

MERCER BUYS A GOLD BRICK

In Form of Card Addressed to Jewish Voters of the District.

TAKES CREDIT FOR SECRETARY HAY'S ACT

In Another Circular the Nonresident Congressman Modestly Asserts that He Built the City of South Omaha.

The latest example of political literature which has been given utterance by Congressman Mercer is an appeal to the Jewish voters of the Second district, in which he lays claim to many virtues and to credit for much work which a year ago was not known. The card, in Hebrew characters, was prepared by one Nathelson, a man well known as a dealer in votes and political influence which is considered somewhat of a gold brick by some who have dealt with him in previous years.

The congressman opens his epistle to the Jews by asking: "What has Congressman D. H. Mercer done during the period he has been in office for the citizens and the people of his district and why should the citizens of his district vote for him again?" "Mr. Mercer loves the good-will of the people," says the circular, "and has a friendly feeling for the Jews just as well as for the Christians. The proof is that he has co-operated with and helped Congressman Goldfogle in congress with his influence and his influence to the end that an American passport should be honored in Roumania, no matter by whom carried. He has expressed his sympathy against the persecutions of our unfortunate brothers in Roumania through the secretary of state, who protested against Roumanian persecution of the Jews. All these praiseworthy ends are only in keeping with the following exhibit of his influence exerted not only for his district, but for the entire state of Nebraska."

Then follows a list of claims which he makes as to the appropriations secured for the state and district in the way of public buildings. Among these claims is one that he secured an eight-hour law which is made a part of the contract for every public building, and that he has been endorsed by labor organizations for his work in congress.

Following the statement of his efforts in behalf of the state and the number of logs he has assisted in rolling comes a list of the candidates he asks the Jews of Omaha to vote for. This list is notable for the fact that every candidate on the state ticket has been ignored. According to the appeal to the Jews in behalf of the nonresident congressman, the man, second in importance to the congressman himself is A. W. Jetter, candidate for county attorney. Not one word for Mickey, no recognition of McGilton, totally ignoring Robertson, Marsh and the entire state ticket in his efforts to make himself the list of names which he asks the Jews to vote for includes only the Douglas county candidates.

The careful wording of the message to the Jews on the subject of his sympathy with the Roumanian Jews would lead the careless reader to believe that his protest to Secretary Hay called forth the official protest of the secretary, which caused some international comment a few weeks ago. When that protest was issued Congressman Mercer was making one of his biennial visits to Omaha. He may have written a letter to Secretary Hay, but if that letter was written before the secretary made his protest Mr. Mercer certainly showed a knowledge of international affairs which he has never shown at any other time. The very active protest Mr. Mercer made at the time the country was discussing the inequities offered to the dead body of Rabbi Joseph and to his living friends has never been heard either in or out of Jewish circles.

The depth of this overbearing love for the Jews on the part of Mr. Mercer is shown by a statement in the Examiner, the only paper in the city which has had the temerity to come out positively and unequivocally for the re-election of the present congressman, to the effect that the only classes which Mr. Mercer has to fear in the community are the Bohemians and the orthodox Jews.

The failure of the congressman to mention his superiors on the state ticket is but the first evidence of a report which has been current for more than three weeks to the effect that Mercer would, if possible, trade the entire state ticket for his own election. The report has not been confined to Omaha, but has penetrated the state, where it has been given more than passing attention by candidates on the state ticket.

Mr. McGilton has many friends in Omaha who will not be pleased to see him sacrificed to the personal ambition of a man who could not trust the people of his district, but must call to his aid residents of an adjoining state. While no one questions the loyalty of Mr. McGilton to the entire republican ticket, he has the following which will resent the attempt to sacrifice him, with his conferees on the state ticket, and the Jewish circular is but one overt act of the nonresident congressman.

The claim that Mr. Mercer has benefited the working man who is so fortunate as to secure work from government contractors

by the present provision as to the eight-hour day is thus ventilated by a person connected with the quartermaster's department of the War department whose experience extends over many years. He said: "You will notice that each contract now signed on behalf of the government for new buildings provides that work shall only be for eight hours each day, 'except in cases of emergency,' and in this exception lies the defeat of the provision. My experience is that it is not a contractor who desires to work his men ten or even twelve hours to create an emergency. I have known many to do this, and so far as I know their excuse has always been accepted at Washington. Of course where unions are among their men, in some instances, make the contractor observe an eight-hour day, but so far as this contract provision is concerned there is no real obligation upon the contractor to observe an eight-hour day, as he is the sole judge of the emergency which will require him to work longer hours."

