

## REFUSES TO BE SWITCHED

Lebeck Will Not Be a Candidate for County Commissioner.

SAYS FUSIONISTS PROMISED HIM BETTER

Thought He Was Their Apparent to Congressional Nomination, but Now Has Eye on Municipal Place.

The democrats who have been counting on the nomination of C. O. Lebeck for county commissioner have evidently been reckoning without their host, for yesterday Mr. Lebeck said that under no circumstances could he consent to become a candidate.

The suggestion that he be nominated for that office is looked upon by some of Mr. Lebeck's friends as an attempt to shelve him in order to keep from delivering the goods in an agreement made with him two years ago.

When the democratic congressional convention met in Omaha two years ago it was a three-ring circus. The democrats met at the rooms of the County Democratic club on the corner of the old Peter Cooper club rooms on Farnam street and the free silver republicans at Morand's dancing academy. There was little question as to whom the democrats desired as a candidate and Edgar Howard was nominated. Judge Howard at his Sary county home was as much of an idol among the populists and the free silver republicans had but little more use for him. When they were asked to swallow the nomination of the Sary county statesman they refused to look pleasant, and in fact for an hour or more refused to endorse the nomination.

Yesterday morning Mr. Lebeck said: "Yes, I remember the promise, but I may not push it. I will not be a candidate for county commissioner, however, as there are city positions more attractive and the spring campaign is not very far off."

With a compromise effected at the eleventh hour in the first ward by which the delegation to the democratic county convention is to be divided between the supporters of Lyle Abbott and James P. English, there will be contests in only four wards in Omaha, the Second, Fourth, Seventh and Eleventh, while four wards in South Omaha will also see contests, the First, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth.

The primaries will be held Thursday afternoon and the fight promises to be warm. The protection of Lee Herdman into the fight has created considerable feeling on the part of the friends of Mr. Abbott and every effort is being made to offset that influence.

The Omaha delegations certified to Chairman Howell are as follows:

First Ward—Joseph Pedritz, John Zeller, James P. Connolly, James P. Delaney, Walter Brandes, George Sautter, David Towden, Ed J. Doe, John Drexel, Owen Shavin, Charles F. Kaufmann, J. K. Krouse, Thomas Kirkland, Chris Rissi, John Garvey, L. W. Herman, J. E. Kennedy.

Second Ward, Abbott Ticket—William Russell, R. Havlick, Anton Gross, William Grobe, Joe Holsen, V. F. Barton, J. G. Gilly, Charles Koutsky, Charles Nestroff, Frank Markov, Frank Vlasak, G. H. Gelsberry, Louis Bohner, George Holmes, Peter Casey, Paul Stein, Jr., John Schmidt, Peter Smith, John Schmitt, John Schmitt, Philip Daniels, Charles Ries, Ed Kennedy, Mike Schlichter, Jack Ryan, Joe Madden.

Second Ward, English Ticket—John J. Jelen, W. H. Hardman, Adam J. Sloup, John Sittler, John Schmitt, Charles Schnell, John H. Killian, Vaclav J. Krouse, John Schmitt, John Elanaser, F. J. Wrasche, John E. Grogan, J. E. Kennedy, James D. Murphy, Elbert Fernan, P. J. Alchison, Frank Hynek, Anton Surne, Joseph Zrean, Joseph Wachtler, Lawrence Flynn, John W. Krande, Philip Haught, John Cepuran.

Third Ward—William A. Atkin, Edgar Rothert, Patrick Ford, Frank Seydmour, W. H. Gussolus, James Shee, Fred Lawler, William J. Silk, Ed Dietrich, Patrick Desmond, Kenneth John Reeves, Robert Dunlap, William H. Moran, Edward J. Coyne, Charles J. Somerville.

Fourth Ward, Abbott Ticket—Nate Spleberger, Dan Mulcahy, N. E. Dilliance, Jacob Gish, John E. Drexler, V. Mount, Frank B. Johnson, H. E. Burnam, Thomas A. Donohoe, C. E. Porter, Otto H. Striben, R. Theodore, Gratlin, George B. Yager, James Fitzgerald.

