

PATH OF BOOZE LEADS TO GRAVE

BELL TELEPHONE CO. ASK RATE INCREASE

State Railway Commission Decides on Actual Decrease

COMPANY IS HARD HIT BY ACTION

Northwestern Phone Company Cannot Possibly Earn More Than 3.25% on Investment Unless Higher Court Reverses Decision—Many Believe New Ruling Spells Confiscation—Commission Says Rates Too Low Based on 1921 Business

Unusual interest is being manifested in the controversy now being earnestly waged between the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and the State Railway Commission concerning the adjustment of rates asked for by the company, recently. The case was bound to cause more than usual notice and attention because of the prime fact that nearly every business and professional man in the state as well as a majority of our citizens are directly interested in the outcome.

When a principal is involved that affects our pocketbook, whether it be the purse of an official of the company, its employees or the man on the other side of the fence, little matters, as, after all most commercial fights as well as real wars are usually fought out along lines that have to do with both our individual and collective prosperity.

The principal of "Mothering our own purse and resources" is involved in the present re-adjustment rates that is now before the State Railway Commission, thus the unusual interest in the case. All too many people jump at a snap judgment conclusion on any case in which a corporation is involved and often suffer reverses through hastily formed and sometimes prejudiced judgment.

The local telephone company went before the commission a short time ago asking for a slight increase in certain rates to replace the temporary "surcharge" rates now in effect. They wanted a fixed schedule of exchange

rates that would insure them an income of between five and six per cent on their investment, which seems a very reasonable amount compared with that which even the conservative banker demands and gets.

They went before the commission with undeniable facts and figures and presented their case, and this was or is the result up to the present time: The State Railway Commission eliminated the 10 per cent surcharge, which it is estimated produces annually \$290,000 in revenue. The commission then allows certain rate changes which it is estimated will produce annually \$272,000 in additional revenues. The net result based on these estimates, is to actually reduce the company's present revenue approximately \$18,000 yearly, instead of granting the company's application for additional revenue, which officials of the company testified under oath was necessary to pay all operating expenses, including fair wages to employees, and a return of less than six per cent on the company's property.

If the state commission's edict is to stand, it is fairly estimated that the return on the company's property would be, at the most 3.25 per cent annually, a sum that any business man knows means in time, confiscation.

The Northwestern Bell Telephone Company has a right to believe that should the commission's order become effective, the amount left from their operations in the state, after defray-

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ELMER THOMAS USES HIS SAFE TO STORE BOOZE TAKEN BY LAW

Dan Brady Quits the Game After Several Years of Operation—Boys in Jail Given Time to Think It Over—"Stool Pigeon" Tom Flinn Having His Troubles—No More Good Whiskey Left, Says Rohrer.

Of the thousand and one stories that have come to light during the past two weeks concerning infractions of the Eighteenth Amendment, none have attracted more attention than the one that broke loose Wednesday concerning Elmer Thomas and his self assumed interest in the local booze situation.

Elmer, who is head and tail of the Committee of 5,000, for commercial reasons if for nothing else, has been storing illicit booze in the safe at his office for safekeeping for federal dicks who have been bringing up hooch to his place for several months, according to testimony produced at Wednesday's hearing at the Federal building. Just how much of the outlaw stuff has come into possession of Thomas, no one knows but himself and probably a few insiders; just how much if any, the sanctimonious Elmer has appropriated for his own use or for that of his friends, no one knows or will ever know but himself. Suffice to say that according to the Omaha Bee, "diluted alcohol, the evidence which brought about the conviction on two counts of J. E. Danielson and Earl Glassman, proprietor and drug clerk in the former Frank Fogg drug store at 2802 Farnam street, was stored in Thomas's safe from last April until Wednesday, when it was brought into court.

At least three government agents, usually referred to as stool pigeons or sewer rats by the average person, testified that they have been using Thomas's office as headquarters. Their place to work and report

was thought to be in and out of U. S. Rohrer's office, but for some reason that they seem unwilling to give the public they operated from the Anti-Saloon League lawyer's office. It would appear that within a short time this highly paid agent of the League may have to give an accounting, but he seems to have gotten away with most everything and it is likely that he will be able to cover up this faux pas.

A short but interesting story for those who have been more or less interested in the effect or the operation of prohibition, is the retirement of probably the oldest and one of the first boys that entered the "watch your step" booze game. No less a personage than Dan Brady, who held forth at Leavenworth near Sixteenth. Dan has quit and his historic spot is a thing of the past, but the memory of hundreds of unusual parties still linger in the minds of scores of Omaha's more substantial citizens. Brady was one of the smartest men in the game and had more personal friends that would stand by him than most of the boys that entered the game. He knows when he has had enough.

Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here—would not be an inappropriate song to be used at the Sunday services conducted at the county jail each Sunday by those interested in that kind of work. The mill used by Judge Woodrough has been grinding with a regularity that is all but monotonous to

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CHARLEY JENSEN TRAINS FOR FUTURE MATCHES

Charles A. Jensen, one time champion police wrestler of the United States, is once more in training and expects to be in condition to meet the best of them within a month. Charley has not went to the mat during the past four years but most sports about town will have occasion to remember his work, especially the wise guys who lost a bunch of dough betting against him. Jensen is a little top heavy just now, but has reduced twelve pounds in the last three weeks and intends to peel off fifteen pounds of excess baggage during December.

SEND YOUR SANTA CLAUS LETTERS TO MEDIATOR

Letters to Santa Claus from readers and others will be a feature of our issue of December 15th. Those wishing to commune with Saint Nick before that time would do well to send us their letters before Dec. 12 and confine them to not more than 100 words. In a personal interview with Santa Claus by a representative of this paper, the venerable gentleman said that he would be glad to bring our readers anything for which they might ask—if they had the mazuma to pay for them.

BEN BAKER FILES RECOUNT PETITION FOR MIKE CLARK

Attorney Benjamin Baker has filed a recount petition in behalf of Mike Clark as a result of the recent close election. Only a few hundred votes separated the vote of the two Mikes. The petition is one of the longest ever filed in a Douglas county court. The case and its progress will be watched by thousands as both men are popular and have a large personal following.

JUDGE WAPPICH IS RIGHT

Judge Wappich in demanding that violators of traffic laws be made to accompany him to hospitals where they are made to view victims of automobile accidents, has started something that is sure to be reflected in more careful driving on the part of those that come before him on reckless driving charges.

DAVE MAKES GET-AWAY BUT UNABLE TO MAKE IT STICK

Dave Gilinsky, famous Omaha bootlegger, after making a daring escape from the penitentiary at Marquette, Michigan, was captured and returned without a struggle. His escape was not so much a surprise to those that knew him in Omaha but that he was captured without putting up a battle baffled the boys hereabouts that knew how game he had always been while here.

BABY COMES AS RESULT OF HIGH SCHOOL FRIVOLITY

Dundee Society Furnishes Latest Scandal Talk for Idle Tongues of Those Who Crave Sensations

Out in Dundee, Omaha's home of the smart set, there has recently been enacted what is known as a "smart trick", which had to do with a high school girl, daughter of the owner of a West Farnam street high-class automobile concern, and the son of a well known sporting man. The young man is at present attending a New Hampshire preparatory school. This young pair cut up some high didoes during the last year, with the result that the girl is now mother of a four months old baby and the young man is doing his stunt at the university.

This young pair is well known in society circles. The baby is at a hospital, but is said to be a candidate for adoption by the boy's father.

Names of the guilty parties are withheld for the present but details of this society scandal will be covered fully in the next issue of this paper, and will make interesting reading for not only Dundee society but for all those interested in our High School and its students.

REPORT KLAN ACTIVE HERE

Street Talk Is to Effect That Committee of 5,000 Support It.

Report has it that the Ku Klux Klan is here, here to stay apparently, at least until the decent, law-abiding people of Omaha defiantly put their foot solidly down on the work of this outlaw organization.

In Omaha, this Jew baiting, Catholic hating, Negro murdering, midnight marauding, night-gowned hoodlum Klan is fostered, so street report says, by certain members of the Committee of 5,000, composed in part by a gang of high binders, whose officers live off the life blood of earnest Christians, members of the Anti-Saloon League, who contribute to that organization in the best of faith.

Indignant Omahans would not believe the report that the Elmer Thomas-Dean Ringer closed corporation would stoop so low as to actually back a white-hooded organization that takes law unto itself, but such is the report going the rounds. This Klan that attempts to coerce the press, the public and even the pulpit, is said to have a membership here of more than three hundred active members whose long suit is threat of death or deportation of those that will not bow to the dictates of the Order.

