STEAM FROM POLITICAL POT

Live Gossip Bearing on the Impending City Campaign.

ACTIVITY IS MANIFESTED IN ALL CAMPS

Prospect is Good for a Strong Row Between the Various Branches of the Tripartite Fusion Alliance.

The renewed activity of the republican ward clubs gives evidence on every side of the preparations for the coming city primaries. Some rearrangement of the entries for republican nominations is taking place, chiefly among minor candidates, but the lines are being gradually formed for the final primary contest. Candidates for the council are already out with petitions for signatures to place their names on the ballots. The new law requires fifty signatures instead of twenty as formerly, and the rule adopted by the republican city committee will place the names of council candidates on the ballot in alphabetical order, although the contesting convention delegations will appear in the order in which the petitions are filed.

Quite an interesting discussion was indulged in on the third-term question at the meeting of the Sixth ward republican club last Saturday. Among the candidates who presented themselves for the club's favor were City Clerk Higby and City Comptroller Westberg, each of whom set forth their claims to retention in office. After Mr. Westberg had finished Herbert B. Leavitt got up and in decided tones said he did not believe in third terms for anybody and that he thought officers who had had two terms should voluntarily make way for other republicans who have not been honored. City Clerk Higby said that if he stood as a candidate it would be simply on his record as an officer and that if the party thought he would be a weight on the ticket he would accept its decision without objection. Comptroller Westberg, on the other hand, became quite excited and insisted that a public officer should be retained in office as long as he was giving satisfaction and performing his duties faithfully and efficiently.

"You think a man should be kept in office all his life if he is a good officer?" came one question from the audience.

"If he is the best man for the place, yes," answered Westberg.

But as the sentiment of the meeting seemed hopelessly divided no formal action was taken in the matter.

The handful of silver republicans do not propose to take any chances of not having a quorum at their primaries. The primaries of that party will be simply caucuses held at 7:30 p. m., and no requirements as to registration will be enforced. If only he can be induced to come in and fill a chair at the caucus, no man will be asked any questions as to how he registered. It is hoped that by this plan sufficient attendance can be secured to enable each caucus to have enough material present for a chairman and secretary.

There is little question that some of the men who did not register their party affiliations will endeavor to break into the party primaries, even if they have to resort to the courts. William R. O'Shaughnessy, a democratic clerk in the office of the county auditor, is among those who arrogantly failed to specify his party affiliations. He declares his intention to participate in the primaries of his party, and gives it out that he will go into the courts to secure the right to take part. The law, however, seems to be airtight.

The prize debaters of the Peter Cooper club are priming themselves for a lively session when the Elmer Thomas resolution is reached denouncing the State Board of Transportation for having failed to do anything material to the railways. Elmer Thomas has declared his intention of speaking at length in favor of the adoption of his resolution. Some of the members of the club, however, do not feel like casting reproach upon a populist State Board of Transportation, and think the state committee of the party acted wisely in turning the Thomas resolution down. They are fortifying themselves in opposition to the measure and a stirring scrap is promised.

In remarkable contrast with the confidence expressed by Jacksonians in their ability to beat the County Democracy out in the primaries, comes the statement from members of the County Democracy to the effect that they have been approached by an emissary of the Jacksonians with a proposition to compromise, even in the Second ward, where the Herdmanites are strongest.

At a recent meeting of the silver republican city committee some discussion was indulged of the political status of a late occupant of the district bench suspected of designs upon the mayoralty. At that time it was agreed, without any formal declaration to that effect, that the late judge had no claims upon the party and that he should not be sent to any of the party conventions as a delegate. That very night the late judge enrolled himself as a member of the Patriotic (?) league.

No immediate apprehension need be entertained by local politicians over the recent organization of the Social Democracy, which appears to be the Debs branch of socialism. The local organization meets weekly in the rooms of the Peter Cooper club in a quiet and inoffensive way, but its members announce that they will not dabble in local politics. In the national campaign of 1900 they expect to have candidates for president and vice president, but will make no state campaigns. They are pronounced admirers of such men as Pingree of Michigan and Jones of Ohio, and say it is likely one or both of these men will be asked to be the standard-bearers next fall.

