AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Democrats Hold Their Caucuses for City Candidates.

LOECHNER IS THE NOMINEE FOR MAYOR

Hector Wins the Fight for Treasurer —Montgomery's Pretty Race for Chance to Run for Attorney.

For mayor:
Loechner 717
Ensor 388
For city treasurer:
Hector 573
Geary 406
For city clerk:
Shrigley 908
For city attorney:
Montgomery 534
Lambert 498
For councilmen:
First ward, Burness 624
Second ward, Welsh 561
Third ward, Luckey 401
Fourth ward, O'Connor 487
Fifth ward, Broderick 626
Sixth ward, Queenan 473
For Board of Education:
Ryan 536
Larkin 445
Cocasek 365

These are the returns from the democratic primaries, compiled early this morning. Those with the highest number of votes, where there is a contest, will be certified to by the democratic city central committee and be placed on the official ballot.

The democratic primaries in South Omaha, Friday, were decidedly interesting in a number of ways. On account of the large number of candidates on the ticket, there being seventeen candidates for councilmen, with only six places to fill and other offices in somewhat smaller proportion the show started early.

While the voting places did not open until noon the candidates were up and doing early and by noon dozens of carriages were ready to convey voters to the primaries.

Up to 4 o'clock in the afternoon the voting was light, but still crowds gathered on the down town streets and talked over the situation.

When the packing houses stopped for the day between 4 and 5 o'clock the workingmen began to crowd about the polls and the voting was quite lively from that time on until the closing hour.

Owing to the length of the ticket the count was slow and it was much later than was expected before the returns commenced coming in. In each ward the interest centered in the head of the ticket and by 9 o'clock enough votes had been counted to show that Loechner was the winner. Shortly after 9 o'clock Dr. Ensor stated to representatives of the press that in his opinion he had been defeated. He said further however that he would do all in his power to elect Loechner.

One feature rather out of the ordinary was the restrictions regarding the swearing in of votes. Only seven votes were sworn in during the day by the city clerk. In order to swear in a vote it was necessary to swear that the voter was absent from the city, sick, or had removed from the ward since the last registration. These orders of the central committee prevented the swearing in of a large number of votes.

Trades and Labor Council.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., March 14.—At the regular meeting of the South Omaha Trades and Labor council held last night, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, A few men calling themselves the United Labor party banded themselves together and called a convention and nominated a ticket composed of other than union men, be it

Resolved, By the said South Omaha Trades and Labor council that we are not affiliating in any way with any political party not has this body at the present time endorsed any candidate or set of candidates for the present municipal election in South Omaha.

M. J. FITZGERALD,
FRANK P. HART,
PETER E. ELSASSER,
Committee.

STEPHEN VAIL, President.
C. L. DUTCH, Recording Secretary.

Election of Officers.

Swedish-American league, No. 2, met last night at Woodman hall and elected the following officers: John A. Nelson, president; Gustav N. Peterson, vice president; A. L. Bergquist, treasurer. The club endorsed Frank Koutsky for mayor and the entire republican ticket. A committee composed of Swan Larson, A. L. Bergquist, Nels Turnquist and John A. Nelson was named to arrange for quarters and two big meetings to be held before election.

Labor Endorses Republicans.

Of the thirteen candidates on the republican city ticket the united labor party, at its convention yesterday endorsed six. The republicans endorsed are: Frank Koutsky for mayor, Joseph McCaffrey for city clerk, A. H. Murdock for city attorney, Michael Smith for councilman from the Third ward, J. J. Copenharve from the Fifth ward and Jay Laverty for member of the Board of Education.

Naturally the republican candidates endorsed are feeling confident. It is expected that before election time comes around a great many of the members of the labor unions will see the advantage to be gained by voting the straight republican ticket.

New Building Planned.

It was announced yesterday by the South Omaha Brewing company that the one-story building at the southeast corner of Twenty-fifth and N streets would be razed within the next week or so and that a fine two-story brick structure would be erected in its place. This improvement was contemplated a year ago, but owing to a lease the deal could not be consummated. A representative of the brewery stated last evening that work on the new structure would be commenced within two weeks.

Filing Expense Accounts.

Republican candidates are filing their expense accounts. So far only three sworn statements have been filed with the city clerk, but it is expected that the others will come in on Monday. Frank Koutsky alleges that his candidacy for mayor cost him only $5.50, while W. B. Vansant, candidate for councilman from the Sixth ward admits that he spent $25. Edward L. Howe, candidate for treasurer, admits that he expended the sum of $3.50.

Advertise for Bids.

An adjourned meeting of the South Omaha Library board was held at the rooms of the South Omaha club yesterday afternoon and bids were advertised for a site. The site proposed must be located not farther north than L street, nor farther south than P street and be bounded on the east by Twenty-third and on the west by Twenty-fifth street. The maximum price to be paid is $5,000. Bids for sites will be received by the board up to noon on April 2. No other business of importance was transacted.

