OVATION TO MAYOR MOORES

Citizens of Omaha Turn Out in Force to Cheer the Mayor.

EDWARD ROSEWATER DISCUSSES ISSUES

Brings the "Business" Record of Bolter Benson Under the Searchlight for Inspection by Interested Citisens.

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upon the conscience of those participating therein, in short do what the Benson boomers are attempting to do, and you will open the door to many forms of political trickery and deception. The will of the people as in the case of equal taxation, which seems to be the universal demand today, will be ofttimes thwarted by confusing the voter with a multiplicity of candidates who have been induced to run by skillful playing upon their vanity, ambition, pique vindictiveness, venality or mistaken sense

"Doubtless occasions arise when it is the right and duty of the people to repudiate their party candidates. When a nomination has been procured by fraud or corruption; when delegates have voted differently from the way they were elected to vote, when the principles and probable policy of the candidate are at known variance in important respects with the desires of the voter. It is the latter's privilege and duty to make his ballot expeess his convictions. But no such charges can be brought against Frank Moores in this campaign. The attempt to do so is much like the woman who applied for a divorce on the ground that her husband was not the father of her

The Primary Fight.

"In a clear-cut, well-defined contest between Moores and anti-Moores delegates Frank Moores carried five out of nine wards and seventy-three out of 143 delegates. Arrayed against him was the most complete political organization ever formed in this city, including every franchised corporation, the railroads, the board of fire police commissioners with its powerful club, all the members of the last legislature, the solid cky and county republican central committees, the World-Herald, the News, and all the leading democratic politicians. They gerrymandered the city in a way they deemed most disadvantageous to him. The mayor was divested of all influence on the fire and police board. He was made powerless to hire a man on the public works without the approval of both the board of public works and the city primaries of a party he expects an adcouncil, a majority of the latter body being vantage from the nomination and agrees to adverse to him. The city central committee refused to permit him to name a single judge of election and but three clerks in the city of Omaha. They attempted to deceive the public by calling him a "machine" candidate, although they had taken possession of and were themselves using every wheel of the machine. His success under such circumstances proves that the people were with him.

"After carrying the primaries his nomination became a mere matter of honesty. It is a matter for congratulation and proves that the morals of politicians are much better than commonly reputed that out of seventy-three delegates there was but one who proved dishonest and one shaky Neither of these had ever sat in convention or had an opportunity to become educated in the ethics of politics. When the delegate from the Eighth ward who was elected on the Moores delegation d'sappeared after the close of the primaries. and was reported not to have returned to the following morning, but appeared for the first time in the convention, seated, not with the delegates with whom he had fought the day previous, but in the midst of the anti-Moores delegation from the Sixth ward, treachery was suspected. Unprecedented Parliamentary Rulings

"When the chairman of the city committee, a lawyer and parliamentarian, made the unprecedented ruling that delegates having credentials from the judges and clerks of election were not entitled to vote on the question of temporary chairman of the convention; when this ruling was supported by such skilled lawyers and parliamentarians as Mr. Breckenridge, Mr. Goss, Mr. Burbank, it was manifest that the passions aroused at the primaries were not allayed and that an attempt would be made to defeat the will of the people as expressed in the primaries, right or wrong. When the chairman ordered a roll call by naming each individual delegate instead of under the usual practice of a call of wards, his was suspected. When delegate from the Eighth ward voted prac tically to unseat himself and the colleagues with whom he was elected, the knowledge on the part of the chairman of the treachery of the delegate became apparent and his

motive was explained. "Then a great and truly American scene how public opinion punishes a dishonest delegate. For twenty minutes the ball was filled with cries of 'Traitor.' 'Bought,' 'How much did you get?' bought you?" 'Show your face,' 'Judas Iscariot.' Even his friends smiled and enlayed the predicament of their hireling. poor culprit sank lower and lower in his chair. His head hung on his breast and his eyes seemed searching for a knot hole in the floor. The poor man was re-

ceiving a lesson in the ethics of politics. "Later, when the vote was being taken for mayor on a motion for a call by wards previously carried, the chairman of the Second ward delegation announced the entire vote of that ward for Frank E. Moores Not a single delegate from that ward challenged the correctness of the announcement. After the vote had proceeded clear to the Ninth ward, 'Mr. Breckenridge, Mr. Goss and others not in the Second ward delegation called for a poll of that ward. Their own chairman, Mr. Herring, had a few minutes before ruled that if the ward was satisfied with its own vote a delegate from another ward could not complain. The chairman followed this precedent and in this was sustained by every writer upon parliamentary practice and the universal

custom of conventions. Roll Not Called For.

