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THE TEACHERS ARE HERE

PROMISES TO BE MOST SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION.

STARTED THURSDAY MORNING

President Teed of the Association Believes the Twenty-Third Annual Meeting Will Enroll More Than Five Hundred Teachers.

The teachers are here. Every train is bringing in new delegations to what will probably be the most successful convention the north state teachers have ever held in Norfolk.

The convention was called to order in the Auditorium a little before 10 o'clock Thursday morning by President A. V. Teed of Ponca. It was the twenty-third annual convention of the North Nebraska Teachers' association.

President Teed apologized for the weather. It was the chief thing that the executive committee and Norfolk had neglected. Mr. Teed spoke briefly and plunged the convention into its three days' session after the usual preliminary announcements.

Dr. C. W. Ray, pastor of the First Methodist church, invoked the divine blessing.

The children from Miss McKinnick's room, the eighth grade in the Otney building, sang several songs.

The speakers at the morning session were A. A. Reed of Lincoln, state high school inspector; President W.

H. Clements of Fremont college and Miss Clara G. Partridge of Chicago, an authority on music.



A. V. Teed of Ponca, President of the N. N. T. A.

The attendance at the opening meeting was very encouraging. By noon more than 200 teachers were in the city and each train added its quota.

The teachers were assured that the frigid weather had no connection with Norfolk's welcome which is always hearty towards its annual guest, the north Nebraska teachers' convention. And as a cheerful bit of encouragement the weatherman telegraphed news of a rising temperature.

Department Meetings. Amid the hammering of carpenters the department meetings of the North Nebraska Teachers' association were held Thursday afternoon on the second floor of the new high school building. It was the first time that the building has been used.

The second floor, including the big assembly room and several class rooms, was rushed through with the Norfolk school board to give a place for the sectional meetings of the big convention. Down on the first floor mechanics are still at work in an effort to get the entire building ready for school use by the end of the present month.

Many compliments were passed on the new building by the new teachers, the arrangement of the building being the subject of special comment.

Department meetings were held during the afternoon by the high school section, the grade section, the primary section and the rural and county superintendents' section.

Under the Birch Rod. The enrollment figures last year were 418.

The banquet of the Wayne "normalites" at the Pacific hotel follows the Thursday evening lecture.

The enrollment fee of \$1 admits to all the day sessions and the lectures of Thursday and Friday evenings.

Pierce county next to Madison took the enrollment honors last year. Pierce will have to fight to keep that record this April.

This is the twenty-third annual convention of the north Nebraska teachers. Fifteen of these conventions have been held in Norfolk, four in Columbus, two in Fremont, one in Wayne and one in Blair.

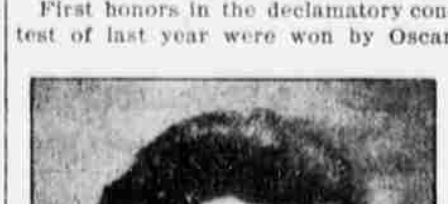
The association officers will be elected Saturday morning just before the convention adjourns. The executive committee will also report at that time on a number of proposed changes in the constitution or may even present a new constitution.

Boone county has swung into line for the North Nebraska Teachers' association. Where Boone went virtual-

ly unrepresented last spring the county will have quite a delegation here the next two days. County Superintendent Hoffman heads the delegation.

Governor Sheldon was unable to make arrangements to come to Norfolk Thursday and introduce Governor Buchtel of Colorado at the Auditorium Thursday evening. The governor was requested to make the introduction and for a time thought it possible that he might be able to attend.

First honors in the declamatory contest of last year were won by Oscar



Oscar E. Zink of O'Neill, Secretary of the N. N. T. A.

Madison, Miss Glennie K. Madson, Norfolk; Miss Onetha K. Madson, Norfolk; second honors by Hattie Templin of Stanton, Miss Marie Zincker of Columbus, Miss Blanche Hurley of Fullerton; third honors by Miss Bessie Ryan of Wisner.

E. C. Bishop, deputy state superintendent and an active candidate for the republican nomination for state superintendent this fall, is in Norfolk meeting north Nebraska school men. He leaves for the Grand Island convention Friday.

