

ST. PAUL NEWS.

AMONG THE HORSES.

Look to the Fast Providence Track This Week for Speedy Trotting Contests.

Inside History of the Record of Maud S—Raymond's Blind Purchase of Phil Thompson.

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Kittson's Horses Going to Kentucky to Fill Track Engagements—Other Horse Notes.

[This column will appear in the Globe every Monday morning. Pertinent correspondence will be thankfully received and should be addressed Turf Editor of the Globe.]

To Advertisers.

Stock advertisements will hereafter be inserted in the Monday issue of the GLOBE immediately following the reading matter of the horse department. In no other way can stock be so cheaply or prominently advertised as by taking advantage of this opportunity. Figures will be furnished on application, and advertisements can also occupy a corresponding position in the weekly issue, if desired.

This Week at Providence.

This week the great trotters will be at Providence, at which place is the fastest track, without any exception, in the United States. This being the case it will not be unreasonable to look for some very fast time. The purses have all closed with a large number of fast horses. Among the horses named to start in the 2:17 class tomorrow are the stallions Marcy Cobb, King Almont and King Wilkes. The trotting classes are Wednesday, a 2:25 and 2:23 to be followed by the 2:17 pacing class. On Thursday Clemmie G, Phil Thompson, Harry Wilkes, Majolica and Phyllis will meet in the 2:17 purse, and the free-for-all purses will claim attention. On Friday there are three races on the card. Mr. Kittson's horses that have been at Minneapolis during the past week, will not be at Providence, as they go down into Kentucky this week to fill engagements in that state.

How Phil Thompson Was Sold.

[Turf, Field and Farm.]

Previous to the \$10,000 race at Hartford, Mr. J. D. Ripley requested Mr. Charles H. Raymond to put a price on the gray gelding, Phil Thompson, who was trained by the purses and was regarded as having a good chance to win. Mr. Raymond declined, but said that he would entertain an offer. Mr. Ripley remarked in an off-hand way, "I will give you double what you paid Mr. David Bonner for his half interest in the horse." "Say double and \$3,000 additional and the horse is yours." "No, but I will make it \$1,000." Mr. Raymond reflected a moment and then remarked, "I will take it." "All right, now tell me what you paid Mr. David Bonner for his half interest." "What do you not know?" "No." "Well, it was \$8,500." "The devil you say. Then I owe you \$18,000." Mr. Ripley got a good horse in Phil Thompson, who was sold for \$18,500. The gelding was four years old \$25,000 would not have touched him; but times have changed a little and Mr. Raymond is satisfied with the bargain. When a man offers more than double the price paid for a half interest, he ought to have some idea as to what the gray gelding was worth. It is getting to be a novel plan in buying. He is getting to gether a very formidable stable of trotters.

A Little Secret History.

The quarter of a second by which Maud S. reduced the trotting record naturally causes a good deal of talk among horsemen and lovers of the sport of trotting. Here is a little bit of inside history as related by Mr. Busbey, in the Turf, Field and Farm. The 2:09 1/2 record of Maud S. was made on Saturday. Mr. Vanderbilt was put in possession of all the facts, and so strong was his faith in her ability to still further reduce the record that he wired Capt. Stone the following morning that he might keep the mare at Cleveland a few days longer and make another trial. Soon after receiving this dispatch Capt. Stone met Mr. Busbey and requested him to stop over and act as one of the timers on Monday. Mr. Edwin Thorne was also requested to remain and act as a timer. Rain began to fall in the afternoon, and the skies were threatening Monday morning. Believing that the weather would not become settled for two or three days, and as Capt. Stone had urgent business at Cincinnati, it was promptly decided to ship the mare to Mr. Vanderbilt at Saratoga, and she was forwarded in charge of Grant to her owner by the afternoon express. Had the weather element not opposed Maud S. would have started for a wager on Monday, Aug. 4, to beat 2:09 1/2, and the probabilities are that her effort would have been crowned with success.

