

BENSON OPENS CAMPAIGN

First Meeting Since Ticket Was Nominated Held in Fifth Ward.

REPUBLICANS URGED TO STAND TOGETHER

Candidate for Mayor Takes Occasion to Emphatically Deny Some Reports About What He is Pledged to Do.

The opening meeting of the republican municipal campaign was held Friday evening at the Fifth Ward Republican club's headquarters, Sixteenth and Locust streets. The meeting was called to order by President W. B. Christie of that organization. The hall was crowded with enthusiastic republicans and many of the party candidates were present and made short addresses. In calling the meeting to order Dr. Christie stated that the purpose of the meeting was to ratify the action of the republican primaries of April 3 and to get acquainted with the candidates. "If there is any one thing I pride myself on," said Mr. Christie, "it is that I have been a good, consistent republican for the last fifteen years and have stayed loyally by the republican ticket regardless of its being machine or anti-machine, and I feel it my duty now to give the whole ticket my support and to urge you to do it. What we want in this campaign is for every republican to rally around the republican nominee. We cannot afford to take any chances, for to lose the city election might mean to lose the legislative ticket, a senator and possibly a congressman. We cannot afford to do it and therefore let every republican do his loyal duty. In addition to this the candidates are worthy of your support."

Benson Denies Some Stories.

E. A. Benson, candidate for mayor on the republican ticket, was then introduced and received with applause. Mr. Benson said: "I am not going to talk to you, but you. Your interests are my interests and my interests are your interests. I expect and hope to be elected on May 1, with the rest of the republican ticket. I can but feel almost overwhelmed with the responsibility attaching to the office of mayor of this great city. It is a great, complex organization in which all classes and conditions of men touch elbows with each other. To administer the affairs of a city of 18,000 inhabitants will require a greater ability than I possess and I shall need and expect your co-operation. It has been said of me that I have in some way set my heart upon injuring the business and enterprise of this city and that I shall labor to close the cigar stores, barber shops and stop the street cars and even the Missouri river from running on Sunday. Were Baron Munchausen living today he would be put to shame by some of the stories that are told of me and what I have obligated myself to do should I be elected mayor. I wish to say right here that those stories and things told of me are such as I have never said or thought of."

Interests All in Omaha.

"It is important to you who is to be the chief executive of your city and who is to be in the city council. With the mayor and the city council rests the weal or woe of the city. I understand that my competitor, Mr. Dahlman, said in this hall a few evenings ago that there was some question as to the quality of Mr. Benson's backbone. I do not know just what he meant, but I am of the opinion that while backbone is a pretty good thing to have that there are other equally important qualities essential in a mayor. My interests are all here in Omaha and I expect to make this city my home for all my life. I believe I have always been a republican and am a republican now. It would be a grievous mistake for us to turn the city government over to the democrats. I understand that it would have on our legislative ticket and the possibility of giving us a democratic senator and congressman."

"The World-Herald says that all the public corporations are behind my candidacy. I wish to brand this statement as a falsehood, for it is not true. That paper has also stated that I have signed an alleged pledge prepared by the Pontiac club to do certain things and to be governed by it in the making of appointments and in carrying out a policy dictated by it. The statement is entirely false and I state here publicly, on my honor as a gentleman, I have never signed any such pledge, nor have I any knowledge of, neither have I ever seen any kind of a pledge of fidelity to the special interests of that club. I feel confident in making this same statement for the other candidates on the republican ticket. So let us brush that falsehood aside."

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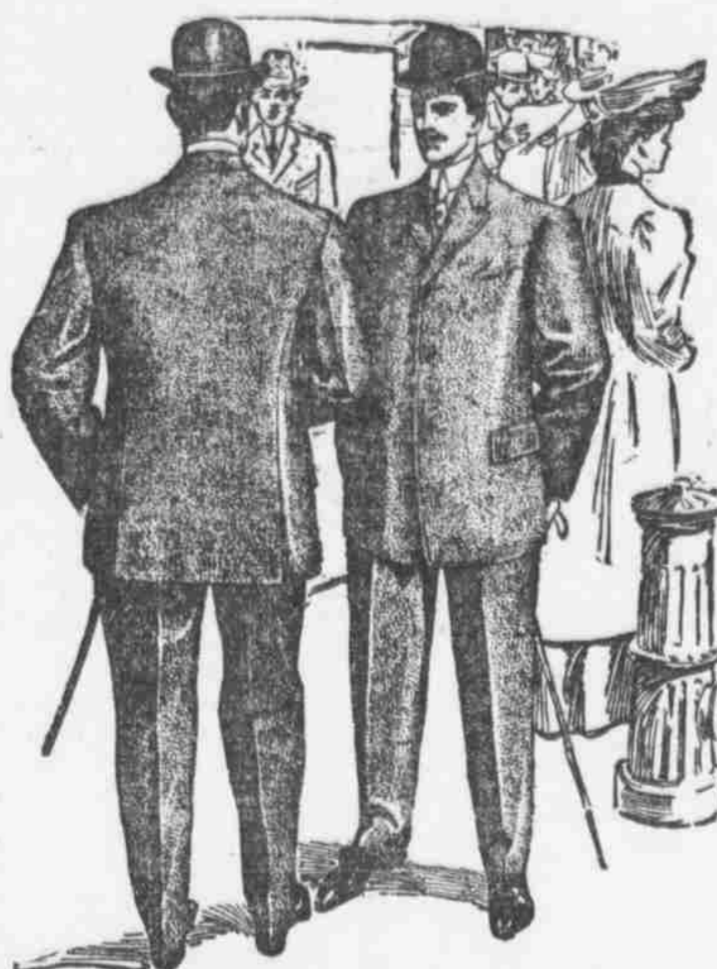
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SELECT YOUR EASTER SUIT TODAY