County Superintendent F. S. Perdue, president of the association last year, is a prominent worker in the section meetings, having been called on to preside over the rural and county superintendents' section.

The state superintendent, J. L. McBrien, will be in Norfolk for the closing session of the convention Saturday. Saturday morning he will address the teachers in the Auditorium, the subject of his address being "Storm and Sunshine in School Teachers." Mr. McBrien will arrive in Norfolk Friday evening or Saturday morning.

The admission charge to the address Thursday evening by Governor Buchtel of Colorado and the lecture Friday evening by A. E. Winship of Boston will be fifty cents for each lecture to people not enrolled in the association. Both lectures are given at the Auditorium. Governor Buchtel, who is also chancellor of Denver university, speaks on "Theodore Roosevelt."

The present officers of the association are A. V. Teed, county superintendent of Dixon county, president; R. M. Campbell, city superintendent of West Point, vice president; Miss Florence Zink of O'Neill, county superintendent of Holt county, secretary; Frank Pilger, county superintendent of Pierce county, treasurer. All of the officers were present when the convention was called to order.

Henry A. Buchtel, governor of Colorado, the university president whom the people of Colorado called to the executive chair a year ago, arrived in Norfolk Thursday noon from Denver. The governor came to lecture before the north Nebraska teachers at the Auditorium Thursday evening. He was worn out from his long trip and on reaching Norfolk retired to his hotel for an afternoon's rest.

A. V. Teed of Ponca, president of the association and county superintendent of Dixon county, has been prominently suggested in the north state county as a candidate for state superintendent. He has not, however, actively entered the fight, though Dixon county in the republican county convention endorsed him for the state office. Teed is one of the jolliest fellows imaginable and has an unusually wide acquaintance among north Nebraska people.

"The biggest teachers' convention north Nebraska ever saw" is what is predicted for the 1908 association meetings now being held. President Teed, who has made a systematic fight to get the enrollment of teachers above the 500 mark believes that that figure will be more than passed. A factor in increasing the attendance is the attitude of the country teachers and the district boards who are becoming aware of the importance of the meetings. A strong effort was made this year to increase the attendance of district school teachers.

The teachers attending the convention have been given a special invitation to visit the new home of the Norfolk Long Distance Telephone company for the purpose of inspecting the automatic exchange now being installed. The hours from 4 to 6 Friday afternoon have been especially set aside for this purpose. Nearly all of the teachers will take advantage of the invitation on account of the fact that Norfolk is to have the only "triple telephone exchange" in this immediate vicinity. The management has planned to give a souvenir to each visitor.

"The session in reading" formed the subject of a very practical talk before the opening session of the teachers' convention by A. A. Reed of Lincoln, state inspector of high schools and a man who has written a practical text-book on reading. Mr. Reed went thoroughly into the details of reading teaching. President Clements of Fremont college, another speaker at the opening session, gave a very forceful address along educational lines, emphasizing the value of education, earnestness and energy. Miss Clara G. Partridge's discussion in the morning session was along the line of general culture.

Stanton was the best represented of all the outside schools at the annual declamatory contest Wednesday evening. And Stanton's representative, Miss Anna Washolt, secured first honors in the dramatic class. Among the Stanton delegation who came to Norfolk Wednesday noon to cheer for their favorite were: Superintendent J. H. Welch, Misses Mary Hicks, Mildred Wells, Inel Orris, Gertrude Nye, Edna Enos, Clarus McLeod, Hattie Moore, Odessa Johnson, Edna Fuchs, Dorra Fuchs, Blanch Coleman, Edna McLeod, Martha Wanner, Zula Matheson, Mable Pont, Virginia Wisherd, Bess Brown, Mary Haniff, Mable Loe, Lue Chace and Wilda Chace. Mrs. Gus Fuchs, Mrs. J. D. Elmoro, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holliste, E. E. Pont, H. D. Elmoro, H. G. Holliste, Ray Chittwood, Will Page, Walt Krenzlin, Will Washolt, H. E. Seidel, Warren Van Housen, Harry McFarland, Frank Salmons, H. Shultz and H. Munger.

The enrollment. Thursday afternoon of the first day enrollment in the north Nebraska teachers' association exceeded even the expectations of the association officers. The 300 mark was passed early in the afternoon and the enrollment climbed steadily up as the afternoon wore on.

