

THOMAS URGES WOMEN TO HELP FIGHT RECALL

Hired Publicity Agent of "Committee of 500" Speaks at Plymouth Congregational Church.

Elmer Thomas, "acting mayor and police commissioner," of the present city administration, called upon the women of the churches, in an address yesterday morning at Plymouth Congregational church, to save Mayor Smith and Police Commissioner Ringer from threatened recall.

"I now look as though we will, within the next 60 days, vote at a recall election," he said. "I am glad the women are voting now. Go to the court house and register and when the silent forces of evil bring the issue to the polls cast your votes on the side of the right and of honesty."

Mr. Thomas made this statement after reading the names of a number of circulators of recall petitions and declaring they were "ex-slavekeepers," "vagrants," "beggars," and the like. He also mentioned Dr. R. W. Conwell, formerly city health commissioner, as one of the petition circulators.

Seek New Members. The congregation was asked to sign cards for membership in the "Committee of 500."

"We are going to change the name to the 'Committee of 5,000,'" said Mr. Thomas. "We expect to have that many members soon."

Mr. Thomas was introduced by J. K. McCombs, a member of the church. Mr. McCombs denounced organized labor in Omaha for "snubbing Mayor Smith and bringing down an I.W.W. from Sioux City to be the Labor day orator."

Elmer Thomas assailed the Omaha Bee lustily for its criticism of Mr. Ringer and Mr. Smith and begged his audience to have patience with the city administration in its honest efforts to do the right thing.

At the close of the meeting a woman arose and asked whether the city administration couldn't "boycott the papers that were opposing it."

Mr. Thomas replied that this would not be advisable and Mr. McCombs lauded the Bee for "giving publicity to our meeting."

Praises Bee Report. "I wish the other papers would give us the space that the Bee does," he said. "Last Sunday when Mr. Ringer spoke, here Eddie Black of the Bee reported the meeting. If you didn't read last Monday's Bee you missed something."

Mr. Thomas declared that the Omaha police force "has existed for 25 years on the idea that it was to live on vice instead of suppressing it. When men have had that idea it is natural that they be not overly alert to put down evil doing."

"The coming constitutional convention," he said, "must make the teaching of the Bible and Christianity in the public schools legal."

Fewer Auto Thefts. In the evening Mr. Thomas made a second appeal to the women voters of the city, addressing the union services of South Side churches at Twenty-third and F streets.

A recall election will probably be held in the next 60 days," Mr. Thomas said, "and the women voters should register at once."

Mr. Thomas attacked the character of the circulators of the recall petition, lauded the detention home, and declared that the police department had done away with much crime.

In a proof of this he stated that in May, 1918, 160 automobiles were stolen, while in May of this year only 80 were stolen.

High School Pupils Start Registration Today for New Year. Registration for the new school year at Central High school starts today, with seniors reporting. Beginning at 8 a. m. each day until Friday, the following schedule of registration will be observed: Tuesday, juniors; Wednesday, sophomores; Thursday, freshmen who started during the last semester; Friday, freshmen who will enter next week for the first time.

The public schools will be opened next Monday morning. The general teachers' meeting will be held on Saturday morning, 1 o'clock, in First Methodist church.

Rockford College Looks for Banner Enrollment. A statement given out by President Maddox of Rockford college, indicates a surprisingly large enrollment for the opening September 16. There are three weeks yet for students to enroll and there were only 22 vacancies in the dormitories Saturday. It is expected that all vacancies will be filled early in September when a waiting list will be established.

The freshman class is pronounced "the banner freshman class," as just 700 have been admitted to date, an excess of one-third over the freshman class of last year. Over 400 requests from prospective students were made last week.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Registration of State Uni. Has Grown from 130 in 1871 to 5,617 in Last Semester

While Five Teachers Taught Students 47 Years Ago When the University Started, Now a Faculty of 351 Looks After the Instruction—More Than 800 Persons on Uni's Payroll.

By P. A. BARROWS. When speaking of the big changes which have taken place in Nebraska's capital city, one naturally turns his eyes towards the state's big university, where in the 47 years of its history the registrations have increased from but 130 students to 5,617 for the last year.

Added to this might be mentioned the North Platte experiment station, a part of the agricultural school, which consists of 1,920 acres. Another experimental farm at Curtis consists of 400 acres, while the substitution at Valentine of over 1,000 acres and another at Scottsbluff of 800 acres, completes the real estate holdings of the state as they relate to the university. The buildings upon these university holdings are estimated at present to be worth \$1,505,219.

However, there are other educational interests of the state not mentioned, the four normal colleges stationed at Peru, Kearney, Wayne and Chadron, which form a very important part of Nebraska's educational work and while not located in the capital city of the state are the grownup children of the parent plant and contribute greatly to the enviable position which Nebraska has held so long as the state having the smallest percentage of illiteracy in the United States.

The downtown campus of the state university has been enlarged by the purchase of a half block north of U street from Tenth to Twelfth streets. This will make room for the proposed intramural sports building. J. H. Humpe reports that only one lot remains unpurchased, and that will be condemned.

Professor A. L. Candy and Mrs. Candy have been spending the summer at White Deer Lake, 50 miles north of St. Paul. They will leave this place and will visit Pittsburgh, Pa., before returning to Lincoln.

Dr. John P. Tate and Mrs. Tate, who was Lois Poggler, spent their summer camping on St. Clair river in Minnesota. Dr. Tate is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and was later a member of the faculty in the physical department. He is now a professor in the University of Minnesota.

Robert Nesbitt, an alumnus of the University of Nebraska, visited members of the faculty this week. He has lately been engaged in government work and has been in the Philippines.

Dr. R. H. Wolcott, chairman of the zoological department at the state university, will return this week from his vacation in Minnesota.

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Boyles Foresees Record Year in School Training. "All signs point to the biggest year in the history of our institution," says H. B. Boyles. "Each September shows an increase over the preceding year, but I am certain that this week will see the largest enrollment of students for commercial study not only at Boyles college but in other accredited schools as well."

Prof. J. H. Weaver has been pursuing field work busily this summer. He has a book on the ecology of roots almost ready for publication. Professor Weaver is chiefly interested in the roots of crop plants in his latest investigations.

Prof. H. B. Latimer, whose subject at the state university faculty is vertebrate anatomy, is resting from his all-summer research work at Hopkins, Minn.

Dr. Elda Walker has spent the summer on barberry eradication. Her work has taken her out over the state, but most of her time has been spent near Lincoln. During the last two weeks she has attended county fairs.

Dr. F. W. Upson, chairman of the chemistry department, has returned with his family from an auto trip to Estes park and other Colorado places. They were gone about a month.

Dr. Lova Walker has continued through the summer her investigations of the fungi which infest raspberries and blackberries. A year ago she studied the fungi on the berries in market. During the present season she has worked on the effect of temperature on the fungi. She finds that different fungi appear with changed conditions in the atmosphere and temperature.

John Stahl of the class of '09 at the State university visited the campus recently. He is a pathologist and works for the fruit growers' association at Puyallup, Wash.

Miss Vera Darling of the class of '07 at the State university appeared on the campus last week. She was on her way home from Plattsburg, where she was engaged in reconstruction work. She will teach this year in the Washington High school of Portland, Ore.

Miss Margaret Fedde who was made head of the home economics department at the state university, is a Nebraska woman, having lived here practically all her life. Her first education was received in a country school. Later she attended the following: Omaha High school; graduated from Peru Normal 1907; University of Boulder, Colorado, one summer; graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1914; teachers' college of Columbia University, summer of 1916 and second semester of 1918-19, specializing in home economics.

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