

MARTLING SAYS IT

Declares Wichita Privilege Pullers Are at Work Now.

Makes Charges Against Stewart, Also Against Cone.

COOKE IN STATEMENT.

General Agent for Klaw and Erlanger Hits Hard.

Avers Booking Agency Will Not Countenance Interference.

Charges that he has had to run the gauntlet of political privilege pullers after favors, are made by Manager E. L. Martling of the Crawford theater, Wichita, in an interview published in the Wichita Eagle. Following the leasing of the Forum for the presentation of "Ben Hur," February 27, to March 1, he has made complaint about Commissioners Cone and Stuart, charging that Cone pulled for a relative to sell tickets and that Stuart pulled for printing contracts.

The attention of E. G. Cooke, general agent for Klaw & Erlanger, who is in Topeka arranging for the staging of "Ben Hur" at the Grand opera house March 2, 3, 4, was called to the interview last night. Mr. Cooke said: "Mr. Martling leased the Wichita Forum without any strings tied to it. Commissioners Stuart and Cone now want to tell him where he must hold his seat. What business is it of theirs where or how Mr. Martling conducts his affairs. He is a recognized citizen of Wichita and has been intimately associated with the public for more than twenty years. As I understand the Wichita Forum was built for the people of Wichita and the state of Kansas and not as a play house for Messrs. Cone and Stuart. Commissioner Cone has seen fit to tell Mr. Martling that he would wreck his vengeance upon him and make it cost him considerable money if he failed to comply with his wish.

"Regarding playing 'Ben Hur' at the Forum, if obstacles are placed in the way of staging of the big production which will attract from 7,000 to 10,000 people into the city of Wichita, it will be most unfortunate. Klaw & Erlanger have many attractions they would like to stage at the Forum, providing their affairs are handled by L. M. Crawford and E. L. Martling. Klaw & Erlanger can not and will not countenance interference in presenting their plays to the public. They have a reputation to sustain and if in the present instance they are handicapped they will certainly decline to consider the Forum in future bookings of their enterprises. The loss will be exclusive to the loss of the people of the city of Wichita and that portion of the state of Kansas that looks to that city for its entertainment.

"The Forum is a wonderful building from every viewpoint. Upon its spacious stage the biggest spectacle produced in America can be stupendously presented. Now, why can not commissioners Stuart and Cone awaken to the interest of the town and the people and be good?"

LOWEST IN YEARS.

Eggs at 21 Cents a Dozen in February in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—A break of 5 to 6 cents a dozen in the playing eggs during the last week has brought values to the lowest level touched in February in many years. Extra eggs closed at 21 cents a dozen while seconds brought only 19 cents. Last September, following the long period of drought suffered by the country, eggs came forward in excessive quantities and dealers placed them in cold storage in order to keep prices from dropping at that time they believed that the heavy movement from poultry farms would not be of long duration and that they would have little difficulty in clearing holdings at a profit later in the year.

Receipts continued of excessive volume longer than had been expected, however, and the value began to ease off. There was a sudden rush to liquidate. Recent developments are traced back directly to the September's heavy egg production and the reason dealers did not hold back supplies last week was because they held them in the hope that the market would be at the lowest level in years. Commission men say it is not likely that prices will go much lower.

HITS "PORK BARREL."

White Charges Effort Is Being Made to Defeat Reform.

Emporia, Kan., Feb. 13.—Speaking of the dilatory tactics of the legislature, W. A. White says editorially today in the Emporia Press: "Reliable information comes from Topeka that the senate lodge is making a pork barrel. The pork barrel consists of the new state normal schools, independence for the Pittsburg normal, which will make it a full fledged institution, hungry for big appropriations. The right for the senate to annex a senator's town who will hold the bane and a hundred thousand dollar appropriation for the state fair at Hutchinson.

"With the pork barrel agreement will go an agreement to defeat the Republican platform pledges. The idea is to raise the legislature out of the educational institutions, excepting the three unnecessary normal schools, and discredit the progressive wing of the Republican party. Unless the conscience and majority of the senate asserts itself, this plan will be consummated.

