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SEE FINISH TO WHEELER RECALL

OMAHA MORALS WASHED CLEAN AS DRIVEN SNOW, BY LAW

Federal Enforcement Officials Would Padlock Half The Town For At Least A Year

POLICE SWEEP CLEAN THE EAST SIDE

While The Cleaning Is Going On Citizens Continue To Drink In Pretty Much Same Old Way—Prostitutes On Their Guard—Crop Of New Bootleggers Coming On.

Omaha is going to be about the goodiest little good town on the face of the globe if Elmer Thomas & Co. have their way. They are asking that a whole flock of business houses and dwellings be padlocked for a year. Some of the places mentioned may have it coming to them, especially such a notorious joint as Jim Musgrave's drug store and a few other such cheaters. Many of the places mentioned have no other offense against them except the sale of a single drink or two by proprietor or bartender. These cheaters have been fined and sent to the hoosegow for from 30 days to two years, which seems ample punishment for such a slight sin as puncturing the Eighteenth Amendment.

While the Federal agents are busy as a bunch of setting hens in April, with booze dispensers, city police are cleaning up the East side of its prostitutes, clean as a whistle. Police are also making it tough for the thieves, thugs and others of the light fingered gentry. Dunn's hired men are certainly on the job and have been ever since election.

Meanwhile the dear old souls who march behind the banner of the W. C. T. U. are having a heck of a time squaring their pre-election predictions with the facts as they really exist. They with such cute little girls as F. D. Wead, Ike Carpenter and the other 8 who compose the entire membership of the Committee of 5,000 know that the police commissioner has more than made good his promise to continue to keep Omaha as morally clean as any other city in the country of its size. That is what hurts these second hand fogies. They were praying long and fervently that the old town would go to the dogs the next day after election and stay with the canines until the "good" people arose in their might and smote

Mr. Dunn and the other commissioners a couple of smites.

With Thomas and Dunn sacking their dogs of war upon the bootleggers, prostitutes and other criminals, it would appear that no such people or places further exist, not in this village leastwise. But, ha ha and even te, he. While the aforesaid officers are cleaning up in great shape, crime in Omaha goes on apace and will continue until the end of time. Hundreds and hundreds of bootleg joints are still going, robbers are robbing and prostitutes are prostituting much in the same old manner.

The big difference is that it is moving day every day for those who make their oats off the other fellow. Bob Samardick puts an awful bunch of 'leggers out of business every week, more, probably, than any one agent in the entire country. He is a go getter but has a task on his hand that will forever remain unfinished. Its like knocking down a doll with a base ball out at the amusement parks. When you knock them down they bob right up again. Cheaters like the dolls have to be knocked over a good many times before they go down for the count. When they do there is always another one ready to take his place and try the game.

One good result obtained by the various activities in the prohibiting line is seen. The bootleggers keep better under cover and attempt to keep their places free from drunks. That is surely a good thing for any neighborhood. One bad result is that pocket bootleggers do an ever increasing business with the souses who buy by the bottle and litter the streets with their soaked bodies.

We print the list of places where injunctions are asked for the benefit of those who may not have seen it (Continued on page 3)

Dundee Has Another Man Facing Trouble

Chicago Street Bond Dealer Has Sweetheart On North Side Boulevard — Exclusive Home — Story Is Coming Out.

Dundee has another sensation, but it is not ready to explode. The reason is that the man in the case is in hiding since last Saturday night, when he made his public appearance in the role of contributors to a North End lady. He resides in Dundee all right, and our Dundee correspondent informs us that he is a married man with one baby. He is apparently mild mannered and a blond with tortois shell spectacles. He lives on Chicago street, in the vicinity of the public school. The woman is slender and came recently from Kansas City.

Last Saturday evening he made excuse and his wife let him go down town. Once down he was met by a car which took him around some. He made various detours, finally stopping in front of a house on the boulevard. There he picked up his chicken and they went out on Reed street, where the driver was dismissed for a while. While he was gone, Oh! well, that dont matter much. At any rate when the driver returned, they bounded away, returning to the Boulevard home, where the chicken was left for somebody else.

This man, whose name is temporarily withheld, is a regular customer of the woman mentioned, and his wife does not know, but the whole world will know when the story comes out. In due time there will be more of this to come out and The Mediator has the full details.

DISTILLERY BLOWS UP IN HOUSE OWNED BY F. D. WEAD

A distillery blew up the other day, in some property near Twenty-second and Poppleton avenue. Investigation by the police showed the property to be controlled by Fred D. Wead, prominent churchman and reformer, and last spring defeated as candidate for the Board of Education. This is the first time Mr. Wead has been caught as a renter to bootleggers and distillers. The all important question now is how many stills is planted in houses owned or rented by Mr. Wead. It is a penitentiary offense to bootleg and the question now is being discussed whether Mr. Wead will be arrested on a charge of aiding and abetting a distiller.

Those who know of Wead's wealth are wondering how much of it was acquired through the possible operation of illicit distilleries. Few people knew that he was even in the business. He married a fortune and bought the Wead building for \$50,000. He tried to get the owner to take the (Continued on page 3)

YELLOW CAB MANAGER ARRESTED WHILE DRESSED UP LIKE A WOMAN

Just a short time ago two men were arrested after an automobile accident. They were dressed at the time as women, silk teddies and other feminine undergarments largely making up their wardrobe. When the dailies reported the matter they kindly left out the names of the men in the case. That was nice of them but we feel that men who make such damn fools of themselves should be shown up.

