

Western National Fair Association clippings

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These clippings from various newspapers relate to the Western National Fair that was held at Bismarck Grove in Douglas County in September 1880. Apparently, this was the first attempt to hold a state fair in Kansas, though there was also a Missouri Valley Fair in Kansas City. At this point in time, Bismarck Grove was owned by the Kansas Pacific Railway Company but they were letting the fair association use it rent free. One clipping includes the charter of the Western National Fair Association and others the minutes of meetings of the Association. Several counties (Anderson, Linn) formed associations to organize their efforts to participate in the fair at Bismarck Grove.

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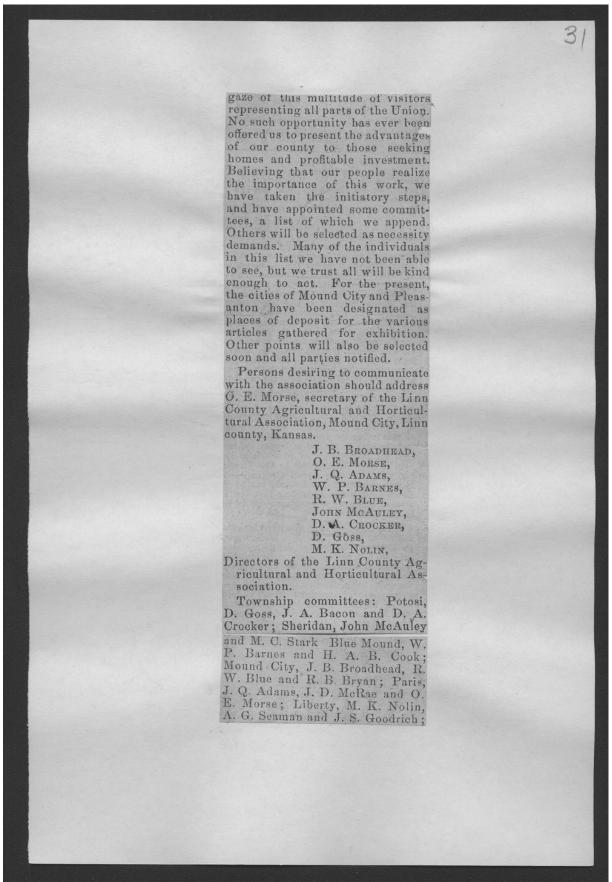
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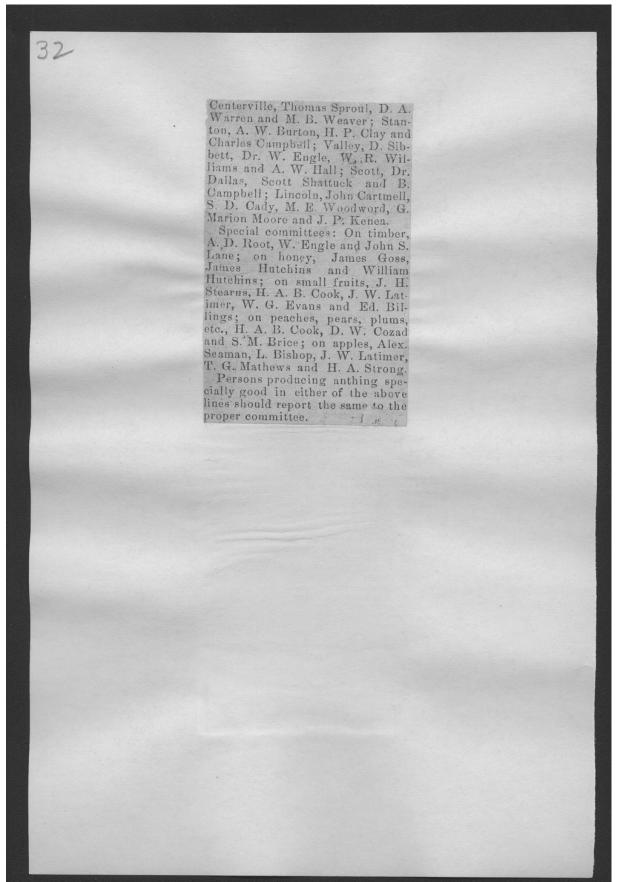
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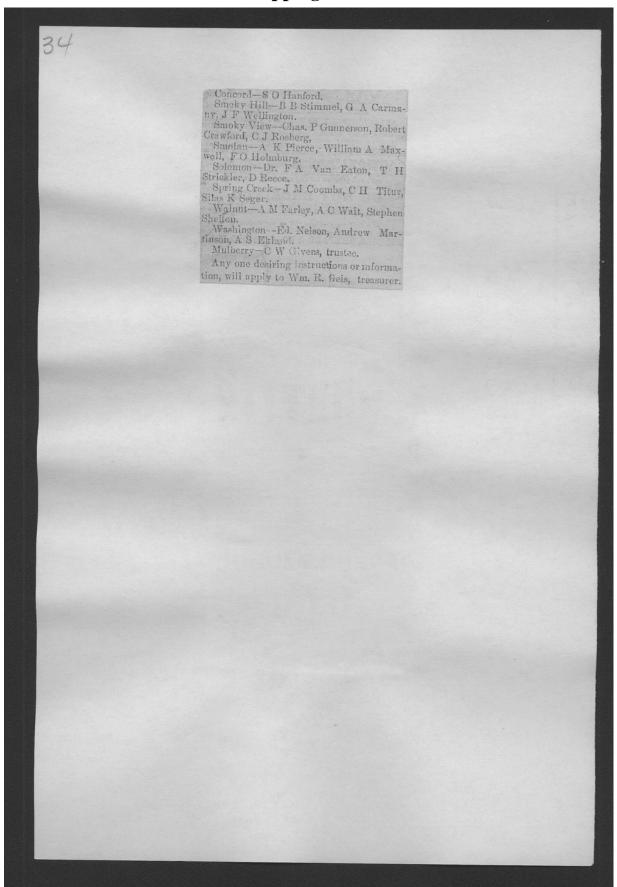
The Salina Herald, June 26-1880. The Salina Recald SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1880. A. G. STACEY, Editor and Publisher. County Committee for Bismarch Fair. We republish the various committees in this county, whose duty it is to collect articles for the Bssmarck fair. Much has already been done, and we call upon every man in the county to bring forward whatever he may have to make a showing. All samples of wheat, corn, rye, oats, etc., will be given in charge of the committee in each township; who will turn them over to the Bismarck committee—H L Jones, A P Collins, J C Terry, W R Geis, M D Sampson, Frank Robb. Finance committee—Oscar Seitz, L F Parsons, E W Ober, Thomas Anderson, Donald McPhail. Salina—R. H. Bishop, A M Campbell, A M Beebe.

