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GOVERNOR HOLCOMB TURNS OUTLAW.

By the appointment of his determination to reappoint Robert E. Lee Herdman as member of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of Omaha Governor Holcomb has publicly endorsed the high-handed outlay perpetrated on this community by his bogus police reformers under the guidance of this irresponsible ringleader.

The reappointment of Herdman will mean that the governor brands with his own trade-mark every act of the gang of political bandits to whom he has turned over the government of the police department of this city.

The governor's ignorance of the law which requires him to wait until the last Tuesday in March before making the formal appointment of police commissioner might be overlooked. The intense partisanship which leads him to disregard the plain intent of the statute to create a non-partisan board, and to take his police commissioners all from one and the same political party might be tolerated if the men chosen were above reproach.

In hunting out for this responsible position, however, from all the reputable and respected members of his party the one man who has done most to bring the community into disgrace and the party into disrepute with law-abiding citizens Governor Holcomb simply overrides public sentiment and defies common decency.

During the last legislature Robert E. Lee Herdman was to be found day and night among the corridor leeches, plying the vocation of boodle lobbyist. But his besetting sin in the famous gambling bill scandal seems only to have commended him to Governor Holcomb as his kind of a reformer.

Since his investment with official power as police commissioner Herdman has had respect for neither the law nor his official oath. He has stood in with all the lawless resorts that require police protection to carry on their nefarious trade.

In violation of his sworn obligation he has prostituted his position for the promotion of political ends and the payment of political debts. The example of outlawry set by the police board at Herdman's direction has dispirited all discipline among their subordinates and brought on a state of police demoralization and inefficiency against which the citizens are crying out aloud.

With men held up nightly by armed highwaymen, women and children in fear of assault if they venture from their homes after dark, burglars, thieves and confidence men holding high carnival under the very noses of the police and viceroy licentiousness flaunting forth confident of assured immunity the continuance of the police board in its present make-up means that unless the citizens resort to radical measures they must continue indefinitely the victims of police inefficiency and the prey of professional criminals.

For this Governor Holcomb cannot escape responsibility.

THE FEELING IN EUROPE.

The report that the Washington administration has sounded European governments as to what would be their attitude in case the United States should consider itself compelled to enter upon a policy of intervention in Cuba, or in case Spain committed some act resulting in an outbreak of hostilities between the two countries, while without official authority, is not incredible, since it is the course usually pursued by nations under such circumstances. Spain, also, it appears, has been endeavoring to ascertain the feeling of European governments.

According to a Washington report the replies received by our government to its inquiries have been with two exceptions satisfactory and sympathetic, that of Great Britain being especially so. The exceptions are the answers given by Germany and Austria, which while not hostile in tone are said to be non-committal and therefore disappointing to this government.

So far as Great Britain is concerned there is no doubt that the United States will have the full sympathy and moral support of that nation in the event of war, but the feeling is that hostilities should be avoided if possible. There is every reason to believe that the recent call of the British ambassador upon President McKinley was for the purpose of conveying to the president the assurance that while Great Britain is deeply interested in the preservation of peace between Spain and the United States, if war shall become inevitable that power will be found in sympathy with this country.

CONSULAR REORGANIZATION.

A bill providing for the creation of a commission to reorganize the consular service was favorably reported to the house of representatives a few days ago from the committee on foreign affairs and the supporters of the measure are hopeful of its passage at the present session.

The proposed commission, to be appointed by the president, is to consist of two members of the senate, three members of the house and one official of the State department. It is to assist the president in reorganizing the consular service and the work of reorganization, to cover all officers of the service, is to be effected within two years from the date of the passage of the bill. In a general way the bill lays down the lines upon which the organization shall be made.

It provides that the sole compensation for consular officers shall be their salaries, limits the age of admission to the service to persons from 21 to 50 years of age and requires a civil service examination. The bill also provides for promotion.

The author of this measure, Representative Adams of Pennsylvania, was minister to Brazil during the Harrison administration and has given the subject of consular reorganization much attention. There is no doubt that the service needs reforming and the plan proposed in this bill, of a commission to assist the president in carrying out the needed reformation, is judicious.

Many recommendations have been made to congress on the subject, but the obstacle in the way of getting action by congress has been the fact that any such legislation would disturb to some extent men in office who obtained their places through the recommendation of congressmen.

