

DUNN GONE; EBERSTEIN NEXT

CITY COMMISSIONERS SAY DUNN IS GUILTY

General Shakeup in Police Department
Is Forecasted

EBERSTEIN SLATED FOR JUNK PILE

Fremont Clothing Peddler's Evidence Used Against Chief of Detectives—Uncle Sam's Dope Evidence May Cut Important Part in Coming City Police Affairs.

The long-looked for shakeup in the Ringer department of the city of Omaha has come and the only speculation left is as to just how far it will go. John Dunn, promoted by Ringer to the rank of chief of detectives, has been discharged in disgrace from the force and there is a decided feeling that Chief of Police Eberstein will be the next to go, to say nothing of several others being slated for changes.

The action of the city commissioners in throwing out Chief Dunn was not unexpected. It has been understood for three or four weeks that he would be railroaded and when the city council took that action Wednesday evening all the newspapers had forecasted their action well in advance. Dunn was discharged for alleged misappropriation of funds belonging to the police pension fund.

The case of Dunn is considered out of the ordinary. He admitted appropriating the money he was charged with receiving, but declared he did so with the understanding that it was a gift and not a reward in the usual manner of considering rewards. It appears from inside sources that a Fremont clothing peddler was induced by certain Omaha interests to make some affidavits, and these were received as good evidence. But the evidence amounts to very little in the case, because there is every indication that the whole thing was a frame-up of the most vicious character and that Dunn was slated for retirement, without regard to whether or not he was guilty.

But now comes the statement that

Chief Eberstein is slated to go next. Underground reports have it that Eberstein was forced onto Ringer against the commissioner's will. At any rate Eberstein is still here, although his son is gone. While in the government employ, Eberstein had to deal with the dope ring to a very great extent and the ramifications of that body are just beginning to be made public. More is expected to come from these reports later. Uncle Sam, it is said, has discovered some remarkable holes in the law enforcement division, as it was composed before Mr. Eberstein came to the police force, and recent raids and arrests are expected to result in some remarkable revelations. Just how much they will concern Mr. Eberstein and his family remains to be seen.

At any rate, it is stated, Ringer and the mayor have decided that Eberstein must go, guilty or not guilty. Commissioner Dan Butler made a decided contest in the game that resulted in Dunn's discharge. It is now said he will take a strong hand in the Eberstein affair. Butler's vote, it is expected, will be the deciding one in the Eberstein affair, and reports have it that he will vote against firing Eberstein. It is said that Butler feels that it will be a good thing to keep Eberstein on Mr. Ringer's string until the general cleaning the people will make next spring, when Ringer will retire from the circus.

The retirement of Dunn is also expected to have some far-reaching results before it is all over. It is reported that

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EAST END ROUGH HOUSES RAIDED AND WEST END JOINTS IMMUNE

Gathering in of Habitues of Old "Red Light" District Are Victims of Raiding Squad, But "Polite" Resorts Still Doing Business in Fashionable Districts.

It has just been discovered by Mr. Ringer that the old line in the east end of the city was again in operation and that it was necessary to have a cleaning up, all of which sounds very funny to the good people who thought this sort of vice had been done away with in Omaha.

During the last week, two spectacular raids have been made on this end of town and about two dozen men and women picked up in various resorts that have been flourishing down there. When the Albert law went into effect most of the big sporting houses either went out of business or moved into the residential districts. The system has been changed in many ways, but the number of soliciting women has not been reduced, and court records indicate that they have had headquarters in many instances, in the very best part of the residential districts.

There have been, however, a large number of the bad ones who have stayed in the east end, most of them slipping somebody a piece of money occasionally, and from all indications they have been thriving. The pincers have been put on Superintendent Ringer so hard lately that he found himself forced to do something. These raids are the result.

The persons taken in these raids have usually been of what is known as the "cheap class," where business and

pleasure have been combined for the edification of visitors, and where a liberal amount of "poontang" has been on tap or within easy reach. The habitues of the district have not been numerous, but it is said most of these places have been operated there by such fellows as Johnny Moore and his ilk and they do not interest the more particular classes, who visit the "exclusive" places in the west end rather than take chances on being pinched in some cheap joint where the raids were pulled off this week. From a spectacular standpoint, with press agents on the job, the raiding of these places was a success, but if something of this sort were pulled off our west, Mr. Ringer would be working at better advantage. He could then show that he was after the high steppers who so successfully operate in the brass collar district, which thus far has been immune from raiders employed by our great "reform" administration.

