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ESTIMATES ARE GOING UP

Local Christians Increase Number of Probable Attendants at Convention.

OMAHA TO HAVE GREATEST GATHERING

Twenty-Five Thousand Visitors Now Expected by Enthusiastic Promoters of Conference to Be Held Here in October.

Members of the local Christian churches expect 25,000 delegates to attend the international convention of the Disciples of Christ, to be held in Omaha October 16 to 23 inclusive. Only about 5,000 delegates attended the convention held at Minneapolis last fall, but those who know whereof they speak say there will be no comparison between the two gatherings so far as numbers is concerned. The principal reasons why Omaha expects to entertain so many more than Minneapolis are these: First, Omaha is more centrally located in a geographical sense; second, Omaha is located nearer the center of Christian church population; third, Omaha has better railroad facilities and will get better rates and advertise them better; fourth, there will be no Pan-American exposition to detract from the attendance; fifth, Omaha will have a magnificent new auditorium in which to assemble the delegates.

Committees Are Active.

These were some of the points touched upon at the meeting Wednesday evening of the general committee which has in charge the work of preparing for the convention. The meeting was held in the First Christian church of South Omaha, Twenty-third and K streets, and was presided over by the chairman, Clarence S. Paine. The first order of business was the report of subcommittees. The chairman of the finance committee reported a very gratifying condition of the treasury and said that by the time they were needed there would be ample funds on hand to meet all demands and emergencies.

Mr. Paine announced that Miss Melissa Butterfield had been selected as chairman of the social committee, with the privilege of naming the committee herself. This committee will number some 500 persons, selected from the congregations of all Omaha and South Omaha churches, and the duties will be to see that the delegates are entertained in a social way. Miss Butterfield had been selected, he said, because of her wide acquaintance among the people of Iowa and Nebraska. She was chairman of the reception committee of the Transmississippi exposition and of the reception committee of the Nebraska building of the Pan-American exposition.

Rev. Sumner T. Martin, pastor of the First church of Omaha, announced that, as he would not be in the city, he would have to resign the chairmanships of the various committees to which he had been appointed. Mr. Paine accepted the resignation.

Result of Promotion.

Five-minute talks were made by several persons who had attended the convention at Minneapolis a year ago. Rev. Martin said that the Nebraska delegation was the first on the ground and laid the foundation for capturing the convention a year later by flooding the city with little red buttons, appropriately inscribed, "By the time the other delegations arrived," said he, "nearly every street car conductor and motorman and about one man out of every three you met on the street was wearing those little red buttons, which proclaimed him an Omaha man."

Rev. W. T. Hilton, chairman of the evangelistic committee, said that during the convention in Omaha next fall gospel meetings would be held on the street corners, similar meetings would be held in the Auditorium at the close of each session; there would be business men's meetings, and every opportunity to spread the light of the gospel would be improved. He also had on foot a movement to start a revival meeting in every church in Nebraska at that time and was in correspondence with various pastors to that end.

Addresses were also made by J. L. Otterman, Miss Mable Mayfield, Miss Nellie Cedarland, Mrs. Montgomery and others.

BIG CROWD AT ELKS' FAIR

Large Delegation from Lincoln Lodge Among the Spectators Last Night.

The Elks' fair goes merrily on. Hundreds of fun-seekers fought their way through the crowds again last night, and the fact that the carnival has been running several days does not seem to have had an appreciable effect on the purses of the people, for the visitors were as willing spenders as if it were the first night.

There are many pitfalls for the unwary at the fair, and just as many for the wary. One never knows when or from which side he will be attacked, but most of the habitues have learned that when once accosted the best thing to do is to give up quietly at once and go along unresistingly to the next place. It is not exclusively muscular force that is exerted. Beset by a cohort of brawny policemen in front, the victim turns only to find himself threatened from the rear by the equally irresistible power lurking in soft feminine eyes.

The big wheel of fortune whirred and flapped incessantly last night and many trophies were dispensed by the oracle at the fountain head. The elaborate elk's head hatpin, coveted by so many, finally struck the cog and went to Miss Eleanor Taggart of North Platte, Neb.

It was "visiting night," and a great many people from out of the city were present. The largest delegation was from the lodge at Lincoln, headed by Edward Streight. It was with these newcomers, who were novices at all the games of buy, that the Elks had the most fun.

Demonstrates Wireless Telegraphy.