It is perhaps a good thing for the populist party that this Social Democracy is not going into local politics just now, for how could any party expect to hold John O. Yeiser when another organization hove in sight having nailed to its masthead such stirring principles as the making of labor legislation, national and international, instead of local; public ownership of all trusts, combines and monopolies, railroads, telegraph, telephones, all means of transportation and communication, water works, gas and electric light plants? Or how could any old party expect A. W. Tidd to cleave to it while another party was advocating the public ownership of all gold, silver, lead, copper, iron, coal and other mines? If a new party should show up in the local field standing for the reduction of hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities of production E. F. Mercerity would have to turn a double-somersault in his speed to alight in it. In fact, what populist could stand out against a platform which declared not only in favor of the initiative and referendum, but also in favor of all the above glorious privileges, together with equal civil and political rights for men and women, the making of all useful inventions free to all, national insurance of working people against accidents, lack of employment and want in old age, and the inauguration of a system of public works to give employment to the unemployed? Who can conjecture what would become of the Peter Cooper club if some political organization should jump into the local arena with a platform declaring for "the abolition of war as far as the United States is concerned?" Or the Jacksonian club, either, for that matter? All these are included in the Social Democracy's declaration of principles.

COUNTY DEMOCRACY OFFICERS

Annual Election Draws a Good-Sized Crowd that Discusses the Coming Combat.

The auditorium of the County Democracy headquarters was full to the door Thursday night, the occasion being the annual election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, John Liddell; vice president, Lysle I. Abbott; treasurer, Ernest Mertens; recording secretary, J. T. Hart; financial secretary, J. E. Reagan; corresponding secretary, Joseph Panuska; sergeant-at-arms, Dan Custer.

A series of resolutions offered by J. E. Reagan, expressing sympathy with the Boers and denouncing England as a robber, was unanimously adopted.

Speeches were made by Harry Miller, Joseph A. Connor, J. E. Reagan, Lysle I. Abbott, Joe Butler and others, urging the members to get out and make the best fight possible at the primaries to down the ring rule of the men who control the Jacksonian club and presaging certain victory.

During the meeting amber-colored refreshments were served in mugs of generous proportions to all present by men who carried it into the room on trays that taxed their strength. Fifty-seven new members were enrolled and elected.

FIFTH WARD M'KINLEY CLUB.

Regular Weekly Meeting Held Under the Most Favorable Auspices.

The regular weekly meeting of the Fifth Ward McKinley club was well attended Thursday night and much interest was manifested in the proceedings.

The executive committee reported that it had filled vacancies on its committee by the appointment of W. T. Graham, vice G. W. King; Frank Case, vice John C. Holt, and William I. Kierstead, vice V. Mullen. The chairman of the executive committee reported further that in regard to the choice of candidates to the city convention, the committee to whom was referred the selection had decided that the time was not ripe for such selection and that the matter had been deferred for a week, and called upon the candidates residing in the ward to submit a list of names for the approval of the committee early next week so that the matter could be reported to the club at its next meeting.

Speeches were then called for from the candidates present. The first to respond was Charles L. Saunders, who formally announced himself as candidate for city treasurer. He said he was a native of Omaha and long a resident of the Fifth ward, upon the republicans of which he depended for his strength in the convention.

Saunders was followed by Fred J. Sackett, who is a candidate for re-election to the office of tax commissioner. Mr. Sackett said very little about himself, but devoted his time to giving good advice to the members of the club in the interests of republican success.

George W. Holbrook announced himself as candidate for city clerk in a short talk that was well received.

Charles Delamatre and W. H. Mallory, candidates for councilmen from the Fifth ward, made short talks and were followed by Hugh A. Myers, who made a strong plea for unity of action on the part of Fifth ward republicans.

R. W. Richardson in a rousing speech showed the necessity for work, with an assurance of success. The manner of choosing the delegates to the city convention was brought up and Mr. Richardson favored the plan of letting the Fifth ward candidates for city offices choose a set of delegates, the same to be ratified at the primaries; that the candidates for offices not represented by candidates in the ward have their names printed upon the ballots cast at the primaries and the ones receiving the highest number of votes to receive the votes of the Fifth ward delegates in the convention.

