

FEEDING CONTRACT HELD UP

Boarding of Prisoners is Mooted Question to Be Decided.

McSHANE WILL MAKE ATTACK

In Meantime Temporary Agreement Has Been Made with Siles Wright, Who Had Contract Last Year.

Determined that the county shall remain on the safe side of the prisoner feeding controversy, with its several complications, the Board of County Commissioners yesterday refused to allow a \$1,000 prisoner feeding claim of Mrs. E. S. King until the courts fully have decided all the mooted points.

When Mrs. King's claim for \$1,000 was received by the board in committee of the whole, Chairman John C. Lynch declared himself in favor of allowing no prisoner feeding claims while the prisoner feeding matter is in its present muddled state.

When the full Board of County Commissioners gave the feeding contract to Mrs. King, a relative of McShane, at 2 1/2 cents a meal, when Ed Gardipe and Ira Flanagan bid 8 1/2 cents, Flanagan and Gardipe started an injunction suit.

McShane, seeing the possibility of Mrs. King's contract being held invalid, intervened. He asserted the entire contract feeding law was invalid and he should feed the prisoners at 2 1/2 cents a day.

Widely Urged Soon. The present board readvertised for bids, which will be opened on March 15. A contract will be let at that time. McShane will attack it.

In the meantime the board made a temporary arrangement with Siles Wright, who had the feeding contract last year. Wright was to feed the prisoners temporarily, pending the letting of a new contract.

Wright rejected the sheet, through Deputy W. A. Foster, denied him admittance to the jail. McShane has been feeding the prisoners, but he refuses to say how much he will try to make the county pay him. He told Wright and the board he will not let anyone come into the jail to feed the prisoners unless the courts command him to do so.

Two weeks ago Chairman Lynch asked County Attorney English for an opinion as to whether the board should try to mandamus McShane to let Wright enter the jail and feed the prisoners. Mr. English has given no definite opinion, but he has told a reporter he thinks it would be as well to wait until the board lets a new contract and then fight out the whole matter.

The question whether the city or the county shall pay for the extra meal given prisoners quartered in the county jail, but working on the city rack pile, is another question that must be settled by the courts before the county will make any payments.

CITIZENS' UNION REFERENDUM CARDS BEING DISTRIBUTED

Referendum ballots are being sent out by the executive committee of the Citizens' Union to all members of that organization, asking for votes on preference for candidates for the commissionships. Each recipient of a ballot is expected to fill it out and return it to the executive committee, where the slate will be made up. The card contains blank spaces for name, age, business, politics and residence of the man suggested by the voter.

If you have anything to exchange advertise it in The Bee Want Ad column.

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BRIEF CITY NEWS

Have Moot Print It. Jeff W. Bedford—Coal.

Gas, Elec. Fixtures, Burgess-Granden. Thos. W. Blackburn for congress—Adv.

Keep Your Money and Valuables in the American Safe Deposit vaults in the Bee building. Boxes rent for \$3 per year.

Dan Butler Files—Dan B. Butler, present city clerk, has filed his petition for commissioner, being the forty-sixth candidate to follow his hat into the ring. Albert Cain has also filed.

Eggs Are Down—Egg prices are down now to a point where the dealers are not ashamed to post placards announcing the price. "Eggs, 15 cents a dozen," is the sign in some of the stores.

Daniel Goes to Northwestern—L. H. Daniel, who for a long time has been in the city offices of the Burlington, has gone to the Northwestern as assistant city passenger and ticket agent in the Omaha office.

Domestic Gets Jail Sentence—Lottie Oden, a domestic employed by F. H. Fullin, living at 115 South Twenty-fifth avenue, was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail on a charge of petty larceny. While in the employ of the Fullin family Lottie stole over \$7 worth of clothes, which she took to her home for her personal use.

HAS NO OFFER FOR THE PLANT

F. A. Nash Says He Has No Offer Either for Buying Power.

HAS INVESTIGATED THE SCHEME

Does Not Think the Proposed Plan Would Be Able to Furnish Power Cheaper Than Can Be Produced by Coal.

F. A. Nash, president of the Omaha Electric Light and Power company, just back from New York, says that Henry L. Doherty and associates have neither entered into negotiations to buy the Omaha plant nor offered to enter into any contract with the company to sell its current. It is the Doherty interests that are reported to be contemplating a big power plant at Columbus, to furnish power to Omaha and other cities.

