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THE STATE CONVENTION. • • •

We devote much of our space this month to the doings of the State Bee Keepers' Convention, held in Lincoln, Sep. 7-8. Although the attendance was not large, those present were the right kind of wide awake bee keepers and enthusiastic in the work and as a consequence the meetings were interesting and instructive.

The Presidents Address. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BEE-KEEPERS OF NEBRASKA.

We have assembled once more in annual convention, and with samples of our handiwork in the work shop and apiary, as you are thus able and place on exhibition the finest appliances, the sweetest honey, and as energetic an Association as is to be found in the world

as well as that of the growth of this industry in our state, standing second to none in point of interest, growth and unmistakeable evidences of prosperity.

The sudden manner in which White Clover has taken possession of a greater portion of our state marks a new epoch in this industry. Prior to the present year little of this class of honey has been produced outside of the river counties but during the past season it was gathered in abundance in a greater portion of the state. Heretofore those in the interior counties have depended upon the Heartsease for a honey plant vet this flower which has in the past yielded nectar in such abundance appears to be marching on in the great to manipulate the little busy bee, progress and promises in a short time to be no more, and we shall need in the future to prepare for the White Clover honey crop as the staple of the state.

In our school boy days we were Looking back over the history of the taught that Nebraska was part of the association but seven short years, we Great American Desert. Now we see find ourselves located in a booth on this state "blossom as the rose" until these grounds, dependent upon an ex- the very mention of the name of Nehibit principally from a friend in a braska is synonymous of productiveness neighboring state and with but twenty from an hundred different standpounds of Nebraska honey on exhibi- points. The coming Columbian Expotion, we are led to compare this fine sition furnishes to the bee-keeper of hall of to-day, and the fine display you Nebraska the opportunity of a lifehave placed on exhibition with that of time to show to the World what Neso few short years past as a source of braska can do, towards advertising the congratulation of your push and energy sweetness of Nebraska honey and its

excellence over that produced in other sweets of different kinds. states. This furnishes an opportunity position as it allotted to any state in State Fair in the future. the Nation and its limit to one hundied feet of space places it within our has heretofore been reported in differpower to make as fine if not the finest ent portions of our state is being pretty exhibit to be seen at Chicago in 1893. effectually stamped out, and after mak-Each of you are especially urged to make a personal matter of this exhibit, and show our state and this particular industry to the best advantage on that extent. occasion. Under the supervision of Prof. Chas. E. Bessey, of the State University, specimens of the leading honey plants of the state are being put up and properly mounted so that we will not only be able to show the different kinds of honey produced but also to show the particular kind of flower from which it was gathered. The extreme smallness of the appropriation for this exhibition by our State has greatly retarded this work, and many persons will be compelled to make gratuitious contributions of product and labor. This fact should not in the least retard this work but stimulate us to a renewed action. In the past you have been equal to every emergency, and if I mistake not you are equal to this one. The making and arrangement of designs in beeswax for this exposition has been turned over to the lady bee-keepers of our state and those who are with them equally interested in their behalf, enough of which is on exihibition here to give you a faint idea of what we may reasonably expect next year, as the winter days yet to come before the the opening of the Columbian Exposition will furnish ample opportunity for specimens of their handiwork both in exhibitions in wax as well as that

We are greatly indebted to the interto place on exhibition such a fine dis- est taken and the liberality evinced in play of our honey products as will show this exhibit by the different memthe world the superiority and excel- bers of the State Board of Agriculture. lency of our honey and thus create a We should have a care to fully demonmarket for our surplus production. strate to them that they have not un-The allotment of space in this Exposi- derated our ability to make this detion will be as great and as favorable a partment one of the attractions of the

> The disease called Foul Brood which ing considerable inquiry we have been unable to find any locality where foul brood is known to exist to any great

