

NO. DAK. EXPOSITION

THIRD ANNUAL SHOW AT BISMARCK TO BE HELD OCTOBER 7 TO 19.

CASH PRIZES A FEATURE

Railroads Will Make a Special Rate of 2 Cents per Mile Within State—Agricultural Exhibits, Wild West Shows, etc., etc.

Bismarck, N. D., Sept. 15.—Special.—The Third Annual North Dakota State Industrial Exposition which will be held in Bismarck October 7 to 19 promises to be the biggest and best showing of the resources and products of the state that has ever been held, even surpassing the two former shows which were successful in every respect. General Manager Gilbreath states that the evidences of interest are greater than they have ever been and that plans and preparations are further advanced at this date than he had expected. Many new counties will have exhibits and nearly all of those who have been here before will show again. The railroads are expressing greater interest and are doing more and more each year to make the big show a success.

Cash Prizes Popular. A new departure will be made this year in the way of prizes and there will be a generous offering of cash premiums where in the past the majority of the prizes have been in the shape of farm machinery and other goods. The railroads have contributed \$1200 this year in cash and the management of the exposition is also offering thousands in cash premiums. Corn is going to be one of the big money getters this year at the exposition. The aggregate amount of money offered for the best ears of corn will make the fortunate man who has the best showing feel that there is money in corn raising in this state. The fact that this has been such a good year for corn insures the fact that there will be a good showing and most of the corn that will be offered compares favorably with that raised this year in the so called corn states.

All other grains and grasses have done well this year in North Dakota and a better showing will not be made in any of the big shows held in the nation than will be at Bismarck. Big Prizes for Counties. An examination of the premium list which has just been issued will show that never before in the history of expositions or fairs in the northwest has it been possible for an individual or a county to come in and walk away with so much cash for premiums as is the case at the N. D. Exposition this year. The county winning first prize will be entitled to \$250.00, the second county to \$150.00 and the third can collect cash to the amount of \$350. There are numerous other special premiums which will bring the value of the premiums to considerable more than is mentioned above. Many firms have offered special prizes of cash and material.

Corn and Alfalfa Premiums. The management of the exposition has announced the following prizes for corn and alfalfa: The best and greatest variety of corn exhibited from any one county will bring \$100, and an elegant gold watch valued at \$60 will be offered as the second prize, while a five foot McCormick New Big Four Mower will be given for the third best exhibit. A cash prize of \$75 has been offered for the best and largest display of alfalfa from any county, while the second best will be entitled to a new five foot Deering mower, and the third will be a cash prize of \$25. Mr. Gilbreath has already received assurances that there will be a large number of exhibits of both corn and alfalfa and as this has been a good year there promises to be some interesting competition in those lines.

Special Days Arranged. As is the usual custom with the exposition there will be a large number of special days during the time of the show but the management is not ready to make an announcement as yet as there are several conflicting dates and some few are yet to be arranged. There are some of the counties that will have certain days for their own and several organizations of the state are coming in a body on certain days and want their day designated. It is hoped by next week it will be possible to make announcement of the complete list.

Amusements. The manager of the exposition has always been strong on the amusement features of the show and his experience of three years has enable him to pick out the kind of entertainment that will appeal to the people who visit the big show. Of course the principal feature as usual, will be the vaudeville show in the exposition building, and Mr. Gilbreath has been fortunate this year in the fact that he will be able to get a number of big acts that are returning from the western coast at the time of the exposition and will be stopped off here. He has a number of acts under consideration at the present time but has not made his selection. The acts will all be those that are going east for the big houses and could not by any possible means be brought here if it were not that they were getting back to the east after having spent the summer on the Pacific coast.

