

Serious Reports Concerning Rev. DeLarme, Baptist Reformer

RECALL BRINGS OUT SOME CHURCH SLANDER

Elmer Thomas' Insistence On Using Rotten Eggs Opens Family Closet

PERSONAL ATTACKS ARE MET QUICKLY

Bootleggers Pass Wads for Protection for Many Months, but Forced to Close When They Can No Longer Come Across—Two Officers Now Under Fire.

WITH the petition for the recall of four city commissioners a pronounced success, Elmer Thomas, \$300 secretary of the so-called "Committee of 500," with the avowed approval of that body and with the apparent approval of at least part of those mentioned in that recall, has indulged in political rotten egg throwing. All decent people resent such tactics, no less than does this newspaper. It becomes necessary oftentimes to meet the "hun" with his own ammunition. For that reason this paper has a few things to say at this time about the character of some of the men who have been active in this "rotten egg" business.

A week ago, Mr. Thomas, with the approval of this so-called "Committee of 500," undertook to besmirch the character of a newspaper man who has been active in unearthing the rottenness behind some of the present city commissioners, especially J. Dean Ringer, superintendent of police. It is not necessary to revamp the action of that committee. It is sufficient to say that only one newspaper, the Omaha World-Herald, had sufficient depravity to circulate the story against this man. Without repeating history, it is sufficient to say that the World-Herald has not been free from employees who have caused the editor of that paper to make explanations. Not so many decades ago one of the World-Herald reporters was made a high police official. Within a short time he was convicted, at least in the minds of the public, of accepting money bribes right on the postoffice steps. But that is not of great importance at this time.

One of the men who has recently posed as a leader in this "reform" movement is the Rev. A. A. DeLarme, pastor of the First Baptist church of Omaha. Last Sunday evening he appeared in the pulpit of an Omaha church, ostensibly to preach on the subject of daylight saving. The real pith of his address, however, was an appeal to his audience to sign "500" cards and to oppose the present movement for a recall of four city commissioners.

In order to keep the record straight and to know just what sort of men are interested in this "Committee of 500," a little history about Rev. DeLarme is pertinent at this time. He declared the action of two of the present councilmen in double-crossing the Ak-Sar-Ben last fall was what brought about the present recall proposition.

And Rev. DeLarme said a lot of other things, too. His interest in the Ringer administration was especially shown in his activity in securing new members enough to actually have 500 on this so-called reform committee.

Rev. DeLarme came here some two years or more ago under circumstances, not to the liking of all the members of the First Baptist church, it is said. Two preceding ministers of the same church left by invitation, it was stated. After a few months in the city there appeared in Omaha a young lady from an eastern city, with good recommendations. She consulted a lawyer, with whom she lodged a charge of abortion against Rev. DeLarme. The matter did not materialize sufficiently at that time to get into the courts.

This young lady had numerous letters signed by Rev. DeLarme and many newspaper clippings from eastern papers which were anything but complimentary to this Omaha divine. Some Omaha gentlemen who interested themselves in the case took time to make further investigation.

Several letters were exchanged within the last few months which throw considerable light on the matter. In order to save the young lady in question from further ignominy her name is withheld for the present. In response to a letter sent her a reply was received which makes plain how the young lady's family feels about the matter. Names omitted, that letter

is as follows:
"Dear Sir: In regard to your letter I am sorry to say that Miss M— is not at home, but is in service on the other side as Red Cross nurse. I am her sister and hold all the clippings and data, also Mr. DeLarme's photo, which he gave my sister while here. I don't want her name in the papers any more for that man, as his place is behind the bars for life. I have told him so more than once. Mr. — of Fair Lawn, N. J., can tell you more about the man while in the First Baptist church of Paterson. I should like to see the papers show him up and will send you data, clippings and his photo."

Rev. DeLarme has found it convenient to not only get into city politics himself, but also to invite his flock into the game. He is one of the chosen of Elmer Thomas to cleanse our fair city and is a firm supporter of Mr. Thomas and his assistants in the city commission.

As stated before, it is not desired to indulge in personalities nor to get into the rotten egg business. But Mr. Thomas has taken it upon himself to start the scrambled rottenness going and to thereby bring the evangelical churches of Omaha into disrepute. It is a crime against these good people which should be rebuked. So long as the good church people of Omaha permit such men as Thomas to front for them, just so long will they be victims of the vicious aspirations of political renegades whose interest in the church movement amounts to exactly the profit they can secure from their propaganda.

The recall will soon be on and the righteous indignation of those who believe in better things for Greater Omaha and its best Christian element will ultimately prevail.