It is hoped that every one who attends this meeting will take more than a passing interest in our exhibit as well as in future ones, and that every one will make themselves perfectly at home while here. This is the home of the Nebraska bee keeper while at the State Fair, and while we may be crowded with the duties incident to the fair, we trust that no one will take this as a mark of seeming neglect, but on the other hand take hold with a will that insures success. This is your exhibition, this house is dedicated to the display of your products, and your work and care have placed in it what we have today on exhibition,, and we trust that you will feel perfectly at home while with us. In our past work we have been greatly indebted to many of you for assistance which without the advancement of this interest and exhibit must have proved a failure. The production of honey in Nebraska is yet in its infancy, yet enough is now to be seen to nerve us on to a greater degree of activity and to a time when the word Nebraska stamped on a package of honey will be absolute proof of its purity and excellence and insures it a ready customer in the markets of the world.

E. WHITCOMB.

Secretary and Treasurer, after which came the program of the evening.

The first subject; Queen Rearing by Chas. White, who wished to be excused from reading his "little say" as he had ure of it. Appearances are wondernot got it written; he however gave his system of queen raising and showed samples of artificial cells, also queens hatched from the same during the day and explained the style so well, that a member who heard him, said, "I can do that way too."

We have the promise of his system in writing for our readers in the near future.

The first paper read was: Woman as a Bee Keeper. Mrs. J. N. HEATER.

To all readers of bee-literature this is a hackneyed subject, but we shall offer no further apology for useing it than to say that through our Secretary, we received a request from our worthy ly accord to them all the blame.

ing, the whole matter resting entirely as it does in one word-adaptability.

Life is a free for all race, and I never did feel willing to grant to the "lords of creation" exclusive right to any thing, and I always contended that I had just as good a right to whistle as my brother had to sing, and exercised

We all know the most famous cus-

Following the reading of the Presi- strong reflection upon her mental, dents address came the report of the well as her physical ability. I always believe any man or woman capable of accomplishing whatever any other man or woman has accomplished until they have tried dilligently and made a failfully deceiving and nothing will prove a matter like the trial test.

There are three all essencial requisites for either man or woman to possess in order to be successful bee-keepers: viz, grit, grace and generosity. Grit is called to a severe test, when one poor season after another follows in broken succession for a number of years, and it takes long sighs and close tiguring to make the ledger pages balance. Grace is to be exercised when. after your tenderest care and all your sentimental talk about your pets," these same little pets administer to you a stinging rebuke, into which they have thrown all the venom at their command, because, perchance, President, asking us to prepare a paper have dared to meddle with their affairs, on this topic, and believing it to be a And Generosity is to be practiced in part of wisdom to obey our superiors, full measure when your competitor atwe complied with the request, and free-tempts in any manner to appropriate your customers to his own profits, by Personally, we see no occasion to giving him full details as to his duty. draw sex, race or color lines in our call- and forgiving him for his wickedness.

In this one pursuit we are all aware that the master cannot dictate to the worker, and perhaps this very fact has more to do with woman's success in the business than any other one thing: so used has she become to watching for "just the right time," before she ventures to give her command. She carries the same percaution into her apiary, where she must as closely watch tomer in the known world, as well as her opportunity before making a dethe most noted cooks are men. They mand for anything, if she expects to have invaded our territory, and worst obtain it. No woman is so stupid as to of all, carried off the laurels. So, by suppose for a moment that if she were way of retaliation we have a perfect to give her bees sections early in the right to cross any boundaries. I have spring, they would go right to work in never considered it a compliment to them, simply because she was the maswoman, to be asked if she could make ter-or mistress, and they were worka success of bee-keeping, as it casts a ing for her. Oh no! She has worked

on that line too long for that. She will that I might introduce myself as the commence by being real good to them. editor of a Bee Journal, and then give She will overhaul every frame in the hives, putting them in the best possible condition, then, if they are short of stores, will give frames of well ripened honey carried over for this very purpose; or feed them tempting sugar syrup, either of which will cause them to build up rapidly; which is just what she wants them to do. When she has beguiled them into filling their hive to overflowing with bees, and has taken precaution to have it so at a time when she knows there will be an abundance of honey producing plants in bloom; she continues her kindness to them still further, by giving them a case of sections all nicely filled with foundation, and the poor deluded little dupes rush into those sections pell-mell and fill them with honey in less than no time. That's just what that deceitful woman has been plotting for since early spring, and she gets it.

