

An Editorial For Omaha

The city campaign is virtually over. The candidates and their advocates have made their speeches and mailed their circulars. The 70,000 voters are now to determine whom they shall choose to run their city government for the next three years...

Who are these men to be? Two slates have been made up by joint action of the candidates and managers, self-appointed or named by them. Each includes seven men. The two have joined issues—and the issues have centered largely in abuse or defense of the police administration.

The Bee is not in sympathy with all that has been said and done in behalf of either slate. It is not in sympathy with the entire personnel of either slate. Nor is it disposed to accept the issue fixed by these two groups as the only or paramount issue.

Police administration is one issue, but there are others. The city should have business brains to conduct what is, after all, one of the biggest business projects of the community. It needs men of broad and far vision, who can plan for the future, avoiding the costly mistakes of ignorance or expediency. It needs men of experience, trained by private or public work, who know what is to be done and how to do it.

The city commission moreover should be representative not of one faction, but of all. Those who do not think prohibition a panacea for all human ills should not be ruled out of all voice in governmental affairs, any more than should all prohibitionists be forced without the pale. The business interests of Omaha should not be given exclusive control of the city government, but neither should their interest be entirely overlooked. The line should not be drawn against Catholic or Protestant, Jew or Gentile, laboring man or rich man, reformer or reactionary—provided only that there is honesty of purpose and of action. Insofar as seven men can represent the composite thought of the community, these men should represent Omaha as city commissioners.

These reasons lead The Bee to favor the election of the six present city commissioners who seek another term.

W. G. Ure has had a long record of distinguished public service as county commissioner, city and county treasurer, and city commissioner in charge of finance. His knowledge of public affairs, his devotion to the public interest, his command of a difficult situation for the benefit of the ordinary folk was never better shown than when he recently fought the Nebraska Power Co. to a standstill, cut electric light rates to 35,000 ordinary users and forced the big users to pay their fair share of the burden.

J. Dean Ringer has been police commissioner for the last three years. He has recognized the fact that the people want and are entitled to be safe from criminals and criminal acts, safe too from becoming the prey of unscrupulous privileged interests. No one has successfully challenged his faithful purpose to enforce the law and none can—truthfully, in the face of the definite record of achievement—doubt his performance of duty with a minimum of scandal, without favoritism and with complete freedom from any "boss."

Roy N. Towl is a trained civil engineer, of long experience in this work, familiar with the city's problems and a believer in Omaha's future. He has vision; he sees the Omaha of 1950 as well as that of 1921; he knows what must be done to make it a safe and good place in which to live, and how to do it. He is the only candidate with special training for the direction of public works.

Harry B. Zimman has a rare knowledge of city government, in theory and practice. He has risen from the ranks of the plain people and is one of them still in thought and sympathy. He is a vigorous defender of what he believes to be right and represents that section of public opinion which favors a tolerant as well as a positive enforcement of law.

Dan B. Butler is a veteran in city affairs. Three times he has been elected a city commissioner and twice before city clerk. No other candidate has been given the voters' favor for city office as many times.

Thomas Falconer is one who won election three years ago simply and solely by reason of personal friendship and the faith of hundreds of individual supporters in his intelligence and fairness. He has made good in the park department and that gives him added strength in this campaign.

These are the six commissioners seeking re-election. Five are republicans, one is a democrat; they are not all of one church or one class; they do not look upon prohibition with a single mind, nor upon many another issue. They are not subject to dictation by any single group. They may or may not do at all times what The Bee or some other newspaper thinks should be done.

But these men are honest, capable and fair. They know their jobs. Combined, they have a grasp of city affairs and an ability to work for the city's interest which, The Bee believes, no other group possesses. They have carried on the city government for three years on a rising market, without increasing the tax-levy—the only governmental body which has practised such economy. They have retired \$652,000 of city bonds in three years, compared with their predecessors' record of \$40,000. They have cut electric light rates from 6 to 5 1-2 cents. They have extended the public recreation facilities, enforced real inspection of public contractors' work and established new standards of service among all classes of city employees.

