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**Officers of the Producers, Shippers and Millers
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INTRODUCTION

The wheat industry of the State of Washington is of such preeminent importance that it is a wonder that no effort to combine those engaged in it has heretofore been made. Producers have gone steadily on increasing the area and yield of production. Shippers have steadily handled the crop, always ready for controversy with transportation companies. The railroads have done their best to handle the increasing output, the millers have kept their wheels turning, and the exporters have taken care of the fleets of ships attracted to our shores by reason of this great product. But until the present year no effort has been made to draw all of these varied and diverse interests, each of them dependent on this great agricultural product for its welfare, into a conference that might result for the mutual good of all. During the latter part of 1904 this idea occurred to certain members of the faculty of the Washington State College, and after considerable correspondence and consultation on the subject it was decided to call such a convention for the purpose of bringing together all those in any way interested in the production and handling of this most important product of the state. It was decided to call the convention under the auspices of the College and Experiment Station, in which matters of interest relating to this business could be thoroughly discussed, and the men engaged in it could have the opportunity of mingling together and each would have an opportunity of finding out what the other thought about himself and what he would consider essential for the welfare of the industry. After mature consideration this convention was called for the 11th and 12th of January, 1906. The cooperation and assistance of a large number of people throughout the state was secured and the proceedings of this convention, which was one of the most successful of its kind, are published in the following pages.

The primary object of this convention was educational. It was not a gathering to discuss grievances or to plan any revolutionary action calculated to benefit any single member who might be in attendance. The program was planned to give everyone a fair show and a perusal of the following pages will reveal the fact that this purpose was conscientiously carried out by those having the program in charge. We are glad to present to our readers this bulletin of the first wheat convention ever held in the state of Washington and to announce the organization of the Grain Producers, Shippers and Mill-

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ere Association of Washington. We believe this movement a timely one and one which will result in bringing about larger development and an increased interest in the production of the various cereals which have done so much to build up the state.

For the Association, } E. E. ELLIOTT,
 } JOHN T. BIBB,
 } J. W. FRYE,
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

Pursuant to call the convention assembled in the Chapel of the State College at 10 a. m., Thursday, January 11, 1906.

President Bryan being absent was unable to give the opening address according to the program, consequently Professor E. E. Elliott welcomed the convention in his stead and gave a review of the "Wheat Situation." He said in part:

"The call of a convention of wheat producers, shippers and millers is an event of the utmost importance to the greatest money producing industry of Eastern Washington. The present convention has its birth in a desire on the part of the College to bring together, so far as possible, representatives of all the lines of industry interested in the production and handling of this wealth. The present convention has no political significance whatever. Its object is purely educational. It is believed that by the bringing of these different interests together and lining them in a campaign of education that an increased stimulus to the industry will be the inevitable result. In times past there have been occasions when those engaged in these different lines might not have believed that on the part of others they were receiving the fairest treatment possible. In fact there have been times when the shipper was considered by the producer as little less than a pirate, while the transporter and miller were of so avaricious a character that they were beyond mentioning in the class of honest men. We believe that at the present time such an acute state of feeling is not to be found anywhere, and we believe further that by a gathering such as this wheat convention all these various interests will become better acquainted and get along infinitely better. In this spirit the College wishes to welcome the convention to its halls. It wishes to bring to bear upon this great industry the knowledge which some of its workers and experimenters have already acquired. It wishes to open to a certain extent the mysteries of science so far as they relate to the production of this great cereal. It wishes these visitors to learn what the College is trying to do for the wheat producers, shippers and millers of the state. In order to do this all its workers have spent much time in preparing such information as we may possess in an acceptable manner for this program. It has also invited a large number of men, all of them practical, active workers in some part of this great field of industry. The program as prepared contemplates the study of this cereal from the time it