



The Grand Army of the Republic composed of Union veterans was long an important part of parades, picnics and public gatherings in Aurora. Shown walking with his hands behind his back on the old picnic grounds in Aurora about 1890 is William L. Heagerty, a first lieutenant in the 2nd Missouri Cavalry. He died in 1908 at the age of 89.

Below, J. W. Cline, a druggist during the mining boom and later a farmer, is pictured plowing on his farm near town.



Poultry and eggs meant money to farm wives throughout the years, and though the industry is not now a part of every farm, it used to be, and it took produce buyers to complete the business. Right, about 1910, is the M. N. Alexander and Co. establishment which was located just east of McNatt avenue north of the Frisco tracks, and the people who worked there. The girls received 10 cents an hour for a 10 hour day, and walked to work, as did the men, who received 15 cents.

Left to right: Bessie Ballard, Leta Wheat, E. E. Willcock, Hazel Kirkpatrick, Edith Hull, Ida Lane, Ollie Alexander, Alma Jones, Beulah King, Bessie Blankenship, Cora Pannell, Velma Qualls, Vada Brown, Joe Smith, Joe Nugent, Jimmie King, Guy Estes and Andy Cope.

Carloads of eggs, dressed poultry and live poultry, the latter with a man in charge, were shipped out by the Alexander company. The building burned in 1922.

Below: Part of a 15 car train of turkeys headed for New York or Boston shipped by the A. B. Wilkenson Produce Co. of Aurora November 16, 1924. This was probably the most ambitious poultry operation ever located here, and built the building just west of the cold storage building just west of Morgan

