

# GUESTS

Returned Home.

Local Germans Are Good Entertainers,

But Their Visitors Were Unappreciative.

Names of the Newly Elected Officers

Do Not Include Those of Akron Men.

Next Convention Will be Held In Texas.

Local Committee Has a Deficit of \$800 to Meet.

The National Convention of the North American Krieger-Bund was concluded at Conrad Hall, Tuesday evening, with the completion of regular business of the organization.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Wm. E. Vach; vice president, Frank Erling, St. Paul; secretary, Mylius Langenhan, Cleveland; treasurer, Martin Gass, Chicago; secretary of Beneficial Association, Wm. Zimmerman, of Toledo; director of law, Carl Schmidt, Cleveland; trustees, E. Stremmel, San Antonio, Tex.; A. Schall, Cincinnati; Chas. Greissman, Elgin, Ill.

It was decided to hold the next convention at San Antonio, in Aug. 1901. A social session was held at Conrad hall Tuesday evening, and today—Wednesday—the delegates are leaving for their homes. Many of them left Tuesday evening. It was expected that festivities would continue today, but nearly all the delegates have left.

A DISAPPOINTMENT. Those directly interested in the convention are greatly disappointed in its results. To begin with, 16 societies

**Akron's local German organizations are all right as entertainers. They have the respect and sympathy of all of Akron's citizens.**

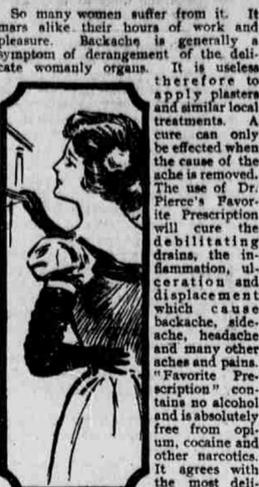
within the organization were not represented, and, with the exception of those from neighboring towns, delegations were small.

To the local organizations and committees, who worked hard and in good faith, nothing other than praise is due. They were honest in their belief that a large crowd would be here, and they made arrangements accordingly. Arrangements for entertainment, exclusive of individual and special efforts, entailed an expenditure of \$1,800. Receipts were \$1,000. Loss \$800.

Unpleasant weather Monday evening did much to mar the success of the convention; but the prime cause of the failure of the convention was due to the indifferent and unappreciative attitude of the majority of the delegates, who seemed to ignore nearly everything done in their behalf. Apparently they were here to transact as speedily as possible the business of the convention and get away. Especially did the president officer of the convention, ex-President Moritz Oehler, of Chicago, show not only a deficiency in politeness, but in interest in local affairs as well. This was shown in one instant more than others.

Monday was the big day of the convention, socially. The arrangements committee had provided a good program for the entertainment of officers and delegates, at Lakeside Park in the

# Backache.



So many women suffer from it. It mars alike their hours of work and pleasure. Backache is generally a symptom of derangement of the delicate womanly organs. It is useless therefore to apply plasters and similar local treatments. A cure can only be effected when the cause of the ache is removed. The use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will cure the debilitating drains, the inflammation, ulceration and displacement of the organ which cause backache, headache and many other aches and pains. "Favorite Prescription" contains no alcohol and is absolutely free from opium, cocaine and other narcotics. It agrees with the most delicate persons.

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afternoon. It was to begin promptly at 2 o'clock, but President Oehler and other officers and many delegates never went near the park until 3 o'clock, delaying the program, much to the discomfort and disgust of those interested.

The majority of the delegates practically ignored Akron. They acted as if the city was not large enough for them, and they were afraid to become appreciative, lest it might give the impression that they were not fastidious, and were capable of realizing the warmth of heart, and loyalty of effort to conduce to their pleasure. They wanted people to know that they were used to larger cities than Akron, and forthwith their coldness congealed their better feelings.

The local committees were led to believe that not less than 5,000 delegates would be here, and the number who came did not reach 500. During the largest business sessions Tuesday, the full vote of the convention did not exceed 115.

Many of the hotels and restaurants whose managements made special arrangements, expecting large crowds, have suffered considerable loss. It is conservatively estimated that not less than \$5,000 have been lost by local business men on account of the convention.

Akron is, as Mr. P. E. Werner said in his address not equipped for holding big conventions, by reason of its having no large hall, and perhaps Akron people expected too much. Nevertheless, their disappointment in the national convention of the North American Krieger-Bund is bitter.

The best that this city had and its heartiest welcome, were extended; they were "trifles" in the opinion of the delegates, and Akron was a loser thereby.

But, there is a comfort in knowing what a cultured German delegate from Chicago said, with reference to the convention. "This convention, and its delegates as a whole, are not representative of our national organization."

But, to give a man his due, it was but proper and expected that a few final words of thanks and appreciation from President Oehler, for the kindness Akron had shown to him and his brother officers and delegates, were forthcoming. He was interviewed at Hotel Buchtel Tuesday evening.