"A party who is aggrieved is the only one who can challenge the correctness of the announcement of his vote. No one from the Second ward called for a poll of the delegation. From affidavits that I have seen published in the daily press I suspect that Mr. Haarmann had learned from the object lesson presented in the punishment of the treacherous delegate from the Eighth ward a lesson in political ethics. I know that had voted otherwise than for Frank E. Moores he would have been guilty of a con-

temptible and treacherous act. "I have in my hands the sample ballots used in the Second ward. On one is This delegation is for W. W. Bingham for mayor and A. H. Hennings for city treasurer.' Mr. Haarmann's name does not appear upon that delegation. On Bruning for tax commissioner, Fred H. ballots were counted it was found that vote polled for a Moores delegate was 364.

vote on the printed ballots, for Frank E. E. Moores or did support him in the pri-Moores. He was but their agent, commissioned to vote their will, and not to have

THIS DELEGATION IS FOR FRANK E. MOORES FOR MAYOR FRED BRUNING FRED H. HOYE For Councilman CHARLES ANDERSON.....

FRED BRUNING FERDINAND HAARMANN CHARLES HOUBA.... JOSEPH KAVAN..... FRED O. KUNZ JOHN LYNCH MOSES LOGASA..... SAMUEL MORRIS..... JOSEPH NEJEPINSKY GEORGE NICKLAS..... H. J. PETERSEN EDWARD RICHE..... OTTO WAACK.....

voted for Frank E. Moores would have been a violation of instructions, a breach of trust, an act most contemptible and treacherous. Surely, with the object lesson in whole vote count. They know that a great the Eighth ward before him, no man can blame Mr. Haarmann for refusing to call ical treachery.

for a poll of his ward. "Verily, the charge that the convention should be recognized and treachery rewarded. No great moral uprising was ever for their interests and insofar as their inbased on so weak a foundation. If anyone terests are antagonistic to your own what was aggrieved by the action of the convention it was Mr. Bingham and not Mr. Benson. Mr. Benson's delegation delayed or sympathiger who is supporting Frank its vote until they could ascertain whether Moores you must look upon him as your or not a delegate would arise in the con- friend in the pending contest. It avails vention and assert his right to betray his nothing to have a platform if they name delegation would have voted for Mr. Bing- a multiplicity of candidates and deceive ham. Mr. Bingham is as good a business men with high moral phrases and great with him favorably on any test of fitness; but Mr. Bingham, from past political experience, has been educated in the ethics represents the people's side of that issue." of politics. He knew that when a man submits his name as a candidate to the give to his successful competitor the same advantage which he himself sought. He knew that politics is no game of heads I win, tails you lose, but that it is considered disreputable to seek a nomination and withhold from a successful competitor his wellearned advantage.

Fair Play in Politics. "I do not wish to be severe with Mr. Benson, or with the two delegates who, like himself, were not educated in political figured conspicuously in the boom days of ethics, but call attention of the public to Omaha and who now lives at Joplin. Mo the fact that a man who would allow him- That great boomer was at one time intiself to be tempted to do what he is doing is. mately linked with the gentleman who putting himself in the hands of unsafe came very near being thrown over the counsellors. From a political standpoint transom by that band of anti-machine every man who desires the success of purifiers who walked out because they the republican party; every man who regrets the factional strife that is destroying trying to apologize for the conduct of their our party, every man who desires to punish treachery and corruption; every man who believes that the will of the people as expressed in a primary or election should out from ten to twelve miles from the home that night, could not be found prevail in Omaha as well as in South Caro- city limits commanded fabulous prices. line or New York City: every man who believes that fair play in primaries, conventions and elections will accomplish more than corruption, treachery and bad faith, should express his convictions by that nominated Frank E. Moores reprevoting for Frank E. Moores. (Applause.)

"Approach the question from the standpoint of a citizen and taxpayer. Three platforms have declared substantially for ticket nominated there represented a mihome rule and equal taxation. Unequal source of complaint for years. The fact that it should be made so prominent in three platforms shows that there is some- three days after this candidate had his thing in existing conditions that has name presented another convention was changed it from a mere sentiment or formal held in this city that nominated Erastus protest to a living issue. The platform A. Benson as the candidate of Omaha popusimply takes cognizance of the existing lists, but in order that they might fact that the people of Omaha are demanding home rule and equal taxation.

