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## Silver Loving Cup Is Awarded

Andrew Backer of Milford Has Prize Herd of Guernseys.

Attendance Very Good Friday at Fair. Many Out of Town Visitors.

"Better than ever" was the general verdict of visitors to the Brown County Fair held the last three days of the past week. And the crowds attending justified the better exhibit. Friday, of course, was the big day and in addition to the 600 school children who were admitted free more than three thousand persons were admitted to the grounds. Saturday some fifteen hundred people visited the fair and the gate receipts for the two days totaled in the neighborhood of \$750. To this sum must be added the amount derived from season tickets, something like \$250, the refreshment stands brought in \$400, the grand stand, \$125, and the concessions added another \$60. The expenses have not been estimated to date and there is of course no way of telling what the surplus will be. Considerable money will go to the horsemen, one of whom takes \$320, as his share. The entry money offsets the purses partly and the premiums will be repaid by the state. It is expected that a larger sum than usual will come to Brown County inasmuch as the State Inspector has discovered that some of the county fair associations padded their accounts hundreds of dollars and thus got more than their share of the available state premium funds. This "stealing" being ended Brown County which has a clean record will come in for a better share.

As to exhibits, the hail storm which visited this vicinity a few weeks ago worked such havoc among the fruits and vegetables that there was but a meagre showing. Again exhibits also were few as many of the farmers have not threshed as yet. One of the judges in this department reports that the oats shown weighed 38 pounds to a bushel measure, the grains being plump and firm. Wheat, too, was reported good. It was too early for corn, one sample of well ripened Northwestern Dent being the only first class corn shown. There were 231 entries in the fruit department, 112 in the vegetables, 38 grain, 112 dairy, 11 swine, 83 poultry, 11 sheep, 28 horses and 70 cattle. G. A. Ottomeyer and W. J. Winkelmann both had attractive booths, the latter exhibiting his fine line of musical instruments, the former showing the late styles in fine ready to wear garments for women. Goede and Gastler each showed what they are capable of in the line of artistic photography. Wickerski showed the Florsheim shoe. The New Ulm Hardware Co. and Ochs & Baer each had an exhibit of stores, the New Ulm Music store displayed the Singer Sewing Machine, which is handled by Mr. Hauser. A. J. Vogel had a new arrangement of his Portland Cement blocks and Aufderheide had an outdoor display of brick and tile. Retzlaff and Fessenmaier displayed farm implements outside the main building. F. J. Backer was on the floor with a harness shop exhibit and the New Ulm Bottling Works played up their products across the room.

Entries in the Manual Training Department consisted of a large, handsome electric light dome made by Alex Garrow and tabourets and chair by Thomas Pfaender and Louis Riederer, Victor Schleuder and Stanley Alwin showed some fine kodak work and the sewing, drawing and painting entered by the younger children was well worth the effort expended upon it. In this department the exhibitors were:

- Elmer Epple
- Harry Theisen
- Asta Gag
- Delia Gag
- Willard Vogel
- Elsie Retzlaff
- Louise Witt
- Alwina Klingler
- Mildred Eibner
- Martha Werna
- Rose Lipp
- Norma Olga and Olivia Klause
- Linda Leibold
- Helen Fritsche
- Aline Fritsche, Sleepy Eye
- Herta Macho
- Jos. Eibner
- Thuselda Gag
- Clarence Herzog
- Sherburn Beecher
- Walter Hoffmann
- Frieda Schaefer
- Florence Fredrickson
- Elsie Hager
- Clara Epple
- Frieda Olstad
- Lenora Lang
- Helen Barth
- Ella Hartmann
- Miss Hauser, Sleepy Eye
- Julia Hauenstein.

The Art and Needlework section doubled on the space occupied last year and was the center of an in-

terested throng for hours each day. There were 257 entries and much of the work was rarely beautiful. In the old ladies' department Mrs. M. Higgins, 82, of Sleepy Eye, Mrs. Katharine Klossner, 90, and Mrs. Crescentia Klinkhammer, 77, each took a prize for fine handiwork. The lace exhibits were too numerous for special mention but Mrs. Wm. Stoll, Miss Minnie Wendt and Mrs. W. T. Eckstein had arranged hand painted china displays which were very beautiful. Judges for these exhibits were from out of town and spoke of the work as exceptionally good. Reed work was also shown by the china painters.

