# RALLY OF UNION VETERANS

Meeting at Creighton Hall Last Night Quit Well Attended.

## URGED TO VOTE THE TICKET STRAIGHT

**Lee Estelle Renders Thanks for the Blanket Ballot—Dave Mercer Points Out What the Soldier's Duty is at Present.**

There was a fair attendance at Creighton hall last night at a meeting held under the auspices of the Union Veteran Republican club. Lee Estelle presided and on calling the meeting to order he said the predictions made by the republicans in 1896 had all come true. So much so is this the case, he said, that the people were having too good a time nowadays to attend the meetings of any political party. He placed great reliance upon the old soldier of the rebellion to make the winning fight for the republican ticket, but warned them that nothing would be gained by electing that good old comrade, Judge Hayward, for governor, if they also assisted in sending a fusionist to congress or to the senate. For this reason he was willing this year to vote for anyone for the legislature if he was on the republican ticket, even if his face was black as ebony and his record as dark as midnight.

"There is just one thing for which I am grateful to the populists," said the speaker. "It was formerly the case, when I went into the election booth, that I had to take a ticket and hunt out the republicans. But the populists changed the law and now I can go into the booth and with one cross can vote the entire republican ticket, which I expect to do."

W. I. Kierstead followed Mr. Estelle and said he had been ever mindful of the welfare of the old soldier since he had been commissioner and would continue to do so if re-elected. He thought there had never been a time in the history of the state when there was more demand for the republicans to vote a straight ticket than this year.

Kierstead made a personal explanation in regard to a political story circulated against him. The story was that he had criticised the management of the sheriff's office. He denied the story and said he could make no comment on Sheriff McDonald except that he had been one of the best officials the county ever had and the management was all that could be desired.

**Dave Mercer's Doctrine.**

Congressman Mercer received his customary reception when he was presented. "You remember," he said, addressing the old soldiers, "that when you returned from our great civil strife, you were met by statements that the war had been a failure. Lately this country has been making more history and almost from the beginning of the strife there has been a class of citizens and newspapers which has lost no opportunity to find fault with everything done by the administration. They forget all the glorious accomplishments of the war with Spain to throw mud at the national government. The whole world is bowing down to this country and he is a poor patriot who will try to take away what other nations are willing to accord to us.

"Omaha is the center of a large circumference of prosperity. Our streets are throbbing tonight with people brought here by the greatest exposition ever held, and when that enterprise pays all of its enormous expenses and has $300,000 of surplus in its treasury it is pretty good evidence to me that prosperity is here, the yellow journals to the contrary notwithstanding.

"The complaint today is that men are too tired, after their day's work, to come out to political meetings. They were not troubled with that tired feeling two years ago. Then you all remember how the corners of our streets were crowded with orators talking free silver, but today those men have ceased working their tongues and are now working their hands and brains.

"We are yet in the midst of great complications. Let us hold up the hands of President McKinley by giving him a republican congress and senate, and when these things are settled then let us return to the bitterness of partisan warfare."

**Mercer's Monuments.**

During the course of his speech Mr. Mercer read the following letters, one from the speaker of the house of representatives and the other from the chairman of the house committee on Indian affairs. They have a direct local application:

PORTLAND, Me., Oct. 21, 1898.—Dear Mercer: If your people do not know that to you the greatest debt is due for the Government building at the exposition and for the appropriation it is really time they did. Neither could have been had without your efforts and perseverance. With best wishes for your success. Very truly,

T. B. REED,

UTICA, N. Y., Oct. 22.—Hon. D. H. Mercer, Omaha, Neb.: My Dear Mr. Mercer—I learned the other day while in Washington that, among other canards circulated for the purpose of injuring you in this campaign, was one to the effect that you had not bestirred yourself to secure the appropriation for the Indian exhibit at the Omaha Exposition. To me such a story is too ridiculous. I wish some of your constituents who credit the story might, for a short time, have taken my place as chairman of the committee on Indian affairs of the house last winter, when you were day after day arguing, importuning and beseeching me to cease my opposition to and favor this appropriation. Surely no representative was ever more earnest, unceasing and indefatigable in his advocacy of a measure than were you for this appropriation; just as you were in procuring the passage of the legislation establishing the Omaha Indian warehouse. In the latter case, not being able to win me over to your side, you fought the matter out on the floor. I thought then, and still think, the provision should not have passed, and that only your perseverance and hard work and personality did pass it.

