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BEEVILLE, TEXAS, SEPTEMBER 1901.

### Proceedings of General Session Of North, South and Central Texas Bee-keepers Ass'on.

### Held at College Station, Tex. July 24th, 1901.

General Session of North, South and Central Texas meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock a. m., July 24th, 1901, by President O. P. Hyde, of the Central Texas Beekeepers' Association, it being a joint session each association being represented in the chairs by Presidents Stochelhauser, of the South Texas Association: Hyde of the Central Texas; J. M. Hagood representing The Texas State or North Texas Association, with Secretaries E. J. Atchlev, of the South Texas, and Louis Scholl of the Central Texas, at the desk.

President Hyde made a brief talk on the creation of the bee, it being the creation of God, after which Mr. E. J. Atchley offered prayer.

The presidents, next made their respective reports, Mr. Hagood giving the general standard of their association, the North Texas: It now has about forty members, representing 12,000, colonies with average yield of thirty pounds; on account of lack of interest, their association was not quite as good as it ought to be, but thinks that more enthusiasm will soon be shown, as attendance at the meeting is fairly good. Their officers are: W. R. Abraham, president; J. M. Hagood, first vicepresident; V. Lowry, second vicepresident, and Rev. J. N. Hunter secretary.

Next came the "South Texas" president's report, Mr. Stachelhausen.

President O. P. Hyde, of the Central Texas Association only had to say that his association was growing and that the Central Texas Association is still alive and kicking, for "when we start, we start," there are no gums but hives, and hives right, which was all learned in central Texas. In the year 1897 they averaged from 100 to 150 pounds of honey to the colony, the last year's crop has been about half a crop, or 50 pounds, he considers 100 pounds a full crop for his locality.

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The secretaries' reports were gone through with later.

The election of officers for the Central Texas Association was next in order, resulting in the election of J. B. Salyer, of Jonah, as president for the ensuing year, with H. H. Hyde, of Hutto, Texas, vice-president, and Louis Scholl, of Hunter, Texas, secretary and treasurer, re-elected.

The call for new members was postponed by a motion made before the election of officers, as a new constitution and by-laws were to be arranged and adopted first, upon which a committee of three was appointed, consisting of Louis Scholl, H. H. Hyde and F. L. Aten, to report in the afternoon.

Then the regular subjects were taken up, and E. J. Atchley spoke on "Bee-keeping for Farmers." He hardly knew whether to encourage them to keep bees or not. cited instances occurring at a neighbors, who was a good farmer who kept bees, and the blunders he made. If they only keep a few colonies and produce honey for their own use and table it is all right, when keeping more, during a good honey year they have a surplus, rush it to town and lump it off at "any old price" it mostly being honey of very inferior quality: besides their not being posted

in regard to prices, never reading a "Bee Journal," they run down the price of honey and are ruinous to the experienced bee keeper who is in it to earn his bread and butter, therefore, it should be discouraged.

Mr. Hagood is in a strictly farming district and a farmer himself, that *farmers* ought to encourage bee-keeping for the fertilization of flowers, and that most beee-keepers encouraged farmers to keep bees. He has his home market and sells most of his honey there, so the effects of the farmers' inferior honey, containing old dark combs with polen and such, ruined his market and lowered the price.

G. F. Davidson arose to make a motion that we invite Prof. Malley, state entomologist at College Station, to speak before the beekeepers at the afternoon session, at 2 p. m., in regard to assistance from the bee-keepers in going before the special session of the legislature in August, to try and procure an appropriation to help cover the expenses in establishing a department of bee-keeping, and the location of an apiary on the grounds at College Station.

After some discussion as to the great need of such an establishment and the great good that such a one will do and what great work could be done. The motion was unanimously carried and a special committee to go and invite Prof. Malley to appear before our association was appointed. This committee appointed by President Salyer, were H. H. Hyde, G. F. Davidson, and R. C. Knowles.

Another committee to assist Prof. Malley, and to go to Austin before the legislature, was appointed, consisting of Louis Scholl, J. M. Hagood and E. J. Atchley.

This business being attended to, the regular subjects were taken up again.

Z. A. Weaver said that beekeeping must be followed altogether as a business. Does not encourage farmers to keep bees, but how many would be here now if not started on their farm? It just depends which, whether the bees or the farm is the thing that one should follow, and of course turn the one loose that is not the best paying. Some keep bees as a side issue, become enthusiastic and succeed, while others fail. If farmers keep a few colonies to produce honey for their own use it is all right, otherwise not.

O. P. Hyde makes a whole business out of bee-keeping and keeps them for the dollars and cents there is in it; has no objection at all to farmers keeping bees, as, if he had 100,000 pounds of honey at his home, not a 1000 lbs, would be sold there, as all of his honey is shipped to north Texas. Just to let farmers keeping bees go on, and that the matter would adjust itself in some way in the future.

To this Mr. Atchley objected, as new ones were coming in all the time, the matter could not adjust itself, but must be done by the experienced bee-keepers, they must discourage the kind that won't succeed.

There were many who gave their opinions in regard to this matter; some discouraged farm, bee-keeping while others proclaimed it all right, some of our greatest bee-men having sprung up by starting on the farm. But to keep a farm and bees too, was not deemed practicable, that either one should be followed as a profession and not divide ones attention to both, either be a bee-keeper or a farmer, they cannot harmonize, as the bees need one's whole attention to make it successful. and either the farm or the bees must be neglected sometime, more especially in the spring. At the same time the bees need attention. the farm needs it, and as nobody can be hired to attend to a business as one himself, something must be neglected. What is the use of half attending to each, instead of following the one most snitable.

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There are many sections most excellent for bees and not for farming, others just the reverse. There are some men more fit for one than the other, and this ought to govern us as to what line should be followed.

