

### NATIONAL SOKOL MEETING OPENED HERE LAST NIGHT

#### Preliminary Athletics Friday and Saturday at Creighton Field—Convention Closes Tuesday.

The first meeting of the Catholic Sokols' National convention, to be in session in Omaha until Tuesday, was held last night at 8 p. m. at the St. Wenceslaus parish hall, 1245 South Thirteenth street.

Calisthenic and gymnastic trials between the many expert athletes of the order will be held all day today and Saturday at the Creighton field. Twenty-fifth and California streets.

Sunday will be the big day of the convention. Sunday afternoon there will be a parade of all the visiting Sokols in uniform from the hall on South Thirteenth street to Creighton field, where the famous calisthenic and gymnastic exercises of the order will be held. There will also be fancy group dances.

Five Thousand Expected. Five thousand Sokols were expected in Omaha for the convention. A number of the contestants in the athletic exercises have already arrived.

Home Talent Play. Addresses of welcome were delivered at the meeting last night by President Fiza of the local lodge, Archbishop J. J. Harty, Rev. John Vranek, Mayor Ed P. Smith, President Hynek, Dostal, John Straka, Francis Matthews, president of the Knights of Columbus; the Rev. John Turek and Joseph Votava.

The eliminations for medals and diplomas at Creighton field will start at 9 a. m. today and at 9:30 a. m. Saturday. A Bohemian play, "Todska," will be given at the South Thirteenth street hall tonight. Saturday night there will be a dance at the hall.

Pontifical mass will be held at St. Wenceslaus church, Fourteenth and Pine streets, at 10 a. m. The Right Rev. A. M. Koudelka will celebrate the mass.

Award of Prizes. The exercises at Creighton field following the parade will start at 2:30 p. m.

Monday night there will be a concert at the hall under the direction of the Right Rev. John Turek. The concert will also be addressed by the Right Rev. Joseph A. Koudelka, Monsignor E. A. Jouska, the Rev. John Vranek and Joseph K. Proskocil.

Monday at 9:30 a. m. there will be a delegates' meeting at the hall. At 2:30 p. m. diplomas and medals will be presented to prize winners. At 9 p. m. there will be a banquet in the hall at which the speakers will be Archbishop J. J. Harty, Bishop Koudelka, Hynek, Dostal, Ac B. Havel, Joseph Simick and John I. Krawinkel. The banquet will follow Tuesday morning, the last of the convention, unfinished business will be taken up.

Request for Raise in Gas Rate Denied by Fremont. Fremont, Neb., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—The request of the Fremont Gas company for an increase in rates to \$2 a thousand cubic feet will be denied, Fremont city councilmen declared today, after the company had made its request last night.

The company asserts it is losing on its present rate of \$1.90 a thousand, which was allowed four months ago.

Greeley Citizen Editor Buys Wolbach Messenger. Wolbach, Neb., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Edward P. Curran, editor of the Greeley Citizen, today became the owner of the Wolbach Messenger. Miss Charlotte McFarland was the former owner. She will remain with the paper for a few months.

Holds Legion Office. Fremont, Neb., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Frank S. Perkins of Fremont has been reappointed finance officer of the state department of the American Legion by the new executive committee. He has held the office since the legion first organized in Nebraska.

### Baptist Ministers Hold First Retreat At Grand Island, Neb.

Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Between 75 and 100 Baptist ministers of Nebraska are gathered at the Grand Island college to attend a pastors' retreat of the Nebraska Baptist convention.

The retreat was arranged this year for the first time. The director-general of the retreat is Rev. H. C. Whitcomb, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church of Omaha.

The retreat was arranged for a means of getting before the Baptist ministers a program of the church's different departments.

Four objectives have been arranged for the year. They are as follows: One hundred expanded churches in Nebraska; Be "standard" churches in all our congregations; The highest standards as to religious education, young peoples work and women's missionary activities.

Second: Three hundred life enlistments for the ministry, missionary service or socialized religious activities.

Third: One thousand Baptist students of Nebraska in colleges this fall either in Nebraska, or other states.

Fourth: Five thousand baptisms in the Baptist churches in the state.

Athletic Director to Wed Teacher of Fremont High. Fremont, Neb., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Fremont high school circles were interested today in the announcement of the marriage of the popular director of boys' athletics, H. R. Best, and Miss Ruth Merrick, teacher of English. The news of the marriage, following a romance that developed as both were teaching last year, was made known when Mr. Best brought his bride to the city today for the fall term of school.

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Aspirant for Utah Office, Son of Beatrice Resident. Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Suart Dobbis, an old Beatrice boy, has been nominated as candidate for attorney general of Utah on the democratic ticket, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dobbis.

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#### Union Decides Upon Appeal to Win New Wage Scale, Postponing General Walk-out.

Decision of the street railway commission denying requested 13-cent hourly wage increase to Omaha street car men will be appealed to the state supreme court, the trainmen decided at meetings Wednesday. No action was taken on the strike issue.

Ben Short, business agent for the union, maintains the strike vote, carried several weeks ago, has not been rescinded and the executive committee therefor retains authority to order a walkout at any time.

Asa H. Bigelow, attorney for the union, urged the decision to appeal, telling the men a strike without an appeal would be stopped by an injunction, which would be more difficult to obtain after an appeal to the supreme court.

About 250 men were present at the night meeting, which was held behind closed doors and lasted until midnight.

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### BISHOP SHAYLER HOME FROM BIG LONDON MEETING

#### Episcopal Conference Favors World League "With Reservations"—Tells of Feeling Toward Ireland.

Bishop Ernest V. Shayler of the Episcopalian diocese, who has been in London for the last two months attending the Lambeth conference of bishops held at Lambeth palace of the archbishop of Canterbury in London, arrived home yesterday.

The conference was the largest held for many years and included bishops from Central Africa, Australia and the far north. The "bishop of the North pole" was there.

Most important of the questions discussed at this conference, held for discussing and solving present-day problems, was the "league of nations."

The conclusion reached by the conference was "A league of nations should be adopted which should embrace in its fellowship all the nations of the world and prevent further wars." Bishop Shayler said the conference favored a league, "not the one under discussion at present perhaps, but a league with reservations."

He was in England at the time of the commencement of the hunger strikes and says England holds to the idea that "if every law breaker in the jails of England were to choose to starve himself to death, he should be allowed to do so." The attempt of Manly to martyr himself receives very little sympathy in England, he said.

According to prominent Englishmen with whom he discussed the Irish rebellion, Bishop Shayler found the idea prevalent that Ireland will never receive its entire freedom, if for one reason only, that if it were to do so the entire west coast of England would be unprotected.

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