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### REPORTS AND ELECTIONS

PRINCIPALLY THE BUSINESS OF THE LUTHERANS YESTERDAY.

#### TO BUILD A NEW SEMINARY.

The United Norwegian Lutheran Church Will Build a New One, to Take the Place of the Augsburg, Either in Minneapolis or St. Paul—Casting About for the Location.

Rev. O. Gullbrandson, of Montevideo, yesterday opened the morning session of the United church conference at the auditorium by reading Matthew xxv.

After the minutes of the previous session had been approved, Prof. E. G. Lund obtained the floor, and called attention to the fact that between three and four hundred thousand communicant members of different Lutheran churches in this country belong to an organization known as "the general council," and also suggested that it might be both pleasant and profitable for the United church to come into fraternal relations to the general council. He finally announced that Rev. C. A. Swenson, Ph. D., the president of the general council, was present, and President G. Hoyne introduced that gentleman to the audience. Rev. Swenson, who was "born among the old stumps of Pennsylvania," has the reputation of being "the most eloquent Swede in America," sustained his reputation as an orator in a short speech, in which he brought friendly greetings from the general council, and expressed a desire that as many Lutherans as possible should stand shoulder to shoulder in an organization like the one he represented and feel the bond of fellowship. He also spoke of the progress of the Lutheran church, and stated that on the average one new Lutheran church is dedicated every day in the year, and the growth of this church in America had been 60 per cent in a certain given time, while the growth for the same period shown by the most progressive non-Lutheran denomination was only 34 per cent. In Rev. Swenson's opinion the Lutheran church occupies the "whole-some center" between the extremes of Puritanism, with its infidelity, and Catholicism, with its bigotry.

One hundred and twenty names were added to the roll of lay delegates and seven to that of ministers and professors, making the whole number of lay voters 382, and that of ministers 146.

At the Kirkell, Rev. Abraham Jacobson and T. Sanderson were given the privilege of the floor.

The secretary of the United church, Rev. J. W. Kildahl, of Chicago, submitted his annual report, in which the following statistics were given:

Number of congregations formally belonging to the United church, 727; 891 others served by ministers of the United church, 1,024.

Thirty-one new churches have been organized and fourteen dissolved during the year. The 1,024 churches have a membership of 167,830 communicants. Number of ministers belonging to the United church, exactly 300, and those of other churches entitled to vote at the meeting, 29,834.

Number of divine services, 29,834. Increase of 1,414 for the year, making an average of 100 services for each minister, and 29 for each congregation. There are 703 church buildings, 230 of which were erected during the year. Twelve thousand nine hundred and seventy-one children have been baptized, and 3,985 young people confirmed. Only about one-third of the members have been to holy communion during the year, and of this the secretary said it was "too sad to be expressed."

4,013 Sunday school teachers have been at work, and 561 churches have parochial schools; 340 churches have both Sunday and week day schools, and 344 churches have neither. Number of school children, 28,000.

Hon. Lars Swenson, the treasurer, also read a lengthy report, showing that the endowment fund now amounts to \$80,823.43, and the interest received from this source is \$4,902.57. The pleasant feature of this report was that relating to the removal of the debt of the church. A year ago the church decided to raise \$40,000, but at first the subscriptions came in at a despairingly slow rate. In the course of time, however, the people began to take courage, and the result was that the grand total raised amounts to \$42,857.94. In connection with the review of this work the treasurer mentioned the names of Mrs. Lena Dahl, of Stoughton, Wis., and Iver Larson, of Decorah, Ia., in particular. Three hundred and seventy-seven churches have not contributed one cent to this amount, and many of these were the very ones which would carp and criticize the work of the United church. Mr. Swenson recommended that the conference move cautiously in making new appropriations, and thought many of the institutions of the church ought to be supported by the people of the localities where they are situated, thus relieving the United church of their burdens. He further estimated the running expenses for the coming year at \$8,800.

The buildings belonging to the United church are worth \$50,000, and the Augsburg Publishing house \$40,000, which, added to the endowment fund of \$80,000, makes a total of \$170,000.

The election of the committee on nomination resulted as follows:

Rev. G. Rasmussen, 791 votes; Edmund Wing, 78; Rev. Th. Eggen, 197; Rev. T. H. Dahl, 208; Rev. O. Wilson, 145; Rev. W. Bo, 60; Knute Thompson, 100; Erik Hadland, 166; Rev. E. A. Hartmann, 50; Sven Strand, 41. Total number of votes cast, 340. Rev. G. Rasmussen, Rev. T. Eggen, Rev. T. H. Dahl, Knute Thompson and Erik Hadland were declared elected members of this, the most important of all committees.

