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PROF. SEARSON ON TRIAL

Normal Board Hears Evidence Against Teacher in Peru School.

CONTINUANCE IS THEN TAKEN

Accused Does Not Wish to Present Defense to Board Until After His Trial in the District Court.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—In the matter of the investigation of the charges against Prof. J. W. Searson, a teacher in the Peru Normal school, all the evidence of the plaintiff, Miss Katherine Hudson, was introduced this afternoon and the normal board committee then continued the hearing until after the trial of Prof. Searson in the district court of Nemaha county. The charge against him in the district court is to commit assault. Miss Shepherd, a teacher in the Lincoln schools, corroborated the testimony of Miss Hudson this morning by telling what Miss Hudson had told her under pledge of secrecy on the evening the assault was alleged to have been committed and of the agitated condition of the plaintiff. Rev. Mr. Tyler, pastor of the church to which both Searson and Miss Hudson belonged, was placed on the stand to show that he had refused to give Miss Hudson a letter from the church. He testified that he had heard rumors connecting the names of Miss Hudson and Prof. Searson, and finally went to Miss Hudson and she told him her story. He then went to Searson and suggested having a church trial. Searson objected to the church trial and said he would withdraw from the church if charges were filed against him. As a reason for not wanting a church trial, Tyler testified that Searson said: "I intend to fight the devil with fire. They have fought me under cover and now I intend to use any kind of means to clear myself. I can use methods before the State Normal board that I cannot use in a church trial. I intend to spend every dollar I have clearing myself. And I expect to do it by fair means or foul." Tyler then modified his statement by saying he may not have quoted the exact words of Searson, but that was the impression given him in his talk.

At the conclusion of the testimony of Tyler, H. H. Wilson, for the defendant, said his client was to be tried in district court shortly, and therefore, he did not want to offer any testimony at this time and asked for a continuance. However, he said if his client was found guilty in the district court he would promptly resign his position in the normal school and not embarrass the normal board. While not objecting to a continuance, Hallock Rose, assisting Representative Kueckenbush, attorney for Miss Hudson, pointed out that the board had a duty to perform without reference to the verdict in the district court. Very dramatically he pleaded for the girl, who, he said, had been misrepre-

sented in the press and her story discredited by statements that her mind was not clear. As for himself he had taken the case without a cent of pay and without the expectation of pay. That he had left his sick wife and the boy of a few hours to look after her interests. That, he said, was how much he thought of her story. Miss Hudson and two women who accompanied her, wept during his short but very pathetic plea, while even the board members showed signs of being impressed.

Expenses of Candidates.

The expense accounts being filed with the secretary of state by the various candidates answers the question of whether a poor man is shut out of being a candidate for office by reason of the expense of the state primary. It cost Judge Reese \$112 to get his nomination, while under the convention Judge Letton was nominated at an expense of \$32.91. Yet H. J. Winnett spent \$31 for his nomination for railway commissioner, while Henry T. Clarke only spent \$18.50 for his nomination under the primary. Under the convention system John B. Raper spent \$38.50 for the nomination of Judge of the First district, while under the primary he received the nomination at an expense of \$19.81. In the Fifth district Judge Good spent \$16 under the primary and \$4.15 under the convention system. In the Twelfth district E. O. Hoeller spent \$2 for his nomination under the convention system and only \$11.12 under the primary. H. M. Grimes in the Thirtieth district spent \$10 under the convention system and only \$10 to run at the primary. On the other hand, in the Tenth district J. W. James is out \$115.50 under the primary, while under the convention system it cost him only \$4.05. In the Fourth district R. C. Orr spent \$21 to get the convention nomination and under the primary his cost was \$28.30. J. L. White, in the same district spent \$3.50 while running before the convention and \$16.00 at the primary. W. H. Westover spent \$24.50 before the convention in the Fifteenth district and \$50 at the primary, while J. J. Harrington spent \$20 at the primary and \$3.10 before the convention. The comparisons are taken from the records on file in the office of the secretary of state, where candidates submitted their names at the primaries this year and before the conventions four years ago. Following are the expense accounts filed today by candidates at the primaries:

No Oil at Burnham. The oil well at Burnham has been abandoned and no more will be worked there for John D. Rockefeller's product. No oil was found and the drillers got sand and which ended it all. They went down 2,300 feet. S. H. Burnham believes oil and gas will yet be discovered in Nebraska.

New Point in Primary Law. The name of H. G. Sawyer, candidate for commissioner out in Webster county, was left off the ticket by accident. He had filed for the office. His claims by reason of the fact that his name was not on the ticket as it should have been he was defeated. He wants to know what he can do and the county attorney of Webster county asked the attorney general.

