

# WORLD'S MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION GREB SIGNS TO FIGHT JOE LOHMAN

## LABOR CONDITIONS IN OMAHA ABOUT BEST IN THE COUNTRY

Industrial Centers Of The East Are Suffering From Strikes, While Omaha Has No None

## LABOR AND CAPITAL HERE BOTH HAPPY

Union Labor As Strong Here As Elsewhere But Appear To Get Along Better With Employers—Walking Delegates A Thing Of The Past In City—Labor Well Employed Here For This Time Of The Year.

A survey of the labor situation so far as Omaha is concerned shows it in a healthful and flourishing condition. This much cannot be said of other industrial centers especially those located in the East. It is an absolute fact that there has been no major differences between capital labor here for more than five years. True, certain small labor union units have taken occasion during the recent past to vehemently press their demands upon their employers and have been in some instances successful to a certain extent. However, labor as a whole has been well taken care of here, well paid and appear to be very well satisfied with their condition. As a matter of course there are a few labor agitators, walking delegates, and other disturbers who attempt to bulldoze their employers and gain the sympathy of the public and play on the heartstrings of labor affiliated with the various unions.

These parasites do not get very far, either within the ranks of organized labor or with the public. They do, however, stir up a dirty mess among a few untutored common laborers, but have failed to make any particular headway in Omaha or in the city's trade territory. Statistics show, however that union labor is as strong here as in any other city of the middlewest. Furthermore the pay roll proves conclusively that taken as a whole they are the best paid people between Chicago and the west coast. Men in Omaha who make their living by the sweat of the brow are just as loyal to their unions as are other men in similar work to be found in various cities where grafting labor leaders seem to have a strangle hold on the various organizations.

More than eight thousand union labor men, and perhaps twenty thousand unaffiliated seem to be perfectly contented, not only with their salary, but with their working conditions, in general. Sociologists who have made surveys of labor conditions in metropolitan cities throughout the country claim that Omaha's industrial condition is fully equal to that of Minneapolis in which city conditions are reported to be ideal.

Of course labor conditions here are not ideal, and never will be until the millenium. Any one living until the millenium won't give a whoop what the conditions are. Meanwhile workers are gradually bettering themselves through a better understanding with the men who employ them. Bankers and others who in past have fought labor through the medium of upholding industry with their dollars now realize that they and the capital they represent must meet labor half way. This has been beneficial to both sides, and they are prospering in proportion to the closeness in which they are allied.

Mutual confidence between capital and labor has had its beneficial effects, especially in the West. Money and brawn are sure to get together within a reasonably short time in the East, after which neither side of the age old labor-capital controversy will have anything but praise one for the other.

If agricultural America could but touch the spirit recently manifested by industry and urban labor, they would not at this time be making a frantic effort to have the government pull them out of the mire in which they wallowed largely because of their own inability or unwillingness to mobilize their forces and stand up for their just dues. But just now it appears that the "yokels" are working up and may under proper and able leadership bring themselves up to a comparative standard as that maintained by labor, and even capital. brought to mind just now through the inability of the anthracite operators and miners to come to an amicable understanding and agreement, whereby the workers could return to the mines insuring at least a living wage and their wives and children the necessities, if not all of the comforts of life. Labor leaders in the mining district have shown a willingness to come clean and compromise, not only for their own benefit, but for those requiring anthracite coal service. The operators have refused so far to meet them half way, and will probably hold out until they starve the miners into submission.

## Porter Denies He Attacked Mrs. Heitman

Since the suit of Mrs. Heitman for an additional \$10,000 has been filed against him, Dr. Porter's memory has evidently returned to him. It will be remembered that Mrs. Heitman brought suit against Porter for \$100,000 alleging breach of promise, and shortly before his marriage to another it is alleged in the second suit that he called her to his office where he beat her and choked her.

A couple of weeks ago when Mrs. Heitman filed suit, Dr. Porter said he didn't remember whether or not he beat and choked her, under the conditions named in the suit. It would seem that this kind of procedure were a common practise with Porter if he couldn't remember such an incident. At any rate now he has filed his answer to the suit, in which he denies each and every allegation of Mrs. Heitman. In addition he asks dismissal of the suit.

Porter is a wealthy man. Mrs. Heitman is not wealthy. Porter may gain dismissal of the suit. Mrs. Heitman will gain nothing, and besides he denied the justice that is hers. This doctor has already checked off a third of a million dollars to the account of love. Of course he is innocent until he is proven guilty, but according to all of our laws and common justice, Mrs. Heitman should be given the opportunity to prove her allegations.

## COLLECTORS POSE AS POLICE OFFICIALS, BY PHONE

A number of collectors from various collection agencies have adopted a new system of striking terror and extracting cash from those whom they hold accounts against for collection. A number of cases have been disclosed where the collector has called his man by telephone, and after he is connected with his "prospector" the collector identifies himself as Inspector Danbaum, and hands out the advice to pay the bill or go to jail. In some instances the name of Brunard has been substituted.

One collector was taken to jail, and a forceful admonishment administered by both the real Danbaum and Brunard. These officials are urgent in their request that they be notified immediately of any recurrence of the practise. It must be admitted that their system was well planned, to say the least.

