# EXPOSURE OF THE DARK LANTERN ORDER D. J. Burgese. And two democrats, members of the A. P. A., to be recommended by the executive committee of the A. P. A. G. R. ARMSTRONG.

Government of the City of Omaha and the elected, two democrats, unnamed, but to be County of Douglas Usurped by a Star Chamber Combine.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCES OF POLITICAL CONSPIRACY

All Applications for Political Preferment Made Directly to the Executive Committee of the A. P. A. Instead of to the Officers Duly · Elected by the People to Represent Their Will and to Protect the Public Interests.

Who governs Cmaha and Douglas county? Who constitutes the real government of our city m.d county? Who determines the nominations to be made by the different party John L. Carr. 3323 Davenport; fifth, Charles conventions? For some time it has been Djureen, Twenty-ninth and Farnam; sixth, known that it was not the people but a cotorie of eath-bound political schemers organized into a secret star-chamber order that it. was in reality attempting to conduct our local government in their own private interest. It has been known that edicts of this dark- HOW CANDIDATES ARE DICTATED. lantern order were accepted by its members as having the force of law and that commands from the dervish council were executed by A. P. A. public officials with a deference not accorded a unanimous request of heir real constituents. It was known that gen and women were blacklisted in these without opportunity of being heard, were unno one could seek appointment to minor positions who did not have an endorsement ling'report of a subcommittee, No. 7: from Council 125. All this was known, or at

original manuscripts. They are written by men high in the ranks of the dark-lantern junta. They have been examined by persons familiar with their handwriting and there is no possibility of disputing their genuineness. Any one who honestly doubts the identity of the documents may examine them in The Bee office.

papers the political work of the A. P. A. is performed chiefly through conference com-mittees and subcommittees of thes committees. For example we have in fac-simile No. 1 the credentials of the representatives of Council No. 12, duly signed, as follows:

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age of the newly elected officials has to be years. Yours respectfully, WILLIAM FARR.

P. Aism is the only test of fitness. Demo-crats may aspire to appointment under re-publicans and republicans under democrats,

cause more numerous. But the applications for appointment are not made to the mayor.

except for form. They are made directly to the conference committee and read just as if it were this committee that has the offices of the office of city license impactor, in the bestow. In illustration, read the following application, No. 10, of Ira C. Bachelor for the position of city prosecutor:

G. R. YOUNG, D. V. S.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 18, 1831—To the Conference Committee of the American Protective Association—Friends: I am a candidate for the office of city license impactor, in the position of city prosecutor:

To the Confirmed Committee 89 the application to your continues for the pression of the Prosecution your of the grands

No. 10—
To the Conference Committee of the A. P.
A.:—I, the undersigned, hereby make application to your committee for the position of the American Protective association since Soptember of this year. I have been a member of the

city prosecutor. Yours, F. P. P.

I. C. BACHELOR.
There were other contestants for this place, both democrats and republicans, as witness decements No. 11 and No. 12:

NO. 11—

Of this city for the last two and one-half years, and, if appointed to the office mentioned, will devote my whole time and attention to the duties of the same and will promise that no act of mine will cause you to regret any endorsement that you

Committee, A. P. A., 321 Omaha National Bank Building, City—Gentlemen: Being a member of Council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the committee of the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the committee of the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the committee of the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you the council No. 9, I beg leave to inform you th

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named by the executive committee of the A. P. A., now so loud in calling for the support of a straight party tieket, compelled every republican who voted for Armstrong for city clerk to vote for two A. P. A. democrats to whom appointments in the city clerk's office were promited in a case of his agreement at the committee.

NO. 15—
OFFICE OF CITY GAS INSPECTOR, OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 5, 1891.—Fred Anderson, Esq., Omaha, Neb.—Dear Sir: Enclosed please find copy of my application for the position of city gas inspector with statement attached thereto. The same is very respect, fully submitted for the consideration of the committee.