We learn that Mr. Walker one of the managers of the Yellow Cab Company was one of the men masquerading as a she sheikess. The Company they fired him which is no doubt true. Some of their ribbon counter \$12.00 a week taxi drivers are asking themselves, what more could one expect from such a company.

Harvey Wolf Goes Not To Come Back

Was Not Bad Fellow But Worked In Bad Business—Associates Were Downfall Of Once Influential Man—Did Not Have Many Enemies Except Himself

Harvey Wolf is gone. He went the route that overtakes men who fall from grace after an important and wholesome career. Wolf was not a bad fellow, as the world looks at men, but he was unfortunate in choosing his associates. When he served the A. D. T. company as its night manager he came in contact with people of every description, and later took on some of the worst of them for his friends. That was his undoing and he finally merged into an all around "bad man". His "detective agency" was really a myth, which he used to cover a multitude of sins. The agency got him into a lot of grief, however, from which he finally succumbed.

The editor of the Mediator met and talked with Wolf the day before his death, at which time he appeared to be cheerful. As a matter of fact he was in a bad mood at that moment, and was hungry. He had come to the point where he did not eat regularly, and it was having its effect on him at that moment. In discussing old times with the editor, Wolf appeared to enjoy the occasion. The two had been associated in a business for a long time years ago. Harvey recalled some of these times and laughed gayly about some of the incidents that had occurred, but gave no hint of his own welfare.

PROSPERITY NOTE

Since the prostitutes have been chased away from the regular east side Hole-in-the-Walls several hotels are doing plenty of business.

CHARACTER EXPOSURE OF THE EX-CAPTAIN IS FINAL BLOW

Even Those Opposed To Present Commissioner Dunn Turn Against Child Seducer

DUDLEY SAYS WANTS TO "GET" DENNISON

Last Week's Story In The Mediator A Bombshell In Wheeler's Ranks—Suckers Still Feeding Wheeler—Dudley Machine With Hard Earned Dough—Former Traffic Cop Says Klans Backs Movement Is Claim.

The Mediator's expose of the Wheeler attempt to recall the police commissioner of Omaha and his connection with the Ku Klux Klan movement, proved to be a regular bombshell in its effect. Letters have come to the paper from highly respectable people congratulating the editor on his expose and telling what they thought of Mr. Wheeler. None of the letters were in any manner complimentary to him, and they all were of an explosive nature, which has made the Wheeler-Dudley-Klan movement come to a pitiful ending. As our old friend, Al Sorenson says, it will now simply die a natural death.

As an example of what has been done, such relics of the police force as Steve Maloney and Former Sergeant Coffee took up the movement, hoping to advance their own interests as well as fight their one time friends. Maloney and Coffee are both Irishmen and Roman Catholics. They were seen recently mixing with what they presumed were their friends. To all they were explaining the movement, saying it was being financed and managed by the Klan, and that they were themselves members of the Klan and doing all they could to assist in the recall.

At the Wheeler office in the Peters Trust building is J. J. Dudley, once a member of the police force. What time he did not spend on the beat to which he was assigned, he spent in the Denby Cigar store, on fifteenth street. He was always in uniform and set at a gambling table defying his employers to dismiss him. Dudley was a great solo player. That is where most of his salary went. He used to get up broke and say he was going to mortgage his club and gun to the pawnbroker until pay day, and the presumption is that was just what he did.

Dudley is now Wheeler's right hand bower. The other day a woman called on him for petition blanks. She wanted to know whether the Klan was behind the movement. Dudley assured her such was the facts. He said the whole thing amounted to just one thing. It was for the sole purpose of getting rid of Tom Dennison, who he charged, was protecting all the places in the old red light district, including gamblers, bootleggers and questionable resorts. He admitted openly that there was no disposition to put Dunn out of business, and that the whole movement was against Dennison, although it had not amounted to much so far.

The Klan, he admitted, did not amount to much in Omaha thus far, but expected to be a power before election time. He said that he and Wheeler were the power behind the throne, and that as soon as Wheeler became police commissioner that he (Dudley) would be made chief of police. They expected then to run things the Wheeler way. Asked if Wheeler's way was that of running young girls in Riverview park, Dudley attempted to laugh, but it was a poor attempt.

Tom Dennison was asked what he thought of it and he said "Its trying to make a mountain out of a mole hill. I do not care anything about Wheeler and Dudley, or what they do or say. Omaha is getting rid of these kind of accidents as fast as possible, and I guess the city will take care of these fellows, just as it takes care of all freaks."

One letter received by The Mediator is of sufficient importance to be printed and it is herewith given to the public. The writers name is not given, as we have no permission to use it. The letter, from a prominent lawyer, is as follows: (Continued on page 3)

STATE ADDS TO OMAHA TAXATION WHILE REDUCING SAME IN OTHER COUNTIES

Commissioner Unitt Makes Ass Of Himself With His Barking At Governor Bryan — High Class Local Business Men Seek To Show Injustice Of Added Taxation— State Valuation 33 Million Less.

