

### The Omaha Strike.

As it should be, public opinion is very slow to form on the merits of the labor difficulties in Omaha at the present time.

There is no doubt but a great deal of fault exists on both sides of the controversy and that the contending factions will necessarily have to each concede something before a general settlement of the existing trouble can be arrived at.

From the press reports it appears that the laboring people have been boycotting places where non-union help is employed and some trades refuse to deliver supplies to houses considered unfair by the strikers. The employers point to such acts as un-American and wrong and say that such action on the part of the employes cannot be tolerated, while from the same press reports we learn the employers association refuses to sell or deliver goods and supplies to houses where the union has been recognized.

In such cases we fail to see where the action of one class is more wrong than the other and we believe that fair minded people generally can see as much that is wrong in one action as the other.

The most striking point in the whole controversy seems to be the question of the recognition of the union and the members of the Business Mens Association would have us believe that to recognize the union would mean in effect to turn their respective businesses over to the management of the unions; which idea would be repulsive to all fair minded Americans and it must be said that the general circulation of this idea has enlisted a considerable amount of sympathy with the employers, among people whose natural sympathies are with the workmen as long as they think they are right, but whose general sense of fairness is so strong that they will give their sympathy to the party in the difficulty that has convinced them that their cause is a just one.

On the question of the recognition of the union it might at this time be fairly considered as the leading question in the controversy and on this point there is room for a wide difference of opinion by honest people. In the matter of the unions managing the business of the firms where they receive recognition it is only fair at this time to state that for more than twenty years without a break the Omaha Bee has recognized the unions in all its mechanical departments, but no one believes that the printers, pressmen and stereotypers of Omaha "run" the Omaha Bee. The World-Herald and the News never got out an edition of their paper that was not got out by union men that were recognized, but no one supposes that the unions "run" these great institutions. There is not a printing establishment in Omaha and has not been for years, that did not recognize the union that their employes affiliated with. There are several hundred cigar makers in Omaha and every factory in existence there has been recognizing the cigar makers union for more than fifteen years, yet no one has charged that the union has "run" the cigar factories. The cigar makers union has within its membership, generally speaking most of the competent cigar makers of the country and having in their treasury nearly three millions of dollars which could be called on as a strike fund, they have had but little trouble of late years. Without going into details further, suffice it to say that fully one half, or more, of the successful

business institutions of the city of Omaha, are operated by firms who have recognized union labor, and, under the circumstances, it appears to us that the great bugaboo of recognition that has been raised by the Business Mens Association, is really more of the nature of a scare-crow than what it would appear on first sight.

Robert McClintock, express messenger on the Great Northern between O'Neill and Sioux City, was united in marriage to one of Sioux City's charming young ladies, in that city last Tuesday. The bridal couple came on the Great Northern Tuesday evening and took the Elkhorn passenger for a visit with friends at Deadwood, and other Black Hills towns. A large delegation of Bob's O'Neill friends met him and his bride at the train and they were escorted to the Elkhorn passenger 'midst showers of rice, old shoes and good wishes. The Frontier wishes Mr. and Mrs. McClintock much happiness and joy.

Miss Nellie M. O'Fallon last week, closed a very successful six-months term of school in school district no 17, north-east of town and on Saturday returned to her home in the city. This was Miss O'Fallon's first term as teacher, she having graduated from O'Neill High school with the class of '02 last May, and we have it from the officers and patrons of that school that her work as teacher the past winter was of the highest order.

R. J. Marsh, left Tuesday afternoon for a canvassing tour of the towns between O'Neill and Valentine. Bob will visit all the towns along the line and to prospective customers, will extol the virtues of his pop, ciders and mineral waters. The boys along the line will find Robert a whole-souled genial fellow whose line of drinks are becoming very popular in this locality.

D. L. Cramer, of Oelwin, Io., was in the city last Saturday visiting old-time friends. Mr. Cramer was formerly engaged in the general merchandise business at Ewing and was at one time republican candidate for county judge, being defeated by Judge Bowen. Mr. Cramer is still in the general merchandise business and is prospering a fact that will be pleasing news to his numerous friends in Holt county.

Attorney S. A. Sanders, of Lynch, was in O'Neill Wednesday attending to legal business at the local land office. Mr. Sanders says Boyd is a county of many resources but has not much faith in it becoming very much noted as a mineral country. He thinks hog raising and the cattle industry will still predominate.