Clothes for the critical man are here—the kind you'll wear with pardonable pride on Easter Sunday. Those who make our men's clothing floor their outfitting place, not only get well tailored clothes, thoroughly stylish clothes, perfect-fitting clothes, good wearing clothes—but will get for \$10 what others sell for \$13—will get for \$15 what others mark \$20.



\$10

Our garments this season are modeled so closely on the lines of the clothing produced by the most correct custom tailors that it is impossible to detect the difference in many instances. As a demonstration of how little money it costs to be well garbed and well groomed see our special lines of suits at \$10.00 and \$15.00.

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For Men Who Say "Show Me Your Best"—"Styles" here are right at every price—but the man who can pay \$18 and up to \$35 for his spring suit can wear the fine imported wools that have a character all their own—can enjoy the touches of expert hand tailoring which dressy men insist upon—such suits here are \$18 to \$35.

Easter Suits that will Satisfy the Boys at Prices that will Please the Parents

Next Sunday when most all the other boys come out in spick-span-new spring suits, the boy you are responsible for will want to look as well as the average anyway. He can line up with the best of them if you fit him out here, and we'll make the cost lighter than you think—way below the prevailing prices elsewhere.

\$2.95 Buys \$4.00 Boys' Suits

This much will fit your boy out with a handsome Norfolk or double-breasted suit with knickerbocker or regular trousers made of strictly all wool English blue serges, chevots and cassimere—sizes from 4 to 16. These suits are worth \$4.00. They are special at..... **2.95**



Confirmation Suits for Boys

Thousands of boys will be confirmed next Sunday—parents who are seeking for their children garments that are far removed from the commonplace will be deeply interested in a line of highly tailored confirmation suits—single and double-breasted with vest styles—in serges, clay worsteds, unfinished worsteds, thibets—something to please every boy whose taste is well developed and delight the parents, too.

Knee Pants Suits, at..... **2.50 to 4.50**
Long Pants Suits, at..... **\$5 to \$14**



Conspicuous Among the Best Dressers Next Sunday Will Be Men Who Buy Their Easter Furnishings Here

Easter Neckwear

The most bountiful assortments at every price, and you know that variety is the keynote of this spring's neckwear. Our 25c line gives you choice from others 50c grades and you can't match a scarf of our 45c grades elsewhere under 75c.

MEN'S GLOVES \$1.00 FOR EASTER

Ask for the best glove on earth for the price, "Nebraska Specials."



Shirts for Easter

If you want a ready-to-wear shirt for Easter that has the appearance and good points of custom-made, a "Savoy Shirt" is the shirt for you. Newest ideas for Easter, plaids and stripes, coat style, with pleated or soft bosom..... **\$1-1.50-\$2**

WASHABLE VEST FOR EASTER

A new assortment of fine white or fancy wash vests. Select one for..... **1.50-2-2.50** Easter Sunday.

Here's The Hats For You!!



Correct types for men—(young, old or middle aged), who'll have his spring hat above criticism, at..... **2.50**

THE "EASTER DERBY"—(like illustration.)—First under the wire in the estimation of the smart and up-to-date dresser. An unusual derby hat in all ways..... **2.00**

STETSON'S—\$5.00 hat values for \$3.50—When a new block comes out we are one of the few stores in the United States that get them first. Over one hundred new and distinct styles in Stetson's to show you, at..... **3.50**



SUIT CASES \$3.98
TODAY—We will sell 500 All Leather Suit Cases, for..... **3.98**

Nebraska Clothing Co

FARNAM & 15TH

Boys' Knee Pants 45c
TODAY—A very special assortment of all Wool Knee Pants, at..... **45c**

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DATE FOR THE HAGUE MEETING

Russia Notified That Any Time After September 20 Will Be Acceptable to the United States.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—An important step toward the agreement upon a date for the assembling of the second Hague conference was made today when Secretary Root informed the Russian government that the convening of the United States would be served by the selection of any date later than September 20, next.

This date was mentioned because it was calculated that it would mark the conclusion of the Pan-American conference at Rio and the ability of the delegates there in attendance to reach The Hague in cases where they were charged to represent their governments in this conference.

