

FAIR ATTENDANCE IS POOR

Bad Weather Seems to Have Interfered With Crowd.

Attractions and Races Are Better Than Expected.

Paid Admissions Yesterday Fell Below Two Thousand.

It is admitted by all who have visited the fair so far, that there is one of the best grand stand attractions there that is to be found at any county fair, in fact the attraction is so good that the shows that are on the ground complain that they are unable to get a crowd worth while showing to. The Rube Acrobats are a complete attraction in themselves.

Admissions to the grounds yesterday were better than was expected with the threatening rain a constant menace to the success of the races and other attractions. More than two thousand people were on the grounds, and there was not a single person disappointed, which speaks well for the management.

Some excellent races were run in the afternoon. The track was quite muddy but before the races were half over it had dried so that it was in fair shape and the horsemen made the most of it.

The fair is on in full swing as far as the weather will permit and there is a good attendance considering the weather, which is one of the things against which it is impossible for the officers of the association to provide.

The grounds look very much as a well-regulated fair grounds should. There are the lines of shows on either side of the passage from the gate on the east end of the enclosure to the grand stand, and they are all good shows, in fact the best that have been in the city of the kind and they are prepared to do a good business.

As far as the agricultural exhibit is concerned, there is no discounting the fact that it is as good as any that have been given on the grounds. Floral hall is well filled with some of the best vegetables that have been exhibited in the place for years. It has apparently been a very good year for fruits and vegetables.

There are apples there that would do the heart of any horticulturalist good to look at and would charm the fancy of any purchaser, and there are grapes that fairly make the mouth water to look at, with coarser vegetables galore including some of the finest potatoes that have ever been exhibited.

Among the things that attract attention that are new is the corn exhibit by the school children of the country, it is simply immense and the grain that is shown has the appearance of being better and larger than that shown from the fields of the regular farmers of the county. There are some fifty separate exhibits and they are arranged and displayed by John Cutting, superintendent of the schools of the county. He has been swamped with the returns that have come in from his appeal to the youthful agriculturalists. This morning sometime there will be a representative from the state school of agriculture at the fair ground who will lecture on the value of good seed selection and the points in the selection of grain for seed. It is going to be a very difficult piece of work to pick out from the mass of excellent ears of corn that which is the best and the man who does it will be entitled to a premium for he will be a good one.

The industrial exhibits are not as varied as they have been at other times, still there are all that the building is entitled to. It shows plainly that it is too small, and the rough appearance of the interior detracts from the appearance of the best of the exhibits.

Among those that attracted attention are those of the hardware firms of F. H. Retzlaff, Ochs & Baer and W. F. Laudenschlager, there is one at either end of the hall and one in the center and they all show excellent judgment in the selection of goods for display and the manner in which they are displayed.

G. A. Ottomeyer has a very pleasing and excellently arranged display of his ladies' coats and furs, the booth in which they are located being very prettily trimmed with leaves and other decorations, the work of his lady clerks.

A. J. Meyer has a photographic display, which is not so very elaborate but the tasty arrangement of the exhibit never fails to attract the attention of the person who is passing that way.

Crone Bros. have a display from the dry goods department that is second to none in the hall, and though it was late in being placed shows to excellent advantage, the superior line of goods that is to be found in the store from which these samples are taken.

Out in the field there is an exhibit from the agricultural implement dealers of the city that attracts the attention of the farmers. All of the dealers in the city have some article of recent make in operation, principal of which

is the variety of gasoline engines, some of the very newest and best.

In the line of stock there is not the display that might be expected, though it is very good, some fine looking cows and some swine that have the appearance of being in excellent condition to make good pork never fail to attract the attention of the people, though they are away from the main line of attractions.

As has always been the case there are more chickens and other fowls than other things and some of them are good enough to enter a contest for premiums at the state fair. The coops are all full and many of the creatures are kept in the coops in which they were brought. Along with this exhibit there are the usual number of rabbits and pigeons, the existence of which would never be suspected, without attending the fair.

