Nebraska Farmers' Alliance in Annual as follows: Session at Grand Island Last Week.

UNION WITH THE N. F. A. & I. U.

Abstract of the Official Proceedings by the State Secretary, J. M.

Promptly at 10:30 Tuesday morning house, the use of which was generously

Jewell of Platte county, A. D. Stevens of Fillmore county, and ing committees report, a general discussion followed.

fraternal delegate and also to address the open meeting in the evening. Re-

APTERNOON SESSION.

Committee on credentials made a partial report, which was accepted and committee continued.

President's address (printed elsewhere).

Thornton of Buffalo moved that the president's address be given to the state press for publication. Carried.

Fred Jewell of Platte county and C. H. Pirtie of Saunders county were chosen assistant secretaries.

B. F. Prattoof Merrick, M. M. Haileck of Hamilton and John Shay of Adams were appointed assistant door-

The following committees were appointed on jurisprudence.

F. Allen, Cass county, chairman. B. F. Davis, Dawson county. R. T. Chambers, Lancaster county. J B. Evarts, York countp. H. B. McGaw, Adams county.

On resolutions. W. P. Brooks, Johnson county, chair-

C W. Beal, Custer county. J. V. Wolfe, Lancaster county. E. P. Montgomery, Phelps county. Mrs. Julia A. Spink, Kearney county. On mutual insurance. Clara Cidal Box Butte county, chair-

M. Migart Buffalo county.

is. Cedar county. the committee on jurisprudence were ordered referred to a special committee for consideration, said committee to report as soon as possible.

Said committee were appointed as follows: Allen Root of Douglas, chairman; S. E. Thornton of Buffalo, J. L. Claffin of Howard, R. S. Bruce of Hall, C. H. Van Wyck of Otoc.

On motion of Thompson the reports of the state lecturers was advanced on the program. State Lecturer Dech was not present and Assistant Lecturer Fairchild made au oral report.

115 meetings were held during the year most of which were in the northern part of the state. Reform literadistributed in considerable quantity. Successful and well attended meetings the rule throughout the year. Expenses per statements rendered \$179.35; collections, \$26.25; books sold, \$17.

Assistant Lecturer Wright also made oral report. In opening gave in considerable detail the arrangements entered into at beginning of year with reference to territory assigned, etc.

Collections made to apply on expenses. Over 100 appointed meetings held and two series of meetings postponed on account of sickness in family. Collections made, \$202.84; books sold, \$111.75; total expenses, \$191.85.

In closing Bro. Wright urged a more thorough and systematic plan of work. On motion reports of the lecturers were accepted and financial portions made a part of the permanent records of the alliance.

Jewell of Platte county offered a

of a special committee on business cooperation. Motion prevailed.

President appointed as such comrick county, and S. M. Darnell, Butler that could be entirely avoided by writ-

Kirkpatrick of Clay moved that the election of officers be made the special order of business for Wednesday morning, supported by Jewell of Platte and

Vote on above motion resulted in decision to proceed according to pro-

Recess until Wednesday morning. The evening was given to a public meeting and reception by the city.

After some excellent music by the Pacific Hose company band, Mayor H. D. Boyden welcomed the delegates to securing the enactment of those laws the city, and was seconded on behalf of son and W. H. Thompson.

President Powers responded in behalf of the alliance in a few well chosen remarks and introduced President Loucks of the N. F. A. & I. U., who made the principal address of the evening. This was a masterly address fold. I believe that with thorough culand the close attention given showed that it was appreciated.

Prof. Vincent of Indianapolis folof attending to our own business, and by pertinent illustration ably showed the advantages of organization.

Island and vicinity and was a successful and interesting session.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, MORNING SESSION.

he state represented

Report accepted and committee dis-Annual report of the secretary read next week).

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

In making this my fourth annual Carmers' Alliance, I need make no extended statement of facts other than county, as follows: those that come under my personal

observation as state secretary. We assembled in annual meeting a year ago with the organization extended into every county in our state strengthening of that which remained and the development of a higher citizenship on the part of our members President Powers called the twelfth than in chartering new organizations. annual meeting to order. The meet- In some of the counties, notably in the ing was held in Bartenbach's opera northwestern part of the state, a number of new Alliances have been organcharacter, had been ushered into the organizations.

and the questions of money reform, and reform and transportation reform was discussed from a political standpoint, from the Adantic to the Pacific and from the northern lakes to the southern gulf. The result of that con-test need not be referred to here. It s now a part of our national history.

