

HONORS TO MANDERSON.

Magnificent Banquet at the Paxton Last Night.

Feting "the Soldier, the Advocate, and the Statesman."

All Unite in Doing Honor to the People's Choice.

The election of General C. F. Mauderson to a seat in the United States senate, with one exception the highest honor in the gift of the American people, was until last evening unmarked by a particular demonstration or celebration of the event.

Yesterday a small but neat bit of card board found its way to the desk of THE BEE reporter, notifying him that at 9:30 in the evening a banquet would be given at the Paxton in honor of General Mauderson's election, by his comrades of the Omaha Post No. 110, Grand Army of the Republic.

At the hour named about forty persons assembled at the Paxton hotel over whose destinies the Kitchen Bros. preside, and at the sound of a grand march played by the Musical Union orchestra, marched from the parlor to the dining room, where a long table, extending its entire length, was spread, groning under a weight of delicacies in season and out of season.

The party, as seated at the table, was made up of the following gentlemen: Gen. O. O. Howard, Capt. Jos. A. Sladen, Capt. Chas. E. S. Wood, Lieut. Guy Howard, Col. J. H. Taylor, Gen. Thomas Wilson, Col. T. H. Stanton, Hon. A. L. Sorenson, Maj. John V. Furey, Col. E. C. Mason, Rev. S. F. Woodbridge, Capt. Sam B. Jones, Wm. O'Brien, W. F. Boehl, Hon. W. B. Beach, Hon. P. E. Shibly, D. E. Kimball, E. A. Hinton, E. A. Parsons, M. R. Riddon, C. E. Squires, J. S. Caulfield, Hon. C. F. Mauderson, C. E. Barnstear, J. France, Victor Lundergren, Hon. L. M. Bennett, F. E. Congdon, J. E. Wilbur, Hon. Jas. W. Savage, W. H. Kent, Gen. C. H. Frederick, Hon. S. J. Alexander, J. B. Kitcher, E. Chad Kitcher, C. W. Kitcher, Hon. C. K. Conant, Col. J. B. Desilver, Hon. Pat O. Hawley, A. J. Mauderson, Major J. T. Davis, F. E. Brown and Hon. W. H. Michael.

A prettier scene has never been witnessed at any banquet in Nebraska. The most distinguished and scholarly representatives of the bench, the bar, the mercantile world and the army were present. Judge Savage presided at the head of the table at his right the distinguished guest of the evening, Gen. Mauderson, the senator elect, and at his left Gen. O. O. Howard, commander of the department of the Platte. On either side of the board were distributed the flower of the military and civil world of Omaha.

The table was lovely in itself. The head was decorated with floral bouquets in the shape of bayonets, calli lilies, heliotropes, etc. At the center was a miniature tent of red, white and blue, the stars and stripes floating in front of it and a platoon of leaden warriors escorting a leaden warrior to the interior. All the rare fruits of the Golden state were banded in pyramids on the boards, flanked by salads, cakes, fruits and flowers.

At the plate of each guest was a handsome menu and program extensible, the latter printed on tinted satin of various colors. The menu was as follows:

- Raw. Fried.
ROSE D'OR OYSTERS. Sherry.
Olives. Celery. Gherkins.
COLD Dishes.
Apple of Baked Turkey, as Truff.
Sliced Fowl. Sardines. Ham.
Smoked Beef Tongue.
Pomery Sec.
SALADS.
Chicken Salad Dress. Lobster Salad.
ORNAIMENTAL DISHES.
Frosted Lady Cake, with Negat Basket.
Macaroni Pyramid. Fancy Ring Pyramid. Frosted Pound Cake, with Flower Basket.
French Cold Turkey.
Plain Jelly Cake. Macarons.
CREAMS AND JELLIES.
Charlotte Russe. Bavarian Cream. Neapolitan Ice Cream. Claret Wine Jelly. Fruit Jelly, a la Chintilla. Lemon Jelly.

DESSERT.
Malaga Grapes. Oranges. Coffee. Cream. Old Cognac.
An hour was spent in discussing the magnificent bill of fare, and after washing down the various substantial with sherry and Pomery Sec, the toast matter of the evening, Judge Savage, announced the first toast of the evening, "Our Senator-Elect," which was responded to by

HON. W. H. MICHAELS, of Grand Island.