There is one thing that has always been a detriment to the exhibition of costly articles at the fair and that is the insecurity of the hall in which the exhibits are placed. While the hall is guarded and every precaution taken to avoid accident, a fire would work untold mischief in the place, and this fact alone, is sufficient to make a business firm hesitate to place anything there that has a value of many dollars and all who have exhibits there run a considerable risk in the venture, but it is a matter of congratulation for the society that there enterprising firms in the city who are willing to take the risk and brighten up the appearance of the place by their splendid exhibits.

There is not the large amount of fancy work in the building that there was last year, though there are numberless excellent specimens of the handiwork of the women of the city.

Taken in all of its apartments the fair is well worth the time and money of any person to see, aside from the races and other attractions. It shows a county capable of producing all that is necessary to the comfort of its people and a varied industry that only lacks development to be perfect.

IDA L. TAKES FIRST MONEY IN RACE

F. J. NENNO'S HORSE DISTANCES THE OTHER SEVEN.

There was considerable local interest in the races that took place at the fair grounds yesterday because of the entry of two horses owned by New Ulm parties, these were Ida L. by F. J. NENNO and Allen F., Dr. Vogel's horse.

The former was entered in the 2:20 class and won three of the five heats, taking first money. The contest was a close one and exciting from start to finish and the crowd on the grand stand was keyed up to the most intense interest, the people remaining in their places until the finish of the race.

The animal showed its breeding in good shape and its running was excellent, only breaking once or twice and then rapidly recovering. It was driven by Fred Spoerhase and he showed that as a driver he knew his business.

Dr. Vogel's horse was out classed and while it made good time in the 2:12 class, was practically not in the race at any time. In both races there were eight entries, so it will be seen that both horses were up against some good running stock and the track was not in the best possible condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook of South Dakota are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Math. Pederson.

Origin of Ascot Races.

When did Ascot races begin? They are mentioned in the first "Racing Calendar," published in 1727, and the usual statement is that they were founded by the Duke of Cumberland, uncle of George III. But an entry in the accounts of the master of the horse in 1712 suggests that they were founded by Queen Anne on Aug. 6, 1711. The truth, no doubt, is that Ascot races, like many other august institutions, gradually developed from a germ, so that it is difficult to say when they really began. At any rate, they were quite the sort of thing that enthusiasts of the turf, Queen Anne, would have founded. She was a thorough Stuart in this passion. It was her great-grandfather, James I., who encouraged, if he did not establish, horse racing in Scotland and popularized it in England.—London Chronicle.

Keen Sense of Humor.

"There is nothing like a sense of humor," said a naval officer, according to the Philadelphia Bulletin. "In a woman, in a soldier, in a sailor, in a clerk, a sense of humor is a help and a blessing through life. At the same time even a sense of humor may exist in excess. I, for my part, shouldn't care to have so great a sense of humor as a British soldier I once heard about. This soldier was ordered to be flogged. During the flogging he laughed continually. The lash was laid on all the harder, but under the rain of blows the soldier laughed.

"What are you laughing at?" the sergeant finally asked.

"Why, the soldier chuckled, 'I'm the wrong man.'"

One Minute Cough Cure For Coughs, Colds and Croup.

The Helmet in the Schoolroom.

German schoolmasters are said to have had much to do with the victory of the Germans in their late war with France, and in this connection Sir Henry Roscoe tells this incident of his inspection of the professional school in Rouen, France: "Among the usual objects I noted with surprise a Prussian soldier's helmet. On being asked why he placed it there the schoolmaster stated that it was picked up in the streets of Rouen during the German invasion. And he added that it was of great service to him, for when the scholars did not attend to their work he used to bring this down and put it in his desk and, pointing to it, say: 'Now, if you do not make progress and learn properly this will happen to you again. The surest way to bring it upon you is to neglect your studies and grow up in ignorance and to become inferior in intellectual training. The display of that helmet,' explained the director, 'never fails to bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of my students and to rouse their patriotism and their zeal for their studies.'"

Women Cannot Cut Diamonds.

"A lot of women seem to be possessed these days of an ambition to learn the trade of diamond cutting," the New York Sun reports one jeweler as saying. "Every little while an applicant for a situation as an apprentice gives us a call. But we can't afford to give them a trial. They can never master the art. In other branches of the jewelry trade women have made some unqualified successes. Not one of Eve's daughters, from royalty down, I should say, that isn't an artist in the wearing of diamonds. Many are well versed in the tricks of buying and selling them, while others give excellent satisfaction in polishing and preparing them for the market. But when it comes to the real cutting of the stones they lack the patience, judgment and steadiness of nerve which constitute the expert's stock in trade."

