

CONTINUATION OF THE CONTEST

Yesterday's Proceedings in the Squabble Over the State Election.

BOYCOTT OF THE PROHIBITION MARTYRS

Hon. E. Rosewater Tells How He Was Personally Vindictive and His Paper Boycotted by Prohibition Agitators.

Hon. Edward Rosewater was the witness of the morning at the table where the squabble over the state offices was going on. He was interrogated by Mr. Hall, counsel for Mr. Boyd.

He said that a boycott was inaugurated against him during the last campaign. Some time during the summer, probably in August, resolutions were adopted at a meeting held in a tent in which prohibition revivals were carried on denouncing Mr. Rosewater personally and the Bee, and urging the discontinuance of the patronage of the paper.

Soon after resolutions were passed by the Liberal lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars of this city, in favor of discontinuing the patronage of the Bee, alleging that Mr. Rosewater had offered to sell the editorial columns of the Bee to the whisky ring and disgrace the profession of journalism. They asked all Good Templars in the state to discontinue the paper and use their influence with others to the same end. These resolutions were published in the Omaha Republican and Lincoln Call. A circular was sent by Mr. Boyd, secretary of the lodge, to other papers in the state, requesting that it be published and given a prominent place that it might frighten off people who might be in favor of working against prohibition and thus assisting the Bee. The witness called back to his office and asked that the lodge retract the resolutions in the editorial columns of the Bee had never been sold to anybody for any consideration, and he wanted the boycott removed. He acted insolently and imperiously, but finally said that he would see about it.

The witness saw the United States district attorney and County Attorney Moore, and the latter assured him that he had agreed case against the lodge if he wanted to push it. He again called up Mr. Beck and asked about the matter, and a few days later received a letter which he still has in his possession. Mr. Watts, an officer of the grand lodge of Good Templars of the state, also sent him a letter intimating that Mr. Rosewater was a prostitute, and stating that Mr. Rosewater was no better than a prostitute. Mr. Watts requested that the letter be published in the Bee, and said that he thought his request would be complied with. The witness did not want to make martyrs of either Mr. Beck or Mr. Watts, and he thought they ought to be put through. This boycott was all instituted because of the attitude of the witness on prohibition. There was a great deal of correspondence, letters were received from Weeping Water—one from the secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, discontinuing the paper and containing insulting language. The witness received a great deal of abusive correspondence, some signed, and some of it anonymous. Just before election he received a letter from Nuckolls county containing the startling information that if prohibition was defeated the witness and Hon. J. L. Felscher were to be hanged by the neck. He had reference to Rev. Henderson and another clergyman was another instance of the boycott which was raised against the Bee. He had some in the Bee building, and the witness was forced to leave the building, and he had some of his patrons and informed that they could not have their support until they moved out of the Bee building. The paper did not take any notice of the matter until after election. The boycott was against the witness and not against the ministers. There have been a great many threats and letters from parties representing all causes. It was claimed by some of them that the mortgage on the Bee building had been wholly paid by the whisky ring.

At this juncture Mr. Hall stated that he wanted all the letters referred to, either signed or unsigned, to be in his hands, and read to the notaries. Mr. Rosewater stated that he wanted to keep them as souvenirs for the future, but it was agreed that they would be read before the notaries and copies of them taken.

Cross-examination—The witness believed that he had lost considerable money by the boycott. Counting the loss of the patronage of the Bee had fallen off in consequence. He could not estimate it, but it was both in Omaha and outside. The witness did not realize that the course he had taken in the rest of the state against it. Believed that certain parties were trying to accomplish that very thing. Did not think that what he had done in Omaha had any effect in other parts of the state against it. Believed that Mr. Lamb, who was conducting the cross-examination, insisted that the witness should answer questions just as he wanted to have him, but the witness informed him that he must answer the questions in his own way and then proceeded to say that he knew that some people were against Omaha.

