacious veranda of the women's and children's building, the very heart of the state fair of today, toward which all gravitates naturally, one can not well avoid contrasting the present with the past in special relation to the part taken by women in the affairs of Iowa. Your typical prosperous Iowan dotes his hat as he enters the palace devoted to women. Later on he will vote to strike out of the constitution of the state the sex discrimination. But it was not always so. A little history will throw light on the subject. Women of Iowa of the middle of the 19th century came promptly to the front and played a large part in making attractive the first state fairs. Their efforts were as equestrian as the lady riders were as great an attraction, proportionately, as Paul's fireworks or the aeroplane contortions of today. But in a musty volume in the state library which the state had printed and bound in leather years ago, there is a report of the third annual state fair, including an account in "The Northwest" wherein is described the equestrian contest and then the editor appends the following:

"We will take this occasion to say, that though this feature in our state agricultural fair has its interest, it is one we do not approve. It is one step in the path of the 'strong-minded women' of the age would lead her sex, and from the history of the fair, it is a testimony to the delicacy of character and gentleness of demeanor, which are her chief charms in every relation of life."

There, that was sixty years ago, in Iowa. But Editor Miller also made sure to send home to his Dubuque Journal a very readable account of the equestrian contest. In due time, possibly very soon, the lady riding ceased to be so conspicuous at these fairs. Their history would make an interesting chapter in itself.

Thomas W. Clagett, the first president of the Iowa Agricultural Society, was undoubtedly the person responsible for introducing at the state fairs the element of "the strong-minded woman." After the first premium list was made public some one wrote to the Iowa farmer complaining that there had been no offer of a premium for female horsemanship but that such premiums were regularly given in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. Accordingly, Colonel Clagett made an offer personally of a fine gold watch to the "boldest and most graceful female equestrian" and added:

"Now, come on, Miss Louise, with all your female friends, as this is to be a fair for the ladies of Iowa. There must be no backing out now, as the banner is accepted and the watch will be ready for delivery to the fair winner."

And so it was that on a bright October day in 1854 at the town of Fairfield, ten ladies appeared with horses before a state fair crowd which was declared by a Keokuk editor to be at least ten thousand in number. The fair was held over the second day. The awarding committee included Gen. J. M. Morgan, Des Moines county; Judge Lowe, of Lee; Col. T. H. Benton, Jr., of Johnson; Col. H. H. Trimble, of Davis; Mrs. F. L. Huyett, of Jefferson; and Miss Belle of Wapello. It was arranged that the ladies should ride around the ring, first accompanied by a cavalier and later alone and there was provision for more or less fancy riding. The story of what happened on that day has been often told but it will repay telling again. Editor Junkin in his Fairfield Ledger had this to say of the event:

"The great attraction of the day was the female equestrianism, which commenced at 10 o'clock in the afternoon of the first day, and at 10 o'clock a. m. of the third day. The prize was a gold watch, valued at \$100, and ten ladies, accompanied by their cavaliers, entered the list to contend for it. The number of persons who were present for the fair was immense. The committee awarded the prize to a Miss Turner of Keokuk, much to the disappointment of the people, who were decidedly in favor of awarding it to Miss Ediza Jane Hodges of the Iowa City. We were one of the people. We had intended saying something about how they were dressed, but so soon as we learned how the prize was awarded, we were so 'put out' that we had no inclination to note their dress, and deemed of sufficient importance to appear in full. Three columns to the horses, cattle, crops and machinery of the state, and six to the sweet faces and beautiful riding-caps of some dozen ladies."

"In 1855, the excitement was not so great, and the equestrianism did not occupy so prominent a place as it did the year before, either in the exhibition, or in the reviews of the press. At the last fair it had its allotted time, occupied that time, and later, which was nothing else, particularly. On this whole question of lady equestrianism, the writer would not indite a single ill-natured remark, or wound the feelings of any person who ever appeared as a contestant; but with due deference to the opinions of all those who have looked upon this as one of the most agreeable features of our annual exhibitions, permit him briefly to consider the reasons for opposing such exhibitions, and then give the decisions of the 'authorities' on the question under consideration. Two reasons are urged by those who oppose the lady horsemanship at our agricultural exhibitions, viz: that it is a healthful and agreeable exercise, and that it puts funds into the treasury of the society. In reply, we will most cheerfully admit both propositions. Visit any of our cities or rural districts, and how many ladies will you see on horseback? Probably not one in a year, unless it may be some of our town ladies, who may send to a livery stable and charter a horse for some half dozen evenings in the pleasant summer months, for the purpose of exhibiting, not horsemanship, but dress, on the streets. This is not equestrianism, in which ladies ride on horseback, nor can ever the practice be introduced; this country was made for wheels, and all the exhibitions and premiums in christendom will not make the habits of the people vary from what is adapted to the country in which they live. But, again, why should we expose our wives and daughters to the coarse ribaldry and obscene jests of a thousand 'rowdies,' who are always present on such occasions? You answer, 'that is an abuse we cannot avoid, and all things are subject to abuse.' Very true; but