W. H. Clements, president of Fremont college, was the first school man to register. He drew the first membership card.

While the heaviest enrollment came Thursday the enrollment Friday will also be large.

The first 250 teachers to register were: W. H. Clements, Fremont; F. W. Hoffman, Albion; C. E. Newell, Elgin; A. V. Teed, Ponca; E. R. Schieman, Petersburg; J. F. Power, Stuart; John Stetten, St. Helena; Mary O'Connor, Norfolk; Katherine Rogers, Norfolk; Nettie Cowan, Norfolk; Mrs. Mary Sweeney, Humphrey; Anna Keogh, Humphrey; James Simonin, Hoskins; Casima Zaek, Atkinson; Louise McGee, Stuart; Lillie Galleher, Stuart; Bessie Eaton, Stuart; Minnie Miller, Atkinson; Pearl McCormick, Norfolk; Genevieve McNichols, Atkinson; C. E. Claus, Butte; F. H. Price, Meadow Grove; Ruth Francis, Tilden; Elberta Shindler, O'Neill; J. L. Cahill; Cynthia Rogers, Clearwater; Georgia McGee, Clearwater; Lenora Stirk, Foster; Ruth Richardson, Madison; A. B. Palmer, Foster; B. Paulsen; Dora Prisdley, Pierce; Hattie Berg, Verdel; Belle Thorngate, Norfolk; Anna O'Connor, Norfolk; Mrs. W. D. Russell, Norfolk; Cora Howarth, Pierce; Lizzie Schram, Norfolk; Glennie Shippee, Norfolk; Esther Thomas, Disney; Grace Alderson, Stuart; Ruth Alderson, O'Neill; Hilda Wildfeldt, Disney; Clara Schram, Norfolk; Mae Mullen, Norfolk; Nellie Burns, Norfolk; Eunice Richardson, Norfolk; Grace Packler, Norfolk; Matilda Fox, Norfolk; Mrs. N. E. Bentley, Tilden; Alena Aarhus, Naper; Ethel Flemming, Atkinson; Anna Johnson, Norfolk; Clara Bruwegeman, Norfolk; Elizabeth McFarland, Madison; Charlotte White, Norfolk; Madge White, Norfolk; Ella Hauptli, Meadow Grove; Lucy Hemstreet, Beemer; Lillian Woods, Beemer; Edna Sharp, Beemer; Maude Surber, Hoskins; Sara Millikan, Wakefield; R. M. Campbell, West Point; J. T. Santy, Wayne; Florence Donelson, Madison; Charles Arnet, Schuyler; W. M. Finigan, Hartington; Mrs. W. M. Finigan, Hartington; Georgia Blakeman, Norfolk; Agnes Flynn, Norfolk; Mary Christenson, St. Edwards; Elizabeth Shoemaker, Pierce; Bertha Pilger, Stanton; Maude Boyd, Norfolk; Mrs. S. Brindley, Columbus; Mrs. B. Sheets, Meadow Grove; Dorra Von Blaricon, Lindsay; Ida Von Blaricon, Lindsay; F. F. Brown, Creston; Lettie Scott, Fullerton; Julia Corrigan, Atkinson; Mrs. S. E. Bauman, Concord; E. A. Murphy, Center; Nellie Sullivan, Platte Center; Nellie Fenton, Platte Center; Mary Cronin, Platte Center; Lotie High, Monroe; Anna Potter, Monroe; R. Hostatter, Monroe; Ella M. Elliott, Madison; Minnie Sachtjen, Madison; F. S. Perdue, Madison; Bess Perdue, Madison; Lulu Knight, Creston; Neil E. Brown, Creston; Sophia McFeters, Madison; Sadie McFeters, Madison; Anna Brown, Humphrey; Florence Zink, O'Neill; Lottie Dales, Tilden; Edna Nelson, Tilden; Blanch Williams, Royal; Miss Berg, Verdel; Vilna Adams, Norfolk; Lora Pallen, Minneola; Marie Alderson, Madison; Bess Alderson, Creston; Ada Phillips, Creston; Ada Westcott, Creston; May Beck, Ponca; Alice Everett, Sioux City; Edna Dou-thatt, Ponca; Mayne Knox, Ponca; A. J. Patterson, Platte Center; A. B. Johnson, Platte Center; H. Raubach, Creston; Julia Hansen, Norfolk; Rose Shonka, Norfolk; Ina Dibble, Plainview; M. Hamilton, Creighton; Clara Partridge, Chicago;

Three people cremated. FATHER, MOTHER AND CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

EARLY TRAGEDY IN NEW YORK. Quick Action of Police Prevented Greater Loss of Life—Sixteen Families Were Asleep in Tenement When the Fire Started.

