

# Big Meeting of Nebraska Teachers Soon to Be Held in Omaha



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WHEN the executive committee of the Nebraska State Teachers' association voted to hold the thirty-ninth annual meeting of its association in Omaha on December 28, 29 and 30, its members little dreamed of the generous and hearty response which the selection of the place of meeting would receive from the citizens of Omaha, of South Omaha and of Douglas county. No meeting of any character held in this city in recent years has aroused such interest and enthusiasm as the prospect of this coming educational convention—an association which has proved itself to be one of the great educational forces of Nebraska.

For the last fifteen years the association has held its annual meetings in Lincoln, and the change of place of meeting this year to Omaha came as a surprise to the citizens of Lincoln as well as to many of the superintendents and teachers of the state. This change at first carried with it some disappointment to many who had come to look upon Lincoln as the fixed place of meeting for the association. But the feeling of disappointment soon gave way to a feeling of gratification and to a belief that the members of the association would be greatly benefited by the opportunity they would have to come into touch with the educational, social, spiritual and industrial life and spirit of this great metropolis of the state.

Benefit to Omaha.

But Omaha itself will be no less benefited than the teachers of Nebraska. It, too, will come into touch with the educational spirit and moral force of this great convention, and thus have its own life and energies quickened and uplifted. There will result from this meeting on the part of Omaha a larger and better appreciation of the teaching force of Nebraska and the great work in which the teacher gives her service to society and the state, and on the part of the teacher there will result a kindlier feeling towards Omaha and the educational ideals which it is sincerely striving to attain unto, both in its public schools and in its private institutions of learning. Indeed, the whole state will be benefited by this meeting, which promises to be the greatest educational meeting ever held within the borders of Nebraska.

The Commercial Club.

The Commercial club of the city—always alive to the commercial interests of Omaha and to the necessity of cultivating a broader sympathy and a closer union of friendship between Omaha and every county, city, town and village within the borders of Nebraska, as well as with every organization in the state which has for its object the accomplishment of some high purpose for the commonweal of all the people of the state—extended an early and cordial invitation to the State Teachers' association, and through the splendid work of Commissioner McVann voted to pay the local expenses of the association to the amount of \$700. Through this generous offer the teachers' executive committee has paid for the rental of the First Methodist church (where the general meetings of the association are to be held) and for a part of the lecture and musical entertainments provided on the program.

Will Bring \$50,000 to City.

Through this generous offer, Commissioner McVann and the club counted, first, on the great benefit Omaha would receive in an educational way, and, second, on the benefit it would receive in dollars and cents. And the Commercial club will not be disappointed, for, unless all signs fail, this meeting will be the largest in the history of the association. The year 1902 thus far holds the record, when the enrollment at Lincoln reached 1875; this year more than 2500 teachers will be enrolled at Omaha. Each of these will spend among the merchants of Omaha not less than \$20 apiece, making a total of \$50,000, exclusive of hotel and boarding-house bills, and railroad fares. Those who have been accustomed to measure the value of teachers' associations to a city, in dollars and cents, know that the actual amount which will be spent in Omaha by the teachers will be nearer \$75,000 than the amount given above.

Board of Education Aids.

The Board of Education, too, extended a cordial welcome to the teachers and voted the use of the High School building for the meetings of the various departments of the association. It also offered the use of the board's assembly room, and voted to hold itself ready in any way to provide for the comfort of the visiting teachers.

The enthusiasm of the teachers of the city schools has been such as to spread to other parts of the state and encourage the enrollment of members in advance of the date of the meeting. That the 400 teachers of Omaha have already secured their dollar membership fee in advance without being urged to do so, speaks volumes for their professional spirit and

their enthusiasm in the coming association. During the meeting the city teachers will put forth every effort in an endeavor to have every visiting teacher enjoy his or her stay in Omaha.

Douglas county is honored especially this year in that its county superintendent of public instruction, Mr. E. J. Bodwell, is president of the state association. The Douglas county teachers will show their appreciation of this high honor by enrolling its 107 teachers unanimously as advance members—indeed, they have already done so.