Reno Bayless Welbourn, electrical demonstrator of the Interstate Lecture bureau, gave a short lecture and a demonstration of Marconi's wireless telegraphy at the Auditorium hotel last night. Mr. Welbourn will make demonstrations in several schools of the state and will then return to Cincinnati, where he is to lecture in a short time. He will be in Omaha a couple of days.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Taxpayers' League Makes Report on Its School Board Investigations.

EXTRAVAGANCE IN SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

Specific Charges, Showing Where Large Sums of Money Have Been Wasted by Board During Last Year.

At a meeting of the Taxpayers' league of South Omaha, held on the 3rd day of February, 1902, the following report of the investigations made by the league into the affairs of the public schools of this city was ordered published:

"The investigations of this league have been in progress since the early fall of 1901. The officers of the league are David Anderson, president; A. H. Merrill, vice president; A. L. Bergquist, secretary, and August Miller, treasurer. The following are some of the citizens and taxpayers who have signed the roll of membership:

"D. Anderson, August Miller, George W. Masson, A. H. Merrill, John McMillan, C. M. Hunt, John F. Schultz, D. M. Click, Peter Cockrell, P. J. Bock, D. J. Bennett, J. W. Cress, T. C. McDonald, Frank Crawford, T. J. Nolan, A. L. Bergquist, E. H. Howland, L. C. Gibson, A. A. Wright, E. E. Reed, F. J. Persons, C. E. Curtis, T. J. O'Neil, Joe Garlow, E. L. Howe, Fred J. Etter, F. J. Fitzgerald, F. Petalka, Jerry Dee, Frank Koutsky, C. C. Clifton, W. H. Beckett, W. S. White, Frank Pivonka, Anton Beiohalvek, T. B. Scott, W. H. Slabaugh, George C. Haskins, Martin Jensen, R. C. Haskins, J. C. Graham, E. T. Miller, D. S. Parkhurst, A. L. Williams, David Condon, Jay Laverty, George F. King, W. G. Mertins, A. A. Nixon, James Phillips, N. D. Mann, J. W. Hastings, J. H. Kopietz, J. M. Westerfield.

"One of the objects of the league was to check and prevent large and wasteful extravagances in the management and administration of our city schools. Another object of the league was to prevent the construction of a high school building at a very large cost and charge upon the taxpayers, at a time when no funds were available for such purpose, and also at a time when under the law no expenditures for such a purpose could be made on account of lack of public funds available therefor. While the league recognizes the necessity of a high school building, we also believe that a general lack of confidence in the present school board warrants a delay until a time when full confidence in a careful Board of Education might obtain.

"That this lack of confidence in the present Board of Education was not without foundation, we call attention to the recent indictment of seven members of the board for malfeasance in office, and to a few significant facts taken from the records of the board.

"In the seventeen months from May 1, 1900, to October 1, 1901, the Board of Education paid to L. A. Davis, architect, the sum of $3,125, $1,900 of which was for plans of a high school building, which has never been started and which under the law could not be begun for lack of funds.

"During the same period of time the board paid for plumbing the following amounts to the following named persons: To George Parks, $4,667.68; to John Parks, $1,357.60; to George L. Dare, $4,066.72, making a total expenditure for plumbing during the time when but one new building was erected of $10,091.80.

"During the past year and in face of the fact that no money was on hand with which to build a high school the board paid for a high school site $16,000. This site consists of one-half block of property entirely outside the business district of the city.

"During the above seventeen months the board paid to M. Donovan, a painter and paper hanger, the sum of $1,763.63.

"The board awarded to George Parks a contract for the heating plant in the Corrigan school, a four-room building, for $3,049, when at the same time a bid was in the hands of the secretary of the board proposing to do the same work for $2,000.

"From October, 1900, to April, 1901, the board purchased 1,020 tons of coal, an average of thirteen tons to each school room in the city. The firm that had this coal contract was indicted by the recent grand jury for obtaining money under false pretenses.

"From May 1, 1901, to October 1, 1902, the board paid for lumber over $2,000, no part of which was used in new buildings. The price paid for finishing lumber was as high as $90 per thousand, while the market price at the time for the same grade of lumber was $40. For sidewalk lumber $32 per thousand was paid, the market for the same grade at the time was $20. The board paid for common lath $6 per thousand, the highest prevailing price for which was $4.50.

