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# THE MEDIATOR

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### SNAPPY STORIES PICKED UP BY NEWS GATHERING FORCE

### Judge Woodrough Rules That Antiquated Search Warrants Are Passe in Judging Myers' Case

### SAYS STOOL PIGEON HAS SERVED TIME

Fine Old Jewish Tailor Celebrates Fifty-five Years In Business—New Beer Joints Open Up As Old Sol Starts Working—State Prohibition Agents Try To Frame Lincoln Man With Aid Of Sporting Women Said To Be In Employ Of Uncle Sam

An interesting ruling was made by the Federal court this week in the case of Preston Myers. It would appear that the government has been in the habit of issuing search warrants and then let them die of old age. That is to say that too long a time had elapsed from the day of which the alleged evidence of law breaking was obtained before the warrant for the raid was issued.

Mr. Myers who has been a druggist in Omaha for perhaps thirty years and who has always borne a splendid reputation was freed on five counts. Importance is attached to the case in as much as the ruling of the court dismissed the charge of illegal possession. The crowded court room applauded, though of necessity, silently as attorneys Jim Hanley and W. F. Gurley raised about 57 varieties of particular hell while cross examining one of the sneaky stool pigeons, Howard Beck, who somewhat resembles a rattle snake though his fangs are sharper and his brains duller than this erstwhile despised of all crawling reptiles.

At the time this is being written the judge had not imposed sentence. Those knowing Mr. Myers best are sincerely hoping that he escapes any unjust or undue punishment.

Two weeks ago we had a little story in the paper concerning a Mr. Porter who works for a local garage. He had turned stool pigeon according to a report brought to the paper at that time. Later another informant tells us that this skunk served time in the stir, which goes to show what class of people are sometimes employed or offer their services free to the government. He is but one of the many rodents however who seemed to take great pleasure in biting sup-

### PARI-MUTUALS WHICH IS CONDUCTED ON SQUARE HERE RAPPED IN OTHER CITIES

Chicago Sporting Paper Says Big "Steal" In Mutuals In Many Unsupervised Racing Centers—Omaha Lucky To Have Such Men As Charley Trimble To Handle Affairs At Ak-Sar-Ben Track—This Season Sure To Be Banner One.

Now that the Spring racing season is but a few short weeks away it is well to remind followers of the bang tails in Omaha just how fortunate they are in having the pari-mutuals run full one hundred per cent on the square. In certain other cities where machines are used it is not uncommon to hear of graft in its most violent form being used through the manipulation of these machines.

Omaha is fortunate in having such a man as Charley Trimble at the head of the local racing association and others associated with him who believe in the square deal and make it a point to see that every better gets a real shake for his money.

This does not seem to be the case in certain other cities according to "Colliers Eye" which carried a sensational story in their issue of April 18th in which they say that many evils have been laid at the door of the pari-mutual by a reform organization, but an exhaustive investigation of the operation of the machines reveals an amazing conditions that makes previous charges seem tame.

They are sure that the racing public has been taken for hundreds of thousands of dollars and that immediate reform is necessary. The attitude of Colliers on this particular subject seems apt and to the point but it does not apply to Omaha where the mutuals as every one knows is run strictly on the square.

The Chicago sporting paper goes on to say and to explain that in states where there is no commission supervision the "take" is only restricted in what the powers that be decide the traffic will stand. In communities where the "takes" is restricted by a law, human ingenuity and frailty combine to defeat regular provisions.

It seems to us that Colliers are taking in considerable territory when they assume that the great majority

### Hurrah For Gaughan And Promoter Isaacson

Expected To Get Together On Best Fight Card Ever Given To Local Boxing Fans.

### SCHLAIFER VS. SIMONICH

The Pair Considered Toughest Nuts In The Ring Today Which Should Attract Record Crowd If Fair Referee Chosen.

We feel like shouting for Packy Gaughan and Jake Isaacson American Legion promoter especially if they draw to a successful conclusion negotiations now in progress for a ten round bout between the indomitable Morrie Schlaifer and Joe Simonich, scheduled to be held at our famous comshed on May 15.

At press time the Baseball headquarters Mogul had not signed his ace-in-the-hole but was expected to do so on or before Saturday. Boys, there will be a hot time in the old town if these two supreme maulers get together as the headline attraction for the forth coming Legion show.

Morrie in his last two times out has shown boxing followers that he is still in the game and not only willing but able to take on the toughest birds following the five outs glove pastime, and is able to handle himself with much elat and effectiveness.

There are only 10 thousand bugs in Omaha and surrounding territory who are not only willing but dead anxious to see Schlaifer once more in action against the rough and ready Simonich, who like the "fighting fool" is not afraid of the devil himself much less any man who assays to do professional ring battle.