The Bee does not claim that all virtue is confined to these six men. It does not seek to foist its own beliefs upon anyone else. Each voter should make up his own mind and his own slate. But, as one part and parcel of Omaha, The Bee believes that Omaha can best be served by keeping these men at the helm.

Plan Fight On Reduced Light Rate

Wholesale Buyers of Electricity Start Referendum on Ordinance Passed by City Commission.

Hope to Tie Up Execution

An attempt to prevent the reduction of electric light rates from 6 to 5 1-2 cents was started yesterday.

Wholesale buyers of electric power, whose discriminatory low rates were wiped out by the ordinance approved last week by Commissioners Ure, Towl, Ringer, Falconer and Mayor Smith, began to circulate petitions for a referendum.

These corporations, including the packing houses and flour mills, have been paying less than cost for electricity, the small user making up the deficit. The new ordinance forces them to pay at least cost.

Big Users Object

The letter accompanying the petition states: "These petitions will suspend the operation of the ordinance and give an opportunity for further effort to secure justice for Omaha manufacturers and power users."

W. J. Coad of the Omaha Flour Mills is the man in charge of circulating the petitions. The Omaha Flour Mills have been paying 8.3 mills per kilowatt for electricity, slightly over four-fifths of 1 cent. Small users have been paying 6 cents.

Circulators are urged to return petitions not later than Monday, the day before the city election. Inasmuch as the petitions need not be filed under the law until May 10, politicians are wondering if some effort will be made to use them in behalf of the Dahlman "United Seven" ticket, which is being generally supported by those who oppose the rate reduction.

Accompanying the referendum are petitions initiating a new ordinance fixing the primary rate at 5 1-2 cents and cutting the rates of big users even from present rates in some instances. This proposal cuts the rate of the Cudahy Packing company approximately \$7,000 a year, one-fourth as much as it cuts all of the 35,000 ordinary users.

Plan for Delay. Circulators of the petitions expect to get signatures because of the sop offered in the additional one-fourth cents cut to small users. Before this could be effective, a special election would have to be held and the case is subject to contest in the courts. If the referendum fails to secure sufficient signatures, the cut proposed in the Ure ordinance will be effective May 10.

Wages On Shipping Board Steamers Ordered Reduced

Fifteen Per Cent Cut in Effect At Midnight—Attitude Men Will Take Uncertain.

Washington, April 30.—Just one concrete result came out of conferences here looking to a settlement of the wage dispute between the American ship owners, the shipping board and the marine workers. That was an order by Chairman Benson to all operators of government merchant craft to reduce wages 15 per cent, effective at midnight tonight.

Apparently none of these participating in the conferences was prepared to say what would be the full effect of the order. William S. Brown, president of the Marine Engineers Beneficial association, said the engineers had been instructed not to sign articles for wage cuts, while Andrew Furling, president of the International Seamen's union, stated that the members of his union had voted against signing such articles.

Chairman Benson's order came while President Harding and his secretaries of labor and commerce were consulting on the advisability of appointing a commission of three to mediate the controversy. The suggestion that such a commission be named, was made by the union operatives who agreed to abide by any award it would make.

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Business Men To Be Corralled This Week In Ak-Sar-Ben Drive

Hustlers for membership in Ak-Sar-Ben will corral Omaha business men this week in a general roundup of 5,000 new members, Charles Gardner, secretary of Samson, announced yesterday.

This week will be designated "Ak-Sar-Ben week," according to a decree of King Ak. "Hustle in a member," will be the slogan of the hustling committee comprised of the members of the Big Five clubs, comprising the Concord, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lion and Ad Sell. The Concord club heads the Big Five, with a membership of 582. Rotary is next with a total of 167. Kiwanis members obtained 108, while the Lion club handed in 77 and the Ad-Sell 39.

Germany Given Seven Days To Meet Demands

France and Belgium Oppose Plan on Ground Enough Time Already Has Been Given Country.

