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# PEOPL WIGTOR LEGI ATURE SCRAP

House Roll No. 1 Goes Down to Defeat In Lower House

## HOWELL AND DRUESDOW

Attempt of Political Bunco Men to Slip Something Across Beaten supporting this element stood for by Decisive Action of Legislature—Chairman Howell Turned Down in Hard Fight to Secure Muny Electric Plant

legislature, by a very decisive vote, what was happening the bill was has decided that R. Beecher Howell's ready for third reading. municipal electric light proposition is a bad one for Omaha and for that rea-

generally believed that this proposed They were the ones vitally interested. legislation was conceived in iniquity They have had some experiences with and that the people of Omaha have the gas and water systems, municihad about all of the municipal owner-[pally owned and operated, and they ship of public utilities that they can have had enough of it all. stand for, especially if they are to be operated by R. Beecher Howell, generalissimo of the republican party in citizens were in Lincoln to head off Nebraska and would-be boss of about R. Beecher Howell and Bob Druesdow, everything necessary to the happiness and peaceful living of the people of

into politics have always resulted in Omaha Metropolitan Water District. superintended by R. Beecher Howell. owned. It got on the calendar early and al-

The lower house of the Nebraska most before Omaha people realized

Then began the battle. Of course, the Nebraska Power company took a son has put it out of the way for good, hig hand, something that was naturat least so far as this session is con-ally to be expected. But the people of Omaha who have been buying electric As a general proposition, it is pretty light and power also took a hand.

Representing Omaha consumers of electrical energy, a strong lobby of an object they were able to accomplish during the present week. As a matter of fact, the adoption of the bill Bob Druesdow, whose many dips would have had the effect of practically destroying the property and busisomething out of the ordinary, led the ness of the Nebraska Power company. forces that expected to get away with a big and important corporation. The House Roll No. 1, a bill which would people of Omaha were not so much inmake it possible for the city of Omaha terested in that fact, however, as they to establish an electric lighting and were to prevent a recurrence of conpower system, to be operated by the ditions that at present obtain with the gas and water plants, municipally

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### CHANGE IN PERSONNEL OF

Announcement is made that Ike future. Miner, secretary, and Willis G. Sears. exalted ruler, of the local Elks lodge, are to retire March 1. This announcement is considered significant by hose who know some of the inside there were hints of internal dissenposing each other as to management of the lodge. This dissension lulled for a while. One faction opposed both where she is credited with having semore liberality in the conduct of affairs of the club rooms.

decide on many changes and a pro-ELKS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT gressive system of operation in the

### ROME HOTEL CAFE MAN TAKES FRENCH LEAVE

Frank Howard, for several months business of local Elkdom. Miner has manager of the Rome cafeteria, has been with the lodge ever since it was beat it to parts unknown and a lot of organized, but Sears is a more re-Omaha people are wondering where cently enlisted member. Both were he went. Howard was given notice only recently placed in the positions of discharge by Rome Miller and prothey now occupy. Some time back ceeded to "make hay while the sun shines." He borrowed \$50 from the sion wherein two factions were op- cok and various sums from other emploves, aggregating \$150. His wife was employed in a department store Sears and Miner. It was said those cured something like \$150 credit, and credit concerns are looking for her.

Altogether, it is said, the Howard The Elks organization is one of the pair did very well, thank you, before greatest and grandest in the world leaving town and from all indications and there is every indication that the a bunch of creditors will be holding big membership No. 39 now has will the bag for a long time to come.

# Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

Billy Fox, out of the city for a

Hugh Murphy denied that Saturday was official celebration day. Hugh about (sometimes).

Teny Folan was again passing out that old line of his and he had a good ore. Some of the boys said he would make a good barber some day.

Old Man Johnson was putting out a lot of old bunk about his visiting chorus girls. Johnson had a good theater but always had an alibi for himself.

The "flying squadron" made several Jack, the Giant Killer, did not receive recent illness.

George Collins, until a few weeks week, had some funny explanations to ago justice of the peace, was taking make. He was a great pinochle a long and much-needed rest. George knew a good thing when he saw it.

