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FLAGLER AND TODD

Rockefeller Says These Men Created Standard Oil Trust.

COULD NOT DO IT HIMSELF

Oil King Says He Has Not Ability for So Progressive Move.

WILL HUNT FOR THE BOOKS

Record of Transfer of Oil Trust Certificates Missing.

MEMORY NOT CLEAR AT POINTS

Railroad Presidents and Directors Held Stock in Combine in Its Early Days—Archbold to Testify Next.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Credit for the creation of the Standard Oil trust, which counsel for the federal government claim still exists as the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, was given by John D. Rockefeller as a witness today under cross-examination in the federal suit to dissolve the Standard, to two men—Henry M. Flagler and Samuel C. T. Dodd.

To these two master architects of the oil combine Mr. Rockefeller gave full credit, saying that he was sure it was not himself, as he did not possess the ability for so progressive a move.

Mr. Rockefeller spent an arduous day on the stand under the incessant questioning of Frank B. Kellogg, the government counsel, and when adjournment was taken until tomorrow he gave every evidence of delight that the day was done.

Counsel hope to conclude Mr. Rockefeller's cross-examination tomorrow, when it is planned to place John D. Archbold, vice president of the Standard, on the stand.

Will Hunt for Books.

Frank B. Kellogg, who, with other government investigators, has been endeavoring for over a year to locate the missing stock transfer books of the Standard Oil trust, sought to do so today through Mr. Rockefeller, who promised to do what he could to find them.

Mr. Rockefeller's examination today carried him through the period of the Standard Oil trust and the years of its subsequent liquidation, which lasted from 1893 to 1899.

Mr. Rockefeller's memory at times was not clear on the definite details of this trust liquidation period, and he told counsel that he could not recall many of the incidents and developments of that time. During the day Mr. Kellogg developed from Mr. Rockefeller that early in the industrial existence of the Standard the presidents of two railroad companies, together with their directors, were stockholders in the oil combination.

After adjournment tonight Mr. Rockefeller told an inquiring audience of reporters that there were better things in the world than making money and since 1891 he had been gradually retiring from business. He added:

"There is more important work than making money and there is much for me to do. I belong to the brotherhood of man."

Rockefeller Takes Stand.

When court convened John D. Rockefeller took the stand and Frank B. Kellogg began cross-examination for the government. After a number of questions about the South Improvement company Mr. Kellogg brought out the fact that Amasa Stone, then president of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway; Stillman Witt, a director of the Lake Shore and Big Four roads; and J. P. Handy, also a director of the Big Four railroad, were taken into the Standard Oil company in the early days.

From a list read by Mr. Kellogg the witness identified fifteen small companies which Mr. Rockefeller said were purchased by the Standard, and he said he believed twenty to twenty-five concerns were bought in Cleveland.

"How many did you keep in operation?"

"I could not say."

"Any of them."

"I should have to think that over."

"Were not most of them dismantled?"

"The smaller ones were used in construction and the larger ones were connected with our plants. We ran the Clark, Schurmer & Co., Clark, Payne & Co. and Hanna, Baslington & Co.

Acme Company Independent.

Mr. Kellogg called attention to the purchases of Porter, Moreland & Co., and Bennett, Warner & Co., together with Easterly & Davis and John Jackson, and asked Mr. Rockefeller if he did not purchase them.

The witness said the Standard Oil interests bought a portion of Moreland & Co. and Bennett, Warner & Co. and conveyed it to the Acme Oil company.

"Do you recall Mr. Archbold's testimony in 1879 in this state?"

"No."

Mr. Kellogg then read from Mr. Archbold's testimony in which he stated that the Acme Oil company was an independent oil company and not owned, controlled or affiliated with the Standard.

"Was the Acme Oil company an independent concern in those years?"

Mr. Rockefeller said that the Acme Oil company undoubtedly was operated as an independent concern until after 1882, and that John D. Archbold managed it for a time.

The witness said he thought the stock of the Camden Consolidated Oil company was purchased by exchange stock with the Standard and stock of the American Transfer company was obtained from J. A. Bostwick in the same manner. The Standard also secured stock of the United Pipe line. The trust agreement of 1879, Mr. Rockefeller said, was made for the purpose of holding those stocks for the benefit of the individuals for whom they had been acquired. Mr. Kellogg asked whether the stocks were held for the Standard or for individuals and Mr. Rockefeller said he should judge that the Standard Oil company held the certificates. All the companies were managed by their own managers and each was doing an independent business.

