

PLEADS FOR DAVE MERCER

Gurley Resorts to Court Tactics in Debate with Mr. Rosewater.

MAKES JURY PLEA, EVADING REAL ISSUES

Glories the Non-Resident Congressman Without Explaining Just Why—Fails to Answer Mr. Rosewater's Charges.

William F. Gurley plied the eloquence of a personal criminal lawyer against the stubborn facts in David H. Mercer's career as recounted by E. Rosewater, and a crowd of about 1,600 people received the benefit at the Creighton-Orpheum theater Thursday night.

It was the debate invited by Mr. Gurley after the expose made by Mr. Rosewater at the recent meeting of the Eighth Ward Republican club. The attorney had asked an opportunity to defend the congressman, but the tactics pursued were largely those of sidestepping Mr. Rosewater's assaults and delivering in return the fancy boxing of one accustomed to thrill the occupants of a courtroom.

Neglects the Opportunities.

Mr. Gurley talked of his own honor and told how, rather than ever having anything happen to it, he would walk through lonely forests in ragged clothes and wooden shoes, but he failed to answer the more material question as to whether Mr. Mercer wanted an indefinite term of his present office in Washington. He gloried the Washingtonian for having worked his way through the University of Nebraska, but neglected to explain why the same "son of the plains" had given the lads of his district no opportunity to compete for the West Point and Annapolis cadetships, but given those favors to the son of Campaign Engineer T. W. Blackburn and some others to whom he considered himself indebted. He quoted liberally from the World-Herald, but shied around the statistical statements found in the ledger kept by the Capital Hotel at Lincoln, when "Our Dave" was assisting in keeping three bartenders busy and many legislators damp in the interests of the railroad lobby.

Finances He Doesn't Discuss.

He demanded that Mr. Rosewater state in advance what he intended to do in the event of Mercer's nomination, but couldn't undertake to say what Mr. Mercer would do in the event of defeat. He tried to make it appear that The Bee Publishing company had some sort of grievance because the army headquarters were moved from the building and other tenants admitted, but dropped the matter of finance when it led to a query as to why Mercer had not paid his campaign obligations in his own district. He declined to have the exposition's needs accepted as a reason for The Bee supporting the perpetual candidate in 1896, yet found in that same exposition another glorification of the non-resident statesman in his own district. He swore to the eternal heavens that he is not a candidate for congress and appeared somewhat aggrieved when the audience applauded the resolution.

Mr. Gurley insisted on signing up the political friends of many years ago, but insisted that 1897 was too remote a date to be considered when his friends and his own Lincoln records were involved. He remembered that Louis XIV said about being the state, but couldn't explain why his memory failed when he was before the United States Railroad commission.

Mr. Rosewater's "Treachery."

He found in Mr. Rosewater's refusal to support men notoriously crooked a rank treachery, but was mute when Mr. Rosewater charged him with having failed to vote a straight republican ticket in ten years and with having instructed Johnnie Wright of the Tenderloin to do as his democratic partner, Ransom, directed. He said that the approaching primaries should be conducted with more honor than a church raffle, but was too busy to go into details. In fact, as will be disclosed when the debate appears in full in an early issue of The Bee, he answered practically every question that wasn't asked and wasn't material, but shrouded himself in verbal fireworks when it came to answering those that were asked and were material. When finally cornered on Mercer's smothering the quartermaster's supply depot bill he took the one firm stand of the evening and declared it was because the far-seeing David had a heaven-born intuition that if the bill was passed the congress would think Omaha was getting too much and would remove the army headquarters—a fallacy which Mr. Rosewater punctured with a dozen lines at his next opportunity, with an audience in unusual one.

Audience in Unusual One.

The audience was one of the most remarkable ever seen at a political gathering in Nebraska and was a most intelligent one, with all trades and professions well represented. A congressional candidate came through the door immediately behind a brickmason. A former governor of the state was but two paces ahead of a coachman. Prominent leaders in the Young Women's Christian association work and in the Woman's club, provided with tickets by Mr. Rosewater, sat with their husbands or in groups. The superintendent of schools and many of the teachers were present. Councilmen dotted the audience in every part of the house. There were many members of the Jacksonian club present, but it was not conspicuous that they huddled together as brothers. Farmers and village merchants from all three counties of the Second district were visible. Old toughs elbowed with young; women vied with men

in the applauding and the humorous sallies of both speakers were received cordially and in good spirit.