There will be the usual number of outside free exhibitions and street attractions and a full program and description will be given later. Indians Are Coming. One of the biggest amusement features of the entire show will be the appearance of a band of five or six hundred Indians from the Standing Rock reservation. Every arrangement has been made for their appearance and they will be present in all their old time splendor and war paint. This will probably be the last chance of a life time to see a real Indian wild west show. The Indians while here will produce for the first time their reservation or battle grounds the famous Sitting Bull-Custer dance. This ceremony will be produced in all its old time splendor and will be an eye

opener for those who have not witnessed it. News comes from the reservation that the old bucks who have partaken of the ceremony when there was a particular and vicious stink-bomb attached to are even not teaching the younger generation in the steps and movements of the dance.

War dances and scenes from Indian camp life will not be the only feature of the Indians to the state exposition as Manager Gilbreath has arranged for an exhibit of the work of the red men along the live stock and agricultural line. The Indians each year hold a fair of their own and they will bring to Bismarck this fall a complete exhibit of their prowess as agriculturists and live stock farmers. A great story in contrast will thus be told. On one hand will be the camp ground with its primitive ways of living, the old time Indian with his blanket, his painted face and his fantastically dressed hair, while in the next block will be seen young, straight haired, dark complected men in charge of an agricultural exhibit that will not be driven into a back seat by anything that will be brought here by the white farmers. When one stops to think that the progress that has been made in the Indian has been accomplished in one generation, there remains but little question as to "what to do with the Indian." He has taken a hold of agriculture and live stock raising in a manner that has far outstripped his white brother and in a few years will have established himself as a solid institution, in this part of the northwest at least.

Special Rates Offered. The railroads entering the state have made many concessions for the exposition this year and not the least appreciated is that of reduced rates to and from Bismarck during the exposition. A flat rate of 2 cents has been made from points within the state. From points outside of the state even better rates have been made and in connection with the home seekers' excursions it will be possible for outsiders to come here and look over the state and its resources for a much smaller outlay of money for railroad fare than has ever been the case in the past.

Baby Show is Popular. Cash prizes aggregating \$100 have been appropriated for the baby health contest, and this will prove one of the most popular contests of the entire show. The money is divided into five classes and the entries are open to all babies whose parents are residents of the state. The little ones will be entered not earlier than 10 a. m. of October 8th and not later than 2 p. m. of October 10, and the winners will be announced from the platform of the Auditorium on Saturday, October 11. Following are the prizes as they appear in the premium list which is now being distributed:

- Lot 291—Most perfect baby, not younger than six (6) months and not older than one (1) year. \$10.00
- Lot 292—Most perfect boy not under one (1) and not over two (2) years old. \$20.00
- Lot 293—Most perfect girl not under one (1) and not over two (2) years old. \$20.00
- Lot 294—Most perfect girl not under two (2) and not over three (3) years old. \$25.00
- Lot 295—Most perfect boy not under two (2) and not over three (3) years old. \$25.00

HOUSE WIVES GIVEN A CHANCE TO EXHIBIT

Cash Prizes Are Offered for Canned Vegetables, Fruits and For Fancy Work. In conjunction with the ladies who have charge of the branch of the Third Annual North Dakota Industrial Exposition to be held in Bismarck October 7 to 19, General Manager W. C. Gilbreath has planned for a large number of attractive cash prizes. There are over 125 different items under these classes and every branch of house work is represented including canned goods of all kinds and all sort of plain and fancy sewing. Oil painting, water-color painting, crayon work, hand painted china, brass craft and tooled leather are a few of the classes that will be open for entry. In addition to the cash prizes there are a number of other valuable good prizes to be contested for, including an elegant brass bedstead and a good porch shade.