"The agreement provides that the trustees shall distribute the stock to the individual owners," said Mr. Kellogg.

"It turned them over to the Standard Oil trustees," replied Mr. Rockefeller.

"Who got up this Standard Oil trust?"

Tribute to Trust Organizers.

"I should say that D. M. Flagler and S. C. T. Dodd should have the credit. I am sure it was not I. I am not so learned in legal matters as that. I do not claim any credit, for Mr. Flagler and Mr. Dodd should have full credit."

Mr. Rockefeller said that the various

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Tuesday, November 24, 1908.

NOVEMBER 1908

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
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THE WEATHER.

FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Showers probably Tuesday and cooler.

FOR NEBRASKA—Probably showers Tuesday; cooler in east portion.

FOR IOWA—Showers probably Tuesday; cooler in west portion.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	51
6 a. m.	50
7 a. m.	49
8 a. m.	48
9 a. m.	47
10 a. m.	46
11 a. m.	45
12 m.	47
1 p. m.	48
2 p. m.	50
3 p. m.	50
4 p. m.	49
5 p. m.	49
6 p. m.	49
7 p. m.	49
8 p. m.	49
9 p. m.	48

DOMESTIC.

Former Senator Manderson recovering and hopes to be able to present case involving irrigation contract to the interior department. **Page 1**

The cross-examination of John D. Rockefeller was continued yesterday by Frank B. Kellogg, the president of the Standard Oil company attributing the idea of the trust formed in 1882 to Mr. Flagler and Mr. Dodd. **Page 1**

Attorney General Bonaparte yesterday petitioned the United States supreme court for a writ granting the review of the Standard Oil case involving the Landis fine. **Page 1**

Millionaire Pittsburgers were almost swindled by a clever man who represented himself as an agent of the Rothschilds. **Page 2**

Prosecutor Heney says he is anxious to get into the graft prosecution again in San Francisco. **Page 1**

The republican national committee made public the list of contributors to the fund of the campaign. **Page 2**

A moving picture machine exploded at Chicago in a small theater causing a panic. **Page 1**

The government is about to establish experimental kiosks which will reveal automatically the condition of the weather. **Page 1**

NEBRASKA.

The barn of the Kearney industrial school burned yesterday destroying twenty-four head of horses. **Page 3**

A body of a Japanese laborer was found near Gothenburg which had been dragged to a thicket and lain there for nearly two years. **Page 3**

SPORT.

Hastings college claims the intercollegiate championship, but to settle the question is willing to play Bellevue a post-season game. **Page 9**

FOREIGN.

The Servians moved their archives and records to Nish out of fear of an Austrian invasion. **Page 1**

LOCAL.

Fortieth anniversary of Nebraska lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, is being celebrated with a large attendance of prominent members of the order present from all over the country. **Page 1**

O. L. Dickenson, assistant superintendent of transportation of western lines of the Burlington, is promoted and goes to Chicago. **Page 10**

Brandeis & Son announce they will erect a modern, fireproof eight-story office building at the corner of Seventeenth and Douglas streets. **Page 3**

Editors of papers over the country are doing their share to boost the corn show. **Page 5**

Edward Spindler, the cobbler who died suddenly and who was reputed to have left a large fortune, is found to have possessed only a few dollars. **Page 5**

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

Live stock markets. **Page 7**

Grain markets. **Page 7**

Stocks and bonds. **Page 7**

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Port.	Arrived.	Sailed.
QUEENSTOWN	Arabic	Campania.
MOVILLE	Caledonia	California.
LIVERPOOL	Grampian	
LONDON	Pomeranian	
SOUTHAMPTON	St. Louis	
BOSTON	Republic	

WOOL GROWERS ISSUE CALL

Annual Convention of Organization Will Be Held at Pocatello in January.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Calls for the fifth annual convention of the Wyoming Wool Growers' association and the forty-fifth annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association, which will be held at Rawlins, Wyo., on January 11-12, and at Pocatello, Ida., on January 14, 15 and 16, were issued today from the headquarters of both organizations here. Both notices call attention to important letters to come up for discussion, as follows:

This meeting is most important to the sheep and wool interests of the entire country, because of the possibility of changes in the tariff on wool and hides, proposed legislation to improve service, and lower freight rates on the railroads; discussion of forest preservation and conservation of our natural resources, grazing, depredations of predatory wild animals and best methods of exterminating the pests, the great central storage and market movement inaugurated by this association, and it will be well for the sheepmen to meet at this time and let their views be known on these various questions. No wool grower should neglect this opportunity to express himself and assist in the formation of plans for the future. The association has accomplished much good for its members and all others engaged in sheep and wool growing, but there remains much yet to be accomplished.