Rev. P. Dreyer, of Harmony, Minn., led in prayer at the opening of the afternoon session, and Rev. J. T. Evans, the district superintendent of the American Bible society, was introduced by the president and made a few remarks in regard to the society he represented.

### IMPERTINENT McCARDY.

HE ARROGATES LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO HIMSELF, AND IS SNUBBED BY MAYOR.

#### The City Council Advised to Discharge Their Official Duties Regardless of the Dominating Committee—Committees Appointed in Both Branches—Republicans Refuse to Pay the Street Laborers—Outrageous Usurpation.

The board of aldermen held a session last night, the special order of the evening being the approval of the pay rolls of the street and sewer forces. The total amount involved amounted to \$5,311.

Before any action could be taken on the question the clerk stated that he had a communication from the mayor and the comptroller, both of which were read.

The mayor's letter was as follows: To the President and Members of the Assembly and Board of Aldermen, Gentlemen: I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the city comptroller addressed to the mayor in relation to business transactions involving the expenditure of public funds.

In doing so I desire to call your attention to the fact that you are the legally constituted legislative bodies of the city, with full power to discharge your public functions according to your understanding of them, and for the best interests of the people whom you have been chosen to represent.

Without instructions from the comptroller or the representative of any other co-ordinate branch of the city government.

I do not deem it any part of my duty, either in compliance with the suggestion of the comptroller or otherwise, to interfere with your prerogatives, which I apprehend you will continue to discharge, at least until such time as the courts shall have decided that you are not legally organized. If they should so decide, I am, of course, respectfully,

ROBERT A. SMITH, Mayor.

Comptroller McCurdy's communication was brief. It said:

"Hon. R. A. Smith, Mayor, City—Dear Sir: I am informed that there has been a meeting called for this evening by the assembly and board of aldermen. I am also informed that proceedings have been commenced in the supreme court, which question the right of some gentlemen to act as members of the assembly, and while that question remains unsettled, I beg respectfully to suggest that no business be transacted involving the expenditure of money. Respectfully,

"J. J. McCURDY."

Mr. Markham arose and said that it was unusual to pay the pay rolls of the street and sewer forces more than twice a month. This meeting had been called specially for that purpose, and there was a regular meeting on next Tuesday evening. A question as to the organization of the assembly was now pending before the supreme court, and until that question was determined it was the duty of the council to refrain from the measures appropriating money. The board of aldermen should avoid, if possible, all classes and conflicts with any other part of the city government. There was no apparent necessity or urgency why these pay rolls should be passed so especially as they only covered a single week, instead of half a month, as has been the custom heretofore.

The question was put to a vote and lost 7 to 3, the seven Democrats voting aye and Ald. Markham, Milham and Lindahl all Republicans, no.

As it requires eight votes to pass a pay roll, the three Republican aldermen took the resolution of refusing to pay the poor men who work upon the streets.

Chief of Police Clark sent in a communication asking the appropriation of \$200 for his contingent fund. The communication explained that on May 27 \$200 was voted for the chief's contingent fund. Mr. Garvin had drawn this money on the 18th inst., it was not available for the present chief.

President Brady then announced the following standing committees, after which the board adjourned:

Ways and Means—Ald. Hare, Markham, Ehrmanntraut, Uimer, Kartak, Murphy, Wolf, Uimer, Lindahl, Milham, Ehrmanntraut.

Streets, Sewers and Bridges—Ald. Uimer, Murphy, Hare, Wolf, Markham, Lindahl, Milham.

Taxes—Ald. Montgomery, Kartak, Hare.

Printing—Ald. Murphy, Markham, Wolf.

Police—Ald. Wolf, Ehrmanntraut, Murphy, Lindahl, Mr. President.

License—Ald. Kartak, Wolf, Murphy, Public Buildings, City Property and Markets—Ald. Murphy, Milham, Uimer.

Ordnances and Public Accounts—Ald. Ehrmanntraut, Hare, Markham, Gas and Water—Ald. Kartak, Murphy, Lindahl.

Parks—Ald. Wolf, Milham, Murphy, Hare, Montgomery, Uimer, Lindahl, Workhouse—Ald. Lindahl, Ehrmanntraut, Kartak.

Legislation—Ald. Markham, Montgomery, Milham, Hare, Ehrmanntraut, Uimer, Kartak.

Requisitions—Ald. Milham, Kartak, Uimer.

### THE ASSEMBLY MEET.

President Van Slyke Appoints a Standing Committee on Rules—The assembly was called to order immediately after the aldermen had adjourned.

The committee on rules made its report and recommended the adoption of the same. The new rules are practically the same as in force before. The only change made was the increase of the membership of the committee on gas from three to five, and that on streets from six to seven members.

The report of the committee was adopted.

President Van Slyke then announced the following standing committees: Joint Court House and City Hall—William Banholzer, assembly; Joseph

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