Omaha. Outside of the city the organizers employed were mostly republicans. Roggen was an old time republican, and the witness had been intimate with him in the republican party. He thought the Personal rights league workers were mostly democrats. The committee had not met since election to consider the action of the Personal rights league on election day. They were not responsible to the league in any way. The association never has approved or adopted the action of the league. If violence was used or corruption adopted it was never approved by the association. The knowledge of the witness, if any outlawry was committed at the polls it was without the knowledge or connivance of the Bankers and Business Men's association. The association wanted to do the other thing and prevent everything of that kind.

Re-direct examination—The independent state platform was the same general proposition as constituted the heading for the call for the convention. There was no plank in favor of prohibition. Powers sought to give out in that city, however, to prohibit. As the witness understood it, Powers was asked the question and stated that he had not contributed anything to the prohibition campaign. The witness knew of no few independents in this county that he gave them little attention. One of them was a candidate on another ticket and did not get elected. It was just as legitimate and honest for the Bankers and Business Men's association to spend money to oppose the amendment as it was for the prohibitionists to spend money in support of it. The witness did not think that the money expended to defeat prohibition and anything else with the object of electing Powers was an educational fund and it was needed to show that all honesty, temperance and sobriety does not rest with the prohibition party. The prohibitionists wanted to buy copies of the Beatrice debate until they read them and then they didn't want them. The witness was excused and turned over to the attorneys on the Powers side of the gubernatorial case.

AT THE POWERS' TABLE

Mr. Rosewater Resumes His Review of the Anti-Prohibition Fight.

The prohibition attorney at the Powers' table resumed the direct examination of Mr. Rosewater, at the point where he left off Wednesday afternoon. The witness said that he understood that some members of the Bankers and Business Men's association went to Peoria at one time to see how much could be contributed by the whisky trust, but were repelled and got a good deal of snubbing, and came home without any. The whisky trust did offer \$50,000 to the association, but it was too small and would not take it. The witness made a verbal agreement with Moore that all naturalization papers issued on his order would be paid for by the association. These papers were properly certified to, put in packages and sent to the office of the association, where they were held for by the notaries before they were to be registered. Did not know of any being taken away from the parties after they had registered. If they were it was done by parties who had other axes to grind. Supposed that foreigners were made to understand that it was an important election and that they must register before they could vote. Each party was asked to contribute to the fund. The association paid out probably between \$300 and \$500 for carriage hire during the campaign for taking voters to the polls. The political parties hired all carriages on election day. Did not know which ward most of the foreigners came from, but supposed from the ward where the poorer classes principally resided. The association paid for their papers and saw that they were registered and then look after the matter for the day. Three or four men were employed in looking after registration. Did not think that the committee had anything to do with watching the registration, but that it was a matter of the day. In wards where they were lax about registering the witness did what he could to see that they were fully registered. Mr. Boyd was the only candidate for governor who stood squarely against the prohibition amendment and who would vote a bill to pass statutory prohibition. He was the only candidate committed against the amendment so far as the witness understood. Money was contributed to defeat prohibition and not to elect any particular candidate for governor. The citizens of Omaha and perhaps other cities naturally discussed what would be the result if prohibition was defeated at the polls and wanted a candidate who would oppose statutory prohibition. Did not know what had become of the books of the Bankers and Business Men's association, but the vouchers and stubs had been destroyed. When they were in the rooms in the Bee building they destroyed a lot of old papers that had accumulated. There was a distribution of all the available assets, similar to that collected by the legislature, and one was given a chair, another a desk, etc. Different ones had different amounts. Mr. Coe was given a desk. This was about a week after the election. There was a tremendous lot of rubbish and it was gathered up in baskets and the best was sent to the junkier. No one employed by the Bee acted as assistant to Coe. He employed his own assistant, S. W. Niles had charge of what he had in a prohibition list. The auditing committee was composed of Messrs. Kounize, Millard, Yates and Murphy, but the witness could not say whether they ever had any list. Did not think the treasurer's books were on hand there, as they were not kept there. Did not know their present whereabouts, as he had never seen them. There was a description list, accounts or books of the association. There was intense feeling in the city on the question of prohibition up to the day of election. There was a general understanding that the prohibitionists intended to obstruct the election in every way to keep the vote down. This idea was advanced by prohibitionists who talked about on the streets. The reporters came in from time to time and stated that they were in a precinct. The idea was advanced by prohibitionists that the polling places would not suffice for a full vote and that some precincts would be crowded. Some precincts had about one thousand votes, which would make close work. The council nearly or quite doubled the polling places, but still failed to carry out the plan to have no more than 400 votes in a precinct. It is not customary to have challengers when registration is closely attended to. The object of challenging is to ascertain the eligibility of voters. Registering does away with challenging at the polls, as the challenging is done by the registrar. It is very difficult to prevent the illegal votes from going in unless the challenger knows everybody. The Bee printed an editorial advising resistance to an attempt to obstruct voters by illegal challenges. The witness identified a copy of the Bee of October 27, which had a circulation of between 10,000 and 12,000 in Omaha on that date.