Mass Meeting Tonight.

Notices were sent to the newspapers yesterday of a mass meeting to be held tonight at Kells' hall. The speakers named in the call are John Quinn, J. M. Kinney and W. G. Sloane. Everyone is invited to this meeting, as it is expected that the candidates on the workingmen's and citizens' ticket will be present.

Magic City Gossip.

Mrs. Walker of Ottawa, Kan., is guest of Miss Myrtle Keefer.

H. B. Fleharty returned yesterday from a business trip to Kearney.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Orlando W. Helvey, 2419 L street.

Frank Barnes has filed a petition and will enter the race for city clerk.

Mrs. Henry C. Richmond has gone to St. Joseph, Mo., to visit friends and relatives.

A. H. Merrill left yesterday for Illinois to attend the funeral of his mother, who died Thursday at the age of 92 years.

James V. Chizek has been engaged by the finance committee of the council to check up the books of the city treasurer.

William M. Wheeler, until recently editor of the Oak Lake (Manitoba) News, is guest of his brother, Rev. R. L. Wheeler.

The high wind yesterday afternoon did considerable damage to the O'Connor building near Twenty-fourth and Q streets. The building inspector is to be called upon to condemn the structure.

Cora, 11-year-old daughter of Joseph Krudna, died yesterday at the family home, Eighteenth and O streets. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with burial at the Bohemian cemetery.

Captain Frank Morton of the police department is preparing to file a complaint against Dan Dugan, charging him with assault with intent to do bodily injury. Morton attempted to arrest Dugan, who was intoxicated, and there was a fight. Dugan is still in jail waiting a hearing.

The funeral of Charlotte Winkler, who died at her home, Thirtieth and Y streets, Wednesday, was held yesterday afternoon. Services were from the German Lutheran church, Rev. Adam officiating. Two sons and a daughter, who live in distant cities, were present at the services.

ELECTRIC WIRES CROSSED

High Wind Plays Havoc with Light Circuit and Keeps Linemen Busy.

High wind played havoc with the electric light service last night, blowing wires of the different lines across one another and producing short circuits which knocked fuses right and left.

The electric light company early in the evening had its regular force of linemen at work and added all available extra men to the crews which were employed upon almost every circuit in the city. Along Farnam street at 8 o'clock one-half of the arc lamps were not burning and in the stores and hotels using this service the lights were on and off for an hour or more before the cause of the trouble was discovered. It was found that telephone and telegraph wires in the alley between Farnam and Harney streets north of Fifteenth had been blown against the electric light wires, completely knocking out circuit No. 3.

After the damage at first discovered was repaired a force was kept at headquarters to repair damage which might occur during the night.

SCARE FOR LITTLE GIRLS

One Man Fires Revolver and Another Flourishes an Ugly Looking Knife.

While three little girls, aged 10, 12 and 14 years, daughters of O. A. Rench of 1709 South Twenty-seventh street, were going to church last evening at 8 o'clock, they passed three men near Twenty-eighth street. They turned around when one of the men called to them, and just then one man rapidly fired four shots from a revolver; another pulled a big knife from under his coat and both made motions as if they would attack the children.

All of the children screamed in alarm, and the men ran away and disappeared before anyone responded to their cries. The police have a general description of the men and are trying to find them.

PRIVATE M'GINLEY MARRIES

Gives Raymond H. McNeill as Right Name and Weds a Council Bluffs Girl.

Private James W. McGinley of the Tenth United States infantry, who has figured prominently in the police court recently, was married to Mabel M. West at Council Bluffs yesterday. He took out his license to wed in the name of Raymond H. McNeill and gave Chicago as his place of residence. McGinley always told the police that he was a son of the well-known Chicago packer by the name of McNeill, but investigation in the Windy City failed to confirm his claim. McGinley's bride is 17 years old and a daughter of Mrs. W. Cottmire of Council Bluffs, who gave her consent to the marriage.

For Throwing Rocks at Cab.

Herman Alexander, colored, aged 20, was arrested yesterday by Detective Mitchell on a charge of throwing a three-pound boulder through the engine cab window on the Omaha railway as the train due in this city at 9:25 p. m. was crossing lower Ames avenue at Fourteenth street. The heavy rock was thrown with much force and barely missed Fireman Frank Flynn, who had just risen from his seat to shovel coal. It struck the pipe leading to the steam gauge, glanced and rolled over the boiler and down to where Engineer A. D. Smith sat.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Dave Stark of New York is at the Millard.

