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ENDEAVOR UNION MEETING

Large Number Attend Session of Seventh District Convention.

MORE ARE EXPECTED TODAY

Meeting Last Night Was Informal and Real Business of Session Will Be Taken Up in the Morning.

The registration at the opening session last evening of the sixteenth annual convention of the Seventh District Iowa Christian Endeavor union showed an attendance of 166 accredited delegates. This number, it is expected, will be increased today to at least 200.

Christian Endeavor societies in the following towns in the Seventh district are represented at the convention: Council Bluffs, Atlantic, Carson, Griswold, Guthrie Center, Harlan, Logan, Macedonia, Panora, Woodbine, Oakland, Adair, Avoca, Audubon, Anita, Bayard, Bagley, Bentley, Casey, California Junction, Defiance, Exira, Glendon, Missouri Valley, Magnolia, Menlo, Mondamin, Modale, Minden, Monteith, Shelby, Stuart, Walnut and Wheeler.

All of the delegates and guests of the convention are being entertained at the homes of the local members and members of the churches belonging to the city Christian Endeavor union.

These are the officers of the convention:
President—Mary B. McPherrin, Oakland.
Vice President—Dr. J. George, Atlantic.
Secretary—Helen E. Allen, Logan.
Treasurer—Ross Williams, Council Bluffs.
Junior Superintendent—Mrs. Jeannie E. Coe, Woodbine.
Missionary Superintendent—Mrs. A. A. Robertson, Oakland.
Bible Study Superintendent—Rev. David C. Mackintosh, Audubon.

At the opening session last evening Rev. Finis Idleman of Des Moines, who was to have delivered the principal address on the program, was unable to be present, and Rev. J. A. McKenzie of Woodbine, a former pastor of the First Christian church of this city, now state evangelist of the Iowa Christian convention, was called upon at short notice to take his place. Dr. McKenzie gave an entertaining talk on "The Seven Wonders of the Bible."

The session opened with a song service, followed by scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Marcus P. McClure, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, in which the convention is being held. Everett Wright, president of the city union, delivered the address of welcome, the response being made by Mrs. Jeannie Coe of Woodbine, junior superintendent of the Seventh district.

FATHER COMES FOR BODY OF SON

One Diamond Not Found and Other One Being Held.

The body of Robert Brown, the young man who committed suicide by shooting himself Thursday, was taken yesterday afternoon to his former home in Grand Island by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brown, who with their little daughter, now their only remaining child, arrived in Council Bluffs late Thursday night.

A search of the room occupied by young Brown at the home of J. C. Baker on North Eighth street, failed to bring to light the diamond stud which Brown had told Chief of Police Richmond was there and to get, which he went to his room from the chief's office Thursday morning.

The ring with the diamond setting which Brown had presented to his fiancee, Miss Margaret Coyle, was yesterday turned over by the latter to Chief Richmond. As Major Richmond was called from the city yesterday afternoon he placed the ring in the care of B. M. Sargent, in whose store Brown was employed, pending investigation as to whether the diamond is one of the two stolen from F. M. Scarr in December last. Mr. Scarr's interests in the matter are being looked after by Congressman W. L. Smith.

From young Brown's father, it was learned that the young man some time ago bought a diamond ring on the installment plan from a jeweler in Grand Island, but the stone, it is said, was considerably smaller than the one in the ring, which he gave to Miss Coyle.

It was learned yesterday that Brown purchased the revolver with which he shot himself but a few minutes before committing the fatal deed. A few minutes after 11 o'clock Thursday morning Brown entered the second-hand store of I. Wiener on Broadway, near Seventh street, and asked to look at some revolvers. He appeared to be in a nervous and excited state, according to Mr. Wiener. After looking at several revolvers he selected one, a small 32-calibre weapon, paying $3.50 for it. When informed by Wiener that he did not have any cartridges on hand of a suitable size for the revolver Brown said it did not matter, as he had a box at home. Brown told Wiener that he wanted the revolver to kill a dog with.

Board Wrestles with Bills.