It appears that certain political influences are at work to make tax payers the goat for a little advantage they think may accrue out in the state of Nebraska. The state has added about 10 million dollars to the Douglas county valuation while reducing the tax as a whole for the state by more than 33 millions of dollars.

Men prominent in business and the professions have gone to Lincoln where they are arguing with the governor concerning the increased tax. It was unfortunate for the county that the all but discredited Charles Unitt should have gone to the state capitol and made an ass of himself. Bungling as usual this non descript went before the Governor and tried to start a fight, that is, a mouth fight. In his argument for a reduction of local taxes Unitt attempted one of his bull dozing methods but did not get away with it. Not content to run off at the mouth in his usual uncouth manner he stuck his finger under the democratic vice presidential nominee's nose in a threatening manner and thought thereby to drive his argument home.

The county commissioner's attempt at bull dozing was partially overcome by the other men in a clean, respectable manner presented their case to

the Governor. A special dispatch to the Bee says that representatives from Omaha and Douglas county appeared before the state equalization board Thursday to protest the board's attempt to increase the 1924 valuation of Omaha and Douglas county property 4 per cent.

John Hopkins, city commissioner, Omaha, branded the increased valuation as "another attempt to penalize Douglas county for out state votes."

John Moriarty, Omaha attorney placed Paul Leidy, clerk, building department of the Omaha city hall, on the stand. Leidy testified that the valuation of new buildings in Omaha in the 1924 valuation table was correct.

H. G. Cousinsman, county assessor, testified that valuation on the property of small home owners in Omaha was correct and any attempt to raise them would result in hardships.

The valuation for 1924 is \$368,959, 957, against the 1923 valuation of \$367,060,309, showing an increase of \$1,899,648. The total valuation of Nebraska property forwarded to the state board is \$33,000,000 less than 1923. If the valuation is decreased it means that the state levy will be higher, embarrassing the state administration in (Continued on page 3)

KNOCKS AND BOOSTS BY THE OBSERVER

DREXEL HOTEL is now being operated by Sam Rubin who used to conduct the Dillon, south on the main drag. Since Sam has taken over the place night life has been renewed in that neck of the woods. Sam would feel lonely indeed without a few painted fairies floating about.

VICTIMS of Judge McGee, at least a few of them, are back in town waiting an appeal to the higher courts where they feel they can get a fair deal. Others are doing theirs out in the sticks. Fremont has its full quota and are being fed on the fat of the land according to Mrs. Sheriff Condit who ought to know.

A JOINT down on Jackson not far from Steenth street calling their place a hotel has been running like a house afire lately. The girls are good hustlers and take their "snooks" for everything but their sox. The owner says a patriotic name goes a long ways.

PETITIONS to the number of 230 have been circulated by the man whose specialty seems to have been riding young girls on the handle bars of his motorcycle out to dark spots in the parks. Its hard to get a hold of one as he is using the same methods as the Klan. Doing his stuff under cover. If you want to sign one you can possible find a sheet at Jim Musgraves.

BELLINO is the name of a cafe just opened. Italian dishes will be their specialty, served in pint and half pint bottles no doubt. Joe, the newest addition to the Mediator staff says that if they get too gay they will have to change the name to bologna. The owners have already been knocked off for selling Dago red.

PARK HOTEL on Fifteenth and Cass is still goin' hell bent fer 'lection. The proprietor imagines himself a whole field of pumpkins. Says his joint groans with guests and that he rents the same room several times a night. Not so bad but it is liable to get worse.

RED LIGHT district took on a new color scheme after dicks gave them a final warning recently. Everything down in the old third ward looks hazy and bluer 'an hell just now. At that a few of the huzzies are still brazen enough to defy the law and seem to be getting away with it after a manner.

COMMISSION MAN in South Omaha who had his trouble with a married woman a short time ago says he don't care anything about publicity. So long as he don't care we will give him some of it in a week or two. He is the bird that was about to be sued by Mrs. Morris. Just why the suit was not brought to a head is known only to a few. More will know why at an early date.

OMAHA AND NEBRASKA ENTERING A PERIOD OF PROSPERITY IS INDICATED

Record Breaking Wheat Crop At Peak Price—Corn At High Price Level—Live Stock Values Higher—Farmers To Stock Up—Big Crops Means Prosperity For Omaha—Local Merchants Expect Big Fall Business

Nebraska's farms will produce 17,220,000 bushels more of winter wheat this year than in 1923 while the crop for the entire country will be 29,789,000 bushels less than last year, according to government crop estimates.

Five states, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, will share in the increased production of winter wheat while the other wheat-growing states harvest much smaller crops than last year, the July 1 estimate of the government shows. Substantial increases in these states are estimated on July 1 over the June 1 estimate. Nebraska's winter wheat crop was estimated at 41,439,000 bushels on June 1, as compared to 28,220,000 bushels harvested last year, but this was increased to an estimate of 45,363,000 bushels by the July 1 estimate.

Condition of winter wheat in Nebraska is reported to be 80 per cent or exactly equal to the state's ten year average, while for the United States the condition July 1 was 77.9 as compared to a ten year average of 80.9.

