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MORE ABOUT ROCKEFELLER MISSION GIFT

Committee of New York Congressional Ministers Issue Statement in Favor of Accepting the Donation.

NEW YORK, March 31.—H. H. Rogers, vice president and director of the Standard Oil company, today made a statement as to the conduct of the Standard Oil company, which was evidently prompted by the criticism of the Prudential committee of the American Board of Foreign Missions for accepting a gift of \$100,000 from John D. Rockefeller, Mr. Rogers said:

Ministers say queer things. Dr. Washington Gladden says that everybody knows that John D. Rockefeller has obtained his money dishonestly. With as much reason I could say that everybody knows that Dr. Gladden would not trust the ten commandments for ten days with the deacons of his church, because they would surely break some of them and bend the rest. Slavery in certain sections of the United States was legal under President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation. Rebates on railroads were just as legal until the passage of the Interstate Commerce commission act. After an exhaustive examination by the industrial commission, authorized by congress June 18, 1898, in a review of evidence the commission reported as follows:

"It has been charged as a matter of general belief on the part of almost all the opponents of the Standard Oil company that these discriminations in various forms have been continually received, even up to date. On the other hand, these charges have been denied in toto and most emphatically by every representative of the Standard Oil company with references to all cases, excepting the amount of freight due being promptly paid on discovery of the error. The Standard Oil company not merely charged the opponents to bring forth proof of any case, but produced many letters from leading officials of railroads to show that the company had in no case received any favor or advantage."

Minister Favor Acceptance.

It became known today that prior to the final action by the Prudential committee of the American Board of Foreign Missions in accepting the \$100,000 gift tendered by John D. Rockefeller a number of prominent members of the board considered the matter at length. As a result the parties to the conference issued a statement in which they declared that they did not feel that the acceptance of the gift would compromise the board in any way.

Among those who signed the statement were: Rev. J. W. Cooper, secretary of the American Missionary association; Lucien C. Warner, chairman of the International Young Men's Christian association; Rev. C. H. Richards, secretary of the International Congregational Church Building society; Rev. A. H. Bradford, formerly moderator of the National Congregational conference; Rev. Edward P. Ingersoll, secretary of the American Bible society; William H. Ward, editor of the New York Independent; Rev. J. J. Merrill, president of Fisk university, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Frank K. Sanders, dean of Yale University Divinity school; Rev. Lyman Abbott, Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, pastor of the Broadway tabernacle, and Rev. Henry W. Hubbell of Greenwich, Conn.

Text of the Statement.

The statement issued as a result of the meeting was as follows:

The Prudential committee of the American board has been requested to refuse a certain gift for its missionary work on the ground that the giver, the president of a corporation whose business methods are extensively criticized by the press and the public, is not a suitable donor. We would put upon the board, which is a corporate trust created for the purpose of maintaining missions in foreign lands, the very grave responsibility of refusing money which has been given for the advancement of the work intrusted to its care or in aid of particular objects which it trusts.

It would also establish the precedent of subjecting individual gifts to a scrutiny not heretofore regarded as practicable for a mission board to exercise. We do not therefore consider that the board in any way compromised itself by its action in this gift.

BULLOCK TO BE THE MARSHAL

President Makes a Personal Appointment in South Dakota.

INSPECTING IRRIGATION PROJECTS

Congressional Committee, with Bureau Experts, to Make a Tour of the Semi-Arid Section of the Country.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—It is learned upon good authority today that the president has decided to appoint Seth Bullock United States marshal for South Dakota, to succeed Edward G. Kennedy, who has held the position for nearly two full terms. The appointment of Seth Bullock will not be formally announced, however, until after the president's return from his southwestern trip. It being the desire of Mr. Roosevelt to permit Mr. Kennedy to serve out his full term, there has been considerable talk of a flight over this appointment, the South Dakota delegation in congress not being favorable to the selection of Bullock. The president, however, looks upon Mr. Bullock most favorably and will name him United States marshal, exerting his prerogative and class it as a "personal appointment." Mr. Bullock recently gained considerable fame through his efforts in getting together some thirty-five genuinely good "cow punchers," who rode upon their bronchos in the inaugural parade. Mr. Bullock is a present superintendent of the Black Hills forest reserve and Deadwood is his home.

