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The "Nebraska Bee-Keeper," and some of our Friends.

Our issue this month is a much larger one than usual, as we expect to see many new faces at the state and county fairs this month, we wish to give all such, a free copy of our paper, and we herewith give cuts of some of those who are helping develop the bee bee and honey interest in the state, and some of those whose names are familiar to our readers but have never had the privilege of an acquaintance.

The NEBRASKA BEE-KEEPER, as its name indicates, is devoted to the bee and honey interests of our state and the west.

It has now been established 4 years, and from the first has paid its way financially. Although the editor is still far from being a millionaire, we have to thank those of our friends who have thus always stood by us, and we hope and trust that our readers have been mutually benefitted.

When we first started the paper, we did so, well knowing some of the uphill work of newspaper life, but as all other bee journals in our land were edited and published where climatic conditions were very different and consequently different treatment must be adapted, also that we needed a journal

in our own state for the advancement of the apicultural industry. If we have succeeded in inducing a better stage of apiculture, or been instrumental in showing up the advantages of our state our labor will not have been in vain.

It is now conceeded in the eastern markets that Nebraska honey is a prime article, and yet many of our own citizens still look at bee-keeping as an insignificant occupation, fitted only for women and invalids. It is with surprise that they find that our state. the past two years has produced not less than 1,500,000 or 2,000,000 pounds of honey, worth at wholesale in the markets of the nation 10 cents a pound net. it shows that there has been a clear saving to the "women and invalids" of at least some pocket money worth having, and that the bee and honey interest of Nebraska is not so insignificant after all, but is well worth developing still more.

There is a grand future in this line for our state, and the one who still keeps his bees in good condition will reap the golden harvest by and by.

There are seasons like the present where there is "too much sunshine," but the rains will come again. Our industry will have its bad as well as good seasons, but he who keeps steadily on, will reap his reward.



L. D. Stilson, editor of the NEB. BEE KEEPER, was a homesteader in York Co. in 1870. Ill health had induced him to leave Western New York where he had made bee-keeping something of a study for some years. His first swarm being secured from a section of a log which he was cutting into cord wood. When the Roll Call sounded in 1861, he owned five colonies of bees in the then known Quinby hive.

During army life it was said by comrades that Stilson would go farther to steal a hive of bees for their honey than he would for a pig or chicken.

Returning from the war only one the others had been borrowed.

Five years later, nearly 100 colonies in American hives adorned his back yard, while a fair sized two-story frame shop in front, bore two signs, one, stead near Friend, Neb., in the early Hives and Honey Boxes, the other.Bee Supplies.

braska, it was thought no bees could be kept in that part of the state, but where crops grew in abundance, bees could be tried, and for the past five years, his apiary has occupied the greater share of his time during the summer seasons, and later his entire time has has been devoted to the NEB. BEE-KEEPER, the supply trade and his apiary.

Should you attend the state fair be sure to visit the Bee and Honey Hall and see our exhibit and introduce yourself to the editor who is always ready to talk "bees", and is never afraid to say no, if you ask questions he cannot answer.

For the past two years he has been secretary of the State Bee-Keepers Association.



E. WHITCOMB.

Mr. Whitcomb is so well known to the majority of state bee keepers that some might almost think he needed no hive remained on the stands; I guess introduction, but well known as he is here, we might find a visitor from Iowa or Maine who would recognize his genial face better after an introduction.

Mr. Whitcomb settled on a homeseventies, where he has since resided. Fruit raising and bee culture has occu-For a few years after coming to Ne- pied much of his time for many years, and he is considered a success at both. years attended our state fairs, where he has done much for the success of he shows his handiwork, and helped so our state fair exhibits, having been much in our state displays that we look department for several years, and so state, and brother-in-law to our beecourteons has he been in the past that keepers, and we look forward to meetlast fall the exhibitors under him, with- ing him with as much pleasure as anyout a single dissenting vote asked for one we know. He is a genial gentlehis appointment to the same position again this year. For the past two years he has been president of the state association and is now the superintendent in charge of the Nebraska honey exhibit at the World's Fair.