New Cambria—Simon Donmeyer, I H Wells, William Murphy.
Dayton—J C Barrett, Dennis Rierdon, George Dorflinger,
Elm Creek—J R Arnold Isaac A Burch, William Toll.

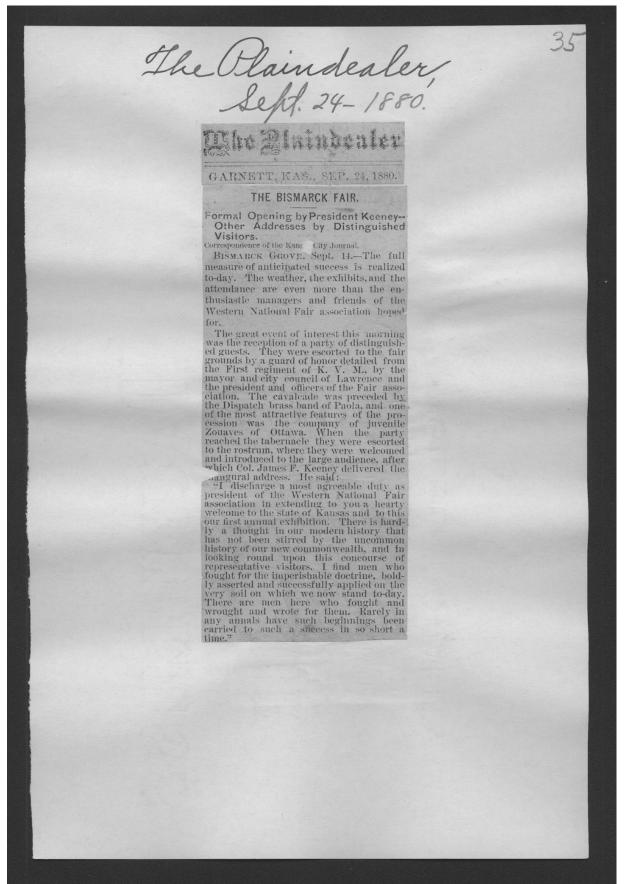
Eureka—Johnathan Tinkler, Anson Miller, B F Whitehead.
Falun—Augst Johnson, John Agnew, Olof Forsse,
Gree'ey—P McEntree, Henry Rosmond, R A Anderson.

Gypsum—J W Amos, C S Eberhardt.
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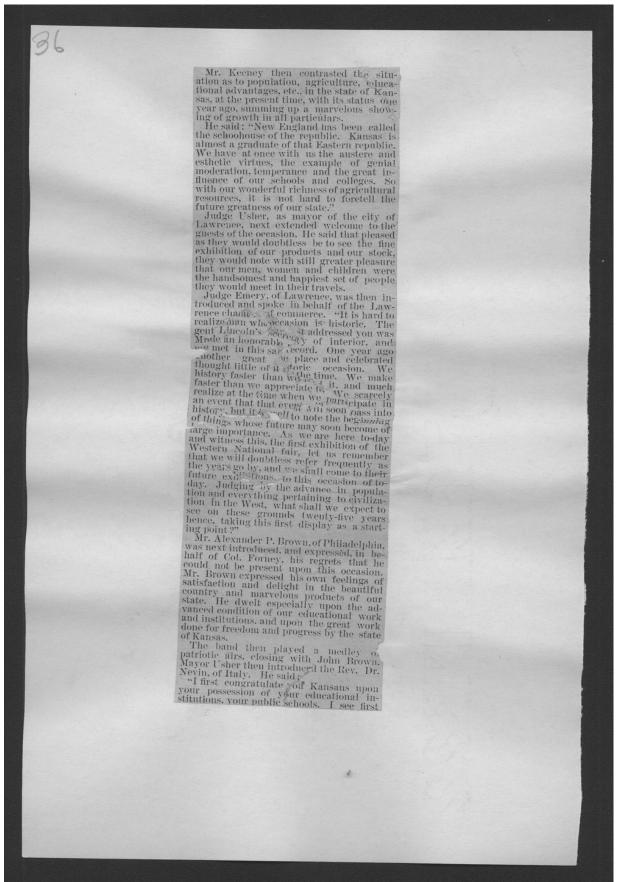








