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BRIAN WILL MAKE RACE

State Treasurer Files for Congress in Third District.

FOR HIGHER FRATERNAL RATES

State Auditor Will Recommend Next Legislature Increase Safety of this Form of Life Insurance.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, May 17.—(Special.)—L. G. Brian, state treasurer, filed his name today as a candidate for the republican nomination for congress in the Third district. Some weeks ago Mr. Brian said he intended to become a candidate and since that time many callers at the state house have expressed the opinion that he would receive the united support of the republican party in opposition to the present democratic congressman and already they have got busy perfecting an organization to boost for him.

Mr. Brian has lived in Boone county for almost a quarter of a century and is one of Nebraska's most progressive farmers, having been one of the pioneers who worked his way to a competency along the corn rows. He has served as county commissioner and county treasurer of Boone county and is now completing his second term as state treasurer.

As state treasurer Mr. Brian has increased the rate of interest paid by the banks for state funds to 3 per cent from 2 and he has raised the average interest rate received by the state from other investments more than 1 per cent.

Not only as state treasurer, but as a member of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, the Board of Purchase and Supplies, the State Board of Assessment and Equalization and other boards, Mr. Brian has won the respect of the various state officers who belong to these boards and he has the reputation of saying "yes" or "no" to problems which are presented to him regardless of what may happen politically to him. In other words, no state officer ever accused Mr. Brian of trying to "hedge" on any question.

Brian's Platform.

When asked about his platform, Mr Brian said:

Should I succeed in getting the nomination and being elected I will support President Taft in his efforts to fulfill the pledges as promised by the last republican national platform. On questions other than platform pledges, I will in so far as they do not conflict, in my opinion, with the interests of the people of the Third district, be governed by the wishes of the president. In the absence of platform pledges or the known wishes of the president I will use my best judgement as a citizen of the Third district to vote for the measures which I believe will be beneficial to the people of the district.

Should the tariff question be presented to congress during my incumbency, I will be for the revision downward on all things that are to the interests of the greatest number of people whom I represent; I shall be for the progressive legislation at all times, that will be consistent with the interests of the people of my district.

As I have been a farmer all my life with the exception of four years as county treasurer of Boone county and four years as state treasurer, my interests are identical with the agricultural interests upon which the Third district and the state de pend for its prosperity in all its lines of business. I believe that my knowledge of the needs of the farming element of the district will be sufficient to represent the district to the satisfaction of all the people who are dependent upon the farmers' prosperity."

Acts of City Council.

Thomas H. Pratt for many years city clerk of Lincoln and now member of the city council has been elected president of that body. Mr. Pratt spent most of the winter in Texas and recently made a trip to Oklahoma absorbing many ideas on city government and improvements during his journeys as well as picking up in health and looking after business affairs.

One of the first acts of the council after the election of Mr. Pratt was to grant permission to the Lincoln Gas company to construct a holder in East Lincoln with this proviso—the holder must be hid behind a clump of bushes or trees or something to hide it from the casual observer who chances that way. The holder is not to be more than twenty-five feet high, and the fact that it is to be hid behind some trees was a concession to the residents of that portion of the city who objected to the noise incidental to a gas holder.

Higher Fraternal Rates.

State Auditor Barton will recommend to the next legislature that a law be enacted which will increase the rates to be charged by fraternal insurance companies. It is the opinion of Mr. Barton that in many instances in Nebraska the fraternals are charging a rate which is too low to insure the beneficiaries that they will receive the amount of the policy, after a certain time.

When a company is started the rate is usually made extremely low in order to insure a large membership, the auditor said. After running for a few years it is found the low rate will not pay out so the rate is increased. This forces many of the old members out and they are then unable to secure insurance. The younger members whom the increase does not affect materially will stay in, only in time to repeat the performance of the old members.

It is to force the fraternals who are not doing so to charge a rate which will insure the policy holders absolute protection that Mr. Barton intends to appeal to the legislators.

Keeps Governor Hustling.

Governor Shallenberger, who spoke at Beaver City last night at a democratic love feast, spoke tonight at Fairbury at the encampment o fthe veterans of the civil war. The governor went from eaver City to Fairbury without visiting his office today.

Convict Hudson Gets Chance.

Simeon Hudson, who drank wood alcohol at the state penitentiary, resulting in his total blindness, will receive the best of medical attention, his father hoping that his sight will be restored. The father of the convict received permission from Governor Shallenberger to take the young man to Omaha to have his eyes treated and it is said there is a chance that his sight may be restored.