Major Charles T. Greene, U. S. A., retired, is detailed for general recruiting service at Davenport, Ia., relieving Captain Edwin M. Suplee, Fourteenth cavalry.

Rural route No. 2 has been ordered established May 1 at Carroll, Wayne county, Neb., serving 40 people and 103 houses.

Mrs. Gamble, wife of Senator Gamble of South Dakota, who has been seriously ill for some time past, shows but slight signs of improvement. While her recovery is expected, her illness will detain Senator Gamble here for some time to come.

Inspecting Irrigation Projects.

Members of the senate and house irrigation committees and officers of the reclamation service have completed an itinerary for the proposed western trip to be made during the month of June. The party will assemble at Kansas City and start from there June 1, spending eighteen days visiting irrigation enterprises commenced and under examination by the reclamation service in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Nevada. On June 19 the party will reach Ogden, Utah, and will visit the proposed Utah lake project June 20. On June 21 the Minidoka project will be examined and on June 22 a visit will be made to the proposed Boise-Payette project.

Oregon, Washington and Montana will then be visited and the party will reach the Shoshone enterprise in Wyoming June 27, North Platte and Wheatland June 28 and Cheyenne and Denver June 29. The Gunnison and Grand projects, Colorado, territories will be visited June 30. The party will return to Denver July 2, disbanding at that place.

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WILD FIRE ON THE ROSEBUD

Child Fatally Burned in Prairie Fire Which Sweeps Portion of Reservation.

NORFOLK, Neb., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Many homes and thousands of dollars' worth of hay were destroyed in a prairie fire that has swept over part of the Rosebud reservation. Peter Yerly, caught in flames, rushed into a pond to extinguish the burning clothing after his hair had been burned off.

In a home containing eight children one was fatally burned and the entire family narrowly escaped death. The cause of the fire is unknown, but many lives were endangered.

OMAHA MAN BEATEN AND ROBBED

Peter Carlson Pays Dearly for Beating His Way.

KEARNEY, Neb., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Peter Carlson, a Swedish baker, 21 years of age, whose home is in Omaha, had a hard experience in Kearney last night. Carlson was beating his way west and was put off in this city in company with two companions who attacked him while in the west part of the city. The two men turned upon him, striking him about the face and head and tying a handkerchief over his mouth. He had a \$10 bill in a railroad folder in his inside coat pocket and this was taken from him. They then searched him thoroughly, taking off his new shoes and cutting his stockings from his feet. They left him in a semi-conscious condition, carrying his shoes away with them.

Carlson appeared at the police station barefooted, his feet bruised and bleeding. One ear badly swollen and an eye blackened and his face and head covered with blood. Officer Smith summoned Union Pacific Detective Bowers, who was in the city, to assist in the search for the robbers.

SENATE COMMITTEE TO MEET

Senator Elkins Tells President Work Will Go on in His Absence.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Senator Elkins, chairman of the senate committee on interstate commerce, assured the president today that the investigation of the railroad rate question would be continued by the committee during the president's absence in the west. The committee will meet April 1.

The list of witnesses to be summoned has not been compiled, but the senator said it was the plan to have enough persons summoned to keep the committee going until June 1. Butte, treasurer, Chancellor Andrews of Nebraska university tonight addressed the association. Four hundred teachers are present.

TEACHERS FLEE FROM FIRE

Public School Drill Proves Beneficial When Alarm Sounds at Beatrice Hotel.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire starting in the elevator shaft of the kitchen in the Paddock hotel this morning shortly before 6 o'clock created a panic among the guests, over 20 of whom were teachers attending the educational meeting in Beatrice. The room being filled, the hotel turned on a general alarm and in an instant many women and men, some clad in only their night clothing, rushed down stairs through the office and out into the street. A number of the superintendents attending the meeting stationed themselves at the foot of the stairs and assisted the school teachers in making an orderly descent. No one was injured and the fire was soon extinguished, the damage to the building being slight.