## "MIKE" MULLVILL TAKES LAST TRIP AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

One of the most popular railroad men who has worked out of Omaha in recent years passed on January 9, and was buried the thirteenth in Holy Sepulchre. M. J. (Mike) Mullvill after some twenty years of service on the Union Pacific, died of pneumonia. At the time of his death he was a freight conductor and a loyal one.

Almost every hour of the day he had affairs with the engineers of the train, but when the light of life faded he met the Great Engineer, who without doubt hauled him into the eternal terminal, heaven.

## Wise and Otherwise

By H. Eff Jay

The shooting of and between Grace Leeper and Bessie Williams was the beginning of what may prove just the beginning of a feud, that may culminate seriously. Already one man has been unmercifully beat-up, another husky has received a beautiful lacing, and the end is not yet. Five witnesses are held for investigation, and one or more of them may "spill the beans", at an early date. Mr. Leeper is generally known as a good fellow, and anything but a quarrelsome person. He is popular with all of those who know him, and is deeply grieved over this most unfortunate incident.

All editors, even when in perfect health have their troubles, concerning items at times, written by members of the staff. Young and old reporters take it onto themselves to write their own personal views whether it conflicts with the editor's idea or not. Such stories naturally find their way into print, as it is a physical impossibility for a publisher to personally proof-read all that goes into the paper.

This was proven conclusively when an item appeared endorsing electrical power to be generated at Omaha and other points via the water power of the Missouri river. The editor as well as all other thinking Nebraska people knows full well that such a project carried to its logical conclusion, would mean ruin for the backers of any such fanciful project and would give the city and state a black eye from which they would not recover in many a long day. The electrical and power situation along the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri and other streams is all that could be desired, and major power companies throughout the United States are continually adding to the service of the public and in most instances actually lowering the cost to the individual user.

The middle west is especially blessed with an extremely low power and light rate, this in spite of the fact that from a comparative standpoint coal production is small, a large share of the black diamonds having to be brought from far distant points.

One of the heaviest bonds ever asked by the government in a bootlegging case was demanded of Henry Richter, who was arrested this week and charged with sale and possession of liquor. Six thousand dollars were demanded of him to make certain that he appear. To the average layman this appears an outrageous bond, as it is alleged that the government dicks only found one pint of booze, after tearing up the place which will cost a great deal of money to replace.

Mr. Richter, a very congenial man has made hundreds of friends in Omaha and vicinity, all of whom are hoping that he gets a square deal when he comes to trial.

It was just an obscure little cleaning and pressing establishment, the likes of which may be numbered by (continued on page 3)

## Stockmen's Cooker Not Used For Stock Food

Manufacturing Plant Raided And products Alleged To Be Used As Stiff Sizzed.

Raymond C. Boyer, who manufactures Stockmen's Cookers, and "Fruit Growers Steamers" at 808 Douglas street, was arrested by Anderson and his squad because the utensils were not manufactured for the purpose that name would lead to suppose. Anderson says they are nothing more of less than stiffs for making whiskey.

Anderson went to the Douglas street address attired as a truck driver and help load two of the seventy-five gallon "cookers" on a truck, then he purchased several packages of "white oak charcoal" and a can of "comp-pound". As soon as this transaction was completed, the agents raided the place, and obtained a complete list of Boyer's sales transactions. The names of the purchasers are going to be checked up to see just what use these "cookers" and "steamers" are being put to.

According to the agents Boyer had customers in almost every state in the union. Quite a number of the names listed were men right in Omaha, and the surrounding vicinity. If these "farmers" are cooking something else in their "cookers" and "steamers", they had better put their stock on a hot diet for awhile. Otherwise detection and arrest is certain.

Boyer had his game pretty well camouflaged, but nevertheless he failed to get by. There are several other places doing business under the same veil of legality, but sooner or later they will come under the ban.

## JAIL SENTENCE FACING YOUNG LADY NEXT DRINK SHE TAKES

The price of a drink in Omaha has gone up for Myrtle Calkins, a young lady of twenty summers, at least. Her next drink is going to cost her ninety days in jail, which is a pretty stiff price for one, little shot of "hooch". This was the threat passed down to her at police court recently where she appeared upon the complaint of her father.

It seems that every time Miss Myrtle and her sweetie have a quarrel, she gets a severe case of the blues. And about the only way she has found to overcome these joy-killers is to go out on a drinking party with some one else's sweetie. But her father is somewhat old-fashioned, and does not believe in new-fangled treatments for old ailments. So when she stepped out for a little fling last week, her father found out where she was going and put the police on her trail.

She was taken from a resort on Nineteenth and Charles street, where she had been drowning her sorrows again. So the kind-hearted judge gave her a suspended sentence of ninety days in jail, with the solemn promise that he will let her serve them if she so much as takes one more drink.

## News and Comments

(BY GOSH.)

The petition for the modification of the Volstead law is being numerously signed in Omaha as well as elsewhere throughout the country. The circulators aim to secure fifty thousand signatures in Omaha, without the names of Elmer Thomas, F. D. Wend, and the other members of the committee of 5,000.

