POLICE BOARD UNDER FIRE

Civic Federation Files Charges with Governor Against Omaha Body.

ACCUSED OF FAILURE TO ENFORCE LAW

Dr. Alden Notifies Governor He Will Vacate Norfolk Asylum and Dr. Young Will Take Charge At Once.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Governor Mickey will hear the charges of the Civic Federation against the Omaha Board of Fire and Police commissioners at a special meeting at the Millard hotel, October 15 at 2 p. m. The executive committee of the federation today filed with the governor charges of wilful neglect of duty on the part of the board, asserting the members did not even make a display of enforcing the statutes.

The complainants are T. J. Mahoney, A. B. Somers, C. S. Hayward, Isaac W. Carpenter, W. T. Graham and Warren Switzler. The members of the board are Lee Spratlin, W. J. Broatch, Dr. George L. Miller and Joseph W. Thomas.

In brief the charges are:

1. The said Board of Fire and Police commissioners and each member thereof, have failed, refused and neglected to enforce the laws of Nebraska which prohibit the sale and giving away of intoxicating liquors on Sunday.

2. Said board and the members thereof have encouraged the saloon keepers and brewers of the city of Omaha, during the past three years, to violate laws.

3. Said board and the members thereof have failed and refused to discipline or discharge Chief of Police Donahue and members of the police force of the city of Omaha for failing to enforce said laws.

It is charged in the complaint that notice was served on Captain Dunn of the police force that certain saloons were selling liquor on Sunday and that he failed to make an arrest and when charges were filed against him with the board, the charges were dismissed by the board. The complaint reviews the protests filed by Elmer E. Thomas with the board against the granting of licenses to 176 saloons and states that though no evidence was offered to offset the Thomas testimony the board overruled the protests. The governor is asked to take appropriate action under the law.

Attorneys Mapes and Tyler and C. E. Burnham of Norfolk were in Lincoln this morning representing Dr. Alden in the Norfolk asylum case and signed the stipulation by which the case was dismissed.

Governor Back from Iowa.

Governor Mickey returned this morning from a business trip to Iola, Ia., where he attended a meeting of the board of directors of his cement company.

Dr. Alden Goes Out.

Dr. Alden, superintendent of the Norfolk asylum, whose resignation was demanded by Governor Mickey some months ago, this morning notified the governor of his intention to move out at once, and Dr. Young, the newly appointed superintendent, left this afternoon to take charge of the institution.

The suit brought by the state to oust Dr. Alden has been dismissed, conditioned upon him getting out at once. Dr. Alden refused to give up his position at the head of the institution after the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings investigated conditions and gave him a clean bill. The governor then instituted proceedings to oust him. Dr. Alden is in poor health and it is understood he will take a rest before resuming the practice of medicine.

Dr. Alden agreed to pay all the costs in the case.

Organizing Against Horsethieves.

Sheriff Ress has begun the organization of a vigilance committee to stop horse stealing and to catch horse thieves. During the last year horse stealing has been a favorite pastime for some parties as yet unknown to the sheriff, and recently the city of Lincoln has been invaded and a lot of harness and saddles have been stolen. The sheriff expects to organize the farmers, so that when a report comes in of a visit of horse thieves he can telephone these farmers and they can watch the roads for the thieves. Whether the organization will reserve the right to use the rope when a horse thief is caught is not set out in the bylaws of the order.

Inspecting Normal Library.

The State Board of Education for normal schools went to Peru this afternoon to inspect the new library building before its formal acceptance by the state. This building has been erected at a cost of $32,500 and is now being used by the normal, although not formally accepted. C. H. Gregg and President A. O. Thomas, president of the Kearney Normal school, arrived in Lincoln today to accompany the board to Peru. President Thomas stated today that the enrollment at Kearney up to last Friday was 511, which is more than any normal school in the state excepting that at Peru. The enrollment for the year will probably pass 1,100.

Enforcing Occupation Tax.

Unless the proprietors of grain and stock commission houses pay their occupation taxes by Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, arrests by wholesale will follow. That was the decision reached this morning at a conference between City Clerk Pratt, City Attorney Strode and Deputy Attorney Flaherty. The occupation tax of $50 and the license of $25 were due last June. Not one of the commission men has paid either fee demanded by the city.

Mayor Dahlman, speaking of the charges, said:

"Yes, I am ex-officio member of the board, but I think I hold my office by grace of the votes of the people of Omaha and I don't think the governor can fire me if he wants to. However, if he wants another ex-officio member he can appoint him, as I understand I get no pay for attending these meetings.