The Queen of the Turf has changed owners, but she is now at Hartford being prepared by her old trainer, Bar, to trot in public against 2:04. She will not be allowed to start for purse, premium, stake or wager, but if the trial should be made on a day when the association has no races in progress, and if it should be advertised in advance, people will pay at the gate to witness the performance, and the "admission fees" clause will force a record upon her. Mr. Bonner will not profit in the least by the performance; he will accept nothing either directly or indirectly for the exhibition, but as the trial will put money into the pockets of the association, he will be compelled, under the rule and the interpretation given to it by the board of review, to shoulder the record.

There is no way of getting around the fact that a record of 2:09 1/2 was put upon Maud S. when she was owned by Mr. Vanderbilt. That gentleman sold her in the firm belief that the record was genuine, that he was parting with the fastest trotter under the rule in the world, and the law as well as its formal construction is such that the belief will not be overturned.

Two Horses Killed on the Track.

After the 2:28 class had been disposed of at Hartford, on Aug. 27, the bell called on the pacers for the 2:17 class, among the respondents being James Golden, driving the Bay mare Princess, and "Knapack" McCarthy, driving the dun gelding George G. When Golden and McCarthy came on to the track from the barn, the former turned down the track and the latter up, and they joggled along the quarter mile, and then turned, each with the intention of driving a fast clip. While speeding at a rapid clip, each driver was oblivious of the fact that the other was in front of him until too late. They struck, and the noise of cracking sulkeys caused five thousand heads to turn in the direction of the distance stand. As they struck, both horses reared in the air, the mare standing almost erect and falling over on her back. The dun horse fell on his knees and quickly rolled over on his side. Golden was thrown into the air and fell to the track uninjured, while poor Knapack was not so fortunate. He was thrown out with a badly sprained ankle. The horses did not fare so well, each one getting the other's shaft, the dun horse the worst, Golden's shaft penetrating at least a foot into him. He got up and the harness was taken from him, when he fell on the track and died. Princess did not get up, and, still breathing, she was buried immediately, the track. George G. was buried immediately, the track. Princess had her spine so badly dis-

located as to paralyze her hindquarters, and died two days afterward. George G. was owned by John Grismore, of Lockland, O., and in charge of Hans Ryan, of Allegheny City, Pa. He was nine years old and by Flying Dutchman. He was a fast pacer and had a record of 2:17. He was valued at \$5,000. Princess was a six-year-old bay mare, the property of Frank Russell, a liverman of Boston, Mass. Her record is 2:19 1/2, and she was also valued at \$5,000.

Robert Bonner's Stables.

[Joe Bonner in Philadelphia Press.] Mr. Bonner is a very extraordinary man. I have known him since I was a boy. I have never seen him out of temper, although he has developed immense amounts of energy at different periods of our acquaintance. He is notable in several lines of life, partly as the largest and most expensive and most important stables in the world, and partly as a liberal donor to worthy theological and literary institutions; but in this letter I am treating of the peculiarities of New York editors, more especially as they take hold of their physical recreations and pleasures.

Mr. Bonner tells me that when he first began to push the Ledger, along about '57, he was in very bad health. This was the time, you remember, when he started the Herald by taking a page of the New York Herald for the advertisement of his Ledger, and when, twitted as being a sensational advertiser, he hired another page in the same journal on which were printed the advertisements of Harper's Weekly alone. That shrewd dodge put the Ledger and the Weekly on the same plane in the minds of all who thought about it at all and carried Mr. Bonner's point. He was troubled about thirty years ago with constant headache and vertigo and troubles of various sorts and kinds, and his physicians directed him to ride, and he did so, but the exercise was too hard, and he was induced to purchase a span of horses. The very first day he went by the road, then known as Harlem lane, he overtook Commodore Vanderbilt and Col. Harper, who were the only two men in town who owned notably fast horses. They easily passed Bonner whenever they cared to, and, finding health and rest in the exercise, determined from that time on to own horses that no one could pass, and the consequence is that, going on from one purchase to another, beginning with Lantern and Mate, way back in 1859, until to-day when he is the owner absolute of Maud and the prospective owner of Jay Eye See, he has expended, all told, not less than \$500,000.