Under the operation of the Adams bill some consular officials would have to retire, but only those who failed to pass the examination or are beyond the maximum age limit.

The proposal that consular officials shall be compensated by salary only and that all fees shall be turned into the treasury is sound. The fee system has been abused and it cannot be justified on good business principles. The compensation proposed by the bill is believed to be sufficiently liberal to attract competent men to enter the service and make it a professional pursuit.

Another good provision is that requiring that consuls shall be citizens of the United States. The practice of appointing foreigners to consular positions has been condemned by all who have carefully studied the service.

The consular service will grow with the extension of our commerce and the wisdom of putting it upon the best possible basis will not be questioned. The service has been greatly improved in recent years and has attained a high degree of efficiency and usefulness, but there is room for further improvement.

THE ONE OBJECT IN VIEW.

The different business, commercial and social organizations must keep constantly before them the fact that they all have one and the same object in view, namely, the advancement of Omaha and Nebraska as compared with other cities and states. While these various clubs and associations have been formed for the purpose of enlisting the strength of different classes of business, professional and laboring men and directing their contributions to the common effort along lines that promise most effective results, they are all expected to work together toward the same goal.

Never before in the history of Omaha has the necessity for harmonious cooperation of all elements in the community looked after by the commercial side of the visiting delegations, but it should at the same time extend assistance in every other possible way. The Woman's club will devote itself largely to the women visitors and the Educational congress, but it should hold itself ready to be called on in other emergencies also. The Ak-Sar-Ben, while straining to outdo all former efforts in providing a week of unexampled gala festivities, cannot well obstruct the work of the exposition management and its adjuncts by refusing to contribute the assistance expected of that organization.

On the contrary, by consenting to the use of the Coliseum for the big conventions booked for Omaha during the coming summer the Ak-Sar-Ben will be only performing part of its own mission, which is proclaimed to be promotion of Omaha's business interests by attracting large throngs of visitors on special festive occasions. The Real Estate exchange, the fraternal insurance societies, the labor unions, the social clubs should all fit themselves into the larger organization that is keeping Omaha to the fore and laboring constantly to lift it higher in the scale of progressive cities.

THE USE OF "TIPS."

How Members of Congress Are Trapped by Stock Manipulators. Chicago Tribune. When senators and representatives go to Washington for the first time the \$5,000 a year salary they receive seems large to most of them. But it does not take them long to find out that expenses are heavy and that it is hard to make both ends meet if they put on any style. If, instead of living quietly at a boarding house, they hire and furnish a dwelling and do a little entertaining and keep a carriage, \$5,000 is not enough.

STATE PRESS ON RATE DECISION.

Genoa Leader: The United States Senate has just passed down a declaration of the maximum freight law of Nebraska to be unconstitutional. No one is surprised at the result, as it was passed for a majority of only three votes. Not one of the legislature that passed it believed it to be constitutional.

Broken Bow Beacon: The supreme court of the United States has just handed down its decision, which decides, as all expected it would, that the law is unconstitutional. The court has been packed with corporation attorneys who have been looking through corporate goggles so long that their eyes cannot stand the rays of truth, law and equity as it affects the people; in fact, they cannot see the people behind the side of the corporation mountain that obstructs their vision.

Tekamah Burleson: The maximum freight rate case was decided last Monday by the United States supreme court in favor of the railroads. This case has been pending for the last four years, but the people of Nebraska have always believed that the federal court would be destroyed in the nation's honor, in the eyes of the supreme court, to decide against the big-railroading corporation that the people ever knew.

Central City Democrat: The supreme court of the United States held up the Nebraska maximum rate bill for four years and then killed it. The decision was useless, for everybody knew before the court heard the argument that the finding would be a railroad on one side and the people on the other. The decision would be as easy to forecast as the change of the moon or the decisions of Tom Reed.

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Another Discovery Probable. Boston Globe. Spain must almost certainly today that she ever gave Columbus money to discover the United States. If she ever declares war against us she will make another discovery that will dwarf that of 1492.

On the Right Side for Once. When the London Times praises McKinley and the London Daily News says that in case the United States engages in another war the English government may not regret any of its historic mistakes. It looks as if John Bull were prepared to jump down this time on the right side of the fence.

Pingree and Holcomb. Philadelphia Record. Governor Pingree has called a special session of the legislature of Michigan to consider the taxation of railways, and Governor Holcomb of Nebraska thinks of taking similar action to secure the passage of another maximum freight rate law.