No Poison in Stomach. A chemical examination by Prof. Avery and Dr. Clark of Sutton of the stomach of Richard Lawless of Fillmore county,

who died recently under suspicious circumstances, has just been concluded at the Laboratory of the State University. No poison was found there having time enough elapsed after taking and before death for the poison if there was any, to have been completely diffused throughout the body. One thing, however, was determined that will be of interest to coroners and prosecutors. An exhaustive analysis was made of a specimen of one of the representative embalming fluid and it was found composed of deodorized formaldehyde and water and a small proportion of essential oil of the nature of camphor, but no traces of arsenic, corrosive sublimate, or any of the alkaloidal poisons. Therefore in cases of suspected poisoning, it will be safe for coroners to have the stomach, its contents, part of the liver, etc., even after embalming, removed with the certainty that the embalming process will not interfere with an analysis. To make all things secure it would be a safe precaution to have a specimen of the embalming fluid used also retained for analysis.

LUTHERANS SHOWING GROWTH

Reports at Synod at Grand Island Reveal Church in Good Condition.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The reports of the various departments of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church, a state jurisdiction of the General synod, show progress and growth, a lively interest is being felt in the proceedings by those present and a successful convention in every respect is being reported.

The synodical sermon preached by President Lowe, at the opening of synod, had as its theme the building of the church and the organization of the congregation. The elements expanded upon were the teaching of the truth, the pure gospel of Christ, an increased fellowship among the members, a nearer, stronger relationship and brotherhood, the more frequent partaking of the communion and the conscientious observation of all of the sacraments and prayer.

Miss Ellen Schuff presented to the synod and a public audience some glimpses of the work in foreign lands. She comes from Gunthar, India, and related the work of a year's preparation in the foreign land, acquiring the tongue of the Hindu. Before any work is permitted to be done by the missionary, the dictionary of the territory, so that each missionary has in his field approximately 20,000 souls, how the brighter of the native children are educated, thoroughly versed in the rudiments of knowledge and in the fundamental principles of the Christian religion and sent out to work among their own.

Mrs. Helen Beagle, field secretary of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society, has been of great help to that section of the convention, as also giving the Nebraska synod an insight to the scope of the work done by the general organization of this and other states. Mrs. Beagle is from Springfield, O.

The report of Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D. of Atchison, Kan., secretary of the board of church extension of the General synod, reported loans outstanding on church property, to congregations helped in organizing, of \$500,000. Twenty of the twenty-five

state synods have exceeded their apportionment of new funds and there have been received during the biennium \$2,000 for the work of church extension. The report of President Lowe showed general progress and work in all existing churches and the addition of two new churches during the year—one at Exton and one at Omaha. There were also several new parsonages. Treasurer Miller reported receipts for the Nebraska synod—benevolences of \$5,500, or 85 per cent of the apportionment.

Churches in the following Nebraska cities are represented in the synod by clergy or delegates or both, present: Beatrice, Lincoln, Omaha, Grand Island, Rising City, Waverly, West Point, North Platte, Wayne, McCool Junction, Dakota City, Ponca, Hardly, Wilbur, Sutherland, Stamford, Oakshok, Benedict, Davenport, Surprise and York.

Vacancy on Harlan County Board.

ALMA, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Considerable interest is now being taken by the members of the county board of Harlan county in filling a vacancy. About a month ago, P. W. Shea of Orleans, a member of the board from that district, handed in his resignation to take effect at a certain day. After the day, he wrote to the county clerk asking to withdraw his resignation. The clerk sent it back to him. It is now contended by other members of the board that Shea is no longer a member of the board, and many taxpayers are also of the same opinion. Notwithstanding this fact, Shea sat with the members at a meeting since the withdrawal of his resignation and was recognized as a member of the board. But since the meeting has adjourned certain members of the board are determined that Shea's office is vacant and arrangements are being perfected to fill the vacancy at the next meeting. Mr. Shea in a fight and the meeting is looked forward to with much interest by the taxpayers and those interested in the result. It is said that Edgar L. Means of Orleans, a former banker of that place, will be selected to fill the vacancy.

