

conducting these services. The policy of quietly observing Sunday on the fairground has continued. At present, musical concerts for the entertainment of the visitors may be found, but on Sunday all the glamor is removed. Midway and the race track are silent and peace and quiet reign supreme.

On the other hand, it is only just to say that the fair, as it exists today, though offering more entertainments than ever before, also presents more educational features if one only looks for them. For example, members of farm organizations such as the Farm Bureau, the Farmers' Union, and the Iowa Grange present papers on current problems; demonstrations are given by enthusiastic 4 H Club members; and new and improved machinery is shown. Competitive exhibits are educational because they encourage the participants to study and improve their product so it will win the premium. While many attend the fair only for a holiday, anyone who is interested may take advantage of the educational features of the program and benefit by them. Beyond question many farmers of today, as did the farmers of Iowa seventy-five years ago, carry home valuable ideas obtained from this source.

FIRE IN THE CAPITOL.

At about half past nine yesterday morning while the legislature was in session an alarm of fire was sounded in the Capitol Building, causing the greatest fear and excitement imaginable. It was discovered immediately that the fire had communicated by some means from one of the chimneys on the west side to some boards in the attic. It was extinguished without damage.—*Daily Iowa State Register*, Des Moines, February 10, 1860. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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