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FOURTH AMENDMENT THREATENED

THE MEMBERS OF "ROYAL SET" CONTINUE DEGENERATE ACTS

Boys Dressed In Women's Clothes And Using Girls Names Entertain Many Prominent Men

R. R. MAN QUILTS AS "MOTHER SUPERIOR"

A Decorator Formerly Of Chicago Takes His Place — Big Party Pulled Last Saturday Night—Next One To Be Given At "Big Mary's"—Boys Assume Such Names As Charlotte, Frances, Cecil And Little Bee Bee.

Members of the "Royal Set" of which the Mediator had occasion to write about a few weeks ago had another session last Saturday night with Charlotte as the only feminine member of the party.

According to those who absolutely know members say that Charlotte is a wonderful girl both at home and away from it, her ways are attractive and gets her the money in large and juicy gobs at times.

Five members were recently dropped and as many others joined at the last meeting. At this particularly gathering a new "Mother Superior" was appointed to take the place of the prominent railroad man who for reasons of his own choose to step down and a well known decorator who originally came from Chicago has taken over the arduous duties of Mother Superior though he is a married man and the requirements of the office demand that he be out several nights each week.

The new Mother Superior is a somewhat older man than the railroad and is not quite so handsome but he certainly looked wonderful last Saturday night in his richly colored gown of black and gold.

It has been suggested that Frances, Cecil, Austie and Little Bee Bee do not pass judgement to quickly on the new "Sheik" as he will surely improve with time.

Among the others who were guests were Jimmie, Jane and the two ministers who enjoyed the big party as well as the rest of the bunch. The place has two colored fairies who at times appear to be the life of the party.

Jimmie is hoping that the new Mother will take good care of the flock and the ever increasing trade. The new man is an artist at his particular trade and will no doubt make good within a short time.

On the particular night referred to shaded lights of a soft dull red were used to enhance the surroundings both up stairs and down where Charlotte flitted about the boys say and described just how and what kind of a sport she is. She and the railroad man served the drinks and a big feed to about 25 "guests" including Jimmie who came dressed up stunning to be envied by any real girls who might come in.

At the next meeting the former Mother Superior will entertain at Big Mary's and it should be some party.

These he-she boys make wonderful girls according to a pretty well known lawyer who took occasion to thank Charlotte for her splendid entertainment.

The very degenerate work of these young men seem to appeal to some well known business men who appear to get a kick and real thrill out of it.

ANONYMOUS LETTER WRITER SEEKS TROUBLE FOR EDITOR OF THE MEDIATOR

Mediator Seems To Be Cause Of Trouble Of Woman About Whom Some Facts Have Been Printed—Dire Threats Made Against The Owner — Apparently Written By Woman — Postoffice Inspector After Guilty Party.

This week Postoffice Inspector Coble had brought to his attention an anonymous letter threatening the editor of the Mediator with about everything that could happen to any man.

The cause of the trouble appears to have been something printed in this paper about Jennie Callas, a woman about whom considerable has been said in the past. Mrs. Callas was fired out of the Woodman Circle where she held the position of supreme physician, it is said because of her inability to perform the arduous duties the position demanded. Of this matter more may be heard later.

At any rate, some person, apparently a woman, has written a most venomous letter to the editor, threatening him with about everything under the sun. The threatening letter has been turned over to the post-office inspector who will doubtless do his duty. The laws of Uncle Sam are pretty strict in respect to sending threatening letters through the United States mails.

The letter in question was unsigned except by "One Who Detests You," but its wording is very plainly a lawless deed in itself. Every line is a threat, and it mentions Mrs. Callas as being the aggrieved person. It even says she is a good woman, and maybe she is for all we know. It also refers to the disabilities of the editor, and says they are a result of a life of degeneracy. In every way the letter, which reaches us too late for printing the full text, is evidently

the work of a master hand at slander, and the public will have an opportunity to read it in full next week.

Meanwhile, our regards to the writer. If the party will call at the office she or he will be enlightened about some matters. Just another thing about the letter and its writer. Like a skunk in the dark they write anonymously. Newspaper and newspaper men are however used to such procedure and do not take such matters very seriously.

People interested in nothing but the absolute truth in venting their spleen nearly always sign their name and show their courage. Such writers recognize for one thing the editor has in all cases his personal or the firm name prominently printed on the editorial page and does not stoop to the K. K. K. methods of writing anything for which he would attempt to assume no responsibility.

A lie or even an assertion which may not be backed by an absolute proof never bothers one mentally big enough to really grasp the situation but the truth hurts and hurts terribly. Perhaps that is the why and wherefore of the letter.

At least we are going to print the article in full next week for the benefit of our readers who for twenty years have taken the paper because they like to learn of inside facts that can not be learned otherwise because most papers are under so many obligations to certain powerful influences.

DEATH OF JIMMIE GRIFFIN BREAKS UP ONE ORGANIZATION

With the death of Jimmie Griffin it is probable that the organization or "gang" of which he was the head is broken up. He and the men associated with him were not bad fellows in their own way and seemed always willing to befriend their friends. When it was found that Griffin could not live his estranged wife, Marie went to the hospital where she spent the last hours with him.

FLEISCHMAN, POLO VICTIM

Julius Fleischman who fell dead during a polo game in Miami, Florida had a wonderful career. Starting with the proverbial thin dime, thru hard work and great business ability he became a multi-millionaire with a political influence that at one time became nation wide.

WAS LAST NIGHT THE END OF THE WORLD FOR YOU?

The end of the world failed to materialize except for those who died and a bunch of soaks who "went under" completely at or before midnight. Perhaps the event will happen at a later time.

HAZEL TAYLOR DIES AFTER LONG HARD BATTLE FOR LIFE

Hazel Taylor who has lived in Omaha at different periods for a great number of years died Thursday in Kearney where she went to get what little comfort there was to be had during her last illness. She died of tuberculosis after a heroic effort to overcome the great white plague. In an effort to restore her health Hazel went to Arizona where for a time she thought she had won her fight.

MEDIATOR ENLARGES

Beginning with this issue the Mediator becomes a standard size seven column paper giving about 25 per cent additional space. This gives opportunity for a much larger volume of news and at the same time will prove of inestimable value to our advertisers.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES FAVORABLE TO OMAHA BALLOT METHOD BILL

Every once in a while the state legislature shows signs of having some sense. The house has favored the Omaha Ballot Method bill which does away with the word-to-mouth way of balloting at elections in this city. Only Representative Johnson of Douglas county opposed the measure but he didn't have nerve to even give a reason.

