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EVERYBODY STOPS AT OUR ART WINDOW TO LOOK.

RIGHT MAN OR NEW BOARD

Secretary With No Side Lines Demanded for Grain Exchange.

PETITION CIRCULATED TO THIS EFFECT

One Member Says if Directors Will Not Grant It New Directors Will Be Put In.

A petition has been presented to the board of directors of the Omaha Grain exchange asking it to choose for secretary a man who has no outside interests, it is signed by a majority of the active members of the exchange, that is, those men who actually deal in grain.

The petition was directed against proposed action by the board of directors of the exchange to combine the traffic interests of the exchange and the club.

Will Get It or New Board. "We hope the board will accede to our wishes in the matter," said one of the men who signed the petition. "Certainly the men who do the actual business in grain are the ones who ought to have a say in the government. If the board cannot give the active members what they want, then we will have a new board as soon as possible. Of course the grain men in the exchange are less in number than the jobbers and other business men, but when it comes to voting on a new set of directors I think they will act in the interests of the grain men."

Mr. Merriam, in talking to a reporter for The Bee, declared himself absolutely sincere in presenting resolutions Tuesday to combine the transportation interests of the exchange and the Commercial club. He added that he expected to see the resolutions passed in amended form at the meeting Friday.

The grain committee, the chairman of which called the meeting Tuesday, has no right to resolve, said one of the board of directors. "All its resolutions will not make make or prevent any consolidation of interests with the Commercial club. The question of Mr. Merriam's successor is for the board of directors to handle. Nathan Merriam and A. B. Jaquith were the only members of the board present at Tuesday's meeting."

Transportation Committee. One man figured out Mr. Merriam's reason for presenting the resolutions, in this way: "Mr. Merriam doesn't care so much about the secretaryship. The resolution in which he is interested in that regarding the transportation committee. He wants a committee of five, consisting of one line elevator man, two terminal elevator men and two brokers. The two elevator men would mean himself and a man from the Independent elevator company. They would control the committee, for one of the brokers would always side in with them as against the line elevators. Notice these words of the resolution: 'Through this bureau all freight matters shall pass to the traffic commissioner.' Mr. Merriam would control the commissioner through the committee, and dictate the whole policy of the exchange."

It is taken for granted that some of the directors are in favor of having Mr. McVann placed in charge of the traffic interests of the exchange, and that they have been assured by members of the executive committee of the Commercial club that if there was a good chance the club would approve such an arrangement.

Announcements of the Theaters. Those who attend the theaters to laugh, to enjoy the most powerful and successful, brilliant stage pictures with a background of handsomely attired girls, accompanied by catchy songs and rhythmic dances, should find an offering much to their liking in E. D. Starr's big musical comedy, "Down the Pike," which will be offering at the Grand the first of next week. The piece is declared to be an emphatic laugh hit, much of this pleasing condition being due to the presence in the leading roles of Johnny and Emma Ray. A company of fifty people is announced in their support, and the production is said to be extremely elaborate.

Valerie Berge will be seen in "Carmen" at the matinee today at the Orpheum. Interest is never more intense than in a story of hazardous love with a tragic denouement in which a young and beautiful girl's love is contested for. In this respect "Carmen" is the most powerful drama ever seen at the Orpheum, besides which, it is the most stupendous production. Berge makes an excellent Carmen and brings to the character the charm of her wonderfully magnetic personality. The seven other features on the program round out an enjoyable program.

Mr. E. S. Willard opens at the Boyd theater this evening an engagement of four performances. For this evening a double bill will be offered, T. W. Robertson's classic comedy, "David Garrick," to be followed by a one-act play based on Kipling's story of the Man Who Was a Horse. This has been pronounced a most powerful bit of tragic acting. On Friday evening and at the matinee on Saturday the bill will be the delicious Barrie comedy, "The Professor's Love Story." For Saturday evening "The Middleman" has been selected. This arrangement will show Mr. Willard in a wide variety of plays—classic comedy, tragedy, modern comedy and melodrama. The advance inquiry for seats indicates that the audiences will be large at each performance.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. J. D. Neely, Nebraska manager for the Equitable, has gone east on business. Among other things he will stop at Pittsburg, where he will address an assembly of agents at the Lunch club.

Clyde Barnard of Table Rock, the apple grower in Lehigh, is a champion reading clerk of the Nebraska legislature. Wednesday in Omaha. For the last two weeks he has been attending at the assistant chief clerk of the house, and as such official prompter to the speaker, and none who has watched the dramatic mechanism of the house engine work will question the credit long since bestowed upon "Clyde" as a past master parliamentarian.

