Millan, Rock Rapids; C. J. A. Ericson, Bocne; Philip Schaller, Sioux City.

The following are the resolutions which were adopted unanimously:

FORMALLY PRESENT ALLISON.

We, the representatives of the republican party of Iowa, voicing the unanimous will and enthusiastic purpose of the republicans of the state, herewith formally present to the republicans of the nation the name of William B. Allison, United States senator, as a fitting candidate for the republican nomination for president of the United States. The republicans of Iowa in their fealty to republican principles and with a profound sense of their obligation to the people of the nation to do only what seems best to bring back to the prostrated interests of the nation the health-giving tonic of republican policy present Mr. Allison in a spirit far above any consideration of state pride.

For many years there has been a universal feeling among the people of Iowa that Senator Allison is conspicuously fitted for the position of president of the republic and this sentiment has spread widely over the nation; so that we present his name today in no sense of personal compliment to him, in no spirit of local pride, but in the profound conviction that we are fulfilling a duty to the party and a duty to the nation. We believe Senator Allison represents as well as any man in the nation the competency of the republican party to deal honestly, wisely and successfully with all the interests of the country.

For a third of a century the republican party has solved the greatest difficulties in government that it is possible for a party to encounter. Its rule was grandly beneficent and the growth and prosperity of the nation under it was marvelous. Since the democratic party displaced it in rule, the record has been of wretched mismanagement and dismal disaster. It is this contrast between republican competency and democratic incompetency that will carry the republican party back to power. The strength of its cause will rest not upon issues but upon its demonstrated ability to meet all issues firmly, wisely and successfully.

RECORD OF THIRTY-ONE YEARS.

Senator Allison has been a conspicuous figure in this beneficent work of the party throughout its whole existence. No other man in the nation more emphatically represents the constructive and resourceful capacity of the party to meet in a practical and successful way the difficult problems of administration. For thirty-one years he has had a moulding hand in all the important laws upon the nation's statute books. Throughout this long period he has been a prominent and indefatigable laborer in all the difficult problems connected with the war and the means of sustaining it; reconstruction and the harmonizing of the sections; the abolition of slavery; the enfranchisement, education and upbuilding of the negro, supplementing to this the work of Iowa, which was the first state to give the ballot to the black man; the raising of revenue to sustain the government, pay pensions and discharge thousands of millions of the public debt; the creation of our financial system and the return to specie payments; the creation of a sound currency; the upbuilding of agencies for the development of the west; the reform of civil service; the national control of railroads; the upbuilding of American industries; the protection of dairy and agricultural products; the prevention of Chinese and pauper and criminal immigration, and the creation of a pension list unequalled in the gratitude of nations.

If the dominant issue of this contest is to be the tariff, then no man better represents it, for no man has been oftener placed in the leadership in the formation of republican tariffs than Senator Allison. For thirty-one years he has been among the foremost in their construction and discussion, and always upon the line of that fair and sufficient protection that is the strength of the party. He was chairman of the subcommittee, which, after many months of investigation, drafted the administrative provisions of the custom laws, accepted under all tariff bills since constructed as most efficient in their operation. He was chairman of the senate committee that drafted the senate substitute for the democratic bill of 1890, which substitute was largely the basis of the republican tariff of 1890. He had the senate leadership again in the perfection of the last republican tariff, where it received many of its important provisions, notably that of reciprocity.

PROTEST AND PROPHECY.

He was again selected by the senate republican leaders to lead the discussion and assault upon the free trade Wilson bill, and his skill and influence operated largely in saving what measure of protection American industry secured under that law. His arraignment of that law was a protest and a prophecy. "I state here," he said, "without fear of successful contradiction, that with a few exceptions, there is not an industry or occupation in the United States that will not be greatly injured, if not paralyzed, by this bill. With these exceptions, it would seem that none of our great interests can survive, certainly have a healthy existence."

We challenge a parallel in the record of any living statesman to the masterly work done by Senator Allison for many years in the line of that fair and beneficent protection that was built up by the industries of the nation, gave employment and good wages to the workingmen, laid no appreciable burden upon the consumer, furnished abundant revenue for the needs of the government and payment of the debt, and which is at once the pride and strength of the party.

If the dominant issue is to be finance, then no man in the nation has a greater reputation for financial resourcefulness and constructiveness and soundness, a fact conspicuously recognized by the pressure of Presidents Garfield and Harrison upon him to take the portfolio of the treasury in their respective administrations.

He has been favorable to a true bimetalism, and he has at all times labored to maintain an abundant currency of gold, silver and paper, made interconvertible and equal to the best currency of the commercial world; he has demanded for the business of the nation a currency equitable and stable, free from the oscillations so dangerous to business interests and so unjust to the wage earners of the nation, whose thousands of millions of annual wages and many thousands of millions of credits in savings banks and other forms constitute them the great creditor class of the nation.