Hands Not Idle.

There was plenty of applause for each as he began and closed each of his addresses. The time was divided equally, each speaker having seventy-five minutes at his disposal, in spaces of twenty, ten and five minutes. The demonstration, while frequently tumultuous, was never riotous, the most audible member of the crowd being a fat man, with a face as open as his shirt bosom, who was perched in the gallery, and a beardless youth who sat next Mr. Gurley's law partner on the stage and pounded the floor with the neat cane he is learning to carry.

Engineer Blackburn, with great modesty and a clean collar, secreted himself in the right wing where he could whisper to Mr. Gurley without having to lean out where the women could see the perspiration trickling down the slope of his radiant brow to lose itself in the underbrush over his optics.

In the Boxes on the Stage.

In the boxes there was a preponderance of judges and prominent attorneys. Among the fifty-five who sat on the stage were R. W. Richardson, who acted as Mr. Rosewater's chairman; Charles A. Goss, who performed the same office for Mr. Gurley; Howard Badger and M. L. Leonard, who acted as bodyguard to the Adams of the Omaha bar; to prevent his being prematurely showered with bouquets when he strode down the aisle fifteen minutes before he was due; Mayor Frank E. Moore, City Clerk Elmore, Councilman Kay, Judge E. R. Duffie, Captain H. E. Palmer, G. M. Nattinger, Judge Guy R. C. Reed, Judge E. Wakley, John L. Kennedy, J. W. Woodrough, W. C. Shriver, C. S. Huntington, Jules Lombard, Luther Drake, J. H. Van Dusen, Judge Clarkson, V. B. Burech, County Commissioner Ostrom, George O. Thomson, A. J. Colson and Hon. I. H. Noyes of Valley.

Richardson Opens Meeting.

At the opening of the meeting R. W. Richardson, chairman on behalf of Mr. Rosewater, introduced that debater as a man of indomitable courage, one who fights in the open, a national character who has done yeoman service for the party. His remarks were received with cheers and an ovation greeted Mr. Rosewater as he arose. Mr. Rosewater opened his remarks by saying that it would appear presumptuous in him to challenge to debate such an orator, such a wit as his opponent, who has power to hypnotize with his eloquence and charm with his Adams-like figure. He said that it seemed at first impertinent in Mr. Gurley to challenge him to debate the question of the return of David H. Mercer to congress for the sixth time, as men are not generally required to give reasons for their choice of a legislative servant. But Mr. Gurley seemed to be in humor for a meeting and I decided to indulge him," said Mr. Rosewater.

The speaker then said that the first acquaintance of either Mr. Mercer or Mr. Gurley with state politics was in the legislature of 1887, a legislature which had to perform great work for the state. Reading from the testimony before the Pacific Railroad commission at page 1207, the speaker showed the testimony of Mr. Gurley as to the action of Mr. Gurley and Mr. Mercer at that session of the legislature, when employed as lobbyist by John M. Thurston, then general solicitor of the Union Pacific Railway company.

Cheers greeted Charles A. Goss, who introduced Mr. Gurley for his first twenty-minute speech.

Gurley's First Evanescent.

Mr. Gurley said his actions before the legislature of 1887 were not under discussion; that he had known Mr. Mercer in 1887 and since then, and had never known anything in his record which should deprive him of the vote of any American citizen. The speaker referred to editorials in The Omaha Bee favorable to the candidacy of Mr. Mercer in previous years—notably the editorial of 1887, a legislature which had to perform great work for the state. The speaker referred to the support then given Mr. Mercer by The Bee, asked when the editor had changed his mind.

In the second division of Mr. Rosewater's remarks he referred briefly to the fact that assessments made in political campaigns upon Mr. Mercer had not been paid and that The Bee's support in 1896 was because of the fact of the pending measure for the Transmississippi Exposition, and that it was for the purpose of securing a friendly to the enterprise as chairman of the committee to which the bill would be referred. The speaker said that in 1896 Mercer was elected to the fifth term in congress and immediately began to vacate that place by an attempt to enter the senate and leave the Second Nebraska district without a representative.

