NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS

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BALLOTS READY FOR VOTERS

Voters to Determine Question of Water Bond Issue Tomorrow.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

Women Who Have Reached the Age of Twenty-One Are Entitled to Vote on the Question.

The question of whether the city shall issue bonds to the amount of $600,000 for a municipal water plant is to be decided by the people at the special election tomorrow. City Clerk Cassady, upon whom the greater part of the work falls, has practically everything ready for the election tomorrow.

The polls will open at 7 a. m. and remain open until 7 p. m. As the counting of the ballots will be a simple task it is expected that the result of the election will be known one hour after the polls close.

Women who have reached the age of 21 years are entitled to vote on the proposition of the bond issue and their ballots have to be placed in a box separate from those of the men.

The ballot is a simple affair and a voter ought not to experience the slightest difficulty in marking it so as to express his wish whether he is in favor or opposed to the issuance of the bonds. The proposition is stated on the ballot as follows:

"For the issuance of bonds in the sum of six hundred thousand dollars ($600,000) for water works purposes.

"Against the issuance of bonds in the sum of six hundred thousand dollars ($600,000) for water works purposes."

If the voter is in favor of the proposition he will place a cross in the square opposite the first paragraph. If he is opposed to the issuance of the bonds he will place his cross in the square opposite the second paragraph.

List of Polling Places.

The polling places in the several precincts are as follows:

First Ward—First precinct, 134 East Broadway; Second precinct, 207 East Broadway.

Second Ward—First precinct, 23 Bryant street; Second precinct, 734 West Broadway.

Third Ward—First precinct, 101 Fourth street; Second precinct, 803 South Main street.

Fourth Ward—First precinct, farmers' hall, court house; Second precinct, 125 Sixteenth avenue.

Fifth Ward—First precinct, county building, Fifth avenue and Twelfth street; Second precinct, county building, Sixteenth avenue and Thirteenth street; Third precinct, 2319 West Broadway.

Sixth Ward—First precinct, county building, Avenue B and Twenty-fourth street; Second precinct, Fifth and Locust streets, East Omaha.

Judges and Clerks.

The judges and clerks of the special election for the several precincts are:

First Ward, First Precinct—Judges, C. A. Morgan (rep.), Oscar Younkerman (dem.), Gus Bergman (dem.). Clerks, Ed Fuller (rep.), C. M. Maynard (dem.).

First Ward, Second Precinct—Judges, E. J. Abbott (rep.), W. W. Williams (rep.), Robert Rain (dem.). Clerks, A. C. Lane (rep.), Lewis Snyder (dem.).

Second Ward, First Precinct—Judges, J. Chris Jensen (dem.), Spencer Smith (rep.), M. F. Rohrer (dem.). Clerks, George Long (rep.), A. Covalt (dem.).

Second Ward, Second Precinct—Judges, John Olson (rep.), A. W. Askwith (rep.), L. P. Servias (dem.). Clerks, E. A. Lathrop (rep.), W. Hansen (dem.).

Third Ward, First Precinct—Judges, W. S. Rigdon (rep.), Ohlo Knox (rep.), P. J. McBride (dem.). Clerks, R. V. Innes (rep.), George H. Hughes (dem.).

Third Ward, Second Precinct—Judges, Frank Keller (rep.), M. P. Smith (rep.), Theodore Laskowski (dem.). Clerks, J. H. Clinsum (rep.), W. H. Thomas (dem.).

Fourth Ward, First Precinct—Judges, F. P. Wright (rep.), H. J. Chambers (rep.), J. J. Brown (dem.). Clerks, C. W. McDonald (rep.), C. F. Paschel (dem.).

Fourth Ward, Second Precinct—Judges, Otto Skodsholm (rep.), Ed Ford (rep.), H. Southard (dem.). Clerks, Soren Wilson (rep.), William Goff (dem.).

