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Orleans County Fair 1916

Our photo this week is taken from a postcard that was probably made by a local photographer. It's postmarked Sept. 12, 1916, and shows a parade of oxen pulling carts along the racetrack of the old fairgrounds that were located on West State Street in Albion.

My father told of "breaking" a pair of steers and driving them on a cart as an exhibit at the fair along with other farm boys, who were doing the same thing at the time.

This picture was taken from one of two grandstands that were located on the track. The hexagonal building to the left was the judge's stand at the

racetrack. Notice the number of autos parked inside the track. In the distance, it appears there are other steers or oxen on the other side of the track in this parade review.

The buildings in the distance are those of the Western House of Refuge (Albion Correctional Facility). The smokestack was located at the Power House of that institution.

NOTICE: Cemetery Tour will be held at 7 p.m. July 22 at the Greenwood Cemetery, Route 18, Kendall.