E. B. Stephenson of Lincoln registered at the Millard yesterday.

M. C. Gleason, a leading knight of Columbus of Chicago, is at the Millard.

Mrs. Sallie McAshan is again at her desk in the county clerk's office, her daughter Beth having recovered sufficiently to permit her absence.

M. W. Gleason of Chicago, organizer of the Knights of Columbus, arrived in the city yesterday and will remain until the lodge is instituted Sunday evening. He is consulting with the charter members of the order regarding the installation services.

W. G. Smith will succeed the late Lafayette A. Garner as superintendent of the Iowa and Nebraska divisions of the American Express company, with headquarters in this city. Mr. Smith, who is at present the superintendent of the Michigan division, will assume his new duties on April 1.

CUT LIBERALS' PRIVILEGES

Stringent Decree Issued at Cartagena by the Spanish Government.

MUST KEEP OFF THE STREETS AT NIGHT

Liable to Arrest and Imprisonment if Seen Out of Doors Between Six in the Evening and Six in the Morning.

MADRID, March 14.—A decree issued at Cartagena March 8 permits the liberals resident in that city and its suburbs to walk in the streets only from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily. If seen on the streets after 6 p. m. they are liable to be imprisoned until public order is restored.

THREATENS TO KILL HIMSELF

Lincoln Man Writes Friends of Intention to Commit Suicide in Omaha.

Chief of Police Donahue yesterday received a telegram from Lakeside, Neb., requesting him to find a certain C. L. Smith of Lincoln, who, in a letter to his friends there, said he had caught the smallpox in Omaha, that it would prove fatal and that he intended to commit suicide. Chief Donahue directed the police to investigate the report and endeavor to secure trace of Smith.

Further information showed that Smith had bought a carload of horses in the vicinity of Grinnell, Ia., and accompanied their shipment to South Omaha. After selling his horses he wrote letters to a number of his friends in Nebraska, and also to his family in Lincoln, stating his intention to commit suicide and the first letter to reach its destination was the one sent to Lakeside. Later information from Lincoln stated that $600 had been received from Smith by his family, along with the statement that he intended taking his life. All of these letters were dated March 13.

The $600 sent to his home is believed to be only a part of the money received by Smith from the sale of the carload of horses, as marketable horses from Iowa are valued at from $125 to $140 each, and a carload would represent about twenty horses. According to this, the police say, Smith should have netted something like $1,500.

No trace of Smith has been found. He is not at the pesthouse. It is possible that he may have caught the smallpox and is, by the aid of friends, keeping the fact and his whereabouts concealed.

JUDGE BAKER MAKES A HIT

New Mexico People Pleased with the Way He Disposes of Cases.

Judge Ben S. Baker has held his first term of court in New Mexico and, according to the published accounts of the proceedings, has made a hit. He sat at Los Lunas, the county seat of Valencia county, and had considerable of a docket. His first case was that wherein a man and woman, both Mexicans, were accused of the murder of an Indian. They pleaded guilty to a charge of murder in the second degree. The man was sentenced to nine and the woman to seven years in the penitentiary. Two Mexicans who were accused of firing into a room where a betrothal dance was in progress, killing a small boy, were dismissed because of lack of evidence. A Mexican who stole a calf was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary and ordered to pay $500 fine.

"Judge Baker has won a place and esteem of those who had dealt business with the court," says the Santa Fe New Mexican. "He is an energetic worker and evening sessions were held in order to dispose of as much business as possible in the short term which the county funds permitted to be held."

Mortality Statistics.

Births—Leroy H. Penfold, 2214 Capitol avenue, boy; Charles Kickush, 3818 North Twentieth, girl; William H. Inman, 722 Bancroft, girl; Fred Jones, 3022 South Twenty-eighth avenue, girl.

Deaths—Henry Zol, St. Joseph's hospital, 59; Frank White, St. Joseph's, 24; Mrs. Edna Jones, St. Joseph's, 28; Fred W. Burkman, Las Vegas, N. M., 37; Anna Cape, 1436 North Nineteenth, 39.

ONE STRIKE FOLLOWS ANOTHER

Boston Labor Agitations a Disturbing Element in the Week's Review of Trade.

NEW YORK, March 14.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

Business in Boston was completely paralyzed by the strike of freight handlers and teamsters, which directly affected 30,000 men and indirectly rendered other thousands idle by holding back materials. Fortunately this strike was brief, but another will begin on Monday at the Fall River mills and other textile plants in that vicinity.

Outside of Massachusetts, however, the labor situation is exceptionally free from controversy and even in the coal mines there is less than the usual agitation as April approaches.

Distribution of spring merchandise is making rapid progress, the most sanguine expectations being fully realized in all sections outside the strike area.