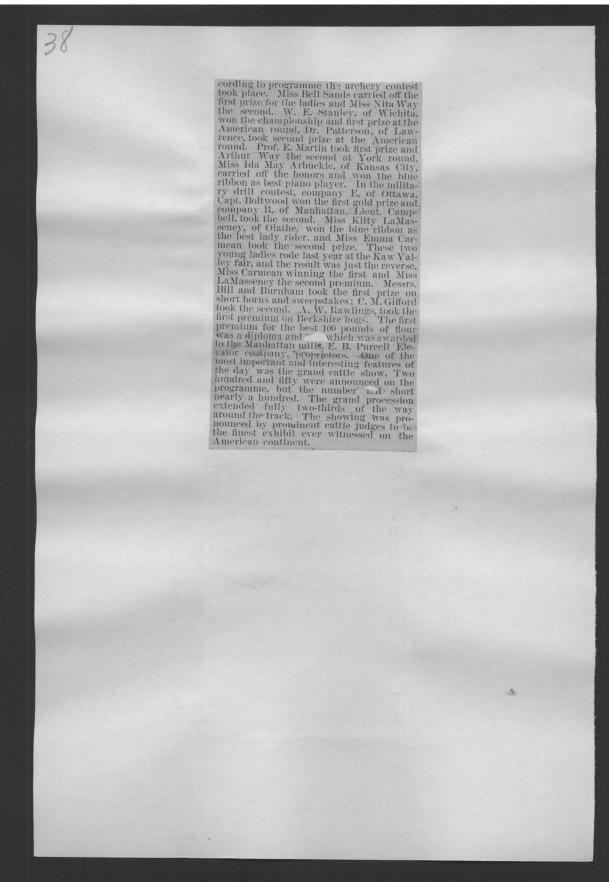














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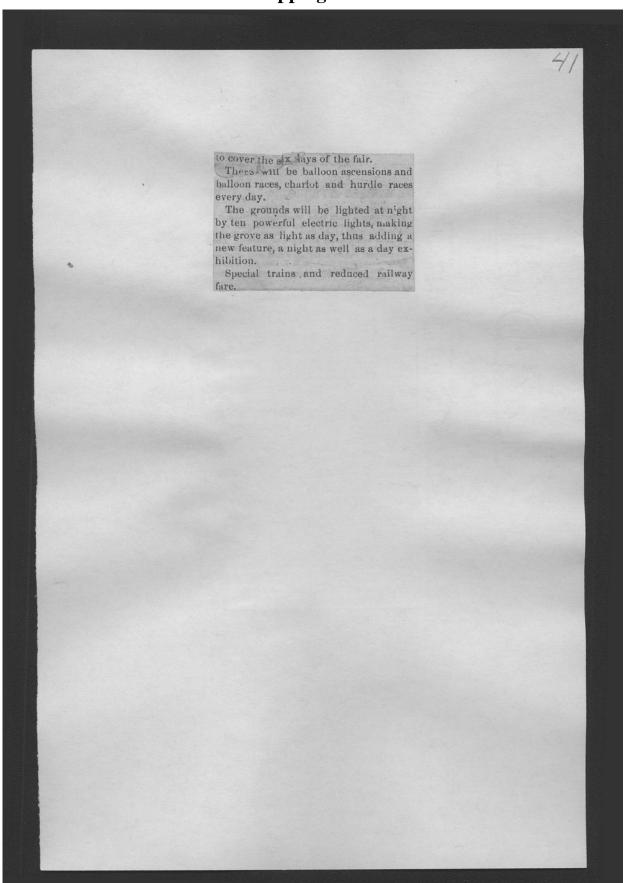
The Plaindealer, Mar. 12-1881. The Plaindealer. Bismarck Fair. Some \$20,000 has been expended this year in improvements and additions to the buildings and grounds. Arrangements have been made to have a grand display of the products of the field, orchard, stable and workshop. \$3,500 in premiums are noffered for cattle, \$3,000 for horses, \$2,000 for swine, \$2,000 for sheep, and \$1,000 for poultry and pet stock. The premiums aggregate \$25,000, and the speed ring purses \$10,000, all of which have been guaranteed. Miss Cricket Still, of Ransas, and Miss Ida Levant, of Missouri, will run a twenty-mile equestrian race for a purse of \$10,000 and the chainpionship. There will be balle32 ascensions and balloon races, chariot and hurdle races every day. The grounds will be lighted at night by ten powerful electric lights, making the grove as light as day, thus adding a new feature, a night as well as a day exhibition.