The data, clippings and photos referred to have been received in this city and now repose in a local safe deposit vault.

Mayor Smith says only the bolsheviks want him recalled. If that is true there are a lot of bolsheviks in Omaha.

A few reservations in that League of Nations treaty may not be such a bad thing, after all. Uncle Sam is not the guardian for the whole world.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN By GENE BYRNES



Desperation Seizes "Big Four"

DESPERATION has apparently seized members of the "Big Four," whom it is now proposed to recall from the city commission. Elmer Thomas, almost before he sees his first \$300 check for boosting the four men under fire, finds himself besieged by an almost unanimous demand for the recall of the four men he promised his self-organized "Committee of 500" to protect.

In this situation Elmer has indicated that he will soon have out a recall petition for Commissioner Harry Zimman and perhaps he will also include Butler and Tom Falconer. Mr. Ringer, with his back to the wall, is calling his associates together daily to figure out the best way to meet the almost unanimous demand for their removal. He has started his sleuths out for gore and some of the boys have been told to arrest everybody in sight. "Get all of them out of the city that is possible," he says, "because we have got to win, by fair means or foul."

The police assignments for the month end shows some remarkable conditions. Many of the old men have been sent from plain clothes to khaki harness and a new squad are going on probation in plain clothes. Several of the men who have got Mr. Ringer into so much trouble are slated for demotion today. Altogether, it has become a desperate condition for these four fellows who are under severe fire.

Each day's events show more conclusively than ever the weakness of the police administration and the bad predicament in which Ringer's associates have managed to place him. Some of the prime favorites who are being reduced have given indication of their intention to "squawk" the minute they are put on the pan. Such a condition naturally aggravates the unpleasantness of being in the position of a fake reformer.

Most recent events are said to have had their influences on the church interests, who heretofore have taken Mr. Ringer at his word. The so-called 500 committee, which is said to have about fifty real members, is beginning to disintegrate, with the result that only a handful of active ones are in the game. These are fellows who must do or die, and they are not in a position to let the whole truth come out when a new administration begins to explode things.

The talk about a petition to recall Commissioner Zimman is about the silliest thing that has been heard. We suggest that Mr. Thomas could not secure the necessary number to even complete such a petition, to say nothing of getting enough votes in a special election to recall this commissioner.

Within another week the petitions will be filed and the election will probably occur within the next sixty days. The campaign ought to be a good one. Mr. Thomas is expected to stick as long as the money holds out. He will order a new supply of well rotted eggs and take a flying start. When the fireworks are set off the recallers will turn their heavy artillery and searchlights on to the "Big Four" and the game will be good.

Those opposed to a recall should speak early, because the other side will pluck about everything worth having before matters go very far.

HARRY WYMORE BACK IN BUSINESS HERE

Harry Wymore, one of the best known and most successful restaurant men in Omaha, has returned after a few months' absence and started in business at 107 South Fifteenth street. He is also looking for a larger and more central location, which he expects to land in the near future.

Sign a recall petition.

PROTECTION MONEY COLLECTED IS CHARGE

Two Officers Said to Have Received \$180 Monthly from Two Places

BOTH ARE CLOSED WHEN MONEY STOPS

Baptist Minister Apologies for Misdeeds of Ringer and Solicits for "500 Committee"—Reaction Shows Sort of Men Who Pose as Reformers.

SOUTH Side people, who have just learned of the proposed recall of four of the present city commissioners, are beginning to set up and take notice. Some of them have been paying tribute to the powers that be and are wondering whether or not Mr. Ringer and his \$300 assistant, Elmer Thomas have been parties to the game.

It has just been learned that several South Side bootleggers have been regular contributors to members of Mr. Ringer's police force. Two of these officers, in plain clothes, have been collecting \$100 and \$80, respectively, from two places until they were recently closed. Finally, when they could no longer bleed these "dealers" they turned them in and managed to have their licenses revoked. Both of them have been forced out of business.

It is a tale of leechery that is seldom heard in the ordinary annals of police activity. It smacks of the Lexow affair in New York a few years ago. These two fellows, wearing the badge of police authority, deliberately accepted these contributions, paid to them under the supposition that the money was for protection against arrest. Neither of the victims knows whether any of it went to Mr. Ringer himself, but they do know that it was paid regularly every month in advance.