"I am also of the opinion I was elected to the office of mayor, which carries with it a membership on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, on a liberal ticket, with a platform of the most liberal kind. I was not aware of any promises made before election to close this town up any tighter than it is. It seems to me it is pretty good now."

"They want to get rid of Chief Donahue to have a chief of their own," said Dr. George L. Miller, a member of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. "I have been expecting some move of this kind for some time, but they will not get rid of Chief Donahue by any such methods, for I firmly believe he is one of the best officers in America. The governor was here last week and met with the board. He asked to have a clause inserted in the licenses next year which would provide that if the statute was violated the board could revoke the license at any time. We had not had time to look up the matter and the governor assured us such a clause would be perfectly legal. When the meeting was over I went to the city attorney and he immediately told me that such a thing was impossible. Other prominent attorneys told me it was ridiculous. I wrote to the chief that such was the case.

"It is the old fight over again. The federation has sent Thomas to Lincoln with a view to show an attempt to do a thing contrary to law. The issue must be met. An election is coming on. He may attempt to remove the board members if they fail to enforce the Sunday law.

"The people of Omaha gave their verdict against Sunday closing last spring when they put James C. Dahlman in the mayor's chair. When I went to the polls in my ward and saw many good church people out working for Dahlman and an open Sunday I made up my mind the people of this city did not want the saloons closed on Sunday."

Oil Indications in York.

M'COOL JUNCTION, Neb., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—A Pennsylvania gentleman coming from the oil regions of that state noticing the outpour of oil coming from some oil reservoir that is constantly floating out on the surface of the water in the Blue, claims that underneath are oil lakes or reservoirs of oil. Oil in Pennsylvania was discovered in the same way along the creeks. That there is gas underlying is evidenced by air bubbles constantly arising from the bottom of the river and coming to the top. An airtight box was placed over one of the gas indications at night. The next morning the plug was withdrawn and a lighted match was applied. The gas burned as well as any gas. These same indications are along Beaver creek that runs through York. What is wanted is a company of men who understand boring for oil, and York county, noted for its rich and productive farms, will become noted for its oil and gas.

Forges a Check and Skips.

PILGER, Neb., Oct. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—John Pipskie, a Polander, weighing about 130 pounds, dark complexioned, who has been working here the last three months, forged a check on C. W. Rogers, a brick mason, for $35. Taking the check to C. H. Davison, who runs a barber shop and confectionery store, he got it cashed on Sunday, October 7. Mr. Davison had been cashing checks for him for smaller amounts signed by C. W. Rogers, so that he never suspicioned that the check was not good until he took it to the bank on Monday morning, when he found it was forged. The Polander went east some time Sunday night on a freight train.

Divorce in Record Time.

WAYNE, Neb., Oct. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The October term of district court for the Ninth judicial district convened here today, Judge Boyd presiding. The afternoon session was devoted to suits for divorce, five being granted. It only took a minute to secure one, the only witness making the statement that he knew plaintiff lived alone.

Socialists Organizing Clubs.

KEARNEY, Neb., Oct. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—A socialist club was organized here yesterday afternoon by State Organizer G. S. Porter of Omaha. The new club starts out with a number of members. Mr. Porter left for Minden Monday where he will look after the organization in that town.

Looking Into the Payrolls.

WATERLOO, Neb., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Local interest in the outcome of the charges against Joe Nadonoly and A. J. Mangan, foremen on the bridge mason work for the Union Pacific at Elkhorn and Waterloo, respectively, is strong, both at Waterloo and Elkhorn, where there is considerable surprise manifested at the disclosures. Officials of the Union Pacific were in both towns Saturday digging into the matter, with the result that a number of local people have been called before the grand jury as witnesses, a half dozen of Mangan's workmen going this afternoon.

Shallenberger at Broken Bow.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Oct. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—A. C. Shallenberger, democratic nominee for governor, spoke here tonight. He was particularly strong on 2-cent fares, reduction of freight rates and government ownership of railroads. He scored the trusts and harpooned Bailey of Texas for receiving enormous fees from corporations. After closing his speech, Mr. Shallenberger held an informal reception in the district court room.

Tragedy Causes Another Death.

NORFOLK, Neb., Oct. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—There may be a third death due to the dual shooting of recent date. Nell Bailey, wife of Lee Bailey, one of the men killed, has suffered two strokes of paralysis and is said to be dying.

Clement Case Goes to Jury.

PAPILLION, Neb., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—The Clement murder case went to the jury today at 3 p. m.

News of Nebraska.