Fifth Ward, First Precinct—Judges, James McMillan (rep.), Peter Smith (rep.), Nick O'Brien (dem.). Clerks, J. C. Fleming (rep.), Ed Welch (dem.).

Fifth Ward, Second Precinct—Judges, J. A. Strock (rep.), F. A. Brewick (rep.), John Howard (dem.). Clerks, Joseph McMillan (rep.), E. Gallagher (dem.).

Fifth Ward, Third Precinct—Judges, J. J. Martin (dem.), C. M. Crippen (dem.), E. Ellsworth (rep.). Clerks, H. E. Fallers (rep.), C. C. Clifton (dem.).

Sixth Ward, First Precinct—Judges, A. Bellinger (dem.), William Mathiasen (rep.), J. S. Wyatt (rep.). Clerks, E. J. McKinley (dem.), W. H. James (rep.).

Sixth Ward, Second Precinct—Judges, L. Bloedell (rep.), C. A. Hamilton (dem.), John Hansen (dem.). Clerks, Jens Hansen (rep.), James M. Trankjer (dem.).

Campaign Ends Tonight.

The advocates of municipal ownership will wind up the campaign which has been waged for the carrying of the bond proposition with a mass meeting at the Star theater tonight. Attorney Spencer Smith will preside and the speakers from out of the city will include, according to present plans, a member of the Board of Water Works Trustees of Lincoln, Neb., and City Clerk Pratt of Lincoln, Neb. It is not known whether Mayor Brown of Lincoln will be able to be present or not, but the promoters of the meeting are hopeful that he will.

City Solicitor Clem F. Kimball and former Councilman Robert B. Wallace will be the local speakers. There will be music by a fife and drum corps outside the theater prior to the meeting. The committee in charge extends a special invitation to the women to be present.

INCREASE IN REGISTRATION

Figures for First Three Days Show Gain of 623.

The total registration in Council Bluffs in 1904 for the general election was 5,483, while for the first three days of registration this year it is 4,911.

In 1904 the total registration during the first three days was 4,288, so this year shows an increase of 623 names for the first three days. Next Saturday will be the last day of registration for the general election on November 3, and with an increase of over 600 for the first three days, it is expected that the number this year will reach over the 6,000 mark.

The registration by precinct for the first three days this year and the total registration in 1904 follows:

	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	—Total— 1908.	1904.
First Ward—					
First precinct	120	96	209	425	479
Second precinct	164	131	192	487	545
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First precinct	144	98	195	435	509
Second precinct	122	161	193	476	554
Third Ward—					
First precinct	142	104	194	440	477
Second precinct	101	100	124	325	381
Fourth Ward—					
First precinct	102	101	135	338	379
Second precinct	67	94	136	297	365
Fifth Ward—					
First precinct	182	158	257	597	639
Second precinct	57	74	93	224	440
Third precinct	58	62	110	210	...
Sixth Ward—					
First precinct	178	150	286	614	674
Second precinct	9	13	21	43	40
Totals	1446	1340	2225	4911	5483

MAN HELD ON SUSPICION

Stranger Who Dropped Check Lodged in Jail.

A young man giving his name as John W. Owens was arrested late Saturday night and is being held by the police for investigation. Owens, who is a stranger to the police, was taken into custody on complaint of I. Mucci, proprietor of a Broadway confectionery store, who charged Owens with attempting to pass on him an alleged worthless check.

The check, calling for $20, was drawn on the First National bank of this city, made payable to Charles Owens and signed with the name of James H. Garrett. Mucci's suspicions were aroused and he declined to cash the check, upon which, it is said, Owens attempted to borrow a small sum on it at a nearby cigar store. Failing to induce the proprietor of the cigar store to advance anything on the check, Owens returned to Mucci's place and again asked Mucci to cash it. Officer Phillbrook happened in the store at this time and on seeing the policeman Owens is said to have dropped the check on the floor. Mucci confided his suspicions to Officer Phillbrook and the latter placed Owens under arrest.