Mr. Rosewater then produced the ledger of the Capital Hotel at Lincoln, showing that more than \$100 had been paid for liquor and cigars for the Mercer-Gurley lobby. The speaker then compared the work of two congressmen from this district. He said that the first appropriation for the South Omaha postoffice was secured by John A. McShane and that Mercer was not entitled to much credit that had been given him.

Tip for Hitchcock.

Referring to the statement of Mr. Gurley that he had always been friendly to Mr. Mercer, he called attention to the fact that in 1898 Mr. Gurley told a Third ward politician to follow the advice of Frank T. Ransom, who that year was supporting G. M. Hitchcock for congress. Mr. Gurley again asked why Mr. Rosewater supported Mr. Mercer previously, and then read a letter from a South Dakota congressman to Captain H. E. Palmer saying that Mr. Mercer should be re-elected; also a letter from the representative of a South

Omaha commission firm saying that Mr. Mercer had secured a substation of the South Omaha postoffice located in the Exchange building. Mr. Gurley said that in 1898 Mr. Rosewater attempted to draw votes from Webster, who was a candidate for senator.

In coming to the forum for the third time Mr. Rosewater denied that he had attempted to draw votes from Mr. Webster as long as there was any chance for the election of that candidate, and said that the representatives had not been elected on an issue involving Mr. Webster, while in 1890 the issue was plain. That in the campaign of 1890 for senator the legislators were pledged; that the constitution of the state provided that the people may express their will for United States senator, and that he had determined not to be a candidate unless the people expressed their desire for him; but in spite of that favorable expression Mr. Mercer plied his hand to the field and secured the election of the will of the people, thus expressed, that the question to be settled is, "Are we to say to the people of the country that we are to send a man back to congress who has attempted to overthrow the will of the people?"

Brings Up Old Letter.

Upon coming up for the third time Mr. Gurley read a letter published in The Bee defining the position of the editor upon state issues in 1889, and quoted former Governor Poynter as saying that Mr. Rosewater had placed the letter with him for the purpose of stating that Mr. Rosewater stood with the people upon the fundamental principles of their party. The letter said that the writer was opposed to trusts.

Mr. Rosewater said that he had come to discuss the question of Mr. Mercer's candidacy—that he had stood with the people against the interests of Nebraska on the same question, voting with the east to the injury of the west; he has spent fifteen months in ten years in the district. He has been well paid for the work he has done. If he is indispensable now why was he not indispensable two years ago when he wanted to go to the senate in spite of the votes of the people of the district. The committee of the District of Columbia has made no attempt to name a Nebraskan who has received appointments in the district through the efforts of Mr. Mercer. Mr. Rosewater closed by saying that he has always been a republican, but has made enemies of the bootlickers and lobbyists who have fought him and will continue to fight him, as he has never carried favor with them.

Mr. Gurley, in reply, read a list of names of persons whom he alleged The Bee and its editor had opposed, and said that consistent republicans are not always attacking republicans and republican candidates.

Explains Some Opposition.

Mr. Rosewater then said that Mr. Mercer had been guilty of the acts charged against Rosewater. Mr. Rosewater took occasion to denounce as fastidious the men who published the alleged list of names opposed. Taking up the name Mr. Rosewater referred to the reason for opposing some of these men and denied opposing others. Referring to the city campaign of 1889, when Mr. Mercer was chairman of the city central committee, Mr. Rosewater said that \$2,000 was paid by Mr. Linsinger, which was used by members of the committee, with the knowledge of Mr. Mercer, for the defeat of Mr. Linsinger and the election of R. C. Cushing, the democratic candidate.

In response to the above Mr. Gurley read an alleged interview published in a local paper in which Mr. Rosewater was quoted as saying he would run for congress in case Mr. Mercer was nominated. He then asked if Mr. Rosewater would support Mercer if he received the nomination. In response Mr. Rosewater said he would not support a nomination received by the nomination at the hands of a minority of the republicans of the district. In answer to a question Mr. Gurley said that he could not say whether Mr. Mercer would be a candidate for a seventh term. He said that he had no objection to the plurality nomination, as the primary or the convention would be on a majority basis.