If the foreign policy of the nation is to be an issue, Senator Allison has held rigidly to the teachings of Washington, and the teachings of Monroe—opposing any entangling alliances with other countries, assaulting no established rights of nations upon this continent, but firmly insisting that the political systems of Europe shall not be enlarged and extended in this hemisphere—menacing alike the integrity of the United States and the republican governments of the continent. If experience and familiarity win every detail of governmental business is to be the test, Senator Allison has thirty-one years of intimate knowledge and experience, gained as a member of the great committee of congress to emphasize his eminent fitness. Strong in every mental, moral and personal quality, strong in his industry and capacity to labor, strong in his fitness and conscientiousness of opinion, strong in his freedom from extremes and sectional bias, strong in a long record of unerring judgment as to public measures, strong in his universal reputation for conservatism and soundness and safety, the republicans of Iowa present him to the party and the nation as the ideal candidate.

POPULIST COMMITTEE MEETING.

Called for Hastings in April to Settle the State Conventions.

LINCOLN, March 11.—(Special.)—Chairman J. A. Edgerton of the populist state central committee has called a meeting of that body at Hastings on April 17. This meeting will formulate a plan for the election of fifty-seven delegates to the national convention and will also probably call the state nominating convention. The meeting was made late so that all business could be transacted at one time and the expense of a second meeting could be avoided. The populists have the largest central committee in the state, being composed of one member from each county, and a meeting entails considerable expense.

Mr. Edgerton thinks the populists will hold two state conventions—a delegate convention, probably some time in July, and a nominating convention in August. The delegate convention may not be so large as the other, to avoid expense, but it is nearly certain there will be two gatherings. It was the wish of the national committee and nearly all the national leaders that no nominating convention be held till after the national convention; and Mr. Edgerton thinks the populists of Nebraska generally favor that idea. These questions, however, will have to be settled by the meeting of the state committee.

"Republican leaders profess to believe that populism in Nebraska is dying out. That is the same song they have warbled for the past five years; and all that time the straight populist vote has steadily increased. Our people are not saying much. They let the other people make the noise. They are sawing wood. They will speak on election day."

"Will Nebraska have a candidate for president?" "Most emphatically it will. His name is William V. Allen, and he will have fifty-seven votes from this state first, last and all the time. There is no division among Nebraska populists on that question. We are all for Senator Allen and predict that he will be the nominee of the national convention on the first ballot."

Call for a Free Coinage Conference.

CLEVELAND, O., March 11.—A call has been issued for a meeting of democrats favorable to free coinage of silver to be held at the Hollenden hotel in this city on Friday evening, March 13. The meeting will be secret, but it is said that the object is to arrange plans for the election of delegates to the Chicago convention from Ohio, who are favorable to free coinage. The call is said to have come from Allen W. Thurman of Columbus. General A. J. Warner is expected to be present.

TWO DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS.

Administration State Committee Calls a Second One.

It now seems certain that the democrats of Nebraska cannot select delegates to the national convention without holding two state conventions and that contesting delegations will be sent to Chicago.

Last evening the administration state central committee held a meeting at the Millard hotel. At least twenty of the thirty-three regular members were present and of those absent all save three were represented by proxies.

It was decided to hold the state convention to select delegates to the national convention at Lincoln, April 29, at 4 p. m., and that the basis of representation should be one delegate for every forty votes or major fraction thereof cast for T. J. Mahoney for supreme judge in 1895, and two delegates-at-large from each county. In case any county did not cast forty votes for Mahoney it should have only the two delegates-at-large. It is expected that the primaries will be called by the officers of the county organizations, and in counties, and it said that there are not more than two, where there are no organizations the state central committeemen for the districts are authorized to set the primaries in motion.

According to the basis determined on the state convention will have 625 delegates.

The delegates from each congressional district will caucus and express to the convention their choice of two delegates to the national convention from their respective districts and unless good reason is given the convention will ratify the choice.

The state central committee will meet again at 2 p. m. on the day of the convention.

When this business had been done Chairman Euclid Martin brought before the committee the letter that he recently received from C. J. Smyth, the chairman of the other state central committee, in which it was proposed that the attitude of the democratic party of Nebraska on the silver question be determined at the primaries of the free silver wing. Mr. Martin read the letter, but before he did that he said: "It is from one C. J. Smyth, and he addresses it to me as postmaster. I do not know whether he thinks the Postoffice department has anything to do with it, but as he seems to cast some reflection on this committee I thought it well to lay the matter before you."

Mr. McHugh wanted the letter tabled. Others said that a reply should be made by Mr. Martin as "postmaster," but not as chairman of the committee. Mr. Martin himself indicated a disposition to reply, and it was the general sentiment that if he did so his language would express the sentiment of the whole committee. Mr. Mahoney counseled caution, for he said that he presumed that any reply that might be made, especially coming from the committee, would be used as some sort of evidence before the national convention. It was suggested that the sentiment of the party had been as well tested as it could be last fall when the candidate of the administration wing for supreme judge received twice as many votes as the candidate named by the opposing convention for the same office.