"There is yet one other recourse. The people should stand by the standstill senators who are planning this raid upon the treasury and this rape of progress. Know just what the people think. The right for progressive principles was fairly made and honestly won in the late campaign. The people of Kansas voted in the primaries and at the election, and there can be no excuse that there is not a good working majority of the people of both parties for these things; for a public utilities bill; for the Oregon plan of election; for the massive increase in the law and working man's compensation act; for the initiative and referendum; for good roads, and for a recall.

"Regarding the initiative and referendum, to cut down the State Agricultural college and cripple the university, to check progress now and muddy its spring, that is the object of the reactionary side of the senate. The people of Kansas are making the taxpayers of Kansas pay the bills of the bribery that shall hodge the voters of Kansas.

"Isn't it time for Kansas people to let that standstill senate know what is coming to it?"

FAMILY WIPED OUT.

Victims of Disease, Murder and Suicide at Oxford, Me.

Oxford, Me., Feb. 13.—In fulfillment of a compact made with her husband during his illness, Mrs. L. M. Keene, who died last night, had her husband's body buried in the cemetery at Oxford, Me., Feb. 13. Mrs. Keene took her own life after having fatally shot her 14-year-old son, Gerald.

The compact was made in a sealed envelope in the woman's room. Mrs. Keene once was prosperous farmer, but, according to the compact, the family had become impoverished and discouraged during his long illness. He was 73 years old and his wife a year or two younger.

The document found in a dresser in Mrs. Keene's room along with several papers, bore the names of both Mr. and Mrs. Keene, although the husband, apparently, had been too feeble to make more than his mark, his name being written in the document.

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NORTH SIDE NEWS

Privations and Hardships Developed Lincoln's Character.

Says Rev. Waldron in Lincoln Day Address.

GAVE MOTHER CREDIT.

Attributes Martyred President's Greatness to Her Influence.

Other Items of Interest on the North Side.

In his sermon commemorating Lincoln's birthday, Rev. G. W. Waldron, pastor of the Kansas Avenue Methodist church, Sunday morning at the church told how the privations and hardships of Lincoln's life had developed his greatness. He gave the martyred president's mother all credit for his wonderful character and said that Lincoln was like Christ in that he "refused the crown of men that he might become the nation's savior." He also compared him to Christ in his compassion for humanity and forgiveness of enemies, and that we could not fully understand Lincoln because of his greatness. Throughout his sermon the speaker emphasized the fact that greatness in individuals or nations is produced in struggles with adversity and conquering obstacles.

The members of Blue post, No. 90, G. A. R., of the North Side, from the Soldiers' Camp, Camp Abe Lincoln, from the North side, attended the services in a body.

Rev. Mr. Waldron's address in part follows: "The world will never forget the hero, Abraham Lincoln, who lived the life of Abraham, the leadership of Moses, the courage of Leonidas, the contentment of Cincinnatus, the statesmanship of Cicero, the massive intellect of St. Paul, the political sagacity of Richelieu, the integrity of Cromwell and the patriotism of Washington."

In the first decade of the nineteenth century God sent into the roomed Kentucky cabin—without door or window, a baby boy who was destined to stand while the memory of man lasts as one of the strongest types of sterling manhood since the days of the Master of men. It is strange, but true, that in our search for men who have made history we turn not to the homes of wealth and affluence, but to the humble cottage of the honest toiler.

Abraham Lincoln is another among great men who drew all his greatness from his mother, because there was no greatness to be found in his father. According to reports, the head of the household (so called) was ignorant and thriftless, satisfied to live from hand to mouth, and not much in the hand at one time, and was ever moving from one scene of desolation to another vainly trying in his way to better conditions but in general failing to improve matters for his neighbors who were in like predicament.

"Out of this strange wandering life came this wonderful character that no school can claim sponsorship for starting in the ways of success. He was talking to people who have fought many battles in private life and who will bear me out in the statement that I now make: That in every instance of greatness stands on the pages of ancient, medieval or modern history there has been a strange and difficult training, and in some of the more remarkable cases the unexpected has happened.

