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CASS COUNTY W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

The fourth annual convention of Cass county convened in the Presbyterian church, in the city of Casselton, June 22nd and June 23rd, presided over by Mrs. Mattie Meacham, county president, with her usual business-like manner and sweet christian spirit. Her annual address will appear in this number so that all North Dakota workers may read and profit thereby. It will commend itself to every White Ribboner. Sixteen unions reported, showing growth and increase of work. Mrs. Clara Hoffman, state president of Missouri and

one of the national organizers, was with us and her very presence was inspiring, but when she talked every ear was bent to catch the words of wisdom that fell from her lips, and the lecture Wednesday evening did a vast amount of good; her logic is good, her arguments telling, and none could truthfully gainsay what she said. Take the lecture all and all it was one of the best ever delivered in North Dakota. Miss Kinnear, our state president, and Miss Preston, our state evangelist, were with us through the convention, assisting where opportunity presented.

Superintendent's reports were very interesting. Mrs. Chaffee of Amenia, superintendent of Social Purity, gave us a paper which was followed by a spirited discussion; further comment is unnecessary as the paper will appear in this number. Mrs. M. B. Goodrich, state superintendent of Universal Suffrage, read a paper which was heartily enjoyed, and was so strong and unanswerable that the business manager of our state paper rose and asked for the privilege of printing it verbatim for the convention number, and let every subscriber of the WHITE RIBBON send copies to their friends.

The prize essay read by Willie Finney was well received, as well as the recitations by Master Finney and Miss Inger Yesten.

Mrs. Bickford gave a report of Loyal Temperance Legion work and the young miss from the same town gave an interesting report of local work done in Tower City, which was received with enthusiasm. It does one's heart good to see the young engaged in this work for God and Home and Humanity. The Bible readings given by Mrs. Mears and Miss Preston were fraught with food for all. The officers were all re-elected, miscellaneous business finished, resolutions read and adopted—lack of space forbids our printing these. The beautiful badges presented by Miss A. M. Dyer and also

by NORTH DAKOTA WHITE RIBBON were appreciated, and the literature table presided over by Miss Preston was well patronized. Union Signal and our own WHITE RIBBON received many subscribers.

The sweet little girls who served as pages did their work well, and when the hour for adjournment came the singing of "God be with You till We Meet Again" will linger long in the memory of Cass county workers.

H. L. CAMPBELL.

PEMBINA COUNTY W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

Our fifth annual County Convention, held in Hamilton the 16th and 17th of June, was the best we have yet had. Less than four years ago we met and organized the Convention with twelve members. In the recent Convention there were 39 delegates. The old officers were unanimously re-elected.

Miss Kinnear and Miss Preston were with us throughout the convention, which in great measure accounted for its success. Both gave excellent addresses Friday evening, and afterward secured twelve new members, active and honorary, for the local union; and Miss Kinnear organized a "Y" with seven members, which has since been increased to ten.

Miss Preston made an earnest plea for the Union Signal and WHITE RIBBON. The subjects of "Young Women's Work" and "Non-alcoholic Medicines" were brought before the convention in excellent papers, followed by discussions. Miss Kinnear presented the claim of the Home at Fargo for destitute women. Certainly North Dakota needs such a home and it should receive the support of all unions. Miss Kinnear and Miss Preston did good work in the county, organizing, re-organizing, reviving and helping the work generally, in various places.

Drayton W. C. T. U. has been much crippled in the work the past year, but seems to be reviving.

Storms, sickness and death have all in some considerable degree hindered our work, and some seem to have grown weary. Two of our loved and faithful ones, some months ago, passed to the better land.

We have meetings weekly now. The prayer meeting alternating with the business meeting. A number of petitions have been circulated and several letters have been written, in the interest of the same and addressed to our senators and congressman. Notably among these was the petition to close the Columbian Exposition on the Sabbath and forbid the sale of liquors on the grounds of the same. This was circulated over the county more extensively than the others and when sent to congress contained 600 names. Literature has been circulated in considerable quantities, and in four languages.

