

TO PROMOTE IRRIGATION

Conclusion of the Conference of Those Interested in the Subject at Kearney.

DELEGATES WHO HAD SOME EXPERIENCE

Instances Where the Artificial Methods Have Succeeded in This Direction Under Discouraging Circumstances—Results of the Annual Meeting.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—At the irrigation conference today William Stafford of Julesburg gave his experience with irrigation by means of windmills and reservoirs. A good reservoir can be built by banking up the soil, turning in the water and allowing stock to tramp down the wet ground. It will soon hold water as well as if cemented. He did not think water could be pumped with profit if raised more than fifty feet and believed that pumping water was too expensive for practical farming of more than ten or twenty acres. All kinds of soil cannot be handled the same way, and each man must determine for himself how his land should be treated. In raising potatoes the water should be run by the side of and below the potato, rather than on top of them.

Mr. Benson of McCook said he had had a great deal of experience with alfalfa, and had raised hundreds of acres with irrigation, but with only ten to thirty feet of water. He cautioned people not to sow more than an acre the first year as alfalfa is a perennial. W. R. Akers of Scotts Bluffs county said alfalfa and stock were the most profitable things a farmer could raise, and would not give over fifteen pounds per acre.

IN THE AFTERNOON. The first speaker after dinner was Silas Clark of Cottonwood Springs, who spoke on "Construction of Canals by Farmers and Farmers' Companies." He said the farmers were digging a ditch in his neighborhood and had organized with a capital of \$100,000. Farmers had the privilege of subscribing for stock in amount not to exceed \$500, but must work that out before they get any more. That stock represents nothing but water, and all the work is paid for in stock. Excavation is let at 10 cents per yard. The canal will irrigate 25,000 acres. The committee on resolutions submitted its report, urging that proper laws be passed this winter, and the same was adopted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, I. A. Fort, North Platte; secretary, A. G. Wolfenbarger, Lincoln; treasurer, James Whitehead, Cass county; and J. G. Gering, Kearney; C. D. Savage, Sargents; Isaac Ledwith, Hastings; R. B. Powell, Omaha, and E. L. King, Culbertson, executive committee. A vice president was elected from each county represented.

The place for holding the convention next year brought out a spirited rivalry between Hastings and Sidney, but finally went to Sidney by a majority vote.

W. R. Akers, senator-elect from Scotts Bluff county, showed how the subject of irrigation had grown in favor in Nebraska, and emphasized the fact that there was an abundant water supply to irrigate the whole state, and it could be utilized much better than in the states of Colorado or Wyoming. He also spoke of the many farmers building and owning their own ditches, instead of turning the work over to a syndicate of capitalists. Akers has been drafting a bill which he proposes to introduce in the senate this winter, and outlined it to the convention. It has some features of the Wyoming irrigation law and some of California. He said there were two kinds of irrigation known as flooding and furrow. The other as furrow. The first was for small grain and the last for potatoes and crops planted in rows. No general rule could be applied to irrigation, as it depended on the soil, slope of the land, and crops, but each man would have to experiment and determine what was best for his own case.

N. H. Miles of Sidney spoke on "Pump Irrigation," and said that it could be used to a great extent on small tracts. He knew one young man who made \$1,200 this year off five acres with a pump having but a four-inch cylinder. Mr. Hurlah of North Platte has tried irrigation for eight years, and this year raised fifty bushels of corn and 400 bushels of potatoes per acre. He thinks potatoes do best when planted on ground that has raised two or three crops of alfalfa and then plowed under. He had a large tract of land, but is now cutting it up into forty-acre tracts and selling it off. The land is being bought by several who have seen the effects of his irrigation for a few years.

WHEN THE CONVENTION OPENED. The opera house was well filled Monday night with delegates from all parts of the state and each wore a badge made from cloth manufactured at the Kearney cotton mill. Judge E. B. Bird, chairman, and the lecturer, was the first speaker and said that this semi-arid region needed irrigation as much as the arid regions farther west, and there was just enough water here to bring farmers to this state, but not enough to make crops a sure thing, hence the suffering and failures which we are now experiencing. With irrigation and small tracts of land, twenty to forty acres, more people could be accommodated and better success would be the result. In the tenor of those most familiar with irrigation is to the effect that irrigation is more practical for small tracts than for large ones.

E. R. Moses of Great Bend, Kan., related some of his experiences with irrigation and cited several instances where poor men had come out west and with irrigation and small tracts of land had accumulated a competency.

Yesterday morning the temporary organization, with H. A. Jones as chairman and W. L. Hand as secretary, was organized.

Mr. Reese of Falls City gave his experience with irrigation in the southeastern part of the state, and said he was satisfied there was plenty of water under the surface of Nebraska to irrigate the whole state, and man has accomplished many greater difficulties than reclaiming this land. He also extended a cordial invitation from the city council of Falls City for the next meeting of the state irrigation convention to meet with them. He hoped the next legislature would appoint a special committee to investigate and draft suitable laws. In his opinion prairie fires were a great damage to the soil, and advocated turning over the buffalo and damming up the drains, as this would help to moisten the atmosphere and produce rainfall. Windmills can be used successfully if allowed to run day and night, and he had known one man to irrigate twenty acres in this manner, but the best and most satisfactory manner was by means of reservoirs or ditches. A good plan would be for certain days to be set aside by a community for plowing days, or, as he called it, "damming days."

