

CHURCHES NOT COMBINING

Smaller Organizations Not Willing to Give Up Their Identity.

DIFFERENCES OVER TEXT BOOK QUESTION

State Officials Have Report of Charity Organization on Condition and Management of Taberna Home.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The ministers of Lincoln probably will not be able to consolidate the smaller churches of the city under one head just at this time, as they had contemplated doing, for the reason that many ministers and brethren and sisters will not agree to the move.

Rev. Mr. Wharton, pastor of St. Paul church, this morning said: "We have contemplated this and dreamed of it for some time, but for the present at least our move will not be realized. I am heartily in favor of the consolidation of all denominations where the membership of churches is small, in order that out of several of them one good, strong church might be built, and where the influence of the church for good would be increased many fold. But it is only a dream of the future now, and I am satisfied that we can do nothing in Lincoln at the present. People think too much of their churches and creeds to join with other creeds and churches, so I suppose we will have to go along as we are."

Were the consolidation of the smaller churches in Lincoln to become a reality it is believed that it would be the wedge that would open up a discussion of the union of churches in all cities of the country and in time would mean the wiping out of sectarianism altogether, and as one minister remarked this morning: "We would be as the Lord intended us to be, one fold and one Shepherd."

The more liberal preachers here greatly regret the inability of the smaller congregations to see that they would be benefited by the consolidation. They assert it would mean a saving to every member of the flock and that it would mean the tearing down of small buildings and the erection of good, substantial churches and above all it would mean able, educated and experienced preachers to teach them. The matter is not to rest yet awhile and the need of consolidation that has been seen is expected to bear fruit, at least that is what those in favor of the move believe.

Some there are who profess to believe they see in the agitation the doom of sectarianism and the utter overthrow of their long established churches, which is more than they can bear, and consequently would fight the move to the last ditch. The matter will in all probability be again talked over at the ministerial meeting to be held Monday and a campaign of education may be started that will bring about the desired end.

Legal Authorities Differ.

Legal authorities are not agreed as to whether the regents of the State really have a right to furnish the students of that institution text books at cost, without the legislature having made a specific appropriation for that purpose. Some profess to believe that the money in the temporary university fund could not be used for this purpose even if the law does say it can be used for any university need if the regents desire to use it. Others say that no one would object if the regents used money out of this fund and it would be perfectly legal for them to do so. Others claim that if the regents used the fund a little time to the matter, and go to a little trouble they could secure these books for the students without having to invest a cent by taking the money advanced to them for the books by the students.

The attention of the governor has been called to the matter and an effort will be made to have him do something. Inasmuch as the regents make their report to him, it is believed that it is his duty to see that the laws are carried out or know the reason why.

That the students are being charged too much for their books there is no doubt, and if the regents used money out of the temporary university fund to stop this, there would be none to object save the book dealers, and their profits have been so much during the last few years that their wall would not injure the outside world. A majority of the students buy their books and supplies from a couple of book stores near the university. These two stores apparently have a monopoly of the book business. One student said one of the professors recommended that he go to either one of these book stores for his supplies. When the student got their prices and found that he could buy the books cheaper in his home town, the professor told him that these two stores were expecting to supply the students with their books and that they had gone to the expense of handling the supplies, and therefore ought to be patronized. This young man, being new to the school, did like others before him and like others to come, bought the books and paid the price.

Waiting on Helmer.

While the governor and the attorney general are waiting for the return of Superintendent Helmer of the Taberna home before they begin proceedings against the home to annul the charter of the corporation, they are examining the report of the committee appointed by the City Charity association to investigate the home. This report was kept secret by the charity association, and if Rev. Helmer had allowed

that association to name a board of directors of twenty-five persons to manage the home it would likely never have been handed to the governor.

As to the food supply the committee reported that it had failed to find the foundation for the sensational reports circulated, though from the admission of the management and employees it was found that the supply sometimes was scant, which the committee believed was due no doubt to a scarcity of funds and unbusiness-like management. The clothing was reported to be scant also. As to the schooling given the inmates the committee reported that while school is conducted in the institution, a greater portion of the year, the work the children have to do made them neglect their schooling. The committee found fault with the mode of management in sending out children to homes and held that the money they made should belong to the children and not used by the institution. Of the moral education of the inmates the report said:

Certain sensational charges were made to the effect that children were growing up as criminals, that they had broken into the rooms and stolen food and clothing and that general lawlessness existed. The committee has no proof that more lawlessness exists here than in other similar institutions. There is no indication, however, that a good deal of insubordination exists, resulting in the frequent use of corporal punishment. This is a natural result of keeping such a large number of children in one place, and the committee believes that the number of persons to watch over and control them. The committee holds that for the moral welfare of the children, it is necessary to have more careful supervision of the children during the daytime. It also finds that the inmates are not properly supervised by the inmates. The committee also finds that the inmates are not properly supervised by the inmates. The committee also finds that the inmates are not properly supervised by the inmates.

Management of Home.

