

AGREEMENT PROVES A SNAG

Compromise of Last Year Between Civic Federation and Saloons.

ELMER THOMAS ENCOUNTERS DIFFICULTY

Protests Against Issuance of License on Account of Selling Liquor on Sunday Heard by the Board.

Like an averaging monster the illegal compromise, made by the saloon keepers of Omaha and the executive committee of the Civic Federation in the matter of liquor licenses last year, and agreed to by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, is now up last night to harass and embarrass Elmer E. Thomas, the attorney for the Civic Federation, who this year is seeking to prevent the granting of licenses to saloon keepers whom he alleges broke the law during the last year. The attorneys of the saloon men alleged before the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Thursday night that the protestant, Elmer E. Thomas, was not acting in good faith, and that the Civic Federation was seeking to prevent the granting of licenses to saloon keepers whom he alleges broke the law during the last year. The attorneys of the saloon men alleged before the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Thursday night that the protestant, Elmer E. Thomas, was not acting in good faith, and that the Civic Federation was seeking to prevent the granting of licenses to saloon keepers whom he alleges broke the law during the last year.

At the time of the granting of licenses the first of the year Mr. Thomas, an attorney for the Civic Federation, protested against the granting of a number of licenses to saloon keepers, among which was the Sunday closing. I talked with Mr. Thomas on the day the hearing was held and assured him that I would see that the saloon men were given authority to meet Mr. Thomas and the members of the executive committee of the Civic Federation. The meeting was held in the afternoon at the residence of Mr. Thomas, 213 S. 16th St. Mr. Thomas, T. J. Mahoney, C. S. Hayward, W. C. Graham, J. J. Jones and James W. Hamilton. It was agreed that if the saloons would close at 12 o'clock and the doors be locked by 12:30, no liquor to be sold to minors, prostitution excluded from the saloons, the Sunday closing would be waived. I stated at the time that if the Sunday closing was insisted upon the conference would end at once. Mr. Thomas said: "Your proposition is fair. It is all we want and all we are entitled to. We will perfectly waive the Sunday closing." The agreement was made and I so stated to the board, and Mr. Thomas withdrew his protests and licenses were granted.

Mr. Thomas made objections to the introduction of this agreement as evidence and when he was overruled he asked until Friday in which to secure evidence with which to answer, and through it all J. J. Dunn, erstwhile reformer and helper of Thomas, sat across the table, attorney for various saloons. During the afternoon and evening Mr. Thomas introduced testimony to show that a number of saloons had sold liquor on Sundays and that the view from the street into the barroom was obstructed by screens and curtains. The allied attorneys for the saloon men offered no evidence to rebut the testimony that saloons had sold liquor on Sundays and every question Mr. Thomas asked to show that a general business had been done on Sunday was promptly overruled by the board. The attorneys offered evidence to rebut the statement by the Civic Federation detectives regarding the obstructions in the saloons, but when their witnesses were asked regarding the Sunday days referred to by the protestant's witnesses they did not know of their own personal knowledge. And when asked if they had sold liquor on Sunday the objections were always sustained.

Police Testimony Kept Out. The board also kept the seal upon the mouths of Chief Donahue and Captain Haze when Mr. Thomas asked them regarding Sunday opening. The attorneys objected to the question as being "irrelevant and immaterial" and Chairman Broatch promptly sustained the objections.

George Brunnenkamp, who runs a saloon at 27 South Seventeenth street, said he had been at his saloon on a Sunday upon which Detective Gavlin said he had bought liquor there. The witness said he had gone home before noon and left a porter there to clean up. He swore he had told the porter not to sell anything, but he did not know whether he had followed his instructions, though the porter was acting as bartender in those days. "What were your cash sales on that Sunday?" asked Thomas. The allied attorneys objected in chorus and Chairman Broatch sustained the objection. A dozen different ways Mr. Thomas tried to find out if the proprietor had any way to check up the porter, but the attorneys refused to allow the man to answer.

Session a Long One. The session Thursday began at 1 o'clock and lasted until 9 at night and, though much evidence was taken, a great portion of the time was taken up in a discussion of a mode of procedure. It was in the early part of the afternoon session that the allied attorneys objected to any testimony being taken, because they alleged Attorney Thomas was acting in bad faith. After much discussion it was finally agreed to hear the testimony and then decide whether it should be acted upon by the board. Previous to the introduction of testimony the protests against the following were:

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ANTI-PASS BILL IS COMING

Senator Hughes, Who Has Tried Five Times Before, to Make Another Effort.

EXPECTS OPPOSITION FROM RAILROADS

Teachers of the State Organizing to Make a Fight Against the Dictation of the School Book Publishing Companies.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Senator John Hughes of Williamsburg, who has been the father of the anti-pass bills introduced in the legislature during the last six years, said today that he took no stock whatever in the reports that the railroads would not oppose an anti-pass bill at this session of the legislature. "When I introduced my first bill in the house six years ago they said the railroads had gotten me into the bill," said Senator Hughes today, "and yet the bill was killed and that, too, with railroad influence. The railroads will fight it again at this session, as they did at the last. I am not ready to say whether I think the bill has a better show to be enacted into law at this session or not, but there will be opposition from the railroads, there is no doubt of that."

