

AMONG THE POLITICIANS

Plot Thickens About that Profound Ballot Trick Mystery.

ROBERT BUCHANAN HOWELL IS STILL BEAT

This Week is Definitely Settled—Democrats Patch Up School Board Ticket—Metelife and Baldwin Hobnob.

And the plot thickens! Like the Chinese play and the Chambermaid's Own, Howells' burlesque opera continues to become more intensely exciting from day to day. It is feared that the Hitchcock-Metelife Opera Bouffe company may run short of heavy villains and be unable to fill all the parts assigned by the distinguished marine playwright.

As forecasted in the Humiliated book of the opera, the third act of the Politico Melodramatic comedy opened in the Chamber of Horrors, near the right-hand entrance of the city hall, where tall swarthy men in all the languages by Omaha voters who were too sick, too absent-minded or too far gone to present themselves for swearing on regular registration days.

The Fontanelle Indian band struck up "We Won't Go Home Until Mourning," and the curtain rose with Little Billie Edouard, the stalwart custodian of the scrolls, in the foreground. Presently a knock was heard.

"Contra," shouted the scribe, who talks French on occasion and laps in Italian. "What is your further pleasure? We are all at your service."

Advancing two measured steps up toward the counter and tragically waving a huge fold of manuscript toward the scribe, the Salt Creek seaman exclaimed:

"Most worshipful and honored scribe: I come before you bearing the fearful and heartrending appeal of several hundred indignant demo-pops and a corporeal guard of demo-republico kickers, who feel keenly the indignity put upon me by one called Kloop, who tripped me with a ballot while I was on the political race track October 10, A. D. 1904. It was by no fault of mine that I fell 266 paces behind an old medicine man by the name of Walter, although I was mounted a part of the way on my stalling horse, Kaspar, sired by Baldwin's Bob Kaspar and imported expressly for this world-famous race."

The stalwart custodian of the scrolls reached out for the document and critically examined the petition signed by more than 250 political Galileans and Samaritans, who humbly and fervently prayed that the trained mariner be placed upon the scroll as candidate for water works commissioner.

"I sympathize with you with all my heart," responded Sam, the scribe, in heart-felt republican tones. "But I fear that I cannot comply with your request without breaking several joints in the corporeosity of your progeny known as the 'Howell Compulsory Water Purchase Bill.' I am mortally afraid a fracture of those joints might bring on spinal meningitis and prove fatal to the lad, whom you have reared with such infinite pains. Really, I cannot see my way clear."

"This is an unheard of proceeding," roared the irate Salt Creek tar. "You may

compel me by this process to organize a relief expedition when I supposed I had smooth sailing. You compel me to gear under more among the icebergs and navigate around several glaciers before I can anchor my craft in the water works port."

"Sir," answered the city scribe briefly, "you have my most cordial condolence and you will also have the benediction and prayers of all hearts that beat like mine in tender sympathy with the afflicted and distressed, but you must console yourself that it is the fate of all martyrs, adventurers and explorers."

"I can see no objection to filing your name as a petition candidate, but under the name as a petition candidate, representing your law only one candidate, representing the republican party, can be placed on the ballot. Otherwise, the nonpartisan division of the board would be overturned and two republicans or two democrats might be elected to fill one vacancy. You expect to be elected by democrats and populists, but you want to represent republicans, don't you?"

"By the way, before starting on your polar relief expedition, I would recommend you to take out a policy in the Hall Insurance company, for which you were once a successful soliciting agent. It may come you in good stead in Burying Sea Straights."

There is a well defined rumor in the streets that another aspirant is filled with the ambition to set his sails for the water works port regatta. This is no less a person than Ernest Smith, whose friends all over the city are said to have urged him to register himself in the office of the city clerk as a democratic candidate with republican proclivities.

