

SPEAKERS LAUD DEMOCRACY, CALL EDUCATION ITS BASIS; BIG CONVENTION PROMISED

More Than Twenty-five Hundred Delegates in Attendance at First Day's Session of State Meeting; Proposal to Meet Alternately in Lincoln Given Cool Reception by Superintendents.

"Education is the chief business of democracy," said Dr. Ambrose L. Suhrie of the University of Pennsylvania, in his address Wednesday at the Auditorium to the several thousand teachers of the Nebraska State Teachers' association gathered there. It was the first general evening session of the 1917 convention which opened yesterday for a three days' session with headquarters at Hotel Rome.

ALL LAUD DEMOCRACY.

Dr. Suhrie spoke on "The Educational Program of a Democracy." Miss Mae E. Schreiber of Boston, spoke also on some of the difficulties experienced in education, and pointed out where the faults lie. Community singing was conducted by Thomas J. Kelly.

Miss Martha Powell, president of the Teachers' association, in introducing the speakers of the evening paid a splendid tribute to democracy, declaring that while England makes democracy practicable, while Italy makes democracy beautiful, America must make democracy immortal.

2,500 ALREADY HERE. The splendid program at the Auditorium was the climax of a successful first-day, with sections meetings in many parts of the city and with the superintendents and principals holding their sessions separate in the convention hall of the Hotel Rome.

Exactly 2,527 teachers had registered up to last night from all parts of the state, better than the first day's record at former sessions. With a woman at the head of the association this year, there is little politics discernible either in the meetings or in the lobbies of the Hotel Rome, where the teachers congregated.

No Action on Location. The first flash of the old fight came up late in the afternoon, when Superintendent P. F. Gordon of Emerson tried to get the superintendents and principals in their afternoon session to endorse a movement to write into the constitution a provision that the convention should go to Lincoln and Omaha by regularly alternating turns. This was merely an echo of the old fight which was waged for years by

the two towns for favor in the eyes of the teachers of the state, and which is being regularly settled each year by the teachers themselves when they vote to return to Omaha because it is, as J. T. True of Schuyler puts it, "absolutely the only city in the state that can afford hotel accommodations for the number of teachers who attend annually."

The superintendents and principals showed how little they cared to have this old fight brought up when in the midst of Gordon's argument they voted almost unanimously to adjourn, leaving the argument unfinished.

Enlist Best Brains. Dr. Ambrose Suhrie of the University of Pennsylvania, in discussing the educational program of a democracy at the Auditorium in the evening, said there is an erroneous impression among many that good common schools are reaching all the children in the United States. He spoke of the importance of having good educational training and proper guidance during the period of adolescence. "It is a crime," he said, "to deny high school advantages to the young people during the adolescent period."

He advocated the vesting of authority and management over schools in local and state authorities jointly, and enlisting the best brains of the locality and the state in the work. "Education," he said, "may be said to be the chief business of democracy. It must be made accessible to all, and it must be vocational, so that it may be serviceable to those in the non-professional lines."

Difficulties in the Way. Miss Mae E. Schreiber of Boston, traced some of the difficulties in the way of the march of educational progress. She said the business man

Gas and Flame Service Wants Variety of Recruits

Washington, Nov. 8.—The gas and flame service corps, now in training here, wants a limited number of volunteers who are chemists, gas engineers, plumbers, electrical experts, pipe fitters, interpreters, mechanics, chauffeurs, explosive experts, cooks, gas experts, blacksmiths, carpenters or clerks. It also wants "muscular, quick thinking, resolute men, between the ages of 18 and 40 years, for pioneer soldier service of high character." The corps gives promise of early service.

complaints that university graduates are sent to him when they do not know their English. She said she had inquired of the universities about this and had found the professors are blaming the high school. She found the high school blaming the grades. She found the grades blaming the primary department. She found the teachers there blaming the parents in the home for not correcting the child's English in the first place. "And so," said Miss Schreiber, "it comes right back to the business man, about where it rightly belongs."

An amendment to the constitution of the Nebraska State Teacher's association will be presented to provide for a state teacher's federation as follows:

"The Nebraska State Teacher's association shall also be constituted the Nebraska State Teacher's Federation whose duty it shall be to place Nebraska in the foremost of educational work and achievement as rapidly as possible, to secure longer tenure of position on the part of school people, to secure increase of salaries to the teachers, to remove all educational work from politics, to raise the qualifications and standard of scholarships of teachers and to do everything in its power to keep our state up to the times educationally in order to meet the problems of the hour."