The matter was discussed for some time, but the club finally determined to make no change in its plans and the executive committee will place a ticket in the field at the primaries, after consulting with the candidates. An informal invitation was tendered the Fifth Ward Republican club to submit a list of names so that there would be but one ticket in the field. The club will meet next Thursday night to pass upon the names of the delegates.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

F. E. Ware of Topeka is in the city.

George Cox of St. Louis is at the Murray.

F. C. Fiske of Cedar Rapids is at the Murray.

J. R. Shubek of Cheyenne is at the Merchants.

J. S. Becker of Plattsmouth is at the Merchants.

Ward Hildreth of St. Louis is registered at the Merchants.

Alexander New, a lawyer of Kansas City, is at the Millard.

E. K. McKenzie and C. S. Raney of Hastings are at the Murray.

Prichard Goodwing of Grand Island is a guest of the Merchants.

T. L. Matthews, United States marshal, is in the city for a few days.

H. Heller of the Heller Chemical company of Chicago is at the Millard.

W. W. Driskill, wife and two children of Spearfish, S. D., are in the city.

Samuel Burns has gone to Pueblo, Colo., to be absent two or three weeks.

James Whitfield, sporting editor of The Star, Kansas City, is at the Millard.

T. B. Hard and J. R. Mason, cattlemen of Central City, are transacting business in Omaha.

Caris Gottlieb, the crack shot and champion whist player of Kansas City, is at the Millard.

F. Emmel, auditor for the Anhauser-Busch Brewing company, is in the city from St. Louis.

Frank Rosewater has returned after an absence of two weeks spent at his former home in Cleveland, O.

Simeon Bloom has returned from Cincinnati after an absence of two weeks attending the sickness and death of his mother.

General Merriam, commanding the Department of the Missouri, will return to Denver today, having completed his regular inspection of the local post.

A delegation of Kansas City men came in Thursday to attend the Gun club shoot in Council Bluffs. The party consists of G. M. Walden, Charles Gotlieb, J. A. R. Elliott, W. S. Allen, James Whitfield, J. W. Brumson and F. N. Crockrell.

Harry V. Anderson, son of William Anderson, clerk of the Murray hotel, will leave Omaha for St. Louis Sunday to make the latter place his home. Mr. Anderson is in the purchasing department of the Pacific Express company, which has moved its headquarters to St. Louis.

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Is your breath bad? Then your best friends turn their heads aside. A bad breath means a bad liver. Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They cure constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, sick headache. 25c. All druggists.

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KEYSTONE STATE REUNION

Twelfth Annual Function of Pennsylvania Club of Omaha a Success.

INTERESTING PROGRAM IS RENDERED

Speeches, Recitations, Music, Dancing and Feasting Are the Order of the Evening—General Charles F. Manderson Presides.

A stranger dropping into the Commercial club rooms Thursday night might easily have imagined himself at a picnic on the banks of the Susquehanna river if he closed his eyes to the velvet floors and brilliant lights, accepting only the conversation about him as an index to his geographical location.

It was the twelfth annual reunion of the Pennsylvania club of Omaha. Former Pennsylvanians, men, women and children, 500 strong, joined in the reunion, and they talked Pennsylvania from start to finish. Every section of the Keystone state from Erie to Tullytown and from Waynesburg to Honesdale was enthusiastically discussed, and none of the intermediate stations were overlooked. Childhood days in the Allegheries, along the Schuylkill, the Juniata, the Lackawaxen, the Youghiogheny, out through the Lehigh valley and elsewhere, came back to the older ones in reminiscent form. Everybody had a kindly word for Pennsylvania, and the Nebraska children of Pennsylvania parents who listened to the tales that were told at this reunion must have seen visions of a happy fairyland in their dreams.

The program consisted of speeches, music, recitations, dancing and feasting. General Charles F. Manderson presided. He is the regular president of the Pennsylvania club. Formality and full dress suits did not enter into this function. Everybody was made to feel at home and a more enjoyable occasion is seldom witnessed. Among those present were many representative citizens of Omaha and a glance at the personnel of the assemblage leads to the conclusion that Pennsylvania has furnished this city many of its best people.

