

## Omaha Getting Ready to Entertain State Teachers



CHAS. E. JUDD—University of Chicago

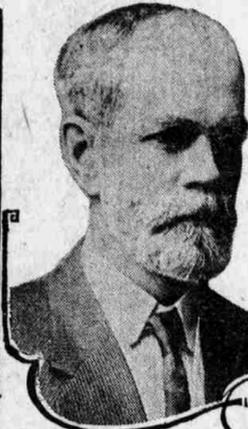
**F**IVE thousand Nebraska instructors are expected to be here on November 6, 7 and 8, to attend the annual convention of the State Teachers' association. This will be the largest meeting ever held by the teachers of the state, and by far the most important convention held in Omaha during the year.

No expense is being spared by the association to provide the best talent in the country for the institute work. Practically every man on the program is a person of nation-wide reputation. The speakers come from widely scattered cities, and will give the teachers the benefit of varying viewpoints. There has been secured such men as Philander P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education; Dr. Frank M. McMurray, Teachers' College university; Eugene Davenport, dean and director of the college of agriculture, University of Illinois; Charles H. Judd, dean of the school of education, University of Chicago; William Jennings Bryan and others of notable repute.

The central thought for the convention this year is economy and efficiency in education, a subject that is of unusual interest to everyone engaged in teaching. Some of the meetings, too, will be of vital importance to parents who have children in the schools.

Aside from the work, of which there will be plenty, there will be educational features of a more pleasurable sort. Friday afternoon of convention week has been set aside for excursions to principal places of interest in Omaha. The excursions proved so acceptable to the teachers when they met here last year that they have been provided again this season. Under the direction of Omaha citizens the teachers will be enabled to visit any place they desire. These excursions will start from the Auditorium. No meeting will be held that afternoon in order that all may have an opportunity to see the points of interest about Omaha.

Another important feature of the convention will be the appearance here of William Jennings Bryan. His address, which will be of non-political nature, will be the first he delivers following the fall election. In this instance, Mr. Bryan will follow his rule of making no charges for addresses delivered within the state. It is needless to say, therefore, that he will speak as he thinks, and will have some interesting things to say. His address



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Director of Agriculture  
Uni. of Illinois



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U.S. Commissioner  
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Sec. State Teachers Assn.



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JOHN A. WOODARD  
Havelock—Treas. N.S.T.A.



E.L. ROUSE, Peru, Neb.—President  
Nebraska Teachers Association

will be delivered in the Auditorium Thursday evening.

No details are being neglected to take good care of all the teachers. A rooming bureau, under the management of the Young Men's Christian association, has been opened, and through it teachers may secure their rooms in advance. Among the various features will be reunions and banquets of graduates of various colleges. The announcement of headquarters and functions is announced by the executive committee of the association as follows:

Peru State Normal—Headquarters, Rome hotel. Banquet will be held Wednesday evening, November 6, at 9:30, banquet hall, Rome hotel.

Kearney Normal—Headquarters, Rome hotel. Official program in later bulletin.

Wayne Normal—Headquarters at Rome hotel.

Nebraska Wesleyan University—The Nebraska Wesleyan university will maintain headquarters during the Nebraska State Teachers' association at the Rome hotel, room A-1, second floor, where all former students and friends of the institution will be made welcome. Some one will be in charge at all times. On Friday at 12:15 at the Rome hotel an informal luncheon will be served to alumni, former students and friends of Wesleyan. The price will be nominal. Tickets can be secured at headquarters.

University of Omaha—Headquarters will be at the gymnasium building of the university. Banquet probably at the Commercial club. Definite announcement in official bulletin.

Doane College—The Doane college clans will hold a reunion at the Young Men's Christian association on Thursday evening, November 7, beginning at 5:30 o'clock.

York College—York college will hold its banquet in connection with the State Teachers' at the Young Men's Christian association at Omaha, at 5:30 p. m., on November 7. Alumni, former stu-

dents and friends invited. Those wishing to attend should confer with President William E. Schell, by or before November 6.

Fremont College—Headquarters at Paxton hotel. Banquet Thursday evening.

Bellevue College—Banquet at University club. Full announcements later.

The State Educational Department—The state department will have headquarters at the Rome hotel. Miss Adams will be there from 8 to 10 in the morning, and some one from the office will be on hand from 4 to 6 in the afternoon. Superintendent Delsell will be at headquarters for conferences from 8 to 9 in the morning and from 7 to 8 in the evening.

It has been so arranged that practically all of the twenty or more sectional meetings will be held in the Omaha High school. It is not possible to accommodate all of them there, and the Young Men's Christian association, First Methodist and the First Congregational churches have been secured for some of the meetings.

The executive committee has been especially fortunate in securing talent this year. In fact, there will be one of the most brilliant assemblages of men ever gathered at a state teachers' meeting. For instance, there is Hon. Philander P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education. He is a man of high scholarship, broad experience, and an unlimited capacity for hard work. He is one of the rarest of southern orators. He will delight the audience from the moment he appears upon the

platform until he has uttered his last inspiring sentence.

Dr. Frank M. McMurray, Teachers' College university, New York, is perhaps one of the most widely known educators in America. He is joint author with his brother in a series of methods' texts. These texts are used in more normal schools and teachers' colleges than all other texts of similar nature. He is the author of the reading circle book for the present year, "How to Study," and his address before the general session will be upon that theme. No superintendent should miss his "Characteristics of Good Supervision," before the superintendents and principals' section.

Eugene Davenport, dean and director of the college of agriculture, University of Illinois, is well known to many Nebraska educators. Dean Davenport is one of the men who is making rural life a special study and exalting the occupation of farming. No county superintendent or rural teacher should miss the opportunity of hearing this inspiring speaker.

