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(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Governor F. W. Hoch was the principal attraction at the Epworth assembly today, where he lectured on the topic, "A Message from Kansas," in which he outlined his fight against the Standard Oil company and the conditions which led him into the contest.

"Men after doing an honest day's toil unrequited, come home, live, eat and sleep in one room in many of our great cities. Why does not the church concern itself with such?"

He declared that the church must at least be made as attractive to the workmen as the saloon. Most of the churches are shut up for an entire week, while the saloon is open and anxious to ensnare its victims. He remarked that Americans were not slow to adopt new ideas, especially when there is money in them.

"What is the use of trying to save souls," he asked, "when we are content to allow human beings to live under the most awful material conditions? War or strong drink is not the curse of life. It is religion professed and not practiced. Give yourself to a life of love and tender service and throw the doors of the church wide open to the poor and the unfortunate of the universe. It is no wonder that the great bulk of humanity, engaged in the ceaseless and Titanic struggle for a mere existence, does not enter the church in large numbers. They are attracted elsewhere, while the members are engaged in trying to save their own souls."

Hoch's Fight on Trust. Governor F. W. Hoch of Kansas was the guest of the Epworth assembly, but he was introduced by Governor Mickey, who occupies a tent at Epworth park. In speaking of the fight that is being made in Kansas Governor Hoch said:

All that Kansas wants is that the corporations behave, that they do not deny competitors the right of free competition and do not attempt to corrupt legislatures and other law-making bodies. Honest and open competition is wanted, and Kansas people will have it. There is no disposition to injure corporations or deny them their rights. It is not war that the people seek. It is justice. Kansas will continue this kind of fight until the legislature and it will be ready to meet bribery and corruption in the future.

Two measures passed stand out, he said, explaining recent legislation in Kansas, as being effective that were passed to control the movements of the oil companies and the independent oil producer a square deal in the state. One was the maximum rate bill on crude oil and the other an anti-discrimination law. Before the passage of the maximum rate law independent men from a certain point in Kansas were forced to pay \$70 a car. After its passage it could be shipped for \$47. The anti-discrimination law works much to the advantage of the independent dealer. There can be no favoritism in the state. The industry, you know, is only in its infancy, yet it is able to turn out a tremendous amount each year.

Nearly Six Million Orchard Trees. Nebraska has 5,919,033 orchard trees, according to a compilation of statistics issued today by the state labor bureau. The figures are based on the 1903 returns of the assessors from various counties, and represent the first attempt of any government or state department to make a census of orchard trees. By far the largest share of the total is credited to the apple, 3,064,614 trees of that species having been reported, while the next in the point of numbers is the peach, totaling 1,726,078 trees.

The report also shows that the assessors of the state have reported a total area of 211,465 acres devoted to forest, classified as timber, equal to 300 sections of 640 acres each. This would make a strip of forest a mile wide and 330 miles long, which would reach from Omaha to Sidney in an air line. The largest area of forest is in Richardson county, which has 13,231 acres, while Cass county comes second with 11,413 acres.

One county leads in the number of apple trees with a total of 182,569, while Nuckolls county has preeminence in the number of peach trees, the assessors having reported 101,015, closely followed by the 100,134 returned by Chase county. These showings occasioned some surprise in view of the

general belief that the southeastern counties took the lead.

Douglas county has reported 2,178 acres of forest, 61,428 apple, 20,787 plum, 15,903 cherry, 4,186 peach and 992 pear trees.

Demand for Trained Teachers.

Principal Crabtree of the Peru State Normal, on his return from a tour of the district normal schools, said that there is a big demand for trained teachers, and pointed to the fact that nearly every graduate of the Peru Normal for 1906 has already secured good employment in the schools. He has found that school boards are demanding that the teachers have normal training and that there is a tendency to raise the bars against those not qualified in that manner. He believed that there will be all the work the state normals can do. A larger attendance than ever is anticipated at Peru this fall.

Improvements at Peru.

The head of the Peru school has plans under way for the construction of a brick veneered dormitory in which provision will be made for light housekeeping so that the young women students may cook their own meals. To assist and train them in household duties a domestic science laboratory will be placed in the same building and the students will, the principal says, receive credit for cooking and washing dishes. Two girls will be allowed to use each of the forty-two rooms, to each of which kitchen will be attached. Everything will be furnished for light housekeeping, and it is planned to rent the rooms at the rate of 75 cents a week for each girl. Mr. Crabtree says that the self-boarding scheme, as he terms it, has already operated successfully at Peru, many girls maintaining themselves and paying room rent on \$10 a week. This low cost is accounted for by the cheapness of vegetables and fruit at Peru, which is due to the failure of the producers to ship to city markets. The success of the scheme is due to the food and the care with which it is prepared. A member of his staff having general oversight to see that none of the students in the self-boarding scheme tries unwarranted economy.

