

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 (Thomas) was acting in good faith, and (Thomas) was acting in good faith, and (Thomas) was acting in good faith...

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 was not acting in good faith, and I was given authority to meet Mr. Thomas and the members of the executive committee of the Civic Federation. The meeting was held in the home of Mr. Thomas, 1234 North 14th street, on Thursday afternoon. Elmer E. Thomas, T. J. Mahoney, C. S. Hayward, W. C. Graham, J. W. Bennett, 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 that 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 it to make this agreement."

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 I. 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 37 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 does not know whether he had followed his instructions, thought 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:

Announcements of the Theaters. The marriage of Mary Tudor to Louis of France was one of the strokes of World'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 the English way, 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 Rosalie Knott will be seen in the role of Mary Tudor and is supported by a fine company.

Fatalities Prevented. After an accident, use Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It prevents fatal results. Heals sores, blisters, cuts, and scratches. For sale by Sherman & McConnell Drug Co. Red Ruby Rings, Edholm, Jeweler.

Trampled to Death by Cattle. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A young boy named 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 he was searched for him by his neighbors. After searching for two days he was found in a gully dead.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL PLAYS. Senior Classes Give Interesting Program at the Parish School House. 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.

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ANTI-PASS BILL IS COMING

Senator Hughes, Who Has Tried Six 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 requisition for Eli Springer, who is at Beatrice, Neb., and is wanted at Materna, in Mills county, on a charge of seduction. Mamie Foxworthy is the complaining witness.

Annual Possum Dinner. Jeff Logan gave his annual possum dinner to state and county officials last night at his home on the east side. Mr. Logan is the chief janitor for the senate and is a colored man. His annual possum dinners have become famous and statements of the highest ability have graced his board on these occasions. Governor Cummins, judges of the supreme and district benches, state officials and members of the legislature were present last night. There were many more who were never present on previous occasions and according to custom each was given an improvised initiation into the inner circle. Among the new initiates was Representative M. L. Temple of Osceola. On other occasions Senator Allison, Senator Dolliver and other noted men have been entertained.

Draft of Bill Completed. Hon. James Smith completed the draft of the bill which will be presented to the legislature giving this city a special franchise to incorporate on the commission plan of Galveston. The bill is a special charter for Des Moines only, but there are claims made by Cedar Rapids and Sioux City people that they want the same privilege.

Talbot with Woodmen. Head Consul Talbot of Lincoln attended the mammoth meeting of Woodmen this evening at Foster's opera house, where a class of 300 was given the initiatory ceremonies. An address from Mr. Talbot and other prominent Woodmen followed.

Countess Reaches De Moines. Count Carl von Wachtmeister, Swedish consul at Havana, Cuba, and Countess Wachtmeister, nee Beniah Hubbell, arrived in Des Moines from the east this morning and are guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Berryhill of Terrill Hill. The trip home was made by way of New York, where they landed after a very rough passage, and upon arriving in Des Moines this morning Count and Countess Wachtmeister witnessed their first snowstorm in four years.

Snatch Purse at Cedar Rapids. CEDAR 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 grabbed him 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. CEDAR 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 allegations in her petition and the evidence presented at the trial.

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 day. He secured 39 pins, needed 20 pins in the last game, and again in the ninth frame put him out of it. Huntington's match between the Cudahy and Storrs Blues has been postponed. Scores: CUDAHYS. Hodges 120 125 36, Total 281; Griffin 127 143 40, Total 270; Cochran 117 137 44, Total 298; Reed 104 121 23, Total 258. Totals 528 583 880 2770.

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At cash store prices. There is no need of spending the last cent you have for Xmas presents. If you will look over our large stock you will find what you want, and we will give you months of time to pay it in. We have many useful Xmas Gifts for Men, Women and Children, and besides you can pay us later.

Men's and Boys' Department. MEN'S SUITS, MEN'S SHIRTS, MEN'S OVERCOATS, MEN'S CRAVENETTE RAIN COATS, MEN'S HATS, MEN'S SHOES, MEN'S OAPS, MEN'S ODD TROUSERS, BOYS' 2 OR 3-PIECE SUITS, BOYS' OVERCOATS.

Ladies' and Girls' Department. LADIES' SUITS, LADIES' COATS, LADIES' FINE WAISTS, FINE LINE OF LADIES' FURS, LITTLE GIRLS' SUITS, LADIES' CRAVENETTES, LADIES' UNDERSKIRTS, LADIES' FINE MILLINERY, FINE LINE OF LADIES' FUR COATS, LITTLE GIRLS' COATS, LADIES' SHOES, LADIES' SKIRTS.

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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 had to take his medicine again. 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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LARGE CROWDS watched the returns Wednesday night from the fight at both Molokai and Honolulu, but few wagers were made among the spectators. The majority seemed to think that Fitz would win and there was little O'Brien money, the last report from the front as conveyed by the afternoon papers being that Fitz was a 10 to 7 favorite. The statement has been thrown out at Princeton that Doc Hillsbrand will not be re-engaged as either baseball or football coach. His failures with both teams last season seem to have made a change desirable. This should make it easier for the Washington club to acquire his services as a pitcher, if Doc intends to engage in professional baseball. It is said that Fred Clarke of the Pittsburg club is getting his cap for Frank Smith, the Chicago American pitcher who went to get away from the Windy City. Pittsburg should know that Smith will not be permitted to leave the American League system, and that he can hold out all at propositions looking to that end. The real races of the season will be pulled off at the Auditorium next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Pitt defeated all comers last year and Davidson has not been defeated so far this season. The match race will be for a mile and the next two for two miles each. Pitt is known to be fast for a mile, but he can hold out against the steady, fast swing of Davidson for two miles remains to be seen. At late Manhattan, Pa., has secured an attraction which will tax the capacity of the big building. Chafin dishes, Frenzer, 15th and Dodge. Coral beads, Edholm Jeweler.