"Mr. Oehler, what is your impression of Akron and the public spirit of her citizens? Did they not do all in their power to make your visit pleasant?" "Oh," replied President Oehler, "Akron will do, I guess."

"Did you enjoy your visit here?" "Oh, don't bother me."

# THREATENING

## Fire In Immense Elevator of American Cereal Co.

Equipment of Department Almost Entirely Useless In Fighting Against Destruction of Property.

It Was Half an Hour Before the Steamer Hose Was Carried to the Roof of the Burning Structure.

Damage Largely Due to Water That Soaked 150,000 Bushels of Recently Stored Grain—Thrilling Features of the Fire.

Elevator A, Empire Mills, American Cereal company, damaged by fire. Loss on 125,000 bushels of grain from \$25,000 to \$35,000. Loss on building, \$2,000 to \$2,500. Both fully insured. Alarm turned in at 10:35. First steamer hose started at 11:12. Height of building 75 feet. Longest ladder in department 35 feet.

The immense mills of the American Cereal company narrowly escaped destruction Tuesday night. At 10:35 fire was discovered in the grain elevator immediately under the roof.

An alarm was turned in and the departments from stations 1, 2 and 4 responded. It was more than half an hour after this before a steamer hose was brought into use. This was not the fault of the men employed by the city to fight fires but the result of the antiquated equipment.

**SOUNDED THE ALARM.** Automatic sprinklers are located throughout the mill. These are so arranged that as soon as one begins to work a gong is sounded in the engine room. It was in this manner that the fire was discovered. It was some time before the fire could be located. At first nothing was visible. At 10:45 a small blaze began to creep out of one of the top windows of the lofty structure. This rapidly increased in size until the flames were fanned into raging fire. All this time the people stood and watched the futile efforts of the firemen, who were unable to reach the fire. At 11:12 the first steamer hose was brought into play.

**UNDER CONTROL.** At that hour it looked as though the structure was doomed. The fire had gained great headway and the flames were leaping high in the air. Fortunately the flames were confined to the upper portion of the structure. The lower floors were being flooded by streams from the company's automatic pumps. There was great danger of the fire spreading to the oat elevator immediately north of the burning structure. A tram-way connected the two buildings near the top. This was quickly closed by employees of the company who knew the mills better than the firemen. At midnight the fire was under control and at 2 o'clock the fire department returned to their respective houses. It was a fortunate escape from the total destruction of the mills.

**THRILLING FEATURES.** From a spectacular standpoint the fire was one of the most thrilling ever witnessed in this city. The fire was 75 feet above the ground. In order to bring the lines of hose within striking distance it was necessary for the firemen to take some desperate risks. As soon as possible a ladder was placed on the awning in front of the elevator. A 35-foot extension ladder was drawn up to this point and placed against the side of the structure. This did not come within three

feet of the roof of the building. The firemen crawled to the top of the ladder. One man was lifted from the top of the ladder to the cornice of the roof. He pulled himself up until he succeeded in gaining a foothold. He then reached down and assisted others in getting on the top of the building. In this manner enough firemen reached the roof to pull up a line of hose. It required half an hour to accomplish this. Water was soon turned on the fire. There is a fire escape on the north side of the building and a line of hose was carried up this. The escape does not reach to the roof and it was of little use to the department.

**DEPARTMENT CRITICISED.** The department was severely criticised by the crowd. It was claimed that it was very slow in getting to work on the fire. While this is true it could not have been avoided under the circumstances. The department has no equipment to make a fight against such a fire as that of Tuesday night. The little ladders looked like playthings when placed at the side of the high elevator. It is a wonder that a line of hose was carried to the roof as soon as it was. Had it not been for the splendid private equipment of the Cereal company the mills would be in ruins today.

**FILLED WITH GRAIN.** The elevator was filled with 150,000 bushels of grain, wheat, corn and barley. This had been stored in anticipation of the brisk fall demand for cereals. A large per cent of this was destroyed by the water which was poured into the structure.

**MR. ANDREWS' STATEMENT.** Mr. J. H. Andrews, general superintendent of the Akron mills of the American Cereal company, made a statement to the Democrat Wednesday morning. He said: "It was about 10:30 when the watchman noticed a puff of smoke issue from the top of Elevator A. Simultaneously with his discovery the automatic sprinklers sounded an alarm in the engine room. The water pumps were started and the elevator flooded. I can assign no cause for the fire. The machinery was stopped at 5:30 o'clock and there was no explosion. It is possible that it was due to spontaneous combustion. The fire was confined to the three story cupola on top of the elevator proper. It was equipped with the machinery used for elevating grain. The elevator contained 125,000 bushels of wheat, rye, corn and barley.