Moores' Offense to Corporations. "What caused this? I am not an apologist for the faults of Frank Moores and will not endorse his appointments in years past, but call your attention to the fact that his first appointees to the Board of Review who showed a bias in favor of the corporations and against the people are today, I believe, without exception, fighting Mayor Moores. But it is the present and not the past conditions that have created these great issues. When Mayor Moores, at the time Edward Rosewater was prosecuting proceedings in the supreme court to compel the taxation of railroad property the same as other property, appointed Victor Rosewater, his son, and Mr. Hunter as members of the Board of Review, knowing the policy to which they were committed, he thereby allenated from himself the support of every railroad and Omaha who were seeking to escape taxa-He was in a position where he had to take sides between the railroads and the people. Owing to the influence of Mr. taxation and the result you all know. The issue became a live one. It was carried to the state legislature and the railroads won. But does anyone believe that they have ceased to fight in the city of Omaha? Does anyone believe that these favored interests have no choice of candidates? Does platform of a party is if they can name the officers? Does anyone believe that the man elected by their assistance will be as likely to fairly represent the people as a man elected against their opposition?

Corporations for Howell. "Let me call your attention to a few facts: In the democratic convention, of the committee that drafted the home rule and equal taxation platform there was not one who voted for Ed Howell. It is well known that these corporate interests are in all parties and have no regard for any issue save the one that affects their pecuniary affairs. In the democratic primary all of these corporate interests favored Ed Howell. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners favored Ed Howell, and when Ed Howell was nominated a shout of joy went up from every man who is opposed to home rule and equal taxation. "In the republican convention the men who nominated Frank Moores are the men who drafted the platform and the men who did the acts that forced home rule and equal taxation as a living issue before the people. I do not wish to name men, but the other is printed: 'This delegation is you all know the able and influential polifor Frank E. Moores for mayor, Fred ticians who are always found on the side of corporations, assisting them to evade Hoye for councilman.' Mr. Haarmann's taxes, justifying their conduct and receivname is the third on that delegation. When ing their favors. If you do not know them inquire of any politician who knows and the lowest vote polled for a Bingham dele. he will name them for you. I challenge gate was 275, the highest 280. The lowest you to find a single corporation politician in the city of Omaha who is supporting the highest 373. Mr. Haarmann received Erank Moores, either in the primaries of

"Self-interest is a constant force and its results can be foretold with reasonable accuracy. The mayor elected will either be influenced by the highest and most unselfish motives or he will be influenced by selfinterest. If the policy of a candidate, if dietated by self-interest would be absolutely the same as if dictated by the highes and most unsolfish motives, then that can didate in the safest one for the people to trust. Such is the position of Mayor Moores. He owes his nomination to the people that were fighting for home rule and equal taxation. If elected he will be elected by such people. Self-interest will compel him to give publicity to the acts of the fire and police commissioners when they attempt to club voters into line for corporate interests. He is the only candidate who would have such a motive, as all the others are receiving assistance from this board. Self-interest would prompt him to carry out the reform of equal taxation which originated under his admin istration and which is today his only source of strength. The other candidates will be embarrassed should they attempt to antagonize the men and interests that are their counsellors and source of strength today.

Issues of the Campaign. "Be not deceived! The issue of this campaign is home rule and equal taxation An attempt is being made to persuade good citizens that Mr. Benson, who is a member of the real estate exchange, stands for equal taxation; but the corporate influences that are backing him are not sentimentalists, but practical politicians. They seek results. They are willing that a good moral citizen should be deceived and by voting for Benson cast one-half a vote for Howell, but they themselves will make their moral uprising cannot be based upon polit-

"Be not deceived! The forces arrayed against home rule and equal taxation are was fraudulent is a plea that corruption our shrewdest, keenest politicians. They know better than you what would be best will be worst for the people. Until you can show me one single corporation politician constituents. Had he done so Mr. Benson's the nominees. It avails nothing to present as Mr. Benson and would compare show of righteousness if they work their will. The issue is home rule and equal taxation and at this time Frank E. Moores (Long applause.)

Mr. Rosewater's Remarks.

Mr. Edward Rosewater spoke as follows "Mr. President, Fellow Republicans and Fellow Citizens: I am profoundly impressed with this demonstration. I take it that it is not so much an expression of your appreciation of what I have done for the city of Omaha and the republican cause as it is your enthusiastic endorsement of the ticket nominated by the republican convention. At the very outset I feel impelled to exclaim, 'Remember the Mayne. I mean of course the Mayne who formerly could not carry a convention, and are now candidate, who during that period of Omaha's prosperity—the boom period-

"It has been stated here tonight clearly and truthfully that the convention sented a majority of the republicans of Omaha. But the gentlemen who left the convention hall in dismay insist that the pority, and that is about as near to the taxation, corporation rule, has been a truth as anything that has been said in extenuation of their retreat or in commendation of their candidate. Less than assured of an insertion on the official ballot, and fearing that it could not be shown that the populists of Omaha cast 2 per cent of the total vote polled in 1902, they got up a petition containing the names of people representing all shades of political opinion and filed that petition with the city clerk. That whole proceeding shows that this is a campaign of deception and imposture on the part of the anti-machine purifiers.

