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MR. CAMPBELL IS ALARMED.

The article published in The Tribune-Journal in last week's issue, entitled "Vice And Prosperity" is already commencing to bear fruit. Monday morning the Omaha Bee became alarmed, and the next morning the mails brought a very interesting letter from the fluent pen of Will A. Campbell, manager of the publicity bureau of the commercial club of Omaha. In a separate letter, Mr. Campbell merely characterizes the article as an attack on Omaha.

The letter in question is printed in full below, and also our reply to it. We regret that Mr. Campbell has seen fit to take offense at the article and to call it a black-wash for Omaha, when in reality, it was meant simply as a reply to a scurrilous attack on a good law, and on a good man, one of our own citizens. We did not say that the paper quoted represents the sentiments of the people of Omaha, and we are glad to be assured that it does not.

June 19, 1911.

Editor Tribune-Journal,
Columbus, Nebraska.

My Dear Sir:

Don't you think you owe the city of Omaha an apology for your editorial of recent date attacking it's good people because of something said in an obscure weekly paper? We attach a copy of an editorial from the Bee of even date, in reply to your attack. If you will examine the newspaper directories you will notice that "The Mediator" is not even mentioned in a directory. My surprise is that you would take advantage of the statement of such a paper to say an unfair thing about the city of Omaha.

Only a week ago the newspaper men of the state pledged themselves to get together with Omaha and with Lincoln and work for the good of Nebraska. Then the following week you print something in your paper which is not only unfair and untrue, but shows a disposition to continue the black-washing. I shall be glad to hear from you on this subject and sincerely hope you will be broad enough to some day cease malicious defamation of character.

Cordially yours,
WILL A. CAMPBELL, Manager.

We do not think that this letter is justified by the facts in the case, and in defense of our action, we replied to Mr. Campbell in the following language:

Columbus, Nebraska, June 20, 1911.

Mr. Will A. Campbell,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:—

Your esteemed favor of yesterday received, in which you make it very plain that you are endeavoring to write an answer to something which you evidently have not even read, and knew nothing about until you saw the reference to it in the Bee. When you have time and the inclination, you will do me a favor if you will read the article at which you have seen fit to take offense, when in reality if you but stop a fraction of a second you will see that the real attack on the city of Omaha comes from within. You accuse me of attacking the GOOD people of Omaha. A man is human, and prone to error, and a man must be very human indeed, to see an attack on GOOD people in the editorial in question.

You have made the discovery that the publication to which the article calls attention is not even mentioned in a newspaper directory. That is true. But at the same time, it is admitted to the mails of the United States as second class matter, and the issue containing the matter to which we took exception marked the end of the first half of the seventh year of its existence. I do not know whether it is obscure in Omaha. I do know that it has some circulation here, that it appears to represent the liquor interests, which seem to be in the ascendency in Omaha, and that it called for a reply in-as-far as it affected a citizen of Columbus, who was the sponsor for the law which has made miserable the lives of ruthless landlords who live off the life blood of the sisters of men.

When you read our "Vice And Prosperity" article, you will see, not only that we made no false charges against Omaha, maliciously or otherwise, but that her representatives in the legislature are commended for their action in the legislature. No assertion is made that could be taken as an offense by any thinking man, unless he is himself affected in some manner. Knowing your reputation for an upright life as I have been told of it, that it why I conclude that you have not read it, and hence the explanation for your hastily written epistle.

You accuse me of a malicious defamation of character. Will you be fair enough to show me wherein is defamed the character of yourself or any one else who had any character to defame? For not even is the character of the Mediator writer defamed, unless he is one of the social mosquitoes at whom this law is directed.

When you take the time and trouble to read this and digest it thoroughly, you will agree with me that its publication is indeed a blessing to your city, for it has served to call your attention to a condition which you have not here-to-fore seen, or, if seen, have seen fit to ignore; and it is too serious a matter to ignore. You are finding out to your own satisfaction that even if you do not notice it, the rest of the state does. For my part, I am willing to accept your arguments for the sake of a better understanding between the people of the state and our metropolis, leaving it to you to take care of your home people and to see that Omaha's good name is not further besmirched by home publications.

Very truly yours,
ALBERT J. MASON,
Editor Tribune-Journal.

We trust that Mr. Campbell may see by this that he also may be in error. The layman knows when he reads a published article the purport of the article; but he does not always know just what may be the standing of the publication making the assertion.