you put up your daughter for the very purpose of being seen and remarked upon by the crowd. She is no longer yours, but belongs to the crowd, while she is being exhibited. She has been placed in that public position voluntarily, and must submit to have her 'points' criticized as a jockey would criticize the 'points' of a horse. We may stand as a listener to the ribald jests of the crowd comparatively unmoved, so long as the ladies being exhibited are neither friends or connections of ours; but place a daughter there, and can you listen unmoved? Again, consider the effect it must have upon the mind of the exhibitor herself, preparing for a physical display, every motion to be observed and remarked upon by a thousand tongues, striving for the plaudits of the multitude, and considering how she is looking every breath she draws. The effect must be to efface all the latent, the hidden, womanly feeling in her heart. I do not say that a lady cannot possess all those charms which we so much admire in the true female character, and at the same time exhibit herself in the ring; but if she be cognizant of the character of a livery stable proprietor, of those who surround her, and thinks for a moment of the level to which she is reducing herself—that of the dumb beasts which preceded her—she will shrink from the ordeal.

"But," it is asked, "what will we do for something to draw the multitude? We must have some excitement, or the institution will become bankrupt." "This is true; there must be something to attract and please the crowd, in order to enable you to meet your expenses. But, all who attended agricultural exhibitions last year, in proportion of personal improvement in any of the departments of agriculture or mechanics, there would be no need of any of this excitement to draw a crowd; but as not more than one in fifty goes to improve his judgment, or increase his knowledge, some inducement must be offered to bring out those who merely go to see what is to be seen in the way of excitement. If, then, excitement must be had, substitute something else for the exhibition of ladies. Put your young men on horses, and set up a modern tournament, leap horse, advertise for a mule race, of a bull race, or anything else, no difference how silly the performance; it will tend to the improvement of stock just as much as lady equestrianism will, and will prevent placing our wives and daughters in a wrong position."

"A year or two ago, the New York state society held their fair at Elmira. I think; the day after the exhibition, there was a contest in lady-equestrianism got up by the citizens of Elmira. This contest went forth to the world as taking place under the patronage of the state society. Mr. Johnson, who has served that society many years, as secretary, and is known through the union as the very able occupant of that position, came out the next day in a card, denying the truth of the statement that the state society had anything to do with the matter, and intimating in such terms as could not be misunderstood, that whenever the society took such exhibitions under its patronage, his further services must be discontinued."

"The state board of Ohio, who were among the first to introduce this feature, have abandoned and repudiated it. "The state society of Pennsylvania, was met with a similar fate by the same board, who, in a letter to the 'Pittsburgh' allowing such performance. But to close the 'authorities' the 'Country Gentleman,' the highest authority on all such subjects, has spoken out against it, as something that is demoralizing, and derogatory to the character of a woman, and that should not be tolerated. "These are the reasons and 'authorities' for the views here taken on this question. They are presented without any reference to the past—except so far as the swallowing up of other things, and the loss of the state fair, that in future they may have only that consideration to which they are entitled."

"The troubles of the early fair managers were not confined to the managers, however. Just at that time of entertainment was receiving its quietus, horse racing came in. It appears that the first two fairs, those held at Fairfield, were without racing. There was no track anyway. But at Muscatine racing was introduced, and it has been hot sport. The record shows that the way they raced was each horse to have a chance all by himself against time and then to compare. There was an "Ethan Allen" who was ruled out because his driver was a jockey. After the preliminary heats the best three raced against each other. A horse from Muscatine made the mile in 3:04, one from Scott county in 3:19, another from Johnson county 3:44 and a Scott county horse made a record of 4:23, and so on. In the British Iowa Chief took first in 2:55, Green Mountain in 3:00 and Blackbird in 3:05. In the racing second day the best time was 3:03. But notwithstanding this wonderful demonstration of speed all was not lovely. The account in the Dubuque "Northwest" said: "All was harmony and good order, except that at one time, after the gray horse from Dubuque was ruled out, for running for money, the people, with whom he was a universal favorite, demanded his admission to the course, and for some time stopped all business by clamorous shouts for 'gray.' The gray—even threatening to 'tear things to pieces' if their sovereign will was not complied with. So earnest was the desire to see this horse that the subject was before the directors three several times, and as often negatived—an exercise of power which we thought arbitrary and uncalled for."

But they did very well financially at the Muscatine fair. They had \$1,000 from the state and got \$1,900 cash at the fair, but the total when finally all was collected was \$3,911. The fair of 1855 failed by \$19 to pay all premiums. Regarding the finances of the first fair the treasurer reported: "As treasurer of the society we had been to report it was impossible, from the irregular manner in which the money was handed to us, to make a perfectly accurate return of the receipts. They amounted to not less than \$1,900. After all the expenses and premiums are paid we have a balance on hand of \$50, not sufficient to cover the expenses of the publishing committee, but the president will advance the balance. We have besides (not counted in the above) about \$50 of counterfeit or otherwise worthless money. But anyway the great feature was the lady riding and that was the talk of the state for many a day. "Rats destroy every year at least a twentieth part of the sugar cane in Jamaica, and it is not sufficient to kill short of 200,000 pounds."

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