

## INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARBORICULTURE

J. STERLING MORTON:—At a meeting held in this city this day an organization was effected with 300 members, and the following articles of incorporation were agreed upon. A large number of letters were received from friends in many states, pledging support and wishing to be enrolled as members of the larger society.

Two drafts were received and other money pledged. Rev. H. N. Mount, of this city, was temporary president and J. Sterling Morton, of Arbor Lodge, Nebraska City, Otoe County, Nebraska, was the unanimous selection for permanent president. Dr. C. A. Schenck was the choice for vice-president and John P. Brown secretary and treasurer. You will not be called upon for any unnecessary time or special duties, but the author of Arbor Day and practical forestry exponent of America was very properly chosen as first president.

I go on Monday to Michigan City by invitation to look over their new park and say something. Thence to Chicago for the week. My address will be No. 1220 Ridge Avenue, Evanston until June 1st. I may go thence to New Orleans and Charlestown, South Carolina, but of that I am not now quite sure.

Yours very truly,

JOHN P. BROWN.

Connersville, Ind., May 25, 1901.

### Articles of Incorporation.

Article I.—Name. The name of this corporation shall be The International Society of Arboriculture.

Article II.—Purpose. The purpose of the Association is to introduce judicious methods in dealing with forests and woodlands; to advance and advocate a public interest in this subject; to promote the afforestations of unproductive lands; to encourage the planting and care of shade trees in parks, public and private grounds, and along streets and highways; to inspire an interest in our remaining native forests, and groves of ancient trees, and to seek their preservation; to supply information to railway officials in regard to timber culture for railway uses, and incite railway and other corporations to plant trees for economic purposes.

Article III.—Membership. Any person may become a member of this society by the payment in advance of an annual due of two dollars. Persons who may contribute ten dollars toward the support of the society shall become a patron. Honorary members may be chosen by the executive committee.

Article IV.—Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting each year by ballot, and shall serve for one year, or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have

accepted office, and when elected shall constitute the executive committee.

Article V.—President. The president, when present, shall preside at all meetings of the society; in his absence the vice-president, if present, shall preside, but if neither be present, then a president pro-tem shall be elected by the meeting.

Article VI.—Secretary-Treasurer. The secretary-treasurer, who shall be also clerk of the Association and of the executive committee shall keep a record of the meetings of each, and of all matters of which a record shall be deemed advisable by the Association or by the executive committee. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, and have charge of all its documents. The record of the secretary-treasurer shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of any member of the Association. He shall collect all dues, shall attend to all disbursements and shall have charge of the funds of the Association, under the direction of the executive committee. He shall keep the accounts of the Association, and shall report, if requested, at any meeting of executive committee, the balance of the money on hand, and shall report the outstanding obligations of the Association, if any; and shall, at the annual meeting, report in full, the receipts and disbursements of the previous year. His books and accounts shall, at all reasonable times, be open to the inspection of any member of the Association. His accounts shall be audited annually, or oftener by an auditing committee.

Article VII.—Executive Committee. The executive committee shall have entire control and management of the affairs of the Association, subject to such instructions as may from time to time be presented by the Association.

Article VIII.—Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held on the last Saturday of May, or such other time and place as may be determined by the executive committee.

Article IX.—Special meeting. Special meetings of the society may be held:

(1.) At such time and place as the executive committee may determine.

(2.) At such time and place as the secretary-treasurer may select for the purpose of increasing membership.

Article X.—Quorum. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

Amendments.—These articles of the Association may be amended by a three-quarter vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

### BIRDS.

Much is being said about Arbor Day and the sentiment it represents; a great deal is being written in regard to the beautifying of the home, and the great financial benefit tree-culture will bestow upon the generations to follow; there is encouragement in the belief that the in-

crease of forests, fruit-trees, ash, oak and others will react upon character and make existence more pleasant and comfortable. But, while these sentiments are gathering momentum, why not recollect that tree-planting will also lengthen life and build up a nation of robust people upon the almost treeless prairies of the west.

I am not a scientist, but I understand that vegetation, plant-life, trees, preceded human life in this earth of ours. I have heard it said that, without vegetation and trees, there was no oxygen, no birds and no Adam and Eve.

I also understand that a number of scientists met in Paris, a short time ago, to discuss the subject, "Birds." They advanced the theory that, deprived of bird life, human life would be extinct within nine years. It might also be said that the destruction of trees will lead to the extinction of birds. Thus, it will be seen, how dependent we are upon tree-life.

I even dislike the idea of destroying one tree, starting to grow, for the purpose of giving growth to another, nearby; I have little respect for the man who tramps over our farms, for the purpose of killing birds, especially the quail and owl.

I write this to THE CONSERVATIVE because I honor you for the work you are encouraging, the cause you are advocating, and because the desire to live and live long is a natural one.

A. S. GODFREY.

Lincoln, Neb., May 29, 1901.

### ALLEN AND DIETRICH.

It is reported on the authority of the Columbus Telegram, that W. V. Allen aspires to the governor's chair of the great state of Nebraska. This is a laudable ambition on the part of Mr. Allen, and it would have to be a pretty large chair that he couldn't fill clear out to the arms. By the way, that just reminds us that Mr. Allen was in Ponca some years ago to make a speech, but was taken sick (?) and unable to deliver it. Wonder if the Leader would devote as much free advertising to this "sickness" in Candidate Allen as it did to the fact that Candidate Dietrich took a few schooners of foaming nectar when he was campaigning in Ponca last fall. When the Leader supported Allen for U. S. senator, it didn't devote very much space to that feature of his qualifications. Possibly this was a mere oversight, however.—Northern Nebraska (Ponca) Journal.

Cases against twenty-three judges at last November's election in St. Louis, charging neglect of duty, have been dismissed by Judge Clark. A demurrer to the proceedings was sustained, and the prosecution failed to file amended bills of complaint.