"I enjoyed the speech of Joseph W. Folk at the Auditorium immensely," remarked a republican politician, "but what was quite as entertaining and interesting to me was to see John N. Baldwin, that great champion of equal (taxation) rights to all and special (pass) privileges to none, sitting in one of the most conspicuous seats with that indubitable toe of railroad domination, Richard L. Metelife, editor of Congressman Hitchcock's paper, at his side. I enjoyed studying the broad countenance of the political railroad boss when he was delivering his scathing rebuke to those public servants who debased themselves by accepting railroad passes, and also the look upon his companion's face at the same time. The former smiled like a wooden fox and the latter looked as if he had need to be off in his sanctum tearing up the ground with one of those double-barreled editorials, ripping it into the man who dared hobnob with paid railroad lobbyists or ride on a train without paying fare."

The presence on such an occasion of the biggest railroad lobbyist and boss in the state and the editor of the leading newspaper champion of Berge who formerly had so much to say about Baldwin's methods of bossism at least served to remind me of the rumor that Baldwin is actively supporting both Hitchcock and Berge."

"It was very much impressed by the fact that neither Joseph W. Folk, Congressman Hitchcock nor Populist Berge mentioned the names of Parker and Davis, the democratic national nominees, in their speeches at the Auditorium last night," said former

Governor James E. Boyd, who occupied a place on the stage. "While the walls were plastered with pictures of the nominees, not one of the speakers referred to them, even by intimation. This seemed to me very strange, to say the least. I listened also for the discussion of issues, but failed to hear any. The talk about boodle and corruption was good, but it looks to me as though it would have been better to have said more about other public questions and something, at least, for the national ticket."

Many old democratic war horses were "impressed" with the fact that the speeches made frequent mention of a former party nominee for president—W. J. Bryan.

The McKinley club will hold a meeting Monday night at the Royal Arcanum hall, Sixteenth and Harney streets. Various candidates, among them John L. Kennedy, will speak. Young voters are asked to attend.

RUSH ORDERS FOR FORT OMAHA

Washington Wants Work Began November for Signal Corps Companies Barracks.

It is regarded as very probable that work will begin on the improvements at old Fort Omaha by November 10. Major Moses Zlatofski, chief quartermaster of the Department of the Missouri, said:

"We are hurrying forward with the preliminary work as rapidly as possible. Since the return of the supervising architect to Washington we have received word from the quartermaster general to hurry matters, especially relating to the sewerage and water system at the old fort. It will require some little time to complete these plans, but we will have them finished by the last of this week, and I think we shall be able to begin work not later than November 10."

HAD TO WRITE IT TO HIM

Judge Berka Gets Hold of Prisoner Who Cannot Hear the Judicial Voice.

In the absence of a megaphone to make him hear and the lack of an ear trumpet to enable him to hear, Judge Berka had to write a note to E. Hartman in police court to ascertain whether he wished to plead guilty to being very drunk.

Hartman merely nodded politely and out of consideration for his modesty Judge Berka, not to be outdone in politeness, told him that \$3 and costs would fix it all right. Berka's nodding acquiescence and will board it out with the city.

Announcements of the Theaters.

For the week commencing Sunday matinee, October 29, one of the biggest vaudeville acts ever seen at the popular vaudeville house will top the bill. Kronan's sensational military spectacle, "Our Boys in Blue," will be the feature card extraordinary. In this elaborate and thrilling production eighteen finely drilled American soldiers will present military warfare that shows the terrible modern death-dealing weapons in action. Artillery, infantry, coast defense action, a miniature battleship in action and many accessories such as the different methods of signalling, electrical and mechanical engineering will be exhibited as correctly as modern stagecraft could devise. A feature of the act will be Miss Gussie Franckel, formerly soprano with Conradi's Irving Place theater, New York, who will appear in the role of a Red Cross heroine. Others on the varied program are: Trovolla, the famous ventriloquist; Knight Brothers and Miss Sawtelle in an up-to-date and dancing turn; the Athos troupe of acrobats, Phyllis Allen, the phenomenal contralto; Burton and Brooks, presenting a skit called "A Can of Humor"; the musical Goolman and entirely new kindromme pictures.

