

## Many Changes Scheduled for Omaha Bee Management

### NELS B. UPDIKE WILL SPEND HALF MILLION

New Owner Plans to Make Many Changes in All Departments.

### BIGGEST NEWSPAPER WEST CHICAGO

Size of Paper Will Be Enlarged and Many Additions Made to News Service and Business End—Much Money to Be Expended on Talent.

The sale of the Omaha Daily Bee, while not surprising to many who have kept in touch with affairs in Omaha, was interesting reading for a lot of people who do business with that big institution. Nels B. Updike, who bought it for his personal organ, expects to make it a big newspaper. It is generally admitted that the field is big and that if money is all that is necessary there will be plenty of it.

From a man who was on the inside of the big deal, it is stated that there will be a general reorganization of the entire business and editorial ends of the newspaper. The corporation itself, it is said, will be dissolved and the property handled as an individual asset. Mr. Rosewater will remain thirty days or something like that, until the new management can get into the harness.

Although Mr. Updike is not himself a newspaper man, he is an individual of wide experience in various lines of business. All who know him believe he will make it the largest newspaper between Chicago and the Pacific coast. It is stated also that many changes will be made in the personnel of all departments. While there will be no disposition to relieve old employees of their employment, it is stated, an entirely new system of management will come into vogue and numerous changes will be slated for early action.

The newspaper is to be enlarged in many respects, with additional news agencies being employed, in addition to the big service already received from the Associated Press. Additional improvements and extensions of \$250,000 this year and an equal amount for next year are projected. The editorial end of the paper will not be participated in personally by Mr. Updike, but his policies will prevail throughout.

The gentlemen who spoke with authority on the subject had this to say:

"Everything will be run on the highest plane of journalistic endeavor, including the business end, as well as the editorial end. The Bee is to be made the biggest newspaper west of Chicago, because the field and the opportunity are both here. Mr. Updike will not worry over finances nor the earnings of the paper. The advertising will be put on a high plane and prices will doubtless be increased over those demanded by any Omaha newspaper as soon as the circulation and other departments are put in ship shape.

"In many respects the Bee is to be on an even keel with the Chicago Tribune, a newspaper that has been greatly admired by Mr. Updike. In the near future the force of men employed in the various departments will be considerably increased. The best of talent that can be secured will be employed in both the editorial and business departments, without respect to cost. Steps will be at once taken to build up every department of the business.

"The Bee in the future will not enter into any small political squabbles nor take sides in any household or family political quarrels. It will seek to put Omaha on the map as the city has never been on the map and will not spare any pains or money to do so."

Mr. Updike is a republican, but has never permitted partisan politics to prevent him from using rare business judgment. He will support the republican presidential candidate this fall, however, because, as he says, he believes it is time for a change.

In newspaper circles there has been much speculation as to what changes will be made in the personnel. This is especially true in the editorial department, where, it is stated, many new faces will be seen in the near future. It is also understood that salaries will be put on a much higher basis with a view to securing the best of talent.

### THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



### Doings in Omaha Fifty Years Ago

The Duke of Argyl, better known as "Skygac," north end "promoter," talked of returning to Siberia, but some of his old friends insisted on him settling his bills first.

Frank Weiner, well known "doctor of medicine," became granddad and celebrated the occasion for one day.

Lou Miller was seen in action once more, after an indeterminate retirement in the east end.

Pete Rooney and Jimmy Silk were refusing to speak to their friends. They were reported to have become oil millionaires.

Jack Broomfield spent an evening with some friends, playing whist and other things. There were several "other things."

Ernie Holmes mislaid a thousand dollar bill sent him for wrestling match tickets. He cared nothing

about the money but regretted his friends were disappointed.

Eert Perigue kept telling his friends he was going to inaugurate a big chili business but nobody ever saw him do so.

Charlie Schneckenburger had a lot of worry over getting a ticket to the Pesek-Stecher match. He was on the point once of buying one.

F. A. Lynch, Guernsey, Wyo., millionaire, could not be induced to return to Omaha. He said George Moore knew his reasons.

Al Hastings was putting out some new lines in North Platte. Al offered to lasso the Mexicans who killed the chief of police out there.