"Now, most of you perhaps were not in Omaha fifteen years ago, but many of you doubtless remember the advent of the boomer candidate. These people came here to exploit the town. They found the city to cover an area of about fifteen equare miles. They began immediately to take options on cornfields and cow pastures and guilles many miles from the court house and the postoffice, and by paying a few hundred dollars for options had these lands franchised corporation in the city of platted and put on the market as additions to Omaha. C. H. Mayne, the head boomet had the fastest team in the city, and people who came to inspect Omaha were invited to drive out with him and take a look at Rosewater he decided in favor of equal suburban lots. The trip out required perhaps ten minutes, but the same persons found later, when they hired teams and

took them an hour or an hour and a half. "The boomers were like the woman in the chariot who came to Omaha years ago to pull teeth without pain. She did this anyone believe that they care what the in the atrects. There was a brass band with her, and whenever she pulled a tooth the band struck up and no one ever knew whether or not the subject uttered a cry. So it was with the boomers. They had brass bands and other diversions to keep the people hypnotized while they pulled

their eye teeth." (Laughter.) * City's Greatest Curse,

"Now, my friends, I really cannot compre hend how anybody conversant with the history of Omaha can join the Benson boom without apologizing for his foolishness. The greatest curse Omeha ever was afflicted with was the invasion of the real estate boomers. Everybody that has lived in Omaha for the last fifteen years will remember to his sorrow the rise and collapse of the boom and the havoc it played with Omaha, and it will take us many more years to recover fully. Before the advent of the boomers Omaha covered nine square miles of territory and a large part of that was sparsely occupied, but the boomers laid out first additions, second and third additions and suburban towns in every direction, over hill and dale, from the Platte river to Calhoun, and from the Missouri river to the Elkhorn. Almost every day a cattle pasture, a cornfield or a whole farm was staked out and platted into town lots. Fabulous fortunes were to be made on the get rich quick plan and by speculation in

When the Boom Was Booming. "I want to read you some of the adver isements that appeared in The Bee, and

WHERE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES STAND

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM. The republicans of Omaha by this convention appeal for the support of its candidates by oitimens and taxpayers of all parties on the following platform, to which its nominees are hereby pledged: 1. We favor municipal home rule in its broadest sense.

We favor municipal ownership of public utilities, commencing with

the water works and electric lighting plant.

We stand for equal and just taxation of all classes of property. including corporate franchises, and especially the local assessment of railway terminals for city taxation.

We pledge an economic and business like administration of the city's affairs.

5. We promise government in the interest of the common people and resistence of every attempt of the corporations to subvert our government by bribery and corruption.

The undersigned candidates of the Republican party duly nominated for the severel offices as hereinafter set forth at the Republican City Convention held in this city of Omaha April 11,1903; do hereby endorse and approve the above platform and do pledge our our support to the declarations contained in said Platform and that if, elected we will faithfully and to the best of our ability carry out the said platform in every, respecta-

Omaha ,April 13,1903.

Franki & Mourd . Candidate for mayor; Charl. Hunting ton

Here, for instance, is Thomas & Goos' addition. (Where all the plucked goslings congregated.) Just south of Hanscom park only two miles from the court house. Just 176 beautiful residence lots. Events are shaping themselves that will make these lots an investment of sure profit. \$600 to \$1,000 will buy lots now and one year from now they will be worth \$2,500 to \$3,000 (Laughter.) It is not all juck. Luck to the dogs. (That is the way it appears in the advertisement.) It is foresight, judgment and sand. (Laughter.) (Sand and mud.) (Pleasantry.) Take a square look at Thomas & Goos' addition, which is adjoining the city on the south. A rich and powerful syndicate, who without any further effort could peddle it out in the next two years for \$2,000,000. Do you suppose that they are idiots enough to do this? No. They will either build or subscribe to a cable line and realize \$3,000,000 from it Take a tumble to yourself. Do a little investing. Investigate and figure and you will see that there are the greatest bargains on earth in lots in this 'key Omaha and South Omaha.' (Loud laughter.)

CONKLING PLACE.

