GOSSIP OF THE POLITICIANS

Echoes of the Local Campaign Now in Active Progress.

MOISE CIRCULATES PETITION FOR HOWELL

Deal Consummated for Withdrawal of Socialist Nominee for County Attorney and Substitution of English, the Democrat.

A deal is said to be on foot, engineered by agents of County Attorney English, whereby the resignation of the socialist nominee for county attorney is to be filed on the last day allowed by law for withdrawals and to be followed by an endorsement of English, which will substitute him as the socialist nominee. As the story is told, there is a cash consideration of $100 involved, and by this small outlay County Attorney English's managers have figured that they will get for him some 1,500 or more votes that will be cast for the straight socialist ticket. They are trying to keep it quiet, for fear of the effect it may have on democrats who might be averse to voting for candidates labeled "socialist." "We'll take a chance on it, any way," says one of the engineers of the deal. "I don't know any way of getting votes cheaper—that is, providing it does not react as a boomerang."

Chairman Cowell has submitted the following written statement as to the alleged investigation of ballot printing, of which the World-Herald is trying so hard to make democratic political capital:

"A statement appeared in last evening's Bee, with regard to an interview held with the chairman, which is not exactly correct. So that there may be no misunderstanding, I wish to state that there is no investigation in progress at this time in connection with the printing of the Water board ballots. Mr. Howell had a hearing before our committee and we canvassed the returns at that time very thoroughly, and while the hearing was in progress Mr. Howell asked if the secretary of our committee would take notes of the proceedings. It has always been our habit to take minutes of proceedings at our various meetings, and inasmuch as our secretary, C. C. Valentine, is a stenographer, the minutes were taken down in shorthand. Mr. Howell asked if he might have a typewritten statement prepared by Mr. Valentine, and I stated that I had no objection. Mr. Howell brought in no stenographer. The statement which appeared in yesterday's World-Herald was not complete and did not contain a full report of the proceedings, but contained only such portions as Mr. Howell felt he could use to his own advantage. I have no desire to discuss this matter further. I feel that full justice was done Mr. Howell when the hearing was in progress, as far as the committee could do it."

A meeting of the republican county commitee has been called for next Saturday afternoon at headquarters. The work of the campaign is to be discussed and plans for closer organization perfected.

The campaign has begun to be funny, very funny. Among the very active circulators of the petition to insert Humbug Howell's name on the official ballot as candidate for member of the Water board is that well known champion of political purity, rectified and distilled in the Willow Springs brewery, Colonel Walter Moles, assisted by several chronically indignant ward healers of both parties. All of these are shouting, "Howell or bust." The Comedy of Errors, which occupies two double-shotted columns under studhorse head lines, on the front page, next to reading matter, in the World-Herald, morning, noon and evening, still remains on the boards, and, according to the play bills, will continue until 6 p. m. Tuesday, November 8, A. D. 1904, when the curtain will be rung down. A requiem dirge is also being expressly composed by the poet "lariat" of the wild and wooly west entitled, "Sic Transit Gloria Mundi," which translated into English means, "Thus vanish all the glories of the world." Crepe to be worn on the left arm and a silk tile for each of the pallbearers have already been purchased, and the yarn for the mourning gloves is being spun out by the patent jenney of the Omaha fakery. The active and onerary pallbearers are being now selected by W. X. Y. Z.

That packing house employe who flung the "impertinent" question at Candidate Berge during the latter's South Omaha speech last Friday night, asking him what he would do if he was governor and such a garnishment bill as the one Governor Mickey vetoed was put up to him, has stirred up all kinds of trouble for the fusion nominee for governor and his political sponsers. The same question has been taken up by other "impertinent" workingmen over the state until Berge and his friends are said to be fairly swamped by a veritable refrain of inquiries. And still, up to date, no one seems to know what Mr. Berge would do, as he has not yet told anyone.

