

BRINGING UP FATHER

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STATE'S AUTO MEN FORM TRADE BODY

Elect Lee Huff President of Organization to Watch Business Problems.

FOLLOWS BEEFSTEAK EATS

OFFICERS NAMED.
 Lee Huff, Omaha, president.
 Elmer King, Lincoln, vice president.
 Clarke G. Powell, Omaha, secretary-treasurer.
 Three-year term directors: Ed C. North, Platt; D. B. Young, Fairbury; Ed Rietz, Hooper; John Brannagan, Columbus; D. G. Bell, York.
 Two-year term directors: C. R. Livingston, McCook; George Spiegel, Beatrice; Gus Sherman, Hastings; A. W. Breyer, Norfolk; A. V. Zabel, Auburn.
 One year directors: James Cornish, Tekamah; John Mounich, Fremont; Mont Harris, Omaha; George Petring, Nebraska City; W. S. Jackson, Valentine.

Speed of autos is nothing when compared with the speed of auto men. Six hundred successful business men, with their stomachs well-lined with juicy beefsteak, sat Thursday in a banquet room at the Fontenelle hotel and voted, without one dissenting voice, to organize the Nebraska Automobile Trade Association. No sooner was the vote taken than the deed was done and the men adopted a constitution and by-laws without even reading them or having them read. Then they elected officers.

The organization of this society, which hopes to include in its roster 2,000 auto dealers of Nebraska, was effected within thirty minutes and Lee Huff of Omaha was president of a new society with 110 charter members, whose first-year dues and initiation fees were all paid up.

Menus Helped Some.
 Perhaps the menu acted as an accelerator to the banquet. It read, "Beefsteak, baked potatoes, water, coffee, beer, more beefsteak, more baked potatoes, more to drink, still more beefsteak, still more baked potatoes, still more to drink." With the cravings of the inner man thus appeased, the auto dealers just smoked and organized.

Engle Is Honored.
 Ed Engle of Norfolk was chosen national vice president. The national delegates are W. Beckman of Lincoln and W. E. Harvey of Newman Grove. The last three will represent the Nebraska auto men at the convention of the National Auto Trade Association, of which the newly-formed body will become a member as soon as its articles of incorporation are filed.

J. C. Thorpe of Chicago, general organizer of the National Auto Trade Association, was a guest at the banquet. He it was who helped to form the local association and it was upon his word that the auto dealers adopted without a reading the constitution and by-laws.

The new association will serve the three-fold purpose of protecting and advancing the political, economic and social welfare of its members, it is hoped.

To Watch Legislation.
 It will try to ward off all legislation that might prove injurious to the business. By means of pertinent literature it will conduct a correspondence college to enable its members to keep abreast of the newest practicable ideas of the trade. It will hold semi-annual meetings to let the members know one another more intimately.

"It will be a clearing house for suggestions," said President Huff, optimistically. "I believe it will benefit us all greatly, because when 2,000 men, experienced in one business, start to swap trade ideas there is sure to be some benefit to the man who is alert."

Chalmers Pulls Engine Up Steep Hill to Fire

One of the most enthusiastic visitors at the auto show is Alva Able of Fullerton, Neb. He tells an interesting story of an experience he had last week.

The imposing edifice on the summit of Mt. Jehu, a high hill directly west of Fullerton, caught fire one night last week. The road ascending the hill is so very steep and rough, due to washouts, that it was a problem for a long time as to how to get the heavy hose cart and firemen to the top of the hill in time to make their work effective. It was solved by Mr. Able, who attached his Chalmers 6-30 to the fire fighting apparatus and with fourteen men in and on the car climbed the hazardous path in record-breaking time.

York College Quintet Defeats Hastings Five

York, Neb., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—York college defeated Hastings college in a game of basket ball this evening, 38 to 8.
 The girls of York college defeated Grand Island college girls in a game of basket ball this evening, 26 to 10.

