

REFORMERS TAKE THE STUMP

State House Gang Neglects Public Business to Preach Politics.

POYNTER TAKES A RIDE ON BRYAN'S TRAIN

Executive Office is Closed and People Desiring to Transact Business of Importance Are Barred Out.

LINCOLN, Oct. 28.—(Special.)—If this may be taken as an average day at the state house the campaign that is being waged in the interests of the so-called reformers in costing the taxpayers of the state at the rate of \$25,000 per year. Nearly one-half of the people employed at the capitol, including the state officials, were away from the building today and many of the offices remained closed all day. Governor Poynter joined the Bryan special train and the entire clerical force of the executive department was in Omaha. Secretary Porter was at Clark's. The secretaries of the Board of Transportation were, and have been since the campaign opened, engaged in committee work. The third floor of the building was absolutely deserted all day long. The pure food commission office was locked and on the second floor the only fusion office in that portion of the building was closed most of the day. The principal offices in the building were left in charge of clerks and stenographers. Among those who were away from their duties today were Governor Poynter, Private Secretary Fred Jewell and Clerks Blum, Mary and McEntee, all of the executive department; Secretary of State Porter, State Treasurer Meserve, Auditor General William B. Price, Deputy Land Commissioner Nelson, Secretaries Laws, Edgerton and Dahlman, Leon C. Crandall of the insurance department, Adjutant General Barry, Secretary P. J. Hall of the Banking Board, Deputy Labor Commissioner Kent, Superintendent Jackson, Deputy Superintendent Beck, Oil Inspector Gaffin, General Kelsey, Attorney General Smyth, Deputy Attorney General Oldham, Assistant George Corcoran, Deputy Food Commissioner Hubbard, "Rainmaker" Wright, Janitor Stockman, and Charles De France. This list includes only those who were asked for today and who were said to be absent. There perhaps are as many from the various state institutions who are devoting their time to the work of reforming the state. They all draw salaries from the state aggregating over \$25,000 per year. The office of chief executive is in charge of J. G. P. Hildebrand, who also looked after the insurance department. Governor Poynter and the clerks, in their haste to get away this morning, forgot to give Mr. Hildebrand a key to the office, and as a result the executive department remained closed. Communication with the office after the afternoon, when one of the janitors finally succeeded in opening a rear door.

Supports Reese for Judge. The following is a good sample of letters that are received daily by the friends of Judge M. B. Reese in this city: "I am not a republican, but I am for Mr. Reese for supreme judge for many reasons. He is a lawyer of high standing all over the state and is honest in every particular. His principal object in life is to do the right thing and to do some kind act for some poor individual and to this every alumnus of the law college of the State university can testify. "I have made some special efforts for him in my circle of friends and have succeeded in securing the words of fifteen of my very closest friends, who are republicans, that they would vote for him, and I only wish that every alumnus in this state could do as well. If they would he would be elected. I have talked to many and they all say, regardless of their party affiliations, that they are for Judge Reese for supreme judge. "I have seen Judge Reese in many trying circumstances, but he always came out with honor to himself in every instance. As to the ability of the two men there is no comparison. One is a lawyer and the other is a politician. No other words are necessary."

Auditor Cornell has revoked the charters of the Odd Fellows' Fraternal Accident Association and the Fraternal Order of the World of America. This action was taken because of the demand of the officers of the companies that powers of attorney heretofore issued to Auditor Cornell be revoked immediately. No explanation was offered by the officers in making the demand. It is probable there will be a vacancy soon in the list of officers of the Second Regiment of the National Guard. Colonel Campbell has about decided to locate in Denver and is at present at that place on a thirty day's leave of absence. If he concludes to remain permanently in Colorado he will resign as colonel of the Nebraska regiment.

Boyle Case Continued. The trial of the case of Juan Boyle, contesting the appointment of William Neville as the democratic nominee for congress from the Sixth district, was continued over until Monday in the county court today. Several witnesses were put on the stand today and questioned concerning the resolution creating the congressional committee. A meeting of Nebraska reformers was held here today. J. H. Haines of Aurora was employed to represent their interests in the proposed suit to test the pure food law which will be begun shortly in the supreme court.

FATHER ENDEAVOR CLARK SPEAKS. Interesting Program Marks Second Day of Endeavorers' Session. KEARNEY, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The second day's program of the Christian Endeavor union began this morning with the regular hour, which attracted a large number of Endeavorers. Its features were impressive and unique. Rev. Jameson conducted the song and devotional services. In the afternoon services at the Presbyterian church Rev. F. N. Sert of Dawson presided. At the devotional services Rev. Hood and Miss Emma Gillespie, both of Beatrice, spoke in an interesting manner of "Echoes of Detroit." The missionary rally was conducted by Rev. L. A. Turner of Ingham. Dr. F. E. Clark of Boston, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, gave an eloquent talk on the "Significance of the Christian Endeavor Union" in the afternoon and in the evening delivered an address on the "Forward March of Christian Endeavor," which closed the services for the day.

