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## FARMERS TO UNITE

### Growers of Winter Wheat Invited to Inter-State Convention.

As a result of a number of conferences, participated in by many farmers of the winter wheat belt, it was decided to call a mas convention at Hastings, Neb., and invite the farmers of Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Eastern Colorado, to unite in a co-operative movement with a view to establishing and maintaining a better system of marketing than that which has prevailed in the past. To this end the undersigned committee was appointed and instructed to make all necessary arrangements and advertise the meeting. We, your committee, realizing that the public press is the farmer's friend, have decided to ask the newspapers within the territory embraced, to assist us in giving publicity to this convention. Without the generous aid of the press we can accomplish but little.

We think it is time that the farmer should have a word to say about the price of what he has produced. If the laws of supply and demand were allowed to operate without being interfered with, no one would have just cause to complain. But it is a firm belief with many that the interests of gamblers on the board of trade have much to do with the fluctuations which occur in the prices of farm products.

This is not right and would not be so if the farmers were organized so that they could market their products gradually, just as the consumers' demand calls for them. Farmers are getting fair prices now. But how often have we seen it this way when without any apparent cause prices would break all to pieces? Gamblers can not always control prices but they are organized in such a way that they can do entirely too much in that direction. The only way in which farmers can protect themselves is through organization and a harmonious system of co-operation. Farmers' elevator companies and farmers' shipping associations are doing an immense amount of good. But they could do much more good if they would combine with regard to the final selling end of the line also.

But all of these matters will be fully and ably discussed at this convention and you will be free to join in the discussion if you attend. Farmers, you have made it possible for others to combine and become fabulously rich! Why should you not take a little time off and spend a few dollars combining for your own welfare? If you don't look after your own interests nobody else will. Hastings and the farmers of Adams county will be glad to meet you at the court house, February 11, 12 and 13, and show you a good time. Come the first day. Some of the most important business of the convention will be transacted in the forenoon of that day, and at one o'clock in the afternoon the mayor of Hastings, Hon. C. J. Miles, who is always a happy speaker, will deliver a cordial address of welcome. Some of the most prominent men who have consented to be present

throughout the convention are Theo. G. Nelson, of North Dakota, president of the National Grain Growers' Association; J. C. Davis, of Wisconsin, National director and lecturer of the American Society of Equity; H. E. Holmes, of Kentucky, general salesman for the Tobacco Growers' Union of America. Mr. Holmes will probably tell us something about the night riders and is in a position to give us the real facts about them; J. S. Canaday of Minden, one of the best informed men in Nebraska on the subject of farmers' elevators, will be an active figure in the gathering.

We deferred this notice until the time should be close up to the convention date so the matter will be fresh in your minds. Remember the date, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 11, 12 and 13 and let nothing stand in the way of your taking a step which the business world will applaud as wise and your own conscience will approve as just.

Yours Respectfully,  
J. S. CANADAY,  
W. N. THOMPSON,  
E. P. HUBBARD,  
T. R. VARRAH,  
A. W. VREELAND,  
G. A. WHEELER, Pres.  
A. C. TOMPKINS, Sec.

## FARM HOUSE BURNS

### Residence of C. H. Vallery Near Murray Completely Destroyed.

Friday near the noon hour while the family of C. H. Vallery, living a few miles west of Murray, were at dinner his dwelling caught fire and was entirely consumed. The wind was very strong from the northeast and this is the only thing which saved the barn and cattle sheds. Mr. Vallery had just finished his dinner and gone to the barn to look after some of the stock. As he returned to the house he discovered the building on fire. No flames could be seen, but smoke was issuing from under the eaves. He ran into the house and up the stairs and asked the boys to bring buckets of water. He found the building to be on fire between the plastering and the weather boards, and water could not be thrown on the fire. It seems that the wind carried the flames downward as Mr. Vallery thinks it caught from the flue. The house was a substantial five room dwelling one and one half stories high. It was well built and built for comfort.