The new passenger arrived on schedule time—2:50 p. m.—Monday, and the people of O'Neill now feel as if they lived several miles nearer Omaha, being enabled to get their morning Omaha papers at 3 p. m. on the day of publication instead of the day after as heretofore.

Spencer Advocate: Mr. James A. Donahue, John O'Donnell, Miss Mamie Morrow and Maggie Clark, young people from O'Neill, came over Sunday to visit friends and take a peep at our rapidly growing city. They returned Monday.

William Meals, came down from Rapid City Wednesday morning, where he has been attending school the past year, and after a few days visit in O'Neill and Atkinson will leave for the home of his parents at Valdez, Alaska.

FOR SALE—A few full blooded Hereford bulls.  
tf. Cowperthwaite & Son.

### A Grave Crime.

Ewing Advocate: Wednesday morning two daughters of Andrew Nelson, living southwest of Ewing came to town and swore out a complaint against their father charging him with assault and battery on the person of a younger sister, Mary C. Nelson. Justice Selah issued a warrant and dispatched Constable Race after Mr. Nelson who was found on a rented place a few miles from his homestead.

It seems the defendant has been living on the rented place a part of the time of late while his daughter Mary who is about 16 years of age and a smaller sister possibly 12 years old were keeping house for him, but at the time the arrest was made were at the home of their mother. When arrested Mr. Nelson asked permission of the officer to go to his homestead where his family were and which request was granted. Upon arriving he at once commenced talking with his daughter Mary, in whose behalf the warrant had been sworn out, in their native language, Norwegian, which, of course, was foreign to officer Race, nor did the conversation last long until Mary asked why her father was arrested and stated that she had given no one authority to order his arrest. Mr. Nelson at once became bold and asked the officer to draw up some sort of a document releasing him which he said the girl would sign. The officer could see no reason why he should not do as requested and drew up the desired document which the girl readily signed, after which Race and Nelson immediately drove to Ewing.

During the officers absence from town the talk became quite general that a more serious charge than the one entered in the complaint could be made against Nelson should the daughters desire to testify. Upon reaching Ewing Nelson demanded that he be discharged but Judge Selah thought no harm would be done in holding him until the daughter could be brought to town, as the older sister had claimed he would compel Mary to submit to anything.

County Attorney Mullen was notified and came down on a freight and after a short consultation with the parties connected with the case obtained a complete admission from Nelson on the charge of incest. The complaint charging the defendant with assault and battery was at once dismissed and a new complaint sworn out charging this inhuman monster with two of the most heinous of crimes—rape and incest, which this young daughter readily signed. The depraved beast having agreed to plead guilty, the county attorney ordered Constable Race to take him to O'Neill where he was immediately placed in the county jail, there to await his hearing before County Judge Morgan today.

Since the arrest of this worst of brutes it has come to light that this was not the first offense of this character he has committed in his family, and the only reason he has not received his just dues, was for the reason that his daughters feared to expose him less they be brutally tortured as a consequence, he having threatened on several occasions to kill them if a word was dropped. That he escaped the hands of a mob while here was a miracle, in that no conclusive evidence was at hand, merely gossip; the authorities having the case in hand guarding every word of incriminating evidence until the fiend incarnate was once on the train enroute to the county jail.

The extreme penalty for the crime accredited to the defendant is life imprisonment and his guilt once proven there should be no hesitancy on the part of the court in giving him the fullest benefit of the law.

After the regular business of the masonic lodge on last Thursday evening its members held an informal smoker in honor of Mr. J. J. King who is about to remove to the state of Washington. Mr. King has ever been one of the most active members in building up the fraternity in this city and the members of the order feel keenly the loss they are about to sustain in losing Mr. King's membership. Before the close of their regular business on that evening the lodge passed appropriate resolutions anent Mr. King's departure. A sumptuous repast was served in the lodge room by the Lappan restaurant and speeches, music and a general good time was indulged by the members until the wee hours of the morning.

Hillary Lorge Cronin, the fifteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cronin, died at 8:50 Wednesday evening, after an illness of six days of pneumonia. The funeral was held Friday forenoon, the remains being interred in the Catholic cemetery.