The conclusion was that the invitation contained in Mr. Smyth's letter for another trial of strength should be declined and that Mr. Martin should be authorized to answer the communication as chairman of the democratic state central committee.

It was announced before adjournment that the new headquarters of the Jacksonian club, 227 South Fifteenth street, would be open for democrats of the state at all times and the members of the committee were invited to immediately repair thither, which they did.

ORGANIZING FOR MANDERSON.

Clubs Are to Be Formed in Every Ward.

A meeting of the Omaha Manderson club was held in the large room to the right of the main entrance of the New York Life building last evening, the room, which, it is announced would be the Manderson headquarters in Omaha and which will be open until the delegates from Nebraska start to the St. Louis convention.

About 200 were present, W. H. Alexander being in the chair. He remains president of the general city organization. H. M. Waring was chosen secretary. It is the purpose to extend the organization into each ward and to further this and to arrange for a number of public meetings an executive committee was appointed. It comprises L. D. Fowler, R. W. Breckenridge, J. W. Furnas, H. H. Boyles, A. H. Burnett, J. E. Wilbur and E. O. Mayfield.

H. T. Oxnard, the Nebraska beet sugar manufacturer, addressed the meeting. He said that he had recently been in the east and there had heard from business men the highest commendation of General Manderson and they were enthusiastic in his support.

The chairman read several score of letters from prominent men in all parts of the country advocating the nomination of Manderson, and one of these from a man in Baltimore, who, it is understood will be a delegate to the St. Louis convention, saying that General Manderson would get the vote of at least one of the Maryland delegates, called forth the loudest applause.

Vice presidents of the general club will be announced by the executive committee soon.

IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT.

Republican Central Committee Arranges for the Convention.

KEARNEY, Neb., March 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican central committee of the Sixth congressional district met this afternoon and decided to hold two conventions. The delegate convention will be held at Broken Bow, April 13, and the nominating convention at North Platte, August 19. Among the committeemen present were: Matt Daugherty, Ogallala; J. S. Hoagland, North Platte; J. H. MacColl and E. A. Cook, Lexington; Frank Young, Broken Bow; Judge Woll, Loup City, and A. E. Cady, St. Paul. The meeting was harmonious throughout.

WINSIDE, Neb., March 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The village caucus last night resulted in the nomination of Frank Weible, Ed Cullen, John Elliott, Frank Beaser, R. R. Smith, councilmen, with Walter Gaebler, clerk; A. B. Cherry, treasurer, and Frank Brower, marshal.

DAVID CITY, Neb., March 11.—(Special.)—The republican central committee of Butler county met here yesterday and called a county convention to be held at David City, April 2, for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention at Omaha and to the congressional convention to be held at York.

Confident of Allison's Success.

KANSAS CITY, March 11.—James S. Clarkson, accompanied by Major E. M. Ford, a prominent New York republican; Senator Andrews of Philadelphia and B. A. Barnes of New York, passed through here today in a special car over the Santa Fe road en route to California. In an interview here Mr. Clarkson denied that his visit to the coast had any political significance, but asserted that the members of the party were going to look after their mining and other business interests in the west. Mr. Clarkson reasserted his belief that Allison would be the nominee of the St. Louis convention and the next president. He concedes to McKinley the most votes on the first ballot, but is confident the Ohioan cannot secure a sufficient following to insure his election.

Rhode Island Democrats.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 11.—The Rhode Island democratic state convention nominated the following candidates: For governor, Hon. George Littlefield; lieutenant governor, Hon. Augustus S. Miller; secretary of state, George L. Church; attorney general, George L. Brown; general treasurer, John G. Ferry. The platform adopted did not touch upon national issues. It characterized the demand for a revision of the state institution as an attempt by the party in power to fasten itself more surely upon the state corporations. A motion to elect delegates to the national convention was tabled. A convention to choose these delegates will be held after the state election and is to be held April 1.

AFFAIRS AT THE GIRLS' HOME

Administration of the Reformatory at Geneva Reported in Bad Odor.

M'KELVEY'S METHODS BEING INVESTIGATED

Board of Public Lands and Buildings Makes a Trip to the Place to Learn the Facts.

LINCOLN, March 11.—(Special.)—The Board of Public Lands and Buildings today went out to Geneva to look into some rather sensational matters connected with the Girl's Industrial school at that place. It is said that Superintendent Scabrooke, who recently succeeded James D. McKelvey, has so far refused to take full charge and receipt for the school property while things are in the present unsatisfactory condition. The correspondent of The Bee today talked with a resident of Geneva, who relates some astounding charges which are being circulated in that city regarding the conduct of McKelvey during his incumbency of the office of superintendent. It is said that considerable of the property of the institution has disappeared and there are graver charges made. McKelvey is now reported to be somewhere in California. In the office of the secretary of state it was learned that during the entire time the deadlock continued none of the citizens of Geneva would come forward to substantiate the charges now freely made against him.

