

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS IN WILD PARTIES

DOES SUICIDE OF JUDGE MCGEE PROVE HE WAS CRAZY?

"Ten Year" McGee Whose Conscience Probably Hurt Him Decided To "End It All"

LEGGERS ARE WORSE THAN MURDERERS

Comment About Town Is To The Effect That The Judges Best Act Was His Last One — Was Untutored Though Not Unversed In Law — Had Reputation Of Being "Hardest" Judge In The Country.

The suicide of Judge McGee last Sunday has brought out a fine point that may or may not prove to be of great interest to more than one hundred bootleggers who were sentenced by the man who in his suicide note virtually admitted he was crazy.

Lawyers, many of them prominent in the profession, believe that if it is proven beyond the peradventure of a doubt that the noted judge was deranged at the time of his self destruction and such proof tends to show mental incapacity for a year or more before his death that any or all cases he tried while he was in Omaha will become automatically null and void.

Even though the courts decide that way it would be of benefit to but few as most of them have served their time or paid their fines or both. However there are still a few cases such a decision would still effect. It is probable never the less that the suicide cases will stand up as it would be all but impossible to prove he was mentally incapacitated at the time he was hearing cases in Omaha last year.

According to scores of people who sat in the court room during the trials over which McGee presided he appeared at times wild or at least queer. This impressed some especially just at the end of various bootlegging trials. It seemed to pay little attention to the evidence but like a tiger lying in wait for his prey would wait to pounce on his victim before the last word was spoken and mete out an unreasonable sentence before he would take the time to deliberate a single moment, at least it appeared that way to many. Immediately after sending some poor devil to jail or putting some old woman behind the bars their appeared to

come over his countenance a peculiar sarcastic smile expressive of great glee.

While it would be a natural thing for bootleggers, especially those who were sentenced by him to be happy when they heard the news that he had shot his head off and to comment on the fact that he probably was shoveling coal now with some of the cheaters he had sent to an untimely grave, it is a remarkable fact that many law abiding citizens seemed to think the only good thing he ever did in his life was his last one.

Every one gives him credit for his method of self education. The fact that he never attended law college perhaps accounts for many of his peculiar traits and actions while on the bench. Most lawyers and judges agree that only after a thorough and practical law course can a judge be able to temper justice with mercy and give just decisions where men's life and liberty are at stake, McGee never attended law school but picked up whatever knowledge he had in the law offices of practicing attorneys.

But he is dead and that should be enough for his enemies and a source of sorrow for his friends of whom he boasted many, especially among that class of narrow minded men and women who think it a greater crime to take a drink than to stick up a man even to murder one.

One notable result of the suicide was brought about by his note which said that fully 85 per cent of the cases now being tried in federal court were bootlegging cases which he thought should be police court cases and not under federal jurisdiction.

If his conscience hurt him as much as many believe it did he is probably better off now than when alive.

ARGUMENTS WAX WARM AS THE STREET R. R. COMPANY'S HEARING APPROACHES

Company On The Surface Appear To Have Better Of Argument—First Session To Be Held Next Tuesday — Car Riders Should Make It A Point To Be Present—Patrons Deeply Interested In Future Extensions.

The hearing before the Nebraska State Railway Commission on the street car company's application for an increase in fare has again been postponed much to the discomfort and displeasure of not only street railway officials but the general public as well.

The public wants to know what is to be done in the matter and are impatient to learn the result. The delay however seems unavoidable as the city wants to be represented by its chief council, Lambert, who had not recovered sufficiently from a recent illness to be present at the last scheduled date for the hearing.

Meanwhile both sides are preparing for a battle royal with the result not very much in doubt. The Street Railway company appear to have all the argument in their side. From what can be gleaned from newspaper comment and statements of the company it seems that the revenue of the Tram System is altogether inadequate and that they are entitled to at least a small increase in fares to earn a reasonable amount on their investment.

While car riders naturally resent any pronounced increase in their transportation expenses the great majority of them are more interested in good service than in whether they will be compelled to pay a penny or a fraction of a cent more for their rides.

If the fare increase is granted one thing is certain, that is the public will in due time ask and demand certain extensions that the company is probably willing to do providing they have the money to make badly needed extensions to their lines.

The first hearing is set for next Tuesday, February 24 and should be attended by those interested in the controversy, especially car riders who after all are the ones to do the talking and not a bunch of self appointed improvement club leaders who think they are fooling their neighborhood

DEAF AND DUMB BUT ACTIVE

Maude Swanson, Benson woman of caste, is both deaf and dumb. This did not, however, prevent her from preparing nice little "tea parties" for high school students who cared or wished to visit her domicile, and take part in her hootch parties. She was living close to the Deaf and Dumb Institute, which is said to have given her place a splash of respectability. It sure is getting tough when our public institutions are given a black eye by some depraved person who perhaps ought to be in the insane asylum.

Auto Show This Year Breaks All Records

Up to and including Thursday night every record had been broken at the Automobile show. This includes both paid and free admissions as well as the number of the out of town dealers. Sales this year as a direct result of the show is also expected to exceed those of former years.