Spring wheat production, according to the government estimate, also will be 15,940,000 bushels less than in 1923, although there was an in-

crease of 13,630,000 bushels indicated July 1st over June 1st. The pring wheat crop for the United States last year was 213,401,000 bushels, and the estimate this year indicates a crop of 197,461,000 bushels.

With a smaller crop for the country though greater in Nebraska, higher prices for wheat are sure to follow and many thousands more dollars will find their way into the pockets of Nebraska farmers from this source.

Reports received from every section of the state by the Omaha World-Herald show the optimism that is now reigning among the farmers of the state. These reports received from McCook, Kearney, Falls City, Hastings, Columbus, Beatrice, Norfolk, Grand Island, Lexington and Broken Bow are unanimous that the future outlook is nothing but encouraging for agriculture of the middle west. The World-Herald summarizes these reports as follows:

"In the better prices grain is bringing today as the harvesting begins throughout the state; in the days of corn-making heat that have followed the rains; in the moving from storage to elevators of corn and wheat held since last fall for a seasonable price; in all these are to be found the harbinger of good times."

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(Continued from page 1) the coming election.

That is the reason that Omaha and Douglas county officials protest the raise.

According to W. H. Smith, state tax-commissioner, the proposed 4 per cent increase in valuation will force Douglas county to absorb a third of the \$33,000,000 decrease.

County Commissioner Unit and Commissioner Hopkins declared Thursday morning that in event the state board of equalization did increase the valuation they would appeal to the supreme court.

An attempt on the part of the state tax board to raise the valuation of lots and buildings in Omaha will meet with the steepest opposition from the Omaha Chamber of Commerce taxation committee, it was announced Thursday by Commissioner Clarke G. Powell.

County and city commissioners are in Lincoln today to protest such an increase, having received an order from the state board to show cause why the valuation on lots in buildings in Douglas county should not be increased.

"We did not receive notice of the hearing, or of the fact that it was of such great importance to Omaha property and home owners until late Wednesday afternoon," said Commissioner Powell. "Despite our most energetic efforts it proved too late a notice for us to get the tax committee to Lincoln Thursday morning. We have asked the county and city commissioners to ask the board for a delay until a committee of Omaha business men can go to Lincoln and protest any such increase."

"Douglas county returns showed an increased valuation of \$2,000,000," said W. A. Ellis, assistant commissioner of the chamber. "That is a fair increase. But the board wishes to make the increase still greater, and that would be very unfair. Tax returns from the rest of the state show a decrease of some \$30,000,000. It appears that the state government is trying to force Douglas county to make up for the decrease in the rest of the state."

"The chamber tax committee has asked the city and county commissioners and the school board not to increase their levy this year, pointing out that this would be a very bad time for such an increase. These bodies have been fair about it, despite their need for more funds. They agree not to increase their levy. This move to increase the valuation directly affects every home-owner in the county, and not just the big institutions."

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Samuel O. Pope, 614 North Sixteenth, soft drink bar; A. Tangara, 1701 Cuming street, soft drink bar; James R. Musgrave, 1848 North Twentieth street, drug store; Sam Camento, southeast corner of Seventh and Leavenworth streets, soft drink bar; Sam Giapazione, southeast corner Seventh and Pacific streets, soft drink bar; John Janasek, 4501 South Twenty-seventh street, soft drink bar; Charles Essex, 4829 South Twenty-sixth street, pool hall; Ike Pane, southwest corner of Twenty-second street and Poppleton avenue, soft drink bar and pool hall; Sam Catina, 608 South Thirtieth street, fruit store; Nick Dasovich, 2709 Q street, soft drink bar; Mary Pierce, 1004 South Thirteenth street, restaurant; Tony Rotolo, Rosebud Inn, Southeast corner of Sixtieth and Q street, road house; Carroll King, 3311 Q street, soft drink bar; John and Pat Ford, 2412 Q street, soft drink bar; Dan McNulty, 5524 South Thirtieth street, soft drink bar; Elmer R. McNally, 224 North Thirteenth street, soft drink bar; Patrick McMahon, 3201 Q street, soft drink bar; Charles Chuplar, northeast corner of Twenty-fourth and Blake streets, soft drink bar; William J. Furlong, 1401 Webster street; soft drink bar; Gus Ziesleski, 4601 Q street, soft drink bar.

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building back but failed. Later, with the advance in the prices of real estate the property increased about five times in value and the Wead corner is now said to be worth a quarter million dollars.

This is certainly going some for a man who is a graduated bootlegger and distillery man. Bob Samardick has been awfully busy with the Wops, but we suggest he get after the high-ups like F. D. Wead.

Incidentally, the people of Omaha are wondering what their children would have been taught had Mr. Wead been elected to the Board of Education. Fortunately a man named Turkey got the place.

SEE FINISH TO WHEELER REGALL

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Editor, Mediator, Dear Sir—Your editorial contained in your last issue with reference to a Mr. Wheeler, was indeed praiseworthy. The glaring head-lines EX-CAPTAIN WHEELER SHOWN UP, stood out like a beacon giving warning of disaster ahead, warning to the broad minded public to pilot their ship of justice as in the past, and to steer their course away from threatening storms. Mr. Wheeler is not the man to hold such a responsible position as Police Commissioner, as the reasons as stated by you plainly indicate, and many other reasons that some of us are well acquainted with.