Conkling Place is not "one of the finest." out "the finest" piece of ground ever platted on this great thoroughfare. In fact, it is it e "Peer" of all additions to the City of the West. Conkling Place is the highest ground on Leavemorth street and is just ground on Leavemorth street, and is just the property of the control of the co ground on Leavenworth street, and is just across the Belt Line-Missouri Pacific Main Line-and within a stone's throw of West Line—and within a stone's throw of West Side depot.
An opportunity to purchase such property as this, at such low prices, on easy terms, does not come often and will be quickly taken advantage of by those who want something that is simply perfect.

Prices are \$550 for corners and \$500 for inside lots on Leavenworth.

and \$800 for inside lots on Leavenworth. "If anybody in this audience can tell us where Conkling Place is, we want the in-

Another of the Gold Bricks.

"Here is one of the sample gold bricks: \$75. \$50. \$50. \$75. B. & M. Park addition "The whole page is taken up by the pictur of a locomotive and an announcement in made the journey for themselves, that it Stud-Horse type of a description to the B & M. Park addition, with this notice: & M. Park addition, with this notice:
Free ride to and from the Park for intending purchasers, Saturday and Sunday.
April 16th and 17th. Situated on main line of B. & M. R. R. Title perfect and guaranteed by the Midland Guarantee & Trust Company. Every lot less high, dry and level. Every lot covered with fine timber.
On Saturday, April 16th, a free train of canches will leave the B. & M. depot at 10:30 in the forenoon for the Park, and will run the distance in about five or six minutes.

See for Yourselves.

See for Yourselves.

Judge for Yourselves.

After the date mentioned prices will be \$125.00 and \$150.00 for every lot. No difference whether you buy one or a dozen, no discount made. The laborer who can only afford to buy one lot can rest assured that he has bought the single lot as cheaply he has bought the single lot as cheaply as those who have bought in numbers. "April 17, 1887."

SELMAVILLE Is the Latest Addition platted on Leavenworth Street. As level as a lawn and every lot a daisy. Has a aplendid view of all West Omaha. Could not lay better. "Does anybody in this audience know where Selmaville is? Here is another bar-

This superb addition, Green as a meadow and level as a lawn, will be placed on the market Manday morning. April 18th, at \$500 and \$550 per lot. Only \$100 cash. Just ten lots will be sold whin the price will be raised. Free carriages, Free Ride and Free Choice. Come early to the office of LOVEGREEN & DALZELL. "April 25th, 1887. Full Page."

AMBLER PLACE.

Commencing Monday, April 25th, 1887, free carriages will be run from the office of Harrison, Ambler & Wooley, for Ambler Place, half a mile west of Hanscom Park and adjoining the Poor Farm.

150 lots will be sold at the very low price of \$700 to \$1,000; \$200 cash, \$100 in six months, belance in one and two years at 8 per cent. balance in one and two years at 8 per cent.
STREET CARS AND PAVED STREETS.
The Omaha Southwestern Street Railway
will be in operation within sixty days and
those who buy in the great sale of lots
will double their money before the summer is half some.

I will sell at public auction to the highest bidders, 25 of the most beautiful lots on Farnam Street, commencing at Thirty-ninth Street. This elegant property adjoins Jerome Park on the west. Fartles purchasing will double their money in a short time. Free carriages will take parties to the sale.

THOMAS RILEY, Auctioneer.

"Sunday May 15th 1887"

"Sunday, May 15th, 1887." NEXT WEDNESDAY, MAY 18th, A FREE EXCURSION. In order to give every one an opportunity In order to give every one an opportunity to see the many improvements in the suburbs of the city a free excursion over the
Belt Line has been arranged to take place
next Wednesday, May 18th. Free trains
will leave the M. P. depot, 15th and Webster Streets, promptly at 1.26 p. m. and
go out on the Missouri Pacific as far as
West Lawn, the beautiful suburban property on the Papplo Valley. Splendid picnic
grounds. Hotel and all conveniences. If
you want to go, secure free tickets of
George N. Hicks, 215 South Fifteenth St.
YOU CAN'T GO UNLESS YOU HAVE A
TICKET. EVERYBODY CORDIALLY
INVITED.