There is no question as to the standing of the Bee or of Mr. Campbell, and they will readily see that the real attack on Omaha comes not from Columbus, but rather from within their own city, and we have merely served to call their attention to the fact. For them to continue to criticise The Tribune-Journal for its course can be viewed in no other light than as an endorsement of the Mediator's arguments, which, it seems to us, they can ill afford to do.

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THE CALL OF DISTRESS.

One of the big mail order houses of Chicago sent out, last week, a circular letter to a number of their former customers, who are awakening to the fact that Chicago is not the logical place for the man who has a home town to spend his money. The circular complains that the person addressed has not been as good a customer during the past few months as he had been previously, and inquires anxiously as to the reason. They are worried for fear that possibly there might have been some mistake that has not been rectified, or perhaps has never been called to their attention.

Sure, there has been an error. But it has not been entirely the fault of the mail order promoter, for these people are noted for their extensive and intelligent advertising compaigns. Home merchants have found this out, and their advertising for the past year or two has been rather different from the previous styles—such as to attract attention and patronage from people who formerly sent every available dollar away from home, but who have come to find out that not only can the home merchant furnish them with what they need, but that they actually save money by doing so, while at the same time they are helping to build up their own community by refusing to turn over their livelihood to these Chicago sharks.

The following verses have recently been brought to our attention, and they fit so neatly as a reply to this distress call from the City On The Lake, that we feel impelled to print them.

HOME, SWEET HOME.

'Mid pleasures and palaces though it may roam,
The place to spend money is right here at home.
Development surely will follow it there
That never occurs when you send it elsewhere.

Home, home, sweet, sweet home;
The place to spend money is right here at home.

An exile from home, you will murmur in vain,
"Oh, give me my old silver dollar again!"
The smaller percentage that comes at your call
Is surely much better than losing it all.

Home, home, sweet, sweet home;
The place to spend money is right here at home.

Farewell, thou promoter with promise of gain;
My old silver dollar at home shall remain,
The dollar the foolish send often to roam
Shall be used to increase the endearments of home.

Home, home, sweet, sweet home;
The place to spend money is right here at home.

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

In 1906, George W. Berge was a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor. So was Ashton C. Shallenberger. The democrats of Platte county, in their county convention that year, after a hard scramble, with John C. Byrnes, C. M. Gruenther, Henry C. Carrig and a hundred others on the one hand, and Edgar Howard, P. E. McKillip, G. W. Phillips and a dozen others opposing them, adopted a resolution instructing the delegates to the state convention to vote for the nomination of Berge. This was a bitter pill for those delegates who did not like to go to the convention with their hands tied.

Five years have passed by since that time. Shallenberger won that nomination, but lost in the election to George L. Sheldon. Two years later, Mr. Shallenberger was again nominated, and that time he was elected. Then came the appointment and recall of a man named Johnson as food commissioner. Also the daylight saloon law, which resulted in the overthrow of Governor Shallenberger by his party and the nomination of Mayor Dahlman.

All this is history. Now, Mr. Shallenberger is a candidate for the senatorial toga at the present time worn by Norris Brown. So also, are Willis E. Reed, of Madison, and W. H. Thompson, of Grand Island, neither of whom have held an office in Nebraska, at least for many years.

A glance at the political map of the democrats in Nebraska today will reveal a picture of the same men who five years ago were ready to move heavens and earth for Shallenberger, are today equally anxious to defeat him, while some of his bitter opponents of that time are numbered among his strongest supporters now. More than that, George W. Berge is again being mentioned in connection with the candidacy for governor for next year. What new complications may result from such an arrangement? Surely the men in control of the party machinery at present would find it hard to rally to his support now, in view of the present Dahlmanic hold on the organization.

One of the latest bomb-shells to fall into their camp is a statement from the pen of I. J. Dunn, one of the great men of the party in Nebraska, and in which appears this significant threat: "So far as I am personally concerned when the time comes to enter the campaign, I shall have no hesitancy in making the charges public, (relating to Governor Shallenberger and Food Commissioner Johnson), and giving all the facts."

We do not know what cards Mr. Dunn may have in his sleeve, but he must be surcharged to make use of such talk as that. But all along the line may be seen the working of the leaven of discord, which bespeaks an easy victory for the republicans in next year's campaign.

