

BROWN COUNTY FAIR

Fewer Exhibits Than Usual.
Horse Races Better Than Ordinary.

Miss Estella Cordes Winner of Watch.

The managers of the Brown County Fair came near to over-reaching themselves in the matter of weather for their big event but careful manipulation righted matters and the day was saved. The opening day, Thursday, was one of the season's scorches and everywhere people mopped their wet faces and sought shelter from the fierce blaze of the sun and the hot blast of a south wind that shriveled and dried everything it could reach. Had the hot wind continued it is very doubtful whether the attendance at the Fair Grounds New Ulm Day, Friday, would have been half what it was but Thursday evening a slight shower followed by a shifting of the wind toward the north cleared and freshened the air and put new energy and spirit into those who had been worn out by the belated hot spell of the past week. As a result the attendance Friday afternoon was very satisfactory, there being a good crowd present all the time, both in the grandstand to watch the races and in the exhibit buildings. We are informed that there were 1,000 paid admissions. Besides this large number there were hundreds of school children who were the guests of the Fair Association.

In the needlework department the entries were varied and numerous. Some exquisite laces and embroideries were shown, not the least beautiful being the old-fashioned crocheted work, just now so popular again and several entries of knitted laces made by elderly ladies, some of whom were more than seventy-five years of age.

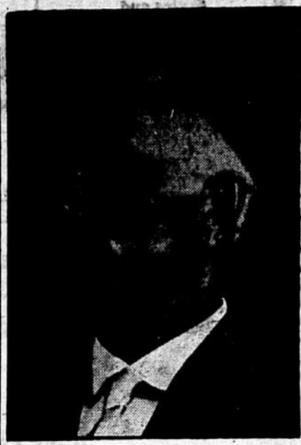
Among the exhibits of lace work was one entered by Mrs. Klossner, Sr. The design is original and was worked out as the pattern proceeded and the result was remarkable, especially in view of the designer's age, Mrs. Klossner being over 90 years of age. Another delicate piece of work shown was a handkerchief made by Mrs. Westaby, mother of Mrs. H. C. Hess. There were many other exhibits of beautiful needlework, which can not be given especial mention. Right here it might be said also that much more work of this nature would be exhibited if some provision were made for their protection from dust and flies.

The school children of our city had a number of very good exhibits, many of them getting blue ribbons. The articles shown were of widely different character, both girls and boys being represented. Two handsome hall clocks made by Walter and Ezra Durbahn in the manual training department of our schools caused the judges considerable difficulty in deciding which should be marked first and which second. The matter was finally settled by awarding first prize on the clock which was made of a material slightly superior to the other, there being no appreciable difference in the workmanship. Either of the clocks would be an ornament in the most beautiful home. Carl Schmidt exhibited several water color drawings, one of the Eagle Roller Mill plant being especially fine. Miss Elsie Retzlaff exhibited a dresser scarf which was beautifully embroidered for a girl of her age. Estella Cordes was awarded the chateleine watch offered by the Webb Publishing company for the best loaf of bread baked by a girl under 16 years of age. There were a large number of bread exhibits put up by the young girls and a most delicious smell of crisply browned loaves filled the air about the table which displayed the handiwork of the young housewives. Olga Klaus's loaf was awarded the first prize put up by the Association and second and third went to Clara Epple and Meta Sell.

One of the most attractive exhibits was that of Wanda Gag and her sisters. The art studies from life show the undoubted talent of Miss Gag.

The Sleepy Eye schools had a very good exhibit of work done in their industrial departments. The display of art photography entered by Gastier shows that his work is much above the average of photography in the

DESERVES RE-ELECTION



Judge I. M. Olsen of Sleepy Eye, Candidate for Re-election who is receiving favorable mention in the press of the District.

smaller cities.

The number of exhibits this year in grains, vegetables and fruits was smaller than that of last year. What was exhibited, however, was of a higher order than is usual. The year was one of luxuriant growth in nearly all lines of vegetation and larger, finer specimens were shown. The apple yield this fall is very light but plums are plentiful and of excellent quality and there were many of them displayed. Among the apples were numerous fine specimens.

The Pioneer Nursery had a pleasing display of flowers, berries, grapes and other fruits and the Minnesota Seed Company's booth showing the seeds they deal in was interesting and attractive. The various hardware stores nearly all had exhibits, Retzlaff showing separators, the New Ulm Hardware Company ranges and Engelbert Brothers, enameled ware. Winkelmann's player-pianos were a point of attraction. In the center of the building was a stand bearing bouquets of flowers, several growing plants and here the jellies, pickles and preserves were placed.

The Universal Cement, Blaugas and the Vacuum Cleaners were other exhibits noticed.

