

THOMAS TELLS OF VICTORY

Attorney of Civic Federation Explains How He Won the Fight.

SUNDAY CLOSING HAS COME TO STAY

Hanscom Park Brotherhood Meeting Heads the Platform of the Civic Federation Exposed by Its Official Mouthpiece.

E. E. Thomas addressed the Hanscom Park Brotherhood at the Hanscom Park Methodist church Friday night on the subject of Sunday closing. E. P. Berryman presided and a goodly attendance of the brotherhood was out to hear Mr. Thomas tell of the success of his labors. Mr. Thomas said:

I have been greatly criticized for asking the Methodist brethren to take a drink last Sunday. But in the language of the street, I knew where I was at. Experience E. E. Thomas, who gave up his life in this cause, went into the saloons and made a test for themselves and then were able to give competent testimony. If the saloon environment had an idea that people of that class were back of this movement, they would surely close and none could get a drink.

It is said that this wave of reform occurs every twenty-one years, but this time it has come to stay. For fifteen years there has been no semblance of observance of the Sunday closing law until, on November 3, the Civic Federation decided that the saloons must close. This federation has not been successful in every sense, but it has saved Omaha in the face of cities where the law is to be enforced.

On November 11 the federation told the saloons and brewers that saloons must close on Sunday, and we told them if they did not we would pursue the policy of protest and filling protest upon protest. We respect the club of the law when it is in the hands of people who wish to use it. Although we have not yet secured the law in fifteen or twenty cases before the fire and police board, the board has ruled our protests. I made demands from day to day for papers so I could appeal, but I was forced to ask for a writ of mandamus and a revocation of the licenses of 15 saloons on the ground that the board had no right to grant licenses in the face of a notice of appeal.

HOLDUP TRICK IN SALOON
Man Who Did Bold Deed Was Well Known in Place and Wore No Mask.

Praise for Judge Sutton is a conscientious judge because he decided this case in my favor, but because of his courage displayed on many occasions. Thursday the attorneys for the brewers came to me and I told them nothing would do but the closing of the saloons on Sunday. That is all we want. It was humiliating for the attorneys for the brewers to have to go into Judge Sutton's office and say that Sunday closing was an established fact.

The organ of the grafters has begun its trade and will continue to tell of the compact between the brewers and the Civic Federation. If the brewers violate the law while these appeals are pending the law will be closed in the day and the license revoked. I do not expect in the future any trouble about Sunday closing. The brewers would like to keep this issue alive to make it an issue at the coming campaign, but the public sentiment is different from what it was three years ago, and if an issue is made of this matter the man who stands for Sunday closing will receive more votes than all the others put together. If occasion demands, the ministers will go into the pulpit and stand forth for the cause. This was the issue last year in Ohio, when the first democratic governor in fifteen years was elected. In Cincinnati the mayor was elected on the lid issue. I believe that the issue will not come up at the coming campaign.

Cost to the Breweries.
There is no good in the Sunday saloon. Fred Meis has said that his brewery lost \$75,000 a year if Sunday closing is enforced. Store says that it means a third of his business. The brewers are making \$400,000 a year in Omaha, illegally, by having the saloons open on Sunday.

Under no circumstances will the people of St. Louis change back to the open saloon after having given the closed saloon a trial, and the old saloon in that town would sooner have prohibition than an open saloon. Money spent in the saloons on Sunday, the baker and the candlestick maker, the police and the fire department, to get a bag and Sunday crime has been decreased 75 per cent.

The whole city administration is hostile to the efforts of the Civic Federation, including the mayor, the chief of police and the police department. They are doing all in their province to protect the saloon men. It has been the rule in Omaha that the police are not interested in enforcement of the law.

Public sentiment has spread against public grafts and against vices and crimes, and they are violations of the law. I come to report to you that the city is an accomplished fact. I appeal to you to port yourselves in the spring on the various candidates and vote for no one who does not stand for a strict enforcement of the law. I ask you to have the courage of your convictions. A campaign of lies will be carried on, but if the citizens stand shoulder to shoulder the city will be redeemed from crime at the coming election and private citizens will not have to vote their time and energy in doing what the officials should do.

Telegram to Governor Mickey.
At the close of the meeting the brotherhood gave a vote of thanks for his speech and for the work he has been doing for the Civic Federation. This telegram, signed by a committee consisting of Rev. C. C. Maxwell, John Dale and E. C. F. Clarke, was sent to Governor Mickey.

The Brotherhood of the Hanscom Park Methodist Episcopal church rejoices at the Sunday closing feature achieved this day by the arrest of the reformer, Sunday closing through the Civic Federation, and we call upon you to use your authority to delay the adequate authority at your command for the strict enforcement of the Sunday law as you are in duty bound to do under oath of your office.

GRADING TO START AT ONCE

Excavations on Union Pacific's New Wyoming Lines Will Be Rushed Along.

Kilpatrick Brothers & Collins, grading contractors who have the contract for twenty-six miles of double-track grading on the Union Pacific in Wyoming, are preparing to begin operations at once. This work is in three different places and the contractors will put between 25 and 300 men on the work that this contract may be completed by midsummer.

LOCAL BRIEVES.

The last jury for the present term of court has been sworn. The next panel will report on February 5.

A. S. Ritchie will address the Omaha Philosophical society Sunday afternoon on "Philosophy of Beauty."

The county commissioners meet this morning to award contracts for supplies and printing and to act on the resolution cutting down the cost of feeding prisoners. Some appointments may also be made.

R. F. Hodge, publisher of the Trade Exhibit, has been confined to his home by illness for the last three weeks, is improving slightly, but it will probably be some little time before he will be able to take up his business duties again.