Some of the boys made calls on Judge Troup last week and left \$25 usually knew what he was talking each to buy roses for the "dead ones." A lot of them said it was cheap enough

> Charlie Creighton, garage millionaire, bought a ton of coal for his office, even if he did not sleep there.

also said business was good, thank reason, if for no other, they think of that number will be successful at

Jack Baldwin, public defender, was

Frank Keegan, member of the war

Lou Bick, spreader of that old stuff, Frank Judson, paint and glass took a Saturday afternoon off and resalesman, was spending a few quiet mained in his room at the Merchants. weeks attending to business. He ad- He said he did not want everybody to know where he was.

### mitted it was tough on him. That Inside Feeling

That "inside feeling" has been invading the thinking and business people of Omaha for some time and there is every indication that it will have its results in the coming spring election, when a new bunch of city commissioners will be elected to operate the business of Omaha for the next three years. That "insde feeling" is that the present majority of city commissioners has made about as bad a mess of affairs as could be made. They were elected to office by reason of what was termed a "reform wave." it has made some of our local bootdresses, it is stated that they are not As a general proposition they have proved to be about as poor excuses for city officials as might have been selected.

Three years ago some of our business interests, particularly the larger business interests, became dissatisfied with some of the condtions. Instead of trying to remedy these conditions in a sane tion most of them had been picked pretty well protected against the and don't see when they are walking and high skirts. She does not appear manner they joined with some of the crazy extremists and our out before they were in the city more authorities. present deplorable conditions are the result. There are plenty of than one day. These fellows have conindications that these same business interests have come to their fined their work to a comparatively senses, and that most of them have decided that "we have had enough of this business." In other words, it is that "inside feel-cerned. ing" that it is time to call a halt and make of Omaha again a ings of Omaha women and having a good thing. Everybody who is hur regular, progressive city instead of a country village, subject to Orpheum Gardens was the scene of beer keep pretty steadily employed few things to say about the styles man believes that a woman does not the whims of every peanut reformer who has the temerity to show some lively doings and Pete was hus- and many of them are credited with

Surface conditions are that matters are shaping themselves what these fellows actually have on the Loch case is very indefinite, but for a very general change at the coming spring election, and that Pete is not known, but from all indi- those who are best informed believe something to say about them and that change will be for the best. The job taken on by the present cations his case is similar to that of his case is not a serious one. His commissioners was too big for them and they have made a big many others that have been found to place on Harney street has been run botch of the whole business. This condition, necessarily, must be be mythical. Pete has been running as a dancing pavilion and lunch place. changed very soon or Omaha city will find itself in a very dis- Harney street and there has been an person has been doing bootlegging on brevity of today's women's dresses tressing way. At this moment, the credit of the city, which used attended in the lack of intoxication. Usually he the side it is considered only the natwickedness and by those who have to be ace high, has deteriorated until we are almost helpless to has made it his personal business to ural result of present day conditions.

There is a very general "inside feeling" in our business community that the time has come to call a halt and to get the city fortable and sanitary, something that of Omaha back to normal. It is said the movement looking to that could not be said of women's dresses end is already well under way and that people who are interested one instance a well known restaurant and most of them are doing so. In People's church, says the dresses "ex- ten years ago. If our men object to in seeing the city continue to be one of the principal business cities man was the victim, but a search of fact, this has become one of the arts pose too much of their person" and them, and not many of them do object, of the west are taking steps to take a hand in local politics that his place failed utterly to furnish of the drug and doctor business and are bad for the community. Savidge it is evidence of a lack of knowledge will insure a cleaning out of demagogues and lunacy-inflicted minds only evidence of law violation and he is expected to furnish in the future that have been carrying on city matters with a high hand for the similar character have been visited lants by persons who feel the neceslast three years.

# TAT REMBER GREN OUT AS CANDIDATES

Long List Scheduled for Spring Primary for City Places

Present Members of City Commission Not Taken Seriously in Contest Soon to Be Put on for Places on Final Ticket-

Court House Fire an Issue.

Something like one hundred candi- possibly one exception, it is believed faces will be seen when the new city a cleaning. commission convenes after election. Everything is different this spring.

on a number of men well known in sion has been an abject failure and Omaha and several of them have given nobody believes any of them have a partial consent to be candidates. It is chost of a show at re-election. For now believed that all of the present that reason, it is said, a strong and city commissioners will be candidates, healthy ticket, composed of men who with the possible exception of Mayor are tried and true, will be on the list friends of Mayor Smith that he has paign. Although nearly a hundred having the good time of his life. He absolutely no chance and for that entries are expected, only a fraction he should refrain from taking part the primary, and not more than one even in a primary.