While at our state fair, no bee-keeper should miss meeting Mr. Whitcomb. and they will find the man who can keep sweet the longest of any man on the grounds.



F. KRETCHMER.

In writing of those who have and are helping to develop the bee and honey interests of Nebraska, we should not stop at the state line, or we would leave out one of the most prominent characters in the program. Mr. Kretchmer, although a resident of Red Oak, Ia., finds that his interests are so. intimately connected with our welfare.

superintendent of the bee and honey upon him as an adopted son of the man in the true sense of the term.

> He is experimenting along the line of improvements, adopting the best, and discarding the rest.

He is superintendent of the Iowa bee and honey exhibit at the World's Fair.

If you attend the state fair, by all means get acquainted with him: come to us and we will give you an introduction.

From his twelve year old daughter Valencia, we get the following short sketch:

The subject of this sketch was born on the Atlantic Ocean on an American merchant vessel, in 1844. He was raised in Selicia, Prussia; his father's residence being but five miles from the Dr. Dzierson, the world renown author and apiarian, and from whom he received his first lessons in bee-culture. He came to the United States about the year 1859, and in the summer of 18-60 purchased the first Italian queen that crossed the Mississippi river. In 1861, he entered the army: after his discharge he again engaged in bee-culture and became a noted writer on apiculture in various journals, both in the German and the English languages; he also issued "Winnke Fiir Bienen-Ziichter," Intimation to Beekeepers," "The American Bee-keepers Guide,"and"The Bee-Keepers Guide-Book," the latter a volume of 256 pages.

The demand for hives and other appliances, with which he was so successful, made it necessary to manufacture them, and since 1864 until the present day, he has been engaged in designing. and prosperity, that he has for several experimenting with, and manufacturing hives and other appliances, until ed in this work and taught several very today his supply business, located at Red Oak, Ia., furnishes employment to over 30 hands.

He is a prominent Odd-Fellow and enthusiastic Mason, being a member of Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandry, as well as of the degree of Rebeccah and the Eastern Star, both of which he is now the presiding officer.



MRS. J. N. HEATER.

The subject of this sketch was born in Defiance Co., Ohio, of Scotch, Irish, Dutch, and English parentage. Bees have been kept by her ancestry for many generations.

Mrs. Heater's - maiden name was Anna E. Case. She moved with her parents from their Ohio home to Niles, Mich. After several years spent on a farm near the latter place the family moved to South Bend, Ind. Her life up to this time was passed much as is the life of any farmer's child, until she entered the high school in Mishawaka, Ind., and where she finished her career of instruction three years later. She now took up the rod and cudgel and assumed control in the school-room in one of the city schools of Mishawaka. Her health failing she was obliged to resign and return to her home at South Bend, where, after regaining health, she entered her father's store as bookkeeper. Prefering the school-room however she soon found herself again engagsuccessful schools in St. Joseph Co.Ind.

In 1876 she joined her parents in St. Edwards, Neb, where they had previously moved. Here she continued her chosen pursuit of school work for one year, when she was married Sept. 18th, 1877, to J. N. Heater. This worthy personage was, and still is a member of the grip sack fraternity, managing the the business of an eastern manufacturing establishment in the southwestern states, and his entire time is spent on the road. To one of so much ambition and former activity, the fact of merely living, soon become extremely monotonous. Having always been much interested in the study of the honey bee. in 1881 she purchased seven colonies and made a practical study of them. The next spring 14 nuclei colonies were added and success attended the venture from the very first. For the last ten years her Eureka apiary has numbered from 100 to 150 colonies of carefully bred Italian bees. Several years ago implements and supplies were added to the venture and now this lady owns and conducts one of the most complete supply houses in connection with her splendidly equipped apiary to be found in the west. She personally superintends every branch of the business; issues an annual catalogue and price list, and ships bees, queens, honey and supplies to all parts of the west.

the is an active member of the Neb. Beekeepers' Association, and has many times been honored by this society, and she is now an officer of the association.

