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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Republicans More Confident Than Ever of Electing Koutsky.

BUSHWHACKING OPPOSITION UNMASKED

Candidacy of Carley and Sloane is Discounted by Voters Owing to Conditions Under Which They Are Running.

Republicans generally are coming to the front this week and are doing all they can to elect the entire ticket. Koutsky appears to be gaining in public favor every day while his opponents are evidently losing ground. Carley, republican petition candidate for mayor is, it is asserted being used as a tool by certain disgruntled politicians and wagers are being made on the streets now that he will not get 100 votes in the entire city. As for Salmon the socialist candidate, he has no hopes of winning and says so. At the election last fall the socialist cast 23 votes. Not comes Sloane, with his back tax record and his play that he is running for mayor in order to reform the entire city. Regarding the candidacy of Sloane a democrat who has been in politics in South Omaha for twelve years said: "Sloane will not get the vote he is looking for, in fact he and Carley will most likely be a tie for the last place. Why? Because a man who cannot make a success of his own business is not considered by the people competent to look after the interests of a city of this size. All of the republican candidates are working hard. This year will be a busy week and the headquarters in the Murphy block are filled with those interested in the campaign from early morning until late at night. Republican rallies at which all the candidates are expected to show themselves have been arranged for every evening this week. Last night there was a well attended meeting at Thirty-third and L streets. Tonight the candidates will be given a rest, as no meetings have been held at Twenty-seventh and Y streets. Thursday night at Twentieth and L streets. Friday night at the troop armory, and at Twenty-eighth and R streets. These rallies Friday night will be attended by not only the candidates but by a number of Omaha speakers who have been invited down. A meeting for next Sunday has been arranged for Thirty-third and K streets. Monday night, the day before election comes the last rally. Two meetings will be held, one at Twentieth and Q streets and the other at the troop armory. Sample ballots were issued yesterday afternoon and then trouble for the city

clerk commenced. It appears that the clerk placed the democratic candidates at the head of each list of officers to be voted for. The republican think that as the republicans are in power their candidates should come first. Clerk Shrigley said: "I placed the democratic candidates first for the reason that the party cast the largest vote in South Omaha at the last local election. I think I am doing what is right if I am not it is for the courts to advise me." Attorney Murdoch and other republican candidates threaten to secure an order of the court changing the sample ballots. They assert that the largest vote cast should go to the vote and not by a previous local election.

Bond Issues Opened.

At the meeting of the city council last night a number of bond buyers were present, the occasion being the opening of bids for the renewal bonds of \$140,000. When the call came for the bids City Clerk Shrigley handed down four sealed envelopes, but he made the mistake of handing the last one to Mr. O'Neill had been filed at his office after the time for closing bids. Then occurred a discussion. It was agreed, however, by the council that as Mr. O'Neill had taken such a prominent part in the Taxpayers' league movement and had demonstrated against the renewal issue, that a bid be opened with the rest. This brought a protest from the other bidders. Mr. Barnett of Spitzer & Co. said that he wanted a chance to bid again, and F. C. Hoehler of the State bank of Toledo asserted that he would not bid if his bid, providing the O'Neill bid was opened.

Johnston called the attention of the council to the fact that all the talk was irregular and out of order. That bids should have been filed with the clerk at a certain hour. The mayor, however, overruled the protest and directed that the bids be opened.

Spitzer & Co. bid a premium of \$210, with accrued interest. The State bank of Toledo declared to bid on 4 1/2 per cent bonds, but offered a premium of \$3,800 providing the issue was made 5 per cent. Mr. Thomas J. O'Neill bid a premium of \$2,500. C. Bevin Oldfield submitted a bid of \$2,566.65 and asserted that he would have the bonds lithographed at his own expense.

It was after these bids had been made public that G. W. Hoehler of Omaha wanted the mayor to auction off the bonds. He met with a flat refusal from the council, the reason given being that Mr. Hoehler had not bid, therefore he had no say in the matter.

When the mayor ordered a roll call on the adoption of the report the committee reported the acceptance of the bid of Mr. Oldfield only Dvorak, Johnston and Martin voted in the affirmative. Miller voted nay, and in order to make the record good, Mayor Kelly chipped in and voted for the sale. The members of the board of health at the parlor of the South Omaha club are discussing matters pertaining to his mission. It is possible that he may be taken on a drive to the new emergency hospital, which is now practically ready for use.

and Johnston. This time the mayor did not vote, although he declared the resolution to issue the bonds carried.

At the instigation of Secretary Christie of the Commercial club and President McCann of the South Side Improvement club, the council adopted a resolution favoring the signing of a bill now before the president for a bridge across the Missouri river at South Omaha. The resolution favored the bill and the mayor was directed to wire President Roosevelt of the adoption of the resolution.