There came the time, just before the whole country went dry, that the "dealers" could no longer stand the expense. They wanted to cut the "protection" assessment, but these two leeches, wearing police badges, would have none of it. The bootleggers were turned in. One of them was arrested, although he had been immune for two years. For all that time he had freely poured the hard liquor out over the counter at 25 cents the drink and had never been molested. Every month he laid down his 100 buck dollars and felt that he was being protected.

In the meantime another fellow, a few blocks away, not considered so prosperous as his friends, was paying \$80 each month. The wholesalers in St. Joseph and Kansas City raised prices. The "high-jackers" got to work. The expenses increased. The police officers soliloquized in their own minds, "Well, we've got ours. Let's clean the slate and turn them in."

And turn them in they did. One of the "dealers" was "knocked over" one afternoon and the other fellow's license was held up when he refused to "kick in." The fellow who had been

paying \$80 per month simply refused to be bled any longer. These two plain clothes men, wearing their badges under their coats, dropped into his place and demanded the usual \$80 for a month in advance. He refused to again become a victim of their financial raids. He laid down a \$5 bill for each of them and they threw the money on the floor. In the same breath they declared that he would not get his soft drink license. The license had been held up until that time, about the 10th of the month. It was to be acted upon that day. The same afternoon he learned that a soft drink permit had been refused him.

Whether or not the Ringer administration is responsible for the acts of these two men, wearing the badge of police authority, is not known. But it is a remarkable condition. The Mediator invites an investigation and is prepared to offer some concrete evidence in the event of Mr. Ringer taking up the matter. In the meantime Mr. Ringer himself is under a cloud and this paper suggests that he act at once, in order that the people of Omaha may know whether this recall business "is all talk."

One of these officers came from Iowa a few years ago, touted as a prizefighter. He was licked to a frazzle in three rounds of what was to have been a ten-round contest at the old Lyric theater. His partner has been an Omaha police officer for many years.

ed. We suggest that Commissioner Butler stick to his fight and he will receive the everlasting thanks of the Omaha people.

WHEEL TAX THEFT IS BRINGING STRONG KICK

Automobile Owners Up in Arms Over Diversion of Fund From Streets and Boulevards.

A righteous protest was made this week by automobile owners against turning wheel tax receipts into the city's general fund. This action was in direct violation of the law under which this tax was collected. That law provided that it must be spent on the maintenance of streets and boulevards.

Omaha's streets were never in worse condition than they are at this time. Meantime this money has been thrown into various funds and spent in profligate fashion, according to the whim of the various city commissioners to whom it was dished out.

This is a pretty serious matter. It would appear that this action of the commissioners would in itself be sufficient reason for a recall.

COAL DEALERS SQUEAL ABOUT BUTLER'S COAL

Profiteers in Black Diamonds Would Abolish Municipal Coal Yard if That Were Possible.

The coal dealers of this city have managed to recruit the Associated Retailers to their opposition to the municipal coal yard. This week that body took the whole city council to task about Dan Butler's municipal coal and are trying to get a resolution against the yard through the city council.

Just what chances the commissioners will take in abolishing the yard is uncertain. The municipal yard has become very popular with the poor people of Omaha, and it is not believed an attempt will be made to do away with it, at least until the result of the recall is known.

For the last two months about all that has been heard about coal was to the effect that prices would be soaring this winter. The coal dealers are preparing to soak the poor devils as they never were soaked before. With that condition existing it is easy to see why they want the municipal yard abolished.

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JUDGE FOSTER REFUTES IMPUTATION

POLICE JUDGE FOSTER has very wisely refuted the intimation that his purpose in rendering decisions is to send certain persons to jail, whether or not the evidence justifies such a sentence. During the current week two Omahans were arrested for various crimes, including a charge that they had resisted an officer. Later a new complaint was filed against one of them charging him with speeding. They were tried before Judge Fitzgerald and fined for speeding. Before they could leave the court room both were rearrested and charged with vagrancy.

On the new charge the men were sent to the South Side police station. A police official remarked that Foster would give them ninety days, because they could not be found guilty in Central police court.

Judge Foster resents the imputation that he is a reviewer of police court decisions in Omaha, and that is a well taken position. It is a wide stretch of imagination for a police officer to presume that police judges are made of the sort of stuff that is charged against Judge Foster. This paper has not agreed with Judge Foster in many things he has done, but it does not believe he is doing anything of the sort that is credited to him by this police official.

It is not within the province of Judge Foster to review the decisions of Judge Fitzgerald nor for Judge Fitzgerald to review those of Judge Foster. Whatever may be the wishes of the police to secure a conviction of any person or persons against whom they have complaints, it is bad business for them to presume that they can take a case from one police court jurisdiction to another and secure a spite decision against their men.