NO SUCH THING AS CRIME WAVE TO BE FOUND IN OMAHA

No police records are at hand to give comparative figures on crime for the past few weeks compared to similar dates of last year but it is known that major crime is at the lowest ebb it has been in many a long month. Even minor offenses have decidedly decreased of late.

In spite of petty scraps in the department, taken as a whole it is functioning as nearly perfect an may be expected of any police department. The splendid results obtained is just one more achievement of Commissioner Dunn and his loyal men.

OODLES OF BOOZE DISAPPEARS—WHO GOT IT?

Federal prohibition agents Thursday started a nation-wide search for Frank L. Peterson, Omaha manager for the Rossville company, alcohol distributors, who disappeared from Omaha January 21.

Following the disappearance of Peterson, prohibition agents a week ago started a check of the Rossville company and Thursday discovered a shortage of over 5,000 gallons of alcohol.

The large shortage includes both grain and denatured alcohol.

According to federal agents, denatured alcohol can be redistilled and made into a beverage.

Peterson as manager of the Rossville agency, had the distribution of alcohol for Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa and Missouri, according to P. M. Broderick, general sales manager of the Rossville company of Lawrenceburg, Ind., who has been here for the last week aiding government agents in checking the shortage.

Mrs. Peterson, at her home, 803 South Fifth-ninth street, Thursday admitted her husband disappeared on January 21 and she had heard no word from him since.

SONIN OF FREMONT HEADS STATE RETAIL CLOTHIERS

John Sonin of Fremont was elected president, and Louis Leppke of Omaha was chosen vice president of the Nebraska Retail Clothiers' association at the closing session of the tenth annual convention here yesterday. Mr. Leppke is advertising manager of the Nebraska Clothing Co., and Mr. Sonin is proprietor of a clothing establishment.

Carl Linn of Hastings, Sol Mayer of Norfolk and C. D. Damast of Nebraska City were elected new members of the board of directors, and Lincoln was picked as the 1926 convention city over Hastings and Grand Island. Lincoln is the first out-state city to be chosen as convention city by the clothiers since their organization ten years ago.

Methods of attracting youths into the clothing stores were explained by "Tim," editor of the boys' magazine "Knicker," and author of a number of courses in this type of salesmanship. He urged the formation of boys' clubs with various free attractions.

Omaha was not considered as the 1926 convention city. The poor attendance at the convention here is said by several members to be due to inability of the Hastings delegates to land this year's convention. Omaha was picked over Hastings by one vote majority, and this is believed to have incurred the displeasure of many out-state delegates who failed to attend this banquet.

The annual banquet and dance of the association was held last night at Hotel Fontenelle.

75 FORT OMAHANS JOIN OMAHA POST OF LEGION

Seventy-five members of the Omaha post of the American Legion from the army men at Fort Omaha, were turned in to membership drive headquarters Thursday by Major C. W. Mason, representing the largest single total so far. Other departments of the army in Omaha are joining with equal strength.

Four more firms reached the 1 hundred per cent mark in membership today.

Attorney Howell Pans Prohibition

Tells Members Of Walter Head's Bible Class Some Of Them Are Drinkers.

CAUSES GREAT SENSATION

Throws Bombshell Into Ranks Of Omaha's Multi-Millionaire Bible Class.

Frank S. Howell former United States District attorney in an address to the bible class conducted by Walter Head scathingly rebuked members of the class and others who talked prohibition.

Howell is one of the best informed men in the West on the working of the Eighteenth amendment having had thousands of violators to prosecute while District attorney.

Attorney Howell hit direct from the shoulder in his noteworthy address before Omaha's millionaire class. About the first thing he told the bible class was that there were men within the sound of his voice who were violating the prohibition laws.

During the course of his speech Mr. Howell said:

"It was never the intention, nor was the constitution formed for the purpose of giving the national government control over matters relating strictly to domestic affairs, nor those subjects properly cognizable under police powers." "These notions find support from a great number of people who may be generally classified as idealists, without analytical thought of the future, and organizations actuated by short-sighted selfishness."

"I shall not cease to disparage all efforts dealing with the liberties of the people with no more secure foundation than zealous' arguments of exigency." "Enthusiasts need not expect us to accept their word at par on any question where sentiment is involved."

An illustrative of the effect of having a law administered locally by a bureaucracy from Washington, Mr. Howell referred to the Eighteenth amendment. The people were told, he said, that if it were adopted, by no possible distortion could the manufacture and sale of liquor for medicinal purposes be prohibited, yet scarcely had the amendment been carried when the Volstead act was presented to congress.

"The supreme court of the United States has decided that congress has power under the amendment to prohibit the manufacture and sale of non-intoxicating liquors. Were the people deceived?"

A court of equity would cancel a contract obtained through such false representations.

"Yet, ministers of God say 'Amen,' to searches and seizures and the invasion of the privacy of home without search warrant by those who boastfully promise us to continue to 'crack 'em on the nose.'"

"Let me ask you, student of Christ, what instance can you cite where Jesus sought the salvation of a single soul with an 'amen' to such folly. Christ is the church, or we of the Christian faith have no church. The only warrant that ever concerned him resulted in his crucifixion. He never filed a complaint to jail a sinner with the hope of saving his soul."

"He had too much sense."

"He taught love, kindness, repentance, salvation, temperance, and the searching of hearts, not of homes."

"We are told that the Eighteenth amendment has diminished crime. Whether that is true or not I do not know."

"I do know that the domestic tranquility of our nation has been exceedingly disturbed; I do know, as well as one may be informed from the public press, that thousands and tens of thousands have become violators of the Eighteenth amendment in fact and at heart, with the firm conviction that they have committed no wrong save a technical violation of a law designed to dictate to them, superimposed by legislatures which spoke only through their members whose courage has been broken through loud outcries; I do know that no law ever yet enacted has, in the attempt to enforce the same, fostered invasion of the rights of citizens, accomplished such dire disaster, met with such open defiance, resented in private contempt, and created so many criminals as the Eighteenth amendment."