JAMES GILBERT, named by the executive committee of the A. ised in case of his success at the polls. Party loyalty counts for nothing in comparison to devotion to A. P. A. spoilegetting.

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APPOINTING POWER USURPED.

Applicants for Places Under Mayor

Address the Conference Committee.

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order secure a slice. In this distribution the

question of party loyalty does not enter. A.

provided only they can secure the endorse-

mayor are the principal points of attack, be-

city prosecutor. Yours, F. P. P. I. C. BACHELOR.

form you that I am an applicant for the office of city prosecutor and to ask your support and recommendation therefor, if The i

upon investigation you shall find me worthy of your favor. Respectfully yours,

OMAHA, Nov. 10, 1891.—Conference Com-mittee, the A. P. A.—Gentlemen: I have this day presented my name to the mayor-

elect, George P. Bemis, as an applicant for the office of city prosecutor. As a member in good standing of Rescue No. 1 and being

qualified. I believe, to fill the position, I de-sire to ask your aid and assistance in securing

But city prosecutor was not the only gift

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CHARLES K. CRALLE.

ment of our governors in star chamber.

position of city prosecutor:

The duties of the committees are not ex-

D. J. Burgess.

And two democrats, members of the A. P.
A., to be recommended by the executive committee of the A. P. A.

G. R. ARMSTRONG.

Witness: M. H. Redfield, Fred Anderson.

This infamous document pledges a republican candidate to appoint as his clerks, if elected, two democrats, unnamed, but to be named by the executive committee of the A.

NO. 14—

OMAHA. Nov. 10, 1891.—Conference Committee, A. P. A., City—Gentlemen: I herewith bg leave to call your attention to the fact that I am an applicant for the position of inspector of buildings of the city of Omaha and ask the favor of your influence with the mayor and council-elect toward the securing of my appointment thereto. Respectfully yours.

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OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 30, 1801.—Members of the Conference Committee, A. P. A.—Gentle-

men: I desire to inform you that I am seek-

ing the appointment of city meat inspector under the Honorable George P. Bemis, mayor-

elect of our city, and I request you to use your influence in my behalf according to the

rules you may make in reference to the ap-plications of the friends of our order. Having been a practical butcher for the last thirty

1511 CALIFORNIA STREET, OMAHA,

Nov. 9, 1891.—Gentlemen of the Conference Committee: I am a candidate for the office

resident and practicing veterinary surgeon in Omaha for five years last past. Trusting my

application may merit your approval and subsequent recommendation, I remain, gentle men, respectfully yours.

G. R. YOUNG, D. V. S.

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The petitions referred to are attached and

superintendent of plumbing. My pase, as well as my present experience in that capacity 1 can assure your committee. I am competent in overy respect and in every detail. I have been in the plumbing business for the past five years and can furnish your committee with the best of reference from the best business more of this city. My close of the state of t business men of this city. My place of business office is 323 North Fifteenth street. I am a member of Council No. I and a resident for twenty years of this city, and reside in the Sixth ward. Hoping that you will give this application due consideration, I am respectfully.

JAMES R. BARNACLE.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 12, 1891.-To the mem-Gentlemen—Being an applicant for a position under the plumbing inspector, I would respectfully ask your endorsement. Very respectfully yours, CARL CARLSON,

2922 Davenport street.

H. L. DAY STORMET AND COUNTELOW AT LAW. STO NEW YORK LIFE BURNING.

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- CITY GAS INSPECTOR. -

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to place in your hands my application as material. The patronage of the Board of yours in F. P. & P.

Friend Winspear: Will you put me Down for Sidewalk Inspector or a Possion of Trust, and abldge. N. STEVENS. 1908 North Thirty-third Street, City.