The removal of air mail headquarters from Omaha to Washington is due to the fact that the members of the Nebraska congressional delegation were asleep at the switch. Having been awakened they now say they will do something to prevent the movement but they are too late. What Nebraska needs in congress is some real live wire pullers. On several occasions Omaha and Nebraska have lost out on important matters that would have proved of great benefit.

A few penitentiary sentences for the manslaughtering autoists would probably be the means of cutting down the number of motor fatalities. We know of only one man that was ever sent to the penitentiary for manslaughter. That was when the auto game was quite young. The reckless auto driver, who served a three year sentence, was Al Schultze, who killed William Krug. Over in Iowa they send drunken and reckless drivers to the penitentiary as a punishment for the injuries the inflict. A dose of this kind of medicine is sadly needed in Nebraska, especially in Omaha. It can be applied here just as readily as over the river. The law of manslaughter will cover all cases of dampool auto driving.

Strawberries are quoted at three dollars a box. As there are only about sixty berries in a box this makes each berry cost six cents. We'll take just one berry, and let it go at that, and then we'll "see you later." Meantime the coal in our bin is growing less and less, day by day, and we'll have to invest our spare change in fuel to keep the home fires burning until the good old summer time.

"Let's take a trip to Florida and get out of this cold weather," said an Omaha man to his wife, whose wardrobe is rather limited. "I haven't any clothes," replied the wife. "Travel without them," replied the fond hubby, "you'll attract more attention."

In a recent speech Chester I. Long, president of the American Bar association, declared that "liberty has been impaired by the destruction of local self government. He urged that the states resume and exercise the powers reserved to them, and he pleaded for the restoration of liberty by restoring state control over local affairs.

"The battle against intolerance is on," asserted Mr. Long, who demanded that the American bar should take its part in the struggle for states' rights. (Continued on page 3)

## FAMOUS FIGHTER'S APPEARANCE RENEWS BOXING INTEREST

## ISAACSON FINALLY LANDS REAL BOUT

Success Or Failure Of Show Will Decide The Future Of Boxing Game In Omaha

First Scrap In Many Months Should Prove To Be A Dab—Pittsburgher Will Have A Fight On His Hands When He Meets Lohman The Toledo Mauler — Semi-Final Will Prove Whirlwind Affair.

At last a genuine full fledged champion box fighter is to appear in the spured ring here next Tuesday night. None other than the scientific mauler, Harry Greb. After angling for several months, Jake Isaacson fight promoter for the American Legion has landed a real top notch champion as the main attraction for the fistic entertainment to be given at the cow shed January 19.

According to the dope book and to the comment of Eastern Newspaper Sport writers, Greb's opponent Joe Lohman the two fisted middle-weight who hails from Toledo will give the champion a run for his money and it will not be particularly surprising if the Ohio scrapper stays the full ten rounds and there is a possibility that he may gain the decision over the champion. Should Lohman gain the decision it is almost certain that it will be over the knockout route. The Buckeye mitt slinger has earned an enviable reputation in the east because of his ability to put the best boys in his class down for the count. Greb will come to Omaha fresh from a decisive victory over Roland Todd and perhaps looks for a rather easy victory over Lohman but no doubt will be greatly surprised when he gets into action against the tough Ohioan whom he has never before met. If local betting is any criterion, it is a cinch this main bout will go six or more rounds as the wisecracks along the Fifteenth street Fight Rialto are betting even money that the Pittsburgher's opponent will stay that long or longer.

Greb is on tour of the country fighting hard and often which is his method of training and is without doubt the only way to keep ones self in perfect trim. The smoky city fighter has high hopes of entering the heavy weight division this year with the prospects of beating Dempsey or if not him then some drawing card as Wills. His splendid victory over Tommy Gibbons, hero of St. Paul, Montana and most of the rest of the country entitles him to an engagement with the best of them. The outcome of his scrap with Lohman next Tuesday at the Auditorium will no doubt have considerable bearing on his fistic endeavors in the immediate future and if by any chance the decision should go against him his aspirations for a heavyweight championship match will have gone glimmering. If this main event should have been the only one carded by Isaacson it would have been attraction enough to fill the famous barn to capacity. However the preliminaries are of such magnitude that they too, would probably choke the box office with the coin of the realm.

Tommy Grogan the tough little devil who became state featherweight champion through sheer ability to knock the living day-lights out of every opponent against whom he has been matched the past year, will have to defend his well earned title against Frankie Larabee in the semi-windup of this card. No doubt Grogan will be able to turn the trick but before he has finished he will know he has been in a fight as Frankie has licked some mighty good boys and always keeps himself in perfect condition.

These two youths may perhaps furnish as many thrills in their fistic encounter as will the heavier men, Greb and Lohman in the main event. Grogan is especially popular here in Omaha because of his extreme aggressiveness in action. This little Irishman takes great delight in standing up toe to toe with his opponent and battling him to the finish. That is exactly the kind of scrapper that all fight fans like to see. There can be no doubt about it that Tommy will fight like hell Tuesday night to retain his title. Even a state lightweight championship title means mazuma to the holder.