"Since May 1, 1901, the board has received from all sources a sum of $133,541.58; balance on hand January 1, 1902, $3,648.54; outstanding and unpaid school warrants issued since the present board went into office, $20,785.18. It will therefore be seen that the present board has expended $160,678.14, and the expenses for the second half of the present school year must yet be met.

"The number of pupils enrolled in our city schools is about 4,000. Statistics taken from eighteen cities which are nearest in population to the city of South Omaha disclose that in an average attendance of 4,136 pupils the average costs in maintaining the public schools for the year is $79,650. The letters and reports from these various cities from which these figures are taken are now on file with the secretary of this league.

"This very striking comparison in figures speaks with greater force than words and is sufficient in itself to arouse our citizens and taxpayers against such blamable, if not criminal, management of our public schools.

"The above facts, taken from the records of the board, would not have come to public light had not this league, at its own cost and expense, employed an attorney at law to make an examination of the books and records of the board. We desire to call the attention of the citizens and taxpayers of South Omaha to the wisdom and necessity of greater publicity in the affairs of the Board of Education and to secure that end the league most urgently recommends that the school board publish an annual report, setting forth the amount of money received from all sources and a full itemized statement of all money paid out, to whom and for what purpose."

Republicans Prepare for Campaign.

Republicans all over the city are preparing for an active campaign and the city central committee is holding frequent meetings for the purpose of perfecting the organization and arranging all of the details of the coming campaign. With six wards in the city there will be five delegates to the city convention from each ward, making a total of thirty delegates. The primaries will be held on March 7 at the following places:

First Ward—Collins' Music store, Twenty-fourth and K streets.
Second Ward—Feed store at 314 North Twenty-fourth street.
Third Ward—Twenty-seventh and Y streets.
Fourth Ward—312 North Twenty-fifth street.
Fifth Ward—Boyster building, Thirty-second and K streets.
Sixth Ward—Twenty-fourth and G streets.

The officials to take charge of the primaries will be announced within the next few days. Yesterday the work of making copies of the registration books for use at the primaries was completed and all those who registered as republicans at the last election will be permitted to vote at the primaries on March 7.

One member of the city central committee said that the greatest of care was being taken with all of the arrangements in order that there might be no legal flaw in the proceedings. Every effort is to be made by the republicans, so members of the committee say, to elect the ticket nominated at the convention, which will be held at Woodman hall on March 8.

Committee Meets Kenyon.

The special committee appointed by Mayor Kelly Monday night to confer with officers of the Stock Yards company met Mr. Kenyon yesterday. When they returned from their trip across the tracks they said that they had nothing to report, as Mr. Kenyon was noncommittal. The idea of the visit was to ascertain if possible the location of the eastern terminus of the proposed viaduct. Judging from street talk the fight between the proposed locations is on just the same, and the result of the committee meeting with the yards people is anxiously awaited. An Omaha sheet says there is some disposition on the part of the corporations to deliberate on this matter. In this connection a business man on N street said last night that the corporations had done nothing but deliberate on the question for the last seven years.

Councilmen Only Laugh.

At the last session of the council a communication was read by the clerk from a Mr. Carl Dorn of Chicago asking what the show is for securing a telephone franchise in South Omaha. The communication was only a short one, consisting of only four lines, and as no stamp for a reply was enclosed it is hardly probable that any attention will be paid to the communication. Members of the council consider the matter a joke, as anyone with business ideas would doubtless have written details or sent an agent. This is only one of the many samples of communications which are received by the city clerk each week and to which the council pays no attention.

Change of Date.

Owing to an unavoidable error the advertisement for an issue of bonds, renewing previous issues, the date of receiving bids by the city clerk has been changed from February 10 until February 12. On the latter date the council will meet for the purpose of opening bids in accordance with the provisions of the published advertisement.

Colonel Mercer Here.

Colonel A. S. Mercer of Hyattville, Wyo., is here, the guest of former Senator J. J. Hart. Colonel Mercer will spend a week or more here, as he is looking after property interests. Hyattville is in the heart of the Big Horn basin country and irrigation is all the people there want. Colonel Mercer says that stock in that country is in fine condition and so far the winter has been exceptionally mild.

Third Annual Ball.

The third annual ball of the Union Stock Yards Relief association will be held at the Exchange building on Friday night of this week. Every member of the association has been working hard in order to make this ball a success, and judging from the number of tickets sold the spacious hall will be crowded. An enjoyable evening is promised to all those who attend.

