

Bible Reading Measure Tabled by Iowa House

Lower Branch Fails to Concur With Senate in Making a Scripture Course Compulsory in Schools.

Des Moines, March 7.—Following one of the most intense oratorical battles during the present session of the legislature, the house failed to concur with the senate in making reading of the Bible compulsory in the public schools of the state.

Late this afternoon, the lower body passed the Rankin amendment by a vote of 54 to 42. This amendment provides that the Bible shall not be barred from the schools, but makes no specific demand that it be read. The Bible reading section was a part of a senate bill passed in the upper body and relates to instruction in patriotism in the public schools of Iowa.

With the adoption of the Rankin amendment, the house then voted to lay the bill on the table. In case it again comes before the lower body, it will need a two-thirds vote to pass.

Long before the bill was introduced this afternoon, increased activity in the house chamber bespoke the effort of lobbyists present to seek defeat of the Rankin amendment. In a speech condemning the effort to make Bible reading compulsory in the public schools, R. O. Garber, representative from Adair county, branded the measure the result of propaganda introduced from outside of Iowa.

His accusations were aimed at a letter written by W. S. Fleming, executive secretary of the Iowa committee of the National Reform League, to past members of constituencies whose representatives appeared opposed to the Bible reading section of the senate bill.

Asked to "burn wires," "Your representative is now called doubtful," the letter read, "and if he votes wrong now it will be very hard to change him later. He should at once get as many telegrams as you and the other pastors of your community can get to him. Get busy at once and burn the wires."

Garber especially condemned the paragraph of the letter which charged certain religious sects with attempting to block the bill, claiming that the move was one which would breed religious hatred.

"Only Jews, infidels, bad Unitarians and Missouri synod German Lutherans oppose," Fleming said in his letter, "while the vast majority of Iowa citizens want the bill."

"Are you willing that the book which made our civilization should continue to be the only good book practically shut out of the schools of Iowa? If not, then please leave no stone unturned."

The vote on the Rankin amendment was preceded by continued barrage of arguments. Rankin opened discussion with a statement that the measure was without meaning in that it refused to allow interpretation.

"What will Bible passages mean to a child if they cannot be interpreted?" Mr. Rankin asked.

Opinions Voiced. Following are a few of the opinions voiced by members:

Representative Dilz, Polk: "Those who wish to carry out the real meaning of the constitution will vote against this measure. There is only one supreme court to judge on what religion to follow and that one is the heart of every man."

Criswell Boone: "The measure can do no harm."

Patterson, Kosuth: "The measure encroaches on the natural rights of man."

Clark, Linn: "The measure will combat evil tendencies of today."

Williams, Montgomery: "Better teach the Bible in schools than behind prison walls."

Gallagher, Iowa: "It is an imposition on good judgment to think that Bible reading in schools will combat evil tendencies of the day."

Hauge, Polk: "Compulsory measures repel rather than attract."

Farmer Killed. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Nebraska City, Neb., March 8.—Fred Roll, 29, farmer, residing southeast of this city, died Thursday night from injuries received late in the afternoon when an emery wheel with which he had been sharpening farm tools burst and one of the fragments struck him just above the right eye, crushing his skull. He did not regain consciousness. Paris of the brain tissues were exposed by the large wound in his head.

He was unmarried and lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Roll, pioneers of this community.

Victim of Daylight Robbery



Here is Miss Anna Maack, private secretary to W. A. Hartung, manager of the Orpheum theater, as she appeared at the top of the stairs leading to the manager's office at the theater this morning with an armload of mail, just before a masked holdup man seized her by the throat and robbed her of more than \$3,000 in cash.

Greater Omaha Committee Would Interlock With Present Agencies

Proposed Organization to Expand City's Activities Would Lighten Work of Chamber of Commerce and Other Groups, Says W. A. Fraser.

Pull Together for Greater Omaha

It is not always necessary to destroy in order to build, and in reviewing the possibilities for an organization in Omaha similar to the Greater Des Moines committee, W. A. Fraser, president of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance association, stressed this fact along with others.

"Simply because it may be found that such an organization is what is needed in Omaha is no reason why we should do away with those agencies we now have to further the interests of the city," he pointed out.

"I do not think it would be right to interfere with the organizations existing now; for instance, the Chamber of Commerce. There is no need of putting it aside. It is not the purpose of the committee to do the work of others, but to co-operate in projects which need city-wide backing. This group of men, representing Omaha's leading businesses, would originate only those projects in which other agencies have not acted.

Interlocking Directorates. "In a word, this committee would make matters easier for the Chamber of Commerce. In Des Moines, one of the past chairmen of the committee is at present head of the chamber. The officers of one serve on the other. It is one interlocking directorate, with which there can be found no fault.

"The chamber, with its large membership, cannot move as rapidly as a small committee of men with large holdings in the city's business and who are at the same time representative. When a conference is needed on an important matter, the decision can be reached more quickly by the small committee. The chamber uses this means now.

"The opportunities for bringing new business to a city are unlimited. Des Moines, through the efforts of the Greater Des Moines committee, made that city a close contender with Hartford, Conn., as an insurance center. It is in second place today.