Apropos of this policy of evasion the republican state committee has got out a card on the subject which it is circulating throughout the state, with the expressed purpose that "every voter may know that Mr. Berge is afraid to answer a question which Governor Mickey would not evade." The card is headed, "The Artful Dodger," and states:

Friday evening, October 22, Mr. Berge, fusion candidate for governor, delivered a speech in South Omaha. A laborer in the Armour packing house respectfully asked leave to propound a question, and, permission being given, addressed Mr. Berge as follows:

"Mr. Berge, I am a laboring man, and I want to ask you this question: 'If you are elected governor and the legislature should pass such a garnishment law as Governor Mickey vetoed, would you sign it or would you veto it?'"

To this question Mr. Berge, always willing to take the people into his confidence, made the following frank and lucid reply:

"I don't know, my friend, what that bill was. I never read it or never knew what the bill was, but I—I—I— will tell you what I think about it. I—I—. Say! I don't want to be diverted from the subject. I didn't discuss that. I am not advised on the subject, and don't think you ought to interrupt me in that phase of the discussion."

Thus all doubt as to Mr. Berge's position has been dispelled forever.

Mr. Berge doesn't know.

"These are the exact words of the laboring man and of Mr. Berge," said Chairman Rigg of the speaker's bureau, "for we had a stenographer take them down."

Senator Millard has had printed and is giving circulation to this statement of his views on the postal savings banks proposition of which Congressman Hitchcock has had so much to say in his campaign for reelection:

Many republican leaders have favored the enactment of laws providing for postal savings banks. Bills without number have been introduced in congress to that end, both by republican and democratic members. The question is an old one, yet it has not developed any considerable sentiment one way or the other. Very little opposition has been manifested in or out of congresional committees. There seems to be some growth in sentiment favorable to the subject, but it is safe to predict that no law will be enacted until the people show a more earnest desire for such legislation. The attempt to make of it an issue in the congressional campaign in the Second Nebraska district must prove abortive. There is no sentiment in opposition to postal savings banks, except that which might come from corporate savings banks. Men in control of national banks as a rule are not opposed to the establishment of postal savings banks. Senator J. H. Millard, for a generation president of the Omaha National bank, has for years expressed himself as favorable to such legislation. Ever since the panic of 1893 he has been convinced that the existence of postal savings banks would be a stay to public confidence in times of financial stress and would, in his judgment, have a tendency to ward off the panicky condition of the popular mind which was such a menace to all banks ten years ago. Senator Millard has other good reasons for favoring postal savings banks. He believes that the vast sums of money that would by that means be placed at the disposal of the government could be profitably invested in postoffice buildings in county seats and other important towns throughout the nation; wherein the government now pays excessive rentals for postoffice quarters. Other internal improvements could be made. But to pay 3 per cent for such deposits and use them with which to build the Panama canal when the government can borrow 1½ per cent money for that purpose, Senator Millard thinks would be unwise for obvious reasons. Congressman Hitchcock heralds this as one of the sallent points of the bill he introduced at the closing days of the last session. Evidently the subject is new to him.

The democrats are making big preparations for the Folk meeting tonight at the Auditorium. Joseph W. Folk, the noted boodler prosecutor and George W. Berge, candidate for governor of Nebraska, will speak and Congressman Hitchcock will act as presiding officer.

C. H. Morrill of Lincoln, republican national committeeman from Nebraska, was in Omaha yesterday, conferring with State Chairman Burgess. He said he was pleased with the prospects of republican success throughout the state and that the trend of the situation is so much one way that it does not need analysis.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MEN

Superintendent Davidson Returns Three Thousand and Pearse Two Hundred Fifty on Household.

Clerks in the city tax commissioner's office were chuckling over a comparison between the returns made by Superintendent of Schools Davidson on his library and household goods and that last turned in by Carroll G. Pearse, his predecessor, now of Milwaukee. Mr. Davidson did not specify the exact value of his library, but included it with his household goods, the whole being given as worth $3,000. Mr. Pearse had considered $250 as sufficient to cover the value of the same items owned by him.

"I guess Pearse was not the kind who needed much of a library," said one of the clerks. "But I understand that Mr. Davidson has a very fine and complete set of books."