General Manderson Talks.

Preliminary to the rendition of the program General Manderson made a brief introductory address. He spoke of loyalty to the old state, and declared his admiration for it second only to his love for Nebraska, the state of his adoption. The first number on the program was a German recitation by Mrs. John W. Evans. Mrs. Evans met with such applause that she was recalled. She recited the second time, "Taking an Elevator," an humorous creation detailing the story of how a rural housewife encountered many embarrassing dilemmas while in Chicago on a shopping tour.

"The Pennsylvania Club" was the subject of an address by Richard C. Patterson. A duet, "Village Bells" was rendered by Misses Lelia and Bessie Mooney. In the signs of the deaf and dumb language, Prof. J. A. Gillespie sang "Shall We Meet Beyond the River." He was accompanied by Mrs. Maud H. Guidra on the piano. This was a unique feature, highly appreciated.

"How We Pennsylvania Dutch Lived in the Early Days," was the subject of an interesting talk by Joseph Redman, who was introduced as "Uncle Joe."

Samuel J. Taylor, who is 80 years old, gave an entertaining talk on pioneer days in Pennsylvania.

M. W. Nesbit of Tekamah told of the success of the Pennsylvania society in Burt county. Miss Ada Boyer recited "Jim Fenton's Wedding."

J. P. Hess talked of Pennsylvanians in Council Bluffs.

At the close of the program there was a call of the roll by counties, and this developed the fact that nearly every county in Pennsylvania is represented in Omaha.

A committee of women served the refreshments. Everything was as free as the water that gushes down the channel of the Conemaugh river. Punch bowls were stationed at frequent intervals and good cheer prevailed.

Merry Dance Goes On.

The younger generation and some of the older ones, too, engaged in dancing, and the festivities lasted until nearly midnight. Ball room music was furnished by an orchestra.

The reception committee, which was largely instrumental in making such a gratifying success of the reunion, was composed of the following:

Mesdames M. J. Leachy, D. T. Kroh, Rudolph, Rhyn, Allen Koch, S. C. Griswold, J. H. Gillespie, R. C. Patterson, D. C. Patterson, H. H. Baldrige, John A. Wakefield, J. N. H. Patrick, W. G. Shriver, W. S. Askwith, C. F. Manderson, P. J. Barr, R. A. Lenhart, J. Cooper, H. Cooper, Jo Redman, C. M. Hummel, M. E. Dempster, J. H. Shugart, J. A. Dalzell, C. A. Potter, W. P. Harford, C. H. T. Riepen, L. N. Gondon, M. H. Hoerner, William Boyer, M. G. Greevy, W. C. Mooney and Fehr.

Messrs. A. W. Jefferis, J. E. Crager, H. B. Irey, H. L. Burket, Kelly McCombs, J. P. Connolly, D. J. Burgess, Joseph Redman, J. B. Dreshack, R. A. Lenhart, H. M. Englemann, Paul Charlton, Dr. S. K. Spalding, Dr. H. Ludington, W. N. Nason, J. A. Dalzell, J. H. Gillespie, S. M. Crosby, Howard Cooper, W. S. Balduff, S. R. Rush, R. S. Berlin, William Boyer, I. A. Medlar, Daniel Baum, T. A. Creigh, John Hussie, Dr. J. H. Vance, De Forest E. Chapin and Rev. L. Groh.

The officers of the Pennsylvania club are as follows: Hon. Charles F. Manderson, president; Major T. S. Clarkson, first vice president; Richard C. Patterson, second vice president; J. N. H. Patrick, third vice president; P. J. Barr, treasurer; W. G. Shriver, secretary; M. H. Hoerner, assistant secretary.

Shriners Give an Entertainment.