Furthermore when a man affiliates with an organization such as the Klan to accomplish his filthy aims and to even have anything to do with such and uncouth and barbaric tribe as the Klu Klux Klan, such a man should be banished from society.

Mr. Wheeler is asking the world to go to hell with him and I certainly appreciate your efforts in behalf of decent government and I am sure that the people of Omaha will be glad to know that there is at least one paper in Omaha that is 100% American and ready to stand up for their rights.

With best wishes to your paper and yourself, etc.

Six Members of One Family Killed in Auto

Greenville, Ohio.—Six persons, virtually the entire family of Adam Pittman of Bradford, were killed when their automobile stalled on the tracks and was demolished by a Big Four passenger train at Dawn, nine miles north of here.

THUG BAND UNDONE BY TOO MUCH LOVE

Little Tale From Russia That Beats the Movies.

Moscow.—There's lots of movie stuff in real life in soviet Russia. Take, for instance, the case of the Juns brothers. The Juns were soldiers at the front. When Russia quit the World war they started home. They were hungry and their clothing was in rags. Jvan and George found how easy it was to rob freight cars. In a short time they headed a band of 40 robbers, and were doing a fine business. Railroad men were in the band and they tipped off cars with the most valuable contents. Finally Jvan fell in love with Marfusha, an employee of the Samara soviet executive committee. She stole for Jvan a bunch of passports, all signed and stamped, so they could be used if any of the gang desired to leave Russia suddenly.

So far, fine! But Jvan had looked on other girls, and one evening Marfusha finds one of them in Jvan's arms. There was much muss. Marfusha, evidently looking for trouble, has a bottle of sulphuric acid. She throws it in her rival's face. The rival lived, but when she finds her face a bar to any more adventures in the garden of love, she commits suicide.

Marfusha is jailed, but is released on bail, Jvan going security. But the lady steals all Jvan's ready cash and flees to Siberia.

Jvan, thinking of that money, has her traced, and with the aid of the police she is captured and brought to Moscow.

The jig being up, Marfusha is naturally rather sore, and tells several chapters about the robber band, the fake passports, etc. She's in about as bad as she can be, but the Juns brothers and 38 of 40 others got an awful shock. They are slowly recovering behind the bars, but the band will never be the same again.

And Marfusha. Well, she won her freedom and at last sight was going over the steppes at something less than 40 miles an hour.

And still some say that there is no romance in the modern world!

No Money to Pay Fine, Paints Town's Stack

Delphos, Ohio.—The 120-foot smoke-stack at the Delphos water works is being repainted at a cost of only the price of materials because J. C. Clark of Toledo violated the liquor laws here.

Clark told Mayor George N. Leasure he was "broke" when he was convicted of violating the law. The mayor then learned Clark was a stack painter.

"Fine, the 120-foot stack at the waterworks needs painting. Go to work and when the stack's painted you fine's paid," said Mayor Leasure.

Wipes Out Family

Saltville, Va.—Mrs. Rosa St. Clair, thirty-six years old, shot and killed her husband, Robert St. Clair, and her two-year-old daughter, and then turned the gun on herself, ending her own life.

Meet "Dead" Boy

Appleton, Wis.—Leonard Martin met his parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Martin, as they were hurrying with an undertaker to South Greenville to get his body. The parents had been informed that their son was killed.

Casa Grande Ruins Are Centuries Old

The Casa Grande reservation, one of the twenty-nine national monuments established by Presidential proclamations, consists of 480 acres of land in south central Arizona at an altitude of 1,422 feet and is a typical spot of desert scenery, being level ground on the floor of the Gila valley, covered with a growth of mesquite, creosote and salt bush.

The Casa Grande, or "Great House," is a dismantled group of solid adobe walls of a building which was at one time four stories in height. The standing walls are six feet thick at their base. The first recorded European to visit this section was Father Eusebio Francisco Kino, builder of the Tumacacori mission, who passed here in 1694 and wrote a description of the ruins, which had been standing for more than two centuries. There are many ruins of other prehistoric dwellings.

The history of the rise and fall of the civilization which built and inhabited the Casa Grande is only conjectural. When these people came into the valley they undoubtedly were nomads, but the opportunities for a settled life devoted to agricultural pursuits must have appealed to them, as their first step was the construction of an irrigation system, the remains of which are still visible. Then came the problem of housing and finally the need of defensive construction for protection from enemies. The multi-story house, of which the Casa Grande is the highest development, was probably evolved as a defensive measure. As a watch tower it must have proved a good investment, for from its top a guard could cover the country for a radius of ten miles, which was a great advantage, for if the enemy could be sighted at this distance he, being on foot (the horse was not yet on the American continent at this time), would need nearly two hours to get to the village which gave time to get runners out into the fields and gather forces for the defense.

It is probable that raiding Apaches became too strong for the valley dwellers, and year after year they lost a larger percentage of their crops and a large number of warriors, until at last they decided to abandon the country. This began possibly 700 or 900 years ago.

