

COMMERCIAL CLUB LID OFF

Effect of Stormy Meeting When Executive Committee Was Reorganized.

INSIDE FACTS OF THAT CHICAGO FIASCO

Details of How Anti-Roosevelt Members of Club Came to Be Sent to Light.

Since the reorganization by the Commercial club of its executive committee's action in passing resolutions against the 3-cent fare bill, hundreds of the members are learning some things they didn't know before regarding the delegation sent to Chicago in 1906 to a convention to discuss interstate law and the regulation of railroads.

How Their Choice Was Made.

How these delegates were foisted on the club is just now being made universally public.

E. P. Bacon of Milwaukee, who was responsible for the calling of the Interstate Commerce Law convention to uphold the president's policy, invited the Commercial club to send delegates. The executive committee had always been in the habit of refusing Mr. Bacon's invitations and it did not make this time the exception. It decided not to send delegates.

But soon came another invitation, which, however, was not written, but spoken. The railroads, fearing that the Chicago meeting would result in danger to their position, assigned their literary bureau to the task of organizing literary delegations, the purpose being evidently to break up the meeting or in some way turn the tide of public sentiment against the president's policy.

Nelson McLeod of St. Louis, who was made chairman of the rump convention, is president of the National Lumber Dealers' association. He succeeded in interesting some Omaha members of this organization, of which Frank Colpeter is a member, in the opposition idea. These men took up the matter with the transportation committee of the Commercial club.

About this time it is a matter of fact that the railroads came to Omaha with their pockets bulging with money, literally speaking. He offered to pay the expenses of as big a delegation as the Commercial club would send, provided it was hostile to the purposes of the Bacon convention.

It is not on record that the delegates allowed him to pay their expenses, but at that time times had not gone out of existence.

The transportation committee of the club appointed a delegation of five, consisting principally of its own members.

After the delegation had gone to Chicago the appointments were presented to the executive committee for ratification. They were ratified.

It is not now believed the executive committee will rescind on account of the opposition Saturday of the action, though it is said one or two members may do so. Chairman Will L. Yetter said he did not anticipate the resignation of his committee.

"The result of the controversy Saturday will be that the club membership will be called on offender for its expression of opinion," said Mr. Yetter. "I hope the affair will prove to be for the best interests of the club, by arousing some of the members from their apathy on important subjects. It has always been very difficult to get an attendance of members at any meeting, and the executive committee frequently has to take action if anything is done at all."

DEAD MAN IS DICK TAYLOR

Body Found Under Sidewalk that of South Omahan Sentenced to Jail.

The body of the man found late Saturday afternoon under a sidewalk opposite the Windsor stables on Davenport, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, has been identified as that of Dick Taylor, who formerly resided at 224 V street, South Omaha. Taylor was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail January 21 on the charge of being a vagrant and was released from the jail last Friday. Being without money or friends, he had evidently crawled under the sidewalk Friday night to sleep and had frozen to death. The body was found by boys who were playing "hide-and-seek" and was at first thought to be that of Albert Ziegelmier of Lansing, Ia., as a note book, giving Ziegelmier's name and address, was found in one of the man's pockets.

This story was exploded Sunday morning, when Ziegelmier called at the office of Coroner Bradley and explained that his notebook had probably been found by Taylor. Ziegelmier is an employe of Sunderland Bros. company and resides at the Northwestern hotel.

An inquest over the body of the man will be held by Coroner Bradley at 7:30 Monday evening and, in the meantime, an investigation is being made to ascertain if Taylor had any relatives or friends at South Omaha.

Woman's Name

Is to love children, and no home can be completely happy without them, yet the ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass usually is so full of suffering, danger and fear that she looks forward to the critical hour with apprehension and dread. Mother's friend, by its penetrating and soothing properties, allays nausea, nervousness, and all unpleasant feelings, and so prepares the system for the ordeal that she passes through the event safely and with but little suffering, as numbers have testified and said, "it is worth its weight in gold." \$1.00 per bottle of druggists. Book containing valuable information mailed free.

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BASSETT LAWYERS CLASH

Have Tilt with Rev. Mr. Hunt Over Publication of Woman's Photos.

ESTATE OF HERMAN KOUNTZE

Inventory Filed in County Court Shows Little Real Estate and Not Total.