The farmers of Brown and Nicollet seem to have been so busy harvesting their bumper crops that they had no time to bring in specimens of what they had garnered or of their live stock. There were entries in all classes but in some they were few in number. Several fine groups of cattle were exhibited, there being one from A. A. Backer's herd of Guernseys and another from the Riverside Farm, the latter being Herefords. Ed. Hensel exhibited a herd of Guernseys and Otto Wiedenmann one of Short Horns. The \$50.00 Silver Cup has not as yet been awarded, as several points must be taken into consideration and the matter has not been fully settled. There were several entries of draft horses. The poultry exhibits included birds from the pens of nearly all our poultry fanciers, there being 57 entries. There were two entries of swine and ten of sheep.

Fire at Fair Grounds.

Shortly after three o'clock yesterday afternoon dense volumes of smoke were seen rising above the Fair Grounds in the Northwesterly corner along State Street. Soon red flames were shooting up and any doubt that might have existed as to its being a conflagration were rapidly dispelled.

William H. Gieseke who was on his way to the cemetery, ran back as soon as he saw the fire and turned in an alarm. When the fire department got out there, the cattle barns were beyond saving, and they bent their efforts toward saving the horse barns and succeeded in doing that. The cattle barns and the fence alongside burned to the ground, entailing a loss of several hundred dollars to the Agricultural Society. This will be an absolute loss, because the Association carried no insurance whatever. The origin of the fire is unknown. It may have been incendiary but it is more likely that small boys unintentionally set fire to the place while playing on the premises.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Congregational Church will hold their regular monthly business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. C. A. Zelle next Friday evening.

Local Horse Wins First Money.

The races, especially the pacing events, were very interesting and general satisfaction prevailed when the local horse, King Dillard, won first money in Friday's 2:25 race, making a record of 2:20 in the fourth heat. Birdie B. a gray mare, entered by James Daray of Minneapolis, won the first heat with a time of 2:23 1/4, coming in second in each of the three other heats, being only 1/4 second behind King Dillard each time. Edna Parker, Joe Bianchi's mare, drew third money and Dynamo, belonging to J. H. McGowan of Morton, came in fourth. The \$300 purse was divided into prizes of \$150, \$75, \$45 and \$30. The three other entries for this race were distanced, Billy Fitch and Jacoon going out in the second heat and Crickett in the fourth.

Two of the horses entered for the 2:24 Trot were withdrawn and a Special race was arranged by securing one of the horses entered for the 2:35 event to run with the two remaining entries. Ladie Bernadoddi, owned by J. C. Kathan, of Osage, Ia., came in first in all three heats, Lone Star, second and No Komis, third. The fastest time made was 2:25 1/4 in the third heat.

Seven horses were entered for the 2:35 trot Saturday. Four heats were run. Queen Bess entered by Conrad Frenzel, of St. Paul, won with a record of 2:24 1/4 in the second heat. Heine A finished second and No Komis third. No local horses were entered for this event.

In the 2:20 Pace Saturday, Prince H, an Iowa horse, Lady Hart, entered by P. R. Olsen, of Fargo, and Lady Tempter, Wm. E. Huevelmann's bay mare, competed for the purse. Prince H came in first, Lady Hart second, and Lady Tempter third, with the following best records, respectively, 2:19 1/4, 2:19 1/4 and 2:19 1/4. From here the various horses shipped out, some going to enter the races at Mankato and others to St. Peter. The Huevelmann horses were not shipped out, their owner having decided not to run at either of these places. Edna Parker will race at St. Peter.

Woman Seriously Injured.

Monday night shortly after ten o'clock a shooting affray took place in the Town of Bashaw in this County which landed Harris Wallin in the county jail charged with a state's prison offense and Miss Hulda Wiese, the innocent victim, in the hospital at Springfield where she lies seriously injured.

Wallin and a harvest hand by the name of John Ryan had spent the afternoon together at Springfield and started for Comfrey in a livery rig some time after supper. According to the story of Ryan, Wallin stopped the team when he reached the Wiese place and started for the house and there entered into a conversation with Miss Hulda Wiese. Ryan was too far away to be able to overhear what was said and was startled when he suddenly heard the report of a gun. He immediately rushed to the house and found Miss Wiese lying in the doorway. Wallin had disappeared after having thrown down the gun alongside the road.

Ryan left for a neighbor's house and after some delay was able to get Dr. Shrader of Springfield on the telephone to whom he told what had happened. The doctor immediately came to the scene of the shooting in his automobile, and concluded from a cursory examination of the injured woman that she ought to be taken to a hospital where she could receive every care and where a more thorough examination of the injuries could be made and he conveyed her to St. John's Hospital at Springfield. There it was found that the charge from the shell had struck the unfortunate woman in the kneecaps inflicting not only painful but also very serious injuries.

