

INVESTIGATOR SEES DOUBLE

STRIKE OF PACKERS NOW AT ITS HEIGHT

Both Sides Claim Victory---Outcome Still in Doubt

POLICE REPORT LITTLE VIOLENCE

Warm Weather Has Been of Great Benefit to Striking Workmen
—Packers Say Will Run Full Force Within Week

The strike of Packing house employees is now two weeks old with both sides claiming substantial gains while the public looks on and says to itself "How much is it going to cost us?"

The fight is a determined one and from all appearances will go until the referee counts ten over the prostrate form of one or the other contenders. One thing in particular can be said in favor of the contenders and that is both sides have been careful to carry on the strife in a quiet and peaceable manner which has gone a long way to ease the mind of the third party to the strike, the people, who have begun to look for more or less trouble and bloodshed when a strike of this magnitude is under way.

The plant conference board and their acceptance of the lower wage brought on a series of arguments and scale is just now occupying the center of the strike stage and has denials that has outsiders guessing. Wednesday evening four members of the Cudahy plant conference board issued a statement in which they said that the recent cut in wages was accepted by the board because they were forced to do so and knew that they would have to accept the lower scale whether they voted for it or not. These four men claim they have not worked since the strike began or had been doing any recruiting for the packers.

These members of the conference board says there has been no meeting of the board since the strike started and they do not believe there is such a thing as a conference board in existence at this time.

Plant Superintendents at the various packing houses are under the impression that the back bone of the strike is broken. They say that so far as Armour and Cudahy are concerned that the packing departments are working at full normal capacity and that at the present time the killing department is at least 85 per cent normal.

M. R. Murphy, the Armour plant claims that today, Friday, many butchers returned and that fifteen or twenty others returned Wednesday or Thursday. He says the company is buying and killing cattle, hogs and sheep in large numbers and that it will be but a short time until the working force will be recruited up to full normal strength.

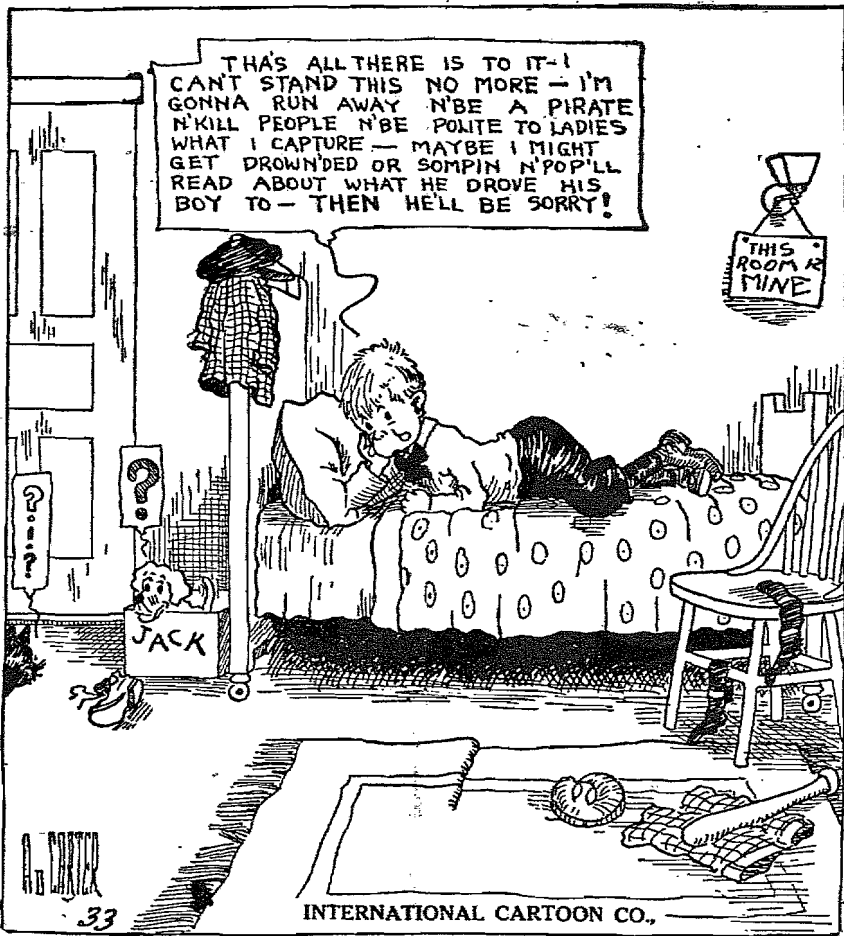
One thing connected with the strike looked good to the public and that was an actual decline in the wholesale price of pork loins this week over the closing quotation of the close on last Saturday. The packers seem to have a large supply of pork on hand and are only waiting for orders to put it on the market.