L. M. WYLIE.

RANSOM COUNTY W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

At Lisbon, in the Baptist church, on the 12th of July, at 2 p. m., the energetic president, Mrs. W. D. Brown, called to order those women who had gathered for the third annual county convention. The church was beautifully decorated. After devotional exercises led by Mrs. R. S. Adams, roll-call, which was responded to by many beautiful sentiments — most frequent the sayings of Miss Willard.

Committees were appointed, reports of officers given, showing Ransom county to be in good financial standing. Mrs. Simmons, of Fort Ransom, gave an interesting and helpful paper on "Some of the Obstacles which County Unions Encounter in the Work," which brought out many startling facts; not one of the least that one woman walked eight miles to attend the union to which she belonged.

"Parliamentary Drill" was taken up by Mrs. Oliver's paper and delineated by Mrs. Lucas upon the blackboard. Miss Lynne Norton's paper upon "Y" work will appear in this paper and is full of facts—and Miss Willard says, "One fact is worth a ton of theories." The paper, "How Can We Best Stimulate the Interests of Our County Work," was omitted, as Mrs. C. A. Walker, of Fairview,

was not present; the discussion was opened by our state president, Miss Kinnear, who advised every local worker to take up the "Home for Needy Women," which is state work, though the home is situated in Fargo. Many good suggestions were brought forward, and the discussion participated in by many brought out many new ideas. Mrs. E. W. Day led W. C. T. U. "Pith and Points" so successfully that the social talk proved one of the most interesting hours of the convention and many workers forgot they were talking right out in public.

On motion, all Ransom county white ribboners that were present were made members of the convention. Our state president, state superintendent of Medal Contest work and business manager of NORTH DAKOTA WHITE RIBBON, were made honorary members. The evening service opened with song led by Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Sprague, and the singing was so sweet it reminded one of angels' songs. Mrs. Goodwin sang a solo in her own inimitable style, which words fail to describe; and if she could do no more for the work than lift up her voice in song, we feel sure she would when laying down her sheaves hear the "Well done." Devotions led by Mrs. A. F. Norton, participated in by many women, was a profitable season, and the spirit of the Lord was felt by all. Mrs. W. A. Sanders gave the address of welcome in such a winning style that every visitor felt they were in the right place and could say they were glad they were there.

Miss Elizabeth Preston, our state evangelist, responded with brilliant flashes of wit and humor, paying Lisbon and her people great compliments for their usual hospitality which is nearly world-wide. Miss Kinnear, our state president, gave the address, with her usual grace and dignity, showing what Prohibition had done for Fargo, its churches and business, instead of ruining our land as many who believed in license had predicted; also Grand Forks, showing the difference between the licensed towns upon the east side of the river where intoxicants are sold freely. She spoke of the old Bay state law where local option has been in force, telling of Cambridge which had for the 10th

year voted no permit. The earnest appeal for true men with consecrated ballots ought to be heard in every town in our state, making converts for God, Home and Humanity.

Rev. E. W. Day closed the evening's exercises by telling us a very pleasant legend, showing how the spirit of the Gospel wins, and suggested that we needed money more than men to carry on this great work, whereupon Mrs. Brown called two brethren to take up a collection, after which the benediction was pronounced.

Wednesday, 9 a. m., Mrs. W. Hanson of Fairview led devotions. The singing was spirited, after which Miss Preston opened a discussion on "What Shall Woman Do with the School Ballot," saying it was the only ballot open to women and should be used faithfully, helping to elect clean school boards. She gave Lisbon women praise for work done at last election. Several gentlemen expressed their views upon the subject, showing they were in sympathy with woman's work for reform. Miss Elmer Allen gave an interesting paper upon "Our Future" as it will appear in our next issue, and will recommend itself to every reader, we need not speak of its strong points. The reports of local unions was, as is always, one of the most interesting hours of convention, for in this all workers are made acquainted with different plans and ways of carrying on local work without which we could not have county or state conventions. Elliott Union reported twelve members; have had a prosperous year doing good work under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Chamberlain, who will lead to victory. Sheldon, through Mrs. McIlvain, reported no union but will help in the finances. Ft. Ransom's report was given by Mrs. Simmons—though a small union was doing what they could. Fairview, through Mrs. Porter, gave an excellent report of work, especially in Demorest Medal contests, having given seven this year—paid Miss Preston a high compliment for her evangelistic assistance; and it is a member of this faithful band that puts to shame the ease-loving members of many unions. Lisbon Union's report was last but not least, having the greatest number of members—41, adding eight of these

