ARRAYED AGAINST MAXWELL

Men from Whose Number the Opposition Hopes to Pick a Candidate.

TRYING TO EMBROIL DOUGLAS COUNTY

Efforts of the Lincoln Crowd to Secure an Omaha Man to Act as a Figurehead—List of the Names Considered.

The corporation combine is still hustling for a candidate for the supreme bench in this county in pursuance of the preconcerted plan for downing Maxwell, but its efforts thus far have not been attended with the most flattering success. The Douglas county lawyer who looked after the interests of the state house impeachables during their recent bereavement waited on Judge Walton, of the district bench, a few days ago, and endeavored to prevail upon him to become a candidate, but the reception he received when his mission was made known was a frigid one.

The judge frankly stated that he had no desire to enter the field and would not do so. He said that he did not think that he was qualified for the place, in which respect he differed widely from a number of members of the legal fraternity who were presumptuous enough to believe that they were fitted for a place on the United States supreme bench. He insisted that he was very well satisfied with things as they were, and said that the cup of his ambition had already been more than filled. He said that he entertained the highest respect for Judge Maxwell, both as a citizen and a judge, and hoped that the party would not be so blind to its own interests and those of the state as to countenance the determined effort that was being made by the railroads to bring about his retirement from the bench.

Other Lawyers Resist the Siren.

The same result has attended the efforts of the railroads in several of the other counties of the state, this being due either to the feelings of the lawyers who were besought to run or to conditions which made their candidacy impracticable. Judge Chapman of Plattsmouth positively refused to run, and the move to make a candidate of Judge M. L. Hayward of Nebraska City is now but little more than a memory, as the bank interests of that gentleman and his other private matters render his candidacy practically out of the question. So it is that the pins set up by the corporations are dropping one by one, until it is quite certain that if the convention were to be held tomorrow and the railroads were to dominate it, their choice would fall upon E. C. Calkins of Kearney.

The effort to get an Omaha lawyer on the track has not been abandoned, however, and no pains will be spared to find such a one within the next two weeks, in which case a vigorous effort will be made to instruct the Douglas county delegation for him September 30, as was done by the crowd of Elkhorn snappers at Fremont a week ago.

After a Democrat, Too.

It is a fact recognized by everybody that in case Maxwell is nominated he will get the votes of a great many democrats in this county unless a Douglas county democrat is running against him, and as the corporationists are endeavoring to provide against all possible contingencies of this kind, they are now at work trying to bring about the nomination of Judge Frank Irvine of the supreme court commission. Other democrats who are "mentioned" for the place, but who are not losing any sleep over it, are Ajaxon Sawyer of Lincoln, W. H. Munger of Fremont and J. S. LeHew of McCook. Munger says he is not a candidate and has declared for Maxwell, but there are those who do not propose to allow him to have anything to say about it.

The republicans who have been projected into the field are: Judge M. L. Hayward of Nebraska City, E. C. Calkins and H. M. Sinclair of Kearney, Judge T. O. C. Harrison and ex-Lieutenant Governor O. A. Abbott of Grand Island, E. M. Bartlett and Clinton N. Powell of Omaha, J. E. Frick of Fremont, M. A. Hartigan of Hastings, J. E. Cobbey of Beatrice, Judge Alfred Bartow of Chadron, Judge M. P. Kinkaid of O'Neill, and Judge Robert Ryan of Lincoln, supreme court commissioner.

Who They Are.

The Gage county delegation has been instructed for Cobbey, but his wretched compilation of the statutes in 1891 will queer him with the lawyers of the state.

Hartigan's obituary recently graced the columns of some of the state papers, but he is still on earth and figured only last week in a court room fight in Hastings.

Judge Harrsion is now on the bench in the Eleventh judicial district, while Judges Kinkaid and Bartow hold similar positions in the Fifteenth judicial district. Mr. Abbott has been the attorney for the Burlington at Grand Island. Judge Hayward was formerly on the bench in the Second judicial district, succeeding Judge Mitchell. Mr. Calkins is city attorney of Kearney. Judge Bartow was formerly attorney for the Elkhorn road at Chadron, but of course relinquished that position when he succeeded to the bench. Judge Hayward figured during the late impeachment trial as one of the attorneys for the respondents, hastening home as soon as the trial was concluded because of the fact that his bank interests urgently demanded his personal attention. Judge Samuel Chapman, who has been more or less talked of as a possibility, is now on the bench in the Second district. He is Judge Maxwell's old law partner in Cass county, and has resisted all inducements held out to him to enter the field as a candidate against his old friend and associate. Judge Kinkaid is supported by the opponents of Maxwell because it is thought that he could secure the instructions of his county delegation, but his candidacy is also being urged by a number of lawyers in that district who have envious eyes on the position he now holds and believe that there would be a chance for them if Kinkaid should resign. Judge Bartow is being similarly crowded forward, the railroad contingent trusting that this dual candidacy will capture the instructions of two or three county conventions, and some of the lawyers of the district are taking very kindly to the double-barreled chance of creating a vacancy on the district bench.