It would seem that the Dold Packing Company has been hardest hit.

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JUST KIDS— After A Lickin'!

By Ad Carter



HIGH SPOTS IN WEEK'S NEWS-- LID DOWN TIGHT NEW YEARS

Some of the high spots in the week's news has been of especial interest locally, none more so than the story that came out of Denver to the effect that Dr. Leighton Bonner, a well known former Omahan, was in the toils in the Colorado Metropolis for taking unto himself a wife on the average of once a month which is not a bad batting average for even the vehetile "Doc." Several Omaha stores have occasion to remember Bonner as they have a large number of souvenirs with his name engraved in the way of checks amounting to several thousands of dollars which he gave in exchange for cash and a lovely wardrobe to bedeck his Grand Island bride, Edna Howard, who he soon discarded for a charming Canadian lassie. Since that time the doctor has been taking brides on at a rate that put the French Bluebeard, Tardeat, to shame.

Prohibition Director Rohrer's statement that Omaha was to have an absolutely dry New Years Eve celebration was another event of the week that attracted more than the usual amount of attention not only from the thousands who always do a little celebrating on this occasion but from such people as United States Attorney Kinsler and Chief Dempsey.

Rohrer says that he will have scores of men and women in full evening dress attendant at the leading clubs

and cafes who will arrest anyone in possession of liquor or under its influence and furthermore that they will be made to stay in jail at least three days before they may obtain bail. He will have to use the ball park to house his guests if the threat is carried out.

The raiding of Stilling's soft drink parlor at 324 South Tenth street was an interesting story in itself, not that the raid was an unusual event but the way the place was conducted was a surprise to most people about town that feel they know all the ins and outs of the business. Sargeant Williams, who made the arrest, says that Stilling ran the place more openly than in the days B. P. and had three gallons of hooch on the bar in full view. Maybe the proprietor thought that if the whiskey was in plain sight it would be the last place a hooch hound would be apt to look for or find it.

It is probable that dancers will be allowed the privilege of tripping the light fantastic as long as they wish this New Years at least, the Welfare Board seems to feel that way about it. Dr. Foster, the acting chairman, says that he will enter no objections and expects to dance most of the night himself.

Up to Wednesday the Federal docket had been cleared of 62 dope cases and the trial of 78 liquor cases were

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WINGS OF BIG BIRDS NOT TO BE CLIPPED

Only Small Business Houses Tried by the "Investigator."

NO PUBLICITY FOR THE GAMBLERS

Hotels, High Class Clubs and Other Aristocratic Places Left Severely Alone by News Man—Conventions Leave Trail of Empty Bottles

The Omaha public has been treated to a series of mild "exposures" during the past few weeks as the News from time to time runs a short story on how a few places about town sell the prohibited stuff with much abandon.

A few small insignificant places have been "exposed" and then exposed again for a second and a third time with about the result that, what the boys about town term the "Yellow Peril," has expected. Meanwhile this great reform (?) sheet has not seen fit to tell the public about the real big booze Emporiums that are not only doing a land office business now but have been enjoying a large trade ever since Nebraska went dry. The scores of bootleg places under the former administration have of course been given a clean slate as have most of the big hotels and other places such as the various high class clubs.

If the News is really anxious to expose the little fellow that runs their joints in a putrid atmosphere a good place to commence would be out on Seventeenth and Cummings, where an Italian is supposed to be in charge, if not actually the proprietor. There "Investigator" would find if he cared to, a joint that smells to heaven with the filth of morbid indecency, where everything goes including the "boothling" of a lewd woman, the tolerating of the commonest of drunks, the selling of the vilest of rotten hooch,

where criminals of all sorts seem to find a haven of refuge and rest.

Then if he did not die from the sickening stench he could proceed around on Sixteenth street between Webster and Burt on the East side of the street about half way in the block where he could find a soft drink parlor that has lately changed hands, the new owners selling the brand of booze that if he took a nip would keep him ever more from "investigating" unless they need investigators in Heaven or in, well, what we were saying is that he could find a plenty for a good story at that place.

In order to get a little air after he left these two foreign hell holes he might have the paper stake him to an auto in which he could ride out to Seventy seventh and Maple where they do say you can get everything you want, including wine, women and song, providing you have the necessary "cash" and know just a few of the high signs. This road house is said to be doing a fine business and making money head over apple jack.