during the convention. Treasurer reported \$168.41 taken in; disbursements, \$128.99. Mrs. Johnson reported public temperance meetings held monthly and very successfully. Lisbon "Y," ten members; for other "Y" news read Miss Norton's paper on "Y" work on another page of this paper. Committees reported. Lisbon invited the county convention next year. Mrs. W. D. Brown was re-elected president; Mrs. R. S. Adams elected recording secretary; Mrs. Chamberlain re-elected treasurer; Mrs. Sanders elected corresponding secretary.

The closing words by Miss Kinnear were well chosen. Miss Day led in consecration service and all united heartily. Mrs. M. E. Watts, of Leonard, addressed the convention concerning Demorest Medal Contest work, urging all Unions to take up the work and help the children to pass the work all along the line. She disposed of several copies of No. 3. Union Signal work was represented by Miss Preston, and the N. D. WHITE RIBBON by Mrs. H. L. Campbell, who secured several subscriptions and a number of advertisements, telling of the combination of Demorest's Family Magazine and the WHITE RIBBON for \$2 only. After singing, "God be with You till We Meet Again," the convention adjourned. Lack of space forbids our giving the resolutions adopted.

H. L. CAMPBELL.

SCRAPS FROM FARGO.

Mrs. T. C. Benedict gave for the Excelsior Union a White Ribbon tea on July 2nd. The house was full of white ribboners; the union gained two members; the collection was good. Mrs. H. L. Campbell gave a report of Cass county convention, making all wish they had been there, to hear especially Mrs. Hoffman's magnificent lecture, which is converting both men and women to universal suffrage. This union is doing a good work, showing it is not always the largest union that accomplishes the most good for God and humanity. The table groaned under the load of delicacies and substantial that fed the inner man and all went away wishing some other member would soon have a White Ribbon Tea.

The parlor meeting or Pink Tea held at the residence of J. S. Campbell on July 5 was largely attended

and work planned for all members of Woodford Union. By the side of every plate was a beautiful bouquet of roses and the exclamations of delight as the white ribboners gathered around the spread was delightful music, to say the least. This union has something to do to finish paying for the building known as Woodford Hall and to bring up the arrearages of last year's NORTH DAKOTA WHITE RIBBON, which, though the official organ of North Dakota, Woodford Union has been defraying all expenses, and judging by the collection the Union will soon be free from all indebtedness. The readings and recitations were good, the music fine, and all were sorry the afternoon passed so quickly. The White Ribbon story was very interesting, and at the next meeting we predict a crowded house.

A BOON TO HUMANITY.

[Editorial in Nebraska Christian Advocate, February 13, 1892.]

Some movements in the business world have come so beneficently into touch with the needs of humanity as to challenge commendation on grounds of philanthropy. Very prominently in this list we place The Houston Institute for the cure of drunkenness. With this institution, as with others involving the use of capital, there must be business arrangements.

With this phase of the subject we have nothing to say except that so far as we know there is nothing in these arrangements that calls for unfavorable comment. But when we contemplate the great army of men who are addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors, and the pitiable thousands of women who are the slaves of the morphine habit we can but look upon Dr. Houston and his associates as philanthropists and benefactors of the human race. Few new discoveries are taken kindly to by mankind, but this does not impair their merits. The Houston cure has passed the experimental point. It does cure and cures effectively. For evidence of this we only need to consult gentlemen of our own city who are living witnesses of the efficiency of this institution. We have direct information of the happy results in several instances known to our personal friends. The mass of constantly accumulating testimony which daily reaches us has entirely swept away our former skepticism and we are forced to surrender.

In the interest of the afflicted and their friends and no less in the interest of temperance we call attention

to their work. Christian people will take a greater interest in the Houston Cure when they learn more of its workings. We trust that this good work will go on and that thousands of our men who seem now to be given over to the demon drink may be reclaimed through its agency, and that hundreds of broken hearted mothers and wives may rise up and call them blessed. But no success of medical relief at the Houston Cure Institute or anywhere else should induce us to relax our efforts to restrain the traffic in intoxicants or eradicate the saloon or to win men to upright and holy lives by the use of Christian truth and motives. We cannot allow ourselves to be misunderstood on points so vital as these. Neither can we allow our devotion to these higher ends to blind us to the practical benefits secured to the pitiable victims of the drink habit by the Houston Cure.