We do not, and no other good citizen does not believe Judge Foster is made of that sort of stuff. When a blown up police force gets it into their heads that they can use the judiciary to secure their unrighteous ends we say the time for recall is absolutely at hand. We congratulate Judge Foster on refusing to be the butt of a half-witted bunch of police officials who would use him to bolster up their fast declining hold on office.

Y. M. C. A. ARMY REPORT

IT would be a poor citizen who was not interested in the detailed account of receipts and expenditures of the Y. M. C. A. during the war, just made public. In round figures, according to this report, the American public contributed \$125,000,000 to the Y. M. C. A. for army work. Of this sum \$97,000,000 has been spent thus far, with \$28,000,000 still on hand.

Of course, the public will never know much about the detailed manner in which this money was spent, nor how the balance on hand is to be spent. But even from the report it may be seen that some extraordinary things were accomplished. Some of them were good; some of them were not so good.

It is hardly in keeping with good Christian ethics to criticize in matters of this sort. Thousands of individual reports have come to the great American public to the effect that the Y. M. C. A. did some mighty good things for the American soldiers. On the other hand severe criticism of certain methods have been heard.

The financial report, which is signed by George W. Perkins, says that among other merchandise purchased, were 557,096 base balls, 20,000 pairs of boxing gloves and moving pictures to the value of \$2,328,271. The soldiers were entitled to all these good things, but there is a suggestion of questionable finance in the purchase and distribution of these commodities.

The report also states that there was an actual loss of \$1,478,084, an item which is covered by the giving away of \$1,794,771. Just what is meant by the word "loss" is not clear, nor is the significance of giving away 5 per cent of the public donations at all comprehended. Every donation to this immense fund was made with the understanding that it was all given away. The system employed, the results secured and the benefits enjoyed by the soldiers will hardly be conducive of applause nor will it be a grand argument for great donations to this institution in the future.

INDEMNITY FOR UNITED STATES

THE question of whether or not the United States shall share in the indemnity which Germany will be forced to pay is still an open one. Under the terms of the treaty this country is entitled to a share of this indemnity, but there is a very clear-cut feeling that the money should not be accepted.

This indemnity business is a moot question. There is no particular reason why this country should participate unless it be with a view to recouping the losses sustained as the result of our shipping being sunk. We entered the war neither for glory or money, but rather as matter of self-protection. The president has intimated

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that we should not demand a share of this indemnity.

The matter will be one of the weighty problems to be settled in the senate, where it is said there is a considerable difference of opinion. The relatively small amount that would come to us would amount to very little, from an economic standpoint. To accept it might obligate this country in a fashion that would not be at all desirable.

The United States will naturally be a big financial gainer as a result of this world war. It has already been such a gainer. In the future we will dominate world trade almost entirely for a long time to come. It would hardly appear proper that we should demand the pound of flesh at this time, when so many European countries are almost ready for the receiver. We submit that this country will do well to forget the indemnity business, except to see that it is properly distributed among the other of our allies in Europe.

REAL ESTATE SHARKS MAKING BIG KILLING IN BOOM ABOUT TO EXPLODE

Thousands Coerced Into Buying High-Priced Realty Before Big Balloon Explodes; Wise Fellows Unloading at Fabulous Prices and Buyers Will Soon Hold Sack.

CITIZENS of Omaha are just beginning to realize that they are up against another real estate balloon. It is being inflated to larger dimensions daily by the promoters, who are preparing to turn loose on the people everything they have in the way of high prices as long as they can get away with it.

Outside of downtown property there is absolutely no excuse for the inflation of prices of property and the immense rents that are being demanded. People who are contemplating buying homes and other outside realty at the present inflated prices better keep their money in their socks.

The bottom is going to fall out of real estate, if this movement keeps up, just the same as it fell out twenty-five years ago, when realtors put the real estate balloon full of air and let it explode. Thousands of home owners will find themselves with high-priced property only partially paid for and unsalable for even the amount they still owe on it.

The last boom came in peace times, when people were better able to stand their losses. Thousands of men bought at these speculative prices and hundreds of landmarks of their financial downfall may still be seen in different parts of the city. Men and women purchased lots and built houses with the hope that they would soon be near-

millionaires. Most of them took their losses two decades ago and even at this day much of the property they bought is worth less than they paid for it at that time.

