

STEADY REPUBLICAN GAINS

Last Days of the Campaign Put a New Phase on the Situation.

LEADERS MORE CONFIDENT THAN EVER

Reports from Workers Are Very Encouraging. While Popocrats Are Desperately Working to Save a Few of Their Candidates.

While all was quiet at the political headquarters yesterday and for a greater portion of the day rooms were deserted, it was not so in the outlying districts. The sanctity of the Sabbath was only observed on the surface and the interests of the campaign were not neglected because the day happened to be Sunday. In fact what is considered to have been some of the most effective work of the campaign was accomplished under cover of the Sabbath day stillness. This applies to all of the committees. There are certain localities where it is believed that Sunday is the best day to elector. These sections were visited yesterday by the candidates and "workers" of the different political organizations and a final appeal made for support before the gates closed Tuesday.

The republicans held three meetings yesterday in the city and the democrats two. The latter also held one in South Omaha. The republican meetings were reported to have been well attended and an encouraging degree of interest shown. The work of the meetings was confined almost exclusively to the benefit of the county ticket and especially the legislative portion of it. As the location of the republican meetings was in what is generally known as the "old" communities the result is considered more than satisfactory.

Republican workers yesterday seemed to be well pleased with Saturday's registration. They predicted a total of 8,000 for the day and the returns show that figure almost reached. The feature of the registration which is particularly pleasing to them is the large per cent of republicans who attended to this duty. The county committee had workers in every precinct to check up the registration on political alignments, and on these reports it is given out that fully two-thirds of the voters of the registration Saturday was by republican voters. This is interpreted by the managers to indicate that the republicans have been around during the last days of the campaign and have become interested in the result of the election.

Fusionists in Desperation.

The fusionists have practically abandoned all hope of carrying Douglas county for their ticket and are now making their whole fight to elect Hitchcock to congress and a part of the legislative ticket. Everything else has been sacrificed to this. In some of the wards sample tickets have appeared on which all the fusion candidates appear but four for the legislature and the rest elected by the names of four republicans. Just who is responsible for the promulgation of this hybrid slip is not known, but it is gaining its circulation through popocratic channels and may be taken as a straw which indicates the direction of the wind. The local managers are not making their efforts to elect Hitchcock to congress and a part of the legislative ticket. They have concentrated their efforts on Dave Mercer during the last few days and are making all manner of claims and assertions concerning the outcome of the congressional vote. It is now their one dear hope that they can encompass his defeat and the editor of the World-Herald in congress.

The effect of the tremendous advances that have been made in the republican campaign during the last few days was painfully apparent around the local popocratic headquarters yesterday. The man who is the active agent in an abundance that are always noticeable about these resorts when the conditions are satisfactorily indicative of victory. As a matter of fact both the democratic headquarters in the Board of Trade building and the populist hangout on Fourteenth street were practically deserted during most of the day. Scarcely half a dozen voters were to be seen at either resort at a time and these usually dropped in and finding no comfort in the reports that were exchanged dropped out again with a lugubrious effort to feel satisfied.

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contributed to the general gloom by bringing the information that Lancaster is going republican just like skinning an owl. He said yesterday that they hope down there to elect one candidate on the legislative ticket. As this particular populist is one of those who are usually ready to back their party with their money until the votes are counted, his lugubrious report was received with more than ordinary credence. In fact this news was about as cheerful as any that has been received by the popocratic steering committee of late and it is plainly apparent that they are far from being satisfied with the situation.

WHY DAVE MERCER SHOULD WIN.

Potent Claims of the Congressman on the Second District Voters.

Chairman Blackburn of the republican congressional committee has issued the following appeal to voters in behalf of Congressman Mercer's candidacy:

David H. Mercer is entitled to a majority of 3,000 at the hands of this congressional district. He is a friend of our country, his neighbors to perform their duty, the majority will be even larger.

David H. Mercer needs no fulsome praise at the hands of anybody. The high esteem in which he is held by this community was earned by faithful, efficient, tireless and successful labor.