DAIRY EXHIBIT TO BE A HUMMER

Commissioner Flint Hears Encouraging Reports from Prospective Exhibitors. State Dairy Commissioner R. F. Flint who is superintendent of the dairy department of the Third Annual Industrial Exposition that is to be held in Bismarck October 7 to 13, reports that there is more than usual interest in his department this fall. The state has gone more and more into the dairy business during the past few years and the pioneers in that line are interested in showing the state at large what they have accomplished. Generous cash premiums have been named for the best female dairy animal in four different grades. The object of the contest will be to determine the economy of production for each cow per dollar's worth of feed and the money value of all feeds shall be governed by the prices furnished by local feed stores and the feeding of artificial stimulants during the contest will disqualify any entry. The basis of awards will be upon the quantity of butter fat and milk produced and the economy of production. The value of the product will be the combined value of the butter fat at 25 cents per hundred minus the value of the feed consumed. The skim milk is to be the difference between the weight of the whole milk and butter fat.

In the butter contest there are also a number of good prizes and it will be well worth the time and expense of the dairy men and creamery managers to bring their best products to the show. At the close of the contest all butter will be sold to the best advantage possible and proceeds sent to the exhibitor. Five pound jars is required package for dairy butter and 20 pound tubs for creamery products

Society Notes

PHONE SOCIETY NEWS TO NO. 4.

Paul E. Featherstone entertained a few friends informally Thursday evening at a delicious duck dinner, served in the Sheyenne flats.

Mrs. L. W. Ingersoll, of Jamestown, and Miss Lucy Young of Whitehall, Mont., who spent the day here Thursday with Mrs. E. C. Murray were the honored guests at a couple of pleasant affairs. Mrs. W. A. Blume entertained a group of friends at her home in the afternoon for the out-of-town visitors while Mrs. J. J. Engen was hostess to twelve guests at a 6 o'clock prairie chicken dinner last night.

Cards have been received by friends in the city announcing the marriage of Lewis S. Craswell to Miss Irene Farrell on Wednesday, September 10th. The wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. William Farrell at Carrington. Mr. and Mrs. Craswell have left for a honeymoon trip through Canada and returning will be at home to their friends in Carrington, N. D. Mr. Craswell, a former resident and well known young man of this city, now located at Carrington, is district manager of the North Dakota Independent Telephone Company.

Miss Constance McPherson entertained a merry group of young people at her home Thursday night in honor of Miss Viola Carlson, of Minneapolis, and to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Miss Della Coddling. One of the entertaining features of the evening was a mock wedding participated in by all the guests. A delightfully appointed chafing dish luncheon was served in the dining room which was prettily lighted with candles and the table was centered with a festive birthday cake brilliantly alight with colored tapers.

Mrs. Stowell entertained for Miss E. D. Santly at her home on Sunny-side Ave., a party of twenty ladies Monday last week. The occasion was a birthday surprise. As Prof. Hollis and mother are preparing to move away the little gathering was of special interest to the friends of Miss Santly whose splendid work as president of the local W. C. T. U. for many years has so greatly endeared her to the people of Valley City. A few words of appreciation of his services referring to her faithful work and the firmness and steadfastness with

which she has carried on her labor of love among us, was spoken by me of the ladies present, who at the conclusion of the birthday greeting in behalf of those present, presented her with a gold handled umbrella and silver backed clothes brush. Miss Santly responded in her usual pleasant vein showing deep feeling as she spoke of leaving the dear friends and neighbors among whom several pleasant years had passed. After a brief prayer the birthday cake and other delicious refreshments were served.

Dr. and Mrs. Zimmerman entertained a few friends Friday evening at a game dinner at their home on Euclid avenue. The game of course was the fruit of the Doctor's prowess in the field, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who were present.

A party of the neighbors and friends tendered Mrs. John Simons a delightful surprise Friday evening when they gathered at her home laden with baskets of good things. The occasion was the hostess' birthday anniversary and many pretty gifts were showered upon her.

Supt. and Mrs. Hanna were delightful host and hostess at their hospitable home Friday when they entertained the teachers of the city schools. The evening was devoted to various games and conundrums in which pretty favors were given. The making of various colored paper chrysanthemums was also a part of the evening's entertainment. Dainty refreshments were served from small tables beautified with the season's flowers.