Go to Gilligan & Stouts drug store to get your lungs tested.

### Notes.

Labor Commissioner Bush has issued an addition to his recent crop bulletin. The report shows an increase of 25 per cent. in the acreage of sugar beets in the state and places the total acreage for 1903, in the state at more than 18,000 acres. The principal acreages are in Hall, Lincoln, Red Willow, Dodge and Hitchcock counties. Thirty-eight counties are engaged in the beet raising industry and a large number of Russians are employed in the culture. The price per acre for tending the beets is \$21 per acre.

"It would be a most excellent idea," said Judge Magoon to The Star, "to create a chair of Oriental languages and affairs at the University of Nebraska for the purpose of educating the students in the customs and manners of the Orient." Judge Magoon's recommendation is timely and based upon a practical view of education. A knowledge of Oriental languages can no longer be considered an unnecessary part of college training. Soon it will be necessary for the successful business man, as the trade of his country is bound to expand, and, according to such authorities as Judge Magoon, the United States will make a strong bid for commercial supremacy in the Orient with England, Germany and Russia within the next few years. This fact alone should convince us that a better knowledge of Oriental affairs would be a practical addition to the mental training of a college student.

Tuesday afternoon John O. Yeiser, attorney for Waiter's union No. 23, of Omaha, appeared before Judge Dickinson and secured a mandatory injunction against the Business Men's association and the members thereof more sweeping in its mandate than any other order of the court issued during the present labor difficulties. The petition filed by Mr. Yeiser is in the nature of a cross-complaint to the injunction issued Monday against the waiter's union members, and instead of an answer to that order, reverses the case and directs it against the plaintiffs, who are made defendants in the injunction issued by Judge Dickinson. The injunction is returnable May 26—the same day upon which the business men's injunction against the waiters was made returnable. The injunction is mandatory in that it will compel dealers in builders material to dispose of their material upon demand and allow the smaller contractors to proceed with their work.

Lincoln Star: The announcement of the meeting of the state republican central committee May 26, for the purpose of deciding upon the date for holding the state convention has aroused interest in the ticket to be nominated and elected this fall. As there are but three state offices to be filled not as much interest will be manifested as in ordinary years, but the selection of a republican supreme judge to succeed Judge Sullivan will of necessity put life into the campaign. There is strong sentiment throughout the state that the judgeship should go to the territory north of the Platte. But few candidates are mentioned for the nomination and from present indications Judge J. B. Barnes will be universally agreed upon before the convention is held. Judge Barnes is recognized as a jurist of rare ability and one admirably suited to occupy a position on the bench. Judge Edward Robinson, of Norfolk, is also mentioned for the place, but is understood to be merely a passive candidate. The terms of Regent E. von Forell, of Kearney, and Regent George F. Kenower, of Wisner, expire this year and it will be necessary to choose their successors. The two gentlemen have not signified whether they will be candidates for re-election or not. Two of the most prominent men mentioned for the positions are J. N. Dryden, of Kearney, and John S. Bridenbaugh, of Cedar county. Both are graduates of the university and are young men, Mr. Bridenbaugh having graduated in 1881 and Mr. Dryden a few years later. Their selection would meet with the hearty approval of the old "grads" and their support would be unanimous. These are the only two names that have as yet been advanced for the places, but it is probable that others will be mentioned within the next few days. Politicians from over the state, who have been in Lincoln recently express themselves as well pleased with the outlook for this campaign and a bigger victory than ever is predicted. The proposition of a non-partisan judge is laughed at as emanating from the brain of some idle thinker who has not taken a careful and close view of the situation and it is the general opinion that it is poor time to talk non-partisanship with two members of the minority on the bench. The

sentiment still seems to be in favor of a late convention, as there is no crying demand or necessity for a prolonged campaign.

San Francisco, Cal., May 12.—Before Judge De Haven, in the United States district court today, the Federal Salt company, of which D. E. Skinner is president, was convicted of maintaining a monopoly contrary to the Sherman anti-trust law.

When the case was opened counsel for the corporation withdrew its original plea of not guilty, and pleaded guilty to the first court of the indictment.

Judge De Haven will pronounce sentence on Tuesday.

The maximum fine is \$5,000. This case marks the first conviction under the Sherman law, which went into effect in 1892.

