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Constitutional Convention Exhorts Present Delegates among us who are prone to forget that this country is a representative

John Lee Webster of Omaha Addresses Delegates at Lincoln-Sketches History of Nebraska-Pays Tribute to Drafters of First State Constitution-Cautions Members to Maintain Broad Vision Into cial decisions. In some states the the Future.

Lincoln, Jan. 8 .- (Special.)-Lawers are prohibited from using their kill and knowledge of law to secure he release of prisoners at the penientiary in a proposal introduced in ne constitutional convention Thursby Rankin of Kearney county. The introduction of the proposal brought out considerable amusement s it was looked upon as a direct hot at one member of the convenon who for some time has been in he limelight in connection with the elease of Kirk from the peniten-

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Member Would Stop Law-

yers Evading Law With

Technicalities.

The rules committee will have to make more explicit one of the rules dopted by the convention relative o reports of committees on proosals. The present rules require all go to the general file. 75 by Anderson was Proposal No. eported for indefinite postponement. discussion was had on the report and the question was raised as to hether a proposal could be disother than in committee of ussed the convention were

Members of ddenly awakened to the fact that Nebraska as well as California and ther Pacific coast states, has the apanese problem on its hands, when J. G. Beeler, delegate from incoln county, offered proposal No. state. The convention of 1871 fol-15, which prohibits aliens herelowed, but its report was rejected by the people. In 1875 a convention as-sembled which drafted the constitufter from acquiring title to laud or easing it for more than one year ion under which the state has grown t a time

and developed and prospered for does not name Japa-The measure se or any other nationality, but pplies alike to all aliens. It would event the Scully estate from exinding its possessions in Nebraska. of them, and said: long as the ownership is vested in "Equally distinguished honors nyone not a citizen of this coun-

Mr. Beeler, in reply to a query as to what caused him to introduce the declared that Japs have roposal en purchasing farms in Lincola ounty and elsewhere in western thoughtful and hearty endorsement the work accomplished by them. of the people. lebraska to an extent which has

armed some of the people there. In all of its declarations of fundamental ticular executive, or the will of a larmed some of the people there. In rms and working the land. Scotts Bluff county has a large plony of Japanese, many of them youd the range of criticism. In its the constitution, whose organ of ut- the only two former members of orkers in the beet sugar facand the department of judiciary it by it. "The federal constitution furnishes sent out. Letters ories and others engaged in raising contained some limitations and recets. There, also, a considerable strictions which were unwise. already passed into reage

The Beeler measure does not at

empt to divest those who have ught or leased land heretofore of

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 8.-(Special.) with a bright vision of the great fu-John Lee Webster of Omaha ad- ture and draft an instrument freed dressed the constitutional conven- from all unnecessary limitations and tion this afternoon in response to restrictions, and liberal enough in its an invitation from that body. Mr. terms and broad enough in its scope Webster presided over the conven- and purposes as to be adequate to tion of 1875, and it was considered meet not only the governmental eminently fitting that he should be needs of the 2,000,000 today, but the asked to counsel the present body needs of the many millons more that connection with its work. shall come to our state before the He briefly sketched the history of new constitution shall have existed ebraska as part of the Louisiana for a period of time equal to that of purchase, referring to the constitu-tional convention called in 1864 and "It was said many years ago that

which adjourned without formulat- a constitution is not a garment ing a document, and then the gath- which had been made to please the ering of 1866, from which came the fancy of every individual, but is part constitution embodying the word and parcel of the national life, the "white" as a qualification for vot- natural outcome of the conscious-

He told of the discussion this engendered in congress in which such giants as Ben Wade, Charles "Constitutions are named to pro-Sumner, John Sherman and George tect the inalienable rights, the life F. Edmunds participated. It drew and liberty of the citizens. Behind a veto for the enabling act from every constitution there should be President Johnson, but in 1867 con-the coercive sanction of a crystallizgress overrode the veto and the ed public sentiment to maintain it new state came in.

Too Many Limitations.

the federal and state constitutions The first constitution was too rigid embrace ideas and ideals which the early fathers battled to realize durand contained too many limitations, ing the long war of the revolution its framers lacking the vision to em-brace the possible growth of the and which our war veterans battled to maintain and perpetuate during

the four years of the civil war. An Excellent Example.

"These ideas and ideals, declared in the form of fundamental principles, should not be made to yield to nearly half a century. To the men who composed that body Mr. Web-expediencies. If a citizen should bester paid a brief tribute, citing the come impatient with the wise caupublic honors that had come to many tion and delay enjoined by the constitution and would seek to break down its barriers by hasty action, await you, members of this conven- he should be persuaded to study tion, in recognition of work well ac- the constitution and to learn the circomplished, if the instrument which cumstances out of which it grew. you shall draft shall be of a degree the qualities of the men who fashof excellence which shall meet the joned it, as well as the quality of

"Mere majorities, majorities for

general principles of government, particular legislator-rule only for has remained unchallenged as be- the occasion. Over them all rules

larations. It is not what you or as individuals might wish to have in serted in the constitution.

Test of All Time.

"Our individual opinions may be of little value. It is far better to accept the essential elements of constitutional government which have stood the test of time, and not to abandon any of the great principles which have inspired the growth of our institutions. In this day of mod-ern innovation there are some

"That representative principle has been challenged in many of the western states of the union, includ-

ing Nebraska, by the initiative and referendum, and in others by the threatned recall of judges and judi-

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Mr. Webster quoted the words of warning uttered by George Washto the convention that drafted the federal constitution: In the Hands of God.