South Omaha teachers are quite as enthusiastic as the Omaha and Douglas county teachers. They, too, will take out memberships in advance, and the 136 teachers on the South Omaha force will doubtless be present and enrolled without exception. The Board of Education has by resolution expressed its appreciation of the fact that the teachers are enrolling in advance. South Omaha is well represented on the program, among those whose names appear are Superintendent McLean, Miss Sara Taylor, Miss Martha Reid and Mrs. Richmond, supervisor of music. Miss Belle Newell is president and Miss Anna Boret is secretary of the primary and kindergarten department.

Omaha and the Program.

It falls to the lot of City Attorney C. C. Wright to deliver the address of welcome at the opening general meeting on Wednesday evening, December 28. Superintendent W. M. Davidson will give an address on "A Trinity of Aims in Education." Prof. J. F. Woolery will discuss "Inability to Pupils to Apply Their Mathematics to Practical Affairs." Mrs. Harriet Heller, "The Social Life of the Adolescent." Miss Mima Doyle, "Language and Literature in the Primary Grades." Miss Kate McHugh, "Wider Culture for English Teachers." Prof. H. A. Senter, "Experiments in Carbon Dioxide." Prof. M. J. O'Connor of Creighton university, "Over-Emphasis of Laboratory Work." Mrs. G. S. Clittenden, supervisor of kindergartens, "What the Kindergartens Are Doing for the Primary Schools." Prof. C. M. Braealen, "Debating in High School," and Miss Clara B. Mason, principal of Clifton Hill school, "Discipline in the Primary Grades."

Reception to Visiting Teachers.

A reception to the visiting teachers by the citizens of Omaha has been proposed and plans for the same are being formulated. It can now definitely be announced that the reception will take place at the new Auditorium on Thursday evening, December 29, immediately following the lecture by General Z. T. Sweeney. General Sweeney was in Omaha on last Monday and called on County Superintendent Bodwell, who informed him that he would be asked to give his lecture in the Auditorium instead of the First Methodist church, as advertised on the official program. To this change the general gladly consented. He stated that he could not do his lecture to fit the time and would be glad to aid in every way the success of the reception, at which it is expected he will be one of the guests of honor. It has been planned that the following organizations will represent the citizens of Omaha in this reception: The Woman's club, the Woman's Christian Temperance union, the Froebel school, the Young Women's Christian association, the Young Men's Christian association, Brower Hall, Creighton university, the Library association, the resident alumni of the State Normal school, the resident alumni of the State university and the teachers of the city schools. These organizations are all educational in their character. It is the purpose to make this reception one of the events of the association. The reception had its origin in the expressed wish of the members of the Woman's club and the teachers of the city schools to do something worthy of the dignity of the city and of the Nebraska Teachers' association as well. That it will be a union success no one can doubt. Each organization is to be responsible in extending invitations to its own membership, but it should be understood that no formal invitations are to be sent out and that any and every citizen of Omaha interested in the cause of education is not only asked, but urged, to show his interest by his presence at this reception. This invitation is to both men and women.

Attractions.

Some of the attractions secured by the committee are: General Z. T. Sweeney, Frank R. Roberson, Adrian M. Newmans, Dr. Benjamin L. Dooge, President M. P. Dowling, Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, the Omaha public library, the Lininger Art gallery, the Wagner chorus, the Royal Hungarian orchestra, Superintendent W. N. Clifford of Council Bluffs and Sarah Louise Arnold.

The officers of the association are: E. J. Bodwell of Douglas county, president; Miss Kate Brown of Valparaiso, vice president;

Superintendent A. O. Thomas of Kearney, Secretary, and Superintendent A. O. Caviness of Fairbury, treasurer. The members of the executive committee: E. J. Bodwell, chairman; Superintendent D. C. O'Connor of Norfolk; Superintendent James E. Beigre of Lexington, and Superintendent W. H. Gardner of Fremont. This executive committee has prepared the program for the coming meeting and has secured some strong attractions from outside the state.

Omaha Public Library.

Members of the Nebraska Teachers' association are invited to visit the Omaha public library, located at the southeast corner of Nineteenth and Harney streets, and readily reached by all downtown street car lines. The library is open during the week from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m., and on Sunday from 2 p. m. until 6 p. m.