The strength of organization has een felt however and we now feel that more than ever before should the aili ance educational work receive the at tention of our people. We believe that the crying need of our government totelligence on the part of its citizens. Not partizanship which overlooks all shortcomings of any system of government, if that system receives the support of our party; but rather a discriminating intelligence that can examine in an intelligent manner into the needs of the masses of the people, and determine without prejudice or partisan feeling upon a course of action that will insure to each member of the commonwealth the greatest possible liberty

A very considerable portion of our On morror of Wolfe of Laucaster, last annual meeting three lecturers with the people until losses have occur-such recommendations contained in were chosen, who have in an able the president's address as did not go to manner labored for the advancement members in 36 counties holding policies leaders and members. of the principles advocated by the alliance.

In addition to their work the president of the state alliance has visited a large portion of the state during the year, holding successful district and county meetings in nearly every secretary and trea urer at Lincoln at freight rates in Nebraska should be no

He has carried with him the respect and esteem of all our members and guided by his years of experience in the work, his labors have been especially helpful.

The lecturers have also placed a great deal of literature in the hands of the people, and while this feature of the work has been productive of much good it will be seen by the treasurers report that it has also been self sustaining. In all about three thousand volumes of the best of our reform literature has been thus placed in the hands of the citizens of our state, and I believe this feature of the educational work should not only be continued, but more fully developed in the coming year.

During the past two years in a number of counties, mutual insurance companies have been established under the directi n of the county alliance, and in some cases controlled entirely by the organization. Their experience goes to show the desirability of mutual insurance and indicate that its workings will be entirely satisfactory and the assurance afforded will be ample, making them fully as safe at less than half the expense of old line companies. There are some companies operating in

the state under the mutual plan but charging one per cent for membership mutual law, and thus combine to insure motion providing for the appointment fee. The experience of the purely mutual companies in Iowa and other eastern states goes to show however that such a membership fee is not required, mittee, Peter Ebbeson of Howard unless it be for the purpose of employ-county, chairman; B. F. Pratt, Mering agents on commission, a practice insurance through

medium of subordinate alliances. I trust this matter will receive due consideration at this meeting as its importance is felt by all those having farm property insured on the old basis and paying the old rates.

The past four years has seen an uprising of the people of Nebraska made possible by the work of the alliance unprecedented in the history of the state. The present shows us that while we may have accomplished some of the objects sought, we still lack much of desiring Hail Insurance which should be the outgrowth of our the city by H. A. Edwards, Judge Harri- principles and would so materially tend

to make all men free and equal. But what of the future: May we not cherish the belief that the seed sown in the days that are behind us will blossom into a full realization of our expectations, and yield fruit even an hundredture of the soll, and proper attention to the degree of temperature best adapted to secure proper fruitage, our port giving the changes in the constilowed in a short talk urging the duty highest hopes may be realized. It is of attending to our own business, and here that the alliance organization steps in. It makes us more human, the following report: more mindful of the needs of another, This meeting was attended by a gives us clearer preceptions, (through large number of the citizens of Grand the counsel and advice of its members)

posterity Treasurer's report showing complete Committee on credentials made final receipts and itemized expenditures

blessings of liberty to ourselves and

eport showing nearly every county in then read. Unexpended balance on minds of the convention held at Omaha

Report of chairman of executive committee. (This report will be printed Reports accepted and ordered placed

On motion the report of committee on mutual insurance was advanced on bly posed to and would condemn any

To the President and members of the

Sta e l'armers' Alliance. We, your committee on Mutual Insurance beg leave to report in favor of saying of money, and thoroughly reliable d to any and all subsidies or bountie ble when proper y managed. The mutual insurance law passed in 1891 gives all communities an opportunity to organize and inco porate for lightni g pize the "Miliers' Com ine" as ne of and cyclone protection at small capen a the most oppressive to our farmers house, the use of which was generously ized and these have played an important without any narra-si g restriction, there is in the social and political. The state and tors books show that to fair margin of prouts between the prothe city. Delegate J. M. Snyder of features of that section during the this date 34 communies have incorporate ducers of wheat and the consumers of Sherman county officiated as chapiain year. We have issued in all about ed. We have heard of some where the floor, and that some steps should be fifty new charters since our last annual losses and expenses have been dis taken to more nearly divide profits evin in the absence of Chaplain Bradley.

