

WOODMEN FIGHT EXPLAINED

Dr. Beghtol Outlines Purpose of Movement Within Order.

MEMBERS WANT TO CONTROL

Old Line Rates Promoted by Head Officers Cost Million Dollars and Quarter Million Members.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—That the Modern Woodmen of America have lost 27,000 members as a result of the passage of the "Chicago rate bill," is the assertion made in a statement issued by Dr. James V. Beghtol of this city, chairman of the national Modern Woodmen of America federation.

The defense of these rates, Dr. Beghtol declares, has cost the order directly and indirectly, approximately \$1,000,000. Dr. Beghtol's statement follows:

"The Chicago rate bill was an administration measure. It was prepared by the head officers together with a committee of their selection and actuaries from old line companies hired for the purpose."

"Although it was prepared in advance of the head camp meeting at Chicago, its provisions were not published in the Woodman paper and no notice of any kind was given to the membership of the proposed radical change in rates or plan of insurance. When the delegates met in Chicago they were wholly unprepared for the program which had been prepared for them. Being uninformed, without leadership or organization, many of them without experience in convention tactics, consequently could not cope with the powerful machine which had the bill in charge."

Camps Are Threatened. "The head officers went so far as to threaten camps and membership with expulsion from the order. As soon as organization could be effected, the membership appealed to the courts for relief. The head officers were enjoined and prevented from putting the rates into effect. The passage of the Chicago rate bill cost the order 27,000 of its best members and 300,000 more stood ready to go out had the suits brought by the membership been unsuccessful. Thus the order would have been decimated fully to the extent had the injunction suits not been instituted."

"During the years 1912 and 1913 the head officers defended the Chicago rates both in and out of court, on the platform and in the press. Their defense has made their names and their offices practically synonymous with the bill. The meeting of the Chicago head camp held for the purpose of passing the rate legislation cost the order practically \$200,000 and the defense of the rates has cost the order, directly and indirectly, during the years 1912-1913 practically \$1,000,000 and one-fourth of its membership."

"After two years of warfare we are now asked by the head officers and their friends to separate the issue, that is, the rates and the authors of them. We cannot. They are inseparable, bound together by a tie which cannot be broken. The head officers now proclaim the rates dead, yet they are chained to the corpse; they cannot get away from it; it follows them wherever they go; they cannot hide it; they cannot bury it. We cannot separate the bill from the authors."

"The Modern Woodmen federation has therefore, for its object:

1. The repeal of the Chicago rates in 1914.

2. The restoration of the control of the order to the membership and the election of an entirely new set of head officers.

"The head camp now issues a circular called the News Letter. Examination of Nos. 1 to 7 shows almost the entire space given to an exhibition of fear that the insurgent leaders want office. The holding of office is now with him the paramount issue.

"In an experience of nearly two years' work in the federation I do not know of one single insurgent who is a candidate for any head office. I know there are none in Nebraska. The only candidate so far nominated or seeking nomination with whom I am acquainted is the present head, constituted nominated by Mr. Brysh and who evidently hopes to continue in office through Mr. Brysh's popularity."

"The members of the Modern Woodmen of America federation embrace practically nine-tenths of the membership. They are the patriots of the order. They have saved to the members of the order in Nebraska during the year 1912 practically \$1,000,000. They have saved to the order 300,000 of its members and prevented its threatened dissolution.

"I Want Return to Old Plan. "We adhere to the old plan of insurance upon which our order was founded and which has been in existence during the last thirty years. We deplore the phrase now used by the head camp, that our plan is a "pass the hat plan," a phrase calculated to deter applicants from joining the order rather than securing them. The whole deputy system has long since departed from its legitimate work and is engaged solely in the attempt to save the head officers. Between \$20,000 and \$30,000 per month is now being spent from the general fund, and if this extravagance continues until the meeting of the next head camp there will not be money enough in the fund to pay the expenses of the meeting."

Art Exhibit at Lexington. LEXINGTON, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The art exhibit held under the auspices of the high school closed Friday night.

The exhibit aided with excellent programs each evening of the week has attracted large crowds. The interest shown in the schools and the exhibition has not been exceeded by anything in recent years. Another exhibit will be held next year. The schools of Lexington are in most excellent condition.