An inventory of the property belonging to the Herman Kountze estate was filed Monday morning in county court, but as it did not contain valuations, it gave little indication of what the final appraisal of the estate would be. It shows, however, the very small amount of real estate included. The inventory designated only seven pieces of real property. Three of these are in Douglas county, one of which is a section in Forest Lawn cemetery and the other two in Highland Place and Millard & Caldwell's addition. Three parcels are in Cook county, Illinois, one consisting of two lots and the other of four and one-half, and the third of fractional parts of lots. The last consists of an undivided interest in certain coal lands in the county of Carbon, Montana.

Among the stocks and bonds listed were \$9 in the First National bank of Omaha, \$79 in the Colorado National bank of Denver, 1 1/4 in the Union Stock Yard National bank, 5 in the National bank of El Campo, 219 in the United States Real Estate and Trust company and about 2,600 shares in various land and cattle companies. Under the heading of notes and bonds included an item, "Due from A. F. Kountze and others, \$24,807." This is the largest item on which a valuation is placed.

The small amount of real estate listed is said to be due to the fact Mr. Kountze disposed of practically all of his holdings before his death.

RESOLUTIONS ON HERRING

Ministerial Union Regrets His Departure and Praises Work He Has Done.

The committee of the Ministerial union, appointed Monday, February 12, to draft resolutions on the departure of Rev. H. C. Herring, D. D., Monday morning, made its report, submitting these resolutions, which were adopted:

1. That in his departure from our city this association loses one of its most active members, one who has been most helpful in his counsel, fertile in suggestiveness and ever ready in his assistance with devotedness every day laid upon him.

2. That in his removal not only this association, but also the church, has lost a valued helper. His activities have not been limited to his church or city, but manifold associations which make for civic righteousness and human welfare within our city and state have found in him ready sympathy and devoted service.

3. That while we regret his departure, we direct the Ministerial society upon securing the services of so capable a secretary, and our brother upon the large opportunity which has come to him to serve our country in the great work of home mission, and pray God's abundant blessing upon him as he enters a field for which his training and experience have so fitted him.

4. That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and a copy sent to our brother with our warmest wishes and earnest prayers.

J. RANDOLPH SMITH, E. E. CURRY.

MOVE FOR BETTER BRIDGES

Commissioners Advise for Concrete Structure.

The county commissioners have decided to make a start in the plan of building one or two permanent steel or concrete bridges every year. Monday morning they directed the county clerk to advertise for bids for a bridge over the Little Pappo on the Q street road to be either of combined steel and wood or of reinforced concrete.

The troubles of the Zimmermann family were taken before the board by Judge Kennedy of the juvenile court. Mr. Zimmermann is blind and a dependent and his wife is mildly insane and incapable of caring for the brood of children which already numbers six. Judge Kennedy asked that the couple be separated. He suggested the commissioners send the husband to the county hospital and that the wife be sent to the insane asylum. After this is done, he said, good homes could be found for the children. Zimmermann is charged with using the children to beg with.

GAMBLING IN MINING STOCK

Scenes in San Francisco Mining Exchange Recall Comstock Days.

NEVADA DISCOVERIES BOOST MARKET

Greatest Gamble for Money Outside of Wall Street—Fortunes Made Over Night Occasionally.

"Daisy, Daisy, Daisy!" yelled the tall, narrow man, jumping up and down as though the floor of the room burned the soles of his feet. And raising up his arm as though to bestow a blessing or lay a curse, he brought it down again with all the vigor that his wiry frame possessed, and missed by a fraction of an inch the nose of a short thick-set man, who was following him. "Florence, Florence," at the top of a pair of lusty lungs.

The little man's indignation. On the contrary, he grinned good-naturedly and side-stepped with an agility that could have come only from long practice. A palefamiliar with shiny bald spot and much embonpoint executed a dance that was a cross between the Highland fling and the five dances of the Indians while he cried "Cracker Jack, Cracker Jack," with all the persistency of a child of 3 who won't be happy till he gets it. An alert young business man howled "Black Ants" and then other voices joined in, and all intelligibility was lost in a deafening uproar. While men speculated, pushed, shouted, struggled and gesticulated.

The San Francisco Mining Stock exchange was in session.

