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STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

CUSTER COUNTY WELL REPRESENTED AT THE MEETINGS.

MET IN LINCOLN LAST WEEK.

Supt. H. M. Pinckney and Supt. J. M. McIndoo Take Part in the Programs Pinckney Suggests Needed Legislation.

The annual meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers' Association convened at Lincoln last week. The attendance was nearly 5000, being far in advance of the expectations of the most hopeful. The Chancellor of the State University, E. Benjamin Andrews, was the President of Association; the very large attendance was due in great part



SUPT. H. M. PINCKNEY

to his energetic and well-directed efforts, in which he was ably seconded by the local committee, and other officers of the Association.

Able men from different parts of the United States were in evidence as speakers, and were heard with the most intense interest. Perhaps the one most annoying feature was the fact that no audience room could be found that was large enough to contain all who wished to hear. An innovation was in the manner of conducting the "banquet" end the Association. Heretofore each of the large colleges and Normals has had a room and program all for its own guests. This year a "Union Banquet" was held in the great Auditorium where over one thousand were seated at the various tables at one time, while the galleries were filled by as many more. After the eatables had been sufficiently punished a fine lot of addresses delighted all hearers. Conspicuous among the speakers were Gov. Sheldon and W. J. Bryan, both of whom were greeted with vociferous applause and prolonged waving of handkerchiefs.

Another noteworthy fact was the recognition accorded rural schools, both on the program and in the addresses of the principal speakers, especially in that of Chancellor Andrews, who made the country schools the theme of his masterly oration.

About forty of the teachers from Custer county attended the Association, comprising the entire force from Merna, Broken Bow, Ansley, and Sargent, part of the teachers at least from Comstock, Prof. Graham and Mrs. Graham of the Mason City schools, and several teachers of rural schools. Prof. J. M. McIndoo had been assigned a place on the program. His subject was "Physics," an address which he presented at the session of the "Teachers of Science" section on Thursday afternoon; also Supt. Pinckney, in the

County Superintendents' section discussed the question, "Is there need for more school legislation?" As this subject is of general interest, a brief resume of his resume of recommendations may be appropriate.

Mr. Pinckney urged the continuance and extension of the plans already adopted in regard to State Aid for Weak Districts, and Normal Training, both in Junior Normals and in High schools. All these measures were earnestly supported by Mr. Pinckney as a member of the Committee on School Legislation, appointed by the State Teachers' Association two years ago. He also advocated some new measures, particularly a tax on all property in "unorganized territory" in any county, for purpose of paying tuition for any or all pupils residing in such territory; also a measure providing that the Moderator of any school district shall be authorized to administer the oath to the Director and Treasurer, when the oath is required. Under present conditions it not unfrequently happens that these officers are compelled to travel ten or twenty miles to find any person authorized to administer the oath. Mr. Pinckney advocated both these laws two years ago, but on account of the great number of school measures introduced, he was unable to secure for them the attention they deserved. However, nearly every one of the County Superintendents present at this meeting heartily approved the propositions, and it seems very probable that laws to effect the needed changes will be enacted in coming years.

POOL HALL CASE.

Charles Moore of Mason City Found Not Guilty.

Charles Moore of Mason City was tried in the county court last Thursday on the charge of allowing boys under eighteen to play pool in his pool room. The charge was filed by Jim Smith of Mason City. The evidence showed that the son of James Amsberry played one game of pool in the room and then went out. Moore asked the boy before he began to play if he was eighteen and the boy nodded his head. The next morning after the boy played the game Moore asked Mr. Amsberry if the boy was eighteen and Mr. Amsberry said that he was not and that he did not want him or his older son to play pool. From that time, as the evidence showed, neither of the two boys was allowed in the building by Moore.

The complaint was filed by Smith on account of the boy being allowed to play this one game. The court held that according to the evidence Moore had not violated that section of the statutes which makes it unlawful for a hall manager to allow boys under eighteen to play because the boy told Moore at the time he played the game that he was eighteen and because Moore kept the boy out of the building after he found out that he was under eighteen.

Listen Men.

What? A great men's mass meeting
Where? The United Brethren Church
When? Sunday Nov. 15 at 3 p. m.
Who? Evangelist S. C. Racey of Merna Nebr. will speak on the subject: "The Problem of Life."
Object? To get every man in Broken Bow there. Come and bring a man.

W. O. FORD DIES SUDDENLY

TRAVELING MAN DIES OF HEART DISEASE IN OUR CITY

LEAVES WIFE AND CHILDREN

After Suffering Severe Pains for Half a Day He Straightens Back in His Chair at the Grand Central and Expires.