I speak of these matters because they came specially to my attention under the chairmanship I hold. The man who claims that you have been other than untiring in your efforts for your constituents in all matters on the floor of congress must be a stranger to truth. I hope such false reports will not prejudice your candidacy. We need you in the house and must have you. Sincerely yours, J. S. SHERMAN.

Congressman Strode of Lincoln and Chaplain J. G. Tate of the Second Nebraska volunteers, who had been advertised to appear, failed to be present and this left a vacancy for John L. Webster, who was on the stage. He spoke. Joseph Crow, candidate for the senate, and Frank Burman, J. O. Detweiler and Joseph Koutsky, candidates for the legislature, were introduced and spoke briefly.

## RECORD OF THE REGISTRATION.

**Official Returns Indicate a Very Light Vote for Omaha This Year.**

Official returns from Friday's registration have been received by City Clerk Higby and The Bee from all but five of the seventy-six precincts in the city, and show a total registration for the day of 5,501, or 591 more than was registered on the first day. The total registration for the two days is 10,411, against 16,446 two years ago for two days. The two days' registration two years ago was a little over 80 per cent of the total registration for the three days, which amounted to 19,903, and taking the same basis for this year, the registration for the two days would indicate a total registration for the three days of about 13,200. The record of Friday would have been considerably larger had it not been for the severe rainstorm which came up at 7 o'clock that evening and continued for an hour during what is ordinarily the busiest season of the day.

The following table gives the record for the two days this year and two years ago for convenience of comparison:

| | 1898. | 1896. |
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| First ward | 949 | 1,089 |
| Second ward | 1,489 | 2,075 |
| Third ward | 1,145 | 1,888 |
| Fourth ward | 1,237 | 1,876 |
| Fifth ward | 952 | 1,475 |
| Sixth ward | 1,097 | 2,019 |
| Seventh ward | 880 | 1,444 |
| Eighth ward | 1,229 | 1,969 |
| Ninth ward | 943 | 1,271 |
| Totals | 10,411 | 16,446 |

## REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE.

**Interesting Session Held at Which Executive Committee is Enlarged.**

Some thirty members of the republican county committee attended a meeting of the committee called for 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the republican headquarters. They were late, however, in making a quorum, but when they did get together they held one of the most interesting sessions that has taken place for some time. The committee resolved itself promptly into executive meeting, so as to be able to discuss the business of the campaign without disturbing outsiders. Reports were obtained from the chairman and from the chairman of the executive committee on the progress of the campaign and the condition of the work in hand.

On the suggestion of Chairman Burbank his action in appointing James Sherwood of South Omaha as an additional member of the executive committee was approved, but not before it was coupled with a resolution requiring the appointment of still another member of the executive committee from among the committeemen from the Fourth ward.

A committee of five, to be appointed by the chairman, was also created to prepare a set of by-laws and rules for the government of the county committee, so that the rights and duties of the officers and members, respectively, might be clearly defined. The committee adjourned to meet again next Saturday at 2 o'clock at republican headquarters.

**Meetings for the Week.**

The republican county committee has about completed the essential features of the political bill of fare which it will present to the voters of this city this week, the last week before the election. The following is the program of the meetings:

Tuesday Night—At Creighton hall, under the auspices of the Workingmen's Republican club, with A. S. Churchill, A. W. Jefferis, W. F. Gurley and Frank Howell of Blair as the speakers.

Fifth Ward, Eighteenth and Kyner Streets—C. W. Kaley, J. J. Boucher, W. F. Gurley and Harry Easton, speakers.

Wednesday Night—At Creighton hall, by the Swedish-American Garfield club, with Judge M. L. Hayward, ex-Congressman E. J. Hainer of Aurora, Congressman Mercer and Judge B. S. Baker speakers.

Eighth Ward, Sanders Hall, Twenty-fourth and Cuming Streets—E. J. Cornish and W. F. Gurley speakers.

Saturday night, at Creighton hall. The candidates on the republican state ticket will again present themselves to the people.

At Mueller's hall, Eighteenth and Vinton streets, under the auspices of the German-American Republican club, Senator John M. Thurston and Congressman Mercer, speakers.

Congressman J. B. Strode and Chaplain Tate of the Second Nebraska are advertised to speak at Creighton hall tonight at the meeting of the Union Veteran Republican club.

Monday night, November 7, at Creighton hall, candidates on county ticket will make their final appeal to the voters.