"I talked with these people in New York last week," said Mr. Nash, "but they made no proposition, nor do I think they can make one that will interest us. Of course we would buy electricity from them if we could get it cheap enough, but we investigated the Loup river project for ourselves ten years ago and abandoned it as impractical. I went over every foot of the ground myself and we paid \$5,000 in fees to the best engineers in the country to make a technical investigation. I do not say that a plant cannot be built that will produce an enormous amount of power—I believe it can—but the expenditure in canals, reservoir site, plant, maintenance and interest on bonds would be so great that with the amount of power lost in transmission it would be impossible for such a plant to furnish us with power for a less price than the present cost of producing it by coal.

"I think some broker went to Doherty and told him he could buy our plant at a certain figure, and that is probably the way the story got started. "Since we turned down the proposition as impractical, the value of the land necessary for canal and reservoir has doubled and materials necessary for construction have greatly advanced in price.

"As for anybody buying the Omaha plant or any considerable portion of the stock, I think it is out of the question. We are counting largely on a brilliant future for Omaha and any price we would consider must include a heavy consideration for future prospects. I don't know of anybody who could and would offer a price that we would seriously consider. "We are not worrying about our franchise. Even if the United States supreme court should decide that our franchise has expired, the city will no doubt give us a new franchise, probably not on the terms we would like, but on terms under which we could operate profitably. The city government knows that it can't get something for nothing. It must have the service from somebody and it would be willing to grant us a franchise under conditions that would allow us some return on our investment. Nothing else could be expected. However, we do not expect the supreme court to say we have no franchise."

MAP TOWN IS NAMED FOR WINNERS AT LAND DRAWING

Notice has been sent out by Superintendent Witten of the Department of the Interior, owing to the severe weather and the climatic conditions, the time for making filings on the government lands in Bennett and Mellette counties on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Indian reservations has been extended from April 1 to April 15.

In order that applicants may designate the lands they select, at the nearest and most convenient point, a map room will be established at the town of White River, twenty-eight miles south of Murdo on the Milwaukee and fifty-eight miles northwest of Winner on the Northwestern road.

THINKS PEOPLE OF WEST OF PRIMITIVE SENTIMENTS

Ak-Sar-Ben headquarters has received from Emil Brandeis, who is traveling in Europe and Africa, a large colored folder showing floats that were used in a recent carnival parade at Nice, France. They represent buffoonery of the extreme type and Miss Hughes of the Ak-Sar-Ben office thinks them very amusing in view of the following sentence which appeared in a French paper about three years ago, relative to Theodore Roosevelt's initiation into Ak-Sar-Ben:

"These pleasures (features of the initiation), a little infantile, enchant all the west and give joy to this people of primitive sentiments."

BROKEN ELECTRIC IS FOUND BY THE POLICE

The police found an abandoned electric automobile at sixteenth and Leavenworth streets early yesterday morning. The headlights on the front of the machine were broken, but the lights were still burning. One of the guards was torn off and the interior of the car was badly torn up. The police hauled the machine to police headquarters, where they are waiting for someone to come and claim it. From the appearance of the machine it had been in a wreck. The police are of the belief that the machine was stolen and the thief being a novice at driving had had trouble getting away with it and met with an accident.

POSITION OF LABOR LEAGUE

Declines to Enter Into Deal with Citizens' Union.

NO SLATE YET ENDORSED

Referendum Vote is Being Taken by the Members and Result Will Be Made Public in Short Time.

The Labor League is issuing bulletins now, replying to those sent out by the Citizens' Union. This is the latest:

"Replying to the articles of recent date appearing in the daily press as statements by the Citizens' Union with reference to having been ignored by the Labor League, we wish to make the following statement:

"It is true that on October 24 last the Citizens' Union mailed the Labor League an invitation for a joint meeting of both organizations. It is also true that the Labor League replied that for a period of thirty days we could not accept their invitation, but expressed a hope that in the near future we would.

"Subsequent to the above negotiations the publicity committee of the Citizens' Union published a number of articles in which they dwelt on the fact that on their executive board were two members of organized labor, and that this should be guaranty enough for all wage workers to get into the Citizens' Union.