In his stables, in addition to Maud, are Dexter and three full sisters—a son and daughter of Flora Temple, the three famous mares, Peerless, Lady Palmer and Flatshut Maid, and Pocahontas. A record, you know, is a term applied only to the rate of speed shown by a horse in a public race for money. As Bonner never trots his horses for money, no horses owned by him are trained by him, no matter how fast they may be, in the presence of how many people they are trotted, while owned by him, a technical record. For instance, if Maud S. within the ensuing six weeks, lowers her record a second, so far as the record is concerned she will continue to be rated at 2:09 1/2. Mr. Bonner expects to have her make a mile in 2:08, and will be disappointed in time she doesn't do even better than that.

I asked Mr. Bonner if he wouldn't give me an idea of what he had in his stables, in such language as would be of interest to the general reader. He laughingly assented, and with a crackling modesty began. He said: "The first one I have is a bay gelding, with what is technically called a record of 2:17 1/2, made on Buffalo Park when it was 27 feet 8 inches over a mile. It has since been reduced to an exact mile, so some of its managers inform me, and it is the best horse I have ever owned. Five thousand people saw him trot on another slow track (Fashion) in 2:16, without a break or a skip. Then follow Grafion, who was timed at Cleveland by a large number of well known gentlemen in 2:15 1/2; Joe Elliott, who trotted a public trial in 2:19; Mystic Park, in 2:15 1/2; and a record in 2:20 on three-quarter mile track, which is not adapted to her long stride; John Taylor, with a record on Fleetwood of 2:25; Walton, the four-year-old, by Burger, that trotted a trial last August, several months ago; and a record on the same track of 2:27 1/2; Eric, who has the fastest four-year-old record, 2:28 1/2; and Lady Stout, who has the fastest three-year-old record, 2:29. In addition to the above are the following who are trained in 2:30 or better: Astoria, full sister of I bought him, at Pocahontas, in 2:27 1/2; Lad, Hughes, by Judge Taylor, in 2:27 1/2; Messenger Duro; Uncle Sim, old Lady Moscow's grandson; Malice, by Woodford Mambro, dam by Alexander's Abdallah; Billy Burton, by Edward Everett, dam the dam of Lottery; Bruno, by Hambletonian, and Prince Imperial, Flora Temple's colt.

Miscellaneous.

The road-house located at Fargo Fair Grounds is for sale or rent. Address J. M. Morrison or George Marcellus, Fargo, D. T.

The fall meeting of the Kentucky association commenced at Lexington on Saturday last and will continue till next Friday the 12th.

The first day at Utica brought out another 2:30 trotter for the Old Hero of Chester. Dr. Sherman's Hambletonian Last getting a record of 2:35 1/2.

The meeting of the National Association of Trotting Horse Breeders will begin on the grounds of the New York Driving club, Tuesday, Sept. 9, and continue Wednesday and Thursday.

Kimball & Smith, of the Buffalo Driving Park club, have purchased the five-year-old chestnut mare Jersey Lily, by Hambletonian Downing, at Bolivia Seymour. She is very fast, has been handled in this season's races by "Knap" McCarthy, and will be reserved for next year.

Maxy Cobb trotted at Hartford against the 2:15 1/2 of Smuggler. No purse or wager was depending on the result, but as the exhibition was advertised in advance, money was taken at the gate to witness the performance, and the mile, under the admission fees clause, passed into the record. There are now two stallions before the public with better records than Smuggler: Phyllis, 2:18 1/2, and Mary Cobb, 2:15.

The exhibition of trotting stallions at the recent Lexington fair was pronounced the finest ever seen in Kentucky. The list included Hambletonian Mambro, Abdallah-Russell, Paladine, Alexander Sherman, Lord Russell, Chichester, Harold, Belmont, Dictator, Greenfield, Black's Hambletonian, King Rene, Enfield, Flaco, Sherman's Hambletonian, Wildwood, Simmons, Lysander, Post Boy and Sir Walter.