Speaking about road houses or long distance booze hatcheries, two of the birds out in East Omaha seem to be able to keep their heads above water from patronage largely recruited from down town Omaha including a few business men that like to have their good times away from the maddening crowds. Fate was not so kind

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MORE LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS FROM WIDELY KNOWN OMAHANS

Business and Professional Men of the City Write to Saint Nick Through The Mediator—Most of Them Would be Satisfied With the Earth

Another batch of letters were received by the Mediator to be published and sent to Santa Claus. If any of them have claws, they have been filed down and will do no further harm than to scratch the surface at most. They were all written in a spirit of jest and not pique. Respectful attention of subscribers is called to the one to Santa from the Editor.

brandise store dec. 16

dere santie:
yourve bin so god to me fer the las twenty yeres that i hate to ast you for anything in the first place and in the sekond place i got nearly every thing i kneed in the first place. Wot i want you to do is to put a little konshious into sum of my huntin and fishin friends who go out to our hunt in lodge and loaf around all day and nite while i go out and kill bares and kiutes and wen i get back to the shack they got a nerve to tell me they bin killin things wit long necks and usin nothing but a korskrew & after they kill em that weigh they all seem happy and go to sleep and then expect me to stay up all nite and put ice on there heads. Ime playing santie claws to lots a people myself this yere so ime pretty bizzzy an mus kloze, your friend
Tommie quinline

omaha, dec. 16

dere santie:
i thot for a wile i would hav to ast you for a bunch of lox and kees to keep my gests from goin' out and shootin up the town becuz i had red where sum of my dopes got out at

omaha, de. 16

dere santie:
if u got a bul pen thats as big as awl outdoors i sure want yu to send it to me here at ont as ime gonna arrest about fifty thousand dri birds hear ney yeres nite and i aint got no place to put them as chefe demsey goin to uze his jale to put rele kriminalns in an i wont no wot to do with all them awful krime beetels wot might want to tak a little sip like everyones bin doing for two thousand yeres on new yeres eva. i remember how i used to bee down in hastings as youl remember that i used to be in bizness down there and the kinda bizness i wuz in i had a good way to know about peeple takin a little drink to selebrate the first day of the yere.

yours for les hooch,

mister roarer.

omaha, dec. 16

dere santie:
wood you pleze send me a new pare of spees az the ones i got sees double in sum kases and in other kases i kant see thru them atall. ive

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Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

Weather and other conditions seemed to be getting milder and milder in Omaha, but the weather profits said "One can never tell when a storm will break."

The villagers used to pass the Seventeenth and Cummings and wonder how the proprietors of the soft drink parlor used to make a living but the mystery was cleared up when it was found out that the did a very large volume of busines in near Beer and "Shaved" lots of folks.

The town seemed to be enjoying quite an expansion, an Inn being in operation and going full blast way out at Seventy-Seventh and Maple, where lots a things were going on that they do say was ferninst the law.

Advance notices were sent out to the guzzlers' brigade that New Years Eve was to be as dry as the Congressional Record but the thirsty ones winked their off eye and said "Ain't we got fun."

Ernie Worm was seen along the main drag smiling the smile that won't come off as he had just been

fitted out by Dr. Joe McCann with a brand new set of dinning furniture and Ernie was as happy as a man with a case of Old Crow.

One of our village papers picked up quite a number of extra two-cen pieces as several of our more or less prominent business men were anxious to find out if they had an ad in the paper that they hadn't paid for.

One of the biggest gambling joint ever found in town was located on North Twenty-Fourth street and they may get a nice Christmas present even if they do not hang up their socks.

John D. Rottenfeller hisself could n't buy a drink at the Fontenelle, mebbly, but the waiters were thinking of going on strike if they had to cart all the empties out that were said to have been left after a recent State convention.

Bad checks were getting to be as common as bad eggs in the bottom of a storage crate but the legislature had passed a law covering both the rotten eggs and checks which they said could be employed to make them good.

OLD CALIFORNIA AND OVERLAND HOTELS SEE THEIR FINISH NOW

Many Other Hotels Used as Headquarters for Vamps Under Investigation—Coffee Says a Real Cleanup Soon Due

On Wednesday of this week an application was filed in district court

asking for an injunction ordering the closing of the more or less famous or infamous California and Overland hotels which were recently raided and a half score of sporting women of all ages and complexion were arrested.

These bandy houses operating under the name of Hotels have a long and unsavory history dating back twenty years or more. Administrations have come and gone but it remained for the hell hounds to be closed under those in charge now.

Their method of operation differs but little from a dozen or more other "hotels" in the city which have for the past five or ten years made their money on girls that have sold their body and soul for the sake of the supposed too easy life it has afforded them. Certain well dressed pimps who steer the stranger into these joints take a large part of the money the girls are able to roll their friend of a night for, and in addition have a large income from selling "Knock 'em cold" white lime or hooch. Still another source of income to both pimp and manager as well as the girl in direct charge of operations is the method of getting the sucker so drunk that he is completely knocked coco then go through his clothes and clean him for every dime he possesses.

