

# THE POLITICAL INTERESTS FROM THE OMAHA HILLS

## CONCIL BLUFFS

Office 15 Scott Street. Both Phones 43.

### MINOR MENTION.

**Davis, drugs.**  
Stockert sells carpets.  
Ed Rogers, Tony Faust beer.  
Burnt wood supplies. Alexander's.  
For Sale cheap vacuum lot, 509 S. 7th St.  
Lewis Cutler, funeral director, Phone 97.  
Woodring Undertaking company, Tel. 330.  
For rent, unfurnished rooms, 231 Main St.  
Excelsior Masonic lodge will meet this evening in stated communication.  
Somewhat of the pyrography line this week at Alexander's Iowa College. A "C" and "INDUSTRIE".  
We save your clothes. Get will and call on good. Bluff City Laundry.

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### DEMOCRATS THE VICTORS

#### Make a Clean Sweep of it in Board of Education Election.

#### ISSUES ARE LARGELY PERSONAL

#### Proposition to Levy a Tax of Twenty Thousand Dollars for a New School Building Carries by Safe Majority.

The democrats carried the school election, electing W. B. Reed and Frank Capell members of the Board of Education and George S. Davis treasurer of the school district.  
The proposition to levy a tax of \$20,000 for the purpose of providing further school rooms for the accommodation of school children in the eastern part of the city carried by a safe majority.

That party politics was eliminated from the election yesterday to a great extent was demonstrated by the large number of scratched ballots in every precinct. There is no question but many republicans who are dissatisfied with the regime of Superintendent Clifford voted for the democratic candidates for the school board. The detailed vote shows this.

While there was a light vote cast there was more than the usual interest displayed in the election yesterday and the democratic candidates especially worked hard. While neither Mr. Hess nor Mr. Anderson made any active campaign, their friends worked well. There was no excitement at any of the polling places although there was the usual crowd of workers and spectators.

There was no evidence of any organized opposition to the tax levy proposition. What opposition there was was purely personal.

The opposition to the republican candidates for members of the Board of Education in their own ranks was led by certain prominent members of the Federation of Improvement clubs.

The vote in detail follows:

FOR SCHOOL DIRECTORS.			
	Hess, (Rep.)	Anderson, (Rep.)	Capell, (Dem.)
First ward	235	211	318
Second ward	175	124	267
Third ward	207	157	154
Fourth ward	159	130	141
Fifth ward	129	103	151
Sixth ward	77	92	157
Totals	1,001	897	1,199

Reed's majority over Hess 208  
Capell's majority over Anderson 202

FOR SCHOOL TREASURER.

	McGee, Davis, (Rep.)	Capell, (Dem.)
First ward	208	309
Second ward	154	198
Third ward	202	154
Fourth ward	186	126
Fifth ward	184	128
Sixth ward	140	101
Totals	1,083	1,119

Davis' majority, 36.

TAX LEVY PROPOSITION.

	Yes	No
First ward	187	132
Second ward	135	111
Third ward	124	128
Fourth ward	103	113
Fifth ward	122	106
Sixth ward	103	113
Totals	788	617

Carried by 14.

### PORTLAND TAX CASES COMMENCED

#### Nearly a Million in Back Taxes Involved in Litigation.

The hearing in twenty-seven of the Portland Gold Mining company tax suits was begun yesterday before Judge Thornell in the district court. The hearing in all of the suits of the company and stockholders from the assessment of the stock by the treasurer of Pottawattamie county.

Former Governor C. S. Thomas of Colorado and Congressman W. L. Smith of this state, together with Saunders & Stuart, all of this city, appear for the Portland company, while County Attorney Hess has associated with him Hari & Tinley. Congressman Smith arrived from Washington Sunday and Mr. Thomas arrived from Denver yesterday morning.

There are still nearly 1,000 similar suits against the individual stockholders of the Portland company on the docket, in which nearly \$1,000,000 in taxes is involved.

The jury in the suit of M. S. Salzman against the Grain Shippers' Mutual Fire insurance company, which was set Saturday evening, was discharged yesterday afternoon, having been unable to reach a verdict. It was stated that the jury was evenly divided. The suit involved insurance on a building and stock of goods formerly owned by Salzman in Sioux City.

As Judge Thornell is expected to be busy for the balance of the week with the Portland company tax cases and the hearing in the Doyle-Burns suit, Judge Whelan will take up such matters as attorneys desire to dispose of before the opening of the March term next week.

### Suit Against Northwestern.

United States District Attorney M. L. Temple of the southern district of Iowa began suit in the United States circuit court here yesterday against the Northwestern railroad, alleging that the defendant company had violated the safety appliance act. The petition sets forth that the railroad is indebted to the United States of America in the sum of \$100 for two specified alleged violations of the act.

It is alleged that the defendant company in a train containing interstate traffic hauled one of its own cars and also an Illinois Central car containing cement consigned to a point within the state of Iowa and that owing to the disconnection of the lock block on the ends of the cars in question it was necessary for a man to go between the cars to couple and uncouple them.

Judge Smith McPherson will convene the March term of the United States court this morning. Most of the court officials and members of the grand jury arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and evening. W. C. McArthur, clerk of the district court, being the first to register.

