

COOPER SHOP IN POLITICS

Part Played by a Penitentiary Plant in Plans of the Reformers.

BOODLE USED TO CHOKO COMPETITION

Testimony of M. D. Welch and Some of the Complications that Have Arisen in Connection with the Matter Since.

LINCOLN, Oct. 29.—(Special.)—Now that South Omaha is to have a new cooperative establishment, the story of how the manufacturing company at the state penitentiary has manipulated things in the past to prevent the putting in of a barrel-making plant at the great packing house center, is of peculiar interest. It is shown by the records that M. D. Welch was associated with C. W. Mosher in the cooperative business at the penitentiary six or seven years ago, and that these two gentlemen were very anxious to prevent any rival factory starting up in South Omaha. To retain a monopoly of the field, the partners a considerable sum of money, as is shown in the evidence brought out in a hand contract case entitled "Moser vs. Holdings," at which Welch was found guilty of perjury.

Buying Out Opposition.

Mr. Welch, in 1889 there was a rival cooperative establishment in Omaha to manufacture cooperage, and Mr. Mosher was fearful that it would injure his business, and he thought up to the extent that he took steps to stop the erection of that plant, and it cost us \$11,549.40, and I paid it for the Western Manufacturing company.

Question 167: Who did Mosher pay this money to? Answer: I paid it myself. Question 168: You paid it? Answer: The Western Manufacturing company.

Question 169: To whom did you pay the money? Answer: I paid it to one of the packing companies in South Omaha.

Question 170: State a little more definitely concerning this transaction. Answer: A hand contract that was made in its existence, that cooperage for 1890-1 that they might order to be paid at certain prices, and that was to bill for according to the invoice, and that there was to be a rebate at the first of every month of a certain sum that should be deducted from the shipments of the preceding month.

Question 171: These hand contracts were transferred in part payment and settlement of that amount which was advanced by the Western Manufacturing company? Answer: Yes, sir; it went in on this general indebtedness of his.

Mosher's Share of It.

Question 172: In what way did Mosher himself become liable for this amount? Answer: He agreed that if I would make this contract with these parties to stop this competitor from putting up a factory in Omaha that any time that I would want to do in doing so that he would personally stand, as he owned the bulk of the stock in the company and was more interested than I was in it, and I would like to have him absorb our trade and we would have a cooperative plant without any customers to ruin our cooperage business with that competitor there, because a big house would absorb our trade and we would have a cooperative plant without any customers to ruin our cooperage business with that competitor there.

Question 173: Did Mosher enter into a written contract that he would stand these rebates? Answer: No, sir. He didn't enter into a contract with the Western Manufacturing company. The only contract that was made was made between the Western Manufacturing company and the packing companies.

Question 174: How followed a series of questions and answers of a general nature relating to the business of the company in which Mr. Welch said that the benefit of the deal was that "we prevented a competitor from entering the field and thus giving us a monopoly of the business." He also said that the company paid dividends to Mosher during 1890 and 1891, those in 1890 being 2 per cent per month on the capital stock. In telling of losses sustained by the company he said "we lost what rebates we paid this party."

He admitted that the company made money during the years that the contract was in force, "but if we hadn't had to pay this out we would have made a good deal more."

Politics Involved in It.

There is considerable political significance connected with the record of the penitentiary Cooperage company since the retirement of Mosher. Welch stood very close to the present "reform officials" and in 1896 it is evident that the members of his company performed political services that entitled them to more than ordinary consideration at the hands of the state board. At any rate it is certain that last winter when the warden of the penitentiary placed before the board plans for the operation of the business by the state, the board referred

Wardens' Suggestions and Renewed the Contract of the Old Company.

Previous to the meeting of the board and the renewal of the contract, Warden Ledigh had made a trip to Arkansas, where he looked into the matter of securing hoops and staves and he also looked up the cost of machinery for the plant. When he returned home he went before the board and made the showing that he was possible for the state to go into the barrel-making business on its own account at the penitentiary and that the profits therefrom would be from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per month, in addition to the maintenance of the prisoners engaged in the work. He showed that the state would not be in competition with free labor, as there was not at that time another cooperage in the state. According to his figures produced at that time the Welch Cooperage company was clearing \$1,000 per month in the business.

Bluff Worked Well.