Deputy County Attorney Coffey says he is going to ask for injunctions closing every so called hotel in the city that he believes is being run as a red light palace in which case

there will be far fewer hotels in the city than at present.

After the raid on these two hotels last Saturday some of the girls signed affidavits that they were assisted in their work of pruning the unsuspecting by certain supposed to be hotel clerks. But that is only a beginning of what they recited and which will no doubt be presented to court at its proper time. "The details of the affidavits in which the girls tell of their life of shame are almost unbelievable," Sargeant Williams said. While the life of these lewd women in all its wild ramifications are known to the denizens of the underworld the general public is under the impression that the girls activities begin and end with the soliciting of men and boys and of satisfying their natural passions but such is only the foundation of some of the wild and wooly orgies that have taken place and still take place at many of the "hotels" which in large part had to take over the traffic of the old red light district.

Still the drunken and sodder reveries in these places are not nearly so wild as the orgies that are held in residences in the better part of the city. Not so bad as the private parties in the hon ton districts simply because the number of participants are not usually so large.

In the case of the California and Overland hotels, N. Goldman is named as the keeper of both places while Meyer Grossman is named as the proprietor of the building in which the California hotel is located.

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WHY NOT ARBITRATE THE STRIKE?

Once again The Mediator has occasion to call attention to our platform which we print above, at a time the City finds itself in the throes of another rather serious strike.

It has been several years since Omaha has had to stand aside and watch two sides to a controversy at dagger ends, engaged in a strike that can only mean a great loss to both sides and real injury to the business interests of the community. During the war the meat industry was conducted on a basis of wages and hours which were fixed by Judge Alshuler acting as arbitrator. Working conditions and wages were apparently satisfactory to both sides and minor differences were easily adjusted by the arbitration board.

While conditions are vastly different now than during the war, the spirit of arbitration, conciliation and conference is stronger than ever. It seems a pity that the packers and their men can not find some common ground upon which they could get together and iron out their differences. They are not nearly so far apart as was the United States, England and Japan a short time ago, still these great nations in conference found common-footing and have entered a peace pact that will go a long way to insure permanent peace of the world.

Omaha has a real interest in this strike, more so than the government or any other city except those where the strike also reaches directly. Ten thousand or more people are dependent on the great packing houses for their living here and as many more indirectly affected when the wheels of the packing industry fail to go round. A large number of men on strike have homes they are paying for and if the strike is of long duration they are sure to lose what they have paid on them. The stores are bound to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of business, families of the strikers will have to go without all the pleasures and many of the necessities of life while on the other side the packers will lose a sum larger than they would probably care to admit.

A long drawn out strike is sure to send meat prices skyrocketing sooner or later and there is where the public comes in again. All this and more because employee and employer are unable to get together and come to an understanding.

LABOR COST IN A SUIT

The Dubuque, Iowa Telegraph-Herald recently carried a most remarkable editorial headed "Be Fair," the article was so eminently fair and exceptionally truthful that we reproduce one or two of its features.

"People pay \$40.00 for a suit of clothes and claim the price is unreasonable because the suit contains only five dollars worth of wool. Have they, however, ever stopped to think that several tons of apples can be raised on an apple tree that cost but fifty cents.

That a \$5,000 automobile engine is manufactured out of fifty dollars worth of iron. That an acre of oats worth \$12.00 comes from forty-five cents worth of seed. That five cents worth of old rags make \$5.00 worth of note paper. That labor brings the automobile engine, the oats, the note paper. And so it is with wool—it must be washed and scoured, carded and combed on expensive machinery, made into yarns, woven into fabrics, shrunk, finished, tailored, labored with, through a hundred operations—literally millions of hazards being encountered—until the little handful of wool from the sheep's back, with which the operation started, turns out to be the most insignificant part of the whole process. And so it is with every manufactured product. Let's be fair, let every honest American look into his own labor costs before he accuses his neighbor of being a profiteer."

INVESTIGATOR SEES

DOUBLE

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to the Dublin Inn which had to close up on account of the business depression which seemed to hit that once popular place a severe jolt.

While trying to rub it in to some such place or man as Gene Holbrook, the man that has more friends than the News has readers the man that not only supports his aged mother and many relatives but has put out every cent he ever made in his life for his friends, the man that shelters the poor when they haven't the price of a flop, "Investigator" could better put his talents to doing real detective work at the Fontenelle and other hotels when they have certain conventions or exclusive parties or at some of the very prominent restaurants and cafes who cater to the more or less exclusive set.

