

DAIRMEN ARE TROUBLED

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MEANS AN IMMENSE SUM TO PRODUCERS

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(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 5.—(Special).—Nebraska dairymen are sadly wrought up over what they term the careless handling of cream by shippers and creameries alike, and at the coming state convention this question is to be taken up and debated.

The assertion is made that the farmers do not take the care of their separators that they should and that the creameries have added and altered in the manufacture by fixing no standard for the product to which they insist upon adherence. The result has been a general lowering of the grade of butter.

Secretary Bassett is of the opinion that one or two cents of loss are annually lost to dairymen by reason of these factors. Some of the creameries have begun to grade cream, and this will prove a great help in making the farmers more careful. Their principal fault lies in their neglect to keep their separators free from bacteria and the result is that the product deteriorates rapidly.

One of the burning questions in connection with the dairy industry in Nebraska at this time, says Secretary Bassett, "is the securing of a better quality of hand-separators. In the commercial markets there are three grades of butter, known as extra, first and second, and the output of extra is worth 25 cents, first sells at about 21 cents and seconds at about 17 cents per pound.

"At the present time the creamery companies in Nebraska are not able to make a pound of butter generally. There are in use in the state 3,000 hand separators, an average of one on every four farms. Hence one-fourth of the farmers of the state are

directly interested in the price paid for cream, as they are engaged in selling it. "The question is of such importance that a considerable time has been set apart at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Dairy-men's association for consideration and discussion of this important matter. The discussion will take place the afternoon of Tuesday, January 17, and all parties, creamery men and dairymen, are urged to attend.

The members of the association will be held Wednesday and Thursday, January 17 and 18, in the dairy building at the state farm at Lincoln. For programs and other information those interested may address S. C. Bassett, secretary, Lincoln.

The trouble arose primarily from the Victorian aggressiveness of separator agents, who argued that the machines did not need much washing. Then, the creameries have not heretofore paid a material difference in price between first-class cream and that which was inferior. Beginning with January 1, however, they will discriminate 4 cents between the first-class butter fat and the next grade, the prices being 25 and 21 cents.

"It is asserted that this step has been rendered necessary as a measure for the preservation of the Nebraska dairy industry, as the quality has made sales difficult in the markets."

Reward for Murderer. Governor Mickey today issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$200, on the part of the state, for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of the unidentified man whose body was found on the banks of the Platte near Cedar Bluffs last Sunday afternoon.

Epperson Takes Oath. A. C. Epperson, the Clay county lawyer, appointed yesterday to succeed Judge Letton as supreme court commissioner, took the oath of office this morning. He spent the greater part of the day closeted with the members of the court and the other commissioners. Mr. Epperson has a high reputation as an attorney, and enters upon his work well equipped.

Metcalf as Speaker. Richard L. Metcalf, associate editor of the Commissioner, has accepted an invitation to speak at the banquet of Indiana democrats at Lafayette next Monday evening. Mr. Metcalf was a guest last year. Mr. Metcalf has prepared some hot shot, under the title of "Fallen Idols."

Lays It Onto Stranger. A novel defense was put up in police court this morning by John E. Jewell, under arrest on the charge of sending threatening letters to S. C. Hoover, proprietor of the Landell hotel, for the purpose of blackmail.

In the letters received a demand was made that unless \$500 in bills were sent to A. L. G. Fordinger at the postoffice, information would be laid before the authorities that Hoover had been adulterating the liquors sold at his bar. Jewell was arrested along with John Peterson. Both are employed in the boiler room of the Burr block. Peterson had worked ten years as engineer of the Landell.

Jewell said that one day a stranger came into the boiler room of the Burr block and presenting him with an order for mail for Fordinger, asked him to get the letters for him. When he did so he was arrested. He said he did not know the man, but that Peterson did.

Peterson was discharged and was then called as a witness. He said that a well-dressed man whom he did not know had called at the engine room and got Jewell called to get mail for him. He saw the man tear a piece out of a book and write the order. Jewell told the same story. He said he had never seen the man since. Questions were asked indicating that perhaps a former bartender had been implicated, but the defendant denied this.

He was bound over in the sum of \$500. Want Their Fees. Members of the insanity commission are engaged in a dispute with the county commissioners over the payment to them of fees for hearing dipomanic cases. The county board ruled that the commissioners had no warrant in law for allowing these fees, and the claims, amounting to \$100, were rejected.

C. C. Marley, a member of the commission, today filed an appeal to the district court, where the question is to be settled. The commissioners say they cannot be required to act without the payment of fees, and the chances are that if the court attorney is upheld in his contention that the law is defective in not providing for witnesses' and commissioners' fees, the law will not work for nothing.

Incorporates New Company. The Chase company of Omaha has incorporated with Secretary of State Galusha to carry on the manufacture of spices and extracts and to sell grocery products, with headquarters in Omaha. D. A. N. Chase, Joseph Bookwala and David W. Jones are the incorporators. The capital stock is fixed at \$50,000.

