DEMOCRATS LOSE AN ORGAN

Des Moines Register and Leader Absorbs Evening Tribune.

CLOSING UP CAMPAIGN WORK

Committees of Both Parties Making Out Statements of Receipts and Disbursements — Street Railway Wants Fee Refunded.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Nov. 13.—(Special.)—The sale was announced today of the Evening Tribune, the only democratic newspaper in the city, and its acquisition by the owners of the morning Register and Leader. It is stated it will be continued as a separate evening newspaper in its present location on the east side of the city. The Tribune was started about a year and a half ago by C. D. Hellen, who sunk a considerable sum of money in trying to float it as a republican newspaper. It was taken up by Frank Rinehart and George Huffman and a number of democrats and a company was formed in which it was stated at the time William J. Bryan took stock to the amount of $5,000. Mr. Rinehart became editor and made it a strong democratic paper of the Bryan type, but it was almost wholly devoted to politics. It has not prospered and the business men have refused to give it advertising support. Since the election it was expected the paper would cease publication. There is also a rumor that if the paper is to be continued as an evening paper the Capital will start a morning edition.

State Committee Meets.

The republican state committee met today and audited the accounts of the chairman and treasurer and prepared a report for the state filing. The committee handled about $20,000. An auditing committee found the accounts correct. Chairman Franke was commended for the admirable manner in which he conducted the campaign and the excellent result. He explained the system used, which was a card system like that employed by the national chairman and he had perfected the most complete organization ever known to the state. The democratic committee also met and prepared a statement for filing. About $6,000 was used by this committee.

Governor Cummins filed his personal statement of expenses in the recent campaign. It amounted to $123.75. During practically all of the campaign he was at work under the auspices of the state committee.

Bridge Car Company Begs Help.

Representatives of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Railway company appeared before the state executive council today and asked of the state that the company be relieved of paying the usual fees for filing articles of incorporation. It seems that following an unsuccessful attempt to settle the matter of the transfers or five-cent fare between Omaha and Council Bluffs the state officials investigated and found that the company was doing business illegally in Iowa because it had never filed its articles of incorporation. The attorney general insisted the company should file its papers. The officers today stated that the filing fee under Iowa laws now would be about $15,000. They asked the state officials to relieve them of this fee in view of the fact that the company operates a line to the deaf school. The state officials indicated that they could not grant any relief.

Richards Now Wants Pardon.

An application for pardon in the case of "Bill" Richards was filed today with the governor. He referred the same to the Parole board for investigation. Richards was, for a long time, deputy United States marshal and at one time was regarded as a brilliant officer. He came into contact with many criminals and was fearless in prosecuting all offenders. In 1893 an old couple living at Hamilton, in Marion county, were robbed in their home by masked men and $1,800 taken. One of them, a man named Baird, was shot and captured. He was convicted and given a twenty year sentence. Later Richards was implicated, and it was found he had instigated the whole crime, having come into contact with Baird and others in court. Richards was given an eighteen year sentence. His application for pardon is signed by Judge McPherson and others who were his friends when he was a deputy marshal.

COMMISSION PLAN IS THEME

Close of Foot Ball Season Brings Debates Into Prominence.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—With the close of the foot ball season in ten days, the attention of the University of Iowa student body is already turning toward forensic activities and the prospects for winning the two big intercollegiate debates against Minnesota and Wisconsin of December 11.

One Iowa team meets the Wisconsin debaters on the local platform, while another team goes to Minneapolis to debate against the Gophers on the same day.

Since the middle of the summer the local men have been industriously working on the question "Resolved, That American cities should adopt a commission form of government." All available material has been faithfully gathered and under the careful tutelage of Prof. H. E. Gordon, the six men have been classifying and preparing the arguments.

Vincent Starzinger L. A. '09 of Des Moines leader of last year's winning team against the University of Illinois will have the honor of leading the team which debates against the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. Earl Stewart L. A. '10 of Grimes the Iowa representative in the Northern Oratorical league contest, and Charles W. Briggs L. A. '09 of Wapello likewise an experienced debater are the other two members of the trio.

George A. Luxford L. '09 of Iowa City a member of the team which last year defeated the Illini is leader of the chosen three who will compete with the University of Wisconsin in the local auditorium. E. C. Robbins L. A. '10 of Cedar Rapids a member of the championship Zetagathian team and C. F. Coulter L. A. '10 of Iowa City will assist in the defense of the new form of city government, as the team which will debate here has the affirmative of the argument, while the team debating at Minneapolis speaks for the old systems.

This is the third year since the organization of the quintangular league composed of the universities of Wisconsin, Nebraska, Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa. Wisconsin and Minnesota have each won three times and lost once; Illinois has won twice and lost twice, while Iowa and Nebraska have each lost three times and won once.

BANK EXAMINER DIES SUDDENLY

Found Unconscious in His Room at Hotel.

CARROLL, Ia., Nov. 13.—National Bank Examiner Shaw, who was conducting the examination of the First National bank of this city, died at St. Anthony's hospital this morning at 10 o'clock. He retired to his room at Burke's hotel at the usual hour last night, apparently in the best of health, but was found this morning at 8 o'clock lying across the bed in an unconscious condition. The surroundings indicated that he was preparing to retire when stricken. Hemorrhage of the brain is given as the cause.