Tomorrow the secretaries of the Board of Transportation will go to Kansas City for the purpose of conferring with the representatives of the different railways in regard to a change contemplated in live stock rates. While there the secretaries will consider the question of a change in grain rates and formulate a schedule, in connection with railway officials, to submit to the Interstate Commerce commission.

Dr. Houtz, the attending physician at the bedside of ex-Governor Thayer, states that the general is making a brave fight against death, with the odds against him. Today he was reported to be sinking, and there are few people in Lincoln who expect to again see him on the streets. There appears to be a general breaking down of his system, accentuated by old age and general debility.

Today at high noon Miss Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin A. Fisk of 1421 G street, was married to Mr. G. W. Kenney of Omaha. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Gregory. Mr. Kenney is with the grain commission house of S. A. McWhorter, Omaha. The couple left this evening on the train for Denver, which city they will visit together with other western points, and will be at home after April 1, at 127 South Thirty-sixth street, Omaha.

William Hendricks of Humboldt, Ia., was confidenced out of $10 today at the City block, corner of Eleventh and N streets. Hendricks came in on a Union Pacific train and encountered a man who said he knew him, recognizing him as the son of a man with whom he was on very friendly terms in Iowa. Hendricks said he was going back to Humboldt, and the stranger offered to accompany him. Before he left, however, he succeeded in borrowing the money to pay some overdue rent. Hendricks left this afternoon without again seeing the man.

Omaha people in Lincoln: At the Lindell—R. B. Howell, W. J. Broatch, C. P. A. Clough, C. W. Hinzee. At the Lincoln—E. A. Rathbun, J. M. Warren and friend, T. S. Denman, F. H. Siefken, H. H. Harier, F. W. Shaw.

FAILED TO REMIT STATE TAXES.

Valley County Ex-Treasurer Sued for Four Thousand Dollars.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., March 11.—(Special.)—A case of considerable interest to the taxpayers of Valley county is now being tried in the district court before Judge Thompson and a jury, being a suit brought against the bondsmen of ex-County Treasurer Robinson for the recovery of some $4,000 and interest, this being the amount alleged to have been wrongfully retained by the said Robinson during his occupancy of the treasurer's office some eight or ten years ago. It appears that settlement was made with Robinson in due form by the Board of Commissioners then incumbent, but it afterward developed that the retired treasurer had failed to forward the above sum in taxes due the state to the state treasurer and a notice from that official stating this fact first brought the attention of the county treasurer, his successor, to the deficiency. The defaulting treasurer's books were examined by Expert Accountant Hitt and Hon. W. M. Gray, and, while there appears to be no doubt about the amount of the shortage, the defendant bondsmen claim that they were induced to sign the bond on accounts of false representations by Robinson, alleging that he presented them a list of twenty-five names of the most substantial men then resident in the county and representing to them that in case he did not obtain all their signatures on his bond that he would relieve them all of responsibility. As a matter of fact he never obtained all the names, and hence the bondsmen seek to evade making good the shortage. Robinson is not now a resident of the state, one of the three commissioners then in office is dead, a number of the bondsmen are not now within reach and altogether the case is one of peculiar interest.

Woman's Fall Proves Fatal.

DUNBAR, Neb., March 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ashton, wife of Talbot Ashton, died Monday morning from the effects of a fall received February 28. The funeral was held this morning from the late residence, Rev. Mr. Harmon of Nebraska City preaching the sermon.

Snow at Bloomington.

BLOOMINGTON, Neb., March 11.—(Special.)—It commenced snowing at 6 o'clock this morning and the prospects are that it will continue all day. It is much colder and ice men are working night and day.

Nebraska News Notes.

John Kaull, a young man of Winside, had his right hand so badly mashed by a corn sheller as to require amputation.

The Union Pacific has agreed to transport free of charge all exhibits to the Nebraska Irrigation fair, to be held next fall at North Platte.

County Clerk Monville at Scribner has purchased the entire interest in the Dodge Criterion and will be ready for a republican campaign next fall.

The prisoners in the Dodge county jail, while out in the corridor exercising, climbed on top of the cells and with a jackknife started to cut a hole in the roof. They were discovered just as they got the hole nearly through.

Miss Lena Ruwe of Fremont and H. S. Monke of Fontanelle were married at the residence of the parents of the bride, in the former city, by Rev. Mr. Schick of the Lutheran church at Fontanelle. The bride is a daughter of William Ruwe, one of the oldest settlers in that vicinity. The groom is a prosperous farmer of Fontanelle.