3320 Ruggles Street, Omaha, Nov. 8, '91.-James H. Winspear, Esq., Chairman of the Conference Committee. Dear Sir: We, the subscribers hereto, would respectfully repre-sent to your honorable body that we have in our midst a "Friend" whom we desire shall under the plumbing inspector, I would respectfully ask your endorsement. Very respectfully yours. CARL CARLSON,

NO. 22—
3320 Ruggles Street, Omaha. Nov. 28, 1891. Chairman Conference Committee. Sir: Enclosed please find copy of an application which has been forwarded to Hon. George P. Bemis, mayor-elect. I respectfully submit the same for your information, and with a view of securing the aid and assistance of your committee in my behalf. I have been induced to make this application by my

GEORGE EDWARD WILSON, J. H. GLENDENNING, A. GAVIN, A. PETERSON.
JOHN H. HOBART.
NO. 26—
OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 15, 1891.—Gentlemen

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 15, 1891.—Gentlemen of the A. P. A. Conference Committee: 'I apply for position of sidewalk inspector this day and desire your assistance in securing same. I refer you to Cyrus Morton (dem.), Jeff Megeath (dem.), George W. Ames, Jr., (dem.), J. W. Eller (rep.) and John C. Thempson Respectfully, JOHN E. BONEWITZ. This letter is printed on a letter head of

he American. Employes of the health department who want to retain their positions apparently require the A. P. A. endorsement or document No. 27, written on the letterhead of the commissioner of health, was an unnecessary or re- formality:

OMAHA, Dec. 7, 1891.—Conference Committee A. P. A.—Gentlemen and Friends: I am an applicant for the city office of sanitary commissioner. Have been an employe of the city of Omaha since June 4, 1884, having city of Omaha since June 4, 1884, having been connected with the health department nearly seven years, and am at present a sanitary inspector of said department. I am a republican, a resident of the Ninth ward and a member of council No. 1, A. P. A. My application has been presented to the honorable mayor-elect. I most respectfully ask that your honorable body will examine my past record as a city official and if it should meet your approval that you will give me your endorsement and support in this matter. I am yours respectfully,

HENRY W. PETTIT,

Room 51, Barker Block.

The office of the city comptroller, to whose incompetence and negligence a large share of the responsibility for the late treasury defalcation has been charged up, was also regarded as the legitimate province for the operations of the A. P. A. conference com-

mittee. One of the old employes of the office, who later was given a place as chief bookkeeper for ex-Treasurer Bolln, writes this long communication on the letterhead of the comptroller, No. 28: NO. 28-NO. 28—
OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 14, 1891.—Dear Sirt In the matter of deputy comptroller, which seems to be a bone of contention, would like to lay before your committee what is believed to be a just claim, based on facts and experience, viz. That J. W. Fead is entitled to the place from the fact that he has grown up with the office since August, 1887, and is familiar with the details and requirements thereof. The office is responsible for all fee

He g I by leave to inform you that I am an applicant for the of ask of our buffort of meaning time your shall find me worthy of your fivor And friends on the outside as well as members of our organization, and now that I have offered myself as a candidate I hope to win, and in order to do so I come to xour committee and sak your consideration and co-operation. I have been a member of council No. 5 and has proven himself loyal to council No. 1 since and sak your consideration and co-operation. I have been a member of council No. 5 and has proven himself loyal to council No. 1 since and short time after its organization and have worked hard and conscientiously for the success of the order, and whether I get the popayable out of same experience is absolutely FAC - SIMILE OF DOCUMENT NO. 15 Decessary. In politics I am a democrat, but this appointment is a matter of business which has been the policy of this office in the past as regards appointments. Respectfully yours. I. W. FEAD. FRED ANDERSON, Esq., Secretary.

Still another applicant, who later received the appointment in the city treasurer's office which he asked for, humbly requested the privilege of seeking employment in this well endorsed communication, No. 29:

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 25, 1891.—To the Honorable Conference Committee, A. P. A. City—Friends: I take the privilege of making the following application, and submitting the same to your kind consideration: I am anxious and desirous of offering my-

self as a candidate for a position, either in the county sheriff's or in the city treasurer's office. I should prefer a position in the sheriff's office, as I served in a similar capacity for four years and consider myself better qualified, although a good number of my friends would also like to see me connected with the treasurer's office. Hoping that this will meet with your approval and sanction, I remain. Your friend,

FRANK W. BANDHAUER. We, the undersigned members of the A. P. A., take the pleasure in recommending Friend Bandhauer for a position in either of the offices as herein mentioned, without any hesi-tancy, and we hope that this will meet with success. Yours.

