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Erma Meeker Goes Over and Back Route He Made Half Century Ago.

Erma Meeker, who passed over what is now Omaha some fifty-four years ago with an ox team while enroute to the Pacific coast, is again in Omaha enroute back to his old home in Indianapolis. On his first visit to this locality Mr. Meeker used as a mode of transportation a team of oxen and the prairie schooner. He is still using the same kind of transportation. He left his wagon and ox on Lincoln and his trip to Omaha, partially, is to visit the stock yards and get him another steer, having lost one a few days ago.

Mr. Meeker is making the trip across the country to re-establish and mark out the old Oregon trail. At regular intervals he is having erected monuments to make the trail permanent. At the conclusion of his trip he expects to publish a book, "The Old Oregon Trail, 1852-1906." Tuesday Mr. Meeker spent considerable time with Dr. George L. Miller and other pioneers discussing the location of the original Missouri river crossing. When this is settled beyond any doubt the traveler

expects to call upon the people of Omaha to subscribe money for the erection of a monument to mark the crossing.

When Mr. Meeker first passed over the Oregon trail he was 22 years old and was accompanied by his wife and one child. He is now 78 years old and is rugged for so old a man. His home is at Puyallup, Wash., where he and his wife first settled fifty-four years ago. "Neither of us has had a day of sickness in fifty-four years," said the traveler.

As soon as he secures another steer Mr. Meeker will drive through from Lincoln to Omaha, where he will remain several days. He is accompanied in his travels by his grand-daughter, Miss Bertha Hampton. He wears a long, flowing beard and his hair is entirely white.

DIAMONDS—Edholm, 26th and Harney.

The following marriage licenses have been issued: Frederick G. Witte, Omaha, 25; Florence M. A. Chepter, Omaha, 25; Carl K. Cummings, Omaha, 24; Nettie O. Hurd, Omaha, 24; James O. Jarman, Omaha, 19; Sadie Pierce Hoffman, South Omaha, 19; Hibbert T. Krier, Sioux City, Ia., 19; Mary Kreyche, Omaha, 19.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Telephone Ordinance Placed on File by Committee's Report.

WORK MAY BE DONE ALL OVER AGAIN Committee Finds Proposals Unacceptable for a Number of Reasons and Report is Adopted Without Comment.

At the council meeting Tuesday evening the recommendations of Members Blyden and Johnson of the telephone committee that the Gate City and Home companies' telephone ordinances, introduced several weeks ago, be filed, was adopted without any comment. That settled the telephone question so far as these ordinances are concerned. Upon consideration of the ordinance the telephone committee favorably approved to granting the Home company a thirty-five year franchise, and was not assured that the Gate City company would expend more than the stipulated \$100,000 if granted a franchise. Other objections of a minor character, were brought to light by the committee, which explained after the meeting that both ordinances were faulty and liable to litigation if passed. It is understood that promoters of both companies will prepare new ordinances for introduction at an early date.

It also reached the ears of the telephone committee that a promoter of one of the companies had made overtures to representatives of the other company to sell out the franchise if received.

Daniels-Lee Matter Up. The city prosecutor's matter came up in the form of two communications from Mayor Dahlman. The first was a reference to the failure of the council to elect a city prosecutor at its last regular meeting and contained the name of Louis J. Platt as the mayor's appointee. The second communication was the appointment of Mr. Platt subject to the council's confirmation. Upon the reading of these communications Councilman Funkhouser immediately moved that the communications be placed on file, as there was no vacancy in the city prosecutor's office. That motion carried with nine affirmative votes, Elmaser and Jackson voting nay.

City Prosecutor's bond was approved. Mr. Daniel qualified yesterday afternoon before Judge Sutton and said he would make a demand for his office in the police court this morning.

Hope for the Hobo.

Councilman Bedford introduced an ordinance for the establishment of a rockery at such place as the committee decided on by the council. The ordinance received its first and second reading and was referred to the committee of the whole for further consideration. Mr. Bedford's idea is to work prisoners sentenced in the police court and allow the prisoners \$2 per day to apply on the rockery. It provides that failure to work shall subject the prisoners to solitary confinement and a diet of bread and water until such time as the prisoners become reconciled to the rock pile idea, no allowance being given while the prisoners are kept in solitary confinement.

To Move Her Building.

