

Nebraska STATE FAIR TO BE BETTER THAN EVER

Officials Assert This Week Will Be One of Big Things at Lincoln.

A RECORD-BREAKER PREDICTED

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Officials of the Nebraska state fair are feeling good today and are looking forward to big things during the week if the weather man will continue to smile upon the fair.

"What do you want the Bee to say tomorrow about the fair?" was asked by a reporter of the paper of President Joseph Roberts, as he sat at his desk in the administration building.

"You can say anything you like. You can't put it too strong this year. The outlook is the best since my connection with the fair association. Exhibits are coming in fast and if the weather holds good I look to see attendance figures run up far above any previous years. Everything is looking good. Space is being taken fast and the feeling all over among the exhibitors is that the 1915 fair will be a record breaker.

Will have Hummer.
Secretary W. R. Mellor was in a like mood. "We are going to have a hummer this year," said he. "The entertainment features are going to surpass all previous years. I am feeling particularly happy this morning because the machines and other racing material of Barney Oldfield, the automobile racing champion, and several fixings of Deloyd Thompson, the aviator dare devil, came in this morning and those two gentlemen will be here this evening. I expect that their racing around the track, Oldfield in his big automobile, and Thompson in his flying machine, will be a thriller and nobody can afford to miss it."

Looking over the grounds, one is impressed with the idea that the 1915 exhibition along all lines is bound to be an eye opener. It is said that many people from the east, who have been attending the Panama-Pacific exposition, are planning on stopping over in Lincoln on their way back in order that they can see what kind of an agricultural show Nebraska puts on. The Nebraska State fair has a national reputation and thus the state will get some good advertising from the show this year.

Picture of Nebraska.
Nothing strikes the visitor coming from the west quite so forcibly as the grand picture spread out before them in Nebraska after passing through the mountains and barren places of the west and the Nebraska State fair ought to impress them strongly.

Monday has been designated as Old Soldier's day, Children's day, Labor day and Lincoln day. The gates will open at 6:30 in the morning and the big fair will be on, George Green and his band of Omaha will give concerts in the auditorium and Hagenow and his Lincoln band in Automobile hall, while the Fifth Regiment band will furnish music in the coliseum.

At 11:30 in the morning Deloyd Thompson will do some of his tumbling and flights from the race track, while at 1:30 and 4:30 he will loop the loop.

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon Barney Oldfield will try to beat the record on a half mile track with his big automobile, which will be followed by the racing program. At 4:30 will come the race between Thompson and Oldfield and at 7 in the evening Oldfield will again try to beat the half mile record on a dirt track. This will be followed by a vaudeville performance on the platform in front of the stands.

Catholic Sokol Pioneers Gather At Plattsmouth

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Sept. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The tournament and convention of the Catholic Sokol Turners of Nebraska here is a success in every way. Father John Vleck conducted a solemn high mass in the Bohemian Catholic church this forenoon. About 200 persons arrived from Omaha over the Burlington this afternoon and, headed by Mayor Richey and two bands, marched to the Bohemian hall where the exercises were held. About seventy-five sets of people came from Omaha. This afternoon exhibitions were given by the senior and junior classes. The several teams of girls did themselves proud. The Omaha girls' team won first prize and the Dodge team the second. Judges Peter David, John Lejsek, Anton Benda, Jacob Novy, Frank Fehota and J. J. Gloh made the following decisions:

First Division—Ferdinand Janousek, South Omaha, first; Edward Swacina, South Omaha, second; Jan Polkorny, Omaha, third; Josef Pionec, South Omaha, fourth.

Second Division—James Vick, South Omaha, first; Frank Cerveny, South Omaha, second; Joseph Proskocit, Omaha, third.

Third Division—Frank Kment, South Omaha, first.

The diplomas and prizes were awarded this evening. The convention will close Monday afternoon with the election of officers.

Lincoln Gets the Next Meet of Germans Vets, Koening Re-Elected

NORFOLK, Neb., Sept. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—More than 1,000 out-of-town visitors are in Norfolk attending the annual reunion of German army veterans of the western district. President Koening of Omaha was re-elected. Lincoln won the next convention from Omaha after a lively fight. Jacob Haup of Omaha was the principal speaker at a reception Saturday night when a patriotic program was carried out harmoniously. The program opened and closed by band selections of "America" and the "Star Spangled Banner."

