

MERCER FAIR IS BROUGHT TO END IN BLAZE GLORY

Plans Already Being Made for Extensions for Next Year.

LIGHTS AND WATER NEEDED

Races on Closing Day Marked by Warm Contests, Everybody Bringing Out for Money.

(Special to The Argus.)

Aledo, Sept. 19.—The Mercer county fair came to a close yesterday in a blaze of glory for every one connected with the management. The crowd was the largest ever entertained by the association on Friday, as for several years past the Friday of fair week has either been raining or too cold for the people to attend.

One entire wing of central hall was given over to the seed corn exhibit, which Professor O. D. Fisher of the University of Illinois pronounced the best collection of seed corn he had ever seen at a county fair. Professor Fisher lectured in the morning upon the proper method of growing corn and the proper manner in which to prepare the soil.

The management expected a very small display of fresh and canned fruits because of the reported scarcity of all kinds of fruit, but when the time came to place the exhibits, it was found that this department was full and running over.

Art Department Grows.

The art department was originally planned for the benefit of local exhibitors, but like the other departments of this great fair, has grown until it now boasts of exhibits from many states of the union. Each piece of work is expressed direct to the superintendent of this department, who must personally see to the unpacking, placing and repacking for the return shipment. The section set aside for art needle work had a larger number of pieces of work than ever before. This is a department that the Aledo people may feel justly proud of.

Kiddee & Sons of Joy had the greatest showing of draft horses on the grounds. This firm breeds only English shires. They have just shown at the Iowa state fair and won a blue ribbon in every class in which they showed.

Here they showed in every class to which they were eligible and won a blue and red ribbon in every one. From Aledo they expect to go to Springfield, where they will show at the Illinois state fair and they expect the same success that has been theirs all this year. The younger member of the firm is but 18 years of age, but he superintends the breeding and showing of these wonderful horses. Markey Bros. and Robert Walte each showed some very fine draft horses with which they have won premiums and are going on to the state fair to add more ribbons to their collection.

Largest Hog in World.

Cox & Son had the greatest show in the swine house. They showed along with their other animals, what is claimed to be the largest hog in the world that is able to walk. It is said he has weighed 1169 pounds. Mr. Cox has refused \$1,500 for him.

Among the all purpose horses, the renowned beauty, Axtin, was beaten by Prairie Game, an Aledo owned horse. There was a great deal of comment on this decision.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ward of Rock Island were here with their string of high school horses and jumpers. They showed the horses for prizes and also put on an entertainment between heats of the races. Mrs. Ward's famous horse, Patrick, won two blue rib-

bons since he has gotten away from, and has not had to show against the famous Belle Beach. Patrick could not beat her, but he is next to her and the undisputed second best show horse in the United States.

To Have Night Show.

Already the fair officials are discussing the installation of electric lights for next year and have an evening program. This undoubtedly will go through, due to the financial success of the present fair. Lights will be strung all over the grounds and the place put in first class shape for the evening shows. Next year will probably witness a horse show, fireworks and vaudeville program.

Plans for next year call for the piping of city water to the fair grounds. The lack of water this year was keenly felt. Thursday the wells went dry early and soon it was practically impossible to obtain anything to drink but fancy drinks. Yesterday water was being hauled in from outside to even partially accommodate the demand. Restaurant men were driven to distraction to find sufficient water to even wash dishes.

The city water plant broke down Thursday afternoon and consequently the entire town went dry and with a vengeance, too.

Out for the Money.

Friday was get-away-day and everyone was out to win all the money he could in any manner. The 19 pace was the first race of the day and was what horse men term a horse killer. Two of the best pacers that have raced this year went out of commission in this race. Under a whipping finish Kellarville Kid took the first heat from Anell and beat Little George the same way in the second. It looked like the Kid would head the summary in three heats, but as they were heading into the stretch for the third mile, something went wrong and Kid went down in a heap. He had lost all use of his hind legs for a short time. This is the first time he has been beaten this year. In the fourth heat Anell went to a bad break at the end of the first half and broke his right ankle. The remaining heat was easy for Little George, Lena D. second, and La Myrietta, third.

The same three horses started in the free-for-all pace that were in the "11" pace of Wednesday. Dock V. was an easy second to Society Leader the first two heats, and tried to win the third, but did not have quite brush enough to come through.