Two other preliminaries are being arranged and will no doubt serve to the appetites of those gathered about the squared arena for the more important semi-final and main events. Tickets are now on sale at the usual places including the Baseball Headquarters, Ernie Holmes, The Auditorium and other places. Sales are reported unusually brisk and indications are that the S. R. O. will be hung out before the going rings for the curtain opener. Fight bugs hereabouts have been a rarity to go, having been fight hungry for several months. It is estimated that six thousand will be in attendance.

## Pretty Waitress Takes Three Mates Divorced But One

She had a string of names like a pedigreed Russian, but she was just a pretty little waitress who liked male companions. According to records her full name was Pauline Rinehart-Gibson-Nance-Kytes. But now she has dropped the Kytes part of the name, name, and thereby hangs a tale of passionate woeing, speedy marriage and a visit to police court. Pauline had a tendency to tire of her heart's love, and as soon as the flame began to wane and flicker, Polly began to look for new worlds to conquer. With this intent she sojourned from her native haunts of Nebraska City where she had been living with her second husband, Lee Nance, and established herself in this city. Lee followed her, and persuaded her to return to him. They lived for a year and a half at 1722 Capitol avenue. Then the "call of the wild" became too strong for this girl-wife, and again she left. This time she took a room at 620 South Seventeenth street. From all reports and substantiated rumors this immediate neighborhood bears a none too savory reputation. Pauline went to work at the Union Pacific Restaurant on Fifteenth street as a waitress. There she met and married Billy Kytes, a city sales-

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man for the King Cole Creamery company. As soon as the couple became located in their apartment at 2228 Howard street. Nance immediately went to the police station. Sergeant Jos Potach and his morals squad went to the scene and broke in on the newly married couple. When Kytes produced a marriage license Potach was somewhat surprised. Nevertheless the two were taken to the station, and the girl charged with bigamy.

There is a great moral in this story. Let each one remember the fate of Polly, the waitress, when on new ground he would transgress.

## THREE DIVES RAIDED BY SHERIFF ENDRES AND DEPUTIES, 24 TAKEN TO JAIL

Early last Sunday morning, Sheriff Mike Endres, assisted by a squad of deputies made a raid on dives, gambling dens, and other forms of nuisances that infest Omaha. At three different places they visited it is alleged that gambling was going full swing. Accordingly the Black Maria was called, and the keepers and all inmates taken to the housegown.

The names of Clarence Butts, 1621 Capitol avenue; George Kaceros, 218 South Fourteenth street, upstairs, and A. Vacoro, Fourteenth and Nicholas streets, were given by the alleged keepers of the places raided. They were released on bonds of \$500 each, and \$15 deposit from each of the inmates was required for their appearance before the judge.

## KLAN PROPOGANDA FINDS FERTILE SOIL IN MINDS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, FILLED WITH ROTTEN INFERENCES AND LIES.

I'D RATHER BE A KLANSMAN WITH A MIND I'D CALL MY OWN THAN LET A DAGO FOREIGNER DO MY THINKING O'ER IN ROME. THE KLANSMAN TAKES HIMSELF A WIFE AND WITH HIS OWN SWEET KIDS HE ROAMS, WHILE THE PRIEST TAKES A HOUSEKEEPER AND STARTS AN ORPHANS HOME.

Herewith is a reproduction of what is apparently the Klansman's creed. Here is exemplified their conception of true Americanism. This is the kind of stuff that the Klan is founded on, run on and fed on. This is their literature, by means of which they intend to "educate" all "true Americans". Printed on small cards, and circulated as a broad-side, this supposed-to-be propaganda finds its way into many hands. Did the Klan ever stop to wonder just who all would read this bunk, expressing as it does every thought that is exactly contrary to what the Klan is supposed to stand for? Filled with vile and vicious inferences, so apparent that even a child could grasp its significance, these two stanzas have been put in

every hand that would lower themselves to reach out and take it. What effect would these eight lines, full of malice and lies, have on the mind of a child of grade school age? This is the place the Klan tries to do its most effective work. The average adult is too well oriented to permit himself to become so biased and so radical as to lose sight of the really good and beautiful things of life to the extent that he would stand behind such actions and doctrines as are perpetrated and extolled by the Klan. But in the growing child these seeds of hatred and radical jealousy may more easily be planted. The Klan should remember this, in that Book which they pretend to believe and revere, the Book they decerate by laying their hands on to take their vows of allegiance to their damnable, rotten organization that is adverse to every democratic principle of our United States, and causes a stench in the nostrils of every true lover of America and liberty, let them remember this; in that same Book is a passage of scripture, which is the voice of our Lord who rules our lives and destinies, and He says, "Be not deceived, for God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man soweth, so also shall he reap! Gal. 6, 7-8. In Hosea

8, in the seventh verse, it is also said, "they have sown the wind and they shall reap the whirlwind". The Klan has done both. They have sown seeds of hatred, lies, jealousy, and social unrest which may culminate in the complete demoralization of our state and nation. Men have been backed up to a stone wall and shot for treason. Treason is plotting or conspiring against the government. Setting forth their doctrine trines and beliefs, under the guise of "100 per cent Americanism", the Klan is aiming directly against our constitution and the stability of our government. Every man who takes upon himself the oath of the Klan is as guilty, indirectly, of plotting against law and order, and subsequently our government, as any anarchist who was ever executed. The only way to stamp out this organization that holds no semblance of respect for individual liberty, or reverence for the laws of our nation, is to expose its practises and doctrines to the public and let every straight thinking man and woman of this country sit on the seat of judgement. The Klan has sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. For every dirty, sneaking, vicious end they have gained they will find the curse laid on their heads tenfold.