The Board of County Supervisors, which has been wrestling for several weeks with the matter of expenses connected with the quarantine of persons afflicted with smallpox and other contagious diseases, called into consultation yesterday, City Physician R. B. Tubbs, City Health Officer Dr. C. H. Bower and City Solicitor Kimball. The bills presented by the city for expense incurred in smallpox and other quarantined cases have been unduly heavy, in the opinion of the board. Individuals and families quarantined have been furnished with all supplies, irrespective of the question whether they were able to furnish their own supplies or not.

County Attorney Hess, who was asked for an opinion on this phase of the matter by the board, said in a written communication, "I am aware that some lawyers have taken the position that this law contemplates the furnishing to persons in quarantine with all the supplies used by them during the period of quarantine, but I do not believe this is the intent of the law and I think where persons are able to furnish their own living and do furnish it that the local boards should reject the bills as should the Board of Supervisors."

A number of bills for medical attendance on quarantined patients were also strongly objected to by the board as being in its opinion excessive. The board decided to recommend to the local Boards of Health throughout the county the plan adopted by the city with reference to medical attendance, giving some physician a contract to care for all patients quarantined for contagious diseases within a given territory.

County Surveyor G. H. Mayne, engineer-in-charge of construction, certified that the contract for the Avoca drainage ditch had been completed by William Lannan to his entire satisfaction and the board ordered a warrant issued Mr. Lannan for the full amount of the contract.

The board expects to adjourn at noon today.

HORTICULTURISTS ARE HUSTLING

Thousand Members in Council Bluffs and Omaha the Goal.

The officers of the National Horticultural congress plan are making a strenuous effort to secure at least 1,000 members in Council Bluffs and Omaha. If this number can be secured within the two cities, it is believed as many more can be obtained from outside territory.

For the purpose of the local canvass for new members the following "hustling" committee has been appointed:

T. G. Green, J. E. Hollenbeck, G. A. Schoedsack, Mar Bouricius, W. B. Reed, Charles Beno, H. W. Binder, D. E. Stewart, J. P. Hess, Henry Sperling, Frank True, Alva Smith, E. H. Lougee, W. F. Sapp, H. G. McGee, Joe Smith, C. M. Atherton, R. H. Bloomer, W. S. Keeline, P. C. DeVol, Dr. H. B. Jennings, J. W. Bell, T. A. Barker, A. C. Graham, J. G. Wadsworth, Roy Wilcox, R. C. Peregoy and Thomas Maloney.

This committee will meet next Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the rooms of the Commercial club, to organize and lay out plans for the canvass.

O. L. McClelland, superintendent of the Pottawattamie county poor farm at McClelland, has been named chairman of the outside hustling committee, with authority to select his own assistants.

The following committee on finance has been appointed: E. H. Doolittle, chairman; O. L. Barritt, Henry Sperling, Alex Wood, T. A. Baker.

"Every person interested in the welfare of Council Bluffs, whether he or she be a fruit grower or not, should assist in making the horticultural congress a success," said President J. P. Hess yesterday. The people of Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie county should certainly see the value of this exposition and the large benefits which our section of the country will receive. Thousands of people, who visit Omaha next winter during the corn congress, will naturally desire to visit our show and see what we are able to produce in the horticultural line here. As stated before, the object of our association is to promote all horticultural interests and allied industries by holding our congress this winter, which will be held on highly educational principles, and is therefore of great interest to all concerned in horticultural lines. Our citizens of Council Bluffs will undoubtedly receive personal benefits from our exposition, as the vast crowds of people who will visit our city at that time will naturally increase your business interests. Whatever helps Council Bluffs at large is of value to each individual.

"Omaha is making its corn congress the largest exposition ever held in that nature, all citizens are lending a helping hand. Will Council Bluffs take a back seat? Or will our people come to the front and make our fruit and vegetable show the largest exposition ever held in the horticultural lines by putting their shoulders to the wheel."

ENFORCING TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Drivers on West Broadway to Be Made to Obey It.

