

W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT

Report of 37th Annual Convention of Nebraska W. C. T. U., at McCook, Sept. 26-29

The general officers held a preliminary meeting on Monday evening. On Tuesday the Executive committee met both morning and afternoon. At these meetings Mrs. Heald, state president, presided. The work for the day included introduction of new members of the Executive committee, general business matters, constitutional and organization affairs, which were all discussed at length and referred to the open convention.

During the same hours as the Executive meeting was in session in the Methodist church, the convention church, an all-day branch conference was conducted in the Baptist church, Mrs. Vance having charge. Helpful talks and discussions were given upon the various phases of the work among the children and young people. Short addresses, on appropriate topics pertaining to this special line of W. C. T. U. work, were given by state workers. Mrs. Rood of Lincoln, a state organizer, spoke especially upon the need of training the young people, not only because we need them in our work, but also that we may help prepare them for the use of the franchise. She favors a law taking suffrage from any man who fails to exercise it for two successive years. She also emphasized the need of special training of the foreign element that may use rightly the privilege of the franchise.

Rev. Alice Palmer, a national evangelist living at Grant, Nebr., spoke upon the need of physical education for young people. She illustrated plainly the great need and also lack of this training in our public schools. She spoke of the improper positions taken at desks by a majority of pupils. She said athletics were often not physical training, but because of over exertion were detrimental to a symmetrical development.

Mrs. Dyer of Boone spoke of the need of the help for the young people in our work because of their greater energy and enthusiasm, as well as for their help for the future of our organization.

Mrs. Nesbitt of Pawnee City spoke of our boys and girls with great power and earnestness, showing a heart full of love for our young people. She spoke of the great need of proper entertainment being provided for the young, thinking that the lack of it was one of the greatest causes of present conditions.

Mrs. Claffin of University Place, editor of the state W. C. T. U. paper, the Union Worker, spoke on the great importance of this work among the children and young people.

Mrs. Heald of Osceola, state president, sang "Dixie", with temperance words, and spoke briefly of the power of song.

Mrs. Dally of University Place, state vice president, gave only a few thoughts, allowing Mrs. Armor to have her time on the program. Mrs. Armor's topic was, "How to Win." The burden of her message was the need of leaning more upon God in the warfare which we are waging. She felt that many Unions failed in what they undertook because they depended upon themselves to accomplish these tasks. The conference then adjourned, after singing the doxology, to the Methodist church, where a reception was given for the general officers, Mrs. Armor and the teachers of McCook.

In the evening the chief address was given by Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, of Georgia. The McCook Tribune in reporting this said: Mrs. Armor devoted herself to a defense of prohibition and denouncement of the liquor traffic of the land. Mrs. Armor is a Georgia lady, born and bred with the warm and ardent characteristics of the women of the southland. She evidently is not given to nice little parlor talks, and she went at the topic like a southern cyclone. She may be called with considerable propriety, Carrie Nation minus the hatchet, and breaks no bones about a disposition to use the hatchet under certain provocation. Hers was a passionate appeal of a live woman whose heart is desperately in earnest. She had the enthusiastic support of most of her audience.

After this address \$1038 was pledged to help in the state work, also \$50 to help the McCook Union to defray expenses of the state convention. Then came the official greetings to the convention. Congressman G. W. Norris delivered greetings for the city. He paid a splendid tribute to the invaluable worth of public opinion as inspired and directed by the earnest and devoted women of the W. C. T. U. Rev. L. E. Lewis gave greetings for the churches, and Mrs. J. C. Moore for the local union.

The evening meeting was closed by a heartfelt response to these greetings, voiced by Rev. Alice Palmer, of Grant.

Wednesday morning the devotionals were led by Mrs. Nesbitt, who is deputy sheriff of Pawnee county. The convention was seated by couples, 40 counties being represented. Credentials were taken up showing that 171 were in attendance. Committees reported, and flags and pennants were given to unions on "points of excellence."

The memorial service occupied the hour before noon. A kind word was spoken by some friend for each White Ribboner who had passed to her reward during the year.