Nearly 6 thousand people saw these two demons in their second battle at the Auditorium where their lust for

### GRADY GOES TO HOOSE GOW AND AINT THAT TOO BAD?

Otis Grady our beloved bootlegger friend at 16th and Hocholas took the count the other day when Judge Woodrough knocked him for a row of out-houses from which it will take "Oats" ninety days to recover. This vegetable, Grady, who claims that his booze business was enhanced full 100 per cent through adverse publicity in the Mediator will now have the glorious opportunity of becoming intimately acquainted with some of Sheriff Endres' deputies. It is understood that this high mogul of bootzorum, the honorable Otis will also have to pay a 300 dollar fine which is "quite smart" money.

blood knew no bounds. At the end of the most blood-thirsty battle ever staged in an Omaha ring the referee raised the hand of the local favorite. This particular affair was such a give and take affair that many thought it should have been called a draw, though the majority felt that the decision was not unjust.

Some time before these two boys met in an Omaha ring they had it out in Council Bluffs at which time Simonich the human hyena battled Schlaifer all over the ring and won a well deserved newspaper decision. It seems almost to good to be true that these two gladiators are to meet once more and in an Omaha ring at that. If the deal goes through those having ring side seats should bring with them a three gallon bucket and a mop that they may carry away a pail full of blood as a souvenir of the battle of the age.

Speaking of fights it is well to remind our readers that the fight card put on by the Spanish American War

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### NEXT POLITICAL BATTLE TO BE FOUGHT OUT BY OLD PARTIES ON PROHIBITION

Al Smith Is An Avowed Candidate And Will Make An Open And Honest Campaign For A Modification Of The Volstead Act—If The New York Governor Can Be Nominated He Will Be Elected.

Readers of the Mediator will remember that in last week's issue we emphatically declared that Governor Al Smith of New York was the logical candidate of the Democrats in 1928. This statement seems to have been borne out Thursday when the popular Empire state executive's private secretary stopped over in Omaha and gave out an interview to the daily papers, which was not only red hot but very timely. Jim Hoey who handled Smith's campaign last year says, without doubt by the authority of Governor Smith himself, that the latter expects to make his campaign for the Democratic nomination on a wet platform.

The question of the Volstead Enforcement Act must be threshed out at the next national convention of the major parties. Those with deep and enduring vision already reads the handwriting on the wall. It is going to be a clear cut case between the Republicans, who will no doubt take a middle-of-the-road course and the Democrats, under the leadership of the New York governor, who it is expected will be equally pronounced in his aversion to prohibition.

"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread" said Shakespeare in one of his most notable classic works. "Angels" as represented by such grafters as Anderson, who has served a short sentence, have at various periods "rushed in" and gained their point while deceiving the general public. However Anderson and his ilk are now known, as is their methods known to the average American voter.

So it appears that the all absorbing topic of prohibition is going to be a clearly cut one in the next presidential campaign. It seems a patent fact that political lines will be thrown to the winds so far as old issues are

### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Omaha is fortunate in having beautiful public parks with municipal golf courses, base ball diamonds, tennis courts and play grounds. Municipal golf courses are now ready at Miller, Fontenelle and Elmwood Parks. The golf course at Elmwood Park is one of the finest municipal courses in the United States.

Fourteen regulation size and many junior size base ball diamonds are laid out and maintained by the City Park Department.

The municipal base ball league games opened April 19, and from then on throughout the summer one can see base ball games that for intense rivalry and excitement will probably not be excelled by the big leagues of the country.

### Samadick's Agents Hit Tekamah In Force

Take Eight Alleged Bootleggers Who Are Soaked By Judge, And Is A Trifle Off Color Himself.

### DEPUTIES RAID FARMERS

Claim Made Agents Stole Chickens, Pies And Other Pastries While They Were Looking For Booze.

A bunch of government men pounced down on the little village of Tekamah a couple of weeks ago and took among other prizes a selections of farmers' wife's pies and cakes and robbed the hens' nests and arrested eight persons, who were charged with bootlegging. The biggest man in the business in Tekamah, escaped, however, and is still looking them over.

A stool pigeon had been in Tekamah a week before and did business with most of the bootleggers. Following his visit, a bunch of Bob's sleuths made a call. They picked up eight persons, all of whom appeared before a wet judge, who has no "witness" when he is in court. He promptly gave them sixty days in jail and commensurate fines and then looked up his private bootlegger for a drink.

At Tom Hall's farm house, the sleuths made their killing. They did not find anybody home and just ransacked the place. They found other things, a select bunch of pies and cakes, which they confiscated, it is alleged. These vials did not appear as exhibits at the trial. They are still missing. The owner is in jail, serving part time on bread and water.

This episode is the talk of the surrounding country now. The judge is alleged to be one of the worst violators of the Eighteenth Amendment, but his particular business just now is to punish other violators. From inside sources it is told that this county judge is strong on the bottle but always lays down on others when it comes to law enforcement. This condition does not set well with the rank and file, it is said, with the probability of Tekamah having a different judge after the next election.

### WILLIAM (BILL) CHAMBERS DEGRES VOLSTEAD ACT

During a little chat with William (Bill) Chambers, Attorney now located in the Brandeis Theatre building we found out how hard this fighting lawyer battled for the consolidation of Omaha and Douglas county, which if the bill had gone through would have meant that rich residents of Fairacres would have had to pay their equal share of taxes.

Bill also introduced the bill which created the municipal courts of Omaha and was one of the solons who introduced the bill consolidating Omaha, South Omaha and other suburbs making for a greater Omaha.

