

AN ANTI-PROHIBITION RALLY.

Messrs. Rosewater and Webster Address an Immense Audience at Plattsmouth.

CHAMPIONS OF NEBRASKA'S INTERESTS.

Irrefutable Arguments Advanced by the Speakers in Support of High License—Convincing Array of Statistics.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Oct. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEER.]—An audience of nearly a thousand people gathered at the opera house here tonight to listen to the anti-prohibition speeches of Hon. E. Rosewater and Hon. John L. Webster.

John L. Webster, of Omaha, made an essentially an anti-prohibition rally, irrespective of political belief or party preferences. The spacious opera house was filled and the Liberman band discoursed several choice selections.

"My Fellow Citizens—I have only to regret, that my physical condition is such tonight that I cannot touch on all the phases of this question to be discussed tonight, and shall have the greatest part of the work to be done by my esteemed associate, whom I shall designate as 'The little champion of Nebraska's interests.'

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"If you want to look after the property of the state, let us see the results of the prohibition. It fills the insane asylums, jails and poor houses; it engenders illiteracy, and I appeal to you as people having children and families here, if you love state, do not engraft an amendment to the constitution that will bring about this state of affairs.

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be controlled by law, and that the only moral injunction leaves man a free will agent. These colonies and magors who have been imported here have utterly failed to show that prohibition has been conducive to sobriety or to better the condition of the people.

"Apostle St. John of Kansas declares that 75 per cent of all criminals in this state are convicted under the influence of liquor.

"I was in Kansas a month ago, and in the city of Leavenworth found block after block of saloons and gambling houses, were thirty-two vacant stores on Kansas avenue alone.

"The speaker here opened a bottle and from an introductory remark he referred to the 'Lectures on temperance-spiritual series,' he poured out a dose of forty-road reedies that made an auditor in the front row of the hall cough and heave in a manner audibly over the house.

"This liquor I purchased in just that shape in a drugstore in the Kirkwood houses at Plattsmouth, Kan., and I have been drinking it ever since.

"I heard it stated at Lincoln that there are 600,000 drunks dying annually in this country, but on looking into the records I found that this was not so, and when I denied it they cut it down to 100,000.

"Now a word as to the results of intemperance. I have consulted the asylum records only find that of 1,284 patients in Michigan, 180 by ill-health and 1184 over-drunken in Wisconsin, out of 1,480, only 14 were caused by intemperance.

"I have been charged with being paid by the brewers, distillers and saloon-keepers to speak upon this question, and with receiving \$500 every time I speak. I want to say to the people of Nebraska that I have always paid my own expenses with one exception, when a kind friend says to me to send me to the State Prison, I will go in one of the toms in I appeared in. I am also charged with being a juggler of figures. It seems that I am getting to be wonderfully advertised by these people, who have no other way of meeting the arguments advanced. I want to say right here that I am in no employ, and that I have to answer to my own conscience for whatever ideas may be advanced by me.

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THE LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS.

Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention in Session at Pittsburgh.

PROMINENT MEN MAKE ADDRESSES.

Chauncey M. Depew, President of the New York Central Speaks Very Highly of the Brotherhood.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 16.—The International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers held its annual meeting in the Grand opera house this afternoon. A number of letters were read from prominent gentlemen, expressing regret at their inability to be present.

After prayer by Grand Chaplain Sorrelly, Mayor Gray welcomed the delegates to the city.

Chairman Adams then introduced Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, president of the New York Central railroad company. The appearance of the distinguished gentleman was the signal for the widest applause.

Mr. Depew spoke highly of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and said that during the period of its existence and prosperous growth hundreds of labor organizations had been formed and dissolved.

Mr. Depew spoke of the all-pervading influence of this Brotherhood, and said that this universal effort to absorb the individual, to divide the people into employing companies and employees and to organize companies to consider and do disaster. Hostile legislation and the laws of the state will leave only the legitimate enterprises surviving.

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bought to come when employees in any industry shall not be arrested by the camps over the whole country against their employers in the same business, when combinations will be of workers on demand and officials on other organs and others, but with good and friendly dispositions they shall meet upon common ground and an overwhelming sense of common interest.

