

BACKING UP THE DIRECTORY

Enthusiastic Meeting of Business Men to Discuss the Exposition Project. ALL READY TO LEND A HELPING HAND

Officers Given to Understand in an Emphatic Manner that Their Efforts Will Be Sustained.—United for One Purpose.

In the Transmississippi and International exposition, to be held in 1898, Omaha is to have the greatest exposition that the west has ever known, one of the grandest that has ever been given in the United States and one that will rank way up in the list of the expositions of the world.

More than anything else, they were all of unanimous opinion and that was of enthusiasm over the project. All the speakers expressed surprise at the object of the meeting, which was to discover whether the money and business of the city would back the officers of the company in their huge project.

It was shortly after 8 o'clock that President Wattles of the company called the meeting to order and explained the object that had led to the call. He stated that the officers did not feel competent to take the burden upon their shoulders without being assured that the business and moneyed men of the city were with them unconditionally.

Mr. Wattles continued to the effect that the officers did not desire that the money to be expended should pass through their hands, and therefore suggested that a finance committee of business men be selected to handle and expend it.

Mr. Wattles then spoke of the cost of the recent expositions held throughout the country, and the fact that the cost of the exposition was a matter of great importance to Omaha and he believed that with proper effort the amount desired from the city, county and citizens, about \$600,000, could be obtained.

George F. Wright of Council Bluffs was one of the most enthusiastic. He pointed to the demonstration in Council Bluffs over the passage of the bill, and the evidence of the way the people of the city across the river felt over the project.

Mr. Wright believed that the amount asked of the citizens of this vicinity in subscription was small and he thought that no difficulty would be found in obtaining it. He promised that Council Bluffs would give its share and that the state would not be backward.

Henry W. Yates stated that the officers were entitled to a vast amount of credit for the work they had done in bringing the project to its present state, and admitted that he was surprised at the results, as he had never believed that congress would give the appropriation. He said that the

exposition was now assured, and the question remaining was regarding the kind of an exposition it was to be. He held that they should be equal to any ever given, except the World's fair.

Dr. George L. Miller confessed that he had first believed the idea of an exposition was a visionary one, but was compelled to admit now that the younger business men of the city were greater boosters than the "old heads" said he intended to try to "catch up with the tail end of the procession."

MUST GET TO WORK AT ONCE. He urged that steps be at once taken in getting to work, especially in obtaining aid from state legislators. He especially advised that the Louisiana state legislature be speedily invoked, as it is in session.

Dr. Miller, at this point, presented a resolution, by which the board of directors was authorized to select a large committee of war and means, whose duty it shall be to raise the money. It is to be composed of the moneyed men of the city, and will report at a future meeting to be called by President Wattles.

Mr. Rosewater stated that in a recent visit to St. Louis, where he was present at the republican national convention, he had spoken to the Iowa representatives and they, especially Senator Gear, were confident that the government appropriation would be increased to \$2,000,000.

Mr. Rosewater said that he believed in overestimating instead of underestimating, in projecting large instead of small, and in making a grand, and not a small, exhibit in large buildings, was adopted.

Hon. S. C. Woodson of St. Joseph, ex-governor of Missouri, made a stirring speech, in which he particularly predicted that if Omaha citizens pulled together they would make a big exposition, if they pulled together they would make a big city.

Judge Willie of North Platte, the vice president of the state, said that the western part of the state was in the project with its whole soul, and would elect members to the legislature pledged to appropriate the amount desired for the exposition.

An enthusiastic meeting of fifth warders was held at Erling's hall on Sherman avenue last night for the purpose of talking up the exposition. A temporary organization was effected, electing ex-governor Alvin Saunders, president; Hugh A. Meyer, vice president; David H. Christie, secretary; C. O. Loebck, treasurer.

Lulu Resents Interference. Lulu Burton, arrested some time ago for cutting a hole in the sidewalk at the police court yesterday afternoon, leaving her car closely followed by her bondsman, Joe Nicodem. When the couple reached the location of the hole, a dispute arose, and Lulu, with a hand by hitting Nicodem over the head with a brick, was arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting.

REOPENS POOR FARM CASES

Supreme Court Grants a Rehearing on the County's Motion. JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS OF COMMISSIONERS

LINCOLN, June 18.—(Special).—The supreme court today granted a motion for a rehearing in the case known as the "poor farm cases." There are two distinct cases, one in which Emery M. Stenberg and others, county commissioners of Douglas county, appear as plaintiffs in error against the State of Nebraska ex rel Charles B. Keller and others, defendants.

