

WITH THE FARMERS

A NOVEL HORSE RACE.

A feeling of intense excitement which permeated the market square all day yesterday was dissipated last evening by a horse race which was pulled off on the track at the Exhibition grounds.

Andy Elmes and M. Miller, traders on the square, both have horses which are claimed to be capable of a considerable burst of speed. Contention as to which was the better ended when a lone horse was wagered on the result of a race. Last evening the contestants appeared on the race track with their speeders in racing harness and attached to racing outfits. Both horses got away to a good start and a considerable crowd saw them tear around the track. Gray Eagle tried hard but Black Bird had a few breaths to spare and crossed the imaginary wire in the lead. Andy Elmes, whose worldly possessions are said to be by no means meagre, had to part with his money. The time was 4:30 for the mile but both men are absolutely certain that their horses can do better and another race is anticipated.

WHAT ORGANIZATION WILL DO.

The fourth annual convention of the Farmers' and Grain Dealers' association of Iowa, recently held in Des Moines was the occasion for the Registrar and Leader of that city giving the history of the organization of the association. The live stock interests of Iowa have for years that they were being held under by the unreasonable exactions of the great railroad lines, which they transported their cattle and horses, for years they had been conscious of unjust prices and discrimination in shipping their live stock. The grain producers were confronted by conditions that were somewhat different. Their problem lay in breaking up, by state legislation, the alleged combine which destroyed free competition and dictated the prices for which they must sell their grain. The scheme of cooperative elevators was tried, but of the many undertakings of this kind, only a few, not more than four or five lived throughout the organized fight made against them.

From out of this very desperation sprang a grand scheme of organization. A circular letter was sent to all the farmers' associations in Iowa to meet in Des Moines on November 4, 1907. Only thirty-four societies showed up on that occasion but thirty-two of them joined the association.

Today, says the Des Moines exchange, after five years of agitation, the farmers of Iowa have increased their half dozen successful cooperative elevators from one to nearly 250, which have handled 55,000,000 bushels of grain for which the farmers got at least \$7,000,000 more than the combine would have paid; they have saved the number of men who are interested in these concerns from a few hundred to more than 40,000; they have united and amalgamated the whole into a great and growing state-wide society known as the Farmers' Grain Dealers' Association of Iowa, and they have brought about the organization of similar organizations in every state of the union. They have discovered that what they cannot do as individual farmers they can do as united farmers, and they are uniting.

The farmers of Iowa were themselves surprised to learn how great their movement had grown. At their fourth annual convention at Fort Dodge, which was attended by 1800 delegates, representing 250 societies, and 40,000 members.

TO-DAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, July 10.—Continuation of dry weather reports from North Dakota have caused a further decline today. Liverpool closed 1/2 to 3/4 higher. Minneapolis is up 1/4, but the Chicago market is down 1/4 to 3/4. The weather in the southwest has been good for a few days now, and the winter wheat is beginning to move, which is the cause of the business in Chicago. The Winnipeg market followed Minneapolis closely, but was also helped by the very good export demand for all grades. World's shipments are expected to be light this week again. Winnipeg closing prices are: Flour—No. 1, 1.04 1/2; No. 2, 1.04; No. 3, 1.03 1/2; No. 4, 1.03; No. 5, 1.02 1/2; No. 6, 1.02; No. 7, 1.01 1/2; No. 8, 1.01; No. 9, 1.00 1/2; No. 10, 1.00; No. 11, 99 1/2; No. 12, 99; No. 13, 98 1/2; No. 14, 98; No. 15, 97 1/2; No. 16, 97; No. 17, 96 1/2; No. 18, 96; No. 19, 95 1/2; No. 20, 95; No. 21, 94 1/2; No. 22, 94; No. 23, 93 1/2; No. 24, 93; No. 25, 92 1/2; No. 26, 92; No. 27, 91 1/2; No. 28, 91; No. 29, 90 1/2; No. 30, 90; No. 31, 89 1/2; No. 32, 89; No. 33, 88 1/2; No. 34, 88; No. 35, 87 1/2; No. 36, 87; No. 37, 86 1/2; No. 38, 86; No. 39, 85 1/2; No. 40, 85; No. 41, 84 1/2; No. 42, 84; No. 43, 83 1/2; No. 44, 83; No. 45, 82 1/2; No. 46, 82; No. 47, 81 1/2; No. 48, 81; No. 49, 80 1/2; No. 50, 80; No. 51, 79 1/2; No. 52, 79; No. 53, 78 1/2; No. 54, 78; No. 55, 77 1/2; No. 56, 77; No. 57, 76 1/2; No. 58, 76; No. 59, 75 1/2; No. 60, 75; No. 61, 74 1/2; No. 62, 74; No. 63, 73 1/2; No. 64, 73; No. 65, 72 1/2; No. 66, 72; No. 67, 71 1/2; No. 68, 71; No. 69, 70 1/2; 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