THE BOARD OF LADY MANAGERS.

The Board of Lady Managers of the Columbian Exposition has determined that the women of the country shall have a better opportunity, both to receive and impart information, than they have enjoyed at any exposition yet held; and if you turn to the Union Signal of May 19th, and to page 4 of that paper, you will find a hint in Miss Willard's address of some of the fine things that will be secured for that event. To enjoy this thoroughly we must be informed, and the best of information is found in the

COLUMBUS MEMORIAL,

a large folio volume, 12x15, on fine super-calendered paper, containing nine maps, illustrating the stages of development in America since the discovery by Columbus. It has a comparative showing the world's fairs of the past, and contains besides, the pictures of all the buildings now in the process of erection in Chicago.

Machinery Hall, which alone cost \$1,200,000, the Manufacturer's Building, the Art Palace, the Administration Building, the Government Building, the Electrical Building, the Horticultural Building, the Agricultural Building, the Transportation Building, the Fish and Fisheries Building, the Woman's Building, designed by a woman, the Mines and Mining Building, the Forestry Building; beautiful illustration of the wonderful lagoon scene, grand bird's-eye view scene of the Exposition buildings; double-page map or diagram showing the relative position of the main buildings, including state buildings and size of each, etc., etc.

To teachers it will be especially valuable. We will send this and THE UNION SIGNAL one year, postpaid, for only \$1.30, or we will send it to any address post-paid, in return for five new subscribers to THE UNION SIGNAL at \$1 each.

Tell the children to ask their friends to subscribe for THE UNION SIGNAL. If they send five names with \$5 we will send one of the beautiful "Columbus Memorials" post-paid to any address they may indicate.

WOMAN'S TEMPERANCE PUB. ASS'N,
The Temple, Chicago, Ill.

sent, out of the proceeds, our mite to swell the Fargo "Home" fund, in response to Mrs. Benedict's appeal. We also raised the money to obtain nineteen copies of The Voice for the period of six months, sending them into families where we trust they will do much good and make many prohibition votes. Yours for truth and righteousness,
L. M. BIGGS.

A communication dated June 17, from Mrs. N. W. Porter, Corresponding Secretary of Fairview Union, was received too late for insertion last month. It tells of a medal contest held June 3, followed by a New England supper. There was a full house and the affair was a financial success. The medal was awarded to Miss Edith Porter. This was the sixth silver medal contest held by this union, and a seventh was set for the 8th of July. After this one more silver medal contest will be held, when the union will be ready for a gold medal contest. This Union subscribes for the Union Signal and the North Dakota WHITE RIBBON for the local pastor. Other unions please take note and do likewise.

"A Defence of the Jericho Robbers," by Rev. W. W. Satterlee, comes to the WHITE RIBBON from the W. T. P. A., as a dainty booklet, tied with white ribbon, and is in the author's keenest vein. Send 20c to the Woman's Temperance Publishing Association, The Temple, Monroe and La Salle Streets, Chicago, and enjoy the production for yourselves, and pass it along to those who need it.

From Mrs. Emma Vail, superintendent of evangelistic work, comes good words and promises of personal work. The Sargent County convention will be held July 21 and 22.

Miss Kate McDonald will give you a good square meal any time of the day for 25 cents. 3d Ave., Casselton.

Crane's restaurant is the place for all who want a square meal, and that No. 1.

NOTICE.

Mrs. Caroline M. Woodward, associate superintendent of work among railroad employes for the National W. C. T. U., has sent her Plan of Work circular and Annual Report of Department to the state superintendent of this work; and all local superintendents in our state will be

furnished with these helps by applying to the state superintendent of work among railroad employes for North Dakota.
MRS. H. L. CAMPBELL.

Go to Crane's hotel for a good bed and first class meals.

White Ribboners will address our state treasurer at No. 923 Guaranty Loan Building, Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. L. W. Gammons expects to be at Lisbon at the State Convention.

Pay your subscription to the WHITE RIBBON. This refers to delinquent subscribers only.