Ten Injured by Explosion. South Omaha, April 2.—Ten men were injured in an explosion of an ammonia gas receiving tank at the Cudahy packing house.

Governor Mickey's Brother Dead. Osceola, Neb., April 2.—A. P. Mickey, brother of ex-Governor J. H. Mickey, died at Portland, Ore.

Vidaver Pleads Not Guilty. New York, April 2.—Nathan Vidaver, formerly one of Attorney General Jackson's special deputies, pleaded not guilty to two indictments filed against him by the grand jury.

NEBRASKA MEN REBUFFED AT ST. LOUIS CONVENTION.

MAY CAUSE SPLIT IN PARTY.

Three State Delegations, Those of Nebraska, Minnesota and Michigan, Threaten to Bolt Convention—Coxey Is Made Temporary Chairman.

St. Louis, April 2.—Friends of William J. Bryan made earnest, but highly unsuccessful, efforts to influence in his favor the action of the Populist national convention, which met here today.

Their demand was for a postponement of the convention. They declared that, in their opinion, the nomination of candidates at the present time is premature, and that it would be wisdom to await the action of the Republican and Democratic conventions before placing a ticket in the field.

The Watson men positively refused to listen to any proposal for an adjournment, although W. R. Jones of Omaha and A. M. Walling of David City made urgent request of the national committee that action be taken.

Ferris flatly refused to consider the adjournment, declaring that the convention must be held and nominations made. The Bryan people then shifted their point of attack to the committee on credentials, declaring that some men had come to the convention without being regularly accredited by properly held state conventions.

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At a caucus held by the Nebraska delegates it was decided that Nebraska should ask for the adoption of a platform, the selection of a new national committee and an adjournment until after the Republican and Democratic conventions are held.

Enthusiastic Meeting of M. W. A. at Wisner Yesterday. Wisner, Neb., April 2.—Special to The News: The Cumming county camps of Modern Woodmen of America met here yesterday, with a good representation from the four camps of the county in attendance.

Mr. Kelso is captain of the Wisner team of foresters, which will enter the competitive drill at the state camp. He is a zealous and enthusiastic woodman and his friends in the county are urging him to stand for election as a delegate to represent Nebraska in the head camp at Rock

Boy Burned to Death. TWO YEARS OLD SON OF JOHN POLZIN OF LINDSAY.

INHALED FLAMES OF MATCHES. While Parents Were Working Outside, Little Boy Secured Box of Matches and Lighted Them—Dead When Father Returns.

Lindsay, Neb., April 2.—Special to The News: The little boy, aged two years, of John Polzin, living two miles west of here, was burned to death at his home yesterday.

The father and mother had gone to do some of the morning chores, leaving the lad and baby in the house as they had often done before. The boy must have gotten hold of a box of matches, ignited one, setting fire to the rest and his clothes, burning himself and inhaling the flames and smoke, died just as the smoke cleared away.

When Mr. Polzin came in a little later he almost trampled on the boy, not being able to see his little dead form on the floor, owing to the smoke.

The funeral will be held from Holy Family church today.

No damages were done to the building.

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THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER. Forecast for Twenty-four Hours.

Condition of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today.

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Maximum temperature 37. Minimum temperature 10. Average temperature 23.

VANDERBILT DIVORCE SUIT. WIFE OF ALFRED GWYNNE FILES ACTION FOR SEPARATION.

PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED IN STATE SUPREME COURT SHORTLY AFTER HEAD OF VANDERBILT FAMILY HAD Sailed FOR EUROPE—Were Married in 1901.