Leaving a large number of hunches for the next issue it might not be an inopportune time to remind those looking for crime that it exists in large gobs in the form of several well organized gambling houses not the least of which is one located out on North Twentyfourth street and which it is said is doing more actual business than a half dozen similar places about town.

Under ordinary conditions the South Side has at least a hundred places where they are cheating, some in a small way, others going the limit, but just now they are as quiet as Forest Lawn on account of the strike which has had a tendency to stop all operations on a major scale in that part of the city.

Distillers and brewers, that is the home talent, variety, continue to do business, not on quite such a profitable scale as under the Ringer administration but still making enough, especially the foreigners, to dream of the time when they are going back to Sunny Italy or where not, with a fist full of good American dollars.

BIG STRIKE NOW ON

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at least they claim to be working only twenty five per cent capacity while members of the Big Five say they are working from sixty to as high as eighty five per cent of capacity.

Recent meetings of the Union when as many as twenty five hundred were in attendance seems to show that the ranks of the union are still intact and that they are out to win if as General Grant said "It takes all winter."

R. K. Hunter, one of the leaders of the strike on the South side, says that his information from workers inside the plants prove to him that the claim of the packers as to the amount of work they are getting out and the number of men at work is all bunk and that at no point along the line is there any weakening among the strikers.

R. E. Yochum, general superintendent of the Cudahy plant, said that there was no coercion used in forcing the board to accept the cut. The proposition was put to the board consisting of ten members representing the employees and ten members of the company. The employee representatives decided to pass upon the cut without going to the other employees and after four days deliberation a majority of the members voted to accept the proposition.

As long as the weather is nice and warm as it has been during almost the entire duration of the strike up to now, there will not be a great deal of suffering among the strikers or their families but if the weather should turn decidedly colder, it is probable that many who are not provided with coal or funds will find it necessary to look for help until the strike is settled.

OMAHANS WRITE SANTA

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been investigatin the krime wave under this administratshun fer the yellor peril and santie itz a bum job and tryin on the nerves. i go out an git poluted in won gin mill and it dont kost me nothin so i dont rite it up, then i pik out sum small fish and burn em up an the editor just liffs and laffs an sez—ataboy, then he gives mei sum money an sum more instructuns wich is not to hit none of hiz friends and keep away from the big birds. thatll be awl for this time except that i want ya to remember pawl suttons friends and fambly. yures for the nues,

The investigator.

omaha, dec. 16

dere santie:
in looking over my subskriptshun list i find there are many good fellerz wot is sumwat in a rears in there subskriptshuns. now i wuz wonderin; if a bunch of these boys imbude with the spirit and spirits of krismas wuldnt take a little time off and set down and rite a chek for 2 dollars and send it a long with there good wishes. iil help some and chere up a feller wot is just kumng out of a long sik sege.
iam foryou
the editor.

OLD HOTELS GO

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The police are said to be collecting evidence which will probably not be very hard to get on applications for injunctions to close places where the revenue is derived principally through the presence of "gone wrong" girls.

The closing of a few of the hotels that reek with girls plying the trade almost as openly as Charles Stevenson and Harry Allen were selling booze down on Howard street might serve notice on others that the time has come to put on the soft pedal.

Speaking of Stevenson and Allen one is reminded of what Federal Judge Woodrough said in answer to these bootleggers' attorney when he ask for mercy for his clients because they had families which was to the effect that they had sold liquor over an open counter. Stevenson was given nine months in jail and fined \$500. It goes to show that wide open violation of the law will be punished to the limit no matter for what offense.

HIGH SPOTS IN NEWS

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up for action. Roy Scott who was held on four counts drew the lucky number as he was freed on all counts when his attorney Ralwin showed the court he had been arrested without proper search warrant. George Lillis got three years, John Melvin a year and "Devil" Diggs six months. Many others were given sentences while still others were held over to a future date for final trial.

About the biggest booze haul of the year took place Tuesday when officers pounced down on John Moloski and confiscated enough stuff to keep most any one from going dry the rest of their natural life. 266 gallons of wine, 50 gallons of whiskey, and 500 gallons of mash which makes a total of several thousand headaches that will be missing per haps.

The Packing House strike and its progress held the attention of not only those directly involved but the public in general. Up to press time it looked about like a fifty-fifty break with both sides claiming much but surface indication were that the so far have had a great deal of trouble filling the place of the skilled workers. Outsiders seem to think that the strike will not be settled until about the first of the year.

Sugar Gives Off Sparks.

A queer phenomenon has recently come to the notice of Washington scientists. Disks of loaf sugar mounted on a rapidly rotating lathe while a hammer beat lightly against them were seen to give off a continuous light that has not been satisfactorily explained.

Would Maintain His Principle.