But Ringer should be congratulated for even getting this small fry. Perhaps he will even do better in the near future. Incidentally, he might take a look over some of our high class apartment houses, many of which are tenanted by women who find it easy to make a living working nights and feel secure within the portals of a well protected up-town building.

GARBAGE BUSINESS IS AGAIN BEFORE PEOPLE

The garbage problem is again before the people of Omaha and from all appearances will have to be dealt with in a manner that will take it out of the hands of financial promoters.

The Pollock hog yard out at De Bolt is coming in for more than ordinary criticism and neighbors of the Pollock ranch are putting up an awful yell about the place.

There is just one way to solve the garbage problem and that is to destroy the garbage in an incinerator. Other cities have learned this long ago. At present Omaha contracts the removal of garbage, the purchasers using it for fattening hogs. Such an arrangement has never been satisfactory. A lot of graft has always entered the garbage business and will continue to do so until the city itself takes on the business of disposing of it.

PANNING TELEPHONE IS NOW POPULAR DIVERSION

Panning the telephone is now a popular diversion. From all indications the sport will continue for some time to come. The Nebraska company is now installing the automatic system and expects the work to continue for several months.

The telephone girl will soon be a thing of the past. The automatic system has at last been perfected to an extent which makes this change possible. The telephone girl has

been doing business about forty years. The demand for her services has been good from the start and that demand has become so great that telephone companies have found it necessary to inaugurate the automatic system for the purposes of relief both to the public and to themselves.

In the local station an immense staff of girls is employed. Most of them will be retained in other capacities after the automatic system comes into effect. Meantime telephone officials are having a busy time explaining why we have to wait for telephone service.

BENSON SUBURB THRILLED BY OMAHA RAIDING SQUAD

The little village of Benson was given a touch of high life this week when the patrol wagon called on "Mrs. C. Brown" at her home, 2645 North Sixty-fifth avenue, and took her and a bunch of celebrators to the booby hatch, charged with disorderly doings.

Neighbors report that the Brown residence has been the resort for live wires for a long time. Some of our taxi drivers knew it a long time ago. The police grabbed a fine selection of liquid said to be of the intoxicating kind. At any rate the bunch was pretty well pifficated, according to the report at the station.

This quiet little village has been talking about the affair ever since it happened. The place was characterized as an ill-governed house, whatever that is.

Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

George Green, former Council Bluffs musical genius, has made himself famous at Kenosha, Wis., by working all summer without a vacation. A wireless message from him says he could not stay in that village without The Mediator.

Charley McCune, manager of Uncle Sam's postoffice building, sends his check with greetings. Charley knows what tickles the editor of a great religious weekly newspaper.

Jack Baldwin, Omaha barrister and candidate for public defender, was making political speeches in Bellevue, where he was not well known.

Harry Stroesser, uncaged paint demon, was on hand for business at one of our great political meetings. He overlooked no bets.

Ed Bauer had the thanks of the populace for taking an extended vacation in one of our neighboring villages.

Adolph Storz was seen hoeing cabbages in his Dodge street garden. A bottle of nearly beer, stuck out of his pocket.

Mike Fish swallowed another bale of hay. He was in the hay business and could afford to eat it, he said.

Jack Shannon was out looking for information. He had just disposed of his Texas oil holdings.

Charlie Schneckenberger returned from his country vacation. He called on several of his friends hereabouts. He was very thirsty after getting home. He said it was a hard drive.

Charlie Franke, expert alibi man, was a caller on friends in the Karbach block. The nature of his errand could not be learned.

Sam Faier, well known hotel owner, continued to put out that hard luck bunk, and he got away with a lot of it, too.

Different Calibre Thieves

From all indications there are a lot of thieves in Omaha, but their calibre differs materially. During the last two weeks there has been brought to light the fact that numerous large department stores have been robbed and there was a "ring" working on the job in a very systematic manner. It is said that no less than thirteen members of the Omaha police force have been implicated by members of the gang already arrested, but thus far only two of them have been held.

Let it be known, this is no laughing matter. Mr. Ringer has just concluded the engineering of a game by which he secured the discharge from the force of a chief of detectives, whom he charged with keeping reward money paid him for unearthing a "plant" of stolen clothing. Now, from all appearances, he is protecting other members of the force who are said to have been implicated in the robbery of big stores to the extent of \$50,000.