Crowding close to the rail that hemmed in this excitement a multitude of people watched the antics of these seeming madmen. A motley congregation. There were the frequenters of the exchange, the staid business men who just dropped in and thought he'd take a little flier; clerks from the offices in the vicinity who wanted to experience the sensation of "wazy money"; the capitalist whose profits would only go to swell a surplus bank account; and the amateur speculator whose losses meant the want of necessities to his family. Even the "mudhen," reminiscent of the good old bonanza days, when the exchange was on California street, was in evidence to see if he couldn't get a "tip" on a "good thing," and apparently little more than the danger of being a "good thing" herself. The air in the room was of democracy that springing after the almighty dollar engenders, leaned over the rail or stood near it, and viewed with varied feelings the performances of the mining stock brokers.

New Era of Activity.

For history is repeating itself in the San Francisco mining exchange. A new era of mining activity has begun, that threatens to equal the dramatic Comstock days, when men whose names made the history of San Francisco were seen upon the floor of the exchange. The halcyon days of the mining stock speculator have returned and the broker rejoices thereat. And so far he has had good cause for his commissions are much larger than those made in the old Comstock days. A well-known broker for weeks has been clearing \$1,000 a day in his San Francisco office and the same comfortable amount in his out-of-office. In brief, it's nothing just now for a good broker with good credit at his back to make \$500 a day commissions.

And, of course, these commissions mean that some of the brokers' clients are getting rich.

And a seat in the exchange? Well, if you had offered \$25,000 a year ago it probably would have been accepted. Today \$20,000 might have been considered; today \$5,000 and up is offered, and no sellers.

The gold-bearing ledges of southern Nevada are responsible for all this. They have shattered the book-learned theories of the mining engineers, and they have proved the truth of the prospector's time-worn maxim that "gold is where you find it." The ledges of the sagebrush state are honeycombed with the prospector's pick. The desert has lost its terrors for the miner, the result of whose find is far-reaching. The gold is being taken down the hills and swell the channels of commerce, where men, like craft, are either borne in safety to a harbor or are wrecked; but all ride on it at their peril, for no pilot can be absolutely sure of his bearings.

New Aspect of Stock Dealing.

And dealing in mining stocks is today more of a gamble than ever. Thirty years ago it bore some resemblance to a business, for the speculators in Wadsworth stocks were local, being confined to this coast only. When a stock sold high and then broke, the entire market would sympathize with it. It is very different today. This is because six-tenths of the dealers in southern Nevada stocks come from east of San Francisco, all the way to New York, including Pittsburgh, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Salt Lake, and from all the country between these cities. This state of affairs often prevents a stock going up like a rocket, as it would have done in early days, and then coming down like a sick. In the present market it may soar after a pyrotechnical fashion, but is apt to caracole on its downward flight. The reason for this is that orders come from all over the United States, and those giving the orders to buy the stocks, not knowing of any weakness, multiply their orders to buy. Brokers, therefore, are unable to tell if the market will break or not, as these outside orders often send it upward again, making it buoyant and strong. Old brokers are as much surprised as the youngest on the floor. Their experiences of years avail them nothing in combating this unique situation.

Joseph L. King, gray-haired, broad-shouldered, towering in height far above the average sized man, is the caller of the San Francisco Mining exchange, who presides daily over this miniature human maelstrom. The scene is no novelty to him. Son of the famous James King of William, the brave editor of the Bulletin in the stirring days of '66, who had the courage of his convictions and who paid for them with his life, Mr. King from boyhood has been familiar with the lights and shadow of dramatic San Francisco. Son of a father whose martyr's death was the cause of the second vigilante movement in what was then principally a mining town, it is but natural that he should become acquainted with the stock fever. But then, what typical San Franciscan is quite immune from it. Can any other excitement furnish quite the same thrill? The popular chairman of the board expressed the feeling of many others when he said: "I'd rather buy and sell stocks than eat my dinner."

And according to the stories that come down to us from Goldfield, miners and speculators there are not wasting much time even upon dinner. The sessions of the San Francisco board are considered long, extending as they do from 10 in the morning until 2 in the afternoon, but the people of Goldfield have night sessions as well. They stop for nothing in that town that has sprung up in a night, in the center of an extinct volcano. They stop as they hurry to Carson and as hastily bury those whose worldly needs are over. They have time for nothing but—

Gold, gold, gold! Hard and yellow, bright and cold.

These Southern Nevada stocks are the favorites now because no assessments can be levied upon them and because gold is coming out of the mines. The buyer can

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