

### McGOVERN REFUSES TO GIVE UP SEAT

Dahlman is Again Mayor of This City—Ben Baker to Represent McGovern in Contest.

#### HERE DANIEL FOR JARDINE

Floral and verbal bouquets, laughter and tears, ejection of Commissioner McGovern by Commissioner-elect Jardine from the office of the department of public improvements, confirmation of Mayor Dahlman for another term in the executive chair, pledges of support for the upbuilding of a Greater Omaha, were features of the reorganization of the city council.

The removal of Commissioner McGovern by his successor was a friendly affair and was arranged to preserve the legal rights of the defeated commissioner. Shortly after City Clerk Flynn read the call for the meeting, Commissioner McGovern moved that he be recognized as one of the commissioners and that Mr. Jardine's name be stricken from the roll.

#### Ejects McGovern.

City Attorney Rine advised the council that only those holding election certificates could be recognized. Mr. Jardine held such a certificate, issued by the election commissioner and based upon the showing of the official canvass, which gave Jardine thirty-four votes over McGovern, who will ask for a recount. Mr. McGovern retained his seat during the council meeting and as soon as the meeting was adjourned returned to his office and went through the formality of acting as commissioner. Mayor Dahlman escorted Commissioner-elect Jardine to Mr. McGovern's office and facetiously introduced Mr. Jardine to Mr. McGovern. The contestants for this office then chatted alone for a while and after having agreed on a procedure, Mr. McGovern submitted to Mr. Jardine leading him to the hall, which constituted a legal election. Mr. McGovern promised Mr. Jardine support in case that the recount should confirm the latter's election.

Mr. McGovern has retained B. S. Baker as legal counsel, to watch the recount, while Mr. Jardine will be represented by Herbert S. Daniel.

A feeling of good will prevailed during the passage of the old council and the advent of the new organization. Commissioner Ryder took his usual seat when the old council was convened and gracefully retired in favor of John C. Drexel when the new roll call was reached. With Mr. McGovern there were eight members present at the first meeting of the new council.

#### Dahlman Made Mayor.

As had been predicted, Mayor Dahlman was unanimously selected to succeed himself and the other re-elected commissioners were retained in their old departments, with Walter S. Jardine assigned to the department of public improvements, and John C. Drexel to the department of street cleaning and maintenance.

The departments reassigned to the five re-elected commissioners were: Mayor Dahlman, public affairs; Commissioner Butler, public accounts and finances; Commissioner Hummel, parks and boulevards; Commissioner Withnell, fire, water and buildings; Commissioner Kugel, police and sanitation. In addition to the street department, Commissioner Drexel will have charge of the public library, which work has gone with his department for three years.

When the selection of mayor was brought up, Commissioner Jardine moved that Commissioner Hummel be made mayor and he was seconded by Commissioner Drexel. Commissioner Hummel at once gained the floor and declared emphatically that during the campaign he expressed himself in favor of Mr. Dahlman for mayor and had experienced no change of heart.

#### Doesn't Want to Be Mayor.

"I was not swelled up at all by the big vote I received," stated Commissioner Hummel. "I have no mayoralty bump. If anybody here thinks that the mayor's job is a snap, just let him follow the mayor around for a while. Omaha needs for a mayor a man who can serve as a man just now. Just think, the mayor has to go to picnics and fill up on frozen fruits and ice cream and then be on the job next day. Not for me. There are many other details of the office which make a demand upon the nervous system of a man. I have tried to make the parks a home for the poor man and his family. We need a charter that will place us in a class with other cities. I expect we will have a large bond issue some day for park and boulevard development," he added.

#### Flynn for City Clerk.

After the assignment of the commissioners were made, City Clerk Flynn was reappointed for three years. Three years ago Mr. Flynn was nearly forgotten in the rush of reorganization. Comptroller McDonald was confirmed for three years. The council adopted the present rules and resolved to meet at 9 o'clock every Tuesday morning hereafter. The council chamber was crowded and the commissioners' long table was a garden of beautiful flowers.

#### May Be Changed.

The commissioners were in executive conference in the afternoon for consideration of appointive offices. There are indications of prospective changes in the offices of license inspector, city prosecutor and inspector of weights and measures.

The departments of police and sanitation and fire and building are under civil service, which makes changes possible only upon filing of charges. Commissioners Kugel and Withnell of those departments say they contemplate no change.

