MOVE TO OUST PARK BOARD

Petition Circulated by Certain Business Men for New Commission.

CLAIM LAW IS NOT DULY MET

Men Behind the Scheme Cite Law Requiring District Judges to Appoint Members and Not the Maror.

Circulating a petition asking that the old charter provision specifying the appointment by the district judges of members of the Park board be recognised, and declaring that a new board should be reappointed in May, certain business men of Omaha assert the charter provision has been usurped and that members of the Park board are holding their offices uniawfully. The district judges have not made appointments of members of the board since 1899, the mayor having exercised that office during the last nine years.

It is believed those who are secretly pushing this scheme are animated by something beside a mere desire to see the law duly conformed with. It is said they have taken exception to something the present board has done.

The five members of the Park board are J. Y. Craig, George T. Mills, E. P. Berry-man, E. J. Cornish and W. R. Watson. "It is possible that there may be a 'nigger in the woodpile' and that there is something else back of the petition to oust the park board other than the fact that the board members were not appointed by the district judges, as provided by the city charter, but what is in the wind I do not know," said E. P. Berryman, member of the park board. "I Berryman, member of the park board. am sure that every member of the board has lived up to his oath, and we have done the best we know how. We have held no star chamber executive sessions, all meetings of the board have been open and above hoard, and no land has been purchased for park purposes unless on petition, and then all interested have been naked to meet with the board and discuss the matter freely."

It was suggested to Mr. Berryman that possibly the Cut-Off lake park proposition might have something to do with the matter, but he stated positively that he believed no objection could come from that quarter. The appraisers of the Cut-Off lake property were haled into court a short time ago, but Judge Estelle dismissed the petition, though holding that the board members were not appointed as provided by the charter.

J. W. Parish, attorney in the case against the appraisers, was asked about the petition to oust the park board, but declined to be interviewed. He said that he understood there was such a petition and also that it contained the signatures of a number of leading business men and mavy taxpayers, but further would say nothing about it,

In opposition to the pushers of the petition, it is asserted the charter provision is unconstitutional, though it has never been declared such. It is pointed out that the situation is similar to the case of the election of police magistrates. The supreme court held the law which provided for the election of police justices in cities of the metropolitun class, to which class Omaha belongs, differing from the general law relating to police magistrates throughout the state, was void and unconstitutional. That decision of the supreme court was based on the fact that police magistrates are constitutional officers and that district judges are also officers who are specially mentioned in the constitution and the provision in the constitution that all laws shall be uniform applies to district judges

and their powers. The law giving to district judges of the Omaha district powers greater than other judges is open to the same objection as that relating to police judges, say the believers in the present system of appointment of members of the Park board by the city.

The provision in the charter requiring the appointment by district judges of the members of the Park board was inserted for the reason of taking the Park board out of politics and securing the best men for the place, disregarding politics.

One member of the Park board is appointed each year. Circulators of the petition declare, however, that every chair on the board is lawfully vacant, for the appointees were unlawfully appointed.

FRIEND OF FAMOUS

Charles L. Burgess, Who Dies in Omaha, Member of Old Regime of New Yorkers.

Charles L. Burgess, who died last week at the home of his son, R. N. Burgess of the Hurgess Shirt company, was for years an interesting figure in New York politics and in Washington, D. C. During his active political life he was closely assoclated with Roscoe Conkling, former Governor Flower of New York, President Cleveland and other prominent New Yorkers. He was a good wing shot and was frequently companion of President Cleveland on his numerous hunting trips. During President Cleveland's administration he was made chief clerk of the folding department of the house of representatives and he served under Harrison and subsequent ad-

He was engaged in a summer hotel enterprise in Rhode Island, when he was forced come west for his health last November. Since then he has been making his some with his son. He was an interesting talker and could tell many stories of the minent men he had met.

GENERAL HOSPITAL MANAGER B. N. Torrey of Creaton, In., Has Been Selected for the Im-

portant Place. Dr. B. N. Torrey of Creston, Ia., has peen selected general manager of the Omaha General hospital and will take charge April 1. He is now making preparations to move to Omaha from Creston. Dr. Torrey has been a practicing physician for out thirty years and during a large part of that time has been in charge of a hospital in Creston. He is highly recom for the place. He is a brother of Colonel

Torrey of the Rough Riders. Dr. Spalding, president of the board of said Dr. Torrey would not replace anyone of the present staff. Heretofore the management has been divided, but under the new plan Dr. Torrey will be given the sent of the whole institu-

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"There were three distinctive features of the educational meeting," Mr. Davidson says, "namely, industrial training in the schools, physical training among the children and the moral phases of education. In the industrial training in the schools new phase, the vocational aspect, was given, the training being to exalt the idea of labor and enable the child to discover what he is best adapted to. In the physical training in the school three things of importance were brought out, the necessity of physical exercise, the necessity of medical inspection of the eye and ear and the overcoming of any interference with education, and the development and equipment of the playground as an adjunct to the child's education. Concrete plans of how the work can be best extended and the formal teaching of morals in the schools

President Addresses Teachers.

were presented.

President Roosevelt addressed the educators in the east room of the White House, talking to them of the moral phase of inatrongly endorsed.

son said he did not feel prepared to recomuction of cooking and sewing and also a treasurer the decree of Hoctor and Queedepartment of free hand construction in pan. wood carving, pattern-making and clay nodeling work in connection with the pres-

ent free hand drawing work. Regarding fire drills in the Omaha schools and the danger of fire here Mr. Davidson said there are no better disciplined schools in the country than those in this city. He theroughly believes in the fire drills and believes that the children are in such complete control that they would readily respond to immediate the control of the control o

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HOCTOR SWINGS HIS CLUB Has City Treasurer Bear Down on His Deputy, Gribble, to

Let Up.

To save the scalp of C. A. Meicher, city reasurer of South Omaha and prevent his being relegated to dark oblivion, it is amored he has told John W. Gribble, candidate for mayor, and who is conteiting Hoctor's vote, that he must withdraw from the race. Mr. Melcher would say nothing about it either way, though Gribble did not deny he had been asked by that official to withdraw, adding, however, he had not withdrawn yet, laying special

stress on the word "yet." C. A. Melcher is city treasurer. John W. Gribble is deputy treasurer under him. struction and the strong tendency toward Tom Hoctor, mayor, is a candidate for redirectors of the Omaha General hospital. industrial training in the schools, which he election. W. H. Queenan is a candidate for tax commissioner. Melcher, Hoctor In the schools of Philadelphia the super- and Queenan have always stood together, intendent found vocational training in the it being asserted that Gribble is an interlead, masonry, printing, electric wiring and loper and is presumptuous in shying his plumbing being taught there. Mr. David- castor for mayor into the ring. For this reason, it is said, Hoctor and Queensh mend that kind of training for Omaha at have gone to Melcher and told him that this time, though he asserts he believes the he must make his man Gribble, the deputy, schools of this city are on the eve of a withdraw, or else they will see to it that thorough manual training course. The Melcher is not re-elected. Melcher wants Omaha schools now have a two years' to be city treasurer again, and from the course of manual training. Mr. Davidson | way Gribble talks it seems to be quite evifavors a four years' course and the intro- dent that he has conveyed to the deputy

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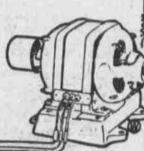
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