Reports were given by officers and branch secretaries at beginning of the afternoon meeting. The treasury was reported to be in a prosperous condition, and over 4000 paid up members in the state. Over 400,000 pages of literature were distributed during the year. The ladies of the local entertaining committees were introduced, department gleanings were heard and routine business occupied the remainder of the afternoon. Telegrams of greetings were sent to the White Ribboners of Maine, Missouri and Kansas, who were also holding their state conventions.

The Wednesday evening meeting was opened by a drill by the Junior Loyal Temperance Legion of McCook, after which some young ladies of that city gave readings and songs. Then came the annual address of the president, which was complete and replete with recommendations. This was followed by snapshots from the field, given by thirty women, each one occupying one minute of time. These indicated the wide range of the temperance work undertaken and the splendid results attained along all lines. Thursday morning was given over to reports, election of officers, and delegates to the national convention.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Frances B. Heald, Osceola, president; Mrs. S. K. Dally, University Place, vice president; Mrs. L. J. Bradbury, University Place, cor. sec.; Mrs. Lela G. Dyer, Boone, res. sec.; Mrs. Laura Taggart, Omaha, treasurer.

Mrs. Belle Ingles of McCook received the highest number of votes as delegate, and Miss Mabel Young of Alliance was a close second. Seven other delegates were elected to the world's convention, which will probably be held in Australia.

In the afternoon of Thursday came the local presidents' march. Each one rose and gave some items of interest from the work of her union.

Short talks were given by D. B. Gilbert, of Lincoln, state chairman of the prohibition party; by C. M. Shepherd, of Lincoln, and by Master Mechanic Culbertson, of McCook. The latter spoke very earnestly of his interest in the work of the W. C. T. U., and emphasized the great need of temperance and sobriety among railroad men.

Thursday evening Rev. C. M. Shepherd, of Lincoln, gave an illustrated lecture to a large audience in McCook's elegant new opera house. On Friday morning all unfinished business was disposed of and, as is the custom of the W. C. T. U. for adjournment of conventions, all present joined hands, making an unbroken circle, while together they sang, "God Be with You Till We Meet Again." In the afternoon an executive meeting was held, and also a school of methods, where the state superintendents of different departments told of their plans of work, and results.

The delegates left for their homes on the evening and night trains, and thus passed into history one of the best and most harmonious conventions ever held by the Nebraska W. C. T. U.

MRS. R. C. STRONG,
MISS MABEL YOUNG,
Delegates.

NOTES FROM THE CONVENTION

This was the first time that the state convention had ever been held so far in the western part of the state.

The vocal solo on Tuesday evening was a delight to all. It was given by McCook's leading soprano, Mrs. C. W. Britt. She is an accomplished singer, well known to many in the state.

A protest was sent to President Taft in regard to Secretary Wilson acting as honorary president for the Brewers' Congress.

Never was a convention greeted more heartily or entertained more loyally, and those present will long remember their pleasant stay in McCook.

The Ladies' Aid Society served dinners and suppers in the basement of the church, thereby netting for their treasury \$132.

Miss Lura Vance of Alliance and Miss Ada Hurst of Wymore were pages for the convention.

The three papers of McCook were commended in that none of them will publish liquor advertisements.

Rev. Alice R. Palmer conducted occasional five-minute physical culture drills, which aided in relieving the weariness of long sessions.

H. P. Kauffman, a representative of the Burlington, came all the way from Lincoln to tell the White Ribboners how much his railroad appreciated the work of the W. C. T. U., and how his road stood for temperance because they needed men with steady hands and clear brains. Incidentally, he told the convention that the C. B. & Q. was the best equipped road to Chicago, and that they would be glad to furnish a special car for those who would attend the national convention at Milwaukee if enough would agree to go to meet the expense of same.

The leading hotel of McCook, the Palmer House, cut the usual rates in half for all who were in attendance at the convention, both meals and rooms. This was much appreciated, especially by those who arrived and left on night trains.

Members of the convention from Lincoln and the eastern part of the state came in a special car attached to No. 3. The car was sidetracked at McCook so the ladies could sleep undisturbed till morning.

It hadn't rained in McCook to amount to anything for thirteen months. The convention broke the drought. On Friday it rained all day, and at midnight, when those from Alliance left for Brush, it was pouring down and the streets were water everywhere.

