

STEALING TRADE OF OMAHA

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PESTS DESTROY QUARTER OF THE CORN

Prof. Bruner Makes Some Startling Statements at a Gathering of Agriculturists at Lincoln.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Charges that other grain markets were stealing business from Omaha by means of false grading of grain were made today at the meeting of the Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live Stock Association by Tremont Cone, leader of the minority in the house of representatives and a prominent grain man.

Members of the association in a spirited discussion tonight charged the railroads with many wrongs in Nebraska such as poor service into the Omaha and St. Joseph markets that the shrinkage of live stock on the cars eats up all the profit. A legislative committee has been appointed and the association will endeavor to get drastic legislation from the legislature to cure the evil.

The association discussed the marketing of co-operative creameries today, and a committee of three was appointed to go to Omaha and investigate the co-operative methods of the Harding Creamery company, with instructions to make public the result.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year: O. G. Smith, Kearney, president; T. W. Langdon, Gretna, vice president; J. S. Canaday, Minden, secretary; directors, F. M. Stump, Strawville; T. W. Langdon, Gretna; Hans Selck, Elgin; D. W. Baker, Woodstock; J. B. Canaday, Minn.; C. S. Deola, Kearney; O. G. Smith, Kearney.

The two days' meeting closed tonight with a banquet at the Lindell hotel, at which Tremont Cone was toastmaster.

That one-fourth of the corn raised in Nebraska is destroyed by pests was the startling statement of Prof. Bruner of the State university than addressed before the Nebraska Corn Improvers' association today. His lecture was illustrated by lantern slides. Pocket gophers alone, he said, destroyed \$1,000,000 worth of grain annually.

Insects, he declared, caused the destruction of \$10,000,000 worth of corn every year. He then discussed the best way to get rid of the most destructive pests.

William Ernst, president of the association, and a number of others addressed the meeting.

Prizes at the annual corn exhibit were announced this afternoon as follows: White Corn—First prize, Lee Smith & Son, DeSoto; \$25 per cent, corn planter. Second prize, Henry Selck, DeSoto, 85 per cent, ear.

Yellow Corn—First prize, Lee Smith & Son, DeSoto, 85 per cent, corn harvester. Second prize, J. S. Canaday, 85 per cent, corn cultivator.

Calico Corn—First prize, Charles Grau, Bennettsville, 85 per cent, cultivator. Second prize, R. M. Wolcott, Palmer, 75 per cent, portable corn crib.

Single Ear—First prize, A. J. Olson, Wahoo, corn planter; second, C. M. Schmale, Emerald, third, R. H. Hogue, DeSoto; fourth, Lee Smith & Son, DeSoto; fifth, A. J. Olson, Wahoo; sixth, W. S. Selck, DeSoto.

In the yellow, white and calico corn contests two prizes each were offered. In the single ear contest there were six prizes of interest to orchard men. The following were on the program: G. A. Marshall of Arlington; J. Y. Craig, president of the park board of Omaha; J. W. Murphy of Glenwood, Ia.; and Prof. C. E. Clements of the State university.

Two hundred representatives of State Mutual insurance companies are in session here. The first meeting of the annual convention was held this morning. About twenty-five companies are represented. The convention is considering matters of interest relating to the local insurance associations.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences met this morning in the Mechanical arts hall at the State university. Sessions were held in the morning and afternoon and in the evening the members attended the concert of the University Glee club at the university.

Among those on the program are: S. E. Towne, F. D. Baker, H. S. Smith, R. H. Wolcott, A. E. Sheldon, H. B. Ward, E. W. Davis, G. E. Condra and E. H. Harbour.

**Oil Inspector Reports.** State Oil Inspector Ed A. Church has filed his report for the month of December. It shows that the tax on oil has been \$2,373.90 and the expenses \$22.37, making a total paid to treasurer of \$1,346.53.

**Board Can Reject Appraisement.** The supreme court holds that the Board of Educational Lands and Funds has the right to protect the state and refuse to accept school lands on appraisement and below the actual value of the land. This right was challenged in the case of Delilah Rutledge in an application for a writ of mandamus directing State Land Commissioner H. M. Eaton to execute to her a state deed for eighty acres of school land in Jefferson county, the land having been appraised by county appraisers at \$1.50 an acre for sale purposes.