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The Commonwealth, aug. 28-1881. The Bismarck National Fair. The Bismarck Fair opens on the fifth and continues until the tenth of Septem-\$20,000 have been expended this year in improvements and additions to the buildings and grounds. Arrangements have been made to have a grand display of the products of the field, orcl ard, stable and workshop. \$3 500 in premiums are offered for cattle, \$3,000 for horses, \$2,000 for swine, \$2,000 for sheep, and \$1,000 for poultry and pet stock. These liberal premiums have met with a ready response from exhibitors in all parts of the country and it is believed that the collection will excel anything ever shown in the The exhibition of Herefords, Short-Horns, Polled Angus, Devons, and Jerseys will be the finest collection ever exhibited west of the Missis-The premiums aggregate \$25,000, and the speed ring purses \$10,000, all of which have been guaranteed. Miss Cricket Still, of Kansas, and Miss Nellie Archer, of Missouri, will run a twenty mile equestrian race for a purse of \$10,000 and the championship. There will be trotting, running and pacing races, for which the entries already number over seventy-five. The programme for these races is so arranged as



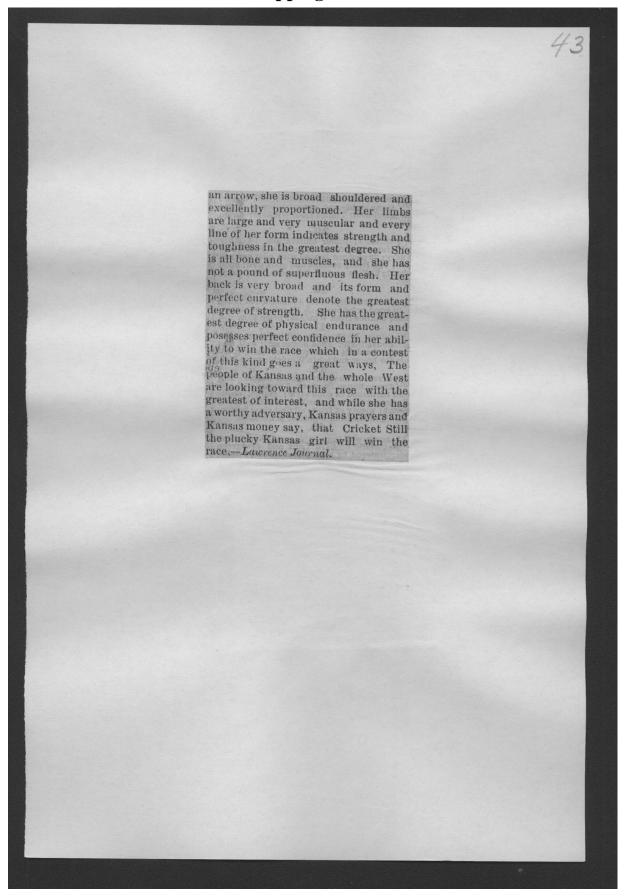




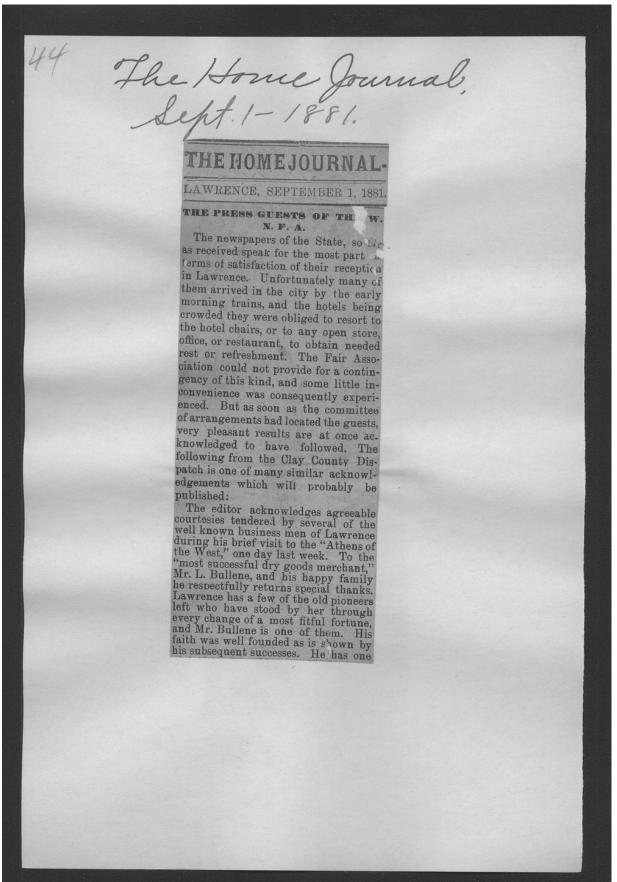
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Winfield Courier, Sept. 1-1881. Miss Cricket Still, of Beloit, Kansas, who is to ride in the \$10,000 championship twenty mile running race at the Western National Fair against Miss Ida Levant, of Sedalia, Mo., is in the city with her father. Miss Still is a sprightly looking girl of fifteen years of age. She is a blonde and has bright grey eyes. She was born on the Delaware reservation between Lawrence and Leavenworth. She rode a horse before she was a year old, and can remember riding alone when only four years old. She rode first in public at Leavenworth when she was but seyen years old. She is of the most independent disposition, and all her riding has been done under her own guidance, and at her own free will. She has practiced hurdle riding and can ride on either side or straddle or even standing up. She does almost all her riding without a saddle,-with nothing upon the horse but a surcingle she can let herself drop so as to touch the ground and immediately regain her seat. She is a natural equestrian and takes to a horse's back just as naturally as a duck to water, Her weight is just a hundred pounds by the Journal office scales and she stands exactly five feet one inch high. She is most perfectly adapted in every way to the task she has undertaken, standing as straight as

