

BUCOLIC BRAINS.

INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS OF INDIANA.

Annual Meeting and Reorganization of the State Board of Agriculture.

MEETING OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT DELEGATES.

Mr. Alex. Heron, secretary, then read his report as follows:

To the Indiana State Board of Agriculture:

The following report for the year ending December 31, 1875, is respectfully submitted.

Total receipts from all sources \$43,214.99

The itemized report of these receipts is given in the treasurer's report.

EXPENDITURES.

Orders on treasurer: Expenses of members, including members of citizens' committee \$2,787.51

Salaries of secretary, treasurer and general manager, advertising 2,490.00

Printing and advertising 2,988.00

Postage, freight, telegraphing, litigation, etc. 402.50

Insurance 818.00

Total 19,818.08

EXPENSES OF EXHIBITION.

State keepers 419.56

Ass'tant superintendent 227.25

Committee on awards 307.50

Labor 1,863.30

Expenses running machinery 170.25

Fuel consumed 145.95

Straw 189.45

Supplies 681.85

Exhibiting five bands for incus 742.00

Art department 1,614.49

Police 3.55

Ticket sellers 451.00

Office assistants 10.10

Rest of show case 109.44

Total \$8,169.69

PREMIUMS.

Livestock department 59,227.00

Poultry department 147.00

Grain and oil department 1,170.00

Agricul. and horticultural department 572.00

Exhibiting fabrics department 351.00

Horticultural department 1,623.00

Art and natural history 20.00

Medals 581.00

Total \$12,088.00

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

New stalls, east side 3,368.02

Amphitheater 2,236.55

Bridge and repairs on ground 634.54

Repairs on main buildings 994.36

Machinery department 1,908.48

Whitewashing 354.60

Total \$8,853.95

REURRED CLAIMS PAID.

Bills payable 1,452.05

Interest acc. unit. 4,500.00

Total 4,745.73

TOTAL.

Total 10,617.76

DIFFERENCE.

Rec'd, 4,214.99

Due in bank 5,876.00

Deficit 31,432.67

In connection with the above, it should be stated that, by order of the board, the treasurer has returned to certain guarantors a percentage of the amount paid by them on an account in lieu of the cancellation of their assessment notes, which is not included in any of the above statements.

ASSESS. OF THE SOCIETY.

Thirty-six acres fairground, estimated \$200,000

Three acres for switch grass road 15,000

Building cost \$10,000, estimated 10,000

All assessments on guarantors due 13,500

Library and moveable property, estimated 1,745

Total 2,500

LIABILITIES.

1-3-10 per cent. coupon bonds \$40,000.00

Indebtedness 15,720.00

Assessment paid on guarantee bonds to be refunded from net profits 16,700.00

Total \$72,420.00

COMPARISON OF EXPENSES FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

1872. 1873. 1874. 1875.

Current Exp. 5,931.58 18,036.59 13,246.49 9,818.05

Ex. of E. B. 2,834.58 11,442.42 13,818.52 8,283.67

Premises 10,329.00 8,649.55 10,751.00 12,658.00

Improv'mts. 5,632.21 10,108.05 8,41 10,900.00 8,833.95

Considering the heavy outlay for improvements in the two preceding years, the amount expended the past year under contract has been increased, although rendered necessary by the destruction of the amphitheater by a storm, the washing away of bridges within the grounds and the demand for more stabling for stock. That, together with the interest on the stock and the heavy outlay for the past year's operations, makes the deficit in the past year's operations.

THE EXHIBITION OF 1875.

In the principal departments, was equal to former years, and in some respects superior. The live stock department was represented by all kinds of domestic animals, and remarkable for the improved quality of breeding stock. The mechanical department, heretofore the lightest, comparatively, was more than double that of any preceding year, as was also the show of agricultural implements. Floral hall was up to the standard of excellence. The department of grain and vegetables, the art department and display of merchandise was not equal to the exhibition of the two previous years.

The total number of entries at the exhibition of 1872 was 3,416

The total number of entries at the exhibition of 1873 was 3,254

The total number of entries at the exhibition of 1874 was 4,144

The total number of entries at the exhibition of 1875 was 3,176

The above does not include the number of all the articles on exhibition, as exhibitors, after securing space for their display, failed to have all their articles placed on the entry books.

Entries live stock, 1,288

Entries live stock, 1,229

Entries live stock, 184

Entries live stock, 1,453

Entries live stock, 1,347

LITIGATIONS.

The suit with the street railway company, for a claim of \$1,000, which was appealed from the Civil Circuit Court to the Supreme Court, to decide some technical law point, and has been awaiting the decision of the court for three years past, was decided last March in favor of the board, as to the legality of the claim; on solicitation, the president (Mr. Crim) compromised the matter and withdrew the suit. The terms of the settlement have not been completed with by the railroad company, but the case was not withdrawn from the board, and the case appealed to the Supreme Court. The case of ejection and liquor case, during the fair of 1874, which resulted in several members of the board being sued for damages, was decided in court last April in favor of the board, and the plaintiffs in the suit were immediately indicted by the grand jury for perjury. Owing to the absence of the principal witness the case is yet pending. The suit in court known as the Houston and Joyce case, wherein the

board brought suit on a claim of \$500, contracted during the season of 1873, has been dismissed by the court on account of some informality. I shall again take the liberty to call the attention of the delegates to and urge the importance of this.

