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HORTICULTURISTS MEET.

State Association Concludes an Interesting Session in Nebraska Hall Last Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the state horticultural society was held at the state university last week. The first session occurred Tuesday in the botanical lecture room in Nebraska hall. A good attendance of fruit growers was in the city. The first part of the day was occupied with the arrangement of a display of apples, which the incoming members inspected and sampled later. At 2 o'clock the session was called to order by President George A. Marshall of Arlington. A few words of welcome were spoken in behalf of the university and afterwards President Marshall read his address.

A short time was taken up with business and the following committees were appointed: Committee on policy of the association for the coming year, Secretary C. H. Barnard, E. F. Stephens, J. H. Hadkinson, Peter Youngers and C. S. Harrison; on auditing treasurer's books, L. C. Chapin, G. S. Christy and A. J. Brown; on obituaries, C. S. Harrison, Luke Russell and Lewis Henderson. Memorials will be passed for Chris Hartman and Alvin L. Saunders.

The legislative committee gave a complete report of the work done during the last legislature and what the society had a right to expect from the legislature. This with the president's report was referred to the committee on the policy of the association.

An additional committee was appointed on revising the premium list composed of J. H. Hadkinson, W. J. Hesser and Peter Youngers.

An interesting paper on cover crops was given by Professor Emerson of the state university. The discussion that followed was along the line of how to ward off the results of a severe winter, such as has just been experienced.

On Wednesday the meeting was along slightly different lines. W. R. Harris read a paper, "Varieties of the Cherry Best Adapted to Nebraska." He was followed by a paper on "Planting and Cultivation" by E. F. Stephens of Crete. A. J. Brown of Geneva read a paper on "Description and Classification of Cherries," which was interesting to the initiated.

Professor Lawrence Bruner's paper on "Insect Enemies of the Plum and Cherry" was attentively listened to and an active discussion followed. Acting Chancellor Bessey's paper was "Are the Native Forest Tracts of Nebraska Increasing in Area?" Dr. Bessey held that they were where the forces of nature are left to work alone. The trees mentioned were those that grow along the creek and river banks.

The afternoon session was very interesting, the papers read being as follows: "Plants Suitable for the Farm House," J. H. Hadkinson of Omaha; "Bulbs," L. C. Chapin of Lincoln; "Paeonies," by C. S. Harrison of York; "Care of House Plants," L. Henderson of Omaha; "Propagation of the Plum," G. A. Marshall, Arlington.

The following officers were elected: Mr. G. A. Marshall, Arlington, president; J. H. Hadkinson, Omaha, first vice president; W. J. Hesser, Plattsmouth, second vice president; C. H.

Barnard, Table Rock, secretary; Peter Youngers, Geneva, treasurer; L. M. Russell of Wymore, G. S. Christy of Johnson, Louis Henderson of Omaha, board of directors.

One of the important steps of the meeting was the recommendation that six experimental stations be started at Valentine, Minden, Purdan, York, Omaha and Arlington and that an appropriation of \$100 from the society be made. The work will be done by men already in the nursery or fruit business, the appropriation being to defray necessary expense. It is the idea to try new things with a view to the benefit of the entire state. At York and Omaha the experiments will be on shrubbery and at the other places on fruit.

THE CAST UNVEILED.

A cast of the medallion adorning the statue to Linnæus at Upsala was unveiled in the zoological department last Friday. The exercises in the lecture room consisted of a talk by Dr. Wolcott on the life of Linnæus. Professor Bruner followed with a discussion on his great work, "Systema Naturæ." At the conclusion of this talk the meeting adjourned to the laboratory. Dr. Bessey talked concerning the work of Linnæus in botany. He gave a summary of the influence of Linnæus on botany. The binomial nomenclature as originated by him was in use for one hundred and fifty years. He also gave to botany its first simple and complete classification. However, at the present time his system has been abandoned for a better one. While it existed it served a good purpose. Dr. Bessey then unveiled the cast. It will hang on the south wall of the laboratory.

Dr. Ward closed the exercises with a short history of the cast and of the circumstances connected with obtaining it. There are only six of these casts in existence, and they were obtained through what was considered a great concession by the government. A Swedish sculptor was permitted to make a cast of the medallion for another statue. This one came into the possession of the university through Dr. Joshua Lindahl of Cincinnati. Dr. Lindahl is one of the foremost Swedish scientists of the United States.

TO INCREASE INTEREST AMONG WOMEN.

Miss Barr has on foot a plan which will be of interest to all advocates of athletics for women. Although kept very busy with her large classes at the university, she wants to organize later in the season an inter-scholastic athletic association to encourage basket ball and forms of out-door sports among the women of Nebraska, and for this purpose will soon begin a correspondence with the principals of the various high schools throughout the state. This is being done largely in the east. In Connecticut a splendid organization of this kind has been firmly established. Miss Barr thinks if the New England girls can depart that far from conventionalities that the western girls should not hesitate. Her object is to so inspire the people with athletics that gymnasiums will be put into all the high schools of our state.

