

FLORISTS' OPENING SESSION

National Association Convenes Amid Pleasant and congenial surroundings.

MAYOR MOORES WELCOMES THE VISITORS

City's Executive Elegantly Extends the Freedoms of the Metropolis and is Assured by the Convention of Appreciation.

There was a fairly good attendance at the First Congregational church at the opening session of the fourteenth annual meeting of the Society of American Florists, and there were a large number of women present. The heat of the interior of the church seemed to be tempered by the presence of many potted palms, the long graceful branches of the palms giving the place the appearance of some cool and shady bower, appropriate for the gathering of a convention of florists.

A. Donoghue, sr., of this city, president of the Nebraska and Iowa Florists' society, called the assemblage to order, after a selection on the pipe organ, and introduced Rev. T. J. Mackay, who invoked a divine blessing upon the convention.

He was followed by Mayor Moores, who made a happy hit with the delegates, and was given a cordial reception. He said if he understood the language of flowers he would prepare a garland for the society which would be welcome with the warm perfume of hospitality. He expressed himself in favor of public support of parks, as the beauty of their trees and flowers and grasses saves twice over the cost of jails and almshouses. He told the delegates that the people out here are feeling good just at this time, with bountiful crops, the war ended, and with one of the greatest expositions ever constructed, assuring them that this was a great big republican year in the west. This sentiment appeared to strike the convention as eminently proper, for it was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

Edmund M. Wood of Natick, Mass., responded to the mayor's address, and said it was a pleasure to him to have brought the convention to this city, and that the delegates were delighted with their reception. The efforts of the city to build the Trans-Mississippi Exposition have elicited the admiration of the world, and that it is of such material that our arms and navy is made. In the light of that wonderful enterprise he is prepared to believe in the success of anything undertaken by the west.

What the Officers Say.

W. F. Gude of Washington, D. C., president of the society, made his annual address, in which he said that Omaha had within a year become known throughout the world. It has entertained conventions, congresses, societies and every known kind of organization, until the hospitality of the city has become almost universally recognized.

He reported on the progress of the work of the society during the last year, and read a letter written by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, in which the cabinet officer endorsed the work of the society and favors an act of congress incorporating the organization. He made numerous suggestions as to improvements in the work of the society, among them being a recommendation in favor of steps to establish an annual flower congress.

The secretary, William J. Stewart of Boston, read his report, which indicated a prosperous year, with a slight gain over the two previous years. There have been over 100 additions to the membership of the society, and a loss of four by death. He reported fourteen subscriptions to the life membership fund, which the society should have been fifty. He drew upon the treasury to the officers of the society this year in their efforts to secure satisfactory railroad rates. The rates finally obtained were reasonable, but came too late to be of any advantage to the members.

Mr. Stewart also read the treasurer's annual report, which showed receipts during the year of \$3,666.19; expenditures, \$2,035; leaving a balance of \$1,631.19.

President Gude announced the following list of judges to pass upon the displays in the trade exhibit:

W.H. Crutchfield—Robt. Kittle—Owens.

William Crutchfield, a colored man, with a record is under arrest on a charge of grand larceny preferred by Kittle Owens, also with a record. They have lived for years in a little red house at Twelfth and Davison streets, a favorite resort for the visiting stranger, but yesterday there was a falling out. The woman packed her truck and moved to another quarter, leaving Crutchfield the bare walls. Crutchfield has her real lodgings now, but he absented himself and secured the contents of the truck consisting of ball gowns and feathered hats of considerable value.

humorous side of life, but none of the ludicrous, for in all his travels, he said, he had not seen a Russian court. He commented upon the fact that the general impression of Russia is that conveyed by the stories of Fabius and Cato. His purpose was to show Russia. The chamber, exhibitions, cities and market scenes were studies that captured the attention of the rather large audience, but nothing so absorbed the general interest as the portrait and vivid description, with something of philosophy, too, of the sage and sociologist, Tolstoi, in his character of peasant exemplifier.

There will be a meeting this morning of the bowling team to arrange for the contest for the silver trophy. The trophy was on exhibition last night.

NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHERS MEET.

Ninth Annual Session of the State Association Comes to Order.

Mayor Frank Moores welcomed the ninth annual convention of the Nebraska Photographers' association to the city yesterday afternoon. About seventy members from the state, together with several prominent photographers from other states, gathered in the armory of the Thirteenth Rides and listened to speeches and discussions relative to the interests of their profession. At 2 o'clock Mayor Moores presented a pair of gilded keys to the president and formally welcomed the organization to the city.

In response President Lancaster of Omaha invited the mayor to the meetings and thanked him for the courtesy. Before leaving Mr. Moores invited all to the city home up there when you have time and I will let you come and headquarters, I will let you have a look at the great chair which I occupy and for which I have been fighting so long to fill."

