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# SWITCHED BUTLER SHOULD BE

# REPORTED BUTLER IS Another High School NEARLY THROUGH

# DAILY PAPERS CLAIM HE WILL BE SWITCHED ABOUT SEPTEMBER 11

# CITIZENS OF OMAHA ARE UP IN ARMS

HAS INVOLVED HIMSELF IN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF LAW SUITS—SLANDERS MINISTER OF GOD— HAS ALLOWED LARGE NUMBER OF PROSTITUTES TO PLY THEIR TRADE—SHOW CONTEMPT OF COURTS BY REFUSING TO HONOR ORDERS

We do not know if the reports are be. Since the "Big Seven" were elected the last time the citizens in general have had time and opportunity to judge of the men what they are and what they are capable of

Their work has brought out several interesting facts that can not be ignored, not even by the commissoners themselves. The one of most general interests concerns the ler could never have run the departpolice head. When Henry Dunn was ansigned the police department demanded and expected. there was general satisfaction as the people of the city felt that he, with his years of experience was well able to cope with the situation. Dunn made good or as nearly so as any man could under the circumstances. Every man in the department worked for him as they would work for themselves. Gradually Mr. Dunn brought the department up to the high standard of efficiency it had attained until the Ringer administration muddled things up, during the "reform" regime.

Butler was made finance commissioner, a position he filled to the general satisfaction of the people. He was alright in his place but he would not keep his place. He insisted on telling the other six commissioners how to run their departments. Some of them were far more

Report has it that Dan Butler will | experienced and much more qualibe shifted from the police to the fi-fied than Mr. Butler but that was nance department, over which he of no concern to him. His continual formerly presided on September 11 ranting finally got on the nerves of or within a week or so of that date. the other commissioners who made up their mind they would give true but if they are not they should | Butler a chance to qualify in some other place on the commission. Butler was especially bitter toward the police department and gave out to the newspapers that if he was police commissioner he would show the people how that department should be run, or he intimated as much. The commissioners transferred him and gave him his chance. They

should have known a man like But-

ment and give the public what is

From the first Butler has failed miserably and he as well as every one else knows it. After three months time it was the plain duty of the other commissioners to put Mr. Butler back in the finance department where he belonged and to have made the change in such manner that Commissioner Dunn would have again been made head of police affairs. This they hesitated to do, possibly fearing that certain elements would make a political issue of the matter.

Things have now come to such a stage that if the present commissioners have the interests of Omaha at heart they will ignore politics and switch Butler and Dunn or make some arrangements whereby the citizens will get the full measure of

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# **Teachers Plays** With Fire

A high school teacher, well known to Omahans, who teaches the young men and yong women of Omaha, the ways of the world, along with 'reding', Riting anf 'rithmetic", is playing with the fire in an unusual way. This miss does things out of the ordinary, and she carefully avoids breaking into her own big salary. She has her playhouse in a well known apartment building, where her suite is richly furnished at the expenses of Omaha's best known printer. This printer is one of the boss printers of the city and does a business of that sort that means many thousands of dollars every month. He is a widower and don't care who knows it.

This playhouse is located in Omaha's largest and best appointed building quite in keeping with the swell ideas of both the high school teacher and with the printer. He drives up in his big sedan at regular hood. This auto dealer sells one of make his nightly calls. Sometimes he returns to his room and sometimes he does not.

This is one of the high school teachers Omaha is employing, and appears to like her. The attention of Superintendent Beveridge is respectfully called to this condition. Although The Mediator is not in the information business, it could divulge some startling things if that was what it was doing. It suggests that an investigation by members of the school board would not be amiss.

In this case names of the principals are not disclosed for the present, because there is no disposition to stir up a bad mess in the Omaha schools by mentioning names, although this may become necessary in the not distant future.

It is suggested this business man and his friend take a day off to think the matter over before it is too late.

#### **DENNISON TAKES FEW** DAYS OFF SEEING RACES

Tom Dennison was out of the city this week, He went to Des Moines spending his time enjoying himself. Tom intimates that he may retire from the political game pretty soon and take a long trip where nobody knows where he has gone. However, he has one or two cases in politics which he expects to settle before he quits. it is said.

Bee should make our Anti-saloon told of how the government and the state of Pennsylvania had joined on by the commissioner. SALOON in Scranton to keep the way the operators had theirs in the

#### WHO OWNS THE MEDIATOR

Friends of Commissioner Butler are circulating the report that Tom Dennison owns the Mediator. Nothing could be furthur from the truth. Edwin L. Huntley is now and has been for the past seven years, sole owner and publisher of this paper and expects to continue so throughout the coming years.