Some of the Omaha reporters and editors were making pertinent inquiries about their jobs. They said something always took the joy out of life.

### GOVERNOR EDWARDS' WILL BE CANDIDATE

New Jersey's Chief Executive Will Have Name on Nebraska Ballot.

### SEEKS PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

Tom O'Connor Says Petitions Will Soon Be Out for Signature—Edwards Will Run on "Wet" Ticket—General Movement Against Prohibition.

"Edwards for President."

That is the slogan which will soon be heard in Omaha and later all over the state. It is Governor Edward I. Edwards of New Jersey, who is referred to. Governor Edwards, who was elected in his home state on a wet ticket, will be no small factor in the presidential running from all indications. In Nebraska he will also be known as the wet candidate.

The general movement against the radical prohibitionists is already taking form. By many the radicals in the prohibition movement are being classed with the "reds" against whom the government is now making such a strong fight. The matter is receiving so much attention that thousands of persons who fought the open saloon system are now lined up with the general anti-prohibition movement all over the country.

"We went entirely too fast," is the way it is explained by some of the men who have turned tail on the prohibition movement.

Governor Edwards is a mighty big man. In the near future a weekly paper, later to be made a daily, is to appear to foster the propaganda against prohibition, it is stated. The paper will be of a national character, with editions to be printed in several cities. It is said that an immense circulation is expected to develop within a short time.

In Omaha, former City Clerk Thomas O'Connor has undertaken the pushing of the Edwards movement. He is authority for the statement that petitions will soon be out for the Edwards boom in Nebraska. There will be plenty of supporters right from the start. In fact several newspapers have already announced that they will support the Edwards movement and that, although this is the first time the matter has been presented to the people, it is expected that Edwards will be a big factor in national politics at this autumn election.

Speaking directly of this matter, Mr. O'Connor says:

"Edwards is already a mighty big man. The present prohibition legis-

lation was secured by stealth. Most of the people who voted for it were misled in their belief that it did not mean bone dry prohibition for them. A big majority of the people of the entire country are opposed to prohibition. In fact, the prohibition party never carried but one state during its entire existence, although several states voted out the saloon. As a party the prohibition party has always been an abject failure. Governor Edwards has always been an exponent of liberalism and when he makes this race it will mean that a lot of good people will come to their senses."

Incidentally, it is said that there is a disposition among members of the American Legion to take a hand in the movement. It is said that more than two million young Americans who were drafted into the army feel that they were duped by having prohibition forced on their country while they were fighting for humanity in Europe. The prohibition movement was put across on them when they were away and had no opportunity to vote on the question. They returned home to find that they had been made fools of.

Now, it is stated, there is a well organized movement among the Legion to take a hand in the movement to undo the crime committed against them in their absence. As a body, of course, no action will be taken, but there is a well defined majority section of the Legion, it is stated, that is ready to cast their votes against prohibition if given an opportunity to do so. In Nebraska this sentiment is heard daily.

The Edwards petition will be ready for signature in a short while. Of course, it means that Edwards' name will go on the presidential preference ticket. By those who are in position to know it is stated that the movement will have plenty of substantial support, financial and otherwise, and that this and other states will be campaigned by men of national reputation in favor of the candidacy of the New Jersey governor.

### GEORGE DAVIS' TRIAL BRINGS OUT ROGUE NO. 5213 FOR STAR WITNESS

Mayor Smith Unable to Identify Picture, Although Had Seen Ringer's Mechanic Many Times—County Attorney Finds Talesmen Prejudiced Against Conviction.

The trial of George Davis, charged with murderous assault, is bringing out some good things these days. The evidence of Mayor Smith, who was the victim of an assault which nearly ended his life, however, was the most remarkable. The mayor has testified that he identified Davis the moment he laid eyes on him. He said he could never forget that face.

During the trial he readily recognized pictures and faces which later turned out to be those of somebody else. The county attorney has had a hard time countering the thrusts of Eugene O'Sullivan, who is defending Davis. Among other witnesses he has called Russell Norgaard, rogue's gallery man No. 2513. Norgaard, after serving some time in jail, was "mugged" by the photograph department of central station. He was the man who drove the patrol wagon the night of the riot.