I need not enumerate the many women in foreign lands as well as our own, who stand with those at the very head of our business. Aside from those who are writers as well as apiarists, and who are well known to us all through their well written articles, there are hordes of practical women patiently working away in silence, who are in our ranks, and making a succes of beekeeping. These are but a few thoughts. briefly touched upon, and we now leave it with the wiser ones to suggest further why we should or should not, enter into this field of labor, to possess it.

The next paper read was by L. D. STILSON, entitled.

Bee Journalism.

Mr. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GEN-TLEMEN, BEE-KEEPERS.

Why our President should have assigned me this subject. I do not know, unless, that he knowing my extreme difidence, wished to bring me out, so

you all a chance to pick flaws with my article, and in the end find how little I know about bee journals or journalism. and then find how little I know about bee-keeping, however being drafted I will have my say and if our president is not suited let him choose more wisely the next time.

The term "Journalism," is so commonly understood that it needs no explanation from me, while with the prefix of our subject, it indicates journals, or publications of a specific kind, those devoted a special industry. To this class we now call your particular attention, and, in doing so, I ask you all to consider the growth of the industry here represented and see how closely that and the bee journals have been identified. The growth of the one has been the prosperity of the other. The advance of each has been so intimately connected with the other, each alternately leading, the other closely following, their interests so allied that in prosperity or adversity they have stood side by side in the results.

The men at the head of our profession are not the kind to hide their light "under a bushel," and, with the advent of the movable frame and its attendant discoveries, came also a desire for greater knowledge, and in return, proclaim their own. Practical illustrations, personal interviews and letter writing were all too slow to reach the inquiring masses, thirsting for knowledge. The printing press and steam must help in the work. Local notices with an occasional article in the agricultural papers at first served the pur pose, but the industry soon outgrew these, and like every other demand men were on hand to fill the need, and as advanced ideas and methods sought means of comparison, journals devoted exclusively to the trade were needed.

The bee industry was growing rap-

idly and the time was fully come when

its kindred, the bee journal, sprang into Braska Bee-Keeper. This journal is from this nuclei has grown the American Bee Journal, of today, which thru the discouragements of its more than 30 years of existence has steadily grown until now it is the only weekly representative of our class journals, and the men who have stood by it and brought it up to what it now it deserve our sincere thanks and gratitude.

A few years later and we have Gleanings in Bee Culture, from Ohio, at first a monthly, now a semi-monthly. Doing its work nobly and well, and giving us first class bee litrature.

As monthlies we have the Bee Keepers Review, The Apiculturist, Bee Keepers Guide, American Bee Keeper, Canadian Bee Journal, Progressive Bee Keeper, and the Nebraska Bee-Keeper, all ably edited, and supported by scores of writers comprising the best beekeepers in the nation.

Through these class, or trade journals, devoted to the bee and honey industry, may be had each year, a valuable library, a storehouse of knowledge not to be found anywhere else, and the whole combination, nine, for \$5.50.

These journals are all keeping step to the march of improvement, and the enterprise and energy shown in them is not excelled in any other.

What man or woman is there among us who is so good a bee-keeper that they can afford to do without them, or who, but what can be benefitted by their reading. All new methods and practices are thoroughly discussed and many a man has been saved his hard earned dollars by their exposurers of fraud. Each seeking to give the best of advice, and all joining in the one grand struggle for a better educated bee-keeping public.

