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WITH

ACCOMPANYING PAPERS AND DISCUSSIONS

OF THE

Wisconsin Dairymen's Association

AT THEIR

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

Held at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, February 11th, 12th, 13th, 1903.

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Wisconsin Dairymen's Association was called to order in the city of Fond du Lac, at 10 o'clock A. M., February 11th, 1903, by the president, J. Q. Emery, of Albion.

Secretary Burchard: Before the formal opening of this association, I desire to read a letter that I received this morning, which comes from Menomonie, Wisconsin, where we held our last annual convention. It is addressed to me as secretary, and reads as follows:

"We take pleasure in forwarding to you to-day by American Express, a mahogany gavel, the handiwork of the boys of the Stout Manual Training School. Kindly accept same with the compliments of Senator Stout and the School." On opening the box, I find it contains this gavel, and in behalf of the Stout Manual Training School and Senator Stout, it gives me very great pleasure indeed to place it in the hands of our president for use during this convention.
As I remarked before, we held our last annual convention in Menomonee and spent one hour of the time in visiting the Stout Manual Training School; and it was a revelation to all of us. We had heard more or less about that school, but we were not prepared to find, in what seemed to us a far-off section of the state, such a complete equipment and such splendid work being done by the lads—and lassies too, because it includes both sexes. The state of Wisconsin may well feel proud that it has a citizen with the public-sightedness and the public spirit to start such an institution within its boundaries. It reflects great credit indeed upon the state. It is a Mecca for pilgrims from all the other states, and for educators from foreign lands when they come here, the equipment is so complete, the building is so well adapted for its purpose. It is a monument to Senator Stout and the public spirit of his enterprise in that city and county. I forbear to detain you longer, except to move that the thanks of the association be tendered to Senator Stout and the Manual Training School which bears his name, for their very kind remembrance.

Motion seconded, put to the house and unanimously carried.

The Chairman: This gavel, which we are pleased to accept, represents excellence in its quality both in material and workmanship. It comes from an institution that stands for progress and education, and it is to be used to preside over an association that has for more than thirty years stood for progress in a great educational work, in the great dairy interest of Wisconsin; so may it symbolize to us the spirit of progress ever.

I take pleasure in introducing to you at this time Mayor Bishop, who will speak to us on behalf of the city of Fond du Lac.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Mr. President, Members of the Wisconsin Dairymen's Association: As representing the city of Fond du Lac, it affords me great pleasure to extend to you a hearty welcome to all the courtesies that Fond du Lac can possibly offer. It gives me great pleasure to welcome a body of men and women to our city of the intelligence of this, whose course from 1872 has