Arrangements were made for the payment of the rental for the ground occupied by the emergency hospital and bond of J. D. Honan, the nurse, was approved. After the transaction of some few matters of minor importance the council adjourned for one week.

Democrats Disappointed.

Quite a number of candidates on the democratic ticket are expressing their dissatisfaction with the method pursued by the city central committee. It is alleged that something like \$1,400 was realized by the committee for assessments against the various candidates and that less than \$300 has been spent. The expenses of the primaries cost a little over \$200. It is figured by those who are interested that the booths cost \$30, the judges and clerks \$90 and printing \$190. This makes \$310. Allowing for incidental expenses the cost of the primaries could not, it was stated yesterday, exceed \$300. As the committee declares that no funds are available, the candidates are wondering where the election expenses are coming in.

Street rumor has it that the city central committee paid the primary expenses and then proceeded to cut up the balance of the funds among the members, with the understanding that the money was to be used for election expenses.

Very Short Session.

The Board of Education got together for only a few minutes last night and no business of any importance was transacted. At the instance of the Commercial club, a resolution was passed directing James H. Bulla, president of the board, to hold up the representative in congress from this district that it was the desire of a portion of the business men that the president sign the bill now before him in relation to the proposed South Omaha bridge.

The next meeting of the board will be held on the first Monday in April.

Vizard Files Complaints.

Detective Vizard of the Union Pacific filed complaints yesterday against a couple of men who gave the names of Sears and Halpin. He charged them with breaking into a car standing on the tracks in the yards and stealing a keg or two of beer. Before adjourning court, Judge King called the culprits before him, and as they had no defense to offer he held them in the district court in the sum of \$500 each.

Health Inspector Coming.

Members of the local Board of Health have been informed by Dr. Wertenberger of the United States marine service, who is coming to investigate smallpox and other contagious diseases. It is expected that Dr. Wertenberger will visit South Omaha some day this week. He will meet the members of the board of health at the parlor of the South Omaha club and discuss matters pertaining to his mission. It is possible that he may be taken on a drive to the new emergency hospital, which is now practically ready for use.

NOW READY FOR TESTIMONY

Lawyers' Long-Distance Talking Match in Tax Case Closes.

WEBSTER FIRES FINAL ORATORICAL GUN

Referee Ryan Will Now Decide Upon Limit of Evidence and Frank Murphy May Be First Witness.

The taking of evidence in the tax mandamus case will begin at 9:30 this morning. If Referee Ryan decides to admit testimony as to the valuation of the corporation property, Frank Murphy, president of the Omaha Street Railway company, will be the first witness on the stand. Attorney McIntosh has issued subpoenas to secure the attendance in court of the president, secretary and treasurer of each of the five public service corporations. Tax Commissioner Fleming will also be on hand with his books.

If the referee rules out testimony as to the valuation of corporation property, the inquiry will be confined to the proceedings before the board of equalization with reference to the alleged hearing on the Shriver and Morton complaints.

Attorneys McIntosh and Webster made brief arguments at the conclusion of the latter's address Monday afternoon on the subject of the admission of testimony. "I want to take the stand to get testimony as to the valuation of that property, your honor," said Mr. McIntosh. "The officers know how much their property is worth, and it wouldn't be necessary for any one of them to be on the stand more than five minutes."

"We don't want a great big balloon case out of this," said Mr. Webster. "We want to confine the testimony to only such issues as are vital to the case."

Referee Ryan replied that he would let both sides set in such testimony as they wanted, within certain limits. "I'll define my position more fully on that in the morning," he added.

Almost Approaches Humor.

Once in a while, at rare intervals, something almost approaching humor crops out in the tax mandamus hearing, and these stand out like palm trees in the desert of abstract argument. Such an oasis is usually the result of an attorney choosing a picturesque metaphor to illustrate a point. Early in the hearing Referee Ryan told a little story, the application of which is not material now.

"It's like the man who measured the distance to the moon," said he. Asked how he did it, he answered: "Why, I just found out that the distance was and then multiplied it by two."

Monday afternoon Mr. Webster reverted to this. He was talking about what he called the roundabout way by which the relators went at it to get the 40 per cent basis of tax of the moon. He said: "It's like the case your honor referred to the other day, of the man who went to the moon and half way back, and then got stuck and couldn't go any farther because he didn't know the remaining distance to the moon."

"How are you going to find out the moon is without finding out first what the entire distance to the moon is?" "Well," retorted Mr. Webster, "if you want to go to the moon to find out you have my permission."

Webster Returns to Earth.

