STATE TEACHERS

Convention Held in Lincoln One of the Best Ever Given

NEARLY 2,000 IN ATTENDANCE

Senator Beveridge and Renowned Richard Hobson are the Leading Atractions

Nebraska teachers to the number of about two thousand held sway in Lincoln at their annual meeting. The hotels were taxed to their utmost capacity, as with teachers and the gathering of legislative gladiators made corridors of hotels look like a good big senatorial deadlock with everybody upon tiptoe of expectancy. But the teachers had a royal good time, as they always do. They are a fine class of citizens and among them the brightest and brainiest to be found in any state in the Union. Intelligence fairly sparkled, and one in attendance at their daily and evening meetings could not help but feel that children placed in the care of men and women of such high mind and noble instincts would come from their graduating class fully equipped for the strenuous life and battle before them.

The speaking was excellent throughout. The principal attractions, of course, were those of the brilliant Beveridge of Indiana. Here is an example of what the youth of this grand state of ours is accomplishing, and through the tutelage of the noble men and women who guard the homes of learning dotted here and there throughout the state. Senator Beveridge is a brilliant character and his talk resulted in much good for thought and was appreciated by not only the teachers present but by an assemblage of citizens from Lincoln and surrounding towns who came to the capital city for the sole purpose of meeting the distinguished Indianan and to participate in the deliberations with teachers. The world-famed Richard Pearson Hobson was an attraction of no small proportion and his address on "Our American Navy" was well

There was not a drone noticeable throughout the entire week at any of the meetings and the convention closed as one of the most prosperous and instructive of any previously held. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, A. H. Waterhouse of Omaha.

Vice-President, E. E. Magee of Ashland.

Secretary, Catherine Wood of Peru. Treasurer, R. D. Overholt of Minden. The executive committee as it will be constituted in 1907 is as follows: W. A. Waterhouse, chairman (ex-officio), A. L. Caviness of Fairbury, G. H. Thomas of McCook, E. B. Sherman of Columbus.

POSSIBILITIES OF SELF-SUPPORT.

Inmates of Beatrice Feeble-Minded Institute Work In the Fields.

Superintendent Johnson of the Institute for Feeble-Minded Youth at Beatrice makes a showing in his report to the governor that is not only interesting, as to amount of valuable crop production, but demonstrates sult of the California disaster is just what the possibilities are for making \$7,500, and of that amount \$3,000 was even the unfortunates at the institution self-supporting, as all of the field crops were raised by the inmates with the assistance of one farmer.

The report shows that of field crops there were grown 532 bushels of wheat, 118 bushels of rye, 940 bushels of oats, 2,000 bushels of corn, 30 tons of timothy, 30 tons of millet, 25 tons | had \$1.500 of that sum reinsured. The of cane, 30 tons of alfalfa, 1,900 bushels of potatoes, 100 bushels of sweet potatoes, 700 bushels of sweet corn. 500 bushels of tomatoes and 300 bushels of onions.

Besides these, there was grown a large lot of garden vegetables, including 400 bushels of turnips, 150 bushels of parsnips, 300 bushels of beets, 120 bushels of peas, 5,000 heads of cabbage, 200 heads of cauliflower, also peppers, parsley, beans, cucumbers, lettuce, egg plant, pumpkins, squash, and many of the smaller varieties of garden vegetables, aggregating in the whole at market value \$7.641.35.

In addition to the farmer, who attended the field crops, there was employed a gardener, who had charge of the growing of the garden vegetables, also the care of the flower beds, lawns and trees.

WILL BE COMPELLED TO APPEAR.

County Assessors Will Be Given Power to Force the Truth.

Amendments to the existing revenue laws of Nebraska empowering the state board of equalization and assessment to send for persons, compel their attendance, examine them under oath and demand the production of books. records or papers when inquiring into property valuations were recommended by the county assessors from all over Nebraska who met in Lincoln. A separate measure giving similar authority to assessors received the indorsement of the meeting.

At present the state board of equalization can merely request persons to come before it. If they are willing to do so they come; if not they stay away and the board cannot make them

A bill requiring mortgages, bonds, notes and credit paper of all kinds to be registered for taxation in the county assessor's office was also presented. The proposed measure specifies that the assessor shall keep a special book in which to list such credits, and that any one failing to register them shall forfeit to the state one year's interest on his credit paper, the money to be used for school purposes. Whenever such a document is presented for registry the assessor will affix a certificate to that effect. Warrants, bills of sale, judgments, tax sale certificates, stocks in corporations not taxed in Nebraska, mechanics' and other liens on property outside of the state are all included within the purview of this proposed law.

With respect to real estate mortgages it is proposed to make them assemble at the places where the property is situated. The legislation in view contemplates that the tax shall be a lien on the mortgage, and that the instrument shall not be valid nor collectable until it has received the assessor's O. K.