The advertised attractions drew a goodly number of the visitors and were good, especially the ball-rolling stunt of Luman S. Matthews of Lake City in which he stood upon a large ball and, directing it solely with his feet, made it carry him up a steep, inclined plane, turn a corne on a narrow walk at the top and descend a flight of steps. It was not particularly thrilling but it showed clever control. The trapeze work was better than much that is seen in that line, also.

Andrew Backer's Guernsey herd from Willow Grove Farm of Milford, was awarded the beautiful silver loving cup offered by the Minnesota prize herd of dairy cattle. Other State Dairywomen's Association for the herds exhibited were the Riverside Farm Herefords, the Milford Stock Farm Shorthorns, John Mack's Guernseys and a herd from the Imperial Stock Farm owned by Bergstrom & Son, and two herds owned by Thor Thormodsen and another farmer from Hanska.

As for the races, while the fact remains that the time made was slower than that of previous events, the races were more interesting to people in general owing to the fact that the contestants were fairly well matched and bunched at the finish so that it was hard to say which of the leaders would come in first. Enthusiasm reached a high pitch at times.

The classes in the racing department all filled to the required number and the horses were in the main, of excellent calibre. In the 2:30 pacing event Edna Parker, a home horse, won first money after a stubbornly contested race. It was an exciting race, because the horses were evenly matched and the finish in each heat was a very close one. Not until the third heat did Edna Parker win the pole and a mighty cheer went up when the driver, Fred Spoerhase, drove her under the wire just a trifle ahead of the three other horses that were closely bunched together.

The home stallion King Dillard, record 2:20 1/4 by Hal Dillard 2:04 1/4; Dam Minnie K, dam of 5 in the list from 2:10 1/4 to 2:20 1/4, having been used for breeding purposes, did not contest in any of the races nor for any premium, but was shown to his many admirers and to the horsemen from abroad. He was pronounced by the very best judges to be the most perfect and best bred stallion of the large number on the grounds. King Dillard has been raced only for a short period and won every race in which he was entered, except one where he met with an accident.

Among the prominent horsemen from abroad were A. F. Crow, Jamesville, Minn.; Chas. Hoffman, St. Paul; James Carr, St. Paul; Ed. Hilliker, Fremont, Neb.; Harland Smith & Son, Nashua, Iowa; Clarence Walker, Pipestone, Minn.; J. A. Hawley from Darnall Stock Farms, West Union, Iowa. Saturday evening Ferdinand Crone, Pres. of the Association, gave a banquet and supper in the agricultural building to the visitors from out of town and his assistants during the Fair.

**SUMMARY OF RACES.**  
 Friday, August 29th. 2:20 Pace.  
 Alex J. by Grattan.....1st  
 Gray Eagle. Sire unknown.....2nd  
 Riley B. Sire unknown.....3rd  
 Twator D. by Am Russell.....4th  
 Time: 2:17 1/4, 2:22, 2:27 1/4.  
 Friday, August 29th. 2:35 Trot.  
 Abu Taleb by G. A. Fuller.....1st  
 Fred D. K. by Uyzieno.....2nd  
 Salley Clime by Lord Bingham.....3d  
 Black Rose, Rags and Dr. Cram also started.  
 Time: 2:30 1/4, 2:27 1/4, 2:31.  
 Saturday, August 30th. 2:30 Pace.  
 Edna Parker by Judge Parker.....1st  
 Betty B. by Mambrino 2nd.....2nd  
 Legal Heir. Sire unknown.....3d  
 Sonoma Maid by Alcon-Terret.....4th  
 Nobilliss and Roy Savage also started.  
 Time: 2:23 1/4, 2:25 1/4, 2:24 1/4, 2:24 1/4, 2:27 1/4.  
 Saturday, August 30th. 2:24 Trot.  
 Jim by Aleautaramont.....1st  
 Carrie S. B. by Rockwell W.....2nd  
 King Roy by Mit Roy.....3d  
 Time: 2:28 1/4, 2:28 1/4, 2:25.

According to a circular letter received by County Auditor Louis G. Vogel from Executive Agent H. A. Rider of the State Game and Fish Commission, that section of the state law requiring residents of Minnesota who make application for either a small or a large game license to make affidavit of their post office address and length of residence there, must be rigidly enforced, thus making it impossible for non-residents of the state to secure game licenses under the pretext of being residents of Minnesota, unless they desire to perjure themselves and thereby become liable to prosecution.

## Mysterious Car Excites Wonder

Is it or Is it not the Car in Which Conrad Alex Rode Gaily Away?

Those Who Know Are Not Telling. Peculiar Coincidences.