Norgaard, who was hired by Mr. Ringer as a motor mechanic and extra police chauffeur, after he had been "rogued," was on the stand Wednes-

day. He admitted that he and a friend took the car from the center of the street and put on a big party, during which they got pretty well drunk up. He was called to testify to seeing the mayor during the riot. He has talked to the mayor repeatedly since the riot.

When Mayor Smith went on the stand Tuesday he was shown the photograph of Norgaard, rogues' gallery photo No. 5213, and asked if he knew whose picture it was. He declared he did not. "Don't you know that is the picture of the star witness for the prosecution?" shouted Attorney O'Sullivan on cross examination.

The mayor admitted he did not recognize the picture. He did, however, declare he recognized instantly the face of Davis although he never saw him before or after the assault until he was arrested some weeks later.

Mr. O'Sullivan's purpose was to show that the mayor's ability to identify faces and photographs was at

### Panning Jack Dempsey

Some leaders of the American Legion are giving Jack Dempsey a strong panning these days because, as they charge, he is a slacker. One of the principal questions really at issue is whether or not the fellows who are kicking are really representative of the American Legion.

There is nothing in the record to show that Dempsey attempted to side-step his duty as an American during the war. He was classified, just as everybody else was, by the government officials who had the business in hand. He was placed in a deferred classification which was later advanced two classes. A statement given out by Dempsey's manager says that prize fighter made no attempt to escape duty when his turn came, and the fact that the war ended when it did was all that prevented Dempsey going to the front in his regular turn.

Be it all as it may, the question is whether or not the leaders in the American Legion are using that fine body for political and other purposes. When the G. A. R. was first organized that organization had the painful experience of its leaders using the organization for political purposes. It is the general understanding that the American Legion was promoted and is being followed by its thousands of members with a view to uplifting humanity and not sending it to a lower level.

Among the millions who have connected themselves with the American Legion may be found members with all shades of political opinion. It ill behooves the leaders to attempt to take sides on any political question that does not concern all its members. They are all civilians now and the war is over. Of course, if Dempsey was a slacker, the country, without respect to any organization, will condemn him. On the other hand, if he was fair to his country all this talk is rank injustice.

The American Legion, as a body, will do well to investigate the matter more thoroughly before they permit a few leaders to decide for them whether or not Dempsey was not as patriotic as any of them.

### WOMEN PREPARING TO MAKE LARGE SHOWING AT PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Hundreds or More Will Have Places on Tickets—Central Committee Will Be Elected Instead of "Named"—Candidates Start Filing for Offices.

It is time for all political aspirants to get busy. Only three months are left before the primary election to select candidates for office. Partisans will have more work on their hands this year than ever before and the women are to be taken into their confidence. Hereafter each party will elect its central committee members instead of them being "named" by persons presumed to be versed in political party lore and other kinds of political business. Under this new central committee it is said there will be no more "packed" conventions.

Each precinct is to furnish two members of county central committees and the women are to have equal representation with the men. All of which means that county central committees will be composed equally of men and women if the dope works out all right. The primary election will also be used to select delegates to county conventions.

The primary ticket will, therefore be

a long one. It will contain the names of all candidates for county and state offices and presidential preference but will also contain the names of these central committee and county convention candidates. The supposition is that it will be a "let the people rule" sort of affair, and it will be interesting to watch the result of this primary under the new law.

Douglas county women are preparing to get busy at this year's election. It is said that nearly a hundred of them will be out as candidates for something. It is expected to make business good for political advertising solicitors. The women are pretty good advertisers and those who expect to get into politics this year are said to have plenty of money to spend on their campaign.

One woman who is watching political conditions is Mrs. T. Jorgensen, 1001 Park avenue. Mrs. Jorgensen was a candidate for office on the so-

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## PASSING OF THE OMAHA BEE

With the sale by Victor Rosewater of his holdings in the Omaha Bee corporation ends all connection of the Rosewaters with the newspaper founded by the scion of the family, after nearly half a century of existence.