Referee Ryan was then dropped from the calculations, and Mr. Webster came down to terra firma. "Council for the relators," he said, "says that the fact that the date has lapsed makes no difference. The charter fixing this date, he says, is merely directory, not mandatory, and so the council may obey it or not, as it sees fit. Now, Judge Mayhew says on this subject that a law may not be construed as merely directory if such construction would work an injury, however slight, to either of the parties. Applying this to the present case, we find that it is trying to (or at least that Mr. McIntosh is trying to) have it result that way in raising the corporation taxes. Then it will work an injury to the corporations and hence the law fixing the time for making the levy cannot be construed as directory, but as mandatory."

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"Well," answered Mr. Webster, "it has this to do with it. It means that the levy is equalized in deed and that no writ can resurrect it." "But you say the levy is void now whether the tax is equalized or not." "That's all right," answered Mr. Webster. "The judges will take care of that." He then went on to tell how sensitive tax is to irregularity and how a single case cited the case of a levy in a Nebraska town that was rendered void because the mayor didn't sign it on the day the law said he should sign.

"I don't think there's much use of your going on to explain to the subject any farther," said Referee Ryan. "That will be for the supreme court to decide. I will investigate the matter thoroughly and report as to my conclusions on the facts and the law and then it will be for the court to decide whether the writ would be nugatory or whether the levy is void."

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withstanding that they don't represent one-twentieth of the taxable property of the city," he said, "the relators would have to pay one-sixth of the taxes. Within a radius of two blocks of Fifteenth and Farnam streets there are six national banks, with their assets running into the millions. A few blocks east and south and you get into the wholesale district, every house of which carries a stock of goods worth all the way from \$300,000 to \$800,000. There are the big department stores, with their million-dollar stocks. There are the big office buildings, the New York Life and The Bee building, for example. The New York Life building alone is worth \$1,000,000."

Yesterday Morning's Proceedings.

Mr. Webster yesterday began speaking by disputing a statement made last week by Mr. McIntosh, to the effect that the statute requiring the board of equalization to complete its work at a particular time was not mandatory, but simply directory, and therefore could be obeyed or disobeyed at will without affecting the legality of the board's action.

"It can do no good to grant this writ of mandamus," he said, "because the tax has already been invalidated by reason of the fact that the levy wasn't made, to-wit, at the first regular meeting of the city council in February. My friend on the other side says the fact that the date has lapsed makes no difference. The charter fixing this date, he says, is merely directory, not mandatory, and so the council may obey it or not, as it sees fit. Now, Judge Mayhew says on this subject that a law may not be construed as merely directory if such construction would work an injury, however slight, to either of the parties. Applying this to the present case, we find that it is trying to (or at least that Mr. McIntosh is trying to) have it result that way in raising the corporation taxes. Then it will work an injury to the corporations and hence the law fixing the time for making the levy cannot be construed as directory, but as mandatory."

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HEALTH AND ALL ITS BLESSINGS

Health will come with all its blessings to those who know the way, and it is mainly a question of right-living, with all the term implies, but the efforts which strengthen the system, the games which refresh and the foods which nourish are important, each in a way, while it is also advantageous to have knowledge of the best methods of promoting freedom from unsanitary conditions. To assist nature, when nature needs assistance, it is all important that the medicinal agents used should be of the best quality and of known value, and the one remedy which acts most beneficially and pleasantly, as a laxative, is—Syrup of Figs—manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

With a proper understanding of the fact that many physical ills are of a transient character and yield promptly to the gentle action of Syrup of Figs, gladness and comfort come to the heart, and if one would remove the torpor and strain and congestion attendant upon a constipated condition of the system, take Syrup of Figs and enjoy freedom from the aches and pains, the colds and headaches and the depression due to inactivity of the bowels. In case of any organic trouble it is well to consult a competent physician, but when a laxative is required remember that the most permanently gratifying results will follow personal cooperation with the beneficial effects of Syrup of Figs. It is for sale by all reliable druggists. Price fifty cents per bottle.

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SUGGESTS ANOTHER CHANGE

W. H. McCord Wants Auditorium Plans Revised to Provide for Horse Shows.

There was a special meeting of the building and ground committee of the Omaha Auditorium company last night to consider matters with reference to the letting of the contract for which bids were opened last week. W. H. McCord was present with the committee and discussed the question of making ample provision for horse shows. He advocated the idea of securing from the city a quiet claim to one-half the alley in the rear of the proposed structure and widening the main floor by 20 feet. If this plan is to be adopted it will make necessary a revision of all plans and re-advertising for bids, as when the southern wall is carried 20 feet to the south it will stand over the bed of the old creek, and along a sewer which runs in the alley. This will make necessary a change in the foundation material at that point, as heavy construction would be necessary to hold the ground.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

You have good reason to fear an attack of pneumonia when you have a severe cold, accompanied by pains in the chest or in the back between the shoulders. Get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and use it as directed and it will prevent the threatened attack. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for colds and influenza we have not to learn of a single case that has resulted in pneumonia, which shows that this remedy is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following: Name and Address. Age. Sarah Brown, Omaha. 29. Joe Rex, Omaha. 21. Nellie A. Swanson, Omaha. 19. Otto Gottsch, Douglas county. 24. Anna Luschen, Bennington. 15.