In the Wake of the Boom.

years ago, thousands of men and women who had followed the advice of the Amblers, the Maynes, and the Bensons by investing their earnings and savings on the installment plan were wrecked and ruined and thousands of others who had been confidenced by the boomers out of their savings of many years, and other thousands who held onto the property in Omahs were eaten up paying taxes and after their property was foreclosed by the money loanmortgaged for millions of dollars for rotten wooden block pavements and gas and water main extensions. City Treasurer Hennings informs me that the amount paid for wooden block pavewas \$1,137,441.45, of fully \$260,000 was for intersections, paid directly by the city, and a large portion of the remainder has been taxed back and will be taxed back to the whole city because the special tax levied against the out-of-town property is more than the lots are worth and this is not figuring interest that is accumulating on the top of the original cost of the wooden pavements laid at instance of the boomers.

Boomer's Park Pinns. "In 1887 George W. Lininger, then state senator, secured the passage of the first charter for a city of the metropolitan class with the specific provision that the railroad property should by assessed the same as all other classes of property. That charter also contained another section giving the city the right to acquire land for parks by eminent doma'n condemnation but the charter was mutilated in the house by the railroad lobby and boomers' lobby who were afraid that the location of parks in the immediate vicinity of Omaha would interfere with their real estate deals, and the result was that, four years later, the real estate boomers, with Erastus Benson at their head, turned the town upside down to carry the bond proposition for the purchase of parks and \$400,000 in bonds were voted for parks, on which by this time we have paid \$210,000 interest. Omaha has paid \$610,000 for parks that you could not sell today for more than \$80,000. And this promoter Benson and his associate boomers a permanent mortgage debt of \$400,000 was not be sold today for one-fifth of what we paid for them, and every year we are taxed \$20,000 to pay the interest on these park bonds.

"About the worst black eye that Omaha the highest 373. Mr. Haarmann received Erank Moores, either in the primaries or tisements that appeared in The Bee, and those who buy in the great sale of lots will double their money before the summer is half gone.

Who votes. It is manifest that every man the election. I challenge you to find a in other Omaha newspapers at the time will double their money before the summer is half gone.

HOLD YOUR MONEY UNTIL SATURDAY, MAY 14th at 10 A. M. SHARP. When strikingly illustrates the fact that a man received at the hands of the boomers was voting for him. They will vote for Howell, the padding of the census of 1890, which and don't you forget it.

For the next eight years every almanac advertise Omaha as the only city west icy. They know that while Moores is ke more solid basis can remove that damagfrom the padding of the census of 1890 than The Bee Publishing company and the World-Herald, both directly and indirectly, Indirectly we have been injured materially in loss of foreign advertising, because the heavy advertisers do not want to pay as much for space in papers circulating in a town of 100,000 population as they would to papers published in a city of 150,000 population. Directly The Omaha Bee alone has paid over \$57,000 as the penalty for the booming of the census. Let me explain. The Associated Press fixes its service rates every ten years according to the census. The Associated Press rates newspapers according to the population of the cities where they are published and they rated The Omaha Bee in 1891 according to the census of 1890 scared over the prospect of Benson's elecin a year and eleven years makes more ing I could do to the managers of the Associated Press I could not get them to recede. They would not take anything for the census says you have a population of 140,000 and you must pay according to that population. Benson as a Tax Reformer.

"Mr. Benson now poses as the champion of tax reform and is supported for mayor city of Omaha as Moores will receive in on a platform pledging him to the principles fought by the Real Estate exchange. Now, the exchange made a very creditable fight for equitable taxation, but at no stage in that campaign was Mr. Benson drafted into active service by the committee that was fighting the battle of the taxpayers. is the man that Moores will have to beat By its action the exchange showed a distrust of Benson's sincerity as a champion of equal taxation and that is almost an in- detested shams, humbugs and charlatans in dictment. The truth of the matter is that threw as much cold water on the movement as he could and showed very little disposition to fight the battle of the taxpayers boomers. against the corporations. At one time he even went so far as to say that the exchange was exerting itself altogether too much in fighting the tax-shirking corporations and that the exchange would accomplish more beneficial work by devoting box on the 5th day of May and mark a its energies to suburban property on the installment plan. (Applause.) If Mr. Benson had had his way the tax fight would GREAT NIGHT IN BIG SIXTH probably have been abandoned before it had

"The gentleman who is now chairman of the Benson executive committee and one of our most prominent merchants was invited by the exchange to a confidential meeting at which a proposition was being considered for compromising the assessment promise and when he asked me whether I concurred with him I retorted and said: against you for \$5,000 and the final outcome tion before the people today is how the new was uncertain I would be willing to compromise, but if I had a judgment from the said he would treat all interests fairly. supreme court of Nebraska for \$5,000 giving no person or corporation any adagainst you I would not take a cent less vantage over any other person, insisting than the whole amount with interest. We that the franchised corporations should have a judgment that entitles us to tax the have no more than that to which they are

corporations on the value of their tangible entitled by law. properties and their franchises on a stock and bond value basis and it seems to me utterly out of the question for us now in his fifteen years as contractor he has to surrender any part of the rightful claim always employed union labor and never had for the full measure of taxes to which any trouble. is entitled.