BEATRICE—The Putnam ball team defeated the Maple Grove nine by a score of 15 to 14.

BEATRICE—Mrs. McGuire, mother of James McGuire, has returned from an extended trip to Scotland, her old home.

YORK—Mr. Ford, a paving contractor, has a force of workmen at work placing curbing along the streets York will pave.

PLATTSMOUTH—Walter, the 19-year-old son of J. R. Denson, who died yesterday from the excessive smoking of cigarettes, was buried this afternoon.

BEATRICE—Mrs. Sarah R. Freshman, wife of A. C. Freshman, died Saturday night, aged 44 years. The body will be taken to Kansas City for interment.

YORK—Prof. Goodrich, republican nominee for state senator, visited in York and made a large number of acquaintances. He created a very favorable impression.

TECUMSEH—The first quarterly dividend is being paid on stock in the Johnson County Home Telephone company, the independent company here. The dividend amounts to 8 per cent.

YORK—Andrew Carnegie has agreed to give the York college $15,000 providing $40,000 is raised by the college. Prof. Shell, president of York college, hopes to raise the funds required.

BEATRICE—Another case of diphtheria was reported to the authorities yesterday. The disease is being slowly eradicated and at present not more than half a dozen cases exist in the city.

BEATRICE—Mr. Edgar A. Smith and Miss Alice May Morris were united in marriage recently, Judge Spafford officiating. The groom is car inspector for the Rock Island at this place.

SCHUYLER—The talk of the republicans of this county is against Candidate Williams for railroad commissioner and are all lined up in favor of the democratic nominee, Hurst.

SCHUYLER—With the three new pressed brick buildings, comprising the new Odd Fellows' hall, F. Baade's barber shop and Joe Bliss' dry goods building, Schuyler has been much improved this summer.

COLUMBUS—The Union Pacific is going to give Columbus a new freight depot and the work has commenced. It will be of brick, 40x100 feet, and a platform 16x270. The structure will cost more than $9,000.

SCHUYLER—The Schuyler basket ball team organized Monday evening, electing Harry Bohman manager and Earl Lipple as captain. Schuyler has good timber this year and no doubt will take many games.

COLUMBUS—The men who have bought out and will edit the Columbus Journal are R. G. Strother and his brother, F. K. Strother. They come from Monroe, have been reared in this county and are thoroughbred republicans.

TECUMSEH—Mrs. Calla Scott Willard of Botsany, state secretary and organizer of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of the Christian church, spoke to the members of the local society at the home of Mrs. C. J. Canon.

SCHUYLER—The Schuyler precinct republican caucus was held here Friday night. C. S. F. Payne was nominated for justice of the peace and John Vath, the democratic road overseer, was endorsed by the republicans for another term on account of his good work.

TABLE ROCK—The St. Joseph Commercial club arrived here this morning on schedule time and was here for forty minutes. The train consisted of four or five passenger coaches, a baggage and dining car, and was accompanied by a fine band which made music for the occasion.

BEATRICE—Seven boys who have been in the habit of jumping on and off cars in the railroad yards, were lodged in jail by the police. They were later released by Judge Inman, who told them that a repetition of the offense would mean a term in the reform school.

BEATRICE—Many Beatrice citizens are criticising the action of the city council in passing the Eaton gas franchise ordinance without requiring the promoters to give a bond. If the company in laying its mains and making the improvements necessary for the establishment of the plant tear up the streets the city has no recourse in case of accidents, which would very likely mean damage suits against the city. It is understood the promoters will soon commence work on the new gas plant, which will cost about $100,000.

BRADSHAW—Owing to the lack of interest taken by farmers and stock growers living near York, where the county fair is held, citizens here are proposing to hold the next county fair at Bradshaw. It is true that nearly all exhibits at this year's county fair came from Bradshaw.

WEST POINT—The democrats have called their float representative convention to meet in Pender on October 10. Twenty-eight delegates are called for, Cuming county having fifteen, Dakota seven and Thurston six, giving to Cuming county the clear majority in the convention.

SCHUYLER—The Lutheran, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches will all have new ministers here in the near future. Rev. Mr. Arnold of the Presbyterian church going to New Jersey, Rev. Mr. Mills of the Episcopal taking a church in Oregon and Rev. Mr. Bramtisch of the Lutheran going to South Dakota.

FREMONT—The Dodge County Poultry association held a meeting at the court house Saturday evening to make arrangements for the annual exhibit to be held in December. The people interested in chickens were out in full force. J. B. Archard resigned as secretary and was succeeded by George McClasky. Thirteen new members of the association were elected.

