

PREACHERS MEAN BUSINESS

Take Legal Action to Secure Enforcement of Anti-Gambling Laws.

MANDAMUS TO BE SERVED IN MORNING

Takes in Slot Machines and All Devices Where Consideration of Value Depends Upon a Chance.

HASTINGS, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)

The ministers of Hastings are certainly sincere in their efforts to rid the city of gambling dens and places for iniquity. They took a very decided step in that direction late this afternoon, when they got out a writ of mandamus for Mayor Mills. The writ was placed in Sheriff Hill's hands, with instructions to serve it on the mayor at once. This it was impossible to do, as Mr. Mills went to Lincoln this afternoon and as yet has not returned, but it is understood that he will come home tonight and will be served with the writ the first thing in the morning. The following is an exact copy of the writ: The State of Nebraska, Kearney County, ss: To Clarence J. Mills, as Mayor of the City of Hastings, Neb.—It having been made to appear that you are in violation of the law of this state which makes it unlawful to keep any gambling house or gambling device in the limits of said city of Hastings to engage in gambling or to play any game of chance with cards or dice or any other device for money or any other valued thing of value, and which further provides that it is your duty to cause the ordinances and regulations of the city of Hastings to be constantly obeyed and the provisions of the law complied with. Being provided that complete justice may be done in this matter, you are commanded in twenty-four hours after a copy of this writ is served on you to enforce the ordinances of said city against the gambling houses or that you appear before me at the courthouse in Minden, Kearney county, Neb., on the 7th day of October at 11 o'clock a. m. to show cause why you do not enforce said ordinance against said gambling houses. Witness my hand this 17th day of September 1902. ADAMS, District Judge.

So far the fight seems to be wholly in the hands of the clergy, as no other persons have taken any active part in the matter.

BITES ON MATRIMONIAL GAME

Young Man from Otoe County Has Expensive Experience in Omaha.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—A young man who gave his name as Ernest Jensen arrived in this city from Omaha last evening and stated that he was on his way back to Otoe county, where he had been working on a farm. According to the young man's story he had been reading a matrimonial paper and in that paper he had seen the advertisement of a "pretty young lady, with blue eyes and a fair complexion," whose name was Gracie Goldenberg and her home is in Omaha. After he had corresponded for some time Ernest became imbued with an irresistible desire to see the girl and he had so he gathered together all the money he had saved up—about \$150—and boarded a train for Omaha.

As previously arranged, he was met at the depot there by a young woman whose dazzling eyes and happy smile completely captivated him. After a few moments' conversation they went up town and stopped at a restaurant and had dinner, after which they enjoyed a walk along the river for a few hours. As they approached the city they were asked him to wait a few minutes while she went in and purchased a pair of gloves. He waited a few moments and then a few moments more, and until the moments grew hours, with Gracie failed to appear. He finally picked up courage and went into the store and inquired for her, but was informed that the young woman had gone. About that time he discovered that his pocketbook and money were missing and he had only enough money left to buy a meal and a ticket to Plattsmouth.

When asked if he had reported the matter to the officers in Omaha he stated that he had not, and gave as a reason for so doing that he was afraid his friends in Otoe county would read in the papers how he had been "worked." He appears to be a young man of good habits, and while the experience was an expensive one it will doubtless be a valuable one to him.

FREIGHT WRECK BLOCKS TRAFFIC

Three Cars Badly Smashed and Track Torn Up for Considerable Distance.

MEAD, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Union Pacific local freight No. 37, in charge of Engineer Cole and Conductor McCoy, was wrecked a mile and a half east of town at 5 o'clock this morning. Three cars were completely wrecked and three other freight cars and the way car were off the rails. The track for 200 feet was torn up and all traffic was stopped. No. 42, the eastbound morning passenger train, was held here until 5:30 before the track was relaid and it could get by. The wrecking train from Omaha has been here all day and it will take nearly all of tomorrow to clean away the wreckage. The cause of the wreck was a defective flange on one of the company's new steel cars.

Democrats Take All

HEBRON, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The democrats and populists met here today in joint convention and nominated the following ticket: Henry Kuhlman of Chester, for representative; O. H. Scott, of Hebron, for county attorney; H. P. Sisson, of Hebron, for county commissioner. The democrats captured all before them. There were only five populist precincts represented and they quietly walked in and surrendered to the democrats.