Evil effects of the Eighteenth amendment, not especially criminal, Mr. Howell listed as "creates spies of public officers, members of the church and ministers of the gospel; gives a new and heretofore unheard of respect to bootlegging, commands sympathy for violators of the laws in

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SEARS MEETS DEFEAT IN FIRST CONGRESSIONAL EFFORT

Congressman Sears has lost his first and only battle he has put up in the house since he became a member of that august body. He fought the appointment of Harlan Fiske Stone to the supreme bench and lost out as the Senate confirmed Stone Thursday.

Considering the fact that he had truthful and sensational charges to make and that he is a rock ribbed republican one would think his efforts would not have been in vain.

This first big rebuke seems to prove this paper's contention during the last campaign that while Mr. Sears was ideally fitted as a judge, he could never do a great deal for his constituents as congressman.

UNWED MOTHER FREED OF MURDERING HER BABY

The sensational trial of Blanch Galvin, 22 came to an end last night when she was acquitted by a jury in district court at Council Bluffs of a charge of murdering her illegitimate baby.

Miss Galvin wept as the jury read her verdict which freed her from the charge. Before the verdict had been completed she fell hysterical into the arms of her lawyer, John Tinley, who could not refrain from sharing her happiness.

Many men and women remaining in the court room applauded the verdict. This verdict however was not so popular with Mr. Dickinson, who is assistant county attorney, as he stated that a precedent might be established which may bring about serious complications in legal procedure for the future.

This is the second time Miss Galvin has been in similar trouble but the first time from a law standpoint.

ELKS LODGE TO VOTE ON INCREASING DUES

Members of the Omaha Elks lodge No. 39 will vote February 13 on the question of increasing the annual dues from \$12 to \$25, as recommended by the board of trustees. The increased dues would enable the lodge to pay for the members all levies from the grand lodge for special purposes, and the subscription fee to the Elks magazine.

EDNA CARLESON OUT AFTER GOB OF DOUGH

Edna Carleton is after a gob of money from A. L. King because he called her a son-of-a-gun or something. Edna presumably can use the dough which she will get if the judge gives it to her. They both live near Twenty-first and Farnam streets a neighborhood where there is a heap of things alleged to be going on every night just as soon as the Sun goes down.

FOG RAISES HECK WITH TRAFFIC IN GENERAL

The worst fog in 20 years settled over the city early this morning. Everybody was going about something after the manner of a drunken sailor. Even the efficient detective, Fred Palmtag couldn't find his way into the Police Station, while some of the inmates of Van Dusen's Hotel complained that they couldn't find their way out.

WOMAN SHOTS MAN WHO SHOT AND MISSED

A week ago, Francisco Gaston, 5614 South Twenty-fourth street, shot at Alberta Williams, negress, 650 1/2 Pacific street, and missed, she told police today.

Last night the Williams woman shot at Gaston and the bullet lodged in the abdomen. He was taken to a hospital in critical condition.

The woman said Gaston chased her from her house after a quarrel and she ran next door and got a gun.

STEALING OUR CHILDREN

When the child labor amendment ratification was before the Nevada assembly the other day, Assemblyman Merich of Lyons county, father of five children, created a roar of laughter when he said seriously:

"They have taken our women away from us by constitutional amendments; the have taken our liquor away from us, and now they want to take our children."

MAN'S BEST FRIEND COMES TO RESCUE OF ALASKAN SUFFERERS

Hero stories are common in print as well as mouth to mouth but the best one of the past year came from Alaska. And it was all about dog teams. While at least 150 human beings were dying like rats from diptheria, a dog team piloted by Gunnar Kassen was rushed over the wild wastes of desert Alaska to their rescue, arriving just in time to save the lives of the victims. Another notable victory for man's best friend—a dog.

ORGANIZATION IS EFFECTED TO OFFSET VERY BAD CONDITION

Fourteen Congressmen Meet With Responsible Gentlemen and Women to Open the Fight

COMMITTEE OF 100 START BALL ROLLING

New York Is Place Of First Meeting — Organization Pledged To Repeal Or Modify Volstead Law—Eighteenth Amendment In Direct Opposition To Fourth—Great Things Expected From Meeting.

The country is aroused in opposition to the Volstead act. An organization, headed by fourteen members of congress has been launched to secure either its repeal or its modification. This nucleus of the organization is what is expected to in the near future result in the biggest and most influential organization of honest thinking men and women that ever resulted from any movement. It will be a regular institution, with officials of the sort that will demand the respect of people who have been influential in our national affairs and who do not fear the action of any minority because of the votes it may command.

It has been decided by thinking men and by those who have had occasion to define our laws, that the eighteenth amendment to the national constitution directly opposes the fourth amendment. While this is a technical point, at the same time it raises the issue of whether either or both are good or bad. The fourth amendment was put in the constitution for purposes of national safety and with its adoption the people believed they had safeguarded the liberties of the people for all time. But the eighteenth amendment, known as the prohibition amendment practically renders it null and void.

It is a ticklish question and one that promises to bring about some stirring events. The sacredness of the home is threatened and if the constitution is going to wreck the home we will have become bolshevik in reality. The fourth amendment reads:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, homes, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizure shall not be violated and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly

describing the place to be searched and the person or things to be seized."

Our forefathers fought and died for that amendment. It is just as great a part of our constitution today as it was then, and our thinking people are willing to fight and die again to maintain its sacredness.

The people are now up in arms over the condition which promises, if permitted to continue, civil war. That is the reason for this new organization, which promises to get busy at once. An organization known as the anti-saloon league, which has garbled the issue sufficiently to mislead the people, is responsible in a large degree for this condition. Its officials have been caught red handed in the grafting business and part of them sent to the penitentiary. They have worked their sly tricks in the name of the Christian religion and defied all the laws of God and man to get away with their work. They have accomplished much of what they started out to do, their only handicap being the capture and conviction of some of their leaders.

In this connection, this prohibition movement has its simile in the proposed marriage law, which would, like prohibition, be in direct opposition to this 4th amendment. As a matter of fact it could be little worse than the eighteenth amendment. Joe Hummel said it right, when he suggested that a little more common sense and education would go a long way toward settling the whole question.

One thing appears certain. The people are beginning to wake up to themselves and to what they owe their country. War always leaves some bad results. Prohibition is a direct result of the war and it will take the country a long time to recover from its effect.

