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DEMOS COME IN OPEN AGAINST NEW CODE BILL

Democratic Editors Endorse Scheme to Deprive People From Seeing Law Being Put Into Effect.

(By a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, May 18.—(Special.)—If there was any question that the attempt to invoke the referendum on the code bill was not a purely democratic scheme, that question was removed yesterday when the meeting of editors of the State Democratic Editorial association, held at the Lindell hotel in this city, came out squarely for the program already prepared and put in force by Promoter Fred Ayres to invoke the referendum on the law and make ineffective the pledge of the republican state platform upon which the governor, state officers and the members of the legislature were elected. The editors endorsed unanimously the scheme to deprive the people of the state from the opportunity to see the law put in effect, being unwilling to give the law a square deal. This was done in the face of the fact that two former democratic governors, Morehead and Neville, had urged the legislature under their administration to enact into law some similar proposition which would give the state a real business program.

Failed to Fulfill Pledges.

Democratic legislatures were so badly split up on the liquor and woman suffrage questions that they did not find time to carry out the business ideas of their leaders. Republicans in convention assembled a year ago came out squarely for a business program along the lines urged by two democratic governors who had not influence enough with their own party to put into law the business principles which these governors, after personal experience with the crude methods of business used by the state, discovered that a new business deal all around the state was needed. The republican convention endorsed in a plank in the platform a new business proposition. Upon that plank the nominees of the republican party went before the people and were elected. A republican governor, carrying out the wishes of that convention, endorsed by the people at the polls, had drawn up a bill embodying the principles of that plank, and a republican legislature, true to its promise, enacted that plank into law.

Try to Blindfold People.

Now we see the spectacle of a few would-be democratic leaders, contrary to the recommendation of their last two democratic governors, seeking to invoke the referendum upon that law. They tell the people that there is no politics in the proposition, because a few republicans have signed the referendum petitions, yet a democratic organization has put into circulation the referendum petitions and now a democratic editorial association unanimously endorses the plan and puts the force of its organization behind the promotion committee. This committee makes its plea that the people do not understand the new code law. No statement they have made has come nearer the truth. Thanks to a couple of democratic papers in Omaha and Lincoln the people of the state have been led to believe that the new code law is a dangerous proposition. Thanks to these two papers whose editors are wise enough to know that if the law is ever put into effect it will mean good by democratic hopes for political prestige in this state for many years to come, the people are misinformed regarding the real intent of the new law. Yet in the face of their own

acknowledgment that the people do not understand the law they are asking them to sign petitions to hold the law from being put in force, taking from the people the right and the privileges to see for themselves how the new law will work out. They say the people are ignorant of the merits of the law yet they are asking them to sign a proposition of which they know nothing about and which as far as their knowledge goes may be the very best thing for the state that could be enacted.

The action of these two democratic organizations ought to lift the curtain of secrecy and deceit practiced by the committee and the people of the state should know that the shrewdest political scheme ever worked by democrats is being pulled off before their very eyes under the camouflage of a nonpartisan movement.

Appoint Special Committee.

The meeting recognized the fact that the democratic party was in a bad way, was evident by the appointment of a committee of three, consisting of these shrewd democratic political editorial managers: W. M. Maupin of Gering, Senator John Gandy of Omaha, and Horace M. Davis of Ord, who will draw resolutions setting forth the "political situation, nation and state, as it appears to the editors, with especial reference to the matters already mentioned."

It was generally understood that the matters already mentioned applied specifically to the fact that they recognized that if legislation of the late republican legislature was ever allowed to be put in force, there would be little chance for the democrats for controlling the state for many years to come. Hence, as a purely self-preservation proposition, the people must not be allowed to get a chance to see the laws work or it would be "Good-by democratic party."

Make Special Rate of Two Cents Per Mile to Encampment of G. A. R.

Lincoln, May 18.—According to Assistant Adjutant General Bross of the G. A. R. encampment at York, this week will be a record-breaker. Never in the history of the department have so many national officers of the different organizations participated in the sessions.

Capt. C. M. Adams, national commander of the G. A. R., will be present as will Miss Margaret W. Carney of Melrose, Mass., president of the Sons of Veterans auxiliary; Mrs. Brooks of Boston, national president of the Daughters of Veterans; Eliza Brown Daggett of Attleboro, Mass., national president of the W. R. C., and it is also expected that the national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army also will be there. A special rate of 2 cents per mile has been offered.

Lincoln Plans Big Celebration for Her Returned Soldiers

Lincoln, May 18.—(Special.)—Lincoln people are planning a big welcome to the boys from overseas some time in June. Antelope Park will be the scene of the welcome and a full holiday will be declared. Business up town is expected to be at a stand-still. Efforts are being made to secure Col. William Hayward, well known former Nebraska man, for one of the speeches, while some men of national reputation will be secured provided Colonel Hayward cannot be present. The committee has about \$2,000 left in the fund which was subscribed for the purpose of receptions to Nebraska boys going through the city to the training camps a year ago and this will be added to considerably.