THE W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

Editorial from the McCook Tribune.

It is hardly probable that the citizens of McCook in any considerable numbers have escaped the inspiration and impulse of the State W. C. T. U. convention now in session in our city, in which 200 delegates, zealous and earnest "White Ribboners" from all over Nebraska, have been and are prayerfully planning for the advancement of temperance and purity, or as their emblazoned banner puts it, "For God and Home and Native Land."

The convention being held in the extreme southwestern part of the state, it was hardly to be expected that the convention attendance or interest or enthusiasm could attain such proportions as the annual state gatherings held in the eastern part of the state; but the convention has reached an altitude and exhibited a vigor and power beyond the most rosy expectations of the most optimistic—indeed, it has quite equalled any yet held under the most favored auspices. This fact resounds to the glory of the membership of the W. C. T. U. of Nebraska, who are undaunted by distance, not discouraged by unfavorable circumstances and surroundings; and to the devotion and labor of the local union in attempting so large an undertaking and in carrying it through to success. The sessions have crowded the First Methodist church to overflowing and the interest has been deep as the enthusiasm has been spontaneous and lively. Here's long life and more power to the W. C. T. U. of Nebraska.

ARE YOUR KIDNEYS WELL?

Many Alliance People Know the Importance of Healthy Kidneys

The kidneys filter the blood. They work night and day. Well kidneys remove impurities. Sick kidneys allow impurities to multiply.

No kidney ill should be neglected. There is grave danger in delay. If you have backache or urinary troubles,

If you are nervous, dizzy or worn out,

Begin treating your kidneys at once.

Use a proven kidney remedy.

None endorsed like Doan's Kidney Pills.

Recommended by thousands.

Proved by home testimony.

Mrs. G. E. Leidy, 322 E. Dakota St., Alliance, Nebr., says: "I can highly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to all sufferers from kidney complaint, as I have used them on a number of occasions with good results."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

IRRIGATION CONVENTION

Second Annual Meeting of Nebraska State Irrigation Association

The Second Annual Meeting of the Nebraska State Irrigation Association will be held at Bridgeport, Nebraska, November 14 and 15, 1911, commencing at 10:30 A. M.

Speakers of National prominence will be present and will talk on irrigation and kindred subjects.

Many points vital to irrigation in Nebraska will be acted upon at this meeting.

We want every permanent delegate present, and ask everyone who is authorized to do so to appoint delegates interested in irrigation who will be sure to attend this meeting. Below find a list of permanent delegates and the basis of representation of annual delegates:

PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP:

The Governor.

State Engineer and Assistants.

United States Senators from Nebraska.

Members of Congress from Nebraska.

Members and Members Elect of Legislature, House and Senate.

All Elective State Officers.

All Elective County, City and Village Officers within irrigated territory.

Officers of State Conservation Commission.

ANNUAL DELEGATES appointed under proper provisions:

10 Delegates by Governor.

5 Delegates by State Engineer.

5 Delegates by each Board of County Commissioners within irrigated territory.

2 Delegates by Chairman State Conservation Commission.

2 Delegates by each Agricultural or Irrigation Society, College, Normal or University within the State.

1 Delegate by each Mayor or Chairman of cities and villages within irrigated territory.

1 Delegate by each Commercial Club within irrigated territory.

1 Delegate at large and 1 additional for each 1000 acres or major fraction thereof irrigated by each ditch or canal company or irrigation district in the state, not to exceed ten delegates for any one ditch or district.

Again urging the importance of this meeting and a large attendance, we remain,

Yours respectfully,

T. G. EGGLESTON, Pres.

W. L. MINOR, Secy.

DOUBLE GRAIN PRODUCTION

Importance of Scientific Agriculture and Intensified Farming

The Herald is in receipt of a letter from W. M. Robinson of Omaha, general manager of the Bennett Piano Company, enclosing a clipping from the World-Herald which gave an extract from the speech of H. H. Gross before the national grain dealers' convention recently held in Omaha. The article contains some statements that will be food for conservationists, and especially for those who are interested in the development of agriculture in this part of the country. Following is an extract from the speech:

Shortage of Food Supply

"There now exists," said he, "some sixty odd millions of people that must be fed, who are not producers of food supplies. The fertile land has all been taken. We have reached a point where population has almost caught up in its demands with food production. Nine-tenths of the wheat grown and 98 per cent of the corn is absorbed by home consumption. We export little, and this little is becoming less.

