

LANE LOCAL NEWS.

The Lane Fair.

We have the products; we have one of the most beautiful parks in the state; we have the progressive and public spirited citizens—all of these elements it takes to make a good fair. We had the fair this week and the District Fair Association can congratulate itself upon the success achieved. A week of beautiful weather, a good display and good attendance. In some lines the display was not as full as it could and should have been; but taken as a whole little criticism can be offered. The tabernacle had been cleared and in it was to be seen the ladies' department of the fair. This was the first department reached and was inspected with much interest. There were articles there from the delectable delicacy to the most artistic parlor ornament. It was a beautiful display and was the most attractive department of the exhibition. That's about all we can say about it for the average newspaper man knows about as much about jam, jellies and fancy needlework as an alliance statesman does about political economy. The display of agricultural products—what there was of it—was at the tabernacle also. There was some very fine corn and the display of tobacco was good but not much of anything else. We hope to see this department full next year. It should be one of the principal—the leading feature of the fair. Every farmer for several miles around should have some product, if not a number of products, to bring and then bring them without fail. The display of stock was decidedly good. There were horses of most every age and of many different breeds and some fine animals were among them. The swine display was pretty good. The Poland China and Chester White breeds predominated. The show of cattle was excellent, everything considered. Temporary pens had to be constructed to hold all of them. With better accommodations another year, what seems to be a waning industry may be given an impetus that will stimulate the breeding of better stock by the cattle raisers around Lane. The price of cattle has been low a long time, but probably when least expected, the business will be profitable again. It is not natural, nor will it occur that the cattle business will forever be "down at the heel." But the feature of the fair that occupied the time of the crowd most was the racing. The track was in splendid condition and there were entries to fill every race. There were some pretty good horses and the speed ring managers are doubtless well pleased with their success in that department. Everybody seemed well pleased with the fair. Many expressed surprise at the proportions which the institution attained the first year. The main and important matter now is whether the receipts will cover the outlay or not. The association is well officered and has been well managed. Mr. Wakefield as president, Mr. Gore as secretary and Mr. Luzzader as general superintendent have been untiring in their efforts to make the fair a success and much credit is due them. Lincoln park is a great place for a fair and its success this year should be followed up each successive year with a better fair than the former year.