"Now, these are the gentlemen who are Frank E. Moores. They seem to have forof Omaha, I cannot comprehend how these gentlemen of the exchange can consistently plant, and promising his best efforts in go back on the man who firmly stood by the present fight for just taxation. them and made it possible for them to score a substantial victory. I feel sure the taxpayers of Omaha will gratefully appreciate the faithful service rendered by the last Board of Review and will not be swaved by the appeals of the boomers.

The opponents of Frank E. Moores have yet to point out a single item of corruption "When the boom collapsed completely ten and dishonesty in his municipal administration. (Applause.) They admit that as mayor of Omaha he has been as economical and prudent as the circumstances would permit. They admit that he has vetoed any number of bills and claims that he considered excessive or unlawful and has opposed every measure he deemed injurious to the public welfare. Every intelligent republican knows that a vote for Benson is half a vote for Ed Howell, and the Bensonites know it as well as you or I do. They tell me privately that they do not care whether Benson is elected or not, but they want to defeat Moores. They want to withdraw a sufficient number of votes from the republican lieving that the judgment of the party is candidate, who is opposed by all the corporations, to elect the democratic candidate, whom they know to be the choice of the corporations. They are not fighting the battle of Omaha, but most of them are fighting Frank E. Moores under all sorts of pretexts in order to get even.

Their Home Rule Record.

its acts either to the taxpayers could not afford to pay for the governor or to nny Omaha's future? Will anybody tell us what course Mr. Benson would pursue if the apceed by \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 the actual value of the plant? What assurance have the taxpayers of Omaha that they will fare mayor and city attorney both. The dark better with Erastus Benson at the head of lantern brigade said Frank Moores is the city government than with Frank E. grafter. That police board has been in Moores? But Benson has no more chance to be the next mayor of Omaha than he has to be the next president of the United States. If Mayor Moores were to resign tonight and Benson was substituted for him by the republican committee, and supported with all the vigor and vim at its command by The Bee, he could not possibly be elected is what they call business. Thus through mayor of Omaha under existing conditions. The fight is squarely between Howell and Moores and every men within my hearing saddled upon Omaha for parks that could knows that it is absurd to talk about but anti-Moores men upon it. They had Benson's election as mayor. I doubt very much whether he will get as many votes as the socialist candidate. A great many of the eight contested wards. I suppose the men shouting for Benson now intend after Moores had won under such odds the men shouting for Benson now intend after Moores had won under such odds to vote for Howell on election day. I would be conceded the nomination, but could name seventy-five Benson shouters early in the morning that distinguisher that have not the remotest intention of citizen of the Sixth ward, John N. West-

cannot pull himself up by his bootstraps. tion of Howell because Howell is unpalatable to the class of people who find fault and reference directory will continue to with Mayor Moores for his wide-open po of the Mississippi that is on the down ing the gates ajar Howell would take do grade, and no amount of explanation or the gates altogether to allow the vicious assurance that Omaha has a larger popula- classes to have unrestricted away. These tion today than it ever had and is on a political pharisees, who are berating Moores for all the indecency and wickedness that ing impression. Nobody has suffered more prevails in this community, know that Moores has had no control of the police force of Omaha for more than eight months and that Broatch and his police commis sion have directed all the movements of the police and whatever lawlessness has prevailed within the last eight months chargeable directly to them and not Moores. But Broatch is shouting for Beh son and all the time is intending, of course to vote for Howell, and the very men who are responsible for whatever evils exist are identified with the faction that calls itself

> anti-machine. Confidence in Moores' Election.

"I am very much amused by the boomers and their fake organ. They are trying to make themselves believe that I am badly and raised our tolls \$100 a week and for tion as mayor. They think that I would eleven years we paid \$100 a week more not combard the boomer candidate if he than we should have done. Fifty-two weeks | had no chance of election. Now mark this prediction. I feel a great deal more conthan \$57,000 all told direct loss by this fidence, in the election of Frank E. Moores falsification of the census. And all the talk- tonight than I did one week before election three years ago, and I am willing to stake my reputation that Moores will receive more votes in the First, Second and Third granted. They said, that is fine talk, but wards of Omaha than Benson will receive in the whole city of Omaha, and that Moores will receive more votes in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth wards of Omaha than Benzon will receive in the whole city of Omaha. I doubt exceedingly whether Benson will get as many votes in the whole the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth wards of Omaha

"I am bombarding Benson because I regard him as a mere stalking horse for Howell and believe that every vote thrown to him is half a vote for Howell. Howell on the 5th day of May. Incidentally I am bombarding Benson because I have always politics and in business. I have no respect during that memorable campaign Benson for men who go about masquerading under false pretenses or false colors. I have no respect for brass band and free ride

"I can't see for the life of me how sul stantial, conservative business men cancarried off their feet by tin pan stage thun der. I feel sure that when they come to their senses they will walk to the ballot cross in the republican circle." (Applause.)