THE STRENUOUS LIFE

A Great Strain.

No one disputes the fact that we are living in a "rapid" age; it is rush, rush, rush from morning until night, and competition is so fierce that the struggle does not cease until the machine is worn out. Women, too, even when surrounded by every comfort, become infected by the common spirit, and what with their clubs and many social duties, have no time to give thought to their physical well-being, until they are suddenly brought to a sharp realization of the fact that nothing in their lives is so important as attention to correct, or rational living. It may surprise the readers to learn that women are more prone to piles than men, and in most cases, because it is difficult to impress upon them the importance of regular movements of the bowels; irregularity means straining at stool, and straining means piles, with the certainty (under the usual methods of treatment) that the sufferer will "have them always with her;" by "usual methods" is meant the application of salves and lotions, or (as a last resort) a surgical operation. If there is a complaint which entails more distress and suffering upon those afflicted, than piles, or hemorrhoids, it is not known to the writer; fortunately, however, there are means that are expected to remedy that effectually cure all forms of piles; it is known as the Pyramid Pile Cure, is in suppository form, is applied directly to the parts, and does its work quickly and painlessly; it is sold by druggists for fifty cents a package, or will be mailed by the makers at any address, upon receipt of price. Mrs. John H. Caston, 2942 Arch St., Chicago, says: "I must write you that I was cured of a very aggravating case of itching and bleeding piles by the use of the great remedy Pyramid Pile Cure, even after several physicians had claimed there was no cure except by an operation. I am well now, and owe all to this valuable remedy. I cannot say enough for it." Write the Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., for their little book on the cause and cure of piles.

Woman's Work in Club and Charity

The following open letter to clubwomen from Mrs. A. O. Granger, president of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs and a member of the conference committee which met in New York recently, appears in the Southern Home of March 15: The New York conference has come and gone, but not until now has the Southern Woman announced its result. Why so late? Because the representatives of the two state federations had pledged themselves to secrecy until each of the two official bodies had reported upon it. This has been done and the Georgia executive board has accepted the substitute amendment with an "individual note" which goes from us to each club in the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The executive board of the Massachusetts Federation has refused to accept the substitute amendment and has sent to the secretary for appending to the call for the biennial its own reorganization plan. It is Georgia's duty to stand by the original plan, for there are other factors in this complex problem. Not in the least, for there are other factors in this complex problem. Not in the least, for there are other factors in this complex problem. Not in the least, for there are other factors in this complex problem.

with perfect quiet and courtesy, the desired and hoped for result. In respect it would stand with the great social organizations of men. Perhaps, too, that enormous majority of Massachusetts presidents may have ventured to believe that possibly clubwomen might be better fitted to cope with a subject so near and familiar to them—a condition not so near them as based upon one or more of isolated individuals. Georgia women do not give to the world sensational stories which touch the most sacred side of womanhood. They are too familiar with the facts which such tales to be written, things which are a foundation for their desire for each race to be kept distinct. Georgia knows so well the evil results of the intermingling of races that it is flinchingly to that which they know to be proper and necessary for the good of both races. Knowing the case so well we rejoice to be able to say that the unity of Georgia and the majority of Massachusetts are together. CAROLINE D. G. GRANGER. It may be of interest to club women to know that both Mrs. Granger and Mrs. Lindsay Johnson, the two Georgia representatives on the conference committee are both northern women. The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian of Omaha will be held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week at Waterloo, Neb., and it is expected that Omaha will be largely represented there. The following schedule has been arranged for the conduct of the week's gospel meeting at Tenth Street Christian church: Monday—Lutheran and Christian church Young People. Tuesday evening—First Christian church. Wednesday evening, Free Metho-

dists, Thursday evening Epworth League of First Methodist, Friday evening, Presbyterian Young People, Saturday evening, Hill Side Congregational church. On Sunday evening all denominations contribute to the service. A number of the children from the Tenth Street City mission Sunday school contributed to the 1 o'clock service held at the county jail Sunday evening. The collection from the Demorest collection that they have given at the various Demorest medal contests under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Miss Spooner, captain of the Volunteers of America sang several numbers. The presentation of a paper on "Nebraska's Need of Courts for Juvenile Offenders" was the feature of yesterday afternoon's meeting of the department of Political and Social Science and supplied a long felt want of information on that subject which has and will have more extensive interest for the women of the state in the near future. Following the paper the suggestion was made that in the absence of jurist officers, some woman volunteer, in each district of the city to look after the truancy cases of that district. A committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of having one hour a day, under one judge, outside for dealing with the cases of children. The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the Y. W. C. A.

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