Clinton N. Powell, who is expected to capture the Douglas county delegation in order to keep it from going to Judge Maxwell, is the president of the Board of Education, this being the extent of his experience in official life.

E. M. Bartlett is the other Omaha lawyer who is being importuned by parties who get their political inspiration in railway headquarters.

WASHINGTON COUNTY IS ALL RIGHT.

Republican Delegates Instructed to Vote Solid for Maxwell.

BLAIR, Neb., Sept. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The republicans of Washington county held their county convention here today. The following county officers were nominated: Joe S. Cook, county treasurer; Z. Russell, county clerk; A. Perkins, county judge; P. J. Gossard, sheriff; J. W. Henderson, county superintendent; Alfred Carter, county surveyor; E. C. Pierce, coroner. Resolutions were passed condemning the Blair Republican (populist) for its slanderous articles published lately in regard to old veterans which was designated an insult to every Grand Army of the Republic man in the county.

A resolution was also passed instructing the delegates to the state convention to use all honorable means to secure the renomination of Chief Justice Samuel Maxwell. Besides, each delegate is personally pledged to vote for Maxwell, first, last and all the time. The delegates to the state convention are: H. Sprick, W. D. Haller, James Platz, F. W. Kenney, F. C. Eiler, H. H. Reed, Henry Rohwer, A. L. Brewster, W. H. Cook, J. L. Conant, S. E. Hurd, W. F. Greene. Delegates to the Fourth judicial convention, to be held in Omaha, are: J. T. Davis, Perry Seldon, J. W. Boggs, B. P. Miller, Charles Selleck, Gus Lewis, T. H. Spauling, Henry Frahm, A. Perkins, John Japp, G. H. Jewett, A. C. Jones.

The best of feeling was manifest among the delegates. The best offices were given to candidates from the country. All republicans will vote the straight ticket this fall if today was any expression of sentiment.

DEMOCRATS PREPARING.

Official Call for the County Convention Issued Yesterday.

The democratic county central committee met yesterday afternoon at Jacksonian headquarters in Pabst's hall and issued its call for the county convention, which will be held Saturday, September 30. It was decided to do all the work that will devolve upon the county convention this fall at one time. On the date named, the democrats of the county will select 103 delegates to the state convention at Lincoln October 4, delegates to the Fourth district judicial convention, and will also nominate a county ticket. The representation will remain the same as last year, giving each ward in the city of Omaha eleven delegates, each ward in the city of South Omaha four delegates and each country precinct five delegates, making 180 delegates in the convention. The primaries will be held Thursday afternoon, September 28, from noon to 7 o'clock. The following is the official call:

OMAHA, Sept. 16.—The democratic party of Douglas county, Nebraska, has, through its authorized representatives, called a county convention, to meet in the city of Omaha, Saturday, September 30, 1893, at 2 o'clock p. m. The primary election for the selection of delegates to said convention is hereby called throughout Douglas county, Nebraska, for Thursday, September 28, 1893, between the hours of 12 o'clock, noon, and 7 o'clock p. m., in the cities of Omaha and South Omaha, and between the hours of 7 o'clock p. m. and 9 o'clock p. m. in the country precincts, at the following places:

OMAHA.

First Ward—Tenth and Hickory streets.
Second Ward—Sixteenth and Center streets.
Third Ward—Eleventh and Douglas streets.
Fourth Ward — Twentieth and Douglas streets.
Fifth Ward—603 North Sixteenth street.
Sixth Ward — Twenty-fourth and Lake streets.
Seventh Ward — Twenty-ninth and Woolworth avenue.
Eighth Ward—908 North Twenty-fourth street.
Ninth Ward — Twenty-eighth and Farnam streets.

SOUTH OMAHA.

First Ward—Twenty-fourth and M streets.
Second Ward—Twenty-fifth and O streets.
Third Ward—Thirtieth and Q streets.
Fourth Ward—Missouri Pacific office, opposite Exchange hotel.
Jefferson Precinct—Offt hotel.
West Omaha—Benson Town hall.

In all the other country precincts the places of holding the election shall be where the same was last held, unless hereafter changed.

