

DEMOCRAT REVIEWS RESULT

He Lays Chief Blame for Poppleton's Defeat on World-Herald.

CAMPAIGN OF DEFAMATION IS OVERDONE

Repeated Blundering by Overseeing Fusion Organists in Late of Previous Protests of Alarmed Democratic Leaders.

Commenting upon the recent city campaign yesterday a man, prominent in business and democratic political circles, who has held official positions at the hands of the democratic party, said:

"It is too bad that a fine young man like Will Poppleton, representing the best in the party, should have been sacrificed by voters in his own party."

"To what do I attribute his defeat? There were a number of causes. But I think the chief responsibility is chargeable to the World-Herald, which allowed its ambition to achieve a great victory to overcome good judgment."

"Some of our people had the foresight to dread the effect this terrific onslaught would have upon wavering republicans and made an effort with the proprietor and editor of the World-Herald to point out to them that the effect of such a policy, if carried out, would be disastrous to the party and cause a reactionary feeling among republicans expected to give support to the democratic candidate."

"But it was of no avail. They had gotten beyond the control of all reason. I think they were animated more by a desire to magnify their own political prestige, by administering a crushing blow to Moore, than a desire for the welfare of the democratic party. I think a campaign conducted in a moderate and humane manner along the lines of common sense would have secured democratic victory. But these ambitious know-it-alls overrode the mark and the result was as we feared. A decided reaction took place and republicans who would have voted for Poppleton felt it their duty to repudiate these ferocious onslaughts upon the nominees of their convention and they voted a straight republican ticket."

Church No Business in Politics.

"Another element which, in my judgment, contributed to our defeat was the part taken by the church, the anti-saloon league and similar organizations, in the campaign. The church has no business in politics. When it takes a hand in politics, it invariably gets its foot in it and does more harm than good. The remark 'Rom, Romanism and Rebellion,' without doubt, defeated Tillane for the presidency. Much harm was done to our cause by a young minister possessing more zeal than sense, who delivered a political sermon the day before the election, advising his congregation to support the democratic candidate and making the most offensive references to those engaged in the liquor business. This young man may be a good minister of the gospel and a reliable pilot in matters religious. He unquestionably possesses rare oratorical ability, but as a politician he is a dismal failure. The effect of his remarks was not simply to make no converts to the Poppleton cause, but to antagonize a large percentage of the democratic voting population."

"To cap the climax, the World-Herald had the monumental stupidity to print the fatal sermon in full Monday, thereby clinching the liberal vote for the republicans. This was one of the most unfortunate blunders of the blundering campaign. If that act alone was antagonistic to the larger and more elements and solidified their vote on Moore."

"Too Much Snaul." Another serious mistake made by the World-Herald was in giving publicity to certain matters said to have transpired at the Royal Legion smoker in honor of Admiral Schley. This story was reiterated so frequently that it provoked a reply from General Manderson, in which he stated that while Moore's was his fault, as did other men, he had fought to maintain the integrity of the union, was a non-sectarian member of the Royal Legion and that he would vote for Moore for mayor. This letter, published the day before the election in The Bee, in my opinion, had an incalculable effect upon the result. Mighty few republicans consider themselves too good to vote for a man for whom Senator Manderson is willing to vote. This letter of Manderson's would never have been written but for the World-Herald's persistent and malicious publication of a matter which should not have been given a place in any newspaper."

"On the whole, we are justified in attributing our defeat to the World-Herald. We never can hope for success with such leadership. That paper must be placed in the hands of men of better judgment. Our campaign was mismanaged throughout. On the other hand, I think The Bee managed its campaign with a degree of skill that commands the admiration even of its political enemies. It was moderate and its statements reliable. I was willing to bet 5 to 1 on Poppleton in the earlier stages of the campaign. It is too bad—too bad!"

WILL MAKE ANOTHER APPEAL

Home Patronage Bureau Will Hold Big Public Meeting to Give Prizes.