In recent years the Bee has gradually declined, both as a great newspaper and as a money maker. To Victor Rosewater himself is attributed the degeneracy of this great newspaper, but let it be known that there were many other things that entered into the decline of that business.

The editor of the Daily News, mushroom daily paper which has been the principal beneficiary of what has been lost to the Bee, is very free with its explanations, but it is a safe bet that the News worries more over the policy that will be used by the new owner than anything else.

Victor Rosewater has been an exception as a newspaper man. Although presumably educated up for the very position into which he finally fell, he has not taken to the business as it was hoped by his father that he might. Personally, Mr. Rosewater has thousands of friends, but he has never specialized in the management of this big newspaper. In recent years there has been an utter absence of that "pep" that is necessary to the success of any great periodical, either on the business or editorial end.

The new owner of the Omaha Bee is admittedly a man whose dash and brilliancy in the business world has made possible the very things he has accomplished. What he has done in his own particular lines of endeavor in the past, may be expected to be repeated in his latest line of endeavor. Neils Updike is not a newspaper man, in any sense of the word, but it is a safe bet that he will make of the Bee one of the biggest newspapers in the country.

## PROHIBITION IS HERE

Today national prohibition begins. For several million people it has been in effect for a long time. Students of the great prohibition question will watch the enforcement closely. The whole world will have an eye on it from now on. The big question really is whether or not we have progressed or gone backward in adopting prohibition. It will take a long time to learn the truth and the present generation will hardly see or know the final result.

One thing is apparently true, and that is that the famous American saloon is a thing of the past, never to return. The men who have led the liquor interests in the past have been blamed by many for the putting out of business of the American saloon and for making the country bone dry. Conservative men of the country have made the statement that they were opposed to doing away entirely with intoxicating liquors in their various forms.

In most parts of the country readjustments necessary to the changes in the liquor situation have been made. The one big thing left to be accomplished is the enforcement of the dry law. The government has taken this matter in hand and Uncle Sam makes a pretty good job of law enforcement, once he makes the attempt.

The great masses of the Americans who were what might be termed passive on the wet and dry issue will continue to be the dominant factor in action on this question. These people have little care either for the issues of the dry or the wet interests, although they have always felt that they wanted a wee drop at certain times.

As a general proposition the government will enforce the new laws in a manner that will caulk up most of the wet spots and only the future can determine how the great masses are going to accept a bone dry situation. The interests that have forced prohibition on the country will continue their activities, but it will require more effort than is apparent in the political situation at present to cause the forces opposed to prohibition to attempt to secure a return of intoxicants, even in modified form.

## ALL AT PEACE EXCEPT AMERICA

During the week the pact which brought final peace among the warring nations of Europe was concluded and all of the great political groups of importance in the world were returned to a peace basis except the United States. The reason we were not included in that pact was because a bunch of political brigands who were selected to represent us in Washington refused during the last session of congress to permit the United States to ratify the treaty.

We were the last nation to get into the war and from all indications will be the last to get out of it. In both the dominant political parties are certain men, representing certain interests, who are preventing the country getting back to a peace basis. The people over the entire country are becoming disgusted with the

men who are causing this disagreement which is of such a serious nature and so disastrous to the entire world.

One of the great beatitudes of America has been that our people could rise above any political situation for the sake of real patriotism. It would appear that this beatitude is about to be declared obsolete. With the exception of the fact that about all of our veterans are back from Europe, the world war is still a reality for the United States. Living conditions are nearly as serious as they were before the armistice was signed. In some regions they are worse.

The excuse for the quibble in the senate is that of reservations in the league of nations propositions. There doubtless will necessarily be some compromises. The sooner they are agreed on the better off everybody is going to be. The people are demanding action and quick action at that. And they are demanding peace and quick peace, too.

If politics is going to keep us at war another year or two it is, as President Wilson has said, time to adjourn politics until congress acts.

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cialist ticket two years ago. She says she will not be a candidate this year, but she expects to be active in political affairs just the same. She is an adopted daughter of America, but has made a study of American politics. She keeps well in touch with everything that is going on and can give many of our up-to-date political ward heelers cards and spades in the art of manipulating party affairs. She has accumulated a considerable amount of Omaha real estate and knows what it means to be an honest taxpayer.