The recently enacted ordinance providing for the regulation of vehicle traffic, including automobiles, on Lower Broadway from Thirteenth street west to the street railway company's bridge, is to be rigidly enforced. Detective Weir has been detailed for duty on this section of the main thoroughfare between Council Bluffs and Omaha, and the first arrest was made yesterday afternoon. Henry Farrell, a driver for the Council Bluffs & Omaha Transfer company, was arrested, charged with violating the new ordinance, and will have a hearing in police court this morning.

Automobilists who speed their machines in excess of the legal limit will be arrested and for this particular duty the officer detailed on West Broadway will be mounted on a motorcycle. Chief Richmond has made arrangements to rent a motorcycle for the use of the police department, and if it proves a success one will be purchased by the city.

The provisions of the new ordinance are that drivers of any kind of vehicle upon meeting a vehicle going in the opposite direction shall turn to the right; in passing a vehicle going in the same direction shall pass to the left of the same; any person hitching or standing a horse or vehicle shall stand or hitch such horse or vehicle facing the same in the direction of travel on the side of the street, so that vehicles on that side shall approach the same from the rear.

Since the paving on Broadway was completed numerous complaints have been received at police headquarters that the drivers of heavy hauling wagons have entirely ignored the new ordinance and refused to turn their wagons for the convenience of others passing them, thereby forcing the latter to drive into the unpaved section in the center of the street.

Session of Juvenile Court.

Judge Macy will hold a session of the juvenile division of the district court this morning, at which time eight young lads will be brought before him.

One of the lads against whom an information was filed yesterday by Assistant County Attorney Ross is Robert Sanville, who formerly resided at 808 Avenue D, but is now living at 2220 Fifth avenue. Young Sanville was alleged to have mixed a concoction of water and heads of sulphur matches, from the effects of which a little 7-year-old boy named Aage Peterson died on April 28 last. At the inquest young Sanville denied having given the stuff to the Peterson boy to drink and denied knowing anything about it. The case was subsequently presented to the grand jury, but that body not desiring to return an indictment for manslaughter against a lad of the age of young Sanville, recommended, it is said, that the boy be brought before the juvenile court.

Ben Turner, a negro lad, is charged with stealing a bicycle belonging to Morris Ferrara Thursday evening. He was arrested while in the act of trying to sell the wheel.

Wanty Knepher and Dewane Miles will be before the court on the charge of "flipping" railroad trains.

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COSTS TO BE A CANDIDATE

Cummins and Allison File Statements of Their Expenses.

LAST DAY FOR MAKING RETURNS

Cash Premiums Amounting to Forty Thousand Dollars to Be Paid by State Fair, Which is to Be Held in August.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, June 13.—(Special.)—It cost Governor Cummins $4,769.15 to conduct his campaign for the United States senate and it cost Senator Allison $2,050. Both candidates filed their sworn statement as required by law with the secretary of state today.

Governor Cummins statement is itemized as $369.90 by himself for traveling expenses and other expenses incident to the campaign; and as spent by his committee $2,971.83 for printing, $943.36 for postage and $853.97 for clerks and stenographers and other minor office expenses.

Senator Allison's statement is very brief. He spent $50 out of his own pocket and he gave $2,000 to J. T. Adams of Dubuque, who managed his campaign. How Mr. Adams spent it or whether he spent more than the $2,000 Senator Allison does not state.

Today was the last day under the law for candidates to file their statements of expense and a large number of them came in. Among them were: B. E. Sweet, republican candidate for congress in the Third district, $1,218.01; C. E. Pickett, republican candidate for congress in the Third, $1,572.87; Judge S. F. Prouty, republican candidate for congress in the Seventh, $1,189.95; Roninger, republican candidate for congress in the Sixth, $400; J. M. Good, republican candidate for congress in the Fifth, $4,329.83; Walsh, democratic candidate for congress in the Second, $1,376.37; DeArmand, democratic candidate for congress in the Second, $120.16; N. S. Ketchum, republican candidate for state railroad commissioner, $242.60.

Central Committee Meets.