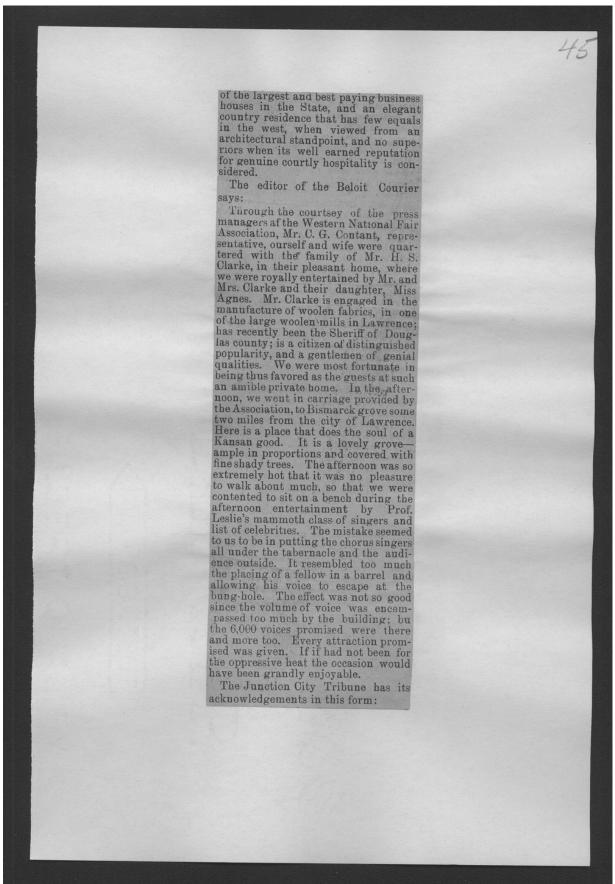




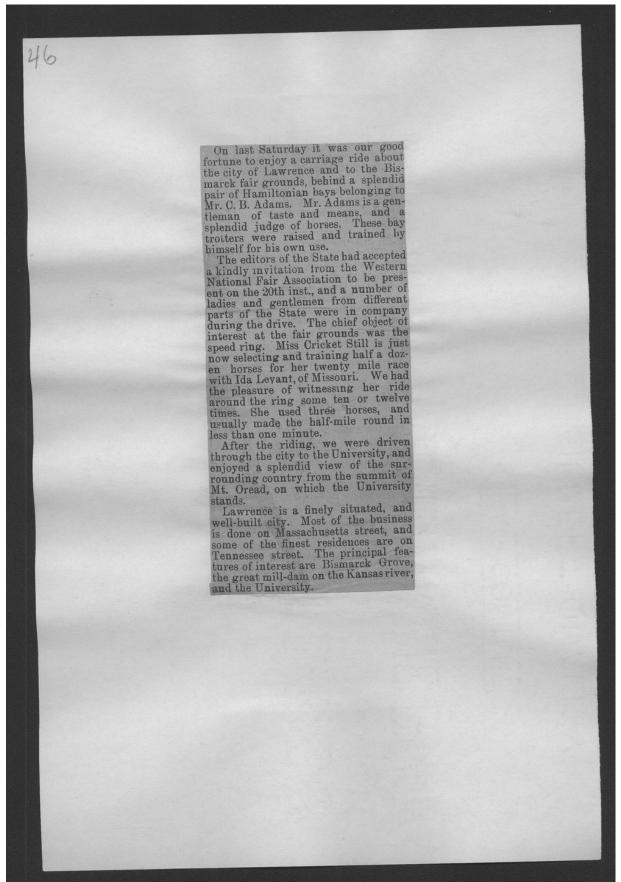










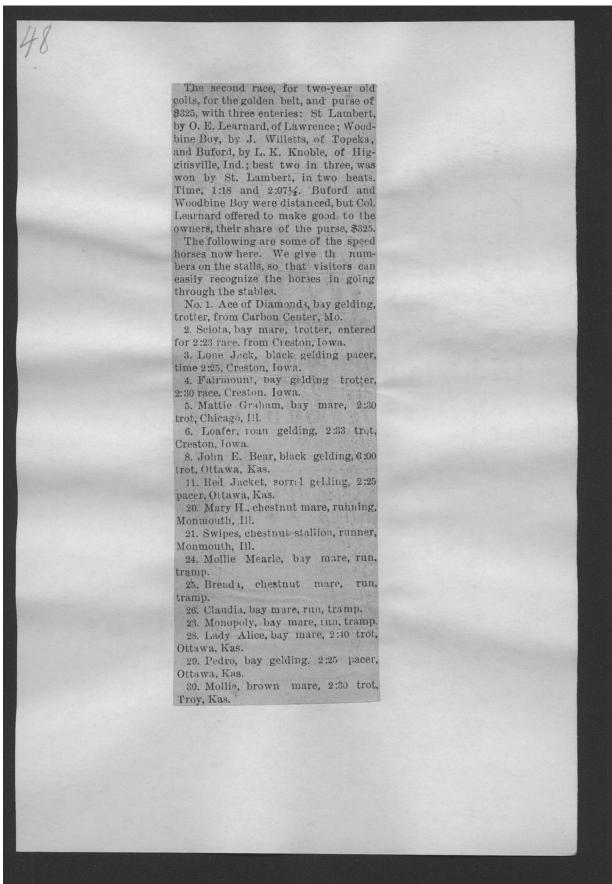




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Democratic Standard, 47 Sept. 7-1881. DEMOCRATIC STANDARD. (WEEKLY EDITION) WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 1881. THE BISMARCK FAIR. Opening Day at Bismarck Grove, Indications of Success, a Few of the Sp a Horss. For several days the Bismarck Fair Grounds have swarmed with busy people, making ready for the fair, but the half was not done, when Monday, the opening day came round, and the Secretary's office has been beseiged by the crowd and his score of clerks rushed with work all day. Of the displays made, the county exhibits, the general miscellaneous display, and the show of fine arts, are especially attractive, but this being such a busy day with exhibitors, it is impossible to view the display with any satisfaction. Of the different departments we will have further to say The first race, for a purse of \$500, three minute class, Kansas horses, best thiree in five-four entries, Ceriander, from Prairie Dell Farm, Topeka; John E. Bear, by R. C. Campbell, Ottawa; Santa Fe, by J. H. Tousy, Holton, and Golden Girl, by Cy. Leland, Troy. Coriander took the first two heats in 2:491/2 and 2:451/2, but Golden Girl went to the front on the last three heats and won the race in 2:391/2, 2:391/4 and 2:241/2. Santa Fe was distanced on the 3d heat and John E. Bear on the 4th.

