

SPELLING RECORD OF LOCAL SCHOOLS SHOWS FINE WORK

Statistics Have Been Compiled by Eastern Expert Showing Average of Every Room; Hardest Words.

When Superintendent Beveridge of the public schools visits the schools, he holds in his hand a chart showing the spelling record of each child and each room.

H. W. Anderson, research director of the schools, has prepared for the superintendent a spelling report, based on a system devised by Leonard P. Ayres, director of the educational division of the Russell Sage Foundation. Mr. Ayres collected spelling reports from schools of 58 cities and showed the average by grades. These averages are being used in many cities as a basis upon which superintendents may gauge the spelling work of any class in any school. Anderson recently obtained spelling tests from all Omaha school children. He worked these reports up by rooms and showed on charts, or "graphs," know Omaha spelling compared with the averages prepared by the Ayres investigation.

Range of Vocabulary.

With the Anderson report before him, the superintendent, when he enters a school, may see at a glance whether any room is above or below average. Sometimes, he explains, the teacher needs to speed up on her spelling instruction.

Investigations have shown that children of the grades use the following number of words in their vocabularies: Second, 521; third, 908; fourth, 1,225; fifth, 1,489; sixth, 1,710; seventh, 1,926; eighth, 2,135.

The following 10 words and their repetitions comprise one-fourth of all the words used by the children: The, and, of, to, I, a, in, that, you and for. Those words are used more often than any other 10 words.

One Hundred Demons.

Anderson who has given the subject of spelling considerable study, stated that an examination of 2,000 personal and business letters of persons of various vocations in several cities used a total of 2,001 different words. An examination of 250 articles taken from four Sunday newspapers showed that a total of 6,002 different words were used.

A spelling survey made of many cities, including Omaha, was analyzed to determine which words bothered the children. This survey was made in the grades from the second to the eighth. The list has been named the "One Hundred Demon Words," and Superintendent Beveridge hopes that every grade school boy and girl will clip this list and learn it until he or she can pass 100 per cent on a test:

any	grammar	sure
any	guess	sure
any	honest	some
any	half	seems
any	having	separate
any	hour	their
any	heard	there
any	here	Tuesday
any	built	two
any	bus	too
any	here	trouble
any	believe	tear
any	beginning	know
any	blue	know
any	break	laid
any	boy	though
any	can't	loose
any	country	many
any	could	meant
any	color	making
any	choice	minute
any	coming	much
any	cough	none
any	don't	often
any	does	once
any	done	piece
any	dear	ready
any	doctor	else
any	every	road
any	easy	straight
any	early	sugar
any	enough	shows
any	friend	said
any	February	says
any	forty	week

Lieutenant Van Buren Arrives Safe in France

Word has been received by Mrs. Dr. Van Buren of the safe arrival of her husband, Lieutenant Van Buren, in France. Lieutenant Van Buren is connected with the Seventh field artillery as surgeon. He had been in training in the east for several months.

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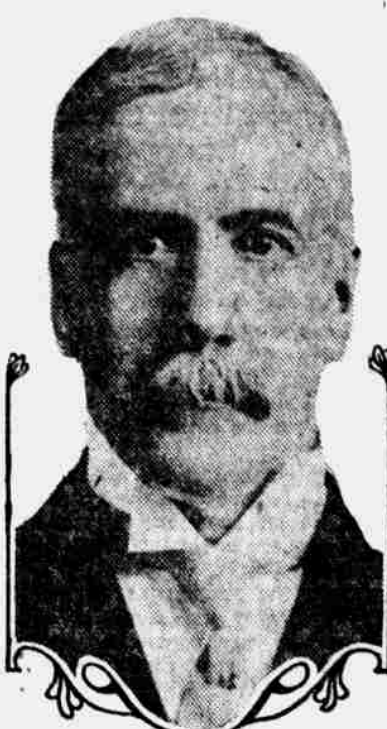
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Former Omaha Man Returns as Pastor of North Presbyterian



Rev. J. M. Wilson

Rev. J. M. Wilson, who has been called to the pastorate of the North Presbyterian church, was pastor of Castelar Presbyterian church of this city from 1886 to 1899, when he went to Boulder, Colo., then to Seattle, and from that city to Wilmette, Ill., near



Mrs. J. M. Wilson

Chicago. He is leaving the Wilmette church to return to Omaha. His brother, C. B. Wilson, resides at 2805 Woolworth avenue and his father, B. R. Wilson, lives at the same address. Rev. Mr. Wilson expects to begin his work at North Presbyterian church Sunday, December 2.

Judge Troup Deals Speedy Justice in Liquor Cases

Prosecutor McGuire and the jury panel were complimented by Judge Troup for their work in the liquor prosecutions upon which they have been working in his court. The speedy and efficient manner in which the cases have been presented and verdicts returned received special commendation.

Cases appealed from the police court received such speedy and summary handling by the special prosecutor that the appeal business has become highly unprofitable as a means of evading justice under the prohibition law. Many cases which were filed for appeal have been dismissed and the guilty parties paid their fines and took their medicine.

Between May 1 and October 1 99 liquor cases were appealed to the district court and have been handled by Prosecutor McGuire, who was specially appointed to do the job by Governor Neville.

Cedar County Red Cross Passes Quota of Sweaters

J. W. Linkhart, Coleridge, Cedar county, has informed the State Red Cross that the Red Cross chapter of that place has passed its required quota, and its members continue to work, and the articles are: 35 sweaters, 50 mufflers, 35 wristlets and 35 socks. Linkhart is an active and valued member of the Red Cross.