At North Platte it is learned that the Union Pacific is preparing to ballast the roadbed from Ames on west to Cheyenne with rock and gravel taken from Sherman hill. This will necessitate the addition of twenty-four engineers, forty-five trainmen and other helpers on the Second, Third and Fourth districts. This news is of especial importance to North Platte, as two-thirds of these men will run out of there.

The preliminary matters have been arranged for the organization of the North Platte Mining and Milling company, with headquarters at North Platte, and the field of operations at Cripple Creek, Colo. The capital stock is placed at $1,000,000, fully paid up, and the incorporators are: H. S. White, E. H. Bates, D. M. Douthett and J. A. Schleef of Cripple Creek. The company will be incorporated in both Nebraska and Colorado.

The unprecedented sale of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup provokes competition; but the people cling to Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

WILSON'S PRIVATE CHARACTER.

Investigation of Mart Howe's Charges Against the Commandant.

GRAND ISLAND, March 11.—(Special.)—The investigation by the governor into the management of the Soldiers' Home and the conduct of Colonel Wilson, commandant, was resumed at 8 o'clock last evening and a session of perhaps one hour was held. The character of the testimony was much the same as was that of the afternoon. Some witnesses swore that the electric lights at that time were better than usual, made so for effect, while others said they were a little below the average. As the lights were doing very well at this time this created amusement. Other witnesses were also sworn relative to the incapacity of engineers to furnish heat. The complainants were all from the east or "convalescent" hospital. Some found it too hot, and some too cold. Some were satisfied with the food, while others said it was not fit to masticate.

Mrs. L. A. Bates of Aurora, president of the Visiting and Examining board, was put on the stand, in an effort to show what motives actuated the members of the board in confirming the discharge of Howe by Wilson. As she did not vote in the matter, and all the members of the board were present, it was considered best to get the evidence directly from the members.

At 9 o'clock this morning the investigation was resumed. Mrs. Hannah Zimmer, matron of the home, was put on the stand. She related the Pearl Baker incident. Pearl Baker is a young woman, an employe of the home, and seemed to be on terms of intimate friendship with Commandant Wilson and his family. One night Miss Baker was afflicted with a severe toothache. She called on Mrs. Zimmer at the time and the matron placed cotton in the tooth. She later went into the reception room and was there met by Commandant Wilson. The latter volunteered to obtain some medicine for her and did so. He came back and was in the company of the young lady alone in the room, when Adjutant Howe suddenly discovered them. Mrs. Wilson, who seemed to have been near by, came in and a scene ensued. Mrs. Wilson slapped the young lady and reprimanded her husband. She also went on to say in direct examination that Wilson had taken the young lady to church in the absence of Mrs. Wilson, that he had taken her to the city in a single-seated buggy and that she had been invited over to his residence, at which his own daughter and family were also living during Mrs. Wilson's absence. On cross-examination Mrs. Zimmer said that Mr. Wilson had asked others to go to church at the same time; that other women connected with the home had accompanied him to the city at divers times, and that she would not have considered it a suspicious circumstance if the commandant had volunteered to secure pain killer for a fractious tooth for her. She stated further that she had been acquainted with Wilson for eight years previous to his appointment as commandant at the home. She had often visited his family at Paxton, Neb., and that his general reputation for morality and chastity had always been good. Had it not been so she would not have accepted the position she now holds under him.

Mrs. Bates was recalled this morning and again an effort was made to secure from her testimony of the motives prompting the Examining board's confirmation of Howe's discharge. She was in too feeble a condition to remain on the stand long and was soon excused, it being held by the governor that since the members of the board were all present they should themselves testify as to their motives.

Mr. Morgan of Scotia, a member of the board, was called to the stand and asked upon what conclusions he had voted to sustain the discharge. He said he had considered it his duty to the interests of the home and the state to vote as he did. He had obtained an insight into the condition of the affairs from the complaints made to him from Commandant Scovill and had also considered Mr. Howe as an insubordinate employe from inferences which he gained through interviews with Howe himself. He further volunteered the information that since listening to the examination here he was more than ever convinced that he had voted right.

This afternoon affidavits were introduced from hotel men in Hastings, Lincoln and Kearney, showing that Commandant Wilson and Mrs. Bates had been at hotels on the same day. Their names were properly registered in each case and no fiction employed.

Mr. Wilson was on the stand almost all afternoon, and admitted that he and Mrs. Bates had been at the same hotel in Hastings and said he had gone there to look over the cooking apparatus in the asylum. He had been with Mrs. Bates and her son one afternoon at the reunion. He had met Mrs. Bates at Lincoln and taken her to the Lansing theater to hear a lecture. He had visited Norfolk with Mrs. Bates and examined cooking apparatus in the asylum in that city.

Mr. Wilson was asked about the Pearl Baker incident, and the matter was fully gone over again. He testified that Miss Baker had been asked by him to inform him of anything done by any of the other officials, Howe and Mrs. Zimmer, to injure him, and it thus came that he met her more frequently perhaps than other women at home. When Miss Baker remained at his house it was at the invitation of his daughter, Rosa Wilson.