Grand Chief DeWitt said the hour was next introduced and was enthusiastically received. He congratulated the brotherhood on the healthy condition of its affairs, and said in part: "Though there is a contest of purpose, there is a diversity of opinion, and we hope during the course of our debates to find equality of views and a common goal."

Referring to a Chicago telegram, stating that the Chicago Chamber of Commerce had proposed a plan for the organization of this city to champion the cause of federation, Grand Chief DeWitt said: "I know nothing about them. We are not taking the time to consider the question of federation. I understand that a majority of the western delegates favor such a plan, but as to what the result will be I will not venture an opinion."

Chicago, Oct. 16.—The grievance committee of the Rock Island firemen and officials of the road have not yet come to a definite understanding. The conference will be resumed next week.

A MURDERER AT EIGHTEEN.

Charles Miller Confesses to the Killing of Two Men Near Cheyenne.

MANHATTAN, Kan., Oct. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEER.]—The youngest murderer ever committed in Riley county now lies in jail in this city awaiting the coming of Sheriff Martin of Cheyenne, Wyo. His name is Charles Miller. He is fifteen years of age and was charged with the killing of two men, Joseph Mo, younger man, each about eighteen years old, who were stealing a ride in a box car between Sydney, Neb., and Cheyenne, Wyo. For weeks the officers have been endeavoring to penetrate the mystery surrounding the crime, the only clue being the fact that a brakeman upon the train noticed what he supposed to be a tramp get out of the car, and that a few days later the bodies were found.

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EIGHT PERSONS CREMATED.

Result of the Leland Hotel Fire at Syracuse, New York.

SICKENING SIGHTS DURING ITS PROGRESS.

Victims Appear at Windows, Stricken for Aid, Which the Horrified Onlookers Were Unable to Render.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 16.—The fire that destroyed the Leland hotel this morning was the most disastrous that has visited this city for years. It is probable that three guests and five servants perished and that thirty people were severely injured. The total loss exceeds \$100,000, of which \$80,000 is on the hotel. The remainder is on the furniture.

The fire was discovered at 12:30 p. m., and in half an hour the hotel was burned to the ground.

A rough estimate of the loss is \$100,000, with insurance of about \$100,000.

When the flames began to sweep through the hotel the night clerk set the automatic fire alarm bell ringing, but before the fire-alarmed guests could realize what was the matter the flames and smoke rushed through the halls, cutting off the usual means of exit.

One woman appeared at a window in a room on the sixth floor of the building, and a baby in her arms. Her pitiful cries for help were heard until the flames gathered around her. The firemen tried to raise a ladder on which to take her down, but were prevented by telegraph wires. The woman was told to throw out a rope or jump from the window. She threw out a rope, and as she was climbing over it she saw the flames envelop her and she fell back into the building and perished.

Seven or eight men and children jumped from the upper stories of a shed in the rear of the building. At one time seven persons were struggling together on the roof, which had already caught fire. From the roof the victims were half naked.

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THE OMAHA BISHOPRIC.

Yesterday's Proceedings of the Provincial Council at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEER.]—The seven bishops of the province of the Roman Catholic church a meeting this morning at the archbishop's residence and selected three members from the list of Catholic prelates in the province which will be sent to Rome to the council which will convene in the fall.

The council was called to order at 9 o'clock in the drawing-room of Archbishop Keenly. Among the clergymen present were Right Rev. Louis M. Fink, D.D., bishop of Leavenworth; Right Rev. Henry Cosgrove, D.D., bishop of Davenport; Right Rev. John B. Harbo, bishop of Lincoln; Rt. Rev. John Hennessy, bishop of Dubuque; Rt. Rev. Chokla, administrator of the diocese of Omaha and the venerable Archbishop Keenly. The bishop before the council was not very extensive, as each member having been informed of its objects had come prepared to act at once.

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FUNERAL OF JUSTICE MILLER.

Services Held in the Supreme Court Room at the Capitol.

MANY DISTINGUISHED PEOPLE PRESENT.

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THE WEATHER FORECAST.

For Nebraska—Fair; stationary temperature; variable winds.

A Narrow Escape From Disaster.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEER.]—The St. Louis bridge over the Mississippi river was today narrowly escaped disaster.

Murdered Her Husband.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 16.—Charlotte A. Williams killed her husband, Ed. Williams, this morning at their home. The man's head was nearly severed from his body with a razor. Both are colored.