Only one filing for office has been reported thus far. It is for justice of the peace, an office that is attractive these days because only one such official is elected in Omaha. It is said to be lucrative, despite the fact that no salary goes with it, fees being the only source of income. George Collins, present incumbent of the office, employs two women to assist in the work of bookkeeping and watching the cash.

Central committeemen for both parties are already beginning to spar for an opening in the coming contest. Manipulation of party affairs will be on an entirely new basis in the future and party leaders are trying to figure out just how to handle the "inside stuff" that naturally goes with running such a business.

Incidentally, it is said that the campaigning this year is not to be confined to any particular class of either men or women. Some of our blond and brunette damsels who heretofore have not enjoyed the high social positions of West End society are said to be preparing to take a hand in political doings and are expected to mix up right with the crowd. One of them said: "We hope there will not be any 'rough stuff.' We feel that we have the same rights that other women have and expect to get right on the job when the time comes."

All of which promises many good things in American politics from this time on.

## GEO. DAVIS TRIAL BRINGS OUT ROGUE NO. 5213 FOR STAR WITNESS

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nonentity, and the testimony brought out is expected to be used in Davis' behalf.

Incidentally the putting of Norgaard on the stand also gave another insight into the "reform" methods being employed by Mr. Ringer in the selection of new men for the police department. In this case he employed a man for an important position who actually had a police record and who had been "mugged" and his picture displayed in the rogue's gallery at central station. Some of these conditions have made it pretty hard for County Attorney Shotwell and his assistants who have been working their heads off trying to secure evidence that would convict some of the men responsible for the riot and burning of the court house.

It is said that unless some convictions are secured in the near future that most or all of the other cases now pending in connection with the riot will be dismissed. There has been shown a freely admitted objection by jurymen to prosecuting persons connected with the rioting. In some cases jurymen have even hinted that they believed it was justified.

## AT THE BRANDEIS

A new comedy by George M. Cohan called "A Prince There Was," will be the attraction at the Brandeis theater for three nights and Wednesday matinee starting next Monday night.

It will be presented by Messrs. Cohan & Harris, and this is sufficient guarantee that it will be adequately mounted and played by a capable company.

"A Prince There Was" has been seen in New York and Chicago, it having had long runs in both these cities and acclaimed by the critics one of the brightest and most up-to-date plays that have come from the versatile pen of America's favorite comedian and playwright. It was made into a play by Mr. Cohan from the novel "Enchanted Hearts," written by Darragh Aldrich, which has had considerable vogue with readers of up-to-date fiction.

It is related that Mr. Cohan made the play without ever having read the novel, which is rather unique in itself—but it must be stated that he got the story from a previous dramatization which was not altogether successful and having been called in as play doctor he sat down and wrote an entirely new version in an incredibly short space of time. The story of "A Prince There Was" concerns principally a young New York millionaire and, in addition, there was a number of amusing characters, among them a moving picture actor, a struggling student of the law, an unsuccessful woman magazine writer and a precocious waif-like little girl. The latter a sort of fairy godmother who brings the prince, in the person of the wealthy young man, and princess, who is the magazine writer into a romance which culminates in the traditional and authoritative climax described in the fairy tale as "they lived happily ever after."

## "The Better 'Ole."

"The Better 'Ole," the comedy with music, will be presented by De Wolf Hopper and an exceptionally strong company, the popular comedian appearing as Old Bill, at the Brandeis theater beginning January 22 and continuing Friday and Saturday with the usual Saturday matinee. When it was produced in New York, the author, Captain Bruce Bairnsfather of the Royal Yorkshire Regiment, whose "Fragments From France" furnished the inspiration for the play, was among those present.

The premier of this unique play took place on the final night of the Fourth Liberty Loan, and Captain Bairnsfather, who had previously been active in the loan drive, took advantage of this event by speaking between acts, rolling up bond subscriptions to a considerable sum. Another who spoke for the same cause on this occasion was William Allen White, the well-known journalist and novelist, in whose latest book, "The Adventure of Henry and Me," there is mention of the play as he witnessed it in London.