The investigation is dragging along slowly and those necessarily having to participate in it show evidences of a very tired feeling.

GAGE COUNTY FARMERS MEET.

Regular Session of Their Institute Very Largely Attended.

BEATRICE, March 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The Central Gage County Farmers' institute met this morning with a good attendance despite the unfavorable turn of the weather. W. H. Bowman, president, presided and I. W. Funck, secretary, was present. The address of welcome on behalf of the city was delivered by Hon. L. M. Pemberton and the response by J. N. Fuller. The first paper of the session, "Sheep Raising and Feeding," was read by Peter Jansen. The paper was full of information and a general discussion followed. In the afternoon there was a noticeable increase of attendance over the morning session, the room being filled. W. H. Bowman read an interesting paper on "The Value of Manure" and a discussion followed. H. C. Stoll read a paper on "Raising and Care of Hogs." The paper thoroughly covered the subject and was full of practical information. Mr. Stoll also gave some valuable ideas on "Prevention and Cure of Hog Cholera." A. T. Miller read a paper on "Raising Corn," which was well received and brought out some good points. This evening the meeting adjourned to the Auditorium. A large crowd of citizens was present. Ex-Governor Robert W. Furnas delivered an address upon "Thorough Farming." The address was appreciated. The session of the institute will be continued until tomorrow.

Searching for Fire Bugs.

PLATTSMOUTH, March 11.—(Special.)—Every indication surrounding the burning of Nicholas Holmes' barn west of this city Monday night points to the theory that the fire was of incendiary origin. Not only are all marks of the harness having been burned gone, but there is one horse that cannot be accounted for. Mr. Holmes declares there were ten head in the building and now only nine carcasses can be found in the ruins. Hence the supposition that whoever got the harness got the horse. About one hour before the fire was discovered the dogs had run down toward the barn and raised considerable disturbance, but finally quieted down, soon after which the barn was discovered to be in a blaze. Considerable excitement prevails.

There is at present a society organized in the west end of Cass county whose object is to protect the community against such outrages. There is a full set of officers and a large fund to pay the expenses of officers of the law in searching for the perpetrator of a crime committed in the community. The organization is by no means a secret or lawless band.

Nebraska Man Disappears.

BEATRICE, March 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Joseph Hollingsworth of Beatrice today received a telegram from Nelson, stating that his son, George Hollingsworth, living eleven miles from that place, had disappeared. He left home Monday for Nelson and has not since been seen nor can he be heard of. Hollingsworth is married and the telegram came from his wife. Joseph Hollingsworth and another son have gone to Nelson to investigate.

WILL HAVE A SUGAR FACTORY

Fremont Convention of Beet Growers Arranges Plans.

FOREIGN CAPITAL TO BE INTERESTED

Delegates Present from Various Nebraska Towns and Discuss Schemes to Save Freight Rates on the Product.

FREMONT, March 11.—(Special.)—The Fremont Beet Sugar association met at the court house at 10:30 this morning pursuant to the call issued for the formation of a local or county organization. There were delegates present from Valley, North Bend, Scribner and from Saunders and Butler counties. The most noticeable feature of the meeting was the interest shown in plans proposed for getting new factories and the determination to make the industry a success in spite of the apparent failure of the past season.

About seventy-five people were present when J. J. Hawthorne called the meeting to order. L. D. Richards was chosen chairman and A. E. Patten secretary. Mr. Richards made a few remarks and stated the object of the meeting. J. D. McDonald stated the principal and most important subject to be discussed was the formation of a permanent organization for the purpose of procuring new factories. J. J. Hawthorne of Fremont and W. G. Whitmore of Valley also spoke on the same subject. Mr. Whitmore said that he would like to see a factory at Valley, but that it did not seem possible to get one there and he considered Fremont centrally located and the proper place for a factory. With a factory here in the center of a region that could produce excellent beets there would be a great saving on freight rates. He wanted factories erected by home money and home people employed to manage them and do the work, thus giving employment to a large number of those out of work.

FAVORS CO-OPERATION.

Mr. Ackerlund of Valley favored co-operation, factories built, owned and run by farmers. Messrs. Ruwe of Fremont and Mr. Richards also favored co-operation. Mr. Richards then read a letter which, he said, had been sent by the Fremont Board of Trade to 105 leading capitalists and persons interested in sugar factories in Austria, Germany, France and Switzerland, setting out the general condition of the soil of Nebraska and the results that had been obtained and could be obtained in raising beets and inviting them to investigate the subject and if they thought favorably put up factories in this state. Mr. Richards said he had received replies from a large number of the letters and that foreign capital was deeply interested in the beet sugar business in this country and was likely to invest money here. Mr. Richards said that in some respects small factories were not to be preferred to large ones. Some high priced help must necessarily be employed in all factories and the small factory cost more in proportion to run than the large one. A committee was appointed on permanent organization.