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Clara L. Russell has begun divorce proceedings against George H. Russell. She states he abandoned her seven years ago. They were married in Hancock county, Illinois, in 1888. She asks the custody of the minor child, Henry J. Russell.

Herman Grender was sentenced by Judge Day to serve one year in the penitentiary, the sentence to begin September 26. The prisoner was arraigned for forgery and pleaded guilty. September 28 Grender forged the name of D. L. Morsman to a receipt for $10 on the Brandeis bank.

The Farmers' Co-Operative Grain company of South Bend is suing L. R. Cottrell of Omaha. The amount involved is $357.13, and according to the petition this is the balance due on shipments from the company to Cottrell amounting to $3,007.60. The plaintiff says all but the amount asked has been remitted.

TRIBUTE TO STATE BANKS

F. N. Judson of Chicago Classes Them and Managers Among Best.

BANKERS OF THE STATE IN SESSION

Several Distinguished Money Men from Other Cities and States Come to Attend the Convention.

"It would be hard to find sounder banks and safer bankers than those of Nebraska."

This is what F. N. Judson, cashier of the Chicago National bank and personal representative of former Comptroller of the Currency Lacey, said in his address before the Nebraska bankers at the Commercial club.

Bankers from various parts of the country, but especially from Nebraska, are in the city for the two days' convention of the Nebraska Bankers' association.

Chicago honored Omaha and Nebraska with a representative delegation, Frank N. Judson, cashier of the Bankers' National; H. R. Kent, cashier of the Fort Dearborn National; G. B. Smith, assistant cashier of the Commercial National, and John McCarty, assistant cashier of the Continental National. St. Louis was represented by Edward Bunde, treasurer of the Great Mercantile Trust company; H. P. Hilliard, vice president of the Mechanics National and C. L. Merrid, cashier of the National Bank of Commerce. The Great American Banker sent C. C. Hay of New York here as its representative, and the Commercial West of Minneapolis considered the convention of sufficient importance to send Edward Meed down here to reports its proceedings.

The disappointment of the bankers was furnished in the announcement that E. S. Lacey, former comptroller of the currency and now of Chicago, would not be able to be present through sickness in the family. He sent his cashier, F. N. Judson, to express regrets.

Nebraska Banks Among Best.

Mr. Judson has a warm word of commendation for Nebraska banks and bankers. He said:

"Nebraska was very prosperous up to 1893-94 and then she had her baptism, a famine or a panic. The banks were hard up, but they pulled out all right with a few failures, but with a splendid nerve and a great exhibition of banking sense. Chicago bankers had confidence in them and did not hesitate to send money freely when needed. Nebraska has been wonderfully blessed of late with great crops and as a consequence great prosperity. You have not had the hot winds to blast things. I am glad to say this of Nebraska banks—you will find it extremely hard to find more substantial banks and more clear heads, clear thinking, conservative bankers than right here in Omaha and the same thing may be said of the bankers of the state. One of our first employes, the late J. C. McNaughton, was state bank examiner here and he had the same opinion of Nebraska banks and bankers as I hold. Mr. Lacey has been kept at home, much to his regret, through family illness. He told me, however, to remember him to his Nebraska friends and to express his regret at his inability to fulfill his engagements."

H. R. Kent, cashier of the Fort Dearborn National bank and one of the best known bankers in Chicago, having served with the National Bank of the Republic and the National Bank of Illinois in the same capacity, said:

"Omaha and Nebraska bankers are capable, able men. The east wants their business and that is what we are here for—to get more and hold what we have. The credit of the state is excellent."

DUNN GETS MAD IN COURT

Noted Reformer Becomes Irate Over Success of Plot Against His Clients.

Ignatius Jehovah Dunn, attorney for the Civic Federation and the Moise-Hayward Liquor company, appeared in police court this morning to defend D. A. Simpson, saloon keeper at Twenty-fourth and Cuming streets, on the charge of selling liquor to minors. Ray Kimball, aged 17, is the minor. This saloon is owned by the Willow Springs distillery, or otherwise, Moise & Hayward. Private Detective Williams worked up the case and Reformer Dunn became so irate over the success of the plot that he refused to try the case in police court, taking an appeal to the district court.