Two underlings in the police department have been taken into custody charged with being parties to these robberies. Thirteen others have been named but not one of them has been arrested and there is nothing to indicate that anyone of them will even be reduced or taken off their jobs.

Ringer made the statement that he would not be satisfied until he had completed his "cleaning up." But there is plenty of evidence that he is sidestepping this big job, where half a score of police officials have been named as implicated in a \$50,000 robbery. The big question is, why don't he take action in this case and not simply make a couple of lesser thieves the goat?

If thirteen detectives are implicated in this \$50,000 robbery, why don't Ringer get busy? These names may yet be printed.

LOFTIS HAREM SCENE OF HIS LAST DEBAUCH

Famous Slock House Diamond Peddler Dies In Disgrace

PRETTY HOTEL CASHIER WITH HIM

High Wines and Pretty Form Are Attractions That Put Famous Jeweler Out of Business for Good—Omahans Have Experiences With Him.

From best reports, inside and outside, Sam Loftis, the Chicago degenerate, who ended his career in a drunken orgy in an apartment where he was "entertaining" a lady friend, was about as emphatic an example of rottenness as ever imposed on humanity. After soaking the public for several years with his slock house jewelry, he came to the front as a diamond merchant and carried on his business on a large scale.

The Omaha branch of the Loftis concern came to Omaha three or four years ago and painted the town with advertisements. When the Christmas holidays approached they put on a "closing out" auction sale, at which time The Mediator found it necessary to tell the public what was going on. The place was run by a brother of Sam, and has been in business ever since it was established.

Sam Loftis, according to best information, had no more regard for a woman than a porker has for an ear of corn. His own housekeeper says he has had fifty different women in his apartment within three or four months. He entertained them lavishly. He still had a big plant of fine old bourbons and other high and sparkling wines.

Sam did not want a wife; he wanted a harem. And a harem he organized and kept in good working order. He came to the end of his career when he came into contact with Ruth Woods, pretty cashier at one of Chicago's classy hotels. Ruth accepted his invitation for a "night out" and it ended up in the Loftis apartment, where Loftis during a drunken nightmare came to his death. The immediate cause of his death was described

as accidental, but by those who have been on the inside it is said it occurred differently. Miss Woods, who is said to be the fiancée of another wealthy Chicago sport, Jack Shayne, declares Loftis "attacked" her and although it was a friendly scuffle, Loftis came to his death as a result of his head striking a door knob. Of course it will never be really known whether his head struck the knob or whether the knob struck his head. A lot of wise ones have some good conjectures, however.

Joe Loftis, who runs the Omaha business, is some hot tomale himself, and it is said he wields a wicked six-shooter. He took three shots at Sam in Chicago a few years ago, but Sam managed to live through it all and continue his harem in action up to the time of his tragic death. It is said that Sam Loftis wanted a new woman every day and those who were in touch with the doings at the Loftis apartments, say he usually got what he went after in that line. He was stricken with the little hotel cashier the first time he saw her and spent a bundle of money on her. It is said.

Now Ruth Woods is a wizardess and she knew well just how to meet Sam's Yiddish system of advances. She was just as busy as Sam was and she outwitted him all the time. He took her for a joyride that ended up at the Loftis apartment. There they were admitted by Hilda Johnson, Loftis' Scandinavian housekeeper. Hilda also had this Jew's number and since he died has been telling some of the things she knew.

Once within the portals of Loftis' (Continued on Page Three.)

GRAIN PRICES SMASHED WHEN HIT BY OPENING OF CHICAGO MARKETS

Bread Consumer Gets Relief After Being Stung for Five Years—All Prices Off on Foodstuffs—Poor Farmer Now Only Kicker.

The big dealers in grain and grain options are just awakening to the fact that the country is overstocked with wheat and corn and that prices have been entirely too high. Since the Chicago Board of Trade got into action on wheat there has been a fall of about 50 cents per bushel in that grain and flour is off from 75 cents to \$1.50 per barrel.

There has been a decline all along the line, with partial recoveries. As a general proposition, the price of all grains is going down and we are hearing an awful wail from the farmers about prices. The biggest kickers are the fellows receiving \$2.25 for their wheat as against 50 cents. The price they were receiving before the European war.