About forty members of the Home Patronage Bureau of the Commercial club met yesterday at the club rooms and heard reports on the recent exposition of home products given by the bureau, showing that its funds had been sufficient to meet all expenses and that a small balance remains in the treasury."

The promotion committee reported a decidedly marked growth of sentiment and interest among the people of the city in favor of home patronage directly due to the exposition. Many of those present spoke of the active interest manifested everywhere in the purposes of the bureau, and especially was this noticeable among the school children. It was reported that many of the essays prepared by the school children are bright and practical to a marked degree and it was stated that those of the girls were much superior to the contributions of the boys. In fact, it was stated that the "boys are not in it."

It was suggested by President Andrews that it would be advisable to have a big public meeting at which to bestow the prizes offered to the school children, which could be made to augment public interest in the home patronage propaganda. The suggestion met with approval and it was stated by several that no building in the city except the Coliseum would hold the crowd that will certainly attend. This project was referred to the entertainment committee and those present voted their willingness to contribute

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SATURDAY SUGGESTIONS.

Our hat man thinks this \$2.50 derby one of the best things in the department. Maybe he ought to know—been in the business long enough. All the same, we've lots of customers who think our \$3.50 derby is better money's worth, for it's the \$5 kind. Whoever you side with, you're all right—you'll have a good hat on your head and a good dollar and-a-half saved."

The shirt man thinks he's the best man's 75c stiff bosom shirt in the city, and from the sales entered in the back of his salesbook he's reasons to believe he's right. He says the soft finished ones with collar and cuffs attached are favorites to the man who don't care to be kept in a straight jacket. There's twenty-five different patterns to choose from. 'Tisn't often he can't please a customer, and for half-a-dollar you'll find a fancy shirt with two detachable collars that's about one-third off the usual price around town."

The necktie man says it don't make any difference whether you talk neckwear or not, the business comes here anyhow—our regular 25c line brings 40c elsewhere and the 35c line brings 50c and 75c all over town—We've some beauties in wide end tie-em-yourself kind in a hundred different patterns to choose from—they're the 75c and 81c elsewhere—here only 45c. DON'T FORGET—that today is children's day in the clothing department—if you're down town bring the boy in and let him see and try on a few of the new things in boys' suits—if you're pushed for time, glance at our 15th street window as you go by and you'll get a good idea of what's in store for you."

Advertisement for Nebraska Clothing Co., featuring a man in a suit and the slogan 'CLOTHES FOR MEN AND WOMEN'.

SCHMOLLER & MUELLER

Advertisement for Schmoller & Mueller piano dealers, featuring a Steinway piano and text: 'The Largest Piano Dealers in the West'.

HAYDEN'S SPECIAL SALES

in Jewelry Dept. Marked reductions on all the novelties of the season. Cut prices on jeweled back combs. A handsome Shell Hair Pin, with 16 fine brilliants, just the thing for hair ornament, absolutely new, on sale Saturday at 25c.

Fine imitation shell Empire combs, with 21 closely set Rhinestones, worth 50c to 75c, on sale at 25c. Side combs, set with 18 and 22 Rhinestones, Saturday 25c and 50c.

A fine line of side combs, set with Rhinestones and Turquoise setting, for 25c and 50c. A handsome side comb with jeweled settings for 19c.

The Latest Style Belts and Girdles on sale Saturday. Handsome medallion belts, in a dozen different styles, for 98c and \$1.25. Girdles for 35c, 50c and 75c.

A nice line of jeweled hat pins, worth 25c, on Saturday, 5c. Sterling silver thimbles, at 10c. Elegant assortment of tea, dessert and tablespoons, at 25c.

Butter knives, sugar shells and pickle forks, in the R. sterling triple plated goods, for 25c.

Advertisement for Hayden Bros. featuring a list of various goods and prices, including silverware, jewelry, and household items.

Advertisement for Swift and Company, featuring a ham and the slogan 'THE NAME OF SWIFT'.

Advertisement for a dental clinic, featuring a man in a suit and the slogan 'A Word About Teeth'.