The republican state central committee met today and selected W. S. Hart of Allamakee county for temporary chairman of the state convention, to be held at Waterloo on June 24, and Julian Richards for temporary secretary. All the members of the committee were present except Rinniker of the Eleventh. The standpatters controlled the committee, having six votes to four of the progressives, and the selections for temporary officers are standpat. Mr. Hart is a former member of the legislature. Mr. Richards has been a political newspaper writer in Iowa for some years.

In the primary election recently held, the Allison men carried fifty-seven counties of the ninety-nine in the state, and it is expected that they will control the next state convention, making it standpat.

Want Western Money.

Unless some western money is put up the three Iowa men who won out in the collegiate Olympic games in Chicago will not have a chance to go to Athens, Greece. Huff of Grinnell, Beard of Ames and Haggard of Drake are on the supplemental list to be taken to Athens. Those in charge of the American end of the matter say that all the money subscribed thus far towards taking the American team abroad has been put up in the east, and that the west must now put up in order to send the western men. The expenses from New York will be $325. Grinnell has guaranteed the money to send Huff. The committee must have the money by tomorrow, as the boat sails from New York on June 27.

Nye Gets Appointment.

C. L. Nye, one of the leading Methodist ministers from Iowa, has been made a director of the Board of Control of the Epworth league of his church. He also received nineteen votes for bishop.

Strikers File Answer.

In federal court today the 110 strikers in the Iowa Central shops at Marshalltown filed an answer denying the charges of the employers in their petition for injunction. They denied that they had interfered with the company and did not seek to compel the road to abandon its Marshalltown shops. They claim they have not stationed pickets or attempted to intimidate the men and are ready to return to work if satisfactory wages are paid to them.

Spend Money on Fair.

Cash premiums to the amount of $40,000 will be spent on the state fair, which will be held in August. The speed premiums alone amount to $14,000. On amusements the fair management will spend $20,000. The big night scenic spectacle this year will be Sherman's ride and is expected to draw a big crowd.

TABOR COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

George N. Ellis Retires as President of the Institution.

TABOR, Ia., June 13.—(Special.)—Yesterday marked the close of the forty-second annual commencement of Tabor college. The alumni address by Rev. Frederick Long of Huron, S. D., was an eloquent appeal for "True Heroism."

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted the graduating class, which delivered able and interesting original orations in the Congregational church. The retiring president, George N. Ellis, presided and the degree of bachelor of arts was conferred upon six young women and three young men.

Diplomas from the musical conservatory were bestowed upon three young women and a certificate upon one man.

The degree of doctor of divinity was given to Rev. Horatio Bannister Newell, M. A. (Amherst, 1901), a missionary of the American board at Matsuyama, Japan.

A large company of graduates and alumni friends partook of the alumni banquet that proved to be a feast of good things, both material and intellectual, with Rev. J. A. McKenzie of Woodbine as toastmaster.

At a meeting of the college trustees Judge A. B. Thornell of Sidney and Attorney E. B. Woodruff of Glenwood were re-elected trustees to succeed themselves. Rev. J. W. Fenner, pastor of the Tabor Congregational church, was elected trustee to succeed President George N. Ellis, who has accepted a position as professor of Latin in Berea college, Kentucky. W. H. Wyant of Tabor was elected to fill the unexpired term of H. R. Laird, who resigned, and C. M. Rice of Tabor was elected trustee for the five-year term.

Prof. N. O. Rowe, a graduate of the Oberlin conservatory of music and for several years past connected with the university at Fargo, N. D., has been elected director of the Tabor music conservatory.

Telephone War in Marshalltown.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., June 13.—(Special.)—A telephone war is promised for this city, following the announcement that the Marshall Telephone company had ostensibly absorbed the local business of the Iowa Telephone company, which is a branch of the Bell system, for which it gave in exchange its toll line systems. The executive committee of the Iowa Independent Telephone association were in the city yesterday. E. H. Martin of Webster City, president of the association, says that he has information which is conclusive that in the deal the local company has sold to the Bell people a controlling interest in its stock and that while officers of the local company will remain apparently in charge that the Bell system will dominate its affairs. The independent men also say that by the consolidation of the toll lines Marshalltown will have but one means of exit by telephone, and that over the Bell company's wires, when the consolidation becomes effective on July 1. The state independent association is canvassing the situation with the view of installing an independent toll service to connect with the independent lines all over the state.