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David H. Mercer has the good will and cordial support of every man in Omaha who is familiar with the value of his services to the people of this district. He has accomplished much for the commercial advancement of the city, the exposition, the postoffice, the South Omaha building, the Indian supply depot, the river improvement and Fort Crook are a few of the larger achievements to which he is entitled to a large share of credit.

David H. Mercer has secured a substantial reputation in this country, every session of congress of which he has been a member. He has never failed. His record is phenomenal in this particular.

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Members of the republican steering committee of the packing house strikers repudiate Joe Koutsky's claims in connection with the settlement of the strike. The men who labor in the packing houses and who worked hard for an amicable adjustment of the differences between the packers and the laborers are entitled to the credit of the settlement which was made. These men, who composed the executive committee of the striking forces, do not like the stand Koutsky has taken and they resent the reflections he has cast upon them. In a recent speech Koutsky said that he alone settled the strike and that at the time of the conference between the committee and the Cudahys he shook his fist in Mike Cudahy's face and demanded that the laboring men be paid what they asked. This kind of a talk might go all right in Omaha, where Koutsky made it, but in South Omaha, where he is known, it

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The funeral cortege reached the west door of the cathedral the procession formed in open order and the casket, covered with flowers and draped with the American flag, was taken up through the lines, the honors being rendered to it. These were: Senator Thurston, Herman Koutze, E. Wakeley, George W. Doane, Daniel H. Wheeler, W. J. Connell, Simeon Bloom and W. H. Alexander, the casket being borne by the active pallbearers, Charles P. Manderson, Paul Charlton, D. H. Wheeler, Jr., Victor B. Caldwell, James E. Baum, Frank T. Hamilton, Alfred Millard, Edgar Edwards, Charles T. Koutze and George B. Eddy. At the door it was met by the crossbearers, leading the members of the surprised choir, and was carried to the chancel, the choir in the pulpit proceeding.

The funeral rite was pronounced by Bishop Worthington, assisted by Dean Fair, Canon Dougherty and Dra. Mackay and Stearns.

The floral decorations sent to the church by friends of the late colonel were numerous and very beautiful and as they were piled upon and about the casket they almost hid it from view.

After the services in the cathedral, as the chimes tolled, the surprised choir led the way and the casket was taken to the hearse, which, preceded by a squad of police and members of secret societies, went to Prospect Hill cemetery, where the remains of Colonel Chase were laid to rest in the family lot, beside the body of Mrs. Chase, who died some years ago. At the grave the services were conducted by the Blue Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, T. J. Mackay officiating as prelate.

Printer Mixes in a Runaway. George Harris, a printer, had an experience in a runaway yesterday evening that good fortune seldom bestows on the ordinary citizen. He rented a horse and buggy of W. W. Mace, a liverman at Eighteenth and Cass streets, and went for a drive. It was when returning that the runaway occurred. Harris had been drinking considerably during the afternoon and when he turned into Farnam street from Twelfth the horse got beyond his control and started at a breakneck speed in the direction of the stable. When he reached the stable he turned down and was running down Fifteenth street when Harris decided to jump. He alighted on his feet and was only slightly bruised by being struck by the horse. The horse was completely demoralized.

Ching Ling Foo and America. Mr. Ching Ling Foo, in company with Mrs. W. S. Strawn, visited The Bee office on Thursday afternoon, and the great juggler was amazed at the great amount of paper business. He watched carefully every detail, from the typesetting by machinery to the working of the press, and was more serious every moment, and at last he said: "American newspaper making—no juggling, no 'up your sleeve' real thing!" Ching Ling Foo is 49 years old and has traveled about considerable, having spent one year in France, one in England and some months in Germany. He has been in Omaha for some time and has been very friendly with our respect for McKinley and says he will come again to America, which he calls "home, sweet home."

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Some of the Dodges is Vogue in England to Meet the Demand for "Ancient Silverware—A Preacher's Plight."

Americans who visit England are sometimes fond of bringing back with them some article whose apparent antiquity lends it the charm of being a "genuine relic." One is occasionally amused at being shown a modern piece of Austrian earthenware and being assured that it is a genuine specimen of Crown Derby or Dresden. While ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise, so what is the use in undeciphering the happy owner? But to be forewarned is to be forearmed, and there can be no harm in giving away some of the tricks of a trade which