Hudson was sent to the penitentiary for five and a half years on a charge of forgery from Tecumseh and he has only about one year to serve before the expiration of his term. Some months ago he managed to secure some wood alcohol and drank it. Physicians saved his life, but he lost his eyesight as a result o fthe poison. The father of the convict is a farmer and lives in Iowa. He came to Lincoln today and took his boy to Omaha for treatment.

Legal Department Works Hard.

Attorney General Thompson has just filed away volume 12 of his briefs. Each of these volumes contains more than 700 pages and one volume is devoted exclusively to briefs in the express rate cases. In his two years in office Norris Brown filed four volumes and in his eight years Attorney General Prout filed seven volumes. Mr. Thompson has been attorney general only three and a half years and at the present rate he expects to have at least

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sixteen volumes of briefs to his credit when he retires in January.

Barton Approves Consolidation

State Senator Favors Union of American Order of Protection with Highland Nobles.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, May 17.—(Special.)—State Auditor Barton has approved the plan of consolidation of the Highland Nobles of Waterloo, Ia., and the American Order of Protection of Lincoln. Before the consolidation may be affected it is necessary that two-thirds of the membership in both lodges vote in the afrimative. The first protest that has yet arisen has come from Cheyenne, Wyo., where a member of the latter company entered a protest and insisted that if the order would change its headquarters to Cheyenne there would be little trouble about enlarging its membership and securing enough interested men to boom the order.

It is proposed to name the consolidated orders the American Nobles. The present laws governing the two orders are to be amended to provide for the election of a board of supreme trustees, of not less than five nor more than seven members; and adding to the officers supreme physician for territory west of the Missouri river, and supreme organizer. These two officers and two of the trustees are to be elected from among the membership of the American Order of Protection, recommended by its advisory board.

The officers of the consolidated orders shall be as follows:

V. A. Young, Waterloo, Ia., supreme protector; S. C. Huber, Tama, Ia., supreme counselor; I. E. Lee, Waterloo, Ia., supreme secretary; H. A. Dittmar, Manchester, Ia., supreme physician; M. A. Hoover, Kearney, supreme physician west of the Missouri river; M. F. LeRoy, Manchester, Ia., supreme treasurer; I. M. Gibson, Waterloo, Ia., national lecturer; J. M. Price, Denver, supreme organizer.

Supreme Trustees—H. F. Arnold, Manchester; M. F. LeRoy, Manchester; S. L. Kearn, Minneapolis; G. W. Van Berg, Charles City, Ia.; J. A. Ferguson, Charles City; C. P. Gaylord, Lincoln; R. T. Hite, Lincoln; Mrs. C. R. Pauley, Cedar Rapids, supreme evangel; J. T. Percival, Port Huron, Mich., supreme warden; P. C. Torrance, Rockwell City, Ia., supreme escort; W. E. Van Shaw, Cleburne, Tex., supreme guard; George M. Detwiler, Clinton, Ia., supreme sentinel.

WOODPECKER CAUSES FLOOD

Bird Pecks Hole Through Side of Water Tank at Beaver City.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., May 17.—(Special.)—The section foreman of the Burlington at this station was surprised the other morning to find that instead of fourteen feet of water in the large supply tank for locomotives that there was but six feet, and a small lake had formed around the foundation of the tank. Investigation showed that a woodpecker had pecked a hole through the thick side of the tank, through which the water had escaped.

Nebraska News Notes.

BEATRICE—John F. Kees, a pioneer of this section, left Monday for Germany on an extended visit to his old home.

BEATRICE—Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Kilpatrick, who have been spending the winter in Europe, arrived home Sunday.

WISNER—The class of '10 will hold its class services Sunday evening in the opera house, Rev. Slocumb preaching the class sermon.

WYMORE—Fire caused from an overheated stove did damage to the extent of about $500 to the home of M. D. Moyer, Saturday morning.

BEATRICE—J. C. White, who claims to hail from Texas, was lodged in the city jail Tuesday evening on the charge of short changing Bert Weidenhammer, a groceryman, out of a small sum of money.

BEATRICE—The initial Monday noonday luncheon of the Beatrice Commercial directors was held Monday noon at the Paddock hotel. Matters pertaining to improving the streets and train service in this city were discussed.

HARTINGTON—A. W. Barge, a brakeman on the Milwaukee railroad, had three of his toes mashed while working with a switching crew in Crofton yards. It is not thought that the toes will have to come off, but it will likely lay Mr. Barge up for about one month.