W. O. Ford of Lincoln died suddenly at the Grand Central Hotel about 6 p. m. Tuesday. He had been suffering from heart disease for about four years and it was the cause of his death.

Mr. Ford was troubled with severe pains soon after dinner Tuesday and he at first thought that the pain was in his stomach and was caused by something he had eaten. Dr. C. L. Mullins was called and pronounced it a severe case of heart trouble. Ford suffered terribly for two or three hours in spite of all that the doctor could do.

Ford was playing pitch at the Grand Central with a couple of friends when he died. He suddenly straightened back in his chair and expired before the doctor could arrive. The body was prepared and shipped to Lincoln on the night train.

Mr. Ford has been traveling for the Curtice Music Company of Lincoln for about three years and was quite well known in this part of the state. He leaves a wife and two children at his home in Lincoln.

CONGRESSMAN KINKAID ELECTED.

Carries All Counties of the 6th District by About 2500.

A letter from Congressman M. P. Kinkaid states that the returns from all of the counties in the 6th district give him a majority over Westover of about 2500. He also states that Bryan carried his district by about 407. This is the strongest possible evidence of the popularity of the Congressman. He has carried the district by a good majority in face of the fact that the Democratic candidate for president carried it by over four hundred votes.

Judge Kinkaid requests that the REPUBLICAN extend to the voters of this county his heartiest thanks for the excellent vote they gave him at the election.

Cox Wants His Children.

The case of Eli Cox versus Mrs. Libbie Cox has been appealed to the District Court and should come up for trial today. The case was appealed by Mr. Cox who desires to secure the personal guardianship of the children. According to the decree of the county court the children were placed under the guardianship of Thomas Torgerson and Samuel Patton. Cox has appealed the case in an attempt to take the children from the guardians appointed by the county court and care for them himself.

Agricultural Association Meets.

A meeting of the Custer County Agricultural Association will be held at the court house at 2 p. m. on Saturday, November 21, 1908. The meeting will be held for the purpose of electing the board of directors and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Jules Haumont, Secretary.

REPUBLICANS RATIFY.

Hold Jollification Over the Result of the Election.

The Republicans of Custer county held a big ratification meeting in this city last Saturday evening. The big jollification was started off by music by the drum corps at the corner of the square. Red fire was then started to burning at all parts of the city and an illuminated picture of President-Elect Taft and Vice-President-Elect Sherman was suspended in the air in front of the Temple theatre.

The people gathered at the Temple theatre at 8 o'clock for the speaking. W. A. George chairman of the County Republican Central Committee, presided. N. T. Gadd was the first speaker. Mr. Gadd expressed his appreciation of the vote given him and declared that if he lived he would fulfill every pledge that he had made in his platform. He was followed by N. D. Ford of Ansley and S. J. Lonergan, Judge A. R. Humphrey and Ed Squires of this city.

COUNTY DOCTORS BANQUET.

Had Program and Feed in the City Last Tuesday.

The Custer County Medical Association held a special meeting at the Burlington hotel last Tuesday. A number of toasts were responded to and a banquet given. Dr. W. N. Ramey of Lincoln and Dr. Thomas Truelsen of Omaha were on the toast program.

Dr. A. L. Mathews of Callaway acted as toastmaster and the following toasts were responded to:

"The Relation of Medicine to Surgery"—Dr. W. N. Ramey of Lincoln.

"A Heart to Heart Talk with Blackboard Illustrations"—Dr. Thomas Truelsen of Omaha.

"Medical Treatment of Appendicitis"—Dr. A. L. Mathews of Callaway.

"A Case of Typhoid Fever with Peculiar Complications"—Dr. W. R. Young of Ansley.

Slaps Pupil.

A case came up in county court last week in which Arthur Newcomb of Sargent was the defendant. Newcomb has been teaching school about ten miles this side of Sargent. Some of the boys in the school have been un-fully and Newcomb slapped one of them in such a manner as to cut the boy's lip. The boy's father, Mr. Olson, took up the matter and brought it into court. Newcomb rather than to have a law suit over the question pleaded guilty to the charge and paid his fine of one dollar and costs.

Nelson's Livery.

L. O. Nelson and Company have purchased the livery equipment and lease of Arthur Dunaway who has been managing the Dillavou barn. Miller and Nelson will make it their headquarters for the sale and purchase of horses. Mr. Nelson has cleaned the barn up and will have personal charge of it. Mr. Nelson is thoroughly equipped and will run a first class livery.

New Hope Literary.

A meeting will be held at the New Hope school house Saturday evening to organize a literary and debating society. A very successful society was conducted at New Hope last year for a number of months during the winter and the society gives promise of being a strong one this year.