The discussion ended in that if all these farmer-bee-keepers would keep bees in up-to-date ways, produce their honey by the latest methods, putting it up rightly and in proper shape, and keeping posted of the market about the price of honey, it will be all right, and no harm will be done. So it will be the duty of the more experienced to teach them all this. Encourage such as are willing to receive instruction, and endeavor to make a success of it.

But those that ean't be taught, won't read a "Bee Journal," won't learn and come in with their inferior stuff, and lump it off at any price, should be discouraged.

Bees really belong on the farm, just as well as poultry, hogs, cows, and such, and should be had on it, but they should be attended to rightly.

Production of lump comb honey, was next taken up, upon which M. M. Faust gave his mode of production and dispensing therewith.

He wants the strongest colonies for producing all kinds of honey,

but more for bulk-comb-honey: lets them get strong and gives them more room by adding half depth supers with shallow frames, onehalf inch foundation starters. If the bees are slow to go up, he puts on another or second half-depth super, putting up some frames of brood, exchanging the shallow frames for their places in the brood chamber below until well started. when all is put back again. Used to produce about half of bulk-comb and extracted honey each, but this last year has had to buy extracted honey to fill up his comb honey cans. By giving all frames containing foundation, this year he has had some trouble by the queen depositing eggs in the supers.

O. P. Hyde followed with a good paper on the same subject:

In its different phases, this subject will naturally divide itself in three parts:

FIRST—How to produce bulkcomb honey.

SECOND—How much more bulkcomb can be produced than one pound sections ?

THIRD—Why should we produce bulk-comb honey?

On the first part, have all your bees in ten-frame dove-tailed hives of standard size, Italian bees and rousing colonies. Then when the flow begins put on one Ideal or  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inch deep super, with  $5\frac{3}{8}$  inch deep frames, filled with full sheets of extra thin foundation. By using full sheets of this extra thin foundation, the bees enter the super at once and it will not be detected in the honey.

If the first super is about half full, another super is put on under it, and keep on tiering up. Gives plenty of room and sometimes has as many as four and five supers on his strongest colonies. The above sized frame is preferred, as when one is full, it will just make a complete layer in the five gallon, eight inch, screw-top, sixty pound cans. The 44 inch frames are too shallow, requiring strips of comb to be cut to fill up the space.

The advantage of shallow frames over full depth frames is that more capped honey can be obtained. For the second he asserts that twice as much bulk-comb can be produced as one-pound sections, believing that he can prove it.

The bees enter open frames quicker, work harder and almost fill two supers as quick as one section super. Also the advantage of the extra amount of extracted honey that goes in at comb honey rate.

The keeping of bees on the dollar and cent stand-point, wanting all the honest dollars that are in it, he must produce the kind that sells the quickest and gives the quickest returns. If his customers were wholy or mostly for section honey, he would be forced to produce that kind, if bulk-comb, then that kind; if extracted, then the extracted.

As it is the demand that keeps us in the market, we must produce the kind there is demand for.

Was once an advocate of section honey, the kind that has a thin strip of wood around it, thinking it so nice, and it could be sent to market just as the bees made it. Is still an advocate of comb honey, but the kind that is cut from the frames, placed in cans and that delicious sweet extracted poured over it. Then you have not only extracted on the inside, but on the outside of the comb also which makes it more desirable to the taste.

When he was for section honey, the northern brothers said he was a practical apiarist, but now he is for bulk-comb, and they say, he has retrograded thirty years, which however, does not matter with him, as he is not for popularity, but for the dollar. He also gave some figures and some idea of the immense quantity of such bulk-comb honey that is in demand over only a small part of other kinds.

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A question was asked in regard to keeping it over through winter, whether it would granulate, and if it could be taken out in layers then ?

The answer was: That this was the only drawback that bulk comb honey had, but that the demand was so great that none is kept over.

Mr. Davidson then arose and seriously criticised Mr. Hyde's article: Said that he did not want it understood that the production of comb honey in sections is to be discouraged altogether; does not want anybody to assail the production of section honey. That the production of it stands above all other kinds and is the highest grade in the art of producing honey. Intimated that the reason why others were not producing section honey was because they did not know how, and that the day would come when more sections will be produced than bulk comb, as it is the more wealthy people, anyway, that eat the most honey. All three grades are good. but fine section honey can not be produced during slow flows, as it takes fast, rushing flows, and a locality with such. Just as much in dollars and cents could be made with sections as with bulk-comb, and should be encouraged.

Mr. Hagood, of north Texas, has his home market, and in keeping it over winter, has found it a failure, as it granulates.

M. M. Faust told him how he could prevent it granulating, but that it would be some trouble; heat your extracted honey that you fill your cans with as hot as you can put your finger into without burning.

O. P. Hyde ended the discussion by saying that he was not atall discouraging the production of section honey, that he is willing to produce what is in the greatest demand and gives best profits; he is not pushing this, but it is his customers that chose it and demand it of him.

Before adjournment, H. H. Hyde made a motion to appoint a committe of three, to judge the beekeepers exhibits, on which the chair appointed C. Williams, W. O. Victor and Mrs. C. R. West.

A motion to adjourn for dinner, to meet at 2, p. m., was carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION WED. 24TH.

Convention called to order by President J. B. Salyer, at 2 o'clock. The first business attended to was the report of the committee on constitution and by-laws, and Secretary Scholl read the following constitution, which was adopted.

### CONSTITUTION.

### ARTICLE 1,-NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Texas Bee-keepers' Association.

#### ARTICLE 2-OBJECTS.

Its objects shall be to promote the interests of the bee-keepers; exchange of thoughts; experiments etc., in apiculture, through the meetings of this association, and maintain a closer relation of its members.