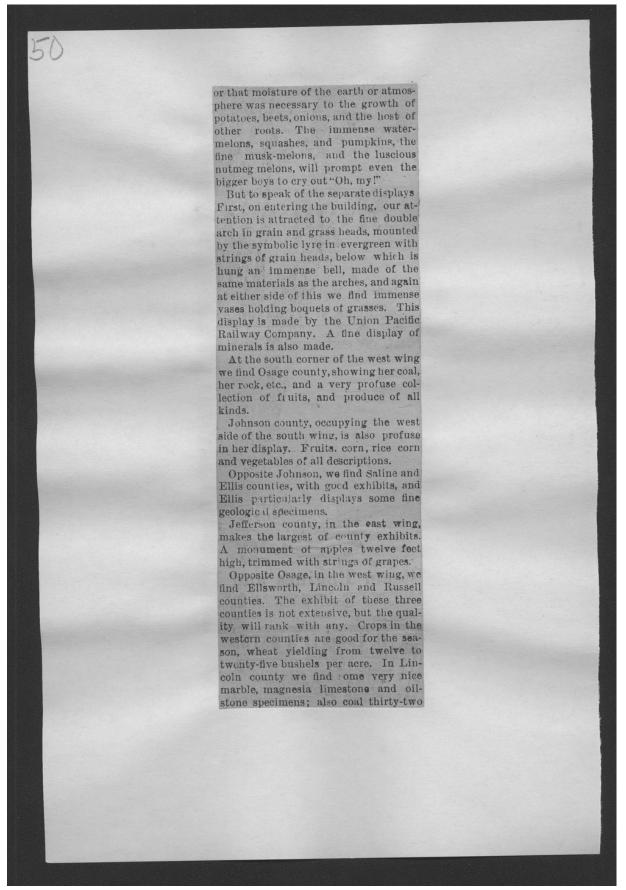




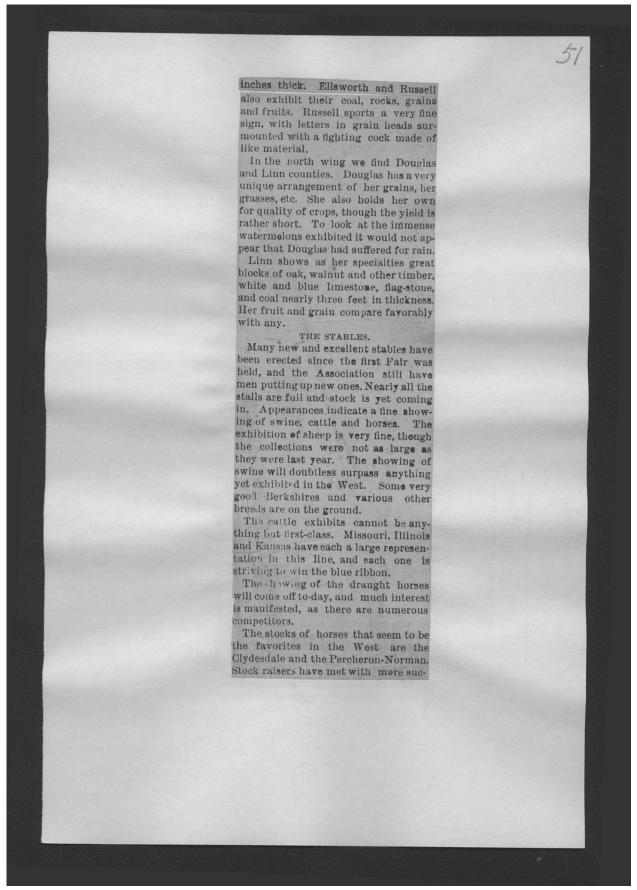


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Troy, Kas. 33. Georgia, brown mare, 2:40 trot, Salina, Kas. 34. Cork Boy, bay gelding, run, Salina, Kas. 35. Burnett Boy, sorrel stallion, run, Salina, Kas. 36. Enoch Arden, brown gelding, 2:25 pacer, Salina, Kas. 52. Belle, chestnut mare, run, Lawrence, Kas. 53. Tendorf, bay stallion, 2:40 trot, Chanute, Kas. 60. Santa Fe, black stallion, 3:00 trot, Holton, Kas. 70. Jayhawker, sorrel stallion, run, Emporia, Kas. 72. Flora Golddust, sorrel mare, run, Scottsville, Kas. 73. Harkaway, sorrel stallion, run, Scottsville, Kas. 74. Mollie Moore, chestnut mare, run, Minneapolis, Kas. The City Band, from Oskaloosa, Kas., with George Parsons, drum major, came in this morning to spend the week. SECOND DAY. Tuesday dawned with a heavy wind blowing from the south, carrying dust with it int and over everything; but	49
the people thronged to Bismarck to see the sights, and many more exhibits came in. THE COUNTY DISPLAYS. A trip through the building for county displays fills one with pride and satisfaction that he is a resident of Kansas, a commonwealth so rich in everything that is wanted to make life comfortable. That in spite of the severe drouth of the season just passed there is yet enough produce to feed the world. The showing of corn alone here by the several counties would prompt one to think that corn didn't need rain,	