MYSTERY OF DISAPPEARANCE OF REVAS STILL UNSOLVED

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Robert Revas chauffeur for Elenor Phillips had not been solved at an early hour this morning. It is considered certain that some enemy made while interpreter in Police Court had to do with the death or injury of Revas. The car he was driving was found in a ditch on the Military road splattered with blood presumably shed by the driver.

THEY WANT TO SHOOT 'EM OUT IN NEVADA

Substitution of shooting for lethal gas in the execution of condemned persons is provided in a bill introduced in the Nevada legislature today. Until the passage of the lethal gas law, condemned persons in Nevada were permitted to choose either hanging or a firing squad.



Charley Hansen

The man Omahans are pulling for to beat John Pesek.

ATTORNEY HOWELL SHOULD BE RUN FOR PRESIDENT IN 1928

Frank Howell who has been telling some of the fake reformers more about how the prohibition law does not work than they ever dreamed of should be run for president in 1928. His speeches before Sunday school and churches has caused a sensation throughout the city and has had the effect of placing a new light on the much mooted prohibition question.

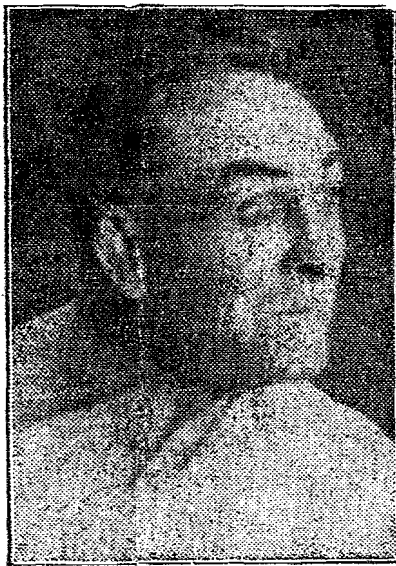
BIG BULLY APPEALS FROM RECENT COURT DECISION

One of Omaha's well-known men secured a judgement in District Court against Mr. C. C. Canon, proprietor of a pool hall at 1511 Harney Street. Canon appealed.

The aggrieved party, a 200 pounder is alleged to have badly beaten up the one who secured judgement against him, without cause or reason. The suit has brought to life several interesting features of the life of Mr. Canon and the conduct of his pool hall.

CITY'S NEWEST CAFE OPENS IN THE MILLARD HOTEL

The Crystal cafe which just recently opened in the Millard hotel is already enjoying a nice business which should grow steadily as the better class people learn to know the place. It is conducted on a high plan with such strict supervision that even the most fastidious may go there with the assurance that they may enjoy an evening in an atmosphere of refinement.



Farmer Burns

The Grand Old Man of the mat celebrated his 65th birthday anniversary last week. He is still a better man than most people at forty. Burns is training Charley Hansen for his forthcoming match with John Pesek.

Cops Making It Plenty Tough For Parking Violators

Police are raising the devil with violators of the new parking ordinance. Cops in charge of traffic have impounded several score of cars during the last 48 hours. While it is sort of tough on the owners, especially strangers, it seems the only thing to do to properly impress drivers with the fact that the least or the greatest of them must stay within the law.

CALLAHAN TRIAL STARTS

The trial of Frank Callahan who is charged with an attempt on the life of Robert Samardick was started in District Court Thursday. No evidence had been presented at press time so comment on the case is withheld. Those who know Mr. Callahan personally cannot conceive of him in the role of a bad gun man. It is expected that the legal battle will be more or less drawn out as it is understood both sides have a great number of material witnesses.

THREE TEAMS NOW TIED FOR LEAD IN THE FARNAM LEAGUE

Three teams of the Farnam Bowling league are now in a tie for the leadership of the league. The teams are the Coca Colas, Selby Radios and Stephens and Smiths. Two other teams the Sanford Cafes and the Farnam Alleys are only three and four games in the rear. This makes five teams of the eight in the league only four games apart which is the closest race of any league in the city.

HANSEN AND PESEK TO PULL OFF REAL "SHOOTING MATCH" HERE NEXT WEEK

Local Favorite To Meet Pesek The Dirtiest Wrestler Living — All Attendance Records Sure To Be Smashed — First Absolutely Fair And Square Wrestling Match In Years — Winner Take All Basis.

Never in years has there been so much interest in a sporting event in Omaha as has been expressed over the coming wrestling match between Charley Hansen and John Pesek. This match, which will be staged at the Auditorium next Friday February 27, is said to be one of the few "shooting matches" held in recent years. With the entire purse, amounting to 60 per cent of the receipts, and an added side bet of \$2,500 going to the winner, the intensity of the feeling between the two contestants can be readily imagined. Behind it all is the lurking specter of the "wrestling trust", whose alleged schemes have been barred in the public prints considerably of late.

Hansen, for three years past, has been hot on the trail of leaders of the mat world, chiefly Strangler Lewis, Stecher, Zbyszko and Big Munn. Always, when he sought a match with any of the big fellows, Hansen was told he must first get a reputation by "beating Pesek". Pesek who has been dubbed the "policeman of the wrestling trust", is said to be one of the dirtiest wrestlers in the game.