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## MISTAKES

Here's a good one from the United States Navel Academy Log: When a plumber makes a mistake, he charges twice for it. When a lawyer makes a mistake, it's just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case all over again. When a carpenter makes a mistake it's just what he expected, because chances are ten to one that he never learned his trade. When a doctor makes a mistake he buries it. When a dentist makes a mistake he can always repair the damage. When a judge makes a mistake it becomes the law of the land. When a bank makes a mistake, the poor teller is the goat. When a preacher makes a mistake nobody knows the difference. When an electrician makes a mistake he blames it on induction—nobody knows what that is. But when a newspaper man makes a mistake—Good Night!

## TRAFFIC SAFETY MUST BE BUILT IN.

Omaha has sought frenziedly to check the mounting number of deaths from automobile accidents, but so far its efforts have been in vain. Omaha's death clock stood at 32 at the end of the year.

The cause of this tragic annual history, we believe, is that the city, in its efforts to bring about traffic safety, has failed to begin at the beginning. It has tried minor methods and has neglected the fundamental. The methods of safety it has put in practice are sound and have worked much benefit, but they have been but tennies in the path of the motor juggernaut and its cargo of killed and injured.

Omaha has failed in the fundamental—to build safety into its streets. The country has failed to build safety into its highway.

The separation of heavy and light traffic, pedestrian traffic, and traction and railroad lines. The creation of thorough routes protected by automatic lights. Subways under the streets, or bridges over the streets at school and other important crossings. Smooth paving of streets, especially of heavy traffic and street car streets, where jamming is caused by ruts and bumps. The widening of streets and roads, main county highways to be 50 feet wide. The straightening of streets and highways. Making curves and turns less sharp. The placement of safety islands at dangerous crossings.

Such are the suggestions, and there is no reason why they cannot be built into the streets of Omaha and the highways of Douglas county as easily as the rock ballast, the gravel, and the cement.

With them, of course, must go the safety measures already in motion. The educational campaign of safety must continue in the schools, in offices and factories, and through advertising and newspaper articles. The laws must be enforced. The laws should be made to fit conditions as they are, not as they might be; then they can be enforced to the limit, and policeman and motorist both brought to book for their violation.

One more measure must go with safety building—the examination and licensing of drivers. Prosecution of motorists driving without a license and the revocation of licenses belonging to offenders would soon halt recklessness.

With these measures added to safety-built roads, Omaha and Douglas county can cut automobile deaths to a minimum. How necessary it is that these remedies should be put into effect promptly is apparent.

## GIRL'S CONDITION HASTENS MARRIAGE OF BLUFFS SCHOOL CHILDREN

Council Bluffs is now setting the pace for Oklahoma when it comes to early marriage. A boy of 14, Russell W. Euton by name, was married by court order to Opal Jackson, 17. The marriage was arranged by attorneys after parents had been compelled to take out a court order authorizing the union.

The girl's condition hurried the wedding. Attorneys for both sides worked frantically to conclude the necessary arrangements and go through the legal red tape connected with such a proceeding before it was too late.

Both children are students in the Council Bluffs grade schools. Perhaps it is the environment of the Bluffs that causes such conditions to exist. Perhaps it is abnormal development in the children themselves. There are many things that could contribute to intimate relations between boys and girls of grade school age. But the fact remains that a boy of fourteen is now the head of a family, legally no longer subject to the discipline of his parents, and a girl of seventeen will soon become a mother. The father of the boy said he would provide a home for the couple, for which he is to be commended. In all too many similar cases children in these circumstances are thrown out in the world and left to work on their own salvation.

## DRESHER OFFERS TO TRADE WITH FARMERS

A. V. Dresher, president of Dresher Brothers tailoring firm and cleaning and dyeing establishment, has come forward with an offer equally as liberal as the action by the International Harvester Company. In exchange for warehouse receipts of No. 2 corn delivered at Omaha, Dresher Brothers will trade one dollar's worth of merchandise for every bushel of corn so stored.

"Farmers can obtain suits of clothes, furs, cleaning or dyeing, in fact anything we carry in either of our establishments," Mr. Dresher said.

Efforts are being made to interest the Merchants of the Retail Extension committee doing business between west of Sixteenth street, between Howard and Dodge streets, to follow in the footsteps of the Dresher Brothers.

In this matter more business can be transacted, and confidence of all assured.

The Dresher Brothers are to be commended for the fairness of their action. They are outstanding, fair dealing, and dependable business men. They have been in Omaha many years, and have built their business on honesty and service. Any one who trades with them under the new arrangement may feel sure he will be well treated.

## WOOD ALCOHOL IS CAUSE OF DEATH

All suspicious of foul play were proven unfounded when the chemist's report on the death of John Neville, a lad from York, was turned over to Coroner Paul Steinwender. Neville had been taken to a hotel in a semi-conscious condition by a taxi driver, and put to bed. The next morning he was found dead in bed.

