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Nebraska HEBRON PASTOR ASKS OF LAW ON GERMAN SPEECH

Attorney General Says It Is Up to Minister's Conscience Now Whether to Preach in English.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Rev. P. H. Buehring, pastor of a German church at Hebron, has written to Attorney General Willis E. Reed to find out whether churches may go back to the German language services. The request follows announcement of the disbanding of the Nebraska State Council of Defense, which had adopted rules requesting services be conducted in the English tongue.

A number of congregations have already dropped English and returned to their ante-bellum status," writes Rev. Mr. Buehring. He desires to know if his congregation is at liberty to do likewise.

He indicated his familiarity with the report of the Americanization committee, which recommended the resumption of German for religious services, if the congregations so desired, and the teaching of foreign languages in private schools under certain restrictions.

The attorney general, replying to the letter, advises Buehring to follow his own conscience and do his best "for the peace of the community and the welfare of the younger class." He explained that there were no regulations or laws to prevent the use of foreign languages in the churches.

"It is only a question of time before those born in the United States will require instruction in the American language," he added.

Interesting Cases to Come Up in Dodge County Court

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Some unusually interesting cases are set for hearing at the January term of district court, which convenes January 20. The first on the docket is the state against Ernest Kern, wealthy North Bend attorney, who faces a charge of sedition. The North Bend Home guards are lined up against Kern for alleged seditious remarks he made about officers of the guards.

The case of Robert Drake, president of the Standard Bridge company, against Dodge county, in which the plaintiff seeks to recover \$18,000 for work he did to divert the channel of the Platte river at North Bend after he had taken a contract to complete the state aid bridge across the river, will come up.

The Omaha company assumed the contract of the Stupp Bros. company of St. Louis. Extra work was required to change the stream so that the bridge could be completed. Judge E. W. Button of Fremont will preside.

Churches of Hooper Will Welcome Returning Men

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Arrangements have been made at Hooper to welcome homecoming soldiers and sailors on quite an elaborate scale. Each church is to hold a banquet and reception for the boys, but on each occasion the people of the community are invited to join in the festivities. Dates for the receptions have not been announced.

Veteran Canyon Guide Dead.

Flagstaff, Ariz., Jan. 7.—John Hance, better known as Captain Hance, known to almost every tourist who ever visited the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, is dead.

Omaha Man Furnishes Bonds for State Officers

From a Staff Correspondent.
Lincoln, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Harry S. Byrne of Omaha, who is furnishing the official bonds of all of the newly elected state officers and most of their deputies, was at the state house today and filed with the secretary of state the million dollar surety instrument for Treasurer-elect D. B. Crosey.

It is attested by the Fidelity & Deposit company of Baltimore, which carries \$350,000 of the liability itself. The remainder is divided as follows:
National Surety company, New York, \$250,000; Globe Indemnity company, New York, \$100,000; Maryland Casualty company, Baltimore, \$75,000; Lion Bonding company, Omaha, \$75,000; United States Fidelity & Casualty company, Baltimore, \$75,000; American Surety company, New York, \$50,000; London & Lancashire Indemnity company, New York, \$25,000.

Bar Association Re-Elects Old Officers at Fremont

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—All officers were re-elected at the annual meeting of the Dodge County Bar association as follows: President, George L. Loomis; vice president, Frank Dolezal; secretary-treasurer, Waldo Wintersteen; assistant secretary-treasurer, Miss Florence Maple; executive committee, J. Courtright, C. E. Abbott and Allen Johnson. State Senator-elect Ralph E. Weaverling of North Bend asked for the hearty cooperation of his fellow attorneys in helping enact legislation in which the legal fraternity is interested.

Norfolk Schools Open With 65 Per Cent Attendance

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Schools opened here Monday after being closed for some weeks by influenza. The attendance is about 65 per cent and pupils are notified that they will not be given a chance to make up studies unless they attend school. Mayor Clements has decided not to allow dancing until a thorough investigation of the epidemic situation has been made. The disease is not increasing here and health officials believe that they will eventually wipe it out through application of the quarantine.

Fifty Head of Nebraska Cattle Average \$3,845

Cambridge, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Fifty head of Hereford cattle sold for a total of \$192,350, or an average of \$3,845 each, at the sale of Mousel brothers here today. Twenty-five bulls of the Bestu Mis- chief strain averaged \$4,476 each and a like number of cows brought an average of \$3,014 each. Superior Domino, who went to Mrs. Braddock of Chadron, Neb., topped the sale, bringing \$21,000. The top cow brought \$7,200.

Gift for Gov. Neville.

Lincoln, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Governor Neville today was waited upon by the appointive heads of the various departments under his administration, who presented him with a massive upholstered mahogany rocker.