Judge Cornish Passes On Election Problem. (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Advocates of holding a special election to vote on bonding Lancaster county for the purpose of establishing a county telephone system under its provisions of the Fuller law met a temporary Waterloo in the district court of Lancaster county yesterday when Judge Cornish in a mandamus brought by E. G. Magri and others to compel the county commissioners to call a special election, decided that it was within the province of the county board to do as they pleased in the matter.

Judge Cornish did not attempt to pass upon the constitutionality of the Fuller law, though he stated that he believed it to be valid. He found, however, that the county board had power to exercise a reasonable discretion as to whether the election should be held at a regular or special election.

PLATTE AT NORTH BEND BELIEVED UNDER CONTROL. NORTH BEND, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The recent high water tested the dike under construction at the Platte river, but the work was so well fortified that but little damage was done. The temporary bridge was disabled, but has since been repaired. Engineer Price of Lincoln and Prof. Stout of the engineering department of the University of Nebraska have been here looking over the work and are confident that the water can be controlled and turned into the proposed new channel.

D. B. Howard is in Lincoln at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Fred Husband. Mrs. John Gillis of Boise, Idaho, arrived here last evening in response to the news of her mother-in-law, Mrs. P. Gillis' declining health.

George Cruckbank's pool hall effects were sold at sheriff's sale today. Cruckbank left town a few weeks ago, leaving many debts, which he was unable to pay.

FLEEING SPANIARDS TELL OF LOOTING BY THE REBEL SOLDIERS. (Continued from Page One.) requesting him to go at once to Chihuahua and advise with General Villa.

Thomas D. Edwards, United States consul at Juarez, attempted to telegraph to Chihuahua, but was told the wires were not working. Mr. Edwards finally arranged to send a messenger by automobile.

MANY CORN SHOW PRIZES

Winter Exhibit Will Be Larger in Spite of Drouth.

DISPLAY WITH FRUIT SHOW

Many Lots and Great Variety of Collections Upon Which Growers May Seek to Get Money For Experiments.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The winter corn show will be bigger and better than ever. Anyone visiting the Auditorium at Lincoln January 19-23 will be impressed with what the drouth did not do to the Nebraska corn crop.

The Nebraska Corn Improvers' association has planned a display in connection with the Nebraska State Horticultural society's big fruit and floral display and the state live stock breeders' home-cured meat show.

The corn show will include both junior and senior exhibits, including the trophies and the grand champion prize, there will be \$1,500 offered in prizes. The special features of the show are the junior and senior ten-acre exhibits, the boy's acre contest, the single ear entries, the high-yielding ear contest, the seed corn men's display, the freak classes, the five-acre wheat contest, the experiment station exhibits, the domestic art and domestic science exhibits and sweepstakes and grand championship prizes.

Ten-Acre Exhibits. The ten-acre exhibits include the honorary, amateur and junior classes. In the honorary classes there are two lots, \$4 in cash premiums being offered. In the amateur classes there are six lots, four in the eastern section and two in the western section of the state. In these six lots \$125 are offered as premiums.

In the junior ten-acre classes there are six lots, three in the eastern and three in the western section of the state. There are \$30 in these six classes. There are also two lots of potatoes in these junior classes, for which \$30 in premiums are offered.

The acre contest is open only to the juniors. The contest is divided, there being one part open to the eastern and one part open to the western section of the state. The prize money aggregates \$300.

Single Ear Entries. There are two single ear entries, one in the senior contest and one in the junior contest. The sum of \$48 is offered for the best ears entered.

The high yielding ear contests are practically the same as last year, there being a contest open to both juniors and seniors. Sixty dollars in the senior classes and \$40 in the junior classes are the cash premiums offered. The contestant picks a high yielding ear and sends it to the experiment station, where it is planted and tested.

Seed corn growers who wish to make a display at the winter show will be furnished space free of charge under the same terms as last year.

Freak Classes. The freak classes, three in number, are open to both the juniors and the seniors. There are \$35 offered in these classes. These exhibits will be highly interesting and all those who have found freaks are requested to send them to the show.

The millers' five-acre wheat contest is open to the honorary and amateur members. The premiums include \$25 in cash and the millers' club trophy, worth \$50. The domestic science exhibit is held in connection with the junior classes. This exhibit has been enlarged this year and includes the departments of domestic art and domestic science. There are nine lots in the domestic art exhibit and five lots in the domestic science exhibit, \$155 being offered for exhibits in these classes.