Tangier temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, gave a musicale to its members and their families at Masonic hall Thursday night which was one of the most pleasant affairs of its kind of the season. The program consisted of ten numbers, as follows:

Flute Solo ..... Selected
Olaf Pederson.
Three Red Roses ..... Norris
Miss Estelle Brown.
Barcarola ..... Leschetievsky
Miss Ethel Free.
Two Grenadiers (by request) ..... Schumann
Oscar Gareissen.
Caprice de Concert ..... Musin
Ernest Nordin.
Thine ..... Bohm
Jean Boyd Mullan.
F Sharp Minor Polonaise ..... Chopin
Miss Ethel Free.
Song of Prabe ..... St. Quintin
I. M. Treynor.
Flute Solo ..... Selected
Olaf Pederson.
Serenade ..... Marschner
The Shrine Quartet.

I. M. Treynor, first tenor; W. S. Rigdon, second tenor; R. W. Bailey, first bass, and J. F. Barton, second bass.

Military Entertainment.

The Castellar Street Presbyterian church gave a military entertainment Thursday evening that brought out a crowd which packed the auditorium. The two speakers of the evening were Harry Fischer and William J. Koopman. The former spoke on "The American Soldier." Koopman's talk consisted of his relating interestingly his experiences in the Philippine islands as a member of the First Nebraska regiment. He gave an excellent description of the city of Manila and told in a pleasing way the happenings that make a soldier's life in that country exciting. The church was effectively draped with the national colors and a huge American flag covered the wall in the rear of the platform.

Maccabees' Masquerade Ball.

Knights of the Maccabees, Gate City lodge No. 60, gave its first masquerade ball of the season in Metropolitan hall Thursday evening. One hundred couples were present. The evening was given over to dancing and a social time. The committee consisted of E. E. Andrews, J. W. Dodd, J. M. Lawless and E. J. Scully. C. M. Bachman was master of ceremonies.

...AMUSEMENTS...

John Thomas, humorist and impersonator, has appeared in Omaha before, but never before so magnificent an audience as greeted him Thursday night at the Boyd opera house. There was not a vacant seat in the house and everyone seemed well pleased. With his concert company, comprising his wife, Annie Webster Thomas, violin virtuoso; Edna Marie Goullaud, soprano, and Charles A. Ridgway, pianist, he presented a program of mirth and melody under the auspices of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association. There were many encores, the members of the company responding generously. Following one number, Mr. Thomas was called back four times.

Miss Goullaud is perhaps his most able supporter. She has a rich, full soprano voice, and uses it with the skill of a finished artist.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Rabbi Abram Simon will speak this evening in the Harney Street temple on "Is Life a Tragedy?"

Only one marriage license was issued Thursday. It was to Arlan R. Polsley, aged 31, and Mary Krajicek, aged 20, both of South Omaha.

Nora Holstrom has sued Edguen J. Holstrom for divorce, alleging drunkenness and cruelty. The Holstroms were married at Florence in May, 1896.

The democrats of the Fifth ward met Thursday night on Eighteenth street between Nicholas and Paul and listened to speeches by several candidates and others.

Frank Delbridge was given thirty days in jail Thursday for stealing a 100-pound sack of sugar from the grocery store of E. D. Evans, at 1520 North Twenty-fourth street.

Carl Harris, wanted in Sioux City on a charge of embezzlement, was taken back to Iowa yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Manning. He had been arrested in Omaha by Detectives Johnson and Healon.

Spontaneous combustion in a pile of coal on the premises of the Nebraska Brewing company, Third and Hickory streets, caused an alarm of fire to be sent in at 6:32 yesterday morning. The damage was nominal.

United States Marshal Matthews and Clerks Thummel and Hoyt returned from Lincoln yesterday. The United States court at that place will do little until Tuesday, when the jury will report.

Judges Baker, Baxter, Estelle, Fawcett and Slabaugh held a conference Thursday and appointed C. M. Hunt a member of the Board of Park Commissioners to represent South Omaha for a term of three years.

The motor furnishing power for the system of ventilation at the federal building made so much noise that there was a general complaint, and so yesterday the motor was changed, a noiseless one taking its place.

Hugh Nelson worked 128 days at putting up stoves for Hyman Oberman, a second-hand dealer, and Oberman refused to pay him for the service, alleging that Nelson was working for his board alone. Nelson sued and on Thursday Justice Long gave him a judgment for $94.80.