The big reason for prices blowing up is lack of demand and great stocks on hand. This year Europe raised a pretty substantial crop and the export demand for wheat and flour has fallen off in a most decided manner. It is necessary for Europe to lay down a price it can not afford if that country buys American breadstuffs. The result has been that Europe has quit buying anything that country can get along without. To add to this condition, South America has raised im-

mense crops the last three years, making the stocks so great that elevators and bins all over the country are jammed with grain and demand is faltering.

The Board of Trade is a busy place these times and regulating of the option market on wheat has been a decidedly good thing for the fellow who buys bread every day. As a general proposition this option market is a speculative affair, but it has a decided effect in regulating prices, just the same. The dealers in grain get their actual line on values through the option market and the big result of getting the wheat pit into action on the Chicago market has been to start that cereal back to normal prices. It is freely predicted that in another three months wheat will be as low as \$1.50 per bushel, as against about \$2.65 a few short weeks ago.

It takes considerable time to liquidate these immense holdings that were in store and that are now coming into the market, but there is plenty of evidence of an overstocked market in all kinds of grains, a condition that always makes best for the consumer. Meanwhile, the poor farmer, who has made only \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year for the last five years, is about the only kicker.

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OMAHA'S HELPLESS POLICE COMMISSIONER.

Omaha's police commissioner, J. Dean Ringer, has become well nigh helpless at a time when the city is in greater need of efficient police protection than at any time in our history. The big bluff this man has made about reforming and "cleaning up" this department has become a huge joke, at the very time when it ought to be taken seriously.

Many good people of Omaha believed that in Ringer there would be changes that would make conditions ideal and that the talk about the "old gang" running things was a thing of the past. They were brought to believe that Mr. Ringer's cleaning would make an ideal city of Omaha and that law breaking would soon become a thing unheard of. Just the contrary has occurred. Many old and experienced men have been either discharged or reduced to minor positions. In most cases new and experienced men have been given their places.

The result is that Omaha is the center of more lawlessness than any city of its size in America. Although the saloons are gone, drunkenness is habitual, criminals have flocked to the city in droves and no person is safe outside or inside his or her own domicile. The lawlessness has even extended to that portion of the "reform" element Mr. Ringer has employed, with the result that several of his police appointees are now on the way to the penitentiary, with a score or more dodging the law.

If the present city council has any regard at all for the people of Omaha they will make a change in the head of the police department. Better yet, a recall would be the best of all, and it should include at least five or possibly six of the present members of the city commission.

Omaha can not long continue to thrive under the mismanagement that features its operation under the present commission. Mr. Ringer has been the worst botch of it all and at this very moment, when he is making excuses for his abortive attempts to clean up the city, he is making the city the victim of the most vicious system of official robbery that we have ever experienced.

Mr. Ringer is absolutely helpless. Even associates of his on the commission have apparently lost all faith in his ability to make good and talk of turning his department over to another man. Perhaps Steve Maloney was not an ideal detective chief, but any fair minded man will admit that he is better than anything that Mr. Ringer has offered for the job.

And the whole world is wondering how such a miserable condition of affairs could exist without Tom Dennison being charged as a party to it all. They used to charge Tom with running the police department. That story was never taken seriously, but even if true the ordinary citizen would admit that he did a much better job of it than this man Ringer.

It is not new chiefs of police that are needed—it is a police commissioner.

GOVERNOR COX MAKES IT UNCOMFORTABLE.

Governor Cox, democratic candidate for president, is making it decidedly uncomfortable for those who are opposing him for the highest office within the gift of the people. His republican opponent appears to be considerably bewildered for lack of some motive for action. Senator Harding does not want to get on the job until he sees what Cox is going to do.

In fact, republican campaign leaders appear to be considerably worried about how the country is going to take Cox and what the great masses of workingmen are going to say. The workingman vote has been pretty well solidified this year and the republican leaders are trying to figure out some excuse they may offer for making a bid for it. As a general proposition the workingman is pretty well satisfied. At no time in the history of the country have wages been as great as at present. There is a pretty general feeling that the first thing to be attempted, after the republicans get into power, would be an universal effort to begin reducing wages. In fact, it has been intimated by republican leaders that such action would be taken in the event of them being successful at the November election.

Some newspapers have been cartooning Governor Cox, with a bottle sticking out of his pocket, and in other ways attempting to show his opposition to prohibition. The governor, however, has not attempted to sidestep the charge that he is not a prohibitionist and it is suggested that his republican opponents will find that they have taken hold of a hot poker if they pursue this part of the program.