Democratic oratory will be allowed to run uncurbed in this county next week and Senator Allen, Governor Holcomb, M. F. Harrington, Matt Gering, W. H. Thompson and the candidates on the state ticket will be the attractions expected to draw the crowds. There will be meetings at Washington hall on Monday and Saturday evenings, at South Omaha on Wednesday and Friday evenings, at Wolfe's hall and Metz's hall on Tuesday evening, at Erfling's hall on Wednesday evening, at Forest hall on Thursday evening and at Creighton hall on Friday evening.



## AROUND THE BANQUET TABLE

**Members of Innes' Band Sit Down at Their Eleventh Annual Dinner.**

The members of Innes' band tendered their eleventh annual dinner to their leader Saturday evening at the Iler Grand hotel. The occasion was in commemoration of his forty-first birthday.

The banquet, which was served under the personal direction of Milton Powell, manager of the hotel, consisted of twelve courses. The members of the band were arranged around a table that extended the entire length of the ladies' ordinary and was profusely strewn with red and white roses. Thomas Broadfield, the toastmaster, sat at the north end with the popular conductor at his left.

After the completion of the menu, which lasted until midnight, a silent toast was drunk to "The President of the United States." Then Mr. Innes responded to "Our Leader," in which he paid a tender tribute to the memory of his former leader, P. S. Gilmore, who he said was the pioneer band master. In closing he proposed the health of the journalists of Omaha.

"Innes Band" was responded to in short toasts by fifteen of the members representing as many nationalities. Short talks were made by Dr. Charles Baetens, Roland Reed, John Mellon and Harry Smith.

**Colonel Chase's Condition.**

The news last evening relating to the condition of Champion S. Chase, surveyor of the port, was that there was a marked improvement in his health. He rallied considerably during the day and at night was resting easily, showing an improvement in his condition that greatly encouraged the watchers at his bedside.



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who had and the comments were everywhere favorable and even enthusiastic. Mr. Lee believes that the exposition has done more for the transmississippi country than its friends realize for it has brought practically the entire population of the United States in touch with the west and its future.

**Rules After the Close.**

At the meeting of the executive committee Friday afternoon the question of the issuance of passes to the exposition grounds after November 1 was taken up and discussed. The following rules were adopted relative to the matter:

White card passes, series "A," previously issued will be good for admission in usual way at pass gate.

All passes, series "B," good from a date prior to November 1 will be null and void. Parties entitled to the courtesy of a pass of this series must secure those of new issue.

Press card passes, series "C," good from a date prior to November 1 will be null and void. Parties entitled to the courtesy of a pass of this series must secure those of new issue.

Commutation books, series "D," will continue to be good for admission as heretofore.

Photographic passes, series "E" and "F," will be null and void. Exhibitors and concessionaires desiring admission for themselves and for such employes as may be necessary to care for their exhibits and concessions must secure through their department managers card passes good on and after November 1

Complimentary passes, series "G," will be issued for single trip admissions as heretofore.

Press trip passes, series "H," will continue to be issued by the manager of Publicity and Promotion department for single trip admissions as heretofore.

Workmen passes, series "I," will be issued by the Bureau of Admissions to employes of the exposition and of exhibitors and concessionaires on requisition of employer, approved by the department manager.

Card passes, series "L," heretofore issued covering permission to cross Twentieth street at Manderson street will remain good as heretofore.

Wagons conveying supplies for the operation of concessions, etc., will be admitted as heretofore by purchase of regular admission ticket admitting team and driver, or by presentation of commutation book, admission coupon being taken therefrom.

Admission to the grounds otherwise than above stated shall be secured upon purchase of regular admission ticket upon payment therefor of the sum of 50 cents—25 cents for child.

A force of ticket sellers and gate keepers sufficient for the purposes will be maintained so long as need exists therefor.

Admission to the exposition grounds as above will continue from and after November 1 until all exhibitors, concessionaires and other goods are removed from the grounds, or until a proper safeguarding of the interests of the exposition shall no longer require same.

**Made Immigration Agents.**

Two of the men who have been connected with the Oklahoma exhibit in the Agricultural building during the past summer have been rewarded for the energy that they have displayed in exploiting the resources of that territory. A. T. Riley, exposition commissioner from Oklahoma, has been appointed immigration agent for the Santa Fe railroad, with headquarters at Oklahoma City, while Edward Whitehead has received a similar appointment, with headquarters in Omaha. They will work together and will boom the section which they represent. In both instances the appointments came unsolicited. Commissioner Riley will leave for his new post of duty within the next few days and will open an office in Oklahoma City immediately after reaching there.