H. Schoensted, keeper of a second-hand store at 1421 Dodge street, was fined $5 in police court Thursday for failing to remove garbage and trash from the alley in the rear of his place, pursuant to an order served upon him by the police department. He gave notice of appeal.

Mrs. Mary Cavanaugh arrived in Omaha Wednesday morning from Chicago and was taken at once to the Methodist Episcopal hospital. She is suffering from a broken leg, sustained Monday by slipping on a sidewalk in Chicago, and was brought to Omaha to be nursed by her daughter, Mary Cavanaugh, a nurse at the hospital.

George Clark, a tailor at 1520 Douglas street, tied a rag around a stovepipe in his shop the other day to prevent the soot from rattling down. Yesterday he built a fire in the stove, the rag became ignited, filling the room with smoke, but by the time the fire department arrived, at 8:05, all danger had passed and the room was being ventilated.

J. P. O'Brien of the Henshaw hotel has filed a complaint against James McKay, charging him with petit larceny. McKay is night man at the hotel. About midnight Wednesday he was detected, it is alleged, in the act of carrying away several packages said to contain dressed chickens, butter and other provisions purloined from the hotel larder.

Joseph Hayden has sued the Chicago House Wrecking company for $67.50, the price of ninety upholstered settees used during the recent exposition at the chutes. He claims to have bought the property of the "Shoot the Chutes" company and says the wrecking company has appropriated it. The case will be tried in Justice Altstadt's court January 30.

Emissaries of the county commissioners have been trying to interest the Commercial club in the proposition for the erection of a new court house and the issue of $300,000 bonds therefor. They have asked that the club call a public meeting for discussion of the proposition. The suggestion will probably come up at the next meeting of the executive committee of the club.

In police court Thursday Harry Anderson, night porter at the Her Grand hotel, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing $16.25 from the cash drawer of the hotel. The clerk, C. C. Irvine, had retired for a moment, leaving the key in the drawer, and Anderson helped himself, afterward concealing the money in the basement. He was given thirty days, with suspension of sentence during good behavior.

At the instance of E. L. Palmer an order of replevin was issued Thursday from Justice Altstadt's court to recover possession of seventy-two chairs and twenty tables, now being held by the Chicago House Wrecking company. During the exposition Palmer ran a restaurant on the grounds and afterward neglected to remove his furniture. He now says that the wrecking company has taken possession of it.

R. F. Hodgin has been designated as superintendent of exhibits of the coming exhibit by the Home Patronage bureau of the Commercial club and steps have been taken to bring to the treasury the funds which it will require to conduct the enterprise. Each member of the bureau is required to pay a membership fee toward that end, while those who desire space in which to make an exhibit must pay an additional fee.

Martin Peterson, 17 years old, a helper employed in the construction of the new Metz brewery, fell from the second floor of that structure, a distance of thirty feet, yesterday, sustaining injuries that may prove fatal. No bones were broken, but it is believed he is hurt internally. He was taken to the St. Joseph hospital. This is the third serious accident of this kind to happen at the new brewery within the last three weeks.

James Bonner, 111 Central avenue, Buffalo, N. Y., has written to Chief of Police Donahue asking for information concerning Jerry Bonner, his brother, who left home twenty years ago and came to Nebraska. The writer says he has not heard from him since. He came here with a man named McCool. In about a month McCool returned to Buffalo, saying that Bonner had "gone through the mountains to Colorado."

Bishop Worthington lyceum met Thursday night in the guild room of St. Philip's church to discuss the question of reducing the representation in congress of those states which have passed laws restraining the negroes from voting upon the same basis as white men. A paper on the subject was read by J. S. Dorsey, who dealt with the subject at length, giving facts and figures covering every phase of the question. At its conclusion it was decided to postpone the debate for one week.

Wednesday evening the contractor finished the lead roof on the porch at the federal building. The cost of the roof is $1,060, and over five tons of metal were used in its construction. The test called for, before the work is accepted by the government, is the ability of the roof to resist the penetrating power of water for a period of forty-eight hours. Wednesday night the water was turned on and yesterday morning there was about twelve inches of ice over the roof. The test will be delayed until the weather moderates.