Fourth Ward, English Ticket—James C. Frank, L. W. English, G. F. Bergner, D. C. Wilson, J. M. Payne, Samuel D. Mulcahy, John D. George, D. Sany, Arthur L. Anderson, W. C. Loucks, Frank J. Murphy, S. D. Bryan, J. B. Mullin, Peter Beeson.

Fifth Ward—James Leary, Thomas S. Boyd, Martin Tighe, J. C. West, A. Arter, Harry E. O'Neill, Thomas H. Dalley, Robert Williams, J. F. Moriarty, J. P. Thomas, Peter Romack, J. J. Spelman, Otto J. Nauman.

Sixth Ward—Dan Cannon, Charles Clark, W. H. Chadwick, L. R. Cottrell, W. W. DePance, C. E. Forbes, Ed Hatcher, Harry Lawrie, John J. McLaughlin, William McConnell, Thomas McClellan, William Palmatter, H. B. Roberts, George W. Shields, George W. Smith, Ed P. Smith, George W. Tierney, A. J. Webb, C. Snyder, Seventh Ward, Abbott Ticket—E. H. Duffie, A. Wagoner, Alma Jackson, I. W. Porter, Joseph A. Connor, Charles L. Russ, Xavier Dargatzis, C. E. Pandina, J. B. Knox, John Flanagan.

Seventh Ward, English Ticket—E. P. Berryman, James Schneider, J. P. O'Connor, Edward E. Howell, J. S. Gibson, William O. Gilbert, Henry Ford, J. C. Murphy, John Michalewski, William J. Voss, William Roman, J. F. Sweeney.

Eighth Ward, Abbott Ticket—Dr. Leo Van Camp, John T. Hart, Dan B. Butler, Ed A. Smith, John W. White, Ernest Merrens, Harry McVea, W. H. Overton, Harry Harry, Thomas Kelley, William Creedon, James J. McVea, W. H. Brown, Barney Concammon, James Lane, Walter Conklin.

Ninth Ward, English Ticket—John A. Rins, J. J. Dunn, George Fitzpatrick, Charles H. Withnell, James Swift, C. E. Conn, John Flanagan, Phil McConvers, Patrick M. Tobin, T. H. Connte, Louis Croner, J. E. Hillman, J. E. Hillman, W. H. Young, F. J. McArdle, M. Cavanaugh.

Tenth Ward—Robert Smith, C. H. Brown, W. H. Thompson, J. E. Hillman, J. E. Hillman, Wright, George Martin, P. C. Healey, John F. Coed, Churchill Parker, F. P. Eaton, Edward T. Welch.

## TAX COMMITTEE GETS BUSY

Realty Men Will Appear Before County Board of Equalization Today.

The tax committee of the Real Estate Exchange will appear before the County Board of Equalization today for the purpose of learning exactly what the board intends to do in the matter of fixing the assessments on the larger corporations this year. Wednesday afternoon Mr. Weed and Mr. Harrison of the committee went to the court house and made some inquiries, but found that a number of the members of the board were absent, so could not get the information they desired. They did, however, inspect the assessment on real estate outside of the city limits and after that inspection came to the conclusion that, compared with the assessment on the stock-in-trade of the small retail houses of the city, the farmer has little cause for complaint, the assessments being at the rate of \$5 to \$8 per acre.

The committee has a record of the assessment of business property, showing the assessment for county and city purposes, and finds that in many instances the assessment for county purposes is at a higher comparative rate than for city purposes. The county uses the rate of one-sixth the actual value in making assessments and the city uses the rate of 40 per cent, yet much property assessed by the city at \$1,000 is assessed by the county at \$1,200, and property assessed by the city at \$3,500 is assessed by the county at \$4,500.