Delegates will be elected at said primary election to attend the county convention for the purpose of selecting 103 delegates to represent Douglas county in the democratic state convention, to be held October 4, at 2 o'clock p. m. at Lincoln, Neb.; the selection of 103 delegates to the Fourth judicial convention, to be held October 7, 1893, at 2 o'clock p. m. at Omaha, Neb.; also to place in nomination candidates for the following named offices:

One state senator.
One county judge.
One county register of deeds.
One county sheriff.
One county treasurer.
One county clerk.
One coroner.
One superintendent of public instruction.
One county surveyor.
One county commissioner for Third district.
One county commissioner for Fifth district.
Six justices of the peace for the city of Omaha.
Six constables for the city of Omaha.
One assessor for each ward for the city of Omaha.
One assessor for South Omaha.

The apportionment of delegates is the same as that established for the last county convention, namely: Eleven from each ward in the city of Omaha, four from each ward in South Omaha, and five from each country precinct.

The official ballot for the primary election in Omaha and South Omaha will be prepared under the direction of the chairman of the county central committee, and persons desiring to have their names placed on the ballots as candidates for delegates to said county convention must present to the chairman a petition for the same, with fifteen signatures, and a filing fee of $1, thirty-six hours prior to the opening of the polls of said primary election.

S. R. RUSH, Chairman.
LOUIS J. PIATTI, Secretary.

THEY'LL NOT FUSE.

Jacksonians Decline to Take Any Part in Supporting Judge Holcomb.

The Jacksonian club met last evening to listen to the report of the committee that was appointed at the last meeting to confer with a like committee from the Samosets relative to the advisability of fusion with the independents in supporting Judge Holcomb, the populist nominee for the supreme bench. The report was against fusion, the only member who was red-hot in favor of this political mesalliance being P. W. Birkhauser, who is trying to curry favor with the populists, and who hopes to prevail upon them through the medium of his former partner, F. L. Blumer, to support him for the office of city comptroller.

The report was a verbal one, each member of the committee voicing his views, and this was followed by a short discussion, which resulted in the unanimous adoption of the report of the committee and the subsequent discharge of its members, which practically settles the fusion question so far as the Jacksonian club is concerned. The matter would never have been brought up but for some letters which were received from members out in the country asking what was the sentiment of the club on this point. The club was overwhelmingly opposed to the suggestion, and even the few members who favored it saw that they were hopelessly in the minority and voted with the crowd against it.

A resolution was adopted setting forth the fact that the democracy of Douglas county had been without a party organ or a newspaper that fitly represented democratic ideas, and declaring that inasmuch as the new Weekly Journal was now the nearest approach to it and promised to fill a long-felt want and several other apertures, it was thereby endorsed as the official organ of local democracy.

The club will meet again next Saturday evening at the usual place.

SENT WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS.

Republican Delegates from Three Counties Go to Lincoln Unhampered.

HOLDREGE, Neb., Sept. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The republicans of Phelps county held their convention at Holdrege today. There was a full attendance, every township being represented. There was perfect harmony and a strong ticket was nominated. The following delegates were chosen to the state convention and were uninstructed: C. H. Roberts, F. H. Porter, Gus Abramson, L. T. Brooking, V. B. Beem, R. J. O'Hara, John Olson, Oscar Ekstrom and John Urlom.

HEBRON, Neb., Sept. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Thayer county republican convention met here this afternoon and nominated a county ticket, as follows: Treasurer, W. H. Ellison; clerk, Gardner G. Pratt; sheriff, Alfred Lindsey; superintendent, A. J. Morris; coroner, Dr. C. M. Easton; surveyor, E. H. Headley; commissioner for Second district, Robert Ralston. The delegates to the state convention are: E. N. Averill, E. R. Garvin, A. E. Hunt, G. W. Bailey, John Redline, Noah Brittinham, Dr. Wilcox, G. W. Harrall, John Watson, W. J. Green, E. M. Correll, J. H. Stickel, F. M. Wetherald and C. L. Richards. The delegates were uninstructed. The individual preference for supreme judge is unknown, but it is thought that four are undoubtedly for Maxwell. The ticket named is a strong one and will be elected by a handsome majority.

VALENTINE, Neb., Sept. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The republicans held their county convention here today and nominated the following ticket: George Elliot, clerk; W. V. Johnson, sheriff; W. E. Jenkins, treasurer; C. W. King, superintendent; F. M. Wolcott, judge; Alfred Lewis, coroner; Charles Tate, surveyor. The convention was largely attended and was harmonious and enthusiastic, and the ticket is a winner. Delegates to state convention: J. M. Miller, J. Wesley Tucker, C. R. Watson, D. S. Ludwig of Valentine, A. D. Cole of Cody and Charles Bowning of Merriman. Delegates go uninstructed and are uncommitted on the supreme judgeship.

Populists at Benson.

Benson populists, with the assistance of several "disinterested" rural independents of third party proclivities, held a meeting at the hall in that suburb last night. Enthusiasm and denunciation of the old parties were the features of the assemblage.