"At the last session of congress a bill was introduced which made an eight-hour day obligatory upon all government contractors. This bill was not passed, and although Mr. Mercer now tells of his strenuous effort in behalf of the working man, he let the golden opportunity pass to make that effort seen. The last public building bill, which was one of the greatest pieces of brazen logrolling ever seen in congress, was prepared solely for the purpose of securing votes for it as a representative or senator was supposed to have considerable influence with his fellows he was given all he asked in the bill, regardless of how worthy his claims may have been. It carried an appropriation of an amount of money unprecedented in public building bill. By its construction and its provision for the special interests of certain sections of the country it was certain to pass. As the president cannot veto items in a bill without vetoing the entire bill, and as this bill considered items which were absolutely necessary for the transaction of public business, it was equally certain that the bill would be approved. With this condition existing, Mr. Mercer could have inserted one paragraph providing that eight hours should constitute a day's work on all buildings provided for in the act, dropping the cowardly exception in case of emergencies, and the eight-hour law would have been an integral part of the law of the land on public buildings, for once on no house of representatives would have dared to drop it again. Mr. Mercer showed his love for the working man and his devotion to their interests by failing to make this provision, and now he claims to have secured the passage of an eight-hour law which those in a position to know say is ineffective."

The Mercer literary bureau is being overworked with appeals to classes and geographical locations. In an epistle to the people of South Omaha he claims so much that little would be left in South Omaha if what he has brought there were to be taken away, according to his statement. From the new postoffice building to the Carnegie library Mercer has secured them all. He got a bill through for a railroad and wagon bridge across the Missouri river at South Omaha, and he claims to have secured the name which he proposes to build it has carefully refrained from making their names public. He had the Postoffice department establish a branch of the South Omaha office in the Exchange building. He is again the champion of the non-effective eight-hour law, and, quoting from the circular, "it would be impossible within the brief space allotted to this circular to specify in detail the minor services rendered this community by our congressman."

There are several newspapers of different political affiliations in South Omaha. They are edited by men who, presumably, have the interests of their community at heart, so the paucity of the friendship for the nonresident congressman is shown in the closing paragraph of the appeal, which says: "This appeal to the good citizens of South Omaha is presented at this time solely in form because under existing conditions there is no other way of presenting to the individual voter the facts regarding the present congressional campaign."

At last it has been discovered where Mr. Mercer's endorsement by a labor organization comes from. It is made known by one of the circulars which are flooding the mails in behalf of this candidate. The circular is headed, "Union Labor Endorses Mercer," and one would suppose that at least one of the labor organizations of Omaha had discovered in his acts some one thing that would recommend him to organized labor. But if one looks for a local endorsement that hope is dashed in the first line, as the endorsement comes all the way from New York City, and purports to be signed by the officers of the Interstate Steel and Copper Plate Printers of North America. This union is such an important one that diligent inquiry among the members of allied printing trades in Omaha fails to reveal one man, no matter how often he has attended international conventions covering unions, who knows anything about it. There are some steel and copper plate printers in Omaha, but there is no union of that branch of the printers' craft in this city. The union endorses him particularly for his work on the Chinese exclusion act and incidentally on the eight-hour law.

"We don't know how Mr. Mercer got this endorsement," said a representative of one of the printers' unions of the city, "but he certainly did not get it at any meeting where an Omaha delegate was present. We know the congressman too well. It seems strange that he should expect an endorsement from an obscure society to do him any good in a community where there are union men whose affiliations are with unions containing thousands of members, whose branches are in every city of the country and whose members are associated with the American Federation of Labor wherein our delegates may come into contact with the representatives of all societies of importance enough to be affiliated with that society."

BOARD EXPRESSES SORROW

County Commissioners Adopt Resolutions Upon Death of County Clerk Miller.

"The Board of County Commissioners at a brief meeting held yesterday morning adopted resolutions as follows upon the death of Harry C. Miller, late county clerk: Whereas, On the 18th day of October, 1902, Harry C. Miller, clerk of Douglas county, Neb., died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Donald Macrae, in Council Bluffs, Ia.; and, Whereas, Mr. Miller has been clerk of Douglas county since January, 1902, and as such clerk had faithfully and efficiently performed the duties of the office, and by his conduct won the respect and admiration of the citizens of Douglas county and the love and esteem of the members of the board; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas county, that in the death of Harry C. Miller this board has lost a most worthy and efficient officer and the county of Douglas a faithful clerk, the community a public-spirited and honorable citizen, a loving husband and father, and be it further

Resolved, That this board extend its sympathy to the wife and daughter in their bereavement, and that these resolutions be spread upon the records of this board and a copy thereof be sent to the family of our late associate.

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