

IMPERIAL THEATRE

Saturday, December 27

"Broken Blossoms"

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While in Denver I had the privilege of seeing "Broken Blossoms" at a private screening: As a judge of pictures I do not hesitate to say that this production is unquestionably a Masterpiece.—H. A. DuBuque.

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION NOTES

Lincoln.—The convention has adopted in part a resolution submitted by Pollard of Cass, aimed to govern the manner in which the assembly should act regarding proposals and the final method in which the proposals should be submitted to the people of the state for approval. The proposal provides that the convention shall proceed upon the theory of amending the present constitution, rather than drafting a new instrument, and that the standing committees shall observe the following principles:

"First: Full recognition of all personal and property rights.
"Second: So far as consistent, the elimination of all legislative matter.
"Third: Whenever articles or subdivisions of articles are amended, changing the substance thereof or entirely new matter is introduced, said articles, subdivisions or new matter shall be submitted to the people separately and in such manner that if defeated the old articles or subdivisions of the present constitution shall remain intact."

The convention adopted without change all of the resolution excepting the third section, which was referred to the committee on schedules.

Among the proposals before the convention is one by Byrum of Franklin and Jackson of Nuckolls, which proposes a reorganizing of the civil government of the state, eliminating centralized power such as is placed in the governor's hands by the code bill. The proposal, which is attracting a great deal of attention, provides for ten departments as follows: Public welfare; public lands and buildings; labor; trade and commerce; finance; law; agriculture; public works; education; accounts; public utilities. The head of the department of public welfare would be the governor, with a salary of \$6,000 a year. The proposal would cut down the number of elective state officers to the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, treasurer and auditor.

The scale of compensation fixed by the committee in charge of this feature of the convention, allows Secretary Barnard \$10 a day; two assistants \$8 a day each; stenographers and engraving clerks, \$6; sergeant-at-arms, postmaster, custodian of cloak room, assistant sergeant-at-arms, mimeographer, chaplain, janitor, bill room clerks and proof readers, \$5 a day each, and the two pages, \$3 a day each.

Svoboda of Howard county has submitted a proposal which he claims will be pushed with vigor, calling for the election of state senators for a term of four years, one-half elected every two years and makes the number 34 instead of 33, as at present. It also divides the state into that number of districts. House members remain the same with terms of two years and the pay fixed at \$10 a day.

President Weaver of the convention has been informed that committees containing some of the ablest members of the convention will have very little work to do, in some instances practically none, while other committees are already swamped with work.

Members of the convention generally appear to be in favor of a resolution submitted by Davies of Boyd, which would elect supreme judges by districts and the chief justice of the supreme court by the entire state.

Abolishment of the state board of control and the state railway commission is the outstanding feature of a proposal introduced in the convention by A. H. Byrum and George Jackson.

Jury service for Nebraska women is provided for in a proposal by A. H. Byrum, Bloomington. He would also permit verdicts by less than twelve members of a jury.

The first 103 proposals introduced in the convention have been returned from the printer and were distributed to their respective committees last week for consideration.

W. H. Fitzer, Nebraska City, has submitted a proposal for a state industrial commission of labor, trade and commerce, to consist of three members appointed by the governor.

Proposals for a recall law, applicable to all elective officials, and a workable initiative and referendum law have been introduced by J. N. Norton, Polk county.

The convention voted to invite W. J. Bryan, former secretary of state, to address the convention at a date to suit his convenience.

Bigelow, of Douglas county, introduced a proposal which would allow Omaha and Douglas county to consolidate their governments, in a manner to be provided by law.

The convention will be asked to authorize the state and municipalities to operate and establish public utilities and industrial enterprises whenever empowered to do so by a vote of the people.

Delegate Scott of Chase county is the father of a resolution before the convention which would abolish the indeterminate sentence law and forbid any official taking any action which would shorten the sentence of a prisoner, except the usual good time allowance.

—Some interesting results of rotation and tillage experiments at the state experimental substation at North Platte are given in bulletin 155 of the Nebraska agricultural experiment station. It was found, for instance, that alternate cropping and summer tillage was less profitable in the production of corn and spring grain than ordinary methods of production. This system did, however, during some unfavorable years increase production and thus serve as a partial insurance against total crop failure. The bulletin deals with the growing of all kinds of crops and treatment of the soil in western Nebraska. Ask for "Rotation and Tillage Methods in Western Nebraska," bulletin 155, addressing request to the College of Agriculture, Lincoln.

—"Pork and Beef," bulletin No. 52, is the name of a Nebraska college of agriculture publication which deals with butchering on the farm. Another publication on the same subject which should be in the hands of every farm woman is "Woman's Part in Home Butchering," food circular No. 35. The United States de-

partment of agriculture also has published a bulletin dealing with butchering, called "Killing Hogs and Curing Pork," farmers' bulletin 913. These three valuable bulletins may be obtained free by writing the College of Agriculture, Lincoln.

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