The library contains 65,000 volumes for free circulation and reference and has on file in the reading room a general collection of newspapers and periodicals from both the United States and Europe.

The chief attraction in the library is the Byron Reed collection, consisting of old

and rare books, autographs, coins and paper money. The collection of coins ranks third in the United States and contains 6363 pieces. The autographs number 1,029, most of which are exhibited. Many of them are very rare, especially those of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The third floor of the library building is occupied by the museum, consisting of an Indian collection loaned by Mr. Patrick Ryan of Chadron, a collection of curios loaned by Mr. G. W. Lininger, and many single articles loaned or donated by generous Omaha citizens. In this museum may be found a bronze death mask of Napoleon, of which there are but five in existence.

The Lininger Art Gallery.

A place of special interest to visiting teachers is the Lininger Art gallery, corner Eighteenth and Davenport street, reached by Dodge street cars to Eighteenth, a private collection of oil paintings, statuary, ceramics and bronzes open to the public on Thursdays and Sundays and to strangers at all times. This gallery contains fine examples of old masters, such as Guido Reni, Valasquez, Del Sarto and

others, and is especially rich in modern pictures. Bourgeois's masterpiece, "The Return of Spring," is here, a fine example of Lefebvre, Schreyer, Detaille, an example of Meissonier's work, a cardinal by Vibert, etc. An assortment of over 100 paintings, comprising pictures of the best contemporary artists of the various schools in Europe and America. In the cabinets will be found rare ivory carvings and a fine collection of enamels, a masterpiece of Limoges, enamel in copper by Limoges, rare vases and carols from all corners of the earth. The collection is the work of a lifetime and was established with a view to educate our people in matters of the fine arts by placing within the reach of all here at home to see and study such examples as otherwise would be the privilege of only the favored few who go to foreign lands to learn. The influence of the Chicago World's fair and our Trans-Mississippi exposition is noticed by the growing appreciation by the general public of art galleries, museums and other refining and educating influences. The attendance at the Lininger Art gallery grows with an increasing ratio from year to year.

The teachers will be welcome to visit this collection at any time during their stay in the city.

The Wagner Chorus.

The Wagner Quartet and Chorus, made up entirely of the teaching force of Omaha's City schools, are the outgrowth of the original quartet and chorus organized to illustrate a series of lectures on Richard Wagner and his music drama given during the winter and spring of 1904, by Miss Fannie Arnold, supervisor of music in the city schools.

The personnel of the quartet is as follows: Miss Fannie Myer, first soprano; Miss Macy Stapenhorst, second soprano, replacing Miss Howe Brady, the second soprano of the original organization; Mrs. Cora Anderson, first alto; Miss Carrie Fairchild, second alto, replacing Miss Belle Beesie, originally the second alto. Miss Ida Blackmore was appointed pianist for the quartet and chorus by Mrs. Cora Anderson, president of the Wagner chorus, to succeed Miss Anna Mach, the first pianist appointed. Miss Myer is assisted in the quartet, "The Lost Chord," by Miss Aita Neville, soprano.

The Wagner Chorus was originally composed of thirty-five voices and has increased to seventy-five, meeting once a month for the study of the best compositions. The organization will be permanent, and no doubt, will be the leading women's chorus in Omaha in the interpretation of classic productions of the great composers. This chorus offered its services free to the executive committee. It will furnish the music for all the programs of the general sessions except that of Wednesday evening when the concert by the Hungarian orchestra will be given.

be secured in advance. Teachers desiring to thus engage rooms must address A. H. Waterhouse, Omaha, stating time of arrival, price they want to pay, number in party, board or room, or both, and time of departure. Mr. Waterhouse will make assignment and notify each person of address assigned. Teachers not engaging accommodations in advance will find list of private boarding houses at the bureau of information at the high school building.