New York, April 2.—Within an hour after he had sailed for Europe, Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt was made the defendant in a suit filed with the supreme court by his wife, Ellen French Vanderbilt. The nature of the action was not immediately disclosed.

Mr. Vanderbilt's attorneys are Carter, Letyard & Milburn.

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LEWIS CALLS CONFERENCE. LAYOFF OF MINE WORKERS MAY NOT CONTINUE LONG.

OHIO OPERATORS WILL ATTEND. Effort Will Be Made to Agree on a Call for an Interstate Wage Convention and General Resumption of Work in Coal Fields.

Indianapolis, April 2.—The first official act of President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America was to send telegrams to the principal officers of the competitive fields, consisting of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, to attend a meeting in this city Monday, April 6, with representatives of the miners, to make an effort to agree on a call for an interstate wage convention and if necessary to decide on a general resumption of mining operations in the field.

President Lewis said he had received a number of replies, the most of which were favorable to the move, but he had not yet received enough to determine finally the result. He is confident, however, that the move will result in a resumption of work in the mines of the district and the rehabilitation of the interstate movement in the southwest field and the outlying districts.

Ohio operators have wired their acceptance of the invitation. Indiana operators during the negotiations this winter have expressed a willingness to go into joint conference any time.

Mediators Agree on Wage Scale. Washington, April 2.—Chairman Martin A. Knapp and Dr. Charles P. Neil, the mediators between the Southern railway officials and their employees, reached an agreement, by which the present wage scale on the Southern railway for the organizations concerned will be continued until the 1st of next July.

"Katy" Road Shops Reopen. Sedalia, Mo., April 2.—The Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway shops here, which closed recently, reopened with a force of 500 men. The local Missouri Pacific shops, which closed Feb. 20, throwing about 400 men out of employment, are still closed.

Fifteen Thousand Miners Are Idle. Des Moines, April 2.—Every coal mine in Iowa is closed. Fifteen thousand men are idle. Miners celebrated the tenth anniversary of the eight-hour law.

Rescuers Overcome by Gas. Work of Recovering Bodies Delayed for Another Week.

Hanna, Wyo., April 2.—The east slope of the Union Pacific Coal company's No. 1 mine, in which two disastrous explosions occurred Saturday, was opened and half of the fifteen men who entered the slope preparatory to taking out some of the bodies were overcome by gas. Charles Higgins, assistant foreman of the Union Pacific mines at Cumberland, and Will Tate, foreman of the Cumberland mine No. 3, had to be carried to the surface, where they were soon revived.

General Manager D. O. Clark, who personally directed operations, refused to permit any further efforts at this time toward taking out any bodies, and decided to wait another week or ten days for the gas to clear away. Black damp could be easily smelted about the slope and fanhouse while the men were at work.

Fatal Floods in West Virginia. Huntington, W. Va., April 2.—The continual downpour of rain for three days throughout West Virginia has caused the loss of five lives and damage to property exceeding half a million dollars. Reports along the Elk-horn and Tug rivers are to the effect that hundreds of families are homeless, having been driven from their homes by the high water in those streams. Railroad traffic is at a standstill, owing to the numerous washouts.

Cold Wave in Northwest. St. Paul, April 2.—A terrific gale is blowing here and is bearing a cold wave down from the northwest. The cold wave will cause a drop in temperature to about ten degrees above zero. Very low temperatures prevail at most places in Manitoba. It was two degrees below at Medicine Hat and four below at Prince Albert.

Buffalo Bill Is Ill. Chicago, April 2.—Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) is seriously ill here at the Stratford hotel, suffering from a general nervous breakdown, caused largely by a recent attack of the grip. The patient is threatened with pneumonia, but if this disease does not develop he may be able to resume his journey in a week.

Norris Succeeds Toole. Helena, Mont., April 2.—The resignation of Governor J. K. Toole becoming effective, Edwin Norris, lieutenant governor, was inaugurated chief executive officer of the state of Montana. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Brantley in the presence of a few visitors.

Next Oil Hearing in Chicago. Cleveland, April 2.—The taking of depositions in the government's ouster suit against the Standard Oil company, which has been in progress here before Special Commissioner Ferris for several weeks, came to a close. The next session will be held in Chi-

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