G. W. Kincheloe and others spoke. Mr. Kincheloe made the principal address of the evening. This gentleman delivered a lengthy speech, in which he eulogized the principles of the people's party and endeavored to solve the industrial and financial problems of the day.

HARMONY SNEAKED AWAY.

Reflections of a Populist Dark Lantern Session Held Friday Night.

The people's party central committee at its last Friday night's meeting had a merry old time, and harmony was relegated to the background. The trouble was precipitated by a self-constituted committee of four prominent members of that party. These shining stars in the populist firmament met a committee from the democrats the evening before at Seventeenth and Farnam streets to discuss the advisability of fusing on the county ticket.

The four populists aforesaid left that meeting in a ruffled frame of mind on account of the alleged selfishness of the democrats. It is said that all the democrats wanted to concede was one of the three principal elective offices and that one plum was the nomination for county treasurer. The proposition was indignantly refused.

The democrats wanted to "hog it all," to use the expression of disgust used by one of the populist committee after the conference.

Another thing which ruffled the temper of some of the people's party members at the Friday meeting pow wow was the suspicion some of them shared that the early date for the county convention, September 23, was made solely for the reason that it would prevent endorsement of such candidates of the two old parties as might serve the best interests of the people's party.

All the committeemen were present when Louis J. Ihm called the meeting to order. M. Nelson was secretary. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read H. Cohen precipitated the discussion by springing a motion to reconsider that portion which fixed the date of the city convention as September 23. Both the chairman and the secretary were in favor of an early convention as decided upon and expressed themselves to that effect.

A Fifth warder also coincided in this opinion. In defending the proposed early convention he made the statement that evidently somebody wanted to "feather his nest by getting a chance to endorse some of the candidates of the old parties." He said further that that was the reason why they were anxious to have the convention postponed.

Mr. Everingham pleaded for a late convention and was supported in this by Mr. V. O. Strickler, who said that from experience gained in the two other parties a late convention and a short campaign was just what the people's party wanted.

Ike Hascall then arose and made a plea for harmony. He opined, however, that their convention should be held first, thereby making endorsements of old party candidates impossible.

This brought C. Stastney, who believed in short campaigns and late conventions, to his feet. He thought that the principles of the people's party should not be looked after with a microscope when it came to electing a man to a municipal office. The fact that they were old party men should not debar them from endorsement by this party if, when elected to office, they should provide work for unemployed populists. This, he said, was what was needed more than anything else at present.

That sort of talk aroused a slumbering panther in the breast of Mr. Logan, who attempted to annihilate such a theory. Only simon pure populists were to be named.

This caught Mr. Taylor and he expressed himself to that effect.

The chairman called for a vote on the motion about this time. Mr. Cohen's resolution to postpone the city convention was finally endorsed. Then it was agreed for the central committee to meet next Friday night and fix the date.

RETURNS NOT ALL IN.

Indications Are that Cass County is Strongly in Favor of Maxwell.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Sept. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Cass county republicans held their ward and precinct primaries today. Reports from the country precincts are coming in slowly, but indications all point to an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the renomination of Chief Justice Maxwell. Plattsmouth will send a solid Maxwell delegation to the county convention and the country precincts are certain to follow suit. Cass is Maxwell's old county, and it is universally conceded that the county convention will be pledged to give him a unanimous endorsement.

The contest over the shrievalty has been unusually warm, with H. M. Hallowell and ex-Warden R. W. Hyers as candidates. The delegation from this city will be badly mixed, but Hallowell has a safe majority.

Sixth Ward Republicans.

The Sixth Ward Republican club met at Thirty-first and Ames avenue last night. There was a large attendance. Quite a number of candidates were present and all of them got a chance to present their claims for political honors.

Some scathing speeches were made against the reckless policy of the present national administration. The tariff and free coinage questions were discussed by the speakers, who handled the democrats without mittens.

Attention was called to the fact that the county and city campaign this fall was only a preliminary skirmish for the big national fight two years hence. Among the speakers last evening were John L. Webster, Mr. Slabaugh, Judge G. W. Ambrose, Dr. Mercer and others. G. W. Lesseutin, president of the club, introduced the speakers and the hall resounded with applause whenever a good point was made. R. W. Gibson and George Bennett, candidates for sheriff, indulged in oratory. James Kyner, who said he was a candidate for the mayoralty nomination, expressed the hope that the republicans would "get together" this year. He also endeavored to abuse the editor of THE BEE, but quickly discovered that his hearers did not echo his sentiments in that respect.

An invitation was extended to everybody to attend a rally in the Fifth ward on September 23. The usual battalion of candidates who are "making the rounds" of ward meetings attended the gathering last evening.

Populist Judicial Convention.