The Republican party was in power when the state of Nebraska was formed, and it was proper that that party should take the reins of its government. At every election the candidates of that party were successful, and every legislature had a large Republican majority, to which majority belonged the credit of passing the laws that govern Nebraska. All the conditions were favorable for a long lease of power, and hence the warning in the last campaign fell like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. The interruption and the causes that led to it made the election of Gen. Mauderson possible. The voters of the party said the principles are the same and the party's history is as glorious as it ever was, but the giant clutch of corporate power is upon her, and the insidious influence of aggregated wealth has turned her head. Whether this idea was exaggerated or not—whether the people had overestimated the power of railroads or exaggerated the part they took in politics, it is unnecessary at this time to inquire. The

fact remained that this idea was widespread, and that in consequence old and tried Republicans had already resolved to sever connection with the party they had loved for years, and still loved. Many of them declared that it had outlived its usefulness; that the leaders of the party were not representative of the party, but of factions; that they had not been the voluntary and free choice of the majority of the party, but had been forced into power by corrupt and factional means, and that so long as this condition of things prevailed the party was powerless to grapple successfully with the problems of the day, involving the highest and most vital interests of the masses of the people. This was the condition of republican sentiment, and it was encouraged and stimulated by men of other political organizations who said that the only thing of their parties. It was met by an appeal to give the republican party another trial, and promised they should not be disappointed. The majority of the republicans in the legislature wanted to do the right thing, and they did it. It was the only act of the legislature for which the republican party could be held entirely responsible, and that they acted wisely and well is attested by the fact that the republican party throughout the entire state. No such unity of sentiment has ever been manifested by the republicans of the state respecting the election of a United States senator.

The people of the state, without regard to party, my congratulate themselves that, in the election of the gentleman, whom we honor this evening, to the position of United States senator, they have a representative of high scholarship, a lawyer who has proved himself in practice clear headed and successful, an orator of power and finish, a constitution-maker of great foresight, a citizen whose loyalty to republican institutions and the union of our fathers was proved upon the field of battle, a statesman who holds pre-eminently broad and practical views of the rights and duty of the government, to regulate corporate power, and to protect its citizens under any and all circumstances, a gentleman of pure life, and whose whole public history is absolutely untainted by factional politics.

GEN. CHAS. F. MANDERSON, Senator elect next responded as follows: My TOASTMASTER AND GENTLEMEN: It is difficult for me to find fitting words to express my hearty appreciation of the compliment that is tendered me this evening. I appreciate it that it comes from the citizens of Omaha; that it comes from those who, with me, are doubly interested in the prosperity of this young city.

Fourteen years ago I landed on this side of the Missouri river, desiring to make Omaha my home. All that I have in the world is here. The dearest and the warmest friends are here, and it goes without saying, that, coming as this tribute does from those who have with me this common interest, I appreciate it most heartily. I appreciate it, too, that it comes from representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic. I believe that it exists for good and not for harm. I believe that it is accomplishing much of good, and that in its future it will accomplish still more, and the man who says it has a limited mission does not understand the objects for which it was organized. The man who charges that it is in any sense a political machine does not understand the objects of its existence. [Applause.]

The time has gone by in this state—the time has gone by in this nation—when this organization of discharged soldiers can be sneered at or ridiculed out of existence. It marches to-day two hundred thousand strong, under the banner that has embazoned upon it the badges of every army corps that existed during the war of rebellion. Its history under this state is one that is glorious. Under the controlling hand of the gentleman who presides here to-night its posts increased until they were nearly one hundred in number. Under the fostering care of the present department commander, Gen. Alexander, it has increased to nearly one hundred and fifty in number, and I have this to say (if you will make me a personal reference) that during the late contest that resulted in the election of a senator from this state no Grand Army man debased himself or lowered this order by doing anything to accomplish the election of myself. [Applause.] And the man who says: "I am ignorant of the existing facts or willfully falsifies, knowing the facts of the matter."