GRUDGE WRESTLING MATCH TO FEATURE FEBRUARY SHOW AT THE AUDITORIUM

Hansen And Pesek Going Through Strenuous Period Of Training—One Boxing Match For The Month Fails To Materialize—Barney Burch Selects Training Quarters — Schlaifer To Fight In Frisco Tonight— Other Sports.

What will no doubt prove to be the most interesting sporting event of the winter will be staged at the Auditorium by the American Legion the third week in February. This refers of course to the wrestling match between Charley Hansen the trust buster and Pesek one of the leading wrestlers in the closed organization. The importance of the event lies largely in the question of whether or not the ancient mat game will come to life in Omaha after being dead for several years.

So many fights during the past six months have been carried on with such unpleasant aroma that leading sportsmen, especially promoters have come to the conclusion that a wrestling match may take big here for a change. Both men will certainly try hard to pin their opponents shoulders to the floor, as the loser will not get a cent.

No other big sporting event is likely to take place here this month as the boxing match that was to have been held Friday the thirteenth has been called off. It does seem that such a date would call for a cancellation. However the date had nothing to do with it.

The South Omaha Legion had applied to the commission for the date but their application was received too late to allow them to put on a match this month. They will probably get a turn at the game in March. Several of the big billiard parlors have signed up notable cue artists for exhibitions covering a period of several months which has caused favorable comment by those interested in that fascinating game. The many bowling leagues are at the half way post with races in several leagues very close.

Members of the Union Pacific league have been turning in some sensational scores of late as has the Dold Quality five of the Dold League. Dyck of this well known quintett

never seems to be satisfied when tumbling over the pins for less than a 6 hundred.

Plenty of things have been happening in sporting circles. The most important being the Gibbons-Dempsey fight or what they term a fight to be held at the Yankee stadium or in Boyle's 30 acres early in the year, perhaps May.

If looks like a sure go after so many flukes and reams of general propaganda.

Morrie Schlaifer now fighting under the guiding wing of Packy Gaughan out on the coast is to fight "Lefty" Cooper one of the tough boys out Frisco way. Packy says Schlaifer is on the short end of seven to ten bets. If he wins in San Fran tonight and should get the decision over Billie Wells in Hollywood you may expect the Fighting Fool back in Omaha next month doing an heroic come back.

The Omaha Stove league will get in action early next month at which time Barney will have the tribe down in Nacogdaches, Texas where the boys will do their Spring training.

BILLIARD PARLORS NOW PATRONIZED PRINCIPALLY BY BUSINESS MEN

The Greater Omaha Billiard Association whose members are owners of many of the leading billiard parlors are out in an effort to get the general public acquainted with their places and just how they are now being conducted.

Some people are still under the impression that even the up-to-date billiard parlors are not all that they should be, however such is far from the case. Today for the most part only business and professional men of the highest standing are the regular patrons of the various parlors. The old pool hall and its rough class of habites is all but a thing of the past. It has been superseded by the modern billiard parlors.

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JIMMY GRIFFIN

Jimmie Griffin is dead. The general supposition is that he was an underworld gangster leader. Perhaps he was after a manner. With all that Jimmie Griffin had a host of friends and he earned them all, and he deserved them all because he played the game fifty-fifty with his real friends.

The dead man has been charged with a large number of crimes. It is more than probable that many of them laid at his door were born of facts, substantiated by evidence, that his most enthusiastic friends could not disprove.

But he lived his life in his own way and died with his boots on. He asked no quarters and seldom if ever gave them.

Man made a law, an amendment to the constitution which read "Thou Shalt Not". To Jimmie Griffin and a host of others it only meant another means of getting big money easily while playing upon the desires of millions, who not only disbelieved in the law enacted but were willing and anxious to spend their all in a supreme effort to discredit that particular law.

Without doubt when Joe Potach shot Griffin down on the South Side he had good and sufficient reasons for so doing. Only the eye witnesses will ever know. This much is certain, Potach is highly regarded by his superiors and has earned a reputation for ability and honesty through the effective work he has done while on the department.

Griffin was perhaps the best known man in the underworld of Omaha. The best liked, the most cordially despised, according to his (Griffin's) personal likes and dislikes. His place on Eighteenth street was the rendezvous of many well known characters who played the game with Jimmie and stuck by him through thick and thin. But he is dead now and it is not for us, for any one, to say just what his reward or punishment will be. The Engineer of the Universe will properly take care of that.

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Ingenuity Displayed by

Spider Repairing Web

On the porch of a mountain cottage in Pennsylvania a tiny spider was seen to repair her web in a very interesting manner. The web, except for the threads that spread radially from the center, was torn and weather-beaten; the spokes, so to speak, were intact and tightly stretched. Starting at the center, the spider ran outward along a radial thread, sweeping it clear of the cross threads, breaking them and collecting the fragments until she had a tiny bundle. That she would roll up with her claws and toss out into the air to drop to the ground as waste material. Apparently the gummed points of intersection of threads she softened quickly by fluid from the mouth, for she stripped the spoke perfectly clean. (The observer found later that he could not strip a spoke of cross threads by sliding a split twig along it.)

Returning to the center along the stripped spoke, the spider would free the adjoining spoke, pausing now and then to throw away her tiny ball of waste. Having reduced her web to spokes only, she proceeded to replace the part of the web that she had cleared away, spinning anew the threads that were to stretch from spoke to spoke.

Such a striking example of economy of time, material and labor was a delight to see.—Youth's Companion.

Labor That Calls for

Much Physical Effort

A well-known writer once said that oyster dredging on the American coast was the hardest work in the world. The two dredges were wound in by hand, and that everlasting winding, balanced on a swaying deck, was wicked work. The moment one dredge was aboard the oysters had to be "culled," and the whole eight men of the crew were working against time from dawn till dark.

The dock laborer's job is another which entails tremendous physical effort. A steamer's time is money, and when cargo is being discharged not one moment must be wasted by any of those engaged.

The amount of work that can be done in one day is almost incredible. An inquest on a dock laborer who died suddenly on a wharf was held some time ago at which it was stated that on the day of his death he had unloaded no fewer than 36,000 wood paving blocks.