Village Marshall Black had some trouble the next morning in rounding up Wallin, but finally located him in a cornfield near the outskirts of Comfrey and took him to the Springfield village lock-up. The accused was arraigned the same day and his case continued until the next morning to enable him to procure counsel. Wednesday morning he waived examination and was bound over to the December term of Court to await the action of the grand jury. His bail was fixed at \$1000 and he was given an opportunity to secure it, but having failed to obtain it by Thursday afternoon he was brought to New Ulm and lodged in the county jail.

Inhuman Assault Attempted.

Henry Kaping, a married man and a father, is languishing in the Brown County Jail charged with the heinous offense of having attempted carnal knowledge of a female child under the age of ten years. And what is worse he seems rather unconcerned about the whole matter and does not seem to realize the gravity of the offense he is charged with.

The accused was taken into custody Wednesday morning by Chief Ad. Klaus and taken to the police station where he made a written confession and was then promptly locked up in the County Jail and the County Attorney notified, who came to New Ulm on the evening train. The next morning (Thursday) a criminal complaint was filed with Justice Henningsen and a criminal warrant issued by him. Kaping was brought before Justice Henningsen in the afternoon and was represented in the preliminary examination by Attorney Jos. A. Eckstein. The hearing lasted practically all Thursday afternoon and was concluded Friday morning shortly after ten o'clock. The justice was of the opinion that there was probable cause to believe that the defendant was guilty of the crime he is charged with and ordered him bound over to await the action of the grand jury at the December term of court. In view of the fact that the penalty for this offense is imprisonment in the state prison with a maximum of more than seven years, the justice has no jurisdiction to admit the accused to bail and if he desires to be liberated he will have to make application to Judge Olsen who will fix the amount of his bail.

From the evidence it appeared that when Frances Stengard the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stenberg, who live on the Mather and Fisher farm (formerly the Max Miklas place), near the Poor Farm, was walking home from school Tuesday afternoon and had reached the Auferheide brick-yard, she was accosted by a man on a bicycle who asked her if she wanted a ride. She consented, and expected that when they reached the road leading to Bentzin's that her companion would turn down that way, but instead of doing that he kept on straight south and crossed the Metzen bridge. The little girl became frightened at this, but the man partially calmed her by telling her that they would pick nuts and that he would take her home, and led her along the side of the hill down to a cornfield where he attempted to carnally know her. The child was terrified and screamed at the top of her voice and the culprit seems to have become scared and desisted from further molesting the child and proceeded to the road with her. When they emerged from the corn a young daughter of Nick Metzen saw them and recognized both the girl and the man. Kaping immediately got on his wheel and made for New Ulm. On the way he met Harold Peterson, Schell's driver, who also recognized Kaping.

As soon as the little girl reached home she told her parents what had been done to her and the father immediately called up the police department, acquainting them with details of the dastardly crime attempted upon his daughter. Chief Klaus at once set to work upon the case and in a very short time had enough evidence to warrant an arrest which all pointed to Kaping as the guilty party. Early Wednesday morning he went to Kaping's house on Payne street and told him to dress up in the same clothes he had worn the day before when he had been out on his bicycle. He did so and then accompanied Klaus to the police station where a little questioning brought practically a full confession from Kaping.

At the hearing the little girl was not put on the stand, because she was too nervous and excited. Her parents, Chief Klaus, and the Metzen girl gave testimony and the defendant went on the stand in his own behalf and tried to make it appear that he made the alleged confession under the promise of leniency. Without the child's testimony the evidence was, in the opinion of the justice, sufficient to bind the accused over to the grand jury which was done.

There will be a Harvest Festival at the Catholic Park next Sunday, Sept. 15th. Games and other amusements have been arranged and there will be music by the Second Reg't. Band. Light refreshments will be served in the park and meals in the school-house. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

LOOKS LIKE A WINNER



P. M. Ringdal Democratic Candidate for Governor.

Steals From Employer.

A hole in a sack filled with wheat which he had stolen from his employers, the New Ulm Roller Mill Co., last Monday night led to Anton Moidl's undoing. When Moidl went home that night he was taking with him a sack of wheat, all unconscious of the hole to the ground making a tell-tale track leading from the mill to his house on Garden Street.

Many of those, among them the writer, who saw that wheat path Tuesday morning, in their inmost hearts commiserated with the poor fellow who had had the misfortune to lose so much wheat on his way home, never dreaming that it was stolen wheat. To the mill-owners it looked different because it started at their mill and Henry Engel, the head miller and Chief Klaus followed the trail which led to the house of the company's fireman and night watchman.

At first Moidl denied having taken the grain from the company's elevator claiming that what he took home was the sweepings from the wheat cars. But he saw that this story would hardly hold water and he then confessed having taken wheat from the mill not only on Monday night but also on a previous night. His wife told the same story, so the mill officials felt sure enough of the guilt of their employe that they felt no compunction in immediately discharging him.