Commissioner Drexel announces he will retain Dean Noyes, who is foreman of the asphalt repair work, and he will keep Patrick Dennison, foreman of the street cleaning work. He said he will allow John Lund and Clara Callahan to remain in the office until June 1 if they wish. He said he expects to find a place for Goodley Brucker, former city councilman. It is understood he will also place his brother, Herman Drexel, in a position.

#### JARDINE RECIPIENT OF A LARGE BOUQUET

City Commissioner Jardine received a large bouquet of flowers with a card bearing the inscription, "From the gang of tangible assets." Mr. Jardine wants to know.

### Unidentified Man Kills Himself Near the High School

With only 40 cents in his pocket, a middle-aged, unidentified man, whose initials are supposed to be "W. I. E.," bought carbolic acid, lay down beneath a big tree in front of the main entrance of Central High school, drank almost two ounces of the poison and died. Students in a window of the school thought the man was just sleeping, and his true condition was not discovered until early afternoon, a considerable time after the poison was swallowed.

Many students leaving school viewed the body before Drs. Tarnisea and Carl Shook pronounced it dead and Coroner Crosby took charge. He said it was a clear case of suicide.

The poison was purchased at the Paxton hotel pharmacy. When Clerk Ed Mattison sold it, he asked the man what he wanted it for, and the would-be suicide said "to doctor the chickens."

Nothing was found in the man's pockets except the almost empty poison bottle and 15 cents, all that was left after buying a quarter's worth of the acid. The victim is described as about five feet tall, weighing 145 pounds, with sandy brown hair, brown eyes, heavy grey-brown mustache and upper teeth bridged and gold crowned. He was partially bald, and wore a brown-black suit with white pin stripe, shoes with elastic sides, blue striped shirt and white collar. The initials "W. I. E." were marked on his linen.

#### MUST GROW AN INCH TO JOIN UNCLE SAM'S NAVY

Barton von Peaker, station 2, Sioux City, would grow for his country's sake. Barton wrote to the local navy recruiting office some time ago making known his burning desire to enlist as a wireless operator. He gave some of his physical plans and specifications, among them being, "Height, sixty-three inches."

He was informed that he was one inch too short in stature.

Sunday, a letter was received from him, addressed to "Your Honor," and in which he says, "If you can give me time, I think I can grow an inch this summer. I grew two and a half inches last summer."

#### MAY HAVE ANOTHER MASS MEETING ON NAVIGATION

Preliminary steps are being taken for calling another big mass meeting on the subject of river navigation. Progress of river navigation and the establishment of a municipal terminal is to be reported at this time, so that Omaha business men interested in navigation may see what is being accomplished in this line. The Missouri river navigation committee of the Commercial club is desirous that the people of Omaha become better informed as to the purposes of Missouri river navigation and its possibilities.

#### COLLEGE MEN TO LEAD IN PROHIBITION MOVEMENT

A training school session of three days for young college men who will lead a movement by the young voters of Nebraska to make Nebraska dry by 1916 will be held in Lincoln June 17, 18 and 19. The college men will receive a course of instructions and then will promulgate the prohibition movement under the system outlined. The plan is to have the leaders assemble the younger voters of the various communities to work for the cause.

#### NO CHANGE IN JURY SYSTEM UNTIL SEPTEMBER TERM

Jury Commissioner Moorhead will install his system of selecting jurors next August and present lists will be used during the remainder of the spring term of district court.

#### ELKS GO TO FREMONT FOR CONVENTION ON TUESDAY

A large delegation of Omaha Elks expect to go to Fremont Tuesday for the state convention of Elks at that place. Many will go by automobile. Others will take the 2:15 o'clock Northwestern train, while others will go by way of the Union Pacific. Joe Stecher, the Nebraska wonder of the wrestling mat, is to give some mat exhibitions with his brother, Anton, for the entertainment of the Elks at Fremont.

#### QUINBY GOES TO HELP SINGLE TAXERS IN DENVER

State Senator Laurie J. Quinby left yesterday for Denver, where he is to take an active part in the municipal campaign which is to close at the election next Tuesday, May 18. The institution of a single tax policy for the municipality is an issue in Denver at this time, and it is to make a fight for this principle that Senator Quinby has gone to Denver.

