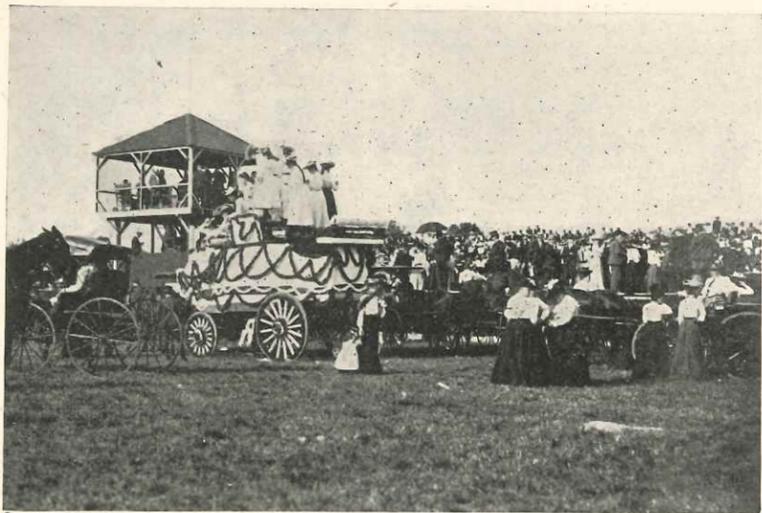


Opening of the Fairs

Branford Made Auspicious Start Yesterday—Orange Fair Monday and Tuesday.

The annual Branford fair which opened yesterday at the Hippodrome park, formerly known as the Branford Driving park, and which will continue day and evening until September 6th, inclusive, promises to be the greatest and most successful fair in the history of Branford. Every effort has been made on the part of the managers of the fair to have the exhibits from the poultry yards and the fields surpass those of former years, and

automobile contests, for speed, manageability, economy, hill climbing, etc. And in the evening grand automobile parade, for which the following prizes will be offered: For the handsomest decoration, a silver cup; second prize, automobile watch. For the most novel decoration, first prize, silver cup; second prize, mackintosh. For the most comical appearing decoration, first prize, silver cup; second prize, automobile lantern. Competition for these prizes is open to all. Those desiring to enter should address the manager



SCENE AT ORANGE FAIR OF 1904.

from the appearances on the opening day their efforts were not in vain. Not only are many towns in this state represented, but many in other states. The dog show is a new feature this year, and promises to be one of the most attractive features. There are also some excellent exhibits among the domestic animals, and a fine list of prizes in this department, as well as in the others, has been offered.

Special attractions have been arranged for every day of the fair. Yesterday afternoon and this afternoon and evening the grand circuit bicycle races are the principal event, and the entries include many of the championship riders. The races this afternoon will begin at half-past two and this evening at eight o'clock. The official list of entries is as follows:

One-half mile professional championship 6 heats and finals.

One mile, Frank Kramer, East Orange, N. J.; Iver Lawson, Salt Lake City; W. S. Fenn, Bristol, Conn.; Floyd McFarland, San Jose, Cal.; John and Menus Bedell, Lynbrook, L. I.; Eddie Root, Boston; Floyd Krebs and John King, Newark; George Glasson, Arthur Mitchell, Galveston, Texas; Fred Sutton, Minneapolis; Willie R. Lee, George Schriber, New York.

These riders also enter the two-mile professional handicap, five mile motor cycle race, two heats and final for state championship.

All the local amateurs with Walter Shutter on scratch will have a race at one mile for a gold watch and jewelry as prizes. They include:

J. N. Boyce, Henry Dotz, Robert McCormick, George Youngerman, W. J. Fowler, Carl Yeutsch, E. Bierch, William Allen, Kid Colton, H. Merriam, Joseph Cox, B. Dougherty, A. W. Werle, P. J. Maley and Henry Jarmie.