> Although none of them are consid- mary election. ered seriously in the final result, with

dates for the job of city commissioner they will all have the temerity to are expected to pay a filing fee at again bid for the places they now the election commissioner's office be- occupy. Three years ago there was a fore primary day and that many may combination of circumstances thai be on the ballot when it is finally sent came near blowing up everything to the printer. As a general propo- worth the while of responsible sition, those who have been keeping Omahans to consider in making tab on conditions expect that the peo- choices for city commissioners. For rle of Omaha will make a cleaning that reason all of those in office, with this spring and that a lot of new the exception of Dan Butler, went to

There have been repeated demands The majority of the present commis-Smith. It is generally conceded by for primary voters the coming camof the present commissioners, pos-All the other commissioners will be sibly none, has a chance for landing isits in the vicinity during the week. legislature, was recuperating from his candidates for re-election, it is stated, among the successful ones in the pri-

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## YING SOUADRON MAKES CALL SOMEOMAHANS AND ARRESTS THEM

Visit to Orpheum Gardens, Where Pete Loch Is Arrested-Crew in City Two Weeks, But Fail to Locate Many of City's Bootleggers.

The "flying squadron," as it is ing squadron," so-called, has not Omaha, according to all reports, and liquor selling. busy so far as making arrests is con-

During the past week Pete Loch's tled off to jail, where he remained having become expert in the business. until bond could be furnished. Just see that persons who attempted to "hootch" were quickly sent away.

Other places have been visited by these government sleuths recently. In | hol. 190 proof, for medicinal purposes. was not arrested. Other places of one of the outlets to the use of stimurepeatedly, but the work of this "fly-lain of them.

known, has been pretty busy in brought out any indications of illegal

In this connection, it is said, there leggers look like pennies, it is said. is not much because getting away is not much trouble for persons known This crowd, coming in from another with anything they started out to do. city, is credited with having a baffling Dealers have been confining their personnel, but as a general propost- work to sections where they felt

As a matter of fact, it is reliably stated that hundreds of gallons of few places and have not been very liquor in various forms are being sold all over the city, and in some places it is as cheap as 25 cents the drink. Hundreds of makers of home brew

a prefty respectable place down on with only soft drinks on sale. If any

It is said there is very little old drop into the place with a bottle of whisky on the market, but all physicians are permitted, under the law, to handle considerable amounts of alco-

# DECOLLETTE WAISTS AND SHORT SKIRTS BRING FIRE OF PREACHER

Omaha Divines Say Sharp Things About Dresses of Women and Girls But Good Sense Prevails-Charlie Savidge Considered Authority on Dress Brevity

Knee skirts and decollette waists rast and from all reports has kept in are not popular with Omaha preach- touch with them for many long years. ers, according to quotations credited to them in some of our big daily only modest, but they are very comgowns border on "suggestiveness," board, a woman who gets her name whatever that means, and others take into print pretty often, leads the van around Omaha streets these days.

"Irmodest," is the way one promiare causing them to be led astray.

All of which brings about a discussion that is really interesting. A thing. couple of decades ago women wore collars that stuck around their ears and their dress trains dragged several feet behind them unless they took the mains to life them out of the dirt. These styles admittedly caused some very unsanitary conditions. Now dress gone to the opposite extreme.

Old Charlie Savidge, minister of the know what styles have been in the high neck will ever come back."

In defense of the present day papers. Some of them say these fortable. One member of the welfare downright offense at what they see when it comes to wearing low dresses to see any necessity for reform.

As a general proposition, the short nent divine puts it, while others de- skirt and low neck have become pretty clare they are "immoral." The whole popular. Some women and girls get thing came up as a result of our wel- a little careless, but the brevity fare board taking a hand in the do- adopted is considered by them to be they have been using in wearing ap need a dress that will cover the calves his face in public. parel. Superintendent Adams declares of her legs and her shapely white the lack of goods in the dresses of a neck all up, just because some finlot of our young girls and older women nicky old woman or preacher has breaks into print over the whole

It is not considered true that the brevity of today's women's dresses studied the matter it is considered a even float a bond issue. good thing. "They are simply up to date." says one well known authority reformers claim women and girls have on woman's dress. "They are comis credited with being authority on of conditions as they exist today. I such matters. He is old enough to do not believe the long train and the

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### SEARS TURNS DOWN WOULD-BE CITIZENS

Every good American will pat Judge Willis G. Sears on the back for refusing American citizenship to aliens who declined to participate in the recent war as American soldiers. Periodically, it is the business of some judge of the district court to pass on applications of aliens for American citizenship. Last Monday a large number of them came before Judge Sears to make their appeal for final papers. That jurist refused citizenship to six of those who appeared because they would not fight for this country during the recent war, claiming exemption because they were classified as aliens.