"Men are like the Alpine plant—they grow fastest in the storm. The smith who works on the ponderous frame that supports the great locomotive which travels over vale, hill, and mountain must first subject the material to the most severe test, and under the guiding hammer it is worked out to suitable shape and temper. Noblest character is developed in the wilderness of privation, and the foundry of opposition, where the furnaces of trial heat the hammer of criticism must mold the real leader for every important epoch.

Moses rose from the ark of bulrushes to the leadership of Israel. Amos from the humble ranks of the ancients to make the select nation tremble with his prophecies—David from the sheep cote to write the psalms of thanksgiving and sway the sceptre of kingly authority, Daniel from the limitations of captivity to the rulership of the realm.

He has faith in the book of God—he read from its pages every day—he pleaded its promises on behalf of the interest interested to him—he followed the life of Jesus Christ in his tender compassion for the more unfortunate—he was gentle to the helpless—he showed kindness to his enemies—he was patient under the most malicious misrepresentations—he ever held in reverence the character of God. I ask

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Notes and Personal.

Fred Volland, of 905 North Van Buren street, a North side merchant, has announced his candidacy for member of the school board from the First ward against S. R. Kutz. H. E. Bragbridge will leave to night for Hardtner where he will work in a lumber yard. Mrs. Brainbridge will follow him in about ten days. A sign was stolen from M. Lewis' store last night but later found hanging in a tree. Miss Edna Murphy, of Topeka, visited at the home of Miss Maud Massey Tuesday night. Miss Mary Horning, school teacher at Perry, visited home folk in Grantville, Sunday. A large class of candidates will be initiated at the meeting of the K. & L. of S. Victor council No. 4 tonight. Refreshments will follow the initiation. H. E. Zimmmerman, of Vastey Falls, is a North side visitor today. Fred Volland is in Kansas City on business. Miss Juliet Smith has returned from Topeka where she has been visiting Rev. and Mrs. Carl W. Nau.

Lincoln's Religion.

Described by Speaker Cannon in Personal Recollections.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Personal recollections of Abraham Lincoln were related by Speaker Cannon Sunday at a gathering in memory of the martyred president. He refuted the charge that Lincoln was not a Christian or a God fearing man. "The religion of Lincoln," said Mr. Cannon, "was not affiliated with any church but, nevertheless, he was a religious man doing all that he did for his country in preserving the union in the face of the fear of God. I know of no love for humanity that equalled that of Lincoln save that of the master. Had God failed to make such a man as Abraham Lincoln, the world would have perished and the country died of dry rot."

Voted for Eighteen Presidents.

Frankfort, Ind., Feb. 13.—John W. Harrison, 83, the last Indiana delegate to the Pittsburg convention which organized the Republican party, is dead at his home here. His first vote for a president was cast for William Henry Harrison, a relative, and he had the record of having voted for eighteen presidents.

No Choice at Des Moines.

Des Moines, Feb. 13.—Today's joint ballot by the Iowa legislature resulted as follows: Kenyon, 40; Young, 31; Garret, 24; Samuel, 15; Wallace, 1; Porter (Dem.), 50. Absent 11. Necessary, 73.

Shells Pierce Armor Plate.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The trial of high explosive shells against the armor plate target yesterday on the Ram Katabdin near the mouth of the Garret river, was successful. Four 12-inch shells fired by the Monitor Tallahassee struck the target and completely penetrated it at a range of nearly five miles. The result is a great triumph for the armor piercing shells at battle ranges.

TODAY'S MARKET REPORT.

Chicago Produce Market. Chicago, Feb. 13.—BUTTER—Market firm. Creameries, 17 1/2 to 18; dairies, 16 1/2 to 17. EGGS—Market weak. Receipts, 10,000 cases; at market, cases included, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4; firsts, 16c; primes, firsts, 16c. POULTRY—Market easy. Choice for fancy, 47 to 50; fair to good, 42 to 45. POLITICAL—Market easy. Turkeys, 12 to 14; chickens, live, 13c; spring live, 12c. VEAL—Market steady. 50 to 60 lb. wts., 10 to 11; 35 lb. wts., 10 to 11 lb. wts., 11 to 12c.