"In view of the fact that the Labor League is composed of wage workers, both union and nonunion, and in view of the fact that the Citizens' Union is composed largely of that element of business men who are at all times antagonistic to the wage earner, we became suspicious of the advances made for a joint meeting and questioned the motives prompting the same.

"Then again appeared statements from the Citizens' Union that some leaders of the Labor League were antagonizing the Citizens' Union, also conveying the impression that unless the Labor League joined hands with the Citizens' Union the latter would precipitate a fight.

"In the first place the Labor League has no set of so-called leaders; each and every one of the 6,000 members is a leader, and we confess that each and every one is not particularly in love with the Citizens' Union.

"In the second place, the Labor League is not courting any fight or controversy with the Citizens' Union or any other similar institution—in fact, we wish to avoid any difficulties, but for the information of our friends we say that we are not running away from them.

"It is reported that the Labor League has endorsed seven candidates for commissionships. This we deny. The entire membership is at the present time taking a referendum vote as to who will be our candidates, and no one is authorized to announce any candidates until after the vote is tabulated, which will be some time after March 20.

"Our members are very enthusiastic and sanguine as to the result of our effort, and we are proud of having in the ranks of wage earners men eminently qualified to conduct the affairs of the city of Omaha without the dictation of big business.

"PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, "Per ROBERT BENDER."

TAFT GIVES NEW DEFINITION OF A PROGRESSIVE

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the way of governing themselves. He made it clear that he wished to correct an impression that he had created, the people unit for self-government. At the close of his definition of a progressive, the president reviewed some of the acts of the administration, including the tariff, the enforcement of the anti-trust and interstate commerce acts.

In conclusion, the president pointed to acts of his administration to prove its progressiveness. He said in part:

"In the history of politics, from time to time, new phrases are coined to characterize new issues and new movements. One of the terms which has come into constant use today is 'progressive,' and it is supposed to indicate the opposite of 'reactionary' or 'ultraconservative.' Men differ as to what progressive policies are, but perhaps we can reach a definition that will suit everybody.

"Purpose of Government. "Government is framed for the greatest good for the greatest number, and also for the greatest good of the individual, and the problem presented in the business of these two objects in a such a way as that both may proceed side by side. While we would not part with the right of property, and while, possibly, in certain directions we might be willing to modify the character of its use where it has turned out to be an abuse, as in the case of the anti-trust law, what we are all struggling for, what we all recognize as the highest ideal in society, is equality of opportunity for every member born into it.

"Under the Jeffersonian idea it was thought that the least government of mankind was the best, and that the more nearly the functions of the government were confined to the administration of justice and to the enforcement of law the better; but under present conditions of population and civilization there are many functions that the government can more effectively and more economically perform than private enterprise, and in this way the individuals among the people may derive greater benefits. The statutory provision of the legislative discharge of such functions by the government is progressive.

"There were many who were not socialists, but who saw in the present structure of our government, and especially in the checks and balances intended by the framers of our constitution, to secure deliberation and calm action on the part of the people, a real economic reform that was deemed necessary in order to maintain the proper control of capital and corporate privilege by popular will and to secure equality of opportunity. Progressives of this stripe attained a great popular support and were able for a time at least to give the impression that others who were equally imbued with the necessity for reform by legislative and governmental action, but who thought it might come without destroying the present structure of our government, and without affecting the guarantees of life, liberty and property, were reactionary and unsympathetic with the cause of the people. The bitterness of the attacks which they made on men in responsible position, the lack of restraint that they manifested in impeaching the motives of men as high-minded and as honest as any of them, were only symptoms of a psychological situation that must pass under the calming force of

time as the public came to view the situation with a knowledge of the facts, and with that common sense and spirit of fairness that ultimately always prevail among the American people.

Checks and Balances Vital.

"We all believe in popular government. I am aware of the exposure to criticism which the suggestion that the American people may make mistakes by hasty action and lack of deliberation will expose me. I am aware of the ease with which such a suggestion can be tortured into an expression of a distrust in the American people. I am aware that a body of people does not differ in certain traits from the individuals who make it up, and that people like to be flattered as do individuals. I know that a whole people does not act more than the individuals enjoy having their own defects pointed out to them. The truth is that though that the man who tells the people of the danger that may arise from hasty and mistaken action pays a higher tribute to them than the one who constantly fawns upon them as if they were incapable of error. The most abiding compliment that can be paid to the American people is to point to the fact that in the constitution which they framed and have maintained they have recognized the danger of hasty action by themselves, and have, in its checks and balances, voluntarily maintained a protection against it. The truth is that in this last century we have vindicated popular government in a way that has never been vindicated before.