"The officers of this association are hereby given authority and requested to proceed and act in a positive and business like manner with promptness and dispatch in carrying out the provision of this section." The amendment was submitted by F. E. Gordon, superintendent of schools of Emerson. Superintendent C. Ray Gates, West Point, was elected president of the superintendents and principals' association and Earl Myers, Geneva, vice president; Anna Jelen, Verdigré, secretary and J. A. Doremus, Aurora, member of the Reading Circle board.

Eight States Pass Goals In Food Pledge Campaign

Washington, Nov. 8.—Eight states have passed their goals in the enrollment campaign for food conservation during the war and reports to headquarters tonight showed that nine others have enrolled more than 60 per cent of their families. Latest reports showed a total enrollment of the nation of 8,398,794. Missouri, with more than 500,000 pledges signed, leads the states, with California second. New York City now has 513,472 pledges. Los Angeles is second among the cities with 76,416; Milwaukee and Buffalo have 75,000 each; San Francisco 64,433; New Orleans 60,000 and Baltimore 52,758. Louisiana leads all states in the percentage of families enrolled, its figures being 89. Iowa has 76 per cent; Maine 68; New Hampshire 66; Rhode Island 64; Vermont, Oregon and California 63 each and Missouri 61.

Nebraska College Suffis Plan Day Husking Corn

Lincoln, Nov. 8.—The local branch of the National Woman's party, made up of college girls of the University of Nebraska, has announced that Saturday, November 17, will be spent in husking corn. Criticisms of lack of patriotic interest directed against the woman's party has resulted in this action.

Harvard Debaters Invited West

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 8.—University of California authorities have offered to pay the expense of sending a Harvard team to Berkeley for an intercollegiate debate, it was learned today. Action by Harvard will be reserved probably pending a decision as to whether the triangular debate between Yale, Harvard and Princeton is to be held as usual this year.

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PARKS EXPECTS TO GO SOON TO EUROPE

Son of Commissioner, Who Is Training in Louisville, Ky., Writes There Are Signs of Early Active Fighting.

Private Jack Parks, son of commissioner George Parks, has written a letter to J. J. Hinchey, South Side treasurer. Jack is in training in Louisville, Ky., and is making good. His officers wish to make him top sergeant, but he prefers to be a private. "I think we will cross the pond soon," he writes. "We are ready to leave on a minute's notice and we hope to be in the thick of the fight before very long."

"The weather here is very changeable. It shifts quickly from extremely hot to cold. Everything is well regulated here and the lid is on and bolted down, which makes Sherman's words impressive."

Australians to Vote on Conscription Question

Melbourne, Nov. 8.—The Australian government has decided to hold another referendum on the question of conscription. A referendum on conscription was held in Australia last year. The final vote showed that 1,085,000 ballots were cast in favor of conscription and 1,146,000 against it.

Yucatan Elects Governor. New York, Nov. 8.—Carlos Castro Morales, running on the socialist, constitutional and progressive tickets, has been elected governor of the state

Ban on Fritz Kreisler Because He's Austrian

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 8.—Charles S. Hubbard, director of public safety, today ordered the police department to refuse a concert license to Captain Fritz Kreisler, the violinist, who was advertised to appear in Carnegie music hall tomorrow afternoon. Director Hubbard received protests from a number of patriotic organizations and from many individuals against the Kreisler concert. They took the ground that since Kreisler was an officer in the Austrian army and Austria was the ally of America's enemy, it would be unpatriotic to permit him to appear at a public entertainment.

of Yucatan, Mex., according to a telegram received here by the local agency of the Commission Reguladora of that state. This was the first election held in Yucatan under the Mexican constitution and was quiet and orderly throughout.

Austrian Professor Asked to Resign as Result of Views

Zurich, Nov. 8.—There is at least one prominent Austrian who does not agree with Germany's policy of ruthlessness. Prof. Joseph Redlich, at a meeting of the German Labor association in Vienna, vehemently condemned Germany's policy of unrestricted submarine warfare and its air raids on England and strongly urged the necessity of a peace agreement. The speech met with much opposition and the president of the society has asked the professor to resign.

Reichstag Meets Nov. 22. Washington, D. C., Nov. 8.—The German Reichstag will meet November 22, according to a cable report received today from Zurich, Switzerland.

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ADE TELLS MEN ABOVE DRAFT AGE HOW TO HELP WIN WAR

Former Chicago Editor Lays Stress On Avoiding Knockers Who Aid Kaiser.