"If, to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, now can we afterward defend our work? Let us raise a standard to which the wise and just can repair. The event is in the hands of God.' He outlined the function of the courts in construing and applying the constitution that the rights and iberties of the people under the law

might be preserved from encroach-ment at the hands of government. The judiciary is the balance wheel ness of the people, and should be of the constitution, and to perform its perfect work it must be beyond the possibility of attack and destruction. Defining a constitution,

he said: "While the strength of a constitution lies in its elasticity and adaptability, to slow and progressive change, it is neither, on the one as a permanent institution Both hand a sandy beach, which is slowly destroyed by the erosion of the waves, nor on the other hand, is it Gibraltar rock, which wholly resists the ceaseless washing of time and circumstance."

Sketching the growth of constitutional government, and quoting some of the shortsighted utterances of legislators of the past with regard to the developments of the Mr. Webster prophetically west. spoke of the day not far away, in is opinion, when Nebraska will have a population of many times its present number, and cautioned the delegates to keep in view not slone the needs of today, but to frame a constitution that will meet the needs of 20 millions instead of

Judge Abbott Speaks.

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At the close of General Webster's address, Judge O. A. Abbott of Grand Island was introduced and spoke for a few moments of the work of the convention of 1875. Messrs. Webster and Abbott were provisions relating to state officials terance is the judiciary established constitutional conventions able to be present in response to invitation:

strictions which were unwise. "I trust that the members of this free from nonessentials. It is brief, convention shall perform their work clear, simple and concise in its dec-



Strong Sentiment in State For Wood for President

Reported at Lincoln Convention.

Lincoln, Jan. 8 .- (Special.)-The general state conference of members of the Wood-for-President club guaranty of individual liberty has held here showed a strong sentiment been threatened by socialistic meas- all over the state for Leonard Wood ures and property rights have been for the republican nomination for destroyed by confiscatory legisla- the presidency, according to reports the presidency, according to reports of those in attendance. Strong reso-

lutions were adopted favoring his candidacy, also others commending the work of Frank P. Corrick as manager of the campaign in this state. Selection of delegates was made both at large and for the sev-

eral congressional districts. Delegates at large favored were: ohn W. Towle, Omaha; F B. Corck. Lincoln; C. E. Sandall, York; D. Richards, Fremont. Alternates, H. E. Stein, Hastings; J. E. Lutz, Blair; E. F. Robinson, Hartington;

L. Pindell, sydney. District delegates favored were: First Congressional District-Delegates: W. A. Selleck, Lincoln Edgar S. Furneau, Auburn, Alter ates: D. M. Douthett, Lincoln ates: D. ydney S. Stewart, Tecumseh.

Third District—Delegates: A. R. Davis, Wayne; E. B. Penney, Fuller-ton, Alternates: John McCarthy, jr. Ponca: A. Bergman, Columbus,

Fourth District-Delegates: H. F Sackett, Beatrice; A. M. Hare, Au ora. Alternates: A. V. Pease, Fairury; George Liggett, Utica.

Fifth District-Delegates: I. D. Evans, Kenesaw; W. H. Miller, Bloomington, Alternates: H. H. Ellis, Holdrege; A. J. Gardner, Or-Sixth District-Delegates: W. H

onvention of 1871, and E. S. Towle of Falls City, who represented Richrdson county in the same conven-

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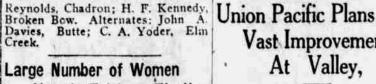
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Vast Improvements Vote In Fairbury Election

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 8.-(Special.) Improvements costing above \$1,-Fairbury, Neb., Jan. 8.-(Special.) -The paving bond election held uesday resulted favorably to those 000,000 will be made on the Union Pacific roadbed and the Valley yards Fairbury now has 20 blocks of that has reached local officials. The paving and has voted for 70 more, plans contemplate the laying of new was crowded. The jazz making a total of 90 blocks.

ley to Summitt and the old ma line from Lane to Gilmore. Th Valley yards will be enlarged and roundhouse built with eight a new At Valley, Neb. stalls. The eastbound main line will be regraveled from Columbus to

Jazz Band Made Hit.

Hebron, Ne., Jan. 8 .- (Special.) -The Hebron fire department staged a home talent play, titled "The Cowboy." The opera house was crowded. The jazz band made

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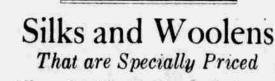
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my rights they now mposes restrictions which will beeffective as soon as the prooosal is submitted to the people and atified at the fall election.

New Proposals.

No. 210, by Rankin-Provides that technicalities shall not be allowed to de-feat justice, and forbids attorneys to use their skill in clearing guilty persons. No. 211, by Howard-Makes present Omaha charter subject to home rule

Command charter subject to holds full amendments. Y No. 212, by Norman and Others-Sal-aries of state and county officers to be fixed by law; no fees to be retained, but all fees collected to be accounted for. No. 213, by Landgren and Others-Four-year term for county judges. No. 214, by Beeler-Prohibits any coun-ty, municipality or other public subdivi-sion from making any donation to a railroad.

No. 215, by Beeler-Forbids allen own-riship of land, or leasing for a longer time than one year. No. 216, 12 Landgron-Permits payment

No. 216. 16: Landgron-Permits payment of salary to county judges. No. 217. by Radke-Guarantees the right of labor to organize, and bargain collectively in industrial disputes. Au-thorizes the legislature to create an in-fustrial court for the purpose of arbitrat-ing disputes and enforcing all laws re-aling to hours of labor, working condi-ions, and other matters affecting labor. Provision for appeals to be taken direct to the state supreme court.

Commends Budget System.

Lincoln, Jan. 8. - (Special.)-Charles Wallace Collins of the lilegislative reference, has written a er to Philip F. Boss, secretary of the Department of Finance of this state in which he commends highly he budget system now in vogue in this state, and gives Mr. Bross a strong personal boost for his suc-cessful method of handling the fiancial system of the state.



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