#### BARBER SHOP DEALS ALSO IN HOOCH ON FARNAM

ing busiess men that a barber shop in the Harley hotel, at Twetieth and Farnam streets, is "dealing." Other bootleggers in that neighborhood are up in arms. Most of them are openly defying the law by dealing openly and they complain that the place in question is getting by without even making apology to the law. There are several bootlegging joints in this neighborhood, among them one run by an automobile man in the neighborintervals, usually in the evening to the popular cars but he says he is doing a big business at his place, nearby selling hootch.

#### **CLAIMS AUTO LICENSE** LAW IS NOT ENFORCED

A reader of The Mediator writes that the automobile license law is not enforced. Hundreds of autoists, he says, are running two or more cars on one license. Trucks are operating on pleasure car licenses, and not one chauffer in three has a

This is a bad condition, to say the that should receive prompt attention from the proper authorities. Mr. Butler is so busy, taking care of his political fences these times that he cannot stop to look after such small matter, it is said.

# **BIG STICKUP WAS**

week, when a police officer displayed to see the races, among other things, exceeding great ability and courage. ably never will. His few months as Tom is out of the horse business The automobile in which were rid- police commissioner has proven that Butler has destroyed the morale of himself, but he gets the craze when | ing a wealthy young man of consid-, patent fact. ever a big race meet is on. He is erable prominence and a young wotaking life easy these times, and is man, was stuck up at this place by a holdup man and relieved of a diamond ring and a small amount of money. While the stickup was going on, a police officer, a very close friend of Commissioner Butler, named Ole Olson, drove by. He flashed his light onto the stickup and hurried away. He went to a neighboring residence and borrowed A little story in this mornings a shotgun and returned to find the stickup gone, of course. This offileague sit up and take notice. It cer, who was joyriding himself, is a sample of the men now being taken

> Incidentally, the robbery was not reported, because the young man in the case is soon to be married. He was joyriding on this occasion with another young woman, a fact he did not wish to become known.

#### DOINGS IN OMAHA FIFTY YEARS

Villagers had been saying that Jeff of the firm of Mutt and Jeff should his dog, Joe.

near Charley Block's Post Office had been seen hustling just as though the town had no marshall. By heck some one should sick the federal

A picture of the Dundee home, in to the personality of the man who left by a rear door with his clothing The house is located at Fifty-third to latest reports.

That Milwaukee railroad shiek is still very much on the job. He has let his name become known. He is the candy kid and is making them all sit up and take notice. His jealous friends are making him trouble.

The Western Union was about through using Farnam Street. Perchance to walk and drive down this famous line in comparative safety.

Babe Shefler, the Council Bluffs hero, who is playing around in Omaha, is still reporting regularly for under his arm has become available. duty, and for other things, according

> knocked over at last reports. The game and the old hootch bottle had and he is said to have accumulated licans are said to be with him. His been doing valiant duty. Every dog considerable information. He left ability to handle the job is admittedhas his fleas and his day.

# PUBLIC MAY DEMAND HE BE TRANSFERRED

UGLY CHARCES MADE AGAINST BRINGS MATTER TO A HEAD

# HE HAS FELL DOWN ON THE

It is openly charged by neighbor- MEDIATOR IN TWO ARTICLES TODAY PRESENTS CONSENSUS OF OPINION AS GATHERED FROM LETTERS RECEIVED-AS POLICE HEAD HE HAS FAILED TO APPREHEND SINGLE MEMBER OF SAFE BLOWER GANG-FAVORS SEARCH AND SEIZURE WITHOUT WARRANT

> The mediator last week printed just an insignificant portion of the facts at hand concerning Commissioner Butler. To say the least it broad-minded man would ever be caused a real sensation in all parts | tangled up to any such extent. of the city. Dundee, Fairacres, the east side, south side, down town, north side in fact all over town member of the safe blower gangs people besieged agents of the paper for copies because they had not been able to obtain the facts through the daily papers. Knowing the interest the truth in this matter has aroused we are today presenting a few more facts that the people in effects of our citizens and to hold this city may get them, and get them, and get them straight.

Hundreds of letters have been received from all classes of people, nearly all demanding to know wheth- ter of God for calling his (Butler's) er we published the truth or wheth- attention to vice conditions in the er what we have had to say was all city. He has allowed large numleast. Who is responsible for it is a lie. To these people we have but bers of common prostitutes to ply not determined, but it is a matter a single word: If what we said is untrue, there is cause for a libel suit; if true, it stands.