#### ARTICLE 3-MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1—Any white person who is in accord with the objects and aims of this association, may become a member upon the payment of \$1 to the Sec-Treas., payment to be made at or before each annual meeting of this association, or not later than ten days thereafter.

Membership to continue as long as all dues are paid up.

SEC. 2—Any person may become an honorary member of this association upon a two-thirds vote of the members present.

#### ARTICE 4-OFFICERS.

SEC. 1.—The officers of this association shall be a president, vice-president and secretary, who shall be also ex-officio treasurer.

SEC. 2—The officers shall all be elected annually by ballot of the members of this association at their anual meeting.

#### ARTICLE 5-DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1—It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the annual meetings of this association and to perform such other duties as may devolve on the presiding officer.

President shall be ex-officio vice-president of the Texas Farmers' Congress.

SEC. 2. In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall perform the duties of president. SEC. 3—It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the records of this association and to make a report of the annual meetings, to receive membership fees, and to make a report at the annual meetings and perform such other service as the association may direct.

SEC. 4. The president, vice-president, and secretary shall form an executive committee- Their duties shall be such as usually fall to such officers.

#### ARTICLE 6-FUNDS.

SEC. 1—The secretary shall remit to the general manager of the "National Bee-keepers' Association," within two weeks after the annual meeting, the sum of fifty cents for each paid up member, as membership in the "National Bee-keepers' Association," for one year.

Section 2. The secretary shall receive not less than \$10 annualy for his services, and shall receive another sum equal to expenses, for the benefit of this association.

Section 3—The remaining funds of this association shall be expended as the members thereof may direct.

#### ARTICLE 7-Meetings.

This association shall hold annual meetings at such time and place as the members may select, by a two-thirds vote at some regular meeting, but if in any event it becomes impracticable to meet at the place selected because of mforseen events, then this association shall hold its meeting at such time and place as the executive committee may select.

### ARTICLE 8-Committees.

The president of this association shall appoint yearly the following committees on resolutions and petitions :

A programme committee of one, and such other committee as may become necessary.

#### ARTICLE 9-General.

Sec. 1—This association shall ally itself with the Texas Farmers' Congress in every way possible, provided that such an alliance is never detrimental to this association.

Sec. 2. It shall be one of the aims of this association, to secure the passage of a law establishing an "Experimental Apiary" at College Station, together with the appointment by the governor, of an experimenter who shall be recommended to him by the "Bee-keepers' Associations" of Texas.

ARTICLE 10-Amendments.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present, at some regular meeting?

The new association now goes under the name of "Texas Beekeepers' Association" and comprises the other associations.

Every bee-keeper in Texas ought to be a member of "The Texas Beekeepers' Association," as with its new constitution and by laws, and the men, its officers, to back it, much good can now be accomplished.

The only thing these officers ask for, is the co-operation, help and assistance of the bee keepers, and with that the association could make a stride forward as it has never done; we need and must have that help and co-operation.

Every bee-keeper of our great state ought to take pride in helping to build up an association that will surpass all others, and this can only be done by their giving their assistance. Put your shoulders to the wheel and keep it going. The greater our association, and the more members it has, the more can be done.

Now something about what you get if you want to be a member. Well here it is:

By paying your anual dues of \$1.00 per year, you are not only a member of the Texas Association. but, as fifty cents of this one dollar is sent with collections from all other members, to the general manager of the National Bee-keepers' Association, you also belong to it. So you see, there you have a good state association, of which every bee-keeper of the state should be a member and one of which every member ought to be proud enough to help promote it and push it forward and upward, and then he has all of the benefits of the National Association at just one-half the regular rate.

Of course it must be remembered that all desiring to take advantage of this fact, must act according to the rules in Art. III, of the constitution of this association. Besides this, there is something nice in the way you get your money back through your subscriptions to the "Bee Journals." For instance, if you subscribe, say for THE SOUTHLAND QUEEN; by paying your anual subscription to the sec-

retary of the association at the yearly meetings, together with your annual dues, you get the journal at the lowest rate, only fifty cents a year for "THE QUEEN", just half the regular price. This is not all, for there are all the others that have done the same and offer their journals at reduced rates, of which there will be found a list following:

Southland Queen, Gleanings in Bee Culture, American Bee-Journal and Beekeepers' Review, the regular subscription price of each is reduced; then there is The Progressive Bee-Keeper, and American Beekeeper, each reduced onehalf. Now it can be seen that if you subscribe for two or more of these journals pertaining to our pursuit, you have your membership free.

Every up-to date bee keeper must have some or all of the bee papers, to keep up with the race and times, every bee-keeper of our state ought to take advantage of this and our membership should thereby increase, and form a body of beekeepers that can do some good.

Subscriptions must be sent to the secretary and along with the membership dues, as he again has to send all of them to the publishers, *in a lump* or it wont count, he cannot send in single subscriptions all along. The secretary was instructed to write to each member of the change that has taken place, of the new name of the association, of its new constitution, its new business and intentions, the object proposed, and to notify them all of their annual dues, (\$1.00) which must now be paid annually as per Art. III.

Mr. E. J. Atchley kindly proposed to prepare circulars and to assist in such other ways as were in his power, which was greatly appreciated and was accepted with thanks by the association.

As this all devolves a great amount of work and writing on the secretary to do, an amount sufficient to cover the cost of a minograph was kindly handed over by the members and instructions given the secretary to purchase such a one for the use of the association.

The secretary was further instructed to purchase a set of books and to keep them in order with all the accounts and business of the association.

Further the secretary will be furnished with printed stationery, to be used in carrying on the correspondence in the interest of the association.

This printing &c., Mr. Atchley, publisher of "THE SOUTHLAND QUEEN," of Beeville, Texas, has volunteered to give to the associa-

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tion free, and was unanimously accepted by a rising vote of the members present, and with thanks from President Salyer in behalf of the association.