Chambers has always opposed prohibition as it is administered under the Volstead Act and has been very successful in cases he has handled along those lines. He likes politics but that game is only incidental to his main line of endeavor, that of winning cases for his clientele.

### TAXI DRIVERS NOT FORCED TO SEARCH PATRONS BY RULING OF WOODROUGH

Popular Federal Judge Dismisses Case Against Mr. Herschman of Blue Taxi Cab And Set Precedent—Ruling Perhaps Effects Employees Of All Transportation Lines—Makes It Hard For Government Agents To "Frame" On Enemies.

A precedent was no doubt set by Judge Woodrough in the handling of a certain case about two weeks ago. At that time a Mr. Herschman, one of the proprietors of the Blue Cab Company was haled into court because booze was alleged to have been found in one of his taxis. The Government used every thing they had "in the box" to convict Herschman.

When they had concluded, attorneys for the Blue Cab proprietor, Jack Baldwin and Ray Lones pressed home an argument so strong and convincing that when time came for the case to go to the jury Judge Woodrough took it out of court as the government had made no case what-so-ever on which to base a conviction. The whole matter looked to an outsider like a frame up though such may have been far from the facts.

"This is a court of justice" Woodrough stated in dismissing the charges which he said were unfounded and without sufficient reason according to some who heard the trial. The most important thing connected with the case is that his ruling means that taxi drivers are not forced to search every patron they drive and can not be held for an act committed against the Eighteenth Amendment by another even though said party is, at the time of detention

found to be riding in a taxi cab. It is one of the most just findings, one of the most common sense decisions ever handed down by a federal judge in this country. One may sense the attitude of certain enforcement officials in Washington and elsewhere when they go so far as to permit their local agents the right and leeway to arrest a taxi cab owner on a charge that one of his patrons was found with booze on him while riding, even though the car was being driven by one of his hired men.

For the benefit of those of our readers who think that anything should go in the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment we would like to draw a simile to the one we are writing of today. Supposing the judge should have given as his judgement that Herschman should have been convicted on the charge of transporting liquor and sentenced him accordingly. Such a conviction would have meant that in order to play safe every taxi owner in the city would be compelled to search every man or woman before entering the car and if the prospective patron refused to be searched it would mean the losing of that customer.

If such a ruling were to become effective it would not stop at the (Continued on page 4)

### FAILURE OF PROHIBITION LAID TO IGNORING LAW BY OFFICERS

### Brisbane Declares That Wilson And Harding Drank After Prohibition Became Effective

### BEST MINDS AGAINST 18th AMENDMENT

Hootch Will Be Made So Long As Distillers Can Turn One Dollars Worth Of Corn Into 25 Dollars Worth Of Whiskey—500 Distilleries Before Prohibition—34,000 Confiscated Since Law Went Into Effect.

The attention of most Americans was attracted in a most effective manner last Monday by a story from the pen of Arthur Brisbane. This writer who perhaps is in closer touch with the thought and opinion of citizens of the United States than is any other man gives a true outline of prohibition which has failed to prohibit.

In commenting on that proven fact he states that prohibition was made law by men who violate it, and never had any intention of obeying the law or respecting the constitution. Then he asks his millions of readers how can they expect the great professional bootleg criminal class, created by prohibition, not to follow an example set in the highest places.

Being unafraid to tell a truth even though it effects the biggest and most powerful men in the world, Brisbane directly charges that presidents Wilson and Harding drank after prohibition had been written into the law of the land. Let us quote him on this subject. After suggesting that his readers begin at the top he says:

"You find that we have had three presidents under prohibition, and Calvin Coolidge is the first of them to drink only water—plus tea buttermilk, ginger ale, and the other moral concoctions, of course. Every servant of the great club in Washington knew that a president of the United States had in the club his locker supplied with whiskey and openly passed the beverage around among his friends, and transported it through the streets of the capital in violation of law and contempt of the constitution." Men in all walks of life, among them some of Americas most noted educators and thinkers have come to the conclusion that prohibition under the Volstead Enforcement Act has become an absolute farce and is not an never will be a (Continued on page 3)

### BURCH RODS NOW IN CELLER EXPECT TO START UPWARD FLIGHT IN OPENING HERE

Many New Faces Expected When Buffaloes Play To Home Folks On First Day—Record Crowd Expected April 29—Great Diamond Battle Looked For In American League—Giants Forge To Front Closely Followed By Cincinnati Reds.

As a baseball procrastinator we have begun to think that we are the bunk, especially so far as the Buffaloes are concerned. In our last issue we predicted that Barney's men would land in Omaha on April 28 with a string of victories which would balance or over balance defeats administered them by their southern adversaries. They will have to accelerate their speed and come through with a continuous line of victories to break even on their first round trip of the southland.

That manager Griggs' boys has been a disappointment to their thousands of Omaha followers goes without saying. While it is true that they lost six of their first seven starts there is no great discouragement to be had from these performances. Nearly every day the score board tells us that the Omaha team has lost out by but a single score. That is hard luck personified. But it is at the same time the kind of luck that often loosens ball teams pennant.