SENATE NAMES OFFICERS AT ITS FIRST SESSION

Bushree Elected President Pro Tem and Committee on Employees Chosen; Cavanaugh Votes Today.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—It did not take the state senate long to get under way today and complete formal organization for the 37th legislative session.

At 12 o'clock Lieutenant Governor Edgar Howard called the senate to order and all of the senators responded to roll call. Rev. James Huff of Omaha, chaplain in the 1917 session, offered prayer. Chief Justice A. M. Morrissey administered the oath to members of the senate and the employees.

Senator Neal of Nemaha, to up the organization agreed upon at the caucus last night, presented a motion for the appointment of the following committee on committees:

Senator Walter V. Hoagland, North Platte, chairman; Senator O. Petrus Peterson, Lincoln, first district; Senator L. Saunders, Omaha, second district; Senator B. J. Ainley, Belgrade, third district; Senator Perry Reed, Henderson, fourth district; Senator J. W. Hammond, Cambridge, fifth district; Senator Dennis H. Cronin, O'Neill, "h" district.

Name Employees.

Senator Saunders nominated his rival, Senator B. K. Bushree of Kimball, as president pro tem and the latter was elected by acclamation. The employees, similarly chosen, were:

Secretary—Clyde Barnard, Table Rock. First assistant—J. H. Sinclair, Omaha. Sergeant-at-Arms—A. D. Havens, Atkinson.

Chaplain—Rev. A. A. Creamman, Crete. Postmaster—F. H. Wintersteen, Fremont.

With the organization perfected, a committee, including Senators Warner, Harries and Chappel was appointed to notify the governor the senate was organized and a similar committee of Senators Cordell Swanson and Robbins was named to notify the house.

Senator Hoagland moved that the secretary of state be instructed to supply the senate with copies of the 1915 and 1918 special sessions laws.

Joint Session Today.
As chairman of the committee on committees he reported a sub-committee on employees including Senator Johnson of Adams as chairman, Senator Robbins of Douglas and Senator Perry Reed.

The senate then adjourned until 1:30 tomorrow afternoon, when a joint session will be held with the house to canvass the vote.

Chairman Hoagland called a meeting of the committee on committees this afternoon, but it will be a day or so before the assignments are made out. The committee on employees expects to restrict the list to 55.

Dalbey Speaker of House.

The session of the house of representatives was opened by Secretary of State Pool at 12 o'clock today.

Ellis Good of Nemaha was elected temporary presiding officer by acclamation, and W. F. Hitchcock of Johnson county as temporary secretary.

Legislature Sends Condolences to Wife of Former President

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 7.—(By Special Correspondent.)—The only business transacted by the house of representatives of the Nebraska legislature at its opening session today was the passing of a resolution of condolence to be wired to the family of ex-President Theodore Roosevelt. The resolution adopted was as follows:

"Whereas, The death of Theodore Roosevelt, ex-president of the United States, is recognized as a loss to the republic and the world in general man and a great citizen, because of the breadth of his learning and the intense loyalty he had to the fundamental principles of liberty, the dynamic force of his manhood, the probity of his character, the cleanliness of his living, the idealism of his nature and his wonderful versatility of his nature, we recognize that his influence has been for good in every phase of our national life.

"Now that death has claimed him for the larger realm of universal citizenship, we can see that his life was the exemplification of those individual traits of personal and public patriotism which is the aspiration of true Americanism.

"Therefore, be it resolved, That the house of representatives of the state of Nebraska in session assembled extend to the family of our deceased distinguished fellow citizen, Theodore Roosevelt, its sincere sympathy and condolence in the loss they and the nation have suffered by his passing.

"He was as illustrious and exemplary of the virtues of husband and father as he was of the highest type of American citizenship.

"D. S. HARDIN, Chairman.
"GEO. D. DYBALL,
"FLORIAN JACOB,
"BURTON GREEN,
"T. H. McLAUGHLIN,
Committee."

Maupin Wants Larger Fund for Publicity Department

Lincoln, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—In the 17 months that Will M. Maupin has been director of the Nebraska department of publicity he has obtained publication of six items a week in 400 newspapers, distributed 80,000 leaflets describing Nebraska and the state's resources, and personally answered 3,500 letters of inquiry, he tells in his annual report to the governor.

Mr. Maupin recommends a larger appropriation for the department.

Downs-Mitchell.
Miss Sybil Marie Mitchell, daughter of John Mitchell, and Jack Downs, both of Council Bluffs, were married by Rev. Charles W. Savage Sunday afternoon at the Grand hotel.

OMAHA PASTORS CONDEMN ACTION OF CITY COUNCIL

Want City to Continue Detention Hospital for Treatment of Women; Brand It as "Penny Pinching" Policy.