Less than a year ago, when Marin Plestina, who, like Hansen essayed to smash the trust, consented to wrestle Pesek in New York City, the latter, tis said, when he saw he could not win from Plestina gouged the latter's eyes, sending him to a hospital for several months. As a result, Pesek was barred for life by the New York Athletic commission.

Unable to secure a match with any of the other big stars after he had

Prominent Man's Wife Said To Be Involved In High School Scandal

In connection with the High School story which will be found in another column of the paper it is interesting to note that several parties have either called in person or telephoned to the office about one of the "palaces" where students gather under the palpable excuse of learning to dance.

Each and every personal call or telephone communication seemed to have centered their fire on one particular family. Information seems to prove more or less conclusively that the daughter of a prominent professional man is the host to a large number of scholars several times a week, with the sons and daughters of some of Omaha's most prominent families as her guests.

It is said she teaches dancing during the early part of the evening and later allows them to entertain themselves in a way that has brought down on host and guests alike the ire of parents as well as members of the Welfare board who look after cases of delinquency.

At least one irate father who found his daughter intoxicated after a "lesson" ordered that his girl remain away from the place. Both the man and his wife have always borne a splendid reputation which made it easy for the daughter to cater to the best element in the younger society set.

CONCORD CLUB TO HAVE BALL TEAM THIS SEASON

Members of the Omaha Concord club are planning to organize a baseball club, and to challenge the Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Ad-Sell and Tri-angle clubs to games. The plan is to play twilight games of about seven innings. The movement is sponsored by the Concord club.



FAY TUNIS—Gayety Star

WELL KNOWN BENSON WOMAN SPONSORS LEWD GATHERING

Said That Maude Swanson Puts On Entertainments That Result In Ruination Of Girls

SOME ARE HAILED INTO DISTRICT COURT

Beastly Drunken Revels Staged By High School Students And Others, Is Charge Openly Made — Beds Furnished Those Who Wish To Violate The Moral Code — Other Places Involved.

High School crimes is the latest sensation. It comes up by reason of investigation being made by juvenile court authorities and is said to cover a wide range of territory. It all comes about because Mrs. Maude Swanson a widow living at 2035 North Sixty-fifth avenue, the mother of four daughters, has been permitting her daughters to do things not in keeping with what the juvenile people call good taste and good breeding.

Mrs. Swanson is said to have inherited about \$12,000 or \$14,000 two or three years ago, but she is broke now, or at least is pretty badly bent. Two of her daughters are in the Geneva industrial school for bad girls and two remain at home.

According to juvenile authorities, there have been booze and "petting" parties at the Swanson home, which is located in the suburb of Benson. About forty or more high school girls and a few from private institutions are numbered among the persons who have gathered at the Swanson home from time to time to put on these parties. Thus far no charges have been filed against anybody, but aiding the delinquency of young girls is said to be the charge that will soon be made.

Already about forty of these youngsters have been haled into court and questioned. Several of them are said to belong to what has heretofore been considered highly respectable Omaha families. Just how the landlady was able to manage things has not yet come out, but she is described by one well known authority on such affairs as the very essence of depravity, without the least regard for any of the higher order of things. She cares nothing about the sacredness of chastity, it is said, and the fact that her own daughters are

at Geneva gives more or less the color of truth to this estimate of her. These parties were held from time to time with every modern touch of style and some of the older people who were fortunate enough to be there enjoyed the sensations produced quite as much as the younger folk. They were not given as bootlegging parties, although plenty of red hootch flowed at and during their conduct. When the guests began to get souped up and everybody got happy there were suggestions that some place be found to sleep.

Thinking parties had arranged for this emergency well in advance and everything had been prepared for the occasion. The rest of the story can be better imagined than described. What the final outcome of it all will be remains to be seen. At any rate the results thus far have been very far reaching and Judge Day believes these places of iniquity have been closed.

More serious conditions have resulted out Dundee way, however, and at least one case of a young woman getting into trouble is known. The young man's father, who is well known and a man of wealth, made a financial settlement with the girl's family which is said to be in modern circumstances. A well known attorney in the Securities building acted as intermediary and had a \$25,000 settlement money. It is said the young woman is soon to become a mother. Other similar cases will come under judicial notice very soon, it is said.

Incidentally, it is reported, the city is full of these palaces of sin and that the welfare and juvenile authorities have found some remarkable cases of the malady right here in Omaha.

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BURLINGTON PAVES WAY TO LASTING FRIENDSHIP WITH NEBRASKA SHIPPERS

Special Train Carrying Live Stock Exhibit Was Really An Epic In Local Transportation History — Tens Of Thousands Of Interested Farmers Benefited By Trip Of Train Through The State.

How times have changed. Not so long ago every farmer, every business man took it upon himself to rap the railroads of the state and nation. Today it appears that railroad officials and the general public are in close touch with the other and harmony and cooperation is the prevalent note. While shippers and certain politicians are still harping over freight and passenger fares they are now willing to get together for their mutual benefit.

As an illustration of the efforts put forth by various railroads may be cited the work of the Burlington railroad's officials. This great railroad system in cooperation with the college of Agriculture ran a special train throughout the state in the interests of dairying and dairy men.