A bureau of information will be maintained by the local committee at the high school building and will be open until 8 p. m. each day of the association. In the evening the headquarters of the bureau will be found at the Millard hotel after 8 o'clock. Teachers arriving during the day should go at once to the high school building, where they will find the headquarters of the enrolling committee and the bureau of information. Persons arriving on the evening trains and desiring accommodations in private homes should go at once to the Millard hotel. Enrollments will be received after 8 p. m. each day at the bureau of information in the Millard hotel. The information bureau will endeavor to furnish guides, so that teachers may be directed quickly to boarding places.

A reception by the citizens of Omaha will be tendered to the teachers Thursday evening in the Auditorium, immediately after the lecture, as already stated in this article.

The alumni of the Peru State Normal school will hold a banquet immediately after the reception Thursday evening at the Faxon hotel.

Headquarters for the alumni of the Fremont Normal school will hold a banquet immediately after the reception Thursday evening at the Millard hotel.

Half fare on all railroads, 50 cents. Tickets on sale December 23, 27, 28.

W. M. DAVIDSON.

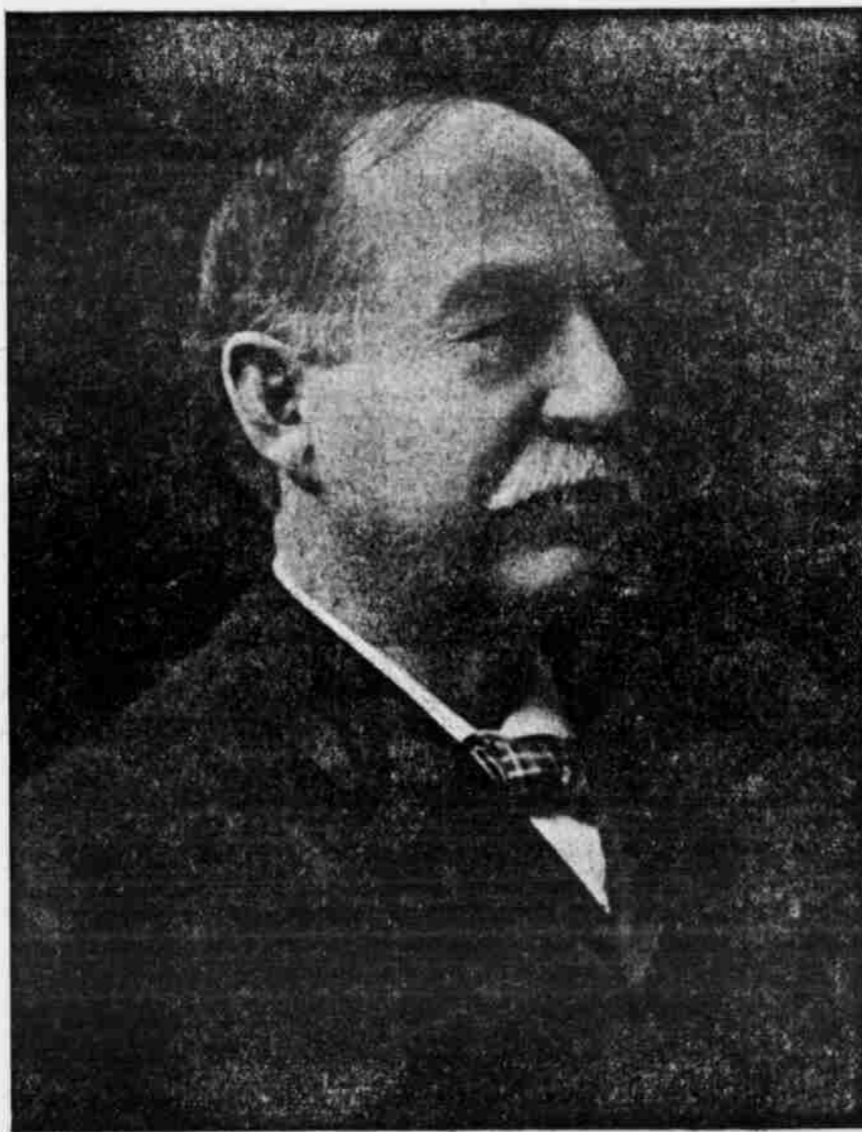
Prattle of the Youngsters

Nettie (aged 6)—Mamma, do you really and truly love me?  
Mamma (a widow)—Of course I do, dear. Nettie—Then won't you please marry the man who owns the candy store?  
"Now, str," said the indignant mother to her naughty 6-year-old son, "I'm going to give you a good whipping."  
"If you'll cut it out, mamma," rejoined the diplomatic youngster, "I'll use my influence with papa to get you a new sealakin sack."  
"Remember," said the stern parent, "if you are not a good boy Santa Claus may fall to bring you anything on Christmas."  
"I know," answered the practical child, "but I was good before last Christmas and I didn't get anything that I wanted, anyhow."  
Johnny—Papa, I've read the president's message.  
"Pleased Parent—I'm glad to hear it, my son. It isn't every boy that takes an interest in such things. Did you read all of it?"  
Johnny—Yep. Read it clear through. That pie-faced boy next door dared me to do it, and I won't take a dare from nobody.  
Little Bertie saw his mamma oil the hinge of the kitchen door when it squeaked. That evening, when he heard a cricket chirp, he said: "What is that noise, mamma?"  
"That is a cricket, Bertie," his mother answered.  
Then suddenly Bertie ran for the machine oil can and said, "Let's oil it, mamma, it squeaks."

Pointed Paragraphs

Chaperon is but another name for a matrimonial promoter.  
The man who pays cash for a ton of coal has money to burn.  
A joker's idea of a good joke is one that is on the other fellow.  
Many a man wants the earth, but in the end the earth gets the man.  
A man doesn't need much money if he has a reputation for being wealthy.  
Tomorrow never comes, but the day after today arrives on schedule time.  
