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CITIZENS TICKET

Six Democrats

Graft in City Government

One of the most noticeable differences between graft in San Francisco and in Eastern cities is to be found in the nature and variety of the methods employed. In New York, under Boss Tweed, the frauds were mainly in municipal contracts; in St. Louis, the aldermen made money chiefly through the corrupt sale of privileges and franchises. In San Francisco, Ruef, Schmitz, and their allies took toll everywhere, from everybody, and in almost every imaginable way. They went into partnership with dishonest contractors; sold privileges and permits to business men; extorted money from restaurants and saloons; levied assessments on municipal employees; shared the profits of houses of prostitution; forced beer, whisky, champagne, and cigars on restaurants and saloons on commission; blackmailed gamblers, pool-sellers, and promoters of prize fights; sold franchises to wealthy corporations; created such municipal bureaus as the Commissary Department and the City Commercial Company in order to make robbery of the city more easy; leased rooms and buildings the municipal offices at exorbitant rates and compelled the lessors to share profits; held up milkmen, kite-advertisers, junk-dealers, and even street-sweepers; and took bribes from everybody who wanted an illegal privilege or exemption and who was willing to pay for it. The motto of the administration seemed to be: "Encourage dishonesty, and then let no dishonest dollar escape."

If graft in San Francisco had been confined to the operations of Ruef, Schmitz, and the higher authorities, it would have been bad enough, but the spirit of selfishness and greed pervaded every branch of the municipal government. Tempted and corrupted by the example and the success of the Mayor, hundreds of clerks, police officers, and petty officials began to graft on their own account, and before the end of 1906 the whole municipal administration from top to bottom was rotten. The police force, in particular, was so demoralized and so corrupt that it might almost be said to constitute a distinct criminal class.

Graft of the San Francisco type is the graft that finds its way into the municipal government of many of the smaller cities. We would not have to travel a hundred miles to find such graft in some of the cities of Nebraska. Then there is another kind of graft that attacks municipal government in many of the smaller cities. A horde of fellows are sometimes kept on the payroll purely for political purposes, who do not as a matter of fact earn their salt. Then there are other sources of leakage from the city treasury such as

paying for six publications of all ordinances, notices, etc., where two would be sufficient. We would not have to travel a hundred miles to find such graft in some of the cities of Nebraska. Vote for the Citizens' ticket. It cannot be worse, and it may be better.

Eagle

George Trimble of Syracuse, is visiting a few days with home folks. Miss Alma Trimble who has been quite sick was again able to attend her school the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Beach of Lincoln, are visiting a few days with the latter's parents, Mr. and C. Wetenkamp, Sr. A number of the teachers from here attended the schoolma'ms meet at Louisville last Saturday and report having a good time.

Nick Peterson and wife came up from Brock last Saturday. Nick has rented Mrs. Ashworth's farm and was busily engaged moving into the same the fore part of the week. Anon Bordick has been keeping tab on the number of pieces of mail he has carried during the past month as is being required of all rural route carriers and reports carrying 7384 pieces. Not so bad considering the size of our office.

Max Spahnle came up town Thursday morning with one of those dignified parental looks on his face. You would naturally think he was out of humor on account of the stormy outlook for the day but not so. Max says it was a boy and that both he and his mother are getting along nicely. Only one thing worried Max and that was April 1st.

Ten Years For Ossenkop

Judge Travis Passed Sentence Saturday.

Saturday afternoon Judge Harvey D. Travis held a brief session of court. The only matter coming on for hearing was the case of the State vs. Fred Ossenkop. The motion for a new trial was overruled. Then the sentence of the court upon the convicted man was in order. Judge Travis asked Ossenkop if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced, and he said he had not. The Judge then gave him a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary.

Rev. M. C. McGiffin, pastor of the Lowe Ave., Presbyterian Church in Omaha, filled the pulpit Thursday evening at the Presbyterian church, in the absence of Rev. Chester Birch.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See us for sale bills. Dr. Barnes, veterinary. Read our advertisements. "Booster" envelopes at Irwins. For fine job printing call at this office. Blue grass and clover seed at John Bauer's. "Booster" envelopes are the latest—Irwins. Meyers pumps for sale only at John Bauer's. Roy McDaniels is home from Sheridan, Wyoming. Gasoline stoves from \$250 to \$300 at John Bauer's. C. L. Graves of the Union Ledger was in the city Friday. Farm for Sale or Rent Seven miles west of Plattsmouth—the E. E. Goodwin farm. C. S. Wortman has returned to his

home in Oklahoma after several days' visit in the city.