BEATRICE—Three marriages occurred in this city Monday. The contracting parties were Almer C. Bakken of Douglas, Wyo., and Miss Leona Harkins of this city; Harry B. Hibbard and Miss Emma Wilson, both of Beatrice, and Henderson Smith of Beatrice and Miss Anna M. Moser of Filley.

WYMORE—Ezra Duntz, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Duntz, was taken to Chicago Monday afternoon to take treatment at the Pasteur institute to prevent a possible attack of rabies. The young man was bitten Friday by a dog that showed symptoms of being mad. The animal bit several dogs before it was killed.

BEATRICE—S. Tirelle, an Italian laborer in the employ of the Burlington, who was shot, probably fatally, by the accidental discharge of a shotgun while hunting near Edgar, Neb., was brought here Monday and placed in Fall's hospital. Part of his skull was blown away, and little hopes are held out for his recovery. Tirelle is about 20 years of age.

GOTHENBURG—Thursday morning the North Platte High School Cadets arrived in full force for their third annual military encampment. Friday evening they presented "In Lookout Valley" at the opera house, a thrilling play based on civil war times. They were assisted by several North Platte girls. The cadets' camp is on the west side of Lake Helen.

FALLS CITY—Thirty-five Greeks, working at the Missouri Pacific division, refuse to give Arthur Moss, the census enumerator, the information that his schedules requires. He has been after them three times already. Their boss and interpreter understands exactly what the purpose of the census enumeration is, but they refuse as they think it is some scheme to get them on the tax roll.

GOTHENBURG—The following teachers were elected for the next term of school: J. H. Rusterholtz of Erie, Pa., principal of the high school; Mabel Nelson, Oakland, Neb., English; May Brown, science; Emma Marquardt, German and history; Elizabeth Cooley, Belgrade, Neb., seventh grade; Emma Musselman, sixth grade; Hazel Minchell, North Platte, fifth grade; fourth grade not supplied; Edna Anderson, Lexington, third grade; Lyla French, Auburn, Neb., second grade; Gertrude Baker, North Platte, and Elizabeth Cunningham, Kearney, first grade. Lura Erb will teach the school south of the tracks. P. M. Whitehead was retained as superintendent some time ago.

FIRST PILE ON NEW BUILDING

Union Pacific Headquarters Contractor Sends Pile Fifty Feet to No Bottom.

The first pile to be driven for the new Union Pacific building was pounded into the ground Tuesday morning by the huge piledriver. The big stick was fifty feet long and was sent into the earth six feet below the surface. There were no indications at the time the piece of wood was being driven that it had encountered anything harder than shale or hardpan.

SOUTH OMAHA BALLOT COUNT

Three Contests in Joint Progress in County Court Today.

LITTLE CHANGE UP TO DATE

Several Minor Alterations Made from the Original Count of the Regular Clerks and Judges of Election.

Three election contests, fruit of the recent South Omaha balloting, are in joint progress in county court, which has taken on for the time the semblance of a precinct voting place after the election, the likeness being modified by the absence of the customary innumerable bad cigars. One republican and two democrats are contesting the official returns, which gave a place on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to John J. Ryan, republican, over T. J. Kelly, the vote standing 1,877 to 1,765.

The other contests are over seats in the city council, the incumbents being P. P. Peterson from the Seventh ward and August Miller from the Fifth, the contestants, who are democrats, being John Elliot and J. J. Larkin. Larkin is arrayed against Miller.

During the morning session of court the votes were counted from the First precinct of the First ward and but slight changes were shown. Kelly had 177 votes here and the recount gave him the same. Ryan, who had 145, gained two.

Elliot, with 155 on the official returns, lost three on the recount in this precinct, and Miller, who had 199, dropped to 194. Larkin, on the first report, had 148 in this precinct. The recount gives him one more. Peterson drops from 199 to 197.

Changes of only one or two were detected at the afternoon session and prospects of unseating any of the contestees do not yet appear good.

It is not likely that the vote counting will be ended before late Wednesday afternoon. While a number of attorneys are engaged, it is not probable that there will be much time given to arguments unless more disputable ballots show up. So far there has been little division upon how the ballots should be counted.

Business Houses Boost Tax List

Several Concerns Voluntarily Send In Larger Returns Than Last Year.

Increases by a few large business houses—voluntary increases—in tax returns Tuesday pleased and possibly slightly surprised the employes in the office of the county assessor.