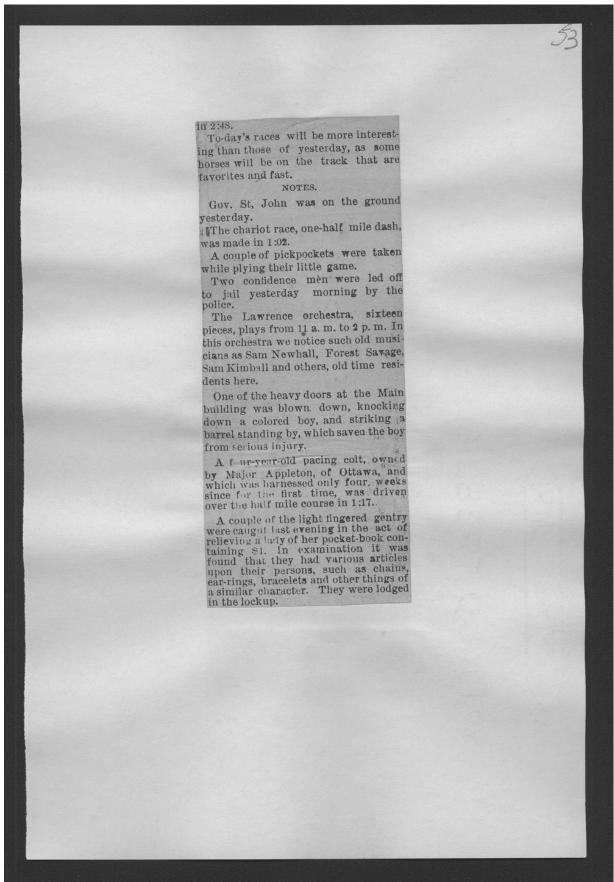






cess with these breeds than any other, and their popularity is shown by the demand for them.	
THE RACES. The races were advertised to come off at 1 o'clock, sharp, but as is usually the case, something happened to them, so	
1 o'clock meant 1:30. CLASS 2:40. The purse in this class for trotting	,
was \$500, divided as follows: First money \$250; second, \$125; third, \$75, and fourth \$50.	
The following were the entries made: W. H. Wilson, of Beloit, Kokemo, b. g. Jones & Howell, Chanute, Ten Doy,	
b. g. Donnelly Bros., Lawrence, Elmo Pilot b. s. Geo. Hutton, Salina, Georgia. b. m.	
H. C. Fox, Ottawa, Lady Alice, b. m Kokomo 1 1 1 Ten Doy 3 dis. Elmo Pilot 5 3 4	
Georgia 2 2 2 Lady Alice 4 3 Time, 2:28, 2;32¼, 2:38¼.	
Purse \$600, divided: \$300 to first, \$150 to second, \$90 to third, and \$60 to fourth.	
The entries were: S. A. Bachelor, Chicago, Ill., Mattie Graham, b. m.	
B. F. Johnson, Creston, Ia., Fairmount, ch. g. F. Windish, Troy, Kan., Mollie Bell, br. m.	
Mattle Graham	
This was a mile and a half dash for a purse of \$250; first money \$125, second \$75, and third \$50.	
The entries were made but only two horses ran. George Hakes, of Springfield, Ill., entered Brenda, ch. f.: George Hutton, Salina, Kan., entered Burnet	
Boy, s. s. Brenda won the race easily	