Sweepstake Prizes. In the sweepstake prizes the following are included: Griswold Seed company's trophy, offered for the best ten ears of seed corn; the Rudge trophy, given for the best ear of corn of any variety and the millers' trophy. The International Harvester company offers this year a fully equipped Buckeye farm wagon as a grand championship prize in the ten-acre contest. This is open to both junior and senior classes.

In the junior classes the Commercial club of Lincoln offers a trophy for the best ten ears of any variety. The Daughters of the American Revolution give a trophy for the best domestic science exhibits.

For particulars concerning the junior show write the superintendent of the junior show and for details concerning the senior show, write Superintendent Nebraska Corn show, University farm, Lincoln, Neb.

Marsh Elder's Spell Still Holds Elevator

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The ghost of Speaker Marsh Elder still haunts the state house, and while the gentleman may be in the land of the living, the edict sent out when he was speaker of the legislature, in populist times that the state house elevator "don't go," still seems to be on the job.

For nearly a quarter of a century, or at least for twenty-two years, the elevator has remained idle. A few weeks ago the State Board of Public Land and Buildings completed the fitting up of offices on the fourth floor of the state house and it seemed necessary that the elevator should be revived.

Instead of consulting Mr. Elder about the matter and prevailing upon him to take back the spell, which he had cast over the contrivance, they went to work and attempted to get it going by installing modern appliances. They paid out to some firm a large wad of the state's money to start the thing going and it worked pretty well until all the money was paid over. Yesterday it stopped midway between the first and second floors and despite the efforts of everybody to start it going it persisted in remaining immovable. There it stands today as silent and ghostly as it has all the twenty-two years while the specter of that curse that "the elevator don't go," still haunts it.

Just what action the board will take to compel the company to make good after being paid for the installation of the new machinery has not been decided.

REPUBLICAN CITY FORMS COMMERCIAL CLUB

REPUBLICAN CITY, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The business men and citizens of Republican City organized a Commercial club Thursday evening. C. A. Lence was elected temporary chairman. Committees were appointed and the necessary steps taken toward a permanent organization.

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Governor Waiting to Hear Tread of Marching Feet.

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When asked if he would not reconsider his stand in the matter if the democrats of the state should demand that he accept a renomination, he admitted that as yet he had heard no very great rumbling along that line. Whether this would indicate that the governor had been having his ear close to the ground in anticipation of hearing the "rumbling" is not known, but he admits that some time ago a Hastings editor of the democratic brand had written him asking if he would change his stand in the matter if 50,000 democrats would petition him to do so.

Looking to First District. Between the times when the executive ear is listening for the calling of the untried 50,000, he is considering ways and means how to pull off some kind of a stunt, which will start the 18,496 democrats who voted for him for governor in the First congressional district clamoring for his acceptance of the democratic nomination for congress in this district.

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However, the governor has ideas regarding the governorship, which can be taken both ways. In his talk yesterday he said that the term of a governor ought to be four years, as he could not accomplish much in two years. On top of that he said that no man could afford to hold the office more than two years. Of course, both ends of the democratic mule are going in the same direction at this time, but if perchance our end should reverse directions as it has many times in the past, the governor might be at a disadvantage in keeping his seat.

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But while the democrats are expecting a squabble the republicans will not be entirely out of the line fight. Should Lieutenant Governor McKelvie finally make up his mind that he cannot get around the eligibility clause in the constitution which seemingly prevents him from running for governor, it is likely that he will make up his mind to try conclusions with George W. Marsh, Thomas Pratt, ex-Senator Selleck and Edward G. Magri, for the republican nomination for congress. In that case the republicans will have plenty to occupy their minds while it is possible that the bull moosers may make up their minds to go it alone and put up a candidate or two.

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If Kidneys Feel Like Lead or Your Back Hurts, Take Salts. We eat too much meat, which clogs Kidneys, and they need a flushing occasionally. No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which clogs the kidney pores, so they slightly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood, then you get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders come from sluggish kidneys. The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by sensation of scalding, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine so no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders. Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink, which all regular meat eaters should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications—Advertisement.

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