"Distrust of popular government? I pride that I have that. It is a popular government and that it has shown it self the strongest in history is as deeply embodied as any feeling that is in me. I would be the last man to conclude from the direction of the ship of state the will of the American people. That is the ultimate source of authority, and it does not in any way minimize my faith and my love of popular government that I insist that the expression of that popular will shall be with the deliberation to make it sound and safe. I fully and freely admit and assert that when the American people have had time to learn all the facts and have had time to consider their bearing their deliberate judgment is a wiser and a better guide to be by the state than the judgment of the most experienced statesman, the most learned jurist, the most profound student of history. In this proper sense the voice of the people is nearer to the voice of God than any other human decision."

KNOX ENTERTAINS CABINET OF HONDURAS ON CRUISER

AMAPALA, Honduras, March 9.—Secretary of State Knox arrived today on board the United States armored cruiser Maryland from Corinto, Nicaragua.

Mr. Knox came ashore at 1 o'clock and was tendered a luncheon by members of the cabinet.

General Manuel Bonilla, president of the republic, was unable to attend owing to illness and sent his regrets. This afternoon Secretary Knox entertained the cabinet ministers on board the Maryland and during their visit there were numerous cordial exchanges.

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HIS BEER CAME IN TEA CUP

New York Man Tells How He Got Service in Omaha Cafe.

WILD AND WOOLLY WEST WAYS

Nothing like it in Gotham, and so Also in Other Things He Encounters.

This came in over the phone last night. It was occasioned by the fact that a day or two ago The Bee published a little item to the effect that Omaha was mentioned in a play now running in New York in such a way as to lead to the inference that the New York idea has buffalo and redskins dodging Buffalo

Bill on Farnam street. The speaker, who withheld his name, admitted he is from New York and is visiting in Omaha for the first time and that he rather likes the place. "I read your little item in The Bee, and it was mighty clever, but wouldn't you like to know just what a New Yorker thinks about your town? I went into a cafe and asked for a weak rabbit and a bottle of beer, and the waiter told me he could serve the rabbit, but he'd have to bring the beer in a tea cup, because it was after 4 o'clock. Well, you know, he brought the rabbit all right, but he kept running back and forth with the tea cup, and that seemed mighty funny to me. It's wild and woolly, you know, to serve beer in a tea cup. We don't do that way in New York, you know. When a gentleman wants a bit of beer with his rabbit, he can get it in a bottle. "The last week I went to one of your theaters, I was told it was the best, and I saw 'The Pink Lady,' a mighty good show. I went again this week, and I say, it was awful. I can't see how two such shows could get into the same theater. And tonight I thought I'd go again, and when I got there, it was just a man and woman singing to the accompaniment of a piano, no orchestra to back them up at all. Isn't that queer, too? No wonder New Yorkers think you are wild and woolly."

The man at this end of the phone explained to him that a law of the state of Nebraska makes it a crime to sell or give away beer after 8 in the evening, and that he, as well as the man who served it to him in a tea cup, was breaking a state law. Also, that the bookings for the Omaha theaters are in the hands of New York men, and that the Branderis is located a long, long way from Long-acre square.

Advertisement for Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey. Includes illustration of a man drinking and text: 'BACK of a clear eye and steady foot must always be perfect health. Health is not a matter of being strong in one part of the body, it is a case of being weak nowhere. A weak stomach will eventually enfeeble the arms of a Hercules—the eagle's eye dims when it is sick. Back of all physical power must be health, and health is made or marred in proportion as internal organs work harmoniously or disturbed. The great basis of health is nourishment, and nourishment is not dependent on the amount of food which goes into the body, but on the amount of nourishment which the system extracts from that food. In a tired, strained system assimilative and digestive processes do not work as well as in health, and when this condition arises they must be gently stimulated back to normal functioning. There is no better way to assist the system to build up reserve strength than to aid it with Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey. Because it is made under the best conditions, from the best grain and free from adulterants, it is of inestimable value in maintaining health. But it must be taken in moderation, only. At druggists, grocers, and dealers everywhere, or direct. \$1.00 large bottle. The Duffy Malt Whiskey Co., Rochester, N. Y.'