

BUTTERMEN CROWD LINCOLN

Delegates to the Convention Fill the City to Overflowing.

INTERESTING EXHIBITS ARE PLACED

Resolutions of Sorry Are Adopted by Most of the Delegation on the Death of L. Elliot Pierce.

LINCOLN, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The buttermen continue to fill the Lincoln. A special train of ten Pullman cars arrived at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and the visitors were met at the depot by an enthusiastic crowd of citizens, which made it almost impossible for the reception committee to reach them.

Though Lincoln is already overflowing with the dairymen, the principal crowd is yet to come, for four special trains will arrive before tonight, bearing creamery enthusiasts from all parts of the country. All the hotels are now full, and many of them were compelled to refuse requests by mail for accommodations two days ago, as hundreds of the delegates had anticipated the crush and engaged rooms ahead.

Four of the visiting delegations have opened headquarters at the Lincoln hotel. They are the buttermen from Boston, Chicago, New York and Philadelphia, and they range in numbers from twenty-seven in the Pennsylvania delegation to sixty-five Chicagoans.

The Nebraska Dairymen's association has headquarters at the Lincoln and many other business and transportation firms have sent representatives to the convention.

Machinery Hall Exhibit. The exhibit in machinery hall is interesting and attractive to the outsider. The place is crowded with visitors as well as buttermen at all times.

The butter exhibit is in the university armory. Over 700 tubs are on the benches and the judges have nearly completed their work in scoring the product and awarding the prizes. The managers of this exhibition to open this exhibit to the public this afternoon.

Prizes for the butter exhibitors are very attractive, besides the silk flag, valued at \$100, which is to go to the state having the best general average. There are a score of silver cups valued at \$50 each to be distributed as individual prizes to the exhibitor from each state showing the highest score in his state. Further, \$4,000 will be divided into smaller awards, \$2,000 of this going to those whose scores are within 10 per cent of the scores between 50 and 94. For every exhibitor whose butter scores 90 or better there will be a diploma of merit issued by the association.

Resolutions of Sympathy. The death yesterday morning of L. Elliot Pierce, the Boston expert who had come to act as one of the judges of the butter exhibit with prompt action on the part of the various delegations. Each band of visitors drew up formal resolutions in sympathy and these resolutions were all served upon the Boston delegation, as the representative from Boston then adopted the following resolutions in this connection:

Whereas, The Boston delegation en route to the annual meeting of the butter makers' association has learned with great sorrow of the death of their friend and brother, L. Elliot Pierce, who died at Lincoln, Neb., about 1:30 this morning; and

Whereas, Mr. Pierce was a man who held a peculiar and unique place in the hearts and confidence of the members of the butter makers' association; and

Resolved, That the resolutions of sympathy adopted by the New York, the Philadelphia and the Chicago delegations be hereby accepted and sent as above.

The remains of the deceased were sent to his home in Boston at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The buttermen's headquarters were closed and all the delegations attended a funeral dirge in honor of the dead.

Coal in Dakota County. JACKSON, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—An expert who examined the Riley & McBride coal mine reports that the coal near Jackson was equal to any Iowa coal. The vein is three feet and eight inches thick and is much harder than Iowa coal.

Property in Waverly. WAVERLY, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Waverly has been seized by the era of prosperity. The citizens are considering the proposition of an electric light plant and waterworks system under the control of the city authorities. They feel much elated over the prospect.

State Meeting in Hastings. HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—There will be a state meeting held here tomorrow of supervisors and commissioners from the various counties of Nebraska. The supervisors of Adams county have made all arrangements for proper entertainment of their guests.

SHARKEY WINS TITLES

Shows He Can Whip Jeffords, if Not Jeffries, of California.

FIGHTERS MIX IT FROM THE START

Kind of Mill that Might Be Expected with Sharkey in the Game—Claim of Foul Not Entertained.

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—Tom Sharkey tonight knocked out Jim Jeffords, the California aspirant for heavyweight honors, in the second round of what was to have been a ten-round bout.

The men had fought two minutes and six seconds in the second round when the knockout blow was delivered. They were breaking from a clinch when Sharkey whipped his right over to the California head and Jeffords went down.

Referee Hogan counted him out and it was several minutes before he recovered sufficiently to rise. Then he claimed a foul, saying Sharkey hit him in the back of the head when he had agreed to break clean. The referee, however, refused to entertain his "kick" and awarded the fight to Sharkey.

There was no preliminary fiddling when the fight started. The men met in the center of the ring and mixed it from the start. As they came to a clinch, both slipped and fell to the floor.

Sharkey kept rushing Jeffords and just before the end of the round sent him to the floor. Jeffords was tired and stayed on his knees for several seconds.

Cuts Jeffords' Left Eye Open. When they came up for the second round the California seemed in good shape. Sharkey went right after him from the start. He cut Jeffords' left eye open and then kept it bleeding with right hand punches.

The men were in Jeffords' corner when the knockout occurred. Jeffords broke from the clinch, sent his right over to the California head and Jeffords lurched forward to his knees and then turned over on his breast. He was completely out, but Referee Hogan knelt down and counted the seconds into the protestant man's eyes.

At the count of ten Hogan declared Sharkey the winner amid cries of foul from the spectators, who thought the sailor had hit Jeffords in the clinch. This was not true, as the men had both arms free when the blow was delivered.

About 3,500 people witnessed the bout, which was pulled off in the Light Guard armory under the auspices of the Cadillac Athletic club.

GILBERT IS STILL CHAMPION

Beats J. A. R. Elliott in Contest for Championship as Target Shot, Retaining the Cup.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 19.—The contest today between Ed Gilbert and J. A. R. Elliott at 150 birds each for the "E. C." cup and for the world's championship as a target shot resulted in Gilbert's favor by a score of 145 to 140.

At fifty birds, unknown traps, unknown angles, and fifty birds, known traps and unknown angles, the contest was a close one. Gilbert thus retains the championship cup.

Asson Ready to Quit. CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—While the new American association of bird shooters is being organized in several cities, Captain Asson last night announced he would not call a meeting of the promoters of the organization for action was shown him that had been shown. He acknowledged having received several telegrams from the promoters.

Real Estate Exchange. The real estate exchange has increased its membership fee from \$1 to \$15. It has also appointed a committee to induce the county commissioners to purchase the land along Dodge, Center and Benson boulevards.

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners did not have the usual weekly meeting Monday night, owing to lack of a quorum.

The saloon of Sam Kardonski, 96 Capitol avenue, was entered by a burglar Saturday night and a large amount of property, including a revolver and cigars, of a total value of \$1,000, was stolen.

During morning service at the First Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning, the motor of the pipe organ failed to perform its function and the organist, C. M. Bent, the organist from Shelby, Ia., who was brutally assaulted and robbed of his money and watch, was returned to his home. The police are still working on the case and have hopes of arresting the robbers.

Christ Thompson, who took James Flood's watch from his pocket while waiting with him in the Avenue Hotel, was arrested by an ordinary hearing in police court Monday night. His attorney was called and his evidence was sufficient to justify holding Thompson and he was placed under bond to insure his appearance in the district court.

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