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OMAHA MUST STAND BY OMAHA.

No man ever can succeed who does not stand up for himself. This is equally true of cities. No city has ever grown great and prospered that has lowered its flag and turned its back upon its founders or its champions.

In the contest between Congressman Mercer and his opponents the issue is squarely presented whether Omaha will stand up for herself or go back on herself. Never before has any political contest involved so much for the future of Omaha as does the re-nomination of Mercer.

Personal likes and dislikes, political factions and petty feuds all sink into insignificance before the one supreme issue, whether Omaha will deliberately strike a staggering blow at a project that is most vital to her upbuilding and a revival of business activity by gratifying the ambitions of men who are notoriously incapable of being any use in congress at the most critical time for the Transmississippi Exposition.

Every rational man must realize that the rejection of Mercer in the face of the colossal work he has done for this city and South Omaha during the last two sessions would be interpreted at Washington as a declaration that Omaha does not appreciate the favors granted as a concession to her indefatigable representative, and therefore is entitled to no further consideration by congress.

Speaker Reed personally declared to the editor of the Bee in the presence of Senator Arthur Gear of Iowa that his desire to see Mr. Mercer returned to congress would have more weight in deciding him to give the Exposition bill the right-of-way than all other influences brought to bear in his favor.

In behalf of Omaha, for which the Bee has always stood and in which its future is bound up perpetually, we call upon every citizen who has a vote to cast at the republican primaries to stand up for Omaha by casting his vote for the Mercer delegates. We call upon citizens who have no vote to give to exert all their influence with those who have.

We call upon business men and property owners who have everything at stake to devote their time for half a day to the redemption of Omaha from business depression.

Mr. Mercer is a poor man. His resources have been drained by a campaign which by rights ought to have been fought for him by Omaha without a penny of expense. It would only be an exhibition of appreciation of his services, which no amount of money could have duplicated, that those who have carriages and velvets place them at his disposal for the primary election for half a day.

The majority of the county committee, who control the machinery of the party, are banded together with Mercer's opponents and they have purposely located the polling places in several of the wards at points that are distant from the voting population so as to compel the hauling of voters to the polls.

Other disreputable methods are being pursued to thwart the popular will, and it behooves all who are loyal to Omaha to make a special effort to counteract the conspiracy that would, if successful, bring not only the scorn of the whole state upon Omaha, but would prove disastrous to her highest ambition.

The convention which meets in Chicago today promises to be the most memorable in the history of the democratic party since 1860 and its action is certain to determine the future of the party for perhaps a generation to come.

CHOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

OMAHA, July 6.—To the Editor of the Bee: It has been truly said that this is the people's year. For several months prior to the nomination of Major McKinley the astute politicians of this country ignored the demands of the great mass of republican voters, and for the purpose of subserving their own political ends, contrived, planned, schemed and conspired to silence and defeat the voice and the will of the republican voters.

The conspiracy against McKinley is now being re-enacted by the congressional district. The opponents of Mr. Mercer concede that the people of this district are unanimous for his re-election; they also concede that with his four years' experience, his creditable record and influence in the house, he can do more in the next congress for this district than any other person.

They also concede that he has done more for this district than any of his predecessors, yet more than all of the other congressmen have done for the balance of the state. They also concede that the business interests of this city and county are all in favor of the candidacy of David H. Mercer.

They also concede that neither one of the other candidates has sufficient popularity, strength and ability to attract the voters of this city and county. Therefore, in accordance with the plans of the politicians who undertook to silence and defeat the voice of the republican voters, they have conspired to elect a man who will do nothing for the people of this city and county.

Now, in view of all the admissions of all the other candidates, there is a man who has done more for this city and county than any of the other candidates, and who owns a foot of real estate in this city, or wants an opportunity to perform an honest day's labor, can hesitate as to whom he should support at tomorrow's primaries. Will you send a man to Washington who has had four years' experience, and who has done more for this city and county than any of the other candidates, and who owns a foot of real estate in this city, or wants an opportunity to perform an honest day's labor, can hesitate as to whom he should support at tomorrow's primaries?

It is currently reported that two of the delegates pledged to Mr. Mercer in the first ward have been induced to withdraw from the ticket, but in our judgment such a political action will do nothing to the popularity of the individual who is responsible therefor, even should he succeed in getting the nomination.

Therefore, if the city of Omaha has been trying to struggle through a cloud of misfortune and depression, through the efforts of Mr. Mercer, and others, a light has been thrown upon the way, and the future prosperity, as before stated, he can do more in the future than he has done in the past.

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WINKLEY SENDS HIS REGRETS.

Acknowledges Governor Holcomb's Invitation to Come to Nebraska. CANNOT ATTEND GRAND ARMY REUNION. Would Be Pleased to Address the Old Soldiers, but Will Not Permit Him to Do So.

LINCOLN, July 6.—(Special).—On behalf of the reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic in August Governor Holcomb recently wrote to several eminent Americans inviting them to be present at that time and address the old soldiers. Hon. William McKinley replies as follows:

CANTON, O., June 18.—My Dear Governor: I have your favor of 15th of June, reply to which has been unavoidably delayed. I assure you that I should have been glad to accept of your invitation to meet the old soldiers at their annual reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic at Lincoln during the last week of August, and nothing would have pleased me more than to do so.

Under the circumstances, however, I am unable to do so. I am very truly yours, Wm. McKinley. Hon. Silas A. Holcomb, executive chamber, Lincoln, Neb.

