

FROM BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

Doing of the Nebraska State Farmers Alliance in Secret Session.

PRESIDENT POWERS' ANNUAL REPORT.

He Congratulates the Alliance on Its Condition and Prospects—Healthy Showings Made by the Secretary and Treasurer—Routine Business.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The first day's session of the State Farmers alliance opened this morning under somewhat unpropitious circumstances.

The thermometer registered 35° below zero at 8 o'clock, and in spite of the indefatigable efforts of a faithful and enthusiastic janitor, the temperature of Bohannan's hall, where the daily sessions are to be held, was anything slightly lower than the frigidly outside. It was 11 o'clock this forenoon when President Powers ascended the platform and cast the several hundred delegates to greet the members huddled together in closer and their overcoats and drew their caps and mufflers closed together and prepared to endure as best they could the opening exercises.

Mayor Welts' Welcome. Immediately after President Powers had called the benumbed and shivering delegates to order, and after Chaplain Hendley had invoked the divine blessings upon the deliberations of the convention, Hon. A. H. Weir, mayor of the city of Lincoln, stepped forward and made a welcome address, speaking in substance as follows:

There is no duty that devolves upon me as mayor of this city more pleasant to perform than the welcome to our city by various organizations which have honored us with their presence during the year past; and this occasion is no exception to the rule, for when I look back in face of such an intelligent body of men as are here gathered this morning, I feel that your coming can only be of service to the city and to the state.

As the efficiency and usefulness of our alliance depends primarily on the wisdom and intelligence of its members I would respectfully recommend that provision be made for a more systematic and more intelligent carrying out of the educational features of our society. To this end I would recommend that the number of assistant state lecturers be increased from five to ten.

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TAKING CARE OF NEBRASKA.

Bills for Hastings and Norfolk Federal Buildings Considered.

PROMPT REPORT DUE TO HARD WORK.

Unique Scheme of Congressman Jerry Jerry Simpson in the Interest of Farmers—He Will Assist to Dispose of the Surplus.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE, 513 FURNACE STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.

Both the Hastings and Norfolk bills were reported today in the senate from the senate committee on public grounds and buildings. They were in the first lot of bills considered and passed upon favorably by the senate committee, and their prompt report is due to the fact that the bills were reported to the Nebraska delegation in the senate.

Congressman McKelighan introduced the Hastings bill yesterday in the house and it is to be presumed that Congressman Kem will introduce the Norfolk bill next Monday.

Mr. McKelighan today interviewed the subcommittee of the house committee on public buildings in the interest of Hastings and was assisted by Congressman Bryan in his conference.

Mr. Bryan put in some good words for Lincoln's building at the same time. Mr. McKelighan said to the Times-Bee correspondent that he had simply introduced Senator Paddock's Hastings bill and would struggle to see that it received early consideration.

He hoped to be able to prevent it from being cut down in committee and to secure its passage in the house, but he began to recognize the difficulty of getting consideration for any measure in a body so large and so unwieldy as the house of representatives.

Representative Bryan, who spoke on Jackson day in Philadelphia, claims that he was not properly reported by the public press. He reported as saying that he would carry out the educational features of our society.

Mr. Lowry submitted a resolution asking to have ex-Comptroller Goodrich's chair placed in the hall and to fit the form of Comptroller Olsen.

President Davis declared that the council will not originate a measure to amend Goodrich's chair and the resolution was tabled.

Comptroller Olsen suggested the introduction and passage of an ordinance authorizing the sale of city hall bonds. The work of completing the building mill project.

City Attorney Poppleton turned over to the council remaining papers in his hands but shortly after noon he was referred to the new city attorney.

The bond of the First National bank, which agreed to care for and safely keep a portion of the city funds, was approved.

The Omaha Can Manufacturing company asked to be allowed to bid on repairs of street lamps.

The contract of the Metropolitan Street Lighting company for furnishing the sub-station for the gas lamps was presented and referred.

C. E. Squires' bill for repairing asphalt paved streets during the past six months, which amounted to \$7,323.58, was presented and referred.

City Clerk Gilmore submitted the appointment of G. B. Balcomb as his deputy. The appointment was confirmed. Mr. Conway vetoed "no."

All old papers, such as bills, claims and communications, the file of the city clerk were referred to the appropriate committees.

The usual number of ordinances were introduced and referred. A first and second time were referred.

The report of the committee on public property and buildings to accept and appropriate the money for the new city company for elevators for the new city hall was adopted.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The prospects for the old soldier's meeting are bright.

Already quite a number of the members of the association are in the city, including Major Pearson of Omaha and President George Plattsmouth, who arrived at noon, and who are busily engaged in making out the program for the coming day.

WRECKED BY A BROKEN RAIL.

Part of a Union Pacific Mixed Train Ditched Near Grand Island.

ONE PASSENGER FATALY INJURED.

Two Others Sustain Serious Bruises—The Coach Turned Completely Over—Fifteen of Nebraska's Exhibits to Secure World's Fair Exhibits.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—This morning about 9 o'clock a part of the mixed passenger train of the Union Pacific was wrecked by a broken rail.

The greater part of the train had passed over safely but the passenger coach and several other cars jumped the track, the coach turning completely over.

A number of the passengers were more or less injured, and all received a severe shaking.

Those sustaining the worst injuries were J. W. Kelly, a traveling man with his home in this city, hurt internally; J. H. Woolley, Grand Island, badly cut about the face; J. E. Lind, Kearney, severely cut on the face and hand.

The injured were brought to this city where they received medical attention. It is thought that Kelly cannot recover.

Diphtheria at Douglas. DOUGLAS, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Diphtheria has broken out in this village and one death has occurred and several others are dangerously ill.

The public schools have been closed and every precaution is being taken to prevent it from spreading.

Ready for Business. BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Keoley Institute of Beatrice is the name of the new organization just formed in this city.

The board of directors are W. J. Cook of Blair, Dr. Leslie Gillette, W. C. Brooks, and W. C. Clancy.

The board organized by electing the following officers: President, Dr. Leslie Gillette; vice president, C. E. Cooke; treasurer, E. W. Clancy; secretary and business manager, W. C. Brooks.

The institute has filed articles of incorporation and will begin business February 1.

Doubled on the Sheriff. MINNEAPOLIS, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A short time ago a complaint was filed here against Louis Anderson, charging him with seduction.

A warrant was issued and requisition papers secured and Sheriff Courtney started at once for Kansas to secure his man.

Today Anderson appeared on the streets, got arrested and then quickly left town. Officers are now hunting him.

Determined to Have Damages. MINNEAPOLIS, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The papers have been filed in the district court of Kearney county in the case of Jefferson H. Foxworthy against the city of Hastings.

The case comes here on a change venue from Adams county, where it was filed, and charges the city with negligence in allowing a frozen ice on the sidewalk.

ELISE, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—One township south of Elsie, and was shipped to Omaha.

Charles W. Cassin of Lincoln was in Elsie Wednesday gathering agricultural statistics. The B. & M. will use the data he gathers in advertising the country.

Mr. Calhoun says that the population of Nebraska during the year 1891 was 435,000.

Small Fremont Failure. FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The music house of T. W. Gibbons was closed last evening under a chattel mortgage held by Herman Soudberg of New York for \$19,130.

The assets will easily pay the obligations.

Indications of Success. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The prospects for the old soldier's meeting are bright.

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