"Look here, my friends," said the soap box orator, "I am standing here to maintain the great principle of free speech, and if any man interrupts me I'll give him one on the nose."—Boston Transcript.

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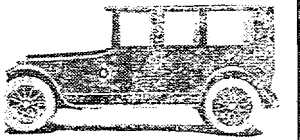
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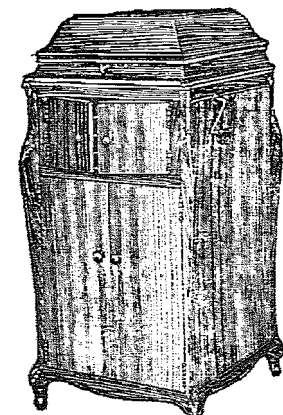
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MOVE ALWAYS IS WESTWARD

How Center of Population Shifts—Located in Indiana for the Last Thirty Years.

For 30 years the center of population in the United States has remained within the borders of the state of Indiana.

The census of 1920 gives Spencer as the town nearest the center of population. The exact point is 8.3 miles southeast of Spencer, in the extreme southeast corner of Owen county.

According to the 1910 census the center of population was in the city of Bloomington.

Following are the locations of population centers for the various censuses, with the distance of westward movement in each decade:

1790—Twenty-three miles east of Baltimore.

1800—Eighteen miles west of Baltimore; 40.6 miles.

1810—Forty miles northwest of Washington; 86.9 miles.

1820—Sixteen miles north of Woodstock, Va.; 50.5 miles.

1830—Nineteen miles southwest of Moorefield, W. Va. (then a part of Virginia); 40.4 miles.

1840—Sixteen miles west of Clarksburg, W. Va. (then Virginia); 55.6 miles.

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1900—Six miles southeast of Columbus, Ind.; 14.6 miles.

1910—In the city of Bloomington, Ind.; 39 miles.

LARGEST KNOWN FOSSIL BONE

Discovery Made in Northern New Mexico Is Interesting for More Than One Reason.

The largest shoulder blade of any animal on record, ancient or modern, has been discovered in San Juan basin in northern New Mexico by John B. Reeside, Jr., of the United States geological survey. This scapula bone is part of an immense extinct dinosaur estimated to be over one hundred feet long and markedly larger than any previously known to have existed.

Charles E. Gilmore of the National museum in Washington has assembled the collection of pieces of this fossil scapula and has found that the total length of the bone is more than five feet, nearly as tall as a man. This is five times the length of the shoulder blade of a cow of today.

The large fossil was found in the part of the earth that was deposited and formed in the Upper Cretaceous era, and this indicates to the geologist that the dinosaurs lived at a later geologic time than they had previously supposed. This fact has created more stir in geological circles than the size of the fossil.

Dinosaurs were large reptiles with long necks, little heads and brains, and long tails. Their bodies look somewhat like that of an oversized elephant with hind legs longer than fore legs. They dominated the earth in the days when the limestone beds were laid, but for some reason disappeared from the earth to give place to smaller and livelier animals.

INDIAN WORLD'S OLDEST MAN?

"Wrinkled Meat" Claims to Have Been on Earth 134 Years, and Is Said to Look It.

Ka-he-nah-gwey-wence (wrinkled meat), better known to tourists of the Northwest as plain John Smith, is alleged to have recently celebrated his one hundred and thirty-fourth birthday, and any one who observes the depth and number of wrinkles in his face will have no reason to doubt that his given age is correct, although many will suspect him of withholding a number of birthdays from the total.

During a recent vacation trip in the region of Cass Lake, Minn., Earl E. Evans, a writer in Leslie's, twice visited "Wrinkled Meat" at his home, on the outskirts of the aforementioned village, and, on both occasions, found "Old John" in the best of spirits and willing to talk, so long as there was any one to listen.

John began the routine story of his one hundred thirty-four years, choosing as the first subject his nine squaws, who, John maintains, are responsible for his many wrinkles and long nose. "Me have nine squaws," said John. "All pretty face, but crazy. Pretty quick me get tired of squaw; throw 'em in the woods. No good."

"Me big Injun," continued John. "Fight two wars, many battles. Kill five Sioux and scalp 'em." At this part of his story John points proudly to his feathered headgear, hanging on the wall near his floor bed; and upon which are arrayed the five feathers representing the five unfortunate Sioux Indians. Long Prairie and Pine City were the two principal battles in which John engaged.

Chicago is his great nightmare, and he is not a trifle backward about expressing his opinion. "Crazy town," says John. "Many man, many squaw, too many kids; all crazy. Money, money, money, too much money. Me spend \$10 one day," and then he sighs.

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According to Historian, the Moplahs Had Evil Reputation as Far Back as 1518.