D. Clem Deaver, chairman of the people's party county central committee, issued the following call yesterday:

The people's independent electors of the Fourth judicial district of Nebraska, embracing the counties of Burt, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington, are requested to select and send delegates from their several counties to meet in convention at 112 South Fourteenth street in the city of Omaha, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, October 3, 1893, for the purpose of placing in nomination three candidates for judges of the district court and to transact such other business as may come before the convention.

The basis of representation will be one delegate for every 100 votes or major fraction thereof cast for the people's independent candidate for governor in 1892, and two delegates at large from each county, which gives the following vote by counties:

Burt	10	Sarpy	6
Douglas	46	Washington	8

We would recommend that no proxies be allowed, but that the delegates present cast the full vote to which the county is entitled.

D. CLEM DEAVER, Chairman.

Cook Faction Knocked Out.

BEATRICE, Sept. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The primaries for the election of delegates to the democratic convention to be held here on Tuesday next were held today. Reports from the different wards of this city and from the country precincts indicate that what is known as the Cook faction, namely the followers of D. W. Cook, who is backed by the national bank and other corporations, was completely knocked out. In this city the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth wards elected anti-Cook delegations, while the other wards elected, by small majorities, delegations favorable to Cook. It looks as if Cook, Castor et al were completely out of the game in Gage county.

Pawnee's Prohibition Ticket.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Sept. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The prohibitionists today nominated the following county ticket: Treasurer, T. J. Congdon; clerk, John Trumbull; sheriff, I. B. Pope; superintendent, S. S. Stewart; judge, C. F. McCullough; coroner, Dr. E. Smith. R. A. Hawley of Lincoln addressed the convention and also spoke to a small audience.

Ninth Ward Democrats.

A few of the democrats of the Ninth ward held a meeting last night at Fortieth and Leavenworth streets. William Fagin, president of the newly organized democratic club, occupied the executive chair.

After calling the small attendance to order he stated that the committee had decided to hold a brief meeting, notwithstanding the fact that the speakers who promised to attend had failed to do so.

President Fagin made a short talk and then the meeting adjourned for one week.

Campaign Cartridges.

The populist primaries will be held next Thursday.

The Silver club will meet at Metz hall tomorrow at 8 p. m.

The populists will hold a mass meeting at Jefferson square Wednesday night.

The Harrison Republican club will hold a meeting at Benson this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Second ward republicans will assemble at the Ainscow building Wednesday evening.

Fine boating, Courtland beach.

BAREFACED FRAUDS.

Opinion of an Eastern Authority on Bond Investment Schemes.

The attention of the readers of this paper, says the United States Investor, was called last week to the fact that the Nebraska State Board of Banking had decided that the so-called "investment bond companies" were illegal and had requested the county attorneys throughout the state to take action against them. These companies are treated of at length in the present issue of the Investor by one of our western correspondents. In this issue is also presented the report of the special master, appointed by the Massachusetts supreme, court to examine the situation of the various endowment orders in that state. A more barefaced attempt at swindling was never witnessed than that now being made by the "bond investment companies." The east has had its experience with concerns of this sort. In that section they bore the title of "endowment orders." If they accomplished no other end, they demonstrated beyond a shadow of doubt that gullibility is a marked trait of the human race. The average of intelligence is supposed to be as high in Massachusetts as in any community on the face of the earth, but for all that, the endowment craze took complete possession of that commonwealth. So widespread was the desire on the part of the people of that state to make something out of nothing that the effect upon the savings banks—through the falling off in deposits—was a matter that excited not a little concern. The bond dealers, in particular, could tell an interesting tale regarding the influence of the endowment companies. The savings banks are the largest buyers of high grade bonds, and the curtailment of their purchases during the endowment order period reduced the bond market to a condition of stagnation. If such a state of affairs was possible in Massachusetts, there is no reason to suppose that the swindle will not be as operative in other sections, other things being equal.

One fact that may make it difficult to duplicate the experience of Massachusetts in the west is that the west is feeling poor now. Still, it is probably not so poor as to be unable to find a good deal of money in small amounts for schemes that promise handsome returns, and that is just what the bond investment companies do. The barefacedness of the movement ought to be apparent to the feeblest intellect, but the experience of the east is an indication that, so far as enterprises of this sort are concerned, the average person is troubled with blindness. Our correspondent points out that insurance companies agree to pay benefits only in case of injury or death; that the Lousiana lottery undertakes to pay only the drawer of the lucky number. But the investment bond campanies "guarantee" to pay the full face of every bond if payments are kept up. As the companies derive revenue from no other source than their members it is, of course, absurd to discuss them seriously.