Eastern Star Halloween party at the banquet room of the Masonic hall Oct. 29. Masons, their families and friends invited. No charge for admission. Refreshments served by the ladies.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Patton lodge 173, A. O. U. W.; Washington lodge No. 27, D. of H.; the employees of Omaha Gas company and to all friends and neighbors for the beautiful floral offerings and for the kind assistance during the late sickness and death of our beloved husband and brother, Alfred Hanson, MRS. HULDA HANSON, HENNING HANSON.

To avoid usual holiday rush from Oct. 19 to Nov. 15, greatest inducement of all—one high grade enlargement given with every dozen new photos—Remember it's the new place—two story building, west side of street—no corporation—the only photographer by the name Heyn in Omaha known to the public for the past twelve years. H. Heyn, 318-32-22 So. 15th St.

30 per cent discount removal sale on Hawkes' Cut Glass. Albert Edholm.

Ed T. Heyden of the firm of Hastings & Heyden returned this morning from an excursion with Douglas county farmers to Canada. Mr. Heyden reports a favorable trip and says that a number of the excursionists purchased land in southeast Assiniboia.



It's Hard to Tell

By the newspaper reports which army is on the run in Manchuria—but it's easy to tell that Drexel has all the shoe dealers on the run when it comes to boys' \$2.50 shoes.

Drexel Shoe Co. 1419 FARNAM STREET, Omaha's Up-to-Date Shoe House. ASK FOR OUR FREE CATALOGUE.

BOARD ENDS FIRST SESSION

Water Works Appraisers About Through with Hearing at Present.

MAY NOT SIT AGAIN FOR SOME WEEKS

Various Members Have Sundry Reasons Why They Cannot Be in Omaha for This Work Soon.

The water works appraisers will conclude the present session this afternoon. They had not decided at noon whether or not they would be able to announce the date of the next meeting in Omaha to resume the work, which has only fairly begun. Engineer Alvord, the city's appraiser, has to be in Chicago Saturday night to make an address on paying at a banquet of the Chicago Commercial club and the Merchants' association, but can return Monday. Engineer Bensenberg, the water company's appraiser, has said, however, he can scarcely arrange to come back before November 17 owing to his duties at the Cincinnati water plant. Chairman Mead is a very busy man, being occupied by much private work, as well as his duties as head of the hydraulic and civil engineering department of the University of Michigan.

Testimony in the appraisal this morning related largely to evidence substantiating extras and reinforcements to the distributing system. Engineer F. H. Marshall of the water company being on the stand. Brackets in excavations, unusual material and moist soil, all called for extra material and work, according to the drawings and schedules. Mr. Marshall said that while he had a general knowledge of the conditions, his exact information had been obtained from Superintendent Hunt and employees of the company in making the exhibits. In some cases, such as at the stock yards in South Omaha and on Ames avenue between Twenty-fourth and Thirtieth streets, the pipe was put in in swampy ground, which has since become dry by drainage.

Will Pay Only for Present Needs.

City Attorney Wright said the city had no intention of paying for work not necessary by conditions that did exist, but as they are today.

Evidence regarding the South Omaha distributing system was received, notwithstanding the fact that the city will hold it does not have to buy the system outside of Omaha and the Florence station. Attorney Wright will object to the outside exhibits later.

F. E. Underwood and James Mack, employees, were put on the stand to prove schedules relating to the ownership of meter boxes.

WHO THE CANDIDATES ARE.

Republican Legislative Nominees.

Charles J. Anderson was born in Denmark, but has resided for many years in Omaha. He has been active in politics as a republican for a considerable period, being once the nominee for the city council. He served a term as market master under the administration of Mayor Bronckel. Mr. Anderson is a carriage maker and general mechanic by trade. He established the Anderson Buggy Top company and was a member of the Andersen-Millard company, and is now employed in the car repairing department of the Union Pacific shops. His vote at the primaries was among the largest cast for any one candidate.