Passionists Make Poor Showing

TEKAMAH, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The fusionists of this county met in county convention in this city yesterday. The call was made for seventy-seven delegates for the democratic convention and 123 for the

POPULIST, and there were present fifteen delegates to the latter and ten to the democratic when they came into joint convention. The leaders of the party are endeavoring to retain the party organization, only as their nominations, with the exception of one or two superlatives, were very weak and no certainty that any of them will stand. For member of the legislature M. W. Warner of Lyons was nominated; for county attorney, H. Wade Gillis, who was absent and will undoubtedly decline; for supervisor, First district, F. A. Cameron; Second district, W. R. Benn; Fourth district, J. E. Connelly; Sixth district, Henry Miller.

METHODISTS IN CONFERENCE

Forty-Second Annual Meeting Cordially Welcomed to City of Wymore.

WYMORE, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The forty-second Methodist conference formally opened this morning with devotional services led by the Rev. H. O. Ostrom, the pastor of the First Methodist church of Wymore, who was in charge of the conference, which followed, was administered by Bishop Charles B. Fowler, who presides. The roll call showed that many members of the conference had not arrived, but more came in during the afternoon. Those ministers who had been transferred from other conferences to this district were introduced and welcomed by the members. Rev. R. A. Harrison of the Congregational church of this city extended a hearty welcome to the visitors in behalf of the churches of Wymore. His address was short but forceful and was full of geniality. Rev. Bellville, pastor of the Blue Springs Presbyterian church, welcomed the ministers to that city in a way both humorous and serious. When he had finished the visitors came to the homes of Blue Springs and were open for their reception. The next to extend a greeting to the visitors was the city attorney, Hon. A. D. McCandless. The reports of the churches represented in the conference showed a great improvement over the condition of last year. Reports on missionary work were good, every church having received a large sum to aid in the work. Nominations for officers to preside at the conference next year were made and confirmed.

The afternoon session of today's conference opened by a missionary sermon by Rev. J. W. Scott. He especially praised the work of William Taylor and hoped to see many missionaries follow the noble example set by him. Attention was called to the condition of the world in Africa, but he appealed to the people to bring home; that there was much need of mission work in America.

Rev. H. O. Ostrom, the evangelist, held services at 4 o'clock and was greeted by a cheering and appreciative audience. He called attention to the fact that 125 years ago there was absolutely nothing of Methodism in the country, while now there are 12,641 Methodist churches in the United States. He implored the people to work among the Africans, for in that race he sees much good, which, if developed, will prove grand results. At the close of the sermon the proposition was placed before the people to build a chapel in Manila and name it the Nebraska Conference chapel. The audience responded willingly and over \$110 was subscribed.

RETAILERS TALK OVER TRADE

Modification of Exemption Laws One of Most Important Things to Them.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The second day's session of the Nebraska Retail Grocers' association annual convention in this city today called out an attendance of about 100 members. J. C. Conroy, president of the association, presided over the deliberations, which were devoted almost entirely to a discussion of matters tending to the betterment of the trade. A resolution was adopted authorizing the executive committee to take steps toward the modification of the exemption laws of the state. The collection laws now on the statute books came up for prolonged consideration. Hereafter the retailers will be able to secure modification of the exemption law have met with the opposition of organized labor. In order to circumvent this opposition the retailers' association adopted resolutions declaring for a shorter working day, for the payment of wages weekly and for a shorter day of the week. Mr. Conroy's Sunday labor also was denounced. By thus aiding the cause of labor the retailers hope to secure from the labor leaders the latter's support in a movement to modify the collection laws so that the retailers may have some recourse as against the professional debtors. Resolutions were also adopted denouncing the proposed parcel post and post check schemes as being inimical to the interests of the retail dealer. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, O. C. Thompson, Blair; vice president, S. T. Cooley, Lincoln; secretary, Harry Fischer, Omaha; treasurer, E. D. Jackson, Upland. Omaha was named as the location of the next convention. George F. Munro of Omaha was made chairman of the permanent committee on resolutions.

