

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 called the several hundred delegates to order.

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 welcoming 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 benefit to the city.

Roasting the Demagogues. After discussing at some length its history and character of the farmers' alliance, and its objects, the speaker then turned to the demagogues of that organization. Mayor Weir turned his attention to the camp followers, several of whom occupied conspicuous positions in the front ranks of the alliance.

In the development of new leadership in these great movements, the camp followers and political forgers of the old alliance have been doing their worst. They have sought to lead the alliance into the treacherous and claim leadership because of their astuteness elsewhere that great success has been achieved.

My interest in and regard for your organization leads me to wish for it only the best, and to hope that you will be able to do for the common good, eradicate all known evils. Educate the masses in a knowledge of their rights, and in the use of the ballot.

Hon. W. A. Poynter, state senator from Boone county, responded to Mayor Weir's very happy address and outlined quite fully the aims and purposes of the alliance. Among other things he said:

It has pleased some to call us in derision the "mudslips" of society, and although the name has been applied to us, we are not ashamed of a compliment, we accept the application. We are at the foundation of all prosperity in our country.

Our order is not a band of Ishmaelites, wandering about the country, seeking to disturb the peace of the land. We are not a bunch of demagogues, seeking to overthrow the law or order. No class of citizens of our country are more conservative, and no class look with greater suspicion upon a radical change in our government than the farmers.

Delegates assembled in secret session immediately after a quick breakfast. The first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the deliberations of the convention. Members were required to give the papers before the convention, and to inspect the galleries to prevent, if possible, the presence of any persons who might be taken their way to the sacrilegious ears of the reporters, who were supposed to be hovering in the immediate vicinity.

President Powers' Annual Address. After scrutinizing the minutes of the convention before him carefully, remarked that he had been led to believe that there were some parties who were not entitled to sit in the convention, and he asked them to withdraw. But the worthy president was evidently mistaken; at least no one moved, and an air of quietude was maintained.

Brothers and Friends: It is with feelings of pleasure and gratification that I greet you today as a state alliance. I congratulate you for the continued and increasing prosperity of the year just past. During the year Providence has smiled upon the farmers and has given us the rain from Heaven in due season, which has been followed by a bountiful harvest.

Government Ownership of Railroads. Government ownership of the whole railroad system of the country is generally accepted by our alliance as the only way to settle the difficulties which have always existed between the railroad companies and the people, especially the producers of the country.

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 McKelzian 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. McKelzian 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.

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.

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 had said "that my section is in favor of an honest dollar. So I did, but my sentences did not stop there. I went on to explain that the people of my section are in favor of full redemption of silver on the same basis as it was dishonored in the congressional act of 1876; they favored an expanded currency; that they believed that congress had the power and that it was its duty to rehabilitate silver on the old ratio."

Senator Manderson today reported from the committee on printing and distribution a reform in the printing and distribution of public documents. Over a year has been spent by Senator Manderson with committee in a thorough investigation of the matter and more than 10,000 pages of testimony taken.

Senator Manderson today introduced a substitute for the Norfolk public building bill, increasing the appropriation to \$250,000, and he will be considered as favoring the regular bill comes up. This bill is for postoffice and federal court purposes.

Senator Padlock introduced a bill for a postoffice building at Grand Island, Neb., and a bill to pension Mrs. Kate A. S. Conner of Kearney at \$50 per month; also a bill to pension H. Cook Grenth at \$100. Both of Nebraska.

Eight of His Appointments to Office Sustained by the City Council. Last night's council meeting was of just sixty minutes duration, but every minute was spent in the consideration of the appointments to some of the city offices.

President Davis opened the session to eighteen members of the council and a lobby that was crowded to suffocation. Mayor Bemis appointed to office W. J. Connel as city attorney. The appointment was confirmed, Messrs. Conway and Burdick voting no.

The appointment of E. J. Cornish as assistant city prosecutor was confirmed, with Messrs. Burdick and Conway voting no. H. Cochran was named city prosecutor and there was no opposition to the confirmation.

James E. Tilly secured the position of boiler inspector, his bid being accepted by Messrs. Bechtel, Burdick, Eliaaser and Conway. Dr. A. B. Somers was appointed commissioner while being opposed by Messrs. Burdick and Conway.

Ex-City Attorney Poppleton stated that he had a large number of other appointments to be made, but owing to the great number of applicants, he asked the indulgence of the council for a few days, as he expected to bring about some plan for the consolidation of some of the offices.

Named the Committees. President Davis took a turn at giving shouder blows, and named the following committees for the ensuing year: Judiciary—Chaffee, Steel, Bechtel. Finance—Bechtel, Munro, Price. Streets and Sidewalks—Grading—McLeaie, Steel, Edwards, Bruns.

Indigestion, Dizziness, Take Beecham's Pills. DeWitt's Little Early Risers; best little diafordy cathartic, cures stomach, and breath

WRECKED BY A BROKEN RAIL.

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

ONE PASSENGER FATALLY INJURED.