The proposition made by the warden created considerable concern among the political workers who were connected with the prison contract and the first move made was to file articles of incorporation for the establishment of a cooperage at South Omaha. This served to dispose of the argument used by Ledigh in the matter of competition with free labor and without waiting for further developments the board renewed the contract with the Welch company. As it later turns out there were some so-called silver Republicans holding stock in the company and these gentlemen had a claim for favors from the board that could not have been obtained if Welch himself had not enjoyed a political pull of large dimensions. One of these stockholders is A. K. Goudy, formerly state superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Goudy is one of those whose fondness for public office is his principal feature. He was county superintendent in one of the poorest counties for several years and later himself and his wife held prominent positions at the state normal school. In 1892 the Republicans elected him state superintendent and re-elected him in 1894, during which time his wife was the deputy. At the close of his second term he demanded still further favors and being denied he turned "silver Republican." As a part of his political reward Goudy is now enjoying the fruits of the prison contract and it is said that his father-in-law, Oil Inspector Dalley, another silver Republican with a chronic appetite for office, is also interested in the company.

Where South Omaha Comes in.

In renewing the contract the state board paid out of the debt owing to Welch and his political partners. But the embarrassment did not end there. It was found that a cooperage factory was sure to be put in at South Omaha during the year, and the company was given the choice of putting up a lot of money, the same as was done in 1890 and 1891, or of actually putting in a plant at the pork packing town to head off the rival company. It was concluded that the latter would be the cheaper method of the two to hold a monopoly of the field. So it develops that South Omaha is to have a manufacturing establishment run in semi-partnership with the one at the penitentiary, and by the same company, that has heretofore been so anxious to prevent the laboring men of Douglas county from engaging in this important industry. In case the "reform state officials" are returned to office it would seem that the Welch Cooperage company is entirely secure in its position, as the state could not be "so brutal as to engage in business in competition with free labor." It is the first instance on record, however, where the political manipulations of this class of reformers led to the building up of a manufacturing establishment.

Voting the New Ballot.

The new ballot law adopted by the popular legislature is giving considerable trouble to the voters, and it is expected that many legal disputes will be the outcome of the election in counties where the contending parties are about equally divided. One of the questions that has arisen is how a man may vote a mixed ticket, and at the same time make his mark in the circle about the ballot indicating that he wants to vote a straight ticket. Where two or more candidates for the legislature are running on each ticket the new law provides that a man may make his mark in the circle referred to, and then mix up or "scratch" his ticket in the legislative part of the ticket, that he may vote for one of the provisions is little understood, however, and the only safe way for a mixed ticket man to do is to make a cross after the name of every man he wants on the whole ticket, ignoring the circle at the top.

Hall County Republicans Confident.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—The Republicans of Hall county were never so well lined up, and there never has been a more harmonious feeling among them than exists this year. It is realized quite fully that a vote for either of the opposition candidates for representative is simply a vote thrown away on the senatorial question as also a slap at the administration; and Republicans to say nothing of the voters in general feel that casting a vote against the management of the state with Spain. A bitter fight is being made by the populists and silver Democrats to elect Joseph Wostenholm for representative and everything is being traded in his behalf. However, the fight is so bitter and so unscrupulous that the Republicans are certain it will not help their candidate. Hall county's majority for Post was 100. It is expected that the gain will be at least 100. The fusionists have Woolstenholm, who is not eligible for either the senatorial or representative offices, but is a very popular man. He is expected to be elected for a fourth term.

They Want Their Pay.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—There is some complaint among the members of the national guard who were rejected in the examinations for service under Uncle Sam but who spent some time at Lincoln that the warrants for their pay are not yet being made out. The warrants for the members of the national guard who were rejected in the examinations for service under Uncle Sam but who spent some time at Lincoln that the warrants for their pay are not yet being made out. The warrants for the members of the national guard who were rejected in the examinations for service under Uncle Sam but who spent some time at Lincoln that the warrants for their pay are not yet being made out.

Good Republican Outlook.

MINDEN, Neb., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—An election approach the political situation grows more interesting. For state senator of the Twenty-ninth district there are two candidates, S. S. Johnson, republican, and V. S. Canard, fusionist. In the present incumbent and his record while in the senate is being criticised severely. Johnson is in a strong position.