Mr. Vallery and his sons succeeded in saving some of the furniture. His insurance policy was burned in the house, but he thinks he has a record of payment of premium at the bank. The loss is quite heavy, and he and family have the sympathy of the entire community.

### Mr. Hesse Home Again.

Henry Hesse has returned home from Omaha, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. He has not yet entirely recovered his strength, but is looking well, considering the seriousness of the operation. His many friends are glad to note his recovery.

NO CHEATING or bargaining will ever get a single thing out of nature's "establishment" at half price. Do we want to be strong?—we must work. To be hungry?—we must starve. To be happy?—we must be kind. To be wise—we must look and think.—RUSKIN.



On a site ideal in its location and condition, occupying a spot just far enough off the banks of the famed Weeping Water creek to insure healthful atmosphere and security from those troubles which come to the river bottoms, and almost as level as a floor, stands Nehawka, a thriving little city in southern Cass county. A representative of the NEWS-HERALD visited this hospitable place a few days since, just after the severe weather of last week. Although the traveling was very precarious, there being doubts of one getting through. When the train stopped one was reminded of a land excursion arriving at its destination, and the people disembarking. Many were at the station departing and to see friends off and welcome those coming. The weather was bobbing around the zero point, but notwithstanding this there were many of the citizens in evidence, with their cars tied up but seeming good natured and happy. As we disembarked and passed up town, we were surprised on such a cold day to see so many people in the city. At the market of Peter Opp we found that gentleman looking after his thriving business who said that business was good and he was satisfied. His next door neighbor, Henry Wessel, had both front doors open and was wheeling out furniture, an evidence itself of the good business he was doing. This he maintains by carrying the best of goods and his especially agreeable way of treating everybody. The next place we visited was the drug store, where we found E. D. Adams with a number of customers, who had just completed their purchases taking their departure for home. Mr. Adams said business was very good. We then found our way into the post office, where we found the servant of our Uncle Samuel actively distributing the mail which the severe weather had caused to accumulate, and a large crowd awaiting for some time. Here we met Henry M. Pollard, formerly in the grain business, but who some time since sold his elevator to the Farmers' Elevator company, who are doing a good business. After the mail was distributed, and the crowds had departed, we were greeted by the Postmaster, J. M. Palmer, who also does a good business in buying and shipping stock as well as serving as postmaster, and claiming a relationship with "Nashy." Dropping into the mercantile establishment of Frank Sheldon, we found him very busy, as well as his half dozen clerks. Frank took time to chat a while with us and said that business was good, a fact which he did not need to tell us as the institution appeared to be a veritable beehive. While here we met Vilas Sheldon, who lives in the edge of the city. He invested in a NEWS-HERALD subscription and spoke in glowing terms of the home town, showing that all appreciated the town which everyone was helping to make. While we were in the store Ex-Governor Sheldon, came in with his broad, good natured countenance aglow with good health and a warm and kindly smile and spirits, and in conversation with him we found that his heart was also attached to the home of his boyhood, and he does not forget to name it as his real home. From here we dropped into the general merchandise establishment of Sutphin & Dale, formerly that of W. B. Bates, and found them busily engaged, one caring for the business while the other was industriously making business for the spring trade which comes on apace, in the factory in the rear. We were up to the hotel, but as the train was a trifle late, were too late to break bread at the dinner hour with "Mine Host," but were greeted by that worthy, in a very friendly manner. He's doing a good business and conducts a first class establishment. We dropped into the pool hall of Nels Anderson, and judge our surprise when we found over a hundred men there all good natured and enjoying themselves. Mr. Anderson became

one of the family circle of the NEWS-HERALD and said he was doing a good business and that they had a good town. Long ere this we had become impressed of this fact. We passed around to the livery barns and yards of the Cunningham Bros., where we found a sale going on, a feature which they have once every thirty days, the sales being conducted by Wade Corral, while the selling of the stock was done by J. P. Spearman of Papillion. The sale was well attended and the horses all brought good prices. Coming along by the office of the "Register" we saw a string hanging out and went in and spent a pleasant interval with Col. O'Day, who prints as good a local paper as can be found in many a day's travel. We were more than pleased too, with the broad view of people and things which the Colonel entertains. The register is doing a good business under the direction and coupled with the hard work of Mr. O'Day.

