

INSTRUCTED FOR DR. MERCER.

Douglas County's Republican Delegation
Pledged to His Support.

NO PROXIES ARE TO BE RECOGNIZED.

The Delegates Present at the State
and Congressional Conventions
Will Cast the Full Vote—
Council Endorsed.

The convention of republicans held at Washington hall yesterday afternoon to choose delegates to the state convention to be held at Lincoln on May 23 and delegates to the congressional convention to be held at Plattsmouth in September was a representative one. Throughout its deliberations the greatest good feeling and harmony of sentiment prevailed. There were two or three dissident delegates, but they quickly sought the background and simply faded.

The business of the convention was conducted without a jar. Dr. Mercer being heartily endorsed for governor and Hon. W. J. Connell for congress. It was nearly 2:30 when Will Garley, chairman of the central committee, rapped the convention to order. He said that those present had assembled to transact a duty of the greatest importance to the republicans of Nebraska. He hoped that the proceedings would be marked with harmony. [Applause.]

He then said that a delegation would be chosen which would be able to battle with a few that under the banner of republicanism is endeavoring to wreck the best interests of the state. [Applause.] For himself he would say that he would rather fall fighting than achieve victory under its ban.

Dr. Mercer made his appearance as the crowd of visitors approached, and the band played "See, the Conquering Hero Comes." Three cheers and a tiger was given.

The doctor responded by saying that he was glad to see his neighbors in a social way, as it was the actual attainment of life's most pleasant thing—the exchange of cordial neighborly greetings.

A number of the doctor's constituents assured him of their cordial support and a general exchange of ideas was the order.

Cigars, etc., were circulated freely among the guests, and the band did its best by discharging sweet music upon the lawn.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

OMAHA, Neb., July 12.—To the Editor of THE BEE: Will you please insert in THE BEE the answers to the following questions:

Who was county treasurer and who was city treasurer and mayor in the year 1875?

BELIEVE.

Answer—County treasurer, A. C. Athens; mayor, C. S. Chase; city treasurer, C. Hart.

BLACK HAWK, S. D., July 10.—To the Editor of THE BEE: Will you please say in your curiously column what officers of the state of Illinois constitutes the board of pardons? The authority being solely vested in the governor. How is it?

Answer—There is no board of pardons in Illinois, the power being vested in the governor.

OMAHA, Neb., July 12.—To the Editor of THE BEE: To decide a wager will you kindly decide which is the correct expression: "To-morrow will be Sunday," or "To-morrow is Sunday," and very much obligate daily reader of THE BEE.

Answer—To-morrow "will be" Monday.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

That Lee Bill.

There is going to be a whole lot of trouble over the action of the council in awarding the Omaha ice company \$4,500 in a claim of damages which was originally but for \$300. About a year and a half ago the company's ice house at Twenty-seventh and Q streets was damaged by an overflow of surplus water. The company presented a claim for \$300 damages which was reported as unfavorable by a committee and rejected by the council. Two weeks ago the company presented again their claim for damages, but increased the amount from \$300 to \$4,500. Councilman Johnson, O'Rourke and Dougherty, a special committee, examined the claim in their favor of about \$4,500 of the amount, and the bill of costs incurred in the action Burke, Dougherty and Sawyer voting in the negative. Some of the citizens were highly indignant and secured an injunction in the district court restraining the payment of the amount further until such time as this has been set for August 11. Some interesting developments are expected when an explanation is asked in the courts of the reasons for raising the claim from \$300 to nearly ten times the amount.

This resolution was unanimously adopted, but no action was taken on Mr. Hascall's request for further time for the committee on selecting delegates to the same convention.

The chair then announced that the four delegations to the congressional convention chosen to attend the state convention at Lincoln on the 21st.

At large—Thomas Swobe, A. L. Strang, G. W. Lindiger, Rosewater, William Colburn, Albert S. F. W. Simon, H. R. Johnson, Frank T. Ransom, B. S. Baker, E. Walsh, George W. Sabine, M. D. Peterson.

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