Captain Bairnsfather has been in action on all fronts and his experiences supplied an abundance of material for the production. Mr. White is qualified to comment on the vividness of the comedy, as he, while not in action, visited all fronts.

## Opinion.

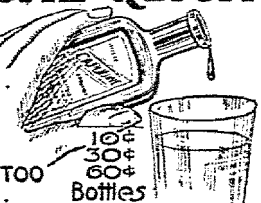
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## HANK and PETE

WONDER IF PETE TRIED TO BE SARCASTIC

By KEN KLING

JIM HANLEY WILL BE  
NEBRASKA BOOZE AGENT

Popular Attorney Appointed to Fill Position to Enforce Prohibition Law.

James H. Hanley will be the big Nebraska booze agent. Jim was formerly secretary to Congressman Lobeck and it is said his appointment was on recommendation of both Mr. Lobeck and of Senator Hitchcock.

Hanley will not quit the law business and will continue to maintain an office in the City National Bank building. Modesty has prevented Mr. Hanley from talking about his new position, but it has been known for some time that he had been endorsed for the place. Asked early in the week about the matter, Hanley declined to admit there was anything to the talk, but admitted "if any of my friends insist on me taking the job I could hardly decline."

Hanley will have a score or more of men under him and the personnel of his force will become public in the future. Those who have taken the examination include three former Omaha police officers.

MUNICIPAL COAL IS  
POPULAR WITH MANY

The popularity of Commissioner Dan Butler's municipal coal was well demonstrated one day this week when a brother of a prominent coal dealer made application for two tons of it.

"That stuff they are putting out down at my brother's yard is too dirty for me," he told Butler's coal department. "Send me up all I can have from your bins."

And this is a true story, too. The purchaser is a brother of one of the biggest retail and wholesale coal dealers in Omaha and is well known all over the city.

SOUTH SIDE POLICE  
LOSE MEN AND BOOZE

South Side coppers had the experience of their lives last week when they raided a place that had been reported to be selling whisky. They surrounded the building and "closed in." When they made their appearance half a dozen fellows jumped from windows. The officers gave chase, using up something like a hundred rounds of perfectly good ammunition. Nobody was injured so far as learned and nobody was caught.

They returned to the building to investigate. They found that one lone "salesman" had remained on the job and got away with two good cases of whisky while they were firing into the air at the fleeing consumers.

HANLEY FAMILY MEETS  
AFTER SCORE OF YEARS

During the week the Hanley brothers, four in number, met in Omaha for the first time in more than a score of years. They are James Hanley, Omaha attorney, former secretary to Congressman Lobeck; John Hanley, O'Neill, Neb., real estate man; Patrick Hanley, Spokane insurance man, and Dennis Hanley, Seattle employ-

ment agency. Monday they went to a local photograph gallery to have their group picture taken just like a bunch of schoolboys.

The Hanleys all are pictures of health and each of them is a fine specimen of Irish architecture. Incidentally, they are all Nebraska products and all have made their get-away in the world successfully.

## MIKE FISH IS FAST

NORTH END HAY MAN Mike Fish, 1014 North Sixteenth street, is a fast little cuss and enjoys a fine business in feed. He has been selling all the chicken feed in the north end for years as well as coarser grains and hay for about every team that is owned in that end of town. Mike keeps a handy telephone in his office where a lot of people hang around to receive their calls. Mike certainly has a diversified business, but he is always happy.

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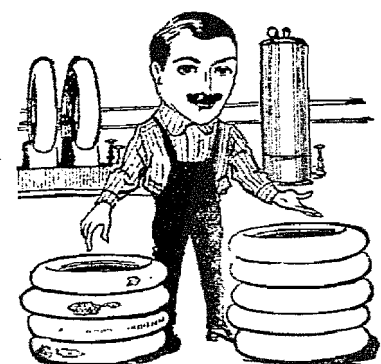
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**SOOTHERN AND MARLOWE  
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Nothing that will be seen on the local stage this season is likely to be of such intellectual and artistic importance as the return of E. H. Soothern and Julia Marlowe to the theatre after long absence. These players have long been acknowledged to be this country's foremost interpreters of Shakespearean roles. The theatre is nowadays sorely in need of ability so rare as theirs.