Samuel C. Barnes is a native of New York, the year of his birth being 1829. He has been a resident of Omaha since 1881 and has an extensive circle of acquaintances. Always active in politics as a staunch republican, he never before aspired for any office within the gift of the people, and probably would not at this time. He served as a member of the board of aldermen under Mayor Bronckel, allowing his name used in the primaries on the ticket for representative. Mr. Barnes, though 75 years old, is one of the most active and vigorous of men, taking the same earnest interest in public affairs as a man half his age. He prides himself upon being a member of the Union Pacific club, and has been admitted to the bar of Michigan, Illinois and Nebraska, and has practiced for a time in Chicago. In 1890 he formed the present partnership with Frank Crawford. Mr. Barnes is a member of the Elks and has been an officer of the lodge. He is also a Mason and was for two years a director of the Field club. He is president and manager of the Jubilee Iron company of Omaha. He has never before been a candidate for office.

N. P. Dodge, Jr., is one of the active young republicans of Omaha. He is the son of N. P. Dodge of Chicago, and nephew of General G. M. Dodge. Mr. Dodge was graduated from Harvard university and Harvard Law school. For three years he practiced law in Boston, but, being a natural westerner and all his interests being in the west, he was able to resist the alluring temptations which the east did offer to him, so came west again and entered business, where he has continued successfully since. He is manager of the Omaha Realty company and the Midland Guarantee and Trust company, and an active member of the Omaha Real Estate exchange. He has served as member of the city and county republican committees.

Henry T. Clarke, Jr., is a member of the legal firm of Crawford & Clarke. He is practically an Omaha boy, although born at Bellevue, the son of Henry T. Clarke, the pioneer, who settled in this county in 1856. Young Clarke was born in August, 1875, and was graduated from the Omaha high school in 1892, the valedictorian of his class. He received his collegiate education at Williams, took a degree at Chicago university, where he also did one year post-graduate work in political economy. He has been admitted to the bar of Michigan, Illinois and Nebraska, and has practiced for a time in Chicago. In 1890 he formed the present partnership with Frank Crawford. Mr. Clarke is a member of the Elks and has been an officer of the lodge. He is also a Mason and was for two years a director of the Field club. He is president and manager of the Jubilee Iron company of Omaha. He has never before been a candidate for office.

Dr. Harry A. Foster, dentist, was born in Dubuque in 1874. He has resided in Omaha since 1888. He received his education in the local public schools and the University of Chicago. Since 1898 he has been practicing his profession in this city. He evinced a love for politics as soon as he attained his majority and started out voting the republican ticket by casting his maiden ballot for President McKinley in 1896. He was one of the founders of the McKinley club and served as president of that organization, which comprises the young blood of the party in Omaha. He is a leader among the younger element in the republican party of Omaha and Douglas county. Dr. Foster is a descendant of the Ohio Posters, who have been staunch republicans since the formation of the party.

Michael Lee is widely known in Omaha, having long served the city as inspector under the Board of Public Works and city councilman. He was elected to the council in 1885-87-89, and was elected its president during his last term, which office he filled with marked success. Mr. Lee is one of the active Irish-American leaders of Douglas county. He has been a resident of Omaha since 1873. He came here without means, but by energy and application to work saved enough money from his earnings to erect a building at Twenty-second and Leavenworth streets, costing \$1,200. He went into the grocery business in 1888. He built several other houses and has been a large employer of labor. He has always been a substantial taxpayer in Omaha and Douglas county.

Matthew E. Muxen, while a resident of Omaha since 1887 and engaged in business here, has never held any office, either elective or appointive, and has never asked the people for any position. Mr. Muxen is a cigar broker. When he first came to this city he entered the employ of Perego & Moore and for four years traveled for them, making Omaha his headquarters. He then left the jobbing firm and became a

Nebraska Clothing Co. advertisement featuring a man in a suit and overcoat, with text: 'Those Men's Suits and Overcoats at Ten Dollars', 'Men's Suits and Overcoats at Fifteen Dollars', and 'Nebraska Shoes at \$2.50'. Includes address: Fifteenth and Farnam.