So far as can be seen up to date there has been no good reason set forth for placing the republicans in power, and, despite the unfortunate after-war conditions the country is experiencing, most of the bad features may be credited to a republican congress that has been in power the last eighteen months. That view is being taken as a general proposition by the people who will do the voting and taking it all around, Governor Cox is making it awfully uncomfortable for his opponents.

Incidentally, the Cox acceptance speech does not make a vol-

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ume, like that of Senator Harding, but is a "cold turkey" statement, featured by its brevity and to the point characteristics, such as might be expected from a practical, capable and all 'round strong candidate for the position he seeks.

As a general proposition, about the only excuse the republicans offer for seeking power again, is "Oh, let's have a change."

1900 PER CENT FOR ARMOURS.

In 1916 the capital stock of Armour & Co., member of the "big five" packing house trust in Chicago, was \$20,000,000. It has recently been increased to \$400,000,000, according to an announcement which appeared on the financial page of the New York Times, issue of July 7.

This is an increase of 1,900 per cent in four years without investment of a single dollar.

After paying regular dividends this immense excess profit remained and was converted into stock dividends in order to escape payment of war taxes. This is permitted under the recent ruling of the United States supreme court, which held that stock dividends are not subject to taxation as excess profits. Also it "legalized" through the connivance of Attorney General Palmer and the department of justice under and agreement reached between the attorney general and the packers for withdrawal of suits which had been entered under the Sherman anti-trust act.

The editor of the Norfolk Press visited the Sioux City plant of this concern last week. Speaking of it the manager said Armour was struggling for his industrial existence, for the existence of the industries of the United States. He said they had sold \$5,000,000 worth of meats in Sioux City and within a radius of 100 miles of that city the past year and that they would exceed that amount this year.

In announcing the above capitalization Armour & Co. last week cut another big melon equal to 100 per cent on its common stock, practically all of which is held by members of the Armour family.

October, 1916, the capital stock of Armour & Co. was increased from \$20,000,000 to \$100,000,000 and the additional \$80,000,000 stock created at that time was given to share holders. This came as a stock dividend of 400 per cent, going exclusively to the Armour family.

Again on August 23, 1918, the capital stock was increased, this time to \$210,000,000. This was done by advancing the volume of common stock to \$150,000,000 and the creation of an issue of \$60,000,000 authorized preferred stock.

Therefore it will be seen that during the four great profiteering war years Armour & Co. have boosted their capital stock from \$20,000,000 to \$400,000,000, an increase of \$380,000,000 or nineteen hundred per cent, without the investment of a dollar.

Henceforth and forevermore purchasers of Armour & Co. products will pay a price that will guarantee at least 7 per cent to the members of the Armour family on this inflated capital stock. In the meantime these same purchasers will continue to pay the war debt, while members of the Armour family escape their just burden through the kindness of the United States supreme court and the department.

Wonder how long will the dear common people patiently endure this sort of "justice."—Lincoln Herald.

There May Be Delay in Moving Your Telephone

If you order your telephone moved next week you may be told to expect a delay in getting it done.

Nearly half a million other telephone users in the United States will move their telephones this month, too. And for all of them many carloads of wire and other materials will be needed.

A general shortage of materials, as well as a lack of sufficient transportation facilities is holding back factory output and the telephone companies can't get enough supplies.

In this emergency it will be greatly appreciated if you will order the least possible changes in your telephone equipment. And when you need to have something done please let us know as far in advance as possible.