Solid Twenty-Six Railies the Forces to Hear Candidates and Other Speakers.

The meeting of the Solid Twenty-Six club last night at Idlewild hall brought out a of the franchised corporations. To my large number of Sixth ward rooters. Cangreat surprise that gentleman expressed didates present requested to be called early himself as decidedly in favor of a com- so they could attend the Washington half meeting

Bryce Crawford, candidate for council-"'My dear sir, if I had a suit in court man from the Fifth ward, said the quescouncil will treat the corporations.

A. C. Wahlstrom, candidate for building inspector, made a short talk, saying that

The Solid Twenty-Six Glee club sang new song adapted to the present campaign and followed it with another. W. J. Hunter, candidate for comptroller trying to array the taxpayers against said that should he be elected the office would not go into the business of dealing gotten that he appointed the board of re- in city warrants. E. D. Evans, candidate view, that not only voted to sustain the for council from the Sixth ward, appealed tax commissioner in his assessment of for the election of the entire republican franchised corporations, but resisted all ticket. Fred Hoye, candidate for council corporate pressure and voted to assess the from the Second ward, pledged himself to railroads for the full value of their term- | continue his record of the last three years inals and properties within the city limits if re-elected, standing for municipal ownership of waterworks and electric lighting

About the Bolters.

The principal speaker of the evening was John C. Wharton. He prefaced his remarks by speaking in high terms of the candidate on the republican ticket. Discussing mun ipsi political conditions, he said:

"When I am asked to bolt a nomination say to myself: 'Bolt? Bolt what? Bolt the nominees of the grandest party on earth, the party which has achieved the greatest victories of both peace and war?" Having these convictions I cannot lay aside my republicanism at the request of a few disgruntled people. If you are a republican show your convictions and don't go skulk ing around with a dark lantern, I remen ber when W. J. Broatch was a candid the last time he was elected mayor. I o posed the nomination of Mr. Broatch. was nominated. It was a bitter pill, but I took my medicine and canvassed the city for W. J. Broatch and voted for him. do my fighting at the primaries and when that is done I am for the nominees, bebetter than that of any individual. If you have any desire for the re-election of President Roosevelt next year be careful of

your associates this spring. Moores and the People.

"All things taken together, I believe Frank E. Moores is the best man for the office of mayor. He is more fair and less "They tell us they favor home rule, but dominated by corporation influence. He has they repudiated home rule when they enbeen a representative of the people rather dorsed the Howell-Gilbert bill that em- than of the corporations. We must concede powered the governor to appoint a water the power of the electric light company works commission for Omaha without the It must be powerful because, when Mayor onsent of its people. This water works Moores called a special meeting of the board appointed by a governor who has no council there were but two members presinterest in Omaha is to negotiate the pur- ent. The mayor called the meeting and chase of the water works that will involve this showed that he was not controlled by bond issue of \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000, but the electric light company. He vetoed an the board is not answerable for ordinance for gas lamps because the city could have made himself solid with that appointed it. Does this show that the corporations and in a few outlying districts Bensonites are sincerely in favor of home of the city by approving the ordinance, Where did Benson stand when this but he vetoed it in the interest of the taxbill was before the legislature? Where payers. He vetoed an ordinance for 100 has he stood and where does he stand on electric are lights although he alienated other issue that vitally concerns corporation friendship. He has shown himself a man who will stand by the people's interests. If he was a bad man they praisement of the water works should ex- not need dark-laptern methods to defeat him.

"The electric light company power eight months or better. If you would meet Westberg, or Broatch, or Burbank you would hear of grafters. They raked hell over with a fine toothed comb, but the evidence of grafting is still lacking-the best evidence of the honesty and integrity of Frank E. Moores. They drew up a bill extending the date of the election in order to find evidence against him. The city central committee was organized with none all of the machinery of the party. With

berg, sent a carriage for Lindquest." Mr. Wharton then recited the incidents

"They are ashamed to advocate the elec- leading up to the nomination of Frank E.