DOCUMENT NO. 30

JOHN MATTHIESEN. JOHN J. HELLER. JOHN N. WESTBERG. ERNEST STUHT, C. J. CANAN, JOHN C. THOMPSON.

## sition I seek or not I stand ready to work sideration, not because he is a democrat, or just as hard again. I have not previously aspired for any political office and would not the sideration, but because he is an American citizen, are the same that were submitted to the mayor by Cox. FAC - SIMILE

# capable and worthy. If you can do anything for him as members of the A. P. A. well and good, but if not, we would be pleased to have DOCUMENT NO. 19

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fromorable body my application for the Office of Sciente Sucheter. The body morable was was for the Office of Sciente Sucheter. To be and was recently charman of the both ward delegation to the city consumation. I having entered the pervices of the Union Pachic Dail Wood Dompany as an appendix is the Mouth of November 1869. aild continued witheir pervice up to the present time! careful consideration. This your careful consideration. Themains putfally Miles D. Love N.

do so now but for the fact that I lost my position at the shops, which had taken about six years to attain, on account of my con-nection with the A. P. A. I am now em-ployed in the office of the auditor of dis-bursements at Union Pacific headquarters, but owing to promotion being somewhat slow I have decided to strike out and better my condition if possible, hence my application to the mayor-elect. If, therefore, I have done anything in working for our institution to recommend me to your consideration, I shall be pleased if you will be kind enough to sup port my application and use your influence to that end. I am, etc., yours in F. P. & P. GEORGE E. WILSON.

Reavest name, John C. Lutie

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ward. Please let me know where I can get Yours, etc., CHARLES J. JOHNSON

One Hybrid Committee Manages the Conventions of All Political Parties. But the business transacted by these councils, advisory boards and conference committees is of a most varied character. In fact this dark lantern order, acting behind barred doors through oathbound members and secret conclaves on account of their religion delegates, has usurped to itself the entire power of the regularly constituted governcen incolously turned out of the public em- ment. Its decrees anticipate and supplant floyment which they were faithfully and those of the caucuses, primaries and convenefficiently fulfilling, and turned adrift, while tions. Not only does it assume to regulate others of less merit but with dervish back- and control the primaries and conventions ing were retained and promoted and given of the republican party, but of all parties. disposed of and it is the mission of the A. P. pay in excess of the value of the service per- | One committee alone, composed of members formed. It was known that in certain offices pretending allegiance to different political to which A. P. A. officials had been elected. parties, undertakes to dictate to all parties. An illustration of this is found in the follow-

any rate surmised, but just how these in-fluences did their work and how the machinery of the proscriptive combine was operated has been until now merely a matter of confecture.

Documents are now in the possession of The Bee which throw a flood of light upon

The Bee which throw a flood of light upon the methods of the A. P. A. in Omaha and clis are proposing by proper action to confer Douglas county. These documents are all upon this committee the necessary authority

M. H. REDFIELD, R. W. GIBSON, J. H. WINSPEAR, E. S. EMMONS.

This committee, it will be noticed, declined to act until it had received the proper author. FAC - SIMILE OF DOCUMENT NO. 10 ity, Steps were, however, taken to give it that authority, as witness the following, No 8, duly signed and stamped with the seal of Omaha council No. 5:

NO. 8-Shall executive power be granted to the conference committee in the management of

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OMAHA. OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 20, 1891.—We bereby certify that the following named per-sons have been duly selected to represent Council No. 12: Henry C, Akin, Charles H. Howes, George Woodard.