The imp. bay colt Pizarro (4), by Adventurer (son of Newminster, out of Palma, by Emilius), dam Milliner, by Ratsaplan, out of Manganese, by Irish Birdcatcher, has broken down completely and will be placed in the stud. Pizarro is one of the richest and best bred horses ever imported into America and cannot fail to prove a successful sire. He possessed a wonderful turn of speed and won four out of six races as a two-year-old, ten as a three-year-old, and twenty as a four-year-old. He is the best horse of the present year he has ever appeared on, viz., at the Suburban handicap, at Sheepshead Bay last June—when, freighted with 124 pounds, he failed to secure a place. Pizarro, during his brief career, started in twenty-seven races, of which he won fourteen; was second

in five, third in five, and unplaced in three. Total net winnings in purses and stakes, \$19,775.

Bookjack, owned by the Messrs. Dwyer Bros., Brooklyn, New York, broke down at Sheepshead Bay, on Tuesday last week. Bookjack, chestnut gelding (6), by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Sparrowgrass, by Jack Malone, out of Sallie Court, by imp. Albion, was one of the best sons of Bonnie Scotland. He ran several very good and fast races, defeating the best of his class. At Saratoga, Aug. 26, 1881, Bookjack (3), with 104 lbs., ran a mile in 1:42. Same place, July 23, 1882, when four years old, with 113 lbs., ran one mile and a furlong in 1:54 1/2, the best race at the distance with the weight. During his four years upon the turf Bookjack started eighty-four times, won forty-nine races, finished second in nineteen, third in six and was unplaced in ten. Total net winnings in stakes and purses, \$35,905.

FOR SALE—Young Trotting Stock—I have several one and two-year-old colts, the get of Baylis, the best bred and fastest of all out of standard mares. Colts all large and rangy, fine looking, and unmistakably showing the promise of speed. G. W. Sherwood. 42*

LAKE COMO STOCK FARM—I have for sale a nice lot of colts and fillies, one two and three year olds, all standard bred, got by De-Grat's best bred and fastest of all out of standard mares. Colts all large and rangy, fine looking, and unmistakably showing the promise of speed. G. W. Sherwood. 42*

PRESTON STOCK FARM, Preston, Fillmore County, Minn. For public sale, Herd (2:28), the best bred and fastest of all out of standard mares. Colts all large and rangy, fine looking, and unmistakably showing the promise of speed. G. W. Sherwood. 42*

Yesterday Afternoon Arrests. Peter Arnold and Mike Galoshi, of Minneapolis, were down to see the procession yesterday afternoon and had some words with Moorhead's stable about paying their bill for taking care of a span of horses while they were taking in the sights on foot. Afterwards they commenced driving up and down Washington street quite furiously, to the danger of the throng of people on the same, when Chief Clark ordered officer Henry Babe to ask them to desist. On doing so they gave him back offensive epithets and drove off at a break neck speed again towards the market house, but he pursued and arrested them. On being brought into the city hall they grew so wild and abusive that they were ordered put in cells, whereupon both fought the officers with the ferocity of tigers, and a heavy scuffle ensued before the keys were turned on them.

Late yesterday afternoon a fight took place in a Seventh street saloon between Fred Sommers, Gust Johnson, John Murphy and G. W. Bonner. A crowd was pulled and taken to the city hall where they gave ball in \$25 each for disorderly conduct.

A party of young men who innocently threw some carriers handbills out of a doctor's office on Seventh street yesterday afternoon among the crowd, not hearing a policeman who ordered them to stop it was "agin the law," were marched down to the city hall by said officer and gave ball for their appearance this morning in the municipal court. As some of the young men put to this trouble were not content with the throwing of the handbills it looks as though the "cop" had exceeded his authority.