Sympathy and Trade. New York Tribune. Exclusive privileges are what Germany and Russia are working for and claiming in the Far East. Germany and Russia will be but a few short miles away from their policy end of that Great Britain and Japan. When Great Britain secured the opening of the West river it was to the commerce of all other nations.

The Oriental Game of Grab. Chicago Record. The occupation of Port Arthur and Tientsin does not invalidate any claims made by Great Britain and Germany, but is a direct menace to Japan, which temporarily occupies Wei-Hai-Wei. The renunciation of the war indemnity and retention of Wei-Hai-Wei by Germany is a direct menace to the Pacific to a crisis too acute for further parley.

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NEBRASKA'S CAMPAIGN OF 1906.

Hasling Tribune: When J. E. Hill was released from liberty as treasurer the popular election of the year 1906 was properly prosecuted and that the attorney general was his friend, and that Attorney General Bartley is his enemy.

Plattsburgh Journal: In the event of the reappointment of State Railway Commissioner Dahlgren, which rumor says will soon take place, the railroad shippers of Nebraska of this place will urge his appointment by the governor. Mr. Neville is a man admirably qualified for the place, and one who would be a help to the people.

Seward Reporter: State politics is beginning to attract some attention, and republicans all over the state are figuring to find the best man to head the state ticket. No doubt the man who is favored by the people is Judge M. L. Hayward of Nebraska City.

Pawnee Republican: Some facts alarming to populist state officials are gradually coming to light. It will be recalled that the close of the last legislature the populist press pointed with pride to the cutting down of expenses by shaving appropriations for the 1895 appropriations would leave a surplus and the populists banked on this to be used in helping out the 1897 appropriations.

Tobias Gazette: The republican party in the state of Nebraska has within its ranks men who are bright enough to handle its affairs in a manner that would be a credit to the state. It is early in the season yet and still none too early for prospecting. The best men in the party must be nominated for the state office and it is not too soon to commence looking for them.

Yonkers Statesman: He—Do you know when you get a bad cold? She—Certainly I do. He—What do you do? She—The man I love it to refuse to take it.

Detroit Free Press: "What is a Jingo, papa?" "He's a man, my son, that shouts till he gets hoarse for the people of the state of Canada to get on his feet."

Chicago Record: "She said I was the most provoking man on earth." "That was your time to propose."

Boston Traveller: Wife (enthusiastically)—How much do you think we took in at the bazaar? Husband (quietly)—How many, my dear.

Detroit Journal: In the Klondike, Miner—Say, old man, I'll give you a gold brick if you can tell me what you mean by "Not much! Terminators is rig."

Chicago Tribune: "Doctor, you torture me." "Why, I haven't touched the tooth yet. I know it, but I don't like the flavor of the gum you chew."

Indianapolis Journal: The nearest woman I know that does not believe that woman is man's property is my mother-in-law. The Savage Bachelor (Madam, do not because I think it is not for mortals to find fault with the decrees of Divine Providence.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "No, I'm not particularly proud of my ancestry. In tracing it up I ran against a precious pair who were elected by their landlord."

Boston Transcript: Bertha (reading)—He had a byacinthine coronation that was rich and rare as the efflorescence of some peculiar plant. Edith—Exquisite! But what does it mean? I wonder? Bertha—Who shall be able to say? That is the most beautiful thing about it.

Detroit Journal: He pressed a fervid kiss upon her dewy lips. O, mister! she exclaimed, as soon as her lips were at liberty. "Do not thus formally!" he implored. "Call me 'George'!" The way of true love is ever fraught with misunderstandings.

Chicago Tribune: County Office (newly elected)—You'll go on my official bond, I suppose? The dingy law makes it necessary, but you understand it's only form. Friend—O, that's all right. I've got my money on a surety. The bonded scoundrel can't touch it, anyhow. (To man.) "An' ans bond."

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Atlanta Constitution. Who's talkin' 'bout the summer time When all the skins perpire? Jest give me winter, 'forehand! An' a fine oak fire!

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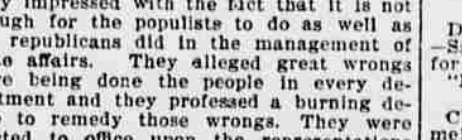
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