"If the population increases in the next ten years as it has in the last ten, our food supply will be short. We will have to eat less and waste less. There are no new acres to cultivate, or at any rate so few as to be unimportant. Hence if the population of the future is to be cared for it must be by increased yield per acre. Within fifty years our population will be doubled; hence the food supply of the present and the coming generations forms the most important economic problem in the world today. No country ever has grown great or prosperous without an abundant food supply at a reasonable cost. It is only a step from hunger to revolution.

"The department of agriculture is sending out 22,000,000 bulletins a year giving information to the farmers and others, showing the results of its investigations. The state colleges of agriculture have been no less successful in their special field. They send out bulletins and printed matter galore. Their instructors visit the respective counties and discuss the new agriculture at farmers' institutes and other rural gatherings. The question is often asked, 'Why is not this sufficient—why do not the farmers adopt a new method when

by doing so they can double their yield and income?'

"To me the reason is very plain. The bulletins and addresses are too technical; they do not tell the farmer what he needs to know, the information is too general, and it is often clothed in language that the farmer cannot understand. It is time to adopt the European methods.

"Those who have made a study of the problem are almost a unit in reaching the conclusion that the next step in agriculture is to send out into every agricultural county a trained agriculturist or soil chemist to study local conditions and co-operate with the farmers in putting the knowledge into practice on the respective farms. This man should give his whole time to this work, going from farm to farm, from community to community. This plan has been tried in a moderately large way in the south and has been wonderfully successful. There is no reason why it should not work everywhere.

"What this would mean to us the mind cannot conceive. Our production now is substantially 9,000,000,000 per year, about \$100 per capita. The expense of the great campaign that is being planned, when in full operation, with a first-class trained man in every county, at a good salary—say \$3,000 a year—will not exceed ten cents per person per year. With such mighty possibilities before us, and with every reason to believe that only success can be the result, the expense is a mere bagatelle. The outlay—say 10 cents a year—will add to the property value of our crops \$100 a year per capita.

"There is no organization or association in the land that is more vitally interested in bringing this about than the one represented by this audience, and few have greater influence. You form the connecting link between the farm and the business world. You take the product from the farmer's wagon and send it to the consumer's table, hundreds and perhaps thousands of miles distant. This association can be helpful in the dissemination of information. You can get, and should get, printed matter bearing upon this important question and see that it is handed out to the influential farmers in your respective localities. Get in touch with this mighty movement for better result and do what you can to bring it about. The greatest asset in our country is its fertile soil, for upon this everything depends."

CO-OPERATIVE TALK

SPECIAL--Hunt's Supreme Quality Canned Fruits at Exceptional Prices

Hunt's Supreme Quality L. C. Peaches, 3 lb. cans,	30c
" " " Y. F. Peaches, 3 lb. cans,	25c
" " " Sliced Apricots, 3 lb. cans,	25c
" " " Egg Plums, 3 lb. cans,	25c
" " " Green Gage Plums, 3 lb. can,	25c
Red Seal Asparagus, 3 lb. can,	25c

We guarantee this to equal any brand you pay 35c and 40c for elsewhere

A RARE TREAT

Old Fashioned Sorghum, made from sugar cane where they still grow acres of it. Tastes just the same as that good old country sorghum we used to get in the early days. A spoonful on a pan cake will equal a cupful of the ordinary sorghum syrup commonly sold.

Our Price: 5 lb. can 30c., 2 lb. can 15c

We are headquarters for Fruits and Vegetables, fresh every morning and prices right. See our display and get our prices. Celebrated Jones Bros. Sweet Apple Cider, 15 cents a quart.

Heinze Bulk Pickles - The Co-Operative sells them. Heinze means quality; The Co-Operative means—Prices Right

We are now buying in car load lots, which is a saving on freight rate, and means better prices to our customers.

Try us and we will show you.