Of the management of the home the committee reported:

The entire control of the home rests in the hands of a board of five trustees, three of whom are members of Mr. Helmer's family. Mr. Helmer collects and receives from collectors all the funds received for the home. Money is collected and expended without passing through the treasurer's hands. Money is sometimes spent without being reported to the bookkeeper and thus it is not accounted for. No cases of misappropriation of funds have been found, nor does the committee call attention to any case of misappropriation. The committee, however, believes that such supervision as long as the financial affairs are conducted in this way and is likely to ruin the home. The committee believes that the public will tend to diminish the strength of the financial support of the home. On the other hand, the committee believes that with a more representative man to watch for the home and stand between it and the public, that the large amount of money obtained with a higher standard of care once established, would be more easily obtained. The committee believes that with a larger representative body to control the home, the public support would be increased as the home could be so increased as to warrant the increased expenditures which a higher standard would require. The committee, therefore, having in mind only the future welfare of the home, makes the recommendation that the board of trustees be adopted providing as follows:

One Remedy for Errors.

For a board of twenty-five trustees to be divided into groups of five, five to be elected each year to serve for one year, and the number to be named in the articles of incorporation and to be selected jointly by Mr. Helmer and the undersigned committee.

The board of trustees shall meet quarterly and the meeting shall be called at the request of three members and elect a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and an executive committee of five, who shall have control of the home subject to the direction of the board of trustees. All funds collected shall pass through the hands of the treasurer, and he shall publish an annual report of the amount contributed, give the details of the expenditures.

Read for Hunting Season.

October 1 the hunting season opens and from the reports of the abundance of game the woods will be full of shooters. Deputy Game Warden Carter has sent out notices to his special deputies to have them see that all hunters are armed with the proper permit from the state to kill game. From reports received at his office, it is apparent that all over the state there is any shooting to be had, hunters right now are on their tip toes awaiting the word to go.

The state warden expects little trouble about the license question because of all the states in the union only one has a cheaper license fee than Nebraska, and in this state it is to be found as good shooting as there is anywhere. For a nonresident to come here and slaughter the regulation amount of game and pay only \$10, while in Wyoming it costs \$20, and the hunter has to pay for killing the game. Parties going from one county to another are also required to take out a license. This comparison of the cost of the licenses charged in the various states and Canada will be of interest to the hunters:

States (nonresidents not permitted to hunt)	License Required (to hunt)
Colorado	\$40.00
Delaware	\$5.00
Georgia	\$5.00
Illinois	\$10.00
Indiana	\$10.00
Iowa (license required in each county)	\$10.00
Kentucky	\$5.00
Louisiana (nonresidents not permitted to hunt)	\$5.00
Additional charges for game killed as follows: Moose, each \$5; deer, each \$2.50	
Maryland	\$5.00
Michigan	\$5.00
Minnesota	\$5.00
Montana	\$5.00
Missouri (nonresidents not permitted to hunt)	\$5.00
Nebraska	\$10.00
New Jersey	\$10.00
New York (same fee as required by the state in which the applicant resides)	
North Dakota	\$5.00
Ohio	\$5.00
Oregon	\$10.00
Pennsylvania	\$10.00
South Dakota	\$10.00
South Carolina	\$10.00
Virginia	\$10.00
Washington	\$10.00
West Virginia	\$5.00
Wisconsin	\$5.00
Wyoming	\$20.00
British Columbia (including guide)	\$5.00
New Brunswick (including guide)	\$5.00
Newfoundland	\$5.00
Northwest Territory (including guide)	\$5.00
Nova Scotia	\$5.00
Ontario	\$5.00
Quebec	\$5.00

After the Rooming Trust.

More grasping than the coal man, more important than the ice man and more of a trust than the Standard Oil company, the rooming house keepers of Lincoln are the real powers that be. In their clutches they have all who want to sleep and right well are these helmsmen's roomers being gouged. But the day of the rooming house keeper is not to last always. Already a move is on foot whereby a commodious rooming house that will be sufficiently large to accommodate at least 500 students, with a dining room sufficiently large for their use, is to be erected. This move owes its birth to the numerous kicks being made by students who have come here to attend school and who have to pay rent that is out of all reason.

One Man who is Connected with the Scheme is Joseph Burns, who has always been one of the most successful promoters who ever started anything in Lincoln. Mr. Burns said this morning that a number of students had been to him to protest against the high rent and to see if he could organize a company to build a dormitory that would

care for at least a portion of them. "I have written to some of the capitalists," said Mr. Burns, "and I firmly believe that such a company will be organized. In the meantime I intend to see what little capital there is in Lincoln and it may be that I will be able to organize a home company."

It was charged here some time ago that most of the big rooming houses had entered into a combine to keep up the price of rooms, and every day it becomes more apparent that this is true. The whole town is interested in the matter. The move to erect a building that would have sufficient rooms to create a demand for roomers instead of rooms, as at present, has been talked for some time, but nothing definite had been done until Mr. Burns took up the matter a few days ago. It is the opinion of a number of citizens that he will have all the support he needs when he submits his plans.

