

MERGER OPPONENTS BUSY Secure Delay in Action on Petition to Call Special Election. VALIDITY OF LAW INVOLVED Action to Restrain Commissioners from Calling Election Will Be Commenced Before Next Friday.

Opponents of the proposed Omaha-South Omaha merger struck their first blow Saturday morning when they prevailed upon the county commissioners to postpone for six days action on the annexationists' petition for a special election to determine whether or not the two cities shall be merged.

Two other plans to thwart the annexation move will be executed, the opponents of the proposition hoping that if two plans fail the other may be successful. They will make a thorough comparison of the petitions with the registration books in Omaha and South Omaha in the hope of finding that many of the petitioners are not registered voters.

John P. Eren, attorney for the annexationists, appeared before the commissioners Saturday morning and officially presented the Omaha and South Omaha special election petitions, which were filed late Friday afternoon. He asked the board to immediately pass upon the sufficiency of the petitions and to order the clerk to call for a special election in conjunction with the general election November 7.

Mr. Eren asked the board to adopt a resolution prepared by him and introduced by Commissioner Eisasser, finding the petitions sufficient, but Mr. Murphy objected and pleaded for ten days' delay to give the opponents of annexation time in which to make a legal contest.

Gen. Smith Praises Nebraska Command

Appreciative of the efforts of the Nebraska National guard during the military parade last Thursday, Brigadier-General F. A. Smith, in command of the Department of the Missouri, sent the following letter to Brigadier-General Joseph A. Storeh, commanding the National Guard:

"I desire to congratulate you and the troops of the National Guard of Nebraska under your command upon the excellent appearance made by them in the military parade in the city of Omaha, yesterday, October 6th.

Hunters Move on Sand Hills. A hunting party which left for the sand hills yesterday for a week's shooting consisted of Dr. Grant Williams, Arthur English, Bert La Bron and Arthur Hartman.

Bigamist May Have Still Another Wife

Fred Paval, who was arrested in Lincoln Thursday night and brought to Omaha Friday on a charge of bigamy, may have three wives instead of two. The last Mrs. Paval, who was married on October 3 by Judge Crawford, and who found a marriage license in her husband's trunk which showed that he had a wife in Minneapolis, says she was told by a friend that Paval has a wife and child in New York City.

Deep Detonations Alarm Unknowing

Deep detonations alarmed some of the unknowing ones Friday night within the wave circle of the big Coliseum where King Ak-Sar-Ben and his consort were crowned with impressive ceremony. The succession of explosions brought a flood of inquiries to the police station and newspaper offices.

Young Adventurer Brought Back Home

Leo Winneka, the youth who heard a story of adventure read at the Edward Rosewater school last Wednesday, and whose mind was thereby fired to such an extent that he set out to seek his fortune, has been returned to his home. The lad was found wandering around in the neighborhood of Fort Crook, and was brought home by a farmer, who had read the account of the disappearance in the Bee. The boy lives at 214 South Sixteenth street.

CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION MEETS TODAY

The Omaha branch of the United States Civil Service Retirement association will hold its regular meeting Sunday afternoon in Washington hall at Eighteenth and Harney streets at 2 o'clock. Congressman Lebeck and Senator Hitchcock will be present, as will a number of other prominent persons and a large attendance is expected.

The attention of the civil service employees will be called to the fact that present indications seem to favor legislation toward retirement in the next session of congress, but that the only thing that could bring about a retirement law would be the co-operation of all civil service employees.

LIBRARY HAS BOOKS ON PRISON REFORM MEETINGS

The coming to Omaha of the National Prison congress naturally interests the local public in the past meetings of this organization. The Omaha public library has on the shelves of the reference room a complete file of the publications of the prison association from 1886 to date.

KENDRICK IS NEAR DEATH FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS

Edward Kendrick, 2509 North Twentieth street, father of Albert J. Kendrick of the Packers National bank is reported to be near death's door and not expected to live long. Mr. Kendrick is nearly 70 years old and has been in failing health for a number of years.

NEGRO DIES OF WOUNDS INFLICTED BY WILLIAMS

Bob Bently, the negro who was shot by William Williams last Saturday night, died Friday night and a charge of manslaughter will be lodged against his slayer. Bently was shot in the neck and lungs, and for a time it was thought he would recover.

SHOPMEN GO FOR THEIR PAY Strikers Call at the Union Pacific Headquarters for Their Money.

Strikers Call at the Union Pacific Headquarters for Their Money. STRIKE BENEFITS ARE PAID Men Speak Highly of A. L. Mohler, Recently Elected as President of the Union Pacific—Has Many Friends.

Answering the advertisement that striking railroad shopmen would be paid for their last month's work at Union Pacific headquarters at noon Saturday about 300 reported. As many had gathered at the meeting at Wolfe's hall at 9 o'clock and leaders had called up the office of C. E. Fuller of the Union Pacific and inquired if the notice was authorized and finding that it was the strikers were advised to report for their pay.

The first official bulletin was issued by the strikers Friday morning and read at the meeting at Wolfe's hall. The bulletin sums up the situation at the various strike centers, giving the number of men out as reported by labor officials.

Men Out Elsewhere. According to the bulletin five machinists were left at work in the Kansas City shops and of these three or four were nonunion. From there to Denver on the Kansas division employees went out at all points. At Denver seven machinists stayed in, one boilermaker and one pipefitter.