Women Committed Suicide.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. Peter Lund, the wife of a well-to-do farmer living near St. James, a small town northwest of here, was found dead in her bed with her throat cut from ear to ear. A knife was near her and it is certain that she committed suicide, although no cause is known why she should do the rash act. Lund was married about a year ago to a Miss Peterson of Knox county. The coroner went out to see the remains this afternoon.

Engineer Hindman's Funeral.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—The funeral of Samuel Hindman, the engineer killed in the wreck on the Union Pacific at Silver Creek, took place today from the Presbyterian church. Rev. T. C. Clark delivered a very impressive sermon. The funeral was held under the auspices of the Masonic lodge of which the deceased was a member. There were many handsome floral tributes, among the number being an especially fine one from the order of the locomotive engineers.

Rally at St. Edward.

ST. EDWARD, Neb., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—Hon. George A. Murphy and Prof. J. F. Saylor addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting at this place last night. The ex-poseure of the party in the state house ring by Mr. Murphy frequently brought

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Garage County Campaign.

BEATRICE, Neb., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—The campaign in Garce county has thus far been exceedingly quiet, there being an apparent apathy among all classes of voters. Owing to the near approach of the election of a United States senator to succeed Senator Allen, as much interest is centered in the legislative side as upon any other point. Fortunately for the Republicans, they have an exceptionally strong ticket, and the prospects are considered excellent for the party securing one of its old-time majorities. Hon. F. N. Prout, candidate for the senate, is one of the ablest men the party has ever nominated. He is a lawyer, and one of the leading attorneys of Beatrice, is the present efficient city attorney and during a residence in the county of nearly twenty years has won a most enviable reputation. The three nominees for the lower house are all farmers and successful ones. Messrs. Chittenden and Jones were in the legislature last term and were always found voting for the best measures and were solid with their party. T. E. Hibbert, the third nominee, is a pioneer Nebraskan, and around Adams, where he is best known, his opinion on all matters is sought for and held in high regard.

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Home for the Friendless.

LINCOLN, Oct. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The meeting called for tonight at the Oliver theater to discuss the condition of the Home for Friendless was well attended and the greatest interest was manifested. There were thirty citizens from the home present who went through some pretty exercises. The meeting was presided over by Rev. L. P. Ludden and speeches were made by Mrs. Slaughter, superintendent of the home; Rev. H. O. Rowlands, A. L. Bixby, Judge Broady, H. W. Harby and J. L. Leavelle. Mr. Slaughter gave much of the history of the home from its organization, eighteen years ago, to the present time. She said that during that time nearly 4,000 children had been cared for and placed in good homes. In all the speeches there was an earnest plea against the state officials for withholding support from the home after the legislature had made appropriations for that purpose.

Investigation this afternoon showed that the reformers at the state house have not approved the vouchers filed with them during the last year. The only action that has been taken is that the auditor's clerks have looked through the flat of vouchers and marked "rejected" those providing pay for the officers of the home. The story has been given out that the claims are being paid, in order to allay public indignation, but the story is untrue. Nothing has yet been paid and the reform state officials are not expected to act until after they get through campaigning.

The meeting ended in a rather sentimental manner. Secretary of State Porter demanded a chance to speak and being given the privilege said he was speaking for the administration. He said the accounts of the home would not be approved until the supreme court made an order for it to be done.

He made some angry criticisms of the representatives of the home and was so angry that his talk entirely lacked in dignity. The "defense of the administration" showed that there is no intention on the part of the state officials to pay the money for the support of the home and the people went home with the full realization of the sham and false pretense contained in the "auditing" story that was given out a few days ago for election purposes.

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Soldier's Burial.

ORD, Neb., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—The funeral of Claude M. Goodenough occurred here this afternoon at the M. E. church. Deceased was a corporal in Company B, Second Nebraska regiment, and died of typhoid fever, contracted in Chickamauga camp. He was 28 years of age. The funeral was largely attended, the stores and business houses closing during the hours of service.

Allen at Osceola.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—Last night the reform forces met at the court house to hear Senator Allen and Congressman Stark. The senator came in on the evening train at 9:30. The band met him at the train and with a torchlight procession of six lights escorted him to the court house.

Thompson at Edgar.

EDGAR, Neb., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—W. H. Thompson of Grant Island spoke here last night. He was advertised to speak on free silver, but he failed to speak on that subject. His whole speech was a plea for the return of the present state officers and the entire fusion ticket.

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