They come to teach and to practice mob law but it is doubtful if the good citizens of this community will stand for such a doctrine. They know what mob law is in this cosmopolitan city, they have had enough. If Thomas, Ringer, et al, are in fact back of the Klan, and it is to be doubted, they will fold up their Ku Klux tent and steal away from darkness and tread a path where decent people walk.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES ARE WORTH THE MONEY REDEEMABLE JAN. 1

The Mediator is in receipt of a letter from the Treasury Department concerning unscrupulous efforts on the part of many people in order to induce holders of 1918 "War" savings stamp certificates to part with them for unstable investments or for considerable less cash than these certificates are actually worth.

It should be understood that these certificates are worth every cent of their face value and are redeemable in cash for the full amount on the first day of January 1923. They may also be exchanged for 1923 four per cent "Treasury Savings Certificates" if one wishes to extend his investment over another five-year period.

Don't let the sharks bite you. If you own war savings stamps and want the money go to the post office and get their full face value and if you don't need the money it would be well to re-invest in the new Treasury Savings Certificates.

IF MAUD S. IS ALIVE MAYBE "PACKY" WILL BUY 'ER

Without attempting to give the English language an upper cut we know of one "Gone" that is not gone but is going hell-ben-fer-lection. He is right hand bower at the Baseball Headquarters, home of a large share of the live sports in Omaha hang-out of a few occasional dead ones.

"Packy" has a method all his own, jumping through the ropes into the limelight, not through any premeditated effort but simply because he can't help it—he was just built that way. The calcium was turned his way recently when noney reporters found that Packy, the P. O. A. M. (ask Morrie Schlaifer wot that means) was about to hie himself Mexicanward and buy a string of ponies to try out on the "schlemeles" in this, the land of the brave and the home of the bootlegger.

Yep, gen'men, Packy is going down to Ti-won-a, and buy a pack of mules and perhaps, a little mule. Heze gonna bring 'em back to Omaha and show the wise birds how to make a peck of money by bettin' on his plugs—to lose. Lay down your dough, boys.

DEATH AND INJURY AFTER DANCE PARTY

Young Omaha Society Folk Caught in Auto Death Trap

QUARTETTE EJECTED FROM DANCE

As Result of Auto Trip, Ellison Vinsonhaler is Dead, While Friend Is Recovering From Serious Injuries—Driver of "Death" Car and Wife Are Well Known Here—Tekamah Tragedy One Long to be Remembered.

Once again King Booze has raised his gory head above the still waters of our commonwealth and with all his fiendish glee has trampled over the life of one young man, defaced forever a beautiful young maiden and walked rough shod in his triumphal march over the prostrate reputations of a young married man and woman who have been held in high esteem by the populace.

Bootleg rum, child of prohibition, reared in an atmosphere of the outlaw, using the devil's weapon, the automobile, clutched his bony fingers deep into the throats of four unsuspecting youths, and like a little wanton boy flung reputations, yes, even death, into the very face of the life loving quartette.

Out in Forest Lawn, deep down in the frozen earth, the remains of young cheerful Ellison Vinsonhaler is interned. Out in a small village in the eastern part of the prairie state, Helen Hoagland, gifted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hoagland, social leaders, lies all but helpless on a hospital cot, marked, probably for life with unsightly gashes, with but a vague and hazy remembrance of the black and terrible night that spelled death, misery and everlasting remorse to those that live to bemoan an unkind and unjust fate.

What of the facts in the case. Alas, it is the old, old story, ever new. A young man and a fair and gracious maiden in the innocence and over-exuberance of youth journeyed to a

mutual friend out at Tekamah, the romantic village that takes its name from a still more romantic Indian who guided the destinies of a warring aboriginal tribe in the days long gone. There they journeyed, to be the guests of the dashing William Latta, son of the well known "Bud" Latta and grandson of the late ex-congressman Judge Latta, and the lad's youthful wife. The journey begun with the principals in high spirits, enjoying life as only youth knows and ended in the cradle of death and sorrow.

All four, fond of the terpschorean art, journeyed to Herman where a local organization was holding a dance in their new hall. As seems universal nowadays, the quartette took along or at least drank a considerable quantity of liquor before they started, according to reliable reports from Herman. On arriving at the hall in this decorous, though lively village it was noted by their actions that some of them were rather intoxicated and not in condition to act the natural parts that is expected of one in public. They were allowed to remain through a few dances but their actions were such that a member of the floor committee found it necessary to eject them from the floor or to at least request that they leave.

Out into the night they went, happy and care free, without a thought of "payday" that the devil's booze guards demand of every soul. The

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NEBRASKA'S VICTORY OVER NOTRE DAME MAKES THEM CHAMPIONS

Game Was Biggest Sporting Event in the United States Thursday—With Football Out of the Way Interest Again Centers in Boxing—Next Big Scrap to be Staged by Dave Shade and Frankie Schoell.