Next door to him was the barber, Billy Tinker, who with his assistants, are doing a fine business, and in looking around we were pleased to see on each glass in good sized plain letters the word "smile" and which we thought should be an inspiration to all who might read. For the smile will chase away the frown, and gladden all around. We dropped in on our old friend K. D. Clark, who was a cheery and jovial as ever and looking after his business in fine shape.

At the bank we noted Mr. Boedeker, hard at work at the books, while D. C. West was putting on his overcoat and cap to go clerk the sale of horses noted above. Mr. West gave us a cordial greeting and hurried away to look after the business of the sale. At the place of Sturm & Co., the elevator and coal men, we found all concerned busy and happy, while Mr. Sturm said that little grain was being received while the weather was so cold, and that the farmers were feeding a good many cattle, and that for those reasons the grain trade was expected to be light. In the coal business they were doing very well. We then stepped across the street to the blacksmith and wagon shop of T. E. Fulton, where we found that gentleman and J. E. Buskirk both a digging into it shoeing horses. They both declaring that business was all that one might desire.

With all we met and all we saw we were well impressed with the town, and think we see the secret of their success as a city, which is, that all are working together for the good of the business interests of the place, no one trying to pull down the other man in the same or any other business. Besides the enterprises mentioned, Nehawka, has a good flourishing mill which would be a credit to a much larger place, while at the quarries which are being run with a force of men from twenty, which is now employed, to over a hundred in the more busy portions of the year. There are lodges of the Masons, Odd Fellows, Workman and Woodman, all having a good membership, while the two churches, the Methodists, and the United Brethren, have a large member of communicants, who worship at the respective places.

The public school building, is a good one, and the school privileges extended to the one in pursuit of knowledge is good, being on a par with other schools similarly situated. Here we found Ray Smith of this city during the faculty, and giving the best satisfaction. Above the school rooms in the upper story is what is known as the City Hall, and is used for an opera house as well, a good room for the purposes. The city maintains a lecture course among the winter months and engages as good talent for the purpose as can be obtained. Local talent of more than ordinary ability frequently gives entertainments which speaks well for the spirit and enterprise of the people engaged. Taken in all in all we were well pleased with our visit at the city, and count it a gain when we shall be able to visit the city at another time.

### Ledger Man is Sceptical.

A letter from Lewis Curtiss, who went to Greencastle, Mo., several weeks ago to spend the winter, informs us that his health is slowly improving, that he goes hunting every day and has killed a number of rabbits, but he didn't say how or how many. We are all pleased to hear that he is regaining his health and hope he will weigh a ton when he returns, but we regret that he has contracted the habit of telling rabbit tales, and he must show the tails to convince us that he isn't handling the truth rather recklessly.—Union Ledger.

### A Year in College.

\$250 cash or a year in College can be easily earned by one young man or lady in each county by September 1909. Plan does not interfere with other employment, and student can select the school.

State name of institution you wish to attend. No money required. For particulars address.

Morton H. Pemberton,  
Columbia, Missouri.

## TO CONVERT SUNDAY

### Business Men of Spokane are Camping on Trail of Evangelist.

Four hundred representative business and professional men of Spokane, headed by William S. McCrea, will undertake to convert Rev. "Billy" Sunday, ex-professional baseball player and evangelist, at a complimentary dinner in the Hall of the Doges at the close of the revival services there, early in February. It is planned to enroll him as an honorary member of the chamber of commerce, 150,000 club and the illustrious Order of Mystic E-Nak-Ops. To join the last named he must demonstrate his qualifications as a "booster," after which the team of 23 husky timber choppers and miners will give him the Ninth Degree with all the trimmings. Sunday has intimated he will accept the invitation to join the "live wires" at their revels.