WANTS ADDITIONAL ROOM.

State Sorely In Need of Proper Place to Keep Valuable Records.

Poorly lighted rooms, inadequate heating and ventilation, books stored away in every available nook and crevice and cases crowded together so that one must walk sideways between them-such are some of the conditions prevailing at the state library as reported by Supreme Court Clerk Harry C. Lindsay, who is also state librarian, in his biennial showing. Mr. Lindsay recommends the building of an addition to the capitol on the south, to give the library additional space and house the state historical society and the library commission.

There are now 54,672 volumes in the library proper, of which 1,541 have been purchased and 2,794 acquired by donation or exchange within the last biennium. About 1,600 feet of new shelving has been installed with a \$500 appropriation. From 4,000 to 5,000 volumes will probably be added in the next two years, the report says.

DIDN'T HIT 'EM HARD.

Nebraska Insurance Companies Small Loosers In Frisco Calamity.

Fire insurance companies organized in Nebraska will have to invent some other excuse than San Francisco losses to justify their part in raising rates, if the sworn figures they have reported to the state insurance department are correct. The total amount which five of them have paid as a reprotected by reinsurance, so that the companies sustained a net loss, all told, of only \$4,500.

One of the five, the Columbia of Lincoln, escaped with no loss whatever. 'The Farmers' and Merchants' of Lincoln was called upon to pay \$2,500 of San Francisco losses, but State became liable for \$750, but reinsurance saved it the whole sum. The same is true of the Nebraska Underwriters, an Omaha concern, which also had \$750 insurance at San Francisco on which loss was proven.

The company which was the main loser from the Pacific coast catastrophe is the National Mutual of Omaha. It paid \$3,500, and the returns it has filed do not show that any part of the amount was protected by reinsurance.

W. C. Fleming, 81 years old, is very low at his home in Anderson, Ind. He left Indiana in 1850 and came to Nebraska, where he was a member of the legislature in 1858. He introduced the bill that chartered Nebraska's first railroad. He was one of the oldest Masons in the country.

The Confederates' Lost Opportunity After Bull Run.

The enemy were routed. Jackson saw their demoralization, and felt that, if rapidly followed up, it would spread and rapidly involve the Capitol itself. And every soldier should have seen in it at least a good chance to cut off and capture many thousands of fugitives retreating by long and roundabout

There was little effort, worthy of the name, even to do this. Our small bodies of cavalry did their best and captured about as many prisoners as they could handle. In all 871 unwounded were taken. But to fully improve such an opportunity not a moment should have been lost. At the occurrence of the panic, all the troops best situated to cut the line of retreat should have been put in motion. Not only staff officers but generals themselves should have followed up to inspire and urge pursuit. The motto of our army here would seem to have been, "Build a bridge of gold for a flying enemy."

Jackson's offer to take Washington City the next morning with 5,000 men, had been made to the president as he arrived upon the field, probably about 5 o'clock. It was not sunset until 7:15 and there was a nearly full moon. But the President himself and both generals spent these precious hours in riding over the field where the conflict had taken place. Doubtless it was an interesting study, the dead and badly wounded of both sides being mostly where they had fallen, but it was not war to pause at that moment to consider it. One of the generals, Beauregard, for instance, should have crossed Bull Run at Ball's Ford or Stone Bridge with all the troops in that vicinity and should have pushed the pursuit all night. Johnston should have galloped rapidly back to Mitchell's Ford and have marched thence on Centreville, with Bonham, Longstreet and Jones, who had not been engaged. No hard fighting would have been needed. A threat upon either flank would doubtless have been sufficient; and, when once a retreat from Centreville was started, even blank volleys fired behind it, would have soon converted it into a panic.-Gen. E. P. Alexander in Scribner.

Western Patents.

Allendorph, John C. Kansas City, Mo., railway rail. Andrews, George K. Webster Groves, Mo. signaling system for railroads. Bender, John, Marion, Kan., rule. Cockrum, Leland V. Knox, City, Mo., soldering and brazing apparatus. Crull, Eugene S. Sedalia, Mo., sheathing lath. Erwin, Preston T., Everton, Mo., chalking device. Gibler, John C., Hurdland, Mo., nut lock, Gilges, Dudley H., Baldwin, Kan., rail joint. Guitar, Odon, Columbia, Mo., combined clothes washer and wringer. Hampden, Wellesley R., Kansas City, Mo., cooking stove and range. Hillenbrand, C. W., Kansas City, Kan., turn table. Johnson, George J., Mc-Louth, vehicle pole tip. Miller, Emil. Concordia, Kan., bottle. Pennick. John H. Menoken, Kan., automatic weighing and sacking machine. White, Benjamin F. Thayer, Mo., coop crate and other similar structures.



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