Sight of Cats and Owls

The belief that cats and owls can see in the dark is a popular fallacy. The iris of a cat's eye is capable of great variation, so as to admit more or less light, thus enabling the cat to see much better in the dusk than can humans, but in absolute darkness all animals are as helpless as any human being. The feature which adapts certain eyes for use with only a poor light is the constitution of the retina which is composed of two sets of structures, the so-called rods and cones. The rods are apparently affected by radiation slightly before the cones, and hence some creatures, including owls, whose eyes possess a large proportion of cones, are better suited for seeing in a faint light.

Uncomplimentary

The county inspector was paying his monthly visit to the village school. He examined the children in reading and general knowledge, as was his custom, and was very pleased with the answers he received. After the last question he rose to his feet and, looking slowly around on the upturned faces, remarked genially: "I wish I was a little boy at school again." He allowed a few moments for this to sink in and then added: "Do you know why I wish that?" For a moment or two there was silence, and then a childish voice from the back of the room was heard to say: "Cas you've forgot all you ever knowed."—Atlanta Journal.

Storm Clouds' Visibility

The weather bureau says that the distance at which storm clouds are visible to the naked eye varies greatly with one's position and the kind of clouds. If a person is in an open flat country and the clouds are of the broad stratus or layer type, he may not see them more than 30 or 40 miles away, and even not half so far if the air tends to be misty or hazy. On the other hand, when the air is quite clear, a well developed cumulo-nimbus, or thunderstorm, cloud may, in favorable circumstances, be seen when more than 100 miles away.

Australians Know Snow

Snow falls in southeastern Australia during the winter months, and occasionally lies on the ground as far north as Melbourne and Sydney. On the mountains and in northeastern Victoria and southern New South Wales, the snowfall is very heavy. Forests are practically buried in snow and on the plateaus of northeastern Victoria the ground is sometimes covered to the depth of several feet from May to September. This also occurs on the highlands of Tasmania, although there are no mountains bearing perpetual snow-caps in either Australia or Tasmania.

Wilde Well Aware of

Failing of Humanity

Among other amusing stories in his "Memoirs and Adventures," Sir Arthur Conan Doyle relates this characteristic story told him by Oscar Wilde: "We were discussing the cynical maxim that the good fortune of our friends made us discontented. The devil," said Wilde, "was once crossing the Libyan desert, and he came upon a spot where a number of small fiends were tormenting a holy hermit. The sainted man easily shook off their evil suggestions. The devil watched their failure and then he stepped forward to give them a lesson. 'What you do is too crude,' said he. 'Permit me for one moment.' With that he whispered to the holy man, 'Your brother has just been made bishop of Alexandria.' A scowl of malignant jealousy at once clouded the serene face of the hermit. 'That,' said the devil to him, 'is the sort of thing which I should recommend.'"

ATTORNEY HOWELL

PANS PROHIBITION

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A new direction? arouses a contempt for the law among millions who are otherwise good citizens, dulls the shock usual to crime and causes it to lose its horrors, creates new hypocrites and brings into being bitterness and hatred between our fellow citizens, singly and in groups. "It is no secret," he said, "that the Protestant church is losing its hold and influence upon men, because of its support of a trend towards intolerant legislation, and that Catholicism is gaining influence and power because of an opposite course."

The remedy, Mr. Howell said, he did not know "unless we voluntarily resume our home and church duties and spend more time in teaching correct principles in an endeavor to convince the mind and conscience, and cease to devote ourselves and our energies so exclusively to legislation and force."

Chinaman Sails Junk

in His Own Fashion

The oldest seagoing vessels of the world are the junks of the yellow sea of China. These junks are "highly decorated vessels, with tall poops and rounded sides, reminiscent of the days of Drake and Columbus."

"Junks of this type are in existence still which were built in the time of Kien Lung, say some 150 years ago," says the London Yachting Monthly.

"A junk will not leave to, and John Chinaman is fully aware of this. He doesn't even try; his plan is far simpler. He lets his halyards go with a run, and the sail is off his vessel in a moment. The high poop acts as a riding mizzen and brings him head to wind; the low bow prevents him from falling off the wind."

"If the blow is likely to last any time, he lays out a sea anchor. His next procedure is to burn a joss stick and probably a few pieces of paper to his household god. After that, as there is nothing more to do except eat or sleep—he does so."

Missed Accustomed Noise

Along the Irish coast are lighthouses which fire a signal gun at three-minute intervals during foggy weather. To a visitor the noise is irritating and unbearable, making sleep an impossibility; but to the seasoned lighthouse-keeper not only does the monotonous boom pass unnoticed, but a break in its regularity reacts as a disturbance.

An old Irishman of long service slept soundly and peacefully during a winter night while his wife fired the roaring three-minute signals—that is, he rested comfortably until by some shortcoming one of the charges failed to explode.

Instantly he awoke, sat up, gazed wildly around, and shouted, "Maggie! What the deuce was that?"

Coca-Chewing Evil Habit

The chief vice of the Indians and half-breeds of Bolivia is chewing coca. A man who has the habit can always be detected by the immense lump in his cheek. The general effect of the drug is to dull the nerves and stiffen the resistance to fatigue. Under its influence natives can endure great hardships and physical strain. Many of them will work for days at a time on nothing except coca leaves, which they begin to chew at breakfast time and continue to chew throughout the day. As with all narcotics, the persistent use of coca wrecks the nervous system and dulls the intellect.—Youth's Companion.

How He Felt

There had been a shipwreck and the passengers were taken to various houses in the neighborhood to be made comfortable. They were received as guests of importance in one home and conversation was essayed. "There were no fatalities, I understand," said one, "but how did you feel when the waves dashed over you and you thought each moment might be your last?"

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Take any professional out of his particular department and the chances are that he would bungle the job. A first-class box car thief could no more slice a diamond ring from a jewelry store than an iron puddler could make the wheels of a 15-jewel movement go round.

One of the specialists is the department store thief. The larger department stores have detective forces of from 10 to 15 operatives, half of them usually women. Some of the smaller stores keep one or two operatives in their employ, while others secure detectives from outside agencies for work at rush seasons or special sales.

In some cases the department store thief is behind the counter. A girl working at the silk stocking counter, for example, finds it easy to get a pair for herself, for a gift, or for sale at a reduced price to a fence. She simply sticks several pairs under her garter and walks out of the store with them when she goes home at night. Detection is difficult. While the number of stockings originally delivered to the counter is a matter of record, the fact that four or five girls all make sales out of the same lot and several hundred customers handle them each day makes it extremely difficult to trace the thief. If employees are suspected of systematic robbing, detectives armed with warrants search their homes for stolen goods while the employees are detained at the store on one pretext or another.