Just before presenting other reasons why, in our opinion, Commis- pained his disfavor or the disfavor of sioner Butler is unsuited for the position as police commissioner, we wish to say that as head of the fi- dled next week. nance department we believe he made a success, that his mind runs to figures and that he handled the courts of justice by refusing to hondepartment in a satisfactory man- or the order of the courts for the ner and believe the balance of the A stickup occurred at Fifty-third commission made a mistake in transand Redmond avenue one night this fering him to the police department, oughly investigated the cases which of which he knew nothing and prob-

According to reliable information Butler involved himself in nearly \$100,000 worth of lawsuits. No

As head of the police department he has failed to apprehend a single which have cracked a full score of safes since he has become commissioner.

Without due process of law he has ordered his officers to search the homes and seize the persons and them in jail, not because but in spite of the law. In one case that we personally

know of, he has slandered a ministheir trade on the streets of the city and in the hotels while apparently persecuting other women of the same ilk, who for some reason has either some of his men. This in itself is an interesting story and will be han-

It can not be denied that Mr. Butler has shown contempt for our release of prisoners which has been ordered after the judges have thorcome before them.

It is generally conceded that Mr. (continued on page 4)

## FEDERAL SLEUTHS IN HOT WATER OVER **BROWN'S OMAHA INVESTIGATION**

ONE OFFICER FEARS HE MAY HAVE TROUBLE OVER A LITTLE SUGAR DEAL—OTHERS HAVE WRINKLES COMING AS RESULT OF INVESTIGATION—RESULTS MAY BE THAT ALL WILL BE GIVEN QUIZ AT WASHINGTON—SOME MAY BE REMOVED

building is to the effect that one of chills up the backs of some Omaha its big booze sleuths is in trouble.

It appears that his squad requesnot long ago. Three agents, or stool pigeons each took a bag to his home and the remainder, nine bags, was sent to a bootleg queen with whom the agent was well acquainted. She has been pinched several times, and his return to Washington. There the government took her down the has been considerable internal line recently for a big catch. Her husband has just finished serving three months in jail, which is part of the story.

The same report says that this federal sleuth, who, incidentally, was sent to Omaha by the federal intelligence department, has been living with the same bootleg queen, while ber husband was languishing in jail. Since he has been living there all the linen has been marked with his initials or name.

The men who delivered the sugar claim they received their orders business man, is said to be slated from this same fellow. The men who hauled the stuff are well known. They are still in the government employ, but claim to have an alibi.

sent a man to Omaha to look over there is no doubt of his ability to prohibition matters in this neck of fill the position for which which he The Howard Hotel had not been the woods, and, incidentally to look has been mentioned. Certain bankover some of the men who are op- ing interests are opposing Bob, but for Washington a week ago and is ly amply sufficient.

Information from the federal | declared his report will send cold fellows. In fact, it is said, a number of operatives who have been in tered twelve bags of sugar in a raid Omaha for a long time are slated either for removal, or for a change of cities.

> Brown is a wise but close mouthed fellow, and nobody appears to know where the axe will drop, after trouble among federal operatives in this territory, it is said, with everybody knifing the other fellow. Where it will all end, nobody appears to know, but a number of changes are probably on the calendar.

Meanwhile, everybody is sitting quietly, attempting to prevent the boat from rocking.

#### REPUBLICAN COMMITTEEMAN

Robert Druesdow, well known republican leader and active for the republican national committee. Druesdow, who has heretofore confined his political activities to the Nebraska legislature, is well The bureau of intelligence recently known in republican circles, and

#### after they were washed out recent- settling basin. The information hands in an effort to close every ly. Twenty-one babies, two women and one boy were found buried beneath the stilly waters. Scores of developments prove the truth or before the proposed strike. By the wild and domestic fouls and animais had also chosen the place as pretty well known professional man a burying ground at the settling while treating a patient told her basins from which Omaha drew its water supply. Two negro infants and one adult reposed in death with fided to him that her husband was thousands of tons of water as a lid for their coffins. Such and many other absurd reports have been go-

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REPORT-MEDIATOR TRYING TO GET

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been washed and flushed after the break down at the water works. It is only following custom for certain people to start such reports which are magnified many times during the course of a day or week. The first report representatives of this paper received was to the effect that twenty-three bodies, all of them infants, were found in the watery were given out. As usual, if we find grave. It was to laugh. Other re- out any facts, our readers will get until it was deemed a duty of the haps pleases.

ports persisted in being circulated paper to make an attempt to run them down. The old slogan that day issues prints a denial of the al-"Where there is smoke there is fire" leged conditions by Chief Engineer nearly always holds good. So we F. P. Larman, who said that no huinvestigated and up to now have no man bodies or animals were found. direct or official evidence that a He stated that during his twentysingle body was found. However, three years as engineer at the plant we run down one story that ap- he has never seen a body taken from peared to have some truth as a the basin.