Marriage Licenses.

The following licenses were issued up to noon, October 26:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Alfred Brodegnara, Omaha	27
Vieta Theander, Omaha	22
Lewellyn Miller, Osceola, Neb	29
Lucy Dunn, Omaha	30
Arthur L. Trimble, Omaha	23
Rose A. Butler, Omaha	21
Alfred E. Marentette, Hamilton, Canada	27
Edith C. Edward, New York City	19

Building Permits.

Building permits have been issued as follows: R. Anderson, frame dwelling at Twenty-third and Wirt streets, $3,000; rectory for St. Philip's Episcopal church at 1117 North Twenty-first street, $2,000; W. H. Butts, $5,000 frame dwelling at Eighth street and Worthington Place.

END NOT LOOKED FOR NOW

Decision in Scavenger Tax Law Suits Expected to Be Deferred by Proceedings.

The attorneys in the scavenger tax law suits have presented their arguments and Judge Troup has the case under consideration. The attorneys are to submit memoranda of their points and it is unlikely the decision will be handed down this week. The question of the motion for a new trial was not argued in all its phases, as the decision depends largely on the decision of the other phases of the case.

SLOT MACHINES TAKEN IN

Three Devices Are Confiscated by Police While They Are Doing Good Business.

A "Chicago" slot machine that had just started into operation, with a big run of custom, at Anton Schweiger's saloon at 1002 South Thirteenth street, was confiscated by Police Sergeant Rentfrow and Officer Vanous Tuesday evening and is now added to the collection of curiosities in the police station. Two like machines were confiscated from other saloons during the week.

Announcements of the Theaters.

The matinee at the Orpheum will provide the only attractions at the theaters this afternoon. The vaudeville bill is a varied one and is scoring heavily. One feature in particular that is rated as a strong card for the women is the talented and handsome young magician, Howard Thurston, who is presenting one of the biggest and most pleasing acts of the kind in vaudeville. He presents a large variety of illusions that mystify the audience and performs his work with a grace and ease that lends charm to mystery.

Republican Rally.

Republicans of the First and Second wards will hold a meeting at National hall, Thirteenth and William streets, Thursday evening, October 27. Addresses will be made by Hon. John L. Kennedy, candidate for congress; Hon. Edward Rosewater and candidates for the state and county offices. Everybody welcome. Refreshments.

Hallowe'en.

A real old-time Hallowe'en will be pulled off by Clan Gordon, No. 63, Order of Scottish Clan, in Germania hall, 18th and Harney streets, on Hallowe'en night, Monday, October 31. The hall will be elaborately decorated in a manner befitting the occasion. Everybody invited; tickets are 25c each. Bairns under 12 get in free.

Wants Pay for Broken Face.

Alfred D. Harber has begun a civil suit in the district court against the Omaha Packing company. He asks $1,950 damages. The cause of action arises from an accident in August. Barber says he was at that time a clerk in the car repairing department and the company having some inexperienced hands ordered him to assist in the work. The lever of a ratchet jack on which he was working flew up and struck him under the chin. He states his lower jaw was fractured, most of his teeth broken off and splintered and a side of his face permanently impaired.

Mortality Statistics.

The following births and deaths have been reported to the Board of Health during the twenty-four hours ending at noon Wednesday:

Births—Karl Kremea, 1354 South Fifteenth, boy; T. M. Swift, 2122 Ames avenue, boy; William Halterman, 841 South Twenty-second, girl.

Deaths—Mrs. Mary Opitz, 1046 Dominion, 31; P. J. Reilly, 823 North Sixteenth, 45; W. J. Melhus, 64; Infant Lienderoth, 2425 South Twenty-first, 1; Amelia Ramsey, 124 Second street, 65; —— Krumelopki, Second and Pine, 8.