Duarte Barbosa's "Account of the Countries Bordering on the Indian Ocean and Their Inhabitants," written about 1518, contains a lengthy description of the Mapuleros or Moplahs, who even then were troubling the peace much as they now are.

"In this land of Malabar," writes Duarte Barbosa, "there are Moors in great numbers who speak the same tongue as the heathens of the land, and go naked like the Nuyres, but as a token of distinction from the heathens they wear little round caps on their heads and long beards; and they are so many and so rooted in the soil throughout Malabar that it seems to me they are a fifth part of its people spread over all its kingdoms and provinces. They are rich and live well. They hold all the sea trade and navigation. . . . They belong to the sect of Mafumede; their holy day is Friday. They marry as many wives as they can support, and keep, as well, many heathen concubines of low caste. If they have sons or daughters by these they make them Moors, and oftentimes the mother as well, and thus this evil generation continues to increase in Malabar; the people of the country call them Mapuleros."

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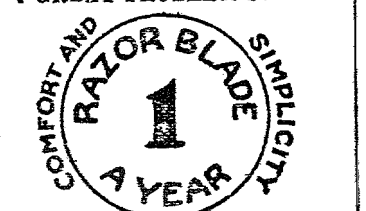
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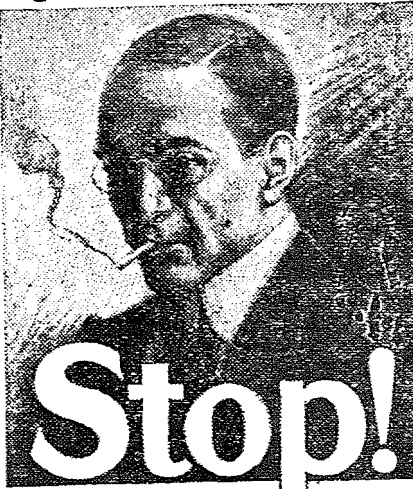
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Variety and diversion will be found in Arthur Pearson's burlesque show, "Step Lively Girls." This show is a great favorite with burlesque audiences, and Mr. Pearson has arranged for a very elaborate production for the season.

"Step Lively Girls" will be presented at the Gayety Theater, for the week beginning Saturday matinee, Dec. 17. The book and lyrics of "Step Lively Girls" were written by Edward J. Dowling; the music is by Jacques Grumberg, the scenic effects are from the Vitolo-Pearson Studio.

One of the captivating features of "Step Lively Girls" will be the charming young misses of the chorus. Each girl was selected because she has a personality and is a distinct type of beauty. Particularly will these young ladies be out of the ordinary run of chorus girls as they have the brightness of youth.

In the cast for "Step Lively Girls" will be Harry Kelly, the eccentric dancer and comedian. Mr. Kelly has been a great favorite in vaudeville, where he is headliner, and he was also featured in Irving Berlin's musical revue, Yip Yip Yaphank, at the Century Theatre, in New York.

Billy Gilbert, who is considered the best eccentric comedian, will make his first appearance on the Columbia Circuit. Gene "Rags" Morgan, the unsurpassed master of terpsichorean frolics, will be among the most conspicuous of the mirth provokers. There will also be pretty and sweet-voiced Evelyn Cunningham, one of the youngest and most attractive prima donnas; Patti Moore, a soubrette, with youth and chic so much needed for her activities on the stage; Florence Talbot, the genuine vamp girl, and Jess Weiss, a very charming juvenile. Ladies' matinee at 2:15 daily all week, starting Monday. The Sunday matinee begins at 3:00.

ORPHEUM OFFERINGS

Next Week HELEN KELLER

Blind, deaf and formerly dumb, the most talked of woman in the world, Helen Keller, will be next week's chief attraction at the Orpheum. She is to be assisted in her performance by her teacher and life-long friend, Anne Sullivan Macy.

Th only daughter of Captain and Mrs. Arthur E. Keller, she has now reached her thirty-ninth year. Although absolutely normal at the time of her birth, she was but a year and a half old when the ravages of a fever deprived her of sight and hearing. Deprived her of sight, speech and hearing.

By the time the child had reached her seventh year, she had become a petulant tyrant. What should be done with her? Neither the father or mother could tell. It was upon the advice of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the Bell telephone, that Miss Sullivan went to teach Helen.

The show is to have three featured offerings. One of these will be the comedy skit, "Rice and Old Shoes," which is to be presented by Harry J. Conley. Bright dialogue and the capable assistance of Naomi Ray make this offering a great popular attraction.

Mel Klee, with his large assortment of stories and songs, will be one of the most popular features of the bill.