One of the latest professional men to turn automobilist is Attorney Jos. A. Eckstein. Under the excellent tutelage of Roy L. Berg he learned to run the machine at one sitting, and for the past several days has been seen chug-chugging up and down our streets. Tuesday morning he got stalled on First South near Broadway for fully half an hour. He vows now that he wouldn't accept any machine as a gift if he had to run it himself all the time.

The car Mr. Eckstein was driving is a Brush and looks as tho it had seen considerable hard service. It reached town, if current rumors are to be believed, in a more or less mysterious manner. It is said that a law expert and an auto expert both from New Ulm discovered this machine some 11 or 12 miles out in the country from a village not more than 60 miles from here. Upon being shown the credentials carried by the experts, the party who had possession of the "Brush" in question cheerfully gave it up and it was towed here the same day.

New Ulm has harbored only one well-known "Brush" in its days and that belonged to Conrad Alex who left so suddenly and unceremoniously about two months ago. Those who knew the Alex car, imagined that they recognized an old friend when it made its appearance on the streets last Saturday. They looked it over, read the number 11317, and were ready to swear that it was Conrad's "Brush" that he used to have when he was in the employ of Uncle Sam as rural mail carrier. The present owner claims this is all a mistake; that he bought it from some one who does not answer to the name of Conrad Alex; that the car never belonged to the erstwhile mail carrier and there you are. Like the army mule, however, the car bears a private mark of identification. The man who owned it before it was sold to Alex says that on the back of the seat is a private "brand" where the wood is scorched. The mysterious car bears a mark of the sort described by him—and there you are again.

The former owner also reports that he at one time had a photo taken of the car on which the number 11,317 appears very distinctly, which, of course, would be a peculiar coincidence.

## Plans Outlined For Festival

The committee of the Junior Pioneers having charge of the Old Settler's Festival held a meeting last Thursday and decided upon Sunday, September 14th as the date and Turner Hall Park as the place for holding this year's picnic. The question of who should be considered old settlers was discussed at some length. When the first Old Settler's Picnic was held, all those who were here during or prior to the Indian Massacre were considered old settlers. After that a year was added annually, so that at the last celebration held, all those who were here in 1869 or prior thereto were classed as old settlers and received the proper badge. No account was taken of the age and it happened therefore that all those who were born here during or prior to 1869 were considered old settlers.

The opportunity to have a new deal, as it were, presented itself when the Junior Pioneers were organized. At the committee meeting recently held it was decided that only those should be considered old settlers who came to either Brown or Nicollet Counties forty years ago and are at least 60 years of age. In other words, any one who is past 60 years of age and came to this section during the year 1873 or prior thereto will be entitled to the old settler badge. The Second Regiment Band will furnish the music. Altho the program has not been definitely agreed upon, it can be safely said that there will be the address of welcome by Mayor Fritsche and at least one speech in German and one or two physical culture numbers.

## "Gude" Alcohol Makes Bad Man

County Fair Visitor in Trouble As a Result Of Strong Drink.

Tries To Get Rich Quick By Raising His Pay Check 900%.

Chief of Police Adolph Klause and Night Policeman William Emmerich ferreted out a crude check forger Friday evening and landed their man behind the bars in the county jail, where he was given an opportunity to reflect over his misdeeds and yesterday morning he was arraigned before City Justice N. Henningsen on the charge of drunkenness. The stranger plead guilty and was sentenced to serve sixty days in the county jail. This sentence was suspended, however, on condition that he leave town immediately and not return, which he promised faithfully to do.

R. M. Post, the name claimed by the man, is apparently addicted to drink in its strongest form for he absorbs clear alcohol in considerable quantities and it is believed that he committed the felony of which he was guilty while under the baneful influence of intoxicating liquors. This circumstance prompted the justice to exercise clemency instead of binding the man over to the grand jury of the December term of district court. It will probably serve him as a timely warning to mend his ways and refrain from attempting to obtain money in the dishonest manner in which he did.

It appears that Post had found employment as a member of Gollnick & Company's threshing crew of West Newton and that he quit work the latter part of last week, receiving remuneration in the sum of \$6.00 for the work he did. This amount was paid him by means of a check which was written with an indelible pencil.

The stranger came to New Ulm Friday and apparently imbibed rather freely in his favorite strong drink, which fact seems to be substantiated by the crude manner in which he went about the dishonest task of raising the amount of the check from \$6.00 to \$60.00. This he accomplished by simply placing a cipher after the figure six and the letters "ty" after the word "six" on the check, but instead of using an indelible pencil and making the additions appear the same as the other writing, he employed a common black lead pencil so that it did not require the keen detective instinct of a Sherlock Holmes to notice the discrepancy.