Upon this a call for new members, to become member of The Texas Bee-keepers' Association was made and all present enrolled. Many took advantage of the low price of the subscriptions of the Bee Journals, along with their dollar membership dues.

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### Non-Swarming Bees.

Jennie Atchley Co., Beeville, Texas:

The reply you gave to my question as to why my bees do not swarm, is not admissible; you say on page 97, in the August No. of THE SOUTHLAND QUEEN, :

"The reason your bees do not swarm is likely on account of failure of nectar, it not being in quantity sufficient to stimulate brood-rearing, etc."

The usual time for bees to swarm in this climate is between the 10th of April, and the 20th of May. Our best honey flow begins between the 10th and 20th of April, and lasts until the 10th to 18th of May. Usually an ordinary colony fills two 30lb supers and a prime colony fills three supers.

After the 10th of May there is a light flow that continues to the first of June, but not in sufficient quantity to store honey, then we have no honey at all until about the 20th of Augast, which usually lasts until the 1st to the 10th of October. Now, then, our big flow is right in and during swarming time, and when 1 tell you that 30 pound supers are filled in less than six days I need not argue that queens are not up to time.

My purpose for asking the question was for an argument that may result to the benefit of others, and I will give my version of it as clear as possible. My hives are in position three feet above the ground, with entrance facing south, and are fairly well shaded, besides have an extra cover 20 inches wide by 28 inches long that keeps the sun off the hive nearly all the day, or during the hot part of the day, and as soon as they begin to give any sign of wanting to sit or cluster outside I go along and raise the front part of the hive and put a 1 inch square block between the hive and bottom board, which opens their entrance to the width of 13 inches, yet the back of the hive sets down flat on the bottom board. This is done as soon as bees begin to stand in the entrance to wear out their wings to force a circulation (it is said by high authority to mature their honey.) My hives face south, and in this locality the wind is nearly always south or from a southerly direction during the

summer or honey season. The bee is an insect, but it likes to be comfortable, as much so as any-When it is uncombody else. fortable it does not like to work no more than anybody else that is not compelled to work, and it is very evident that when bees are clustered on the outside of a hive that they are not doing any work on the inside. Again, the large number of bees required to force a circulation through the hive are not performing any work, and are wasting their lives by wearing out their wings and acquiring the habit of idling. Let us look at a hive now that sets right down on the ground or within six inches of the ground and you will find them clustered on the outside day and night, with entrance blocked up with bees wearing out their wings to force a circulation through their hives to at least make it possible for a few bees to remain inside to take care of the brood and do the little that is done under such circumstances.

Now, then, why do bees swarm? Simply because they are uncomfortable in their hive. (Now, right here is where I expect those old bees to pitch into me, for I use no veil, but a good blast of smoke they may look for.)

Imagine a large family in a small house over winter, the house protected against the cold, every crack and crevice stopped up so that no air can penetrate into it Only an ordinary increase in said family during warm weather will make things very unpleasant in such a house.

Now a colony of bees that has just gone through winter in a tight hive. Consider the enormous amount of brood, the vast amount of heat created by that vastly increased amount of life and living beings, added to the normal, in the same tight hive, does it require an instinct to seek more comfortable quarters. Not much. The conditions produce it. Change these conditions and make your bees comfortable. and in a few years you will have a strain of nonswarmers. At least that is the way I account for my non-swarmers. Again, when you hive a swarm into a warm or hot hive your bees will seldom stay. Put them in a cool hive and you will save the trouble of rehiving them. That is another evidence that they. seek comfortable quarters, more so than the one that they just left, and especially if they are put in a hive and slapped right down on the ground, no circulation, with the hot rays of the sun pouring on it. It really seems inhuman the way bees are cared for by many a so-called expert in bee culture. It don't require much intelligence to

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know that it is much hotter right flat on the ground than it is two or three feet above and that nothing can be comfortable under extreme conditions of heat and with no circulation of air. Is it, therefore, not reasonable to believe that bees will store more honey when their surroundings are made more comfortable? Will they not be inclined to remain in their comfortable home with plenty in preference to seeking new quarters and leave, not knowing where they are going to, But some one will say that it is the instinct of the animal, and the bees will swarm, but I take the position that certain conditions will prompt that instinct-prevent that condition and your bees will stay at home and that instinct will not bother them.

#### M. BROWN.

FRIEND BROWN-We are glad to have your experience regarding swarming, etc. Our experience teaches us that the sun has but little to do with swarming; as if they are not in a condition to swarm and the sun is too hot for them to all remain inside they will come out to fresh air. but only swarm when conditions are right. We mean, of course, natural swarming. Bees inside of green trees, where it never gets hot, swarm as soon as those in the sun in this locality. Of course it may be that bees hasten swarming 'somewhat when the hive is in the sun, but other swarming conditions must be present or no swarm will issue just because the hives are in the sun, but it is best to have plenty of shade that all the bees may

work inside with comfort, but they do not swarm just because they are uncomfortable is our experience. There are no bees in the world that are non-swarmers. but, when certain favorable conditions arrive they DO SWARM, just like other bees; but there are some races of bees that swarm more than others. We think you are right that it is hotter near the earth than up a foot or so. We suppose that your climate and ours is quite different. as a honey flow here stops swarming altogether. If bees are preparing to swarm in this locality, and a big honey flow suddenly comes along, the bees tear down their cells and store honey and make no attempt at swarming until the big flow is over and a light flow begins. We will be glad to hear from others on this subject.

### A Letter from Prof. Mally, Our State Entomologist, to Louis Scholl.

Wootan Wells, Tex., Aug. 30. Louis Scholl, Floresville, Tex.