The remainder of the meeting was given over to the discussion of cheap photographs in which many members gave their views. It was decided from the standpoint taken by most of them that it paid to put out only the best quality of work and that poor prints at a low price would be in the end injure very materially a man's business.

Last night a series of lantern slide views was shown in the armory in which President Lancaster illustrated the different methods and manner of proceeding with the several kinds of cameras exhibited. Prof. A. H. Griffith of the Art exhibit at the exposition will speak before the association this morning.

LAY OUT PENNSYLVANIA DAY

Former Residents Set Apart Things to Be Done on the Fifth of October.

Several citizens of Omaha who formerly were residents of the state of Pennsylvania met last night in the parlors of the Commercial club and talked over and arranged plans for Pennsylvania Day on October 5, with a grand picnic on the day following.

Former residents have made this same date Ohio day, October 5, of getting lower rates on the railroads, and the prospects for larger crowds as an additional incentive to the roads to cut the regular rate.

The governor of the state will make an address on the 5th and Charles Emory Smith, a member of the cabinet, will also speak to the Pennsylvanians. Five thousand badges bearing the arms of the state will be ordered, and the day promises to be a success if present plans carry. On the 5th will be held a grand picnic at Hanscom park, at which several hundred former residents of the state of William Penn will be in attendance. A band, dancing, plenty to eat and a general good time all around is as far as the program for the day now extends.

Owing to the fact that the parade of the Knights of Akar-Ben takes place in the evening, it is thought that nearly all those who come to the city for the special day will remain over for the picnic. Secretary Shriver says there are over a dozen active Pennsylvania clubs in the state and that these promise to send large delegations.

Another meeting will be called Saturday at noon for the discussion of business relative to the day, with a second in the evening at 8 for the purpose of choosing committees. L. E. Barr, W. H. Shriver and S. A. Ruth were appointed last night as a committee of judges to pass upon the displays in the trade exhibit.

Class E Florists' Supplies, Etc.—F. C. Weber, C. G. Anderson, Jacob Schultz, Class F. Bulbs and Seeds—Emil Schrey, William E. Weidner, Class G. Miscellaneous—Edgar Saunders, Emil Schrey, E. Weinhuber, F. C. Weber, D. B. Long, George L. Miller, Committee on Medal Awards—E. G. Hill, Robert Craig, William Scott.

The secretary read reports from the vice presidents for the several states, which generally showed an improvement in business, and after the transaction of some other routine affairs the convention adjourned till afternoon.

Reception at Lininger's.

The visiting florists and their women were pleasantly entertained at the First Congregational church last night by the local committee, consisting of A. Donoghue, Jr., J. W. Wilcox, John Peterson, A. Donoghue, Jr., L. C. Chapman, J. Hess and S. B. Stewart. For an hour there was a reception in the parlors and basement of the church, which gave all an opportunity to get better acquainted and see to advantage the numerous exhibits of flowers, palms and ferns and florists' supplies. It was a very informal affair, conversation being the principal feature.

Music by the Apollo Club occasionally filled the edifice with agreeable harmonies, which seemed all the more appropriate in connection with the pretty pictures presented by the profusion of floral decorations.

After the reception Prof. F. W. Taylor gave an interesting talk on "The Real Russia," illustrated with a large number of stereoscopic views projected onto a screen hung in front of the organ pipes. The views were from photographs taken by Prof. Taylor during two trips through the land of the Romans from St. Petersburg to the Black sea and the Polish frontier to the Ural mountains. One of the tours was in 1892 and the other two years ago. Beginning with the portraits of the czar and czarina, Prof. Taylor glibly glibly told the story of the equestrian statue of Peter the Great and the Peterhof palace to Nizhni Novgorod and Moscow, and finally an interesting glimpse of the life and practical philosophy of the world-famed Count Tolstoi was enjoyed. As the methods of travel by rail and on the Volga were described the speaker managed to bring out much of the

POYNTER AS A DEMOCRAT

PopocatCandidate Pokes Populism for the Jacksonian Club's Benefit

PREACHES HIS PECCULAR POLITICAL CREED

Patiently Smooths Out Anything that Might Offend His Bourbon Brethren—Populists Have No Show at the Gathering.

organization was accomplished and that there was no further need at this time of their participating in the politics of the state except as individuals."

Judge Frank Irvine, H. W. Yates, T. J. Mahoney and Assistant United States Attorney Rus say they are out of politics and will not discuss the question publicly.

JUDGE HAYWARD IN THE CITY.

Republican Candidate for Governor Pays a Short Visit Here.

Judge M. L. Hayward, republican candidate for governor, dropped in on the city yesterday to call on Mayor Moores. He attended a reunion of old soldiers in the city.

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