During field prayer services Sunday morning Rev. Ernest Ahrens reminded the former German soldiers that they must not forget that they are Americans first. He cautioned them as to their obligations to the land of their adoption. The sermon was warmly received. The colors of the United States are most conspicuous among those of Germany. Mayor Friday welcomed the visitors to Norfolk by an address during which he presented the key of the city to President Koening. A ball parade, a ball and concert will conclude the reunion Monday night.

EAST AND WEST DIVIDE THE HONORS

Johnston, Williams, McLoughlin and Pell Will Take Part in Semi-Finals.

GRIFFIN AND RAND DEFEATED

FOREST HILLS, N. J., Sept. 5.—At the end of the first week of play in the thirty-fifth annual championship tournament of the National Tennis association, the eastern and western schools of tennis were equally represented by the four surviving players. At the close of the fifth round on the courts of the West Side club here today, William M. Johnston of San Francisco and R. Norris Williams of Philadelphia, were bracketed for the upper half of the semi-finals, and Maurice E. McLoughlin and Theodore R. Pell aligned in the lower half of the draw for the semi-final round, which will be played here on Monday.

Johnston came through as the result of his victory over Clarence J. Griffin of San Francisco, at 6-3, 6-1, 6-8, 5-7, 6-1. Williams advanced by defeating William Rand, 3d, a team member with the United States champion in the Harvard University Tennis club, 5-4, 7-5, 6-1.

Pell Out Hunter.
McLoughlin put out F. T. Hunter of the Cornell university team, at 6-2, 6-4, 6-0, while T. R. Pell was winning from I. C. Wright of Boston, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1. As a result of these victories, Johnston will face Williams in one of the east against the west on Monday, while McLoughlin and Pell will be the contenders in the other half of the semi-finals.

The best play of the day was witnessed in the contest of the lower half in the draw. Neither Johnston nor Williams played up to their former previous matches, while McLoughlin and Pell showed a distinct improvement in their racket work today. Johnston required five sets, two of which went to deuce, to dispose of his team mate, while Williams was forced to play two deuce sets by Rand. Pell and McLoughlin, however, raced through their matches in rapid time and never left the spectators in doubt as to the final outcome of their matches.

Johnston, who was generally expected to be the player to meet Williams in one of the semi-finals, opened in excellent form against Griffin, and by clever generalship and an exhibition of rapid racket technique, won the first two sets in handy fashion.

Appears to Falter.
He appeared to falter, however, under the extreme heat as the play progressed, and Griffin, bringing the full power of his sturdy physique into action, evened the score of sets by giving two deuce contests. Johnston, however, showed a great come back in the final set, and with a flashing assortment of strokes, played from all parts of the court at top speed, quickly ran through the deciding set at 6-1, thus clinching his right to meet Williams on Labor day.

This match afforded the best tennis of the day and drew round after round of applause from the spectators, who were kept deeply interested by the dashing play and long rallies of the two young Californians. Considering the match as a whole, Johnston showed a greater generalship and finesse in his placing and stroking of the ball. Except for his lapse in the third and fourth sets, his judgment of distance and height was excellent, as he brought fore and back hand strokes the length of the court or at sharp angles with marvelous skill.

Can't Keep Up Pace.
Griffin had difficulty in holding his position against this fusillade and returning the ball when he could check it with his racket. At times he lifted his game to a point equal with that of Johnston, but could not maintain the pace long enough on a stretch to win the match. Johnston's game was not at all spoiled by one he played against Behr on Friday, when he defeated the former reserve member of the Davis cup team three out of four sets, none of which went to deuce. He developed a tendency to hit the ball into the net and out of court when in the fore part of his territory and his best work was done on the base lines today. That he deserved the victory over Griffin was shown by the fact that his total point score for the five sets was 182 to Griffin's 118.

Champion Williams' play against Rand was a distinct disappointment to the big gallery present. During the first two sets he appeared to have lost his wizardlike control of the ball, and this taken into consideration with the fact that Rand played steadily and tried for every ball driven into his court, carried the play far beyond what had been expected.

Pell, who has played tennis against Williams frequently at Harvard, was familiar with his opponent's game and his persistent returning of the ball seemed to throw the champion off his stroke. He netted and outed the ball in surprising fashion, double faulted in service and showed a disposition to avoid rallies or rushes to the net. He stuck to his task, notwithstanding the first two sets of many deuce games. The third set saw him back in his old form again and Rand ceased to be a factor. Everything that had been lacking in the champion's form during the first two sets was on exhibition in the third and final session, and, although Rand tried hard to lift his game to meet the new attack, he was utterly outclassed by the real Williams.