The home owning proposition is naturally an attractive one and is a sensible one. Since the war real estate men have taken advantage of the opportunity to raise prices out of all proportion to the actual value of the property involved. The result will naturally be, when conditions become normal again, that hundreds of persons who bought at these inflated prices will find their property worth about 50 cents on the dollar. Most of them will still have an immense debt hanging over them, with no chance to escape payment or losing what they already have invested.

The wise man is the one who sells at these big prices and not the man who buys. Very few real estate dealers, less than one in a hundred, is doing any building for permanent investment. They are all trying to get out from under almost before they have completed the buildings. Wise owners are disposing of their property at the present high prices, taking a chance on later buying much cheaper.

This "endless chain" business cannot go on much longer and when the crash comes real estate will be the first to feel the blow-up.

WALT STEELE AFTER GASOLINE CUSTOMERS

Walter E. Steele, Spanish war veteran and former major in the Second Nebraska regiment, is looking for customers. He is manager of the Manhattan Oil company's business at Nineteenth and Howard streets. Outside of his oil and gasoline business, Steele also carries a stock of tire casings and tubes and numerous other automobile accessories.

Steele has lived in Omaha for a long time and is well known. He al-

ready enjoys an immense trade among his hundreds of friends. His brother is manager for the Manhattan company in this district. Walt wants to see all his old friends and, just as he always did, will continue to treat them right.

For the information of those who think Bryan is dead let it be said that he is still taking up Chautauqua collections. He has been a good collector if nothing else.

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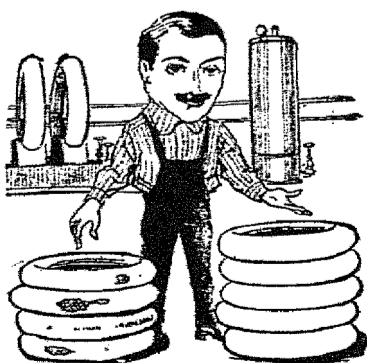
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NINTH WEEK OF FORD CASE

Famous Million Dollar Libel Case Continues in Mt. Clemens—Edsel Ford is Called to Stand by Newspaper.

Mt. Clemens, Mich.—Editors who directed the policy of The Chicago Tribune, and editorial writers who put that policy into printed words, were the witnesses produced by the defense during the ninth week of the Ford-Tribune \$1,000,000 libel case.

Tiffany Blake, chief editorial writer of The Tribune, was one of the most interesting witnesses. Mr. Blake testified that he had deliberately permitted the characterization of Mr. Ford as an anarchist because it seemed to him to sum up Mr. Ford's activities. He testified at length, under cross-examination, concerning the attitude which his paper took in favor of war with Mexico but against war with Germany, and admitted that The Tribune had in mind the material benefits which would accrue to the United States in the event of intervention, and the fact that no such gains could be reaped from war with Germany.

Ford Was in the Way.

During the course of his testimony Mr. Blake characterized the utterances and the attitude of Mr. Ford as "notorious." Ford counsel took the stand that Mr. Ford's position could not have been notorious to readers of The Tribune because The Tribune never referred to the alleged statements which it is now using as a means of justifying its attack. Its attitude towards Mr. Ford, counsel attempted to show by questioning the witness, was based upon the fact that just when it seemed that the paper's long campaign for war with Mexico was about to bear fruit, and troops were being hurried to the border, it suddenly found Henry Ford in its way.

Submarine warfare, in the estimation of The Tribune, the witness said, was never sufficient cause for war. Mr. Blake admitted that the newspaper did not demand armed redress after the sinking of the Lusitania, and that when the President used the Sussex case as a test, The Tribune continued to declare that the submarine issue was no cause for war.

An editorial from The Tribune was introduced and Ford counsel proceeded to read from it, "If we win in Germany, what do we win?"

"Yes, what do we win," interjected the witness.

"Blessed if we know"—continued the editorial.

"Yes, blessed if we know," broke in the witness again, "we don't know today."

"You stated," said Ford counsel, "that when the government finally decided on its position that you supported it and stopped argument against war with Germany. Do you consider that when the President had presented an ultimatum and broken off diplomatic relations that you were supporting him and the nation by continuing to tell the people that the President had no ground for war with Germany?"

"Yes, because the submarine issue was not a good ground for war."

"Well, when the President broadened the issue by telling the country that we must enter the war to make the world safe for democracy, did you argue for war on these broader grounds?"

"No, we did not."

Overlooked Ford's Offer.

"Did you know, Mr. Blake, that Mr. Ford was the first person in the United States to offer himself, his ability, his factories and all he had, to assist the government in the event of war—did you know that?"

"No, I did not know that."

"Your perusal of The Tribune did not give you that information about Mr. Ford?"