The pitching has been erratic if we may use a charitable word. Things however are going to be a heap different on the mound before the opening game here next Wednesday. At that time "light horse" Harry Lee will have been a member of the Rods staff and will have other company of equal winning calibre according to word received from owner Barney Burch.

Even though our boys appear to be more or less in a slump it behoves every patriotic baseball fan in Omaha and surrounding territory to turn out "en masse" for the opening game. It is a duty we owe first of all to ourselves, secondly to the team representing our city and last but not least to the city itself, to whom we owe allegiance.

A beautiful diamond battle is being waged in the American League which promises a sensation finish with the New York Yankees, Washington, Chicago and Philadelphia? (Don't

let soak in. For instance he says there were fewer than 500 distilleries in the country, before prohibition became a law. Since then 34,000 distilleries have been seized. And for every one seized two new ones have been started.

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laugh at the last suggestion) as the leading contenders. Speaking of the athletics they are not going to be a joke this season as the venerable Connie Mack appears to have rounded into almost perfect form a bunch of youngsters who are sure to deliver the goods this season. Mister McGillicuddy commonly known as Connie has retained enough veterans and obtained enough new material who have enough natural baseball playing ability plus baseball brains that the three-time champion pilot is very liable to have his aggregation at or near the top as the shades of night fall on the final major baseball game this coming October.

In the National League the Giants are as usual setting the pace with Jack Hendrick's Cincinnati Reg Legs right on their heels. Scrutinizing and analyzing the box scores in the National since the season opened seems to prove that New York, Cincinnati and Chicago is to fight it out in the major organization for steller honors, this in spite of the fact that the Cubs are at present in the second division.

It is true that most baseball writers in the country have conceded Brooklyn and Pittsburgh a one, two, three place. However in our humble opinion the Cardinals will land not lower down in the percentage column than third and will be trailed by both the Dodgers and Pirates.

Magnet Barney Burch is in the same predicament as is the Moguls of this and every other circuit in the baseball world. The professional game after a manner is threatened with amateur and semi-professional baseball clubs who each year are succeeding in detracting from the professional game.

Omaha is fortunate in having at least ten or twelve amateur teams which are so good as a whole that most of their individual members

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## Starved Veteran Kills

### Self as Pension Comes

San Francisco.—Hungry and despondent, Olive Harris, thirty-two, American aviator ace during the World war, recently a federal vocational student at the University of California, killed himself with gas just a few hours before the postman brought a government check that might have saved his life.

The veteran's body was found by his landlady, Mrs. I. R. Hart, when she went to his door to give him the overdue compensation check.

Mrs. Hart said Harris, a former lieutenant, had eaten nothing for several days, and showed great anxiety over the nonarrival of "an important letter from Washington."

Harris was a lieutenant of aviation during the war, and is credited with having shot down three enemy planes, papers found in his possession by Deputy Coroner Frank Berg, indicated. His father is a mail carrier at Santa Cruz.

"I really hate to encumber you with this body," he wrote in a farewell letter to his landlady, "but it can do no more than cause a little excitement. The United States veterans' bureau can pay for the burial."

## Elephant Holds Up Train

### Making Commuters Walk

Boston, Mass.—Commuters on the Boston & Maine railroad having occasion to pass through Salem had to do a bit of unexpected walking when a two and one-half-ton circus elephant became so ruffled over slipping on the ice at the railroad crossing that he would not get up until he was good and ready.

"Chester" in an unwary moment put his foot down on a stretch of glaring ice as he was about to board his private car and down he tumbled. Coaxing failed to budge the animal and prodding had no more effect, so there was nothing to do but turn trains to either side of the animal and make passengers get out, walk around the living obstruction and board a train on the other side.

Finally "Chester" tired of lying down, got up, proceeded to his car, and regular train traffic was resumed.

## The First Circus

The traveling circus originated in London and was kept by a man named Philip Astley, who lived at the end of the Eighteenth century.

From the very beginning, the circus was held in a tent, the center of which formed the arena where the performance took place. The seats for the spectators were arranged in tiers ascending from the central space.

The same exhibitions which characterized our own circus were found in the first one. There were feats of horsemanship, such as leaping through hoops from the back of a galloping horse, standing with one foot on each of two horses, as they gallop side by side.

## Actor Badly Rattled

A young man had to take part in some amateur theatricals. His part was quite a minor one and there was really not a great deal for him to do or say.

After the shooting scene the young man had to enter the wings and say: "Hark! 'Tis the pistol!"

Now, during rehearsals a real pistol was never used, and the youth, on receiving his cue, walked in and performed his part quite efficiently.

On the opening night, however, a real pistol was substituted for the cue, and this apparently took the young man by surprise, for as the pistol went off he rushed on and gasped:

"Ye gods! What on earth was that?"

## LEGAL NOTICE

To Abraham Morris and Molly Morris, non-resident defendants:—

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of attachment issued by Honorable Arthur E. Baldwin, Judge of the Municipal Court, in and for the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, in an action pending before said Court, wherein Archibald R. Kelley is plaintiff and Abraham Morris and Molly Morris, defendants, to recover the sum of \$100.27, a writ of attachment was issued and property belonging to you consisting of money and credits in the hands of Chester Brunner have been attached, and that said case was on the return day of the summons issued therein continued for trial to the 4th day of May, A. D. 1925, at 9 O'clock A. M.