Goss-Johnson Bros. Coal & Supply Co. advertisement with text: 'They can all TALK About Their COAL', 'Ours speaks for itself—your money's worth guaranteed.', 'Whitehouse (Ohio) Best Soft Coal on the Market... \$7.50', 'Keystone (Illinois) Best Soft Coal for the Price... \$6.00', 'All Grades of Soft Coal at Lowest Prices', '1519 FARNAM STREET. Phone 1307'.

Men's footwear advertisement for Onimod shoes with text: 'MEN', 'We Cater To the Wants of Your Feet', 'ONIMOD', 'Shoes are Comfortable, Stylish and Durable.', '\$3.50 and \$2.50', 'ALWAYS 190 NEW FALL STYLES', 'All Leathers, All Weights. No Shoes are the genuine Regent Shoe Co.'s shoes unless they bear the Onimod Trade-mark.', 'Maker to Wearer', 'Regent Shoe Co. 205 So. 15th Street.'

EVERYBODY CAN AFFORD IT advertisement for OMAHA LOAN AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION with text: 'EVERYBODY CAN AFFORD IT', 'WHAT? To Save Money in the', 'OMAHA LOAN AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION', '1704 FARNAM STREET, BEE BUILDING.', 'It Pays 6% on Saving Accounts.', 'G. W. LOOMIS, Pres. G. M. NATTINGER, Sec'y.'

GRAND OPENING! The Popular Old Clothing Corner, 14TH AND DOUGLAS, The Palace Clothing Co., COR. 14TH AND DOUGLAS, advertisement with text: 'GRAND OPENING!', 'The Popular Old Clothing Corner, 14TH AND DOUGLAS, The Palace Clothing Co., COR. 14TH AND DOUGLAS.', 'WILL CERTAINLY MAKE IT WORTHY OF ITS OLD REPUTATION BY CONTINUING THE SAME POLICY THAT MADE THIS CORNER FAMOUS.', 'THERE IS TO BE NOTHING BUT WHAT IS STRICTLY HONORABLE—ONE PRICE FOR EVERYBODY—AND IF YOU CAN DO BETTER—HERE'S YOUR MONEY BACK.', 'The policy of The Palace is to cater to the popular trade by offering wearables made for this purpose—in other words, our Suits or Overcoats from \$5 to \$10 are not simply Side Issue Cheap Clothes—as elsewhere—but clothes especially made in popular priced best factories, and that means better sewing, better linings, better cloth—more money's worth to those who have not too much money to burn on clothes. And the same policy will apply to our Shoe Department, our Men's Furnishing department, our Hat Department, and our Working Clothes is to be gathered from the very finest union shops in this country. For quick acquaintance sake, we arranged for tomorrow, Saturday, a GRAND CLOTHING SALE And We Will Rebate to You Dollars for Your Trouble of Coming.', 'For Today These Prices Are to Govern \$10.00 MEN'S SUITS \$5.00—Made from closely woven fabrics, in variety of medium and dark mixtures, warranted to wear well and always look well—worth \$10.00—Special \$5.00 \$7.50 OVERCOATS \$4.50—In chevrons, kerseys, vicunas, fancy mixed and oxford grays, and worth \$7.50, at \$4.50 HIGH GRADE SUITS AT \$10.00—They come in fancy chevrons, serges, cassimeres, thibets, worsteds, etc.—all strictly hand tailored—a great value, at \$10.00 \$12.50 OVERCOATS \$10.00—The new long coat, with belted back—browns, grays, blacks and mixtures—finest linings and trimmings—worth \$12.50, at \$10.00 \$5.00 BOYS' KNEE PANTS SUITS \$1.95—Double breasted Norfolk and Russian blouse styles—worth \$5.00, Special \$2.50-1.95 AGENTS FOR CARHARTT'S UNION WORKING CLOTHES Palace Clothing Co., S. E. COR. 14TH & DOUGLAS STS.'