How the Shoplifter Works.

Thefts by customers are also difficult to detect unless the sales people or the store detective catch them in the very act of lifting the merchandise. Silk stockings are stolen more frequently than any other articles sold in department stores. Silk underwear comes next in popularity, with leather goods a close third. Various methods are used by customers who help themselves to these articles. Women shoplifters frequently place a bag with a hinged bottom on top of some goods on the counter. The woman opens the bag and pretends to be searching for something in it while in reality she has pulled up the hinged bottom and drawn the merchandise inside.

Another method commonly used is for a person to take from a handbag a piece of cloth with the alleged purpose of matching it. When the cloth is put back into the bag a pair of silk stockings or a piece of silk underwear is stuffed in with it.

Thefts of jewelry, while not as common as a few years ago, are still of such frequent occurrence as to keep store detectives on the jump. In the old days, when department stores kept their jewelry displayed on the tops of counters or when salesmen brought out several trays at a time, it was a great deal easier to get away with a gold watch or a diamond ring than it is today, when trays are kept under glass and the salesman produces only one at a time.

Chewing Gum as an Aid.

Two methods are still used in the theft of rings. Both of them make use of a humble piece of chewing gum. In the first a man with a cane steps up to the jewelry counter and asks to see some rings. The salesman brings out a tray and lays several rings on the counter. The prospective "customer" has placed a piece of chewing gum on the tip of the curved handle of his cane. When the salesman is not looking the thief touches the gum to one of the rings. It sticks. He tells the clerk he has not found anything he wants and walks out.

In the other method a piece of gum is attached to the bottom of the narrow strip of molding running around the top of the glass showcase. The thief is shown some rings and, when the attention of the clerk is temporarily diverted, he sticks one of the rings in the gum. When the ring is missed by the salesman the thief admits that it disappeared under suspicious circumstances and consents to be searched by the store detective. Nothing is found on him and he walks out. A short time later a confederate enters, engages the ring salesman in conversation, and slips the ring from the gum under the molding into his pocket.

Thefts of hats are common. One method is for a woman wearing a \$2 hat to walk into the store and ask to see a hat selling somewhere around \$25. She tries on various models, and when the saleswoman looks away for a moment the "customer" walks out with a \$25 hat on her head while her \$2 hat graces the counter. Men also

Franking Privilege

The privilege of sending and receiving mail free of postage was once enjoyed by the President of the United States, vice president, heads of departments, senators and representatives, and other officials of the government during their official terms. For a time all former presidents and widows of former presidents also had this right, but by an act of 1873 the privilege was abolished. By later acts it was conferred on all officers of the government in the case of official correspondence. In 1895 members of congress were allowed this privilege in their official correspondence.

Fortified

One Sunday morning a southern pastor noticed a new attendant at the services.

When the meeting was over the preacher made it his business to speak to the newcomer.

"Rastus," he said, "this is the first time I have seen you at church for a long time. I'm mighty glad to see you here."

"I had to come," replied Rastus, "I needs strengthenin'. Ise got a job whitewashin' a chicken coop and buildin' a fence around a watermelon patch."

FAMILY TREE OF THE MIGHTY PEN

Bone Stylus, Recently Discovered, Believed to Be
Oldest Writing Tool.

Washington.—"Bebe Norris of New York, N. Y., is a stenographer, A. D. 1924. She doesn't trace her blood lineage to ancient Babylon. But Bebe had what might be called a 'professional grandmother,' a hundred or so times removed—Bibea Narem, by name—who did precisely the same sort of work as Bebe's for a prominent merchant in Mesopotamia's greatest city more than two thousand years before Christ.

"When Bibea's boss clapped his hands or made whatever signal Babylonian bosses made in place of pressing a buzzer button, Bibea grabbed her stenographic 'pad,' picked up a stylus and hurried in to take dictation.

"Murashu Sons, Murashu Building, Nippur; Honored Gentlemen," probably began the dictator, addressing the historic banking firm which held the place in Babylonia that the Rothschilds have held in Europe.

"As her employer dictated Bibea rapidly jabbed her stylus into the soft clay of her little 'pad.' For like all her stenographic sisters of 4,000 years ago, Bibea was literally a 'pencil pusher.' The stylus was a little rod of bone about six inches long, triangular in cross-section, cut off sharply at one end so that when this end was pressed into damp clay it left wedge-shaped impressions."

World's Oldest Pen.

Such a bone stylus, described in dispatches from Bagdad as "the oldest known pen" has just been dug up on the site of the ancient city of Kish and gives archeologists one of their best specimens of the tool with which the priceless cuneiform tablets of Babylonia and Assyria were made. The discovery of this stylus led the National Geographic society, in the bulletin quoted above, to reconstruct with actual names and facts gleaned from other recent discoveries, a scene in a typical business office of 40 centuries ago.

The discovery of the bone stylus at Kish, the bulletin points out, discloses a class of implements that has been more important to the development of civilization than perhaps any other group of tools.

"Man is even more truly distinguished as a 'writing animal' than as a 'speaking animal,'" continues the bulletin, "for it is the growing fund of knowledge set down on various surfaces by various implements and so passed on to generation after generation that has made possible development in the arts, sciences and industries. Back of the Kish stylus are more primitive members of the pen family; chisels to cut into stone and wooden tablets, thorns to scratch on hides, flint splinters with which to furrow cave walls, bones and sticks with which to make probably the first rude marks of all in sand or dirt. In a parallel line, stretch back the fewer ancestors of the pencil, bits of lead, lumps of chalk and soft earths, and the ends of charred sticks.

"The descendants of the Babylonian stylus and the scratching tools that preceded it present a startling array of implements and mechanisms. In China and Egypt paper and papyrus were invented to supersede the cruder and heavier writing surfaces and the great forward step was made of applying a third substance, ink, by means of a brush or pen. The Egyptian reed pen made of a hollow tubular stem may be looked upon as the direct ancestor of the modern pen. It had practically the form of its present-day descendant, being pointed and slit to make it pliable.