Dr. G. P. Keiper, recently appointed superintendent of the Norfolk Hospital for the Insane, vice Dr. Mackay, resigned, today filed his official bond for \$10,000, with the secretary of the state.

The Board of Purchase and Supplies today held its regular quarterly session and received bids for supplies from merchants and retailers of the state for the various public institutions.

Adjutant General Barry today issued a general order appointing the following officers to assist him in discharging his duties as adjutant general: For the First regiment, Captain A. E. Campbell and First Lieutenant L. Wilson of the Second regiment; for the Second regiment, Captain J. H. Corbush, Major E. A. Graham, Judge S. T. Cochran, Councilman James Parker and William Lawlor, D. G. Courtney, John McManis, Fred A. Miller, Judge John Parks, Howard Thomas, Jr., C. C. Carey, O. C. Turpin.

Omaha people in Lincoln: At the Lincoln National Guard, George S. Nason, C. H. Bauffe, W. O. Faxon, M. C. Kibbie, At the Capital—G. P. Betts, Victor White. At the Lincoln—W. N. Decker, Thomas Denison, Joseph Parks, Howard Thomas, Jr., C. C. Carey, O. C. Turpin.

LINCOLN WOULD SEE THE LAVAYERS. Will Invite the Commercial Law League to Visit the Capital. LINCOLN, Neb., July 6.—(Special Telegram).—A committee of the Lincoln Bar association held a meeting at the rooms of the Commercial club to consider a proposition to invite the members of the Commercial Law League of America to visit Lincoln one day during the session of its annual meeting in Omaha.

Richardson County Populists. FALLS CITY, Neb., July 6.—(Special).—The populist county convention of Richardson county was held Saturday afternoon at the court house in this city. George A. Albert was chairman and J. C. Johnson was secretary. The following delegates were chosen: Grand Island convention—Julius Schoenheit, Riley Wilson, George W. Brewster, R. G. Webster, T. Perkins, Albert Whitner and Joseph Pritchard.

Crop Prospects Around Duncannon. DUNCANNON, Neb., July 6.—(Special).—The crop prospects here have a better outlook for corn. Most of it is too large to plow and is a good stand and fine and thrifty. Rye is most all in the shock and is a good crop, well filled and heavy grain, but head bids are not so good as last year's. Oats is good height and a heavy stand and appears well at a distance. But not so getting the work and the crop will be light. The average of corn and oats is far ahead of any previous season. The hay crop is immense. Even the hills still yield this year. Stock of all kinds are in fine condition, but flies are the worst in years, and for a week past have kept stock busy fighting.

WORKING FOR LUTJAHNS PARDON.

SCHUYLER, Neb., July 6.—(Special).—A petition to Governor Holcomb for the release from the penitentiary of Louis Lutjahn is being circulated. Evidently lack of sympathy is prevalent, as signers are numerous. His crime was in violating in the night time the house of his wife's father, David Legler, and entering Mr. Legler's 14-year-old daughter's bed room for the purpose of cohabitation, the result of which is that the young girl is soon to become a mother. Lutjahn escaped with the very light sentence of two years at hard labor for a burglary, guilty, much to the displeasure of many.

Red Willow County Teachers. MCCOOK, Neb., July 6.—(Special Telegram).—The Red Willow County Teachers' institute opened here this morning with an enrollment of about fifty teachers, which number will increase to 100 at the session progresses. Able instructors and lecturers will make the session of two weeks interesting and instructive. Prof. Hoist of the State Normal is among the instructors.

Nebraska State Sengferfest. GRAND ISLAND, July 6.—(Special).—The various committees at the Grand Island Sengferfest are working very busily at work in making the necessary arrangements for the Nebraska State sengferfest, which takes place in this city August 14, 15 and 16. The Pacific Home company, band and orchestra will be in attendance.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE.

SHARPSHOOTERS.

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Detroit Free Press: "When the sleeping car went over the embankment, were you hurt?" "Oh, no; the porter held me up."

Indianapolis Journal: The judgment day was on and everything was moving with singular celerity. The judge was looking for spirit in the fourth row from the front and snatched up the first one.

Washington Star: "One thing that I don't like," said Uncle Eben, "is for a man to try to get a woman's hand for nothing but a pair of spectacles."

New York Advertiser: Hinks—Brown-Jones boasts that he can trace his ancestry back to the Pilgrims. "Hinks," the Pilgrims are dead and they won't fool it.

STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED.

FREMONT, July 6.—(Special).—Some time Saturday night Mr. McDonald, who lives across the river in Saunders county, missed a mule and cart, a watch and shotgun from his premises. A farm hand who did not hear the best of a reputation disappeared at the same time. The property was traced into this county and today McDonald recovered the team and gun.

Teachers' Institute Adjourns. SCHUYLER, Neb., July 6.—(Special).—Superintendent J. P. Daly closed one of the most successful teachers' institutes ever held here, Friday, the same having been in session two weeks. His instructors were Superintendent of City Schools G. P. Harbert, Principal of High School S. W. Miller and Miss Neppa Holliday of Omaha.

Proposed City Building for Beatrice. BEATRICE, July 6.—(Special).—A movement is on foot to issue city bonds with which to purchase the Nebraska National bank building and convert it into a city building. The project has been adopted by the council to make the bank receiver an offer for the building, the amount not to exceed \$6,000.

Sheriff of Adams County Elected. HASTINGS, July 6.—(Special Telegram).—At a special meeting of the county board this morning August Berg of this city was elected to take the place of Sheriff Ott, deceased. St. John of Juniata and Berg were the only applicants. Berg receiving on the first ballot 5, St. John, 3.

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