Wants Teachers to Marry.

Prof. Crabtree, who is the father of the scheme, asserts that it is part of his purpose to equip the young women graduates of the school with a knowledge of domestic art and science against the time when they will be called upon to support their own homes. He believes that it is quite the proper thing for a young woman who has taught five years to marry, and urges, as one of the arguments in favor of his plan of a self-boarding dormitory, the preparation which it will give the young women for household duties.

Increase Size of Library Building.

Recently the old wooden library building has been doubled in size and covered with a brick veneer. When the new library provided for by the last legislature is completed, the old structure will be turned over to the science department of the school. The contract for the new building was not let at the last session of the board owing to the unwillingness of contractors to attempt more work than they have on their hands for this season. An effort is being made to secure a bid through private solicitation on the part of the secretary of the board, J. L. McBrien. Because of the enormous extent of the building operations under way, the board will give the bidder his own time.

Made Money Buying State Land.

The purchaser of a quarter section of prairie land at a recent sale made money out of the deal. He bought it for \$5,000, or \$12.50 an acre a few weeks ago, and has now sold it for \$8,000. The first purchaser was Herman D. Struffing. The land lies in the western part of Lancaster county. The sale was authorized by the legislature. All the prairie land has been sold for about \$2,000, which is to be used in buying land near the prison where it can be cultivated by convict labor. The land to be bought will cost \$100 an acre. The price paid for the land is necessary taken into consideration, the average paid is but little above the consideration of recent sales.

From all indications, Estina, the new town laid out about seven miles from this city, across the river, will have quite a boom. A bank and two stores have arranged to start in business there soon, and there is already some inquiry for lots. It will be a good grain shipping point.

GIRL IS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Clothes Stripped from Child's Body and She is Badly Burned. BROKEN BOW, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—During a severe electric storm this morning the 6-year-old granddaughter of Marshall Towles was struck by lightning and badly burned. The bolt first struck the house, then the child, who was standing in the doorway, received a portion of it, the current running down the left side, burning the clothes from her body and passing through the toes of the left foot. Ex-Sheriff Armstrong, who ran to her assistance, found her lying senseless. The strange part of it is that although the little girl was severely burned, she was not even stunned. The house was considerably damaged.

Government Arrests Liquor Dealer.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Deputy United States Marshal Hornum of Omaha brought Joseph Fisher, erstwhile of Beatrice, back to this city yesterday from Wymore. Fisher was charged with selling liquor without a government license. He was arraigned last night before United States Commissioner Cobley and pleaded not guilty. He furnished bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance before the commissioner at 9 o'clock today. Fisher was in charge of rooms operated by Councilman Harry Ford, which were raided recently by the officers and a quantity of liquor seized. He escaped from the authorities at that time and succeeded in evading them until arrested at Wymore.

Case County Prohibitionists.

NEHAWKA, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The following named case county delegates have been elected to attend the prohibition convention in Lincoln August 10-12. Two candidates for regents for the state university and one for judge of the supreme court will be placed in nomination. Rev. J. W. Swan, Rev. E. A. Voutz, George M. Porter, T. W. Glenn, C. E. Polk, R. B. Windham, C. C. Westcott, Plattsmouth; Rev. Mr. Smith and W. H. Ploof, Weeping Water; Rev. Mr. Fouch, Union; Rev. Samuel Kiser, Nehawka; S. L. Furlong and Noah Clemens, Rock Bluffs.

Case County Institute Closes.

WEeping Water, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—County Superintendent Wortman closed the musical institute in this city yesterday with a lecture by Spillman, instructor of Ohio on "Musical Fits and Misfits." The regular lecture feature of the season all most became a Chautauqua in miniature. Hon. J. L. McBrien, Prof. W. M. Davidson, Rev. Mr. Smith and Superintendent Wortman gave addresses and talks highly appreciated. Prof. E. B. Sherman, E. L. House and Miss Delph were the instructors.

Governor Mickey to Talk to Veterans.

AINSWORTH, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The Northwest Soldiers' reunion, composed of Rock, Brown, Cherry and Keya Paha counties, meet at Ainsworth, Neb., this year for three days, commencing August 8 and continuing to August 11. They guarantee a good time, with plenty of good music and good speakers. Governor Mickey is to be there. Ball games and horse racing to be application to the secretary all old

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