**Saturday Night on the Midway.**

There was a good Saturday night crowd on the grounds in spite of the fact that the frosty air made it necessary to keep moving in order to be comfortable. The Auditorium was entirely too small to hold the concert crowd and when the program was over and the people poured toward the Midway that lively thoroughfare did a big business. The fireworks display also caught a crowd and the various amusement resorts were well patronized until 10 o'clock.

**Notes of the Exposition.**

Ninety school children from Missouri Valley came to the exposition yesterday and spent the day upon the grounds. They were all in charge of their teachers and went through the buildings and about the grounds in a party.

Manager Arriens of the Omaha Milling company announced to the employes of that company that the mill would not only close Omaha day but also allow full pay and present each employe with admission tickets to the exposition for himself and wife.

Commissioner Barrett of the North Dakota exhibit has returned to the city and will remain until the close of the exposition, after which he will pack the exhibit and send it home. He feels that the exposition has done his state much good and that his assistant, Miss Ford, has accomplished much in the way of advertising the sections represented.

The big century plant, together with a number of the other plants that have been standing under the dome of the Horticultural building, have been sold to individual purchasers in Chicago, the owners having received fancy prices for the same. The agent of the purchasers, who was here yesterday, said that, in his judgment, the display is the finest he has ever seen.

The 500 rifles used by the Indians in their sham battles during the last summer have been returned by Captain Mercer to the United States arsenal, from which they came. The captain compliments the honesty and carefulness of the Indians in handling the guns. Not one of them was broken, nor were any of them stolen. The ponies, 400 in number, will be sold by Captain Mercer next Wednesday at the corral on the Indian grounds. They were purchased by him during the early summer for the use of the Indians in putting on the battles, which drew such immense crowds.

**Typewriters at the Exposition.**

The crowd that congested the aisle around the exhibit of the United Typewriter and Supplies company watched, many for the first time, the practical working of a typewriter. Few of them knew, however, that Prof. Boyles of Boyles' school had just finished reporting the speech of President McKinley and had rushed over to the exhibit for the purpose of transcribing his notes into copy for the next issue of The Bee, reading from his notes with the ease and fluency of the expert stenographer which he is, while with equal ease and fluency his electric fingered assistant wrote the speech off upon the Densmore typewriter, writing with a speed, in fact, that amazed even the old operators among the onlookers.

Among the typewriter exhibits were a number of things intended to exemplify the practical use of the machine, but probably there was none which did so so completely as this connecting link between the speech itself and its appearance in The Bee. The president's words had scarcely died away before they were reproduced in print from the Densmore typewriter and were on their way to the editor of The Bee, to be by him in turn distributed, through the medium of his paper, to the thousands of readers who were not so fortunate as to have heard it.

**Highest Awards on Beer.**

The Omaha Brewing association, one of Omaha's foremost brewers, was yesterday awarded the gold medal diploma by the judges of the Transmississippi and International Exposition for its celebrated bottled beer that has been on exhibition in booth 547, Manufactures building. Also diploma of highest award on their draft beer.

**Bellevue Will Help Out.**

All departments of Bellevue college will combine to help celebrate Omaha day at the exposition on Monday. All lectures, recitations, practicum and clinics will be suspended to allow the students to attend the municipal celebration on the exposition grounds. The students of Bellevue college, Omaha Medical college and Omaha Dental college will meet in the morning and with the Bellevue colors conspicuously displayed will march through the city to the grounds to spend the remainder of the day.

## MATTERS IN DISTRICT COURT

**Mrs. Leonard Seeks to Have a Deed to a Lot Set Aside—Other New Cases.**

Jennie Leonard has commenced proceedings in the district court to have set aside a deed to a half lot in Improvement Association addition which she gave last April to James Griffin. According to the petition which she has filed, Griffin informed her that a judgment was standing against her in a justice court and advised her to temporarily transfer her property until she satisfied the judgment, in order to save the land. Mrs. Leonard said she gave Griffin a deed with the understanding that it was to be retransferred, but she now finds that Griffin has recorded the deed and that he has inserted a clause in it to the effect that he secure the deed in consideration of $700, whereas she alleges there was no such consideration. The plaintiff is a widow.

The two cases in which the Streets of All Nations and the Streets of Cairo are interested in Judge Scott's court were consolidated on motion of the former. The issues in the two are practically the same.