SACRED RATIO IN CITY CAMPAIGN

O'NEILL, Neb., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—The O'Neill city campaign has developed into quite a contest, which is something unusual for this city. Some time ago Mayor Harrington announced that he would be a candidate for re-election, and at that time no one appeared to be anxious to enter the race. However, when Mayor Harrington informed his friends that he had concluded to drop out of the mayoralty there was much hustling among the statesmen and petitions were immediately in the field for John Horstake, D. A. Doyle and Frank Campbell. Mr. Doyle was postmaster during the last Cleveland administration and some of the silverites were not entirely satisfied and started a petition for ex-State Senator Campbell, who is a pronounced 16 to 1 champion.

HOLT COUNTY TRIPS BLUE GRASS

O'NEILL, Neb., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Wilder of Grinnell, Ia., who owns a large ranch south of Grinnell, is a carload of bluegrass seed here this week, and is going to ship another carload soon.

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which he is sowing on his ranch land. Bluegrass has become very popular here and the increased acreage shows the faith of those who have tried it heretofore. There are also being sown a large acreage of alfalfa this spring in Holt county, which experience has shown to be a profitable crop on Holt county lands.

TEACHERS HEARING ADDRESSES

Meeting at Beatrice Draws Large Crowd to Fine Program.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—The business session of the Southeastern Nebraska Educational association opened yesterday morning at 9 o'clock in the high school assembly room with an enrollment of 30, larger than last year. The address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Shultz, with response by Miss Olive True of Fairbury.

After a piano duet, Prof. J. W. Crabtree, president of the State Normal, gave an interesting address on "What Constitutes the Best Public School." He said the United States was the only nation that spends more money for education than for war; it pays at the rate of 25 cents for every child in the country, and Prof. De Superintendent Stephens, who is presiding over the meetings, read a telegram stating that Superintendent McBrien and Inspector Hodgman of Lincoln would be unable to attend the meeting on account of sickness. Ned C. Abbott and Prof. De Shaw, a Frenchman, gave talks the remainder of the morning session. Mr. Abbott, accompanied by his wife, went to the Philippines in 1901, and he gave a very interesting address on "The Education of the Philippines." The afternoon session addresses were delivered by Dr. Frederick Sanders, principal of the Lincoln schools, Principal Baumer of the Cortland schools, and papers were read by Misses Anna Smith and Valada McCollan of Nebraska City, George Crocker of Richardson county, Dr. L. H. Hugg of Humboldt and Miss Emilie Hamm of Beatrice. Miss Hayden, head of the art department of the State university, also spoke on "Works of American Artists."

News of Nebraska

HUMBOLDT—Robert Sherman died last evening at his home in the west part of the city aged 82 years.

WEST POINT—Mrs. Anna Mannelfeld, wife of Bernard Mannelfeld, a business man who died yesterday after a lingering illness.

BROKEN BOW—Mrs. J. C. Bowen, who was seriously injured in a runaway accident yesterday, was reported by Dr. Mullens, the attending physician, as resting comfortably, although still in a precarious condition.

SPRINGFIELD—A fire department has been organized here with the following officers: President, C. W. Owen; secretary, E. J. Quinley; chief, C. F. Calhoun. Some fire fighting apparatus is on hand and more will be purchased.

WEST POINT—William Stoltzman, a well known young married township officer, was brought to town this week by Sheriff Klocke, charged with insanity. The insane commissioners pronounced him insane and he was sent to the hospital in after he received the blow, which laid bare the bones of the jaw and cheek.

BEATRICE—Seven heavily loaded freight cars attached to Union Pacific freight No. 173 jumped the track in the yards here last evening. Although the roadbed was dam-

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