"No."

R. R. McCormick, president of The Tribune company, and one of the editors of the paper, was another witness. Mr. McCormick testified that The Standard Oil and International Harvester interests, in which Tribune stockholders have holdings, never in any way directed the policy of the paper towards Mexico. His testimony also touched the matter of salaries, which The Tribune cut off as soon as men entered the service of the nation in the great war, although it had continued salaries when its employees were called to the border. The fact that the army pay had been doubled, that married men were discharged from the guard and that conscription had been put in force, caused the paper to change its policies, Mr. McCormick stated.

E. G. Liebold, general secretary to Mr. Ford, and Edsel Ford, the president of the Ford Motor Company, were called to the witness stand by The Tribune late in the week. Mr. Liebold testified concerning a letter which he had written in response to a communication which sought to interest Mr. Ford in a device which would deal out death.

NO SWIVEL CHAIR FOR FORD'S SON

STAYED AT HOME DURING WAR TO HELP IN PLANT—REFUSED TO TAKE UNIFORM.

FATHER WAS RESPONSIBLE

Declares He Told Edsel That War Work in Factory Needed Him—Would Not Accept Safety First Commission.

Mt. Clemens, Mich.—Henry Ford, during the last hour of his seven days on the witness stand, took occasion to claim full responsibility for his son, Edsel Ford's, claim for exemption from the selective draft. "He wanted to enlist," said Mr. Ford, "but I told him that he could do more good where he was. He was offered several commissions which would have permitted him to wear a uniform and stay right in the factory, but he wouldn't accept them."

Having made their decision, it was shown, both Mr. Ford and his son refused to camouflage it behind a swivel chair commission carrying boots and spurs.

This subject, the introduction of which has been awaited ever since the trial opened, did not develop along the lines which had been generally expected. Mr. Ford's inclination to shoulder full responsibility, his statement that his son was absolutely essential to the war work being done in the factory and his revelation of the fact that Edsel Ford turned down several offers of a commission, disarmed criticism. The charges, spread during a political campaign, and recently repeated on the floor of the United States senate, to the effect that the young president of the Ford Motor company had shirked his duty were so fully refuted that Tribune counsel did not pursue the point.

It was the first time that a full explanation of the facts in connection with Edsel Ford's war work has been made public and it was easily the feature of the eleventh week of the trial.

Henry Ford spent seven days on the witness stand and of this time he gave less than two hours to his own lawyers. As long as counsel for The Tribune was hammering him Mr. Ford sat quietly in the witness chair answering the constant fire of questions with great patience. But the instant his own lawyers took him in hand his attitude changed. He became self-conscious and diffident. He would not accept the efforts of his counsel to provide him with an opportunity to reveal the full extent of his patriotic work during the war, his humanitarian views, or his advanced ideas of the relations which should exist between capital and labor.

"It is all in the records," said Mr. Ford. "I have told it all here once." He avoided, with care, anything that verged on boasting. He would not even describe the extent of the war work which his factories did and when record breaking performances in the production of munitions was mentioned he declared, "we did all we could, let it go at that. I want to forget about it. I feel just as the soldiers feel. I don't want to talk about my war work."

The witness did, however, after being pressed, explain that his son had bought out the minority stockholders of the Ford Motor company because these interests had insisted on Mr. Ford squeezing the last dollar out of the public, the government, the workers and the product. He wanted to cut loose from his associates, he said, so that he could carry out his ideas of the distribution of profits to employees through increased wages and to the public through lower prices. It was either buy or sell and Mr. Ford had considered selling and organizing a new company. His son, however, took up the task of buying out the minority stockholders and succeeded, despite the general belief in the financial world that this stock could not be purchased.

One of the most interesting developments of Mr. Ford's testimony came out when it was testified that the only legislation he has ever sought was that for the protection of birds. Other men of millions, it was shown, keep lobbyists in the national and state capitol to urge and work for special privileges, but the one favor that Mr. Ford has ever asked from the lawmakers had nothing to do with his own interests. It was a curious bit of testimony and left a deep impression on the audience in the court chamber.

The subject was a result of questions concerning Mr. Ford's list of friends. He named Thomas Edison and John Burroughs, the naturalist, as his best friends outside of his immediate associates.

Litigation in which Mr. Ford has been interested was another subject of interest. It was shown that when the automobile business was in the first years of its growth all manufacturers of motor cars were compelled to pay tribute to what was known as the Selden patent on internal combustion engines. Mr. Ford fought this patent for seven years and won and by his victory freed the entire industry from its shackles and made possible the wonderful growth which has marked the last few years.