In sharp contrast to Williams' slump was the excellent playing of McLoughlin. The famous Davis cup contender and former American champion lost no time in opening his old-fashioned smashing and driving form of attack when he met the Cornellian. He served with deadly accuracy and speed, frequently aceing Hunter, rushed to the net far more frequently than in previous matches this week, and once there refused to be dislodged until he had in most cases hammered out the winning point.

Hunter played a game which consisted of hard driving from base and service lines and he put plenty of top on every stroke. This dashing, free arm stroking of the ball appeared to fit in with McLoughlin's playing temper, and although Hunter made some splendid placements a few times when he forced his way to the net for winning points, was comparatively easy for the New Yorker.

The intercollegiate championship was decided earlier in the day when Harold A. Throckmorton of Seward, N. J., defeated C. S. Garland of Pittsburgh in the final round, 6-3, 2-4, 7-5, 6-8. Throckmorton came through as the representative

OPENING DAY OF REVIVAL SEES THE STAGE WELL SET

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her husband. After the hand-clapping had ceased she said:

"After that you can figure out about how old I am. And it has been a battle all time, not so much between ourselves as with sin and the devil. We are glad to be in Omaha and we know that God is going to give strength to our work here. God bless Omaha!"

Then Billy started in on his sermon (which is printed elsewhere in this paper). It was a plea for more of the power of the Holy Spirit in the church and less formality and half-hearted organization.

Armless Beggar In Fisticuffs with A Blind Mendicant

"Hey! Look out whacher doin' there, ya bum!"

"Don't call me no bum! I'll tuck a shanty on yer gill an' I won't charge ya a cent for my number, neither."

"Ya will, will ya! There! Howja like that? (Business of "biff.")"

The next minute a big Saturday night crowd of shoppers and sightseers at Fourteenth and Douglas were treated to the unusual sight of an "armless" beggar in a lively fistic encounter with a "blind" beggar.

The "armless" man had the advantage of a longer reach with his hands and feet and he soon had the "blind" mendicant down and was giving him a beating when someone yelled "Jiggers, th' bull!" and the scrap was over.

Those who were present at the inception of the affair said that the "armless" man occupied the corner first and objected when the "blind" beggar "opened up his store" too close.

"It was unfair competition, I guess," laughed Harvey Wolf, night manager of the Western Union, who witnessed part of the combat.

How Does Gas at \$5.70 a Thousand Strike You Now?

An interesting souvenir of early Omaha was recently dug up among the effects of the late James M. Woolworth by E. M. Fairfield in the form of a gas bill rendered in the year 1871 for gas supplied to him by the Omaha Gas company. The bill is made out by the hundred cubic feet instead of by the thousand, at the rate of 55 cents a hundred, or \$5.50 a thousand, with an additional 20 cents a thousand United States revenue tax, making a total of \$5.70 a thousand. Fairfield presented the document to President Frank T. Hamilton of the gas company, with the remark, "How would you like to get that rate for gas today?"

Fireman Finds Loot Stolen from a Store

Homer Ruan, Dundee fireman, while passing Sommer Bros. grocery at Twenty-eighth and Farnam streets, discovered a notebook protruding from a drain to the rear of the building. Investigation revealed that beside the book three new sterling silver manure sere were cached behind the drain. He turned his find over to the police, who later found that it had been stolen from the O. L. Wehmer hardware establishment at 2415 Farnam street.

MORE RIVER BOATS UNDER CONSIDERATION AT DECATUR

Additional boats and barges to handle the business on the river between Omaha and Decatur are still being considered. A conference of the business men of Decatur is to be held this week to consider the advisability of building a couple of such boats.

A "For Sale" ad will turn second-hand furniture into cash.

He Never Stands Still.

The familiar simile, "a human dynamo," seems to have been made to fit Billy Sunday. You can't conceive of him taking a slow, deliberate step. He rushes like a runner on the bases, he strikes attitudes like a batter at the plate and one of his most characteristic attitudes is standing on one leg, lifting the other at a right angle and raising his hand high in the air, like an infielder reaching for a high hit.