GOSSIP OF THE POLITICIANS

T. W. Blackburn is Forced by Ill Health to Go to California.

One of the leading politicians of the Fontanelle machine has been compelled by ill health to forego any activity in the present campaign. T. W. Blackburn, who was one of the founders of the organization and the prime promoter of Benson, left Tuesday for California, where he will remain a month and possibly longer to benefit his health. Some time ago his physical condition was such that he was unable to leave his home in southern California because of a nervous breakdown, due, it is said, to overwork. He has relatives living near Los Angeles and will spend his time with them. Mrs. Blackburn did not accompany him.

Those who have heard Bob Houghton's denunciation of the Fontanelle machine say it is more caustic than anything yet appearing in print. The other night Houghton chanced to attend a strictly Benson ward meeting, but was called upon by a kindly chairman to talk. The erstwhile Fontanelle enthusiast responded with a triple expansion discourse on why he bolted the bolters' organization and how ignoble its methods are. Mr. Houghton failed to get a councilmanic endorsement from the club and he undertook to show that west of Tammany Hall no lighter or more arbitrary political mechanism existed in these broad United States.

"And," said Houghton, in telling about it, "what struck me as odd was that I got considerable applause. I thought I was in the midst of the enemy, but seemed to be making lots of friends."

Agent the Good Government league, of which there has been some interpellation of late, City Clerk Elbourn, says: "Several weeks ago the secretary of the league, A. H. Packard, appeared before a meeting of the Twelfth Ward Republican club, solicited members and distributed literature. He made certain statements regarding the membership, dues, etc., on which I was present, and which I thought that President Ware has about \$6,000 a year trickling into his office from membership fees. That is calculating on the basis of 2,000 members, the number claimed, at \$3 a year. Some of us wondered what Mr. Packard was doing with all this money. Mr. Packard said he was secretary, but any officer who drew a salary. Up in the Twelfth ward the mystery of what becomes of \$6,000 a year remains unanswered."

Sam K. Greenleaf is trying to make himself believe that he is a victim of one of the most tyrannical bits of strategy yet recorded in politics. A few months ago Greenleaf became a candidate for city clerk while holding down a desk in that office against his chief, W. H. Elbourn, who sought a third term. Greenleaf did not resign, arguing that he needed the money to live on, but was nevertheless obliged to get out and do a little hustling for himself. He broached the subject of resignation again, but Mr. Elbourn had a contrary mind. It grew upon Mr. Greenleaf that his detention was calculated to hurt his candidacy, but that on the other hand adverse publicity might be made against Elbourn's administration.

Methodist church appears to have a two-edged effect that knocked more votes away from Benson than it secured. The thought of what the imitable Hoffman was doing to the Brooth campaign by his zeal alarmed the Benson people and Elbourn, partly struck in the fear that Elbourn would do as much, but not more, for their candidate. Hence his recent silence.

Addressing the Musicians' union Tuesday morning W. J. Broatch savagely attacked the "Carmen" at the Orpheum, and called for members, picking out E. W. Carpenter for a pet target. Mr. Broatch repeated his paradoxical statement that he favors the enforcement of the law, but stands for a wide-open Sunday. He then denounced the Civic Federation and the personality of its leaders, especially Mr. Carpenter, whom he charged with being a hypocrite and a church seraph on Sunday and belied his preaching during the week. Julius Meyer, although a democrat, put in a word on behalf of Broatch.

The Omaha Liquor Dealers' association formally endorsed the majority candidacy of W. J. Broatch at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon.

This is a copy of a letter sent to the colored rally held last night at Lincoln hall, Twenty-fourth and Burdette streets: OMAHA, Neb., March 28, 1906.—To the Colored Republican Rally, in session at Lincoln hall, Twenty-fourth and Burdette streets.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: A circular has reached me with the above heading and with my name at the bottom thereof as one of the speakers. I wish to have it announced that my name has been used without my knowledge or consent; that I do not make any public political speeches, and I hold no office, but wholly in harmony with the meeting, and whoever the officious gentleman was that had my name fixed in the bill will refrain from doing so in the future without my consent. REV. J. A. BINGAMAN.

The calm among the democrats caused by few contests at the primaries has been rubbed the wrong way by the appearance of a councilmanic slate, alleged to have been sprung from Jacksonian club sources. This is denied by Jacksonian leaders, who say that Dunn-Abbott and Company are responsible. In the First, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth and Eleventh wards there are no contests. In the other wards the favorites are picked: Second, Bridges; Fifth, Dalley; Seventh, Jackson; Ninth, Robertson; Tenth, Cermak; Twelfth, Bedford. Some feeling has been stirred up by the breaking of the battle calm which has heretofore marked democratic affairs.