The court committee of the Woman's club, Railway Mail Service, will give an entertainment at the home of Miss Louise Patton, sister of Mr. Wood. Miss Patton had a foot crushed in a street car accident so badly as to necessitate amputation.

Ira R. and Raymond C. Cook have filed suit against the city to have declared null and void ordinance 288 and 212. The two ordinances attacked levy special assessments against property on Sixteenth and Jackson streets, respectively, for repaving certain portions.

Patrolman Good arrested Fred Propesbach, being at Gilman's last night, charging him with being drunk and abusing his family. According to his tell-tell wife, Propesbach came home early in the evening, took a bottle of liquor, and began raising a disturbance with the family, in which there were several small children, and to break up the furniture.

AT THE PLAY HOUSES.

"A Texas Steer" at the Boyd.

Tim Murphy was greeted by a large audience at the Boyd theater last night, when he made his entry in state, borne aloft by four brand darlings and hailed as Hon. Maverick Brander, newly elected member of congress from somewhere down in the Brazos river country. It seemed as if fifteen years had been rolled away, and that it was the same Tim Murphy who made so much movement in the role originally. He shook off the weight of years and troubles, and was for the time the bluff, outspoken, unsophisticated cattle king, who had to learn at Washington everything but how to play poker and drink whisky; and he admitted that even his whisky-drinking was improved, because he consumed a better brand at the capital than at home. The part is so intimately associated with the man that it is hard for one to distinguish between them. And the performance is just as enjoyable now as it was at the first. Mr. Murphy enters with a marked zest on the role, and gives it with an unction he never seemed to approach in other characters.

Mr. Griffin's Christopher Columbus Fish-back, Jr., is a gem of character acting, and his pangyrie an off-the-cuff delivery with a sorrowful pathos that is almost laughable, were it not so serious. Mr. Armstrong is a delight as Major Yell, and Mr. Jackson makes much of Brassy Gail, but without exhausting its possibilities.

Miss Sherrod does a conscientious bit of work as Bossy Brander, and the other women in the cast are very good in their respective roles. The engagement was for one night only, but it isn't impossible that the play will be offered here again this season, for Mr. Murphy seems to have contracted the Omaha habit. He told some new stories before the curtain last night, and in other ways acted as if he liked the people of the Gate City.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Organization of an Outing Club is Well Under Way.

PLAN TO SECURE A FINE COUNTRY HOME

Location Likely to Be Somewhere on the New Street Car Line to Build to Fort Crook Next Spring.

The latest topic among South Omaha society is the formation of the new outing club, and the announcement is made that there are already 100 names who led as prospective members. There will be a meeting of the charter members early in the coming week, at which the permanent organization of the club will be effected. It is likely that in general plan it will follow that of the Omaha Picnic and Country club. The recreations still include golfing, tennis and similar outdoor sports. There will be a clubhouse and dancing pavilion. So far as ascertained the sentiment of all the members is to locate somewhere on the new car line to Fort Crook, within about three miles of the city. Some of the fine rolling slopes fronting on the river will probably be the choice.

The plans for buying or gaining access to these grounds are, so far as discussed, three in number. It is believed that the list of names contains a party who is willing to take the cost are very good in their respective roles. The engagement was for one night only, but it isn't impossible that the play will be offered here again this season, for Mr. Murphy seems to have contracted the Omaha habit. He told some new stories before the curtain last night, and in other ways acted as if he liked the people of the Gate City.

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ADMITTS STEALING HORSE

Walter Anson of Murdock, Neb., Gets a Short Run with Borrowed Animal.

Horse stealing is the serious charge laid against and admitted by Walter Anson, aged about 25 years, who was brought to the city jail by Officer Rinn from South Omaha, where he had been captured last night. Anson confessed to having stolen a saddle horse tied at the rear entrance to Bennett's store, the property of J. B. McKittick, 1223 South Twenty-seventh street.

McKittick had brought the horse down town intending to have the saddle fixed, leaving the horse at 2:30 o'clock and returning at 5:30 to find it gone. Anson said that when he saw the horse tied at the curb he conceived the idea of running off with it, and accordingly untied it and proceeded to South Omaha. Going to the livery barn of Holmes & Adkins, he offered to sell the animal for \$50. Being unable to give a satisfactory story, he only aroused suspicion, and soon found himself in the hands of the South Omaha police. It was not long before the ownership of the horse was established.

Anson said that he came here yesterday morning from Murdock, Neb., where he formerly lived. He said that his father, now dead, was at one time a police officer in Omaha, stationed at the Webster Street depot. He was practically without money when arrested.

PRISONER WAIVES HIS PLEA

Man Wanted in Atchison and Omaha for Crimes Is Bound Over.

George Conway waived preliminary examination in police court Friday morning when arraigned on charges of breaking and entering the residences of Mary E. Sherman, 112 South Twenty-fourth street, and W. R. McKee, 164 South Twenty-fifth avenue. The prisoner was bound to the district court in the sum of \$1,000. Conway is wanted at Atchison on a charge of burglary. Part of the plunder said to have been stolen by Conway at Atchison was located in Omaha by Detective Sergeant Maloney and Drummy arrested Conway. Most of the articles alleged to have been taken by the prisoner in Omaha have turned up in pawnshops and other places. About \$500 worth of goods have been located by the detectives.

TWO ON BURGLARY CHARGE

Pair of Suspects Believed to Have Committed More Than One Offense.

Friday morning Detectives Maloney and Drummy arrested George Epps and Julius Kling at the Cambridge hotel on charges of burglary. It is believed the men were implicated in the robbery of the Scrutator barber shop, Sixteenth and Chicago streets, Thursday night. Razors, tobacco, laundry and cold cream were stolen from the shop. Some of the articles were found in the possession of the men arrested.

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