

GOSSIP OF THE FAIR

ELABORATE PREPARATIONS ARE NOW COMPLETED FOR THE GREATEST SHOW YET

RAILROADS RUN SPECIALS

Burning of Manila the Finest Piece of Patriotic Fireworks Ever Displayed on a Stage—Tuesday Will Be Pioneer Day and Graced With Many Interesting Features—Gov. Lind Will Press the Button.

It is believed that 100,000 women will be entertained at "Federation Headquarters of Minnesota Women's Clubs" during fair week. Mrs. Anna B. Underwood, chairman of the committee, reports that in every case the clubs of the state have taken hold of the fair work with enthusiasm.

Many people outside the cities will be glad to hear that the camping feature will be reinstated this year. Last year all the state's tents were employed by the regiments in camp waiting for orders to go to the front.

Dr. Curryer will be in charge of the camp and will give it his personal attention. The camp will be convenient and popular on account of the evening entertainment.

Tuesday is "Pioneer" day and the feature will be the meeting of the territorial pioneers on the grounds. Their headquarters will be at the Pioneer Press building, near Horticultural hall.

Dr. C. C. Lyford is the official veterinarian of the fair and will have an office in the building with the superintendent of the live stock departments.

Mr. R. A. Stone is clerk of the course, and Mr. D. R. Stacey assistant manager in the speed department. Both earned these places by good service at past fairs.

The contest in the dairy department for butter prizes will be warm. The premiums this year are larger by the addition of all entry fees and the prizes are worth the struggle.

The Lake City Military band will furnish the music every afternoon at the fair grounds. The band is vouchered for as an exceptionally good one and the fair will give them an opportunity to make a record.

Tired mothers may leave their babies at the "Rest Cottage" of the W. C. T. U. and be sure that they will be well cared for while the sights are seen. "Rest Cottage" was built to help people and to be generally useful, and it will be a permanent feature.

A fine "set piece" which will be seen every night at the fair is a huge tree, fifty feet high, in fire, and another is a gigantic peacock, twenty feet high. This last is the most gorgeous in color of all the set pieces.

The main building at the fair was never so full so early before, and merchants and manufacturers were never before so eager to secure space and spend money to make their exhibits effective.

Nearly all the railroads are running specials reaching the cities in the morning and leaving late in the evening, after the evening programme is over. This means opportunity for the people of the state to make the most of a visit to the fair.

One of the most interesting exhibits to the ladies will be the collection of hand-painted china in the woman's building.

This is a recently added class and has attracted especial attention for the past two years.

Ladies who are fond of fancy work will find nearly 100 different classes displayed in the woman's building this year, with plenty of competition in every class.

The young ladies who graduate at the school of agriculture are expected to cut and fit their own graduating dresses. Mrs. Blair, their instructor, will have a special corner in the woman's building.

The old folks who did not take a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls will have an opportunity to see something as grand in the Niagara set piece of fireworks, seventy-five feet long and forty feet high, called "Roaring Niagara." This is a part of every night's programme at the fair.

Some idea of the magnitude of the preparations for the great military spectacle, "The Burning of Manila," may be gathered from the fact that the stage and scenery, with its accessories, is about 500 feet long and fifty feet high, while the perspective is so perfect that the mountain scenes back of the stage seem to be as many miles away.

Miss Martha Scott Anderson, secretary of the Federation fair committee, will return from her trip abroad in time to be present at the fair.

Two hundred and thirteen fast horses will contest for the \$20,000 in prizes which are hung up at the state fair for speed contests. These would make fine mounts for a couple of cavalry companies.

A. W. McElroy, of Chicago, starting judge for the races, has been presiding at the Grand circuit race meeting and has been at Dubuque the past week.

The fine Minnesota State band will furnish the music for evening programmes every night in the week.

Prof. Luggner, of the state experiment station, will bring over a delegation of "kissing bugs" and an assortment of other bugs of interest to Minnesota people.

The exhibit of Minnesota grapes shown year after year at the state fair, and which means all of them, will please remember that the literary exercises at federation headquarters are held in the forenoon, when admission is free. Great porches afford a fine view of the races, and the same admission is charged as for the grand stand. If the ladies prefer it they can go through the club house by a side entrance to the grand stand on the same ticket.

Fifty spick and span new stables have been erected for the extra fifty horses that have been entered for the races at the fair. Is there any need to say that they will be warm contests on the two tracks?

The new half-mile track, with its circle of electric lights, will do double duty. All the afternoon it will be the scene of the special amusement, and at night—well, those who miss the night events will miss more fun, excitement and amusement than has ever been packed into one evening before.

The public generally do not realize the half of what the managers will put up in the evening programmes every night of fair week. Monday night will open the ball, and the best of all will be Saturday night, when every man, woman and child of the two cities will be welcome.

Supt. Gregg has arranged for an extra strong institute programme for fair week at Institute hall, and this will be one of the popular and instructive features of the fair.

Great improvements have been made in the "Midway" this year. The uninitiated must know that the state fair Midway is the long passage leading from the old station to the grand stand. This street is now a narrow lane. This year it has been widened so that there is a clear width of 150 feet, and the grand stand entrance and the agricultural hall doorway is plainly visible from the other side of the grounds. This will give the whole place a much finer appearance and make the way toward the agricultural department plain to every one.