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## Pickwick Not Entirely Creation of Dickens

Among the great humorous characters of fiction, which include such world-famous creations as Mr. Pickwick, Dominie Sampson, and Falstaff, there stands a grocer-sportsman whose acquaintance many of the present generation have never made, except by name. Mr. Jorrocks "of St. Botolph Lane and Great Corn Street" was created by Robert Smith Surtees, who died 60 years ago.

Not liking his profession of the law, Surtees took to editing a sporting paper, and later to writing sporting novels, by far the best known of which is the famous "Handley Cross." He introduced John Jorrocks to the public in a volume called "Jorrocks' Jaunts and Jollities, being the hunting, shooting, racing, driving, sailing, eating, eccentric, and extravagant exploits of that renowned sporting citizen, Mr. John Jorrocks."

The success of Jorrocks led other publishers to look for similar material, and we find Charles Dickens confessing that a proposal was made to him to write about a certain Nimrod club, "whose members were to go out shooting, fishing, and so forth, and get themselves into difficulties through their want of dexterity."

The book which Dickens wrote was entitled "The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club," and it is unlikely that it would have been written had not Surtees made such a success with his immortal Jorrocks, the Dickens of the hunting field.—London Answers.

## Beauty at Least Had Her Interest Aroused

They were dancing lightly and he held her tightly in his manly arms. He closed his eyes for a time and danced here and there in ecstasy. She looked up into his face and suddenly his eyes opened. The music stopped. "Come, let's go out on the porch," he muttered thickly. He stole a glance at his partner. Never had he seen so ravishing a beauty. He could resist no longer. He took her in his arms.

"Oh, darling, I love you so. Say you will be mine." She looked again into his eyes.

"I'm not rich like Jawn Brown, and I haven't a car, or home, or cellar like him, but I do love you and want you terribly."

Two soft, snow-white arms reached around his neck, and two ruby lips whispered in his ear: "Where is this man Brown?"—Boston Beanpot.

## Ancient English Custom

The term "Trial of the Pyx," is applied in Great Britain to the official inquiry annually made to determine the weight and fineness of the standard coins issued from the mint during the preceding year. It is so called from the "pyx," that is, the box or chest in which are preserved the specimen gold and silver coins of the realm. The first trial is said to have been ordered by Henry II (1154-1189). The earlier tests occurred at irregular intervals, but since the passage of the coinage act in 1870, the examination has been annually made at Goldsmiths' hall, by a jury of goldsmiths presided over by the king's remembrancer.—Kansas City Star.

## "Laughter a Low Thing"

According to one authority, Moltke, the famous German general, only laughed twice after attaining years of discretion. The first occasion was when he heard the news of his mother-in-law's death; the second, when some one told him that a military construction just outside Stockholm was considered by the Swedes to be a strong fortress. Moltke would have endorsed Lord Chesterfield's indictment of laughter as "a low and unbecoming thing, not to mention the disagreeable noise that it makes, and the shocking contortion of the face that it occasions. . . . I am sure that since I have had the full use of my reason nobody has ever heard me laugh." Charles Sumner, the American statesman, could make a similar boast; while, according to John Martineau, who was for some time a pupil at Eversley, Charles Kingsley never laughed.—Family Herald.

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## TWO PRESIDENTS VIOLATED LAW, AUTHOR SAYS

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Successfully, workable proposition. We are all more or less apes in that we follow blindly our chosen leaders, also we as a nation are wont to imitate the crane in sticking our heads in the sand to avoid dangers to which we have been one of the guilty parties in helping to create. Hearst's ace in the hole in commenting along these lines asks the public if they can expect club servants and others to take the prohibition amendment seriously.

He wants to know if Americans think those violating the prohibition law should be put in jail for doing what they have seen done by the president and a dozen senators, with laughter, and joking as to the merits of bootleggers and the qualities of their supplies.

He goes on to say that when law and the constitution are despised by those in power, don't expect to find respect for law or constitution lower down in the scale.

And when men that make the laws decide that they may properly violate one law that does not suit them, you may be sure that a new and great body of criminals will arise to defy laws concerning property that they don't like. And that is exactly what has happened in America."

## NEXT POLITICAL BATTLE TO BE FOUGHT ON PROHIBITION

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speaking officially now, for the governor as a candidate, but I will admit that I have been obtaining the sentiment of prominent Democrats and have found this sentiment to be quite definite in favor of Governor Smith as the next Democratic standard bearer," said the somewhat youthful campaign manager of the broadminded New York governor.

While Mr. Hoey was in the city he made it very clear that Governor Smith's presidential campaign is already under way and that he expects to make the campaign issues so clear cut that he who runs may read.

It is now considered certain that leaders of the political though of the nation will form a close organization whereby they will concentrate the

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sentiment of America on the all important liquor question which must be decided one way or the other at the next election. Cowardly politicians have moved heaven and earth to defer the moment when the question of the effectiveness of the Volstead Enforcement Act is to be decided in its merits.