The Mining Camps of the Cœur d'Alenes. [Special Correspondence of the Globe.] RATHBUN, I. T., Sept. 1.—Within the past week or two it has been quite stirring; travel has increased wonderfully—from the mines, and strange as it may seem those coming out broke, all avow their intention of going back in the spring, as soon as they can raise another "stake," and all predict a good camp the coming year. A number of claims are now paying and will be worked all winter, but scarcity of capital makes the number of such limited.

We have had an unusually good season for the ranchers this year as the rain fall has been greater than for any season in some years. Those who have threshed report wheat from twenty to thirty bushels to the acre, and oats about forty. The most of the cereals grow here, however, are cut green for hay, the low prices obtainable for grain, heavy charges for transportation to market, making it the most profitable.

The fire fund has been busy on the line of the Northern Pacific railroad for the past month, visiting nearly every town from Portland to Helena. In our vicinity it swept away the large saw mills and about 3,000,000 feet of lumber, but the owners are at work rebuilding. The peculiar nature of our pine on this coast makes fire a desperate enemy to fight.

The question of irrigation is the vital one in these prairies, and as we have had visits of inspection from some of the powers that be, there is some hope of obtaining help to accomplish the much desired end.

We had a very pleasant visit from the Hon. T. F. Stinchcomb a short time ago, and from the impression he made while here he can count on a goodly support for re-election as delegate to congress from Idaho, in this section of the territory.

The Globe is looked for regularly, and its contents are eagerly read. It is fast getting a firm hold in this community. M. A. C.

Mr. Donnelly's Rosemount Meeting. [Special Correspondence of the Globe.] ROSEMOUNT, Sept. 5.—Hon. Ignatius Donnelly opened the campaign to-night at this place with a ringing speech on the issue of the day. The Temperance hall, a large building, was crowded full, the farmers having come in by the wagon load from the surrounding townships.

The Rosemount Brass band discoursed some excellent music. The people here, Republicans and Democrats are practically a unit in supporting Mr. Donnelly.

This is a beautiful section of country as can be found in Minnesota. The farmers here grew rich years ago in the days of crops and high prices, but they are none the less subject over the wrongs to which they are subjected by the millers' ring and the high protection tariff. They are above the average in intelligence. Mr. Donnelly has represented them for six years in congress and five years in the state senate, and it is evident they all believe in him.

FARIBAULT. [Special Correspondence of the Globe.] FARIBAULT, Minn., Sept. 6.—The common council meets Monday evening, and it is to be hoped that the council will purchase the block of ground west of the present park and adjoining thereto for park purposes at once, or the chance of getting it cheap will never be had again. Buy it, and if in the course of a few years the city is not satisfied with its bargain, the block can be cut up into lots and sold at an increased value. Our present park is not large enough, and the majority of the business men and citizens are in favor of securing the ground at the low price asked for it.

Justice Weinmann has decided the suit of the City vs. Himer et al. to collect clean-up money on wagon horse tables, in favor of the defendants. "A pool table ain't a billiard table."

Shot for a Squirrel. WHEELING, W. Va., Sept. 7.—James Nelson and a young man named Repel, living near Gristville, started squirrel hunting Thursday. On arriving at a corn field they separated and started around the field in opposite directions. From some cause Mr. Nelson was going through the corn, when young Repel saw a squirrel and fired, the bullet striking square in the head, killing him instantly. Mr. Nelson leaves a wife and a family of small children. Young Repel is almost distracted over the accident.

To match that bonnet! Feathers, ribbons, velvet can all be colored to match that new hat by using the Diamond Dyes. 10c for any color at the druggists. Wells, Richardson & Co., Burlington, Vt.

THE STATE FAIR. At Chambers' Driving Park, Owatonna, Opening To-Day With "Children's Day."

A Thoroughly Representative Exhibition of Minnesota Stock, Produce and Manufactures.

The Special Attractions—Programme of Events—Visit of the St. Paul Jobbers' Union.

Descriptive Sketch of the Flourishing Young City Where the Fair is Held—Hotel Accommodations.