The country found a serious problem on its hands when it undertook to raise an army to uphold our constitution when war was declared against Germany. There were a lot of cowards who sought every possible means of exemption from army service. Most of these "slackers" were about as useless as any class of persons who have enjoyed the privileges of citizenship in the best country on God Almighty's footstool. Since peace was declared many of them have sought citizenship in America. They were a bunch of dirty, blackleg cowards, who care absolutely nothing about the country that has made it possible for them to exist.

Judge Sears says it would be folly to admit men to citizenship who refused only a short time ago to uphold the constitution of the country they now seek to adopt as their own. He is entirely right in that assertion. Some of these fellows took advantage of their foreign citizenship to secure exemption at the very time this country needed them most. Now they are applying for citizenship, under the supposition that they will never again be called upon for army service.

Every blue-blooded American was ready and willing to do his duty to his country during the late crisis. Failure to do army service at that time and avoiding it through alien exemption is good enough evidence that these very men would not make good American citizens at this time. We repeat that Judge Sears should be applauded for his action. The time has come when foreigners must show some appreciation of the privileges they enjoy under this republican form of free America, or they should not only be refused citizenship, but should be deported to the land from which they came and not permitted to prey on the good Americans who protected the country in time of need.

The trouble is that too many of these foreigners refuse to appreciate a good thing when they get to America. If they are slackers in stirring times like those through which we have just passed they will continue to be slackers and this country is no place for them.

### CANCELLING EUROPE'S DEBT

English financiers have decided, in their own minds, that America must cancel Europe's debt if that country does not go to ruin. A conference of English financiers and economists was held the other day at which one of the leading authorities on world's finances declared that America must cancel the indebted- to put the government into competitive enterprise succeeds, how ness of Europe to this country if business was to be resumed and long will it be before there will be a successful effort to put the ever become anywhere near normal.

It is true that about everybody in Europe owes money to farmers? America but it is an important thing to say that these debts must be cancelled before we can do any more business. The big Euro- pense of the taxpayers, should not all citizens receive these or pean conflagration that ended some eighteen months ago almost similar benefits? took the last penny of European money and credit. In fact that whole country is about as near bankrutpcy as it can get without if the people want it. absolutely repudiating its debts. Even Germany is setting up an awful howl about its share of the debt.

vailed before the war. Very few of the present generation will terprise at the expense of the taxpayers; passage by the house of ever see that normality again in existence. As a general proposition Muscle Shoals nitrate bill and its approval by the president tion, this country is about the only place left in the world where will complete the job. life is considered worth living. The readjustment must come sooner or later, and it is going to be a big job to decide how the ing. If your watch does not keep burden shall be divided. The proposition of America cancelling time, we will make it do so. Brodethe European war debt will not be very popular in this country, gaard Bros. Strictly union shop. In fact, we have financial problems of our own just now. America Adv. has not asked for a single nickle of the German indemnity and is preparing to pay up its own debts. If European countries are wise they will undertake to do the same. This country had saddled onto it an unwelcome war. We joined some of the countries fight-loes it.-Life.

ing Germany and added the link to a broken chain that made victory possible. The European millionaires of Europe should be made to take care of their own troubles. Perhaps European indebtedness to America can be somewhat modified, but, as a general proposition, this country would be very foolish to undertake to carry the whole burden.

Some of the more conservative English papers have suggested that England pay up its war debts and forget the incident. That is the view most Americans will take and it is the view that will finally prevail unless all signs fail. This country did not start the scrap and there is no reason why it should pay the fiddler.

