

The National Convention U. S. to Meet in San Antonio, Oct. 28—Nov. 1.

The Inter-National Fair holds its annual exhibition in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 21st to Nov. 1st. When this fair is in progress, there are very low rates in force on the railroads out for 600 or 700 miles. Then there are Harvest excursions from the North on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. The 4th Tuesday in October comes on the 24th. Considering these facts it has been decided to select Saturday, October 28th, as bee-keeper's day at the fair. This will give ample time for members from the north to reach the city by starting the 24th. The regular sessions of the convention will begin Monday, October 30th, and continue three days.

The Fair Association has designated Saturday, Oct. 28th, a bee-keepers' day, and will so advertise it, and especial pains will be taken to have on exhibition, hives, honey, wax, bees, and other apiarian products. At this fair will be on exhibition all the agricultural and other products of the South and Mexico, and a visit to it, will really be worth all the trip will cost, to give one an idea of the south and her products.

Then the Texas members propose to give a genuine Mexican supper which will be free to all outside members. There will be a Mexican band and toast making—in short it might be called a banquet. On Sunday the members can attend church, or go on a trolley ride around the city. Side-trips to Uvalde and other places are planned for all wish to see the country after the convention is over, bee-keepers at the various honey centers having promised to take the bee-keepers around free of charge. Texas is one of the greatest if not the greatest of honey-producing States in the Union, and bee-keepers will now have an opportunity to see her wonderful resources, enjoy the hospitalities of her people, and profit by

meeting in convention, all at a very small cost.

The headquarters of the National Association will be at Bexar Hotel, (pronounced Baer, long sound of a), corner of Houston and Jefferson Sts., and rates are only \$1.00 a day and up. The convention will be held at Elks' Hall, 125 W. Commerce St., only two blocks from the Bexar hotel.

Everything is now all arranged except the program, and I wish that every one would write and make suggestions in regard to topics and men to discuss them. If you have no special topic that you wish put into the program, you must surely have some question that you would like brought before the convention. Pour in the suggestions and queries, and let me get up one of the best programs that we have ever had.

W. Z. Hutchinson, Secretary.
Flint, Mich.

SAINFOIN FOR BEE PASTURE.

Mr. John Fixter Apiarist, C.E.F., Ottawa, Before the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization.

To encourage the farmer and fruit grower to go into the bee industry, we must first show them there is money to be made in it, and in more ways than producing honey. We must encourage them to grow clovers and flowering plants that will produce large crops of honey and be useful for fodder and a soil restorer. Among the various fodder plants which have been grown at the experimental plots at the central experimental farm, one which has lately received much attention is Sainfoin (*Onobrychis sativa*). This beautiful plant, which may be known at once by its pinnate leaves and large cones of rose pink flowers on slender stems, is allied to the clovers, and as