Regulation Asked. At the solicitation of the authorities of Mills county Governor A. B. Cummins today issued an application to the governor of Nebraska for a regulation for Eli Springer, who is at Beatrice, Neb., and is wanted at Malvern, in Mills county, on a charge of seduction. Mamie Foxworthy is the complaining witness.

PROPERTY IS NOT FOR SALE

Myers-Dillon Corner Held at Prohibitive Price for Heirs of Owners.

The rumor that a deal was on for the sale of the property at the southeast corner of Sixteenth and Farnam streets, was started by the fact that several bids lately had been made on the property, say W. Farnam Smith and W. B. Melnik, representing the owners, Mrs. Cobb of New York and Mrs. Kuykendall of California. They say these women have no thought of selling the property, but intend to hold it for their heirs. So many men have inquired about the corner that the agents in self-defense have named a price of \$400,000, although they admit that \$250,000 would be about the right figure. It is understood that \$250,000 has been offered. The corner has a frontage of 12 feet on Sixteenth street and sixty-six feet on Farnam.

Announcements of the Theaters.

The marriage of Mary Tudor to Louis of France was one of the strokes of Voltaire's political genius and added much to the prestige of the throne of Henry VIII, but the marriage of the widow of Louis to Charles Brandon, an untitled gentleman of England, was a triumph for the love of a woman for a man. The house of Tudor was founded in an English home, when the widow of an English king married an untitled Welshman because he was the man she loved. Therefore Mary Tudor's action may be said to be an atavistic exhibition. Charles Major has surrounded the episode with a glamour of romance that is truly delightful, and with the assistance of Paul Koster has prepared for the stage a drama that tells the story as completely and in as charming a manner as did the novel. "When Knighthood Was in Flower" will be the Christmas attraction at the Boyd theater, the engagement opening on Christmas eve (Sunday evening) and continuing three nights, with a special matinee on Christmas afternoon. Miss Roselle Knott will be seen in the role of Mary Tudor and is supported by a fine company.

Snatch Purse at Cedar Rapids.

CEAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Jack the Huger has given place to Jack the Snatcher. There has been nothing heard from Jack the Huger since a daring young fellow named Jimmie with a hat pin, but another dangerous character has come to light and so far has escaped the vigilance of the police. He will dart from behind a tree and snatch a woman's pocketbook or bundle from her and make his escape. He never attacks a man and has always gotten away unidentified.

Divorce Case Ends Suddenly.

CEAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The divorce case of Mrs. Mekota, wife of former County Attorney Mekota, in which such sensational evidence was presented by the plaintiff, was suddenly dismissed on motion of the plaintiff yesterday, before the defendant or correspondent had any opportunity of presenting their side of the case. This action of Mrs. Mekota has aroused even more of a sensation than the litigation in her petition and the evidence presented at the trial.

Trampled to Death by Cattle.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A man of Mapleton, a wealthy farmer, was run over by a herd of cattle for sale, and trampled to death. His body was found today badly mangled by the feet of the steers. Muey left home two days ago intending to feed his cattle salt, carrying a large sack with him. When he failed to return home a search for him was made by his neighbors. After turning for two days he was found in a gully dead.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL PLAYS

The senior members of the Sacred Heart parish school gave an enjoyable entertainment last evening at the school house, Twenty-second and Hiney streets, for the benefit of the Sacred Heart church. The gathering which greeted the young entertainers was both large and appreciative. This evening the junior department of the school will give an entertainment at the same place.

SPORTS OF A DAY.

RADICAL ACTION BY COLUMBIA

Faculty Recommends the Abolition of All Intercollegiate Sports.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Columbia university faculty today receded from its position of withholding the results of the meeting of the university council on Tuesday to consider abolishing foot ball and tennis. The council exceeded anything that the undergraduates expected, for not only was foot ball definitely abolished at Columbia, but President Butler was recommended by the council to take steps to eliminate all intercollegiate sport at the institution. This means, if Dr. Butler follows the recommendation that was made, no more Columbia teams ever will be seen on the intercollegiate field in any line. The plan is that all athletic exercises hereafter shall be confined to the various classes and departments. What the council recommended to President Butler is included among resolutions purporting to deal with the immediate questions of foot ball only. It gives the president the right "of substituting, as far as possible, competition in sports among the students of Columbia in the place of intercollegiate competition." Failing this, the right is given of restricting the latter, with the exception of rowing, to the home grounds of the Columbia teams. The sentiment among the teams who saw this resolution tonight is that intercollegiate sport is doomed at Columbia.

EVENTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS

Bob Ragan Defeats Favorite in the Third Race at Englewood. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—A "good thing" came off in the third race when Bob Ragan, the track to his liking and ridden vigorously by Williams, won the favorite, Gospierr, by the best part of a length. The fourth race three rank outsiders took the money in a hard fought finish. May Holladay succeeded in beating the favorite, Ragan, in a three-furlong race. Results: First race, five furlongs: Bakerfield won, Mellor second, Swaggar third. Time: 1:04 1/2. Second race, five furlongs: Tom McGrath won, Kizel second, Isolation third. Time: 1:03 1/2. Third race, six furlongs: Bob Ragan won, Gospierr second, Blumenthal third. Time: 1:17 1/2. Fourth race, mile and an eighth: May Holladay won, Expedient second, Ray third. Time: 2:26 1/2. Fifth race, futurity course: Mafalda won, Tavara second, Young Pilgrim third. Time: 2:14 1/2. Sixth race, mile and a sixteenth: Byronson won, Bird of Passage second, Lone Wolf third. Time: 1:33 1/2. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Results at Ascot: First race, five and one-half furlongs: Chancellor Walworth won, J. F. Deloche second, Search Me third. Time: 1:09 1/2. Second race, one mile: Belle Bel won, Kinsman second, Pettibone third. Time: 1:43 1/2. Third race, six furlongs: Silver Sue won, Bribery second, Banta third. Time: 1:14 1/2. Fourth race, one mile: Duffiel won, Colton second, Del Coronado third. Time: 1:43 1/2. Fifth race, Brooks course: Marshall Ney won, Bialist second, Golden Green third. Time: 2:02 1/2. Sixth race, six furlongs: Toupee won, Cutie third, Finesse second. Time: 1:24 1/2. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—Results at City Park: First race, five and a half furlongs: Hyacinth won, Sea Voyager second, Fallon third. Time: 1:14 1/2. Second race, five and a half furlongs: Fort Worth won, Bitter Hand second, Holland third. Time: 1:14 1/2. Third race, one mile and twenty yards: Wedgwood won, Glen Gallant second, Arsenal third. Time: 1:52 1/2. Fourth race, one mile, handicap: Gold Enamel won, Collector Jessup second, Red Rover third. Time: 1:50 1/2. Fifth race, five and a half furlongs: Bino Pirate won, Stoner Hill second, Ruth W. third. Time: 1:14 1/2. Sixth race, one mile and seventy yards: Fred Hornbeck won, Bishop Wood second, Dan Schenck third. Time: 1:24 1/2. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—Results at City Park: First race, seven furlongs: Del Carina won, Basil second, Lidwina third. Time: 1:38 1/2. Second race, five and a half furlongs: Glencare won, Gause second, Maneuver third. Time: 1:14 1/2. Third race, one mile and seventy yards: Ivanhoe won, Attila second, Malediction third. Time: 1:14 1/2. Fourth race, five and a half furlongs, handicap: Chief Hayes won, Charaphine second, Tommie third. Time: 1:13 1/2. Fifth race, seven furlongs: Happy Jack won, John Garner second, Harpoon third. Time: 1:26 1/2. Sixth race, six and a half furlongs: Gus Heidron won, Tom Crab second, Conundrum third. Time: 1:28.

FITZSIMMONS OUT OF THE RING

Veteran Fighter Will Hereafter Devote Time to Stage. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—As a result of his unsuccessful glove contest with Jack O'Brien last night, Fitzsimmons will return to the stage and, according to his latest statement, will not again enter the ring. He arose at 11 o'clock, took a hot bath, ate a hearty breakfast and appeared in the audience for the punishment he received last night. He said he will appear at one of the local theaters next week.

WITH THE BOWLERS.

The Cudahy widened the gap in their lead for first place by winning three games in the contest last night. Most of the interest in the contest centered in Cochran's struggle to reach Huntington's high total for the season. Cochran, who needed 293 pins in the last game, and still in the ninth frame put him out of it. Huntington's game was postponed. Scores:

CUDAHY'S. Hodgson 180 55 35 Total 270. Cochran 175 145 145 Total 465. Griffith 175 175 175 Total 525. Reed 164 211 215 590. Totals 928 853 880 2770.

BENOS. Frush 141 50 35 Total 226. Remple 134 170 147 451. Johnson 127 180 141 448. Pickering 127 170 147 444. Totals 529 800 588 2308.

ARMOURS NO. 2

Frush 216 224 187 627. Grady 146 146 146 438. Manning 160 170 167 497. F. J. Coffey 134 134 134 402. Collins 127 147 157 431. Totals 883 887 831 2601.

THURSTON RIFLES

Solomon 120 157 160 437. Eady 146 146 146 438. Tomback 149 152 114 415. Hawley 165 181 200 546. T. J. 146 147 147 440. Totals 620 792 830 2242.

Nichols is Champion.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Dec. 21.—"Kid" Nichols won the title of champion of Iowa tonight by defeating Lawrence Ferguson of Ft. Dodge. He secured the second and third falls, securing a strangle hold in the last that forced Ferguson to beg.

Sporting Brevelites.

Washoe Sam Crawford, the crack out-fighter of the Detroit team, has returned to Omaha to spend the winter and looks bigger and stronger than ever. Sam says he will roller skate a little to keep in condition. And age did tell. The grand old man could not stand the pace set by the younger. Fitz hit him like a medicine ball. Dick Cooley, who closed his major league career as a member of the Detroit club last season, has been engaged to manage and play first base on the Topeka Western League club. Dick is still fast enough for the big leagues, but prefers to be a manager.

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