"The early Greeks and Romans, however, did not use any material comparable to paper. They first scribbled with chalk on broken bits of pottery, or scratched with pointed metal rods on wooden blocks. Their next step was to cover the blocks with wax and scratch their messages in that material. Their stylus had knobs on one end used to smooth out erroneous marks. New wax could be applied and the tablets used over and over. The metal stylus were truly as mighty as swords, serving as daggers when desired. Julius Caesar is said to have been stabbed to death with such pens. From Flint Splinter to Printing Press.

"When papyrus reached Greece and Italy the reed pen and the use of ink went with it. This combination was also used in writing on sheepskin parchment and vellum, and in the hands of slaves, and later monkish copyists, went into the making of the world's most highly prized illuminated manuscripts and hand-written books.

"Quills, chiefly from goose feathers, furnished the next source for improved pens. Not until the Nineteenth century did detachable metal pen points come into general use and shoulder quills out. Now something like three million gross of them are made yearly in the United States alone.

"The steel and gold pens and even the latest models of fountain pens do not complete the pen genealogy. The far-off bit of bone or flint used by the less dumb savage who recorded an unimportant event many thousand years ago was truly the original ancestor of our typewriters, our etching needles, the light rays and acids we have harnessed to make our halftones, and the gigantic, thunderous printing presses that grind out their millions of newspapers, magazines and books."

River "Rafts" Nuisances

One of the most remarkable of the Mississippi rafts began forming in the Atchafalaya, a lower arm of the river, in 1778. By 1816 it had become 10 miles long, more than 600 feet in width, about eight feet deep, and had become solid enough to support a growth of trees, some of which were 60 feet in height. Finally the state of Louisiana had to remove the obstruction at great expense, the work occupying four years.

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"Forty Winks", adapted to the screen from "Lord Chumley", one of the outstanding comedy successes of the last thirty years of stage history by David Belasco and Henry C. DeMille, comes to the Strand Theatre for a seven days run next Sunday.

Paul Ibbie and Frank Urson, who made "Changing Husbands", directed the production which features Viola Dana, Theodore Roberts and Raymond Griffith in leading roles.

The story is one of Chumley, a titled Englishman who is so funny that nobody takes him seriously. However, through a series of adventures as dangerous as they are laughable, he succeeds in solving a mystery, winning a society beauty and saving her brother from disgrace. All of which is claimed to be portrayed in a manner that makes "Forty-Winks" splendid entertainment.

The picture is a light, fast-and-furious comedy flavored with that elements of romance and tingling mystery that made "Grumpy" so enjoyable. Roberts plays the role of a retired rear-admiral of the United States Navy. Miss Dana is cast as his daughter and William Boyd is his

son, a naval lieutenant who starts all the trouble by losing a valuable official document which had been entrusted to him. Cyril Chadwick, who played the father in "Peter Pan", is the Butterworth family lawyer, as crooked as they come. It is he who robs the young lieutenant of the plans through an accomplice, an oriental girl, a part portrayed by Anna May Wong.

The lieutenant is in a fine fix. His superior officer informs him that if the lost documents are not recovered within forty-eight hours he will have to face court martial and disgrace. Chumley stumbles in on the scene and at every blundering turn manages to do just the right thing. Matters are straightened out — and Chumley wins the girl, but not until after some genuinely funny scenes have taken place.

Here's a picture made to make you laugh—and it will!

STAR ROLE IN THIS MOVIE PLAYED (UNSEEN) BY MASSEUR

Attends George Beban, Who Inflicts Painful Injuries To Get Realism In Production Of "The Greatest Love Of All"

In these days of stupendous productions, it is thought strange to have various people, whose business is not directly connected with motion pictures, around a studio. During the production of George Beban's latest and finest picture, "The Greatest Love of All," for instance, a masseur was one of the most important personages present, and the filming would have never been brought to its tremendously successful and vital conclusion without his services.

His presence was due entirely to Mr. Beban's efforts to achieve his finest effects through actual realism. When, during the scene he worked himself up into a veritable torrent of emotion, everything was forgotten for the moment. During the great courtroom scene, the climax of the picture,

when the star, as Joe the ice man, is pleading for his mother, he pounded the rail of the witness box with all his might, and shortly afterwards encountered the bailiff so forcefully that bruises and bumps were raised on the Beban hands and the Beban frame.

When it is recalled that scenes have to be acted over scores of times before they are actually "shot," it can be seen why a masseur had to be on the job after every trial, to smooth away the bruises so that the star could go ahead raising a new crop of them.

"The Greatest Love of All" which adds to Mr. Beban's gallery of imperishable cinema portraits, will be disclosed at the Rialto Theatre commencing Saturday.

WANTS TRAM HEARING POSTPONED 30 DAYS

Corporation Counsel Lambert has written Mayor Dahlman asking that the street railway fare hearing be postponed a second time for thirty days after February 24. A similar communication has been sent also to the state railway commissioner. Mr. Lambert is in Florida recovering from an attack of stomach disease. With Railway Commissioner Thorne Browne ill, it is possible that the hearing may be put off again though it is stated that the attorneys for the company are anxious for early action.

Request of the city council to the Utilities directors for the services of C. D. Robison, operating engineer to assist the city legal department, was referred to the judiciary committee by the directors at their meeting yesterday. It is likely that the entire board will concur in the action of General Manager Lelsen, agreeing to "lend" Mr. Robison to the council with the understanding that the work shall not take him entirely from his duties with the district.

HEROIC EFFORTS OF RESCUERS MAY RESULT IN FINAL VICTORY

About the most sensational attempted rescue in American mining annals is being written just now as

a result of the cave-in at Sand Cave, Cave City, Kentucky.

The most remarkable part of the story lies in the fact that Floyd Collins the victim has lived for a week under a great boulder in a deep dark cave. Reported dead several times, at press time (Friday noon) comes word that through radio tests the cave man is still alive and may live to see his rescue an accomplished fact.

Great Naval Station

Malta has an area of 118 square miles and a population of 224,880. This includes the neighboring islands of Gozo and Comino. Malta was annexed to Great Britain, with the free will of the Maltese, in 1814 by the treaty of Paris. It has an elected legislature, but there are certain reserved matters, such as war, treaties, foreign trade, etc., which are dealt with by the governor and executive council. Exports include potatoes and other vegetables, oranges, cumins seed, goats and sheep, cotton goods and stone. The distance of Malta from New York is about 4,300 miles. This group of islands is situated in the Mediterranean sea, 60 miles from Sicily, 140 miles from the European mainland and 180 miles from Africa. It has a magnificent natural harbor at Valetta and an ideal situation as a coaling station and center of Mediterranean commerce. It is England's premier naval station in that sea.