The roads interest in the welfare of the territory can be traced back to the days when Nebraska and the West were building. The railroad stood behind the early settlers, aiding them by supplying seeds for their crops, and in many instances helping them in getting food, livestock and equipment to properly operate their farms at little or no cost.

To further substantiate their interest in the prosperity served by the Burlington, also, looking to the future and to help make Nebraska scrub free.

The Burlington Railroad, co-operating with the College of Agriculture of the University of Nebraska, the newly formed Nebraska Dairy Development Society and 31 Nebraska breeders, together with other business interests and the local towns and communities, operated in Nebraska, last fall, a purebred sires train. The one great purpose of the campaign was to make Nebraska scrub free. The object was to impress upon the people the purebred sires idea, whether it be beef, dairy, pork or any other kind of live stock.

One of the features of the special

train run as the Burlington Educational proposition was Miss Mystery, or the Wonder Cow, whose real name was Clema Wayne Butter Queen Second No. 297124, from the Wood-lawn Dairy. At each place the cow was led off the train and cards passed out, and each person was asked to guess on the number of pounds of milk she produced in one year. Ten thousand guesses were made ranging all the way from a few hundred to as high as 50,000 pounds. This cow had actually produced 25,947.3 pounds of milk containing 1,162.41 lbs. of butter, or approximately nine times more than is produced by the average milk cow on the Nebraska farm. This cow was carried along in order to give the people a chance to see a good type milk cow and to impress upon them that a milk scale is the only sure way of finding out whether or not a cow is a boarder.

At each place a party had previously been chosen to make and carry on the local demonstration. The party selected was to supply a real scrub bull, have him on hand on arrival of the Pure Bred Sires Special, where the trade was made. He received in trade for the scrub a pure bred of known and standard breeding, bred by a Nebraska breeder, and this trade was made even up. In fact, the poorer the scrub the better the Burlington liked it, as it meant he was to be eliminated from further service. A part of the Burlington's agreement was that all scrubs, where traded in this manner, would be slaughtered at Omaha.

Anticipating the growth of commercial air service between cities of Nebraska and all sections of the country, arrangements are being made for the establishment of a municipal landing field in Omaha to comprise 160 acres and be easily accessible to the business section of the city by good roads.

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JUDGE McGEE A SUICIDE

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Opinion differs as to the justness of sentences given out by Judge McGee in federal court while he was on the bench in Omaha. It is pretty generally agreed, however, that the flood of punishment meted out to bootleggers was the result of a diseased mind. Most of them were either reduced by higher and sane tribunals or cancelled entirely.

One thing has been proven. It has been proven beyond the possibility of contradiction that Judge McGee was not in his right mind. No man in his condition can possibly be absessed of normal judgment and he had no business on any bench. President Harding probably did not know much of Judge McGee's physical troubles when he appointed him to the federal bench. The judge has been a hard worker for many years. He was not a graduate of any law school which fact indicates that he was a great student.

Most great lawyers receive their training by hard study in some recognized school of law, but the judge received his by getting right down to hard knocks in an attorney's office. He held important places in the employ of big men. It is apparent that he overdid himself. No normal man would have done some of the many things credited to Judge McGee. He did much by his example. He was naturally looked upon by his associates in the law business as an unusual man, and his decisions were of particular interest to other great jurists. What the result will be remains to be seen. However, the great American people will pronounce Judge McGee a fanatic. Many had already done so.

The result of his action is still in doubt, but it can hardly be of great benefit to the people.

NOTED SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS NEBRASKA RETAILERS

Speakers who have gained wide repute as merchandising experts will address the general and group meetings of the nineteenth annual convention of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers at the Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha, February 23 to 26. The 500 retailers expected to attend will divide their time during the four days between visiting the Omaha wholesale and jobbing houses, attending the general federation sessions and those of the Grocers and Meat Dealers, Dry Goods and Ready-to-Wear, Furniture Dealers and Shoe Dealers associations, and the entertainment programs at night arranged by the Omaha Wholesalers and Jobbers association and the Paper and String Club.

The first general session will be held Monday night, the merchants being given the opportunity all day Monday to visit the wholesale and jobbing houses of the city where displays are being arranged for their benefit. At the opening session, the officers of the federation, V. G. Lyford, Falls City, president; M. A. Hostetler, Shelton, treasurer, and C. W. Watson, Lincoln, secretary, will make their reports and John L. Kennedy, president of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, will address the merchants.

DOINGS IN OMAHA TODAY

"Prosperity for all in 1925 is certain," L. W. Baldwin, president of the Missouri Pacific railroad, declared when visiting in Omaha last week. Mr. Baldwin, who came to Omaha to inspect the property of the railroad here relative to the construction of a new \$200,000 freight house in Omaha, has found business prospects bright in the territory served by the Missouri Pacific. "Farmers everywhere are putting in big crops. That means more money for the farmers, the business men and the railroads," he said.

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Orders have been issued to the bridge building company by the state highway department to proceed at once with the construction of the new bridge across the Platte river at Yutan. Another Platte river bridge is to be built at Plattsmouth by a company of Omaha and Saunders county business men. Tolls will be charged on this bridge only until the cost of construction has been re-imbursed. Cost of the bridge will be \$125,000.