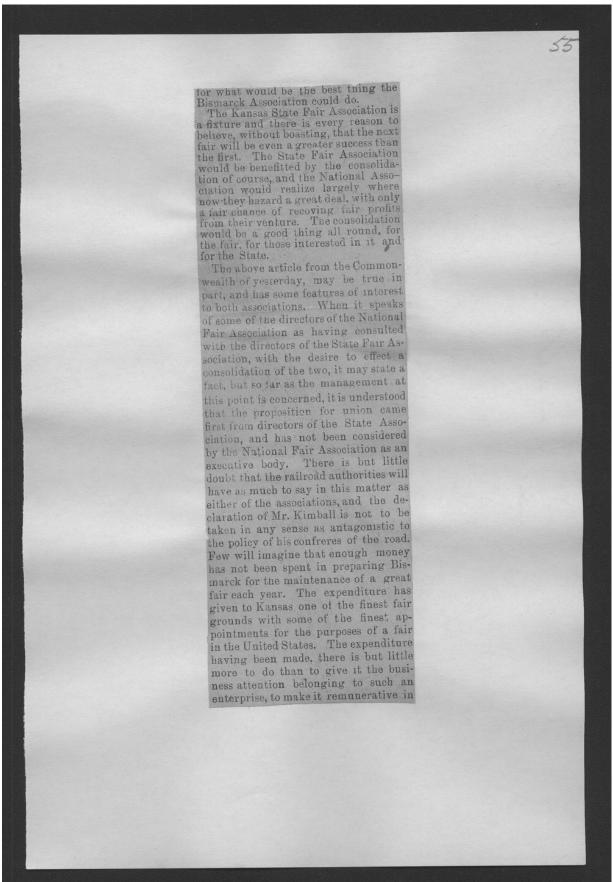




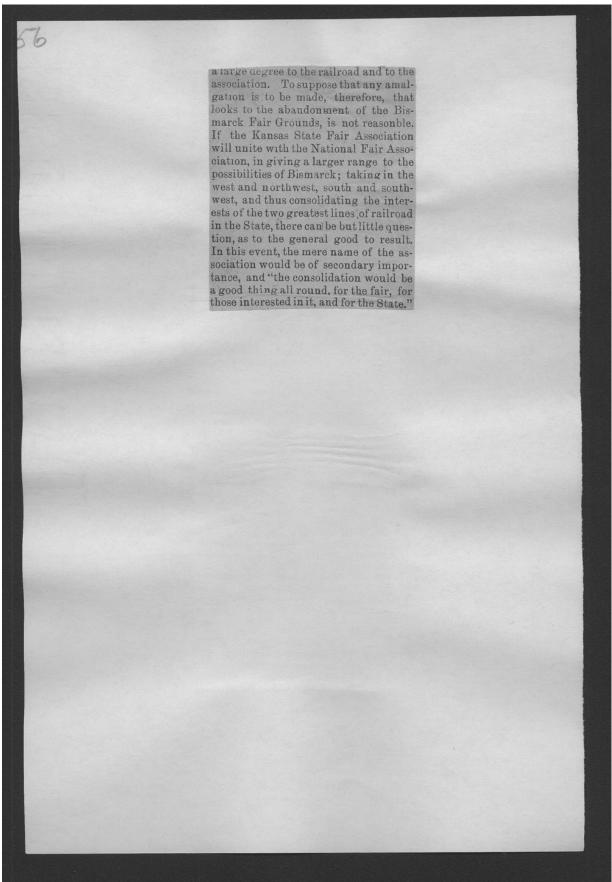


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	THE HOME JOURNAL	
	LAWRENCE, OCTOBER 27, 1881.	
	A GOOD MOVE.	
	Rumor of a Consolidation of the Western National With the State Fair Association.	
	A rumor was current upon the street yesterday that there was a propect of a consolidation of the Western National Fair Association, which has held its fairs at Bismarck, with the Kansas State Fair Association, which achieved such wonderful success at its late fair. A reporter made inquiries among those posted, and obtained the following facts: Some of the Directors of the National Fair Association desire to effect a consolidation and to this end have consulted with the Directors of the State Fair Association. How much authority to act they may have, could not be learned but it was ascertained that Mr. Kimball, General Passenger Agent of the U. P. road, feels that enough money has been spent in the endeavor to maintain a big fair at Bismarck Grove each year. Mr. Cornell, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the U. P., and Mr. S. T. Smith, Superintendent of the Kansas Division of the U. P. road, favor the investment of more funds and the holding of fairs annually. There is difference of opinion among others who are interested, but the matter must rest very largely with the Railway Company. We presume that Mr. Kimball has the greatest influence in the inatter, and there is, therefore, some chance	











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	W. B. and C. M. DAVIS, EDITORS.	
	Official Newspaper of Ottawa County	
	The President and Kansas. Mr. E. A. Smith, secretary of the Western National Fair association at Lawrence, is in receipt of a letter from President Chester A. Arthur, in which he states that he will positively visit the Bismares fair, if he goes west this fall. Siree that letter was written Mr. Arthur sindied his intention of visiting Chicago, the fair at Minneapolis, Minn., and the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Grant Island, Neb., which takes place early in September. There is every reason to believe, therefore, that the president will visit the Bismarek fair. President Arthur has a warm side for Kansas, for he was a resident here a short time during its early history. He came here when a young man, with the intention of permanently locating in the then wild territory, but the people were too rough and the prospects of the country too unassuring for him, and he returned to his home in New York and is now the highest officer in the land. The president has never seen Kansas since he came here to settle in 1856. What a marvelous change has taken place in the west and the whole country since then. In 1857 there was no railroad west of Jefferson City. To-	