The character of these companies is sufficiently indicated when it is stated that the various names which they have taken for themselves belong, in many cases, to legitimate enterprises. A lamentable feature of the laws of many of the western states is that they provide no safeguards against such schemes as these. Iowa, for instance, is a happy hunting ground for adventurers of this sort. A great number of swindling concerns are incorporated under the laws of this state, the object of the incorporators being to create the impression that they have the indorsement of the state of Iowa, whereas the state authorities would gladly exclude them, neck and heels, from their borders if they had the power. Such defects in the laws of the various states will, undoubtedly, be remedied in time, but it is safe to predict that the companies, foreseeing their fate, will make hay while the sun shines to the best of their ability.

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MANY CALLED, BUT FEW CHOSEN

Work Provided for a Number of the Unemployed on the Unpaved Streets.

The army of unemployed showed up yesterday morning at Twenty-fourth and Blondo streets 500 strong. Chairman Winspear of the Board of Public Works, who is performing the duties of street commissioner during the absence of Major Balcombe, had set the hour for 7 o'clock and he was there in person, directing the employment of as many men and teams as could be organized into forces during the day. Long before the hour set crowds of the the unemployed were there, waiting for the time to arrive.

Employment was found for 138 of the men and forty-six of the teams, leaving a large number who were compelled to go without employment. This number was about all that could be organized into working forces in one day. Yesterday eighteen men and six teams were put on. Monday morning another large force will be added. It is the intention to provide employment as rapidly as the forces can be organized, and keep on increasing until the men are all employed.

The force as increased yesterday is not as large as it was during the time of the spring rains, when Mr. Winspear was commissioner. Consequently it can be largely increased. The forces have been distributed over the city and the unpaved streets are being put in condition.

Lorenze and Lotta at Courtland beach.

FOOTPADS AT WORK.

W. S. Saunders Claims to Have Been Robbed by Armed Thugs.

W. S. Saunders, residing at 1820 Howard street, complains to the police that he was robbed Friday night at Twenty-fourth and Spaulding streets. He says that he was returning from a social visit shortly after 11 o'clock, when two men commanded him to throw up his hands and followed the demand with the presentation of a revolver which looked larger than a Krapp gun when held close to his head. He says that the footpads relieved him of $18.

Parliament of Religions.

CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—Prof. Briggs, of Union seminary fame, was given a rousing welcome today in the parliament of religions and was accorded hearty applause. He addressed the parliament on "The Truthfulness of the Holy Scriptures."

Mgr. Seton delivered an address on the Catholic church and its position on the authority of the scriptures.

Rabbi G. Gothiel spoke on "The Greatness and Influence of Moses in the Jewish Law."

"Christianity as Interpreted by Literature," was discussed by Rev. Theodore T. Munger.

Dr. Barrows read a congratulatory telegram to the parliament which had been received from India.

Rev. Edward Everett Hale presided in the congress of Unitarians.

The Theosophists, Seventh Day Baptists and the Swedenborgians were also in session.

Bank Statement Shows Up Well.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—The bank statement shows the reserve has increased $7,635,000; loans have decreased $4988,000; specie has increased $4,190,000; legal tender has increased $4,811,000; deposits have increased $3,486,000; circulation has increased $1,514,000. The banks now hold $10,601,000 in excess of legal requirements.

ENTERPRISE ENCOURAGED

Representative Citizens of Omaha Endorse the Proposed Canal Project.

COUNCILMANIC COMMITTEE FAVORS IT

Taxpayers Enthused with the Idea—Canal Commission Suggested—Work for Many Wage Earners if the Scheme is Consummated.

Not within the history of the council chamber has there been such a gathering of representative citizens of Omaha as there was last night. Standing room was at a premium. Business men and taxpayers constituted the greater portion of the assemblage.

The attraction was the Platte river canal scheme. It was known that the special committee would report upon the proposition of the city taking hold of the matter and vote bonds to construct and maintain the canal, converting it into a municipal enterprise. It was also anticipated that the session would be devoted to a thorough discussion of the subject. Those who attended were not disappointed. They heard a discussion of the subject for three hours.

Mr. Saunders, the chairman of the special committee, submitted the report. The committee had investigated the matter and after consultation with competent engineers concluded that the scheme was a feasible one. The company agreed to turn over the plat and plans of surveys; the approximate cost being placed at $2,000,000. The recommendations of the committee were that the canal be utilized for water works, water power to establish electric light plants, and other purposes requiring water power; the city to own and operate the canal; the canal company to turn over the maps, profiles and surveys made; the city to vote the bonds necessary to construct the canal; the county of Douglas to vote bonds to aid the enterprise, and that five or more of the most responsible citizens of Omaha be constituted a commission to direct the construction of the enterprise.

Chance for the Unemployed.