Horses Dying in Rock County.

Governor Mickey received a report this afternoon from Newton, Rock county, that horses were dying there of some unknown disease, and asking that the state veterinarian be sent there at once. The report came through Postmaster Crow of Omaha whom the stockman had talked to, and it did not tell anything about the nature of the disease except that it was killing off horses in great numbers.

Springview, the home of Senator Brown of Keya Paha, is to have a new bank, known as the Springview State bank, with a capital stock of \$50,000. The cashier is William Dietrick and the president is Dietrick. The articles were filed with the State Banking Board today.

Superintendent Fowler today received requests from Sioux and Kimball counties asking for teachers. The former county needs seven and the latter about six. Teachers are paid in these counties from \$30 to \$35 per month, though the school year is short.

METHODISTS ELECT DELEGATE

Spirited Contest Over Honor of Going to the General Conference.

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WEDDING DAY IS FIXED

Ruth Bryan and W. H. Leavitt to Be Married on October 3.

LINCOLN, Sept. 25.—The marriage of Miss Ruth Bryan and W. H. Leavitt of Newport will take place Saturday evening, October 3, at 7:30 o'clock at Fairview, the home of the bride.

Dr. Swenson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Bryan is a member, probably will perform the ceremony.

Franklin Fair a Success.

FRANKLIN, Neb., Sept. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The twenty-seventh annual session of the Franklin county fair closed today, and as a whole it was the most successful one ever held here, both financially and otherwise. The crowd today was not much more than half as large as yesterday. There was a good program today, varied somewhat from yesterday. Two good games of ball were played between Bloomington and Franklin. Both games were won by Franklin by scores of 3 to 0 and 2 to 0. An interesting and fast basketball game was played between two local teams, which was very close and made a good number in the program. In the baseball game one of the Bloomington boys was struck in the face by a pitched ball, which knocked out several teeth and cracked his jawbone. Miss Queenie Crane of Bloomington was also struck in the face with a foul ball by the same team. The fair management say they will be able to pay all premiums in full and have a good sum to leave in the treasury.

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LEAVES NO GRUDGE BEHIND

Wyoming Murderer Makes Speech Before the Jury in the Trap is Sprung.

CRIME IS A MOST REVOLTING ONE

Sleeps in the Same Room with His Victim and During the Night Shoots Him with a Shotgun.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Sept. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—James Keffer was hanged at Lander at 10:15 this morning. Everything moved off like clockwork. Keffer was on the verge of a collapse, but by a superhuman effort he calmed himself and walked bravely to the gallows.

Just before the trap was sprung Keffer made a talk and said he had no grudge against any one. He excused the jury, but said they made a mistake and would some day realize the fact. The judge of the supreme court and governor, he said, were no good.

Keffer's neck was broken by the fall and he was cut down in eight minutes.

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The crime for which James Keffer paid the penalty on the gallows today is one of the most revolting in the annals of criminology in the state of Wyoming. He crept softly into the room wherein an aged and almost decrepit man lay sleeping peacefully and not even dreaming of the fate soon to descend upon him. Keffer at first did not deny the crime, but said he was under the influence of liquor at the time the deed was committed.

Keffer worked on the Carmody ranch near Bruce, and old man Warren was stock tender on the Lander-Burlington stage company at the same place. The story of Keffer's crime in detail is as follows:

On the afternoon before the killing Keffer went over to Bruce, and while there drank several times. About 3 p. m. he started back to the ranch, and after looking after the stock there started for the camp of a freighter known as "Scotty," about a mile from the ranch, in company with old man Warren. Scotty had whisky in his wagon, and all three drank. After spending several hours in camp both went back to the ranch, and after doing chores about the place both went to bed.

Sleep in Same Room.

They slept in the same room, their beds being in opposite corners. During the night Keffer, who had not slept, rose and crept silently to the old man's bed. Turning, he crept noiselessly to the wall, where hung an old double-barreled shotgun, which he took down and loaded. Waiting a moment to see if his movements had been heard, he crept back to where his victim lay sleeping. Keffer placed the muzzle of the shotgun under the old man's chin, pulled the trigger and blew his victim's brains out.

No one was within hearing when the deed was committed, and this Keffer knew, for he went to work with the greatest deliberation and rifled the old man's trunk, taking a small amount of money and several pay checks belonging to the old man. He then went back to the bed, dragged the body off onto the floor, and placed a rifle across the arm. When this was done he hastened to Bruce, woke up the proprietor of the hotel and informed him that he had shot a man in self-defense, showing the empty shotgun shells as evidence.

He was at once placed under strong guard and taken to Lander next day to await trial. He was convicted and the sentence was affirmed by the supreme court.

Burglars Get Small Sum of Money and Make Their Escape.

EWING, Neb., Sept. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Robbers blew open the safe in the Ewing State bank at an early hour this morning and secured a small sum of money. The noise of the explosion awakened the citizens, but the robbers escaped before any steps were taken for their capture.

Bloodhounds Sent to Kansas.

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