A company of Fremont men has been organized, with F. F. Brown at the head, to put in sugar beets. The company has leased of William Ruwe a tract of seventy-five acres of land east of the city and will plant it with beets. The acreage in this county will probably be much smaller than last year.

The following officers were elected: President, L. D. Richards; vice president, J. J. Hawthorne; secretary, R. Noak; treasurer, C. M. Williams.

An executive committee of sixteen was also appointed.

G. C. Hazlet of O'Neill spoke of the chicory industry, of the good results obtained from raising it and the profits obtained. F. F. Brown of this city, who represents the Oxnards, explained the new contract offered by the company and considered it more advantageous to the farmers than the old one. About 125 acres have already been contracted for by the company of which he is the head, and he has other contracts in sight. He thought the acreage would approximate that of last year.

Considerable discussion was then had on the contract question, in which it appeared that many beet growers were not satisfied with the contract. They want the contract modified in several particulars, and if so modified many persons thought that the acreage of last year would be exceeded.

The convention adopted resolutions favoring a bounty and requesting the legislative committee of the state association to procure amendments of the bounty law making the analysis under state contract. A resolution was also adopted directing the legislative committee to consult with the Oxnard company and procure some modification in the 1896 contracts for raising beets. The object of the permanent organization is to secure a footing for Fremont and the prospects of success are good.

Deaths of a Day in Nebraska.

SCHUYLER, Neb., March 11.—(Special.)—J. J. Riley died at his home here yesterday after a few weeks of confinement with cancer of the stomach, his age being 64. The deceased has been a citizen of Schuyler since its incorporation.

Mrs. John Edgar of Schuyler suffered a stroke of paralysis while engaged in work at home yesterday morning, from the effects of which she died last evening at 9 o'clock. Her age was 56.

MINDEN, Neb., March 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Henricks, wife of Phillip Henricks, died in this city last night. Her illness was brief. The funeral was from the Methodist Episcopal church today.

DAVID CITY, Neb., March 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Emma G. Ross, wife of J. G. Ross, cashier of the First National bank, died this morning of consumption. She leaves besides her husband four children.

Fire Fighters Are Independent.

PLATTSMOUTH, March 11.—(Special.)—The Plattsmouth fire department is still in an unorganized state, and new hostilities seem to have broken out between them and the city council that have placed the two bodies at a still greater distance from a compromise. A member of the fire company was suspended some time ago by the council for disobeying orders and has recently been arbitrarily reinstated by his companions against the positive orders of the "city dads," which act is causing no end of trouble and everything now points to a sure "smashup" of the entire protection of the city, which is likely to result in the city putting in a paid department. This would meet with the approval of all property holders.

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QUEER LEGAL CONTEST CONCLUDED.

Farmer Forced from His Home After a Bitter Fight.

ASHLAND, Neb., March 11.—(Special.)—Fort Allen, located about six miles north of town, has finally surrendered. Among the prisoners were W. T. Allen, his two sons, their wives and six children. Four shotguns and one pistol were the weapons surrendered. H. Pylburn and W. R. Adams, two special deputy sheriffs, came in from Wahoo yesterday morning with warrants to arrest W. T. Allen and to dispossess him of the farm property on which he was living, which contains about 450 acres, on the Platte bottom, six miles north of town. The property was taken under a foreclosure. Allen fought the matter in the courts for three years. After the sale a writ of possession was issued and put in the hands of Sheriff Buck of Saunders county to serve, but he and Deputy Jones have never been able to get possession. Some insist that they were afraid of Allen's guns, while others say it was sympathy for his large and dependent family. The Wahoo deputies found two of Allen's sons in town yesterday afternoon. Taking one with them to the fort they got inside before Allen knew of it and called on him to surrender, and after parleying awhile he did so. They brought him with the captured guns to town last night, where two doctors attended him. His wife and family followed. Today the officers secured a dwelling house and the family will occupy it. All the household effects and farm implements were moved into the public road and possession given to agents of the new landlord and thus will end one of the longest and hottest fights ever known in this section.

The officers are of the opinion that Allen's mind is affected and think he should be placed in an asylum where he cannot do himself or family harm.

Officer Pylburn started this evening for Wahoo with W. T. Allen, his wife and two sons, where they are to appear before Judge Gruber, charged with resisting an officer. On two occasions they resisted Officer Jones of Wahoo.

Perkins County in Splendid Shape.

ELSIE, Neb., March 11.—(Special.)—The recent fall of snow and rain has placed the soil in fine condition for the reception of small grain. In fact the soil in eastern Perkins county was never in a better condition for plowing and planting than at the present time. Farmers are busy and are sowing all the seed that they can scrape up, and have full confidence that the harvest will be great. The prospects are even brighter than they were in 1891. Many people in the east who own land in this vicinity are furnishing seed wheat, for which they will receive one-third of the crop. Seed, or money to buy it with, is scarce and many farmers will willingly give one-third of the crop for the seed and sow it on their own land. This certainly shows that they have some faith in the future. Many people who left here during the drouth are now returning, and all seem to think that Perkins county is far ahead of anything they have seen in their ramblings of the past two years. It is safe to say that the population of this county will more than double within the next six months.

