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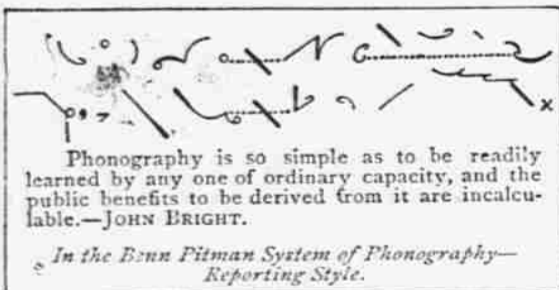
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Sugar Trust Will Get No Material If It Cuts Prices

FARMERS SAY THERE IS NO PROFIT AT \$4.50

Colorado Sugar Beet Growers Association Can Turn the Product Into Beef at a Profit

Unless the sugar trust shows a willingness to be fairer to the farmers of the state it may have difficulties in supplying its factories with raw material. State Senator W. A. Drake, a delegate to the Colorado Sugar Beet Growers' association, which is holding its convention at the chamber of commerce, says that he will feed his sugar beets to his stock unless the sugar trust is willing to pay at least \$5 a ton, flat rate.

"Cattle fed on sugar beets gain three pounds a day," said Senator Drake. "When such results can be obtained, and they cannot be obtained with any other food, there is no use selling our beets for less than \$5 a ton. We can make at least \$5 a ton on the beets by selling them in beef."

THE TRUST WANTS BEETS GROWN AT \$4.50 A TON.

The sugar trust is working to lower the price of beets to \$4.50 a ton. The trust will save \$120,000 annually if it can force the price of beets 50 cents lower. This is the golden egg the sugar trust is trying to get possession of by crying for the maintenance of the tariff on sugar from Cuba and the Philippines.

The second and perhaps last day session of the beet growers of the state was a lively one. Most of the work developed upon committees. The committee on nominations and the committee on "new contracts" were the busiest.

The nomination committee agreed to recommend the selection of a man from the northern part of the state as president in the place of William B. Ebert of Rocky Ford, the acting president. The committee found much good timber for the office, but it was said this morning that it would go to either State Senator W. A. Drake or J. S. McClelland, both of Fort Collins. R. Q. Tenney of Fort Collins will in all probability be elected secretary of the permanent organization.

The "contracts" committee ran against some snags. A majority favored a flat rate of \$5 a ton for beets, regardless of the quantity of sugar in them. Some of the committee wanted more than \$5. One of the difficulties met with us is that many of the farmers in the Arkansas valley have contracts extending until 1910, and it will be impossible to break them unless the sugar factories consent. The contracts call for a percentage basis in the payment for the beets, and for that reason a flat rate could not at present be made to apply to the crops of those having long contracts with the companies.

The question of asking the sugar factories to furnish seed at 10 cents a pound instead of at 15 cents a pound, as at present, was also taken up by the contracts committee. A majority agreed that 10 cents is enough.

The committees on nominations and contracts will report this afternoon.

GROWERS ONLY WANT TO PROTECT THEIR OWN INTERESTS. The morning was given over to the careful preparation of a constitution and by-laws and when the meeting adjourned for luncheon an effort was being made to agree to the question of dues. The basis of representation to the state association from the local organizations was changed so that each local is entitled to one delegate for each fifty members or major fraction thereof; providing that each local shall have at least two delegates to the state convention.

Senator Drake, chairman of the committee on resolutions, presented a resolution defining the attitude of the association. The resolution said that it was not the intention of the state association to antagonize the factories and that the only object the beet growers have in revising the contracts is to protect themselves without injury to the factories. The interests of the growers, the resolution said, are the interests of the factories and vice versa. One is dependent upon the other and the organization wishes the most cordial relations to exist between farmers and factories.

The resolution committee did not prepare any resolutions anent the sugar tariff question. Senator Drake explained the omission by saying that the matter had been gone into fully at a recent meeting of the Northern sugar growers, and that the resolutions committee did not believe that it was necessary to again travel over the same ground. The beet sugar growers recently resolved that they are opposed to the reduction of tariff on sugar from Cuba and the Philippines.

Many of the farmers do not believe that the reduction of the tariff would materially affect the sugar situation in this state and look upon the agitation of the Great Western Sugar company as a blind to enable it and the other companies doing business in Colorado to lower the price of sugar beets.

Upon invitation of the Denver Chamber of Commerce the delegates to the convention took luncheon in the dining room of the chamber, where they were addressed by President J. S. Temple.

MR. STONE URGES FARMERS TO FORM A STATE ORGANIZATION. W. G. M. Stone of the Denver Chamber of Commerce urged the beet men to work for a "farmers' week," a week in each year when the various organizations of farmers, beet raisers, etc. shall meet in Denver to hold conventions. The simultaneous conventions would secure better rates from the railroads and would give the farmers of the state an opportunity to become acquainted. Mr. Stone urged the formation of a farmers' state association.

The beet producers took up the question of "siloining," or covering and uncovering of beets with dirt. They agreed that it was worth \$1 or more a ton to "silo" beets. The farmers in the southern part of the state are now paid 20 cents a ton for siloining by the factories and their crops shrink from 15 to 25 per cent by the method. This is a gain to the factories as they do not have to pay for such great weight yet the beets contain the same quantity and quality of sugar.

The committees appointed by President Ebert are: Contracts Committee—Lewis Kern, chairman, Windsor; E. S. Bumstead, Fort Collins; C. F. Mason, Eaton; G. A. Loveland, Greeley; C. R. Marston, Holly; C. B. Thoman, Lamar; A. Latson, Rocky Ford; A. D. Holt, Longmont.

Committee to Nominate New Officers for Consolidated Organization—Benjamin, Present Fort Collins; A. Comer, Rocky Ford; N. D. Bartholomew, Lucerne and W. J. Kitley, Longmont.

Committee on Constitution and By-Law—Walter Laidlow, Fort Collins; J. W. Narton, Julesburg, and Jesse Forbes, Bradwell.

Committee on Finance—J. D. Mitchell, Las Animas; E. S. Bumstead, Fort, Collins and E. Brewer, Rocky Ford.

Committee on Resolutions—State Senator, W. A. Drake, Fort Collins; A. C. Gomer, Rocky Ford, and Lewis Kern, Windsor.—Denver Post.

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