It is believed that Mrs.Heater has an age which is supposed to be somewhere between 25 and 50. The picture is a late one and hardly does her justice.

Mr. and Mrs. Heater's home and apiary are located about five blocks from the Union Pacific depot at Columbus, Neb., and her apiary is always open and especially to all to visitors, bee-keepers.

We expect Mrs. II. will be one of the

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exhibitors at the state fair, and every bee keeper should get acquainted with her. As a writer, she is well versed, and one article prepared by her at our last state convention, was copied by papers in several of the states.

G. M. WHITFORD.

G. M. Whitford, although still a young man, has shown by his energy and work that he has the required qualities for success. He was born at Idaho Springs, Colorado in June, 1865. In 1874, he removed with his parents to Nebraska, living on a farm near Arlington. In 1886, he began beekeeping with a single swarm of bees, studying to improve and improving as he learned. In 1890, he began handling supplies and manufacturing hives, and has grown into quite a good trade, and by strict integrity and perseverance, holds the confidence and esteem of his patrons.

We shall expect all the state fair visitors will make his acquaintance, and whenever bee-keepers are at Arlington they should not fail to visit his apiary two miles out of town.



J. M. CARR.

For the past year, our readers have known Mr. Carr through our advertising columns and during the early season we gave a short sketch of his work. but it will not be amiss to introduce him to our readers this month. Although still quite a young man, by careful study and patient practice he is well informed in bee culture and at the state fair last fall was chosen as one of the judges in the apiary department, he having no exhibit there. As a breeder of queens and bees, he has built up a good reputation among those who know him, and for the past two seasons he has been engaged in the supply trade as well. His storehouse and shops are only a few blocks from the center of the town of Harvard, Neb. while the apiary is located on the home farm 1½ miles away. Beekeepers visiting his town should make his acquaintance. He is of Quaker descent and as a natural consequence, he don't talk so much as some, but what he does say is common sense.



CHAS. WHITE.

Our photograph gallery would be incomplete without the face of Chas. White of Aurora, or as known in the seventies as "Buckskin Charlie". He was one of the pioneers of central Nebraska and was well known as a frontiersman during the transformation stage of our state, while passing from wild prairie to cultivation, from the domain and rule of the Indian to that of ringsters and politicians. He was both feared and respected by the Indians, and a staunch friend of the right and always ready to stand for principle whether it made a quarrel with white or red men.

For the past ten years, Mr.White has kept bees for the money there is in it, and has also built up the largest queen trade of any one in Nebraska. For the past three years his entire time as well as that of his on has been devoted to his bees and supply trade.

By trade a blacksmith, but tiring of hammering iron to the same old shapes, he started out on another line, and after two years of fixing and changing, he now has the most complete section press and foundation fastener in the market. As a section press, it is complete, doing the work fast and acurate. Then, by simply changing a couple of bolts, the addition of an iron tongue and a lamp, it is transformed into a complete foundation fastener, cutting the foundation in any shape or size and fastening it into the section at a single movement of the foot. He has been showing his press at the World's fair, and it will also be shown at the Nebraska State fair. Do not fail to examine it.

Notes from Kentucky.

I don't generally make a practice of letting bees have everything their own way; but it seems as if they had their own way a right smart of the time nowa days. I have been rearing queens and making artificial swarms; but now I can't do anything scarcely with them. I can scarcely lift a hive cover, but what a dozen or so of bees are after me and if I don't get a hustle on me and put the cover on again, I have rather a hard job on on my hands at once.

I expect I will loose some of my swarms for the want of proper attention, because the inclination to rob is so prevalent among bees at this season of the year, caused by the continuous drouth and very hot weather. There is a good deal of talk and seeking after a breed that won't swarm, I've got 'em, only one natural swarm this year; but I hope that next year they will go to the other extreme. One consolation, no numerous lot of heavy supers of honey to handle this year; everyone of them just as light and easy to handle as you please.