ing the rounds since the basin has

basis. This had to do with the rumor

Forty-one babies were found at that two colored infants and the the bottom of the settling basins body of a woman were found in the came indirectly and is published for only what it is worth unless later the miners from getitng drunk just falsity of the rumor. A certain that he had treated a certain married woman the day before, who conone of the men who assisted in draining the basin and that he personally saw the bodies of the woman and the two colored infants taken from the basin. We have as yet been unable to get in touch with the party who gave out the statement or to learn the name of the man that was supposed to be on the iob at the time the bodies were recovered. Until such time, if it ever comes, we will take with a grain of salt, the supposed facts as they them, no matter who it hurts or per-

The Bee in one of its Wednnes-

However, no less a prominent phy-(continued on page 4)

loan a bottle of his "Peppo" to a been having another busy week, and popular restaurant man for use on his friends have about decided to The girls on Seventeenth street

constable on 'em.

which the City Hall man was discovered, has been made and is to be published. Definite information as and Dodge streets,

No report had come to the village cut-ups that the joint at 22121/2 girls were working the same old erating here. His name is Brown, the rank an dfile of Nebraska repub-Farnam had ceased doing business, but lotta people said they were goin' like hail columbia.

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#### COUNCIL SHOULD SWITCH COMMISSIONERS

Under the caption, "The Return of the Frontier", the Chicago Tribune prints an editorial that could apply locally as well as to Chicago. The article handles in a unique way a series of crimes which seem to be getting that common they are hardly thought of again after they have been recorded in the public prints. Here in Omaha major crimes are of everyday occurance lately and the terrible part of it all is the fact that but few if any of the criminals are brought to justice. There have been some twenty safes blown during the past four or five months and not a single yegg has been brought in and convicted of the crime. Murders have been committed while the murderers have escaped and never been detected. Many other crimes have been perpetrated and the guilty ones never detected.

A few score small cheaters, in bad with the present police commissioner have been rounded up, fined or jailed for peddling a little hootch that three fourths of the community clamor for while two-gun men are robbing and killing with much abandon.

Less politics and more action against the major criminals are demanded by the decent and substantial citizens of the city. So long as the present police commissioner is at the helm there is little if any chance for a clean up of the big criminals that are investing the city. Something should and must be done. The only way out is to replace Mr. Butler with a man who knows the police game. One who knows how and will clean out the dangerous, yes murderous element that now hang out about the city.

With the coming of fall and winter still more major crooks will march upon the town unless they know experienced men are in charge of the police department. The council can not afford to wait for some great calamity before switching Mr. Butler to a place on the commission of which he is familiar, and placing some such man as Henry Dunn at the head of the police. This will go a long way in checking the kind of lawlessnes that really hurts.

We print the Tribune article that Omaha people may draw a

local comparison. The editorial reads:

Ten armed men working an eight hour shift load forty-five gallon barrels of whisky out of a raided warehouse into trucks: three watchmen all trussed up; night serene and no disturbance; about eleven minutes before sunrise armed men get peacefully away with the liquor; value \$100,000.

Young man goes to call on young lady. Takes gat. Meets her relatives and needs it. Young lady picked up by young man in automobile. Relatives searching for her. Elderly gentleman crossing street. Killed by automobile. Unidentified police kill boy in automobile—one of five boys who thought the police were stickup men. Unidentified woman killed by unidentified automobile driver.

Two policeman chase another up an alley, thinking he's a citizen, and rob him. Young lady, intoxicated tries to climb street lamps in her automobile. Too refined to serve jail sentence Patrons of dance hall arrested and stuck in cells. Bottle carrying citizens entering restaurant put in cells on suspicion that it wasn't ice tea.

Two girls found unconscious on prairie. They had been asked to take a ride. Health commissioner in fight wiith Negro at Morals court. Big Negro prize fight at Hawthorne, Four armed men raid residence, lock family and servants in clothes closets. Negro woman shoots taxicab driver. Labor meeting shot up by gunmen; women garment workers in panic. Gunmen with justice of peace permits to carry gats recognized by local court. Coffee houses selling political beer.

Martial law in Oklahoma to control floggers, Ohio towns shot up in war between floggers and anti-floggers. Mobs in Pennsylvania. Mobs in Texas, mobs in Florida, mobs in Georgiia. Piracy and murder in American waters. Shotguns in the homes, gats on the hip. The wild life of the frontier."