Foremost in the role of honor is the M. E. Smith company, though the Omaha Rubber company also came to bat with a substantial increase. The M. E. Smith company has returned $364,273, as against $352,775 last year, and the Omaha Rubber company returns $121,650 compared to $112,000 in 1909. Of this $112,000, the $12,000 was boosted by the Board of Equalization. This year the increase in quite voluntary. The Bennett company goes last year $100 better, the figures being $204,800 and $204,700. David Cole makes the same returns as in 1909. $14,150 on his creamery company and $7,200 on the oyster and fish business.

SAYS CHURCH POWER WANES

Judge Baird Gives Layman's View of the Pulpit—Comments on Educational Influence.

"The church needs to get back to its original inspiration," said Judge William Baird in an address before the Ministerial union of Omaha on "A Layman's View of the Pulpit" Monday night.

"The church needs to get its power from the graces above and not from beneath, from God and not from man.

"The argument that the world is getting better and that the church is regenerating and reforming, does not commend itself to the observation or experience of hearers who are familiar with the spirit that rules in the political, social and business relations of life, and can hardly satisfy thoughtful members of the church in face of the prevailing influence."

Judge Baird gave something of a fling at the schools of the country when he said:

"While there are, no doubt ,many causes which keep men from uniting with the church, I believe one of the most efficient causes is attributable to the rationalistic teachings of the educational institutions, which have affected both pew and pulpit to such an extent that the spiritual power of the church has been to a large extent neutralized."

PARTNERS ESTRANGED, RECEIVER TO ARBITRATE

Court Names Man to Take Charge of the Affairs of Hornung & Bellamy.

F. A. Mulfinger has been appointed receiver of the plumbing business of Harry Hornung and William Bellamy by Judge Day in district court. The partnership is dissolved and the receiver will not only conduct the business, but enlighten the court as to what the two men are respectively entitled.

Hornung, who is the plaintiff, some time ago asserted that Bellamy was keeping him in the dark as to the firm's business and was not speaking to him when they met inside the office or out.

MORE MENTAL SUNSHINE NEEDED, SAYS DR. CONLEY

Minister Makes Appeal for Cultivation of Cheerfulness in Man's Character.

Modern life is likely to exclude sympathy, sincerity and mental sunshine declared Rev. J. W. Conley in an address before the First Baptist church, of which he was formerly pastor, last night. He is now living in California.

"Character has just four phases," said Dr. Conley. "There are the moral, religious, social and mental aspects, of that which go to make up the man.

"We are largely builders of our own character, and if, as is often said, character is subject to heredity and environment, we can, through our own free will and the God given power, overcome these."

FIVE NURSES TO GRADUATE

Commencement Exercises of County Hospital Training School at All Saints' Church.

Commencement exercises of the county hospital training school for nurses will be held at All Saints' church June 8, and five young women will be graduated. These are Anna Sogard, Ellen Anderson, Tillie Vavra, Mary Davis and Mattie Graham. Details of the program have not yet been arranged.

Colonel Fanning Wants to Know Whom to Reward

Asks Court to Decide Which of Three Men is Entitled to Pay for Work.

Colonel Charles E. Fanning is perplexed over payment of $345.35 as between Roy S. Scott, Harry W. Cowduroy and Daniel Horrigan, and Mr. Fanning has petitioned the district court to tell him to which claimant or claimants the money shall go. As a further sign of good faith Fanning had put up the money in court.

Fanning says he hired Horrigan and Cowduroy in August and September to obtain signatures to petitions on paving material for the improvement of Howard street from Ninth to Sixteenth; Thirteenth, from Howard to Harney; Thirteenth, from Douglas to Davenport.

This work by Horrigan and Cowduroy was to be worth twice $343.35, and half the money was paid over. For the other half Horrigan and Scott have a little division of opinion as to respective interests, and Cowduroy has complicated matters by claiming it all. The matter has already got into justice court, so Mr. Fanning in despair has put it up to district court.

Thefts Arouse "Little Italy"

Interpreter Tells Court Italian Settlement is Beset by Mysterious Robbers.

The detective department was given a problem when Tom Siatta, an Italian interpreter for the Union Pacific railroad, testified before Judge Crawford Tuesday morning that a score of mysterious burglaries, fires and holdups had occurred in the Italian settlement of the city and that an evil band was at work.