The greatest sport event by far and large throughout the United States, Turkey day, was staged at Lincoln where Nebraska literally fought its way inch by inch to a magnificent victory over Notre Dame, one of the greatest football aggregations that ever donned the moleskins.

Nebraska was not to be denied. Their clean cut victory was a result of straight football along with the almost superhuman work of Noble and Captain "Chick" Hartley. The work of the husky Noble was outstanding and the sixteen thousand football fans including General Pershing went wild when Hartley shot a forward pass to him which he leaped high in the air to snag while racing at full speed. Dave raced thirty-eight yards through a broken field, bowled over Notre Dame tacklers like so much chaff, and come through for the first touchdown of the game. Hartley's place kick did the rest.

Nebraska stands today as the greatest football team in the United States. Coach Stagg of the University of Chicago says the team is one of the greatest he has ever seen, and he has seen them all. Knute Rockne, the hell-roaring coach for the famous Catholic warriors, says that they were beaten by the most powerful driving team he has lamped in many years. Walter Eckersall, the greatest football authority in the country, was high in his praise for the Cornhusker machine and says that Hartley and Weller are entitled to consideration for any honorary selection.

Omaha had two dishes of turkey foot

ball, but neither helping was very satisfactory to the fans. Creighton hardly played up to form, their fumbling and the breaks going against them spelled defeat with the final score standing 25 to 14. The Central-Tech game was a dandy and was witnessed by 7,500 bugs, but the final nothing-tie was a disappointment to followers of both schools as it leaves the city championship knotted up.

The next fistic event is one that fight followers here have been looking forward to for a long time. The proposed match between Dave Shade and Frankie Schoell is scheduled to take place at the City Cow Shed December 7th, but there is some talk of the bout being postponed for a week. The scrap is to be held under the auspices of the Spanish War Veterans with Nick Yeager as one of the principal promoters. The match makers have the boys signed up, but everyone interested directly say they do not want to place the pasteboards on sale until the slippery Dave has his shuffling feet on Omaha terra firma.

The backers of this fight have had to put up a guarantee that would make Croesus look like a last year's straw lid. It's a cinch when these sterling scrappers enter the ring they are going to fight, there is no mistake about that. Which ever man's classic brow is adorned with the crown when the argument is over will have his chance at Mickey Walker and the welter championship belt.

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VOTERS DISSATISFIED WITH CONDITIONS

The severe jolt given the republicans at the last election was a peremptory warning and a demand that the party get busy and redeem some of their election promises or prepare to step down and out in 1924. It was more than that, it was a solar plexus blow to President Harding's ambition to succeed himself, if he ever held such an ambition. The great gains made by the democrats was a rebuke to the administration and to the republican congress for fostering a "stick up" tariff on an unwilling public, and a warning against the passage of the ship subsidy bill which the president is trying by every known method to foster on the American public during the present extra session of congress, as he and his advisers know full well they can not hope to see the obnoxious bill passed at the next regular session at which time the newly elected senators and congressmen take their seats.

Another result of the November elections was to bring out the fact very clearly that the wet and dry issue is very much alive and will continue to be one of the hotly debated questions until the next general election at which time it seems likely that it will be made the paramount issue by supporters of both sides.

If it is true as Mr. Hinckley, general secretary of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment declares, that the wets made a net gain of eighty votes in the house, it is highly probable that there will be passed at the next session of congress, legislation that will strike the first blow at the least at the more stringent provisions of the Volstead Act.

Just as soon as a bill modifying the Volstead Enforcement Act is brought to the surface it will be the signal for a wet and dry fight to the finish that will culminate in the election of 1924 and will either settle the question for all time or keep the country in even greater tumult and excitement that it is, even now. The wets have much to encourage them as a result of the election and have good right to feel that if they keep up the fight with ever increasing vigor they will attain in large part at least what they have set out to accomplish, the modification of the obnoxious Volstead Act, or even the repealing of the Eighteenth Amendment. Members of Congress with just a trace of "moist" sentiment will be encouraged to come out in the open, express and vote their opinions and will be aided in this through the fact that the headships of several all powerful committees, including the house judiciary, will be made up of wet members through the seniority rule, the defeat of such men as Volstead, and the passing of Mondell.

Wayne B. Wheeler of Anti-Saloon League fame attempts to make out that his pet organization lost no influence at the recent upheaval, also that the dries will be able to muster just about as large a vote as ever in the house and senate, all of which is very doubtful and remains to be seen.

