### IT IS GRADUALLY DYING OUT

Contest of the Douglas County Election Losing Its Interest for Everybody.

CONTESTEE'S ATTORNEYS ABANDON IT

Yesterday's Session Brought Out Chiefly What the Witnesses Did Not Know of the Irregularities If Any There Were.

Unless the plaintiffs spring something sensational very shortly, the legislative con test will not draw a corporal's guard. Yes terday only those obliged to be present at tended the session. The evidence presented was exceedingly tame, and witnesses occupied the time in telling principally of what they did not see. Everybody's eyesight seemed to be impaired.

Dr. E. L. Siggins told of one of the government inspectors at South Omaha visiting the booth in the Third precinct in the Third ward and handling a number of ballots that had not been voted.

George W. Rayworth of South Omaha saw a number of sample ballots he thought were not right. They were referred to as American Protective association ballots. He saw one ticket peddled within 100 feet of the booth in the Second precinct of the First

George F. Ford, clerk in the First precinct of the First ward, testified that the total vote cast agreed with the tally sheet.

It was ascertained from Eli Doud of South Omaha that Mr. Sutton, republican candidate for the legislature, stood within forty feet of the booth in the First precinct of the First ward, but as the plaintiffs did not offer to prove that the offense was a penitentiary one, it failed to count for much. Nothing at all of interest was brought out.

Attorneys Abandon the Case.

At the afternoon session the contestees' attorneys failed to appear, and after waiting until nearly 3 o'clock the contestants' attorneys placed W. H. Chadwick on the stand and proceeded with the hearing.

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Mr. Chadwick was a challenger for the independents at the Twelfth district of the Sixth ward. He was in the booth during the day, and? in the morning saw two men with official ballots in their hands standing near the stove conversing, and called the attention of the special policeman to the fact. The officer asked one of the men to leave the booth, as he had no authority in there, and the fellow quietly left. When Mr. Chadwick inquired for an official ballot to prepare so as to vote, he did not secure one, as none were signed, and he was compelled to wait until three judges had finished preparing the ballots of three voters in the stalls. In the evening Mr. Chadwick entered the booth against the protest of the special policeman, and after a Chadwick entered the booth against the protest of the special policeman, and after a few minutes discussion as to the right of a challenger being present during the progress of the count, he left the booth. The judges held that no outsider was entitled to be present, although Mr. Chadwick was not ordered to go and he left of his own volition. A gentleman with credentials from the two county committees to secure the vote as soon as canvassed was permitted to remain. The witness stated that two of the windows were curtained, one with newspapers and were curtained, one with newspapers and the other with registration lists. The witness stated that Frank Wallace, one of the judges who served on the board, resided in the Eighth ward on election day, and alugh he knew of the fact at the time did not remonstrate.

What the Policeman Did.

Thomas Dillon, the special policeman, was next questioned. He closed the door after the polls closed, and was instructed to do so by the judges, and not to permit any one to enter. The statement of Mr. Chadwick that the view through windows was completely obstructed was intrue. Although partially obstructed by papers, the window was not completely closed. He did not order Mr. Chadwigh to leave the booth and informed that gentleman that if the judges insisted he must go out. The judges did not instruct him to eject Mr. Chadwick, and that gentleman left of his own will, after an objection had been raised to his being them.

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William Rouse, a judge of the election board of the Twelfth district, was called and testified to the fact that three of the members of the board were democrats. The witness corroborated the story of the question arising as to it being in conformity with the law to permit Mr. Chadwick to remain in the booth during the canvassing of the vote, and that the gentleman left of his own volition before being ordered to do so. The volition before being ordered to do so. The questioning in regard to the manner of can-vassing the vote brought out the fact that there was nothing irregular in that, and the witness took occasion to remark that he thought the count was a perfectly fair one.

Purely a Personal Opinion.

J. C. Carroll of South Omaha stated that he had witnessed parties peddling tickets at the Third precinct of the First ward within 100 feet of the polls. He was handed an American Protective association ticket within thirty feet of the booth. During the day of election he saw nothing which he considered irregular. On the following morning ne was at the First district of the First ward and witnessed the manner of canvassing the vote. One judge read from the ballot and when finished it was passed into the hands of two of the other judges. Mr. Carroll considered this mode of canvassing the vote very irregular, and was putting into the hands of one judge altogether too much of a responsibility, as there was no one watching to see whether the votes were correctly announced. He was unacquainted Purely a Personal Opinion. rectly announced. He was unacquainted with the political faith of the judge who an-nounced the votes from the ballots, and did not know of any ballots that were not correctly counted.

No more witnesses were present and the hearing was adjourned until this morning at

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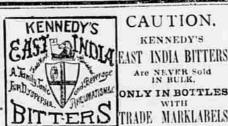
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