By GEORGE ADE. While the war is on, the active work in support of the boys at the front will be shouldered cheerfully by men and women a little too old for active service but not yet frosted at the temples.

They will supply part of the money and most of the "pep" needed to supply and encourage a huge army in the field. It is for them to realize that we have passed the period of doubting and question answering.

We have come to the days when bustling must supplant conversation. It was all right six months ago to spare an hour a day in trying to convince some one with a vacant eye and a blank mind that we were really justified in accepting the insolent challenge thrown at us by Germany.

You are to be forgiven if, even three months ago, you spent valuable time trying to convince a sluggish minority that—
Eight Things to Do.

- First—Government bonds are a safe investment.
- Second—Pro-German propaganda are to be hit in the head.
- Third—The allies are to be trusted.
- Fourth—The Red Cross is above suspicion and does not obtain either money or knitted goods under false pretenses.
- Fifth—All taxes which have been levied are justified by extraordinary and unprecedented conditions.
- Sixth—This is not a rich man's war; it was not precipitated by any Wall Street influence; it is not concerned over private investments; it is not a grand benefit for munition makers.
- Seventh—Fair promises have no value when they are made by a criminal who finds himself backed into a corner.
- Eighth—The men in our training camps and aboard transports and stationed somewhere in France are being safeguarded as American soldiers never before were looked after, as regards wholesome food, proper sanitation, prevention of disease, and moral guidance.

Why enumerate further?
Some "Nuts" You Know.

Abre Martin met a fellow down in Brown county that never heard of Tony Pastor, and we have a taxpayer in our township who thinks the world is flat, and you can find cabaret performers in New York City who don't believe there is such a place as Iowa, and clairvoyants still find customers, and you can name people who will consult a patent-medicine "ad" in preference to a doctor, and old Jethro Tilford, over in Shelby township, carries a dried-up potato to keep off the rheumatism.

In every community you will find a contrary-minded sediment of the human race—people who keep themselves somewhat in evidence by noisily denying facts which are self-evident to all of their neighbors who happen to be in the full enjoyment of sanity.

They are somewhat like frogs, i. e., they make an awful noise in proportion to their number.

Now if you will take the trouble to check up in your immediate neighborhood the people who, from the beginning of the war, have been full of doubts and questions and false alarms, you will find that they are few in number and of precious little importance except as disturbing disturbances.

liberally of government bonds never questioned the safety of his security? That the woman who was knitting the most socks and sweaters never believed the silly stories about the Red Cross being a crooked institution? That the soldier boy about to board a transport and join his comrades of France and Great Britain never was known to doubt the sincerity of the men with whom he was soon to join shoulders?

No, indeed! All the wails and misgivings and fish stories are put into circulation by a few picayune outsiders who were just built to be obstructionists and somehow can't help it.

They are in a class with the Tories who feasted the aristocratic British officers while Washington's army starved at Valley Forge.

They are a hold over of the Vandigham clan that reviled Lincoln and gave an underhanded copperhead support to the cause of slavery, even after it was doomed.

Some Familiar Types. They are the kind of people who oppose public improvements, will not buy tickets for the Chautauqua, criticize the minister if he smiles in public and attach the presumption of guilt to any woman attacked by scandal.

They are the small bores, the two-by-fours, the gnats, the sand flies, the ticks put on earth to teach good people the quality of patience. The time has come to ignore them. If we can not lock them up for safe-keeping, at least we can shut them out from our daily program and go ahead with the important work laid out for us.

This is no time to waste precious hours and vocal energy in trying to prove that two and two make four, and water is wet, and the sun sets in the west, and the mad dog of Prussianism must be muzzled. Don't try to convince the miniature La Follettes, because they don't wish to be convinced. They derive a bilious comfort from being different. They have learned that no cloud has a silver lining; it is festooned on the interior with crepe.

A Few Chronic Knockers. If all the optimists along your street should arise some morning into a world bedecked with dew sparkles and exclaim in unison "What a beautiful, sunshiny day!" then some two-legged crab would emerge behind a lilac bush and say, "Yes; but I think it'll rain before night."

If you find a banana skin on the threshold of patriotic opportunity, kick it aside and don't permit yourself to become fussed.

The stalwart men and women of middle age are to keep the home fires burning during the supreme ordeal now at hand.