Meanwhile the president and his cabinet members are greatly worried over the widespread violation of the Volstead prohibition enforcement law and are at a loss to know what to do about it. Their attention has been called to the fact that millions are violating the law and seem to be proud of it, and it is a serious question when a large majority of our population flagrantly violate a basic law and gloat over it. Something is radically wrong and the best answer we know of is that the public fostered upon themselves or had wished on them a constitutional amendment that for the first time in history has proven extremely unpopular after a fair trial. "When men who would not commit a crime under any other statute," the president's spokesman said, "will participate in illegal trafficking in alcoholic liquors without a qualm, it certainly is a menacing situation for the nation."

The voters will have the final say and both sides may as well face the issue squarely and put the question to the acid test by a general election that will deal only with the prohibition amendment, so as not to muddle it with other issues to such an extent as to leave the people still in doubt. If both sides are in earnest they will sooner or later demand an exclusive vote of the people on whether they want the amendment repealed, the Volstead act modified, or whether they want prohibition as it is now written on the law books.

OREGON AND THE KU KLUX KLAN

Oregon is an integral part of the United States, but one would hardly think so after scrutinizing the election returns from that I. W. W., Ku Klux and Bolshevik ridden commonwealth which passed the un-American Compulsory School Bill, which takes away the constitutional privilege of parents to educate their children as they believe best, only provided that they do educate them.

Not a single newspaper in the State supported the bill, and but two opposed it, yet the people by a considerable majority voted it into law. Walter M. Pierce was elected governor by the Ku Klux Klan because he bargained for their vote and got it, and with his election the School Bill was put across, which indicates that the voters out there are in favor of law by white robed midnight, self-constituted law-makers and breakers. It also approves the theory that the child is a ward of the State and not of the parents that brought them into the world.

The Portland Oregonian sums up the situation, maintaining that "the whole campaign was carried on without speakers and without press support or opposition. It was all really done by

secret propaganda. Thus Governor Olcott goes down to defeat for supporting the principles on which the government of the United States was founded. He was defeated for protesting against intolerance and bigotry."

No doubt the law will be tested in the highest courts and if it is found constitutional it will be a great surprise to millions who believe that America's greatness come about largely because the constitution guarantees religious liberty and protects the citizen against undue encroachments on their inalienable rights by State or Nation.

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those who have been or are liable to be caught in its ever grinding cogs. A score or more of boys that took a chance and after a long climb failed to make the grade are now guests of Mike Clark, some of them to be fed up on his chow until late in February.

While they are paying the price they have time to consider the patent fact that the game is a losing one and all are figuring on going back into legitimate business after they are released. None of them look particularly worn but all have had to make a few extra holes in their belts to take up a slack that comes from being unable to put their kickers under the table at home.

Tom Flinn, government informer or stool pigeon, as the street has it, is having a heck of a time, at least his lawyers are, insofar as concerns the court in which he will be tried. Both state and government are interested in which court he will appear for the killing of young Salerno. It appears that Elmer Thomas is also butting in on this case, which is not surprising, as he is a champion butter at so much per butt.

Cy and George Colwell had their hearing Wednesday. Both were convicted but sentence will not be pronounced by Judge Woodrough before Saturday of this week. Robert Samardick, unpopular former Omahan, is said to have had a hand in the original information that convicted the Colwells.

Last but not least, U. S. Rohrer comes to the front with the statement that Omaha is bone dry so far as good rum is concerned. There is no more good liquor in Omaha, he says, but on the question of the other kind he could hardly say as much. While there is life there is hootch.

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ing necessary expenses, would be so small as to constitute a confiscation of property or to be more explicit, put them out of business. The point seems well taken when one considers cold facts rather than a cursory and perhaps prejudiced examination of the condition the company finds itself. It is a patent fact that a growing telephone company in a fast growing community finds it forever necessary to induce new capital to invest in the enterprise if it is to expand and keep abreast the needs of the people it serves. This being the case it is absolutely necessary to show the investor that he is to have at least a fair return for his money. After all the investor is usually a man or woman of moderate means, in fact Mr. Average Man, who is certainly entitled to a return that will be at least as much as if he had the money in some bank away from the marts of trade.

The telephone company is a public utility. As such is not altogether master of its own destiny. It is often subject to the whim and will of ill advised persons who for one reason or another feel that they are doing mankind a great favor by making some wound that will suck the life blood out of the company simply because it is a corporation. Usually broader minded men find a way to lesson the hurt before the commercial wound is irreparable.