PAULINE GLENMARR,

Soubrette with "Happy Moments", who is particularly keen about doing her best during Columbia Burlesk's 25th Anniversary Celebration at the popular Gayety, twice daily all next week.

"HAPPY MOMENTS" AT THE GAYETY

Delightful Booking Secured For Columbia Burlesk's 25th Anniversary.

Fresh and clean as the humor which is uncorrupted at each performance, "Happy Moments" comes to the popular Gayety starting Sunday matinee for twice-daily showings next week. This attraction lives up to the policy of Columbia Burlesque which is the same as placing a high stamp of approval upon it. Lew White has been entrusted with the role of the leading comic, and offers a Hebrew character free from the taint of criticism. White portrays a benign gentleman with a penchant for getting into hot water at all times and in extracting the humor therefrom he is ably assisted by Herman Fay.

At the head of the feminine division is found Pauline Glenmarr, as soubrette, with a ability to get a laugh out of every line of the dialogue. She is also a dancer who has a seemingly endless list of graceful as well as special steps at her command and an amount of gracefulness as well as special steps at her command and an amount of vivacity that gets her almost into the class with perpetual motion. Two other girls of great charm and pulchritude are Irene Leary and Florence Allison, ingenue and prima donna, respectively. Miss Leary and Miss Allison, along with Miss Glenmarr, constitute a trinity of charmers hard to match. Miss Allison is a California girl now singing for the first time East of the Rockies while Miss Leary is an established favorite with devotees of Columbia Burlesque. Still another graceful girl is Cleora, of Cleora and Bono, a specialty dancer with the grace suited to Oriental displays of sinewy and lithesome gyrations.

With her partner, Bono, the willowy Cleora dances Spanish and Argentine tangos; does Apache dancing and indulges in whirlwind steps of breath-taking swiftness in many styles of taperschore. Dancing of another, and equally difficult, variety is introduced by McGrath and Allison, two boys of lightning motion. Sydney Green, Floyd Hallioy and Pliny Rutledge are actors of versatile talents who are called upon to further the dramatic action in numerous comedy scenes and incidents.

Scientifically considered "Happy Moments" is declared to be one of the most richly endowed of Columbia Burlesques, scene after scene of increasing beauty, unfolding with eye-dazzling effect, while the costuming of chorus and principals is of finest texture and kaleidoscopic in brilliancy of color combinations. For the ladies who now so numerous patronize Columbia Burlesque this new offering is recommended as highly deserving of attention. There will be special added features Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights—something doing all the time.

FLOWERS KAYOES

"JAMAICA KID"

Tiger Flowers, Atlantic (Ga.) negro middleweight, tonight scored a technical knockout over Jamaica Kid in the 10th round of a scheduled 12-round contest. Flowers got every round by a wide margin.

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Second Big Week Of Van & Schenck In An Entirely New Program Of Song Hits.

La Bernica, America's own Queen of the Dance, in a brilliant repertoire of terpsichorean novelties and superb music. The lithe little danseuse is a veritable human butterfly and mistress of a technique that has placed her among the leading exponents of the art. Olga Morselli, a violinist who has won fame in Europe, is making her first tour of America in La Bernica's company. Ethel Bixby, harpist of the company, has long been recognized as an artist of unusual ability. The act is beautifully costumed and staged.

Le Roy, Talma and Bosco, European illusionists, bring with them a brand new line of magic. There is hardly a magician, illusionist or conjurer beguiling the public throughout the length and breadth of the land who does not use paraphernalia manufactured by the firm of Servis Le Roy & Company. They recently were the stellar features of the Winter Garden "Show of Wonders."

Ernest Anderson and Marjorie Burt are featured in a new angle on domestic relativity, entitled, "Dizzy Heights." The scene is in the Alps. Enter the newlyweds on their honeymoon and the fun begins. Paul Gerard Smith has provided Mr. Anderson and Miss Burt with a vehicle worthy of their exceptional talents.

Crafts and Sheehan specialize in a variety of comedy songs and dances. Stan Kavanaugh, the Australian juggling humorist, is unlike anyone who has come to these shores. As a juggler he is an expert and as a comedian he is irresistible. Admiration for his dexterity is lost in the roar of laughter that his company engenders.

The Only Way

"I was only acting the part of peace-maker."
Magistrate—But you knocked the man senseless!
Prisoner—I did. There was no other way to get peace.

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EMPRESS

"A Country Courtship", musical comedy of the popular semi-rural type is the attraction to be offered at the Empress theatre, starting Sunday.

There is a well defined dramatic plot along with a great comedy element.

Rudy Wintner appears in the role of "Hiking Bill" a hobo who turns out to be considerable of a hero. Joe Marion is at his best in the characterization of a country boob while Helen Burke is the rural gal who is the object of his affections.

Bert Evans as the city slicker, Whitey Holtman as the village tightwad, Maybelle La Couver as a real mother and Olga Brooks as the girl from Broadway complete the cast of principals.

One of the features of "A Country Courtship" is the special ensemble numbers introduced by the Empress chorus.

Plenty of musical numbers most of them typical of the character of the play will be offered during the action of the show. Among the musical numbers are "Summer is Here", "Pretty Lady", "Vacation Time", "Where the Daffodils Grow", "Since Mother Bobbed Her Hair", "Paw, Maw and Me", "Red Nose Pete", "I'll Be Your Girlie", "Kentucky" and "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep". The action of "A Country Courtship" takes place in the garden of the "Widow Weston's Home".

Starting next Saturday the company presents a musical farce under the caption of "Tom and Jerry". Plans are being formulated for the gala celebration of "Empress Silver Jubilee Week" starting February 21, which marks the twenty-fifth consecutive week of the Empress Players in Omaha. This establishes a new record for musical comedy stock in Omaha.

GAYETY CELEBRATES BURLESQUE BIRTHDAY

"Happy Moments" is the title of the new show opening at the Gayety theatre Sunday afternoon.

On that day, the twenty-fifth anniversary of Columbia Burlesque, the wheel that books the Gayety, will be celebrated. To make the week a gala one, there will be several added features.

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