In support of the recommendations of the committee, Mr. Saunders explained the results of the investigations, as printed in THE BEE of yesterday. He said that the question of feasibility must be determined by the engineers, many eminent ones having been consulted, among whom was City Engineer Rosewater. All were of the opinion that the scheme was a good and practical one. He said that if bonds were voted, 1,000 men could be put to work immediately after election and the canal pushed to rapid completion. He was satisfied that if the canal was constructed that it would furnish power to operate all manufacturing industries and motor cars in this city and South Omaha; provide water for fire and domestic use and enable the city to also operate its own electric light plant.

Mr. Edwards, another member of the committee, said that the project met his hearty approval, and was the grandest scheme ever proposed in the interests of the city.

Mr. Hascall repeated the story of how the subject had first been broached and the offer of the company to step aside and permit the city to take hold of the enterprise. While he thought a proposition for the city to own its water works and electric light plants would carry, he did not believe that the people would vote to purchase those already in existence, in view of inflated values. He supported the proposition in a lengthy "speech," and gave in detail the schemes of construction.

He contended that the construction of the canal would do away with $83,000 hydrant rental per year, enable the city to pipe every street, and also provide a pressure sufficient, in case of fire, to throw a stream over a sixteen-story building. Thus a big saving in insurance premiums would be brought about.

Chief Engineer Howell's Talk.

Mr. Howell, the chief engineer of the company, was called out, and in answer to questions explained that the watershed of the Platte embraces 110,000 square miles, and that in making its estimate of volume of water the company has only taken advantage of 14,000 square miles. He said the plans proposed take 1,240 cubic feet of water per minute, and that the supply is inexhaustible. He then explained the characteristics of the river. The large-sized canal, which will deliver a maximum of 2,500 cubic feet per minute, will cost a total of $1,832,600, and the smaller canal, with a maximum of 1,240 cubic feet, will reach $1,390,000. The detailed cost of constructing the large canal he gave as follows: Right of way and land, $115,495; clearing timber, $2,500; earth work, $945,515; head work, $186,731; waste ways and guard locks, $38,000; flumes, $70,000; Elk creek dam, $87,825; terminal and waste ways, $40,000; protection of embankments, $18,600; bridges, $57,980; railway bridges, $13,500; improvements, Papillion river, $60,000; incidentals, $166,624. Mr. Howell said that the cost of maintenance was comparatively small, when the canal was properly constructed. He believed it would be advisable to construct the small canal, which would develop 20,000 horse power. He said the large canal would have a capacity of 2,500 cubic feet per second for twenty-four hours, and as the greatest volume is consumed during ten hours each day, the supply for fourteen hours can be stored away and turned on during the hours of demand. He stated that he believed it most advisable to construct the canal to the Elkhorn in the first place, acquire the right of way to the Platte and later construct the canal to that point. In reply to the question, he said it would cost about $1,000,000 to construct the canal from Seymour park to the Elkhorn. Mr. Howell said that the cost of the electric plant was not included in the estimate, and that the proposition must be considered in two forms. First, the planting of the power at Seymour park, and then the transmitting of the power to consumers by electricity and as to whether the city desires to operate its own electric plant or lease the privileges of power to some responsible company to operate the electric plant. To the figures must be added about $30 per horse for development of power. He answered a question by saying that if the city could secure $20 per horse power at Seymour park that the income would be $400,000 per annum on the 20,000 horse power, and that if the same were transmitted electrically to the city about 13,000 horse power would be delivered. In taking up the question of water works he said that the elevation at Seymour park is such that it would require only one-half the pumping as required now and the result would be that no coal would have to be purchased. He said the canal would serve as a settling basin for the water that might be used for domestic purposes, and he believed the water would be as good as that now supplied. Mr. Howell said that the plans had been investigated and approved by Mr. Fanning of Minneapolis and Mr. Campbell of Denver, both eminent authorities, and City Engineer Rosewater.

Mr. Wheeler said that Chicago had constructed its water works plant at a cost of $8,000,000 and that water was furnished at a cost less than one-half of any other city in the country. If Omaha had its own plant it would experience a similar condition of affairs.

Mr. Howell was given a vote of thanks for his explanation of the plans.

Mr. Wiley read a report showing the cost of the Minneapolis water plant, the city being bonded for $1,200,000 for the construction of the same. He said that he and the other members of the company were willing to step down and out, provided the city would take hold of the project and push it to completion.

Taxpayers' Approval.

Judge Little made a motion that the taxpayers present express themselves as endorsing the report of the committee and recommend its adoption.

Mr. B. H. Robinson raised the question of how the commission should be formed.

Mr. Hascall replied that a mass meeting could select the same, and he suggested the names of Dr. George L. Miller, George E. Barker, Herman Kountze, F. P. Kirkendall and Frank Irvine.

Mr. Wheeler said it was not the desire for the company to be disbanded, as it was necessary for the company to secure the right of way beyond the ten-mile limit, and then he favored creating the commission from the directory of the company.