DEAR SIR—The finance committee in the house has allowed \$750 the first year and \$500 the second year for an apiary at the A. & M. College. The senate has not allowed it, but think we can keep it in when the bill goes to conference. Make an announcement in the beekeepers' journals of the State and urge all the bee people in Texas to write their members in the house and senate. Write to leading beekeepers in the Uvalde country and have them poke up their senator. It is important to get all the bee people in line now and do their part vigorously. We have started the matter and the bee-keepers must now write freely to their members of the Legislature and keep them warm. Mr. W. O. Murray, of the House Finance Committee, is doing all in his power, but we must help him. Keep me fully posted of your efforts so that we may pull together. With regards and best wishes, I am yours truly,

### FRED W. MALLY.

Now, just read what a nice start we are making. Let every beekeeper push forward:

Col. L. L. Foster, President A. & M. College, College Station, Texas:

DEAR SIR—The following resolution explains itself. In submitting it herewith I beg to add my endorsement, and urge the claims of the State Bee-Keepers' Association for your earnest consideration. The following is the resolution, adopted by the Texas State Bee-Keepers' Association, July 25, 1901:

Resolved, by the Texas State Bee-Keepers' Association, at the Texas Farmers' Congress, in convention assembled, That we pet tion the Presi ent and Board of Trustees of the A. & M. College to ask of the Legislature, at its extra session, to appropriate funds sufficient to establish an apiary at the A. & M. College, and to provide for instructions and experiments in bee culture by the Department of Entomology. We respectfully submit the following statistics to enforce the importance and value, as well as volume of our industry, and invite your careful investigation and consideration:

No. of colonies in the State - - 150,000 Value of above colonies - - - \$375,000 Total number of lbs of honey 11,250,000 Value of product, estimated at

7 cents per pound - - - \$787,000 Number of pounds wax - - - 150,000 Value of wax product - - - - \$37,500 Total value of output, honey and

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W. O. VICTOR,

COMMITTEE.

In addition I beg to append the following statistics from other nations, together with our own, for comparison:

	ther of Colo- nies.	mds of Honey Produced. erage Pounds per Colony.
Nations.	Nun	Pour I Ave
Greece	30,000	3,000,000 100
Denmark	80,000	2,000,000 25
Russia	110,000	2,000,000 19
Belgium	200,000	5,000,000 25
Holland	240,000	6,000,000 25
France	950,000	23,000,000 24
Germany	1,450,000	40,000,000 27
Austria	1,550,000	40,000,000 : 26
United States	2,300,000	62,000,000 22

These national statistics are based upon reports available about eight years ago, but they are valuable as showing, approximately, the comparative condition of the bee industry throughout the world at that time. From this table it is apparent that the bee-keepers of

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Greece produce an average of about 100 pounds of honey per colony. It is also apparent that this is about four times the ratio of any other nation. It is probable that there are well defined fundamental principles involved in this difference. The Grecian methods, honey plants varieties of bees, equipments and management should be studied with special reference to Texas conditions, and our bee-keepers should be advised of ways and means which will tend to make their labors more productive. The same array of statistics show that the bee-keepers of the United States average 22 pounds per colony, which is less than any other nation except Russia. Certainly there can be no stronger plea than the two lessons drawn from the above statistics to argue for a recognition of the request of the Bee-Keepers' Association for an appropriation for the A. & M. College, to provide for an apiary, as also a suitable course of instruction in connection therewith.

The State bee-keepers' statistics show that about 150,000 colonies in the State yield 11,250,000 pounds of honey, which they value at \$787,500. Now, individual experiments by experts in Texas have reported that in one instance two stands of bees used as a test, given proper attention as to honey plants and timely management as to hives, shelter and the taking of the honey, have produced 1206 pounds of extracted honey in one season. The societies' estimate is based upon an average of 75 pounds per stand or 150 pounds for the two. Deducting this from 1206, we have left 1050 pounds as a clear gain in product through scientific management. Valued at the societies' rate of 7 cents per pound, we have \$73.92 as a net gain for the two, or \$36.95 per stand. On this basis the gain on 150,000 colonies in the State would be a net increase in the volume and value of the product of the State of \$5,400,000. It should be noted that this gain is without extra cost on the part of the producers. This full capacity of the specialist is not reached by the bee-keepers of the State generally on account of the lack of facilities with which to test local conditions in advance, and argues for the instruction of our bee-keepers and the people generally along more scientific lines.

But another important factor is involved. Great difficulty is experienced in the colder climates of our northern states in carrying the colonies through the winters successfully. This department has been advised on good authority that there is an annual loss of about 25 per cent each season. The reported number of colonies in the United States is 2,800,000, on which a 25 per cent loss means the destruction of 700,000 colonies annually. Valued at \$2.50 each we have an annual loss of \$1,750,000. It has been found that Texas conditions are specially suited to the rearing of queens and the carrying over of colonies during the winter. Our bee keepers are beginning to supply the loss above-mentioned in the northern states through the sale of Texas grown queens and colonies. If the industry were properly encouraged Texas could easily secure the greater portion of this business, which can safely be estimated at a million dollars annually. Such an immense volume of business means more beekeepers, and should also mean better ones. It cannot help but attract the bee-keeping population from the older states to taking up this important industry within our borders. The probability, therefore, of enhancing the wealth producing power of the state by millions of dollars annually should argue unmistakably for the small appropriation of \$4000 required to provide for an apiary at the A. & M. College and a suitable course of instruction in connection therewith.

Then, again, there are many

plants which will produce a greater flow of honey in dry regions, others a greater flow in wet regions, or in drouthy and wet seasons respectively. Again, many honey producing plants may be introduced into Texas which the beekeepers of the State are not vet availing themselves of, should a preliminary test prove them to be valuable in our climate and upon our soils. All of these things involve a greater cost than is within the province of the individual, and hence becomes a fit problem for the state to consider.