Society Day at Carnival

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Today was society day at the Elks' carnival and the attendance was large. A large number of secret societies of the city, headed by the Second Regiment band and a delegation of Elks, made a parade through the principal streets at 2:30 p. m. In the parade were a number of beautiful and attractive floats. Tomorrow is Elks' day and Friday occurs the grand flower parade. Oppenheimer's shows continue to be the attraction.

Change of Venue for Damage Case

TECUMSEH, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Judge J. S. Stull of Auburn convened the fall session of the district court for this county yesterday. There are about fifty cases for trial. The Gosch damage case, wherein John Gosch lost his life and his heirs seek damages from the county, inasmuch as Mr. Gosch went through a county bridge with a traction engine, has been given a change of venue. It will be taken either to Pawnee or Nemaha county for trial.

Open Congressional Headquarters

YORK, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Headquarters for the fourth congressional district have been established here and both Chairman McCloud and Secretary Hall with the assistance of stenographers are shaping up the early preliminaries of the congressional campaign, preparatory for one of the best conducted campaigns ever put up in this district. Hon. E. H. Blinshaw has already visited every county in the district and is making a winning campaign.

Swedish Lutheran Conference

SARONVILLE, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The annual conference of the Swedish Lutheran church of Nebraska convenes here for a fourth day's session, also the thirtieth anniversary of the organization of the church at this place will be one feature of their meeting. All pastors who have been here during the thirty years are invited to be present.

BOXERS SURROUND A CITY

Attempt to Take Cheng Tu Fu, but as Yet Without Success.

ITS FALL WILL MEAN AN UPRISING

Chinese Merchant Predicts That the Whole Province Will Be on Its Bad Behavior if the Fifty Thousand Rebels Win.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—Cabling from Shanghai under date of September 17, the correspondent of the Daily Mail says that Cheng Tu Fu, capital of the province of Szechuen, is surrounded by 50,000 Boxers, but that their attempt to take the city have failed so far. Without immediate help, however, Cheng Tu Fu must fall.

"A prominent Chinese merchant tells me," continues the Daily Mail correspondent, "that if Cheng Tu Fu is taken a rising in the province is inevitable. To further complicate matters, the feuds between Catholic and Protestant converts are worse now than at any previous stage and magisterial injunction in various matters has been warrantly interfered with by priests and missionaries."

More Encouraging Report

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 17.—A letter received from a thoroughly trustworthy Chinese correspondent at Nanning states that the rebellion is entirely at an end. General Ma, one of the ablest Chinese officers in the south was killed.

Though the rebellion, so called, is at an end, a disquieting feature of the situation is that a large quantity of up-to-date rifles are still imported constantly. The Chinese complain that they are smuggled over the Tonkin frontier. The town of Tungshu Hsin, northwest of New Szechuan is reported to have been occupied by the brigand leader, Liu Tang Tsue, and followers. Making this their headquarters, they are said to be busily looting all the districts around.

The Boxers are still active in Chengde and surrounding districts. The local foreign officer reports the district to be in great disorder, several places having been attacked, others burned down and a number of Christians and others who have resisted having been killed. The British and Foreign bible societies have had one killed in that district and there are rumors, not yet confirmed, but believed to be reliable, that two others have suffered the same fate.

A gentleman who recently visited New Chwang says the Russians are making all preparations for a return to their country at an early date, and expresses the belief that they will do so. At the same time he admits that they are not likely to give up some of the places on which they have spent considerable sums, such as New Chwang and Chaiwan, and which are now under some sort of equivalent for what they supposed they had acquired, nor even then to make an absolute relinquishment of their claims upon that country.

CONGRER TAKES UP MATTER

Attention of Chinese Foreign Office Called to Continued Murder of Christians.

PEKIN, Sept. 17.—United States Minister Conger has presented to the Chinese Foreign office a letter from Dr. Cairright, the American missionary of Cheng Tu Fu, describing the massacre of native Christians there in July.

Dr. Cairright says that eleven people were killed by Chinese and that the authorities refused to take measures against the Boxers. The letter was written August 2. The missionaries were then guarded by troops and were kept in a mission building, except when escorted by soldiers.

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Law Officer of Insular Bureau Makes Plain Statement of Conditions.

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