The convention closed this evening with an address by President Fort, remarks by John Brady of Denver, representative of the abundant and unutilized supply of water commonly called the underflow, and said that it was sufficient to irrigate at least one-fourth of the entire state; that all kinds of soil, except heavy clay, and all kinds of farm crops could be irrigated with profit. The convention passed resolutions thanking Mr. Ford for the manner in which he had prepared and conducted the convention and to the citizens of Kearney for their hospitable entertainment.

Reminiscence of a Fremont Lady. FREMONT, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Miss Elizabeth M. Walsh, only daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. W. L. Walsh, died yesterday at the home of her parents in this city, after a brief illness, aged 26 years. The funeral took place from the Presbyterian church this afternoon and was largely attended.

Eastern Star Lodge Banquet at York. YORK, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—A banquet was given by the Eastern Star Lodge Monday evening. Among those in whose honor the same was given were: Prof. Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Melanor, Mrs. Bauschert, Miss Hess and Mrs. L. P. Andrews. A short program was well delivered and recited. After this all retired to the

supper room, where a bounteous repast was served. D. N. Blood acted as toastmaster, while responses were made by W. H. Davis, C. Heineman, A. J. Burnard and H. S. Hankins. A letter from Prof. Corbett, expressing his regrets at being compelled to be absent from the banquet, was read and well received. At a late hour all departed for their respective homes.

George Merritt, who drew a revolver on young Cross a few nights ago, was fined \$5 by the county judge. He said the fine and will try and bring a state case against Cross. Prof. Corbett lectured at the United Brethren college of this place last evening on "The Recreation of the Mind." A good attendance was there to hear him, and his address was interesting.

After several efforts to sink an arctesian well on his place, Gene Wright will make another attempt. This time he has made a contract with parties for them to go a depth of 2,000 feet. The firm which takes the contract is from Iowa. The York County Farmers institute met here yesterday with a fine attendance. The meeting was held in the court house, which was well filled. A resolution to the effect that the legislature appropriate not less than \$200,000 for the balance in the treasury for the year was passed. The report of the committee on legislation indicated the lines on which work would be pursued, and the recommendations are such as would appear worthy of energetic effort to secure the desired ends. B. R. Stouffer of Bellevue read an interesting paper on "Relative Feeding Value of Ensilage and Cut Corn Fodder."

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NEBRASKA DAIRY INTERESTS

Tenth Annual Meeting of the State Association Concluded.

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Steps to Be Taken to Force Those Furnishing Hogus Articles in This Line to Brand Them Accordingly.

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INSURANCE MUST BE PAID

Jury Returns a Verdict in the Fraker Case in Twenty-Days' Minutes.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 19.—After three weeks consumed in its trial and one day in argument, the jury in twenty-one minutes after receiving its instructions returned a verdict in the famous Dr. Fraker insurance case. It was in favor of the relatives of Fraker, who sued five companies who held policies on the doctor's life when he was drowned at Excelsior Springs, Mo., July 18, 1883. The policies aggregated \$100,000 and the plaintiff has been granted judgment for the full amount. The different companies and amounts follow: Provident Savings and Life Assurance society of New York, \$10,000; Kansas Mutual Life Insurance Co., \$10,000; Superior Life Insurance Co., \$10,000; Knickerbocker Life Insurance Co., \$10,000; and the World, \$10,000. The beneficiaries named in the policies are the sisters of the deceased doctor, Mrs. Cynthia Hatfield and Margaret Macraider of the county, Missouri, and six orphan nephews and nieces living in Oregon, Washington and California. The case has been one of peculiar interest and has been desperately fought by both sides. The trial has been very costly to the defense.

Dr. H. C. Fraker was a physician with a moderate practice at Excelsior Springs, Mo., July 10, 1883, while on a fishing trip to the Missouri river he slipped from the bank and was drowned. Not the least trace of him could be found, and his complete disappearance being exceptional, several of the insurance companies refused to pay the policies held by him. It was asserted that it was a conspiracy to defraud, and that the doctor swam the river and escaped in the garb of a woman. To strengthen this theory the doctor introduced a witness to show that the doctor changed his sex every seven years and had availed such a transaction to practice the deception.