Curlous Tree,

One of the most curious trees in the world is \$ und in Mexico. The natives call it the handflower tree. From the center of each flower springs a stem shaped like a human hand and arm. The points are curved like finger tips with overgrown nails. Each tree possesses thousands of these curious blooms, and at a distance they resemble blood-red hands waving in the

Of the Vikings' BrootL He-Yes, I suppose the sea must be m my blood. You see my granfather was vice president of a marine insurance company -- Harper's Magazine,

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant, It used to be that you could give old Dobbin his head and he'd take you home, but when you give the car gas somebody else is liable to take you bome In an ambulance.

#### PREFERS THE "YOUNGER SON"

Undergraduate's Somewhat Unconventional Viewpoint on the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

Speaking with an undergraduate at Harvard, who had relterated the need of something positive in life as against the "negativeness of commandments, creads and church history," I received this reply:

"I can't make very clear what I mean by 'positive,' but the story of the prodigal son helps me to see it, and it seems to me that the younger son had six virtues and one vice, and

the older son six vices and one virtue. "I suppose that sounds funny-too much like a sermon-but you see I've always admired the younger fellow. He was ambitious when he wanted to get started in life, he was energetic and adventurous, for he went to a far country; he wasted his money on harlots—that was his sin; he was humble when he tried to earn an honest living even though it led him to the pig sty; he repented; he had common sense, so that he took the logical course of remedying his conduct, and when he reached home he confessed

"Look at the older prother; he was jealous, grouchy, greedy, ungrateful, disrespectful to his father, and stupid, The only virtue he had was that he stayed at home with the old man.

"Somehow I imagine God liked the young fellow even from the beginning, for he had grit enough to strike out for himself, and vision enough to strike out far, while the older brother was a stay-at-home stick-in-the-mud. It's the positive, adventurous disposition of the prodigal son that I like."-A Student at Harvard in the Outlook,

#### GENIUS ALLIED TO INDUSTRY

Men Whom the World Calls Great Rose to Highest Place Largely by Their Own Efforts.

Every great crator in history was a failure in the beginning, Paderewski was expelled from one of the great conservatories of Europe and told he could never learn to play the piano. He was seriously recommended to study the piccolo as he then could always get a job in an orchestra. Verdi wrote for twelve years and produced eighteen operas before he brought forth "Rigoletto," his first score of intrinsic merit, perhaps, excepting ëErnani,"

Henry Irving failed in his first ap pearance, and was urged by all his friends to go back to the desk and ledger. Shelley's first poem, "Queen Mab" was poor stuff, flimsy and incoherent. Edison worked from eighteen to twenty hours a day for seven months trying to teach a phonograph to pronounce the letter "a." We look upon Chopin as having his genius handed to him on a gold platter, yet his practice at the plane was for hours at a stretch repeating a single bar over and over again for nearly a thousand

These men made themselves geniuses by their own supreme efforts, raised what might have been mere mediocrity, or perhaps talent, to supreme power.-William George Jordan, in The Borum.

American Flour Regains Hold

American flour is regaining something of its prewar hold in the markets of Portuguese East Africa and, with direct steamer service now introduced, this tendency to return to the American product may be further accelerated. Before the war it was the general practice to mix the flour used for breadmaking, three-fifths American hard wheat flour and two-fifths Australian soft wheat flour, but with the transportation difficulties and governmental regulation of the war, American goods were practically eliminated from the imports, says Consul Cecil M. P. Cross, Lourence Marques.

Mutes: Gather for Companionship, Many early morning risers, arriving at the Brooklyn bridge have recently noted a gesticulating group of man who gather there every morning on

their way home from their night jobs. All the men were deaf and dumb. They are employed in buildings near the bridge. Owing to their affliction they are unable to talk to their fellow workers. They agreed to meet each morning at the bridge to talk over the affairs of the world and to re-establish the feeling that they were not completely cut off from the current of human relationship.—New York Sun.

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# RACE FOLLOWERS

DEATH OF JOE BUTLER WAS A SAD AFFAIR

The story of how Dan Butler's brother died or rather the condition under which he passed away is a sad one. Space forbids the details this week.

Racing fans throughout the state are counting the days, which now number eleven, until the racing season starts out at Ak Sar Ben track. Charley Trinble has arranged a racing program that is sure to please even the hardest boiled followers of the trotters and bangtails. The fall festival season really begins wiith the first pistol shot from the judges stand on the afternoon of September 11.

About the best thing in the whole arrangements for this season's Ak Sar Ben jubilee is the fact that the governors have placed the Midway down town where it belongs and leave the entire field for the undivided attention of the followers of sport. Also the arrangement is just the thing for the merchants. It is going to help retail business Indications point to the greatest volume of business in several vears.