Hazel Boy was the favorite in the 22 trot, as he had not been headed this year. Charley G. was working nicely and never had to extend himself, and Roy T. slipped through, getting two seconds and forcing Hazel Boy to take third money.

The consolation trot was an added attraction. Three Rock Island horses started, two of which got in the money. It was the most hotly contested race of the day. Judge Hooker looked like a sure winner the second heat, but was beaten by Howell just before the wire. Frank Curry has the most likely looking green trotter racing in his horse, Lyle Fifer.

After several bad breaks and false starts the gallopers were sent away. It was anyone's race from start to finish with four horses running neck and neck. John Morris showed a burst of speed just before the wire and won by a nose. The summary:

2:19 Pace, Purse, \$300.

Anell, b. s., M. M. Draper, New Bedford, Ill. 2 3 3 dis
Kellarville Kid, b. s., G. T. Chandler, Macomb, Ill. 1 1 dis
Little Geo., b. h., C. E. Brent, Smithsfield, Ill. 4 2 1 1
La Myrietta, s. f. B. McCullom, Rock Island .. 5 5 4 3 3
Leona d. b. m., E. Fredhoff, Sterling, Ill. 3 4 2 2 2
Time—2:15½, 2:14½, 2:18½, 2:19½.
Free-for-All Pace, Purse, \$400.
Society Leader, J. R. h., Tim Smith, Agent, Galesburg, Ill. 1 1
Dock V., blk. s., Chas. Kelly, West Liberty, Iowa 2 2 2
The Bankrupt, b. s., Samuel Harris, Plymouth, Ill. 3 3 3

ORA HEATH HURT IN AUTO MISHAP

Taylor Ridge Man Pinned Under Car Which Upsets on Hill.

IS INTERNALLY INJURED

Mrs. Heath and Mrs. Charles Dunlap, Other Occupants, Fall Clear of Machine and Escape.

Ora Heath, the well known Taylor Ridge blacksmith, was internally injured, possibly seriously, and his wife and Mrs. Charles Dunlap, wife of Deputy Sheriff Dunlap, were bruised and scratched when an automobile, owned and driven by Mr. Heath, tipped on its side in a ditch on Turkey Hollow hill, five miles southwest of Milan at 6 o'clock last evening.

Mr. Heath was pinned beneath the machine, but the ladies were thrown clear of the car. He was unconscious for about one-half hour following the mishap.

The party had spent the day in Rock Island. They departed late in the afternoon for Taylor Ridge. As they were ascending the hill the engine stopped and the car started backing down the incline, the brake failing to hold. As it reversed it turned to the side, plunged over into a ditch and turned on its side.

Mr. Heath fell beneath the machine. The ladies ran for assistance and a farmer residing nearby came to the scene and pulled the injured man from beneath the car.

Mr. Heath was still unconscious and Dr. Allan Miller, of Edgington, was called to attend him. Later Mr. Heath was taken to his home.

Internal Injuries.

Today he complains of a pain in his side. He sustained internal injuries, but the exact seriousness of the case could not be determined by the doctor. It was at first thought that several of his ribs were broken, but subsequent examination proved that they had not been fractured.

The Turkey Hollow hill is a steep clay incline. The recent rains washed out a number of ruts some eight to 10 inches in depth, which made travel on the hill very difficult.

Time—2:14½, 2:15½; 2:11½.

Consolation Trot, Purse, \$300.

Howell, b. g., James Barton, Wyoming, Ill. 1 1
Pay Bank, s. s., O. D. Harris, Plymouth, Ill. 5 5
Sweet Solo, blk. m., Samuel Harris, Plymouth, Ill. 7 6
Lyle Fifer, b. g., Frank Curry, Milan, Ill. 2 4 2
Dick Colbert, ch. s., J. B. Ewing, Blainville, Ill. 3 2 3
Judge Hooper, s. g., F. B. McCullom, Rock Island 6 3 4
The Striver, Andy Brady, 4 6 5
Time—2:22½, 2:24½; 2:24½.

2:22 Trot, Purse, \$300.