### CRIME AS AN OCCUPATION NOT A WAVE

According to Harry Barrett Chamberlain, Chicago's operating crime commission director, crime is an occupation, not a wave, and he says crime is a business that has been pretty successful, not only in Chicago, but all other cities, for a long time. Chamberlain used to be on the desk editorial staff of an Omaha newspaper and from all reports he has been kept pretty busy in his present position of crime commissioner in Chicago.

The recent world war had its beneficent effects in many ways and had its bad effects in other ways. Since peace was declared the whole country has been having trouble with the law violators, the number of which appears to have increased by jumps and bounds.

As Chamberlain declares, crime has come to be a profession, not merely a wave, and nearly every class has suffered as a result. In Omaha much the same conditions have been felt that have bothered the city of Chicago. Of course, Omaha has been handicapped by having a bunch of sissies as city commissioners, which has tended to make matters worse. As police commissioner, the city has had an alleged reformer in office who knew about as much about running a police force as a hog about Latin.

These facts apparently have tended to upset things considerably and the result is that Omaha right now is enjoying the same revel in crime that Chamberlain says is Chicago's trouble.

But Chicago is simply enjoying about the same sort of good things that Omaha is enjoying, in the way of crime. Within the next three months Omaha will have some changes in its municipal system that will put the city in an entirely different light. Business interests are said to have interested themselves in these proposed changes and have decided that the changes made three years ago were bad ones.

In other words, Omaha soon is to become a normal city, with men running its affairs who have some conception of what is really necessary to the cleaning up process that is due in Omaha, the same as in several other large cities.

### HOW NEAR WE ARE TO STATE SOCIALISM

The senate of the United States, by a vote of 34 to 29, has approved government operation of industries in competition with private enterprise.

The upper house has passed Senate Bill 3390, the Muscle Shoals nitrate bill, and the measure is now in the house of representatives. If the house passes this bill and it is signed by the president, the country will be committed by statute to the socialistic operation of industries in competition with private enterprise.

This is different from previous attempts to force the country ino government operation experiments. It goes much further than other attempts.

The lines of business which the government would go into if the pending measure becomes law are not public utilities, but manufacturing and marketing schemes in competition with private enterprise, in which large numbers of citizens have invested capital, and which heretofore have been as free from communistic encroachment as manufacturing automobiles, clothing, food supplies and farm implements.

Senate Bill 3390 would put the government into actual competition with private enterprise in the following lines of business: Making and selling fertilizer materials.

Generating and selling electric power.

Operating a stone quarry.

Selling fertilizer materials in the export market.

The senators and representatives who are most active in pressing this measure base their arguments chiefly on the claim that it will give the farmers cheap fertilizer. While this claim has no substantial basis in fact, let us assume that it can be established, and that the farmers will ge real benefit in low priced fertilizer through this government financed enterprise.

The farmers also need, among other things, low prices for the following commodities, for many of which the great majority of farmers spend larger sums annually than they do for fertilizer:

Clothing. Farm implements.

Seed.

Automobiles.

Farm tractors. Lumber for barns and houses.

Drain tile.

This naturally suggests the question: If the pending attempt government in other lines of business for the benefit of the

Also if the farmers are to receive these benefits at the ex-

This is bolshevik, communistic argument and should prevail

The fact of the matter is, so far as legislative approval of socialistic control of business is concerned, the country is just two It is bound to take a long time to readjust conditions that pressteps away from actual government competition with private en-

Taik.

Talk is cheap, but not when money

Chance for Golden Service, Mark how men drain every cup of Measure: until sensibility wears out;

ind then health wears out; and then ability to feel wears out. Give me the poet or teacher who will put a rue picture of this before men, and se shall do the age a golden service. H. R. Haweis.

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### SURVEYS GIVE OMAHA MORE THAN 200,000 POPULATION

Surveys made by school, telephone and other census indications give Omaha more than 200,000 population. A year ago the federal enumerators placed it below that mark. As a general proposition, however, it is a safe guess that the city has passed the two century mark.

We are not only keeping up with the van, but are moving along a little ahead of it, from all present indications. Federal census reports are always conservative, to say the least. Omaha probably got a square deal but us in the right light. We have more than 200,000 inhabitants now, and it will be another ten years before we are counted again.

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

### PIPKIN SERVICE MOVES

The Pipkin Service, Omaha's big detective agency, has moved to 305-8

Pipkin offices have been located in the Arlington block, on Dodge street. Charles Pipkin, who heads the agency, found it necessary to secure more commodious quarters and his agency has taken three big rooms in the Paxton block, where new offices have been fitted up in real style.