By The Associated Press. London, April 30.—An ultimatum to Germany, giving her seven days from May 1, to comply with or refuse the allied reparations demands was being advocated by the British representatives to the allied conference here. The session was called for 4 p. m.

This proposal was opposed by the French and the Belgians on the ground that it was unnecessary, that the Germans had had sufficient time. Information has been received by the French delegation that unofficial American advisers at Berlin are urging members of the German cabinet to accept the allied terms agreed upon in Paris last January. In this agreement the allies demanded 220 billion gold marks in addition to the 10 per cent export tax on German goods.

English Envoy on Hand. Baron De Abernethy, British ambassador to Germany, was in Berlin with the most recent declarations from Foreign Minister Simons as to what Germany can do.

Determination on the part of France to order her troops into the Ruhr district of Germany in default of payment of reparations to the United States would be represented at either the informal conversations or at the meeting of the supreme council. It was made plain that Mr. Lloyd George, who was chosen as the presiding officer had not extended an invitation to President Harding to have a representative present. The prime minister had taken the view, it was pointed out that initiative in this matter rested entirely with the Washington government.

Crisis Rumors Prevalent. Reports of an impending ministerial crisis in Berlin were current. Indication was given however, that Berlin was expected to make at least one more move to prevent occupation of the Ruhr region. Hope for an adjustment of the present situation by common accord was expressed by Count Sforza, the Italian foreign minister, who arrived in London during the morning.

"I do not deny that the situation is a serious one," he said in conversation, "but the ultimate aim of the entente powers is the same and, therefore, I have not lost hope of a settlement being reached in common accord."

"Italy," he continued, "is quickly recovering by its own efforts and sacrifices from what a year ago was regarded as a very serious economic and financial situation. If only for this reason, I regard peace and tranquility as a supreme necessity."

German Cabinet to Quit Paris Learns From Berlin. Paris, April 30.—A Berlin dispatch today quotes the Vossische Zeitung as declaring that the resignation of Chancellor Feilerbach and Foreign Minister Simons will follow the presentation of the reply from Washington to the German note on reparations.

Woman in Car Strangled To Death by Four Bandits. South Orange, N. J., April 30.—Four masked bandits today held up an automobile in which Mrs. Celeste Casseuse, of Orange, was returning from a visit to a sick friend. When she screamed, one of the men leaped into the tonneau and choked her to death. Meanwhile the others covered her chauffeur, Michael Seltio, with revolvers.

MacSwiney's Brother Makes Escape From Prison Camp. Cork, April 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Sean MacSwiney, brother of the late Lord Mayor of Dublin, with two other Sinn Feiners under internment, escaped today from the Spike Island internment camp. They overpowered the guard while working outside the fort and seized a motor boat on the shore.

Semenoff Forces Keep Up Offensive Against Chita. Peking, April 30.—General Baron Ungern-Sternberg, chief lieutenant of General Semenov, is renewing his offensive against Chita, according to Harbin reports. His men are said to be fighting troops of the Chita government near Petrovsky, between Verkhne-Udinsk and Chita.

Naval Bases In Pacific Inadequate

Authorities Say Equipment Insufficient for Half Fleet Even In Peace—Wholly Unprepared in West.

To Spend \$157,738,350

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Local Wire. Washington, D. C., April 30.—Because of the inadequacy of naval bases the United States, according to Navy authorities, is totally unprepared to fight a successful war in the western Pacific.

The most advanced base we now possess is at Pearl harbor in the Hawaiian islands. Its facilities, however, are scarcely more than rudimentary. With the exception of a dry dock the equipment is insufficient for the needs of half of the navy in time of peace, let alone the whole navy in time of war. Another dry dock and construction of a multitude of channels and berths as well as the establishment of repair work and storage warehouses for supplies are necessary, according to the Navy department.

Until the Hawaiian islands are made an adequate base the American navy will be unable to operate effectively in the western Pacific. Lacking such a base it would be necessary to supply the fighting fleet almost entirely from the Pacific coast bases, the distance to which would be a severe handicap on operations.