"Your honor, there are some queer things happening among the Italians," announced Siatta. "Houses are set on fire, valuables and clothing are stolen and no one seems to have a clue to the identity of the perpetrator."

Siatta made his assertion in the course of his duty as interpreter for several Italians who figured as complaining witnesses and prisoners in a trial of a theft charge before Judge Crawford.

Frank Spaina, the defendant, charged with having stolen a watch from Mirriane Theresi in a lodging house at Fourteenth and Leavenworth streets, was dismissed of the charge upon evidence showing that he also had been robbed in the mysterious affair.

Siatti told the court he and other influential Italians have been lending every effort toward disclosing the identity of the outlaws in the Italian neighborhood. He declared the depredations have occurred prinelpally on South Fourteenth street, South Seventh and South Sixth streets.

UNIVERSITY BUILDS ITS NEW RETAINING WALL

Prepares to Erect Stadium on the Campus for Athletic Sports at Creighton.

Work has begun on the construction of the retaining wall that Creighton university is to build along the front of its property on the newly opened section of North Twenty-fourth street. This wall will cost in the neighborhood of $15,000 and will run from California to Burt streets.

The half dozen residences which have stood for years on the side hill north of the university facing Burt have been moved to foundations erected on the university property at Cass street and the boulevard. This clearing of the Burt street front of the university has been made preparatory to sodding and terracing the high ground just north of the observatory. When this has been done and the new stadium is erected on the campus the university grounds will be as attractive as any in the western country.

MEMORIAL DAY AT FORT CROOK

Graves of Soldier Dead in Cemetery Are to Be Decorated on Sunday, May 29.

Camp Lee Forby No. 1, United States-Spanish War Veterans, will hold a memorial ceremony on Sunday, May 29, at Fort Crook. Nine soldiers of the Spanish war are buried in the Fort Crook cemetery, and the ritual of Camp Lee Forby and General Lawton auxiliary will be rendered in their honor at the post cemetery. John G. Loss of Omaha will deliver the memorial address.

Interurban cars will take the members of the camp to the fort and will land them at the band stand. Colonel Gardiner and the Fort Crook band will participate in the celebration, and from the bandstand the whole party will proceed to the burial plot.

MINISTER "TIPS" DENTISTS

Dr. McGiffin Tells Convention Delegates "Way About Town."

PROPHYLAXIS IS DEMONSTRATED

Riot of Technicalities Rages in Laboratory Demonstrations Given Before Assembled Tooth Doctors.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Nebraska State Dental society opened Tuesday morning at Creighton college with a large attendance. The first meeting of the executive committee was held at 11 o'clock and the regular business of the society was transacted in short order.

Prior to the meeting of the committee the opening session of the society began at 10 o'clock. The invocation was by Dr. Nathaniel McGiffin of the Lowe Avenue Presbyterian church. Dr. A. O. Hunt of Omaha gave the address of welcome and paid a tribute to the members of the profession in this city. He said that Omaha was wideawake and that he believed the dentists would enjoy themselves while here.

He said that inasmuch as he was not a city official he could not hand over the keys to Omaha, but that he would give them some advice in order that they might keep out of trouble while here. In a humorous way he pointed out the various points of interest in Omaha and told them the hours of closing of the various places they might wish to visit. He said that the theaters dd not close at 8 o'clock. He warned the visitors to get off the street when they heard the curfew ring, and ended by saying that in spite of the restrictions the visitors would be under he thought they would manage to get much enjoyment from the meetings.

Dr. M. E. Vance of Lincoln responded briefly in the same humorous vein which ran through Dr. Hunt's speech. He said that the delegates were thankful to the first speaker for his careful words of warning and that he felt sure they would keep out of trouble.

Building Permits.

C. Jensen, 3011 South Twenty-first, brick, $1,500; C. Jensen, 3009 South Twenty-first, brick, $1,500; Charles Blakely, 3424 South Thirty-fifth, frame, $2,500; D. C. Patterson, 315 North Thirty-eighth avenue, cement dwelling, $7,000; D. C. Patterson, 313 North Thirty-eighth avenue, brick veneer, $7,500; D. C. Patterson, 311 North Thirty-eighth avenue, cement dwelling, $7,500; D. C. Patterson, 303 North Twenty-eighth avenue, brick veneer, $10,000; Richardson Drug company, 308-10-12 Jackson, brick warehouse, $16,500; Ernest Debrais, 4202 Spaulding, frame, $1,700; Creighton university, retaining wall, $16,800.