A. T. MCKIBBEN.

When you have read this number of the BEE-KEEPER through, go to the post-office and buy a 50 ct. postal note and send us for a year's subscription.

It Must be Scientific.

That foul brood may generate from dead brood is believed by the editor of the Nebraska Bee-Keeper because he sent some decomposing brood to a person who claimed to be something of an expert with foul brood, and this person said it was foul brood. Dead brood that isn't foul brood has been mistaken for such in so many instances that it would be more satisfactory in this case if we knew how good an authority this unknown expert is.—Review.

This is in comment on what we said in our August issue. Bro. Hutchinson reminds us of an old lady in Buffalo. who, at the close of the war, when butter was scarce and prices high, thinking thinking to earn an honest(?)penny. one cold morning in winter she fixed up a jar of lard and took it to the Elk street market to sell. Putting on 2 bold face she walked up to a keeper of one of the stalls, asked him to buy. He, looking at it and tasting a little, said it was lard. She disputed. When he again tasted, and said "it looks like lard, tastes like lard, feels like lard, and I know it is lard, and a poor quality at that," she in retort answered, "you haint proved it,'caze the market inspector haint said it was lard."

Now Bro.H. isn't going to admit that that there is any foul brood, because some professor didn't say it was foul brood. Were the boys or hired man to kill a skunk in the chicken coop, you would not think of sending it to Prof. Cook to find out what it was. There are certain characteristics about the animal which you would recognise at once, after once having made its acquaintance. If you have ever attended a small pox patient, you well know there are certain peculiarities about that disease which can be mistaken for no other. It would not need an expert to tell you what that disease was, when once well developed.

At one time we served as an attendent in a yellow fever hospital. There we learned that there were certain things and symptoms connected with that disease peculiar to itself, and we don't think it would need an expert to tell what was the matter were we to see it again in form fully developed.

More than forty years ago, while I was but a brat of a boy, one of our nearest neighbors had an apiary of bees which was very badly affected with disease. As a helper, I there learned something of the disease, which I have never forgotten. Only a couple of years, and the whole apiary was swept out of existence. In 1865 I was employed by a gentleman to go fifteen miles each week in the summer, to look after his apiary of 50 colonies. The first visit being rainy and cold, we could only straighten up a little. On the second visit when we opened the hives, the entire apiary was in Langstroth hives, we found fully one-half in very bad condition and nearly all affected. One year wiped out the whole apiary. In the summer of 1885, during a visit east we saw the same disease in Vermont and in New York. I have also seen the same disease in Illinois, Missouri, and Nebraska, and is the very same disease which Prof. Cook says is FOUL BROOD: but were we to publish Prof. Cook's opinion regarding anything of this kind, Bro. H. might still doubt its authenticity because it has not got the big seal of the state and witnessed by a notary public.

This disease has some things peculiar to its own and no one once acquainted with it will mistake it for anyting else, any more than he would the skunk, small-pox, or yellow fever.

Now if for all these years I have been under a wrong impression and never saw any foul brood, because some noted professor had not called it such, I am like an old German friend who said, "the longer I live the more I finds out." I don't know it all yet.

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The Orange Judd Farmer has taken a great deal of trouble and considerable expense to make an exhibit of weeds at the World's Fair.

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L. L. Allspaugh, of Auburn, Neb. writes, "Bees are doing well now, putting up some honey. No new swarms as yet. It has been a very backward spring here, the bees were kept nocked down greatly; but at this time they are doing very well; may put up some surplus.

The Canadian Bee Journal has, Phœnix like, risen from the ashes of its burning, and comes out anew brighter than ever, with R. F.Holtermann, Brantford, Ont., as editor.

Here's our editorial I for suc-

The Nemaha Co. Bee Keepers' Ass'n meets on the last Saturday of each month in L. L. Allspaugh's apiarian supply shop, Auburn, Neb. at one o'clock.

