

# WEBSTER ARGUES ANTI-SUFFRAGE HAVE NO LAW STANDING

### Omaha Attorney Declares Petition to Submit Statute to Referendum Vote Must Be Filed by State.

John L. Webster went to Lincoln Saturday morning to argue the demurrer asking for a dismissal of the suit brought in the district court of Lancaster county by Edna M. Barkley, and others to enjoin Secretary of State Pool from submitting the woman suffrage statute to a referendum vote of the people.

The other plaintiffs are: Gertrude Hardy, Katherine Sumney, Ida Robinson, Grace Richardson, Margaria Dietrich, Grace M. Wheeler, Ella Brooker, Ellen Ackerman, Henrietta Smith, Inez Philbrick, Harriett M. Stewart, Mary E. Smith, Hayward, Mamie Claffin, Margaret T. Sheldon, Alice Howell, Ellen Gere, Eliza Ann Doyle and Katherine McGeer.

In support of his contention that the suit should be dismissed Attorney Webster said:

"The women who brought the suit to enjoin the secretary of state from submitting the woman suffrage statute to a referendum vote have no standing in court in an action of this kind. The purpose of the suit relates to all the women of the state and whose interest is not distinct from that of all other women. If the women who brought the suit should be deprived of the right of vote they would not suffer any special injury or any public wrong other or different from that which would attach to that of all other women.

"The subject matter involved in the suit is a public or political question. In all such cases the right involved attaches to the sovereignty of the state and not to an individual citizen, either man or woman. Cases which relate only to a public right as distinguished from a property right must be brought in the name of the state by the law officer of the state, who, under the constitution, is elected for that purpose.

"The Nebraska referendum statute was borrowed from a similar statute of Oregon. The Oregon supreme court interpreted that statute a year before Nebraska adopted it and had dismissed a suit brought in the name of individuals under the referendum provision alleging that such a suit was of a political nature in which the whole public was interested, and that the state only could interfere in a suit instituted in the name of a law officer of the state.

"It is elementary law that when one state adopts a statute from another state, it accepts it with the interpretation put upon it by the supreme court of the state from which it is borrowed. Applying that elementary principle, the Nebraska referendum statute must be construed as forbidding such a suit being prosecuted except if it be done in the name of the state.

"To be decided Wednesday.

"It is a well settled law that, in all political matters of a public nature which do not involve property or other civil rights, individuals cannot maintain an injunction suit. This has been settled in similar cases in Iowa, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and by the supreme court of the United States."

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### Bishop Asks for Special Prayers During Big Crisis

London, March 24.—The archbishop of Canterbury today issued the following:

"It is obvious that in these days of anxiety special prayers ought to be offered in all our churches on behalf of the army, and the righteous cause for which we are fighting."

Washington, March 24.—Prayers for the troops of the United States and the allies were called for today by the Right Rev. Alfred Harding, Episcopal bishop of Washington, in a communication to the clergy throughout the diocese. Efforts are being made to have similar observance in Episcopal churches throughout the country.

St. Louis, March 24.—Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in America, tonight sent a prayer to all affiliated churches as follows:

"News leads me humbly to ask leave to bid to penitence and prayer in homes and churches all who may head and heed me in this critical time in Flanders, earnestly beseeching God to descend and crown the right."

### Keystone Case Appealed To U. S. Supreme Court

Washington, March 24.—The government's anti-trust suit against the Keystone Watch Case company in which a decree was issued holding the concern to be a combination in violation of the anti-trust law and injunctions were granted against officials of the company, were appealed to the supreme court today.

# SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

## CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mid-term examinations are being held the first three days of this week at the Omaha Central High school. Report cards will be issued a week from Tuesday.

The big drive to sell road show tickets opened Friday. Senior boys are selling tickets under Barton Kuhns and Leland Potter, juniors under Robert Wylie and Jordan Peters, and sophomores under Robert Jenkins. Two girls' committees under Winifred Brandt and Mary Findley are also boosting the show. The proceeds will go to pay off the cadet regiment's debt. Two performances will be given Friday, April 12, and one on the following Saturday night, A. J. Wedeking is superintending the financial end. The Commissioned Officers' club is directing the show.