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Fred G. Ellis, of Omaha, was elected president of the Nebraska Music Teachers' association at the annual convention held in Lincoln last week. Mrs. Louise Shaddock Zabriskie, Omaha, was elected vice-president, and Martin W. Bush, Omaha, secretary-treasurer. The 1925 convention of the association will be held in Omaha.

Omaha's twentieth automobile show opened Monday, February 16, and will close Saturday night, February 21. Closed cars predominate at the show with numerous displays of automobile accessories and radio equipment. The fifth annual dealers' frolic Tuesday night was attended by several hundred dealers from Nebraska and other midwestern states in the Omaha trade territory, who were regaled with an excellent and unique entertainment program in which several surprise numbers were featured.

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Depot for Dundee	1:25
16th and Farnam for Depot	1:25
Harney Street Line	1:25
33d and Parker to 6th St.	1:25
33d and Parker to Depots	1:25
6th and Center for 33d and Parker	1:25
Park and North 24th Streets	1:25
16th and Farnam, East Side	1:25
16th and Farnam, West Side	1:25
16th and Farnam for Florence	1:25
16th and Farnam for Kansas Ave.	1:25
16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames	1:25
South Omaha and 42d and Grand	1:25
14th and Farnam for West Q	1:25
14th and Farnam for 42d and Grand	1:25
Dodge Street Line	1:25
16th and Dodge (West)	1:25
16th and Dodge (East)	1:25
30th and Spaulding for Depots	1:25
Leavenworth and Oak Institute	1:25
16th and Farnam (North)	1:25
16th and Farnam (South)	1:25
Senson and Albright	1:25
13th and Farnam for Benson	1:25
13th and Farnam for Albright	1:25
13th and Farnam for 34th and N.	1:25
Fort Crook Line	1:25
14th and N. Sts. South Omaha	1:25
Fort Crook	1:25
Owl Cars	1:25
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and	1:25
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4th and Lake to 24th and Vinton	1:25
4th and Lake to 42d and L.	1:25
24 and L to 24th and Vinton	1:25
Council Bluffs and Omaha	1:25
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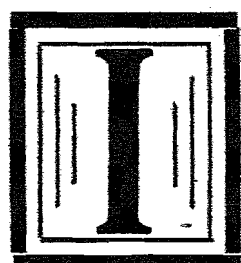
Old Man Johnson of the Gayety can be pardoned for the self-satisfied chuckling he has generously indulged in during the past week.

It all came about through the fact that Omaha accepted with open pocketbooks and arms the five most prominent players in "Greenwich Village Follies," the satisfaction to the Old Man being that Omaha gladly paid \$3.00 a ticket to see Gallagher & Shean, Tom Howard, Miss Linn, Cantor and Frank (Bud) Williamson dump on the stage practically the same bag o' tricks that they had in seasons past displayed at the Gayety at \$1.00 per copy, for let it be known that all of these excellent artists are graduates from Columbia burlesque, the identical and very popular form of entertainment that the Old Man has been serving his ever-growing clientele for night on to sixteen years at the Gayety.

The Old Man added with a show of much satisfaction that the high priced stars gathered their vocabulary of cuss words and profanity after they stepped from burlesque, that being an accomplishment (?) that Columbia Circuit managers do not permit performers to accomplish, it being an iron-clad rule on the circuit that comedians must not resort to profanity under any pretext.

In this connection it may be news to the reader that still other burlesque graduates whose names shine brilliantly in the high-priced theatrical firmament are Will Rogers, Al Jolson, Weber and Fields, Nora Bayes, Ben Welch, Dorothy Jordan, Eugene and Willie Howard, Leon Errol, Lester Allen, Roscoe Ailes, Al. K. Hall, Sal. Hie Tucker, Clark and McCullough, Sam Bernard, Morton and Russell, David Warfield, Frank Dobson, Fannie Brice, Geo. Sidney, Solly Ward. In a word the Columbia Burlesker of today is the musical comedy star of tomorrow.

The moral of this true tale is, according to Old Man Johnson: "Better to see the Columbia circuit shows now at popular prices than to wait a season or so and then pay three times the price, as the 'Graduating' keeps merrily on."