Roy T., b. g., D. C. Smith, Knox City, Mo. 3 2 2
Charley G., s. g., D. W. Smith, Tiskilwa, Ill. 1 1
Hazel Boy, J. A. Donnelly, Iowa City, Iowa 2 3 3
Time—2:17½, 2:17½; 2:19½.
5 Furlong Dash, Purse \$75.
Dora Belle, b. m., J. C. Davis, Monmouth, Ill. 4
B. F. Jones, b. s., W. F. Jones, Galesburg, Ill. 2
Winnie Osmer, b. m., E. W. Hackleroy, Marmon, Ill. 3
John Morris, b. g., M. Flovie, Keokuk, Iowa 1
Time—1:02½.

STATE FAIR HAS PROMISING START

Opening Day Crowds Set New Mark for Annual Illinois Show.

EXHIBITS ARE IN PLACE

Horse Display at Coliseum Next Monday Evening Will Be One of the Features.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 19.—Attendance record for the opening day of the Illinois state fair was broken yesterday when many thousands of people visited the exposition to witness the automobile races, which began at 2 o'clock. The exhibits were only partially completed, but the reputation of the automobile speed kings was sufficient to fill the grand stands and pack the race course. The exhibits today are practically completed.

Fearing that the great speed which the drivers will show might cause some of the cars to go through the fences at the turns, state fair officials had heavy wires stretched 100 feet back from the track at the turns and a special guard of policemen will keep back the crowds at the dangerous points.

Horse Show Monday Night.

The night horse show which opens Monday night at the Coliseum will be one of the big features of this year's exposition. B. H. Helde of Chicago, one of the cattle superintendents and a prominent horseman, is one of the horse show committee. Mr. Helde has just completed a circuit of fairs and horse shows and in commenting on the local one said:

"From the list of entries the state fair horse show will be the best of the year. One seldom sees such a gathering of high breed horses. No fair has had a more splendid showing or is

more worthy of support. The other members of the managing board of the horse show are J. K. Hopkins of Princeton and J. H. Madden of Mendota.

To Stage Novel Contest.

In connection with the horse show a broad sword contest will be given each evening. Two teams of six men each, both composed of skilled riders, will compete. The men will be armed with broadswords and will attempt to cut the long plumes from each other's head. The last man having a plume is the winner.

J. T. Montgomery, president of the board, together with state pure food authorities, has made special plans to keep the grounds in a sanitary condition and to protect all visitors. Acting on recommendation of Dr. C. St. Claire Drake, secretary of the state board of health, all wells but two were closed at the fair yesterday because of sewage contamination.

The state board of health, the state pure food department and the medical inspection board are cooperating in the sanitary work. Dr. H. C. Blankmeyer, sanitary inspector, has notified all lunch stands at the fair grounds that the sale of impure food will result in the closing of the stands.

FOURTEEN ADDED DURING THE WEEK

Evangelist Wray Continues to Meet With Success in His Efforts.

At the close of the first week of revival services at the Fifteenth Avenue Christian church, Rev. C. L. Stauffer, pastor, 14 converts have been made and received as members of the church. Evangelist B. L. Wray is assisting the pastor in the services and large numbers are attracted to the church every evening. No services will be held this evening, but meetings will continue tomorrow morning will be "Prayer" and in the evening the subject will be "The Rich Fool." The evangelist last evening spoke on the subject of "The Conversion of Zacchaeus," in which he said:

"Someone has said that if a thousand part of all the things that have been said about Jesus, is true then it is worth while for any man to do as Zacchaeus did, namely, 'To seek to see Jesus who he was.'"

Why Zacchaeus sought to see Jesus may be a matter of conjecture; perhaps of idle curiosity, perhaps on account of the fame of Jesus; maybe on account of real faith on his part. A desire for better life. But whatever that prompted him to see Jesus it resulted in his conversion, for Jesus said, today is salvation come to this house.

"So will Jesus come into any house, into any heart, into any life, if we seek to know Jesus; if we make haste and come down out of self; if we receive him; if we make proper restitution."

Pretty Tranquil.

"I would like to lead a tranquil existence," said the troubled man of affairs.

"About how tranquil," asked his hard worked secretary.

The other thought a moment. "Oh," he answered, "about as tranquil a life as a germ leads on a \$1,000 bill."