"We are not ready to say what we will do in the present instance," said Mr. Weed. "Our committee will meet again Thursday and then adopt a plan of action. Before that meeting some of us will see the commissioners and find out what they expect to do, and after that we will know better how to proceed."

## A NEW INDUSTRY.

A Blessing for the Entire Country, Especially the Publishers.

A short time ago the Boston Herald commented on the scarcity of timber for pulp in the United States, stating that the paper making industry of the world will soon be largely dependent on Canada for timber for pulp. At the same time two trade papers, the Fourth Estate and the Southern Industrial Review, commented on the same important issue. The Fourth Estate of May 10, 1902, stated that pulp enterprises in Canada are attracting the attention of British and foreign capital, which realize the great opportunities which such investments offer, while the Southern Industrial Review wrote: "A material which nature may renew yearly must be discovered and adapted to the trade and the most natural sources must be sought in the field of agriculture or among the fibers and grasses which have annual growth."

Hardly were above remarks in print when the industrial world was startled by the announcement of the National Fiber and Cellulose Co. of Chicago that same had secured the exclusive ownership of the process for turning waste cornstalks into pulp for paper, which will make the United States and the rest of the world independent of Canada in regard to their supply for pulp. The products of the National Fiber and Cellulose Co. are the best that can be furnished. This company practically established a new industry, which must become one of the greatest in the world. An idea of the magnitude of this new industry can be formed when one considers that the waste tonnage of cornstalks in the corn belt of the United States amounts to over 35,000,000 tons annually. All this waste will be turned into wealth, while the enormous supply will renew itself with every year's crop. This new industry will be a great blessing for farmers, laborers, railroads and investors. Before long there will be no end to the corn-producing section plants for converting cornstalks into pulp and these local enterprises as well as the parent company will become veritable mines, compared with which the pulp industry of Canada will sink into insignificance.

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# BRANDER'S BOSTON STORE & SONS

Tomorrow we will close out all the Outergarments & Millinery

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The prices are marvelously low. We mention but a few of the bargains, however everything is marked in the same proportion.

**\$7.50 Trimmed Hats \$3.95**

Several hundred of our \$7.50 trimmed hats go on sale Thursday at three dollars and ninety-five cents. Here is a rare opportunity to secure a handsome dress hat at a little over half price, besides they are just exactly what you want, as the colors are white and black, all richly trimmed and draped in the very newest style, Thursday ..... **3.95**

**\$3.50 Trimmed Hats \$1.95**

On Thursday we offer four hundred trimmed hats which we have been busy preparing during the past three days, and which are as choice as any hats we have ever offered at \$3.50. The goods are composed of black and light braid summer hats, trimmed with very fine materials, such as chiffon, silks, black flowers, laces, etc., Thursday ..... **1.95**

**50c Black Satin Violets 10c.**

5,000 bunches of splendid quality black satin violets, three dozen to the bunch, and sold everywhere at 50 cents, Thursday, a bunch ..... **10c**

**S. H. L. Co.'s \$12 Dress Skirts, \$4.75**

These dress skirts made of fine tulle, canvas cloth, venetian, cheviot, etc., many with drop linings, all this season's styles, trimmed in the newest ideas with tulle, moire, etc., beautifully finished, gored and pleated effects, choice ..... **4.75**

**\$7.00 Golf Skirt \$3.50**—Golf skirts of all wool men's cheviot, corded founce and top gray and blue, for ..... **3.50**

**\$5 Shirt Waist Suits, \$2.50**—sailor suit shirt waist suits of percale and lawn—founced skirt ..... **2.50**

**\$2 Waists, 95c**—Dozens of styles of white Persian lawn waists, black lawns, and mercerized materials—elaborately trimmed with lace and embroidery ..... **95c**

**\$3.00 Waists \$1.50**—20 different styles of batiste, organ-dy and finest lawn waists, at ..... **1.50**

**Wash Skirts**—from the Seely-Howe-LeVan stock on sale at the following prices—25c, 35c, 49c, 75c and 98c—worth 50c to \$1. more.

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