The old depot has been converted into a refreshment room. Seating is provided so that people can take their lunch baskets and eat their lunches under cover if they so desire. A great many people, however, prefer to picnic somewhere on the grounds, and as the grass is in fine condition this year, this will be a very pleasant way of managing.

Last year the state fair people thought that the limit had about been reached in the exhibiting of agricultural implements and machinery. It was the greatest display of machinery ever made here; everything was full and "more so." The three large buildings had not an inch of space to spare and there were many outside exhibits.

But this year 1898 is thrown entirely into the shade. Supt. Pryor, of the farm machinery division, has been at his wits' end to provide for all applicants and as it is, when the big fair opens at Hamline next Monday all the buildings, both public and private, will be full; there will be numerous outside exhibits, and with machinery, and all kinds of exhibits which can stand the weather will be out in the open.

It will be the grandest display of things the farmer needs for the planting, sowing, reaping, threshing and plowing—to say nothing of hauling to market—ever seen in this part of the country.

PROGRAMME OF THE WEEK.

Daily Attractions at the Grounds Afternoons and Evenings.

The programme for the week at the state fair is as follows:

Monday, Bicycle Day—Bicycle races, under the management of the Laurel Cycle club; band concert, guideless wond'ers' race, diving horses, pacing ostrich, balloon ascension, Nan Wilkes, driven by the dog Max.

Tuesday, Soldiers' Day—State and territorial meeting of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneer association, at 2 p. m.; 2:25 class trotting race, 2:30 class pacing race, 2:35 class pacing race, 2:40 class trotting race, balloon ascension, running race.

Tuesday Evening—Same programme as on Monday night; variations in fireworks.

Wednesday, Minneapolis Day—Great contest for \$5,000 prize, contributed by Minneapolis business men, for 2:21 class trotting race; guideless wond'ers' race, 2:17 class pacing race, 2:22 class pacing race, 2:35 class pacing race, balloon ascension.

Wednesday Evening—Same programme as Monday.

Thursday, St. Paul Day—Great contest for \$3,000 prize, contributed by St. Paul business men, for 2:18 class pacing race, guideless wond'ers' race, 2:26 class trotting race, 2:31 class pacing race, 2:36 class pacing race, 2:40 class trotting race, balloon ascension.

Thursday Evening—Same programme as Monday.

Friday, Farmers' Day—2:07 class pacing race, band concert, 2:16 class trotting race, guideless wond'ers' race, 2:21 class pacing race, 2:22 class pacing race, balloon ascension.

Friday Evening—Same programme as before.

Saturday, "Your Day"—Elaborate special programme of races, guideless wond'ers' race, diving horses, band concert, pacing ostrich, balloon ascension.

Saturday Evening—Running races and special programme of fireworks.

Wid Girl From Australia.

One of the strangest human beings ever exhibited will be at the State Fair this year. The wild girl stands three feet nine inches high, weighs forty pounds; has the strength of two men combined. She was captured sixteen years ago by sailors of the man-of-war Ben Franklin.

The strange little woman from the wilds of Australia creates a sensation wherever she appears. Thousands paid to see her at the Iowa State Fair last week. The best of satisfaction was given, particularly among the ladies. Those that fail to see this curiosity miss an entertaining and edifying exhibition.

Good Housekeepers take a pride in putting the best upon their tables. It pleases him. It pleases him all the more if the best costs no more. Apple Blossom Flour costs no more. Please decide as to its quality only after you have tried it.

Advertisement for 'Straight From the Shoulder' shoes by Bowlby & Co. The Boston St. Paul. Sixth and Robert. Includes a list of prices for men's suits, youths' suits, and boys' suits. Also features an illustration of a man in a suit.

WOMEN PLAY A PART AND IT IS A PART OF IMPORTANCE TO THE FAIR'S SUCCESS. FEDERATION'S DAILY PLANS. W. C. T. U. Ladies Also Have Arranged a Programme for Each Day of the Week—Then the Display in the Women's Building is More Extensive Than Has Hitherto Been Seen.

The women of the state are playing, year after year, a more important part at the fair. There has been a marked advance in the women's department, both in the amount and quality of the exhibits, and this year will be the added attraction of the headquarters of the Federation of Women's Clubs and the establishment of a headquarters building for the W. C. T. U. of Minnesota.

The W. C. T. U. ladies will, the opening day, dedicate their new building, situated on Newspaper row, and they, too, have arranged elaborate programmes for fair week. Some of the notable women identified with the temperance cause are announced among the participants.

The management could not more successfully aid in the efforts of the women's organizations that will gather this week on the grounds, and to many the thoroughness and artistic character of this department of the fair exhibits will be a pleasurable surprise.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Delegation of Fifty Members Arrive From Chicago.

A delegation of fifty members of the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic secret society organization, arrived in the city yesterday from Chicago over the Omaha road. The visitors were met at the train here and entertained during the morning.