Pacific Bases Inadequate. Even the Pacific coast bases are inadequate to the demands of the whole navy if stationed in the Pacific even in time of peace. It would be necessary to send ships back to the Atlantic coast for major repair work.

The Navy department is urging congress for appropriations to begin construction of Pacific coast and Hawaiian island bases which will require several years to complete. The senate is favorable, but the house is opposed to such appropriations and the issue is being kept in the courts of consideration of the pending navy appropriation bill.

The Parks-McKean board which surveyed the need of bases in the Pacific recommended the expenditures of \$27,184,000 in the Hawaiian islands; \$44,065,750 at Bremerton, Wash.; \$42,313,200 at San Francisco; \$27,900,000 at San Diego; \$5,000,000 at San Pedro; \$5,000,000 at the Columbia river; \$3,498,600 at Port Angeles, Wash.; and \$2,871,000 at Keyport, Wash., a total of \$157,738,350.

No Unnecessary Items. "While this total," said the board, "seems to be an immense sum, considering the financial conditions of our country, to recommend to expend within the next five years, the board is of the opinion that they

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Lawyers To Express Choices for Judge

Lincoln, April 30.—(Special.)—Governor McKelvie is taking an informal mail ballot among the 50 attorneys in the Thirteenth Judicial district to determine whom he shall appoint to the district bench as a successor to Judge H. M. Grimes. He is asking each lawyer to indicate his first and second choice.

This action followed the opinion of the attorney general that James A. Rodman of Kimball, who the governor said he intended to appoint, was ineligible for the place, because of constitutional barriers prohibiting the appointment of a member of the legislature to a state office during the term for which he was elected.

The three known active candidates in the field are: Leonard Tewell of Sidney, E. H. Evans of North Platte and E. A. Cook of Lexington.

National Defense League Workers Held for Debts. Beatrice, Neb., April 30.—(Special.)—Michael O'Leary and L. E. Cater, two young men who visited Beatrice last week in the interest of the National Defense league, were brought here today from Alma, Neb., and held in the county jail on the charge of jumping a bond bill amounting to \$40 at the Butler hotel.

Vote Down Bond Issue. Pawnee, Neb., April 30.—(Special Telegram.)—As a special election here the \$40,000 bond issue for building a new city hall lost by a vote of 401 against to 289 for. A two-thirds majority for it was necessary.

Pawnee City Seniors Visit Wesleyan on "Sneak Day." Pawnee City, Neb., April 30.—(Special.)—The senior class of Pawnee City high school held their annual "sneak day" and about 30 members drove to University Place, more than 90 miles, in automobiles, where they were the guests of Nebraska Wesleyan university. Members of the faculty accompanied them.

Over 100 Men in Wolf Drive In Summerfield District. Pawnee City, Neb., April 30.—(Special.)—A wolf hunt by farmers in the Summerfield, (Kan.) district netted two large wolves. Wolf hounds were brought from Tate, Neb., to help in the chase, and they ran down the game. The chase ended in Mission creek. Over 100 men participated.

New Telephone System Installed at Loup City. Loup City, Neb., April 30.—(Special.)—The Northwestern Bell Telephone company cut over to their new exchange Saturday. They have installed a new switchboard in a new and commodious suite of rooms, all new instruments and new poles and wires.

Knox Peace Resolution is Adopted by U. S. Senate

Plan to End War With Germany on Technical Legal Basis Passes by Vote of 49 to 23—Three Democrats Join Republicans in Final Roll Call.

By The Associated Press. Washington, April 30.—The administration's first step toward planning the United States on a technical legal basis of peace was taken tonight by the senate in adopting the Knox peace resolution. The vote for adoption was 49 to 23.

Three democrats voted for the resolution and although no republicans voted against it, Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, was paired against it.

The democrats voting for it were Senators Myers, Montana; Shields, Tennessee; and Watson, Georgia. Two other democrats, Reed, Missouri, and Walsh, Massachusetts, were announced as favoring the resolution. Senator Shields, said he would vote for the Knox measure in order to get peace, since President Wilson had so intertwined the league covenant with the peace that it was impossible to get peace through the treaty.