Consumers of iron and steel products are still anxious regarding conditions during the next three months. After July 1 it is believed that deliveries will be ample. All records prior to February 1 are still eclipsed and the resumption of many idle plants this month practically assures new high-water marks in the near future unless some unforeseen interruption occurs.

As operations at the steel works were also retarded furnace stocks of pig iron declined only about 25,000 tons during February. The most important event of the week was the heavy buying of steel bars by makers of agricultural implements in anticipation of higher prices becoming effective on April 1.

Better transportation for coke is rapidly reducing surplus stocks in the yards and supplying furnaces with all the needed fuel.

Labor disturbances have tended to strengthen the tone of textile products by reducing available supplies, which were already none too large. Complaints are heard of delivery of woolen goods and fair cancellations of orders on overcoatings are freely reported.

Official indications of farm reserves on March 1 were not surprising as to corn, dealers anticipating that supplies would be only about one-half last year's, but the statement that 23 per cent of the enormous wheat yield remained in farmers' hands was not calculated to sustain values.

Needed rains in the southwest made the market look more favorable for the next crop. A sustaining feature was the interior movement of only 2,681,850 bushels, against 3,902,650 last year, while on the other hand total exports from the United States were but 2,866,453 bushels, compared with 4,862,674 a year ago.

As to corn both comparisons were striking, receipts aggregating only 1,193,950 bushels, against 4,131,347 a year ago, while Atlantic exports fell to the lowest record for many years, 86,109 bushels, against 3,339,902 in 1901.

Cotton was pulled both ways.

Failures were 232 for the week, against 242 last year, and 34 in Canada, against 33 in 1901.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Copious Rains in Wheat Belt Have Buoyant Effect.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

The week ends more favorably than it began. This is particularly true of weather condition and of affairs industrial, which have improved greatly in various sections of the country. Good rains in the winter wheat belt and more especially in the drouth-afflicted southwest have given a needed impetus to that crop, which has been likewise favored by succeeding mild weather.

The apparent advent of the spring season and its promise of earliness has been an important stimulant to most lines of trade and industry. There is less excitement, but more strength in iron and steel. Agricultural implement manufacturers have bought heavily of bars at Pittsburg, sales being reported at 100,000 tons, almost all of it, however, at old prices. New buyers must pay the advance of $2 per ton demanded. Light rails are $2.50 per ton higher. Skelp had advanced from $2 to $3 on demand from the pipe trade, and, all in all, the inate strength of the situation has practically never been surpassed.

Wheat was buoyed up by the report of the smallest reserves in farmers' hands by the government. Bradstreet's calculations, based on the above, pointed to a small increase in the visible and invisible supply in view of the record-breaking crops in this country and in the world at large. This steadied prices for a time, but they weakened later on the report of the breaking of the drouth in the southwest and of adequate supplies of moisture to winter wheat in other sections.

The most active export demand for some weeks past developed at the decline and exercised some influence for later firmness. Corn and oats for the first time in a long while broke loose from the premier cereal on reports of heavy rains, checking receipts and the government report of the smallest corn receipts in twenty years and limited farm supplies of oats. A strong speculative movement in May oats is an additional feature to be noted. Wheat, including flour, exports for the week aggregate 2,906,250 bushels, against 4,075,944 last week and 4,690,939 in this week last year. Wheat exports July 1, 1901, to date (thirty-seven weeks) aggregate 187,168,267 bushels, against 142,172,145 last season. Corn exports aggregate 183,414 bushels, against 352,406 last week and 3,546,576 last year. July 1, 1901, to date corn exports aggregate 23,655,074 bushels, against 137,773,310 last season.

Cotton has been more irregular in price. Print cloths are stronger, in sympathy with the general strength of all cotton goods and also because of the threatened strike booked for next week. Labor troubles in the woolen goods trade have been a disturbing feature, but women's dress goods have continued in good demand.

Shoe shipments last week were 7 per cent larger than a week ago and the increase for the season is 4 per cent. Leather is reported generally quiet and some grades are weak, in sympathy with the dullness in hides.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 240, as against 178 last week, 207 in this week last year, 190 in 1900, 205 in 1899 and 233 in 1898. Canadian failures for the week number thirty-one, as against twenty-three last week and twenty-eight in this week a year ago and in 1900.

OMAHA COMPANY BUYS MORE

Packing House Adds to Its Chicago Holdings and Plans Improvements.

CHICAGO, March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The Omaha Packing company has added to its holdings here by the purchase from the Chicago Union Traction company of 249x167 feet in Lumber street, 246 feet west of Halsted street, south front, and in O'Neill street, 246 feet west of Halsted street, 234x122 feet, with north frontage. The price paid was $59,000. The property has been used by the street railway company for car barns. The Omaha Packing company recently bought another portion of it extending through to the river. Extensive improvements, it is said, are to be made on the grounds.