Confessed Proxy Serves Bootlegger's Two Months

Robert Chapman, of Chicago, has confessed that he served a 60-day term in jail for Camel Nicrito, who was convicted of being a bootlegger. Chapman is being held on a conspiracy charge. He told officials he agreed to serve as proxy for Nicrito, who is now on his way to Italy, for \$100 and an additional \$5 for every day he

### THIEF KILLS COP AND BURIES BODY IN CAVE

Hundreds of Searchers, Working Day and Night, Finally Unearth Bullet-Pierced Body,

Cleveland.—Kidnaped by a man whom he had arrested for stealing an whom he and antomobile, Patrolman Dennis Gram was murdered by his prisoner, A few hours later the officer's clothing was found in a pile of ashes, A day later searchers found the officer's body two feet of ground in a cave 35 miles from the city.

After Officer Griffin arrested his man, John L. Whitefield, he placed the man in the stolen car and began the drive to the police station. He never Other officers, aided by scores of men, began a search.

One man finally told police that he aw the officer and Whitefield riding together in a car, that he heard a shot and that the policeman slumped forward in his seat. Boy scouts and school children then joined the search

Searchers found the ashes of the officer's uniform, all burned but one button bearing his number. A day later men digging in a small cave on a hill side found the policeman's body. He had been shot twice through the head and once through the stomach. No trace has been found of Whitefield.

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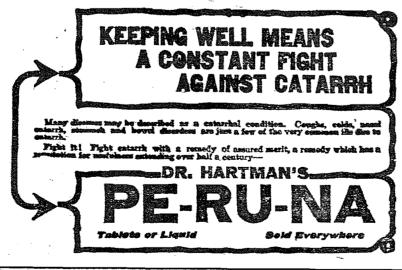
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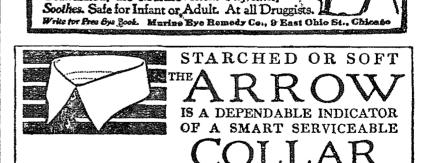
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## UNKNOWN PLAYERS STAR IN PICTURE "HOLLYWOOD"

BUT BEST KNOWN STARS OF SCREEN PLAY SUPPORT-ING PARTS IN PICTURE.

A cast of players practically unknown to the screen, but every one a type, every one talented—that is the roster for "Hollywood," James Cruze's new Paramount picture, which will be shown at the Strand theatre for one more week.

True, there are many others in the picture—all the prominent stars, directors, and officials of the Paramount organization, but they appear only in certain scenes. When Angela from the middle west visits Hollywood and tries to get into pictures, she meets all these notables" and thus the public sees them all in one great picture.

The leading role of Angela Whitaker is played by Hope Drown, a young actress who has never heretofore appeared before the camera. She is lovely, youthful, vivacious and clever. Mr. Cruze remembered seeing her on the stage with a stock company in San Diego a year or so ago. He located her in San Francisco, where she was playing at a made and she was signed for a role which should make her famous.

The role of Joel Whitaker, grandfather of Angela, i sinterpreted by Luke Cosgrave, an old-time actor and a great type. He has never been on the screen.

Ruby Lafavette plays Grandmother Whitaker. She has appeared in the screen but infrequently. G. K. Arthur, an English actor, known only in Europe to screen patrons, makes his debut as Lem Lefferts, the youthful sweetheart of Angela in her old home town.

Harris Gordon, another new face, plays Dr. Luke Morrison, which is magnificent creation with twenty or something of a heavy role. Bess more mastodonic stage settings and Flowers, altogether unknown to the a glittering array of regal gowns screen, is Hortenose Twers in the and costumes. Joseph Urban, most film. Horace Pringle, another im- famous of all scenic artists is the deportant character, is portrayed by signer and constructor of the many King Zany, new to the screen.

"Hollywood," whic his a remarkable picture in many ways, is calculated to appeal to every lover of pany. motion pictures everywhere. It is significant of the importance of the picture that it was made by James unique comedians on the present day Cruze, creator of "The Old Home- stage, in the fact that he raises constead" and "The Covered Wagon,"

#### FIERCE-THUNDER STORM MADE | a single word, relying entirely upon TO ORDER FOR BIG PARA-LOMY JANE."

en a victim to the craze for making well. Sam Green as feeder to Bozo, imitations of the real thing. While is a truly excellent comedian, while commerce has been busy reproducing Beth Clark is a magnetic little perperiod furniture, the motion picture son who pleases exceedingly. Bert industry has turned its attention to Matthews, as juvenile, is a capable those that have closely followed thunder storms.

everybody knows it would be almost impossible to donna of the show is above the avtake motion pictures in a real storm. erage in the possession of a pleasing For one thing, the camera would get | voice and likable personality. all wet, and it would be too dark for photography during the spaces be- the banner show on the Columbia tween the lightning flashes. The rain | Circuit this season. would short circuit are lights.

