

PREMIUM LIST

1892

RAILROAD TOWN

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

FAIR



SEPTEMBER 10TH & 11TH

*Premium diplomas awarded  
in all departments.*

Special attention will be given to all entries of foods, arts, produce, sewing and crafts. Entries may be made on Saturday, Sept 10th, 2022 before 10:00 a. m.

## Fairgrounds Located in Front of The Glade Roller Mill.

### Exhibits

Needlework

Food, Preserves, & Produce

J. P. Black's Curiosities

Art, School & Photography Work

Industrial Hall: Woodworking, metal  
working, etc.

Misc. Exhibits - Arranged Flowers, Potted  
Plants

**E n t r i e s   E n c o u r a g e d  
i n   A l l   D e p a r t m e n t s**

### Class 2 - Farm Produce -

#### Lot 1, Grain, Beans & Seeds

Red winter wheat

Indian Corn

White Winter Wheat

Red Spring Wheat

Barley

Oats

Buckwheat

Rye

Rye in Straw

Best display of grains, beans or seeds

Lima Beans

Beans

Calico Corn

Sweet Corn

Popcorn

White Corn

Field corn

Corn on Stalks

### Lot 2, Vegetables

Irish Potatoes

Sweet Pumpkins

California Pumpkins

Hubbard Squash

Summer Squash

Kershaw Squash

Marble Head Squash

Sugar Beets

Late Potatoes

White Field Beans

Carrots

Black Walnuts

Mangle Wurtzel Beets

Best Assortment of Vegetables

Greatest Variety of Potatoes

Sweet Potatoes

Onions

Turnips

Table Beets

Peas

Celery

Cabbage

Cauliflower

Tomatoes

Radishes

Rhubarb

Peanuts

Chili Squash

### Lot 3, Fruits

Dominic Apples

Peaches

Catawba Grapes

Geniton Apples

White Grapes

Concord Grapes

Ben Davis Apples

Tamense Apples

Burbanks Apples

Rhode Island Greenings

Plums

Musk-melons

Watermelons

Winter Apples

Crab Apples

Elnora Grapes

### Class 3, Preserves & Dried Vegetables

#### Lot 1, Canned Goods

Grapes

Wild Plums

Pears

Crab-Apples

Gooseberries

Blackberries

Currants

String Beans

Peas

Plums

Peaches

Cherries

Apples

Strawberries

Apricots

Tomatoes

Corn

Rhubarb

**Lot 2, Preserves, Jelly & Jam, Dried Fruits**

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Apple             | Peach        |
| Plum              | Cherry       |
| Gooseberry        | Currant      |
| Strawberry        | Raspberry    |
| Blackberry        | Grape        |
| Pumpkin           | Citron       |
| Tomato            | Apple Butter |
| Peach Butter      | Plum Butter  |
| Crab-Apple Butter |              |

**Lot 3, Pickles**

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| Cauliflower | Onions        |
| Cabbage     | Tomato        |
| Chow Chow   | Mixed Pickles |
| Mangue      | Peach         |
| Apple       | Crabapple     |
| Pear        | Beet          |
| Gherkins    | Pepper        |
| Piccalilli  |               |

**Class 4, Foods**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Fruit Pies        | Cream Pies  |
| Rye Bread         | Cakes       |
| Cream             | Butter      |
| Fruit Cake        | Jelly Cake  |
| Milk-raised Bread | Marble Cake |
| Sponge Cake       |             |
| Hop-raised Bread  |             |

**Class 5 - Textiles & Needle Arts****Lot 1, Textile Fabrics**

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Rag Carpet          | Lace Work    |
| Hearth Rug (Hooked) | Shawls       |
| Woolen Mittens      | Knit Wool    |
| Crochet Tidy        | Table Mats   |
| Cotton Lace         | Petticoat    |
| Night Dress         | Skirt        |
| Corset Cover        | Chemise      |
| Bodice              | Calico Dress |
| Fancy Apron         | Work Apron   |
| Sun Bonnet          | Hemstitching |
| Drawnwork           | Crochet      |

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| Pillow Shams                                       | Tray Cloth   |
| Doylies  | Wall Banner  |
| Table Cover (Cloth)                                | Sofa Pillow  |
| Outline Embroidery                                 | Laundry Bag  |
| Bed Spread   | Broom Holder |
| Pillow   | Tea cloth    |
| Afghan   | Child's bib  |
| Machine Quilting                                   | Cross-Stitch |
| Woven Spread                                       | Tidy         |
| Beadwork   | Card Basket  |
| Best Worked Buttonholes                            |              |
| Ladies Crochet Vest (Sweater)                      |              |
| Picture Drape (Fabric Drape)                       |              |
| Darning on Cotton or Wool                          |              |
| Quilts (Patch work & Crazy - Traditional Patterns) |              |

**Lot 2, Girls Department**

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Darning           | Fancy Tidy   |
| Sofa Pillow       | Patching     |
| Stitching Sampler | Button Holes |
| Hand Sewn Apron   |              |