Money Would Be Assured. "Being connected with an insurance association, this may seem too personal, of course, but a city which is the home office of large insurance companies increases its bank clearings very appreciably.

"When a new business is seeking a location, its first thought is for the banks. Are they able to care for us in the matter of loans? It asks. With insurance companies doing an individual average business of \$1,000,000 a year, that money would be assured."

Mr. Fraser complimented the chamber on its efficient convention bureau and added that with the proposed committee working in harmony with it, delegates could be convinced that Omaha offered unsurpassed opportunities for them in a business way.

Des Moines claims that 10 new factories were brought in last year which have an individual annual payroll of more than \$1,000,000, according to Mr. Fraser. Camp Dodge also was secured by the committee, which netted the city \$15,000,000, he said.

Good Roads Issue. "This committee would pass on all bond issues for public improvements and would see that contracts for these improvements were adhered to in every respect.

"Good roads have always been one of the strong working points of the Iowa committee. The members study the various bids and the type of paving or surfacing required. Further than that, they see that the work is done as specified in the contract while the building is going on.

There has grown up a feeling of distrust between men of the city and those from agricultural districts. A series of meetings could be arranged to talk over differences, Mr. Fraser suggested.

"The Des Moines committee is now working on a plan whereby the farmer can hold his grain until such time as a fair price may be obtained instead of having to dump his goods on a low market," he stated.

City, county and state officials and legislators are often invited to luncheons of the committee in Iowa, when matters pertaining to the various divisions of the state are discussed and clarified.

Harmony, co-operation and co-ordination in effort, in the belief of Mr. Fraser, is the secret of the success of any civic advancement group.

32 Years With Burlington. DeWitt, Neb., March 8.—Albert W. Denton, veteran Burlington railway station agent at this place, today rounded out his 32nd year with the company. He has been at DeWitt for 12 years and is widely known over southeastern Nebraska, having served the road as agent and telegraph operator in the last 32 years at Table Rock, Pawnee, Ong, Edgar, Chester, Salem and Falls City.

He learned the railway game at Hubbell when a boy, along with two brothers. One of them, L. B. Denton, is now an assistant of the general manager's staff at Omaha and a former trainmaster. The other, William F., is general chairman for the Order of Railway Telegraphers, with headquarters at Lincoln. When Denton was operator at Chester 25 years ago his boss was J. E. Judd, now associated with the famous firm of doctors at Rochester, Minn.

Drug Store Robbed. By Associated Press. North Platte, Neb., March 8.—The Rexall drug store in this city was entered through a window Thursday evening. The combination of the safe was worked and \$350 in currency and checks was taken. No clues have been discovered.

Hollenbeck in Collision. J. G. Hollenbeck, 1004 Madison avenue, reported to police a collision between his car and another machine driven by Dick Whitney, 2724 Sixth avenue at Eighth street and Broadway, Council Bluffs, Friday night.

Burlington Lays Off Men. Plattsmouth, Neb., March 7.—An indefinite layoff was ordered for 39 men employed in the Burlington shops here today. Slump in business was given as the reason for the action.

Prowlers Steal Radio Set. H. C. Pysztaki, 3223 Second avenue, Council Bluffs, reported to police that prowlers broke into his home Friday night and stole his radio set.

Letter Writing Course Opened

How is it possible to write a business letter which will get results. What are dead letters? What are live letters?

These questions are to be discussed in the 10 weeks' course in business English under the auspices of the Ad-Sell league which opened Friday night at the league's headquarters in Hotel Fontenelle. The course is offered by the extension department of University of Nebraska.

"The standard of business English is rising," declared M. H. Wessen, professor of the college of administration of the university, speaking last night to a class of 75 men and women.

"Better business letter writing means more successful business transactions," declared Professor Wessen. "Credit, collections and letters mean dollars to the business man. The results obtained are in direct proportion to the worth of the correspondence."

Young Omaha Lawyer Seeks to Be Judge

Clair F. Mulvihill, lawyer, a graduate of Creighton, filed Friday for nomination for county judge. Mulvihill is associated with the law firm of Lovely and Lovely. He was born in Omaha.

The following men filed yesterday for state representatives: Walter Johnson, 3010 Sherman avenue, republican, Ninth district; W. D. Woods, 2415 Spaulding street, democrat, Eighth district; J. Murphy, 2128 Chicago street, democrat, Seventeenth district; William T. Nolan, 5440 Florence boulevard, democrat, Eighth district; Harry Asher, 2313 Ozeron street, republican, Eighth district; Joseph D. Marrow, 2648 Cumming street, republican, Eighth district; Spencer W. Fildes, 2615 Pacific street, republican, Sixteenth district; O. A. Scott, 1922 Binney street, republican, Ninth district; Donald B. MacFarland, 114 South Thirtieth street, republican, Seventeenth district; and Charles W. Hoye, 2906 South Seventeenth street, republican, Third district.

Nebraska City Paving. Nebraska City, Neb., March 8.—The city commissioners have adopted the plan and specifications of the city engineer on 70 blocks of pavement to be laid here this summer. The city clerk was instructed to advertise for bids. The contract is to be let on March 17.

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