All these subjects will be discussed by able speakers, and the meeting will unquestionably be one of the greatest gatherings of stockmen ever held in this country.

The people of the city of Pocatello have provided amply in the way of accommodations and entertainment, and very low rates have been granted by the railroads for the occasion.

The mid-winter sheep show, which has come to be an important feature of the annual conventions, will be held in connection with this meeting. The cash premiums aggregate $1,500, and a valuable silver cup bearing the association emblem in gold will be given for the best exhibit. A number of special prizes have also been added. More than 400 animals are already entered and the show promises to eclipse all previous exhibitions of this kind.

Distribution of Taxes.

PIERRE, S. D., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—The state treasury has been distributing the telegraph and telephone taxes to the counties entitled to the same. The total of the telephone taxes amounts to $17,497, and of the telegraph taxes to $5,519.

MANDERSON MUCH BETTER

Hopes to Be Able Soon to Make Argument Before Interior Department.

CASE OVER IRRIGATION CONTRACT

Washington Paper, Edited by Friend of Bryan, Hopes Purchase of Texas Land Indicates Removal to that State.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—General Manderson was considerably improved today, his lumbago yielding to the efforts of his physicians and in consequence many of the old-time friends of the ex-senator called to pay their respects, Admiral W. S. Schley spending a considerable time with the "venerable gentleman," as he laughingly called Mr. Manderson.

General Manderson said to The Bee representative today that he hoped to present to the secretary of the interior several matters of considerable importance which brought him to Washington, notably a brief in the matter of the annulled contracts with Callahan, Katz, Phelan & Shirley, under the reclamation service on the Huntley project in Montana and with the same persons on the Fort Buford project. Mr. Manderson will ask that these contractors be relieved from any liability to the government for the non-performance of the contracts that were entered into under an entire misapprehension of what was demanded when the work was contracted for and was entered upon. It is urged in Mr. Manderson's brief that the misunderstanding grew out of the "undisputed language and the proposal of the government official having charge and direction of the work contracted for."

It appears that the Callahans and others were awarded contracts on the irrigation projects above referred to for digging the necessary ditches; that the engineer officer had informed them that steam machinery could be used and bids were made accordingly, but later on manual labor and animals were ordered to be put on the work and the contractors threw up the contract because of the increased cost of such labor, which at that time could not be had for "love or money."

The government let the contract to other parties at an increase of $300,000 over the Callahan bid and is now threatening to bring suit against the contractors for non-performance, which necessarily involves the bondsmen. General Manderson hopes to secure the exoneration of the Callahans on the ground that if there was any misunderstanding it was on the part of the project engineer.

Burkett is Confident.

Senator Burkett returned from a hasty visit to Nebraska last evening, where he went to fill several lecture engagements. Asked if there was any change in the senatorial situation in his home state Burkett remarked that if there was he had not noticed it. He saw no good reason why the republicans two years from now should not overturn the democratic majority in the legislature resulting from the election this fall.

Mr. Burkett said he had not discovered whether Mr. Bryan would be in the senatorial race. He called attention to the fact that the defeated candidate of the democratic party for the presidency was spending the winter in Mexico and Texas, "which probably means," added Burkett, "that any announcement of Bryan's intentions with respect to the senatorial campaign will not be made soon."

Hint of Bryan's Future.

In view of the fact that Bryan has purchased a tract of land in Texas for a winter home the following in the Evening Bulletin, which is published by Bryan's staunchest friend in the District of Columbia, W. J. Dwyer, is significant:

"William Jennings Bryan has purchased twenty acres of land at Corpus Christi, Tex., and will build a summer home thereon. We hope that it will be his permanent home so that the Lone Star state can send to the senate the greatest statesman this country has produced since the days of Lincoln. As the successor of Joseph W. Bailey, the nation and what little there is left of the democratic party would be the gainer. Nebraska is no place for the Commoner and never was."

Minor Matters at Capital.

First Lieutenant James S. Kennedy, medical reserve corps, is detailed as a member of the army retiring board at Omaha, vice Captain James W. Vandusen, medical corps, relieved.