Early Closing at Hastings. HASTINGS, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Just as the people of Hastings are discussing and "eusing" the early closing question. Some time ago the dry goods and clothing merchants began to close their places of business at 6:30 p. m., then the barbers fell in line and began to close at 6 o'clock every night except Saturday. A couple of weeks ago the grocers held a meeting and decided to close their stores at 7:30 every evening except Saturday. It was generally believed that the early closing agitation would stop at this, but the grocers recently reached another step, when the druggists agreed to close at 8 o'clock every night except Saturday.

Reception to Returned Volunteers. TEKAMAH, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Relief Corps and Boomer post, Grand Army of the Republic, gave a reception this evening to the Burt county volunteers who participated in the Spanish-American war, their families and all the Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief corps posts in the county. This country contributed forty soldiers to the war, one being a member of the Roosevelt Rough Riders. Over 400 guests were present and participated in the reception and banquet. S. S. Skinner presided as toastmaster.

Telephone Wires Are Strung. WEST POINT, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—West Point is now connected with Omaha by a single direct telephone wire, which obviates the necessity of having to make connections at Fremont. The Nebraska Telephone company is extending its line from West Point to the country districts west of the city. A line is being run to the St. Charles settlement and from thence to the village of Monterey. This improvement will place West Point in direct telephonic communication with the richest and most populous portion of Cuming county.

Soldiers Appear in Black Face. WARREN, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—The First Nebraska militia appeared at Winter's opera house last night and gave a very creditable performance. The program was made up of a great variety of numbers, many of which were given in a manner that would be a credit to professionals. The clear, distinct, and melodious singing of the platoon with the soldier boys gathered around, evoked hearty applause. Wahoo is the home of Theron Steen, one of the troops, and the company was given a hearty reception.

County Bonds Are Not Released. TECUMSEH, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—But one bid was received for the county refunding bonds, and the commissioners declined to release it. The county proposed to release its \$25,000 of courthouse bonds, which now bear six per cent, with a rate of interest fixed at four per cent. R. E. Moore of Lincoln was the single bidder and he offered to take the bonds at par. For some reason his proposal was not satisfactory to the board.

Business Men Work Together. ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—A business men's organization is in the process of formation here. A meeting will be held Monday night at the Commercial Hotel. The organization will be effected. The club's organization will be to look out for the interests of the city. The merchants and business men have been aroused to the need of united effort and there is a spirit of co-operation not seen before for many years.

Odd Fellows Dedicate Temple. TECUMSEH, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—The Odd Fellows of Tecumseh are making extensive preparations for the dedication of their new building, which will be opened next Friday evening. Over 300 invitations have been issued to members of the fraternity. A number of prominent lodge workers from over the state will be in attendance and assist in the carrying out of a dedicatory program.

Library Day at Geneva. GENEVA, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Yesterday was library day in the local schools. Prof. A. Collins and W. H. Clemmons, with Mrs. Clemmons, all of Fremont, entertained the pupils in the several apartments with interesting and instructive addresses. Many patrons of the school were present. Prof. Clemmons spoke on "The Power of an Idea" last night to a large audience.

Mine Open During Winter. DOUGLAS, Wyo., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—E. J. Ward, private secretary to Senator Clark, has returned to Washington after completing arrangements for working the Clark copper mine during the winter. A shaft has been put down forty-five feet and a shaft house and other improvements are being built. A Chicago smelting firm has offered \$60 per ton for the ore.

Diphtheria Closes Public Schools. CRETE, Neb., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—Several cases of diphtheria have broken out suddenly in this city. Several children of the public schools have been taken down with the disease. The school board met this morning and the public schools have been closed until further orders.

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ST. PAUL, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—A rousing republican rally was held at Cushing school house last night. The building was filled to its utmost capacity with attentive listeners, who gathered to hear Judge A. A. Kendall and Candidates P. A. Abbott and M. B. Robbins.