A resolution, ordering the street commissioner to cause the removal of a building erected by Peter E. Her, near Second street and Woolworth avenue, was referred to the committee on street improvement. The committee on the city attorney explained that the ordinance passed by the council in June, permitting Mr. Her to erect the building in the street, was out of order, as no ordinance could be found vacating the street and further explaining that a warranty deed given by the Late Frank E. Moore to Mr. Her, January 11 of this year, would not hold. The matter first came up through a complaint from Rasmus Peterson, who complained that the building being erected interfered with traffic in that section of the city.

Railroads File a Protest.

A communication, signed jointly by A. L. Mohler for the Union Pacific, W. H. Holdrege for the Burlington Railroad company, was read and referred to the committee on railroads and viaducts. The communication was a protest against alleged unskillful changes made in a viaduct on Vinton street, near Southview, and the changes said to have been made by the Omaha Grain terminals. The protestants declared the changes made rendered the structure unsafe.

Health Commissioner Conell called attention to the fact that the Emergency hospital was struck by lightning yesterday afternoon and a chimney damaged and hole made in the roof. The committee on buildings and property will look into the matter.

J. F. Mahoney, clerk of the police court, reported that during August he collected fines amounting to \$241, and costs, \$48.50.

Inspector of Weights and Measures Peag, reported that last month he condemned eleven measures, four scales and seven weights.

Mayor Dahlman's \$1 gas ordinance was not introduced.

WINTER PLANS FOR COMPANY L

Committees Appointed to Devise a Series of Entertainments.

Plans for the winter months to occupy the time of the boys outside the military duties were discussed at the business meeting of the members of Company L, First Nebraska, Monday evening. A committee was selected to take charge of the pleasure and entertainment end of the program. Private Solomon was chosen to head this committee, the other members being Second Lieutenant Edmunds, First Sergeant Lundberg, Sergeant Remington, Corporal Loue and Private Casper.

It is the desire and purpose of the soldiers to develop the social possibilities of their organization, which, they think, have been greatly neglected during recent years. Entertainment features of the highest and most respectable class only, will be inaugurated in order that the boys may have the interest of the present members be enlisted, but that recruits of a high standard may be attracted. A series of dances will be taken up soon, to be held at Chambers' hall. The matter of securing the olive-drab uniforms was also discussed at the meeting to some extent. The blue clothing with which the company is now supplied is not only badly worn, but of the old issue. As the state shows no great inclination to furnish new clothing it is possible the boys will take it into their own hands to supply themselves.

CHAIRMEN NAMED COMMITTEE

Kennedy's Campaign Workers Selected by the County Chairmen of His District.

An error was made in connection with the announcement of the names of the republican committee for the Second congressional district. Instead of the committee having been selected by Congressman Kennedy the names were chosen for him by Chairman Gibson of Douglas county, Chairman Marcus Beck of Washington and Chairman I. D. Clark of Sarpy counties.

OUR LETTER BOX.

An Open Letter to Dr. George L. Miller O'NEILL, Neb., Sept. 11.—Dear Doctor:

In the Bee of Sunday you addressed an open letter to Edgar Howard on the question of public ownership. It is evident that the letter is not intended merely as a communication to Judge Howard, but as an assault upon those who favor the public ownership of railroads. So believing, and having been an advocate of this great principle long before either Judge Howard or Mr. Bryan, I take the liberty to reply to you, using the same means of publicity that you have used.

The only thought which you suggest, and that might cause real democrats to hesitate, is that Jefferson's ideas are opposed to public ownership. Jefferson's opposition would indeed be quite potent with democrats. We recognize him as the great democrat of the nineteenth century, just as we recognize Bryan as the great democrat of the twentieth century. But Doctor, you cannot possibly quote Jefferson against the public ownership of railroads, for there was not a railroad in the United States when Jefferson died. But Jefferson's teachings, his avowed views, have a distinct bearing upon the issue. In Jefferson's time the means of communication and transportation in the United States were over lakes, rivers, canals and the ordinary highways. There were no railroads in those days. Jefferson sanctioned the taking of money from the national treasury for the purpose of constructing canals and building highways to transport persons and property between the canals and other bodies of water. If it was right, Doctor, for the national government to take money from its treasury to build canals for the public use and to build highways connecting the canals with lakes and rivers, is it wrong to take money from the national treasury to build the highways of commerce today, which means the steel railed highways? Jefferson advocated the public ownership of the only means of transportation known in his day, and I believe it is quite logical to say that the man who believed in the public ownership and operation of the only means of transportation in his time would likewise believe in the public ownership and operation of our modern means of transportation. If that is so, Doctor, Jefferson advocated this principle that I have stated, I will furnish you the proof. The trouble is, Doctor, that those so-called democrats who oppose public ownership, don't know what Jefferson did teach, or knowing it, purposely conceal it. They never justify what Jefferson practiced. They hate and despise Jefferson's ideas. No man who believes in the teachings of Jefferson can or will oppose public ownership. Every Jeffersonian democrat in the nation will stand with Bryan, who is only advocating the ideas of Jefferson.