GAGE FARMERS AWARD PRIZES Session Closes at Beatrice with an Interesting Program. BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 5.—(Special).—The farmers institute which has been held at the court house last evening. The improved condition of the weather yesterday brought out a large crowd of farmers and others interested.

The first number on the program was an address upon the profitable production of pork by Rev. E. Van Dyke. The farmer with poor stock labored to a great disadvantage as a competitor of the farmer who was well stocked. Hon. Peter Jansen followed Mr. Hull with a fine address upon the sheep question, and his long experience and thorough familiarity with the subject gave what he had to say much weight. He stated that the sheep industry had been neglected by the farmer, yet it could be made one of the most profitable.

Prof. Burnett closed the program of the afternoon with an address upon grasses and forage crops. The following officers were elected for the coming year: A. W. Nickell, president; H. Odell, vice president; R. E. Blodgett, secretary; Samuel Eccles, treasurer.

The seed corn contest was an interesting feature and some very fine samples were shown. The prizes awarded at the afternoon session are as follows: White Corn—First, R. Hauser; second, H. Odell; third, Fred Tanner; fourth, H. Odell.

Yellow Corn—First, Edward Essam; second, Blodgett Bros.; third, H. D. Trump; fourth, C. W. Hodge.

The first prize for butter was awarded Mrs. John Carmichael; second, Mrs. Robert Wilson; third, Miss Hawkins.

In the bakery contest Mrs. John Carmichael carried off first honors for white bread and Mrs. John Albert second. Brown bread—first, Mrs. Robert Wilson; second, Mrs. Albert Blakely; third, Gertrude Reed. Corn bread—first, Mrs. J. L. Rhodes; second, Mrs. Robert Wilson; third, Mrs. Mary Pitzer; fourth, Mrs. M. J. Reed.

In the girls' contest Lillian Love was the first winner on doughnuts and Grace Odell second. Hazel Callan was awarded first prize on bread and Gertrude Mason second. The evening meeting was well attended and after a musical prelude Prof. J. A. Dally of Des Moines, Ill., addressed the meeting upon the subject of soil culture, seed selection and other matters pertaining to a larger grain yield. The institute was the most successful of any ever held in this county and has done

much to promote the welfare of the farmers in this section.

NEW CLUE IN MURDER MYSTERY

Grip and Clothing Found Near the Scene of the Murder.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 5.—(Special).—Late yesterday afternoon a grip was found on Bridge island not far from the site of Callaghan's grating camp, which may throw some light on the murder of the two men. It was covered with snow and had evidently been lying there for several days. It contained a quantity of underclothing and some shirts and collars, which evidently belonged to two parties. On the collars were laundry marks and on some the names of Hugh McDonald and others that of A. P. Adams. There were also some handkerchiefs and a number of toilet articles, a Bible that had been read, a number of letters and a diary. The entries in the diary begin last spring in New York City, where the two men evidently lived. From them it appears that the two left New York at the same time and came west together, stopping occasionally to work a few weeks to get money to travel on and evidently paying their fare on trains. There are cards and addresses of a number of employment agencies from which the men had received work for Callaghan. Judging from the clothing both were laboring men and a pair of long stockings such as are worn by linemen indicates that one of them may have worked at that trade.

The New York City police were notified and an attempt will be made to find out something of McDonald and Adams at their former home. Callaghan's grating outfit broke camp Saturday afternoon and the men were paid off and left. Hundreds who viewed the remains of the murdered man at Barker's striking rooms and a good many people are positive that they saw him in town on different days last week in company with another party. Since the failure of Charles Pierce and wife to identify the body as that of Thad Browning the grip appears to furnish the best clue that the officers have.

Mrs. Pierce in fact has received a telegram that Browning is living and is at Kansas City, Mo. Saunders county people are taking an increasing interest in trying to solve the mystery.

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AINSWORTH, Neb., Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram).—The Seed and Crops special arrived at Valentine on time and lectures were given in the court house, which was crowded. The following professors talked on agricultural subjects: Hunt, Omaha, Hartley, Emerson, Kearsar and Ferguson. Much interest was shown and a most enthusiastic meeting held.

At Wood Lake Prof. Montgomery talked with a group of farmers on dry land crops and much interest was shown. At Johnson Prof. Pugsley talked corn and wheat. Keyser on dry land crops to farmers in one car, while Dr. Combra and Prof. Montgomery interested a car of school children.

At Ainsworth the largest crowd of the day gathered. Prof. Hunt and Mr. Hartley, corn and dry land crops were discussed.

O'NEIL, Neb., Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram).—The crop and soil special from Valentine to O'Neil was exceptionally well received, meeting large turnouts of interested farmers. There were two cars full of men to the station and fully 200 at Ainsworth and about 120 at O'Neil. The talks by the lecturers were very instructive and interesting and no doubt did considerable good. The lecturers dwelt especially on the kind of seed to plant and gave an interesting discourse on the subject of soil study.