The old reliable Dr. Barnes is again prepared to attend to your veterinary wants. Satisfaction guaranteed.

F. M. Young, Jr. left the latter part of the week for Murdock, Minn. Mr. Young contemplates purchasing some land in that vicinity.

WANTED—Man to travel in Nebraska. Start now. Experience unnecessary. Good pay and tailor made suit free in 90 days. Write for particulars. J. E. McBrady & Co., Chicago, Ill.

The Burlington is making preparations to immediately commence the erection of a freight depot to take the place of the one recently destroyed by fire. Mr. Hedengren of Omaha, the master carpenter of the Omaha division, was here the latter part of the week and gave out this information. It is not definitely known what the material will be.

Preparedness.

What preparation are you making for your part in life? How well have you studied yourself and the world about you?

It is easy to say that you have had no chance to rise; but have you prepared yourself for any one thing so well as to be sure that you could recognize an opportunity when it confronted you?

Are you quite certain that opportunity has not been beckoning to you in vain for years and that your indolence has not left you blind to the glorious signals?

Suppose that a great opportunity should knock, aye thunder, at your door tomorrow—would it find you ready?

God searches you not merely for motives and desires, but for preparedness. When the call came to Abraham Lincoln, born in an eastern-floored log cabin, he was ready. Had he not for years and years trained body, mind and soul for the awful responsibilities of his destiny, he might now be moldering in a forgotten grave. Fortune waits on the prepared man; salvation itself is not for the unready.—JAMES CREELMAN.

From an off-Color Democrat

The Journal is scathingly arraigned for its attitude toward the Citizens' ticket.

April 5, 1909
To the Editor of the NEWS-HERALD:
The following communication was sent to the Evening Journal on last Thursday, as a protest against the stigma with which the Editor of that paper has attempted to impeach the democracy of the men named, and a host of others who have had the temerity to place their names on paper in favor of a citizens' ticket without the consent of the editor of the Journal; democrats who have become thoroughly tired of the horse-play of some of the men in the city government on the light question and others. The citizens' ticket may not win, but the inalienable right of protest these Democrats will exercise, against the obstruction of the peoples wishes.

J. N. WISE.
COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Evening Journal:
You have been pleased to stigmatize the following persons, viz: C. C. Parmele, T. M. Patterson, J. M. Roberts, Rev. J. H. Salsbury, J. P. Falter, Carl Kunsman, Dr. E. D. Cummins, Rea F. Patterson, Aug. Gorder, L. G. Larson, and the writer, and a host of others, as "off color democrats," and the citizens' ticket, made up partly from these, "off color Democrats," you stigmatize as unworthy of the support of the voters of Plattsmouth, presumably for the reason that in your judgement they do not stand for good morals, or for the financial, progressive and upbuilding interests of the city.

Look over these names, keep them in mind as "off color Democrats." The Journal may want their acquaintance latter on.

Yours truly,
J. N. WISE
Off-color Democrat.

Nice Words From Omaha

The following is from the South Omaha department of the Omaha Bee, relative to the Plattsmouth contingent attending the oratorical contest which recently occurred at that city:

"Mrs. J. W. Gamble offered a solo at the opening of the program. She is one of the talented musicians of Plattsmouth.

"Miss Marie Douglass of Plattsmouth, winner of the most coveted prize of the contest took the climatic scene from the popular novel, "If I Were King." Her imitation of the weeping, Louis of France, accomplished the truest dramatic touch of the evening. The effort of the monologist to present four or five different characters in one production is difficult in the extreme, but the touches of mannerisms and character of Miss Douglass left no confusion in the minds of the hearers.

"Ben Windham was slightly handicapped, in having chosen a selection which was vaudeville, rather than humor, but he did well with the part and received more applause than the winner of the prize for humorous declamation."