These politicians have finally sensed the attitude of the American people and fully half of them have come to the very deliberate conclusion that the voters, men and women have fully made up their minds that they, at the next election wish to express their definite opinion on this all absorbing topic.

## SNAPPY STORIES PICKED UP

BY NEWS GATHERING FORCE

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of the men took him to the lobby while the other two remained in the room and "planted" evidence. They however must have become scared of their own trickery and treachery and did not finish the job they started out to perform. More may be said about this case if further developments mature.

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could easily qualify for a place on most any class A club. It is not to be expected much less to be desired that amateur baseball will ever replace the professional game. At that it can not be gainsaid that the sand lotters are not making inroads on the professionals here in Omaha as well as in all other parts of the country.

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# PLAYED ROLE OF SPETTIGUE 4000 TIMES IN TWELVE YEARS

Some Humorous Recollections Of  
"Charley's Aunt."  
By James E. Page

"Hundreds of times I have been asked the cause of the remarkable success of "Charley's Aunt" and always my answer, is the same; its unique vitality, its exceedingly comic situation and its genuine humor.

"Twelve years ago I joined the company and it is my proud boast that I have played the part of Spettigue over 4,000 times. And I never get tired of the part despite the fact that I am not allowed to "gag", though the temptation to do so is sometimes very great, particularly when the house is rocking with laughter.

"It is, of course, natural to suppose that during my twelve years in the part I have encountered many interesting experiences, some extremely funny, others confusingly awkward.

"I remember especially one occasion when a friend called to see me in my dressing room. I suddenly heard my cue and with out stopping to look, grabbed my friend's "silk topper". It was the tea scene and as usual hot tea was poured into the hat. Only then did I realize that I had made a dreadful mistake.

"The hat I wear is the only one of its kind. It was made especially for the part by a well-known London firm and is known as the Spettigue hat. Since I first played the part I have had no less than fifty of these hats. I have worn out three hundred pairs of side whiskers in the role, yet in the twelve years I have had only one umbrella. However, I do not believe I should care to venture out in a storm with it.

"Another episode I like to recall transpired in a small Lancashire town. Nowhere was there to be found a piano which we could hire for the performance and in sheer desperation we were forced to take an old harmonium which had long since served its usefulness. "Babbs" boldly attacked the instrument which, upon the first touch, emitted such weird sounds of intense agony it sent the audience off in gales of laughter and the actors were unable to go with their parts for several minutes. However, they got started again when, about half way through the scene, without being touched the harmonium again emitted some shrill shrieks. Apparently the bellows had not been entirely emptied of wind. This second outburst very nearly stopped the performance or both the audience and the players found it difficult to stop laughing.

I could go on and on recalling endless incidents but I think I shall have to save them until after I have completed the film version of the play, which I believe is even funnier than the original because of Syd Chaunlin who is a natural born comedian, and then I shall write my memoirs concerning "Charley's Aunt".

This popular play will be given its screen premiere at the Rialto, Saturday, and will be the feature attraction at the popular playhouse for one week.

## Gloria Swanson In 'Madame Sans Gene' A Real Screen Event

Produced in Paris With Charles De Roche Heading Strong Supporting Cast.

"Madame Sans Gene," Gloria Swanson's new Paramount picture which comes to the Strand Theatre on Sunday, for one week, is a real screen event. The entire production was filmed in Paris with the cooperation of the French Ministry of Fine Arts. Charles de Roche, Franco-American leading man, heads the cast playing in support of the star.

The story opens in a laundry on Rue St. Anne, where "Madame Sans Gene" does washing for the famous and obscure of Paris. Among the latter is young Napoleon Bonaparte with cast political ideas but a very scanty income.

Sans-Gene launders for Bonaparte never asking or taking money until becomes Emperor of France. Several years later Lefebvre, an army sergeant, who has married Sans Gene, distinguishes himself in the Army of Napoleon Bonaparte and is awarded the baton of Field Marshal by the emperor. A title—Duchess of Dantzig—gives Sans Gene a place in Napoleon's court, but the rigid formality of court life proves irksome to the pretty little laundress-duchess, who repeatedly, although innocently enough, breaks some of the sacred rules of what to say and how to act in court.

Severe as the Emperor would like to be censuring San-Gene, she manages to win more than a smile from him by her imitations of the stiff and stately women of the court—an episode that is bound to recall one of the most amusing scenes in her great success, "Manhandled." And it is by thus establishing herself so strongly with Bonaparte that Sans-Gene is enabled to take a dominant part in the domestic tiff between Napoleon, Empress Louise and a certain Count Neipperg, the climax of the great play.

The Empress is seemingly mixed up in an affair with Neipperg and has

been ordered to leave the country by Napoleon. In confidence, the Count tells Sans Gene that the Empress has sent word that she wants to see him before she leaves; and that he intends risking his life to carry out her wish. She warns him to be careful and when word is brought to the Emperor that he is entering the castle by a secret staircase, Sans Gene manages to straighten out matters by faking a letter from the Empress to her father in Austria, requesting him to call Neipperg and professing her love for Napoleon. The Count is pardoned and Sans Gene finds herself more firmly established than ever in the Emperor's favor.

Leonce Perret directed.