WORKMEN FOR UNIFICATION

Ancient Order Votes in Favor of Consolidating State Agencies Into Supreme Lodge.

DES MOINES, June 13.—The unification question, that of uniting all state insurance matters, was the chief question before the Ancient Order of United Workmen supreme lodge at today's session. It is proposed to do away with the administration of the insurance feature of the organization through state agencies, and to deposit all funds with the supreme lodge of the organization and tranact the business through a central officer.

The matter was thoroughly discussed and referred to the committee on law to draft an amendment to be presented at the next meeting two years from now. A stronger sentiment in favor of the proposed change is in evidence than at any previous session.

Francis Buell Olsen of Minnesota, grand recorder of the Degree of Honor for that state, was today selected superior chief of honor, the leading office in the superior lodge of the Degree of Honor. Mrs. Kempsey of Montana was the only other candidate nominated for the office, but she withdrew in favor of her opponent. The new chief of honor succeeds Mrs. Mamie Briggs of Portland, Ore. The other officers chosen are:

Lady of honor, Mrs. Frank Kempsey of Montana; chief of ceremonies, Mary I. Ford of Kansas; superior recorder, Mrs. Elizabeth Allburn of Sioux City; receiver, Theresa Hempel of Nebraska; usher, Maria Pratt of Michigan; watch, Frances Litchner of Illinois; representatives to Fraternal congress, Elizabeth Allburn, Mrs. Webster of Michigan, Mrs. Miller of Kansas; alternates, Mrs. Harding of Kansas, Mrs. Bickford of Connecticut and Mrs. Bluette of North Dakota.

IOWA'S CROP PROSPECTS GOOD

Figures Given Out by Secretary of State Grain Dealers' Association.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., June 13.—(Special.)—Iowa's crop prospects are better today than they were one year ago, despite excessive moisture at the wrong time, frosts and cut worms. That is the cheering statement made by George A. Wells of the Iowa Grain Dealers' association, who has issued his first crop bulletin for 1908. He finds conditions as follows:

Corn—Practically all planted; excessive rains drown out fields, cutting down acreage.

Oats—Larger acreage than last year; growing conditions better; prospects for better crop than last year.

Winter Wheat—Acreage 4 per cent better than last year; growing conditions 2 per cent better; outlook good.

Spring Wheat—Acreage 5 per cent less than 1907; growing condition 2 per cent less.

Barley—Acreage 1 per cent above last year; growing condition 2 per cent better; outlook excellent.

Rye—Acreage 1 per cent less than last year; growing condition 1 per cent less.

Flax—Average 10 per cent less than last year.

IOWA BANKERS HIT GUARANTEE

Go on Record Against State Insurance of Funds.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., June 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The annual convention of the Iowa Bankers' association was brought to a close this afternoon. Waterloo won by forty votes in a spirited contest with Des Moines for the next meeting. The following officers were elected: J. T. Brooks, Hedric, president; J. H. Ingwersen, Clinton, vice president; J. M. Dinwiddie, Cedar Rapids, secretary; D. L. Heinscheimer, Glenwood, treasurer.

The association refused to go on record as favoring a state law for the insurance of bank funds. The resolution committee refused to act in the matter and the fight was carried to the floor of the convention. L. T. Richmond of Albia, led the fight in favor of the movement. A resolution was adopted favoring the placing of bank examiners on a salary basis, rather than the present fee system.