Persons engaged in the campaign here from spring to fall were not molested, but persons brought here near election time to try to get contacts over registration and to misrepresent the action of census enumerators and desks were regarded as sneaks and plotters. Witness had been informed by Census Supervisor Cooke that his office at Lincoln had been broken open and papers stolen, and witness privately told the night watchman to look for a man \$200 to go to Lincoln and take the mailing list from the office of the Call. The Bee has a large list of farmers. The night watchman did not break the interloper's lock if he caught him there again. Had parties looking after Johnson. Sent word of the burglary to the chief of police, but had several detectives look after those fellows who were imported into Omaha. Would not say anything against all

of the prohibition leaders, but there were some unscrupulous scoundrels among them. A man who would send out such telegrams as they did would break open a desk. Wolfenbarger sent a telegram to the New York Voice, representing that he was in this city and was protesting against the election. Never advised the editor of the Voice, but the prohibitionists did advise boycotting witness. Never asserted that the state had no right to pass a prohibition law in any way. If the Bee stated anything of the kind he was not aware of it. It was not the policy of the association to institute a system of boycott. Witness stated that several of his employees were prohibitionists, and he presumed they voted for the amendment. If Mr. Coe stated that a merchant who refused to contribute would be placed on the black list it was a case of intimidation and not of boycott. If the Bee attempted to boycott a business man of this city it was without the consent of the witness.

The cross-examination of Mr. Rosewater was deferred until a future occasion. Messrs. Hedges, Rogers, Cameron, Miller and Plennis were introduced to tell what occurred at South Omaha on election day. Henry Voss and Ed Prince also furnished their copies of political magazines. William A. Paxton rehearsed the story of his connection with the finance committee of the Bankers and Business Men's association. He said that he would not have supported Mr. Richards if he had declared himself, as he supposed the republicans would be victorious as usual. The prohibition question overshadowed everything. Fred Davis, cashier of the First National bank, was called, and asked whether he was willing, for a reasonable consideration, to make a copy of the account of Mr. Charles E. Coe, treasurer of the Bankers and Business Men's association, and transmit it to the notaries to look with the Powers-Boyd case. He stated that such a transcript was being made and would be completed and delivered during the forenoon. The witness was therefore excused with the understanding that he would be recalled for further examination when the transcript was delivered. Miller sworn—Visited the polling place in the Second district of the Third ward on the night of election, and found one Clark and one Johnson there. After awhile the clerk went up stairs. The special quality of Ayer's Hair Vigor is that it restores the natural growth, curl and texture of the hair. It vitalizes the roots and follicles, removes dandruff, and heals itching humors in the scalp. In this respect, it surpasses all similar preparations. Dr. Birney, nose and throat. See bidg. HENRY M. STANLEY.