**Class 6, Floral****Lot 1, House Plants****Lot 2, Roses****Lot 3, Flowers****Lot 4, Floral Arrangements - vase.****Lot 5, Floral Wreaths****Lot 6, Preserved Flowers**

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Pressed Flowers | Waxed |
|-----------------|-------|

**Class 7, Art & Misc****Lot 1, Photographic Works****Lot 2, Painting & Drawing**

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| Oil      | Water Color |
| Charcoal | Pen & Ink   |
| Pencil   |             |

**Lot 3, Schoolwork**

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Penmanship                     | Artwork    |
| Bookkeeping                    | Arithmetic |
| Map of Nebraska                |            |
| Map of the United States       |            |
| Drawing of County School House |            |

### Lot 4, Misc.

Metalwork  
Woodwork  
Leatherwork

Shellwork  
Featherwork

### Industrial Hall

Examples and displays from surrounding industries are encouraged.

#### Special Instructions:

*Enter six pods or one-half cup of dried beans, grain or seeds.*

*Enter one or two examples of Vegetable or Fruit.*

*Enter one example of canning, preserves or pickles.*

*Enter one example of a baked item, but at least 6 of cookies.*

*Enter one examples of any Domestic item, floral arrangement, drawing art or photography or miscellaneous work.*

Entry items will be accepted on Saturday, September 10th before 11 a.m. in the fair office. Entries may be retrieved at 4:30 pm on Sunday, September 11th.

Agricultural Fairs of the nineteenth century were an opportunity for farmers and townspeople alike to take advantage of exhibits of hundreds of items presented or produced by others, and where they learned of new or "improved" breeds of livestock or improvements in farm produce. Businesses would make special exhibits of their product lines including many "new" items and advances in technology. Premiums or premium diplomas were awarded to individuals and businesses for the best exhibits. Local business interests offered special premiums for exhibits of particular interest to them, often in exchange for the item exhibited such as the best pie.

Fairs were considered *the* fall social gathering to attend. Entertainments included various games, speeches by politicians, informative lectures, lunches served by local church ladies or other social and fraternal groups, balloon ascensions, high wire acts, music, and most importantly horse racing. Races were scheduled several times each day with special purses awarded for the various trotting, running and pacing races.

### Premium List Background Information

We include items listed from the Premium winners list in the Grand Island Independent for the 1893 Hall County Agricultural Fair held September 26th through 30th. The premium list for this year's Railroad Town Fair is very similar.

The 1892 Hall County Fair was billed as the Seventeenth Annual Exhibition and was considered a great success following the misstep of the 1891 Fair being scheduled on the exact dates and near proximity of the annual state Grand Army of the Republic Reunion. The Grand Island Times gave a detailed report of the Fair in their September 30, 1892 issue on page 5. Interesting livestock details such as the breed of animal, owner's name and how they placed in standing compared to other animals was reported, along with details of the Agricultural department from garden to field. Henry Gallup swept first premiums with his displays of popcorn on the ear, white beans and hops, and took second premiums on lima beans, chili squash and sweet corn. A look at the County Fair give a snapshot of what was grown in the area during this time period as well the products of the domestic sphere including painting, sewing, quilting, clothing, floral arrangements and foodways. Finally, there was a report on all of the speed (horse) races that took place during the fair that included their times and the size of the purses. Other issues of the local papers both leading up to and during the fair kept the reader up to date as to what would be happening during each day of the fair.

#### *Highlights for this year's*

##### *Railroad Town Agricultural Fair*

\* Children's reading of Agriculturally themed poetry on Saturday — *sponsored by the Railroad Town Literary Guild*

\* Exhibitions *Sponsored by the Tomato Growers Association The Platte Valley Poultry Sassiety and The Farmers Alliance.* Special Premiums sponsored by local businesses.

\* The return of the Jones Traveling Medicine Show both days, Madame Wanda the Apple Peeling Contest.

*The items listed are merely suggestions. Please contact Kay Cynova at Stuhr Museum (385-5316, Ext. 210) if you have any questions concerning entry of items.*

Do you raise heirloom vegetables or flowers? Do you quilt or bake? Please consider entering examples of your work in our fair! Entries should be grown or made by the exhibitor and meet the criteria in the premium list. Please provide information on heritage variety crops. Foods and preserves are encouraged from 19th century recipes. Please contact Kay Cynova at Stuhr Museum (385-5316, Ext. 210) if you have any questions concerning entry of items. Please mail in entry forms to Stuhr Museum, attn. Railroad Town Agricultural Society, 3133 W Hwy. 34, Grand Island, NE. 68801. Entry items will be accepted at the Fair office on Saturday, September 10th before 11 a.m. Entries may be retrieved at 4:30 pm on Sunday, September 11th.

Please Print

Entrant Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant address \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant City, State & etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Other entrant contact information \_\_\_\_\_

Entry 1

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