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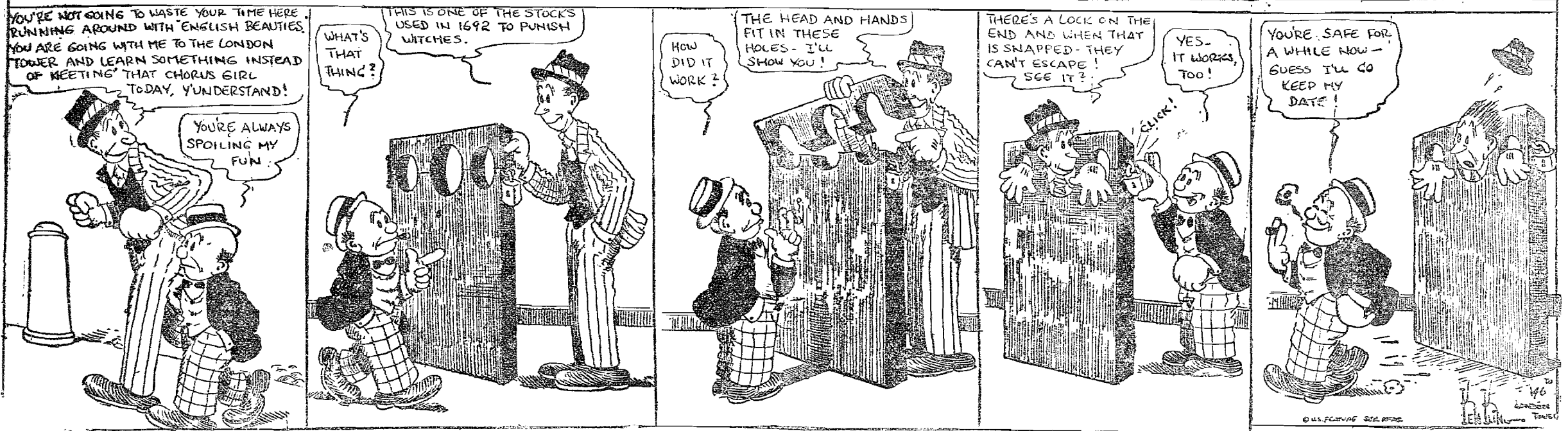
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TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED
FACTORY EMPLOYEES OFF

The releasing of 2,500 factory employees by M. E. Smith is the indication in Omaha of a slowing up in business. At the factory, it is stated that piece goods is the cause of the closing, but from other sources it is stated that there is a big surplus of manufactured goods. The same condition prevails in other lines, with a general depression in many lines of clothing.

It is said operations will again begin as soon as material is received, but that is a very indifferent proposition. It is not believed the factory will be in operation for a long time.

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AUTOMOBILE MEN ARE
HAVING OWN TROUBLE

Automobile dealers are having their own troubles these times and from all appearance there are going to be several thousand surplus automobiles on the market when the season closes. Several automobile concerns have already quit and more are slated for retirement in the near future. One agency for a large eastern concern has \$75,000 worth of cars out on which they are having a hard time to collect money. Meanwhile, factories are punching up dealers for money, which is not available owing to the stringency.

From all appearances the prices of automobiles are going to take a slump of from 25 to 50 per cent in the very near future, with thousands of used cars for sale at any old price.

NEAR EAST COMMITTEE
APPEALS TO DONATORS

The Near East committee, which is gathering supplies for suffering Armenia and other victims of the barbarous European war, are accepting donations of clothing and other supplies in the Auditorium basement, where they have established headquarters. Arrangements are being made whereby laundry drivers may accept bundles of clothing and they will be sent to headquarters.

The committee is sending out some posters that appeal to Americans. These posters show the dire distress of these unfortunate peoples. Any kind of old clothing is acceptable. The committee hopes to get off big supplies before the cold weather sets in. These starving youngsters are still

dying by thousands for lack of nourishment and clothing.

IF YOUR WATCH don't keep time, bring it to us for correction. We know how. Strictly union shop.—BRODEGAARD BROS.—Adv.

CITY COMMISSIONERS
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liably reported that Johnny Dunn has a few cards up his sleeve that have not been played. In fact, it is stated, his inside information may have the result of exploding some of the inside doings of the ring that has been fostered by Mr. Ringer himself. Dunn refuses to talk at present, but it is considered a safe bet that his retirement from the Omaha police force is only temporary, although it is not expected he will again be in uniform for some time to come.

The discharge of Dunn is believed to be first page of a long story which will become public piecemeal from time to time as new developments appear on the surface. As a general proposition, Dunn made a pretty good officer, although not popular with many members of the force.

It is believed Andy Pattullo will be the next chief of police. He has managed to keep his nose pretty clean and is pretty generally liked, even by many who disagree with him in many ways.

Mr. Ringer is having a pretty tough time explaining some of his actions, although he does not attempt to explain many of them. He gets just as tough as anybody else when he talks out in church and intimates that he is going to run the whole business just as he sees fit so long as they let him stay on the job, and a lot of those wise ones who have been watching believe he will do it, too.

IF YOU WANT to be on time, have your watch regulated and adjusted by Brodegaard Bros. Co. A trial will convince you. Strictly union shop.—Adv.