The smallpox patients are all in a fair way to recovery. The residence of F. M. Blains, at 2525 Decatur street, will probably be relieved from quarantine within a week. Alfred Blains, 2504 Decatur street, has suffered from a modified form of the disease and is now able to leave his bed. His wife and child have so far exhibited no symptoms of the malady and the health officers consider that they have an excellent chance of escape. The officials are encouraged to hope that there will be no epidemic growing out of the cases now on hand.

FRANK GETS INTO COURT

Ex-Clerk of District Court Cited to Appear Before Judge Estelle.

ALTERNATIVE WRIT OF MANDAMUS ISSUED

Must Either Make a Report of Fees to the County Commissioners or Show Cause for Not Doing So—He Will Fight the Case.

Judge Lee Estelle has issued an alternative writ of mandamus ordering Albyn Frank, ex-clerk of the district court, to either make an accounting of the fees of his office to the county board, as required by law, or to appear in court February 6 and show cause for failure to obey the order.

This proceeding did not come as a surprise, as it had been announced several days ago that the county attorney would take such action. In view of Frank's defiant letter to the county commissioners a crisis was reached where something had to be done, and as the county board declined to have Frank prosecuted on the charge of embezzlement, the only alternative was to institute mandamus suit.

The county attorney, after failing to secure a hearing in the supreme court at Lincoln, returned to Omaha two days ago and began the preparation of the papers here. The petition was filed in the district court late Thursday afternoon. Judge Estelle was in waiting and the writ was issued without special incident or ceremony.

The petition is a lengthy document, embracing a copy of the letter sent by Frank to the commissioners, in which he declared that he believed the new fee law to be unconstitutional and that he would not make the required statement of fees unless forced to do so. A statement sworn to by Peter Hofeldt, chairman of the county board, is also appended. The substance of that statement is that Frank has not rendered a fee account for the last quarter of the year, dating from October 1, 1899, to January 4, 1900. The county attorney asks that in making an accounting for the three months at issue, Frank shall give an itemized list of the fees.

CLANSMEN HONOR POET BURNS

Concert Held in Celebration of the 141st Anniversary of the Scotch Lyrist's Birth.

The tenth annual concert in celebration of the birth of Robert Burns was given by Clan Gordon Thursday night in Creighton hall, followed by a ball. The entertainment was well attended. The program, made up mostly of Scottish songs, recitations and dances, comprised eighteen numbers, and nearly every performer responded to a generous encore. Clansman Meldrum, who is a grandfather, danced the Highland fling, and Master Howard Horne, 7 years old, played beautifully upon the violin.

The address of the evening, "Memory of Burns," was by Rev. Luther M. Kuhns. He said:

"From Ayr to Glasgow is forty miles; from Ayr to Mauchline is eleven miles; from Mauchline to Dumfries is eighty-one miles, and from Mauchline to Massgiel is one mile. This bit of geography was known to and loved by Burns. Two miles from Ayr Burns was born 141 years ago. His name has been secured for fame by the test of time. At the centenary of his birth the festal fire and the roll of triumphal drums girdled the world. At the centenary of his death, at the Burns exhibition at Glasgow, the catalogue of objects of interest connected with his name made a stout volume of 486 large pages. His hold upon the interest and attention of men is shown by the fact of 30,000 pilgrims annually visiting the lowly two-room wayside cottage where he was born. The span of his life is from January 25, 1759, to July 21, 1796—36 years 6 months and 4 days. What astonished the world, what amazes it still, is what he accomplished in so short a time. A great writer says it took his age forty years to catch up with him. He had a sound mind and good digestion, physical vigor and tender sentiment, and gave assurance of a man.

"Robert Burns is not only Scotland's national poet, but is the greatest lyric of the world. His was genius inspired with poetry. The sources of his power were humanity and patriotism, his love of nature and truth. Because of his humanity he could stand before Bunbury's print of a dead soldier on the snow, with his widow and dog beside him, weeping. If ever a patriot had his wish fulfilled, Burns' wish to write a book or a song for his country has come true. America alone has sixty-seven different editions of his works. He lived close to nature's heart and nature disclosed her secrets to him. He says of himself: 'I have never payed any man a compliment, whatever his position or his power to render me a service, at the expense of truth.' He was warm-hearted and tender in his friendship. In all his business relations he was the soul of honor and in his feelings as a man independent. His pinching poverty, toil and disappointed hopes taught him the secret of happiness was in the heart that 'makes the right or wrong.'