The engagement of these distinguished stars will be at Boyd's theatre on the three nights beginning Thursday, January 22. "Twelfth Night" will be presented on Thursday night and Saturday afternoon; "Hamlet" on Friday night and "The Taming of the Shrew" Saturday night.

Settings more modernistic—something austere Maxfield Parrish instead of the rococo Italianate, so dear to the heart of the nineties—have been arranged by Soothern and Marlowe for their reappearance on the American stage. Much has been heard in this country of the modern school of stage decoration, but little or none has been seen of this art in the production of the classics.

The absence from the stage of Julia Marlowe and E. H. Soothern left void a place no one else filled. There has been no one to give such spacious and beautiful utterance to Shakespeare's lines as do these players. Everything must seem a little thin after the richness and fullness of Mr. Soothern and Miss Marlowe's portrayals.

**EMPRESS ATTRACTIONS.**

One of the featured acts of the show opening at the Empress Sunday will be that offered by the three Weston sisters, a trio of dainty musical misses. Their efforts are confined to the playing of the piano, cello and violin, each one of the trio coming well recommended as a thorough musician. Their program of numbers embodies popular and classic music. Vocal selections are also given by this delightful trio.

Another featured act is that of the Billy Swede Sunday, Hugo Lutgens, who is a comedian of rare wit.

Edna Knowles, one of the tiniest bits of femininity that ever graced the stage, and her partner, Roger Hurst, a chap who passes the six foot mark, will offer their own original specialty, "The Long and Short of Vaudeville." Their ability and exuberance of good humor is apparent in everything they undertake, singing, dancing and talking.

An artistic novelty, "Campus Capers," in which Cummins and White, two artistic young acrobats, portray two college youths indulging in a bit of outdoor exercise, is conceded to be a most ably presented acrobatic act.

The photoplay attraction for the first half of the week will be "The Lincoln Highwayman," featuring William Russell.

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If jingling, catchy and tuneful music, clean and wholesome fun, unique, electrical, scenic and novel effects, wonderful gowns and fashion creations, surprise features and original bits, incomparable feminine loveliness, beauty and irresistible charms, innovations, etc., count for anything, Sam Howe's big show, which presents "The Butterflies of Broadway," with Harry Cooper, chief comedian, at the the Gayety, week starting Saturday matinee, January 17, should prove one of the best attractions offered hereabouts in many seasons.

The talents of Sam Howard, who is again a member of the cast this season, is too well known to require further introduction or indorsement. He is acknowledged one of the best Hebrew comedians now in burlesque, and is a brother of Willie and Eugene Howard, the Winter Garden stars. There are upward of fifty people employed, which includes a swarm of thirty beautiful butterflies of fascinating and captivating personality. They have been selected, not alone for their grace, good looks and charms, but for their talent and ability as well.

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**ORPHEUM OFFERINGS.**

For the first time this season the Orpheum next week is to offer a triple headline show. One of these stellar offerings will be the French

character singer, Mlle. Nitta-Jo. Another will be Eva Shirley with her musical boys in a jazz act. Yet another will be the vocal dialect comedienne, Lillian Shaw.

"Indoor Sports," a one-act comedy by Harlan Thompson and Hugh Herbert, has to do with the tricks used by two girls in bringing about a hesitating proposal of marriage. The Mame and Bess of this little comedy are symbols of a certain class of young girls in real life.

Miss Shirley comes with the reputation of being one of vaudeville's most popular prima donnas. The mellowness of her voice, the clarity of tone, her perfect enunciation and the care with which she has chosen her repertoire of songs greatly enhance the effectiveness of her performance. She is to offer "Songs of the Moment" from ragtime to grand opera. She has the assistance of Al Roth, jazz dancer, and Fido Gordon's musical boys.

Vaudeville has no comedienne more distinctive than Lillian Shaw. Her Italian dialect balads are particularly well done. Her act is opened with a Hebrew character portrayal. One of her most notable numbers is the song she sings of the woes and worries of a young mother. In every city where Miss Shaw has appeared she has registered as a decided favorite.