Senator Lodge said it would take at least 72 amendments "to get the league out of the treaty."

"An amendment with it, we'd have nothing but a spell," he added.

King Denounces Plan. Senator King, democrat, Utah, denounced the resolution as a measure "born in a spirit to help Germany and to relieve it from obligations of the Versailles treaty."

"Some subtle, sinister design is back of the resolution," Senator King charged, asserting that the entire course of Senator Knox, its author, tended toward obtaining a "weak" peace for Germany.

Declaring that the United States would not join the league of nations,

Youth Wounded By Officer Asks \$150,000 Damages

Sues Ringer, Eberstein, Herdizina and Others Following Arrest in Fatal Shooting Affray April 9.

A suit for \$150,000 damages was filed in district court late yesterday afternoon by Clifton Hannon against Police Commissioner J. Dean Ringer, Chief of Police Marshall Eberstein, Detective John Herdizina, Sergeant Charles Morton, and Police Captains George W. Allen and John E. Briggs.

The suit is for alleged damages suffered by Hannon as a result of a shooting affray at Thirty-third and L streets, South Side, at 11:30 the night of April 9. Detective Herdizina jumped on the running board of an automobile filled with youths who had been drinking and a fight resulted during which the officer discharged his revolver, killing Joseph Howard and wounding Hannon, John Welsh and Paul Kane.

Hannon charges that the police officials individually and collectively permitted him to be confined in "a filthy, ill-ventilated, vermin-infested, underground dungeon for more than 24 hours without medical attention although he had been seriously wounded." He says this treatment caused an infection to set in which his physicians tell him will cause his injuries to have permanent effects.

He says he suffers great pain and has been put to great expense for medical attention. He also complains against Captain Allen for fixing his bond at the "unreasonable" figure of \$3,000.

Elk Creek Votes Bonds to Build Transmission Line. Tecumseh, Neb., April 30.—(Special.)—At a special election in Elk Creek, \$4,000 bonds were voted to erect a transmission line between that town and Tecumseh, eight and one-half miles, that Elk Creek may be supplied with electricity for lighting and power purposes by the Tecumseh municipal plant. The vote stood 95 for and 7 against, with some women voting. Previous to this the town voted bonds for the purpose of providing a plant in the town for the distribution of the electricity.

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Consolidated School to Build \$25,000 Building. Loup City, Neb., April 30.—(Special.)—A contract has been let for the construction of the new \$25,000 school building in District No. 93. This district was recently consolidated, and it is intended to have a 12-grade high school beginning this fall. This building replaces a frame building that was destroyed by fire last September.

Blue Springs Coal Men Plan to Build New Yards. Blue Springs, Neb., April 30.—(Special.)—It is said in railroad circles here that the Farmers' Grain, Lumber and Coal company is to build coal sheds on the Union Pacific tracks here, and that the Farmers Union has applied for a location on the Burlington tracks for the erection of a grain elevator and coal houses.

The Weather. Probably showers Sunday; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures.

Name Many In Federal Indictments

Wholesale Collusion Between Chicago Contractors and Building Unions Charged By Grand Jury.

Claim Prices Boosted

By The Associated Press. Chicago, April 30.—Wholesale collusion between building contractors and unions amounting to conspiracy in restraint of trade under the Sherman act, is charged in indictments returned today by the federal grand jury. Seventy-one corporations and individuals were named.

At the same time indictments on similar counts against 90 other corporations and individuals returned by the March grand jury, but suppressed until today, were released. An agreement between contractors and representatives of Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers alliance to keep out of the Chicago markets all competitive sheet metal products is alleged in one indictment. This conspiracy is said to have been in existence for the past three years.

Competition Eliminated. So effectively has this agreement functioned, it was claimed, that for the past three years all sheet metal used in houses and other buildings in Chicago has been manufactured within the city limits under conditions where competition has been entirely eliminated. Prices of sheet metal work have been increased, it was alleged, fully 100 per cent through this situation.