The Marvel of Notre Dame.

Often as I have seen Notre Dame, the marvel of it never grows less. I go to Paris with no thought or time for it, busy about many other things, and then on my way over one of the bridges across the river perhaps I see it again on its island, the beautiful towers high above the high roofs of houses and palaces, and the view, now so familiar, strikes me afresh with all the wonder of my first impression. The wonder only seems greater if I turn, as I am always tempted to, and walk down the quays on the left bank, the towers before me and with every step coming more and more completely together, by the Pont Neuf, to the island and at last to the great square where Notre Dame fronts me in its superb calm.—Elizabeth Robins Pennell in Century.

Why He Quit the Game.

"Take a hand?" queried Smith as Jones stood watching the poker game at the club.

"No. Quit."

"What's the matter—cold feet?"

"No. I always come out loser."

"I never saw you lose in my life."

"I know you never saw me, but I lose. If I happen to win a little here, my wife smilingly insists on my dividing my winnings when I go home. If I lose, I get a lecture on the evils of gambling, and the next day, in order to get even, my wife runs bills down town to the amount I lost. If I tell her I came out just even, she takes half the money to prevent my losing all I have, so I am bound to lose."

The Dozen.

In all the civilized countries of the world thirteen is referred to as being somebody's "dozen." In America, Australia, Great Britain (present day) and several other lands that number is said to be a "baker's dozen." In Italy it is referred to as the "cobbler's dozen," there being a tradition that there was formerly a law which compelled cobblers to put twelve tacks or nails round the edge of a boot heel. Finally, when the nails became cheap, a center nail was driven for luck.

Warned in Time.

A man visiting a lunatic asylum recently was conversing with some of the outdoor patients when a man rode up on horseback. The pace called for comment among the party, and one of the patients said he had seen a horse running much faster than that one. "Oh," exclaimed the visitor sotto voce, "I have seen a horse flying." "Dinna let the doctor hear ye sayin' that, my man," interjected an old Scotch lunatic. There's fouk in here for far less than feelin' horses."

Intrepidity.

Intrepidity is an extraordinary strength of soul, which raises it above the troubles, disorders and emotions which the sight of great perils can arouse in it. By this strength heroes maintain a calm aspect and preserve their reason and liberty in the most surprising and terrible accidents.—Rochefoucauld.

Her Suggestion.

Mistress—I don't want you to have so much company. You have more callers in a day than I have in a week. Domestic—Well, mum, perhaps if you'd try to be a little more agreeable you'd have as many friends as I have.

Superstitions.

Mrs. Knecker—Does your husband ever complain if his buttons are missing? Mrs. Bocker—No; he has to fasten so many of mine that he wouldn't have time for his own, anyway.—New York Sun.

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors and let every year find you a better man.—Franklin.

A Patented Plant.

"One plant at least has been patented," said an inventor. "It is the Abrus precatorius, alias paternoster pea, alias weather plant. John Nowack took out the patent. The weather plant is still believed by many persons to foretell the weather. John Nowack was sure it did so, and he put it on the market along with an indicating apparatus, guaranteeing it to foretell for forty-eight hours in advance and for fifty miles around fog, rain, snow, hail, earthquake and depressions likely to cause explosions of fire damp. Alas for poor Nowack! The experts of the bureau of agriculture took up his patented plant. They proved that the movements of the leaves—to the right foretelling rain, to the left foretelling drought—were not caused by the weather, but by the light. And they proved that the plant's famous downward movement, which was supposed to foretell earthquake, was caused by an insect that punctured the stem, causing the leaf, naturally, to droop. That is the only patented plant I know of, and Nowack lost money on it."

Buying Birds to Free Them.