War savings stamps will be sold at the school by Dr. H. A. Senter.

The Boys' Glee club will give a program of popular songs Friday evening in the school auditorium.

The first dress rehearsal of the Latin play will be held tomorrow. The Chamber of Commerce will take pictures of some of the scenes of Roman life.

The girls' number of the Register appeared Friday.

The Girls' Student club has planned March 30 as vocational guidance day. Talks will be given on several of the professions which a girl can enter.

Miss Elsie H. Abbott, teacher of expression, who has been under quarantine for smallpox, is rapidly convalescing.

Miss Ruby Grabb, '18, was called to her home in Roseland Saturday on account of the death of her nephew.

## Maurice H. Lipp Lectures To Boyles College Students

The government is appealing to the vocational schools of all kinds for recruits to the corps of office assistants in all branches of service. The civil service commission is more urgent than ever before in its request of young men and women to prepare for good positions. Incidentally, the commission sends its representatives to the various schools and colleges where short lectures are given to the pupils, which are followed by examinations. In line with this work, Maurice H. Lipp, a representative of the commission, is lecturing at the business training schools in the hope of inspiring the pupils to great effort in preparing for government work.

Mr. Lipp lectured to the pupils of Boyle college, in which he set forth the advantages of the civil service.

Peru State Normal.

Miss Beulah S. Rader, formerly head of the physical training department for women, is now teaching biology in the Teachers' High school, Oakland, Cal. She has secured her A. B. and A. M. degrees since leaving Peru.

The State Normal library is making another drive for the collection of books for soldiers in the campaigns.

Miss Audrey Wilman, a former Peru student who is now teaching at Pullman, Wash., is donating a year's subscription to a magazine suited to the age of each of her 14 pupils.

President Hayes has recently been appointed a member of the state advisory committee of the Junior Red Cross. The committee will have a meeting in Lincoln next week in the purpose of outlining the year's educational campaign for the members.

The training department finished five checkers tables for the army Young Men's Christian association. This is in response to a war service call issued to the national training classes in all parts of the country. The tables will be sent to the army cantonments as a gift of the school.

Miss Beulah L. Altman of the foreign language department was in Kansas City last week on business.

may take charge of the educational department of one of the huts of the Young Men's Christian association at Camp Funston. He was in Peru two or three days the latter part of last week. While here he gave a lecture before the normal school students.

Robert Sandberg, who has just made arrangements for taking the principalship of the high school at Campbell, was notified to appear immediately to take his part in the army.

Miss Helen Lawrence has been hired to take the principalship of the Brownville schools for the remainder of the year.

School boards of education are commencing to find it necessary to raise the price paid to experienced teachers. Some are still trying to hire them at the old prices which maintained before the war. Many of the young women who have been holding pretty good high school positions have now indicated their intention of attending summer school to fit themselves for the small superintendency throughout the state.

Superintendent Joe Simka of Shelby resigned to take his place in the navy. Later he was notified that he would not be called for sometime. Later he has accepted the superintendency at Hildreth. Last week the navy called him again but the board of education of Hildreth asked for a year for the rest of the year and the navy department has granted an extension of time and this may run to the rest of the year.

Fremont College.

Miss Janet Hollenbeck, chairman of Dodge County Women's Council of Defense, addressed the students Thursday morning speaking of the government's great need for Red Cross nurses and clerical help in Washington, D. C.

Miss Elaine Brown, who has just finished her work in the stenographic and commercial departments of the college, has taken a position in the Arlington university.

Miss W. H. Williams was called to Tip-on Hill, and took to the hospital on account of illness.

Superintendent Cummings addressed the assembly Thursday morning in his characteristic manner urging greater conservatism of time, intellect and manhood to promote success in life.

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