The bee has long been known to be a most useful agent in fruit and truck production. Many fruits are barren unless the polen be carried from flower to flower by bees or other insects. Much good would result to the state from more perfect fruition along horticultural lines in bee-keeping localities.' It may be safely stated that an additional bushel of fruit will be produced for every new colony developed and maintained. It therefore becomes evident that the beekeepers' request is to be considered from another standpoint-that of wealth production. This state, along with other states, has appropriated funds for studying and combatting injurious insect pests. That is, have expended money in order to save crops from the ravages of insects. This course is not only commendable, but still greater appropriations should be provided along this line. But in the face of all this, I feel constrained to call your special attention to the fact that the great majority of our insects are beneficial, and in many instances do they make active warfare upon injurious species. A noticeable instance of the beneficial insects is the honey bee. which has just been discussed. The facts before me lead me to urge you to encourage the wealthcreating features of this department along with the wealth-saving ones.

From a careful investigation. both by myself and prominent beekeepers, 1 have to recommend that \$4000 be appropriated to foster and develop the bee industry. Of this, \$2000 to be used for an apiary and equipment, and \$1000 annually for the years 1901 and 1902 for an entomological assistant and beekeeper to enable this department to successfully carry on the work indicated. It would appear to be a wise public policy to encourage those factors of this department which are creative as well as those which are protective.

Respectfully submitted.

We owe a great deal to Prof. Mally, the State Entomologist at the A. & M. College, at College Station, for his untiring labors to aid the bee keepers in pushing this

matter forward. He has made arrangements to have an experimental apiary and a department for the study of the bee along with the entomological department of the A. & M. College, and he now asks the help of all the beekeepers of the state. It was he who went to Aastin during the session of the Legislature and appeared before the Finance Committee, and now that the Finance Committee has passed upon it and the resolution goes over to the Senate, every bee-keeper of the state ought to aid and do all he can by complying with Prof. Mally's request.

Prof. Mally's helpmate at Austin was one of our prominent bee keepers, Mr. G. F. Davidson, of Southwest Texas, and we are due him our thanks for his efforts and that which he has helped to accomplish.

He has spared neither time nor money in trying to do the best in the interest of the bee-keepers. Taking the train for Austin, pre pared to do something, bearing all the expense and losing much valuable time at home, we now owe him our heartfelt thanks for his efforts in our behalf.

Now, bee-keepers, every one of you, read over what has been said and done. Read over and over again Prof. Mally's urgent request and write to your representatives at once. Do not delay it but do it at once. By promptly attending to this matter you will greatly oblige LOUIS SCHOLL,

Secretary-Treasurer Texas Bee-Keepers' Association.



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ARBUCKLE, Cal., Aug. 8, 1901 .--- I ask your advice. The past month, July, was very hot, 108 to 110 degrees; nights too warm for cover on beds. My hives were well shaded by trees, no sun on them at any time, and deep, full length entrance. Still my bees were plastered all over the front of their hives, and stopped laving entirely-not an egg or brood (except a little capped brood) could I find. I don't think there was anything for them to work on, though they all had honey in the brood chamber. Should they have quit laying so entirely under such conditions (common blacks)? I also made a wire cloth frame to cover the top, and on it put inch blocks, which supported the cover one inch above the wire. Was that too much ventilation in even such heat as I describe? In spite of all this they would still stay spread all over the front of the hives, not in bunches and clusters, but just thinly spread. You will indeed much oblige me if you will tell me if this was all normal and to be expected, or if for any reason they were acting abnormally? I supposed they would lay a little any way, but I don't think there was an egg. During this time I also helped to cut a number of bee trees in my vicinity, and they were in same condition-not an egg. Do you think it was the heat?

### H. B. JONES.

Friend J.-Yes, it was perfectly natural for your queens to stop laying under such circumstances. We call it. that our bees are going through the winter in July and August, when there is no honey coming in, and no brood in the hives. We have breeding going on every month in the year except

our hot dry months, July and August. No, the ventilation you gave was not too much. The only thing about it is to look sharp for robber bees during a derth, and especially among weak colonies when openings are made about the hives. It matters little where the bees rest during a dry, hot spell. inside or out, but we prefer to put an empty super to protect bees from extreme heat. Your bees are in a normal condition.

#### WAXAHACHIE, Tex., Aug. 12, 1901. The Jennie Atchley Co., Beeville, Tex .:

FRIENDS-I see in the June issue of the SOUTHLAND QUEEN you speak against wiring frames. I had an experience on the 4th inst. that clearly demonstrated that all frames should be wired, at least in this part of the country. I had one colony which I lost from the combs melting down. In the hive there was one frame that was wired. It only broke loose from the top bar and did not fall over. If all the frames had been wired their breaking loose from the top bar would have amounted to very little. I use three horizontal wires to the L brood frames.

The premium queen you sent me is a very fine one. I am well pleased with her. I started her off on three frames of brood and a handful of bees and one empty comb. She now has a strong colony of the largest and prettiest bees I ever saw; some of them look almost like queens. They have the body of the hive full and are now working in the super. With many thanks I am yours truly,

#### L. C. ROUSSEAU.

Friend R.-We have been all along the line of wiring frames. Whenever a colony of bees is subjected to heat great enough to melt down combs there is going to be damage done whether combs are wired or not. Wires are expensive, and never repay their cost and trouble to us. If you will shade your hives properly and

always provide plenty water handy you will have but little trouble from combs melting, or at least this is our experience in a hotter locality than yours. For various reasons we do not want wires in our combs, but it may be better for you. We are glad, indeed, to note that your premium queen is a good and nice one.