The president appointed as committee on credentials, Fred momentum of the companies of the companies of the companies. The Richardson County That we denote the members of the companies. The Richardson County That we denote the members of the companies of the companies. nection with the organization. The Fire and Lightning Company began the present board of Public Lands and first flush of success had changed to business January 1887, over 300 factors Buildings for gross if not criminal negthe stern realities of continued ex- are now enrolled, holding policies for ligence in the management of our pub A. P. Randall of Clay county. Pend- istence. The enthusiasm of the years \$400,000.00. They and that \$1.49 per life institutions, and particularly the and had to be replaced by the sober for the first live year. Whereas a fore of which thousands of dollars have carnest judgement and serious though the company was organized appolicy in been staten and the fair name of our

> Arena of politics, whose very existence existed for some years, as associations ment of the game and also to examin was made possible by the agitation and where the expenses have been very the management and condition of the education along the lines of political small, and not to be compared with the state officers them elves and especially reform that had been carried forward expense in old line companis. The that of the state treasurer. by the alliance and kindred industrial Lagraster County Mutual Company is now over one year old, has \$160,000 in- state treasurer and the members of the It is not strange therefore that the sured at a cost of \$1.00 per M for first board of educatio at lands and funds political movement should in a great year, at that rate the cost for five years who, in violation of law, refuse to inmeasure absorb the attention of our would be a of 1 per cent. The Polk vest the permanentschool funds instate people during this a year when the County Matual Insurance Company in- warrants but use the same for private contest for national supremacy was corporated February 21, 1892, companie gain, thereby rebbing the tax-cayers of waged by the political organizations of ed business March 30, 1892. Amount of Nebraska of thousands of dollars anour country with great earnestness, insurance in force Dec. 17, \$113.103 musily, and we demand that the attorpaid losses \$83.50, paid agent \$75.00, ney-general take lega steps to recover received for membership fees \$85.00, all money to the state so, or in any survey fees \$4250, cash on hand \$55 42 other way taken, or received by the The Axtell Swedish Company has open ated live years at a cost of 35 cents per or their boadsmen thousand dollars insured. Iowa has 131 mutual companies with such a satis- and all county treasurers fully and factory experience that the old line faithfully observe the present law recompanies have almost entirely given quiring all public funds to be deposited up insuring farm property. The auditors report shows that the 131 mutual convered into their respective treasucompanies carry \$94,492,450 in risks, ries. Illinois and other states east after many years experience also make a very satis-

We urge that this meeting recommend that the farmers in every county organize mutual fire and lightling speakers agitate this matter wherever

The mulual men of this state organized a Cyclone company August 1891. 1t is a state company not limited to counties like a county fire and lightning company, as any good substantial farm

amounting to \$240,000. Your committee recommend that this State Alliance recommend this Mutual Company to all who desire cyclone insurinvited to examine the books of the any time.

With friendly assistance from the ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT, Secretary Thompson and outers, Mr. Swigart organtzed an unincorporated nail associaaon last summer. Some 1400 farmers pald the membership fee and insured their growing crop in the association at 10 cents per acre, 186 of these suffered less by hall amounting to over \$16,000. By assessing the full limit of 10 cents per acre on all the assured only enough money will be collected to pay the losers , 70 per cent of their loss. They are all this, and release and receipt finally. We your committee regard this as commendable work and ask that you encourage it by resolution.

The collecting of over \$11,000.00 from the fortunate ones who escaped hall and certainly good fraternity and should placed at 15 cents per acre lesses would be paid in full in a year like this.

lowing resolutions which were on mo- in Iowa, Illinois and Ohio. tion adopted by the Alliance:

Resolved-That we urge farmers in every county to organize mutual fire and controlled by reasonable legislaand lightning companies under the new | tion. way. In many counties and several states it has for years proven practical, managed.

Nebraska State Mutual Cyclone Company to all farmers who desire storm- were reported by the committee with insurance at cost.

Association for the State of Nebraska, discussion during the coming year. called the Nebraska Mutual Hail Asso ciation has been organized by members of this Alliance, and

Whereas-We believe the principle under which it is organized to be correct, and the organization as effected, substantial, therefore be it Resolved-That the State Alliance

After a few remarks by Bro. Loucks on the work of the N. F. A. and I. U. vants of the people) both state and especially with reference to Life Insur- national, be put in nomination by ballot

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Call to order. V ce-President Poynter in the chair. Report of the committee on presidents address received and adopted as

presented by the committee Report of committee on jurisprudence read, amended and adopted. The retution will be given in full next week. The committee on resolutions made

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were reof our own needs, and enables us to put ported by J. V. Wolfe, chairman of the ourselves where we hope to secure the committee on resolutions, and adopted without any extended discussion. They were the unanimous sentiment of the

on the 4th day of July 1892.