Thus far they have been very interesting. The next meeting of the State B.-K.s Ass'n promises to be one of unusual interest. Being held in connection with the bee and honey exhibit at the state fair, there are attractions to be found at no other meeting. All the latest appliances for apiary work will be on exhibition, and the whole display promises to be the largest and best ever held in the state. No bee-keeper who visits the state fair can afford to miss this part of it. Papers upon various topics connected with bee culture will be presented by those fully competent to interest all who listen.

We want to see every bee-keeper there. We cannot all attend the Worlds Fair, neither can we afford to miss the State Fair.

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Since Aug. 15, there has been an abundance of rain, and the parched earth is again dressed in green and the stubble fields show a pinkish hue, giving forth a peculiar perfume, inviting the bees to come to the feast. Colonies which had been properly cared for and fed so that they were not at starvation's door are now booming, while some began working in the supers within four days after the rain began. With reasonable weather the remaining part of the season all the bees will store sufficient for winter stores and many will store surplus for their owners. It surely pays to feed bees a little even in the summer time.

Our paper this month is largely given to kindly notices of some of those who have helped develop the honey interest in our state. There are others just as deserving of mention but we had neither space nor their pictures for this issue. We will in the future notice others.

Our next issue will be largely devoted to the doings of the state convention which meets Sept. 13 and 14 in the Bee and Honey hall. It will also contain a cut and description of the Neb. honey exhibit at the World's fair. Those who are not subscribers should send us 50cts for the next year, as the Oct. number alone will be worth 50cts.

Growth of the Great West.

The Mississipi river has 600 affluents whose courses are marked upon the map,and a drainage area of 1,357,545 sq. mi. The traveler embarking upon a steamboat can sail from Pittsburg,4,300 miles, to Fort Benton, Mont., and from Minneapolis, 2,200 miles, to Port Eads, on the Gulf of Mexico.Should he choose to extend his voyage to the head of navigation upon its 45 navigable tributaries, his outward journey would exceed 16,000 miles, through 23 States and Territories of the union, says the Industrial World.

This stupendous water system is equivalent to a land-locked harbor, an estuary or an arm of the sea, penetrating into the North American continent farther than from New York to Liverpool, with a coast line of 32,000 miles. having hundreds of populous towns and cities, and innumerable ports and havens, from which the agricultural and manufactured products of one third of the arable surface of the U.S. can be shipped to all parts of the globe. The terrirory which it drains is considerably larger than central Europe. Lying wholly in the temperate zone, equally removed from the languors of the tropics and the rigors of the pole. its climate favorable to health and longevity, its calcareous soil adapted to every variety of agriculture, it is the region where the elements of prosperity are the most abundant and stable. and the conditions of happiness most permanent and secure among the habitations of men.

One hundred years ago, the pioneers from New England, the advance guard of the great column of Anglo Saxon migration that has during the interval marched to the Pacific, abolishing the frontier and conquering the desert, descended the western slopes of the Alleghenies into the valley of the Ohio and disappeared into its solitudes. Chicago, Cincinati, and St. Louis were outposts of civilization, exposed to the brand and the tomahawk.A few log huts, trading stations and mission houses were scattered along the crumbling banks of the rivers and in the profound depths of the forests. There were neither highways nor public conveyances, commerce, agriculture nor manufactures. no schools, churches, nor society, nothing but nature and its vicissitudes, the savage and his prey. From that unsurveyed wilderness, in less than a century, 21 states have been admitted into the Union, having an area of 800,000,000 acres, a population of more than 35,000,-000, and wealth beyond measurement or computation. Sparsely inhabited. with rude and unscientific methods, its resources hardly touched, the States of the Mississippi Valley last year produced more than three-fourths of the sugar, coal, iron, oats, corn, wheat, cotton, tobacco, lead, hay, lumber, wool, pork, beef, horses, and mules of the entire country, together with a large fraction of its gold and silver. Their internal commerce is already greater than all the foreign commerce of the combined nations of the earth.