Bostock's Riding School is an act which shows how circus riders are made. In this offering five circus performers appear. The attraction has the reputation of being the most pretentious act of its kind ever produced.

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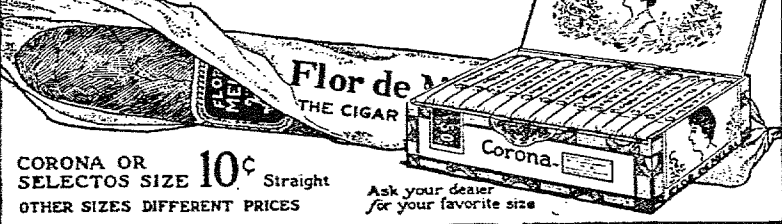
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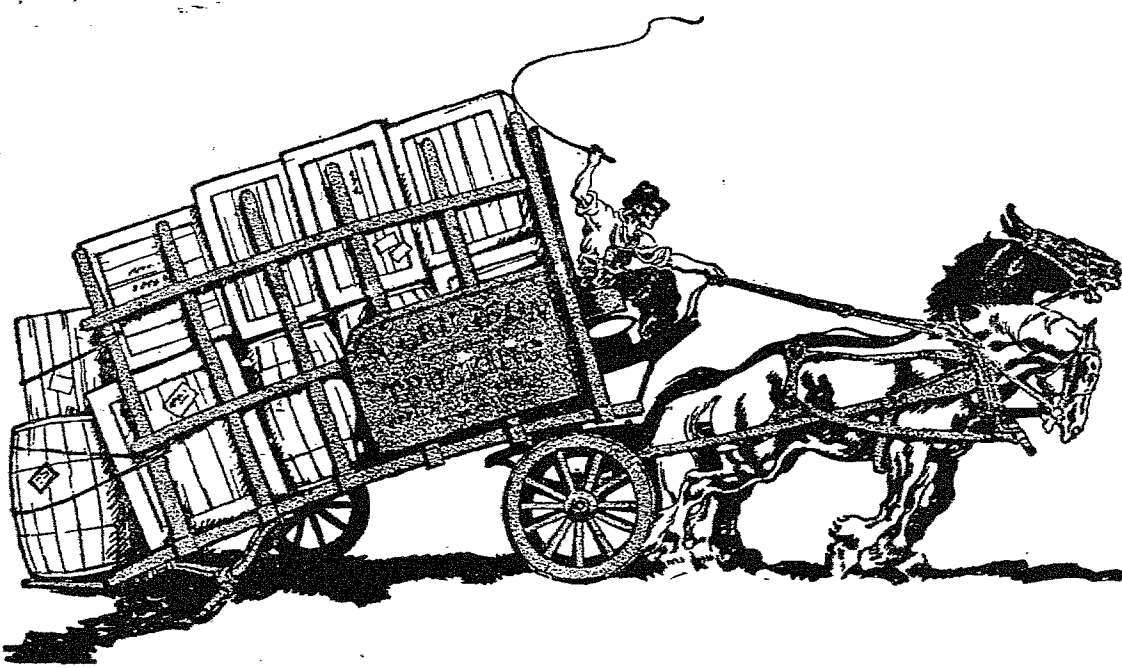
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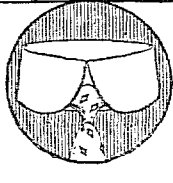
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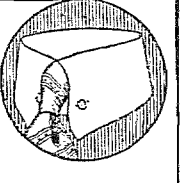
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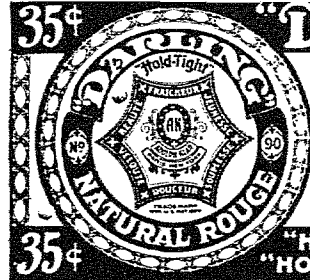
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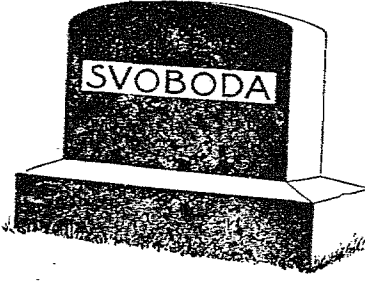
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