The Pipkin Service enjoys a big business and has a very complete system of insurance and private watch service, with several hundred customers. A big corps of men are employed by the Pipkin Service, which does about everything worth speaking of, so far as defending business concerns against theft is concerned.

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.

### THAT NUMBER GIVEN **OUT AS CANDIDATES**

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Within the next two weeks there will be a pretty good line on who will be lined up for places on the ticket. While the list will be a long one, it is not believed the actual contest will range over a very long list. Commissioner Ure will be abandoned by most of the leaders who supported him three years ago in the hope that he would accomplish something for them personally as well as being a commissioner for everybody. Of course their disappointment has been very keen. The Ure political machine has been the busiest part of his department, with the result that Bill will not get very far even in the primary.

The talk about Jim Dahlman running again has not been sifted down but if he runs there appears little doubt of his election. The expense of a big campaign appears to be one of the principal things to be considered. This feature has been occupying the minds of a lot of people, it is said, with the result that business men generally are inclined to look favorable on any action that is necessary to bring about a general change in the personnel of the present city commission.

From inside sources it is learned that there is a very general feeling that the present occupants of these places have failed dismally to make good. Although there has been a disclaimer of responsibility for it. everybody knows that the firing of our court house and the lynching of a negro there was the direct result of our police force not being marshaled to the defense of the place at the proper time. There was practically no effort made by the force, in an organized manner, to prevent the lynching and the expense to the county and the humiliation of the whole thing may be laid directly at the doors of the present city administration.

The courthouse affair will probably be a big isue in the coming campaign but the affair still remains so vividly in the minds of Omaha people that there is absolutely no necessity for reminding them of it. Undoubtedly it could have been prevented had Mr. Ringer been the executive of touted ability for which he had been depended upon

As a general proposition, it is felt that the present city commissioners have been an abject failure. So far as Mayor Smith is concerned, it is pretty generally felt that he has outlived his usefulness, if he ever had any. It is stated in some circles that a very busy organization of business men will have a distinct hand in the financing and working out of the coming campaign. Tom Dennison, cred-

active interest in city politics, has the services of a coterie of political thus far given no indication of activ- robbers, who have been building up a ity. In fact those familiar with po- machine to accomplish the very roblitical conditions say Dennison is out beries they are charging corporations of the game for good and will not take with trying to accomplish at this time. a hand in the spring doings.

### PEOPLE VICTORS IN LEGISLATIVE SCRAP handle in a very judicious manner. (Continued From First Page.)

given an opportunity, can take care of light and power plant and that they company and will find it compara- of this bill to be enacted into law. local pride demands that the world see tively easy to keep the charges for Dr. Foster, one of the legislators. light and power reasonable. During and member of the Douglas county hearings on the legislation at Lincoln delegation, is in a large manner reis proper than our population boost and before our councilmanic body sponsible for the defeat of the bill. those figures at every opportunity. It charges and counter charges have Foster, who is an Omaha dentist, has been heard about conditions as they been able to X-ray the thin disguise affect values of the plant of the Ne- used by Howell in his attempt to rob braska Power company. The ordinary Omaha simply to add to his own consumer of electricity wants to get aggrandizement and wealth. Bill Ure. in as cheap as possible, but the very one of our city commissioners, also cent years in buying gas and water Smith, who has been an outside oband purchasing meters and the like server, but an inside worker, has also have been good ones. The Nebraska gone down in defeat. Power company is asking for an in- Laying aside the seriousness of it OFFICE TO PAXTON BLOCK creased price for light and power at all, it may be said that the rank and this time. This request doubtless had file of the republican party, repre-

Paxton block. Since organization the pass House Roll No. 1 at Lincoln. stated, prices can be regulated by the is due in a great manner to the Uppeople of Omaha. They do not need dike cohorts.

The state railway commission has been pretty busy of late trying to secure control of a lot of things that the people themselves are able to 3

Whatever may be said of what has been going on at Lincoln, it is a safe It has been pretty generally con- bet that Omaha people are much betceded that the people of Omaha, if ter off without a municipal electric such concerns as the Nebraska Power are to be congratulated on the failure

valuable lessons he has received in re- was badly licked in the scramble. Bob

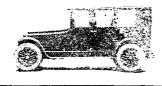
something to do with the attempt to sented by Mr. Updike and his Omaha Bee, have been the winners, and that In this connection, it is officially the defeat of this proposed legislation

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first half of the week will be "Why Artful Dodger and Nancy. His offer-Trust Your Husband?" featuring ing is entitled "Bill Sikes." Eileen Percy.