Smith Form-a-Truck as a Fire Wagon



Little did Ralph Madsen think when he left his farm home near Creighton, Neb., last Monday that within a few days he would be riding through the streets of Omaha on a bright-red fire wagon, ringing a gong and commanding the wonder of the multitude.
 Ralph is seven feet two inches in height, and the Smith Form-a-Truck people have employed him. He wears a fireman's helmet, which further accentuates his height.

Cutaway Chassis Of Chalmers Motor Interesting Exhibit

One of the most interesting exhibits at the auto show is a stripped cutaway chassis of the Chalmers 6-30 which is lectured on for the Western Motor Car company by Al Wingert of Detroit, one of the old timers in the automobile game, and one of the best posted authorities in automobile lore.
 Mr. Wingert has been making the show circuit for years and has a personal acquaintance with every man, woman and child who has been connected with the automobile industry in the show cities.
 "Of all the shows I have made this year, Omaha is equal to the best of them. Chicago and New York have been no better except in size. And the interest shown by the dealers and retail prospects in the Chalmers chassis exceeds at Omaha anything I have seen elsewhere," says Mr. Wingert.

The stripped chassis is one of the most imposing, and incidentally, one of the most expensive mechanical exhibits that has been shown on the circuit this year. To one with a mechanical mind it cannot help but appeal. It shows in detail every part of the mechanism, no matter how minute, just as it moves and works under road conditions. The parts of the mechanism are enclosed in glass, others are cut away entirely, the entire mechanism is operated by an electric motor.

One sees the immense 97-pound chrome Nickel crank shaft revolve on its exceedingly large bearings, sees the sturdy gears shifting from speed to speed on their heavy Hyatt bearings; the easy vibrationless action of the 12-ounce Lynite pistons, and all the other mechanical details which generally are hidden from the view of the buyer.

Nebraska City to Have Two New School Houses

Nebraska City, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—Measurements have been taken for the excavation of the new \$25,000 school building, bonds for which were voted last year, to be erected on the Fourteenth street grounds. It has also been decided to submit a bond issue proposition this spring for a \$35,000 school building to take the place of the present Sixth Street school and have both schools ready for the starting of the fall term. Aside from the two new school buildings, Nebraska City is to have two new garages and a new machine shop erected; also about one and one-half miles of new paving.

Free Garden Seeds for Ambitious Poor Folks

Nine big mail pouches of free garden seeds have just been received by Mrs. George W. Doane of the Associated Charities for distribution to persons who may apply. Free distribution of these seeds is intended to help needy persons in raising garden truck to cut down the high cost of living.

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey.
 For your cold and bronchial cough use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It cuts the phlegm, relieves congestion. Only 25c. All druggists.—Advertisement.

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 But to you, the retail buyer.
 Come in and save on your Spring Furnishings.

Iowa Probably Will Discontinue Track Athletics

Iowa City, Ia., March 1.—(Special.)—Track athletics at Iowa probably will be abolished this spring by action of the athletic board unless students rally to the support of the sport. Action taken by the board yesterday afternoon called a meeting of presidents of student organizations and classes for some evening next week. At this meeting a member of the board will present the situation.

The facts are that Iowa has lost between \$2,000 and \$3,000 each year for the last six years in this branch of athletics. While track is also a losing proposition at other schools, most of them have some glory and honor to show for the expense. Iowa has won one dual meet in the last six years, beating Drake in 1913. In state and conference meets the Hawkeyes have never ranked high.

The meeting of students next week will be asked to undertake getting men out for track. If sufficient interest is shown, then the sport will be tried again this spring. If not, it is probable that three weeks will see the end of track athletics at Iowa for the present.

Give your Want Ad a chance to make good. Run it in The Bee.

Fairbury Men Say Great Western Wants To Run in Nebraska

Fairbury, Neb., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Announcement was made yesterday here that the Kansas City & Northwestern railway had passed from the hands of the receiver and that the new officers were all Chicago Great Western men. Fairbury men recall that this road was built in the early '80s as a branch of the Missouri Pacific railway, starting at Wyandotte, Kan., and halting at Virginia, over in Gage county. It was the intention of this railroad at that time to build the road on through to Fairbury and west.