This morning the visitors and the members of the St. Paul society will attend mass at the cathedral at 10:30 o'clock and listen to a sermon by Rev. Father Lawler. At 1:30 the party will go to the Metropolitan Hotel, where a banquet will be tendered.

The St. Paul lodge, which was organized Feb. 22 last, now has a membership of 150.

The men who wear the Gordon Hat are its strongest advocates—the women, its fairest.

WILL TALK OF TAXES

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION WILL CONVENE THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

TO WRESTLE WITH RETURNS

Members Will Find Plenty to Entertain in Sessions, as Corporate Franchises Come Under the Head of Personal Property—Gov. Lind Says He Will Pay Particular Attention to the Work of the Board.

The state board of equalization will meet Tuesday in the house of representatives and wrestle with the returns made by county auditors from all over the state. As this is an odd numbered year the labors of the board will only have to do with personal property assessments.

The board will find plenty to entertain in its sessions, as corporate franchises come under the head of personal property and this class is that which usually furnishes the sensations at the board meetings if there happen to be any.

It is difficult to forecast just what the board will do, but as there are eight new members it is understood that there will be a disposition to probe a little deeper into the values of the holdings of corporations than has ever been done in the past.

The last state board took a junketing trip out of the state and stood the odium of a great deal of newspaper criticism. In the case of banks the board last year directed county electors to instruct assessors to assess bank stocks, surplus funds and undivided profits, deducting real estate at a two-thirds valuation.

The following is the personnel of the board members, representing and numbering the hold over from last year, while the even numbered districts are represented by this year's appointments:

- First district, F. I. Johnson, White Rock, Minn.; Second district, Joseph McKibbin, St. Paul, Minn.; Third district, J. G. Lawrence, Washburn, Minn.; Fourth district, Frank G. McMillan, Minneapolis, Minn.; Fifth district, L. S. Peck, Kasson, Minn.; Sixth district, L. O. Ulvestad, Grogan, Minn.; Seventh district, C. M. Sprague, Sauk Center, Minn.; Eighth district, Mathias Nachbar, Jordan, Minn.; Ninth district, Gudmund Anderson, Lindberg, Minn.; Tenth district, Thomas J. McElroy, Forestville, Minn.; Eleventh district, J. E. Cooley, Duluth, Minn.; Twelfth district, Ole Lee, Montevideo, Minn.; Thirteenth district, A. O. Hendrickson, Arifan, Minn.; Fourteenth district, John E. Ostrom, Warren, Minn.; Fifteenth district, Walter Potter, Elkton, Minn.; Sixteenth district, H. W. Daley, Morris, Minn.; Seventeenth district, Alexander

Save Sleeping Car Expense and Enjoy Comforts of Your Home.

This means the Omaha Road has put on a new train between the Twin Cities and the line after the business day is over and arriving at the other end at early bed time, and because of these reasonable hours the new train is named the "Twilight Limited," and has all the comforts of your home club.

COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED.

Judge Otis Names Appraisers to Condemn Property.

Judge Otis yesterday in the district court granted an order appointing commissioners on the petition of the Northwestern Telephone company for a condemnation of certain property for a right of way. The court named C. R. Smith, J. J. Watson and N. R. Frost as commissioners and limited their compensation to \$10, it being shown that the work could be accomplished in a day.

FOOD ECONOMY

Bulk vs. Concentration.

Grape-Nuts.

Discussed Below.

The question of obtaining a high grade food at a moderate price, is of interest to every housekeeper and provider.

Some food is so bulky that even at a very low price per pound, the actual food value is so little that it is really expensive; on the other hand, there are concentrated foods, like, for instance, the famous breakfast food known as "Grape-Nuts" that sell at 15 cents per pound, but yield in food units so much value that but little of the food should be used at a time, and, in reality, when properly used, the expense is about one cent per meal.

It is a common mistake to use too much of the food Grape-Nuts. Its taste is crisp, with the delicate sweet flavor of grape sugar, and one is inclined to eat double the proper quantity. A lady writes from Indianapolis, Mrs. A. L. Wilson: "We have been using your Grape-Nuts now for two or three weeks. I cannot tell you how much I find it has benefited me. My husband is a physician and he not only uses it at each meal, but likes it at bedtime."

Using the food in this way, some families might be impressed with the cost, but, after all, good food, which keeps the family in prime condition, which is a moderate cost, is very much more profitable, so far as dollars and cents are concerned, than to make use of low-grade, bulky foods, and from time to time call in a physician to help out.

The use of "Grape-Nuts" in reasonable quantity costs one cent per meal, and the food stands without an equal in point of nutrition and value in building up the nerve centers and tissue of the body. The crisp, delicate, sweet taste comes from the grape sugar which is produced by transformation of the starch of the cereals, and this grape sugar is presented to the system, ready for immediate assimilation. Grape-Nuts are sold by all first-class grocers and made by the Postum Co. at their factories in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Large advertisement for 'THESE ARE THE HATS THAT KNOX MADE FALL OPENING'. Features various hat styles like 'MENS SILK', 'MENS DERBY', 'MENS FEDORA', 'LADIES WALKING'. Includes the 'Bowlby & Co. The Boston St. Paul' logo and address 'SIXTH & ROBT'.