EXTRA SESSION MAY BE CALLED.

GOVERNOR SHELDON CONSIDERS ITS ADVISABILITY.

TO ENACT PROHIBITION LAW.

Since the Liquor Interests Will Doubtless Control the Next Legislature its Adoption by the Democrats Seems Improbable.

Lincoln, Nov. 11—Since the result of the election has shown that the liquor interests were able to carry the day and will in all probability have control of the next legislature and the State executive, the Governor has been seriously considering the question of calling a special session of the Legislature to pass a prohibition law. He has sent out a telegram to all of the members of the last legislature asking them if they will vote for a statewide prohibition law which will reserve to any municipalities the right by three-fifths vote to suspend it and disperse liquor under such restrictions as may be provided by law. This telegram was sent out by the Governor Monday and he has not received a sufficient number of responses for him to be able to decide whether he will call an extra session.

A number of the members have moved from their district, resigned their seats, or died and this must be taken into account in calculating the result in case the special session should be called. There is some indication that the Democratic legislature might attempt to repeal the law in case that a special session was called to pass it. They will have sufficient votes in the Senate to repeal it but it is doubtful if they could carry the House of Representatives. Some members of the legislature who have replied to the Governor have condemned the idea of calling the special session. The Lincoln Daily Star and the Omaha Bee have in their editorial columns taken a stand against calling the special session. The following clippings are taken from the Bee and the Star.

Omaha Bee.—Some of Governor Sheldon's advisers are trying to persuade him to convene the outgoing legislature at once in special session to enact some sort of spite law against the liquor interests.

Although Anti-Saloon league fioccers, themselves, did everything they could to beat Governor Sheldon in the recent election, the governor is being urged to believe that the saloons alone are responsible and should be made to suffer punishment. The action of Governor Hanley in convening the legislature of Indiana to put a county option law on the statute books likewise is cited as an example for Governor Sheldon to emulate.

Instead of yielding to the impulse of the moment, we would advise Governor Sheldon to approach this whole subject with a cool head and a dispassionate mind.

In the first place, Governor Hanley did not wait until after the election to call the Indiana legislature together, but convened the lawmakers before election. Even at that the people of Indiana failed to endorse Governor Hanley's program and elected a Democratic governor and a Democratic legislature.

Here in Nebraska the question must be asked, What, if anything, has suddenly occurred to

present the emergency contemplated by the constitution to justify a special session of the legislature? This same legislature was in session for three months last year, but did not see fit to pass any bill along the lines now proposed. From the time of its adjournment Governor Sheldon has had a year and a half during which he could have called the legislature together for this purpose, but saw no necessity for it.

The people of Nebraska have just chosen a new legislature for the express purpose of dealing with these questions. The new legislature will convene within a few weeks with a largely preponderant Democratic majority and by the mandate of the recent election the people of Nebraska declared that they want this Democratic legislature to assume responsibility.

Under such circumstances we do not see what Governor Sheldon, or the Republican party in Nebraska, has to gain by jumping into the breach at this moment to anticipate the work of the newly elected legislature.

Lincoln Star.—The report that Governor Sheldon may call a special session of the old legislature to deal with the liquor question has stirred up a great deal of talk. We do not believe that the Governor will do anything of the kind, for several good reasons which must occur to him.

Governor Sheldon is not sore over his defeat since it was brought about by a concurrence of events which does not reflect on him or his popularity, for he is conceded to be the most popular Governor that the state has had for many years. Nor is he going to be moved by a spirit of revenge. He is not that kind.

Among the reasons we may note that the old legislature has practically superseded and the men just elected to the house and senate are supposed to represent the present will of the people better than would the old body.

Again, it is not certain what action the extra session would take and any action would be certain to bring down the wrath of one side or the other on the Governor and his party. He and his party would have everything to lose and nothing to win by such action. It would please the incoming legislature and the Democratic party only too well for the old legislature to "bell the cat." It would make plain sailing for the Democrats for the next two years for the party that tackles the liquor question is sure to break into two pieces and suffer for it. It would therefore be bad politics for Governor Sheldon and the Republicans to do this job for the Democrats.

If any action by a special session would give the country rest on this vexed question it might be heroic and patriotic in the Governor to sacrifice himself and party, but no action taken by an extra session will end the agitation. If state prohibition or county option is enacted, the war will have only begun, for the incoming legislature would be worked for a reversion, and two years hence the liquor question would be the principal issue. Equally unsettled would it be if the extra session did not pass such laws.

So from every consideration it does not look like a special session will be called.

Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. E. Aubrey a Presbyterian minister from Sterling Colorado will preach in the Presbyterian church on Sabbath Nov. 15 at eleven o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m.