HENRY C. AKIN, President. CHARLES S. HUNTINGTON, Secretary. Again this one, No. 2, regarding the organization:

on to the conference committee.

ARTHUR A. WINTER, Sec.

No. 3 is the certificate of the representation of Grant council No. 8: NO. 3-OMAHA, Neb., June 5, 1891-To the Conference Committee of the A. P. A.: This is to certify that M. H. Redfield has been duly

elected as one of the committee to represent Grant Council No. 8 of Omaha, Neb., in the general council committee. 1. C. BACHELOR, Secretary. No. 4 is the certificate of representation of South Omaha council, No. 2:

NO. 4-SOUTH OMAHA, Aug. 29, '91.-To the con-

munication is the endersement "Moved to accept. Adopted. Motion of G. H. Eckerman, Louis Faist filled vacancy 4th ward."

No. 6 is a list of Ninth ward leaders submitted for the information of one of the central authorities:

NO. 6—

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 26, 1891.—In consideration of the central authorities:

NO. 6—

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 5, 1892.—Charles Copley, Dear Friend:

As per agreement I Harry Counsman, first deputy.

Copley, Dear Friend:

My business as a grader has made me familiar with all the duties of this position. I have not now any contracts or business which would conflict with the proper discharge of my duties as such officer. With your endorsement I believe I could secure the appointment and I therefore respectfully request the same. Very respectfully.

ERNEST STUHT.

1891.

A. A. WINTER, Sec'y No. 5, Omaha, Neb.

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Here we have executive power granted to- it. I am, gentlemen, very respectfully yours, the conference committee composed of both democrats and republicans to manage the filling of a vacancy in the representation of caucuses, primaries and conventions of all of the new mayor of which the A. P. A. Council No. 5, under the official seal of that parties, the democratic, republican and popu- order assumed to have the disposal. Every list. Yet after this bybrid committee has member of the order who wanted any office

the coming campaign so far as the caucuses, primaries and conventions of the various par-ties are concerned? Adopted September 4,

## manipulated the action of these conventions, appointive by the mayor, from Ernest Stuht, compelled the ratification of nominations pre- who wanted to be a member of the Board of viously made in A. P. A. councils, the same Public Works; Sam Macleod, who aspired to

I had accurate power by granted the O orferance Domnitta in the management of the coming campaign so far as the cancuses, primaries of committees of the various parties are contained!

men come out publicly and insist that all be building inspector; James Gilbert, who

republicans or all democrats must support wanted reappointment as gas inspector, down

maha from South Omaha council No. 2.

C. P. MILLER, C. L. PORTER.

Pres., Sec.

This communication bears the official sec.

No. 5 is a paper relative to the resignation of a member of the advisory board.

No. 5.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Advisory Board of the A. P. A.: My resignation as captain of the Fourth ward is hereby placed in your hands. Please accept my thanks for the confidence reposed.

On the back of Mr. Zimerman's communication is the endorsement "Moved to manufaction is the endorsement "Moved to manufact

ference committee: This is to certify that
A. H. Miller has been appointed a member of the conference committee from South Omaha from South Omaha council No. 2.
C. P. MILLER.
C. L. PORTER.
As if this were not going far enough, the case follow, numbered from 13 to 22:

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James Gilbert Gas Inspector

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NO. 20—
The following is written on one of the letter heads of James R. Barnacle & Co., plumbers, 323 North Fifteenth street.

OMAHA, Neb., — 11, 1895—To the general conference committee of the American Protective association; Gentlemen—I desire appointing power of the mayor or not is impossible.

ONO. 20—
The following is written on one of the letter heads of James R. Barnacle & Co., plumbers, 323 North Fifteenth street.

Committee Doles Out Appointments All Through the City Hall.

Whether the position desired is within the protective association; Gentlemen—I desire appointing power of the mayor or not is impossible body shall decide upon. Awaiting your reply we are, gentlemen, fraternally giving its management into the hands of