THAT we layer the assessment of all property at its actual cach value and that the penalty be such as to insure

the enforcement of such a law. THAT waile we are heartily in favor of improved roads, yet we are una term eport of the work of the Nebra ka the program and read by the chairman method proposing the bonding of the of committee, Olds, of Box Batte state, county or district for such purpose, and that we here and now sound the alarm to all other labor organiza; ions to watch this new scheme of cap ital o further enslave labor.

THAT while we rejolee in the estabextending that form of protection to listment of any new enterprises in our and the work for 1892 was more on our homes and property, to the fullest state opening up new markets for our extent. We find it practical, a great products, yet we are unalterably "ppo"

- an e-couragement thereto. THAT as sheat raising is one of our hi i industries u Nebreska, we recog-

Prof. C. Vincent of Indianapolis was and action of our members. A great an old line company was digants of agency in state greatly injured; and we demand on motion invited to sit with us as a political movement, national in its of other mutual companies that have ough investigation in o the manag

We denounce and censure the present present or any former state treasurer

We demand that the state treasurer

We believe that all great works of internal improvement of a public or day is a higher degree of political in- factory showing in favor of mutual in- semi-public character such as the pro-Platte Canal should constructed, owned and operated by the state a d no by private corporations. We fully recognize and appreciate the companies and that our lecturers and great work and under-paid labor of our state and local reform papers and would urge all alliance members to give all possible aid and encouragement to such as have loyally battled for our cause and its chosen reprsentatives; but we would condemn and denounce the paper pubcompany, as any good substantial farm building in Nebraska can be insured in this company. It is incorporated under to the defeat of our state ticket in the efforts the past year have been put the new law, can sue and be sued The fees late election, under the cover of friends ship, by assailing and misrepresenting always BE FOUND WHERE PLACED.

were chosen, who have in an able

> The following resolutions were reported by Allen Root chairman of the committee on President Powers' ad-Your executive committee is dress, and were unanimously adopted: We reaffirm our declaration that the higher than in our sister state of Iowa, and we demand of our legislature the enactment of a maximum freight rate law to that effect.

We condemn, in unmeasured terms, the members of the present board of transportation who, having full power to reduce freight rates in Nebraska to a just and reasonable basis, have absolutely refused to do so.

We would ask of our coming legislature to pass a memorial to congress asking that a trunk line of railroad by built from the Dakotas to the Gulf as bound in writing to be satisfied with an experimental step towards absolute government ownershap and control of all railroads in the United States, and that the present congress at once provide ways and means for a preliminary survey to that end.

We would recommend to our legislature the careful consideration of an giving it to the unfortunate ones is amendment to the present ballot law to the end that all the safeguards now meet our approval. If the limit were therein may be retained and improved, and thet the ballot be simplified so as to be more easily understood by adopt-The committee recommended the folling a form similar to that now in use

We demand that the stock yards at South Omaha be made public markets

We demand that the government at their farm property in this fraternal the carliest possible time establish a postal telegraph system in connection with the postoffice department, to the and a great saving when prudently end that all means of communication may be directly in in the hands of the Resolved -That we recommend the people instead of great corporations. The following additional resolutions

the recommendation that they be re-Whereas-A Mutual Hail Insurance ferred to the subo dinate alliances for

Resolved-That we refer to the subordinate alliance for discussion the consideration of an amendment to our state constitution creating the initiaive and referendum.

Whereas,-We believe partyism to be one of the most prolific causes in profiteing unjust, unequal and corrupt do recommend this association to all class legislation, therefore, be it

Resolved,-That we will advocate that all officers of the government (serance, recess was taken until 1:30 p. m. at primary meetings-all the people participating, and that the two candipates for each and every office who lave received the highest number of votes at said primary meetings shall be declared to be the regular candidate to e voted for at the general election the one receiving the majority of all the votes cast shall be declared elected. We recommend an amendment to the constitution to this effect, and we ask all men who are desirous of maintaining good government to aid us in securing said change in all election laws.

Whereas,-It seems to us a very great injustice that a state bearing upon its shield, the roble sentiment "equality before the law," should disfranchise onehalf of its citizens, while at the same time compelling them to pay taxes, and be amenable to the laws en-

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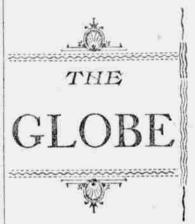
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