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Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Grain Firm in Suit for Damages

Lincoln, May 18.—A rule of the Omaha Grain exchange, or a custom of its members, that contracts for the sale and delivery of grain sold to its members do not expire until cancelled by one party of the contract, cannot bind a seller of grain who has no knowledge of such rule, according to the opinion of the state supreme court.

On July 11, 1916, the Vincent Grain company in Omaha entered into a written contract whereby John E. English of Cheney was to sell the company two cars of No. 2 wheat, to be delivered on track at Cheney in 30 days, at 95 1/2 cents per bushel, the number of bushels being approximately 3,000. Defendant was unable to get his wheat threshed until late in July. On August 5 he ordered two cars, but the cars did not arrive until August 17. English wrote the grain company that he cancelled his order for cars and asked them to do likewise, but that he had only 2,603 bushels of wheat. On the 21st they wrote English that they were still looking for the grain and had extended the contract. The next day they received word from the railway company that English had cancelled his order for cars and the company purchased enough grain to fill the contract, paying \$412.69 in excess for the same.

The district company held for the company, and the supreme court affirms the judgment that the plaintiff was entitled to recover the difference between the market price at Cheney on August 11 and the contract price.

Court-Martial Powers May Be Made Similar to Civilian Courts

Washington, May 18.—A measure designed to modify radically the existing court-martial procedure of the army will be introduced at the coming session of congress, Senator Chamberlain of Oregon announced tonight in a statement which said that the bill had been prepared by Lt. Col. Samuel T. Ansell, who has taken a leading part in the recent controversy over present methods. In a resume of the measure, Senator Chamberlain, who was chairman of the military committee in the last senate, added that court-martial powers under the bill would be put into line with the theories which underlay civilian judicial procedure. It would require the assignment of competent counsel to soldiers charged with offenses before general and special courts, where more serious charges are to be taken; give the accused right to challenge and remove officers from the trial board against whom prejudice may be alleged and make courts and judge advocates independent of military commanders.

Trainmen Pass Resolutions to Back President Wilson

Columbus, O., May 18.—Resolutions endorsing the proposed league of nations and requesting a new trial for Thomas J. Mooney, convicted in the San Francisco bomb plots were adopted today by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen in convention here. The convention voted to support President Wilson in obtaining ratification of the league covenant.

Australian Parliament Members Address Editors

Chicago, May 18.—Thomas D. Mueh and James Dooley, members of the Australian parliament, were the principal speakers tonight at the banquet of the National Association of City Editors holding its third annual meeting. They advocated cooperation and organization of newspaper workers.

BONNET GIVES OMAHA A RARE SHOW OF MUSIC

Celebrated French Master of Organ Plays Wonderful Program at St. Cecilia's Cathedral.

By HENRIETTA M. REES. The organ recital by the celebrated French organist, Joseph Bonnet at St. Cecilia's cathedral, yesterday evening, was to be one of the latest musical treats which has ever fallen to the lot of Omaha people. The organ, most complicated of all musical instruments, is more like an orchestra than a single instrument, and a musician who attains the front rank as an organist is the musician among musicians. Joseph Bonnet is one of those rare examples of veritable genius. His musically qualities, his marvelous and amazing technique, his prodigious memory, and the beauty of his compositions alike proclaim him as among the chosen few in the realm of music.

Program a Wonder.

The program he presented was a most difficult one, and essentially classic in character. It would be enough for most organists to be able to play it at all, and to play it well and with the score in sight they would win for themselves an important position in musical favor. But he presented the entire program without one note of music, and with a finish and charm which is rarely found in these complicated and tremendous musical works. Yet these numbers are only a few of his repertoire.

He has unusually clear cut rhythmic and phrasing, and so distinct and graceful as to prove a constant delight. The themes and melodies of the various voices were always clearly defined, and artistically sung, and there was never an inartistic pause to effect a single change of registration, such as sometimes seems inevitable with even widely known and accomplished organists.

Mr. Bonnet is a past-master of the technique of the organ, and the technique of the organ is the most difficult of all musical technique. He has not only fluency of fingers, but a velocity of brain and pedal technique which requires the most consummate skill and accuracy.

There are many beautiful stops to be found in this new Casavant organ, the gift of Mr. Frank Burkley. An exquisite flute tone would come times peep out in soft or a warbling voiced tone would be heard singing in contrast to the organ or string tone, as the fancy of Mr. Bonnet dictated.