Two Others Sustain Serious Bruises—The Coach Turned Completely Over—Fifteen of Nebraska's Fair 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 about eight miles north of this city by a broken rail.

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.

Ready for Business. BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special 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.

Doubled on the Sheriff. MINNEHONKA, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special 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.

Determined to Have Damages. MINNEHONKA, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special 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 first tried.

Nebraska's Resources. ELISE, Neb., Jan. 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—One township south of Elsie, and was shipped to Omaha. A crowd of Lincoln was in Elsie Wednesday gathering agricultural statistics. The B. & M. will use the data he gathers in advertising the country.

Small Fremont Failure. FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special 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 \$19,300, and other smaller claims aggregating \$19,113.

Indications of Success. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The prospects for the old Nebraska Columbian commission are bright. Already quite a number of the members of the association are in the city, including Major Pearson of Omaha and President Goss of Plattsmouth, who arrived at noon, and who are busily engaged in making out their reports for the commission.

Will Be Well Represented. KEARNEY, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The B. & M. representative met Commissioner General Greer today and talked with him relating to the coming meeting of the Nebraska Columbian commission at Lincoln, January 19. Mr. Greer stated that the various counties of the state are responding promptly in the matter of voting \$500 appropriation for exhibition cases.

BOLD GANG OF WHEAT THIEVES. Well Known Michigan Farmers Arrested for a Series of Robberies. JONIA, Mich., Jan. 12.—A number of arrests and a profound sensation have been caused here by Frank Hardin turning state's evidence, implicating three well known and notorious well-to-do farmers of North Plains and Lincoln townships in the transaction of a peculiarly daring gang of wheat thieves.

FURIOUS FIRE AT ROCKFORD. Hiram Sibbey's Farmhouse Sees House Consumed and Finances Still Hanging. ROCKFORD, N. Y., Jan. 12.—A fierce fire was raging here at noon. The Hiram Sibbey seed house, a ten or twelve story building covering nearly a square, is a mass of flames. The heat from the fire makes it impossible the firemen to be of much use in saving adjoining buildings and it is feared other firms will follow.

No Gripping, no nausea, no pain when DeWitt's Little Early Risers are taken. Small pill. Safe pill. Van Houten's Cocoa—Perfectly pure, instantaneous. New York's Cocoa—Perfectly pure, instantaneous. Calligraph Writing Machine is no longer a luxury but has become a necessity.

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Legs and Arms Investigation Now Being Made by Prosecutors to Follow.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Sensational disclosures have been made of the ghoul practices of the Sioux City undertakers. On December 23 Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker, wife of the grip at St. Joseph's hospital and who had turned over to the Sisters of Charity to an undertaker for burial.

The attending physician, Dr. Jepson, is also a professor in the medical department of the North-western university, and has no return of the death was made, as the law requires, and no burial permit was issued, further investigation is needed that the body had been wrapped in a sheet and put in a pine box and carted to the university, where the students are at present engaged in dissecting it.

The investigation develops the fact that four or five Sioux City undertakers have been doing a thriving business in this line, as a large number of corpses have been shipped, but many empty coffins have been buried and the county charged up with bills for full services. The investigation has been made for permits to open the graves and the authorities will make searching investigations.

AFFAIRS IN ITALY. American Fork to Be Thoroughly Inspected—Changes in Armament. ROME, Jan. 12.—In view of the reported discovery by German inspectors of trichinæ in American pork, the Italian government has given strict orders for thorough inspection of all meats imported from America.

Notwithstanding the hard times that have prevailed in Italy, especially in Rome, the authorities estimate officially that the population of Rome increased during the year 1891 by nearly 30,000. The city now contains about 435,000 people. The new repeating rifle adopted by Italy will be provided with a new type of bayonet, much shorter than the ones now in use.

Duke of Clarence Criticized III. LONDON, Jan. 12.—The physicians of the duke of Clarence this morning report no improvement in his condition. Reports received up to noon today state that pneumonia has developed in a severe type than announced by the physicians to the public and much anxiety is felt.

Anti-Jewish Outrages in Russia. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 12.—Anti-Jewish outbreaks have occurred in many villages in Pensia and Saratov. The houses of a number of Jews suspected of hoarding corn have been burned and many of the inmates killed.

Hundred Mile Race Tonight. Everything is in readiness for the great hundred mile bicycle race tonight at the Coliseum, and the riders who challenged the foreign riders and Ashinger to the race will be able to ride one of the best races of his life. He holds the record over this track of 5 hours and 48 minutes, and says he can still lower that. As Ashinger has rode this distance in 5 hours and 4 minutes, he will give leading a wide margin. White Wood and Stage have not yet rode in a hundred mile race, they will no doubt be close at the finish.

CHILLY AT SOME PLACES. A Montana Town Reports Forty-Nine Below Zero—Coldest of the Year. BELOARDE, Mont., Jan. 12.—Spirit thermometer registered 49° below zero yesterday. The snow is two feet deep.

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