The check is in the possession of the police, who will find out at the bank this morning whether it is good or bogus.

Schaffer Attacked by Thieves.

Frank Schaffer, a machinist in the employ of the Kimball Bros. company, went to the company's plant at Ninth avenue and Eleventh street last evening to finish some work which had to be ready this morning. Finding that he had forgotten his key, Schaffer entered the factory through a side window. As he reached the center of the machine room two men ran out of a compartment in which brass fittings are stored. One of the men struck Schaffer in the breast with an iron bar, knocking him down, but not seriously hurting him. The two men then made their escape through a rear door which they had unlatched from the inside. Schaffer, owing to the darkness of the interior of the shop, was able to give the police but a meager description of the two men who had, it is supposed, entered the building for the purpose of stealing brass fittings.

MINOR MENTION.

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Rugs made from old carpets. Council Bluffs Rug Factory. Tel. 516.

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We know we have the best flour. Eaco is the name. Bartell & Miller. 'Phone 369.

Genuine hand-made art craft jewelry and metal novelties. C. E. Alexander, 333 Broadway.

20 to 33⅓% discount on all sample lots at Hunter's. Don't miss great money saving opportunity.

Charles M. Harl of this city has been invited to speak with Hon. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, at Missouri Valley Tuesday evening.

By the policy of doing first class watch repairing at low prices, and always giving satisfaction, we have extended our general trade. Leffert's, 469 Broadway, Council Bluffs.

A general meeting of all the chapters of the Woman's guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Emmet Tinley on Willow avenue.

The men of the First Congregational church will meet today noon at the Grand hotel for the regular weekly lunch. Midweek services will be held Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock at the parsonage.

WHY GO TO OMAHA WHEN YOU CAN GET THINGS FOR LESS MONEY AT HUNTER'S.

Don't forget that Borwick has the most reasonable priced wall paper house in the city and if you are cleaning house and find that the walls need new papering, let Borwick figure on the job. He always does what's right. 211 South Main street.

The republican meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening at Oakland has been abandoned on account of inability to secure the hall. Chairman Smith of the county central committee hopes to make other arrangements for a meeting there later in the week.

A party of local sportsmen consisting of Dr. H. S. West, W. C. Keeline, P. Gunnoude, E. T. Waterman, W. H. Schurz and Painter Knox left yesterday for a ten days' hunting trip. The party will camp about fifteen miles from Mondamin and expects to make havoc among the ducks.

There will be no midweek service at St. John's English Lutheran church this week. The choir will meet Thursday evening for rehearsal. The young people will meet this evening and Wednesday evening to prepare for the Halloween sociable to be given Friday evening in the church parlors.

Word has been received here of the death in Spokane, Wash., a week ago of C. C. Yancey, a former resident of Council Bluffs. Mr. Yancey's death was sudden and due to heart trouble. He leaves a wife and four children, besides other relatives. Mr. Yancey removed from this city to Spokane seven years ago to associate himself with his brother, G. A. Yancey, in the real estate business.

George W. Hilling, a veteran of the civil war, died yesterday at his home, 916 Avenue G, from gastritis, after an illness of two weeks, aged 74 years. His wife and one daughter, Mrs. Warren Lewis of 737 Avenue E, this city, survives him. Deceased was a member of Encampment No. 8, Union Veteran's legion, and Abe Lincoln post, Grand Army of the Republic. Arrangements for the funeral, which will be private, were not completed yesterday.

BOLTERS MAY CAST VOTES

Feature of Senatorial Campaign in State of Iowa.