storms of heir own. Then they could sources of delight in the revue. Sunhave them when and where they day's matinee and the grand holiday wanted them and nobody need get matinee Labor Day (Monday) will wet or be struck by lightning. The creation of the thunder storm for the stage-coach robbery scene in the film- TOM MIX IN "NO MANS LAND" ing of "Salomy Jane," a Paramount picture coming to the Rialto the-Mother Earth gasping. She was completely fooled until it was nearly western pictures. He will appear and knew it was only the movies again.

feet into the canyon and hundreds of every day next week. However the guilty of the conduct described in gallons of water pumped up to pictures are only one part of the sprinklers hung on wires strung from program as the management will the tree tps. Huge electric wind- present for another week. The Lawmakers lashed to the water obliquely rence Wahl Musical Comedy company across the scene. In the background in two popular playlets, the bills bea man in a wartime dugout set off ing changed Sunday and Thursday. huge flashes of magnesium which boomed into the night.

Giant trees crashed, seemily blown down by the force of the storm. Mother Nature never made a worse night than this one. "Salomy Jane" is a Paramount picture produced by George Melford. Jacqueline Logan, George Fawcett and Maurice Flynn are the featured players.

#### THEY DO THINGS RIGHT OVER IN DES MOINES

Over in Des Moines the natives are pulling off one of the most successful state fairs in history. Omaha business men returning say the great crowds are spending plenty of money with the merchants and every body seems prosperous. One business man said the town was wide open and that bell hops always brought giger-ale with the ice water to the tired traveler.

#### ORPHEUM TO OPEN SUNDAY WITH AN ALL-STAR BILL

Next week's show wil give an intimation of what is meant by the Omaha Orpheum now being in group oone, so far as the best vaudeville is concerned. Having put this city in the same rank with Chicago and New York, the management of the Orpheum Circuit is to send here this season the most notable headline acts, the most celebrated stars.

Now and again a stellar offering will be brought here from Chicago and be returned to that city, without playing further west. You have only-to-consult the inside pages of the folder, given to patrons, to see that the opening bill will have six headline attractions.

Here, then, is a bit of conclusive proof that the local Orpheum is now in the group of metropolitan cities presenting renowned acts which formerly were not seen in cities west of Chicago.

The headliner for this coming week is to be none other than the great Houdini, who needs no introduction to Omaha theatergoers. Six other feature acts including Thomas E. Sheapin "Spotlights" and the De Morcos, with Seven Musical Sheiks, will be presented for the approval of Orpheum patrons.

#### "FOLLIES OF THE DAY" AT GAYETY

Also Bozo, The Man Who Never Speaks-Wonderful Booking For Labor Day Week.

A good, fast, colorful and amusing performance is promised the theatre-goers of this city in next week's show at the popular Gayety Theatre, starting Saturday matinee, Sept. 1st.

This attraction is none other than Barney Gerald's famous review, "Follies of the Day," a gorgeous and colorful scenes, while the gowns are the work of Lucille, Mme. Francis and the Schneider-Anderson Com-

Bozo Snyder, who heads the splendid company is one of the most tinuous gales of laughter during the entire preformance without uttering his comedy pantomimic powers for MOUNT PRODUCTION OF "SA his comedy. Gertrade Hayes, Jr., cofeatured with Bozo, is deservedly so for she possesses both youth and bea-Even the thunder storm has fall- uty and a great deal of ability as lance while Helen Tracey the prime

"Follies of the Day" is said to be

So the movies decided to make girls is one of the contributing start at 3:00.

## AT THE PALM THEATRE

Thousands of moving picture fans atre next Sunday is said to have left in this neck of the woods are strong for Tom Mix, star performer for all over. Then she saw the camera Sunday, Sept. 2 in his favorite play "No Mans Land" at the Palm Theatre. This is only a sample of what A gasoline pump was lowered 120 Palm Theatre patrons are to expect man like Dan B. Butler could be rubbed Dan Butler while she was in

# JOHN KEARNS

John Kearns, premier saloonkeeper of all time so far as the middle west is not guilty he ought to make a is concerned, is dead, but memory of the man who was one of the few who elevated the saloon business to that of a strictly legitimate business, will not be forgotten so long as any Omahan of the past generation lives.

Mr. Kearns catered to only the best trade in the old days and run his place along the lines of a high class dry goods store. He never allowed a bartender to take a drink on duty, either by himself or with a friend. He seldom took a drink in his own place during business hours. chickens an' too early fob water-Mr. Kearns catered only to the melon."