PIONEERS RELATE HISTORY

Annual Session of the State Historical Society Held in Chapel Last Week.

The Nebraska state historical society closed on the evening of January 10 its twenty-second annual meeting, perhaps the most enthusiastic and well attended one in its history. The session covered the evening of January 9 also. On the first night the president gave his annual address, which outlined differences between transportation in 1855 and transportation at the present time. He instanced cases in his own experience of raising and transporting crops to Denver overland, showing cost of freighting and amount of profit. A crop of potatoes brought in Denver \$1,090, but the cost of getting it to that place was \$1,050, so that the profit was but \$40, and out of this the bags had to be paid for. The style of Mr. Morton is peculiar in its forcible and original use of long words and the audience was interested, in spite of the fact that he frequently expressed his views on money and trusts. His references to "mastodon octopus" and the like caused much merriment.

The paper of Dr. L. J. Abbott of South Omaha dealt with the state republican convention of 1870 and with the character of Governor David Butler, first of our state governors. The greatest interest of the paper centered in the relation of an incident of the following campaign, in which the republican nominee, David Butler, outwitted the democratic nominee, Mr. Croxton, at campaign meetings in Fremont.

The most carefully prepared paper of the first evening was that of Mr. C. C. Chase, University of Nebraska, '83, editor of the Omaha Excelsior, concerning the life and services of his father, Champion S. Chase. The opening of this paper was an artistic piece of work. The papers of David Anderson of South Omaha and of John Turner of Indianola, neither of whom were present, were both excerpts from larger manuscripts of Nebraska reminiscence. The writings of Mr. Anderson, from which the selections were made, are quite an extensive work, covering the history of the territory and state up to 1888. Mr. Turner's whole manuscript, of about five hundred pages of large paper, deals with the writer's experiences in settling in Boone county.

On the second evening, which was to have been given up to old overland freighting, a paper by Mrs. Wilburn of Greenwood was read concerning Hon. W. S. Chapin, who was prominent in Nebraska politics two decades ago. After this short paper Major Anderson of York, a very interesting old trapper, told of some of his wanderings west of the Missouri, beginning in 1843. He is one of the few men left who had experience in the "Indian country" before it had been named Nebraska. He went up the Arkansas river to Fort Bent, and from that neighborhood as a basis trapped and dealt in furs all over the Rockies, far up into British America, in the valley of the Columbia, at San Francisco and in New Mexico and Arizona. He was for a year and a half up in the mountains to the north, when his party lost its tally stick, and when it emerged into civilization again it was

found to be two months out of its way in the estimate of the time of year.

After an interesting talk by Rev. Mr. Tyson of Western, Governor Thayer was called upon to correct some statements in a paper which had been read the evening before. The matter given out by the governor concerning the expedition to quiet the Pawnees in 1859 had, perhaps, not ever been so carefully presented before or perhaps never written so truthfully. But the governor took so long to tell it that many who had come from a distance to say a few words on freighting were prevented. It was very late when Mr. Thayer finished and the society went into business session by gas light. The old officers were re-elected except the second vice president, who was succeeded by Charles S. Lobingier of Omaha, B. A. University of Nebraska '88, later M. A., and a very successful and well known member of the Omaha bar. Mr. Lobingier is in sympathy with the work of the society and will add much to the activity of historical interest in his part of the state. Among the new members added, numbering about twenty-five, were C. E. Persinger, Mr. Heitzman, N. C. Abbott, E. O. Miller, Miss Sara Harris, '88, and the mayor of Lincoln, Dr. H. J. Winnett.

PROF. CALDWELL HONORED.

At a recent meeting of the American historical association held at Boston Professor H. W. Caldwell was selected as a member of the public archives committee created at that time. This is the highest honor yet placed upon Professor Caldwell and Nebraskans join in their appreciation of seeing one of their citizens thus recognized. The American historical association is the only great American society of its kind. It has over one thousand members, including all the great historians now living. A large number of celebrated foreign historians are honorary members. The American Historical Review is published under the auspices of this association.

For several years the project of a public archives committee has been in the minds of the council of the association. Other large undertakings begun have held back the beginning of this department until now. The work of this committee will bear upon the collection of records in the different states and territories. The committee is left free to shape its work according to its own judgment. The general plan will be to inquire into the character of public, state and local archives. The state archives will likely be first dealt with.

The other members of the committee are Professor J. H. Robinson of Columbia, Frederick Bancroft of Washington, D. C., Professor Lester G. Bigbee of the State University of Texas and Professor William McDonald, who is chairman. Professor McDonald will be remembered as the author of "McDonald's Public Documents." In selecting the commission the members were chosen whose historical training and interest could be relied on and who would be willing to undertake this difficult work. Professor A. B. Hart of Harvard, Professor Robinson, Professor J. F. Jameson and Professor William McDonald urged the appointment of Professor Caldwell. This committee is a permanent one.