WEDGE, Clare Co., Mich., Aug. 19. The Jennie Atchley Co., Beeville, Tex.:

Golden queen came O. K.; not an attendant dead. I was mistaken when I reported my premium queen lost in introducing, though I made the report in good faith. I will give a detailed account. Would like your views on the matter through the columns of the QUEEN. First, I removed the old queen and killed her; then I placed the cage with the premium queen over the frames and left her there, then I took out the frames, looked them over carefully twice; destroyed every sign of a queen cell that I could find, then I removed card from candy at end of cage; placed cage on top of frames and left them six days, then I went to look for the queen and of course I looked in the cage first, there was two dead worker bees and a dead queen in the cage. Of course the dead queen was quite dark, much too dark, but I thought she was dark because she had been dead some time in the cage. Then I looked through the hive, not for a queen, but queen cells. I found one fine one and left it there and ordered another queen. Six days later I went to the hive to cage the young queen, but instead of a young queen I found a large yellow queen and laying-young larva two, or three days old. I cannot account for the dead queen in the cage, can you? She was much too well developed to have been raised from an old larva.

### Respectfully yours,

J. W. LOOKER.

Friend L.—The evidence you give leads us to believe that there was a black virgin in your colony, and when she slipped into the cage to kill the queen you had introduced she met her superior in warfare and was killed, and as soon as matters were settled about the colony being queenless, the yellow queen went to laying and destroyed all queen cells. We have had this happen a few times. Also we have had absconding swarms or deserters enter hives where we had queens newly introduced and found the queens of such swarms dead in the cage. These things are hard to account for.

ROUTE 1, BATAVIA, Ia., July 28. The Jennie Atchley Co.:

DFAR SIRS—Iowa, or this portion of it, is suffering from a drouth. The most of my bees have put out one super per colony, but they will need feeding. When is the best time to feed? What shall I feed? How shall I prepare it? How much food will it require to winter a coiony in a locality where the winter is open, thus affording opportunity for the bees to fly frequently? If you cannot answer in the September number of the QUEEN do so by letter and I will bear the expense. H. B. TILDEN.

· Friend T.-The best time to feed is just as your last honey flow is going out, or when your first frost appears. This will give the bees time to seal up the food and prepare their nest for winter before your freezing weather begins. Prepare the food by placing a vessel on the stove holding from 2 to 10 gallons as your case may require. Put in three measures of sugar to one of water, stir well and let it come to the boiling point, and set off to cool and it is ready for use. We use the best grade of yellow clarified sugar to make feed with. Two gallons of this food will winter an ordinary colony in this locality, and we think it will do it in yours.

### Lines to Little Verne, Who Left Us in September, 1900.

#### BY WILL M. GRAY.

Only a year since thou wast here! It seems much longer though, Since cruel Death robbed thee of breath.

And thou wast forced to go.

How fond hearts bled when baby sped Along that pathless track,

That leads to the door of evermore, Thro' which none e'er come back.

By the Savior's side thro' space so wide, Thou'st made triumphant flight.

My spirit yearns for a home like Verne's In the "Land of Pure Delight."

The days are long since thy last song Rang clear by the beehives white.

My memory throngs with parts of songs That echo loud at night.

Marion now has forgotten how He troubled thee at play,

And little Bert, pretty and pert, Came since thou wenst away.

But Austin, dear, drops many a tear, While nestling close to me.

He thinks it strange, our home must change,

And says queer things of thee:

"Did Jesus take her over the lake, In that nice little boat;

All painted white with handles bright? And how fast did it float?

Sometimes when she lights on our tree, We won't let Booger bark;

Then she will stay with us all day, And fly away at dark."

Mama weeps when night silence creeps Over her prattling band.

She sees one more on the other shore Waving her chubby hand.

Patient, subdued, with hope imbued, That when her life is spent.

The Gulf she'll cross, retrieve all loss, And rest where daughter went.

In Texas sleep through ages deep, Far from thy native State.

In a little while we, too, shall file Over the marge of Fate. Should we face the end of our race With life's great race unwon, We'll fail to meet our Verne so sweet, And die two deaths in one.

Orchard, Texas, September 9.

#### The International Fair.

It is gratifying to us to be able to state to our readers that the International Fair, to be held in San Antonio this year. October 19th to 30th inclusive, will be even more complete in all departments than the fair of last year. On the San Antonio International fair grounds there is stall room for 2000 head of registered cattle, and all these stalls have already been taken. and the management will be compelled to build several new barns. Entries in the horse, sheep, swine, goat and poultry departments will also exceed those of last year.

Visitors attending the fair will not only see a great exhibit in all departments that go to make up a successful fair, but the management has provided for the entertainment of visitors as well. Conterno's celebrated band and "Battle of Our Nation" has been engaged for this Exposition, and this great entertainment will be produced for the pleasure of visitors, each day, entirely free of cast. Other free attractions of merit have also been provided.

The association this year has been compelled to erect a large number of new buildings to accommodate exhibits and attractions that will be on the grounds.

Rapid and cheap transportation has been provided to and from the grounds this year and the largest crowd can be handled with ease and comfort to all concerned.

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Beeswax has declined. After this date we can pay but 25c, in trade, for wax delivered in Beeville. Nearly all parts of Bee County has had good rains, sufficient to start comb building, and queenrearing will go easy till Christmas.

We have noticed that Cyprian and Holyland, bees do not kill off their drones like other races, but hold on to them, and now after about a three months' drouth, we have but few Italian drones, but plenty Cyprian and Holylands.

This month and next, (September and October) is the time all South Texas apiarists should look well to getting their bees in shape for winter. Remember that all normal colonies should have at least 15 pounds of sealed honey to be well prepared for winter, even in this south country.

The Pacific Bee Journal is again upon our desk, and Bro. Bennett deserves great credit for the manner in which he has gotten out his paper. It is neat, clean and chock full of good things for bee-keepers. Write for a sample copy now—237 East Fourth street, Los Angeles, California.