"Mr. Sunday has made many statements, which are far from facts, in the course of his sermons in the Spokane Tabernacle," said Mr. McCrea in discussing the purpose of the feast, "and we want to set him right on these matters before he leaves the city on a tour of California and the Southland. Many of the things he has said do injustice to our city. We do not believe he did this purposely or with the view to injuring any one, but simply because he did not get his facts from reliable sources or study the conditions.

"We want Mr. Sunday to meet our people; we want him to talk with them and hear their ideas. This will show him that most of the business men are in sympathy with the purpose of his work if not with his methods. We believe we will be able to show him that our men are all good fellows, and that as a community we are alive to our responsibilities as well as our opportunities. This, we believe, can be best accomplished by a general expression of views, and that is the chief object in giving the dinner."

## THURSDAY'S STORM

### Pleasant Rain Changes to Fierce Blizzard and Does Considerable Damage.

Last Thursday between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, this city was visited by a regular July rain accompanied with thunder and lightning. The rain was unusually heavy for the time of year and gave the new paving on Sixth and Main streets its first test. It sustained no injury.

The rain was followed by a high wind and a falling temperature. By seven o'clock the rain had changed to snow and sleet, and being accompanied by a high wind made it the severest storm of the season. During the night the wind continued to increase in velocity, doing considerable damage. A number of chimney tops were blown off. At I. Pearlman's old stand, now occupied by D. P. Jackson's furniture store, a plate glass window was blown in, causing some damage to the stock of goods. At M. Fanger's store the ornamental cornice was blown from the west half of the building. A number of windows were broken in various portions of the city. At the B. & M. shops some loss occurred. A smoke stack was blown down and some other small damage was done. A portion of the gravel roof on the Prame Theater was torn loose by the fierceness of the wind and blown off. At the Nebraska Masonic Home, a chimney was blown down and a portion of the roof torn away. The Nebraska Lighting Company, during the early part of the storm, had one of the dynamos burned out.

In the country in the vicinity of this city considerable damage was done by the storm. Many wind-mills were either blown down or damaged to more or less extent. Stock that was without shelter suffered much, but we have not heard of any dying from the severity of the storm.

The storm continued for about forty-eight hours. The hills to the north and west of the city afforded much protection. All in all, we believe Plattsmouth suffered about as little as any city of its size in the path of the storm, and we are very thankful for it.

### Suicide at Pacific Junction.

A man who has not yet been identified was found dead in his room at the Payton hotel in Pacific Junction Friday morning with two bullet holes through his temple and a 38-calibre revolver clamped in his right hand. It was evidently a case of suicide. The man registered at the hotel three days ago, but his signature was so badly written it could not be deciphered. Thursday he complained of being sick, and when called in the evening said he was all right and would be around in the morning. At 9 o'clock in the morning he did not respond to a call, and when the door was forced, was found lying dead on the bed.

Little is known of him. He told one man he had been working on a bridge across the Platte river, but he did not look like a laborer. He also said he had no relatives living.

The Majestic, 5 and 10 cents.

## 30 Years of "Knowhow"

We have had 30 years of experience in selling good clothes in Plattsmouth. We began when we could just chir the counter and have been at it ever since. The founder is still on hand to see that we do not deviate from the established rule of "one price and no monkey business." We have studied the needs and tastes of this community and feel we can supply your clothing for spring better than anybody.

### C. E. Wescott's Sons.

"Where Quality Counts."

## Winter Has Just Begun

But it is so late in the season that we find it to be necessary to release some of the money we have tied up in heating stoves, and to that end are making prices that will be attractive to you. As an illustration of what is being done in the way of price reduction glance at these four items:

Buck's Radiant, No. 16 was \$55, now... <b>\$50</b>	Buck's Radiant, No. 14 was \$42, now... <b>\$36</b>
Buck's Hot Blast, No. 18, was \$20, now... <b>\$17.50</b>	Buck's Ventilator, No. 18, was \$38, now... <b>\$35</b>

You are cordially invited to call and see our stock of goods. You will be treated courteously, and your patronage will be appreciated.

### Kroehler Brothers