An Example of Consistency.

Referring to a statement of Mr. Gurley's Mr. Rosewater said that when it became necessary for him to oppose a republican nominee he resigned his position on the national committee, but when Mr. Gurley attempted to fight republican candidates he retained his position on the congressional committee. Speaking of the defeat of the Omaha quartermaster's supply depot bill by Mr. Mercer after its passage through the senate Mr. Gurley said that it was done to save the headquarters for the city. Mr. Rosewater made no denial of the record of Mr. Mercer at Lincoln, but said that the charges had been made before.

The quartermaster's supply depot, said Mr. Rosewater, was provided for in a bill passed by the senate and the army headquarters were removed to other quarters; that the bill which passed the senate provided for a purchasing agency, while the present bill provides only for a depot.

Then taking up the record of appointments at West Point and Annapolis, Mr. Rosewater said that Mr. Mercer treated those appointments as personal rather than belonging to the people; that where other congressmen appointed after competitive examinations Mr. Mercer chose sons of political friends. In his closing remarks Mr. Gurley said that the issue is between Mercer and Rosewater, and that the people should choose between the men.

Amusements.

Boyd's Theater.

That Dick Ferris and his stock company have popularized themselves for the summer run of this city, their performance demonstrated last night by the great size of the audience that turned out to see the performance of "Denise," which is the offering for the last half of the first week of the company's engagement.

"Denise" is a play of rapid action and strong dramatic situations, and during the performance of its four interesting acts the members of the company take advantage of the many opportunities offered to show that they are by no means without histrionic ability. In the title role Grace Hayward has an engaging part. The portrayal of a character that seems to run the whole gamut of human emotions, but the actress is found equal to the task. Mr. Ferris, as Henri Pitou, is in a congenial role, but all parts seem congenial to this versatile actor. Thaddeus Gray, Robert Blaylock, Josie Hittes and other members of the company acquit themselves creditably.

The bill will remain unchanged until the Sunday matinee, when Mr. Ferris and his company will present "Jim, the Penman."

Movements of Ocean Vessels, May 29. At New York—Sailed—La Savoie, for Havre; Neckar, for Bremen, via Cherbourg; Furst Bismarck, for Hamburg, via Plymouth and Cherbourg. At London—Arrived—Nicaric, from Tacoma, San Francisco, Guantamo, etc. for Hamburg. At Liverpool—Arrived—Commonwealth, from Boston. At Singapore—May 2—Sailed—Ching Wo, for Yokohama, via Hongkong. At Shimoda—Sailed—Moyune, from Liverpool, etc. for Seattle. At Philadelphia—Sailed—Noordland, for Philadelphia; Germanic, from New York, to San Francisco. At Cherbourg—Sailed—Barbarossa, from Bremen and Southampton, for New York.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Ancient Order of United Workmen Pushes Its Temple Proposition.

WILL BUILD A HALL FOR CONVENTIONS

Site Secured and Funds for Erecting the Building Rapidly Subscribed by Members of the Order.

Members of the local Ancient Order of United Workmen are pushing the proposition to sell stock in order that a building for the use of the two lodges here may be constructed this summer. The site is secured and the funds for the building are all that is wanting now is funds for the building. C. M. Rich asserted yesterday that over 600 shares at \$5 a share had been sold and that payments are coming in rapidly. Sketches of the plans drawn have been approved by the building committee and as soon as the working drawings are completed an appropriation will be set aside for the laying of the foundations and the commencement of the work. Everyone here appears willing to admit the need of a large hall and this is what the Workmen propose to provide. It can be used for conventions, political and religious meetings and bring in a nice revenue to the order. At the present time there is no hall available except the troop armory and this is engaged every night in the week. An extra effort is to be made by Workmen this week to increase the sale of stock in order that the construction of the proposed temple may be commenced during good weather and completed before winter sets in.

Ordinances to Be Inspected.