The full organ has a ringing sonority which makes possible dramatic climaxes and a majestic breadth of sound most impressive.

Beauties of Music Displayed.

Mr. Bonnet's share of the program opened with a group of three numbers from the early composers, forerunners of Bach. A joyous "Prelude" by Purcell; an interesting and quaint "Recit de Tierce en Taille" by De Grigny; and a charming "Prelude" by Clerambault, in which the piccolo in combination gave a graceful bell-like effect.

Mr. Bonnet presented the "Fantasia and Fugue" in G minor, by Bach, at a delightfully rapid tempo and with tremendous dramatic effect. The tenth organ concerto by Handel, with its beautiful adagio and brilliant fast movement which followed, also gave the organist opportunity to display both his artistic interpretation and his great virtuosity. The smaller numbers of the program were all played with repeat and individual charm, and varied tone color.

The three compositions of his own which Mr. Bonnet presented, were most interesting. There was much beauty of melody and ease of expression and fertility of imagination to be found in all of them, and the registrations brought out many varied beauties of the organ. In his "Variations de Concert," Mr. Bonnet surpassed himself. A brilliant cadenza on the pedal keyboard, with the feet alone, was played with a skill one hardly imagined possible. Arpeggios, swift runs and chords followed each other in rapid sequence in this brilliant portion, ever working up to the tremendous climax with which the number closed.

Choral Society Sings Well.

The Catholic Choral society, under the baton of J. H. Simms, presented three religious numbers in English with excellent musical effect. This society has only been rehearsing two months, but it is a great credit to Mr. Simms, and to the singers themselves that each number was presented with finish, and an ensemble of which many an older organization could be proud. Attack, phrasing and expression were always regarded, and the results were highly satisfying. Future appearances of this society will be awaited with interest. Mr. Harry Burkley and Mrs. Bertha Coffey Ahmann were heard to advantage in the solo parts with the choir. Miss Winifred Traynor played the accompaniments for the choir with excellent taste and ability.

"Muffed" the "Marsellaise."

It was unfortunate that the announcement that Mr. Bonnet would play the "Marsellaise" at the close of the program was not understood by the audience. It was more unfortunate, when Mr. Bonnet started to play it, that all of the audience did not immediately stop and stand at attention. A number of them did, but this terrible lack of courtesy on the part of the audience was the result of ignorance and thoughtlessness on the part of those who so offended, and was in no way meant as a lack of appreciation for the visiting artist, Mr. Bonnet, nor his wonderful country, toward which Omahans have the warmest feelings. Nevertheless, so many were so thoughtless that one blushed for the ill-breeding of his fellows:

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BIRD MEN MAKE 550-MILE TRIP FROM ILLINOIS

Arrive at York, Neb., to Take Part in the G. A. R. Encampment Which Opens Today.

York, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Lt. G. H. McKay and Sergt. C. M. Benton arrived in York at 3 p. m., from Scott's Field, Belleville, Ill., in a Curtis flying machine.

They came under the instructions of the government to give exhibitions in flying during the G. A. R. encampment which begins here Monday and will last three days.

Lieutenant McKay and Sergeant Benton left Belleville, Ill., at 6:15 this morning and arrived at Chillicothe, Mo., at 9, where they stopped for two hours for oil, arriving in York at 3 p. m., being five hours and 45 minutes flying the 550 miles.

They made the trip in a Curtis J. N. 4 H. plane, with H. S. motor. They traveled at an altitude of about 3,000 feet and encountered good weather all the way.

AT THE THEATERS

"The Four Husbands," a miniature musical comedy, offered as a headline attraction at the Orpheum this week, is a lively and artistic bit of entertainment of real merit. Jack Boyle and Kitty Bryan appear in the principal roles, and they are supported by a company of competent people. A chorus of young women appear in a series of costume changes, pleasing to the eyes of both men and women. The closing ensemble, in which the women appear as symbolic characterizations, stamps the production as suggestive of a Broadway show. The scenery and music are refreshing, and altogether it is a refreshing and enjoyable treat.

Martha Hamilton, accompanied by Fred Thomas and Bert Carpenter, offer an amusing skit entitled, "Oh, You Women," by Joseph L. Brown. The act serves its mission of provoking hearty laughter. William Demarest and Estelle Collette got away with a large share of the applause with their "Trifling talk, fancy fiddling and careless cello." Mr. Demarest has a little acrobatic interpolation which hits the right spot. Percy Bronson and Winnie Baldwin make merry for a few minutes in "1919 Songology," a pot pourri of music and words. Black and O'Donnell, as "The Violinist and the Boob," add their share to the merriment of the bill. Mr. O'Donnell is out of the ordinary as a boob. Turner and Grace are entertaining as novelty jugglers. The Flemings offer an artistic series of acrobatic posing. The kinogram screen news of the world and the Orpheum travel weekly are interesting motion picture features.