Postmasters appointed: Iowa, Valeria, Jasper county, J. B. Hessenius, vice B. Anderson, resigned. Wyoming, Hillsdale, Laramie county, Amanda B. Coates, vice C. N. Coates, removed.

RESULT OF RAID ON "CLUBS"

Police Magistrate Releases Men by Wholesale Thus Taken in Charge.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 23.—A war of extermination on the numerous "clubs" in which liquor has been sold in St. Louis on Sundays and during the hours when saloons were closed was announced by Chief of Police Creecy today. The statement followed raids which began yesterday afternoon and continued until early this morning. Sixty-one "clubs" were visited by the officers and 532 men arrested in them.

All police courts in the city were crowded today and professional bondsmen reaped a harvest.

Most of the prisoners were discharged when arraigned in court. Judge Kleiber dismissed 146 out of 147 docketed in the Wyoming street police court and continued the other. At the Clark street station 409 cases were docketed. The first fifteen defendants were discharged and their release was the signal for a burst of cheering from hundreds of men and boys. The order for the raids, it was learned today, was given by Governor Folk from Jefferson City, following a police canvass last week, caused, it is said, by the killing, in or near a club, of Louis Forsythe, a soldier from Jefferson barracks after a payday orgy in the place.

RECORDS REMOVED TO NISH

Servians Fear Raid by Austria and Take Measures Out of Precaution.

BELGRADE, Servia, Nov. 23.—Seventeen carloads of coin and the archives of the National bank were today removed from this city to the fort at Nish. This step was taken because the government fears that Austria will make a raid on Belgrade, the capital.

It is rumored that the government also will be removed to Nish.

Well, Why Not?

From the Cleveland Leader.

CANNON IS FOR REVISION

Speaker Says New Tariff Law Should Be Enacted Promptly.

CHANGE WILL BRING TROUBLE

Quick Action Will Reduce Depression to Minimum—Says He Stands on Platform of Party.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Joseph G. Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives, placed himself on record today in favor of a revision of the tariff in accordance with the promise of the republican party platform and declared that so far as his vote was concerned he would see to it that the announced policy of revision would be written in the national laws as soon as possible. The words of the speaker came at the conclusion of a luncheon given to six rear admirals of the United States navy by Alexander Revell of Chicago in the Union League club, at which the need of more battleships and increased efficiency of the fighting forces of the republic were the principal themes of discussion.

On the tariff question Speaker Cannon said:

"Any change in the revenue laws of the country of necessity is followed by a depression of business. Three years ago I followed the lead of Theodore Roosevelt, who declared that there should be no revision of the revenue laws, which means the tariff, until after the next general election. His policy was to not change existing conditions. The republican platform on which the national contest has been won says, revise the revenue laws. That revision should be with due regard to protection and penalty against discriminatory nations. As a member of the next house of representatives, a co-ordinate branch of the government equal to the executive and the judiciary, I am, so far as my vote is concerned, going to see to it that the policy of the republican party on this question is written in the national laws as promptly as possible. The laws should be written so that business can adjust itself to changed conditions, for the change will of necessity bring disturbance."

Among the guests at the luncheon, over which Mr. Revell presided, were Rear Admirals James H. Dayton, Albert Ross, William H. Brownson, Francis H. Higginson, French E. Chadwick and Washington L. Capps. Major General Frederick D. Grant, in command of the Department of the Lakes, together with the six admirals, all responded to toasts.

TAFT REFUSES TO TRAVEL

President-Elect Will Stay in Hot Springs Thanksgiving Day—Family in New York.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Nov. 23.—The Thanksgiving plans of the Taft family as announced today leave the president-elect alone at Hot Springs. He will be the guest at dinner of M. E. Ingalls, a former president of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. Mrs. William H. Taft will leave here tomorrow night for New York. She will be joined there by her three children, Robert, Helen and Charles, all of whom will be the guests of Henry W. Taft and his two sons. Mrs. H. W. Taft and her daughter are in Europe. Mrs. Extine of Cincinnati, who is a friend of Mrs. William H. Taft, will, with her two children, join the party in New York. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Taft are to remain in Cincinnati.

"I have simply refused to travel," said Judge Taft in explaining his purpose to remain here.

Henry W. Taft, who, with General Clarence R. Edwards, joined Judge Taft in a game of golf today, will leave for New York tonight.