They considered losing his job severe enough punishment for Moidl and refused to make complaint against him and if their wishes had been consulted in the matter no criminal proceedings would have been commenced against the self-confessed wheat thief. The matter was, however, reported to Co. Attorney Erickson when he was in the city Thursday and he thought it best to have Moidl charged with petit larceny and he had him arrested on the charge of having stolen a sack of wheat. Upon being brought before Justice Henningsen, Moidl plead guilty and was fined \$10.00 and costs amounting to \$3.95, which he paid whereupon he was discharged.

Sale of Indian Lands Ordered.

The President and the Secretary of the Interior have ordered about one and one-half million acres of Indian lands, in the former Shoshone (in Wyoming), Uintah (in Utah), and Crow (in Montana), Indian Reservations, to be sold at public auction by James W. Witten, Superintendent of Opening and Sale of Indian Lands, at minimum prices ranging from \$.50 to \$1.50 per acre. The sales will begin at Lander, Wyoming, on September 19; at Provo, Utah, on October 8, and at Billings, Montana, on October 21, 1912.

Not more than six hundred and forty acres will be sold to any one purchaser on bids made in person or through agents, and no residence or cultivation will be required. Patents will be issued as soon as the purchase price is paid.

August, nineteen hundred and twelve.

Otto Burnelster was in New Ulm last week in charge of the exhibit of the Blaugas Company at the Brown County Fair. Otto is a former New Ulm boy and his friends have been congratulating him while here on the birth of a daughter, Maxine Florence, which occurred the 21st of August.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

More Stringent Enforcement of Fire Regulations Advocated.

Protest Against Assessment Filed.

Henry Engel, chief of the Fire Department, appeared before the council at the regular meeting Tuesday evening, and suggested that the local merchant, in the rear of whose business block a fire was recently started which called out the fire department should called upon to pay the sum of \$25 which was just enough to barely cover the expense of calling out the department. The chief stated that the merchant in question had been warned repeatedly not only by himself to clean up his premises but also by Fire Marshall, Jos. F. Groebner, but had studiously failed to pay any heed to their admonitions. The matter was finally disposed of by referring it to Chief Engel and the fire department committee with full power to act. To prevent an accumulation of refuse in the business center of the city, Mayor Fritsche was requested to instruct the police to make a thorough inspection of all alleys repeatedly, and see to it that all rubbish is promptly removed.

At the request of Capt. Albert Pfaender, the council voted the sum of \$250 as armory rent for Co. 'A' for the ensuing year.

Councillor Ruenmke reported that children had formed the habit of tampering with the recently installed public drinking fountains and that unless a stop was put to this, there was grave danger that the fountains would be put out of commission. The council gives fair warning to children and parents that tampering with the fountains must cease and that future offenders will be summarily dealt with.

W. T. Eckstein and P. R. McHale filed a written protest against the assessment to be levied for the laying of sewers on South State Street, contending that part of the money was being expended for purposes foreign to the laying of the sewers. The communication was, however, not considered at Tuesday's meeting of the council.

The park commission reported that the two new toilets erected in German Park under their supervision had been completed according to contract and recommended that \$1,030.00, the contract price, be paid to August Puhlmann, which was done.

The council decided to purchase an outlay of \$5.00 a complete report of the proceedings of the Fourth National Conservation Congress which will soon be held at Washington, D. C., rather than send a delegate at the city's expense as had been urged in letters received by Mayor Fritsche.

The Minnesota Seed Company was given permission to erect a large scale in front of their business property, the same, however, to be done under the supervision of the committee on streets.

Mayor Fritsche's appointment of Charles Clement as official dog catcher of the city, was approved.

According to an estimate made by City Engineer Minium, the cost of laying water mains on Franklin Street from Center to First North Street would approximate \$600. On account of the estimate being so high, it is hardly probable that any action looking to the making of this improvement will be made at the present time.

The following judges were selected for the primary election: first ward,—Fred Behnke, F. C. Schnobrich and P. J. Soukup; second ward.—Christ-Ruenmke, Theo. Mueller and Hugo Gebser; third ward,—F. H. Retzlaff, W. H. Gieseke and Christ Filzen, Jr.

We have the following report of the points scored by the buttermakers of our part of the state at the big fair at Hamline last week. The highest score was made by John Friedner of Litchfield who has a record of 97 points. F. W. Dehn of the Milford & Cottonwood Creamery scored 93, Harry Lundgren, Lafayette, 93, Chris Hansen, Hanska, 93, Anton Madsen, Morgan, 93, M. A. Schons, Courtland, 93, H. J. Roth, Winthrop, 92, J. O. Lokke, Hanska, 92, P. Hedding, Springfield, 92, Alex Johnson, Lafayette, 92.