Outcasts in Season.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Osteopathic association held its annual meeting at the Paddock hotel yesterday. Mayor Reed delivered the address of welcome with response by Dr. E. M. Crumb of Lincoln. A brief business session was held in the morning, after which an adjournment was taken to 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The afternoon was given over to discussions of the treatment of various diseases by osteopathic treatment. There was also a demonstration of treatment of hip dislocation by Dr. Laughlin of Kirksville, Mo. Laws which the physicians thought should be passed for their welfare were discussed. It was voted to hold the next annual meeting at Lincoln. These officers were elected: President, Dr. J. F. Young of Superior; vice president, Dr. Clara Hardy of Beatrice; secretary, Dr. C. W. Farwell of Lincoln; treasurer, Dr. E. M. Crumb of Lincoln.

Help Given Pickpocket.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—At a preliminary hearing of one Cramer, arrested at the H. & M. depot by the man he is alleged to have robbed in professional pickpocket style, some rather startling testimony was brought out, involving James Foley as an alleged go-between for the men who were seen pickpocketing. Mr. Foley is a saloon keeper and has long been in that business in Grand Island. As a result of the hearing Cramer was bound over to the district court for the men who were seen pickpocketing. Mr. Foley is a saloon keeper and has long been in that business in Grand Island. As a result of the hearing Cramer was bound over to the district court for the men who were seen pickpocketing.

Brakeman Killed at Bee.

SEWARD, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—An accident with a fatal ending occurred at Bee, Seward county, this morning at 1 o'clock. Patrick German, a brakeman on the Northwestern freight, while hanging onto the train while it was switching in the yards at that town, was hit by a projecting spout of the Updike Elevator company there and was knocked down and so injured that he died. The body was taken to Geahner's undertaking establishment at Seward. His home was at Superior, Neb.

Delegate to Platform Convention.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—A meeting of a committee selected by the republican members of the county at the recent primary election was held in this city yesterday afternoon. The purpose of the committee was to select a delegate from Johnson county to the state platform convention to be held in Lincoln September 24 and to name a chairman for the republican central committee. E. E. Young of Todd Creek precinct, presided. Dr. M.

Stewart was chosen as the delegate to the state meeting and S. W. Thurber was selected as the chairman of the committee.

Confidence Man Tries Preachers.

FREMONT, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—A man who gave his name as D. E. Richardson was arrested this afternoon on the charge of attempting to work a confidence game on Fremont clergymen. He called on Rev. W. H. Frost of the Episcopal church, Dr. Spymor of the Methodist Episcopal and Rev. W. S. Buss of the Congregational churches and wanted to make arrangements to have an infant child baptized and to borrow small sums of money until tomorrow. Mr. Frost thought he recognized him as a man who had worked the same game on him at Lincoln and notified the sheriff. His efforts to raise money had so far been fruitless.

Alma's Interstate Fair.

ALMA, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The Alma Interstate fair is being held here. The races and other entertainment is the best at any fair in the Republican valley for years. The gate receipts Wednesday were \$2,500, and other concessions will amount to about \$500. A large stock exhibit is the chief attraction among the exhibits entered. Hon. A. C. Shallenberger has his fine cattle on exhibit, which won first money at the state fair and other state fair exhibitors from Nebraska and Kansas are also here.

Fire Damages Beatrice Depot.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The Rock Island depot at this point was damaged to the extent of \$2,000 by fire this afternoon. A gale was blowing at the time the fire broke out and the firemen had the hardest kind of work to save the building from destruction. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective electric light wire.

Body Sent to Relatives.

FREMONT, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The body of Ralph Feldmar, who was killed by a train on the Union Pacific at Rogers ten days ago, was sent to his relatives in Philadelphia this morning. His family is said to be in destitute circumstances and the money found on his person will be badly needed.

Boche Secures a Bond.

NORFOLK, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Herman Boche, slayer of Frank Jarmer, has secured enough signers to his bond to admit him to bail and will probably be released from jail tomorrow. His bond represents security amounting to \$15,000. The bond necessary was \$15,000.

Nebraska News Notes.

TECUMSEH—Bids for the erection of the new \$200,000 Methodist Episcopal church building in Tecumseh were opened by the board and all were rejected. The board will proceed to erect the building, the work of tearing down the old church building to commence Monday. The old building has been used for twenty-five years. The new structure will be of brick, modern in every way, and a valuable addition to the city's improvement.

Valentine's House.

VALENTINE—The Valentine House has changed hands, the deal being closed this week by which Frank Garlock leases the building from Mrs. J. M. Hooton who retires on account of failing health.

Valentine's Heavy Frost.

VALENTINE—A heavy frost in Valentine this evening has come very unexpectedly and contrary to the reports of the weather bureau. It caught the farmers

186 Styles of soft and stiff Hats for Fall to select from—including Stetson's Youmans, Croft & Knapp and other good makes. That's "Some" Style, Eh? Yours would be a queer taste, indeed, if we couldn't satisfy it—and we've your size in any of them—besides all these advantages in having us "hat" you we sell them at prices that must surely appeal to the thrifty. \$1.50 and upwards to \$5. The Berg Clothing Co. 1510 DOUGLAS ST.

unprepared and did considerable damage, chiefly to corn.