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Ban on Barnyard Golf

Pomona, Kans.—J. S. Largent, mayor of Pomona, has prohibited the pitching of horseshoes anywhere near or upon public streets and alleys of the town on Sunday. Any violator is subject to prosecution.

Kicks on Service

Milwaukee.—Explaining that she had sent a pair of gloves to a Chicago man 28 years ago, an old woman asked in the post office why they had not been delivered. She was told that lost mail is kept only one year.

Steals City Sod

Lynn, Mass.—Police are searching for thieves who stole about 200 square feet of sod from the city hall lawn. The thieves carried away the sod in a truck, it is believed.

LEGAL NOTICE C. H. Kubat, Lawyer 403 Barker Block

To Leo Brown, Non-resident Defendant: You are hereby notified that Euilar Brown filed her petition in the District Court of Douglas County Nebraska, March 29, 1924, to obtain a divorce from you on the grounds of non-support and cruelty. You are required to answer said petition on or before August 11, 1924.

7-11-4T. Euilar Brown, Plaintiff

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PERFECT REALISM, STRONG LOVE THEME, COLOSSAL OUT DOOR SCENES, DRAMATIC ACTION AND THRILLS, HAPPILY BLENDED IN BIG PRODUCTION

ONE of the greatest photoplays ever made, will be the popular verdict when the motion picture public sees James Cruze's colossal Paramount production, "The Covered Wagon" which will be the feature at the Strand theatre next Sunday, and for two weeks following. That is the prediction made not only by Mr. Cruze himself, but by those who have seen the picture and who hail it for its bigness, impressiveness.

Perfect Realism, a strong love theme, tremendous dramatic action, thrills that are utterly unlike the ordinary sort; a background of real newness to the screen, where the camera has never before been ground; all these facts, coupled with the splendid cast of virtually 3,000 men and women, certainly indicate a picture that is worthy of any director's enthusiasm. And James Cruze is enthusiastic. He has believed in the picture from the start and with each day of shooting, sometimes under conditions almost unbelievably difficult, his enthusiasm has grown. Nor is he alone in his belief, for every person in the drama of the old time western days shares his convictions. The story with the vast sweep of the western

plains for background, across which wind the "covered wagons" with their human freight, is essentially good picture material. The plot is dramatic with the interest well sustained, and the story unfolds like a stirring panorama of an earlier day.

Some Big Scenes

HERE are some of the big scenes in "The Covered Wagon":

- The great wagon train leaving Westport Landing.
- The fording of the Kaw River by wagon train.
- The attack by Indians.
- The massacre of the pioneers.
- The prairie fire.
- Molly's wild ride and rescue by Banion.
- The scenes at Fort Bridger.
- The parting of the train for Oregon and California.
- The fight between Banion and Woodhull.
- The great buffalo hunt.
- The death of Woodhull.

massacre, the prairie fire, the buffalo hunt, the fierce battle between Banion and Woodhull, the parting of the trains and tragic death of Woodhull. The action is speedy and thrilling.

"Enemy Sex" Is Most Unusual Story Ever Made Into A Picture

With One Of The Most Startling Titles Ever Given A Screen Production.

Three rakes, a married judge and a young man on the verge of delirium tremens forms the unpromising material from which "Dodo" Baxter, the heroine of James Cruze's latest production for Paramount, "The Enemy Sex," is asked to select a husband.

Featuring Betty Compson with a strong cast which includes Percy Marmont, Kathryn Williams, Huntly Gordon and De Witt Jennings, "The Enemy Sex" is a story of New York life as it appears to a young girl from the country. Armed only with wit and beauty which combine to give her strong sex appeal, Dodo Baxter plays such a clever game with a group of men that she puzzles even their worldly-wise minds.

The role of Dodo is particularly well suited to Bettl Compson. Percy Marmont is cast as "Garry Lindaberry" and Kathryn Williams as "Mrs. Massingale." De Witt Jennings is cast as "Harrigan Blood." Sheldon Lewis plays the role of "Sassoon."

Sassoon, Blood and Massingale attend a private dinner given for a group of chorus girls. They discover that Dodo is an entirely different type to the others and each begins to pay her attentions. Sassoon and Blood are interested in her solely because she is a girl who remains unconquered. Massingale, however, falls genuinely in love with her. She reciprocates his affection, discovering, too late, that he's married.

In a thoroughly reckless mood she goes for a wild motor ride with Garry Lindaberry who is drunk, as usual. They have a narrow escape from death. Out of this situation comes a half promise on Dodo's part to marry Garry if he reforms. A theatre magnate joins the others in their pursuit of Dodo and with all five spreading nets, Dodo cleverly turns their forces to her own account. In the end, she selects the only one of the five who is worth while.

"The Enemy Sex" has many situations which are unusually dramatic and exciting. The dinner given by a group of wealthy men to chorus girls leads up to a trap which one of the men sets for Dodo when he lures her to a private dining room. Only her quick wit saves her. The wild automobile ride which Dodo takes with Lindaberry is one of the most exciting motion pictures scenes ever filmed owing to the fact that it is done in such a way that the spectator receives the impression he is actually in the car.

"The Enemy Sex" was adapted from an Owen Johnson novel by Walter Woods and Harvey Thew and opens a seven days' run at the Rialto Theatre next Saturday.