There are hundreds of thousands of acres of school land, comprising lands leased prior to 1897, still subject to sale. This decision may increase the revenues of the state school fund materially. The right of the state board to reject appraisements that are deemed too low has been disputed for many years.

In the case of Rachel Markham against the supreme court of the Independent Order of Foresters the court holds that a rule of a fraternal benefit association which requires an appeal from the action of its officers, vested with authority to allow or reject claims to the supreme body whose action thereon is declared to be final, is unreasonable, and is void as against public policy.

**Hobly Can Hold Office.** Charles E. Hobly, county treasurer of Saline county, has been decreed to be in rightful possession of his office, although he has been appointed once and elected

twice consecutively to the position. Forester F. DeWitt, the contestant, claims that this gave Hobly three consecutive terms of office, which is prohibited under the statutes.

**State Historical Society.** At a meeting of the State Historical society tonight Dr. George L. Miller of Omaha was re-elected president and the following other officers were chosen: Robert Harvey, vice president; James E. North of Platte county, second vice president; J. E. Geithardt, treasurer, and C. S. Paine, secretary.

Robert F. Gilder of Omaha, who recently broke into the limelight by discovering the bones of the oldest man known to scientists, told in an interesting address of his mound explorations near Omaha, while Edwin H. Barbour supplemented his talk. E. E. Blackman of Lincoln exhibited Indian costumes and talked of Indian customs.

FIREMEN IN ANNUAL MEETING

Next Convention at Nebraska City—Names of New Officers. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska Veteran Firemen's association held its annual meeting here today for election of officers.

The following officers were elected: President, J. V. Hyler, York; first vice president, Mark Mortenson, Fremont; second vice president, Bert Galley, Columbus; secretary, E. A. Miller, Kearney; treasurer, Henry Graft, Seward; board of control, George Howe, Fremont; J. F. Moore, Kearney; R. N. McCallister, Grand Island; B. H. Reynolds, Norfolk, and John McKay of Blair.

Nebraska City was chosen as the place of the next convention. The visiting delegates were banqueted by the local firemen tonight.

DRUMMERS AID OMAHA'S FIGHT

Traveling Men Tell of Shipments Diverted from Railroad.

YORK, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—At one of the leading hotels several traveling men, traveling out of Omaha, Chicago and other points, were telling how they had diverted shipments away from the Rock Island. One of the traveling men said he had diverted shipments from Chicago to Omaha, Topeka, Denver and Kansas City to the amount of 90 cars, and that if the Rock Island had treated Omaha right they could just as well have received all these shipments. The other traveling men told of carload lots they had diverted causing a loss to the road amounting to hundreds of dollars. They estimated that if all traveling men were doing as they were the Rock Island was losing thousands upon thousands in freight shipments on account of their treatment of Omaha.

Farmers' Business Association.

WILSONVILLE, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Farmers' Independent Business association held its annual meeting and election of officers. L. W. Young was elected president to succeed G. C. Burns, who was elected vice president; Ralph Anderson was re-elected secretary.

Anderson, who was also George Klingensmith for treasurer, George Anderson, John Van Cleave and Charles Tland were each elected to fill three-year terms as directors. The association is composed of about 300 farmers and has been in existence about eighteen months and was formed for the purpose of shipping grain and live stock. When first organized a shovel house was built and used for the first year, when a 12,000-bushel elevator was built. Since the completion of the house a large amount of grain has been shipped, as have also cattle and hogs. The general prices thus obtained have been considerably better, thus benefiting the whole community.

Farmer's Losses Head.

CALLAWAY, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—John Sams, while sheeling corn near Arnold today, had his right hand run down in a horsepower, so that amputation was necessary above the wrist.

Nebraskan in Herd Luck.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury has been dismissed until Wednesday of next week, because Hon. George W. Stubbs of Kansas City, one of the attorneys in the Callaway trial, was called home by severe sickness in his family. The court's time has been occupied in disposing of some civil matters.

YORK, J. A. Shoemaker of Stromsburg purchased the Van Fleet barn and site look possession this week. Two of the best barbers in the shop, Messrs. Goble and Koshlough, purchased the barber shop under the German-American bank and left Mr. Shoemaker short of workmen for a day or two.

**MC'COOL JUNCTION.**—M. E. Boren & Co., a hardware firm, has purchased the McCool electric light plant which was recently installed by parties from Grand Island. It is believed the plant will be profitable by reason of the fact that water power is furnished by the McCool Roller Water mills at small cost.