Democrats Minus Quantity.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., June 13.—(Special.)—Nothing is so apparent among the many results of the primary election last week as the utter disintegration of the democratic party in Hamilton county. The Board of Supervisors has just finished the canvass of the returns and it has been found that, whereas there are 2,757 republicans in the county, there are but 182 democrats, that being the vote received by Claude Porter for governor. The number of democratic votes cast for congress is even less, being but 150. The socialist vote was even less, there being but eleven cast in the county. Freedom and Scott townships claim especial honors. In neither one of these precincts was a single democratic vote cast. For the democratic nomination for congressman Hakes beat Menton in Hamilton county by thirty-two votes, he having eighty-one to Menton's forty-nine. Those persons best informed, however, are of the opinion that the November election will disclose more democrats than did last week's primary.

Normal School Commencement.

WOODBINE, Ia., June 13.—(Special.)—The alumni reunion and commencement of the Woodbine normal school held yesterday has been largely attended. Almost all the classes graduated in the last twenty years were represented in the reunion. Addresses by members of the alumni, faculty and others were the feature of the evening program. Today a class of twenty-six was graduated. Superintendent W. O. Riddell of Des Moines delivered the address, taking as his subject "Service, the Price of Success."

Iowa News Notes.

MARSHALLTOWN—John H. Dillon, the man who was arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of James E. Murray, near Hampton last week, was held to the grand jury today without bond. When first arrested Dillon gave the name of Davis, but later acknowledged that his correct name was Dillon. The body of Murray was found under a bridge a short distance west of Hampton.

CRESTON—James Driscoll, an old-time railroad man and for many years a conductor, with his home in this city, died yesterday as a result of a stroke of paralysis sustained Tuesday. For the last year he has resided on a farm near Afton. He was 47 years old.

CRESTON—The local order of Eagles has purchased a two-story brick building, which will be remodeled into a modern and up-to-date home for that order. The plans call for a bowling alley, gymnasium, bath, pool and billiard rooms, library, reception rooms and an assembly hall 30x75 feet in dimensions.

MARSHALLTOWN—With more than 100 delegates in attendance, the fourth annual convention of the Central Iowa district of Rebekahs was held in Liscomb today. The opening session was held this morning, the business meeting this afternoon. Initiatory work was put on by the Tama, Marshalltown and Rhodes lodges this evening.

MARSHALLTOWN—A. F. Mason of Union, Marshall county, was elected president of the International Auctioneers' association which closed its annual convention at Peoria, Ill., yesterday. The other officers elected were vice president, J. Powlson, Illinois; secretary, L. S. Kent, Kansas; treasurer, J. R. Stout, Illinois. Delegates from twenty-five states and Canada were in attendance. Indianapolis was chosen as the next meeting place.

The Year 1908 WILL BE Presidential Year

Every good citizen owes it to himself and to the country to keep well informed on the political events which will culminate in the election of a president, who will be charged with the administration of the national government for four years.

Every good citizen owes it to himself and to his country to post himself about the candidates competing for high political preferment and about the issues on which the great parties will divide in order to decide intelligently how to cast his vote.

The preliminary skirmishing for the great political battle of 1908 is already begun and the position of the principal participants is constantly changing with new developments nearly every day.

The big nominating conventions in prospect, particularly the republican national convention which is to meet in Chicago in June, promises to be the most stirring and interesting gatherings of the kind in the history of the country.

The moving panorama will be vividly and accurately pictured in The Bee from day to day — the candidates will be presented in their own pronouncements and speeches — the issues will be discussed and all the current political happenings will be chronicled as they occur.

NEBRASKA

Politics in Nebraska promise to be at a boiling point throughout this year. The Bee's special staff correspondent at Lincoln furnishes the political gossip generated at the state capital and special attention is given to politics locally by experienced political writers.

IOWA

Politics in Iowa are sure to turn about the contest for the senatorial succession as well as about the presidency. A special staff correspondent at Des Moines is charged with keeping readers of the Bee in touch with all the political currents of the Hawkeye state.

WASHINGTON

National politics center largely in the national capitol where the president and his advisers are at the helm of the government and where congress is in session. The political focal point is at the seat of government where a staff correspondent of The Bee is on the lookout for everything of keen interest to people of this section of the west.

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