CHARLES CITY—Mrs. Sarah M. Bagley who resided here for many years till about six months ago when she moved to Lehigh, S. D., died there Sunday and was buried here. She was a sister of C. C. Crowder, the well known organizer of the Northwestern Insurance company of Minneapolis.

BEATRICE—Fire at an early hour this morning practically destroyed the residence of S. E. Johnson in West Beatrice. The loss is placed at \$1,000, fully covered by insurance. The fire was caused by a lamp exploding.

PLATTSMOUTH—Eddie Morris, aged 22 years, and Sarah Creamer, a bride of 67, arrived in Omaha, last evening and were united in marriage by County Judge H. D. Travis. They declared it was not a case of an elopement and returned home on a later train.

PLATTSMOUTH—There is trouble in the Murdock school because the outgoing school board elected Miss Neitzel to teach the school this year and the new board elected another teacher to fill the same position. When the time arrived for opening the school Miss Neitzel was there on time and promptly opened the school and commenced business, and up to the present time is holding the fort, regardless of the action taken by the present school board.

PLATTSMOUTH—Henry H. Born reported to the police that he had two gold watches stolen from his residence, one a lady's and the other a gentleman's, both hunting cases.

PLATTSMOUTH—Sheriff Quinton returned from Manly last evening fully convinced that the person who held up Cashier in the Manly bank is not in this county and the probabilities are that he may never be apprehended now. The sheriff had the Louisville bloodhounds, but there had been so many men running through the field that it could have been almost impossible for the dogs to have found the footsteps of the robber. It is believed that he drove the second team nearly to Ashland and then turned it loose and they watched stolen from his residence. One of the many trains leaving there. The bank was owned by J. A. Donelan of Woonsocket, Wis., who said that the loss would not be over \$1,200.

AINSWORTH—Great preparations are

being made here for the Brown county fair, which convenes here September 14 and continues for three days. The display will be the best the county has ever had. The premiums offered are about the average. The speed ring is being fitted up in good shape and will be well patronized. Several fast horses are entered. The grain and produce department will be well filled with the finest display the county has ever had. The farmers say the corn crop is coming on in fine shape and will be a bumper crop, as the late frost did not do any damage.

AINSWORTH—The stockmen here say there has never been such a hay crop in Brown county as there is this fall, every body is supplied and some say there will be over 1,000 tons left on the ground. The price of land in Brown county has advanced in the last year from \$1.00 per quarter to \$2.00 and \$7.00 and no one appears to want to sell.

BEATRICE—L. E. Watson, manager of the Beatrice Electric company, who has just returned from an outing in Wyoming, broke his left ankle by a fall while away.

BEATRICE—The Fulton bloodhounds were taken to Aivo, Neb., yesterday on an important case, the nature of which was not learned. The animals were taken on a special train from Fairbury to Aivo.

BEATRICE—Evan Sase, who recently returned from Italy, where he was engaged in a philosophical research for the Chicago university, left yesterday for Moscow, Idaho, where he has been engaged as teacher of classics in the State university there.

BEATRICE—The Queen City band of this city yesterday closed a contract to play at the Ak-Sar-Ban at Omaha October 1, 2 and 3. The band numbers twenty pieces. On the Union Pacific route, had his foot badly cut and bruised at Oketo, Kan., yesterday by getting the member caught in the pilot of the engine as the engine passed over a rail under which was a large rock. He is at the home of his sister in this city receiving treatment.

BEATRICE—The teachers' committee of the Board of Education visited the public schools yesterday and found them overcrowded, a condition which has never before existed in the city. The committee

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The Event of the Year

WE bought all the manufacturers' ends and odd lots of new silks from the biggest silk jobber in the United States. The quantity is large and the variety immense. Silks that were made for this season's business, many of them the very latest styles and colorings—Worth up to \$1.50, some even more—All go at, yard. 59c

Many of the pieces are only waist lengths, others for petticoats and full dresses. The short lengths will not be cut. You must buy the piece. You can afford to at the price. You'll have lots of company at the sale—and good company; also, if we may judge from the comments of the delighted host which viewed the goods on display in our west window. Take note, please, goods are perfect, styles excellent, quality superb. And just about one-third usual price. Lest you forget, we quote again, worth up to \$1.50, at 10 a. m., yard. 59c

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