**BEATRICE.**—In the presence of a small company of friends, Mr. Henry Fishback of Augusta, Okla., and Miss Rosa Kaitenbeck of this city were married in the parsonage of St. Joseph's Catholic church, Father Petrasch officiating. Mr. Fishback is a well known contractor in Nebraska.

**WILSONVILLE.**—Fourteen carloads of live stock were shipped from Wilsonville Monday morning. At present there are between 300 and 400 head of cattle being held in the slaughter house in this town, while many have been shipped, substantiating the claim that this station sends out more stock than any other in Nebraska.

**BLUE HILL.**—Barcus & Burge are building up a big business in the buying of horses and mules. They are shipping on an average of a car a week. This week they shipped a carload of horses which they purchased seventeen horses. Horse-buyers who have been making that place headquarters, have been unable to buy over there at the moment.

**BLUE HILL.**—W. C. Franch has disposed of his stock in the coal and ice business. Mr. Franch has been in the coal and ice business for his store and the duties of county treasurer. Possession will not be given for two or three weeks and in the meantime an invoice will be taken.

**MC'COOL.**—The Lyon union evangelistic meetings are being held in the subject of interest in this city. While the excellent music by Mr. Steitz and the great throng of worshippers are also the sermons of Evangelist Lyon. At the invitation last night more than 100 church members came to the meetings, the purpose to cut loose from things that hinder their spiritual effectiveness.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—The young state of Nebraska against Aaron Strauser and Robert Strauser, which was continued from December 13, was tried today in justice court of G. E. Simon before a jury. Defendants were charged with having assaulted and threatened to assault Jodylynn to John Burke, a farmer living five miles north of this city. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

**YORK.**—County Attorney C. E. Sandall dismissed the case against J. E. Ernisse of Greesham for allowing a billiard table in a billiard hall. County Attorney Sandall visited Greesham and after a personal investigation concluded there was no evidence that would convict Mr. Ernisse. He found quite a feeling against a billiard hall in Greesham. The action of county attorney Sandall saved the county some expense.

**FREMONT.**—A consolidated hack and rafter company is among the probabilities. The stables running hacks and baggage wagons to the depot propose to organize a company and issue stock to each of the three in proportion to the value of his stock. This will leave them but one competitor in the livery business and none in the hack and baggage line. As the hackmen are all charging the maximum fares allowed by the city ordinance there can be no advance in prices.

**TECUMSEH.**—David R. Oeder of Nashville, Tenn. formerly of this city, has sold his interests in the firm of Dillon & Oeder to Charles E. Buerstett of this city. The transfer includes 25 acres of the grass pasture land which borders on the city to the west two ice houses on the Nebraska river and six upstair houses on the street. The business of the firm is ice and pasture. The consideration was about \$10,000. Mr. Oeder will make his permanent home in the south.

**FREMONT.**—To prevent the flooding of the south part of the city by the spring rise of the Platte river, a levee is being built southwest of the city, a short distance from the bank of the river to keep the water from flowing further east. The county board voted \$100 for the purpose, additional money was raised by subscription and many of the smaller property owners are donating their work. The Burlington has agreed to put in a culvert through their right-of-way south of the brewery to let off the water in that part of the city.

**YORK.**—The Young Men's Christian association has organized a business men's club which will have rooms in the association

Half Price Sale Odds and Ends and Remnants FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

THE mighty upheaval of our recent gigantic Unloading Sale has brought to light innumerable odds and ends and remnants of every kind and description, which have been gathered together, placed on bargain tables and will be sold at Half Price Friday and Saturday. The collection is comprehensive, embracing a representative showing of thousands of remnants, odds and broken lots from every department in the Daylight Store. The values are, no doubt, the greatest ever given to the Omaha public. These remnants of our great sale we give you as a reminder of our matchless bargains hereafter every day in the week, this store will be center.