GUARDS FIRE AT BALLOON

Russian Frontier Troops Place Aeronauts in Great Danger by Their Act.

BRESLAU, Nov. 23.—A German balloon that passed over Russian territory in the vicinity of Zerkow last Saturday was fired on by Russian frontier guards. No less than fifteen shots were fired, and this in spite of the fact that the balloon was flying the German flag. The bullets hissed all around the airship and one of them pierced a sack of ballast and was imbedded in the sand. The aeronauts made a hurried descent and succeeded in landing on German territory. They were not hurt.

The balloon belonged to the Silesian Aero club. The ascent was made from here.

Heavy Cattle Shipments.

PIERRE, S. D., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—The cattle shipment from LeBeau this year are placed at one thousand cars. That town will hold the heavy shipments so long as the big reservation pastures remain under lease, or until the road at that point extends across the river.

HENEY ANXIOUS FOR FRAY

San Francisco Prosecutor Says His Plight is but Indication of Depth of Iniquity.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The Call this morning prints the first interview granted to the press by Francis J. Heney since the district attorney was shot in Judge Lawlor's court room, November 4, by Morris Haas, while the hearing of one of the cases against Ruef was in progress.

After expressing devout thanks for his escape, Mr. Heney said:

"In this great human battle against vice and curruption, let no one believe that the true source is to be found in the individual dynamiters, jury bribers, kidnapers and assassins and that their expulsions means untimate victory. Such things are but the bubbles waiting from the pool of filth that has been years in making. The seed has been sown and we must reap the harvest, but in gathering the tares let us be satisfied with nothing but the root.

"It has been a terrible sacrifice, but if my blood has not been shed in vain, if the assassin's bullet has suddenly disclosed to the public eye the hideousness of the gigantic conspiracy to defeat the law, then I shall feel that I have not lived in vain, that my poor efforts have met with immeasurable benefit to my beloved city and state."

The foregoing is a part of the statement which is published over Mr. Heney's signature. The wounded man is well on the road to recovery and stated that he was eager to get back to the prosecution of the graft cases again.

PICTURE MACHINE EXPLODES

One May Die and Four Are Injured as Result of Panic in Chicago Theater.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—One man may die and four women are suffering serious injuries as a result of the explosion of a moving picture machine, which resulted in a fire and panic in a 5-cent theater last night.

The injured are:

Nick Maros, operator of the machine, left arm torn off and badly burned; may die.

Grace Nobnan.

Agnes O'Connell.

Mrs. Jerry Daily.

Pauline Hampton.

The theater was crowded with a large Sunday night audience, when a film suddenly took fire and the picture machine exploded.

In a moment the entire front of the theater was in flames. Mangled and burned, Maros jumped out of his blazing cage and ran through a crowd of women and children, holding the stump of his bleeding arm and crying loudly.

A general rush for the exits started. Women were thrown down in the crush. Several women fainted and were half dragged, half carried, out of the building by men and boys.

A fire company put out the flames. The damage was slight.

TEMPERATURES FOR PUBLIC

Government Weather Bureau Will Establish Automatic Stations in South.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—A "meteorological kiosk," or automatic weather station, has been erected in this city. It is one of twenty ordered by the weather bureau to be established in the principal cities of the south. This booth-like innovation shows on its four sides, a barometer to foretell approaching storms or fair weather; a standard thermometer, which will obviate the speculation of the accuracy of different kind of recorded temperatures; a hydrometer to indicate the humidity of the atmosphere, and a precipitation gauge to show the amount of rainfall within a specified time. Electric clockwork will be utilized to work the cylinders of the self-registering instruments. There will also be displayed weather maps to show the meteorological conditions throughout the country.

The "kiosk" is ornamental in appearance and if the benefit derived by the public is as great as is anticipated by the officials of the Department of Agriculture, these substations will be put in general use.

STATES BARRED FROM SHOW

Pennsylvania and New York May Not Exhibit Animals at Chicago.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Cattle breeders of the state of Pennsylvania and New York will not be permitted to exhibit any cattle at the International Stock show, to be held in Chicago, owing to the violent prevalence of the foot and mouth disease in these states. This decision was reached today at a meeting held at the White house between President Roosevelt and Willett M. Hayes, assistant secretary of agriculture, and Dr. Alonzo D. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry. The decision includes sheep, swine and goats.