An important objection to an immediate convention was connected with the proposed representation of the south and central American states in the conference. These states found upon an inspection of the invitation to the conference that they would not enter at once upon an equality with those who had signed the original Hague treaty, no steps having been taken to give effect to article LX of The Hague convention, which reads:

"The conditions upon which the powers which were not represented at the first international peace convention can adhere to the present convention shall form the subject of subsequent agreement amongst the contracting powers."

The south and central American states invited to the second conference make it a condition of attendance that the signatory powers of the first convention shall give effect to the first convention before the second meeting. All of this will consume some time and probably the coming summer will be consumed before this can be completed.

Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company and head of its loan department, and the company's actuary, C. A. Loveland, went on the stand. In comparing the assignment clauses of the policy loan papers of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company, and other companies making policy loans, Mr. Sanborn testified that the assignment of the Northwestern's policy provides for the absolute forfeiture of policies used as collateral for loans from the company, upon default in the payments of principal, interest or premiums on the policy. This is declared by Actuary Miles M. Dawson to be the most severe assignment clause of any company, although some eastern companies are said to have somewhat similar clauses. Mr. Sanborn said the assignment conditions are rarely enforced.

The testimony of Actuary Loveland developed the fact that the passage of the Wisconsin law compelling dividend divisions on policies at least once in five years, had caused the company to abandon writing all deferred dividend policies.

BIG FAILURE IN WICHITA

Federal Court Appoints a Receiver for the J. F. Baden Produce Company.

WICHITA, Kan., April 13.—Acting upon the petition of creditors in a case of voluntary bankruptcy brought against the J. F. Baden Produce company at Winfield, Kan., Judge Phillips of the United States circuit court today took the affairs of that company out of the hands of the state court by appointing C. W. Southward of Wichita to succeed J. F. Baden as receiver. The creditors include several large coal companies and nearly three thousand farmers and dealers in produce in the south-

west. No report has been made upon the assets or liabilities, but the matter will exceed a quarter of a million dollars.

BUILDING STRIKE AT ST. LOUIS

Bricklayers and Stonemasons Called from Work Where Nonunion Men Are Employed.

ST. LOUIS, April 13.—Joseph Kolley and Bert Childs, officers of the Bricklayers' and Stonemasons' International union, drove around St. Louis today calling off bricklayers from every building job on which the stonemasons employed were not affiliated with their organization.

During the forenoon, it was said, work was stopped on 100 buildings and there were about fifty more that had not yet been visited. It is estimated that 2,000 men stopped work. Officials of the union say they believe they have the better of the situation and that the strike will be over within a week.

A Brave Fight

against Stomach, Liver and Kidney Trouble is always successful if carried on by means of Electric Bitters. 50 cents. For sale by Sherman & McConnell Drug Co.

See the City and Take an Automobile Ride Cheap.

For the Young Women's Christian Association Building Fund. Cars leaving Sixteenth and Farnam streets every five minutes, commencing at 1 o'clock Saturday p. m. the 14th.

POLICE CHIEFS GOING HOME.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 13.—The police chiefs' convention dispensed of miscellaneous routine matters today. Many delegates will leave for home tonight, although the convention will not officially close until tomorrow.

POSSIBLE GOVERNOR IN CITY

C. J. Miles of Hastings, Who Made Remarkable Race for Mayor, Visits Metropolis.

C. J. Miles of Hastings was in Omaha Friday. Mr. Miles has the unique honor of having been elected mayor of Hastings for the third time and of having but three votes cast against him in the last election, his democratic opponent withdrawing from the race and the party declining to fill the vacancy thus created.

Since this remarkable showing, friends of the mayor have suggested him as a candidate for governor and another prospective candidate for that office from Hastings, J. P. A. Black, has announced his intention of withdrawing in favor of Mr. Miles. So far Mr. Miles has made no formal announcement, but is looking over the field with a view of making a decision.

CITY BOYS PINE FOR PLAINS

Chicago Lads Tarry in Omaha on Their Way to Ranch in Wild Montana.

Bob Mason and Billy Wilson, two Chicago youths, were discharged by Police Judge Crawford Friday morning when the young men told the magistrate they were bound to a friend's ranch at Billings, Mont. Mason and Wilson were picked up on suspicion by the detectives. They declared they had tired of metropolitan life in the Windy City and longed for large lots and bucking ponies. The police judge admonished the youths to keep going west until they reached their destination.

Are You Getting Full Value for Your Money

Every level-headed man, whether he puts \$100 or \$1,000 into a piano, wants the best he can get for the money.

He doesn't want to pay \$250 for a piano worth only \$190 or \$200. He doesn't want to find, after he has bought the piano, that some would-be friend had received \$25 or \$50 commission for inducing him to buy it.

Spring has come round again, and we say with certainty born of investigation that we have the best pianos in the world for the price, and that our prices are from \$50 to \$150 lower than prices in other stores for the same quality of pianos. Look around, come and see, and we'll prove it. We are factory distributors for Knabe, Kranich & Bach, Kimball, Bush-Lane, Hospe, Cable-Nelson, Whitney, Hinze, Hallet & Davis, Burton, Cramer and others.

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