He rushed from one side of his sixteen-foot platform to the other and stamped resounding stamps within ten inches of the intrepid reporters' heads. He took the wooden chair and placed it beside his pulpit, mounted it, put one foot on the top of the pulpit and shook his fist at the audience as he drove home a point.

He never stood still a moment. He dodged from side to side of the pulpit. He advanced to the front of the platform so that his foot was half way over the edge. He shook his fists on high and bowed himself down nearly to the floor. He made a trumpet with his hands and shouted to the rafters of the building. The perspiration poured from his brow and his collar was wilted and his silk shirt was soaked. He set himself with one foot forward and the other far back, like a man pushing a heavy load.

Consummate acting and mimicry delighted the audience and held them so that in his periods they sat with mouths open and eyes devouring him and heads moving with him as he moved from place to place.

At a Young People's Meeting.

One of his pieces of acting was in a description of what he called "the average young people's meeting in a church."

"You go in there," he said with a chuckle, "and the leader says: 'We have a very interesting topic for tonight. I haven't made much preparation, but I hope you will all feel free to take part.' Then someone says, 'Let us sing No. 19' and they sing 'Oh, to Be Nothing, Nothing.'"

Sunday clasped his hands in front of him and, leaning back, raised his face and in a squeaky voice chanted the line while the audience laughed.

"Then," he continued, still chuckling with contempt, "someone reads a verse of poetry from the Christian Endeavor World and then someone else says, 'Shall we sing No. 43?' and they sing 'Throw Out the Life Line.' Huh, they haven't got enough strength to string a clothes line. There is no vital, compelling power in our churches, no per-

Garden Club Boys In Picnic at Park

Omaha Garden clubs held a picnic at Elmwood park yesterday afternoon. About thirty were present, most of them being boys, who tried to make up with enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers. E. E. Dale, who has been assigned to the Omaha Garden club work by the state, took charge of the youngsters and set them to running potato races, tomato races, and various other vegetable games. He announced that the work weeks, and that it had been very successful.

Refreshments were served a little after 6 o'clock, and the assembly was addressed by E. U. Graff, Joseph Hummel, Supervisor English, Mr. Palmer and Secretary Denison of the Young Men's Christian association. All of the speakers told of the good that garden work was doing and congratulated the workers on their success.

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Also Tells Stories Well.

He made telling use of several dramatic anecdotes, such as the blowing up in an historic blast of the rocks in Hell Gate, New York harbor; the burial of a monk alive and the arrival of the American troops and the Stars and Stripes at the siege of Pekin.

He even approached profanely in relation of his conception of a Bible incident, when Nebuchadnezzar demanded that all bow down and worship and Shadrack, Meshak and Abednego refused, as follows:

"'Is everybody down?' asked the king. 'Everybody but three Jews.' He was told, 'Well, you go and tell them if they know what's good for them,' said the king. And when the message was brought to those three brave men they said, 'You tell the king to go to —.' The audience laughed and then Sunday chuckled. 'To Babylon!' he said, and went on with the story.

Among the Audience.

The audience was made up of people of every station and degree. Right in the middle of the front row sat a grey-haired old man without a collar and with a strinky muffer knotted about his neck. Not far off sat an Omaha business man and the wife of a lawyer, chewing gum. They are of the city's social elite.

The morning audience was largely of the church people, all the co-operating churches having cancelled their regular services to attend the meeting.

A grey-haired woman was carried to the emergency hospital in a faint, by the ushers just before Mr. Sunday started his sermon in the morning.

Calls for "trail blazers" are not made during the first few meetings.

Some Future Sermons.

Billy announced that he will preach a sermon especially to help young people on "Forces That Win" Friday afternoon, and invited the high school pupils to come with their banners and yells.

On Thursday afternoon he will preach on "The Home."

He postponed introducing the people of the Sunday party until Tuesday, when Homer Rodeheaver, choir leader, will be here.

A telegram was received from the executive committee that had charge of the Sunday meeting in Denver. It reads:

"The Denver executive committee joins in prayer and best wishes for the success of the campaign. The fruits of our great revival are still manifest. Tell the people of Omaha to rally around Billy and support him to the limit. Pray constantly, get down to personal work at once, and victory is sure."

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SPECIAL TRAIN TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY—From Omaha at 8 A. M.; from South Omaha at 8:15 A. M.; returning from Lincoln depot at 10 P. M.

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