Arrangements for His Entertainment by the Newspaper Men.

The newspaper men of Omaha assembled at the press club room yesterday afternoon to devise plans for the reception to be tendered Henry M. Stanley during his stay in Omaha. Hon. E. Rosewater of the Bee was elected chairman, and C. S. Conner of the World-Herald secretary. Mr. W. T. Lardmore of the business college addressed the meeting, saying that they had arranged for a banquet, but Major Pond had wired that Stanley did not care for a banquet and that nothing more had been done. He had already arranged for a number of persons to occupy seats on the stage and to attend the banquet at the Millard hotel, but would be compelled to cancel the arrangement. He said that Stanley would probably arrive on Wednesday and remain until Wednesday morning. Mr. Rosewater stated that while in Washington he learned from Major Pond that Stanley was suffering from indigestion, and was averse to partaking of banquets. He was nervous and had a quiet. He had received a telegram yesterday from Major Pond asking if arrangements were perfected, and in harmony with the business college people. He (Mr. Rosewater) thought that a drive about the city in company with some of the business men would be desirable. Major Howard thought that it would be best to wait until Stanley arrived before completing arrangements.

Mr. O'Brien stated that he had observed through the papers recently that Stanley as a rule had refused all invitations to entertainments excepting three instances. Mr. Rosewater suggested that it would be better to wait until Major Pond replied to a telegram and make arrangements then. He thought the reception should be held in the press club room. He would arrange a room adjoining to be used in conjunction with the club room.

Mr. Corey thought the best plan to entertain would be a drive in company with his old acquaintances, and on his motion a committee of seven, with Mr. Rosewater as chairman, was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the entertainment. The committee, consisting of E. Rosewater, G. M. Hitchcock, C. S. Conner, W. E. Hildner, W. E. Hildner, E. Bender and Frederick Schmaale, was appointed. Mr. Snyder moved that a committee of five be appointed as reception committee. Mr. J. B. Haynes suggested that the newspaper proprietors with other citizens constitute the committee. Mr. Filmer moved that the executive committee take full control of all arrangements and that they be given authority to add outside persons. Carried. Mr. Snyder moved that Mrs. S. D. Barker, Mrs. G. C. H. Brown, Mrs. H. W. Yates, Mrs. G. M. Hitchcock and Mrs. E. Rosewater be requested to constitute a committee to arrange a reception for Mrs. Stanley at the hotel. Carried.

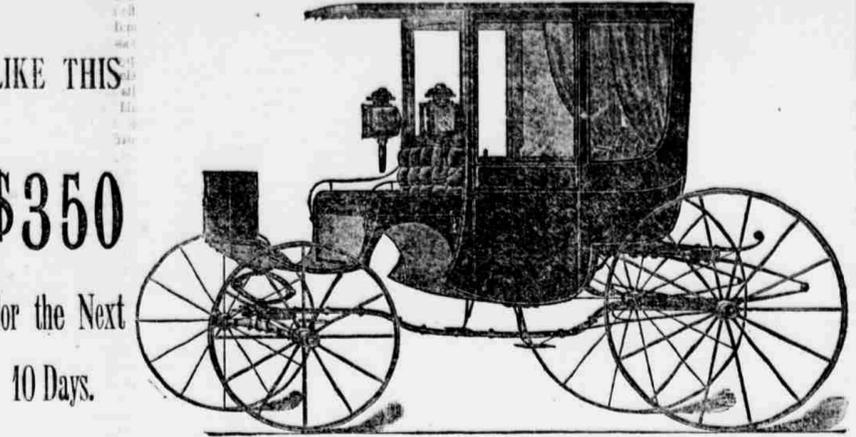
Mr. Rosewater has called a meeting of the committee on arrangements for 2 o'clock this afternoon at the press club room. Dr. Birney, nose and throat. See bidg. J. A. Johnson and family returned yesterday from Bloomington, Ill.

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