Enforcing Health Rules.

Dr. Sapp, the city physician, has given it out that all physicians in the city must report all cases of infectious and contagious diseases within twenty-four hours. This is an order of the Board of Health and a rigid enforcement of the order will be demanded. In a number of recent cases of diseases of the kind mentioned doctors have been slow in reporting the same or have tried to shield their patients. Practice of this sort will no longer be tolerated. Mayor Kelly said yesterday that the city officials were doing all in their power to stamp out disease of all kinds and that the co-operation of the physicians in this work was desired.

Rehearsals Completed Yesterday.

The rehearsals for the entertainment to be given at Woodmen hall tonight by St. Catherine's guild of St. Agnes' church were finished yesterday afternoon and now everything is in readiness for the performance tonight. The audience will be entertained with an adaption of the "Deestrict Skule." Colonel A. L. Lott will act as master and about three dozen prominent people will participate. As the sale of tickets has been large it is expected that the hall will be crowded.

Magic City Gossip.

John White of Elk Point, S. D., is here visiting friends.

The infant child of Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Curtis is seriously ill.

The Danish Brotherhood will give a dance at Blum's hall on Saturday night.

The West Side Democratic club at its last meeting indorsed John Henry Loechner for mayor.

Men are still needed on the ice fields. The harvest is excellent and the storage houses are now filled.

Revival meetings are being held nightly at the Baptist church and so far the attendance has been good.

Dr. W. J. McCrann, who was quite badly injured in a runaway accident yesterday, was reported to be resting easily last night.

Patrick Martin, Twenty-second and N streets, who has been seriously ill for two weeks, was able to sit up yesterday and receive a few visitors.

THE CHILDREN ENJOY

Life out of doors and out of the games which they play and the enjoyment which they receive and the efforts which they make, comes the greater part of that healthful development which is so essential to their happiness when grown. When a laxative is needed the remedy which is given to them to cleanse and sweeten and strengthen the internal organs on which it acts, should be such as physicians would sanction, because its component parts are known to be wholesome and the remedy itself free from every objectionable quality. The one remedy which physicians and parents, well-informed, approve and recommend and which the little ones enjoy, because of its pleasant flavor, its gentle action and its beneficial effects, is—Syrup of Figs—and for the same reason it is the only laxative which should be used by fathers and mothers.

Syrup of Figs is the only remedy which acts gently, pleasantly and naturally without griping, irritating, or nauseating and which cleanses the system effectually, without producing that constipated habit which results from the use of the old-time cathartics and modern imitations, and against which the children should be so carefully guarded. If you would have them grow to manhood and womanhood, strong, healthy and happy, do not give them medicines, when medicines are not needed, and when nature needs assistance in the way of a laxative, give them only the simple, pleasant and gentle—Syrup of Figs.

Its quality is due not only to the excellence of the combination of the laxative principles of plants with pleasant aromatic syrups and juices, but also to our original method of manufacture and as you value the health of the little ones, do not accept any of the substitutes which unscrupulous dealers sometimes offer to increase their profits. The genuine article may be bought anywhere of all reliable druggists at fifty cents per bottle. Please to remember, the full name of the Company—**CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.**—is printed on the front of every package. In order to get its beneficial effects it is always necessary to buy the genuine only.

LOOKING FOR A NEW PASTOR

St. Mary's Avenue Congregational Church Seeks Successor to Dr. Sargent.

The members of St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church met in the parlors of that church last night. A. H. Waterhouse presided and matters of finance and other conditions of the church and plans for the future were discussed at length.

Finance was first taken up. A report was read by the treasurer. While it was not considered a favorable one, speaking from the present conditions, it was agreed that with a unity of purpose the matter would soon be cleared up.

There was a general expression that the church should be at once provided with a permanent pastor, and the matter of recommendation was left to a committee of nineteen, made up of the advisory board and seven members chosen from the congregation and society. This committee is expected to make its recommendations in the near future. A number of applications have been received, but no definite action has been taken. It was agreed that it is necessary to the future welfare of the church that a man of experience and ability be secured, and to that end a liberal salary should be provided.

Dr. Manns, who occupied the pulpit last Sunday, will preach next Sunday and will probably do most of the supplying until a permanent pastor is called. It was stated during the evening that Dr. S. Wright Butler, former pastor of the church, had offered his services as supply for two or three Sundays. He will probably preach during the early part of March. It is stated positively, however, that he is in no way a candidate, he being permanently located at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

A Fine Champagne.

