

Simmons, Oliver Hodgson, C. R. Savage, Scott Anderson, M. A. Romney, E. D. Simmons, and C. H. Wright.

Subsequently the directors met and elected the following officers for 1889: President, C. W. Stayner; first vice-president, D. R. Lyon; second vice-president, N. Y. Schofield; secretary, Scott Anderson; assistant secretary, C. J. Ross; treasurer, A. B. Simmons; librarian, M. A. Romney; chairman of programme committee, John James; organist, Ida Daynes.

The Next Fair.

H. M. Wells, Esq., Secretary of the D. A. and M. Society, is receiving many communications in reference to the next Territorial Fair, which is expected to be held in October, 1889. These letters frequently contain suggestions of value, and the Board desire those interested to continue giving thought to the subject, that all the improvement possible may be made. Among other letters Secretary Wells has received the following:

CHESTER, Utah, Jan. 8, 1889.

H. M. Wells, Esq.:

Dear Sir: I presume you are willing to consider any suggestions that are offered in regard to conducting future fairs so I will proceed in that line.

At the fair of 1888, Mr. Arthur Brown and myself had the pleasure of showing our breeding cows (both of which had just weaned a calf) against a Free Martin heifer (owned by White & Sons) for the grand sweepstakes for the best cow of any age or breed, for beef.

Now I think right here is some thing that needs correction. You may just as well allow fat steers to compete with stock bulls. There was a class for best beef cow, four years old, and this heifer was shown in that class, which I claim was all she had a right to compete for.

In your last premium list you say, "No animal will be allowed to compete for more than one prize, except in sweepstakes." Now I don't understand the meaning of this. When I entered my cattle last year in the different classes, and wanted to enter them for the special prize of White & Sons, I was told that if I wanted to show for that, I would have to have another lot of cattle.

Now then, what was this special prize but a sweepstakes for the best exhibit of Hereford cattle on the ground? Is it supposed that a man shall travel with a herd to show in their proper classes and another

herd to show for a special prize? I think not.

Now, in regard to the judges, I think all exhibitors ought to know who they are before the judging begins, and if they or any one of them have good reasons to believe that they will not receive justice from any judge, they should be allowed to object to his acting, and a new judge may be appointed.

I also want to see the ribbon tied on the successful animal in the ring, and let the judges be asked why or where it is a better animal than others in the ring, let them be prepared to show and explain, or keep out of the ring. A man may sometimes get it into his head that he has the best animal (although not awarded the first prize), and he will keep it there until he is shown where he is wrong; the one who is writing this has something of that kind in his head now. I want to see the fair conducted as an educator. Let true merit win. If the best animals come from the country give them all they are entitled to.

I look forward to a grand and successful fair this year, something Utah may well be proud of. Get your premium lists out soon, have plenty of stalls, and then look out for a rousing time.

E. J. CONRAD.

McBride Opposing Admission.

On January 14 J. R. McBride made an argument against the admission of Utah into the Union. He declared that the "Mormons" could never live peaceably with other people, because their system of government was antagonistic to all others; and hence Utah should not be admitted. His remarks were grossly misrepresentative of the "Mormon" people.

Another Judge Nominated.

On January 14 President Cleveland nominated Thomas C. Anderson, of Iowa, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Utah.

General Organization of Railroads

An important meeting of railroad presidents and bankers was held in St. Louis on January 10 for the purpose of taking action looking to such a general organization of the principal railway lines of the country as shall have the effect of enforcing the inter-state commerce law, maintaining fair and stable rates, and preventing railroad wars. It seems likely that the movement will attain a considerable degree of success.

A Contract Let.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—The Times' Sioux City, Iowa, special: Information was received today that the contract for grading the Salt Lake & Los Angeles line was let Wednesday. This is the western extension of the proposed Sioux City & Ogden road, and will be completed to the Pacific Coast inside of two years.

Anarchists and Democrats.

A dispatch emanating from Chicago a few days ago, told of a plan by which the anarchists of that city hoped to place themselves in a position to hold public meetings, perfect their organization and mature their plans. The alleged scheme was a bargain and coalition of the anarchists and socialists with the democrats, for the capture of the city government at the spring election.

The Pennsylvania Cyclone.

As full particulars of the damage and loss of life wrought by the cyclone which struck portions of Pennsylvania on the 9th inst., are collected, the awful character of the visitation becomes more and more augmented. The loss of life and property in Pittsburg is found to be fully as great as at first reported. Upwards of twenty persons are known to have been killed, and many more are supposed to have been. Between thirty and forty were injured.

In Reading, the loss of life is known to be fully one hundred, probably more. The destruction of the silk mill, in which so many young persons were killed, seems to have been witnessed, so far as known, by only one person, from the outside of the structure, a Mrs. Gemmill, who makes the following statement:

"About twenty minutes of six o'clock, I heard an awful crash. Thinking it was a new house being put up alongside of us, I ran to the front door. A great cloud of dust hung over the silk mill, and I could hear the crashing of timbers and the roar of falling walls. The next moment I saw the mill a great heap of ruins, from the midst of which came such awful moaning and groaning and terrible cries as I never want to hear again, and not a soul did I see come out of the mill, and it seemed many minutes to me before anybody came to the spot."

The mayor of Reading called a public meeting on the day after the calamity, to devise measures of relief for the suffering and bereaved; \$35,000 was raised at once, and as much more as might be needed was promised.