### FRANK FUNNY FINNEY

The famous burlesque organization. "The Bostonians," come to the popu- tional comedy. lar Gayety theater tomorrow matinee for a week's engagement, prepared to oddity called "A Chinese Restaurant." "HIHIMINI HIHIMINI HIMINI in the way of diversion.

The vehicle which will be presented was written by the comedian-star of songs written by Mr. Goslar, will be the company, Frank Finney, and is en- presented in the offering of Irving titled "From Here to Shanghai." It is Goslar and Rhea Lusby. The two sing characterized as a musical chop-sucy and dance better than well. The act and consists of two acts with a pro- is unusually pleasing. logue and in six scenes.

an observation car on its way from particularly delights children. Their Washington. Three secret service trainer has accomplished remarkable men are conversing about the govern-results with these animals. ment's efforts to stamp out the opium traffic, an effort in which they are on the screen in "Topics of the Day." engaged. The conversation shows and once again Kinograms will show that thep suspect a woman on board in motion pictures the latest news the train to know something about events. the whereabouts of a plate taken from China upon whic his engraved the BILLY ATKINS TOUCHED secret formula for making opium. They believe that the only way to efcomplications are encountered before of boobs stuck him up and took everythe secret service men get any definite idea of its whereabouts.

where the principal comedians are shown landing from an aeroplane in a Chinese graveyard. They destroy tombstones of some of the ancestors, which angers the Chinese, who rise up against the foreign devils. In the end all the characters escape from their plight, the plate is found and the various complications straightened out.

The book is strong in comedy and Mr. Finney, who has the chief comedy role, is supported by Phil Ott, a former comedy co-worker of past seasons, and others.

The music for the production was written by Harry L. Alford and there is a beauty chorus of class and ability to interpret the many fine numbers.

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> Songs, dances and fum are the chief in the real American way. He keeps elements of this attraction. The com- a big stock of horse feed and has rany includes such well known play- created a line of patrons that keep ers as Fred Holmes, Lulu Wells, Ed-him pretty busy the whole year win Jerome, Sam Bennett and Ann around. Lowenwirth. The piece is not only bright but novel.

> The show is to have two notable special feature acts. One of these is to be contributed by Oscar Loraine, players this spring is one of the the comedy violinist. The other by things that will result from the change Owen McGiveney, the distinguished of management, it is said. When the protean actor.

> "nuttist." He offers a monologue spotless white uniforms which they while he plays the violin. He is a will be expected to keep clean about olib and smart talker, but is even five minutes. But, at any rate, it will more clever as a violinist.

In the act of Mr. McGiveney he will letes togged out in new uniforms. Dickens. He does a series of por- but Omaha fans never get to see them travals from "Oliver twist," including because they are worn away from The photoplay attraction for the Oliver, Monks, Fagin, Bill Sikes, the home only.

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thing he possessed, including the dia-

Bill's friends are all kidding him. It must have been a tough pair. They called Bill by name and proceeded to strong-arm him. Bill could not resist 13th and Farnam for Depot For the Orpheum's stellar attraction like he used to do. It was some haul, sical comedy in six scenes called will spend a dollar for a taxi here-"Troubles of 1921." In this offering after when he wants to go home or twelve pretty troublemakers are to leave his wealth in a safe deposit

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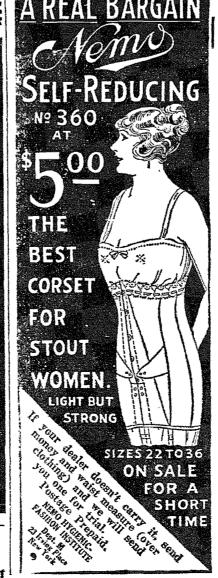
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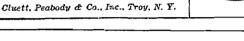
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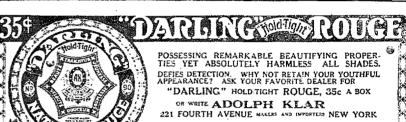
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