

CAUSE OF ATTACK IS GIVEN

Ralph E. Sunderland Tells Why Commission Form is Assailed.

OPEN LETTER IS MADE PUBLIC

Same Attack Was Made on the Plan at Des Moines by Those Interested in the Old Rule.

Ralph E. Sunderland, leader of the Citizens' union has sent the following letter to the editor of The Bee answering the attack made on the commission form of government:

"As was to be expected the enemies of commission government in Omaha have again come to the front.

"According to a local daily paper an attempt is to be made to destroy the commission plan law by having it declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

"The people of Omaha have by due process of law secured the commission plan of government, effective next spring, and they not only resent the attack upon it, but will defend their right to put it into operation.

"The people of Des Moines did the same thing about four years ago. Administration politicians whose personal interest surpassed their interest in the welfare of the city, appealed to the courts upon technical grounds for the annulment of the commission plan law.

"The citizens rose up in defense of the law, although it provided for a then untried plan of government, and they demanded their right to use it. They won.

"The decisions of the court were in the interest of the whole city and today great honor is paid to the judges who stood as a bulwark against the destruction of the commission plan, which has proved so beneficial to the citizens of Des Moines.

"Omaha citizens have been keen observers of the progress that is being made in the direction of good government and the obstructionists, whether operating in the open or covertly in the name of some 'raggy' can not deceive the people of this city nor defeat their will.

"Would any citizen or city official attack the validity of the commission plan law for the good of the city or would it be for some other reason?

"Fortunately for the good of the city, the citizens at large are awake to their own interests and realize their own power to protect their interests. They know what they want and will stand together against every effort to destroy that which they want most, namely the commission plan of government for Omaha."

Many Bid for Repairs on Federal Building

Bids for \$12,000 repairs to be made at the federal building within the next six months poured into the custodian's office yesterday, and among the several scores received only six were sent in by Omaha contractors. The remainder came mostly from firms in Chicago, Denver and Kansas City. These bids were sent to the supervising architect at Washington and the award will be made some time within the next week.

BROTHERS MEET AFTER TWENTY YEARS APART

When Jess Pedersen, the Danish wrestler, who meets Jess Westergaard at the Auditorium tonight in a finish match, stepped from his train at the Union depot he was met with a surprise which will make him think of Omaha for years to come. Pedersen has a brother by the name of John. Twenty years ago John and Jess separated in the old country. John came to the United States to try and make a fortune. When the two brothers separated little did they know that it would be twenty years before they saw each other. John read about his brother Jess being in this country, and it was with a heavy grip that he grasped the hand of his brother when he arrived in Omaha this morning. John lives at Sioux Falls, S. D.

Electric Company Has Claim for the Delay at Court House

Claims against the county for losses suffered by the Johnston Electric company on account of the dragging of construction work on the new county building and in the dynamite explosions in the building are to be pressed by the Johnston company. In a letter just sent to the Board of County Commissioners the Johnston company calls attention to the fact that its claim for losses through slow progress of the general construction is increasing gradually. The company has desired to do its part of the work at the earliest possible moment so it can have the matter off its hands and so it

will not have to be keeping men on hand for the job. The electrical work cannot be completed until the general construction is nearer done and the Johnston letter says the slow progress of the last thirty or sixty days is not encouraging. The company wants to know if the county wishes it to file a claim now and an additional one when the work is completed, or wishes it to wait until the work is done before filing any claim. The Johnston claim will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000. Members of the Board of County Commissioners and others now are saying the new county building will not be occupied before next fall or late next summer at best. Under the contract with Caldwell & Drake, the general contractor, it should have been finished June 1, this year. The contract provides that the contractors shall pay a penalty of \$100 a day for all time taken beyond the time

limit. If the Board of County Commissioners holds the contractors to this provision the penalties will be in excess of \$25,000. HOYE SUES DAILY NEWS, ALLEGING CAMPAIGN SLANDER. Labeled and slanderous statements said to have been uttered by the Omaha Daily News from the basis of a libel suit for \$25,000 against that newspaper by Fred Hoye, who was defeated for sheriff at the last election. The suit was filed late yesterday afternoon in district court. Hoye sets forth that slanderous and defamatory statements relating to his incumbency on the Fire and Police board were made by the News in a ten-point editorial published during the last campaign.

CASES AGAINST DRUGGIST OLSON ARE DISMISSED. H. S. Olson, proprietor of the drug store at Nineteenth and Harney streets, who was arrested when his store was raided Saturday, was discharged on two charges filed against him in police court. Olson was charged with selling whisky without requiring the purchaser to sign a register and also for selling liquor without a license. The charge of selling liquor without a license was tried on a search warrant. The charge did not cover the law and on a technicality Olson was discharged. Assistant County Attorney Magney said he would probably file another complaint against Olson which would cover the case in such a way as to warrant Olson being bound over to the district court.

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PAXTON BLOCK
WOOLEN MILLS

UNION MADE
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TO YOUR MEASURE

GRAND OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

For Our Opening Day we have for you to choose from, the finest assortment of woollens ever brought to Omaha. The weaves include Imported English Worsteds, Scotch Tweeds, French Drapes, English Blue Serges and hundreds of all wool patterns. Tailored to your individual measure. Union Cutters—Union Fitters—Union Tailors.

ANY Union Made
All Wool

\$25 Suit or Overcoat to Order
\$30 Suit or Overcoat to Order
\$35 Suit or Overcoat to Order
\$40 Suit or Overcoat to Order

To Your Measure **\$15** Fit Guaranteed

"Builders of Tidy Togs" **Suit or Overcoat Free** Splendid premium to be given to our customers FREE, Saturday, our Opening day. **ASK THE MAN.** "Clothes of Better Sort"

Do Mutt and Jeff interest you?

They are going to do a double strip of pictorial stunts in pink section of The Omaha Sunday Bee To laugh? You can't help it.

Then in the four-page colored comic section those funny-funsters, the Katzenjammer Kids, are going to make "foolishness mit der Captain." Up-roariously funny, indeed.

Two Big Features All Women Will Read

Mid-Winter Fashions
By Lady Duff-Gordon, greatest living creator of fashions

"My Secrets of Beauty"
by Mme. Cavaliere, the most famous living beauty.

Scores of Other Things to amuse, interest and instruct everybody who can read.

To boost Christmas business, tell shoppers of your goods.

The Omaha Sunday Bee
Increases Business

It goes into more Omaha homes than all other Omaha Sunday papers combined.

Women read The Sunday Bee because its special features surpass all others; men read it because its news is clean and reliable; children read it because they are delighted with the funny pictures and the features for the youngsters.

Your store message in The Sunday Bee will mean enlarged sales next week

Home Furniture Co., South Omaha
20% Below Omaha Prices
NOT ONE DAY BUT EVERY DAY
LOW PRICES ON USEFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS

Solid Oak Dresser \$5.75

Solid Oak Rocker (Like Cut) \$2.75

Large Line of Children's Rockers and High Chairs 20% Below Omaha Prices

Special Holiday Line of Morris Chairs from \$7.00 to \$15.00
20% Below Omaha Prices

Special Holiday Rug Prices

27x54 Velvet Rug \$1.00
27x54 Axminster Rug \$1.75
26x72 Axminster Rug \$3.50
24x12 Resilient Velvet Rug \$12.50
28x50 Wilton Rug \$2.00

Large Sized Couch Best Chased Leather..... \$12

Holiday Line of Library Tables
Oak, Waxed, Fumed or Mission