Birds are often purchased in the bird market at Lucknow, India, in order to be set free again. This is done by Hindoos as a work of merit and by Mohammedans after certain rites have been performed as an atonement, in imitation of the Jewish scapegoat. It is essential that a bird used for this purpose should be strong enough to fly away; but that does not induce the cruel dealers to feed the birds, or to refrain from dislocating their wings or breaking their legs. They put down everything to good or bad luck, and leave the customer to choose a strong bird, if he can find one, and to go away if he cannot. The merit obtained by setting a bird free is not attributed to Deity, but it is supposed to come in a large measure from the bird itself or from its attendant spirit, and hence birds of good or bad omen, and especially kites and crows, are in much demand and are regularly caught to be sold for this purpose.

"Home, Sweet Home."

Probably no one would have been more surprised than Sir Henry Bishop himself could be have foreseen that a single melody in one of his numerous operas would achieve such celebrity that at the present day it is still sung by leading prima donnas at fashionable concerts, jangled on street organs and loved by a vast public that knows nothing of music, properly so called, as the purest representation of the English spirit—"Home, Sweet Home." "Clari, the Maid of Milan," the opera in which this favorite song occurred, has long been consigned to the limbo of forgotten musical works, but "Home, Sweet Home," survives with undiminished popularity and is likely to survive when many more pretentious compositions have followed "The Maid of Milan" into oblivion.—Cornell Magazine.

Women and Mirrors.

"We carry lots of women clear to the top floor or at least several floors up and then they take the next elevator down without going three steps away from the elevator," declared the operator of one of the "lifts" in a big office building. "No, it isn't because they like to ride in the elevators particularly. Why do they do it? To get the use of the mirrors, of course. See those mirrors on either side of the elevator? That's what attracts them. A bit of wind will strike them as they turn the corner by a big building and then they imagine that their hair is badly disarranged and make for the nearest mirror, which is in the elevator."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Chinese Duel.

A Chinaman was killed recently in Bangkok in a duel with another of his race. The Chinese method of dueling is interesting, but does not seem deadly. These two Bangkok Chinamen fought with the two forefingers of each hand, stabbing each other with these in the region of the spleen and at the same level on the other side of the body. The men who go in for this kind of contest practice every morning, stabbing bags of rice or paddy with these fingers till they can use them like a piece of iron.

Death by Boiling.

In old England, before the law was passed which prohibited "cruel and unusual forms of punishment," murderers were often condemned to death by boiling. In such cases the victims were chained in large kettles of cold water, which was gradually heated until it caused the flesh to drop from the bones. The last English victim of the "boiling death" was one Rouse, a cook, who, it was alleged, had killed seventeen persons.

Talked Shop.

"I spent a pleasant half hour in a barber's chair yesterday."

"How was that?"

"Listening to the barber's story of how his brother went suddenly insane and slashed a customer. The barber explained between strokes that insanity ran in his family."—Columbus Press-Post.

Anonymous.

Schoolmaster—"Anonymous" means without a name. Give me a sentence showing you understand how to use the word. Small Boy—Our new baby is anonymous.—Chums.

Trying to Kill Him.

Mrs. Benham—I baked you another cake today. Benham—I know what you want; you want my life insurance.

We ought either to be silent or speak things better than silence.—Pythagoras.

MAJORITY IS LARGE

McCleary Has Larger Majority Than Two Years Ago.

Special to Review.

McCleary seems to be nominated by larger vote than two years ago. Gutterson concedes nomination by 1000 and McCleary thinks he will have little better vote than that. He carries Blue Earth by heavier majority and Brown by about two to one gaining in both counties. He seems to have better vote in every county than he did two years ago except in Faribault.

Olsen leads all other candidates in western counties and will carry the district by a very large majority. Nicolle and Redwood counties will give Olsen each a majority of more than 500 votes.

Philip Haas visited in the cities last week.

For Judge of Probate there was a double contest there being two candidates in each of the parties, and the democrats have returned their tried and true candidate, S. A. George and the republicans have once more given C. M. Semans the privilege of making another campaign against Capt. George.

The New Ulm high school boys feel confident that they can now do the bloomers and go to war with a foot ball team representing the Sleepy Eye high school. The match will take place at the fair grounds Saturday afternoon and will be an interesting one to all enthusiasts. A reasonable price will be charged owing to the apparent inability of the treasury to defray the expenses necessary for other games on the schedule this fall. Let their friends turn out and patronize home industry. The game is easy to learn and after witnessing a few games any one will be able to fix the odds and ends of the game when the leaves begin to fall.

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