Bob Cline of New York and Columbus, Ohio, who is entered in the big Auto Race meet which annually features the elaborate program of entertainment at the Nebraska State Fair on Labor Day. This

year Fred Horey, former world's champion, and Sig Haugdahl, present champion of the world, will meet in a match race as one of the Auto Race features of Nebraska's Victory State Fair.

SOME EXHIBIT!



Few men and women in this locality have failed to heed the appeal for bigger crops which was issued by the government early this spring. There was such wide suffering in many parts of Europe and Asia, because of a lack of food, and the likelihood of big crops in those countries seemed so remote that it was deemed necessary for America to increase its production considerably. One proof of the unusual response of this community to the request of the government lies in the large number of inquiries about exhibit space and premiums which are being received by the coming Nebraska's Victory State Fair, Lincoln, Aug. 31 to Sept. 5.

A PERFECT EAR.



The appeal which the government issued early this year, urging the production of a large crop of vegetables and farm products of all kinds, as a means of assisting America to check the food famine of the Old World, evidently did not fall on deaf ears in this section of the country. An early evidence of this is found in the unusually large number of early entries which have been received by the farm products show to be held at Nebraska's Victory State Fair, Lincoln, Aug. 31 to Sept. 5.

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Cumming	1:25	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	2:20
Depot for Dundee	1:15	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	3:30
16th and Farnam for Depot	2:06	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
Harney Line	1:23	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
33rd and Parker to 5th Street	1:41	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
33rd and Parker to Depots	1:41	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
6th and Center for 33rd and Parker	1:14	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
Park and North 24th Streets	1:14	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
16th and Farnam, East Side	1:03	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
16th and Farnam, West Side	1:23	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
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16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames	2:03	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
South Omaha and 42nd and Grand	1:21	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
14th and Farnam for West Q	1:21	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
14th and Farnam for 42nd and Grand	1:23	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
14th and Farnam for 24th and Ames	2:28	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
Dodge Street Line	1:20	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
13th and Dodge (West)	1:20	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
13th and Dodge (East)	2:01	16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
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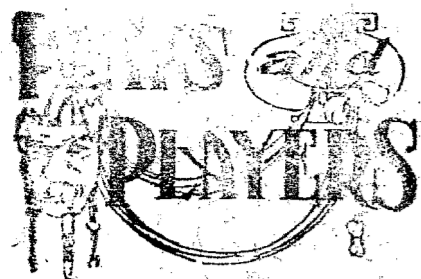
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It has been prophesied by some that mere man had better begin to look to his laurels or the fair ones of Omaha will surpass him at swimming.

EMPRESS ATTRACTIONS

The Empress, which is living up to its title of "the coolest show in town," has a most diversified and pleasing show arranged for its patrons this week. Dora Dean and her dancing sunbeams, offering vaudeville's fastest moving cycle of song and dance, provide the stellar attraction. Miss Dean has an international reputation. There are five girls in addition to Miss Dean in the present act, with two comedians formerly featured with productions.

Crisp, breezy and up to the minute is the dialogue in the comedy playlet, "The Jealous Lovers," in which Nellie Luckie and Thomas Yost combine their clever ability.

Under the caption of "On Broadway" Gibson and Beatty have a high class offering in which they introduce a repertoire of exclusive song numbers and some graceful dancing.

Harris and Harris give an exhibition of hand balancing that causes the audience to sit up and take notice. The photoplay attraction for the first half of the week will be "The Microbe," starring Viola Dana.

RAILROADS CAMPAIGN AGAINST AUTO WRECKS

Appalling Loss Causes Rail Officials to Take Up Safety First Slogan.

Regional Director Bush of the southwestern region, United States railroad administration, reports that for the first four months of 1919 thirty persons were killed and 180 injured in automobile accidents on railroad crossings on the twenty-three railroads in that region. In view of this appalling number of accidents and the increasing number of automobiles throughout the territory served by these roads an active campaign against such accidents has been instituted.

During 1917 1,777 persons were killed and 4,356 injured on railroad crossings in the United States; 4,243 trespassers were killed and 3,829 injured during the same year.

By perfecting a safety organization of railroad employees a remarkable reduction in accidents has been made. During the month of May reductions of more than 50 per cent were reported and on the Missouri Pacific railroad alone a decrease of seven injuries daily since August 1, 1918, has been made. This has proven that accident

prevention is a matter of education. "Safety First" has proven a profitable slogan for railroad men in the way of life and limb saved, and there is no doubt but that it would result in surprising decreases in casualties if adopted by the general public.