THRILLING ADVENTURES CROWD ONE ANOTHER IN "THE SEA HAWK"

The "Sea Hawk" one of the greatest pictures ever filmed which is coming to the Rialto in the near future proved a tremendous hit in New York and where ever it has been shown. The story is a thriller according to Fay King dramatic editor of the New York Evening Journal. In his review of the picture he says: "Frank Lloyd's intensely interesting picture, 'The Sea Hawk,' which had its world premier at the Astor Theatre last night, is one of those pictures you will have no trouble coaxing the men folks to go see.

It is full of romantic adventure and melodramatic action that everybody likes awfully well, but that men will like particularly much!

It is taken from Sabatini's famous novel, and, I understand, follows the book more closely than most closely than most movies do.

The romance and amazing adventures follow in breakneck speed, and one sits there wondering what will happen next, and quite breathless until it does.

The story starts in England and we find Sir Oliver Tressilian very much in love with the beautiful Rosamund Godolphin. Lionel, Sir Oliver's half-brother, kills Peter Godolphin, Rosamund's brother and circumstantial evidence points very clearly to Sir Oliver. Eve Rosamund believes him guilty.

His half-brother, cringing in cowardly fear that Oliver may divulge that he (Lionel) is guilty, schemes with Jasper Leigh, a fierce looking freebooter and pirate, to take Sir-Oliver captive. Lionel sends Sir Oliver upon a false message from Rosamund and our handsome, hopeful hero is waylaid, captured and taken to sea.

Jasper tells him of the plot that was carried out, but he will not believe his weakling half-brother capable of such deceit until Jasper shows him the seal ring and purse Lionel gave him in payment for the deed!

This is really only the prologue of all that happens afterwards.

Never did a man suffer and enjoy so many adventures as Sir Oliver from this point on.

From an abused galley slave to a powerful chief in shiekish garb until at last the fate of this fiction brings Rosamund to him again and he buys her a private slave in the Moorish slave market!

Only his quick wit and knowledge of the country's customs enables him to save her from his benefactor, the white-bearded old Asad-ed-din, who would like to possess the rarely beautiful girl with golden hair and milk white face!

Even after this he must outsmart them to save her, for Asad-ed-din's wife, Fenzileh, does not relish the fact that the old man has taken Sir Oliver to his heart instead of her son, Marsak, and she would stop at nothing to be rid of him and the girl, Rosamund!

The sea scenes with old fashioned galleons in battle are truly remarkable, to be so excellently reproduced in this day and age of fast oil burners. To see how these huge boats were propelled by man powered oars, assisted by sails when the wind was favorable, is alone worth a trip to "The Sea Hawk," but there's oodles beside this to hold your attention and interest every minute!

Milton Sills, as Sir Oliver, later known as Sakr-er-Bahr, does the finest work of his career and is the kind of a steel-muscled shiek the men will admire as well as the women!

Wallace Beery, as Jasper Leigh, the fierce-faced pirate who later becomes a loyal servant, plays his part to perfection!

The cast is a large one and contains many prominent names. Enid Bennett is the lovely Rosamund!

Don't miss seeing "The Sea Hawk!"

DAVE DICKINSON COMES NEAR BEING KNOCKED OUT

Dave Dickinson, United States secret service man, learned last week what it means to get in front of an automobile without the automobile seeing him. Dave was hit pretty hard. He got a smash that came near resulting in concussion of the brain. He has been suffering with a bad wound on his head and physicians says he will be laid up for some time. However, they do not expect anything really serious to result. Dave's father, Former Judge Dickinson, has just gone on his vacation when he was informed of his son's accident. It cut his vacation short and brought him home in a hurry. He says a couple of weeks of quiet will bring Dave out of it and get him back on the job.

INHUMAN WRETCH WHO TORTURED CHILD SHOULD GET LIMIT

About the most inhuman wretch of whom we have heard in many moons is one Roy Hill who was accused by his neighbors of terribly mistreating a little three year old girl left in his charge. The brute tied the baby by the wrists up against a wall and let her suffer untold agony. Don't know what the law can give such an animal but it should not be less than 20 years on the rock pile.

Routs Robbers Eight Times, Then Is Slain

Omaha.—J. S. Spellman, sixty-five years old, grocer, who eight times had faced the guns of holdup men in his shop and each time emerged victorious, once wounding his man and routing his assailants on the other occasions, recently waged his last fight against robbery. He was found dead behind the counter of his store, shot three times. His own gun, two chambers exploded, was at his feet. The cash till had been emptied.

Cuts Open His Diving Suit and Saves Life

Medford, Ore.—Guy Kirkpatrick, thirty-two, was drowned in Rogue river at Baygud dam, near here, and Loyal Burghart, thirty-eight, who has only one arm, escaped a similar fate by cutting his way out of a diving suit in which he had encased himself to search for gold in the river bed.

EXPECTED THAT BURGESS-NASH WILL CONTINUE IN BUSINESS

It is confidently expected that the Burgess-Nash store will find a way out of their recent financial troubles and be able to continue the great store as a going concern. The store management has thousands of friends who sincerely hope that they will be able to make satisfactory arrangements with their creditors and come out with flying colors.