# "BOZO" SNYDER

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fine wine and liquor trade and made MANY BODIES OF it plain he did not care for the beer trade. When he wanted a glass of beer to quench his thirst he would sician than Health Commissioner Dr. go to his old friend, Ed Maurer, for

John A. Creighton, Hugh Murphy and scores of others, prominent in all walks of life, went to his place for a nip of the elixir of life. Travurday afternoon in Omaha just bealone brought thousands of dollars would. to Omaha each year. The Editor was an occasional caller at Kearn's

#### REPORT BUTLER

ABOUT THROUGH (continued from first page)

protection.

Records speak for themselves: sioner Butler, both as police com missioner and as commissioner of finance. On the former his record is muddy and will fall flat, on the latter he will be generally supported.

- Among the scores of letters we have received concerning our hand-A model chorus of some twenty ling of the police muddle none is the officers in constant fear of susmore worthy of consideration than pension or demotion. Every worker one received the day following publication. We print this to show that many people are of the opinion that | can give under such conditions. the council should remove Butler or that Dan should make public denial of the statements made in the Me- spending the taxpayers' money to diator of last week.

The letter follows;

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 25, 1923. To the Editor of the Mediator:

I have just finished reading your issue of August 24th. Can it be bath house in Omaha. This is the that the statements contained therein are true? Is it possible that a your paper of that date? Is it possible that a man could come before the City Council and charge a commissioner with such misconduct as you say Rooney charged Butler with and that the newspapers of the city failed to write a line about it?

If the statements contained in your paper are true, the city commissioners ought to get rid of Butler by the quickest possible route. a beautiful landscape are very similar. If he is guilty of all you say he is he ought to be boiled in oil. If he public denial of your statements and sue won for damages.

The writer has always been an admirer of Mr. Butler and I look for a public denial of these accusations.

Yours very truly. A CITIZEN.

As to Choice. "Some day," said Uncle Eben, "I may feel dat it's up to me to go on one o' dese here hunger strikes. If it ever happens it'll have to be at de time of year when it's too late for spring

## **INFANTS FOUND**

(continued from first page) A. S. Pinto says that a nurse at a hospital told him that she had been Notables from all over America informed that 29 babies were found knew and patronized John. Locally in one basin. He also says that ansuch prominent citizens as Count other report was that the bodies of a woman and two babies were found. Undoubtedly this last report was the one that we heard about and seemed to have some basis of fact. eling men would come a hundred Time will tell and the truth of the miles out of their way to spend Sat- matter should be forthcoming before another week. Perhaps some cause they wanted a drink or so of the firemen that helped could of Johnnie's real old stuff. This throw light on the subject if they

Politicians may wish to sling mud at R. B. Howell if any of the above rumors are found to be facts, but that will not do as he, of course, is in no way responsible; in fact, no one could be responsible. We will qualify this statement by saying that if the basins were washed and drained more often such a condition could not exist unless everybody took to the suicide notion all at onceyoungster who can both sing and events know how to judge Commis- or that fatherless babies came to

#### BUTLER SHOULD

(continued from first page) the police department by keeping who toils under such conditions know how little real service they

BE SWITCHED

When it comes to personal matters, it is reported that he has been pay long distance calls made for the purpose of checking the actions of his former sweetheart, who has spent a considerable portion of her time in Sioux City, but who formerly run a girl that one Pete Rooney charged in open council meeting had often the city.

One thing is sure, he has cast a reflection upon the entire city council by appearing on the streets of Chicago in a drunken condition, according to the reports of men who claim to know.

From Our Woman Hater.

Our tame misogynist growls that admiration for a beautiful woman and They both tire when you live too close to them.

Life Topsy-Turvy.

"Life is getting kind of topsy-turvy," sighed Mr. Meekton. "Henrietta hates the kind of perfume I use, and I seriously object to her smoking in the

Stray Bit of Wisdom. The man who has imagination with-

Teaching Songs of Wild Birds. In one English school the children are taught the songs of the various wild hirds by means of phonograph records.

ut learning has wings without feet .-

STORY CONNECTED WITH IT The Goldbergs have as every one knows taken over the Empress. There is a story connected with it that will be of interest to readers. Printed next we-

#### KU KLUKXER IN OMAHA SPREADS THE BUNK

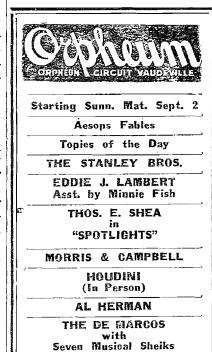
An alleged preacher named Bates came to Omaha Thursday evening and made a speach for the anti-American Ku Klux Klan outfit. He asserted the order stood for law and order but admitted that no one believed it. His bunk appealed to a few A. P. A's and possibly a few others.

#### Rabbits That Bear "Wool."

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