Hereafter no ordinances will be introduced before the council of South Omaha without first having the approval of City Attorney Murdock. A great deal of trouble and unnecessary litigation has been started by reason of poorly drafted ordinances which have crept in and been passed without the sanction of the city attorney or, apparently, anyone else versed in law. The expense incurred in printing has been great, while unsatisfactory and unsuccessful prosecutions under such ordinances have been both annoying and expensive. A number of cases are now pending in the district court, appealed from the police court, which will simply be dismissed for want of prosecution, as the city cannot hope to win them on account of the defective ordinances on which the complaints are based. The costs will eventually have to be paid by someone and it can hardly be the defendant unless in case of default and declaring the bond forfeited.

Address the Children.

A delegation from Phil Kearney post, Grand Army of the Republic, visited the public schools yesterday afternoon and delivered patriotic addresses to the pupils. This is in line with the usual custom and in honor of the event Superintendent McCreedy presided at the rooms of the school placed at half-mast. The services in the schools were necessarily brief, as so many rooms had to be visited, but the pupils appeared to enjoy the change and all sang patriotic songs in honor of the visitors.

Murdock Preparing Form.

City Attorney Murdock is preparing the form of bonds for the library proposition. The city clerk has already completed the work of the grading, which was the tiresome task, went back to the voting of bonds last year. Several dozen sheets of typewritten copy have been made in these histories, which will be submitted to the purchasers of the bonds just as soon as the city attorney prepares the form of the bonds.

Grading Operations.

The city engineer has finished setting stakes on Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets and grading is being done on these streets from G to H street. The grading machine is also working on H street from Eighteenth to Twentieth. It is expected that the next thing in order will be the opening of Twentieth street through Syndicate park.

Veterans' Tribute.

This morning the veterans visited the various cemeteries and held services over the remains of members of the Grand Army of the Republic. The services were the most elaborate of any held in South Omaha for some years. While the civil war veterans led the parade and practically assumed control of the exercises, they were assisted by the cavalry troop of South Omaha, the school children of the city, the Woman's Relief Corps and other orders.

Magic City Gossip.

Mrs. R. A. Carpenter has gone to Wayne, Neb., to visit friends for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Farrell have gone to Clarinda, Ia., to visit for a day or two. The high school seniors will hold class day exercises at the troop armory on June 1. Miles Mitchell, who has been in Oklahoma for some weeks, has returned to South Omaha. Dennis Harrington met with a loss yesterday when his horses ran away and broke his buggy. Sheriff Power came down from Omaha yesterday afternoon and closed the Sherman building house. W. E. Davis, local manager of the Omaha Gas company, has gone west to spend a day's vacation with relatives. Dewey Lodge No. 68, Bankers' Union of the World, will give a dance on Saturday evening at the South Omaha National bank building. The junior class of the South Omaha school will entertain the senior class of 1902 on the evening of June 19 at 123 North Twenty-fourth street. A recital will be given at the First Methodist Episcopal church next Monday evening by Miss Eisworth. In addition to the recital, Miss E. Brogan will sing. Charles Williamson of Omaha and Miss Flora P. Faddock of South Omaha were married Wednesday evening by Rev. Andrew Kenwick. The State Letter Carriers' association meets in convention here today and tonight. The general office will be in the local association to the visiting delegates and a number of invited guests.

GENERAL HERRERA'S PLAN

Revolutionary Leader Decides to Expatriate All Produce Where Americans Own Farms. PANAMA, Colombia, May 30.—The governor of Panama, General Salazar, referring today to the revolutionary situation on the isthmus, said he had received news that the revolutionary General Herrera had issued a decree expelling all produce of Chiriqui province where many Americans own plantations. "I advised the American consul general here, H. A. Guder, that it would be well to send the United States cruiser Philadelphia to protect American interests there," said General Salazar. "Instead of sending Philadelphia, Mr. Guder directed a communication to General Herrera via Boca de Toro, inquiring as to the truth of the statement that the produce of Chiriqui had been expropriated. General Herrera cannot receive a communication for two weeks. Therefore, in order to protect the interests of the United States, I have ordered two government gunboats to sea to capture the revolutionary vessels, which are carrying the produce of Chiriqui to the coast." "The general said that a big engagement, which should decide the fate of the rebellion on the isthmus, must be taking place today at Punta Pons or Chiriqui Grande.