Advertised Letter List.

Remaining uncalled for in the post-office at Plattsmouth, Neb., April 5, 1909.

Mrs. Robert, Mrs. Ferne Montgomery, Miss Merle Smith, L. G. Atherton, E. W. Barker, C. M. Campbell, Malter Coleman, A. Dean, Asa Durall, A. H. Elton (3), Oscar Johnson, L. J. Patterson, Toledo Collection Association.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office April 19, 1909, if not delivered before. In calling for the above please say "advertised" giving date of list. C. H. SMITH, P. M.

LOST—Sunday, between Second Church of Christ, Scientist, and the western part of the city, a bible. Please return to this office.

Notice.

There will be a rehearsal this evening by the Methodist choir and Glee Club, of the Easter music at the home of C. E. Wescott. It is earnestly hoped that all members will be present.

Union

Miss Lela Valley of Murray arrived Saturday to visit her friend, Miss Gertrude Hoback.

Mrs. Milly Curtiss and daughter, Katie, went to Plattsmouth on the Wednesday evening train for a few days visit.

A Jackson McNatt of Kenosha was in town Tuesday and made us a social call. He related a story of James Fitch killing a span of wild geese, the event being so unexpected that Jack and Lig Brown had to give him a bath and sit up with him that night.

Miss Flora Anderson went up to Murray on Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Henry Sands.

Mrs. Hattie Barnum spent a few days this week with her parents and other relatives at Nehawka.

Mrs. Margaret Niday went down to Wyoming last Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Henry Scharp.

S. Hathaway went to Lincoln Wednesday evening, intending to take his old position as a guard at the penitentiary.

Mrs. E. C. Curtiss went down to Auburn on Wednesday to visit her daughter, who was reported as being seriously ill.

Miss Iva Saxon, who attends the State Normal at Peru, came home Wednesday to visit until Monday, there being a short vacation.

Mrs. G. W. Worley of Elmwood came last Saturday for a few days visit with her relatives, the Chalfant families, northeast of here.

Expensive

Diversions

Greek Riot at South Omaha will Cost A Pretty Penny.

Some weeks ago South Omaha seemed to be enjoying herself by heaping all kinds of indignities upon her Greek citizenship. Now she must pay the fiddler. Claims of Greek merchants to the state department for damages sustained in the riot which followed the murder of a policeman by Greek laborers totals up the sum of \$225,562. Besides this, Professor Theodore Ion is reporting to the Greek minister that 130 laborers lost \$11,000 worth of personal effects.

Included in the merchants' claims are some items, damages for which it is doubtful ever will be allowed. These in particular are estimates of future profits which some merchants have inserted.

The leading merchants represented by claims of from \$10,000 to \$17,000 are John Zees, A. B. Cokoris, Demos Bros., Sotiros Korlabos and Christia Zacharogianis.

The process of getting money from the United States is likely to be a slow one, for the state department has first to be approached, and after it has considered the questions with the Greek minister congress will be asked to appropriate whatever sum the state department will agree to.

That this will be less than asked for is likely in the light of past action in similar cases.

V. W. Price has returned to his work with the Burlington at Alliance after spending a month's vacation with friends and relatives in this vicinity.

WHEN you pay from \$18.00 to \$30.00 for a suit of clothes, be sure of getting four things.



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1st. Get a suit that is guaranteed to hold its shape.

2nd. Be sure that its made of absolutely pure wool, resist dye stuff, with a guarantee that it will not fade.

3rd. Don't let anyone sell you a last season's suit, something that has been carried over from last season.

4th. Go to a place where you're not made to feel that you have to buy, and where you can get a large variety of patterns all new.

These things you can't help getting if you come here.

Their methods we're using to build the foundation of a successful business.

If they happen to be the things you're looking for, come into our store, and say:

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That's enough, we'll do the rest.
Low priced line \$7.50 to \$12.50, Medium \$13.50 to \$16.50,
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Buy your clothes Where Quality Counts, you know that is the safest way. You'll not have to pay here, any more than good clothes are worth anywhere, and here you are sure of getting the quality that counts for satisfaction. Our Easter showing awaits you.

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"Where Quality Counts."