## Orpheum ORPHEUM CIRCUIT VAUDEVILLE Coming Next Week, The Celebrated Dramatic Actor Wallace Eddinger

Wallace Eddinger, star of "Captain Applejack," "The Haunted House" and numerous other plays of the contemporary drama, is playing a limited vaudeville engagement on the Orpheum Circuit in a one-act comedy by Edwin Burke called "Things Could Be Worse." It was Mr. Eddinger who as a boy created the title role in the dramatization of Frances Burnett's famous story, "Little Lord Fauntleroy." Still a young man, he has been acting for many years, and without exception each of his creations has brought fresh laurels to him. His supporting company in "Things Could Be Worse" includes Isabel Withals and Leslie Adams.

The Wright Dancers offer one of the most genuinely artistic dancing acts in vaudeville. Eight lithesome girls of extraordinary beauty of face and figure make up the cast of this company. They have been trained in the California school of Dexter and Anita Peters Wright, until they have achieved an amazing and dexterous mastery of the varied forms of the dance. They present a repertoire of Russian, French, Oriental, Spanish and English numbers and a thrilling, wildly graceful American Indian number by Helen Pachaud, the principal of the company. Gordon Bennett, tenor, is also featured in this artistic terpsichorean novelty.

Joe Weston and Grace Eline offer "Character Interpretations" in song, dance and patter. These impersonations as mainly of the social scale and are bounded by the Bowery and Fifth Avenue. Mr. Weston was the principal comedian in "Fair and Warmer" and "Maid in America." Miss Eline was with Nora Bayes when Miss Bayes was in musical comedy and she was also one of the Tanhauser Kids, the first of the widely exploited child actresses of the films.

Art Henry and Leah Moore have a breezy little skit of dialogue, song and comedy. Mr. Moore is a comedian of original abilities with which he couples his skill as a violinist. Both have a fascinating sense of rhythm and an unforced style of humor. In "My Brother," they present a glimpse of the wheels of vaudeville in motion.

Bileen Van Biene and Richard Ford are from musical comedy. For the four seasons Miss Van Biene starred in "Maytime." Other of her musical successes were "The Girl in the Taxi" and "Have a Heart." Mr. Ford was the tenor in "Magic Ring" and several other musical credits. His voice has a mellow, shimmering quality and is pleasing both in quality and volume. Miss Van Biene's clear soprano voice is rich and fluid. In her crinoline gowns, with which she became identified as the captivating heroine, Otilie, in "Maytime," she will make her vaudeville appearance with Mr. Ford in a song cycle entitled "Romance and Crinoline."

Harry Breen is a rapid fire song writer. From the stage he takes the most tivial happenings and turns them into song. Besides his ability as an extemporaneous song writer, he has a keen sense of humor and a knack of getting it over, always reaping a harvest of laughs. He is the author of several popular songs and vaudeville sketches.

## TAXI DRIVERS NOT FORCED TO SEARCH PATRONS BY RULING OF WOODROUGH (Continued from page 1)

taxi transportation business but would effect Street railways, Railroads and every other means of transportation. In other words if a taxi owner was to be held responsible for his patrons fracturing the law then it would be equally imperative that owners, including all stockholders of street railways and railroads would be equally responsible for the conduct of their passengers so far as carrying booze with them were concerned.

Frame ups being a large part of the business of many agents who love to get something on some one whether they are guilty or not, would reveal in a riot of fun in getting out warrants for everybody they had it in for, then nab them while being transported from one place to another. If they found nothing the holdup victim would have no recourse, it is understood, as the "snipers" could easily claim that they had "reasonable cause" to believe that the party arrested was guilty of fracturing the Volstead Enforcement Act.

The ruling makes it possible for the general public to breathe easily so far as their transportation problems is concerned. That is to say, no longer will a man or woman hesitate to engage a taxi as they feel assured that, uncalled for, the law will swoop down on them at any time they feel like it.

Common sense ruling of this kind are usually noted by other federal judges in various parts of the country and used as a precedent where similar cases come before them for adjudication.

## Ad-Sell Club To Put On Knock-Out Monday

Sidney Smith, America's Premier  
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If the Ad-Sell club does not pack the Auditorium next Monday night to its utmost capacity there is something seriously wrong with the people of Omaha and surrounding territory. On that occasion this famous organization has a list of nationally known attractions that has never gathered under one roof at the same time in our fair village.

Unlike a theatre this organization cannot advertise a headline attraction as those to be on hand are all stellar attractions and stars of the first magnitude in their own various lines. Perhaps best known among the speakers on this historic occasion will be Sidney Smith who created and brought into the lives of tens of millions of American citizens, Andy Gump, Min, Uncle Bim, Little Chester and a score or more of lesser lights.

Another headliner of international renown will be "Smiling" Jack Harding, around the world flier, orator and lady killer. The Ad-Sellers have formulated the most pretentious and interesting program which will have been given in Omaha in a decade.

## BUILDING STATISTICS

Southern Pine Association Barometer for last week shows orders received increased 5.5 per cent over previous week; Shipments increased 4.7 per cent, and production increased 7.7 per cent. Reports from 129 mills show 78,236,340 feet ordered, 79,094,470 feet shipped and 76,967,524 feet produced. Orders on hand end of last week were 245,739,130 feet.