After raising the check, Post went out to the fair grounds and approached several parties, offering them the check for \$30, or just one-half the amount of its apparent value. This fact alone caused the parties approached to suspicion the man and Chief Klause was promptly notified and given a good description of the stranger. In company with Night Policeman Emmerich, Mr. Klause applied his talents to good advantage and Post was soon landed in the police dragnet and placed in the county bastle. The officers found him at the fair grounds. When arrested, he was considerably under the influence of drink and it was with great difficulty that the police finally succeeded in ascertaining that he had disposed of the check at Bastian, Marti & Brandl's store, where he had cashed it after erasing the cipher and the letters "ty." The telltale piece of paper was secured by Chief Klause and when he handed it to Post, the latter identified the check as being the one which he had raised and attempted to dispose of originally for \$30. He still had a pint bottle of alcohol on his person when he was apprehended.

## Someone Guilty of a Mean Trick

How utterly depraved and devoid of common decency some human beings are became known late Monday afternoon while Manderfeld Bros., were threshing for John Schons on his farm in the outskirts of New Ulm near the City Cemetery. The crew started threshing rye about four o'clock in the afternoon but soon realized that something was wrong. An investigation showed that about thirty-two teeth of the cylinder of the separator had been knocked out. Upon further investigation it developed that the stack of rye they were

threshing was literally loaded with railroad spikes.

Spikes each about ten inches long were placed two and two, head upon head, and then tied together with binder twine and wrapped in oats straw in such fashion that this despicable work could not be easily detected. Before the men noticed anything, about twelve bundles had passed thru the machine doing the damage aforementioned.

To prevent any further damage, and possibly a serious mishap, it was found necessary to open each bundle and examine it carefully before it was fed to the machine. This meant slow work and it was quite late before the job was finally completed. There were no spikes or iron of any kind in the second stack, an oats stack, but in the third and fourth stacks, also oats, the spikes were found in the second and third rows from the bottom and some iron was found in the inner rows.

The whole thing was done in such a way that those who were in charge of the threshing are firmly convinced that this contemptible work was done by some one who is thoroughly conversant with threshing and knew just how to plant the spikes to do the most damage by catching the threshers in an unguarded moment. The act must have been perpetrated between Sunday evening and Monday morning. The total damage done will not exceed \$50.00 and all things considered it passed off most fortunately. The damages might easily have been much greater and besides that, there was the danger of having some of the men hurt and possibly killed. According to the threshers this dastardly trick was done by one man and they have their suspicions which point to a man who lives in New Ulm. No efforts will be spared to run him down. Considerable feeling has been aroused on account of this act of wantonness and already \$325.00 reward money for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party has been subscribed by the following: Manderfeld Bros., \$100.00; Louis Ochs, \$100; Jos. Tauer, \$100.00 and John Schons, \$25.00.

## Farmers Stung by Insurance.

Some twenty-five farmers of Brown and Redwood counties are now regretting, more or less seriously, the credulity with which they were induced to invest in hail and tornado insurance a little over five years ago and before they are through with the court litigations which threaten them, they will have paid quite dearly for the insurance. The whole affair seems to be of a very complicated nature and will no doubt hold the attention of the district courts for some time.

It appears that M. M. Bierlin, a former saloonkeeper at Springfield, gave up his activities in the liquor business to become an insurance agent during the month of July, 1908, and in the latter capacity called on a large number of farmers in Brown and Redwood counties, offering them insurance against hail and tornadoes in the Minnesota Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Minneapolis. Mr. Bierlin apparently made a success of his venture for he induced about twenty-five prominent farmers of the two counties to take out policies in the company which he represented and each of them paid him the seemingly small initial installment of \$5, the balance to be forthcoming at the end of the year, being assessed against the policyholders pro rata as the company was a mutual concern.

Within less than one year after the issuance of the policies the State Insurance Department, after thoroughly investigating the business methods and affairs of the insurance company, rescinded the latter's license but later re-instated the company and allowed it to again do business after the concern had complied with the department's order. In the meantime, however, some of the farmers who had purchased policies of Mr. Bierlin returned them to the home office and secured similar insurance in other companies. Other purchasers of the mutual policies did not return them. Repeated attempts on the part of the Minneapolis concern to collect the annual assessments proved unavailing and now legal steps have been taken to enforce payment, if possible.