OMAHA PEOPLE APPRECIATE SPLENDID AIR MAIL SERVICE

The people of this city are taking to the air mail service in fine shape and patronizing this branch of the service very liberally according to those in position to know. At the Fontenelle Hotel several hundred Air Mail stamps are sold each day. It will soon become as popular as the parcel post delivery system, it is predicted.

LAW IS TO BLAME

Many people are freed of charges growing out of automobile accidents not because judges or the county attorney would have it so but because the law is at fault. County Attorney Beal explains that under the old law a man could be held for manslaughter in any fatal accident while driving an automobile if he had his arm around a girl or was intoxicated. Now the County Attorney must file murder charges if he was exceeding the speed limits at the time of the accident.

SURE GOOD LUCK

A portion of the Field-Hamilton-Smith building fell out today, making a great crash as it went through the temporary safety arrangement built over the sidewalk. Not a soul was hurt. That's what we call luck.

Bandits Bandage Arm of Victim After Holdup

Chicago.—After robbing Peter Kabious, 1845 Ogden avenue, of \$220, three bandits paused long enough to bandage their victim's arm. They had shot him when he resisted their attempts to rob him. While one bound the wound another cleaned the pockets of three of Kabious' friends who happened to be visiting him.

TOT SWEEP THROUGH CULVERT IS UNHURT

"Gee, I'm lucky," laughs Five-Year-Old Lad.

Erie, Pa.—Rescued by a crowd of more than 1,000 persons after he had been washed through a 1,000-foot culvert, 36 inches in diameter, diminutive Joseph Nevin, six, was duly impressed with his unusual experience.

"Gee, but I'm lucky, ain't I? I bet my mommy and daddy think I'm dead."

These were his first words as he shivered under the coat of Charles Green, driver of the car of the chief of the Erie fire department, who took him to St. Vincent's hospital.

Physicians at the hospital declared the boy had been uninjured and he was taken to his parents. His mother wept. His father's voice was husky with joy.

The boy slipped and fell into the rain-swelled open end of the culvert in Ash street near Parade and Thirtieth streets. Several people saw him fall and soon a great crowd, augmented by the Erie firemen, began hunting for him. They searched frantically for more than two hours before they learned he had been rescued.

Large blocks of wood, swept through the culvert by the raging waters, made his progress hazardous. He was tossed against the rough edges of the concrete tube, but finally emerged at the opposite end, shivering but smiling.

"The blocks hit me but I shoved them off as they went by with the big waves and kept my head close to the top," he told firemen. "It was a wonder one of those big logs didn't knock me for a goal, but I guess my dodging helped."

Black Cat's Meow Proves Life Saver

New York.—Mrs. Raymond Franzen, wife of a professor of psychology at the University of California, henceforth will not believe in the old superstition that when she is followed by a walling black cat, it means bad luck.

Just before the steamship Orca was hit by a freighter in the St. Lawrence gulf, Mrs. Franzen was on her way to her room. "Bonzo," Captain Matthews' black cat, followed her, emitting, she says, a peculiar cry. She added, when the Orca got in to port: "I went back to the lounge where other passengers were dancing. A few minutes later the freighter struck us. My room was in the path of the prow of the ship, and had I disobeyed the warning of the cat I would have been hurt."

When the 44 cabin passengers disembarked they presented Captain J. E. P. Matthews with a testimonial thanking him and his crew for calmness they displayed at the time of the accident.

Objected to Form in Which Medicine Came

Kearney, Mo.—"While practicing medicine in the town of Kearney, Mo. I was frequently called upon to go far into the country," says Dr. A. L. Norfleet. "The roads were very bad in the winter and I tried to make one visit answer for several when practicable.

"One day I was called to visit a man some distance away who had been ill in bed for several days. After diagnosing the case, I gave the man some medicine and left some more in capsules to be taken as directed.

"In a few days the patient came to my office. I expressed my pleasure at seeing him out so soon and he replied: 'Yes, doctor, I'm feeling fine, thanks to you, sir, and I think I'll get some more of your medicine—but say, Doc, don't go to the trouble of putting it up in them little glass cups. I had a darn sight o' trouble gettin' it out every time I took a dose.'"

Cleans Out Coop

West Chester, Pa.—A thief visited the home of Norman Spencer near Toughkenamon and carried off two hens with their broods, totaling 50 chicks, the coops they occupied and also a young collie dog which had been left as guardian of the fowls.

Boy Shoots and Kills Visitor to His Home

Chicago.—The accidental discharge of a revolver with which five-year-old Henry Seimit was playing at 858 Harvard street proved fatal to Adolph Walker. Walker was standing in the door talking to Mrs. Seimit when the child pointed the weapon at him and pulled the trigger. The bullet entered Walker's right temple.

Strikes Gold; Killed

Ludlow, Cal.—For almost fifty years Peter Collins, eighty-six, had prospected for gold in the Mojave desert hereabouts. Recently his life-long search was crowned with success. He struck gold ore running \$60 a ton. Then, with the congratulations of his friends still ringing in his ears, he walked in front of a Santa Fe train and was instantly killed.

Blind Dog Returns

Trevorton, Pa.—Although it lost the sight of both eyes as a result of a gunshot wound, a foxhound owned by William Moyer returned six miles to its home.

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