## SAMUEL GOLDWYN MARRIES ACTRESS

Samuel Goldwyn, motion-picture producer, and Miss Frances Howard McLaughlin, screen actress, were married at Jersey City, N. J. yesterday. Goldwyn is 40, his bride 21. They plan to take a train from New York for Los Angeles.

## 15 DRY AGENTS DISMISSED

R. Q. Merrick, divisional prohibition director for New York and northern New Jersey, announced yesterday the dismissal of 15 members of his staff, "for the good of the service."

## Chauncey M. Depew Is Ninety-One Years Old

AGED Man Well And Hearty, Despite Age, Not Very Crazy About Prohibition, Don't Know Whether Its Good Thing Or Not—He's A Christian, Too.

Today Chancey M. Depew is celebrating the ninety-first year of his birth. He has never been old, he admits. Few men who have lived to his age can say as much. He is ripe in years, just the same. He has lived a Christian life and has practiced Christianity, too, for nearly a century. He has none of the foolishness of the younger people, but he is a good mingler just the same. He believes in personal liberty. He has his doubts, very serious ones, too, about the success of prohibition. His judgment is worth thinking about. He has lived an exemplary life and been a success at about everything he has undertaken. The country would be much better off with more Chauncey Depews.

## WASHINGTON PRESS CLUB KIDS VICE-PRESIDENT DAWES

By way of celebrating the fortieth anniversary of its foundation the Gridiron club, composed of Washington newspaper correspondents, at its spring dinner tonight devoted its entertainment to Coolidge's constitutionalized circus, a three ring affair in which public men and affairs got the usual good natured roasting.

Senator Butler of Massachusetts, chairman of the republican national committee, was pictured as ring master and, noting the absence of "Demon Dawes," he observed to the ring-side that "he has already missed one performance when we needed him."

The show was interrupted at the outset by a barker for a democratic side-show, pictured as Senator Reed of Missouri, who invited the audience to see "Walsh the wild man; goes wild on oil and sugar."

"Jo-Jo Robinson and his democratic donkey playing 'dead since last November; Hefflin, the human harmonica; Overman, the strong man, who breaks a tie at every performance; Roscoe Harrison, who eats them alive, and the Miami Twins—Bill and Charley—in their great living statutory act."

By the time the democratic side show barker had been given the "hey-ride" in approved oldtime circus fashion, there was another upset and ringmaster Butler was informed that "the La Follette crowd has crawled under the tent and set up a three shell game again."

A distinguished company of guests enjoyed the fun, much of it at their own expense. President Coolidge headed the list and was accompanied by eight members of his cabinet.

## BUY-RITES IN CONTEST ON "OMAHA-MADE" WINDOWS

Fifty automobile loads of Omaha manufacturers, wholesalers and Buy-Rite grocers last night engaged in an inspection tour of Buy-Rite show windows in Greater Omaha. Each window displayed Omaha-made goods.

Ben Warren of McCord-Brady Co., Frank Koegh of Paxton-Gallagher Co., and A. D. Spear of Iten Biscuit Co., judged the merits of the window displays and awarded honors as follows:

First, Lyman and Brennan, Sixteenth and Dorcas streets; second, Henne-gan & Co., Thirty-third and Leavenworth streets; third, George L. Ross, North Omaha; fourth, Ernest Buffett, Fiftieth street and Underwood avenue.

A band, police officials, and motorcycle officers led the parade.

## LIGGETT PLANS TO BUY TWO MORE DRUG STORES

Besides the four Sherman-McConnell Drug stores, whose purchase was announced last week, the Liggett Drug Company plans to buy two more drug stores in Omaha, Robert Hart, district manager, said before he left Omaha Wednesday. Mr. Hart will return May 1, when his company formally takes possession of its new stores.

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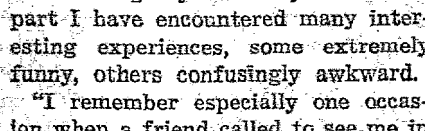
It is authentically reported that Andrew Murphy & Son have this week closed a deal with the Saunders Drive It Yourself Company of Omaha, for 50 Maxwell Coupes and Sedans for immediate delivery. The majority of these cars are to be used in Omaha and part of them will go to Council Bluffs and Lincoln.

Murphy & Son are making some large stride with the Maxwell and Chrysler line of automobiles and only this month drove out 28 Maxwells and Chryslers from Detroit to Omaha in order to get cars fast enough to make deliveries.

The Chrysler automobile holds a record of high esteem among the many Chrysler owners and it is considered quite marvelous the fine product that Mr. Walter P. Chrysler is turning out in both the Maxwell and Chrysler cars. The Maxwell and Chrysler factories shipped over 12,000 Maxwell and Chrysler cars during the month of March and are running on a schedule of 16,000 cars for the month of April. This brings them in to a position of one of the largest automobile manufacturers in the world.

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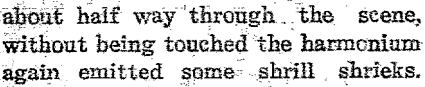
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