A Habit to Be Encouraged. The mother who has acquired the habit of keeping on hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saves herself a great amount of uneasiness and anxiety. Coughs, colds and croup, to which children are susceptible, are quickly cured by its use. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia and if given as soon as the first symptoms of croup appear, it will prevent the attack. This remedy contains nothing injurious and mothers give it to little ones with a feeling of perfect security.

Marriage Licenses. The following marriage licenses have been issued: Name and Residence. Age. John Est. Herby, Fremont. 24. Lettie Floyd Moulton, Omaha. 24. Harry Leigh, Omaha. 24. Emma Baysardorfer, Omaha. 21.

DIAMONDS—Edholm, 16th and Harney.

Women's \$20 and \$25 Sample Suits. On sale Thursday, at \$14.75. We have just purchased a traveling salesman's entire sample line of swell tailored Women's Suits. We bought them at 40 per cent less than regular price. 150 suits in all—all the very latest models, in the most desirable spring materials. These suits were made to sell at \$20.00 and \$25.00. On Sale Thursday at \$14.75.

Two Special Rain Coat Values. WOMEN'S \$12.00 RAIN COATS, THURSDAY, \$7.90. Made of an excellent quality of cravenette cloth, two box pleats in back—trimmed around collar with braid—stylish, new sleeves—new patch pockets—compare with any \$12.00 rain coats in Omaha—colora, oxford, tan and olive—Thursday, \$7.90. WOMEN'S \$20.00 RAIN COATS, THURSDAY, \$14.75. We have several handsome models at this price to select from—in beautiful new materials—perfect in fit and workmanship—cannot be duplicated for less than \$20.00—comes in all the new shades—Thursday, \$14.75. Nebraska Clothing Co. FARNAM & 15th.

RAILWAYS DEMAND PRIORITY. Insist on Supply of Coal Before They Haul to Other Customers. SERVE NOTICE ON THE MINE OWNERS. Omaha Not Yet Stranded, as Dealers and Big Users Are Stocked with Enough Coal to Do a While.

Most of the Cambria coal is consumed by the Burlington railroad. The western mines will be a great help to Omaha in the present crisis, especially those on the Union Pacific at Rock Springs and the Burlington at Sheridan. A redeeming feature of the situation here is the coming of spring, so people will not need much more coal for heating purposes.

Better Coal at Higher Price. The Omaha Coal, Hay and Building Supply company has notified the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners that it is unable to supply Cherokee steam coal at the price bid early in the year and will be required to furnish "a higher grade of coal at a very considerable advance in price."

Resolution on Mayor Moore. At a regular meeting of George A. Custer Post No. 7, Department of Nebraska, Grand Army of the Republic, and of which Charles Mayor Moore was member, held March 28, 1906, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas, the following resolutions were adopted by the Supreme Commander of the Universe, in His infinite wisdom, to muster into the grand army of the Republic, the following: Frank E. Moore, therefore, be it.

Resolved, That in his death the Grand Army of the Republic in general, and Custer post in particular, has lost a comrade whose hand was always extended to greet and whose purse was always open to assist anyone who wore the button.

Resolved, That his passionate loyalty to the flag, which was shown in many battle fields during the long years of the rebellion was a shining example of patriotism which should be a lesson to the youth of our land not to be lost sight of.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the records of the post and a copy be sent to the family of our late comrade and the papers be requested to publish the same. CHARLES L. THOMAS, JONATHAN EDWARDS, M. J. FEENAN, Committee.

NEWS FOR THE ARMY. The following general court-martial sentences have been approved and promulgated by the commanding general, Department of the Missouri: Privates W. S. Orem, Company C, Twenty-eighth infantry; Paul Meador, Major George T. Holloway; Forts Niobrara, Robinson and Meade, Captain A. P. Buffington; Forts Riley and Leavenworth, Captain John M. Sigworth; Forts Crook, Mackenzie and Washkie, Captain Claude B. Sweeney; Forts Omaha and Des Moines, Captain E. D. Slaughter.

A general court-martial has been ordered to convene at Fort Leavenworth, Wednesday, March 28. Detail for the court, Lieutenant Colonel William Paulding, Captain Monroe McFarland, Lieutenant Colonel John M. Sigworth, Captain Charles E. Horn, Eighteenth infantry; George E. Gump, signal corps; W. L. Guthrie, engineer corps; Second Lieutenant Emil Lago, Ninth cavalry; DeWitt C. Jones, engineer corps and First Lieutenant Ephraim G. Peyton, Eighteenth infantry, Judge advocate.

ELEVEN HUNDRED IN DAY

Total Amount in Hand for Y. W. C. A. Thirty-Two Thousand.