The seventh section sets up that if the lots contained in the Deane were part of the public grounds of the county, nevertheless the conveyance was valid because only a majority of the votes cast upon the proposition to sell did receive a majority of all the votes cast upon the proposition.

State Auditor Moore said today that the statement made by a local evening paper published in this city, concerning the fact that he had stipulated with the Farmers' Mutual insurance company that it might go on transacting business and making collections on its outstanding notes, was untrue.

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LEAGUE WILL BE HELD HERE

Two hundred prominent Christian workers from the state will participate. CONDITION OF YORK SCHOOLS.

Board Elects Teachers and Arranges for Next Year. YORK, Neb., June 18.—(Special).—At a meeting of the school board of this city the following teachers were elected for the coming school year: Central, superintendent, B. G. Moulton; principal, Stomer; assistant principal, Miss McMaster.

EMERSON, Neb., June 18.—(Special).—The Dixon county republican convention was held at Mortensburg yesterday. A. A. Davis of Emerson was nominated for state representative on the first ballot over ex-representative George Mattison of Ponca, and A. E. Knapton of Dixon was nominated for county attorney, defeating O. E. Martin of Wakefield and J. M. Hench of Ponca.

BLAIR, Neb., June 18.—(Special).—Instead of the regular annual teachers' institute of the educators of Washington county this year there will be held a summer school and an institute, commencing on Monday and closing July 31.

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SECOND GOES TO FORT KEOKH

Orders from Headquarters to Move from Omaha to Montana. TWENTY-SECOND GETS FORT CROOK

WASHINGTON, June 18.—(Special Telegram).—Late last evening Secretary of War Lamont and Quartermaster General Batchelder, after ascertaining the amount available in this fiscal year's transportation account, decided to make but few transfers, but these transfers directly concern Omaha.

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URING the balance of

this month we will give a discount of 20 per cent on every purchase of Furniture, Curtains or Draperies—taken from our plain marked figures—No goods charged Terms cash.

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Chas. D. Thompson, NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING AGENT. Prepared to handle any size contract. Special rates on Iowa and Nebraska papers. Can place your advertisement in any paper on the globe.

OVER TEN YEARS EXPERIENCE. I can save you money, no matter how little or how much advertising you may wish to do. Have rates, circulation and copies on file. My services cost you nothing. The paper pays the commission. Call OFFICES 312-313 Karchbach Block, Omaha, Neb. Tel. 1240.

His Congratulations to the Bee. Secretary Morton Pays the Paper a Complimentary Compliment. WASHINGTON, June 18.—(Special Telegram).—J. Sterling Morton, secretary of agriculture, in reply to the Bee's request for an expression of opinion on the silver anniversary of the Bee, said: "If the Omaha Bee had been as persistent in publishing the truth about its political antagonists as it has been in seeking from news and standing up for the gold standard, I could conscientiously compliment it as a great and good newspaper."

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CONFER WITH THE BUSINESS MEN.

Depot Question Presented to the Visiting Railroaders. D. J. Whittemore, chief engineer of the Milwaukee; H. A. Parker, assistant to President Cable of the Rock Island; T. E. Calvert, general superintendent of the B. & M.; General Manderson, general solicitor of the B. & M., and a number of Omaha associates, representing the Retail Dealers' Association, the Wholesale Dealers' Association, the Commercial club and the Wholesale Dealers' Association met Wednesday afternoon at the B. & M. headquarters to discuss the union depot question.

The visiting railroaders stated that they could not speak definitely concerning the plans of their respective companies, adding that they had been sent here to examine the proposed route, and to report to their respective superiors. The demands of the people of this city and vicinity for the location of a union depot at Ninth and Farnam streets were presented by the citizens and listened to attentively by the railroad men.

The arguments of the railroaders, especially those representing the Burlington interests, tended to show that the Tenth and Mason street site was good enough for Omaha and was more convenient for the railroad. No action was taken, and the meeting adjourned, the railroaders returning to their respective homes.

The Commercial club said yesterday morning that he thought the Rock Island and Milwaukee roads were considering the site at Tenth and Mason streets in the solicitation of the Burlington. The opinion among railway men in other companies is that while the Rock Island and Burlington routes are the same terminal facilities as the Union Pacific, the Burlington will leave no stone unturned to have these two roads co-operate in building a new station on Burlington grounds near the present site, though that way and means of securing this co-operation are being discussed by the Burlington general manager, Holdrege and the Burlington directors, now in session in Boston.

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