A motion was then adopted by the citizens present endorsing the names of Dr. George L. Miller, Herman Kountze, George E. Barker, Frank Murphy, S. L. Wiley, W. V. Morse and H. T. Clarke as those to be chosen as members of the commission.

The motion to endorse the report of the committee and recommend its adoption prevailed by a unanimous vote. The taxpayers then left the chamber, and the council adopted the committee's report.

The special committee to which was referred the charges against Major Furay reported previous to adjournment. The report was to the effect that owing to the seriousness of the charges that they be entertained and considered by the council, and that Major Furay be commanded to appear before the council Monday, October 2, at 10 o'clock a. m., and make such defense as he desires; that Mayor Bemis be requested to be present at the trial and that the assistant city attorney be directed to take charge of the case in the city's interest. The report and a resolution to that effect were adopted.

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TOM MURRAY'S INJUNCTION.

Likely to Be Dissolved and Workingmen May Again Earn Their Wages.

The equity division of the district court, presided over by Judge Ferguson, was the center of attraction yesterday, for there it was that the arguments in the case of Millionaire Tom Murray against the city were being heard. It was an injunction in which Murray asked that the city be restrained from continuing the work of constructing the sewer in Tenth street from Castellar to Valley.

Ordinarily one of these injunction suits attracts but little attention, but this one resulted in the court room being filled to suffocation with laboring men, the men who had been thrown out of employment by the issuance of the temporary restraining order, which was granted last Monday. There were fifty-two of these men present and they figured that Murray had been the cause of their losing the sum of $273, which otherwise they would have had for use in buying bread for their wives and children.

Murray's claim was that by the construction of the sewer the flow was thrown upon his land, situated south of Valley street, and polluted a well that was forty rods distant. In giving his testimony the point was brought out by Mr. Connell, the city attorney, that the outlet of the sewer was 300 feet beyond the limits of Murray's land, and that the real object that he had in fighting the construction of the sewer was because he did not want to pay the tax that would be incurred.

The testimony was watched very closely by the spectators, all of whom were men waiting to go back upon the work if the court dissolved the order. When they heard Murray's objection there was a low muttering which boded no good to the millionaire, and some threats of violence were made against the man who had taken the bread from the mouths of the mothers and little ones.

In giving his testimony Murray attempted to show that by the construction of the sewer the flow of water would be increased and that it would result in the flooding of a tract of land that he owned at a point below the mouth of the sewer and near the river.

When Engineer Rosewater went upon the witness stand the theory was shown to be false, as he convinced the court that the increased flow of water would be scarcely more than at the present time. Not only this, but it would concentrate the storm water and carry it away, thus preventing the washing of the grades through Murray's land. The nuisance theory was shown to be false for the reason that when the sewer was constructed all of the offal would be carried through the pipes instead of being emptied into an open ditch, as at the present time.

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TIRED OF LIFE.

Suicide in an Unoccupied House on Martha Street.

In a back room of an unoccupied house on Martha street, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, yesterday, Coroner Maul found the half decomposed remains of J. A. Almendinger, who had lived at 1918 Bancroft street.

The deceased was a German and was a member of a couple of German singing societies. A search of the dead man's clothing showed that his wife had on the 11th of this month applied for a divorce and on the day following Almendinger had been served with a notice to appear in the case or file an answer on or before October 2.

The body was first discovered by J. R. Hill, who lives at 1519 South Twenty-seventh street and who at the present time is working with a grader's gang at Twenty-fourth and Martha streets. Hill went up to the pump next to this vacant house to water his team. He noticed a peculiar smell about the place and looked into a rear window. The body was seen and then Hill called for help and opened the door.

Several people who had been attracted to the vicinity recognized the body before the coroner arrived. Among the small crowd was the 11-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter of the dead man. The children recognized their father at once, though the body was considerably bloated and discolored.

To a reporter the son said: "Father never worked and mother had to take in washing to buy us bread. We were on our way to deliver a basket of clothes when we saw the crowd and came up here. Last Wednesday morning father came to the house and had some words with mother. He then went out on the porch and took a lot of stuff out of a bottle, saying he was going to kill himself. Sister and I watched him a moment, then he got up and walked away. We tried to follow him but could not keep up and we never saw him until now."

The bottle, which had contained the drug, was turned over to the coroner.

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon and the jury returned a verdict of "suicide."

Fine boating, Courtland beach.

For Purloining.

Officer Ryan arrested Charles Palmer and James McDonald early yesterday evening in a Douglas street pawnshop, where the two men were endeavoring to raise money on a $25 kit of carpenter tools.

After they were taken to the station the fact developed that the tools were stolen from the Maurer building on Farnam street.

September 30 is the popular date for republican county conventions this fall, and Polk county has joined the procession.

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