To complicate matters, Atkinson, a friend of Neville's, also from York, was not to be found. He had come to Omaha on business, and was with Neville the evening before his death. Up to the present time Atkinson has not been located. When questioned, the taxi driver said he had taken Neville to several bootleg resorts, where they had some liquor. Neville was somewhat intoxicated when he hailed the cab to take him around. Instead of liquor, according to the chemist's report, Neville had been the victim of unscrupulous bootleggers, who had sold him wood alcohol. There was enough wood alcohol in the stomach of the dead man to kill three men, the report stated.

Neville is just one more added to the list of fatalities resulting from poison booze. Thousands have been killed by various kinds of alcoholic poison, the greatest number of deaths resulting from wood alcohol. In this manner, it seems that prohibition is defeating its own purpose.

A new type of a non-rigid dirigible has been designed and constructed. In recent tests this machine has proven its merits.

## HIGHER RATES ON THE PANAMA CANAL

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce has joined in the fight against the Gooding Bill, which is now before the senate, and has also adopted resolutions asking the interstate commerce commission to regulate water rates through the canal, and to increase canal tolls.

The Gooding bill would prohibit railroads making lower rates on long hauls to terminal cities, than to intermediate points. The resolution favored increased toll rates through the canal, which would doubtlessly be a boon to the middlewest. The high freight rates which must be charged to compete with coastwise freighters which are not under the supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, causes an additional burden to be thrown on the farmer of the middle west. As has been stated the same rate must be charged for short hauls between intermediate points as is charged for long hauls between terminal cities. As long as the railroads cannot make a better rate, the farmer must pay the bill.

The Omaha business men realize that the bill must be fought to gain their ends. The traffic bureau expects to be heard by the senate committee on January 19, 19, and 20. By that time pressure must be brought to bear to influence the committee to favor the middlewest. If the railroads are benefited by the defeat of the Gooding bill, the country adjacent and served by the railroads will also be benefited.

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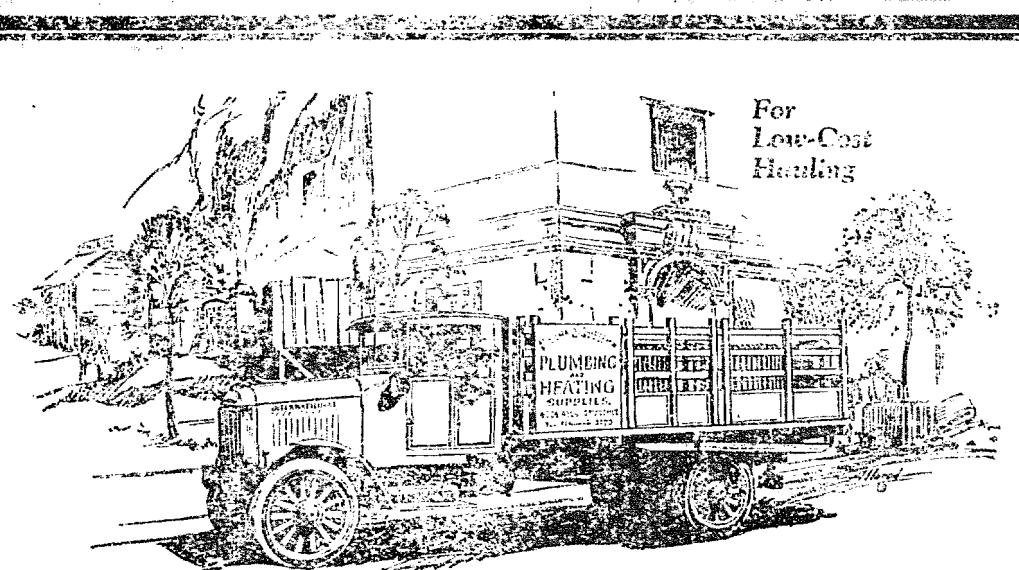
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## GEOFFREY KERR, WHO STARRED IN STAGE VERSION, IS IN PICTURE

Richard Barthelmess has surrounded himself with a strong supporting cast in his colorful picture "Just Suppose," now showing at the Strand Theatre. His leading lady is the captivating Lois Moran, who has made such a tremendous hit in "Stella Dallas." She is said to be the screen's youngest leading lady, being but sixteen.

Barthelmess plays the part of Prince Rupert. Princess have pals as well as ordinary folks, and Prince Rupert's pal in "Just Suppose," Toni, is entrusted to the able hands of Geoffrey Kerr, who played the role of the Prince in the A. E. Thomas stage hit "Just Suppose," upon which the film is based. Henry Vibart, an English actor of long and capable experience, plays the part of General Baron Kearby. He is familiar to the American motion picture public for his previous film work.

The part of the Crown Prince, the brother of Prince Rupert, is portrayed by Harry Short, who played with Dorothy Mackall in "Mighty Lak a Rose." She played in "New Toys" and has had a varied screen and stage experience.

A small part which is filled with unusual distinction is that of the King's private secretary, taken by Prince Rokmedine Mirze Kadjar. Pomp and ceremony are second nature to him, for in the days before the Russian revolution he proudly rode in the escort of the Czar of Russia.