### Social Call Ends in Fight.

"Ole Folks," which is the name by which Charles Rodgers, a well known colored man is best known, was in police court yesterday morning charged with disturbing the peace. The complaining witnesses were Robert Williams, also colored, and

his wife, Anna Williams, a white woman. They were also charged with fracturing the quiet of the community. The trouble occurred at the Williams domicile after midnight Sunday.

It appeared from the evidence that Rodgers was paying a call on the Williams family when, it is alleged, he became too free and easy not only in his remarks but in his conduct. "Anna" was seized by Mrs. Williams in said to have entered into action somewhat to the damage of the back portion of Rodgers' head. Realizing that the combined forces of husband and wife and the ax were too much for him, Rodgers made a hurried exit from the house, but tarried long enough on the outside, it was charged, to throw bricks through every window in the place.

The officers who were called testified that the house from the outside looked as if it had been through a Kansas cyclone, while the interior resembled a shambles.

Rodgers was given thirty days in the county jail, as the court decided he had started the trouble, while Williams got five days. Mrs. Williams got a suspended sentence of ten days.

### PROTEST ON BILL FOR PRINTING

#### Auditor Insists it is Double Amount of Contract.

The session of the city council last night was devoted mainly to allowing the usual grid of bills and claims for the preceding month and other routine business.

Among the bills was one from a local printing firm for \$47 for election supplies, consisting of poll books, cards, etc. City Auditor McAneney protested against the council allowing this bill and it was laid over. Mr. McAneney stated that under the contract with him the amount due to the firm was \$23.40 and he would contest the payment of anything above that. According to Mr. Aneney, the firm had charged double the price agreed upon and had attempted to put in double the amount of supplies needed.

City Engineer Elyne, in a communication which, at his request, was made part of the records, filed a protest against the "reflections" which he claimed Mayor Macrae had cast upon his standing as a civil engineer at the former meeting, in his message regarding the water works situation. In his communication Mr. Elyne stated that the mayor had never asked his advice about the water works plan or even had looked at them. He said the mayor was wrong in saying that his estimate of the new plant was \$600,000, as his figures showed the estimate to be \$660,000. Mr. Elyne also stated that his plans were not drawn for a city with a population of 90,000 people, as Mr. Kierstead's estimate was, but were for a city with a population of less than half that number. Regarding his experience as a hydraulic engineer Mr. Elyne referred to the fact that he had taken a complete course in hydraulic engineering in Cornell college and had superintended the construction and installation of a \$1,000,000 water works system in the west.

In conclusion, Mr. Elyne stated that he considered this explanation due to himself.

The proposal of Fireman Ed Walker, who lost a foot as the result of a runaway accident while driving a fire team for exercise, was reported back by the Judiciary committee without any recommendation beyond the suggestion that before the council take any action it be submitted to the Fire and Police commission for a recommendation on it. After some discussion it was decided to refer the matter to that body.

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#### Neither Faction Sure of Controlling the Iowa Convention.

#### ISSUE NOT LIKELY TO BE FORCED

#### State Fair Board to Meet and Decide on Attractions for Fall and General Plans for Grounds Improvement.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., March 10.—(Special.)—When the state convention meets in Des Moines one week from Wednesday it is more than likely that the strength of the progressives and standpatters will be so evenly balanced that neither side will relish a vote on any proposition that will disclose the strength of the two forces. At the same time the makeup of the convention is such that there is not going to be any sharp division of the delegates into two factions as characterized the convention of August 1, 1906.

There is only one thing that can be said now that the convention next week will do. It will endorse the administration of Theodore Roosevelt in no uncertain terms. Further than that no one can say. There will be many standpatters in that convention whom no amount of pressure can force to endorse Senator Allison, and there will be standpatters there who can never be induced to vote for any such anti-tariff revision resolutions as Life Young would like to see passed.

It is more than probable that on all subjects on which the factions are agreed there will be no vote such as would disclose the division, although, of course, there will be 1184 delegates there, every one of whom will have the right to be heard and every one of whom will have the right to offer resolutions and motions. Usually, however, the leaders are pretty well able to govern those things.

There will be an opportunity for a division when the question of selecting the four delegates-at-large and the four alternates comes up. But this does not present an insurmountable difficulty. There are standpatters in the state convention never would consent, without a fight, to being selected for delegates to the national convention. There are also progressives whom the standpatters would fight with equal parity.

It is not considered likely that there will be any compromise that will result in the selection as delegates-at-large of the radical men of either faction. It is more likely that men who are recognized as belonging to one faction or the other, but classed as "fair," will be selected. The results in the congressional districts seem to indicate that a division of the delegates-at-large may result in the entire delegation being evenly divided between the two factions.

### Aldrich Funeral.

While the arrangements for the funeral of the Hon. Charles Aldrich, who died at his home in Pacific Sunday, have not been completed, it is believed that the funeral will be at Webster City, where Mr. Aldrich conducted a newspaper and lived for many years. The preliminary plans are to hold a private service at Boone tomorrow, bring the body to Des Moines to lie in state at the Historical building on Wednesday and the burial at Webster City Thursday.

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