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Berg-Swanson Co. 15th & DOUGLASS CORRECT DRESS FOR MEN AND BOYS.

January Trousers Sale. Among other sales during January there are none so important as our Pre-Inventary Sale, now in force—as a money saving price lowering event. Prices which force the selling. Today we mention trousers, furnishings and boys' clothing, but throughout the entire store are as great or greater savings.

- 175 Men's \$2.50 and \$3.00 Trousers Values at \$1.75
- Men's \$4.50 and \$5.00 Trousers Values at 3.00
- 500 Men's \$6.50 and \$7.50 Trousers Values at \$5.00

Boys' Suits and Overcoats Reduced

- 175 Boys' \$2.50 and \$3.00 Suits and Overcoats.
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- 375 Boys' \$5.00 and \$6.00 Suits and Overcoats.

Extra Specials from Our Furnishings Section

- Men's 75c Fleeced Underwear.....35c
- Men's 75c and \$1.00 Outing Flannel Night Shirts.....50c
- Men's 50c and 75c Neckwear, all shapes.....35c
- Men's \$1.50 Wash Vests, all sizes.....95c
- \$3.00 and \$5.00 Suit Cases, now.....\$2.00 and 3.00

Shaver, trustee; L. W. Studley, medical examiner.

OAKLAND—Rev. L. Arlander, formerly of Omaha, has arrived here to become the pastor of the Swedish Baptist church here. A reception was tendered him and his family at the church Wednesday, at which the congregation expressed their delight at again having a pastor. Rev. Arlander starts on his new duties here with most favorable conditions for a successful pastorate.

OAKLAND—As train No. 4 of the Omaha railroad was coming into town this morning, the engine collided with one of the Great Switch company's wagons, which track, completely demolishing the wagon. No injury was caused to the miles hitched to the wagon and after a few moments delay in clearing away the wreckage the train proceeded to the depot.

HASTINGS—Acting under the advice of the county attorney, the newly elected county supervisor, David Wentworth, will not be allowed to take his seat until Tuesday, the day fixed by law for the organization of the board. The retiring member contends that his term does not expire until the new organization is installed. All other county officers elected last fall began their duties this morning.

BEATRICE—Beatrice acric No. 24, Fraternal Order Eagles, met last night and installed following officers: W. A. Braddy, worthy president; Ellis Smith, worthy chaplain; John Ellis, secretary; H. B. Appleget, treasurer; Gus Childs, inside guard; Harry Whitbread, outside guard; G. L. Itoe, worthy physician; C. A. Omernick, Henry Spahn, Roy Drew, trustees.

YORK—Captain Lundeen says that the report that he was holding the office of register of deeds and refuses to give over the office to Harry Belcher, who was elected last fall, is incorrect, and asks that the report be corrected. He filed his bond and both Mr. Belcher and Lundeen understand

each other. In case that a decision that a register of deeds cannot be legislated out of office is rendered Mr. Lundeen will be entitled to the office.

HASTINGS—Mrs. William J. Tooley sustained a serious though painless injury Wednesday morning, when a rope she was leading a horse into a barn on her premises when the animal gave a sudden jerk, pulling off the thumb of her right hand and a surgeon's knife. The wound was not cut was as clean as though made with a surgeon's knife. The wound was not felt by Mrs. Tooley, her first knowledge of it coming a few minutes later when she felt the warm blood in her hand.

PLATTSMOUTH—While Albert Fishman and his brother Otto of Elmwood were out hunting the latter shot at a rabbit, but the whole charge of shot entered his brother's limbs and left arm. He was taken to a hospital at Omaha, where he is recovering. About sixty No. 8 shot entered the boy's legs and arms, most of them entering his left limb and it is supposed that he is not better than recovering.

TEKAMAH—Sheriff Phipps arrested one of the hardest looking specimens of humanity that has been sent here for an annual meeting of the National Commercial Teachers' Federation and was elected president of that body for the ensuing year. Mr. Van Sant was the first western man ever elected to that position. In his speech of acceptance Mr. Van Sant said that election was a compliment to the west and western men.

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Have you friends? In the east? In the west? In the old country? Send them each a copy of the Jubilee Edition of The Bee. Advertise Omaha.

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"CUTICURA REMEDIES THE BEST ON EARTH"

"In the year 1899 the side of my right foot was cut off from the little toe down to the heel, and the physician who had charge of me was trying to sew up the side of my foot, but with no success. When he found out that wouldn't work, he began trying to cut me up, but he failed in all kinds of ointments, until at last my whole foot was cut up above my nail, and was nothing but proud flesh, suffered up to the present day, and tried different physicians and all kinds of ointments. I could walk only with crutches. It is sixteen months ago since I began using Cuticura Soap and Ointment for my foot and foot. The first two months the Cuticura Remedies did not seem to work, but I kept on using them both. In two weeks afterwards I saw a change in my limb. Then I began using Cuticura Soap and Ointment often during the day and kept it up for seven months, when my limb was healed up just the same as if I never had trouble."

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