Now Mr. President, with the implied assent in giving me this subject, I wish to say a little regarding the bee journal with which I am connected, the NE- cargoes of Nebraska honey on the mar-

existence. Small at first, but like the now in its third year of publication. tall oak from the little acorn growing; Started, with no axe to grind or particular bee hobby to ride, except the good of the pursuit, we have steadily endeavered to place before our patrons that which was elevating and instructive. Trials, as a matter of course have been ours. Encouragements, often. At the last session of this society, our paper was adopted as the official organ of the association, Coming as it did, unsought, it was a happy surprise, and we hope we have not dissappointed our friends. and done something to aid in the progress which has been made during the year; and as we keep step with others. we would ask a continuance of your patronage. However to make the paper successful it must have support financially, as well as by your influence, and we ask subscriptions from those interested in our success. We want every bee-keeper in the state to feel that they are interested in the paper and use its columns in which to record success and disappointments, and help us make it an organ worthy the industry we represent and a credit to the Grand State in which we live.

Third paper.

Nebraska as a Honey Producing State.

E. KRETCHMER.

I fear that a non-resident of the state cannot do the subject justice; whils't on the other hand a citizen of the state with the usual patriotism for state and home might exaggerate, but extensive business relations with the bea-keepers of Nebraska, and more recently a very pleasant trip from one end to the other of your state, has made such a pleasant impression on my mind, so as to give at least an outline of the facts.

Geographically, Nebraska is centrally located in the belt that produces the best quality of honey found in our markets and I believe that as soon as sufficient quantities are produced to have

ket, it will be as eagerly sought after them their eastern methods which reas Iowa or Nebraska Apples, are now quire radical changes. at the top of the market. Why such is to substantiate my assertion, take mar-Journal) and you will find the quotation for southern honey to be about 2c. per lb. less than for honey from the central states.

In our business we handle tons of beeswax, which comes from a territory extending from Minnesota to southern Texas, and from Nevada to Indiana, and it would surprise many to see the difference even in wax from different states.

produces that honey which is from In- hive may furnish more thorough pro diana to western Nebraska, and speak- tection for the more northern or exposthat honey is dark, its taste sharp and to move and unhandy. irritating; as we advance west, its color is lighter, and the taste more pleasant until we arrive at the western boundary of Nebraska, where its color is of an amber hue; its taste very pleasant and smooth, and with average seasons, the apiarist who has his colonies in proper condition for the harvest, receives such enormous quantities of this honey, as to astonish our eastern bee-keepers. who at that time are carefully guarding their colonies against robbing or are feeking them preparatory to winter.

White clover is fast spreading from the eastern boundary to the west, and soon the greater portion of the state will receive the benefit of two crops of honey: who has ever heard of such an enormous crop of white clover honey as was stored the past season in eastern Nebraska?

Yet bee-keeping in Nebraska is in its infancy as compared with the great future before it. Many of its settlers have within comparitively recent years come from the east, who brought with

The too much prevailing idea, that the fact, I am not prepared to say; but the winter is the great drawback to Nebrasks bee culture, is an error, the ket reports (others than in the Bee late honey crop usually places the bees in splendid condition for wintering, and with reasonable protections, they usually winter well. The everchanging weather in spring, with its unchecked piercing winds, causes the greatest care to the Nebraska bee-keeper; but many are fast learning and place their bees in double walled or so-called chaffhives; and of the several kinds now on the market, perhaps the the dovetailed chaff hive is one of the best; being At present honey from hearts ease is cheap, light to move, and most of all, the principle honey crop. Let us for a practical and handy for manipulation; moment pass over the territory which whil'st the two-story ten frame chaff ing comparatively, at its eastern line ed location, but it costs more, is heavy

> Honey Plants. A. C. TYRELL.

In once again naming the honey plants, both wild and imported, I crave the indulgence of the bee keepers who may listen to the reading of this article for I must reiterate and strongly emphasize a statement made in a former essay presented for the consideration of the fraternity at a meeting of beekeepers at this place a number of years ago, viz: the importance of providing your bees with sufficient pasturage.