THOMAS TIBBLES IS STUNG

Governor-elect Refuses to Hear His Plea for a Fat Office.

DR. CARR ALSO TURNED DOWN

Douglas County Democrats Are in No Way Modest in What They Are Asking at Hands of the Coming Legislature.

From a Staff Correspondent.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The sting of ingratitude is about to be stuck into Thomas Tibbles, the grand old populist who so ably assisted in carrying the state for Bryan and Shallenberger. Mr. Bryan left for Old Mexico without endorsing Mr. Tibbles for any office and Mr. Shallenberger knows not that he exists.

In every county where he spoke, Mr. Tibbles lined up the old-time populists and took many of them back out of the republican party, but his reward is in his knowledge of work well done, and this only.

Mr. Tibbles is 70 years old and as spy as a cat. He came to Lincoln tonight and said he felt as well after his nine weeks of campaigning as he has ever felt. His populist friends believe he is entitled to recognition, but so far no movement has been started in his behalf. Mr Tibbles is in a receptive mood, and some there are who believe he should be made chief oil inspector.

It is a question whether the fog and drizzle and unusually blue weather today was due to the operations of the weather clerk or to the ozone that gathered around the sunkissed head of one E. Arthur Carr, Tom Allen's handy man and general letter writer. E. Arthur worked faithfully under the direction of the democratic state chairman in an effort to help out Mr. Bryan by circulating mean literature about Judge Taft.

He did it, of course expecting reward. And today the reward came, but it came to another. Dr. Lowry of iLncoln secured from Governor-elect Shallenberger the job of physician to the state penitentiary. This was the job E. Arthur wanted; to get a standin with the powers that be, he issued the dirty letter about Judge Taft; he used without authority the lleeterheads of the Lincoln Civic league, which had repudiated him; he stands now to be prosecuted for his act; and he failed to land the place, thoughg he spent considerable loose change in telephoning over the state for recommendations for the job. And he fully expected to get the job, too, for Tom Allen was boosting for him.

Now, that he did not land, it is expected that E. Arthur Carr will do some tall talking when he gets over his weeping spell. It is expected that he will tell just how it came about that he conceived the idea of writing that letter; just who put him up to it. The people of Lincoln are expecting the bewhiskered doctor to do the squealing act in a very short time.

Douglas county democrats want little at the hands of the coming legislature—just the speaker and the chief clerk of the house and the naming of the president pro tem of the senate, in addition of course to a few other jobs at the hands of the new governor.

Representatives-Elect Stoecker and Thomas and Senators-Elect Ransom, Howell and Tanner came down today and selected their seats.

"Mr. Stoecker is a candidate for speaker of the house," said Doc Tanner.

"I can't say that I am doing anything to make myself speaker," chimed in Stoecker, "but several of my friends are saying I should be the man and of course they are at work to land the place for me."

Representative-Elect Thomas said Douglas county had a candidate for chief clerk of the house in the person of Henry Richmond, who formerly resided there.

"We shall vote as a unit on the organization," continued Mr. Thomas, "and if the office of chief clerk is already nailed down then of course we will not antagonize the successful man."

Just how Mr. Stoecker has secured the support of W. S. Shoemaker, who himself is a candidate, was not explained by the visiting members, but if they are to vote as a unit on all questions then it is taken to mean that Shoemaker is out of it so far as the Douglas county delegation is concerned. However, Mr. Shoemaker is yet to be heard from.

No information was given out by the visiting senators-elect regarding the organization of the upper house, but enough was intimated to give the impression that Douglas county expected to be at the making when the slate is finally ready for the outside members.

Vote of State Canvassed.

The state canvassing board met this morning and canvassed the vote cast at the recent election. The totals were no different from those published in the Bee.

Contrary to the advice given by some

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PYTHIAN DAY ENDS

Knights Confer Third Rank on Big Class.

THOUSANDS ATTEND EXERCISES

Celebration Honors Fortieth Anniversary of Omaha Lodge.

ALL WESTERN STATES TAKE PART

Iola Drill Team Wins Admiration by Precise Evolutions.

DAMON AND PYTHIAS PRESENTED

Leading Officers of Fraternity in Country See Candidates Receive Degree at Auditorium in Evening.

In the conferring of the third rank—the highest in the order—upon an unusually large class, the ritual being participated in by the best drilled degree team in the entire world and attended by some of the highest officials of the society in the United States, the Knights of Pythias last night completed the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of Pythanism in the west.