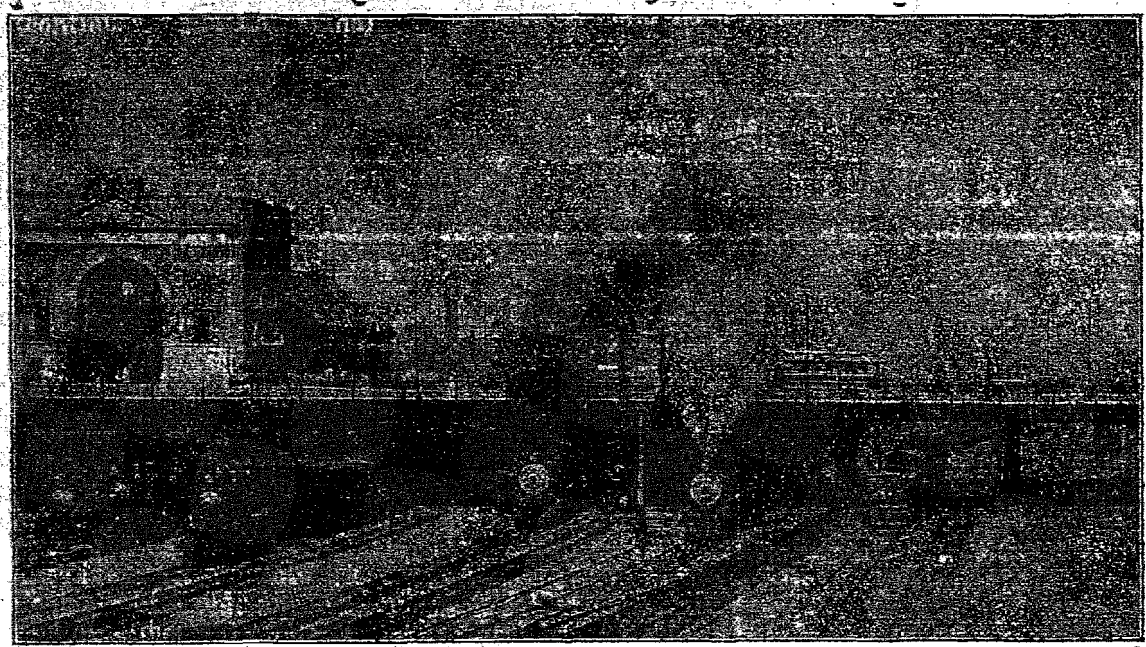
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ARGUMENTS WAX WARM AS STREET R. R. COMPANY'S HEARING APPROACHES
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paid for by the street railway company because parked automobiles forced them to use this space.

Of the total vehicle traffic 94% was street car, 90% was automobile.

The 525 automobiles carried about 800 persons while the 55 street cars carried about 3,000. Street cars carry about 75% of the people and automobiles 25%, yet automobiles are given far more consideration than street cars.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS IN WILD PARTIES

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where our great reformers are so busy. One particular instance came up just last week. A well known Omaha woman, who poses as a reformer of high degree, made a remarkable visit. She is described in communication received recently by the editor as "that noble woman." She wanted to entertain some of her friends recently and in order to do something out of the ordinary decided to visit one of the local theatrical managers.

She called on Old Man Johnson, manager of the Gayety and asked him for the loan of some of his chorus girls. Johnson promptly told her his girls were very particular about places they visited, and he declined to let them go. And the worst is yet to come.

HANSEN AND PESEK TO PULL OFF REAL "SHOOTING MATCH"

(Continued from page 1)

Jake Isaacson, Legion matchmaker, is trying to sign up Stanley Buresh, Dodge, Neb., protégé of Joe Cher, for one of the preliminaries. The other preliminary, he expects sign Gus Kallio, world's welterweight wrestling champion. The tickets for the big bout are sale now at all of the following agencies, and from the way they are being snapped up, if the Omaha fans get their seats early, they'll stand: Auditorium, Baseball quarters, The Office, The Sportsman, Ernie Holmes', Omaha Athletic Club, Fleming's Cigar Store and the Live Stock Exchange.

Improvements in barracks at Fort Crook to cost \$330,000, and at Fort Omaha to cost \$50,000 are contemplated in an army bill now pending before congress.

Weather Experts to Make Study of Ocean

The influence which the ocean has upon the weather is very great. "The study of the waters of the oceans," declares Lieutenant Commander George E. Brandt of the United States navy, "will yield results worth millions of dollars to the agriculture and industry of the nation, because from this study we can get a better understanding of the weather, and will probably be able to predict the weather a year in advance, especially the periods of rainfall and drought and their duration." Commander Brandt says that the waters of the ocean are a great reservoir for storing and distributing the heat which comes from solar radiation. During each hour of sunshine more heat is being added to this great reservoir. This heat in turn is given off again by the ocean, influencing very materially the weather over land and sea. Observations made by the Smithsonian Institution show that the radiation of the sun varies considerably from time to time. It is this variation, says Commander Brandt, which makes the study of weather so complicated. "Since the waters of the ocean act as an intermediate reservoir," he says, "the full effect of a change in solar radiation is not felt until some years after the change takes place."

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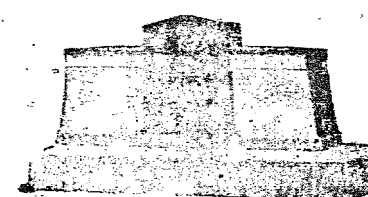
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TOM HAS GREAT CAST IN LATEST

Lila Lee Leading Woman In "Coming Through"

Some four-hundred odd persons appear in support of Thomas Meighan in his new Paramount picture, "Coming Through," which will be the feature next Sunday at the Strand Theatre to remain for seven days.

Here's the answer, folks. The four hundred are real honest-to-goodness miners who appear in the coal mine scenes of the story. The others all have prominent roles in the cast.

Lila Lee, who returns to the screen after a year's absence in "Coming Through," adapted to the screen from Jack Bethes's novel, "Red Rock," is featured in the leading woman's role opposite Tom. It's like old times to have Lila back with Meighan. Miss Lee appeared with the star in many of his earlier successes.