The Chicago Great Western, railroad men here say, has long been desirous of crossing the Missouri river with a line that would eventually reach the coast, and for years had its eyes on the St. Joseph & Grand Island, passing through Fairbury, but since the Union Pacific took over this railroad the idea was abandoned.

Certain Fairbury men have secured inside information that since the Great Western has secured this road as far as Virginia eventually the line may be extended.
 Fairbury is already division headquarters for the Rock Island and is laying wires for any other roads that may pass by.

MAXWELL'S RECORD ON SWAMP ROADS

Traverses Florida Bogs for Long Distance With Wonderful Endurance.

HE SETS UP NEW MARK

Tampa, Fla., March 1.—Taking a route that involved the risk of sinking out of sight in the great Withlacoochee swamp in central Florida if his motor stopped, Percy W. Gibbs, Detroit automobile driver, this week established a remarkable new motor car speed and endurance record for the 276 miles between here and Jacksonville and attained the distinction of having been the first man to cross Florida's second greatest bog locality in an automobile.

Gibbs used a Maxwell touring car on the run and he carried three passengers besides himself.
 The route through the twenty-five miles of chee swamp cuts twenty-five miles off the distance between the two largest Florida cities.

Gibbs left Jacksonville at 1 a. m. and was in Tampa at the start of the business day. The total distance covered was 276 miles, and this he negotiated without car or motor stop. His average for the run was approximately forty miles an hour.

The route through the twenty-five miles of swamp was made with the aid of a Seminole Indian native and guide, who piloted the car from high spot to high spot and whose final caution to the driver was to avoid allowing the car to stop at any point within the water logged district. Frequently the car was in water holes two feet deep, while water stretches axle-deep often continued a half mile or more. There is no sign of life in the gulfie other than the alligators, their native reptile companions and the tropical birds.
 The Withlacoochee swamp lies

northeast of Dade City, above the Withlacoochee river, and the district is second only to the Everglades as an impenetrable bog district. Gibbs crossed the swamp in darkness, using two extra regulation headlights attached to his windshield to light up the trail the Indian had marked out.

Solon Songbirds Make Rafter's Shake With Their Melodies

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
 Lincoln, March 1.—(Special.)—A legislative quartet that took members of the session by surprise today at the Nebraska observance program, was composed of Senators Oberlies and McAllister and Speaker Jackson and Representatives Shannon. Some of their songs were original parodies that "took off" the members and brought roars of laughter and applause.

Speaker Jackson has a deep bass, which at one time seemed to jar the very rafters which hold up the roof and many anxious looks were cast

above as he struck the low notes. Senator Oberlies has a rich, baritone of fine range, while Representative Shannon and Senator McAllister took the tenor parts in fine shape.
 Some of the verses follow:

Tune, "John Brown's Body."
 Brave Jerry Howard is a soldier of the folks,
 From Florence down to Albright he can get
 the people's votes.
 Let corporations go to heck,—all wicked
 men and bakes,
 While Jerry marches on.
 Ed Howell's got a busy bee to knock Jim
 Dahman out.
 He's purer much than Ivory soap, for virtue
 doth he shout,
 But why those wicked bucaners should try
 to put him out,
 When he is marching on,
 Tune, "Hold the Fort!"
 Hold the walls, the roof is falling,
 There she goes go-burn,
 Stand from under, hear us calling,
 Give us place to jump.
 Tune, "Marching Through Georgia."
 Presiding governor Howard with the hair
 around his ears,
 And since the prior has gone so high it
 seldom sees the stairs,
 But he can paint a picture with his lips
 that melts to tears.
 His majesty's march on,
 Hoo-ray, Hoo-ray, we sing of days ago,
 Hoo-ray, Hoo-ray, we join in joyous song,
 'Twere foul indeed to scound, a hot that
 traveled right alone,
 When we are getting soured and
 drown-did.

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