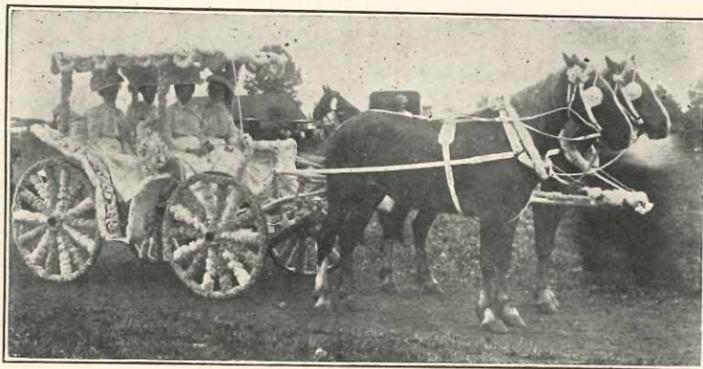
The officials for the meet will be: Referees, R. F. Kelsey, Boston, and George H. Collett, New Haven; judges, E. C. Hausman, John Booth, N. D. Forbes, jr., Fred Catlin, J. Wesley Platt, Roscoe P. Brown and John A. MacNerney; scorers, William Gilbert, G. W. Rawson, G. T. Hessel; starter, Frank Bradley; timers, B. L. Lambert, Julius Spear, and W. A. Rutz; clerk of the course, Samuel E. Hoyt; official handicapper, R. F. Kelsey, Boston; announcers, L. A. Fisk, Branford, and E. A. Tiffin, New Haven; physician, Dr. C. A. Lamb.

On Labor day in the afternoon there will be trotting races, with the following classes: 2.40 trot, free-for-all pace, 2:30 pace. In the evening, running horse races.

On Tuesday, September 5, afternoon

of the Branford fair, Branford, Conn., on or before Labor day, Sept. 4. The prizes will be placed on exhibition this week at J. Johnson & Sons' clothing store, Church street, between Chapel and Center streets.

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, there will be trotting races in the afternoon,



ORANGE FAIR—A WAGON IN THE FLORAL PARADE.

the following classes: 2.22 pace, 2.26 trot, and running races. In the evening running horse races and fireworks. This day will be known as Elks' day, and a percentage of the gross receipts will be donated to the building fund of the New Haven lodge of Elks, No. 25.

On the evenings of Labor day and Sept. 5 and 6, there will be a grand electrical and Japanese illumination. This illumination will without a doubt be the finest event of its kind which has ever been arranged in this vicinity. Every effort has been made for the success of the illumination, an electrical plant having been installed on the grounds.

On each afternoon and evening of the fair Miss Carrie Meyer, America's champion aeronaut, will give what is known as the cannon balloon ascension, in which she is fired from the cannon at an elevation 2,000 feet from terra firma. She is the only woman in the world who has ever dared to perform this wonderful act.

A perfect vaudeville bill will entertain the patrons both afternoon and evening.

Music will be furnished both afternoon and evening by the Second Regiment band.

Trains will leave this city for the fair grounds at 9.30 and 11.05 a. m., and at 1 o'clock and 1.15 p. m. in the afternoon, and at 7 o'clock and 7.15 p. m. on each day during which the fair is held.

THE ORANGE FAIR.

Opening on Monday, a Host of Worthy Attractions is Promised The Floral Parade a Big Feature.

While it is true that a great many New Haven people already know what the Orange fair is, it is equally true that there are thousands in New Haven, notwithstanding the fact that this event is held within six miles of their door, who have hardly even heard of the Orange fair. This fair caters to the patronage of the select people who appreciate the artistic and beautiful, all the attractions prepared are selected with this one idea in view.

One of the greatest features is the floral parade which is held every day at 1.45 p. m. This consists of dozens of trimmed rigs of various tastes and colors, from a dog cart to a tally-ho, trimmed in the most gorgeous and elaborate manner. When one realizes that the ladies of Orange have been at work for weeks preparing these decorations, consisting in many cases of artificial flowers of which thousands are used on a single rig, one can readily appreciate something of what such a fair means, but the management of the Orange fair would not lead people to believe that this great floral parade is the only exhibit shown at their fair. It is only one of the many attractions that can be seen at this fair.

The horse racing is always hotly contested at Orange, and some of New Haven's fastest steppers are entered in the various classes, for which \$1,000 in purses is offered. It has been said that time never drags at the Orange fair; that there is something doing all the time.