The Ladies' Guild of the Congregational church will meet regularly in the church parlors hereafter, at the usual hour, on Wednesdays. There is quite a large order for work and plenty of work for everyone that can come out. The Guild will be prepared to do plain sewing such as hemming bed and table linen and tying quilts.

Thrown thirty feet into the air, through the race track fence, hitting the ground nose first, and escaping with a few scratches, was the experience of Chris Wetstein of Bismarck, with a motor cycle. The machine, it is said, did not hesitate in its career.

The Siege of The Seven Suitsors

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CHAPTER XX. Seven Gold Reeds.

I WATCHED her hands as they deftly cut and fashioned some dry reeds. The air grew warm as the sun climbed to the zenith and Hezekiah fung aside her coat. The breeze caught the ends of her tie and snapped them behind her. She was wholly absorbed in her task, and no boy could have managed a pocket knife better. The first reed she made a trifle longer than her hand. The succeeding ones she trimmed to graduated lessening lengths, till seven in all had been cut, and then she notched them.

"Seven," she murmured, laying them neatly in order on her knee. "I remember the right number by a poem I read the other day in an old magazine."

She reached down and plucked several long leaves of tough grass with which she began to bind the reeds together, repeating:

"Seven gold reeds grew tall and slim
Close by the river's beaded brim.
Syrinx, the naiad, fitted pant:
Pan, the goat hoofed, followed fast.

"It will be easier," said Hezekiah, "if you hold the pipes while I tie them."

I found this proposition wholly agreeable. It was pleasant to sit on a log beside Hezekiah. It seemed no far cry to the storied Mediterranean and Pan and dryads and naiads, as Hezekiah bound her reeds to the music of couplets. There was no self-consciousness in her recitation. She seemed to be telling of something that she had seen herself an hour ago.

"He spread his arms to clasp her there
Just as she vanished into air
And to his bosom, warm and rough,
Drew the gold reeds close enough.

"I don't remember the rest," she broke off. "But there! That's a pipe fit for any shepherd."

She put it to her lips and blew. I shall not pretend that the result was melodious. She whistled much better, without the reeds, but the sight of her, sitting on the fallen tree beside the lake, beating time with her foot, her head thrown back, her eyes half-closed in a mockery of rapture at the shrill, wheezy uncertainties and ineptitudes she evoked, thrilled me with new and wonderful longings. A heart, a spirit like hers would never grow old. She was next of kin to all the elusive, fugitive company of the elf world. And on such a pipe as she had strung together beside that pond to this day Sicilian shepherd boys whistle themselves into tune with Theocritus!

"Take it," she said. "I can't tell you more than I have, and yet it is all there, Chimneys. Read the riddle of the reeds if you can."

I took the pipe and turned it over carefully in my hands, but I fear my thoughts were rather of the hands that had fashioned it, the fingers that had danced nimbly upon the stops.

"There are seven reeds—seven," she affirmed.

She amused herself by skipping pebbles over the surface of the water while I pondered, and I deliberated long, for one did not like to blunder before Hezekiah. Then I jumped up and called to her.

"One, two, three, four, five, six—seven! Not until the seventh man offers himself shall Cecilia have a husband. Is that the answer?"

For a moment Hezekiah watched the widening ripples made by the casting of her last pebble. Then she came back and resumed her seat.

"You have done well, Chimney Man, and now I'll not make you guess any more, though I found it all out for myself. When Aunt Octavia gave that memorandum book to Cecilia I knew it must have something to do with the seventh man. You know I love all Aunt Octavia's nonsense because it's the kind of foolishness I like myself, and the idea of a pretty little notebook to write down proposals in was precisely the sort of thing that would have occurred to my aunt. And it was in the bargain, too, that she herself should not in any way interfere or try to influence the course of events. It should be the seventh suitor, willy nilly. And I suspect she's been a little scared too."