FREMONT—The Fremont Women's club held their first meeting after the summer vacation Saturday, which was well attended. The principal number on the program was the president's address, by Mrs. C. H. Hollenbeck, on "Progress." Mrs. W. H. Clemmons and Mrs. B. H. Aaronson were chosen delegates to the State Federation of Women's Clubs, which meets this year at Kearney.

TECUMSEH—The St. Joseph Commercial club is coming into Nebraska tomorrow on a trade boosting excursion. A special train will be run over the Burlington carrying the members of the club. The train is scheduled for a forty-minute stop at Tecumseh and is to reach this station at 12:30 o'clock p. m. The Tecumseh Commercial club is planning to give the St. Joseph gentlemen a hearty welcome.

TECUMSEH—The Eleventh United States cavalry, which has been in camp at Fort Riley, Kan., most of the summer and which expected to march home, to Fort Des Moines, Ia., stopping enroute at Tecumseh, has proceeded to the last named place by rail and will not come into Nebraska at this time. The Eleventh cavalry was among the regiments to be ordered by the War department for service in Cuba.

COLUMBUS—Henry Bakenhus was badly burned the other day. He was drawing a load of hay to his stock yards and stopped to set fire to a pile of rubbish. The mules backed the load of hay over the fire and it caught. Mr. Bakenhus did not notice that the hay was on fire and when he did his foot got caught, and in struggling to extricate himself he fell backward into the fire with the result that his whole left side was burned to a blister and his garments partly consumed.

WEST POINT—The old National hotel property on Main street, in West Point, has been sold and the building is being demolished. This is one of the oldest landmarks in West Point, having been erected in the early '60s, for the accommodation of the incoming immigrants who were settling up Cuming county at that time. The building has had a varied history, its occupancy of late years as a hotel having proved unprofitable to both owners and occupants.

WEST POINT—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beckenhauer, pioneer settlers of Cuming county, celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday. The couple were married in Germany fifty years ago and are the parents of ten children, all of whom are living and were present to celebrate this event. Eighteen out of the twenty-four living grandchildren were also present with the other living relatives, making a very large assemblage. The aged couple have been residents of Cuming county forty years.

WEST POINT—The Board of Insanity was confronted, last week, with a very peculiar case. A man was found at the railroad station at Bancroft in an unconscious condition. He was brought to West Point and placed in the hands of the sheriff, who called the insanity commissioners. He could speak but could give no account of himself. He was deemed a fit subject for treatment and was taken to Norfolk by Sheriff Malchow, under the name of Charles Bagley, that name being inscribed upon his effects.

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Tentative Agreement Made with Legion of Spanish War Veterans for Consolidation of the Two Organizations.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Spanish-American war veterans from practically every state in the union are in attendance upon the third annual encampment of the organization which began its sessions here today. Since Saturday noon organizations of the veterans have been arriving here on every train and by the time the first session of the encampment was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Miller of Ohio, all of the eastern, middle western and southern states were represented by big delegations.

Commander-in-Chief Miller submitted to the delegates his report for the year. He reviewed his personal work as commander-in-chief and said he was assured there was a great awakening of interest in the organization, especially in the south where many camps are now being formed. A tentative agreement has been entered into between Commander Miller and Commander Walker, of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans of Massachusetts, providing for a consolidation of the two organizations. It probably will be ratified at this encampment. The Massachusetts organization has about 4,500 members. Commander Miller recommended that, in the south where there are many negroes eligible to membership in the organization, separate camps and separate departments be organized for white and for black members. The financial condition of the organization, Commander Miller said, was good, all bills being paid and a balance of $2,400 in bank. While it was not possibly for the commander to report the precise membership of the United Spanish War Veterans, he said it approximated 45,000.

STREET CAR COMPANY FIGHTS

Cleveland Concern Attempts to Involve Tom Johnson in a Municipal Scandal.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 8.—Charging that Mayor Johnson is financially interested in the success of the Forest City Railway company, otherwise known as the 3-cent fare street railway line, and that he procured the organization of the company, obtained franchises for it and has assumed a financial responsibility in behalf of the Forest City Railway company—all of which is said to be in violation of law—the Cleveland Electric Railway company filed today in the common pleas court a petition asking that all work upon the Forest City Railway company's lines be enjoined and that interference with the lines of the Cleveland Electric Railway company be prohibited by the court.

The petition also asks that the grants to the Municipal Traction company, as well as to the Forest City Railway company, be declared null and void. A number of city officials are made defendants.

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