"It is probable that a large share of this is soaked with water. I can not

estimate the loss on this until we have ascertained how much of the grain can be used. The damage to the building is from \$2,000 to \$2,500. We have enough grain on the tracks and in other elevators to keep the mills running. It is hoped that the Empire mill will be running full by tonight.

"Considering the poor equipment the fire department made a splendid fight against the flames. It was all that could have been expected of them. They were badly handicapped by the lack of long ladders. Had it not been for the sprinklers in the building there would have been but little chance to save it from complete destruction."

## BAND CONCERT

Four Organizations Will Participate—Sherbondy News.

(Special Correspondence.) Sherbondy, Aug. 22—Quite a ball storm visited us again Sunday, injuring fruit, corn, etc.

Harvey Huffman removed his family to Akron last Tuesday.

Miss Ruby Witner visited last week with her aunt in Akron.

New wall paper very much improves the interior of our school rooms. Sherbondy road is being gravelled. Chas. Mallison drives a newly painted milk wagon.

Threshing has begun. Mr. Frederick and son Frank will go to Eaton, Ind., in the near future. Mrs. Fred Gailer is convalescing after a severe illness.

A band concert and festival will be given here Thursday night, Aug. 23, by the West Side Concert band. Three visiting bands will discourse good music. A bean-guessing contest will be in progress, the lucky guesser to receive a fine silk handkerchief. A prize cake-walk will also be performed, winner to receive a beautiful cake. During the evening the quilt will be raffled.

## ENJOYABLE

Was the Celebration of Mr. Weber's 56th Birthday.

On Monday, August 20th, Mr. John C. Weber celebrated his 56th birthday at his pleasant home, No. 117 Crosby st. The house and grounds were nicely decorated with bunting, and to add to the enjoyment of the occasion, Mr. Weber had extended an invitation to the surviving members of the famous Sixth Ohio battery, (of which he was a member) residing in this vicinity, and the following former members of the battery were in attendance: Capt. Cullen Bradley, Capt. A. P. Baldwin, A. L. Somers, first sergeant; Thomas W. Screen, Q. M. sergeant; Isaac W. Roosa, company sergeant; J. A. Moody, artificer; John Kieley, Stewart Miller, James Irwin, Lycurgus Force, David H. Evans, Wm. H. Kilbourne, Wm. A. Miller, Richard Hansen, John Sowers, Carroll W. Wright, Freeman Robinson, James Brennan, O. P. Shanafelt, and the host Mr. John C. Weber.

Capt. Cullen Bradley, first commander of the battery and Mr. John Kieley were the special guests of Mr. Weber, and a reception in their honor was held from two to seven o'clock p.m. The assembly was thoroughly enjoyed by all and will long be remembered by those who participated.

## DESPERATE

Attempt of Woman to Kill Her Husband—Was Jealous.

Springfield, O., Aug. 22—Mrs. Christina Nixon tried to murder her husband, Harvey Nixon, yesterday morning and then attempted to take her own life. She found him in a room over the cottage bakery and cut a terrible gash along the side of his head from the back of his ear to his mouth, making a bad, but not necessarily dangerous wound. She then slashed her throat in three places.

Nixon was taken to the hospital and Mrs. Nixon to jail, charged with cutting to kill. She claims he deserted her for Fannie Ross. They came from Stratsville several months ago.

## OYSTERS.

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## Grand Field Day

Under the auspices of the SOUTH END ATHLETIC CLUB of Akron. The following contests will be given for the championship of Summit county:

Hurdle race.....	1st Prize \$4.00 2d Prize \$2.50	Standing Broad Jump.....	1st Prize \$2.50 2d Prize \$1.50
100 yds dash.....	5.00 2.50	High Jump.....	5.00 2.50
Hammer throw.....	5.00 2.50	Pole vault.....	5.00 2.50
Running broad jump.....	5.00 2.50	1/2-mile Bicycle race.....	5.00 2.50
1 Mile bicycle race.....	5.00 2.50	Pair Bicycle Tires.....	2.50

Contestants will address John Wiese, President, South End Athletic Club, Akron, O.

## BASE BALL GAMES.

Peninsula vs. Diamond Rubber teams—at 10 o'clock a.m. Peninsula vs. South Ends of Akron—at 1 o'clock p.m. Followed by Field Day Events at 1 p.m.

## HALF MILE SWIMMING RACE.

This contest is the result of the challenge made through the papers by ABE WILLIAMS of Akron, a well known swimmer, to MAX VIEWEGER, of Cleveland, swimmer and life saver during the season now nearing a close. The race will be contested for a MEDAL or CUP, and is exciting much interest.

**SPLENDID MUSIC AND DANCING** Afternoon and Evening. Don't miss these interesting events.

Admission to Park, 5c, as usual. Admission to Ball Grounds, 25 cents. Reserved Seats, 10 cents.

# JOHN WIESE,

Pres, South End Athletic Club.