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We have been looking over the programme to the National Convention, and as it will be impossible for us to be present, we should like some points talked over, and some facts brought out. First in connection with foul brood. It does seem as if some scientists have put forth certain theories or statements, that are not borne out in practice in this country. When bees have been properly fasted, has any one ever known the disease to return? What is the simplest, cheapest, surest, and best mode of getting rid of the disease? Would it not be advisable to make it a serious offence to sell honey infected with foul brood, as it is easily seen how the disease may be scattered broadcast throughout our land, by a few packages of foul broody honey left carelessly about for the bees to get at. Some have suggested the propriety of forcing every person who has foul broody honey to boil it before selling. This seems to be a difficulty, as the boiling of honey would necessarily destroy its color, texture and flavor, and reduce it in value very much. The disease would not affect it if sold for baking purposes, and perhaps that would be the best way to dispose of it, or for printers' rollers,

curing of meat, or manufactured into confectionery. The only way to accomplish that, would be to prevent those having foul brood from selling any honey until their yard was completely rid of the disease. Another point that we would like brought out at the Convention, is the possibility of carrying out some plan similar to Alpaugh's, by which large quantities of surplus honey could be obtained at the smallest possible expenditure. A system that would enable us to produce as much comb as extracted honey, would perhaps increase our profits, and if the Government at Washington is inclined to send some one to search out new races of bees, and get us further information, we think it due to Mr. Benton that the Convention should express themselves very strongly in his favor, and from our acquaintance with him we are convinced that no other person in the United States is so well suited to carry out that expedition successfully in the interest of bee-keepers. His past sacrifices should be considered in this matter, and if he would consent to accept the duty, we think it would be so well performed that the results would be all that could possibly be attained.

We have reprinted considerable of the Missouri State Convention from the Missouri Bee-Keeper, in this issue. It contains many valuable hints to bee-keepers. We would like to give our views, but are prevented on account of business.