NEW POLICE STATION IS ANOTHER BIG MYTH

That new central police station is still a paper one. A lot of bids are in for constructing the building, but there is not enough money in sight to finish the structure. Verily the present administration is having troubles of its own. It is absolutely necessary for a city the size of Omaha to have somebody running it that has some idea of carrying on a municipal business. No police station for another year.

OBSERVATIONS

Harry Zimman says Elmer Thomas is a liar. Harry usually knows what he is talking about when he speaks of such things as Thomas.

The women will be at the polls in Nebraska from now on. At that there are worse things than ordinary women.

Tom Dennison is following the Grand Circuit races in the east, which fact takes away one argument against the recall.

Rev. De Larme will do well to keep his nose out of politics. The whole truth comes out when preachers get into the wrong stall.

That Declaration of Independence and our national constitution will look like a tornado struck it if the prohibition element has its way.

The possibility of a street car strike seems to be further away than ever. Street car employees are taking a look before they leap this time.

The old ship is leaking. That recall election will be held in about six weeks.

Uncle Sam's demonstration of how he went through the Huns was shown best in the business-like trip of his motor train. And they said he wouldn't fight!

Judge Baldwin showed an insight into feminine lingerie prices when he spied an item of \$2 for a corset in a damage suit. The judge don't overlook many bets.

One of Mr. Ringer's policemen was high-jacked out of \$350 worth of booze and squawked his head off. Can you blame him?

Some keen-eyed reporter caught a woman wearing half-hose. That's nothing.

Congressman Jefferis is stirring up the animals down in Washington, which is no surprise to those who know him best.

The locomotive engineers are asking for another raise. Some of them threaten to go to work unless they get more wages.

Part of Dodge street will be torn up six months, but not many people will miss it.

It's the Truth That Hurts.

An item is going the rounds of the Canadian press to the effect that a New York state paper is being sued because a comp made an obituary conclude, "May he roast in peace!"—Fourth Estate.

SIMPLY COULD NOT FORGET

Macaulay's Memory Could Only Be Described as Marvelous—John Bright a Close Second.

Talking of quickness in repartee a story of Sydney Smith was cited I had not yet heard. "Do tell, me, Mr. Smith," exclaimed a rather gushing young lady, "what is dogmatism?" "My dear young lady," he replied, "dogmatism is only puppyism grown older."

I remember at breakfast one day at my father's, Lord Macaulay began to repeat some trashy old historical ballads, and so went on verse after verse until my father exclaimed, "Why, Macaulay, how can you have committed all that rubbish to memory? What utter waste of time!" "Committed to memory!" cried Macaulay. "I only wish I could forget it. I simply glanced over those verses when standing at a bookstall one day." If I remember rightly, he said at the same time that if the first four books of Milton's "Paradise Lost" were destroyed, he could reproduce them word for word.

Mr. Bright and Mr. Longfellow met each other for the first time at our breakfast table and were mightily delighted with each other. Again the conversation turned upon memory, and John Bright asked Mr. Longfellow whether he could identify and claim every line of poetry he had ever written. Mr. Longfellow thought he could not. Then he in turn put the question—would Mr. Bright be able to identify every one of the speeches he had made? "Yes," said Mr. Bright, "not every passage, perhaps, taken by itself, but given a certain amount of the context I undoubtedly could."—From "The Notebook of a Spinster Lady."

A Stranger in the Woods.

Years ago, when quite a youth, I was rambling in the woods one Sunday with my brothers, gathering black birch, wintergreens, etc., when, as we reclined upon the ground, gazing vaguely up into the trees, I caught sight of a bird that paused a moment on a branch above me, the like of which I had never before seen or heard of. It was probably the blue yellow-backed warbler, as I have since found this to be a common bird in those woods; but to my young fancy it seemed like some fairy bird, so curiously marked was it, and so new and unexpected. It seemed like an integral part of the green beech woods. I saw it a moment as the flickering leaves parted, noted the white spot in its wing, and it was gone. How the thought of it clung to me afterward! It was a revelation. It was the first intimation I had had that the woods we knew so well held birds that we knew not at all.—John Burroughs.

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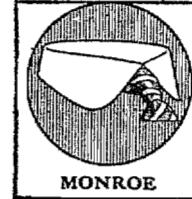
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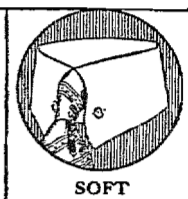
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