

IT WOULD NOT BE FAIR

EMMETTE SIMPSON PROTESTS AGAINST NEW BOARD OF CONTROL BILL

IT WOULD PLACE THE BLIND AND DEAF IN THE SAME CLASS WITH CRIMINALS AND IMBECILS

Mr. and Mrs. Emmette W. Simpson of Spring Valley were in the city this week and Mr. Simpson left the following letter, which is a protest against a bill that has been introduced in the legislature to combine the penal and charitable institutions of the state under one board of control. Mr. Simpson will champion the cause of the blind and deaf still more by making an appeal to Senator Murphy and Representative Chas. Lander. He knows how to make the appeal for Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are both deaf and dumb. But still they live well and are happy.

Mr. Simpson's letter is as follows:

Editor Republican: There is a bill before the Kansas state legislature providing for a board of control for all the state charitable and penal institutions.

The institutions that would come under the control of the board are as follows: The penitentiary at Lansing, the boys reformatory at Hutchinson, the girls' reformatory at Beloit, the state insane hospitals at Topeka, Osawatomie and Parsons, the school for the feeble minded at Winfield, the school for the blind at Kansas City and the school for the deaf at Olathe. The last two are purely educational institutions. In the past as at present the last two, with the school for the feeble minded and the insane hospitals have been under a board known as the board of control. The insane hospitals were and are still referred to by many as asylums and the school for the deaf was spoken of as the deaf and dumb asylum. The deaf of Kansas objected to the designation and the legislature amended the statutes in relation to the institution so it would be named the Kansas state school for the deaf. Reform went farther and the insane asylums became state hospitals.

Thus it is readily seen by any one that institutions all under one board of control were designated by one common name—asylums. The experience of the past has not been forgotten by the deaf. The proposed bill is a rank injustice to the deaf and the blind. When the school was under the board that also controlled the insane institutions it was referred to as an asylum. That was bad enough. The present administration wants to make a record in economy and to add the criminals and imbeciles to the same class is ten times worse. Many people refer to the school for the deaf as a charitable institution. These selfsame people would be highly incensed if told that the University of Kansas, the Agricultural college and the Normal school were charitable institutions. As a matter of fact the University receives more from the state than the school for the deaf and the school for the blind combined. At the school for the deaf the pupils are taught all the branches taught in the public schools. In addition the boys are taught printing, cabinet making, carpentry, shoe and harness making, baking, barbering and out door work. The girls are taught dress making, cooking and other useful occupations. The blind are taught piano tuning, broom making and other useful occupations. The two schools aim to fit their respective pupils to earn their own livelihood and become useful citizens after leaving school.

Any fair minded person can readily see that the two schools should not be classed with the penal and insane institutions. Kansas is behind other states. They have not given the deaf their just dues. Colorado has one school for both the deaf and the blind located at one place, while Kansas having a greater number of deaf and blind has two separate schools.

Retiring Governor Buchtel of Colorado, Chancellor of the University of Denver and one of the most progressive educators of the west, says in part of his message to the Colorado legislature:

The Colorado school for the deaf and blind is an educational institution. The institution was founded to furnish education and training for two defective classes of children who cannot be provided for in the ordinary public schools. They are not defective or delinquent in morals. Usually these deaf and blind children are children of the finest moral fiber. But it is an educational institution and not a penal or a reformatory institution. I wish it were possible for you to make some classification which would locate this institution definitely with the educational institution of the state.

His words are a refreshing contrast to the plans of the Governor of Kansas for a mistaken idea of economy. I sincerely hope every fair minded person will see that justice is done the deaf and the blind by using their influence to have the bill amended so as to leave out the two schools.

Emmette W. Simpson

ALL BUT THE SIGNATURE

REAPPORTIONMENT THEN MADE A LAW

THROUGH THE SENATE FIRST—AFFECTS TEN COUNTIES IN THE WEST

Topeka, Jan. 28.—All the reapportionment bill needs is the signature of Governor Stubbs and it will become a law. The Senate passed the bill last week and the House passed it after grinding away on it for four hours. The vote on the measure in the House was 84 for to 36 against.

The counties affected by the reapportionment are Brown, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Franklin and Osage. These counties each have two representatives and they have fewer inhabitants than any of the other counties having two representatives each. The counties given representation by the bill are Morton, Seward, Stanton, Haskell and Greeley.

The bill as passed does not disturb any other parts of the state than those mentioned above.

BRISTOW IS SENATOR.

ELECTION IN LEGISLATURE TUESDAY—TAKES HIS OFFICE MARCH 4.

Topeka, Jan. 28.—With all the formality incident to the election of United States senator, J. L. Bristow, at noon yesterday, declared himself duly elected senator from Kansas to succeed Senator Chester I. Long.

Washington, March 4. The term which he is declared elected is for six years, ending March 4, 1915. The election of Senator Bristow took place Tuesday, when the ballots were cast by the members of the House and Senate in separate session. But the constitution requires a joint session such as was held yesterday to ratify the election.

WELLINGTON ORGANIZES

IS READY FOR THE STATE BALL LEAGUE.

Wellington, Kan., Jan. 28.—A joint stock company was organized here last night to put a Wellington ball team in the field this season in the Central Kansas league. The \$300 guarantee fund was raised and the Wellington team has been duly admitted into the league. The first board of directors is composed of Frank E. Knowlton, E. A. Finch, Bradley Geline, W. Savage and Bert Mertindale.

There's nothing gratifies a girl so much as the beaux she has, whether she has them or not.

There's nothing sloop about so fellows till you want them to go back a loan.

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