Margaret Black has applied to the district court for a divorce from Martin Black on the grounds of cruelty. The couple were married on March 12, 1895, in Council Bluffs. No offspring has resulted from this union, but the wife wants the custody of an adopted child a year old.

## BREAKING UP YOUNG BANDITS

**Gang of North End Youthful Toughs Comes to Grief in an Unexpected Manner.**

Six boys, ranging in age from 12 to 16 years, living in the north part of the city, built themselves a den on Grant street in the rear of the Coliseum and used for the purpose about 1,000 feet of lumber stolen from the Lake Street school, where new sidewalks are being built. The leader of the gang is John Dusenberg, who is an ex-reform school youth, and the others are colored boys named General Washington, John Wood, Doc Perkins, John Nehan and John Blomberg. Their den was equipped with a gasoline stove and lamps and had a library of cheap novels.

Friday night the lights went out on them while they were studying the exploits of their patron saints, the highwaymen, and the leader selected Doc Perkins to go and steal some oil. Perkins obeyed the injunction and the stock of Isaac Catlin at 2223 North Twentieth street was drawn upon for the purpose. Catlin discovered the loss and sent his son Isaac to hunt for the thief. The boy tracked the young bandit to the den and was there assaulted by Perkins with a knife and was stabbed in the head. The wounds are not serious, but Catlin is in the hospital and Dusenberg, the leader of the gang, is in jail.

## CUDAHY CAPTURES MEDALS

**Receives Four Gold Medals, Covering General Exhibit, Canned Meats and Soap.**

The Cudahy Packing company of South Omaha has won the merited distinction of receiving the greatest number of first premiums of any packer exhibiting at the Transmississippi Exposition. In their general display and in the competition of packing house products the Cudahy company has again demonstrated the superiority of its products.

The most notable award is the gold medal of the exposition for excellence in general display. The thousands of visitors who saw the attractive exhibit in the Manufactures building never had any doubt but that it would receive the first prize, and the decision of the judges merely confirmed the popular opinion.

The first premium gold medal was awarded Cudahy's Diamond C soap, which is renowned throughout the United States and has found its way in large quantities to the Orient. Gold medals were also awarded to Cudahy's canned meats, and Cudahy's hams are equally well and favorably known. Silver medals were awarded to Cudahy's Rex Extract of Beef and to all small meats, which includes principally their famous sausages and products of that nature. Mr. Edward A. Cudahy certainly has cause to feel flattered at the large percentage of prizes awarded to his exhibit. The result again demonstrates that the products of this factory lead the world.

## FEDERAL BUILDING NOTES.

The offices of the vaious branches of the government service in this city will be closed Monday on account of Omaha day at the exposition.

Judge Munger has signed extradition papers for Edwin F. Moreland, who is under arrest in this city, charged with embezzlement of postoffice funds while acting as assistant postmaster at Yoakum, Tex.

Unless the postoffice receives orders in the meantime, the mail service and branch postoffice conducted on the exposition grounds will be discontinued Monday. This will throw several clerks and five carriers out of a position. An effort is being made, however, to have the service extended for a few days, until most of the employes on the grounds get away.

United States Attorney Sawyer has gone to Pender to appear in the district court as counsel for Captain Mercer, agent on the Indian reservation in Thurston county, who is being sued for damages by a number of Indians. The offense alleged against the captain is the locking up of the plaintiffs in the guard house, who had been charged with drunkenness, for the convenience of the United States marshals. The amounts of damages claimed vary from $1,000 to $1,900. The sums were kept below the limit which would permit the transfer of the cases to the United States court, and as an agent for the government can be sued in the state courts the attorney general requested Mr. Sawyer to appear for Mr. Mercer.

**Seeking for Sargent.**

Chief of Police Kipley of Chicago asks Chief White to locate George S. Sargent, a prominent and wealthy contractor of Chicago, who disappeared from his home two weeks ago. At the time he dropped from sight Sargent had considerable money on his person. He is believed to be in Omaha or on his way here. He was last seen at Aurora, Ill., and there it was learned that his destination was Omaha. It is believed that he is demented.

**Paying City Interest.**

City Treasurer Edwards has sent $64,000 to New York to meet the obligations of the city that mature on November 1. Of the amount about $49,000 will be used in taking up special improvement bonds and coupons and the remaining $15,000 will pay the coupons on long time bonds.