Half Price

- Half Off Sale of Odd Garments in the Ready-to-Wear Department—Second Floor
- LADIES' SUITS 1/2 PRICE.
- LADIES' HOUSE DRESSES 1/2 PRICE
- LADIES' ROBE KIMONOS 1/2 PRICE
- LADIES' CORSETS 1/2 PRICE
- INFANTS' and CHILDREN'S BONNETS—1/2 PRICE
- CHILDREN'S SWEATERS 1/2 PRICE
- LADIES' COATS 1/2 PRICE
- LADIES' WAISTS 1/2 PRICE
- BOYS' FLANNEL WAISTS 1/2 PRICE
- INFANTS' COATS 1/2 PRICE
- CHILDREN'S COATS 1/2 PRICE
- LADIES' SWEATERS 1/2 PRICE
- LADIES' SLEEVELESS KNIT VESTS—1/2 PRICE.

- Silk Remnants, all kinds 1/2 Price
- 2 to 8-yard Dress Goods Remnants 1/2 Price.
- Plain and Fancy Ribbon Remnants 1/2 Price
- Laces and Embroideries 1/2 Price.
- Ladies' Plain and Emb'd. H'dkerchiefs 1/2 Price
- Table Linen Remnants 2 to 3 yds. long 1/2 Price
- Table Napkins half dozen lots 1/2 Price
- Soiled Fancy Linens 1/2 Price
- Remnants of Toweling 1/2 Price
- Slightly Soiled Bed Spreads 1/2 Price
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- Odds and Ends and Broken Lines of Underwear 1/2 Price
- Ladies' and Children's Hosiery 1/2 Price

The great values of our Gigantic Unloading Sale pale beside the phenomenal offerings that await you here Friday and Saturday.

Half Price

Harbor Bed is Sinking

Kingston has practically ceased; only coal and rubbish are now burning. The district burned comprised a triangular area between the parade grounds, the foot of Duke street and Princess street. The parish church forms the apex of this triangle, which comprises about one-third part of the town. The wharves burned are the George & Brandy, Malabar, Hagratt, Lyons, Solomon's, demerado, Henriques and one, not both, of the Royal Mail Steam Packet company's wharves. The burned area is being cleared slowly, owing to the indisposition of the population to labor at double the usual wages. There are a few bodies still covered with ruins. The burials to noon this day comprise 36. The persons admitted to hospitals in Kingston total 40, excluding some sixty cases sent to Spanish Town from Kingston for treatment.

South Dakota Retailers

State Association Adjourns Annual Meeting After Adopting Resolutions at Mitchell. MITCHELL, S. D., Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The convention of the South Dakota Retail Merchants' association adjourned at noon today, with the election of the following officers: President, A. F. Grim of Parkston; secretary, L. S. Tyler of Sioux Falls; treasurer, H. O. Rime of Dell Rapids; vice presidents, G. Mittlesteadt of Milbank, Ed Oschner of Kimball, L. G. Levy of Webster, Robert Sundstrom of Beresford, J. T. Hansen of Canton and D. H. Loftus of DeSmet; directors, H. F. Wickham, Alexandria; A. P. McMillan, Conde; W. H. H. Bunting, L. N. Crill, Elk Point; ex-Governor A. T. Lee, Vermilion; L. J. Courshon.

Graphic Details of Disaster

Reports from Kingston Tell How Shock Affected Town. LONDON, Jan. 17.—Some graphic details of the Kingston disaster are given in one of the latest dispatches received here, dated from Holland Bay, January 15. According to this report the whole city of Kingston seemed to shrivel up, buildings crashed together and fell in a crushed mass, under the first shock. The business streets at the time were well filled with tourists, and, according to this correspondent, no doubt many of them were caught in the falling brick work and buried in the debris. Fire broke out immediately after the crash at three separate points. The fire department station was wrecked, rendering resistance to the flames impossible. The conflagration continued unchecked until Tuesday morning, by which time the whole business quarter of Kingston had been wiped out, the damage area comprising about a square mile. All the large warehouses in the lower part of the city were consumed and not a single house anywhere remained undamaged, the majority being unfit for habitation. When the dispatch was filed the bodies of many persons who had been staying at the Myrtle Bank hotel were still beneath the wreckage.

Great Clothing News

SOMETHING doing in the Clothing business—Saturday, Jan. 19, we will inaugurate a clothing sale that means something more than the usual run of "Sales"—not a lot of so-called "Bargains" but bona-fide reductions honestly made and of magnitude. Watch for our "ads" in Friday night and Saturday's papers, they will explain everything—then if you want to save more money than you ever thought possible on high-class cloths, we will be ready to help you do it.

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