"She has indeed! She was almost ready to throw the whole scheme over last night. Your naughtiness had got on her nerves."

"You missed the target that time. Aunt Octavia loves my naughtiness, and I think she has really been afraid Sir Pumpkin Wiggins would catch me. Now, I didn't roam my aunt's house just for fun. I was doing my best to keep Cecilia from getting into some scrape about that seventh suitor plan. I found out by chance how to get into Hopefield and about the hidden stairway and the old rooms tucked away there. Papa really discovered that. A carpenter in Katonah who worked on the house helped to build papa's bungalow, and he told us how that ruin came to be there. That dyspepsia cure man, who also immortal-

ized himself by inventing the fibrous umbrella, was very superstitious. He believed that if he built an entirely new house he would die. So he had his architect build around and retain those two rooms and that stairway of a house that had been on the ground almost since the Revolution. Mr. Pepperton, the architect, humored him, but hid the remains of the relic as far out of sight as possible.

"Trust Pep for that! And he did it neatly!"

"Yes; but it didn't save the umbrella man. He died anyhow—or maybe his ples killed him. Papa was so curious



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about it that he took me with him one night just before Aunt Octavia moved here, and he and I found the rooms and the stair and the secret spring by which, if you know just where to poke the wall in the fourth floor hall you can disappear as mysteriously as you please."

"But how on earth did you darken the halls so easily? You nearly gave me heart disease doing that!"

"Oh, that was a mere matter of a young lady in haste! When I found how easily I could pass you on the stair it became a fascinating game, and it was no end of fun to see just how long it would take you to catch me."

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"Be very, very careful, sir! We're talking business now. There's another ordeal for you before you dare become sentimental."

"Then hasten. Let us be after it."

"Things are in a serious predicament, I can tell you. I was frightened when I looked into that notebook. I didn't like to do that, but I had to assist Providence a little. Five men have already got their quetuses."

"Then why don't they clear out and stop their nonsense?"

"Oh, it's their pride, I suppose, and every man probably thinks that when Cecilia has seen a little more of him in particular, in contrast with the others, he will win her favor. They're afraid of one another, those men. That's the reason they've been herding together so close since the first day you came. Mr. Wiggins was taking it for granted that he was the whole thing—just like the man!—and those others forced him to join in some arrangement by which they were to hang together. These calls in a bunch came from that, as though any one of them wouldn't take advantage of the others if he saw a chance! Some of this I got from Wigg himself, the rest I just guessed."

"But you may not know that they sent a delegation after me into town to warn me off the grass."

"That was Mr. Dick. He never saw me when Cecilia was around, and he was terribly snippy sometimes and supercilious, but I'm going to get even with him. I've about underlined him for number six," she concluded with the manner of a queen who, about to give her chief executioner his orders for the day, glances calmly over the list of victims.

"That's a good idea. Dick is insufferable. I hope you haven't counted wrong."

"As we were saying, about the notebook," she resumed, "the fifth man has already been respectfully declined. The dates of the proposals are written in the notebook, so I learned from the book that Mr. Ormsby, Mr. Arbutnot and Mr. Gorse had proposed on the steamer. Professor Hume, you know, tried his luck at Hopefield, and Lord Arrowood must have stopped Cecilia as she was riding to the station on my bicycle yesterday morning. His goose is cooked."

"He stopped to tell papa goodby and spoke very highly of you. Papa and you are the only gentlemen he met in America. But now we come to Mr. Wiggins."

"We do; and why in the name of all that is beautiful and good hasn't he tried his luck?"

"Because, knowing Cecilia's admiration for him," replied Hezekiah demurely, "I have kept him so diverted that he hasn't been able to bring himself to the scratch."

"You didn't want him to blunder in as the first, fourth or sixth man?"

Hezekiah gravely nodded her pretty head.

"And while you were engaged in this sisterly labor, Cecilia has been afraid that you were seriously interested in him!"

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