The twenty-sixth annual fair of the State Agricultural society opens this morning at the Chambers' Driving park at Owatonna. The fairs at Rochester and Minneapolis have passed into history and now the record of the state society is to be made up. Experience is a great teacher, and the management of this society possesses that quality. They have seen their fairs successful and they have seen times when it was a mighty tight squeak to pay their purses and premiums. Happily such can never be the case again for the State Agricultural society does not propose (like Bill King) to "bite off more than they can chew." They do not propose to make a hippodrome of celebrated wonders out of their fair which shall eclipse the world, but they are going to have "an agricultural and mechanical fair" which they hope will be a means of accomplishing some practical good, and anything which shall lend legitimate aid to the purpose sought and have endeavored to obtain. The stock and other desirable exhibits of the two fairs named have in the main been secured for the state fair and when their gates open this morning they will open upon the largest and most complete exhibition of the class ever assembled in Minnesota.

THE MANAGEMENT. The management of the state fair is in the society's officers, a full list of whom will be given below, and the following extracts from matter found in their annual premium list will be read with interest by those desirous of obtaining information concerning the great exhibition which opens to-day. After speaking of the beautiful grounds, (ten minutes walk from the depot,) and the perfect facilities offered for the exhibition they say: "Hotel accommodations are ample, at reasonable rates. The citizens generally will see that all accommodations are ample. The state fair of Minnesota will open on Monday, the 8th day of September, at 9 o'clock, and continue six days.

"The gates will be opened for visitors at 8 o'clock a. m., and closed at sunset each day. No disorderly conduct of any kind will be permitted; a police force will be on the ground sufficient to prevent the same, and to see that the rules are observed.

"All awards shall be deemed final, unless fraud can be proven to the satisfaction of the board of managers.

"The Minnesota state fair has for its object: 'The advancement of agriculture, horticulture, and the mechanical and household arts.'

"The board of managers believe that the state fair is one of the great mediums by which this advancement can be made, hence they will do all in their power to see that these annual gatherings are successful in these annual gatherings. "Here are brought the best products of the soil and dairy, the most improved machinery and implements for manufacturing, adding agriculture, and lightening the burdens of the household. Here the improved stock and other valuable exhibits are shown to the world—in fact, here is where practical men and women are stimulated and encouraged by competition, and where a spirit of rivalry and emulation is excited in all that relates to true progress in the various industries of the state. Farmers, mechanics, merchants, manufacturers, and all the representatives of all other activities which help to make a thriving and prosperous state, we trust you will find pleasure in contributing to make the exhibition of 1884 not only a financial success, but an exhibition which will stimulate the varied industries and redound to the public good.

A sufficient force of special policemen will be sworn in to not only preserve order during the night but to guard and protect the property of exhibitors at night as well as day.

As no fees will be charged to enter articles or to accompany the premiums of the association, all exhibitors will have to pay the regular admission to the grounds.

For two-horse coach, carriage or wagon... \$5 50 For one-horse buggy... 50 For horse buggy... 50 For each person, (whether in carriage, or on foot)... 50 Children under 12 years of age... 25 Season ticket—good for the entire fair... 2 00

Every exhibitor must purchase a season ticket. Editors and reporters can obtain tickets of the president on application, and if strangers will please present a written introduction from the proprietors or editors of any of the city papers.

Exhibitors and their assistants, and lessees of booths and other privileges, and their employes, will be required to purchase tickets at the same rate as each admission, and all who remain on the grounds at night must procure tickets of the treasurer before 8 o'clock of each day.

Visitors at the fair are requested to furnish themselves with change, as the ticket sellers are instructed not to receive any bills over \$5.

The following is a list of the society's officers for 1884: President—Clark W. Thompson, Wells. Vice Presidents—D. A. Morrison, Rochester; Geo. W. Taylor, Detroit. Secretary—R. C. Judson, Farmington, Dakota county.

Treasurer—Frank J. Wilcox, Northfield. Board of Managers—James McHenech, Welcoming; John Cooper, St. Cloud; C. A. DeGraf, Jamesville; Adam Bohland, St. Paul; G. S. Harris, La Crosse; Clark Chambers, Owatonna.

