

LAW AND ORDER IN OMAHA.

Unimpeachable Witnesses Testify to the Quiet Order of Election Day.

EVIDENCE OF HON. EDWARD ROSEWATER.

Dr. Durayea and Harsha and Bishop Worthington Boldly Repudiate the Lies Sent Abroad by Prohibition Spies.

A largely increased attendance was a noticeable feature of the second day of the election contest in the New York Life building. The three squads of notaries, stenographers, attorneys and reporters got down to business in their respective corners shortly after 10 o'clock, and the curious crowd of spectators circulated back and forth between them.

Hon. Edward Rosewater was the principal witness of the afternoon in the general court, and was also subpoenaed to appear before Notary Thomas in the gubernatorial contest. He said he had lived in Omaha twenty-seven years and knew of the Bankers' and Business Men's association, of the executive committee of which he was chairman.

The association was made up of republicans and democrats, but no prohibitionists. The president, treasurer and chief organizer were republicans, and in fact, republicans predominated. There was an arrangement between the witness and the clerk of the district court by which naturalization papers were to be issued and charged to Mr. Rosewater.

There was no distinction made as to the politics of the parties to whom they were to be issued. Never saw any of the parties to whom they were issued. They were issued at the request of the Danish society, personal rights league, Bohemian society and other organizations. There were fifteen or twenty men doing nothing but looking up parties for whom papers could be secured.

The parties got an order, went to the clerk and filed their application. Later came back and got their papers. Between twenty-seven and twenty-eight hundred papers were issued. The witness was present from time to time. Sometimes parties crowded in upon the clerk late in the day, and he swore them and sent their papers to the clerk. They were called for and were to be distributed to the parties when they wanted to be registered.

They were all issued thirty days before the election. He presumed that the clerk of the court was the treasurer of the association, but did not know about it. He understood that the association had raised about \$42,000 or \$43,000, but had not personal knowledge of the subscription papers. Was not present at any meeting of the association. Said that the whole amount had been disbursed, but he did not know.

Understood that between \$800 and \$1,000 had been paid up by one of the parties. He and his men were making a special work of looking up foreigners, getting out papers for them, and having them registered. The men worked here for two months before the election, having their headquarters at the court house and attending to their registration.

He named John Koscicky, W. Stenberg, Julius Meyer, James W. Carr, Henry Bolin, Schiller and John Matlack among those who were interested in the defeat of prohibition, and were given orders to the effect that they were to be issued papers as one of the organizers of the association and traveled through the state organizing the Swedish against prohibition.

He mentioned the Business Men's association was offered in testimony and admitted by witness as having the names of officers and committees. In addition to these witnesses testified that the names of the parties in nearly all the large towns and some of the small ones of the state.

Mr. Rosewater was requested to state what were the ordinary objects of the association. "I will have to state that in my own way," was the reply.

thing like twenty or thousand against prohibition. About fifteen to eighteen hundred for it. Mr. Boyd only had a majority of 11,000 in this county, while prohibition was defeated by twice 11,000.

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Man who managed the prohibition campaign made three assertions. The first was that the registry was false. The second was that tickets had been prepared with either of the names of Hanson against the license amendment. I asked if these tickets were not illegal, but was told that lawyers had been consulted and had advised that they were not illegal. It was that arrangements had been made to challenge every voter, and that was why I anticipated irritation when the people understood the plan agreed upon by the prohibitionists.

One of these tickets was left at my door in an envelope with nothing to show where it came from. It was generally understood that the independent party had resolved against the amendment and also the other parties, so that those tickets were contrary to the expressed opinion of the prohibitionists. I generally criticized the right of franchise since I became of age in Boston, Brooklyn and Omaha, and the last general election I voted for the independent party, but as quiet as any I ever saw. The good order and serenity of the city on that day was fully equal to what I ever saw on any similar occasion.

After the completion of Mr. Richards was asked by a great many people of this state to define his position on prohibition and Mr. Richards declined to do so. He still declined to define himself in regard to that one proposition. Now, our citizens were more than satisfied that even water, statutory prohibition than they were upon the amendment; they wanted to know whether Mr. Richards would favor a statutory prohibition that would be defeated, and I urged him to make a clear statement upon that point in his speech delivered here at the opera house, at which I was present. But Mr. Richards decided not to do so. On top of all that came a few blunders of the republican leaders.

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at 11:30 o'clock before the count was completed. I understand that the official returns show only fifty-seven Powers' votes in that precinct. Cross-examined—The judges and clerks were not intoxicated and were discharging their duties. Was sick and wanted to go home and I couldn't stay later than 11:30 p. m. Hanson was not there. He saw no disturbance. Hanson was not there.

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angry and excited crowd. Some one in the crowd put whisky bottles in his pocket but took them out. The crowd took tickets away from him and tore them up, some of the tickets were twisted in his hand but were fit to be voted. He voted the straight prohibition ticket and was working for it. No one was present from voting. The trouble was an account of the prohibitory amendment and not an account of any candidate.

Color Frank E. Moore, clerk of the district court, was sworn before. Before November 4 there were over twenty-eight hundred foreign-born citizens who took out their first naturalization papers in the city of Omaha. He was a democrat or an independent. He was a democrat or an independent. He was a democrat or an independent.

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