When we take into account the limited supply of nectar a single clover head or other flower furnishes, and that in an apiary of 50 colonies, at least 2,000,000 worker bees must first provide for their own necessities, before storing any sur plus, we can readily see the need of planting largely for honey.

Older States have been provided for by nature or human agency with an abundance of basswood, clover, sage and other honey producing plants and trees, become successful apiculturists, supply one in raising a crop for honey alone, the deficiency.

Alsike Clover.

Alsike clover heads the list, is the most profitable of the clover family, and if you are the owner of 50 colonies or more, you will make no mistake if you expend \$50 or \$100 for seed, and scatter it everywhere in easy access to your apiary.

No farmer will object to your sowing it in his pasture or meadow. take root and grow luxuriantly on the highest prairie land, without having been previously broken, readily adapting itself to any condition, and will make excellent pasturage or hay where blue grass cannot obtain a foothold.

Every farmer should raise what he requires for cattle and hay.

Being hardy and vigorous, rooting fully as deep as red clover, and throwing out hundreds of rootlets, it is better adapted to withstand drouth white clover.

Honey obtained from white clover is whiter, but of no finer quality.

In an article of this kind wherein I am expected to mention all the honey plants, I cannot enter as fully into detail as to the merits of this plant as I desire, and pass to

White Clover.

Every one being familiar with the common white and dutch or German clover, I need not dwell at length upon the merits of the same. The only objection that can be urged against it is that extreme dry weather or long continued rains lessons its value as a honey producer.

Sweet Clover.

This is an excellent honey plant, but very dificult to raise in my locality, winter-killing badly the second season after planting. If it could be transplanted like tomato or cabbage plants. I would raise a few acres for honey

Red Clover.

The second crop yields honey, but is enormous.

and we, in my locality at least, must, to not in sufficient quantities to justify although for hav and pasture for hogs and cattle every farmer should sow as his necessities require.

Alfalfa Clover.

But little is grown in this vicinity. and I cannot speak advisedly as to its value as a honey plant. It is said however, that bees work well on this clover the entire season. Alfalfa will, I am satisfied thrive in the Platte, Elkhorn and other low valley lands in this State and when once fairly well established defies the roughest usage, plowing it up will not destroy it; this I know of my own knowledge.

Vines.

Squash, melon and other vines produce an abundance of pollen, and are valuable for that purpose, but I think no honey is derived from this source.

Grapes.

The wild and cultivated varieties produce honey and pollen and are very attractive to bees.

No country produces finer grapes than are grown in this county and the State of Nebraska. The cultivation of the grape is an easy matter, and adding somewhat to the supply of honey and pollen, both necessary to the life and usefulness of the apiary, every beekeeper and farmer should grow at least sufficient for family use.

Raspberries.

Black cap and red vrieties both are excellent honey producers, the last named more especially, and I am satisfied that it will pay to cultivate a few acres for honey and berries, the market never being glutted here.

Hemp and Mustard.

These plants cannot be overestima ted, and every bee-keeper should raise a little for pollen, mustard for early and hemp for a later crop. Bees work on hemp from morning till night while in bloom, and the amount it produces

Carpenter's Square.

Plant," is very rich in nectar and is ie- sparingly, but every little helps at a digenous to Nebraska, growing in many season when bees are usually short of localities in openings in openings in stores. timber land.

Seeds should be scattered in waste places near streams or in scattering timber as it requires no cultivation.

Melissa.

So much has been written about these plants I will say that I am not disposed to retract anything I have heretofore written about these valuable honey plants.

Spanish Needle.

This is the Best fall honey plant in this part of the State and is found in great abundance wherever there is a stream of water of any size, is not often affected by drouth as it usually grows near the waters edge and pools beside running water.

Honey from these rank weeds is thick, not very dark and of fine quality. Te say the least it is sweet and sticky.

Hearts Ease.

Is worthless so far as honey is concerned.

Rocky Mountain Bee Plant.