State Auditing Board—Gov. L. F. Hubbard, Red Wing; N. P. Clarke, St. Cloud; E. S. Cowdry, Rochester; John Byers, Hastings.

The officers of the society are all practical men and nearly all farmers themselves and those upon whom the active management of the fair devolves, are particularly active and vigilant. Mr. R. C. Judson, the indefatigable secretary, is one of the best, and most energetic men in the world. From one year's end to another his entire energies are devoted to the good of the society and to him the success which they have uniformly had is due. His constant care and supervision of all the minor details and his fine executive ability are what has made the fairs of the State Agricultural society a uniform success. Each year he has some new attraction and added features of interest which are sure to draw and for his success in harmonizing all discordant elements and creating and sustaining a public interest in the annual fairs, from beginning to end, he deserves the warmest praise.

Among the early founders and patrons of the State Agricultural society were such distinguished gentlemen, many of them farmers as Hon. I. Donnelly, Gen. H. H. Sibley, Col. J. H. Stevens, Ebenezer Ayers, Deacon Wilson, Prof. T. A. Newson, Hon. A. Ramsey, Wyman Elliott, ex-Gov. Wm. R. Marshall and a number of others who have aided to the success which they have uniformly had is due. His constant care and supervision of all the minor details and his fine executive ability are what has made the fairs of the State Agricultural society a uniform success. Each year he has some new attraction and added features of interest which are sure to draw and for his success in harmonizing all discordant elements and creating and sustaining a public interest in the annual fairs, from beginning to end, he deserves the warmest praise.

OLD FRIENDS. The following notes taken at the close of last week will give something of an idea of what may be expected to transpire during the fair:

The building erected for the Secretary, president, and other officers of the State Agricultural society is completed, and the officers will occupy the building Monday morning, when all seeking them should go.

Secretary Judson went to Waseca yesterday afternoon and "boomed" the town for the great fair. Waseca will probably be given a special day, closing their business houses and attending the fair in a body.

The Great Western band of St. Paul will be in attendance at the fair two days, Wednesday and Thursday, of next week. Wednesday with the St. Paul Jobbers, and Thursday with Blaine and Logan clubs, St. Paul.

Waseca county will contest for the special premium offered by the State Agricultural society of \$50 to first, \$30 to second and \$20 to third, for the best display of fruits, grain and grasses.

All the space in the main building is taken, and many exhibitors are busy arranging their exhibits.

The race track will be in good condition for the races, Col. Chambers having men and teams at work.

Elias Moser at work. Elias Moser, on the way here with a large herd of Hereford cattle and blooded horses, and will be quartered on the grounds to-day.

All the superintendents of the departments are on the grounds and hard at work placing different exhibits.

Lyon county will also contest for the best exhibit of grains, fruits, grasses, etc.

Loaded teams can be seen on nearly every street leading to the fair grounds, despite the hard rains during the day.

The Western Union Telegraph company are erecting a line to the fair grounds, and can be found at the northwest corner of the main building during the week.

Saturday and to-day will be the last days that entries will be received. The number far exceeds that of last year when entries closed.

E. H. Belden, of Wisconsin, will exhibit the following breed of poultry: Light Brahms, Buff Cochins, Golden Polish, Pearl Guineas, Partridge Cochins, Pekin ducks, Rouen ducks, Toulouse geese, etc.—some twenty couples.

The GLOBE has secured good quarters on the grounds and will give full and accurate reports of the great events to take place there next week.

The judges' stand has been repainted, and presents a fine appearance.

One of the dining halls began business yesterday feeding laborers and horse men.

Secretary Judson has been through the state personally and says it is the general feeling at all towns wherever possible to take the great fair this year in a body, and that the general outlook for a great crowd all the week was never as good as this year. The general prosperity of the state is the state aid in this direction.

A special will be run from Albert Lea to Waseca during next week, connecting with a special from Mankato, at Waseca about 9:20, reaching Owatonna at 10:00 a. m.