The anniversary exercises were held in the spacious Auditorium and comprised what was probably the most noteworthy meeting in the annals of this secret organization. The anniversary celebration was held during the afternoon and evening of yesterday and on both occasions the Auditorium was filled to overflowing, the crowd in the evening being by far the largest.

Forty years ago Monday—on November 23, 1868—the first lodge of the Knights of Pythias west of the Allegheny mountains was organized. This lodge was instituted in Omaha and was named Nebraska lodge No. 1. It is still in existence, the oldest lodge in the order in the west. But as the years have sped by no especial notice has been given Omaha and its lodge and the west on account of the founding of the society in this part of the great domain of Uncle Sam. The west wanted recognition, however, and honor too, and at the last meeting of the Nebraska state lodge plans were made for this celebration—the first of the kind ever held by this large fraternal organization.

Credit Due Frank Kelley.

Frank Kelley of Lincoln, past grand chancellor of the state, was the man who, figuratively speaking, "took the bull by the horns," and at the last session of the Nebraska lodge of the Knights of Pythias introduced a resolution providing for the celebration of this important anniversary, and in accordance with the resolution a committee of three was appointed to arrange for the meeting. This committee was composed of Grand Chancellor John C. Cleland of Fremont, Grand Vice Chancellor W. T. Denney of Omaha and Grand Prelate J. C. Chase of North Bend. Invitations were then sent to nearby states to join in the commemoration, and Iowa was the first to accept. Then South Dakota joined in and in a short time Minnesota, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri decided to take part in the anniversary, for the anniversary was not an Omaha affair or even a Nebraska celebration, but was of and for the entire west. Omaha and Nebraska merely took the initiative and received the credit for organizing the first western lodge, but the whole west, from a secret society standpoint, had profited by it and therefore the whole west joined in rejoicing on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary.

Thousands of loyal members of the Knights of Pythias—believers in brotherly love as shown by Damon and Pythias and handed down by mythological tradition—attended the anniversary exercises. The streets were crowded during the day with the wearers of the tri-colors of the order—red, yellow and blue—and the lobbies of the Loyal and Rome hotels, headquarters for the knights, were thronged. Special trains were run to the city from all directions, hamlets of but a few hundred people sending delegations of forty or fifty, members of the reception committee estimating that there were about 8,000 knights in the city. An effort was made to register all those who came, but this was found to be impossible, but 3,000 or 4,000 only being able to inscribe their names in the big book termed the "official register."

Formal Addresses Made.

Fully 3,500 people attended the opening ceremonies of the anniversary at the Auditorium Monday afternoon, many of the audience being women. The formal exercises took place on the big stage, to the right of which in a raised platform was the Iola lodge orchestra of Dayton, O. At the front of the stage was a raised platform for the exhibition drill of the famous Iola drill team.

The afternoon exercises were presided over by Grand Representative Richard O'Neill of Lincoln, who delivered the introductory address. The proceedings opened with a selection by the Iola string orchestra and the invocation by Grand Prelate J. C. Chase of North Bend, followed. In his introductory address Grand Representative O'Neill paid a touching tribute to the late Colonel George H. Crager, the founder of western Pythianism.

The address of welcome on the part of the state was made by Edward Maggi, chief clerk in the office of Governor Sheldon, who was delegated by Governor Sheldon to represent him on this occasion.

The Iola quartet, consisting of G. W. Kern, first tenor; L. T. Robbins, second tenor; F. M. Winder, baritone, and R. J. Fulton, second bass, then gave several selections, which were followed by the address of welcome to the city of Omaha by Mayor J. C. Dahlman. The mayor expressed his high appreciation at being privileged to welcome so distinguished a body of men to Omaha. In the course of his address he said, in part:

"On behalf of the people of Omaha I extend you this welcome with all the warmth of cordiality that my lips can express. We know that when you go away from here you will realize the sincerity of this welcome and will sing our praises abroad. This afternoon and tonight I turn this city over into your hands, for with you I know it will be safe. I hope it will not be forty years before you come again, but sincerely hope you will come often."

The response to the address was made by Grand Chancellor Cleland of Fremont. He, too, paid a glowing tribute to the late Colonel Criger and spoke of the purposes of Pythianism as being to wield and perpetuate a higher citizenship, not alone in the west, but wherever its influence extended.

Drill Team Gives Tableaux.

This concluded the speech making for