Woman's Work.

In appreciation of the liberal patronage that the High school cadets have always given their lunch counter in the High school building, the members of the local Woman's Christian Temperance union voted \$10 at their meeting of Wednesday afternoon toward the cadets' encampment fund. It was further decided to contribute a portrait of Miss Frances Willard to the decoration of the High school building and a fine, handsomely framed picture has been ordered to be presented on the afternoon of June 11.

The Omaha union has been asked to send three contestants to the Beatrice Chautauque to participate in the state diamond Demorest medal contest to be held there and the women decided to meet their share of the state's work. There was an unusual number of visitors present, among them being Mrs. Higby, president of the Young Men's state union, who addressed the meeting briefly.

Wednesday is Woman's Christian Temperance union night at Volunteers' hall. The Boys' Temperance club of Tenth Street City mission are making extensive preparations for a fishing trip to Cut Off lake June 14, and have set about the task of raising the necessary funds most energetically. Their plan is to give a benefit entertainment at the mission on Thursday evening, May 1, and believing in the "do as you would be done by" plan, they have heroically put aside all bashfulness and will present a program of music and recitations that promises to be well worth the 10 cents admission to be charged. The fishing trip is to be under the supervision of the instructors of the classes.

Under the auspices of the philanthropic committee and household economics department of the Woman's club the girls of the Tenth Street City Mission and Chapel of the Carpenter are now receiving excellent instruction in cooking. The class at Chapel of the Carpenter has been doing encouraging work for some time, but this week the complete equipment of gas stoves and utensils has been put in at Tenth street and the classes will be organized tomorrow afternoon. The kindergarten and girls' club at Volunteers' hall will be continued through June. The boys' temperance club instruction and the other industrial work at Tenth street supported by the local Woman's Christian Temperance union will also close June 1, but Miss Magee intends keeping up the social side of the work among the children all summer. The Memorial day picnic will be dispensed with this year and in its stead the children will be taken in smaller numbers and more frequently to the parks.

A new department of the Woman's club was organized on Thursday afternoon for the study of the primary principles of law. The meeting was held at the rooms of the Young Women's Christian association and called out a fairly good representation. The women have been trying for some time to establish this department that they might familiarize themselves with legal methods of carrying for property, handling money and such things as frequently fall to them to attend to. Mrs. George Tilden was elected leader; Miss E. F. McCartney, assistant leader; Dr. Miller, second assistant leader; Mrs. Blanche McKelvey, secretary, and Mrs. C. C. Rosewater, treasurer. The department will be known as the department for the study of law and will meet every Thursday at 2 p. m. during the club season. In addition to their study the women are to receive the assistance of several of the lawyers of the city and expect to maintain a regular course of lectures. The outline for the coming winter, as adopted, includes a study of the constitutions of the United States and of Nebraska, the rights and duties of members of the state, laws regarding real estate, including mortgages, titles, deeds, and leases, laws of contract, including the making of contracts, sale partnership, loan of money, bills and notes, laws affecting special classes of persons, husband and wife, parents and children, wills and intestate succession.

In view of the many questions of international interest the members will take up the study of Schuyler's "American Diplomacy" for the summer. The department includes not a few women who have the care of their own property and the enthusiasm promises a most successful department. At the meeting of the devotional committee of the Young Women's Christian association Monday evening it was decided that the weekly devotional meeting be held regularly on Monday evening instead of Sunday afternoon. The change will begin with the first meeting of June. There will be no meeting on Sunday afternoon, but all are urged to be present at Monday evening's meeting, June 2, at 8 o'clock. The Quid Libet club closed its meetings for the season last Thursday evening and the committee in charge of the program for the next season has proposed an excellent program. The Friday evening bible classes will close this week and members of this class are urged to assist at the Monday meeting.

Miss Margaret O'Connell, extension secretary, has gone to her home in Salt, Ia., for a two weeks' vacation. At the monthly meeting of the membership committee it was decided to make an effort to raise this year's membership to 2,000. Miss Helen Woodman has had charge of the noon meetings among the young women at M. E. Smith's during the absence of the extension secretary.

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MISS LAURA HOWARD.

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