We have installed another printer in the person of Mr. E. C. Goodwin, late of Devine, Texas. He is a practical printer and also an up-todate bee man. He will live right among the bees. Mrs. G. and little Joe will arrive about October 1.



THE ATCHLEYS PACKING AND SHIPPING A CARLOAD OF BULK COMB HONEY.



Udo Toepperwein says he has photographed some of the prettiest girls in Chicago he ever saw, and that he will be in Buffalo soon.

Some of the Atchleys will try to be at the San Antonio fair with a small exhibit if possible, and we would be glad to meet a goodly number of bee-keepers there.

We are almost sold out of all kinds of honey, and orders keep pouring in, but if the bees have a fair chance at honey-gathering the next month we may be able to harvest a fair fall crop.

Mr. Udo Toepperwein is off to the National Convention at Buffalo, and a visit among northern and eastern bee-keepers. We will expect some write-ups from him after his return, telling us what he saw and heard.

Willie was married at the residence of M. R. Graham in Greenville, Texas, Sunday, August 11th, to Miss Minnie Stanley, of Denison, Texas. He has now caged a queen that likely he will not desire to sell, as he has done other nice queens. They have bought a house and lot in Beeville, and will go to keeping house soon.

Mr. W. H. Laws arrived home from Arkansas a few days ago, where he and his little son Ben went to pay a visit to the old folks at home. Mr. Laws reports a good time, and a meeting, or reunion of the Laws family. Mr. Laws threw off his coat, rolled up his sleeves and went straight for the bee yards soon after arrival.

Now is the time for bee-keepers south of San Antonio to re-queen all colonies that have old queens or queens that are not doing good Bees are now brooding service. up very fast, and if the present state of affairs keeps up very long fall swarming will be in order about October 1st, and no better time ever presents itself for queenrearing than when there is only a slight flow of honey and plenty of pollen coming in. A heavy honey flow is not good for queen-rearing in this extreme southern country.

The 16th annual fair begins at Dallas on the 28th of September, and closes October 13th. Every enterprising person should visit the Dallas Fair, and we think it would help those that are enterprising. Go to Dallas and see the best of everything in Texas, as well as things from other places. We are promised a grand entertainment by the management, and when we note the signatures of Messrs W. H. Gaston and Sydney Smith at the helm we are not one bit afraid of disappointment. Low rates on all railroads by applying to your nearest ticket agent.

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"Congratulations, Friend Atchley, on the marriage of Willie. May he and his wife live long and be happy."

Thanks, Bro. Hutchinson.

Mr. H. S. Hilling, of Normanna, called on us lately. He is a young, enterprising bee-keeper and farmer, having lately come from Dakota. Come again, Mr. Hilling.

We have news from the lower country, between Beeville and the gulf coast, to the effect that bees are fast building up, and that the apiarists in that locality are preparing to make increase.

The moth worms have been worse with us this season than for many years. They have even got into our beeswax pretty badly, or so much so that we need to expose the cakes of wax to the sun to kill them.

We have received copy of the constitution of the newly-organized Texas Bee-Keepers' Association, which will be gotten out in pamphlet form, and they will be for gratuitous distribution, and all beekeepers should write Louis Scholl for a copy at Hunter, Comal Co., Texas.

We are often asked the question if bees and poultry can be profitably kept together, or run by the same person. We think that this is one of the best combinations to be entered into, in this locality, as both bees and chickens do well, as a rule, all over South Texas. Of course one would necessarily have to keep less of each, as the duties due to each branch would of course manage about twice as much of either line singly. With these two industries one can get rest that will be profitable as well as pleasurable, changing from one to the other.

We promised some time ago to tell our readers how to introduce virgin queens about as successful as laying queens to any queenless colony at any age from 1 to 10 days old. We use a cage on the plan of the old Pete introducing cage. only we do not expose the virgin queen by wire cloth, but hide her and her retinue entirely by placing the open side of cage next the comb and over hatching brood and honey. Soon the cage will be hatched full of young workers. and they will gnaw a passage way out under the cage, and both queen and bees walk out quietly at home. It is the naughty actions of the virgin more than one would think that cause the bees to kill them.

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"Some little time ago I promised to tell about the beekeepers' paradises in Texas. I have this on the docket, and it will appear as I take up the line of my travels. But since running across that paradise I have run into two or three others. There is one West of the Rockies, in Colorado, that is not yet overstocked with bees or bee-keepers; another one in Central Idaho—in fact I do not know but the whole State. These will be described in turn. The fact is, millions of capital are being invested in irrigation; irrigation means alfalfa; alfalfa-means a paradise for bees. But I found all along my trip that alfalfa-growing preceded bee-keeping by two or three years, for it seems to take shout that length of time before the bee-keepers find these gold mines that have been hitherto unoccupied."

If you are dissatisfied with your present location, and for financial reasons, or on account of health, will be compelled to leave, subscribe for **Gleanings** in **Bee Culture** and learn something about the great South and the great West. There are many locations in the West that are not occupied—splendid bee locations. If you wish to learn about them, send 15 cents for a three months' trial subscription, or 25 cents for a six months' trial, or \$1 for one year and one untested Italian queen. Or send \$2 and we will send **Gleanings** one year and one of our celebrated Red-Clover Queens.

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H. L. ROWLAND, Leo, Texas.

The Jennie Atchley Company, Beeville, Texas.

### Forced To Rise.

We have been forced to rise 10 per ct. on hives and frames for 1901. Lumber has advanced and the rise we have made is very slight considering the advance on lumber. All articles that we have advanced on will be mentioned in THE QUEEN and 1901 catalogue. Bees and queens remain as for 1900.

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