

TO BLOSSOM AS THE ROSE.

The Destiny of Western Nebraska as the Irrigationists See It.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT SIDNEY.

Immense Prosperity Predicted if the Present Movement Succeeds—Speeches by Various Advocates and Experts.

SIDNEY, Neb., Feb. 7.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The court house was crowded when W. P. Miles called the irrigation convention to order at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mark M. Neaves was chosen chairman and Joseph Oberfelder and L. B. Carey secretaries.

Chairman Neaves briefly stated the object of the convention and introduced William E. Smythe of Omaha as the first speaker, who predicted that the present fight for irrigation in Nebraska was destined to be crowned with speedy victory.

He paid a tribute to the services of Governor Furnas and Prof. Hicks and described the steps which had been taken to secure the enactment of comprehensive laws, which should be the joint productive product of representative men appointed at McCook, Sidney and Ogalala.

He then dwelt at considerable length on the manner in which capital will be enlisted in irrigation enterprises in this state, stating that the wholesale merchant class, capital of Omaha, has doubtless joined with the people of western Nebraska to this end.

Allusion was made to the prospect of securing the donation of 11,000,000 acres of public land by the government as a means of raising the necessary money for the encouragement of irrigation.

He outlined a systematic effort which will shortly be made to induce the mortgage holding companies to develop lands in which they are already interested and closed with a prediction that the members of this convention will be able to bring out desert blossom with the white rose of prosperity.

Judge J. E. Cochran of the Eleventh circuit court of Nebraska next addressed the convention. He said this great movement seems to have sprung up spontaneously and that it is now felt in it throughout the state.

He described his correspondence with members of congress in regard to the appropriation of millions of dollars and denounced the claims of eastern men to the effect that congress had no right to assist in such undertakings.

He proceeded to instigate the appropriation of millions of dollars for the purpose of draining various central and southern states and similar aid to various states of the union.

Major Joseph S. Lehey, chairman of the McCook committee on drafting a law, said that the problem of western Nebraska was whether her people should use the agencies at her command to develop her land.

He said the only question now was one of finances, as it had been proven the water supply was ample and he hoped the people would wave of popular sentiment would wisely direct to the accomplishment of great results.

Mr. Henry St. Rayner spoke eloquently of the future of the state which he thought it could get the assistance of capital in its development.

He assured the convention that the state and nation had an undoubted right to the water which is being so cheaply and carelessly squandered.

Albert Frame, county commissioner, and Joseph Hebel, president of the farmers' alliance, made earnest speeches in support of the movement.

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It was agreed, however, to withdraw all round-trip tickets between Springfield and Chicago by way of Peoria, taking effect Monday, the reason being the tickets are not to be made available for the Jacksonville rate, but by way of Peoria, apply only on continuous passage.

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A VARIETY OF ILLUSTRATIVE CASES.

Long Jones Thinks He Can See Through a Millstone His Views on the Senatorial Fight—A New Bank.

CHICAGO OFFICE OF THE BEE. CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—The testimony of two interested parties and two large coast cities, any worth anything there is another cure for consumption besides Koch's lymph, and it still another testimony at hand is worth anything, Dr. Koch's discovery was no discovery at all, but a straight out appropriation of information derived from the eminent professor's rival brethren, the homeopaths.

The Supreme Court. Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 7.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The supreme court filed the following opinions today: E. B. Joseph vs. Chicago & Northwestern railway, appellant, Hamilton district; reversed.

KOCH'S REMEDY. An American Homeopath Claims to Have Discovered It Long Ago. CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—An afternoon paper says that the treatment of consumption by attenuated bacilli of the disease, exploited by Dr. Koch is not new, that in fact it was discovered years ago by J. A. Bieler, a homeopathic physician of Rochester, N. Y., and has since been known to that school of practitioners.

THE BUREAU OF PROMOTION. Premier George Handy of the world's fair today made the most monthly report of progress of the bureau of promotion. The department will mail 250,000 documents per month henceforth.

Another new business started in Chicago, the Commercial loan and trust company bank with Mr. J. B. Hobbs as president. Among the gentlemen associated with the new venture are Mr. J. B. Hobbs, Mr. W. D. Dobb, George W. Chamberlain, C. W. Burke, John C. Crillon, J. E. W. Burke, and others.

Last night Charles Euechak, a tramp, stepped off the train standing on the trestle at Bloomington and fell forty feet into the creek bottom. He got up with a shoulder blade protruding from the skin.

The Knights Templars, who a few weeks ago, participated in skin grafting operations on Sir Knight John O. Dickerson, were featured in a musical comedy by the name of Knighting by Acacia club at the club rooms.

Among the western people in Chicago were the following: Mrs. W. Winslow—Mr. and Mrs. C. Bruce, Lincoln.

At the Brewer's—J. M. Bowman and W. H. Smith, Omaha.

At the Gault's—H. Little, Omaha.

At the Leland—W. T. Tull, Huron, S. D.

At the Palmer—A. A. Gillette, Stuart, Ia.

At the Sherman—A. H. Stone, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Secretary Sharp of the Union stockyard company of South Omaha is in the city, on his way home from a pleasure trip in the east.

At the Hamilton—H. W. Case and C. A. Smith, Omaha.