As one prominent democrat who was in the city last week said to the writer, "Nebraska will wait a long time before the democrats will again have as good an opportunity as the one they wasted last year. Why, even Mayor Dahlman himself, will not be able to swing Omaha and Douglas county into line again, and without them the fight must be regarded as a hope less one."

BACK TO THE SOIL

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MOTORISTS TAKE A HAND.

The members of the automobile association of Columbus are preparing to take an active part in the work of assisting in the building of good roads in Platte county. This step is in accordance with the suggestion of Mr. Watkins, secretary of the state automobile association, which is affiliated with the American Automobile Association.

The officers of the local branch announce that they have money enough in their treasury at the present time to do much good in assisting in the construction of good roads in the county. It is their purpose to procure King road drags, and to drag one road across the conuty north and south, and one across east and west after each rain, thus keeping it in as nearly perfect condition as possible. They also propose to ask the government to extend the government road between the Loup and Platte rivers to this city from this end of the Loup river bridge, and to endeavor to procure the necessary funds for this purpose.

The Tribune-Journal is informed by E. B. Feaster that there is at present money enough in the treasury to drag one road across the county each way twenty times in one year, and still leave a neat balance in the treasury for emergency use. We believe that every man in the county should feel that he is interested in this proposition, and come to the help of the automobile owners, for there is not a man, farmer or merchant, who would not be directly benefitted by having better roads.

A big mass meeting is to be held in the city next Monday afternoon to discuss the matter, and to devise ways and means for carrying these plans to execution. If you own an automobile come out and take part in the movement. If you do not, come anyway, and help the good cause along.

A SERVICE DONE.

The Omaha Bee feels badly over the fact that The Tribune-Journal felt called upon to defend some of the outside portions of the state against the insolent and uncalled for assaults of another Omaha publication in last week's issue. After declaring we were needlessly alarmed, The Bee says that we "proceeded to black-wash Omaha in the usual fashion." As a matter of fact, we had no intention of black-washing Omaha or any body in it, except in-so-far as her flinging her soiled linen in the faces of respectable people, both inside and out of the city.

We said just as we meant, that we did not know how far the paper quoted represents the sentiments of the people of Omaha, and we would certainly take the word of the Bee rather than that of some of its contemporaries as representing the sentiments of the people. Officially, as stated before, Douglas county is solidly in favor of the law, as shown by the records of her senators and representatives when this bill was up for passage in the legislature, and our article was meant as an answer to an inexcusable insult, rather than as an affront to the bulk of the Omaha population.

But The Bee knows as well as any one else that the sentiments of the people of a city or community are voiced to a greater or less extent by its newspapers. The Tribune-Journal is glad to have been instrumental in calling the aattention of The Bee to this matter, so that one Omaha paper may help to undo the mischief that another may do in placing the city in a wrong light before the people of the state. We feel that we have done Omaha a service.

IN TIMES GONE BY

Interesting Happenings of Many Years Ago, Taken From the Files of This Paper.

Forty Years Ago.

Considerable excitement was rife in regard to an alleged forgery of the names of a number of prominent men of the community to a letter to the chief of the Indian bureau, and making false accusations against the agent, J. M. Troth. A genuine letter from some of the victims of the forgery set the matter right.

Thirty Years Ago.

The population of Columbus was 2253, and of the county, 8,474. During the year preceding there were 327 births and 788 deaths reported.

Twenty Years Ago.

Frank VanAistine and Miss Nettie Donovan were married.

A reunion of the old settlers was held in the opera house, (now Orpheus hall).

Bartholomew Bogus, a Burrows township farmer, was killed by lightning while in his field. Both his horses were also killed.

Ten Years Ago.

Rudolph Guttwald hung himself at the county farm, where he was an inmate.

J. C. Tiffany received his appoinment as an assistant in the post office.

Five Years Ago.

Benjamin B. Green and Miss Helen Jerome, both well known and popular young people of the city, were married.

A three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hayes was drowned in a cess pool near the Burlington depot.

Demand for Steel in China.

On account of the ravages of the white ant, which destroys the woodwork in buildings at Hong Kong, the use of steel beams is now almost universal in buildings erected there by foreigners, while the Chinese also use them to a considerable extent.

Miss Eva Cook, of Schuyler, spent Friday with Miss May Reed and other friends in the city.

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