Headlining at the Empress theater this week is Herbert Lloyd with his company with a rapid fire of burlesque imitations of vaudeville. The rapidity with which the various imitations are presented keeps the audience in an uproar of laughter. Two exceptionally good-looking and lavishly costumed girls add to the attraction of the act. The Four Casters already present a wonderful exhibition of aerial gymnastics. Dick Arnold and Sammie Styne introduce a smart line of patter, character impersonations and harmony singing. "The Twentieth Century Squaw" is presented by Rainbow Lilly and Mohawk. They combine the popular "jazz" of today with the costuming and characteristics of the Indian. Emmy Welles is featured in the photoplay attraction "The Amateur Adventurers." A Mack Sennett comedy, Chester Outing picture and Pathe Weekly are also shown.

Rupture Kills 7,000 Annually

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EXPECT INQUEST IN DROWNING OF 3 IOWA YOUTHS

Accident on Saturday Was First Since Building of Reservoir Nearly 40 Years Ago.

Coroner Cutler is expected to order an inquest to place the responsibility for the death of Frank Bishop, Tracy Rex Booth and Willie Kilibard, the three boys who Saturday evening drowned in the Fairmount park reservoir.

It was the first accident that has occurred at the reservoir since it was built nearly 40 years ago. The big basin is protected by a stout wire fence that rises four feet above the stone coping that forms the rim of the reservoir, making it more than six feet high. For years there was no fence at all around the basin and then only a small frail protection was provided. When the reservoir was rebuilt and enlarged by the city the substantial protection now there was installed.

The draining of the big basin was not completed until after 4 o'clock Sunday morning and the work of refilling it did not commence until last evening. It will not be filled until this afternoon.

Chairman Jensen and Superintendent Etnyre took advantage of the opportunity to install the fine central fountain that had been purchased. It is a burst of water that rises to a height of 30 feet in the center of the basin and covers a surface area of nearly 60 feet. It has 13 jets, one central perpendicular and 12 radials, six spraying at an angle of 45 degrees and six horizontal. The pressure is secured from the Charles street tower. In addition to adding greatly to the beauty the big spray helps to aerate the water in the main basin.

OBITUARY.

DEA. Miss Nora, 47 years old, died Sunday of pneumonia. The body will be shipped from Healey and Healey's chapel, 2611 Farnam street, this afternoon at 5 o'clock via the Rock Island road to Shelby, Ia., for burial.

Comes to Get Clothes for Starving People in Near East States

J. G. McNeal, who has been sent to this city by the American committee for relief in the near east to collect a car load of clothing for destitute Armenians, stated Sunday that but little progress had been made in gathering the clothes up to date.

"If the residents of this city could only realize the conditions in Armenia, the clothing asked for could be easily gathered," he stated. "More than a half million orphans under 10 years of age look to this country for aid. Unless it is quickly forthcoming, they too will perish. Already only 2,500,000 Armenians of all sexes and ages remain of the former 6,000,000. The brutal Turk, aided by pestilence and starvation, has accounted for the difference. The population has been deported and slaughtered and the industries of the country destroyed as far as possible.

"American relief committees have been organized. Food is insufficient in that unfortunate country, and this country is trying to make good that want. The need for clothing is imperative. In fact, it is almost unobtainable there at any price. Anything is worn for clothing."

Mr. McNeal stated that any kind of clothing, if it can be worn at all, will be acceptable. The Gordon Van and Storage company has agreed to freely send its trucks and wagons for any old clothing which the people of this city may desire to give.

Blankets, quilts and sheets, also old shoes are very much desired by the committee.

150 OMAHANS OFF TO VISIT PEOPLE OF FOUR STATES

Party of Loyal Boosters to Arrive at Alliance This Morning; Will Make Sixty-Nine Stops.

Omaha boosters, more than 150 strong, left for Alliance, Neb., over the Burlington railroad at 6 o'clock last night on the first lap of the Forty-first Omaha trade excursion. The party is composed of members or representatives of practically every business or commercial institution of importance in the city.

Dan Desdune and his band of 25 pieces accompanied the party and for half an hour before the train pulled out the band's best efforts were devoted to serenading those who assembled to see the party off. The men will arrive in Alliance at 6:45 this morning and remain there for about two hours. Sixty-nine stops will be made during the trip at various cities and towns in Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota, Colorado and Montana.

At each of these stops the members of the party will be accorded a reception and entertainment by the local commercial and business organizations.

The trip is the first excursion in six years. During the war and for a year prior to the war these excursions were omitted because of unsettled conditions. The party will return to Omaha on May 25.

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