

INTEREST OF BEET SUGAR.

Great Gathering of Representative Nebraskans at the Lincoln Convention.

THE GOVERNOR'S WELCOMING ADDRESS.

His Idea on the Bonny Question—Permanent Organization—Addresses from Members—Convention Program.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special to The Bee.)—The first annual beet sugar convention, which assembled in representative hall...

It was nearly a week ago when Hon. H. H. Oakley, president of the Lincoln Board of Trade, stepped into the place occupied last winter by the familiar form of Speaker Elder and rapped for order.

Governor Thayer's Remarks.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention: It is a source of satisfaction to me to have the honor of addressing a convention of such intelligent, energetic and patriotic men...

Program Adopted.

The following program, which was prepared in advance by the Lincoln Board of Trade and adopted by the convention...

Farmer Leavitt's Address.

The first paper on the program was read by H. G. Leavitt, a practical farmer who last year planted 500 acres to beets and who next season will increase his acreage to 650.

Wants to Divide the Bounty.

Now my idea on this subject is this: I hope the next legislature will pass another law on the subject of dividing the bounty between the farmer and the manufacturer.

Practical Mr. Deitrich.

When the second subject on the program was announced Governor Furnas, to whom it had been assigned, stated that he had not prepared a paper, but was prepared to discuss the subject as well as other questions that might come before the convention.

Horrible Chicago Murder.

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There Was No Mob Prepared to Attack the American Legation.

HOW SUCH STORIES ORIGINATE.

Some Information Concerning Minister Egan's Alleged Contract Deals—Records on the Subject—He Refused Offers.

VALPARAISO, Chile (via Galveston, Tex.), Dec. 17.—(By Mexican Cable to The New York Herald—Special to The Bee.)—I had an interview with United States Minister Egan today in regard to the finding by the procurator fiscal, of a document charging Mr. Egan's son, Frank, to act with full power of attorney for the North and South American Construction Company.

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