Wallace Beery, whom the fans will remember for his excellent work in "Robin Hood" and in "The Sea Hawk" is the villain in this picture. He is cast in the role of a roughneck mine foreman who does his best to pit Tom out of the way for keeps. As Joe Lawler, Beery is claimed to have the greatest opportunity of his career.

John Milner plays Lila Lee's father in the production. He is John Rand, president of the steel corporation in which Meighan is an employee. Frank Campeau, another screen favorite, portrays the role of Shackleton who makes his living by the sale of bootleg liquor in the mining camp at Coaltown where Meighan is sent as superintendent.

Laurance Wheat, seen with Tom in "The Confidence Man" and many others, is also well cast as Gus Weinburg and Alice Knowland.

Here's Tom with one of the finest casts ever—in a story of the Alabama mining camps that might have been written to order for him.

Edward Sutherland, until recently assistant to Charles Chaplin, directed "Coming Through," as his first work for the screen. Paul Schofield is credited with the screen play.

Orpheum
ORPHEUM CIRCUIT VAUDEVILLE

Coming Next Week — The U. S. S. Leviathan Orchestra, With Nelson Maple Pianist - Director And Emmett O'Mara, Silver Toned Tenor

Carrying with it a nautical tang of the salty seas, the U. S. S. Leviathan Orchestra, the first of a group of Paul Whiteman's units to play on the United States Shipping Board's biggest liner, is returning to the Orpheum next week under the personal direction of Nelson Maple and with the well-known Emmett O'Mara, tenor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Metropolitan Opera, as featured soloist. The Leviathan Orchestra scored a tremendous success its initial engagement in this theatre last year and has been tendered ovations in every city on its return engagement this season. The staging of the act is decidedly novel and the regulation ship's uniform worn by the musicians lends a seagoing atmosphere.

Another stellar attraction will be the appearance of the celebrated prima donna, Mme. Emma Trentini, and the eminent concert pianist, Eric Zardo. Mme. Trentini will be remembered as the star of "The Firefly," "Naughty Marietta" and "The Peasant Girl." She also appeared with the Manhattan and San Carlos Opera Companies. Since her latest appearance in this country, three years ago, the famous soprano has been singing in grand opera in Milan Italy. Eric Zardo is known from coast to coast as a concert pianist of genuine ability.

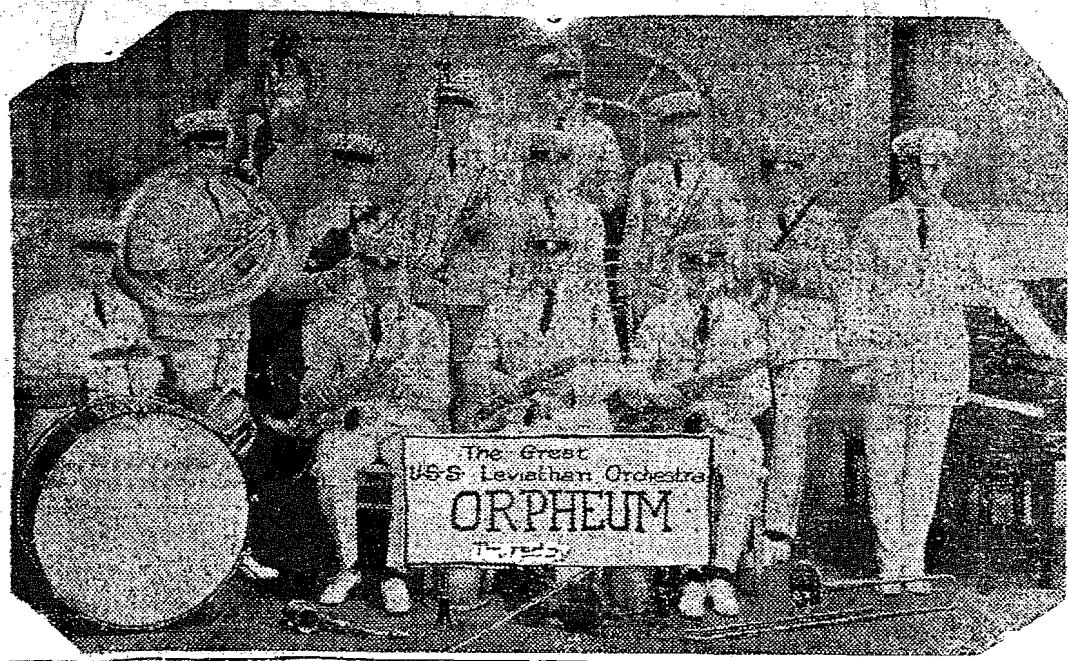
Al and Harry Klein are funny men. There is no other term that better describes these popular comedians. The Klein Brothers have been recently featured in "The Passing Show," "Gaieties of 1920," "Whirl of New York" and many other successes.

Howard Kyle, an actor of long and wide experience, will be seen in a dramatic playlet entitled "The House at the Crossroads." Mr. Kyle won many laurels as the star of "Nathan Hale," Clyde Fitch's beautiful play, in which he made a coast-to-coast tour, covering three seasons. He has also appeared with Julia Marlowe and Mme. Modjeska, the Polish actress.

Bert Gordon and Alice Knowlton have a musical skit, introducing a line of comedy, fun and good music.