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OF HIS LAST DEBAUCH

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mansion, Sam produced some of his select stock of Bergundy and French champagne. From all indications it took more freely on him than on Ruth, because he is said to have got badly jagged up soon after the souse began. Miss Ruth was pretty well pipped herself and had to be taken away in an automobile.

The Loftis fortune is said to be pretty large, all accumulated after the fashion peculiar to the system em-

ployed by these stock house dealers. It is said their stock of diamonds covers about anything that was ever dug out of the African mines, and on which many poor sucker has been taken in for his bundle of kale.

A peculiar incident to Loftis' death was the presence soon after the accident of Jack Shayne, millionaire fiancée of Ruth Woods. Reports say Ruth was so drunk she felt that the only way for her to get home was to have Jack Shayne come and get her. At any rate, Ruth does not know just what happened, except that she and Loftis got into a "friendly tussle," as a result of which Loftis struck his head on the hard side of a door knob and the contact broke a hole in his brain compartment. At any rate he never came to life again.

Ruth is described as a girl of more than twenty years, with a strikingly handsome face and exquisite figure. She had seen enough of the world and wild men to know what to do with such cusses as Sam Loftis and there is nothing to show that she did not accomplish about everything she started after.

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A particularly appealing bill has been arranged for the patrons of the Empress, Omaha's popular summer-time playhouse for the next week. Topping the bill is a novelty act entitled "Pot Pourri." This act is billed as vaudeville's supreme novelty and is said to be one of the best novelty acts on the vaudeville stage. Each member of the company is very talented, and wonderful musicians, and each performs a different instrument. Imperial Four will offer a musical act which is good, as each is a master of the accordion. These four young people are said to be the best accordion players in vaudeville, and many of their selections are original. They also play many popular numbers.

Jackson & Adams, a charming miss and a handsome young chap, will offer a comedy talking and singing novelty entitled "Something Different." This duo are really entertaining because of their youth and versatility.

The fourth act, which is to complete the bill, is a complete surprise for the audience, and one sure to delight both the kiddies and the grown folks.

The photoplay attraction for the first half of the week is "Sink or Swim," featuring the most daring of actors, eGorge Walsh. Mr. Walsh surpasses his acting in other pictures, in that he does many thrilling stunts, and the story is full of humor, heart-thrills and interest. Mr. Walsh is supported by a notable cast, each of which plays his part very well.

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BRANDEIS THEATER READY

The Brandeis theater is being put in spic and span condition for the opening, which will soon occur. Joy Sutphen, manager of this high class theater, has booked some of the best attractions that will be in action this season. Several of the newer ones will be seen at this theater the coming season, which Sutphen expects to be a big one.

Incidentally, it is said patrons of the Brandeis will have to keep their eyes front if they wish to secure good accommodations for this season, regardless of what attraction is on the boards. The management hopes to handle the demand to best advantage but will play no favorites. It will be a case of first come first served, with the result that theater-goers will have to be on the ground early if they wish to secure seats to their liking.

ORPHEUM OFFERINGS

For two more weeks summer vaudeville will be seen at the Orpheum, after which the regular fall and winter season will start with only a week or two of intermission. Summer vaudeville at this popular house has been a success from start to finish. The bills have been excellent and the theater has enjoyed surprisingly good patronage all summer.

Manager Byrne is already preparing for a big season the coming fall and winter. He says all the old favorites will be seen there again this season, together with a large number of new-comers on the vaudeville stage. The Orpheum management does not overlook any bets in securing new stars and new acts and this year will not be an exception.

Incidentally, the Orpheum theater is one of Omaha's real show places all the time. Manager Byrne, whose master hand has guided affairs there so long, is responsible for the popularity of the place. He never puts on anything he finds it necessary to apologize for and he knows how to treat the public. He also knows what is demanded by the aesthetic theater-goers of this city and does not permit any rough stuff at any time.

Every bill presented at the Orpheum is a clean one and any objectionable lines are cut out by the management the minute they appear.

KRUG PARK ATTRACTIONS

Omaha's popular summer resort, Krug Park, had another busy week. The hot weather sent pleasure seekers to Krug Park in great droves, and they made merry with every attraction in the place. The big clusters of shade trees, with convenient tables, which the management furnishes free were popular gathering places, especially for picnic parties, of which there were many.

Labor day will be on the park program this year, because union labor has selected that place for its picnic on that date. A big program of sports is being arranged and the park management will outdo itself to make it a big day for the visitors. Mayor Short of Sioux City will be

speaker of the day. He is popular with union labor and has the reputation of being an orator of more than ordinary ability.