Neither the Union Pacific nor the strikers express the least ill feeling toward each other at the Omaha shops. "President Mohler is a perfectly square man," so one of the strikers said, and whatever the outcome the workmen will still retain their respect for him.

Strikers at the Omaha shops could return to their work without submitting to impositions from the railroad company, as their affiliations with the union would not interfere with their employment, but return would necessitate the severance of their connection with the International federation.

Republicans Lead in Registration

Indications are that on the second day of registration, as on the first, the republicans are in the lead. At the registration Tuesday it will be seen that the republicans led the democrats by more than 2,000. The advantage is not in any one, but in every ward in the city.

Table with 4 columns: Ward, Rep., Dem., Total. Lists registration counts for various wards from First to Twelfth.

Total, 2 days, 8,233 8,233 202 8,237 Thus it will be seen that in the two days of registration the republicans have registered 8,233 and the democrats 2,028.

Young Roosevelt Refuses Interview

Archie Roosevelt, young son of the ex-president, was in Omaha Saturday en route to San Francisco, where he will visit his brother. He was traveling alone when the Overland Limited pulled into the station young Roosevelt, a slight figure, in a rakish, furry hat, a blue suit and pink socks, detained to post a letter.

Evidence of Insanity

"Doctor, I want you to come and examine my husband." "What seems to be the matter with him?" "I am afraid he is losing his mind. Last night we were laid about the necessity of reducing our living expenses and he said I would have to spend less money than I have been spending for clothes and help in the house."

Houwer is Ordered to Get Out of City

The Cohn murder is as much a mystery today as it was seven months ago, and the wild yarn told by Mark Houwer, the Iowa farmer, has gone down in police records as a joke. He was brought before Judge Crawford Saturday morning and told to leave town, which he did in company with his nephew. Chief of Detectives John Savage appeared against Houwer in police court and said that Houwer was crazy and has been in charge of a guardian for the past year.

FAKER FOOLS THE CROWD Street Salesman and Confederate Put Up Scene that Pulls Money.

The street faker had his little stand all fixed up in a little-used alleyway in Chicago. He stood back and surveyed his "place of business" with an admiring eye. Next he unwrapped a number of bundles, placed a little box on one side of the stand for the shakels he knew were coming in, and then he started: "I have what is known as the combination knife sharpener and can opener. You can see how easily I open that can top, and here the faker took the top from a can that he had on the stand. The little article he was showing was made of cheap metal, but he opened the can with ease. Next he took a butcher knife, hacked the edge of it on a old piece of iron several times, keeping up a running fire of conversation all the time.

Business lagged; he was selling only one or two after each experiment, although the crowd was fairly large. A large, sullen-looking German was seen pushing his way through the crowd close to the stand. He was wearing the faker's mark, who explained the little article again. Then the man, who looked like a mechanic, said: "Young fellow, could you sharpen a knife made of tool steel on that sharpener?"

The faker replied that he could sharpen anything made of cold steel, even though it was highly tempered. The German said it was impossible and laughed in scorn at the faker. Naturally, the sympathy of the crowd was with the German, who by this time was heaping a tirade of abuse on the poor faker, calling him a cheat, burglar and everything else that sounded bad in public.

The faker picked up a box full of dimes containing easily \$5 and bet them against \$1 that he could sharpen any knife. The crowd looked at the German for a "comeback." He came back all right—in fact that was why he was there. He placed a dollar bill on the stand and, reaching in his pocket, produced a large knife, such as is carried by mechanics. "There," he said, "that is made of cold steel. You sharpen it and take the money."

"All right," replied the faker, "only I'll bet you \$ more to another dollar that I can put an edge on it within thirty seconds that you can shave your arm with, and I will hack it on this iron before I start to sharpen it, too."

CAUGHT WITH GUARD DOWN Chinaman Understood Vocal Notes of Irishman and Made Answer.

Old John D. Conlon has been roasted to a brown juiciness in every big fire New York has experienced in the last quarter of a century. He has fallen off ladders, floors have crashed down beneath him, he has been bitten by the dreaded backdraft and crushed under toppling walls. It would seem that he has almost exhausted human emotion. Nothing short of the day of final resurrection, one would think, would make an real impression on him.

PREMIUM BIDS ARE REJECTED Proposals Will Be Again Invited on \$200,000 Court House Issue.

The bids were referred to a committee and it was understood the sale to Kean & Co. would be ratified Saturday. When the board met in committee Saturday morning Kean & Co.'s request to withdraw its bid was received. County Attorney James P. English and Mr. Furay were sent for. Both recommended rejection of all bids.

It was discovered that S. A. Dean & Co.'s certified check for \$200,000 which accompanied its bid, was a check on its own bank and certified by the same institution. Mr. Furay said he did not consider the company a thoroughly responsible concern and one to whom it would be advisable to sell.

Memoranda

After all, the upper crust is made out of the same dough as the lower. A politician is known by the promises he makes. Eternal visitation is the price of relatives. Assurance of the law excuses no one; you must have money, or, at least, a good lawyer.—Judge.

Our Unapproachable Player Pianos OFFER OF Tomorrow, Monday, October 9, we will begin a sale of 100 Player Pianos. These Player Pianos will be sold for \$395 Each, and on terms to suit the customer's convenience. No other Player Piano ever devised gives more satisfaction than our celebrated Schmolter & Mueller Player Piano. It is unnecessary for you to spend time and money in order to become proficient as a performer, for as soon as the instrument is in your home you can begin to play the most difficult music and entertain your self, family and friends as well as the best pianist you have ever heard play the piano.

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