As I look about me to-night a flood of recollections comes over me. I see here those with whom I have been associated for the last 14 years. I recognize at the head of this table a gentleman with whom I was formerly associated in the profession of law. I thank him for the graceful tribute that he paid me to-night, but I wish that when he is to give birth to other statesmen he will have them come upon the field of existence about 30 years from now. [Applause.] And when I look at my old partner, and my much esteemed friend—my comrade of the Grand Army, I feel that I am letting go, to-night, of my hold upon the profession to which I have always been proud to belong. I do it with much of regret, and yet I recognize the fact that I take upon me new duties, somewhat professional in their character, and that instead of many clients, all there is of me of strength, of ability such as it may be; of earnestness, of hearty work, of study and of thought is to be devoted to but one client,—and that the great state, the growing commonwealth of which we are all proud to be citizens. [Applause.] To her I must devote myself for the next six years, and to her cause and interests I will bring God helping me, all there is of strength, all there is of advocacy, all that should characterize the devotion of the trust lawyer to his best client. [Applause.]

And as I look further along this board, there comes back to me recollections sad, and yet delightful. I see

here an honored guest at this board,—the gallant soldier, commander of the Fourth army corps, under whom it was my proud delight to serve during the Atlantic campaign; and I meet General Howard to-night, glad to take him by the hand, wishing that I could take him by the right hand, and am glad to talk with him as I did in the fore part of the evening, over that wonderful campaign and the one hundred days of fighting. Much there is that I would like to say about my old commander, and about that wonderful experience that we had together, now so many years ago that it seems almost like an indistinct dream, but time will not permit. I am afraid that I have already exceeded the time allotted to me by the toast-master. [Cries of "Go on."] But a few days shall have elapsed, my friends, when I must take upon me this duty. I look to-night to no six years of ease. I recognize that there will be no days for play, but all days for work. I realize fully that I take upon myself a duty that demands all there is in me, and I look forward to this experience with much of misgiving. I believe I know myself better than these gentlemen who have been encouraging me for the last several days. I know there is much of weakness in me. I know that in order to reach the high position to which they have so kindly assigned me I have all the will and desire that can exist, but I fear much that I have not the full ability, and if I shall fall short—if I shall not make that public servant that it is predicted by those who compliment me too highly—I can assure the citizens of the commonwealth that I will try to do my duty, and that if I shall fail to do it will be for no lack of endeavor on my part. [Applause.]

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CINCINNATI, February 12.—The river at 11 o'clock has reached 63 feet 5 inches, having risen 2 inches during the past three hours. Barges are being run along Second street to relieve the wants of the people living there. The current on Front street is so rapid as to make navigation dangerous. The suspension bridge cannot be reached at all except by boats. The New York bridge is also impassable except by boats or wagons. The suffering among the people in the flooded part of the city is unavoidable and no organized effort has yet been made to relieve them, but it must be done soon or a loss of life is inevitable. Specials from points above here indicate that the rise will continue here probably until to-morrow. The river is fast at Marietta but is rising above there. At Marietta it is rising an inch each hour. Large quantities of whisky, flour and other property are overflowed there. There is no change in the situation of railroads and no news from Lawrenceburg, Ind. The worst is feared, as the town is isolated.

PITTSBURGH, February 8.—The flood in the Monongahela reached the highest point, 28 feet, at 3 o'clock this morning, and soon after began to recede, owing to the cold weather which shut off the small streams. The water did not get as high as anticipated by several feet. The damage here is almost wholly from inundation, but the loss from these is considerable. All mills along both rivers are submerged and operations suspended. Many stores in the lower portions of the city are under water, and hundreds of families on the South Side and in Allegheny have been compelled to leave their homes until the floods subside. Dispatches from towns along the Monongahela report great damage from inundation. The water at these points is subsiding and no more danger is apprehended.

FRANKFORD, Ky., February 12.—The Kentucky river has risen 7 feet since Sunday noon. It is now rising, with 41 feet in the channel. The flood here reached the highest point of February 22, 1882, rising an inch and a half per hour. The business and navigation is practically suspended. No loss of life is yet reported, but the damage to property on the front is very heavy. Weather clear and warm.

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