GOVERNOR MICKY MAKES DONATION

Women Are Greatly Encouraged Over Success—Orchard & Wilhelm's Percentage Proposition Goes Into Effect This Week.

The workers in the campaign of the Young Women's Christian association building fund are enthusiastic over the progress made, and hope to have a large amount to their credit by Saturday evening. Over \$1,000 was raised since Tuesday noon, as is shown by the diagram. The diagram on the left shows the required amount, \$15,000, divided into districts, amounts, and the number of people required to give these amounts to obtain the \$15,000. The diagram on the right shows the amounts received and number of people who have given them. Tomorrow will bring the second week to a close, and the women are anxiously hoping the money will bring another close of \$10,000 or a large amount, as the close of the first week did.

Many people out in the state are taking a great interest in the campaign and letters, containing checks and money are received in every mail. Among the letters is one from Governor Mickey, as follows:

March 28, 1906. Miss Edith Baker, South Omaha, Neb. Dear Madam: Yours of the 23d inst. received, soliciting subscription for the Young Women's Christian association building at Omaha. I enclose pledge card for \$25. Would you please send me \$25. I sometimes think about this great undertaking, but I am sure you will realize that you are giving to a great many things, many more than I would be able to do for the position I hold. My donations cover a great many points in the state, but I gladly contribute this small amount of \$25 and enclose card herewith. Yours very respectfully, JOHN H. MICKY, Governor.

Letter from Blair

Another letter received on the morning mail was to one of the girls in the teams from a young woman in Blair, who sent several dollars, with the following letter: "I am only too glad to help the cause along a little as it surely is a very worthy one. I have been thinking about it since reading in the papers how they were trying to raise the money, and I had about decided to offer you a donation, as I knew you would lay on team and driver, and I would like to see you. I have a chance to see the new building, there are lots of things good myself, but maybe my money can do a little."

J. W. Carpenter, president of the Young Men's Christian association, was a visitor in the rooms Wednesday, and took luncheon with the finance committee. He gave them much valuable advice about the campaign, and congratulated them upon their splendid success.

Headquarters will be opened Thursday morning in Victor White coal office, and the large clock erected in front.

Orchard & Wilhelm's Plan. The first of the percentage propositions will go into effect this week, when Orchard & Wilhelm will give 10 per cent of the proceeds of the sales of Friday and Saturday of this week to the association. The women are accordingly making out lists of needed articles for months to come, so that the association will be largely benefited by their patronage.

The Goal—\$15,000. Entries to Date.

District Amt.	Total	District Amt.	Total
1	1,000.00	1	10,000.00
2	2,000.00	2	20,000.00
3	3,000.00	3	30,000.00
4	4,000.00	4	40,000.00
5	5,000.00	5	50,000.00
6	6,000.00	6	60,000.00
7	7,000.00	7	70,000.00
8	8,000.00	8	80,000.00
9	9,000.00	9	90,000.00
10	10,000.00	10	1,000,000.00
Small sums	5,000.00	Small sums	1,000.00
Tramps	10,000.00	Tramps	5,235.35
Total	\$15,000.00	Total	\$12,235.35

Beat All.

When your eyes are dim, tongue coated, appetite poor, bowels constipated, Electro-Bitters beat all cures. 50 cents. For sale by Sherman & McConnell Drug Co.

FOR Health's Sake—and the acme of Beer Enjoyment cultivate the "Blatz Sign habit!" Step in where you see the signs and ask for Blatz. BLATZ—MILWAUKEE. —Any of the Blatz brands of beer are sure to please.— The component parts of Blatz beer possess food and tonic properties that are most beneficial—and all that means beer honor is the basis of every brew. Then there are the processes of cooling, ageing, sterilizing, and so on—but back of all this is Blatz Quality and Character—there's the secret of Blatz Popularity. Bottled Blatz is available, or should be, in most first-class places. Ask for Blatz Wiener Beer. Telephone Douglas 1081—or drop a postal to Omaha Branch, 305-10 Douglas St., Cor. 8th for a case delivered, home.

Every Niece and Nephew of Uncle Sam

should be deeply interested in what he has said about soda crackers, because they are the one food with which all of them are familiar.

Uncle Sam has given out figures showing that soda crackers are richer in nutriment and body-building elements, properly proportioned, than any food made from flour.

This is saying much for common soda crackers, and much more for Uneeda Biscuit, because they are soda crackers of the best quality. They are baked better—more scientifically. They are packed better—more cleanly. The damp, dust and odor proof package retains all the goodness and nutriment of the wheat, all the freshness of the best baking, all the purity of the cleanest bakeries.

Your Uncle Sam has shown what food he thinks best for his people. His people have shown that they think Uneeda Biscuit the best of that food, nearly 400,000,000 packages having already been consumed.

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