

PREMIUM  
LIST  
1899

RAILROAD TOWN AGRICULTURAL  
FAIR

**August 8th & 9th**

*Premium diplomas awarded in all departments.*

Special attention will be given to items that are reproductions of nineteenth century foods, arts, produce, sewing and crafts. Please avoid entering items that are on paper plates, wrapped in plastic or otherwise "modern" in any way. (wax paper is ok.) Entries may be made on Friday afternoon (August 8), Saturday and Sunday before noon.

Fairgrounds located in the  
Blake C. Howard Park  
just south of the Railroad Town Telephone Exchange.

**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

# Entries Encouraged in All Departments

## Small Livestock

A special exhibit of Railroad Town's livestock will be made.

## Class 2 - Farm Produce - *Special consideration given to nineteenth century varieties.*

### Lot 1, Grain, Beans & Seeds

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

Red winter wheat	Lima Beans	Indian Corn
White Winter Wheat	Beans	Calico Corn
Red Spring Wheat		Sweet Corn
Barley		Popcorn
Oats		White Corn
Buckwheat		Field corn
Rye		Corn on Stalks
Rye in Straw		
Best display of grains, beans or seeds		

### Lot 2, Vegetables

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

Irish Potatoes	Sweet Potatoes	Sweet Pumpkins
California Pumpkins	Hubbard Squash	Summer Squash
Kershaw Squash	Onions	Turnips
Table Beets	Sugar Beets	Cauliflower
Marble Head Squash	Peas	Late Potatoes
Celery	Cabbage	Tomatoes
White Field Beans	Radishes	Carrots
Rhubarb	Peanuts	Black Walnuts
Chili Squash	Mangle Wurtzel Beets	
Best Assortment of Vegetables	Greatest Variety of Potatoes	

### Lot 3, Fruits

Dominic Apples	Plums	Peaches
Catawba Grapes	Watermelons	Musk-melons
White Grapes	Concord Grapes	Elnora Grapes
Ben Davis Apples	Burbanks Apples	Tamense Apples
Crab Apples	Winter Apples	Geniton Apples
Rhode Island Greenings		

## Class 3, Preserves & Dried Vegetables

### Lot 1, Canned Goods

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

Grapes	Plums	Wild Plums
Peaches	Pears	Cherries
Crab-Apples	Apples	Gooseberries
Strawberries	Blackberries	Apricots
Currants	Tomatoes	String Beans
Corn	Peas	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

**Lot 3, Pickles**

Plum Butter  
 Cauliflower  
 Tomato  
 Mangue  
 Crabapple  
 Gherkins  
 Fruit Pies  
 Cakes  
 Fruit Cake

Crab-Apple Butter  
 Onions  
 Chow Chow  
 Peach  
 Pear  
 Pepper  
 Cream Pies  
 Cream  
 Jelly Cake

Cabbage  
 Mixed Pickles  
 Apple  
 Beet  
 Piccalilli  
 Rye Bread  
 Butter  
 Milk-raised  
 Bread  
 Hop-raised Bread

**Class 4, Foods**

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

Sponge Cake

Marble Cake

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

*Enter one examples of  
 any Domestic item, flo-  
 ral arrangement,  
 drawing art or photog-  
 raphy or miscellaneous  
 work.*

Rag Carpet  
 Woolen Mittens  
 Table Mats  
 Night Dress  
 Chemise  
 Fancy Apron  
 Hemstitching  
 Pillow Shams  
 Table Cover (Cloth)  
 Outline Embroidery  
 Broom Holder  
 Afghan  
 Picture Drape (Fabric Drape)  
 Darning on Cotton or Wool  
 Ladies Crochet Vest (Sweater)  
 Quilts (Patch work & Crazy - Traditional Patterns)  
 Best Worked Buttonholes

Hearth Rug (Hooked)  
 Knit Wool Shawls  
 Cotton Lace  
 Skirt  
 Bodice  
 Work Apron  
 Drawnwork  
 Tray Cloth  
 Sofa Pillow  
 Laundry Bag  
 Pillow  
 Child's bib

Lace Work  
 Crochet Tidy  
 Petticoat  
 Corset Cover  
 Calico Dress  
 Sun Bonnet  
 Crochet  
 Doylies  
 Wall Banner  
 Bed Spread  
 Tea cloth  
 Machine Quilting  
 Cross-Stitch  
 Tidy  
 Woven Spread  
 Beadwork  
 Card Basket

**Lot 2, Girls Department**

Darning  
 Stitching Sampler  
 Hand Sewn Apron

Fancy Tidy

Button Holes  
 Patching  
 Sofa Pillow

**Class 6, Floral - Special Consideration given to nineteenth century varieties.****Lot 1, House Plants****Lot 2, Roses****Lot 3, Flowers****Lot 4, Floral Arrangements - in vase.****Lot 5, Floral Wreaths****Lot 6, Preserved Flowers**

Pressed Flowers

Waxed

**Class 7, Art & Misc****Lot 1, Photographic Works** *(These should be all black & white)***Lot 2, Painting & Drawing**

Oil  
 Pen & Ink

Water Color  
 Pencil

Charcoal

### **Lot 3, Schoolwork**

Penmanship	Artwork	Bookkeeping
Arithmetic	Map of Nebraska	
Map of the United States (1890s)		
Drawing of County School House		

### **Lot 4, Misc.**

Shellwork	Woodwork	Featherwork
Leatherwork		

### **Industrial Hall**

Examples and displays from surrounding industries are encouraged.

\*\*\* 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.

The fair was the fall social gathering. 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 in the Grand Island Independent for the 1893 Hall County Agricultural Fair held September 26, 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th. The premium list for this year's Railroad Town Fair is very similar.*

*In 1899 there was no Hall County Fair.*

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 must be grown or made by the exhibitor and meet the criteria in the premium list. Please provide proof of 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 Hw 34, Grand Island, NE. 68801. Entry items will be accepted on Friday afternoon, August 7 and Saturday, August 8th before noon. Entries may be retrieved at 4:30 pm on Sunday, August 9th.

Please Print

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

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

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

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

Entry 1

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Entry 3

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Entry 4

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