PERSONALITIES FINALLY SLIP IN

Card Traced to Lacey Men Sent Out Damaging to Legislative Ticket —Labor Throughout State in Line.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Oct. 26.—(Special.)—An interesting feature of the political campaign in Iowa, which is just coming to a close, is the peculiar activity of the two committees which are in charge of the senatorial campaign. Both have circularized the state to secure the largest possible vote of the republicans for senator and both have insisted at all times upon keeping the democrats from voting. Yet the law, as a matter of fact, leaves it entirely to each individual voter to decide for himself which party he wishes to affiliate with, and it clearly contemplates that one voting the republican senatorial ballot shall not be deprived of his right to scratch the ticket. The statement which the voter must sign before he votes at the senatorial primary is merely to the effect that he is a republican and "it is my intention to support generally at this election the nominees of such party." This wording was purposely so constructed as to permit the 20,000 or 40,000 republicans who bolted the ticket two years ago to vote at this election without having their position questioned.

The Cummins committee has sent out literature calling attention to the provisions of the law and including the statement or request blanks, and also calling attention to the fact that those who scratched the ticket two years ago will have the same rights as those who intend the cards which were printed by the Lacey committee. While there will be no retaliation, it is regarded as certain that this violation of the truce will result in the defeat of quite a number of the republican candidates for the legislature.

Labor Men Are All Right.

The republican state committee insists that there is not the slightest cause for alarm in the state and that Taft has a walkaway. The only question has been as to whether or not the voters would really take interest in the campaign. All the reports from meetings in the state the last week indicate that voters would really up and are ready for the final contest at the polls. Not as many meetings have been held this year in Iowa as usual in presidential years, but the state has been fairly well covered. The laboring men are in line and in this city they are arranging for a big rally the night before election, to be addressed by their friends.

One Gain for Republicans.

The mixup in Scott county over a candidate for the legislature on the part of the democrats is one gain for the republicans sure. There are two members from Scott county. In view of the enforcement of the law in Scott county by Governor Cummins and Attorney General Byers the county is not regarded as certainly democratic. Henry Boettger had to withdraw as a democratic candidate for the legislature, and this makes it certain that Mr. Calderwood, former member and a republican, will come back. The Boettger case came as a surprise. It was proved that he was discharged from the Guard company for having expressed delight over the assassination of President McKinley, and this was too much for his followers. It appears that at the time the facts were not made public and only a few knew of them.

Find Old Counterfeit Money.

A peculiar discovery was made in an old house near Corning last week. The house was being torn down when a can fell down from a place between the walls and the contents disclosed that there were twelve lead dollars and a number of counterfeit smaller coins, with molds of plaster of paris for the making of same. The latest of the dates on the coins was 1884, and it is supposed they were made about that time. Nobody knows of any counterfeit money in circulation in that part of the state and it is a mystery why the molds and coin were left there.

Primary is Conclusive.

Both of these committees have sent out large numbers of slips on which are printed the request blanks which voters must sign in order to get the primary ballots. This has been done in order that there may be as large a vote at the primary as possible. All the members of the legislature are pledged to accept the results of the primary and to elect for both the short term and the long term the candidate who gets the largest number of votes. Hence all are interested in having a full vote.

Unfortunate Turn to Campaign.

A very unfortunate turn was given the campaign the last week by circulation throughout the state of the campaign cards of Major Lacey, to which was attached a little yellow slip containing just a few of the many accusations which have been made against Governor Cummins in the various previous campaigns. There had been an understanding or truce entered into at the outset of the campaign that no personalities should be indulged in and that both candidates would run on their merits. Immediately on the appearance of the yellow slips the progressives all over the state felt that the truce was broken and that bad faith had been shown. Major Lacey himself declared he knew nothing of the origin of the slips. One of his local managers also entered a disclaimer. The slips were in fact printed in a neighboring town and the printers declare that the orders came from persons very much interested in the Lacey candidacy. At any rate, the yellow slips are in general circulation over the state in connection with great rejoicing among the farmers because of the late rains.

Roxie to Cast First Vote.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Oct. 26.—(Special.)—General Richard Roxie, aged 63, will cast his first presidential vote this fall. He retired after the longest record of active service of any man in the United States army.

