

**GREAT MEETING OF FIRE INSURANCE AGENTS.**

From all parts of the United States fire insurance agents have been flocking to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to attend the convention which closed on the 3rd inst. The secretary of the meeting reports that 750 men registered their names. For the information of our readers we have gleaned from the many interesting reports of the proceedings the following notes. The *Bulletin* says:

"The National Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents closed its truly democratic meeting here yesterday. This has been a meeting of great results and greatest attendance, over 750 men registering with the secretary from all parts of the United States. What the Association owes to C. H. Woodworth, of Buffalo, who has been the president for the last two years, cannot be fully told. He has been the soul of the organization, and given his time and money and best energies to the work of organizing local fire insurance agents into an intelligent and harmoniously working body.

Just before adjournment yesterday John C. North, of New Haven, rose to say that the convention should not adjourn without some acknowledgment of the services of its ex-president, and he moved that the thanks of the convention be tendered to Mr. Woodworth for his untiring and wise efforts in directing its affairs. This, he said, would be only a formal expression to be placed on the records. What the delegates really felt of Mr. Woodworth words could not express.

Every delegate was on his feet when President Markham put the motion. Some shouted: "What's the matter with Woodworth?" and the refrain was chanted in chorus: "He's all right." And they meant it." Another paper says:

The business proceedings of the convention yesterday consisted principally of reports from the committees on nominations and resolutions. Mr. Markham's election was not unexpected, and the other officers placed in nomination had been discounted by their popularity. The committee recommended that the vice-presidents be increased from seven to eleven—both lucky numbers—and the suggestion was approved. Each name as read was greeted with cheers.

The following officers were elected: President, George D. Markham, St. Louis, Mo.; Vice-Presidents, Thomas H. Geer, Cleveland, O.; W. P. Patillo, Atlanta, Ga.; John C. North, New Haven, Conn.; F. H. Wagner, Minneapolis, Min.; A. H. Robinson, Louisville, Ky.; William L. Stiles, San Antonio, Texas; H. D. Goodale, Watertown, N.Y.; E. J. Tapping, Milwaukee, Wis.; Walter J. Ball, Tacoma, Wash.; L. W. Childeney, Norfolk, Va., and H. E. Palmer, Omaha, Neb.; Secretary and Treasurer, F. F. Holmes, Chicago. Chairman of Executive Committee, C. P. Whitney, Chicago; Chairman of Grievance Committee, Merwin Jackson, Toledo, O.; Chairman of Committee on Legislation, Myer Cohen, Washington, D. C.; Chairman of Committee on Organization, H. N. Pinkham, Portland, Me.

The Committee on Resolutions was unanimous in its report and the convention equally unanimous in

its action. A discussion regarding the advisability of referring to "subsidiary organizations" preceded the adoption of the report, which was as follows:

To the National Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents:

Your Committee on Resolutions has given careful consideration to the many resolutions referred to it by the convention, and beg to report that we find several of the matters presented have been previously considered by this association and are now fully covered by its rules and declarations.

The following resolutions are recommended for your adoption:

1. That we reaffirm the platform and previous declarations of the association, and emphasize our purpose that all the actions of the association shall be deliberate and conservative. We again urge our members and the State associations to keep in mind their obligations to the national association, and express the hope that nothing may be done by them to embarrass or discredit our work.

2. That we approve and confirm the action of our officers and committees as reported at this meeting, and thank them for their efficient and self-sacrificing services.

3. Resolved, That the president, secretary and chairman of the standing committees be a committee authorized to issue a bulletin. The said publication not to accept advertisements nor intrude upon the field now so ably covered by the insurance press.

4. Whereas, Insurance Commissioners understand and appreciate the needs of the business, and their recommendations should and do have great weight with the people and their law-making representatives; and,

Whereas, The interests of citizens and property owners as well as of all those legitimately engaged in the insurance business, demand greater uniformity and consistency in statutes governing the business; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation be instructed to communicate with the Association of Insurance Commissioners and tender our co-operation and assistance in any measure of legislation they may decide to recommend that will further guard the interests of policy holders and relieve the business from unnecessary burdens.

5. Whereas, The national board has asked our assistance in its work of securing statistics of fire losses; therefore be it

Resolved, That we co-operate with the national board in that work, and to that end the secretary is hereby instructed to communicate with George W. Rabb, chairman of the "Committee on Statistics and Origin of Fires" of the national board, for information as to what is desired of this association, and when advised, the secretary shall do all in his power to carry out the wishes of the national board in this matter;

Resolved, That the national and State officers and agents generally are urged to earnestly unite in this work and to continue in it faithfully.

6. Resolved, That the National Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents declares in favor of schedule rating of all classes of hazards, and pledges