Especially dry without heaviness, delicate and breedy, is G. H. Mumm's Extra Dry, now coming to market. Importations, 120,359 cases in 1901—nearly 60,000 more than any other brand.

Mortality Statistics.

The following deaths and births were reported to the city health commissioner for the twenty-four hours ending at noon Wednesday.

Deaths—Ralph F. Louder, 1719½ Cuming, aged 5 months; Anna M. Thompson, 2114 Locust, aged 47; Rachael Hulbanks, 108 South Twenty-seventh, aged 78; Axel Johnson, Douglas County hospital, aged 21; Carrie Swanson, 2207 Miami, aged 29.

Births—W. G. Martin, 401 North Thirtieth, boy; William Spooner, 1549 North Seventeenth, boy.

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HASCALL TALKS ABOUT LEVY

Says It Will Be Made as Soon as Restraining Order is Dissolved.

"The alternative writ of mandamus issued by the supreme court to compel the city council of Omaha to show why it should not be compelled to reconvene as a board of equalization and make changes in assessments will in no way interfere with the making of the levy for 1902," said Councilman I. S. Hascall. "As soon as the restraining order issued by the district court preventing the making of the levy is dissolved the council will be free to pass the levy ordinance.

"Even if the supreme court were to require additions to be made to assessed valuations, the only result of such action would be the addition of taxes to the city's income. If the prayer of the Real Estate exchange be granted the levy will not be invalidated or interfered with. It will be an easy matter to assess additional taxes to the corporations concerned in this litigation and will in no way interfere with other assessments or threaten the validity of the levy."

Because of the absence from the city of Attorney J. H. McIntosh, who is the attorney for the Real Estate exchange, Judge Dickinson yesterday continued the hearing, on the motion of City Attorney Connell to dissolve the temporary order restraining the council from making the tax levy for 1902.

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Leasing Public Domain

Debate on the Question Carried on by Interested Nebraskans.

Suggests a Settlement.

ARLINGTON, Neb., Feb. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: The large cattle owners, in their convention, drew up a bill and asked certain congressmen to help this to become a law. They propose to lease the public lands and thus end the trouble between the contending factions. But will this stop the trouble that has existed for years? I think not. It will only cause bitter strife between the small ranchman and his richer neighbor.

The great cattle companies are not able to compete with the small one. The large companies have great expenses, while the little owners do their own work and all they make is gain. Homesteaders take up claims and force the cattle kings out of the country. Look over the many reports of the various land offices throughout the United States and you will agree with me when I say that at the present rate this land will soon be taken up, or the greater part of it. The advocates of this bill say "Let the settlers take homesteads in our great pasture; we won't object."

We who remember the trouble between the pioneers that settled the west and the cattlemen of those days know how they disputed every inch of territory. Of the bitter trouble and the bloodshed, we need not mention—it is fresh in the mind of every settler. But let us suppose that we settle in one of these proposed pastures. We file upon 160 acres of land. How much stock can we keep upon this semi-arid land? These great cattlemen know that a man cannot keep much stock or raise much forage upon 160 acres. When the fertile regions were settled a man could take a homestead, a pre-emption and a timber claim. Some were lucky enough to secure 480 acres, while many secured only 320 acres. Compare 320 acres in eastern Nebraska to this much in the western part. Now, the best that can be offered is a quarter section. It is utterly impossible to make anything. But I propose that we give each stockman 320 acres and sell him that much at $1.25 per acre. Give him seven years to pay this. Make him take his land in a square and not monopolize the whole country by taking all the best grass and what little water there is left. Give every one a fair show. Upon this section of land homes will be built and many people added to the scant population. This public land belongs to the people and not to great companies. Let it be settled as was the rest of the great west.

Give the large companies their just rights, but do not screen them behind the law. Let them compete with their smaller neighbor. Lease this land and you will retard settlement. Many families settle along the little valleys, schoolhouses are built and taxes are paid annually. If you prefer no settlers and think that pastures that cover miles are the best for a country, then support their bill. I am not prejudiced against these companies, if they are willing to do as the smaller ones, but let them be on a level with their fellow citizens. Equal rights for all and special acts for none.