Invitation to Shiloh Veterans.

YORK, Neb., March 11.—(Special.)—The secretary of the Shiloh Veterans' association at York has issued an invitation to all survivors of the great battle to meet at Milford April 6 and 7 for a grand state reunion.

Changing the Quarantine Line.

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 11.—At today's session of the cattle convention, A. P. Bush was re-elected president of the association. The Live Stock Sanitary commission has recommended that Governor Culberson revoke so much of the quarantine line, established February 10, as relates to that part of the line beginning at a point on the north fork of the Red river at its intersection with the southern boundary line of Roger Mills county, extending northerly and westerly therefrom to conform with the special order modifying the quarantine of Oklahoma territory by the secretary of agriculture, dated March 3. Joint committees from the State Live Stock association of San Antonio and the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas met with the railway men and commission men interested. The cattlemen are after the railways and the Chicago commission owing to the $2 per car terminal charge there.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

F. C. Goodrich of Lincoln is at the Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bentley of Grand Island are among the hotel arrivals.

Captain C. E. Adams of Superior is in the city.

T. K. Sudborough left for Chicago last evening.

Jules Lumbard left for an eastern trip last evening.

C. A. Rutherford of the Rock Island went east yesterday.

C. E. Wilkins, Philadelphia, is registered at the Barker.

W. J. Evans and wife of Hyannis, Neb., are at the Barker.

W. D. Moulton and Mrs. Moulton of Beatrice are in the city.

B. G. Spencer and C. H. Ward are registered at the Barker from Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Thummel and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson of Grand Island are hotel guests.

John W. Post of Salem, O., who was visiting Dr. Kinsler of this city for a few days, left for his home last night.

United States Attorney Sawyer came up from Lincoln last evening to attend the meeting of the democratic state central committee.

Grant Kenney of this city, who was married to Miss Fiske of Lincoln yesterday afternoon, passed through the city last evening with his bride enroute to Mexico.

At the Murray: George W. Moore, Kansas City; H. F. Dunn, St. Paul; J. H. Martin, Chicago; Charles E. Crate, D. C. Parmele, A. J. Root, P. S. Hall, Lincoln; William Burke, Friend, Neb.; E. Schilling, Cincinnati; E. M. Smith, Wayne; H. D. Pettibone, Minneapolis, Minn.

Nebraskans at the hotels are: Ed Farley, William Finnen, Bancroft; George F. Bancroft, Madison; Ray Waterman, Plattsmouth; J. C. Kesterson, Blue Hill; Tom Finnell, Ed Hilton, Arlington; L. Halm, Hastings; L. W. Connor, Merriman; D. J. Burke, Schuyler; A. R. Allen, Bradshaw; H. M. Grimes, North Platte; J. K. Brown, Creighton; N. S. Harding, Nebraska City; W. J. Miller, Hastings; J. R. Davidson, Aurora; J. C. White, Lincoln; Mrs. Fraser, Neligh; L. C. Lloyd and son, Gothenburg; John Conway, Dunning; Jacob Bigler, Lincoln; W. B. Eastham, Broken Bow; James I. Rhea, Holdrege; E. C. Ballew, A. S. Campbell, McCook; G. P. Marion, Beatrice; C. H. Willard, Hebron; J. F. Losch, West Point; Mrs. I. R. Alters, Grand Island.

HE REGRETS HIS SON'S DEFECTION.

General Booth Sends a Message to Salvationists in America.

NEW YORK, March 11.—A cable dispatch from General William Booth has been received at Salvation army headquarters. It is the first public utterance of the paternal head of the army since the dissensions began. Two days ago the general arrived in London from the east and immediately had a conference with his eldest son, Bramwell, after which the dispatch was written. It was read from the platform at the "holiness meeting" at headquarters last night. Commissioner Eva Booth began to read the document to the audience, from which all save Salvationists had been excluded, but became so overcome by emotion when she read about the family love which has existed among the Booths until now that she called upon one of her officers to finish for her. This is the dispatch, which is dated at international headquarters, London, England:

"Comrades: I find it impossible to describe the sense of sorrow with which I am overwhelmed today. On receiving details of the great loss which has fallen upon us in the action of my son, your late commander, every high anticipation of my heart for him for nearly forty years seems to have been swept away, and every tender association of his life with my own and with his beloved mother's seems likely to be trampled under foot in this hour of sore temptation.

"The melancholy course of action on which he has embarked has been taken in the face of the expostulations of the chief of staff, in spite of the affectionate entreaties of his brother and one sister and one of my most