#### MRS. PETERS IS REPORTED IN DANGEROUS CONDITION

Following a fall at Twentieth and Harvey streets Saturday night, while alighting from a street car, Mrs. Cora Peters is reported to be in serious condition at Lord Lister hospital. She is a delegate from Abilene, Kan., to the Lutheran missionary convention here. Her age, 71 years, made a severe injury to her head all the more dangerous.

#### LUXUS HIT BAKER HARD AND WIN FROM TOWNSENDS

Dennison's Luxus machine came into its own Sunday and defeated the strong Townsend team, 14 to 2. Holland held the Townsend tribe steady here, while Wes Baker was hammered for eleven and gave eight bases on balls and beamed three batters.

#### INVENTORY FILED OF MRS. DUFRENE'S ESTATE

An inventory of the estate of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Dufrene filed by the executor, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, shows a total valuation of \$20,000, the greater part of which is represented by Omaha real estate.

## So the People May Know

The policy of this organization is to tell the public about its affairs.

We believe the public has a right to know how we operate and what we do with the money we collect.

In line with our general policy of frank and open publicity, this is one of many of our plain talks with the public about the telephone business as it affects the employer, the employe and the tax payer.

The Bell System is a big tax payer, contributing \$11,000,000 in taxes each year, and we want to talk frankly with other tax payers.

We are interested in better schools, cleaner streets and more beautiful parks that our taxes and yours help provide.

#### ABOUT "WATERED STOCK"

It has never been claimed by any reputable authority that there is any "water" in Bell Telephone stock.

That a dollar has been actually invested for every dollar's worth of stock that has been issued, has been proved beyond all doubt by hundreds of impartial investigations by commissions and governing bodies.

The Bell System is conceded to be the best constructed and best equipped telephone system in the world, yet the capitalization of the Company is less per telephone than that of any other comprehensive telephone system on earth. That alone ought to answer any charges of over-capitalization.

#### ABOUT "DIVIDENDS"

In Nebraska the Bell Company on an honest capitalization is earning less than an 8 per cent dividend.

The Bell System as a nation-wide institution has not paid more than an 8 per cent dividend for many years.

The ability to obtain money for investment in any enterprise depends upon the confidence that people have that the money will be safe in it and that reasonable dividends will be paid promptly.

In any business money is as necessary as employes. Without capital there can be no employment of labor. Without employment of labor the whole community suffers.

That is the reason the Bell Company has made every effort to pay fair dividends, believing that it was for the best interests of the whole public.

In any business where the profits are as small as in the telephone industry, money for new improvements cannot be obtained out of profits. The only source of revenue is from having money invested, and the investment of money will not be made without reasonable expectation of a fair profit.

Why do we lay aside each year a certain amount of money we call a "reserve fund?" Because such a fund is essential to meet extraordinary expenditures such as sleet storms, tornadoes or other sudden increases in expenses or reduction in revenues.

If the Bell Telephone organization did not provide an adequate reserve it would be justly accused of bad management.

A reserve fund must also be sufficient to provide for sudden fluctuations in the rates for borrowed money and the cost of materials, and for safety in times of feverish and uncertain business conditions such as all big organizations have had to meet the last year.

#### PENSIONS FOR AGED EMPLOYEES

Without a cent of expense to the employes, the Bell System has provided pensions for aged employes and continued the wages of those disabled by accident or sickness, and provided for dependent relatives of employes.

The last year benefits were paid in 20,915 cases of disability or death and over 200 employes were given pensions. The total money expended to these purposes during the year was a little over a million dollars.

The majority of the payments were made to employes whose loss of wages by sickness or accident would have been a hardship to their families.

The public as a whole benefits by this welfare work as much as the employes. Contented, happy, and well satisfied employes work harder and give the public more courteous, efficient and dependable service.

#### EMPLOYEES AS STOCKHOLDERS

That money invested in the Bell Telephone System is considered safe and that the concern is well managed may be pretty well demonstrated by the fact that one employe in every five, or more than 30,000 employes in all, who know the inside of the business, are stockholders.

In many cases stock owned by employes is purchased by the employe paying for a little each month, the dividends being applied in paying for the stock at the same time.

This plan has been termed "profit sharing." It is more than that. It is an investment, by which the employe becomes a proprietor and occupies the dual relation of owner and employe. It is a plan to aid employes to become part owners of the Company and earn money not only as wages, but by dividends on their investment.

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