A special will run over the C. & N. W. railroad, Sept. 9, 10, 11 and 12, from Mankato and Rochester, reaching here at 10:00 a. m.

Capt. Flagg, of the M. & St. P. railroad, has thrown out some 15,000 posters the past few days in the interest of the state fair.

D. W. Sperry will exhibit the new patent fanning mills made at Dodge Center.

The swine exhibit will be unusually large, the pens used last year being altogether too small in number. Mrs. C. L. Holmes, Steele county, has entered several pens of her blooded swine.

Mr. Hubbard, of Connecticut, is here in the interest of a corn planter and will exhibit the same to-day.

H. R. Moore, Jr., & Co., dry goods, of this city, will make an exceedingly large and fine exhibit at the fair, having secured space and begun work at once.

A new wind mill stand is being erected just south of the main building.

A dispatch has been received that a special stock train, consisting of twenty-six cars, will leave Minneapolis for the fair here, arriving this evening. All day to-day cattle adorned with blue ribbon could be seen being driven towards the fair grounds, a special from the last arriving this morning.

There will be a meeting of the superintendents of the state centennial committee in the parlors of the Commercial hotel this evening. Mrs. Scott, of Iowa, will attempt the organization of a similar order among the wives of members in the ladies' parlors of the same hotel on the same evening.

Two cars of cattle came down from Waseca at noon to-day. A special will come up from Rochester this afternoon.

Several prominent sporting men have arrived from Chicago, and have quarters at the Commercial.

One of the prominent features of the fair will be the advent of the St. Paul Jobbers' Union, which will occur on Wednesday. The wholesale men of St. Paul who comprise that institution, accompanied by the Great Western band, will be upon the grounds to receive and entertain their friends.

To-day will be children's day. There will be no charge for entrance to the grounds of any child under twelve years, and a very interesting programme will be arranged for the little folks consisting of dog races driven to their legal races, races for all children under twelve, and a variety of sports which they will appreciate.

Owatonna. The following brief sketch of Owatonna may not be uninteresting in connection with the occurrence of the state fair.

The city of Owatonna located in the garden of Minnesota is one of the neatest, prettiest and at the same time one of the briskest and business like cities in Minnesota. Situated at the point where the two great northwestern lines of railway intersect, the city has always enjoyed immunity from excessive-freight rates and has always been an exceptionally fine market. Its surroundings are those of a finely settled thriving farming region where the comfortable farm buildings and fine herds of stock, the trim, tidy looks of the farms and universally fine crops give token of a more than prosperous community. It is all farming land of the best and of quality and is capable of sustaining a much greater population than the most sections of the country. Its natural meadows as well as the admirable and prolific yields of all kinds of tame grasses and pure and abundant water supply make the surrounding country about Owatonna preeminently a stock region.

The city contains four thousand people and is well and solidly built. Its business portion is almost exclusively built of solid brick, and contains more than the usual amount of fine business structures. It is compact and well arranged so far as the arrangement of its business blocks is concerned, and its streets and squares are well graded and are kept in the best condition. Its residence portion is delightful, and the view as you drive along its finely shaded residence streets lined on each side with dwellings which betoken not only taste and comfort but even luxury and elegance, is one that charms the beholder. The site of the city is upon the straight river, and the elevation above the river's level affords the most perfect facilities for natural drainage. The water supply of Owatonna is abundant and pure, and is obtained from wells from fifteen to thirty feet deep. In addition to this the "Wheat" meadows spring, located only a mile from the city, furnish water whose medicinal properties are fast making them and the city famous. A beautiful park adjoining them, containing forty acres, and which is owned by the city. The delightful drives which Owatonna possesses, the delightful and picturesque scenery with which it abounds and is surrounded, the springs and park, the fine hotels, and to the sportsman the vast number of water fowl and birds of all desirable varieties, which can be shot at no great distance from its corporate limits, all tends to make Owatonna a delightful place to visit, to summer in and to live and do business in.

The city is reached by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Chicago & North-western systems at a distance of 375 miles to the north, with three passenger trains daily between the latter city and it.