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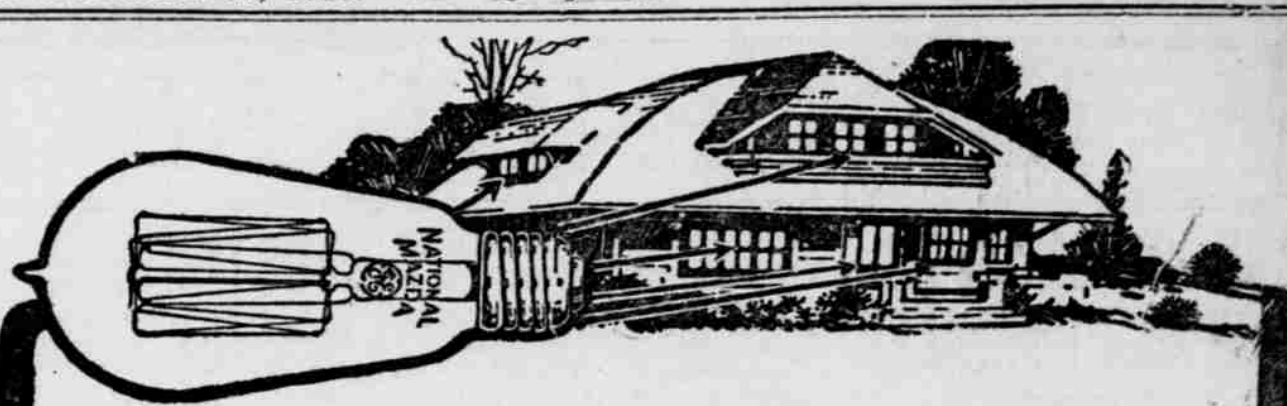


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Practical Talks Heard by Those Attending Conference at Sterling.

GOOD RESULTS EXPECTED

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Consolidation of rural schools, establishment of high schools, teaching the problems practical on the farm, keeping the boys and girls of the farm at home, and attending the rural consolidated school until 18 years of age, the upbuilding of the rural community life, the country church, cooperation of farm work, creameries and buying and selling on the farm were the important subjects discussed at the conference on country life at the Presbyterian church at Sterling, conducted under the auspices of the Rock River conference of the Methodist church and the Rock River presidency of the Presbyterian church.

About 50 pastors and laymen attended the opening session yesterday morning and at the closing session last evening the church was filled with an interested audience. Thoughts advanced were not theoretical, but practical and results are looked for.

Leaders Are Present.

For this conference there were noted speakers: B. C. Hill, the dairy commissioner for the state of Iowa; a representative of the Illinois board of health; Dr. W. H. Wilson of New York, chairman of the national committee on country life of the Presbyterian church, and others who are giving their time and service to the betterment of country life.

Dr. Wilson referred to the decline of the country church speaking generally, showing that there were thousands of churches not in use throughout the land, referring especially to Illinois, Ohio and also conditions in the south. He deplored these conditions, and this was one of the problems that the conference is attempting to solve. With this problem came the problems of building up the community, through the general cooperation of the people, in consolidated schools, cooperation, and general advancement. In his talk Dr. Wilson showed the growth of the city churches and attendance in 10 years, that it was far greater than the country. That the number of idle churches in the country increased and sought a reason for these conditions. He stated that he never deplored the fall of religion, or that it would become extinct, but believed in the general advancement of the work.

Speaks of Cooperation.

A feature of the conference was the address by B. C. Hill on "Farm Cooperation." In his address he paid particular attention to dairying. He spoke of the practical results of cooperation in dairying and from this he went into other lines, which seemed to bring out the points that were desired by the leaders of the conference. From cooperation of dairying, or how to organize cooperative creameries, led to discussion to the plans for the development of the community center in rural districts, the consolidated school, teaching practical problems for

WOODMEN COUNCIL ADJOURNS MEETING

The executive council of the Modern Woodmen of America adjourned its September meeting yesterday afternoon. Only the routine business was transacted. The number of claims paid was 517, aggregating \$817,537.75.

ASHDOWN AGAIN HEADS FARMERS' PICNIC ASS'N.

The Farmers' Picnic association has organized for another year. The directors chosen are: W. H. Ashdown, S. L. Woodburn, Ed Sallows, William Winterfelt, W. H. Groh. The directors elected the following officers: President—W. H. Ashdown. Treasurer—William Winterfelt. Secretary—W. H. Groh. The president has appointed John Fife and Ed Sallows a committee on grounds for next year.

Plan on This for Sunday.

A trip on the steamer Helen Blair through Moline locks to Hampton. Leaves at 2:30 p. m. Returns at 6:30. 35 cents round trip.

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