## Screen Hit May Be Staged To Music

Leon Errol Plans Musical Comedy Of "Clothes Make The Pirate."

The moving picture is soon to take its place in supporting the spoken drama.

That is the conviction one gets from one of the foremost figures of the stage, Leon Errol, famed comedian, who has lately become a leading figure on the motion picture screen.

Errol is starred with Dorothy Gish in the Sam Rork comedy, "Clothes Make The Pirate," which First National is scheduled to present at the Rialto, commencing Saturday. At the same time the picture was being filmed Errol was appearing as the star of Ziegfeld's current musical comedy hit, "Louie the 14th."

Between periods of bullying a band of pirates from the quarterdeck of a sailing ship for the film scenes Errol found time to predict to a newspaper interviewer the future of the photoplay in the evolutionary process of leveling its rank with the spoken play.

"The great number of stage actors and writers who have entered and are still entering the films is bound to have its reaction in bringing the influence of the film to bear on the stage," Errol said.

"The ultimate effect will be the adapting of stage plays from film plays. It sounds radical, but after serious thought I believe it will be a big benefit to the stage. As a matter of fact the first step in this direction already being taken.

"Mr. Rork, who produced 'Clothes Make The Pirate,' is a veteran stage producer, and he is planning to have the film made over into a stage play, preferably a musical comedy. Mr. Ziegfeld will be asked to collaborate in producing it. The pirate atmosphere and the quaint comedy character of the story lends itself perfectly to a musical show or a straight character comedy.

"If I am right in my opinion, the public will have a chance to see an actor re-enact on the stage the role he has first created on he screen. I would like to pioneer this movement by creating my role of a tailor-turned-

pirate in the stage version of 'Clothes Make The Pirate.' James Rennie, who is also a stage star, agrees with me that he would like to appear in the stage version. Tully Marshall and George Marion, who are known to every old-time New York theatre-goer would be right at home returning to the stage in the roles they are now playing in he pictures. Marion Fairfax, who adapted the story and supervised the filming, has written many stage successes and is preparing to convert the film into a stage play.

"The stage producers have overlooked the fact that the publicity a film play gets would be a tremendous advantage to the stage adaptation. Film producers today buy a stage play for the publicity it gets as a stage success. The publicity attaching to a film success is many times more widespread.

"I have seen many film plays which I am certain would have made exceptionally good material for stage plays. Certain liberties, of course, would have to be taken with the story in adapting it to stage conditions, just as is the case in films. But the stage adaptation of film successes is a certain development."

Supporting Errol and Miss Gish in this story of pirate adventure is a notable cast which includes Nita Naldi, Marshall, Rennie, George Marion, Ednae Murphy and Reginald Barlow. Maurice Tourneur directed.

Barthelmess In Role Of Prince

In "Just Suppose," the Inspiration picture released through First National, which will be shown at the Strand theatre starting Saturday Richard Barthelmess plays the part of a dashing young Prince who visits America and, of course, moves in the most select social circles. In filming this picture, every effort was made to secure an absolutely authentic atmosphere both in the settings and in the types of players used in the supporting roles.

Lois Moran has the leading feminine role in support of Barthelmess. Others in the cast include Geoffrey Kerr, Henry Vibart, Harry Short, Bijou Fernandez and Prince Rokmedine, who will make his initial bow in this photoplay.



Richard Barthelmess and Lois Moran in "Just Suppose"

### AT THE ORPHEUM

The greatest comedy show of the season, headed by Ted and Betty Healy, popular Broadway funsters, comes to the Orpheum theatre this week, commencing with Sunday's matinee.

The Healys are musical stars. Ted Healy's comedy antics and his fair partner's graceful dancing were the hits of Earl Carroll's most recent "Vanities." In vaudeville they are presenting an hilarious skit which is herolded as one of the cleverest that has been seen in the two a day.

Tom Brown will be remembered as the world's funniest saxophone comedian and originator of the famous Brown Brothers saxophone sextet. This season he is introducing his Merry Minstrels, an ensemble of ten talented instrumentalists. His new act is said to be a riot of comedy and syncopated melodies.

The Stefano Mascagne ballet is a strikingly beautiful dance spectacle, with a cast of 12 terpsichorean artists, including Eva Mascagne, premiere danseuse and Marsella Hardis. Two Omaha girls, Annette Riklin and Mildred Jacques, are also featured in the company. Miss Riklin appears with Miss Mascagne in an Indian specialty number. Miss Mascagne was featured in Pat Rooney's musical playlet at the Orpheum last season.

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H. H. Miller of Miller and company, tree specialists and landscape gardeners located at 1115 South Twenty-eight street, are doing their bit to preserve forestry in Omaha. Experts in their own particular line they have a word of advice to Omahans just now. Their word is; "don't have your trees chopped up by butchers or tree buzzers."

Another bit of advice they put out is to the effect that right now is the proper time to have trees, shrubbery and other hardy winter growing outdoor things trimmed and otherwise taken care of.