A UNIFORM TIME in holding the meetings for the election of officers of the agricultural societies, and suggest the last week in January—that the president of each society can represent, as delegate to this meeting, his society for the past season and report accordingly, and that we may with more certainty, communicate with them from this office. As there are such frequent changes in the officers of this agricultural society, and a large portion of the associations have their annual meeting, and election of officers, in November and December. A combination of ill luck seemed to attend the affairs of the board as connected with

hands of Messrs. Baker, Hind & Hendricks for collection. Suit has been instituted on several bonds and the attorneys expect to have the cases set for trial during the present month. The amount paid on 421 bonds amounting to \$100,000, to date is \$88,735.00. There are 62 bonds amounting to \$16,700.00, on which 90 per cent. has been paid. On 60 bonds amounting to \$15,000.00, no payments have been made; 254 bonds amounting to \$63,200.00 have been cancelled, including 32 bonds amounting to \$7,200.00 on which 60 per cent. had been paid.

CARLOS DICKSON, Treas.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 31, 1875.

GEOLICAL DEPARTMENT.

Financial exhibit for the year ending December 31, 1875, in account with Carlos Dickson, treasurer.

Cash on hand January 1, 1875 \$1,126.50

State appropriation 8,640.00

Total \$9,766.50

By order on account, salaries \$1,281.46

By order on account, office expenses 1,281.46

By order on account, survey 2,931.90

December 31, cash on hand 110.64

Total \$9,126.50

Respectfully submitted.

ALICE HERON, Secretary.

Mr. Joseph Poole, of Fountain county, then read a report on creditable debts from the various counties, not necessary to be given here. There was considerable time spent in determining the list of delegates, owing to slight informality in some of the reports. The roll of counties and districts was called, and the number of delegates admitted was found to be 67, exclusive of the 16 members of the board, in all 83 members of the delegate board. The chair named the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

On Finance—Board members, H. Caldwell, A. B. Claypool, R. Mitchell; delegates, John Higgins, Joseph Gilbert.

Rules and Regulations—Board members,

Thomas Nelson, Stephen Davidson, J. Milhouse; delegates, Joseph Poole, O. P. Cobb.

Fair Grounds—Board members, Thomas Mitchell, Henry T. Sample, W. H. Ragan; delegates, Stephen Hathaway, H. J. Brown.

Published Business—Board members, F. C. Hayes, B. P. Hayes, Jacob Mertz; delegates, W. C. Hough, W. C. Patman.

Premises—Board members, W. B. Seward, John Sutherland, R. M. Lockhart; delegates, George Nebeker, Wm. Clegg.

On motion, the meeting then proceeded to the

NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS.

The following are the names of the candidates. In most cases there is but one can

didate and that one is old member, so that

the board of directors will be changed but

slightly in its make up: First district,

Robert Mitchell; second district, R. P. Hayes; third district, F. C. Johnson; fourth district, W. B. Seward; and Peter Smith; fifth district, Jacob Mertz; sixth district, Stephen Davidson; fifteenth district, John Sutherland; sixteenth district, R. M. Lockhart; and Dr. G. W. McConnell; eleventh district, in place of Wm. Crim, resigned, T. W. Tuttle, Asa Stone, M. G. Smith and F. W. Alexander.

Mr. Nelson moved an amendment to the constitution, which was made the special order for to-day at 9 o'clock. It contemplated increasing the number of the directors to 17, without changing the districts, but giving one member to Marion county. Mr. Crim called Mr. H. T. Sample to the chair and offered his resignation as a member of the board of directors. At the first vote the meeting refused to accept his resignation, but on hearing his explanations, that business affairs dictated his action, the vote was reconsidered and his resignation accepted.

The meeting adjourned to 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FORENOON SESSION.

SUPERINTENDENT HOWLAND SUBMITS HIS REPORT—RESOLUTIONS.

The board commenced their second day's proceedings Wednesday morning at the state house, with President Crim in the chair.

After the calling of the roll and correction of minutes, General Superintendent Howland submitted the following report: My report is necessarily brief inasmuch as a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures has already been submitted to the secretary, and are embraced in the reports of the secretary and treasurer. I have to report for bills still uncollected aggregating about \$150, which does not appear in their reports, and also an itemized bill as to the cost of the bridges, amounting to \$200.00, which the city in justice ought to pay, as the expense was incurred by reason of their deepening the ditch below the foundations, causing them to cave in. The grounds and buildings are in good condition, except the old stables on the north and west sides which were much needed rebuilding. The time track would be much improved if it was made wider, and I would recommend that two or more acres of the adjoining ground on the north be secured by lease or otherwise before rebuilding, as I have been assured.

Following the secretary came the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Indiana State Board of Agriculture in account with Charles Dickson, Treasurer:

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1. By cash on hand \$2,518.19

By not's unpaid 929.00