Frank Judson, of the State Red Cross, Thursday received a letter from Miss Taft, director of the Woman's bureau, central division, requesting that women knit sweaters, wristlets and socks, since these things are in great demand.

Conditions at Funston Improved, Says Soldier

Conditions at Camp Funston, Kan., where the drafted men from Nebraska are now training, are very rapidly improving, according to Private H. R. Jobst, Battery D, field artillery, who has been transferred from Camp Funston to Fort Omaha.

"They will allow visitors to come any time now," declared Jobst. "The boys have Saturday and Sunday off, so they cannot leave the reservation during the week. We have been having Wednesday afternoon off also. Only those units which actually develop measles or other contagious diseases are quarantined," said Jobst.

W. L. Park Visits Omaha On an Inspection Trip

W. L. Park, acting president of the Great Western during the absence of President Felton, who is in France in charge of the reconstruction of the railroads there, is in the city. Mr. Park is out on an inspection of the Great Western lines, this being his first trip over the road since he took up his new duties.

Mr. Park was formerly general manager of the Union Pacific and subsequently general manager and vice president of the Illinois Central.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A nine-pound baby boy was presented Friday morning to Gilroy P. Wendell, prominent in Omaha swimming circles, by Mrs. Wendell at the Wendell home, 2319 South Twenty-ninth street. Mrs. Wendell formerly was Miss Bertha M. Briggs.

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CANNOT HANDLE ALL FREIGHT OFFERED

Fairfax Harrison Shows How The Business by the Railroads Has Increased Enormously.

From Washington Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the railroad war board, is sending out the statement that transportation conditions, unless vigorously dealt with, will continue to grow more acute. He asserts that both railroad managers and the public must "courageously face the fact that under the trying conditions which will develop this winter it will probably become impossible for the carriers to handle all the traffic which the shipping public can offer."

Mr. Harrison asserts that the present difficulty has been brought about by the enormous increase in volume of both freight and passenger business during the last year and which still continues in almost every portion of the United States.

Freight Business Increases.

It is stated that during the first five months after the entrance of the United States into the war the railroads handled 16 per cent more freight business than during the corresponding period of 1916 and the business of the first half of 1916 broke all previous records.

During the first five months of 1917 the traffic handled was 50 per cent greater than during the corresponding months of 1915 and more than during any entire year prior to 1904.

From May 1 to October 1, 1917, the railroads handled 150,000 more carloads of anthracite coal than during the same months of 1916 and 751,000 more carloads of bituminous and lignite. The increase amounted to 18 per cent.

Haul Over Million Soldiers.

During the six months of this year, from May to October inclusive, Mr. Harrison asserts that the railroads hauled 1,200,000 soldiers to cantonments, camps and for embarkation, besides the regular equipment, operating 2,270 special trains. During this period 116,000 carloads of army freight were hauled to the national army and guard camps, besides 17,000 carloads for the United States shipping board. At the present time, something like 75,000 cars a month are being used in hauling supplies to these cantonments and camps where the soldiers are quartered.

The information given out by Mr. Harrison is to the effect that this enormous increase in business has been handled without any increase in motive power, or equipment. He adds that the most serious problem confronting the railroads is the fact that with business continuing to increase, they are unable to increase the motive power or the number of cars. The mills, factories and plants where locomotives and cars are constructed are turning down orders and are devoting their entire energies to the manufacture of munitions for the United States army and those of the allies.

With the shortage in equipment, Mr. Harrison intimates that when cold weather sets in, making it more difficult to operate trains and maintain schedules, instead of conditions improving, they are likely to become more acute.

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In other days this extension and improvement was merely a matter of progression, at least in the case of YOUR ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY. As Omaha grew, so did this company, and we even planned to keep ahead of this growth, for a city's success is largely dependent upon its light and power, and we know that unless Omaha expands, we cannot.

Recently, in another article, we detailed the tremendous increase in cost of coal used in our generating plant, and mentioned the fact that the situation in the matter of copper cost is also extremely serious.

In manufacturing munitions and the various weapons now being used by the Government in its fight for democracy, copper plays an important role. Uncle Sam is using much of it in equipping his military and naval units for the struggle, and this unusual demand is having its effect on industrial life.

All of YOUR ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY'S lines, forming a mammoth web over and under Omaha, are composed largely of copper. The overhead wires conducting energy to outlying stores and residences—as well as the huge cables in conduits in the "underground" district of this service—all are of copper. The line may be open to view, or be invisible, but the copper is there, just the same.

More than 270,000 pounds of copper are used by this company each year in maintaining its present service and in meeting the demands attendant upon the city's growth.

Before Uncle Sam took up arms this copper cost us 17 cents a pound. Today each pound costs us 34 cents.

In this company's effort to keep up its extensions and service, this price problem is an extremely serious one.

In the summary, YOUR ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY is at present required to meet a price increase of 76% in coal and of 100% in copper—the first two necessities of this system.

Thus far we have succeeded in handling the situation, but in the face of curtailed revenue following substantial reduction in rates to our consumers.

The salaried man and the merchant, through increased wages and retail prices, are staunchly helping Uncle Sam win this war by keeping the wheels of industry moving, but we have been discharging the same duty without such reinforcement.

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