Not the least of the many attractions is that of Fairlea farm, owned by Wilton H. Lee. From a beginning four years ago with a half-dozen heads of thoroughbred Jerseys, Mr. Lee has now a herd of over 150 Jersey cows, and supplies New Haven's four hundred with its lacteal fluid, many of

smart set has been well represented heretofore, it is expected that the attendance will be doubled at least this year, so great has been the interest taken by every one in arranging the various details for the fair.

A fact worthy of note is that all profits made at this fair go toward village improvement; no individual can profit from the fair. The officers of this fair are: W. S. Woodruff, president; W. S. Hine, vice-president; A. D. Clark, secretary; E. L. Clark, Jr., treasurer. The board of directors is made up of young and energetic men of the town who bend every effort toward making the fair a success, and have been greatly gratified by their success in the past. The management promises a better fair in every department this year than ever and certainly if this is true one can get more amusement for his money at the Orange fair than any other place in the state.

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New Milford and Newtown Fairs.

The annual fair at New Milford will open this year on the twelfth of September and will continue until the fifteenth.

At Newtown preparations are also being made for the annual fair, which this year will be the tenth ever held and more elaborate preparations are being made than ever before. It will be open for three days, the twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth.

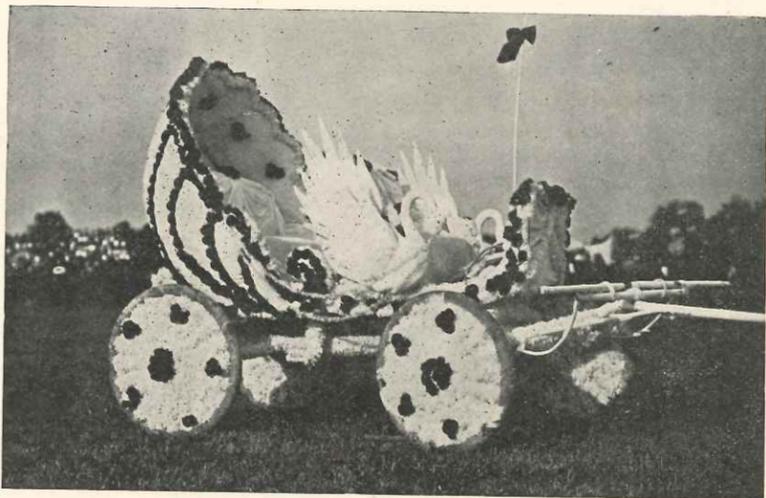
REPUBLICAN CLUB BANQUET.

Over Three Hundred Enjoy Annual Outing.

Over three hundred members and friends of the Young Men's Republican club enjoyed the annual outing of the club on Tuesday afternoon at the Momauguin, the party going down in special cars which left the club house at two o'clock. The outing also served as the twenty-first anniversary of the club, and was voted one of the most successful ever given by the organization. The party was accompanied by the Second Regiment band, which enlivened the ride and rendered an excellent program during dinner, which was served at about half-past three. Not only were the tables set in the dining room, but on the spacious veranda. The guest table extended across the front end of the dining room. Seated at this table were Burton N. Blatchley, the president of the club, Congressman N. D. Sperry, Hon. M. H. Holcomb, Hon. J. Rice Winchell, Col. I. M. Ullman, Senator E. T. Coe of Torrington and Hon. M. Smith of Hartford, Mayor John P. Studley, State Secretary Theodore Bodenwein, Major D. A. Blakeslee, Postmaster Howarth and Director of Public Works Coe.

President Blatchley acted as toastmaster and in an informal speech regretted that the death of Comptroller William E. Seelye of Bridgeport, whose funeral was held on that afternoon, necessitated the absence of Governor Roberts, Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff and Senator Morgan G. Bulkeley. The speakers of the afternoon were Hon. M. H. Holcomb, State Secretary Theodore Bodenwein and Congressman N. D. Sperry.

A French paper recites this: A little boy ran over to his mother and said: "Oh, mamma, come here quick; a



ORANGE FAIR—ONE OF LAST YEAR'S PRIZE WINNERS.

his thoroughbred Jerseys and thoroughbred swine.

A new covered grand stand has been erected, and while New Haven's

strange man is kissing the maid in the parlor!" And at the door the boy said: "April fool; it isn't a strange man, it's papa."