

GIBSON IS FOR ANNEXTION

Former State Senator Argues in Favor of Consolidation of Cities.

PLEA TO SOUTH OMAHA PEOPLE

Analyze the Opposition and Sets Out Some Reasons Why the Move Will Be Beneficial to the Property Owners.

The campaign for the union of the two Omahas is taking on considerable headway in South Omaha, where the initiative was taken. Business men and property owners in the packing center are moving with vigor to the end that a proper representation may be had and the question be voted on at the coming election.

In support of the supposed consolidation, Senator L. C. Gibson makes the following statement:

"Perhaps one should not delight in the charges and address of his fellow citizens, but one cannot help but be amused with the resolutions coming from the office-holders or supply agents of the said office-holders' meeting which was held in the rooms of the organization known as the Commercial club in South Omaha to deplore the fact that annexation was being agitated and to felicitate over the present deplorable financial condition of South Omaha, but more particularly as to their own personal satisfaction with the salary they draw or the prices they get for the material they furnish."

"Honesty, it was the best comedy of errors ever perpetrated on a long-suffering public. Modesty prevents me from offering their able counsel. I am advised that one prominent office-holder tearfully remarked that his campaign for the position he holds had cost him good money and he would never submit to being pried loose without a fight. I don't blame him. They adopted several resolutions, the first one deploring repeated agitation of the question. I would remind them that the present condition making it possible to submit the question to a vote of the people is the legislative enactment of their own making, or at least acquiesced in by them, as a bill was offered at the same time which would have been equally beneficial to both cities and was spurned by them, they preferring the present bill. I pretend to say that the stagnation in business which has been apparent to everybody since that time would not have existed if the contract offered for consolidation had been adopted instead of the measure now existing."

Reference to Individuals. "Their second resolution refers to certain individuals without authority who have been carrying on negotiations in the city of Omaha endeavoring to have the annexation question submitted."

"I infer their reference to certain individuals simply means those not drawing salaries or acting as agents to supply those who do draw the salary and I presume they mean by unwarranted that they who profit by the system were not first asked to give their sanction."

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"I would remind them that the only argument ever offered against consolidation from a business man's standpoint has been civic pride, love of home, and a protest against losing one's identity. I agree with them in the one statement, as there is no other logical argument against the issue. I would remind them, however, that the bird leaves its nest when it fails to keep it clean, and to my notion the time has come when South Omaha can better afford to lose its much cherished name than to continue under the mismanagement being perpetrated, and particularly by our last city charter. These changes, and there are many of them, were written and conceived pure and simple by the same individuals who organized the so-called Commercial club and who comprised the personnel of the individuals who offered the felicitation and enthusiasm at the last anti-annexation meeting, the report of which in full can be found in the South Omaha Democrat."

Some of the Reasons. "I would suggest to you, thoughtful reader, that as you prize the morals of your home fireside and children that one of the most reprehensible changes made was the repeal of that section of the charter which forestalled provided for the appointment by the governor of the fire and police commissioners to the present condition which now makes this board elective. Theoretically the proposition may look right, but under the present practices in South Omaha it is pernicious. If you don't believe it come with me for an hour and I will convince you."

The additional enlargement of the expense of the city printing of about \$8,000 per year surely could not be of any benefit to anyone, except it might be to the one who conceived it."

"The change which eliminated the Board of Review for taxation purposes making the present duties of the tax commissioner only that of a copyist is a change that was not made for the small home owner."

"Their next resolution recites that there is not the least semblance of doubt but what the voters would defeat the question. 'Nay, my dear office holder for you are wrong. I believe that patience has ceased to be a virtue and I am quite sure that you know that your protest comes from the fear of loss of gain. About the same feeling that comes over the man who stands at the bar of justice."

Movement is Popular.

"Seriously I am inclined to believe there are a majority of the good citizens of South Omaha, who now favor consolidation under an enactment which would not deprive South Omaha of any of her present vested rights. I furthermore believe that a majority of our citizens have come to a final conclusion that there is more to this question than that which pertains only to the office holders and supply agents."

"If the reputation of an individual amounts to anything, how much more is a city department on her reputation. Did you ever stop to think and consider the cause for the growth of any city, or the reason why one location is more valuable than another. Did it ever occur to you that investors either in manufacturers or those making personal investments depend largely on the reputation of the city in which they invest."

"Do you believe that the population, bonded indebtedness, character of the office holders, conduct of the business, or the consolidation of any interests whatever they are identical is always beneficial? Do you know that the Commercial club of Omaha does things? Do you know that twenty-seven large manufacturers have been located in the city of Omaha during the last year at their best? Do you realize that with our superior truckage facilities and the aid of this Commercial club South Omaha could largely increase its population and volume of business? Why not consider this question from a standpoint of facts and benefits to the

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