BRYAN'S REPORTS MADE TO ORDER. Manufacture Account of Nebraska Situation. SYRACUSE, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—The account in the Omaha World-Herald of W. J. Bryan's meeting here, written up by his hired stenographer, is so entirely false that the whole article may be considered an attempt to deceive the public. Mr. Bryan was met by a crowd that stood easily on the west end of the depot platform, leaving more than three-fourths of it absolutely unoccupied. There was not a single cheer for Bryan or any one else and there were certainly no crowds tramping down the middle of the streets, the better to see the "familiar features so well beloved," as Bryan was on the inside of a closed carriage and could not be seen. The report says the people stood in the rain along the sidewalks to discuss the speech. In the first place, no rain fell and in addition to that the audience dispersed at once. There was no time for a speech, as the porter omitted to make that he hired a livery team here for \$3.50 and the driver was only able to collect \$2 when the trip was completed.

JUDGE BAKER REPELS AN ATTACK. Charges Made by Scott Shown to Have No Foundation. LYONS, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Judge Ben S. Baker and John L. Webster of Omaha spoke here last evening, the opera house being well filled with interested listeners. Judge Baker's remarks were confined to a defense of his record, which had been assailed by Judge Scott at this place one week ago. Scott charged Baker with owning the Cuban and Porto Rico villas on the Midway at the Greater America Exposition, also that it was an immoral institution. Judge Baker had the sworn affidavits of the secretary and treasurer of the company owning this village that Judge Baker did not own nor ever had owned any stock or interest in the company. Scott charged that when Baker came to Omaha he was \$150 in debt and that after the Mosher trial he paid the note and bought a house, paying several thousand dollars and had \$25,000 in the bank. Judge Baker showed by deeds which he had with him that the property was bought and paid for two years before the Mosher trial occurred. Other charges against Baker's record were disposed of in a similarly conclusive manner. John L. Webster was next introduced and spoke for an hour, principally on the expansion issue.

THURSTON STIRS FREMONT. Nebraska's Senior Senator Rouses the Populace at Dodge County's Metropolis. FREMONT, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Masonic hall was packed to the doors this evening with people who came out to hear Senator Thurston. His appearance on the platform was the signal for loud and hearty applause. He began by speaking of the importance of this office, as it gave the people an opportunity to express their sentiments on the policy of the administration and the resultant interest taken in it in foreign countries was so widespread that even in the Philippines the insurgents were making for a democratic victory. He then made a brief tribute to the ability and worth of Judge Reese. He spoke briefly of the tariff legislation of the party which had enabled it to completely fulfill the promises it had made to the people of a restored prosperity. The larger portion of his speech was concerned more than any hour, was in regard to the Philippine question and was a logical and forceful presentation of the stand taken by the party and the policy of the administration in adjusting the affairs of these islands. His speech was frequently interrupted by applause and received the closest attention of the audience.

Money Question, Imperialism and Trusts Disposed Of. ARAPAHOE, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—W. J. Bryan addressed an audience of about 1,000 people this afternoon. He was warmly greeted by the audience. Bryan spoke of the money trusts were spoken of in a twenty-minute speech.

FRANKLIN, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—W. J. Bryan made a talk here today to a fair-sized crowd. A platform twenty feet square was erected and all the people present stood on it. Mr. Bryan spoke while the balance of the crowd were women and sound money believers. Mr. Bryan abused the trusts and Mark Hanna.

CULBERTSON, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Ira Cole, editor of the Culbertson Era, being first duly sworn today before a notary public, deposes and says that at 5:30 p. m. of the 28th inst. before the Bryan train was due, he canvassed the entire crowd at the Culbertson depot, where Bryan was to speak, and to the best of his knowledge the crowd resulted as follows: Thirty-eight teams, eighty-nine women, seven men, and a large number of children. He also said some attention to the state house gang and showed them up as bogus reformers.

MALMO, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—A rousing republican rally was held at the town hall last night, the best attended for years. Charles H. Sloan of Geneva was the speaker and for over an hour an audience of varied political complexions listened attentively to an eloquent, logical and patriotic discourse on the money question, imperialism and national. The county candidates were also present and briefly addressed the people.

MEIKLEJOHN AND CALDWELL

They Address a Large Republican Rally at Lexington.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY WARMLY GREETED

Good Times of the Present Contrasted with Those of the Last Democratic Regime - Bryan's Fallacies Exploited.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—One of the largest audiences ever assembled in Lexington was present this afternoon at the republican rally at Smith's opera house. Dr. H. A. Turner presided and unbounded enthusiasm greeted the speakers. James L. Caldwell first speaker. He began by rehearsing Holcomb's career as money lender and politician governor and gave an account of the ballot steal. He then took up the question of expansion and pointed out that this country had gained the largest part of its territory by expansion without the consent of the governed; that Fremont had planted the stars and stripes on the soil of California and that the very ground now comprising the state of Nebraska was taken possession of by the United States government without the consent of