The Master Steam Fitters association and 18 corporations, 23 individuals and one representative of the Steam Fitters Protective association are named in another indictment. It was alleged that the master steam fitters have combined among themselves and with the business agent of the union to refuse to trade with any manufacturer selling his products to any other than members of the Steam Fitters association.

Unfair Prices Charged. Wholesalers dealers in plumbing and heating materials were charged with unfair practices against manufacturers outside Illinois, selling to mail order houses and direct to the consumer. It was further alleged that the 13 jobbing houses, said to control the entire supply of plumbing and heating supplies in the city, fixed uniform prices. This increased the cost of plumbing supplies in the past three years, it was claimed, approximately 150 per cent.

Reported Sale of State Rifle Range Mistake. Lincoln, April 30.—(Special.)—Announcement from Washington that the rifle range at Lincoln was to be sold was a mistake, the adjutant general's office said today.

The state rifle range is at Ashland, and there is no range in Lincoln. The range consists of 700 acres near Ashland, purchased about four years ago at a cost of between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The government had consented to the state letting the federal fund to promote rifle practice accrue over a period of years until it was large enough to purchase the range.

The title to the range is in the federal government, and officials are still working out final details in clearing up the title.

Tenants Enjoined From Insulting Their Landlord. Relva Burwick and her husband were restrained by the district court yesterday from making any insulting remarks to their landlords, Fred J. Coyle and Catherine B. Coyle. The Coyles live at 4915 North Twenty-seventh street, and own the house next door in which the Burwicks live.

The Coyles allege that ever since last summer the Burwicks have been accustomed to making insulting remarks to them whenever they are in their yard and have carried these remarks also to customers who come to the Coyle home, where Catherine Coyle conducts a sewing business.

Telephone Rate Increase Is Approved at Kearney. Lincoln, April 30.—(Special.)—The Nebraska railway commission has granted a temporary rate increase on the Kearney and Riverdale exchanges of the Kearney Telephone company, effective April 1, 1921, but has denied a request for a discontinuance of free service from Riverdale to Kearney, because of the large number of subscribers in the same community, whose service is divided between the two exchanges. The company, valued at \$244,718, last year earned only \$2,761.21 more than enough to pay interest and guaranteed dividends on \$50,000 of stock.

Banks Cannot Deduct Land In Other States From Tax. Lincoln, April 30.—(Special.)—Banks cannot deduct real estate held in other states from the value of their capital stock, surplus and undivided profits on which they are assessed in Nebraska, State Tax Commissioner W. H. Osborne, jr., has ruled in a bulletin to Nebraska county assessors.

Beet Farmers at Oshkosh Forced to Replant Crop. Oshkosh, Neb., April 30.—(Special.)—A large acreage of beets is being replanted on account of the first crop being frozen during the cold weather of last week. Oshkosh growers are being urged to plant a new crop, because the first crop, before being frozen, showed an exceptionally good stand.

U.S. Submarine Aground Is New London Report

New London, Conn., April 30.—United States submarine 0-10 was reported aground off Montauk Point today, Capt. Frank D. Bertrich, commander of the submarine base here, immediately sent to its assistance the big naval tug Lykens. A later report said the Lykens was held up by heavy fog.

The 0-10 was returning from the review of the Atlantic fleet at Hampton Roads by President Harding on Thursday. The crew is composed of three officers and 26 enlisted men, under command of Lieutenant Carr.

Wireless From Haywood Says Will Return to U. S.

Chicago, April 30.—The first direct word from "Big Bill" Haywood, I. W. W. leader now in Russia, reached Otto Christensen, his attorney, today. A wireless message from Christiana, dated April 25, said that Haywood had arrived in Moscow and was attending the conference of trade industrial unions and the third international.

The message also added that Haywood would return to the United States after the conference and it was expected that he would immediately give himself up to serve his 20-year sentence at Leavenworth prior to violation of the espionage law.

Powell Finds Business Good. Clarke G. Powell of the Powell Supply company has returned from a two weeks' trip in the east. He says he found conditions in the automobile business picking up with many factories working overtime to get out orders.