Though a citizen of the United States all his life, General Roxie has never voted for a president before. He is interested in political matters and has kept well abreast of the times, but will cast his first vote on November 3.

Teachers Conclude Work.

DENISON, Ia., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—The Southeastern Iowa Teachers' association closed its meeting at Denison Saturday noon. A resolution to change the time of the meeting to spring was laid on the table. City Superintendent Salisberry of Clarinda was elected president, County Superintendent Hoffman of Denison vice president and Prof. Beveridge of Council Bluffs chairman of the executive committee. It is customary for the next meeting to be held at the home of the head of the committee. The last lecturer was Jenkins Lloyd Jones of Chicago. He made a touching plea for the brotherhood of man, disarming of nations and sociology generally. President Thompson of the Ohio State university made a remarkable address on teaching morals in the common schools. He held if a teacher could not teach the Bible as such he could teach its principles, which are the highest standards of morality.

Checkroom for Babies.

AMES, Ia., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—Services at the Methodist church are no longer disturbed by the lusty wails of unappreciative infants, nor is the possession of a noisy and ill-behaved baby any longer any excuse for staying away from church. A check room has been provided where the babies are taken care of free of charge. Here they are cuddled and rocked while their parents listen in peace to an uninterrupted sermon. The plan has met with a cordial reception and the baby stable is well patronized. The other churches are planning to follow the lead of the Methodists.

Iowa News Notes.

CRESTON—A. T. Wheeler, the Corning man who took poison which had been sent him through the mail, labeled "Foley's Honey of Tar," is gradually recovering from the effects of the drug, but the mystery of the sender is as much unsolved as at first.

MARSHALLTOWN—While at work digging a well on his farm south of Trear yesterday, John Bonewaltz was attacked by a savage bull, which knocked him down and gored him, breaking three of his ribs. After knocking him down the animal rolled him into a ditch, which probably saved Mr. Bonewaltz's life, for after getting him into the ditch the bull tried to lie down and roll on him. After the bull left the old gentleman managed to get to the house, but in the excitement of the encounter he entirely forgot his son, who was in the bottom of the well digging and who was left there, unable to get out, all afternoon.

MARSHALLTOWN—The plant of the Liscombe Cheese company at Liscombe, Ia., was sold today at sheriff's sale to L. C. Norris, manager of Letts-Felcher company, wholesale grocers, a branch house of the Western Grocery company. The price was $2,400. The Western Grocery company secured judgment against the company at a recent term of court for $4,000.

MARSHALLTOWN—The little town of State Center, Marshall county, is without a mayor and the situation at present indicates that it will be some time before the council will be able to decide on a successor to A. P. Woolston, who resigned. Three meetings of the council have been held during the last four days, but the deadlock, which developed on the first ballot, has not yet been broken. The two candidates are E. H. Schilling and Oscar Gohlke.

MARSHALLTOWN—J. Lee Williams was Saturday appointed receiver for the Reflector Printing company on the application of the owners, Merritt Greene and C. E. Hatcher. Up to Thursday Henry J. Thompson was editor and nominally owner of the paper. He was prevented from leaving town by having his household goods attached. Later he relinquished control of the business to its former owners. The receiver is to collect all accounts, pay all bills and complete all unfinished work in the job department.

CRESTON—Elmer Bradley, an 18-year-old Oskaloosa boy, accidentally shot his mother and baby sister yesterday with a gun "that was not loaded." Young Bradley picked up the gun thinking it was empty and carelessly snapped the trigger, when he was startled by the report that followed. The baby lay in a cab [illegible] and the mother sat near it. The bullet hit some hard object first and splintered before reaching the mother and child, half of the bullet being found under the child's pillow later. The wounds of the injured are not serious.

GARFIELD ANSWERS HASKELL

In Statement to Indians He Says Governor's Utterances Are Deliberate Falsehoods.