RAGAN RETURNING HERE AFTER TWELVE YEARS

After twelve years of activity in the big league, Pat Ragan will again be seen in an Omaha uniform in the near future. Ragan made his real debut in professional baseball in Omaha and won both fame and fortune, to say nothing of also securing a fine Omaha girl for a wife.

Ragan went to the major leagues twelve years ago, after a successful two years with the Omaha club, and made good all the time. He went to the Pacific coast last year, but has managed to get back to the Rourkes, where his face soon will be seen.

As a successful baseball player, Ragan has most of them cheated. He spends his winters in Omaha, but does not start his winter vacation until all the corn from his Iowa farm is harvested. He is a very busy man at least nine months out of every year. He is a splendid fellow and makes no enemies.

SILLEK'S CALHOUN RANCH SCENE OF MUCH HILARITY

Some of our village newspapers report big doings out at Fred Sillek's island ranch near Calhoun, in which a friendly altercation resulted in differences between Sillek and one of his neighbors. The affair took Sillek into court, but from late reports, it is shown that somebody made a mountain out of a mole hill. Sillek and his neighbors are pretty good citizens and usually get along just like all other civilized people.

The little affair that disturbed the island last week is not taken by neighbors as being serious and it is said Sillek and his friend Vincent have patched up their differences and the island family is again a happy one.

Sillek says his watermelon patch is in fine condition and that he expects to soon invite his village friends to visit his ranch for a melon feast.

ANOTHER GOOD WEEK FOR BILL ROURKE'S CROWD

The Rourkes have had another good week, winning five out of the last six games. They have been meeting some of the strongest teams in the league, at that. Unless something out of the ordinary interferes with their progress, the Omaha team may be expected to continue their upward course in the percentage column from this time until the end of the season.

The Rourkes will close the season at home this year, which should add to their chances of carrying away the coveted flag. And then, business has been good. Reports from all over the league show all eight teams to be flourishing financially. Tulsa reported an aggregate of 14,000 admissions for three games last week, which is nearly a league record.

"Base ball is coming into its own," is the way Mrs. Rourke, a live partner of the big magnate puts it. "The war played hob with everybody for a while, but everybody will be back on their feet when this season ends."

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Farnam St. Line.
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13th and Farnam for 46th and.....12:51
13th and Farnam for Depot.....12:15
13th and Farnam for Depot.....2:06
Harney Line.
33rd and Parker to 6th Street.....12:47
33rd and Parker to Depots.....1:41
6th and Center for 33rd and Parker.....1:14
Park and North 24th Streets.....1:03
16th and Farnam, East Side.....1:23
16th and Farnam, West Side.....1:23
16th and Farnam for Florence.....12:24
16th and Farnam for 30th and Fort.....1:12
16th and Farnam for Kansas Ave.....1:12
16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames.....2:03
South Omaha and 42nd and Grand.....1:21
14th and Farnam for West Q.....1:21
14th and Farnam for 42nd and Grand.....1:26
14th and Farnam for 24th and Ames.....2:28
Dodge Street Line.
13th and Dodge (West).....1:20
13th and Dodge (East).....2:01
30th and Spaulding for Depots.....1:45
Leavenworth and Deaf Institute.....11:55
15th and Farnam (North).....11:55
15th and Farnam (South).....12:15
Ames and Albright.....1:20
13th and Farnam for Benson.....1:20
13th and Farnam for Albright.....12:41
13th and Farnam for 24th and N.....1:23
13th and Farnam for 13th and Vinton.....2:26
Fort Crook Line.
24th and N Sts., South Omaha.....12:00
Fort Crook.....12:36
14th and Howard for Pearl & B-way.....2:00
Owl Cars.
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton.....1:50
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton.....2:30
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton.....4:20
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Vinton.....2:20
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames.....3:36
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames.....4:26
10th and Mason to 50th and Underwood.....3:52
16th and Farnam to 50th and Underwood.....4:09
50th and Underwood to 10th and Bancroft.....4:24
16th and Farnam to 10th and Bancroft.....4:39
24th Street Cross Town.
24th and Lake.....12:25
44th and L to 24th and Vinton.....1:00
Council Bluffs and Omaha.....1:30
Pearl and Broadway for Omaha.....1:30
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