China supports 400,000,000 people upon an area smaller and less fertile. The civilization of Egypt, whose monuments have for forty centuries excited the awe and admiration of mankind, was nourished by the cultivation of less than 10,000 sq. mi., in the narrow valley and delta of the Nile. The delta of the Rhine, and the adjacent lands reclaimed from the Zuyder Zee, less than 15,-000 sq. mi., have long sustained the United kingdom of the Netherlands, and given to a dense population wealth. comfort, and contentment. The delta of the Mississippi, below its junction of the Ohio, richer than the Rhine or Nile, exceeds the combined area of Holland and Egypt, and is destined, under the stimulus of free labor and the incentives of self-government, to build a fabric of society more opulent and en-

during. Add to this the inexaustible alluvium of the streams above, and the fertile prairies from which they descend, and the arithmetic of the past has no logarithms with which to compute the problems of the economic and commercial future of the West. It will be predominant in the development, not of this country alone, but of the hemisphere, and will give direction to the destinies of the human race.

When the first furrow was broken on the prairies of Illinois, there was not an iron plowshare in the world. Men are yet living who might have seen the first steamboat on Western waters, on her trial trip from Pittsburg, in 1811, and were in active life when the first passenger rode in a railway train, and the first telegraphic dispatch was sent.

The early settlers of Missouri had to depend on flint and tinder for fire. Most of the inventions in machinery, nearly all the appliances for comfort and convenience, were unknown to the pioneers of the West. Their victories were won with few of the methods and devices now regarded as indispensable in even the humblest walks of life. When its agricultural, mining, and manufacturing resources are fully developed by steam and electricity, the Mississippi Valley will support and enrich, without crowding, 590,000,000 people, and be not only the granary but the workshop of the planet.

Honey in the Church Wall.

Oakland, Ill., Aug.9.—For a long time the congregation of the Zion Church near Five Points, six miles north of this city, has been bothered with honey bees. The bees became such a pest that it was decided to get rid of them. Today a dozen or more farmers assembled at the church and tore off the siding on one side, discovering a large deposit of honey. Over seven tubsful of sweetness were taken out and the bees successfully hived. L. L. ALSPAUGH, Auburn, Neb.

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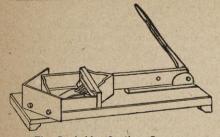
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Proposed Changes

To the Constitution of the Nebraska State Bee-Keepers' Association.

At a special meeting of the State Beekeepers Association held at Lincoln Hall, State University, on Feb. 14,1893, the following changes were proposed to the Constitution, and the secretary was instructed to print and send a copy to each member before time for the next annual meeting.

The proposed change.

The membership of this society shall be life and yearly members. Any person engaged in apiculture may become a life member of this society upon payment of a fee of five dollars.

Any person may become a yearly member upon the payment of fifty cents, provided no adverse action be taken by the society in either case.

The life members shall constitute the active membership of the society.

The yearly members shall be entitled to all reports and privileges as life members except voting and holding office.

Meetings.

The proposed change.

Art. 6, The annual meeting shall be held on Wednesday and Thursday of the week of the State Fair, of each year, at such places as the executive committee shall direct.

Article 5 of the Constitution reads as

"Any person may become a member of this association by paying the sum

of fifty cents annually, and signing the

follows:

constitution."

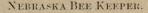
This section to be inserted:

There shall be two meetings held in each year. One shall be held on Wednesday and Thursday of the week of the State Fair of each year, and one during the winter, at such places as the executive committee may designate.

"That this society will do all in their power to aid the organization of local or county societies wherever practicable, and the presidents of such local or county societies shall be members of this society, the same as yearly members, during their term of office.

Last winter when we were asking our State Legislature for an appropriation sufficient to cover the cost of printing and distributing reports of our society, one of the objections we were met with, was that we had no members or society only for the present year, and nothing could be done for a society which could have no existence beyond our next meeting. This led to the presentation of the life membership section.

Shall the proposed changes be made	? Yes, No.
Present officers are	My vote for officers the following term
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