In the farther west, where trouble exists between the sheepmen and the cattlemen, appoint a board of commissioners to settle these. There are places where small ranchmen have not taken any of the range. Until these lands are settled let this board settle disputes. As to the Indian lands, it is different. Their land should be made to bring in an income, if possible, but it looks unfair to leave all to great cattle companies and leave the small bidders clean out.

But there is a great difference between the public and the Indian lands. One belongs to the various tribes of Indians and the other to such persons as the law has selected as settlers. I think in giving each stockman a section of land it will enable all to prosper and give all a like show.

Knowing that this question, like all others, will be settled right, and believing that congress will accord us all an equal right, your fellow citizen,

EDGAR A. F. REYNOLDS.

Small Ranches in Nebraska.

AMES, Neb., Feb. 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: I am sorry your correspondent in The Sunday Bee could not pluck up courage to disclose his identity. The statement as to large ranch companies being the only beneficiaries of the lease bill becomes a little tiresome, being utterly untrue; but if anyone thinks it has any foundation in fact he certainly ought to be willing to put his name to his opinions. The suggestion of ruin to his business is a joke; he does not mean us to take him seriously in that. Ninety per cent of the ranches in the western part of this state on the public domain are small or of moderate size. It is not a business of large ranches, as some would indicate, but a business of small ranches, on which the owners themselves live and conduct their own business. These owners of 90 per cent of the ranches in this state are as much concerned in the lease bill as the owners of a few large ranches, there being only a few large ranches in the state. The established ranches are exactly the same in kind and have precisely the same interest in the maintenance of the fences and the leasing of the public domain.

Whoever says the business in this state is not as I describe it states what is not true, and I subscribe my own name to this. Yours truly,

R. M. ALLEN.

Sand Hills and Forestration.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Feb. 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: I see that Governor Savage and Senator Dietrich have endorsed the forest reserve proposition. The sand hills of Germany, cited by Senator Dietrich, are of low altitude, adjacent to great inland seas, damp, swampy seacoasts, ocean winds and rainfall is abundant. The sand hills of Nebraska are high table inlands, nearly 3,000 miles from the ocean. The high Rocky mountain range on the west catches all of the clouds from the west. The clouds from the Atlantic ocean expend themselves as they float over the low timber lands of the Missouri and Mississippi valleys and their light remnants are drawn to the Rocky mountains, where they are again condensed, and expend themselves when a counter wave floats them back over the Nebraska sand hills too light for rainfall.

When Senator Dietrich quotes the sand hills of Germany, why doesn't he quote the German railroad system and introduce a bill in congress that this government own and operate its railroads and furnish us Nebraskans cedar posts from Washington at the lowest possible rates? This thing of planting timber on the Nebraska sand hills for the "sweet by and by" is too much like wearing golden slippers up yonder. The "paramount issue" is to get cheap cedar posts and a pair of pretty fair shoes right now.

Of course, the government has appointed commissions to examine soils, etc. This commission, realizing that the government wanted to be kind to them, kindly reciprocated and accepted the position and made out a courteous report with a view to earning their money and preserve the business. These commissions have recommended "dust mulch" for corn. Some farmers in Lincoln county tried "dust mulch." They made dust and the wind blew it away until their cornfields became a hole in the ground four feet deep and the wind is still "dust mulching." People who think the sand hills are not worth anything, just let them alone. The sand hillers will take care of themselves. The best friend of Nebraska will say to exploitation "Hands off," let Nebraskans work out their own salvation.

LUCIEN STEBBINS.

WHERE KUBELIK WILL PLAY

Committee of Arrangements Will Choose Between Boyd's Theater and Coliseum.

Last night the committee of Bohemians which is arranging for the appearance here of Jan Kubelik, the famous violinist, met to discuss some of the details. All has been arranged but the hall. It is the desire of the committee to secure the Boyd theater for the night of Wednesday, March 5. Manager Burgess has an engagement booked for that night, and will not cancel. He has said that probably he can furnish the theater Monday night, March 3. Last night a telegram was sent to Kubelik's manager asking him if he could accept this date. If arrangements can be made the concert will be at the Boyd. If not, then the Coliseum will be the scene of another famous musical affair. Something definite on this point will probably be known today.

Homeseekers' Excursions.

Tickets to nearly all points in the United States on sale at all ticket offices of the Chicago Great Western railway on the first and third Tuesdays of January and February at the low rate of one fare plus $2.00 for the round trip. Good to return in 21 days from date of sale. For detailed information address any Chicago Great Western agent, or J. P. Elmer, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

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