MUSKOGEE, Okl., Oct. 26.—A statement was received here today at the office of the commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes from the Interior department at Washington, with instructions to publish the same for the information of the Osage Nation, directly concerned, and the Five Civilized Tribes, incidentally nterested, and to take every necessary step to bring it to the notice of the individual Osage Indians. The statement is an answer to Governor Haskell's recent charges, for the information of the Indians of the Osage Nation, and says:

"Governor Haskell's recent open letter to the president charges that the president acted unfairly to the Osage Indians in the matter of fixing the royalty for the lease of their oil lands to the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil company. Governor Haskell's statements are deliberate falsehoods; nor does he suggest a possible remedy. As his disregard of truth is wilful, no reply will be made to him personally, but President Roosevelt and Secretary Garfield are not willing that the Osage Indians should not know the truth about these matters, in order that they may not be deceived by Governor Haskell's false statements. For this reason they send to the Indians the truth about each of the charges he makes."

The statement takes up Haskell's charges in detail and analyzes them to show their "deliberate untruth."

The statement concludes: "Haskell attempts, by deliberate and reiterated falsehood, to give the false impression that he is championing the interests of the Indians. The department knows of but one matter in which he has shown a practical interest in Indian affairs, and this was when he procured plats of valuable township lands from the Indians, the methods of which procurement are declared to be fraudulent in suits filed against him and now pending in courts to recover for the Indians the land which he has thus procured."

MORE CHOLERA IN MANILA

Slight Increase in New Cases Is Reported, Due to Sunday Gatherings.

MANILA, Oct. 26.—Seven new cases of cholera were reported in this city for the day ending Sunday night. The slight increase in the spread of the disease is ascribed by the authorities to the many gatherings of the people on Saturday night and Sunday and the feasts that accompanied these assemblies. The situation is not considered to be grave and the health department feels as though it has the epidemic well under control, expressing no alarm over the increase.

It is probable that the government will further restrict the gatherings of the natives and also the sale of dangerous foods. It is believed that the cock pits located in the suburbs of the city, where it is difficult to maintain a strict watch over the sale of foodstuffs, are responsible for the slight increase in the number of cholera cases noted at each week end.

Our Letter Box

Contributions on timely topics invited. Write legibly on one side of the paper only, with name and address appended. Unused contributions will not be returned. Letters exceeding 300 words will be subject to being cut down at the discretion of the editor. Publication of views of correspondents does not commit The Bee to their endorsement.

Sunday Closing Law.

OMAHA, Oct. 24.—To the Editor of The Bee: Anent the Sunday closing law, once more brought to the fore by the late decision of the supreme court.

Many people have an idea that this is a religious law, but it has no foundation in religion, further than this: Long ago civilized people recognized as a sociological proposition that some period of relaxation, if not absolutely necessary, was at least highly beneficial to mankind, and they commenced to pass laws on the subject. Inasmuch as Sunday, and Saturday, were week ends, and also observed by a majority of the people either from religious motives or as matters of convenience it would have been unnatural to have selected any other days. Now all civilized countries have these regulations in some form.

Under former decisions of our supreme court base ball is barred under the sporting clause. Highballs are tabooed by the Slocumb law. Rioting, quarreling, hunting and fishing are especially prohibited. We can do our hunting and fishing some other day of the week, and rioting and quarreling can be pulled off Saturday night. Now by its last decision running cigar stores and barber shops are designated as common labor. We are no longer confronted by a theory, but by a condition, and here are some of the things that might and undoubtedly will happen as the law now stands:

First street cars may be stopped. We won't miss them much, for as we can neither work nor play we won't need to go anywhere. Newsboys will not be hurt much, for there will be no papers to sell. Sunday papers, mostly prepared Saturday night, and Monday papers, mostly prepared Sunday night, will be shut off. Janitors' work will be suspended and the few people who live in walking distance of the churches can carry their own warming pans, and the services will be rather dull, for there will be no wind for the organ. The sweet chimes of Trinity cathedral may ring out as usual on Sunday, providing the machinery is fixed Saturday night so it will go off automatically. We cannot drive out, for livery stables will be closed, except for funerals where the chief ingredient is a pauper, buried by charity, or so dead that it is necessary to bury him on Sunday. Travelers unfortunately caught in Omaha on Sunday will have to carry their own luggage between the hotels and depots, and we will have to watch our children, for if our little girls, with laughing eyes and romping curls, rosy cheeks and teeth like pearls, should chase the festive butterfly across the daisy-spangled sward they might be "lit" on by some of Sheriff Bralley's or Chief Donohue's minions and patroled to jail to answer the charge of "sporting." Judge Crawford might feel leniently disposed and make it $1 and costs, or they might be taken to the Detention home and Judge Estelle of the juvenile court could either send them to Geneva or parole them to some law-abiding family who would see that they were properly raised. A few of us more adroit and hardened sinners might enjoy a quiet game of penochle in the cellar by keeping a trusty sentry on the front porch and another in the alley to give timely warning of the approach of anything that may be a sleuth in plain clothes. We couldn't blame the officers, either, because under the Sackett law they could be impeached for failure to enforce the law.

Yes, we are pretty well fixed for law, but we really ought to have one more. We should have a law providing for the punishment of all citizens who fail and neglect to proceed against the officers for failure to enforce the law. This would about complete the circuit.

A. L. TIMBLIN.

Judge Westover Replies.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., Oct. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: In The Bee of October 21 appears a communication from one C. H. Cornell of Valentine. In this communication Mr. Cornell, as usual for him in political matters, is guilty of the grossest misrepresentation and falsehood.

At the time mentioned I was holding a session of court at Valentine and took a recess for Mr. Shallenberger's meeting in the afternoon. Some time prior to the meeting some person had posted lithographs of Taft and Sherman high up on the wall of the court room. These pictures remained there during the entire meeting and Cornell knows this because he was present. After the meeting was over I directed the sheriff to remove the pictures and to not permit any pictures, emblems or mottoes of any political party to be put upon the walls of the court room.

This has been my rule in this district for twelve years and applies to all parties, and Mr. Cornell is fully advised of the rule.

If Mr. Cornell was as well known in other counties of this district as he is in Cherry county I would pay no attention to this matter.

Mr. Cornell as a calamity howler is not a success where he is known. Last fall he advised and entreated the republicans of his county not to vote for me for judge, yet in spite of his advice and entreaties more than 300 of them did so, and will do the same this year. W. H. WESTOVER.

Building Restrictions Needed.

OMAHA, Oct. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: While our city is rapidly taking on a more metropolitan appearance, with better public and business buildings and a fine boulevard and park system, is it not time to look after the better future appearance of our residence districts? In eastern cities and older countries certain restrictions are made regarding new buildings. Here a man builds almost anything on any part of his lot, provided only he conforms to the fire ordinance.

It would seem that the maintenance of a lot building line ten, twenty or thirty feet back from the sidewalk is the proper solution for much of our irregular building and would abate the nuisance of the corner drug store and grocery, and also the "Get much for little man," who uses every square foot of his corner lot for building, puts his neighbor's lot on both sides of him in the pocket and makes an unsightly block to satisfy his greed for a few dollars. Why should a man be allowed thus to cause a much larger depreciation in other property value than he himself is benefited thereby?

As we go up West Farnam we notice a large signboard offering to build store buildings for rent, and we understand, a little farther up the hill (Thirty-fourth and Farnam) a party has purchased ground for the erection of a double building for grocery and feed store. Cannot something be done to stop this despoiling of our best residence districts before it is too late?

The people in our residence districts are not desirous that the stores be located at their doors, and we hear no complaint from storekeepers delivering so far out.

Let us not, for the future good of our city, permit this thing to go on. Very truly,

RESIDENT OF OMAHA FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.