They are to raise the crops, speed the factories, collect the taxes, or organize the home guards, conserve the wheat and meat and sugar, back up the Red Cross, peddle the Liberty bonds, write the letters, pack the comfort kits, and stand by for orders at all times.

If a busy worker feels some one tugging at his coat tail, the thing to do is to kick straight back and kick hard but don't waste time in looking around.

By the way here is an important tip for every man past 30. Don't tell around that you would be keen to enlist if you were just a little younger. Some of the men just under 30 will have their doubts and even those who believe you will not find entertainment in your conversation.

INCREASED COST OF "WAR" COAL

The Figures. The Facts.

Kirksville Coal.

Advance of 40c per ton in contract price, making price July 1st, 1917	1.90
Advance by Presidential proclamation of October 29, 1917, (estimated)	.40
Total	2.30
Previous contract price	1.50
Increase in cost of coal at mine, 63%	.80
Increase in freight rate, Aug. 1st, 1917	.16
War tax on freight rate Nov. 1, 1917	.045
Total increase cost per ton at plant	.995
Monthly consumption, 3,250 tons	
Total monthly increase in cost Kirksville coal	\$3,232.75

Cherokee Slack.

Price established by Presidential proclamation of October 29, 1917	2.45
Advance by Government fuel administration of October 31, 1917	.45
Total present cost at mine	2.90
Previous contract price	1.80
Increase in cost of coal at mine, 62.4%	1.40
Increase in freight rate Aug. 1st, 1917	.16
War tax on freight rate, Nov. 1, 1917	.066
Total increase cost per ton at plant	1.626
Monthly consumption, 3,250 tons	
Total monthly increase in cost Cherokee slack	\$5,219.50

Cherokee Mill.

Price established by Presidential proclamation of October 29, 1917	2.46
Advance by Presidential proclamation of October 31, 1917	.45
Total present cost at mine	2.90
Previous contract price	1.70
Increase in cost of coal at mine, 70.6%	1.20
Increase in freight rate Aug. 1st, 1917	.16
War tax on freight rate, Nov. 1, 1917	.066
Total increase cost per ton at plant	1.426
Monthly consumption, 3,250 tons	
Total monthly increase in cost Cherokee Mill	\$4,569.50

Monthly increase in cost of coal:	
Kirksville	\$3,232.75
Cherokee Slack	5,219.50
Cherokee Mill	4,569.50
Total	\$13,022.75

In America's struggle for victory over the monster of autocracy, every industry, as well as every individual, is being put to the test. It is imperative to our success that the wheels of commerce revolve even more rapidly than before, even in the face of conditions and circumstances in some instances disconcerting, to say the least.

The people of this country are feeling the pinch of present prices, but are keeping grimly at their task. Industries also feel the pinch, but also face their duty firmly, and with the determination to win. Numbered among these is Your Electric Service Company.

In the production of electricity at the Nebraska Power Company's generating station 9,750 tons of coal are used each month. This is necessary to insure continuity of service, and our two coal storage pits enable us to keep 15,000 tons on hand at all times, to guarantee such continuity. All present needs and possible increases in demands by our consumers must be met. Omaha's machinery must hum; her lights burn. This is our part in the great war program.

For these 9,750 tons of coal burned in our plant each month Your Electric Service Company is now paying \$13,022.75 more than for the same quantity at the entrance of the United States into the conflict!

We use three kinds of coal under our boilers: Kirksville, Mo., Cherokee Mill and Cherokee Slack. Previous to the war-increase in prices, one ton each of these three kinds cost \$4.70 at the mine. The same three tons now cost \$8.29½ at the mine—an increase of \$3.59, or 76%, without considering the increase in railroad freight rates in the meantime.

Accompanying statistics detailing this tremendous expense load, added to increases in other materials and supplies used—which will be discussed in another article—we think convincing proof that Your Electric Service Company is doing its bit toward keeping the business wheels in motion.

These huge fuel-cost increases came to this company, be it understood, shortly after its own rates had been reduced—and there has been no corresponding advance in revenue to offset the startling advance in expense of operation.

Most merchants are fortified to some extent against the war-price advance by a commensurate increase in their prices to the consumer, while the wage workers are very generally receiving considerably larger salaries with which to meet this emergency.

But they are furnished with electric power for their plants, and electric lights for their streets and homes, at a lower rate than ever before.

The story of our relations with Old King Coal is summarized in the accompanying table of "figures." Presently there will be something to say of the quantity of copper we need must use, and the comparative prices thereof at present and in the recent past.

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