The third offering is that of Thomas F. Swift and Mary H. Kelly. They are to present "Gum Drops," which is described as being a comedy connection.

"Dance Fantasies" will be presented by Frederick Easter and Beatrice Squire. Four elaborately staged numbers are included in this offering.

Comparatively a new-comer to vaudeville, Margaret Ford has proven a vocal surprise.

East and West are two men, the one an expert roper and the other an expert hand-balancer.

Once again the comic cartoon, Aesop's Fables, will be a screen feature. Topics of the Day and the Pathe News will also be displayed.

AT THE EMPRESS

Wallace Reid Coming

That ever popular Paramount star, Wallace Reid, is coming to the Empress theatre next Sunday, in "The Hell Diggers," his latest comedy in which he has the role of a superintendant of a gold dredging corporation, full of pep and as nervy as they make 'em. Lois Wilson is leading woman.

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CURLEY TO FEED THE HUNGRY FREE

The Curley Restaurant out at Sixteenth and Nicholas is going to play Santa Claus to fifteen needy families this year and do it in a very practical manner.

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Furthermore, through the courtesy of Fred Hurt of the Peoples Coal Co., those getting Christmas basket dinners at Curleys may get one hundred pounds of coal if they do not have fuel to cook the big dinner.

Needy ones may secure a ticket through the Daily News or some such agency and present it in person to the restaurant where the big basket dinner will be awaiting them.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL WHERE YOU GET YOUR HOOTCH

Robert H. McCormack, assistant United States attorney in charge of prohibition prosecutions in California has notified federal authorities that he has notified federal officials that enforcement officials who base arrests on the mere drinking of liquor which has been illegally sold or transported lay themselves open to civil prosecution for such arrests.

He says that the Volstead prohibition act does not contemplate the arrest of anyone for the mere drinking of liquor and he declares that persons found drinking in public places may refuse to answer questions regarding the origin of the liquor. No officer can make a man incriminate himself. McCormack added that "To arrest such persons is strictly against the law."

EDITOR GOES VISITING

The Editor, Edwin L. Huntley, enjoyed a trip down town this week after being cooped up for several weeks. He paid a short visit to several of his old friends and expects to be able to visit many others within the week. He will be back on the job in a short time and takes this occasion to wish his thousands of subscribers and his hundreds of personal friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ED HOLMES TO FEED HUNGRY FREE XMAS

If any man, woman or child goes hungry Christmas it will be his own fault if he knows that Ed Holmes' new restaurant will be open and in full swing on that day and that the only password to get a big holiday feed will be the word: "I am hungry."

Mr. Holmes, who has conducted a high class billiard parlor for a long time has opened a restaurant in the Security building which will be conducted on the same high level as is his billiard rooms. He has let it be known to all that if a man does not have the price of a big meal Christmas he not only welcomes but urges him to come and be a guest on that day.

Appreciation.

The mayor of a Southern town had been asked to assist in the annual entertainment given at Christmas to the inmates of the local workhouse. He consented with great complaisance and went and made up as Father Christmas. For a time his antics and pranks were the delight of the company.

A damper on his enjoyment was, however, eventually brought forward by a scrap of conversation he chanced to overhear.

"Isn't he enjoying himself?" remarked one old man to another. "What a treat it is for the likes of him! But why can't they let all the loonies out on a night like this?"

"Well," replied the other, "maybe they ain't all so harmless as this!" —Philadelphia Ledger.

Peaceful Scenes on Battlefield. A marvelous change has come over the battlefields of Gallipoli. There are very few evidences of the great conflict which was waged there, and the landscape is dotted with herds and picturesque shepherds. Occasionally one will come across a pile of wire or other debris as a reminder of the presence of the armies. The land is to a great extent under tillage or being prepared for crops.

What She Must Know. In a woman's magazine has been set down a list of twenty-five accomplishments necessary before a young woman can be said to be educated. And this in these days! If this test is accepted as a whole it is as hard as ever to be a woman. According to this standard a woman must know how: to sew, to cook, to mend, to be gentle, to value time, to dress neatly, to keep a secret, to avoid idleness, to be self-reliant, to respect old age, to darn stockings, to make good bread, to keep a home tidy, to control her temper, to make home happy, to be above gossiping, to take care of the sick, to take care of the baby, to sweep down the cobwebs, to marry a man for his worth, to read the very best of books, to be a helpmate to her husband, to take plenty of active exercise, to keep clear of trashy literature, to be a womanly woman under all circumstances.

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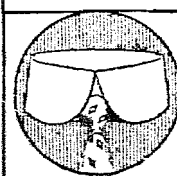
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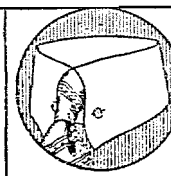
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