A most unusual feature of the commission's statement was to the effect that if the year 1921 was a normal one the telephone company was admittedly entitled to an increase but the commission used as an argument that such was not the case. From a standpoint of prices, of wages, and of general costs it would appear to the general public that no better year could be found on which to base an estimate of the immediate future. When it is understood that the commission has the authority to change any rates at any time it sees fit, it looks like, that in all fairness they could use 191 as a basis for the next few years to come and during that time if conditions come about to prove different they have the authority and know the way to make a change.

JACK FITZGERALD IS DOWN AND OUT

All the oldtimers that were interested in the boxing game have a rather soft spot in their heart for Jack Fitzgerald, who was quite a mit slinger in his day. He is now in a sanitarium out in California in bad shape. Several sports about town are talking about getting up a benefit for Jack, which is not a bad idea at all.

GRAVE MARKERS NOW PRODUCED FROM WHITE CEMENT AND SAND

Progress is the order of the age as is shown in the thousand and one new patents granted every year by the department at Washington. Not the newest but one of the best is to be found in a new combination concrete mixture which not only imitates marble but is more beautiful and if possible more enduring.

Here in Omaha this more or less concrete evidence of progress is well exemplified in the "markers" being turned out by J. H. Merideth who has his place of business at 2205 Cuming street. He bought the patent rights for this district and is busily engaged turning out grave markers made of this newest material. The markers are made from a combination of white cement and sand and colored in such manner as to look the exact counterpart of Vermont granite. It is claimed that these markers will stand up for all time and can be produced at much less cost than real marble in these parts.

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AFTER DANCE PARTY

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 details of the death ride has been told in the daily papers in-so-far as they could safely tell it. Just exactly how the tragedy occurred may never be known but it is not to be denied that the roadster in which they were driving was that uncontrollable as to plunge headlong into a small gully and over a sufficient space to tear down several posts before it lost momentum, with the result that young Vinsonhaler lost his life and Miss Hoagland received serious injuries.

The youthful son of Judge Vinsonhaler was a member of All Saints church as was Miss Hoagland who was a Sunday school teacher as well. "Bud" Latta, father of William, driver of the car, is well known in Omaha, where a few years back he often came to visit and was wont to spend a considerable share of his time at the old T. M. A.

When the accident occurred Miss Hoagland was on the lap of her friend Ellison. In fact all four occupied the one seat and made it difficult for even the most experienced driver to handle a car at any stage of a trip, much less a difficult one.

NEBRASKANS' VICTORY
OVER NOTRE DAME
MAKES THEM CHAMPIONS

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 now, reservations may be made at the Sportsmen's, Baseball Headquarters, Dennison's Cigar Store or at Merritt's drug store. It is said there will be no advance in prices. If you want to see the greatest fight as well as the greatest crowd ever gathered at the Auditorium, make your reservations now.

SOME ONE IS PANNING

THE NEVILLE HOTEL

Several stories have come to the Mediator concerning the Neville Hotel which would make interesting reading matter but details in some cases were lacking until too late to make a story for this edition.

WHAT ARE THE BIG BUILDERS TRYING TO PULL OFF?

The arrest of Nathan Watts, realtor, calls attention to the fact that some of the larger dealers and especially builders have some kind of an inside deal to keep the small fry from operating in this city. Whether Watts was guilty as charged, we have no knowledge and are not interested but it does look to a man up a tree that some of the big builders of the town are trying to write finis to the smaller birds that play the game.

VALLEY OF SWEETS
HAVE ANOTHER FIRE

Nothing seems more sure than death and taxes unless it is a periodical fire at the Valley of Sweets, located on the ground floor of the Henshaw hotel. For the fourth time the fire department has been called to extinguish a blaze that in each instance may have resulted in the death or serious injury to many hotel guests. Through the presence of mind of Peter Foltz, elevator man, and Mrs. J. H. Keenan, wife of the manager of the Henshaw hotel, all guests were "safely stowed" after heroic efforts on the part of these two people, Harley Connant, the fire department and other volunteers.

Fires in this Greek kitchen has been so frequent that Mr. Connant, lessee of the Henshaw, finds it necessary to ask Mr. Redick, owner of the building, to not renew the lease as it is a detriment to the hotel. All fires including the one of this week were perhaps unavoidable but they look bad, even though they may have been what the insurance companies call unavoidable ones.

The new owner of the place says he suffered a loss of thirty thousand dollars, covered by a \$28,000 insurance policy.