Helene Heller and George Riley are from musical comedy. When "Sally, Irene and Mary" were three of the most popular girls in the musical comedy of that name, Helene Heller was one of the reasons. She played one of the trio and her vaudeville partner, George Riley, was also a member of the cast. Both have good voices, personalities and a knack of getting things over.

A woman, Mrs. E. L. Anderson, of Belmar, Neb., has topped the Omaha hog market four times recently. Her latest shipment of hogs averaged 250 pounds and brought \$10.90 a hundred pounds.



YOU SAID IT: "LET'S GO!"

Ample Reason Why You Should Journey To The Gayety Next Week—Special Feature Nights.

Every city in which it has been presented has given praise to Fred Clarke's Columbia Burlesque, "Let's Go," next week's twice daily attraction at the popular Gayety theatre—praise for the undying variety of the entertainment offered for the lavish manner in which the show is staged, for the work of the principals, and for the many new ideas incorporated.

Reports indicate that every one of the twenty-one scenes is striking in originality and entertaining to the "nth" degree, and the twenty-one includes scenes representing virtually everywhere from the South Sea Islands to the North Pole, with a range of musical and other features equally as wide. The chorus is said to be hand-picked from the choice of Broadway's peppiest beauties, and trained in songs and dances to the limit of perfection.

Fast and furious in fun as is said to be the pace of the show, it is particularly marked by the presence at the head of the cast of Manny King who in addition to his unique line of laugh-getting with words and actions, has an able ally in his violin. On the feminine side of the large and active company are Nana Pagon, Arnette Creighton, Fay Tunis and Helen Flynn—all of them with original specialties.

Walter "Pep" Smith, Andy Price and Harry Peterson also help in keeping things moving—and are an important part of many of the vocal

treats, particularly in the effective radio broadcasting station scene, in which Manny King, too, forms his part of an excellent male quartette. Smith is a clever comedian and parodist. Peterson is a "straight" man gifted with a powerful singing voice of musical fiber.

Tuesday occurs the customary "Surprise Nite" which doesn't mean a thing except a new long laugh that should make you roll off your seat. Friday will be "Garter Nite" during which festivities the pretty choristers will distribute a total of \$15 cash to lucky patrons, Sunday's matinee starts at 3:00.

EMPRESS

Starting Saturday the Empress Players celebrate a record event.

It is "Silver Jubilee Week" marking the twenty-fifth week of the company in Omaha and thereby establishing a new mark for musical comedy stock in this city.

"The Girl in the Case" is the play director Jos Marion has selected for the big week. This is a mystery crook musical comedy entirely different than anything the company has offered heretofore.

Lillian Bessent who has been absent for several weeks returns to the cast for the Jubilee bill.

Much preparation has been given the new play with a view of making the week the most popular since the advent of musical comedy at the Empress.

Bowlers of Nebraska will compete in the annual tournament of the Nebraska Bowling association in Omaha, March 27 and 28.



HELEN FLYNN & MANNY KING

Here's proof positive that an Irishman and a Yiddisher stood still long enough to get their picture taken in a friendly attitude. Anyway Manny causes lots of fun and plays a fiddle in "Let's Go!" at the Gayety all next week and Helen—well, go and see how essential she is.

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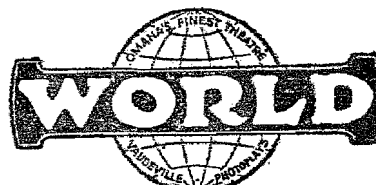
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Fay Tunis's "Twice-Daily Dozen" is how her fellow company members of "Let's Go," to play at the popular Gayety theatre next week refer to Miss Tunis's twelve changes of costumes. Of course "there's a reason".

Miss Tunis who, during the course of the performance of "Let's Go" is required to make extremely quick changes of costume, wanted to find a method of speeding up the operation of making the changes. So she adopted the time-tried army custom of doing it "by numbers". That is, at the count of "one" she accomplished a certain part of the operation, at the count of "two" another part, etc. To obtain speed through practice she had a phonograph record made, and went through the changes over and over, each time more rapidly than the last.



King and Irwin noted blackface funmakers, and return to vaudeville of Sammy Heiman's Orchestra are features of the new bill at the World theatre starting Saturday.

John King and Dave Irwin are offering this season their biggest laughing success "Countdown Divorces" with Irwin in the role of "Alexander Moore" the lawyer and King in 2 characters of Mr. and Mrs. "Salamander Blue" who are always quarreling and want a divorce.

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Norma wears the typical soubrette costume, short fluffy skirts, tights, bare back a la Kitty Gordon and a huge feather hat.

Like so many soubrettes of old, she struts saucily across the stage, does a buck and wing, jauntily sings a man, Margaret Sedden, Miles M. song as she tosses flowers to the Carthay and Charles O'Malley.

Johnnies in the first row and takes her exit "cartwheel" fashion into the wings.

The picture will be shown at the Rialto Theatre next Saturday and for one week.

The special cast appearing in support of Norma Talmadge includes Mallace MacDonald, Norma's leading man; Alf Goulding, Brandon Hurst, bare back a la Kitty Gordon and a huge feather hat.

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