"We are glad to honor tonight the memory of him who made the heart of Scotland weep and by the songs we have heard puts to shame the nightingale.

PURCHASERS OF BUILDINGS

List of Persons Who Invest Money in Fair Grounds Auction Sale of Wooden Structures.

The auction sale of buildings on the north eighty acres of the state fair grounds Wednesday attracted a large line of prospective purchasers. Those who bought and the prices they paid are as follows:

F. Gifford, $36; Standard Cattle company, $240; F. B. Hibbard, $21; Conneer & Craft, $76; Carston Rohwer, $35; F. B. Erickson, $104.50; E. Bock, $38; D. P. Redmond, $67; William Buller, $52; Joseph McGuire, $110; Charles Rohwer, $37; Andrew Hoffman, 8; B. E. Fields, Fremont, $272; Chris Jensen, $508; William C. Thomas, $729; F. J. Smith, $712; Thomas Wilkinson, Blair, $180; J. D. Hancock, $110; Charles Anderson, $1,205; Hamilton Bros., $200; Hugh McCaffrey, $659; Mrs. Ish, $185; Walter Phelps, $284; O. J. Pickering, $484; Leopold Doll, $500; Henry Bonhoff, $125; P. Bondau, $42; F. W. Wheaton, $52.50; David Reed, $65.

The total amount of the sales runs up to $7,097.50. The sale was for the benefit of the bondholders. All the buildings thus disposed of will be wrecked and hauled away.

Building and Trades Council.

A regular meeting of the Building and Trades council was held in the Labor temple, Seventeenth and Douglas streets, Thursday evening. The usual amount of routine matter was passed upon. A committee of three, consisting of Bert Buck, John Rose and J. T. Kelleher, was appointed to wait on the School board committee having in charge the plan to change day labor to contract work, in behalf of the unions. Martin Lawler of Bethel, Conn., spoke to the council in behalf of the United Hatters of North America in interest of their boycott of the Bow Hat company. The following were seated as delegates from their unions: Otto Niederweiser, A. H. Rushland and D. E. Murry, from the Amalgamated Street Workers; Charles Dixson, from the Bricklayers, Plasterers and Stonemasons Tenders' union.

Phelps' Condition No Better.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 25.—Edward J. Phelps, ex-minister to England, is no better today. His condition is such as to occasion his relatives and friends extreme anxiety.

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New first-class line between Omaha and Chicago, over new road recently built through Council Bluffs, Denison and Rockwell City to Tara, Iowa, to connection with the Central's western line through Fort Dodge, Webster City, Waterloo, Independence, Dubuque, Freeport and Rockford to Chicago.

CHICAGO LIMITED LEAVES OMAHA 7.35 P. M. DAILY

A fast wide-vestibuled train making principal stops only, and with new equipment throughout, consisting of library-buffet-smoking car, Pullman sleeping car, free reclining chair car, dining car.

CHICAGO EXPRESS LEAVES OMAHA 12.10 P. M. DAILY

A fast vestibuled train doing more or less local work. Included in its equipment is a through sleeping car between Omaha and Chicago. Dining car service enroute.

New short line between Omaha and Minneapolis and St. Paul via the Illinois Central R. R. from Omaha to Fort Dodge, and the Minneapolis & St. Louis R. R. from Fort Dodge to Minneapolis and St. Paul.

MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL LIMITED LEAVES OMAHA 7.35 P. M. DAILY

Arrives Minneapolis 7:30 a. m., St. Paul 8:00 a. m. A fast vestibule night train, carrying through Pullman sleeping car and coaches.

MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL EXPRESS LEAVES OMAHA 7.00 A. M. EX. SUN.

Arrives Minneapolis 7:00 p. m., St. Paul 7:30 p. m. A fast day train, carrying through parlor car and coaches.

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$1.50 sofa pillows	75c
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