A fool may know when to stop talking, but a wise man knows when not to begin.  
A miser is a man who carries his money in a purse that closes easier than it opens.  
Some men claim to be self-made, while some others are supposed to be wife-made.  
Men and women who are opposed to labor unions should steer clear of love in a cottage.  
Before the self-made man can get into politics he must be made over by the machine.  
It's almost as difficult for a woman to keep a secret as it is for her to see the point of a joke.—Chicago News.

## Frank Murphy---He Believed in Omaha



FRANK MURPHY.—Photo by Heyn.

FRANK MURPHY, who was buried Saturday with all civic honors, was in every regard an Omaha man. He came to Omaha in his early infancy, himself but a boy, poor and struggling as the city was, and the growth and development of the two have been coincident. Mr. Murphy had the energy of the pioneer and stuck to the city of his choice from the first. His prosperity here was not the result of mere chance, but came as the direct result of foresighted prudence and willingness to venture along what seemed to him certain lines. He became a leading figure in the business life of the community through his methods of industry and probity. No great enterprises were established during his lifetime that he did not have some part in it. His faith in Omaha never wavered, even in the darkest times, and the substantial fortune he left was the material reward of his perseverance when others faltered.

As a factor in commercial and industrial affairs he was always ready to back his judgment with his purse, and in matters of public enterprise he was most liberal. During his later years Mr. Murphy was taken up with the larger business transactions, his connection as president of the Merchants' National bank, the Omaha Street Railway company and the Omaha Gas company giving him little time for other matters, and yet he never relaxed his interest in the general affairs of the community of which his life was so large a part. The growth of the institutions he was most closely connected with was incidental to the expansion of Omaha from its village dimensions to metropolitan proportions, and he grew with them. He had served the public in many capacities, having held office under the territorial government and also under the state, being a member of the legislature, and a city and county officer. His career was marked by a modesty and quietness of demeanor that prevented his becoming widely known among the later comers to the city, but the men who are active in the business affairs of Omaha came to know him for his real worth.

## Creighton College Theatricals



BEEFEATER KILLS THE SPANIARD—SCENES FROM "THE CRITIC," AS PRESENTED BY THE CREIGHTON COLLEGE DRAMATIC CIRCLER.—Photo by a Staff Artist. (See Article on Page 4.)



"ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE" AND FOR NOTHING IN PARTICULAR.—Photo by a Staff Artist. (See Page 3.)



THE GOVERNOR OF TILDURY FORT PROVES HIS STONY HEART.—Photo by a Staff Artist. (See Page 4.)