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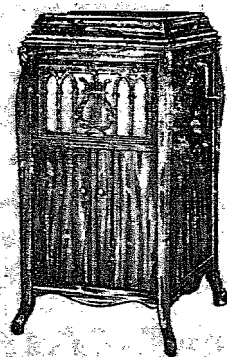
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ANN MYERS

One of the brilliant flashes with "Flashlights of 1923" at the popular Gayety twice daily all next week. Sunday matinee at 3 o'clock.

"FLASHLIGHTS OF 1923" AT THE GAYETY

Another Big Show on the Musical Comedy Order at Popular Prices.

The popular Gayety theatre promises an unusually strong attraction next week when Jacobs and Jermon's big "Flashlights of 1923" company comes to entertain twice daily. This large organization will present a brilliant revue in two acts and eleven scenes under the title of "Americans Abroad," which is said to possess many attractive features. Advance reports declare this show to be magnificently staged with a full measure of artistic and colorful stage settings and many changes of exquisite and picturesque costumes.

"Americans Abroad" is a fast working musical piece in which Abe Leavitt, its author, has inserted effective comedy situations that make for innumerable laughs. There are also many pleasing musical numbers—a special score having been written for the piece.

A most capable company has been selected to handle the many songs, dances and comedy events. Eddie Shubert, eccentric comedian and a favorite with the patrons of this circuit, handles the principal comedy role and does very entertaining service in his own eccentric manner. Jack Callahan, as a tramp comedian, does among other things some very fine acrobatic dancing and I. B. Hamp and Ray Paine do a clever comedy and singing act. Ann Myers, the ingenue, is a very pretty brunette and a marvelous "jazz" singer and Eugenie La-Blanc, a peppy and good looking soubrette, is famous for her wooden shoe dancing. There is also a chorus of twenty pretty ones who are clever singers and dancers.

Sunday's matinee starts at 3:00.

ATTRACTIONS AT THE EMPRESS

"Skirts as Brief as Widows' Grief"—Hem of Viola Dana's Dress Is Full 3 Inches Above Her Knees.

Viola Dana has gone daring French society leaders one better, by wearing a skirt exactly three inches above the knee—to quote James J. Montague, Viola's "skirts are as brief as widow's grief."

Before you raise your eyebrow in horror, let it be explained that Viola's penchant for brevity is born of her becoming a child of thirteen for one episode of her new picture, Irvin S. Cobb's "The Five Dollar Baby," at the Empress theatre Sunday, for four days. With the little pigails that were one of her outstanding characteristics, and a gingham dress that was a part of her childish wardrobe, Viola again is living over the days of her Brooklyn childhood.

An evidence of the slight change that the years have made in the little star's physical make-up may be found in the fact that the same gingham apron which she wore in her initial stage appearance—in "The Poor Little Rich Girl"—is being worn in this Harry Beaumont production. Other garments that are associated with her girlish successes of the speaking stage also are being used in the picture.

Others in the act are Bud and Jack Pearson.

"The Old Family Tin Type" is the title of the comedy skit which is to be presented by Chick Yorke and Rose King as a featured act of the show. They offer clever bits of comedy patter and song.

Frank Fisher and Eldrie Gilmore do an absurd bit of fun-making called "Her Bashful Romeo". Her modern Juliet is very sophisticated, and his Romeo is a laughable boob.

Hector, a most intelligent little dog, is the leader of a quartet of canine actors. These animals mingle with the audience, and perform different feats in various parts of the theatre, beyond the footlights.

The comedy pantomime of the eccentric juggler, Jack Hanley, is a distinct novelty.

One a cowboy and the other an Indian, Harry Smith and Jack Strong are described as possessing "golden voices of the golden west".

Herbert and Dare demonstrate that the prime factor in athletics is ease of execution.

A screen feature is to be a new addition of the cartoon comic, Aesop's Fables. Topics of the Day and Pathe Weekly will also be shown.

SAM GOLDBERG AGAIN APPEARS IN THE LIMELIGHT

A story of unusual interest appeared on the surface last week concerning the activities of one Sam Goldberg, one of the prime movers of the World Realty Company, a concern that controls the World theatre, the Sun and the Moon and other local theatres.

They do say that Sam has a girl, "clept, Celia, who lives out near Forty-eighth and Leavenworth, that is playing both ends from the middle. Sam was given credit for buying her \$13,000 worth of diamonds, but the wise acres about town say that if he

did, it was because he had plenty of credit with certain jewelers as they claim that since he opened the "Quince", known as the World, that he has not had that kind of dough to spend on diamonds or anything else.