### ARGUMENT ENDS IN SHOOTING, AND JAIL

A few friendly drinks together was the cause of one Steve Rebeck doing time in the hospital, and his friend, Nick Kesich is doing time in jail. It chances that among the possessions of Kesich he prided an old revolver. During the course of their conversation between drinks, Kesich pulled the gun from his bunk in the railroad car furnished for employees. He chanced the prideful remark that it was a real, honest-to-goodness piece of mechanism, or words to that effect. Where upon Rebeck countered and refuted the point by saying it wouldn't work. An argument ensued, and Kesich pulled the trigger. The unused gun proved it's merit by plugging a .38 caliber bullet in the calf of Rebeck's leg. Kesich was as much or more surprised as was Mr. Rebeck in his excitement he involuntarily squeezed the trigger, and this time following the detonation, a part of Mr. Rebeck's left hand was missing. By this time both were convinced that the gun was O. K., perhaps a little more so. Any way detectives who were assigned to investigate put Rebeck in the hospital and Kesich in jail, but so far the gun has not been found, so judicial judgement cannot be passed on it's merits.

At Westminster, Maryland, a little town nestled down in the forest covered hills, a gang of fifty men laid siege to a government warehouse, drove off the guards, and escaped with some hundred barrels of old bonded whiskey. The manager of the warehouse stated that the loot was worth \$80,000. That price is a low figure. If that liquor could be delivered in Omaha it would be worth four times that price.

## Auto Killer Of Aged Man Drunk It Is Alleged

Sherman, Son Of A Wealthy Family, Held For Killing.

Another case of booze and gasoline, and another name added to the fast growing list of automobile fatalities. This time William Kinsey, an old man, of 75 years was the victim. Rollin C. Sherman, a druggist and the son of a wealthy family was the killer.

Sherman gave his version of the accident in his cell at the city jail. "I was only going 15 to 20 miles an hour. I didn't think it more than fifteen. I blew my horn when I saw a man crossing the street and shifted gears to go up the steep hill on Cumming street west of Forty-sixth. I couldn't have been going very fast because Forty-sixth street is where the car switches to go back to town. I had to wait while the street car backed up before I could make he hill. The man appeared to stop in the middle of the street. He was bumped by my fender. I didn't try to run away. I was taking my porter, James Hawthorne, to my home to do some work and went on to Forty-eight street to let him out, then returned to the place where I had hit the man. The boy in the car with me was just a little fellow who asked for a ride at Fortieth street, and I gave him a ride."

"I have not had a drink since New Years Eve", he went on to say. This is not the first time young Sherman has been up. In April, 1924 he was fined \$100 for reckless driving and

illegal transportation of liquor in the Council Bluffs court. In May, 1925 he was given a five day suspended sentence on an intoxicating charge. Recently he narrowly missed plunging his car off the viaduct at Sixteenth and Leavenworth streets.

In 1924 he was denied a permit to handle alcohol in his drug store, according to Thomas, former prohibition enforcement director.

After his promise to his mother that he had not been drinking, Mrs. Sherman promised to do everything she could to help him. She did not say what she would do in case he had been intoxicated.

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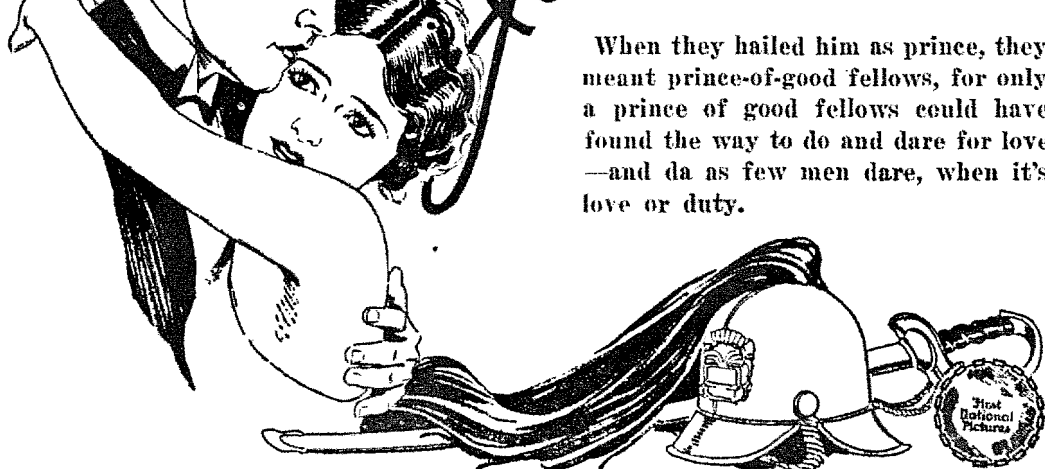
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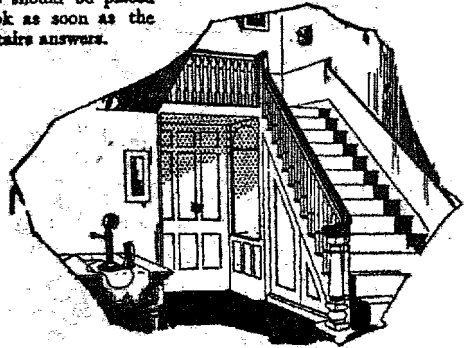
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