Last November the attorney general's office won a civil suit before Judge Morrow against the same company on identically the same evidence. The successful termination of that suit abolished the contracts the Federal Salt company held.

The Federal Salt company was organized in New Jersey in 1900. It established a business in California and quickly secured a monopoly of the product on the coast, raising the price from \$2 and \$6 a ton to \$30 and \$35.

### Important Mineral Discovery.

Gross Courier: A lode of rich cinnabar ore has been discovered in Palodes Verdes Gulch. Last Sunday while a party of men from Gross were prospecting in Verdes Gulch near the river they were successful in discovering a large body of cinnabar ore lying exposed by a recent slide. One of the party who is familiar with the quicksilver ores of the New Almaden mines of California, at once pronounced the ore to be very rich and estimated it would easily produce two hundred ounces of quicksilver to the ton. The ore lies in blanket formation as is customary with this mineral, and is of the rich yellowish brown color and characteristics of cinnabar ore of the New Almaden mines. The lode is superimposed by a layer of conglomerate which is in turn covered by a thin layer of micaceous schist. The depth of the ore body is not known. Further investigation showed the existence of an old tunnel a short distance up the gulch. There is evidence of ore in this vicinity as pieces of float are plentiful in that locality, and some prospectors in former years had evidently tried to locate the lode and failed. Old settlers remember two Frenchmen who were prospecting on this creek one summer, about fifteen years ago. The men said they were looking for lead. Should the expectations of the present discovery be realized it will mean much for Gross and vicinity and a large influx of people anxious to reap the benefit of being early on the ground, may be expected. Options on land adjacent to the discovery have been obtained, and further investigation into the extent and value of the find will be made at once. Samples of the ore was sent to Omaha this week and its worth will be accurately known in a few days.

### Phoenix.

Otto Nilson and wife were Atkinson visitors last Friday.

Ben Kinney was also an Atkinson visitor that day.

Mrs. Shepardson spent Wednesday after noon at Louie Coburn's.

Quite a number of Phoenix people attended the Berg sale, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Coburn went to Butte Saturday.

Mary Bartel's is now chief cook at Ray Coburn's.

Mrs. Damero was called from Atkinson Wednesday on account of the illness of her son, John.

Dr. Stockwell was over from Butte one day last week.

Mrs. Coburn and daughter and Mary Bartel's spent Wednesday at Ben Kinney's.

Mrs. Nilson was a caller at Ben Kinney's Thursday.

Mr. Prouty of Atkinson was a Phoenix visitor last week.

Rudolph Jeppeson and family moved into the house recently vacated by Len Gormley, last week.

Bert Farshall made a flying trip to Butte, Saturday.

Mary Anderson of Spencer visited her cousin Edith Jeppeson over Sunday.

### Notice.

The democrats of O'Neill and Grattan townships are requested to meet at John A. Harmon's office in O'Neill on Saturday evening, May 16, at eight o'clock for the purpose of organizing a democratic club.

Wm. Fallon,  
Chm. Dem. Cen. Com.

The Atkinson ball team defeated the Long Pine sluggers in a well contested game on the Atkinson diamond a week ago Saturday, score: Atkinson 7; Long Pine 2.

Mrs. R. R. Dickson and Miss Sadie Skerving went up to Atkinson last Friday to attend the funeral of Miss Kazasiek, who died in this city last Tuesday.

Nels Tuller, is now Mayor of Atkinson. Holt county democracy seems to be handing out knockout drops to their opponents and old-time pards.

F. M. Widner, arrived in the city from Corning, Iowa, Saturday evening and will remain a few days looking after his business interests here.

Dan Finnigan won a few "shekels" in a foot race at Ainsworth last week. His opponent was a resident of that town who thought he could run.

Mrs. J. F. Gunthorpe, of Plainview, was in the city the first of the week visiting with her mother, Mrs. B. Welton.

J. M. Welsh, of So Omaha, was in the city Wednesday and Thursday looking after business interest in this section.

M. R. Sullivan, returned Saturday evening from a week visit with relatives and friends in Omaha.

Mr. J. C. Benedict, of Iowa, brother of Judge E. H. Benedict is visiting this week in O'Neill.

Thomas H. Cafferty, of Ewing was in the hub Wednesday and fled on a homestead.

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