By means of the suits commenced against the individual policyholders in the Hennepin county district court, the insurance company seeks to recover the amount of the premiums for the past five years, which total about \$100 on each policy and, aside from this sum, the policies provide that if legal steps become necessary to collect the assessments, the policyholders will be required to pay all court costs. It is probable that a change of venue to Brown and Redwood counties, respectively, will be secured by Attorney August G. Erickson of Springfield, who represents twenty-two of the policyholders interested in the suits.

Two representatives of the Minnesota Weatherproof and Glazing Company, who have been busy calking the windows of the various public school buildings here, have completed this work and are now working on the G. B. Weiser and Emil G. Hage homes. The same firm also had the contract for calking the windows of the new Loretto hospital, which was completed some time ago.

## County Schools Show Progress

Supt. Kennedy Files His 1912-1913 Annual Report For County.

Institutions of Learning Evidence Advancement Under His Regime.

County Superintendent R. B. Kennedy has just completed his annual report to the State Superintendent of Education relative to the high, graded, semi-graded and rural schools in the eighty-four districts of Brown County for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1913. The document is complete in every detail and represents many hours of careful and painstaking work in its execution. In the report, the high and graded schools are embodied under one heading, while the other includes the semi-graded and rural schools. The total of these two divisions are then added together to make the grand totals.

According to Mr. Kennedy's figures, the total enrollment in all public schools of the county aggregates 4,063, while the number of pupils entitled to share in the state apportionment is 3,719. Three hundred and forty-four pupils did not attend school the required forty days to receive money from the state. Each pupil attended school for an average of 126 days and the number of pupils in each of the various age classifications was as follows: From five to eight years, 950; from eight to eighteen years, 2,836; from eighteen to twenty-one years, 270. There are only two districts in which fewer than ten school-children were enrolled, while fifteen districts in which fewer than ten school-children, but less than twenty.

It required the services of 15 men and 127 women teachers to impart instruction to the pupils in all of the public schools in Brown County. For this work the former received an average monthly wage of \$91, and the latter's average monthly compensation was only \$50.98. Of the total number of teachers, 68 are graduates of high schools, 36 of normal schools, and 16 of colleges, while 2 teachers, not graduates, have attended high school, 2 a normal school and 2 a college. Twenty-seven teachers have continuously taught in one district for three years, 33 for 2 years and 81 for 1 year.

Thirty-eight school districts loan the text-books free to the pupils, while 9 districts sell the text-books to the pupils at cost. The average cost of these books in the districts loaning them is 43 cents per pupil, while in districts selling them, the average cost per pupil for the necessary books is 62 cents. Two new frame school houses were erected in Brown County during the past fiscal year, at a total cost of \$4,600. There are now a total of 89 school houses distributed throughout the 84 districts, of which 79 are frame, 9 are brick and 1 is a log structure, located in Dist. No. 7 in the town of Linden. The total value of all school houses and desks is \$272,900, while the seats and desks are valued at \$13,785 and the apparatus at \$11,888, making a total of \$298,573.

The total number of volumes of the 78 public school libraries in the county is 16,959, of which 1,341 were purchased last year. The aggregate value of all libraries is \$9,957. Arbor Day was observed by 15 school districts and the pupils planted a total of 230 trees on the school sites that day. Tree planting should be more generally practiced by the teachers and pupils in Brown County, as 35 school houses have no trees about them, while only 8 stand in natural groves. A literal observance of Arbor Day would certainly inure to the benefit of the schools each year.

Only 14 school districts are in debt, the aggregate indebtedness being \$62,765. The indebtedness of the high and graded school districts is \$52,000, and of the semi-graded and rural districts \$10,765. In these are included 3 of the former and 11 of the latter districts. The high and graded school terms were of an average of nine and one-fourth months duration, while the terms in the semi-graded and rural schools lasted on an average of about seven and three-fourths months. A slight average increase has been voted for the year of 1913-14. The annual school meetings were attended by an average of about 14 voters, and the average rate of special tax voted for the year ending July 31, 1912, was about 4 mills.

Of the total enrollment of 4,063, 1,690 pupils attend the high and graded schools, while the other 2,373 scholars receive their instruction in the semi-graded and rural districts. Under the former classification are the independent districts of New Ulm, Sleepy Eye and Springfield and the graded school at Comfrey. The semi-graded schools are located at Evan, Cobden and Hanska, while the 77 rural schools are scattered throughout the various townships. The state apportionment was divided among 1,597 pupils in the high and graded schools.

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