Omaha ministers and social workers are incensed at what they consider a "penny pinching" policy on the part of the city council, in refusing to give Police Commissioner Ringer the amount he asked to run the women's detention hospital during 1919.

"It would be a shame," said Rev. Paul Calhoun, pastor of the Central United Presbyterian church, "to let our boys who have escaped Hun bullets come home only to be pierced by the poisoned arrows of the venereal disease, Uncle Sam, when he found he had to fight the Hun, took stock of himself and found that his worst enemy in the ranks of the fighting men was social disease. He found that by curing it he could build a better army. Aud in peace time we can build a better society by curing the social disease. I saw some of Uncle Sam's work at Camp Lee, Va., where I was stationed during mobilization. The conditions among the young drafted men who came there were simply appalling.

One for Men, Too.
"We ought not only to continue this detention hospital for the women, but we ought to have one for men, too. Many of them are just as bad and just as big a menace to the community.

"If we quarantine for smallpox, why shouldn't we quarantine for these social diseases, which are a hundred times worse?"

Rev. Titus Lowe, pastor of the First Methodist church, said:

"The detention hospital ought, by all means, to continue. If they can treat and cure 40 women there at the same time, the aggregate amount of good done will be enormous. Social disease is one of the great menaces of our time and civilization. If the statements of doctors are true regarding the extent of the disease, it is simply alarming, and I hope no measures or money will be spared to curb it in this community and everywhere else."

Rev. Harry B. Foster, president of the Omaha Church federation, declared that the hospital, if necessary in war time, is doubly necessary in peace.

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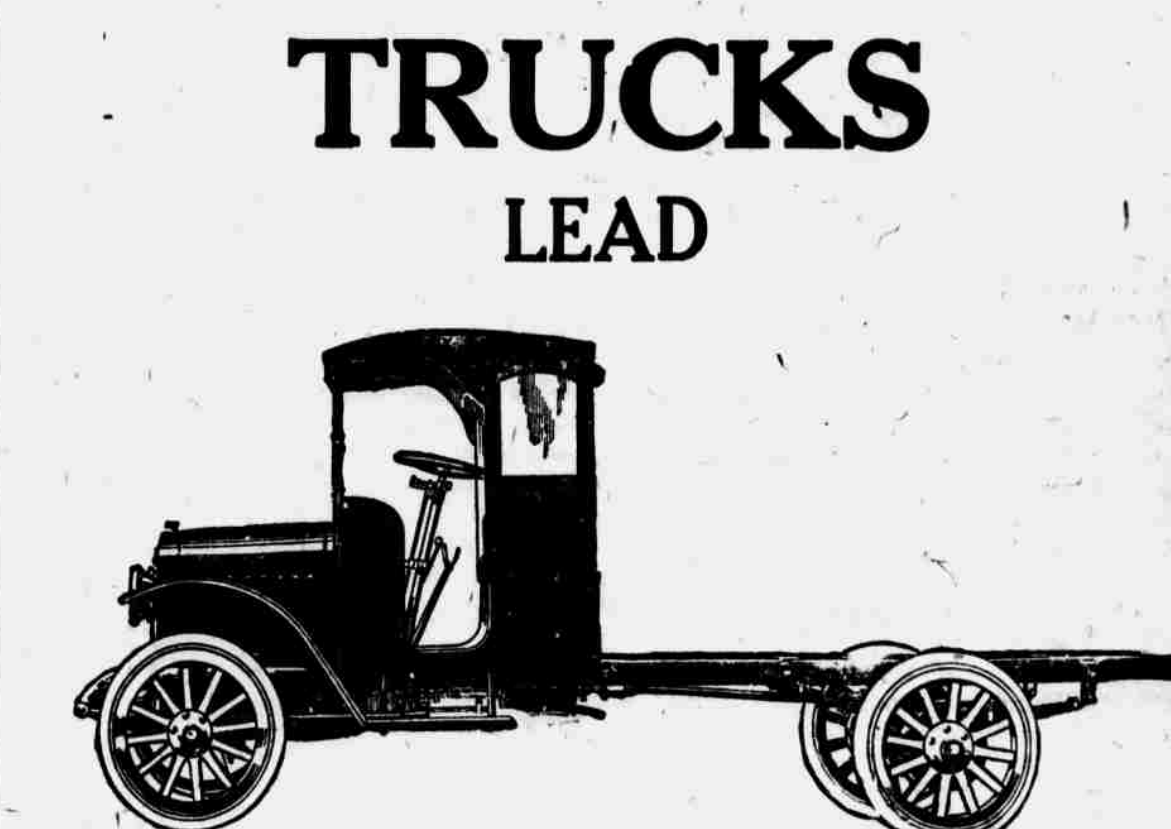
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