Better not try to cultivate these plants for honey, for you will be disappointed if you attempt to encourage the bees to gather honey from these "tangle weeds."

Golden Rod.

I am not, and never have been an admirer of the much lauded would national flower. Of course it is hardy, withstands the summer's heat and winter's cold remarkable well, obtrudting everywhere where grass and grain should grow, taking in many places possession of meadows and pastures—a sea of golden bloom tiresome to the eve and of no benefit to bee-keepers.

Trees.

Where I reside, Box elder trees are considered valuable for the pollen they furnish bees early in the season, although in cold backward seasons

much is lost. Apple, Peach, Apricot, Sometimes called "Simpson's Honey Plum and Cherry trees furnish honey

The Hive we use, and why we use it, LEVERING BROS.

From the above title, you will readily see that that is striking us right at home, and if we can talk a little bit we certainly ought to do so in this case.

In the first place, the hive we principally use is 20 inches long, 13% inches wide and 91/2 inches deep. The supers are the same size, except that they are only half as deep. Two supers will make the same size as the body and if one wishes they can be used to hang frames in the same as a regular body. The frames we use in this hive, are mostly the standard Simplicity or Lang stroth size, 91/8 x 175%. We use in the body or brood chamber the Improved Hoffman frames. The body holds 8 Hoffman frames and when wedged over with a follower and wedged in, is we think the most complete brood chamber in existence.

The supers hold 24 1th sections which are held in place by 6 section holders holding 4 sections each. These holders protect the sections on the bottom and sides and are a very handy and convenient comb honey receptical.

When we run for extracted honey we use either two supers or a regular body above the brood chamber. We leave above the brood chamber. out the follower and wedge and use loose end thick top frames, spacing them to equal distance, thus ensuring a thicker comb and hence a stronger one. We like the loose end frames for extracting because when the frames are properly filled they are tony and convenient to uncap.

The hive we have just described is dovetailed all round, making a strong. durable and practical hive.

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Flowers Mounted, Fred, Clements, dip

Double wall hive, A. E. Davidson, dip

At a meeting of the exhibitors in the Apiary department, held in the Bee and Honey Hall on the State Fair Grounds at Lincoln, Sept. 9th 1892. After the meeting was called to order, E. Kretchmer was elected Chairman and L. D. Stilson Secretary. The following resolutions were passed:

Whereas; The uniform courtesy and good will shown us by the Superintendent of this department, Mr. E. Whitcomb, and his efforts to make our display complete, therefore be it

Resolved; That we hereby tender him our sincere thanks for his work, and that a copy of these resolutions be presented to him.

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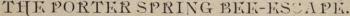
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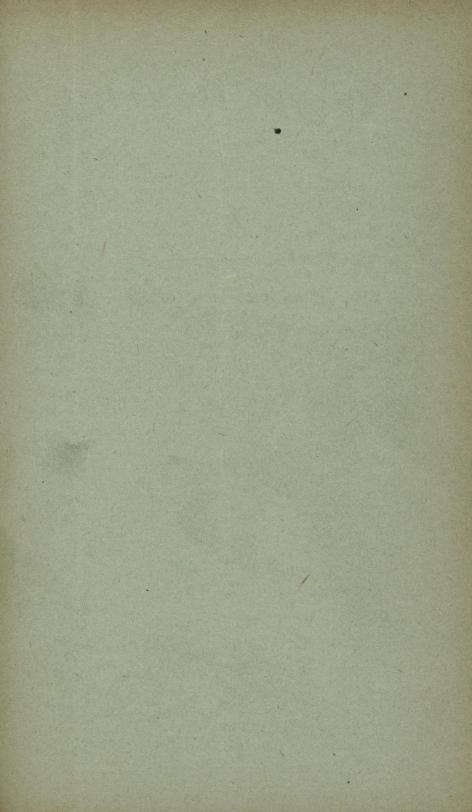
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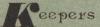
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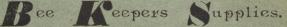
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