SEUM PRODUCES SORCS. Diphtheria Remedy Causes a Rash Which Looks Like Chicken Pox.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—There have been rumors current in Yonkers for several days to the effect that a patient inoculated with the anti-toxine serum had been poisoned with it to such an extent that his body broke out in sores. His name is Andrew Laird of Yonkers. He had lost his three-year-old son through the attack of diphtheria, and ten days ago his wife was taken sick with the same disease. Dr. Linsley Foxworth suggested the use of anti-toxine, and secured some of the serum from this city. Laird, who is a farmer, had been inoculated with it. In the case of Mrs. Laird the result was beneficial at once. Mr. Laird, though struck from his work, has not contracted it, but the administration of the serum resulted in the breaking out of a rash which to an unprofessional eye appeared much like chicken pox. This is accompanied by an itching, which is very annoying to the patient. The doctor said last evening that there was nothing to be feared from the remedy, but would wait until perfect success, so far as he could see. Other doctors agree in this statement.

ROCKEFELLER'S GRACELESS NEPHEW. J. N. Langdon Compelled by His Relatives to Enter the Navy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—J. N. Langdon of Philadelphia, nephew of John D. Rockefeller, the oil king, has enlisted in the navy, and will make a clerkship on board the old ship Independence, which is under the command of a naval officer. Langdon seems to have caused his rich relatives a deal of trouble. He arrived here some weeks ago from Japan, contracting the influenza epidemic and California hotels, scattering checks about, but all of which were cashed. He was a guest of the University club, where he gave a large account for his sponsor to settle, and engaged in various financial operations, purchasing a \$200,000 mortgage on the Rockefeller carriage house, for which he did not pay. Langdon's eastern friends came to the rescue, and the understanding is said, that he enters the navy, securing a easy berth with a very small salary.

MUST HAVE A BIGGER BOAT. New York Left Without a Revenue Cutter by the Perry's Removal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The revenue cutter Perry, which has been doing duty in the waters between Cape May and Hook Point since the Grant went to the Pacific coast, will be ordered today to Bering sea. The Perry's detail caused a good deal of comment in the customs house yesterday, because the Perry and the adjacent waters will be without any sea-going revenue service vessel. The small boats used in the harbor as revenue cutters are not so far out. There is plenty of work for a revenue cutter of this coast. It is said that the situation will be brought to the attention of the treasury officials at once. The Perry is under the command of Mr. Grant for duty at this port.

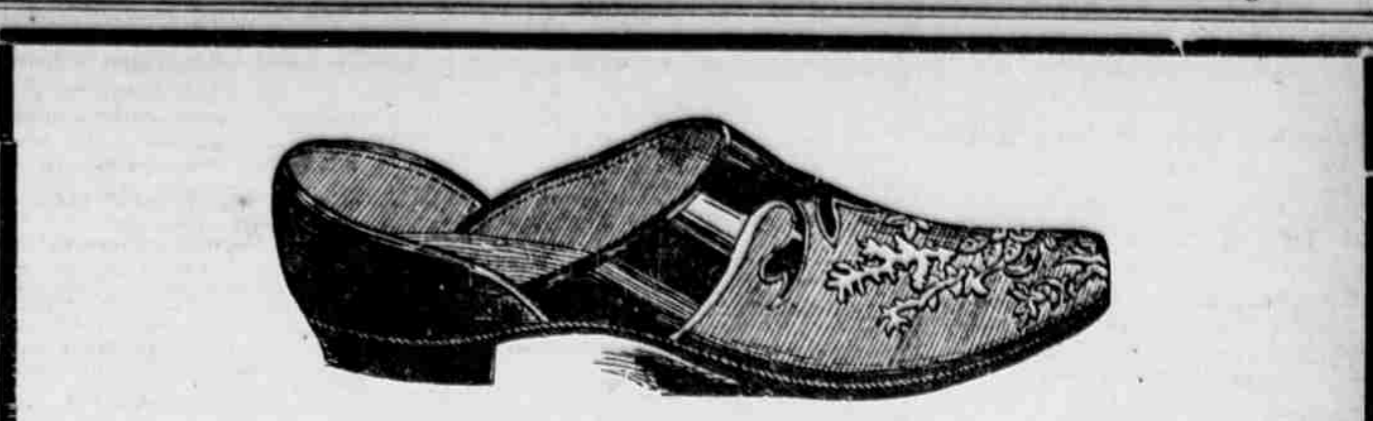
President Buys a Team. PRINCETON, Ky., Dec. 19.—T. G. Guest of this city has sold to President Cleveland a pair of fine young horses. They are a deep bay, solid bone, and are fifteen and one-half hands high, and are perfect specimens of Kentucky horses. They are well broken together and perfect in every respect. They are a very handsome appearance. He will ship them tonight, sending his trainer along with them.

Lumber Schooner Ashore. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—The schooner Mary Gilbert, Captain Dodge, from San Francisco to Alsea Bay for lumber, is ashore at Alsea Bay, and is a total loss. She will probably be a total loss.

Pale People often wonder why they feel so debilitated. Why their cheeks, lips and tongues are almost colorless. The reason is easy to find. The blood is in an abnormal condition, and is deficient in red corpuscles. This condition is not a disease in itself, but the result of disease. It may be produced by dyspepsia, malarial poisoning, or hemorrhage; but the most common cause is insufficient nutrition. What is wanted is a nutrient which will increase the vital force and put the blood in a normal condition.

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