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SUIT FOR SEVEN MILLIONS

Fight Between Mining Corporations for Control of Wardner Vein Taken Into Court.

WALLACE, Idaho, Nov. 13.—The January Mining company has sued the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining company for the recovery of $7,300,000, alleged to be the value of ore taken from a disputed vein in the last three years, and for the control of the famous Wardner vein, from which tens of millions of dollars worth of ore has been extracted.

Two other suits involving millions of dollars are pending against the Bunker Hill company at the instance of the Federal Mining and Smelting company on much the same proposition.

BROOKLYN PLAYHOUSE BURNS

Historic Park Theater is Destroyed Within an Hour.

GREAT EXHIBIT AT HORSE SHOW

Sorg's Team Wins Prize for Road Coach Fours from Fine Field—Revelation in Election Methods.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Less than an hour after a large audience had left the Park theater, a historic Brooklyn playhouse, fire was discovered last night and an hour later the building was in ruins. Mrs. Mary Spooner, head of the Spooner Stock company, which was filling an engagement at the theater, and several members of the company were in their dressing rooms and the office, but they escaped without injury. One fireman was hurt, but not seriously. The loss will be about $125,000, covered by insurance.

The building was erected in 1869 and in 1863 was transformed into a theater. Grand opera was attempted unsuccessfully and a year later the place passed into the hands of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Conway. They conducted the theater until 1871, when they opened the Brooklyn theater, which was later destroyed by fire, causing a loss of 300 lives. Alexander R. Samuels next owned the Park theater, and had possession until 1875, when Colonel William E. Sinn, who came from Baltimore, assumed the management. In 1883 Colonel Sinn moved to the Montauk theater and the Shuberts got control of the Park theater. They were later succeeded by Mrs. Spooner, who owned it when it was burned tonight.

Awards in Horse Show.

From a spectacular point of view today's exhibits at the horse show surpassed those of all previous days. The feature was the showing of four of the finest road coaches this side of the Atlantic, among them being the famous London-Brighton coach Venture, driven by Alfred G. Vanderbilt. The Vanderbilt four failed to sweep their class, however, the winning team being that of Paul A. Sorg made up of Fatty Bates and Tom Martin, leaders, with Defiance and Reliance at the wheel.

Three challenge cups were competed for during the day, the American Hackney cup, the English Hackney gold cup and the National Horse Show cup. The American Hackney cup went to Henry Fairfax's Dagthorpe Sultan. The National Horse Show Challenge cup must be won three times. For the second time C. W. Watson won the event, his entry being Lord Baltimore and Maryland, driven by Mrs. Watson. It now remains for Mr. Watson to win the cup once more to own it. The English Hackney gold cup was captured by J. W. Harriman's Lady Dilham, which won the same class last year.

Revelation in Election Methods.

Interesting revelations regarding election methods in this city are promised by the police as the result of the arrest last night of Edward Kneagh, who is charged with having some knowledge of the manner in which Benjamin Stone, republican captain of an election district and a watcher at the polls on election day, came to his death.

Stone had some words with a voter whom he believed to be attempting to repeat, but who finally was permitted to cast his ballot. It was alleged that the voter threatened Stone as he went out. Stone also left the polling place and a little later a fight broke out in the street, in which Stone received injuries from which he died.

When Kneagh was arraigned in the coroner's court testimony was given by two eye witnesses. Gus Strubling asserted that he saw Kneagh strike Stone and saw Stone fall to the sidewalk. During his testimony Strubing began to cry and when asked the cause he said he was nervous about testifying and that "he would get his." The other witness, Albert Backer, also seemed to be reluctant to testify, which led the assistant district attorney to declare that the witnesses had been intimidated. Kneagh was held without bail to await the inquest next Wednesday.

Appeal in Tobacco Case.

That appeal would be taken by both sides from the recent judgment of the United States circuit court in the proceedings against the American Tobacco company was stated here tonight, following the return from Washington of J. C. McReynolds, the government counsel in the suit. The action of the court in directing the dismissal of the petition as to the Imperial Tobacco company and the United Cigar Stores company, the government counsel thinks, was erroneous. While the American Tobacco company and its fifty odd subsidiary corporations, which still stay parties defendant, have as yet entered no formal appeal, the government representatives have no expectation that the period for such appeal will be allowed to pass without action by the defendants.

General Wood on Y. M. C. A.

A tribute to the work of the Young Men's Christian association in the Philippines was paid tonight by Major General Leonard A. Wood, who has returned to a home command after six years of service in the Philippines. His words of praise were spoken at the dinner of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian association at the Waldorf-Astoria, where over 400 guests listened to reports of international work and addresses from several men of note, among them General Horace Porter.

"You have done a great deal more in the Philippines," said General Wood, "than you are aware of. The natives there watch the American soldier and sailor. Your organization's work there has elevated the soldier and sailor far above his former standard and in that way you are building up a respect for America that could be gained in no other way."

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