Those who talk of Jeffersonian democracy so glibly are mistaken as to the author of their so-called democracy. The men who believe that private parties should own our highways, whether they be canals, rivers, lakes or railroads, are not followers of Jefferson at all. The men who believe in granting special privileges to private men and in giving to them a monopoly of the modern public highway are not followers of Jefferson; they are the followers of so-called democrats like Grover Cleveland, William C. Whitney, August Belmont and Roger Sullivan.

In a letter such as this, Doctor, I cannot discuss one-hundredth part of the arguments in favor of public ownership. For the purpose of this letter I shall suggest but a few of the reasons why you are not a follower of Jefferson at all. The men who believe in granting special privileges to private men and in giving to them a monopoly of the modern public highway are not followers of Jefferson; they are the followers of so-called democrats like Grover Cleveland, William C. Whitney, August Belmont and Roger Sullivan.

But, Doctor, let us find out what the private owners of the railroads are doing in this matter of centralization. I do not intend to go into all of them. That would take a letter that would fill many newspapers. But before the discussion is over during the next two years, the defenders of the present system will have all these arguments dived into their ears; for Bryan has aroused, by this great issue, the young men of the country as Jefferson aroused them a century ago. There are countries in Europe—many of them—which own and operate their own railroads. They control their exercise of power with that of the dukes of the steel railed highways, who manage our modern railroads. In 1886 every man in the United States who would agree to vote for William McKinley was given the opportunity to have a free bed, free meals and a free drink if he would take a trip to visit McKinley at Canton, O. These were accepted by men from all parts of the United States. The railroads furnished it all. The purpose was to stir up enthusiasm and secure votes for McKinley and the modern system. Has any government in Europe ever exercised such power as this to aid any political party?

These same railroads took millions from their treasuries in 1896 and used it to defeat William J. Bryan. This was not their own money, it was money wrung by them in extortionate freight and passenger charges from the people of the country. It was wrung alike from the friends and foes of Bryan. But it was used against Bryan. Would any government dare take money from the railroad treasury under government ownership and use it to further the candidacy of any presidential candidate? Yet this money was acquired by these railroads by exercising national power in interstate commerce and state sovereignty in state commerce. For be it remembered, Doctor, that no railroad company can transport freight or passengers a single mile in the United States without state or interstate authority.

I do not claim that the railroads were the only sinners in that campaign. The trusts and money combines were in with them. But I am pointing out to you, Doctor, that they exercised a despotic and corrupt power that never has been exercised and never will be exercised by any railroads owned by any government on earth. In Douglas county, in which you live, Doctor, what did the railroads and other combines do? They desired to beat Bryan and likewise to elect a legislative ticket subservient to the corporations. What did they do, Doctor? Would you and others like you, who favor private

ownership, like to tell the people that? Not much. You will dislike very much to be reminded of the debauchery of your county. A contest was heard before the legislature in the session following the election of 1896, and a report was made. The committee investigated the question of corruption in Douglas county. There were two reports; a majority and minority. The majority report was signed by democrats and populists; the minority report was signed by populists and republicans. Every man on that committee declared over his signature that he had traced the use of \$30,000 of corruption funds used by the republican party in Douglas county alone. If you will deny this, Doctor, I will furnish you a certified copy of the report signed by these men. This money was taken from the treasury of the railroads and other corrupt combines for the purpose of overthrowing the popular will. Without it Mr. Bryan would have swept Douglas county like a cyclone. By the use of \$30,000 they beat him less than 700 votes in a county that polled almost 25,000 votes. Doctor, will you seriously contend that any administration would dare take from the treasury \$30,000 or any other sum of money for the purpose of furthering the fortunes of any political party in Douglas county. Is it not about time, Doctor, that you pull down your beaver man called centralization of power?