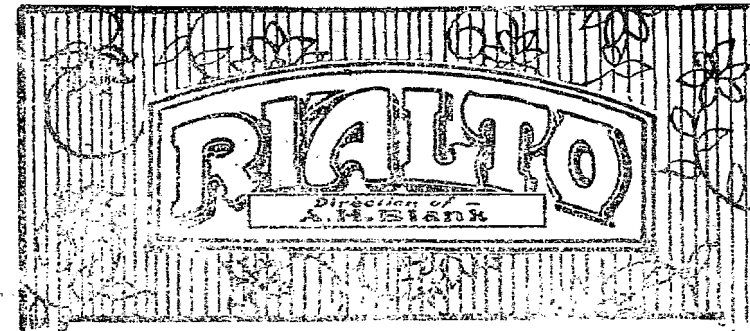
How, the story goes that Sam and his girl drove up to her house late one night while the neighbors (cats that they are, according to those that don't like to be watched) and parked but did not make an exit. Finally a copper came along, stuck his flash light in the car and according to neighborhood gossip found them in a very compromising position. Now when Sam takes his sweetie home they make it a point to park two or three blocks from the girl's home.

All of which reminds us of the supreme efforts the World Realty Company has made to sell stock in the enterprise. It was the original intention to make the World a ten or twelve-story building, but they were unable to sell enough stock to raise a sufficient amount of dough to put it over. Even Rachman kicked over the traces.

After the World theatre was finally finished those that had invested looked for the shekels to role in to the box office in undiminished streams, but alas and alack it was not to be if reports are true.

The first three weeks' business was good and the theatre made some "mazuma" but after that, people in position to know claim that the venture has been a loser. They had expected to clean up on Dempsey week, but the Omaha public didn't seem to care Adam about him so that after he had taken out his bit, and it was some bit, the theatre was possibly worse off than as if Kearns had left his pug at home. An' that ain't all.

It wouldn't be so bad if a woman told everything she knows, if she would stop at that.



December 3-9, Inclusive



Gloria Swanson

"The Impossible Mrs. Bellew"

A Paramount Picture

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RIALTO PICTURES

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of "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew".

Swimming scenes in "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew", the new Gloria Swanson Paramount picture, coming to the Rialto theatre next Saturday are said to have been given added realism because of the fact that one hundred beautiful bathing girls appearing therein were specially coached for the sequence by Duke Kahanomoku, world's champion speed swimmer.

The duke, then on a tour of the United States, visited the Paramount studio in Hollywood, Cal., just as Director Sam Wood was entering upon the task of training Miss Lura Anson and the bevy of bathing girls she heads in scenes about Miss Swanson, whose own particular bathing suits are said to be the latest word in beach attire. The locale of the scenes in Deauville, France, home of the one-piece bathing suit and the liveliest and most publicized beach in the world.

When Director Wood found Kahanomoku was in the studio, the noted Hawaiian was pressed into service for "several hours' intensive instruction of the bathing contingent.

"The Impossible Mrs. Bellew" is said to offer a real novelty in the Deauville scenes. Monte Carlo, a winter resort, has been "shot" many times, but this is believed to be one of the first occasions for the use of the world's most famous summer watering place. Conrad Nagel is leading man.

ELEANOR GLADYS BEHRENS MAKES HIT IN "HELLO BILL"

Eleanor Gladys Behrens, young and beautiful dramatic soprano, proved to be the star attraction at the Brandeis during the very successful run of "Hello Bill," presented under the auspices of the local Elks Lodge. That is saying a great deal as the best talent in the city had part in this highly esteemed theatrical production.

Miss Behrens has an unusual voice and knows how to use it. She was on the Orpheum October 25-28, filling in for a delayed act, and made a decided hit with the critical patrons of that popular playhouse.

Miss Agnes Britton was another of the many local artists to score heavily. Her work has been highly complimented on all sides. The show in its entirety was one of the most successful, artistically and financially, that has ever been given by home talent.

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Dr. Baker, the Lightning Change Artist in "Flashes".

Doc Baker, the star of "Flashes", billed as a revue of "fun, fads and fashions", has spent many years in perfecting his work as a lightning change artist. This versatile player, who comes to head the Orpheum show for next week, brings with him an excellent company. His character singing, active dancing and ability as a comedian, have made him a special favorite. Polly Walker, who is featured with him, has the reputation of being vaudeville's most beautiful girl.