Charles H. Judd, dean of the school of education, University of Chicago, will come with a rich background of study and experience in the academic world. He was state high school inspector of Connecticut. He secured his doctor's degree in psychology at Leipzig under Wundt. Called to the head of the department of experimental psychology at Yale, he rapidly became one of America's leading teachers of his chosen science, and wrote one of the half dozen most widely used text books in psychology. Since 1909 he has been at the head of

the school of education, and has devoted his abilities to the study of great educational problems. Dr. Judd has a captivating personality, and his addresses are marked by extraordinary liquidity of speech, geniality of manner and luminosity of thought.

James W. Crabtree, president of the Normal school, River Falls, Wis., is too well known to need any characterization. His name upon the program will insure a large attendance of admiring friends, who hunger for his sympathetic messages.

Hon. William J. Bryan will give the chief address on Thursday evening. He has made a study at first hand of education in most of the leading countries of the world. The executive committee considers this opportunity to hear Mr. Bryan the greatest opportunity that has come to Nebraska teachers.

There will be general sessions of the association Thursday forenoon, Thursday evening, and Friday evening. Detailed programs of these sessions will be given in the official program. It has been decided to devote Friday forenoon to sectional programs.

Dr. Claxton and Dean Judd will be the speakers for the Wednesday evening session of the superintendents and principals' section. This meeting will practically be the first general session. On the Thursday forenoon program will appear Dr. F. M. McMurray, Dean Eugene Davenport and President J. W. Crabtree. Thursday evening's program will include the orchestra concert and W. J. Bryan's address.

## "Let Bill Do It"—There Are Plenty in Omaha to Answer to the Name



**L**ET "Bill do it" is the popular slogan of the day. No matter what kind of a package is handed to you, if you can shove it off on someone else by saying, "Let Bill do it," why, that is the proper caper, and, no matter where you may be, you ought not to have much trouble in finding "Bill" in the near neighborhood.

Over in the city hall "Bill" is the coin collector who inhabits the treasury vault and signs his name on checks, William G. Ure. Just shove a bad quarter across the counter and urge the gentlemanly cashier to take it, and see if he doesn't come back, "Not me! Let Bill do it."

In the court house across the street "Bill" is just as handy. Here he takes the kicks which alone afford relief to the downtrodden taxpayer, convinced he is assessed out of all proportion to his neighbors. The county assessor is William C. Shriver, and if the irate visitor, believing that a conspiracy is about to conspire

cate his belongings, needs to be cooled off with the soothing zephyrs of smooth oratory, why, they all say, "Let Bill do it."

If it's a school board problem that has to be solved, "Bill" can still be made the goat, for the official roll call now includes the name of William A. Foster. Send a puzzle up to that august body, and it will be voted unanimously, "Let Bill do it."

Down at the government building the "Bills" are on the job all the time. The two Mungers, T. C. and W. H., are both kept on the federal bench at the same time, so that one can refer cases to the other by the same formula, "Let Bill do it," and if by chance he slips up, there is William P. Warner, in the marshal's office, to grab it before it gets by.

"Let Bill do it" in a Bar association meeting means that William F. Gurley has the floor for an indefinite oratorical act, or that in his absence William D. McHugh will have to serve as a poor substitute. If the client in prospect

has money, and neither of these "Bills" can do it, why, nobody can.

It goes without saying that every bank is well supplied with "Bills" for the accommodation of its customers. "Let Bill do it" in the Omaha National means that you are given over to the tender mercies of W. H. Bucholz, and in the United States National "Let Bill do it" means that William E. Rhoades will inform you that your account is overdrawn. When the bankers want to put the soft pedal on one another, they resolve themselves into a clearing house meeting, and "Let Bill do it" starts William B. Hughes with a big sharp stick after somebody.

When a bunch of railway men exclaim, "Let Bill do it," W. H. Murray knows at once that he's it. Among the street car boys, "Let Bill do it" is warning that William Musgrave, the superintendent, has some discouraging news to divulge. At the telephone building "Let Bill do it" sends all right up to Auditor

William A. Pixley, who can do it in an artistic manner, whatever it is. At the electric light office "Let Bill do it" is an invite to tell your troubles to William Whitehorn, where batteries are always charged. At the telegraph station "Let Bill do it" is the alarm clock that calls W. W. Umsted, the local manager.

Ak-Sar-Ben could hardly survive without its "Gus" and its "Oscar," but it could not last the season out if there were no one to answer when Samson cries, "Let Bill do it." Ak-Sar-Ben's "Bill" is William L. Yetter, and it's nothing but his name that keeps him perpetually on the board of governors.

In the Commercial club "Let Bill do it" is a motion to refer to William F. Baxter, and if there is a way to do it, "Bill" will find the way, just as surely as love will in the refrain to the song.

The Grain exchange "Bill" is William J. Hynes. If you want to drop a few on a sure thing, why, "Let Bill do it" for you; for you will have to foot the bill, anyway.

Around the B's' club all the birds have either bills or beaks. "Let Bill do it" is the countersign for William T. Canada. Whether it is surrounding the glassware or hugging furnaces, "Bill" has experienced that he can do it blindfolded with one hand tied behind his back.

If it's a theatrical agent you are seeking, just tell central to connect you with William J. Burgess at the Brandeis and yell "Let Bill do it" to him in the receiver, and if he does not do it fast enough, repeat the message to William P. Byrne at the Orpheum.

If you have to go to court, you can also "Let Bill do it," if you only have your bill of particulars docketed with "der shuge," William Altstadt, and your bill of exceptions taken up to Judge W. G. Sears.

As a last, final billet of leave, just inscribe in your will the words, "Let Bill do it," and "Bill" Dorrance or "Bill" Crosby will see that you have a first-class funeral and are properly planted where no more due bills will bother you.