But a word further, Doctor. The republican national committee had spent some twelve or fifteen millions up to the last week in October that year. They determined that they needed five million dollars more to carry five states and beat Bryan. Richard Keams, the republican national committeeman from St. Louis, is one of those who declared on investigation that McKinley was beaten, and beaten badly in his own state of Ohio at that time. Thomas W. Lawson, a republican who supported McKinley in both campaigns and who supports Roosevelt in the last campaign, and who was in a position to know the truth, and who helped to contribute the corruption money, and who can have no possible object in telling a falsehood to aid Bryan, tells us how the job was done. In the last week of the campaign a hurrying call was made and from the treasury vaults of Wall street; from the trusts; from the privately owned railroads of the country, there came forth five million dollars more for corruption purposes and with it, Lawson declared, they bought and took from Bryan five states, and thereby elected McKinley. The states, Doctor, which they bought with that five millions and delivered to McKinley and away from Bryan are the states of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, California and Oregon. A computation of the electoral votes of these states will show that if Bryan had got them he was elected president by a handsome majority. Indeed, Doctor, the votes of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky alone would have elected him. Doctor, can you tell any place on God's footstool where money was taken from the treasury of government owned roads and used to buy up five states or any other territory? What monarch, Doctor, has ever exercised such centralization and corrupt power as this? The friends of Bryan propose to abolish the system by which a few men owning our great public highways can gather in by exorbitant rates millions of money most unjustly and then take the people's own money and use it for the purpose of overthrowing popular government and seating in the presidential chair a man who was not actually elected. These are but a few of the reasons, and only the starting point, Doctor, in the argument that you and others who may favor this corrupt system will have to meet before the fight is over. We are ready for the fight, Doctor; we are stripped for the fray, and in the pink of condition. Yours truly,

M. F. HARRINGTON.

PLAN TO STEAL GRIP BALKED

Owner Saw the Trick and Gives Chase, Joined by Special Officer Chamberlain.

When Chris Anderson, Tenth and Jackson streets, was captured in the act of taking a grip belonging to someone else at the Union depot, in an apparently innocent manner, Tuesday afternoon, the police believe they discovered a new and clever scheme adopted by crooks to make away with stolen baggage and think possibly recent disappearances of grips and bags is explained.

Anderson joined a gang of laborers about to be shipped by a local employment bureau, and went to the depot with the rest with a ticket stuck in his hat. As all were waiting in the depot for the train, Anderson picked up a grip and walked off. No one would have suspected it was not his property had not the owner, Mr. Clark of Kansas City, noticed Anderson's action and given chase. The thief ran and others joined in the pursuit.

Special Officer Chamberlain saw what was up and ran after the fleeing man into the train shed, where he caught Anderson after the latter, believing escape impossible, had thrown the bag into the vestibule of a passenger coach. Anderson was locked



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BOYCOTT STILL IN EFFECT

Embargo Against Rock Island Railroad Said to Be Bearing Results.

For the benefit of a number of the members of the executive committee of the Commercial club who were out of town when the boycott on the Rock Island was declared, that matter was made the subject of discussion at the meeting Tuesday. John Utt was there to defend the Rock Island and Secretary McVann of the Grain Exchange was present to explain the situation from the standpoint of the grain men, so that the meeting was practically a repetition of a former one. The boycott is still in force and is said to be effective.

The executive committee decided that, at the request of the board of governors of Ak-Sar-Ben, a bureau of information would be maintained at the Commercial club during Ak-Sar-Ben week. A list of boarding and rooming places will be kept for the benefit of the visitors in the city. Will Yetter, chairman of the trade extension committee, spoke of the Florence ferry, emphasizing the value to Omaha's retail trade of good roads leading to the ferry from the Iowa side, in place of the present bad roads.

J. E. Baum resigned from the committee appointed to organize a company for the encouragement of new industries, and C. F. McGrew was appointed in his place. Estella E. Pead left for the east last evening to make a selection of paper flowers for decorating Automobiles, etc., for Ak-Sar-Ben parade, and will return Tuesday, next, when she will be pleased to show her patrons samples.

STAR BOARDER SCORNS PIE

Tires of Delicacy for Breakfast Every Day and Tries to Carve His Host.

J. Greenberg, who is the proprietor of a lodging house at 1302 Chicago street, had a little trouble in his family of boarders Tuesday night. Jake Godlepe, the star boarder, got tired of having pie for breakfast every day and registered a complaint. Mr. Greenberg resented the imputations cast upon his bill of fare, and Godlepe, becoming excited, attempted to carve up his landlady with a pocket knife. Greenberg called Detective Horne to his assistance and in police court Wednesday morning Godlepe was given a fine of \$5 and costs as a punishment for such strenuous complaint regarding his daily diet.

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