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THE HOUSTON NARCOTIC CURE.

Special attention is called to the editorial from the Omaha Christian Advocate, on the Houston Institute of that city. Special attention is asked because a similar institute is at once to be opened in Fargo, for the cure of the victims of the alcohol, opium and tobacco habits in our midst, a stock company having recently been organized for this purpose. The names of the gentlemen who are interested in the enterprise are a sufficient guarantee that the business of the institute will be conducted honorably and well.

The Omaha "Union of Unions," after careful investigation, adopted the following:

ROOMS OF THE W. C. T. U. }

OMAHA, NEB., March 17, 1892. }

Whereas, Evidences of a character leaving no room for doubt of the efficacy of the Houston System for the cure of liquor, opium and tobacco habits having come to the knowledge of our W. C. T. U., and

Whereas, The lessening of these terrible evils affecting our community is the special object of our organization, therefore be it

Resolved, That to the said system, as a means of accomplishing results so devoutly to be wished, we herewith accord not only our warmest approval and sympathy, but pledge our most hearty and active co-operation and support, at the same time expressing to the company our

thanks for its gratuitous services in instances where the poor victims of appetite were in such pecuniary circumstances as to render them proper subjects for such kindly consideration at its hands.

Women's Christian Temperance Union of Unions,
(Signed) Mrs. G. W. CLARK,
Mrs. G. W. COVELL,
Mrs. JUDGE I. R. ANDREWS,
Committee.

Also in Sioux City and in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where are located similar institutes doing good work, the Woman's Christian Temperance Unions are in hearty sympathy, and cooperate with the management of the institutes.

The editor, in company with Dr. S. J. Hill, Vice President of the Fargo Houston Cure Company, has just returned from a ten days' tour of observation and investigation of the system, as shown by the institutes at Sioux City, Omaha, Cedar Rapids and Minneapolis, and we return with a good degree of enthusiasm for a system that can so thoroughly destroy the appetite for strong drink, or for morhpine, as the Houston Narcotic Cure unquestionably does. We are fully satisfied by what we have seen and heard that in very nearly every case where the treatment is entered into honestly, and earnestly persevered in for the required time, a cure will be effected. There are occasional exceptions, as, for instance, one man at Cedar Rapids, who was suffering from the disease known as softening of the brain. Here the treatment wholly failed; but the exceptions are not frequent.

This advantage is claimed for the system of Dr. Houston over Dr. Keeley's bichloride of gold treatment, in that while it is equal or superior to it in destroying the appetite, it is less severe, and builds up the physical condition of the patient undergoing treatment, instead of depressing the vital forces, so that as a rule men leave the institutes stronger and in better health condition than when they enter. In very many cases the men continue in their work or business, only reporting at the institutes at the stated hours of treatment. Not having so thoroughly investigated the Keeley system in its workings, we do not express an opinion in regard to Dr. Keeley's methods. There can certainly be no

question that very many have been cured by them.

At Sioux City we had an interview with several of the ladies of the W. C. T. U. The White Ribbon work appears to be in quite a flourishing condition, one department of their local work being a "Woman's Exchange and Employment Agency." In Omaha not a single white ribbon greeted our eyes,—although we were a good deal on the streets and in cars, and attended church twice where the audiences were large—during our stay of three days and a half in that city. It would seem that fully one-third of the business places of Omaha are devoted to the sale of intoxicants.

It was a relief, on taking the train at Council Bluffs for Cedar Rapids, to see a group of ladies in front of us wearing white ribbons. Of course greetings had to be exchanged by the way. At Cedar Rapids a very pleasant afternoon was passed with Mrs. W. I. Black, the genial wife of the genial president of the Houston Institute. Mrs. Black is a former state treasurer of the W. C. T. U. of Iowa, and both she and her husband have long been active temperance workers. She takes great interest in the institute work, often visiting "the boys," encouraging them with her bright presence and cheery voice. This institute has treated over eighty patients since the middle of February, and is considered the model institute of the system by the general Houston Cure Company.

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FROM THE UNIONS.

The following communication from Sanborn, under date of May 28, should have found place in our last issue, but in some manner it "got away from us," and did not come back until after the June paper was printed:

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