

STREET WALKERS BLOCK TRAFFIC

CO. COMMISSIONERS THROW MONEY AWAY

Pay \$7,000 for Court House Site Instead of One Dollar

PAPILLION EDITOR IS IN THE DEAL

The "Solid Four" Go Into Secret Session, Buy Lot of Editor Miller at Outrageous Price—Good Site Had Been Offered to County for Single Buck.

Sarpy county is having a helluva row just now over a new court house site which the county commissioners have bought and agreed to pay seven thousand dollars for. A plot of ground had been offered the county for one dollar which a large number of citizens of Sarpy, especially those in the northern part, thought was just as good, if not better, than the one selected for at seven thousand times that amount.

For years there has been bitter personal feeling between two factions, the "Papillionites," wanting a court house of their own and the county of Sarpy left intact and a separate unit, on one side and a very large number of people who want to be annexed to Douglas. These men and women for the most part live near the line or in and about Springfield.

At a recent election bonds were voted to build a fine modern court house at Papillion and it was generally understood that the new structure would be built on or in the immediate vicinity of the one to be torn down.

Editor Miller of the Papillion Times had a lot he offered to the commissioners and the "Advisory Committee" for the amazing sum of \$7,000, while another party had offered to transfer a lot adjoining the present site for the nominal fee of one dollar.

After several weeks of wrangling four of the commissioners took the bull by the horns, opened a star chamber session and bought the lot offered by the Papillion Editor, which the citizens of Sarpy county will dig down in their overalls for to the tune of \$6,999 more than if they would have bought the "free lot."

Just how much graft money they got, if any, will remain a mystery at least until it is too late to remedy the matter but if the editor of the Springfield Monitor, whose name, by the way, is also Miller, has anything to say, the guys that got theirs will regret the day they took the dough, or will be able to show the people that the transaction was on the square

which looks dubious to an outsider.

The county commissioners and the advisory committee had been trying for weeks to select a site for the new court house but all attempts resulted in failure. The "solid four," consisting of Commissioners Mart Connor, J. A. Freeman, Advisory Committee-men J. M. Gates and Father Moran would vote for no other site than the Miller property, while Commissioner Adam Gramlich, Advisory Committee-men I. D. Clarke, John Hughes and R. B. Harberg voted for nearly every other site proposed, which of course, made a tie vote.

On December 23rd when the county board and committee met again it was the same old story, the "solid four" would consider nothing but the Miller site. Then a resolution was sprung by Committeeman Gates to do away with the advisory committee and let the county commissioners select the site, but on meeting with objections it was withdrawn by Gates and the same resolution was offered by Commissioner Connor and seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Another tie vote resulted.

Commissioner Connor then deliberately walked out of the district court room where the meeting was being held, went to the county commissioners' room where he was joined by the other two members, another session started when Connor and Freeman virtually kicked out the advisory committee and selected the Miller site for the court house, thus wrecking the building before started.

At the best it looks like a rotten deal and they say over at Springfield that an architect has had his bread, buttered on the right side by those who hope to profit by the transaction.

So far as the court house itself is concerned, it will be built some day and when finished may not cost over a hundred thousand dollars more than originally planned. Sarpy doesn't seem to b much better off than Douglas in the selection of its county commissioners.



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HIGH SPOTS IN WEEKS NEWS DEATH OF JOS. H. MILLARD

The death and funeral of former Senator Joseph H. Millard marked the passing of one of Omaha's real "Grand Old Men." But few men have contributed so much to the financial welfare of the city as did this prominent banker and man of affairs. His death and the retirement of Gordon W. Wattles leaves a void in banking circles that will be hard to fill.

The Senator was a dignified old gentleman who was mentally active right up to the moment of his passing away. Many prominent officials including Mayor Dahlman, attended the funeral services which was conducted by the Reverend Jenks.

Thorne A. Browne of the Nebraska State Railway commission, and U. G. Powell, valuation expert of the Street Railway company were saying nice things about what one thought of the other's figures on physical valuation of the local company. Both had their own method of computation which were at considerable variance.

The people in general are of the opinion that the Street Car company figures will be found not far from the mark when all the evidence has been produced at the hearings now going on at the City Hall.

Mrs. Tom Dennison, who was stricken a week ago Thursday, with a paralytic stroke while at her home in Florence Boulevard, is still in quite serious condition. Mrs. Dennison was removed to Lord Lister hospital, where she received hundreds of beautiful floral gifts from her friends and those of her husband who is constantly at her bedside.

"Kid" Wedge is again in the lime-light, this time for being refused a degree at Harvard after bumming his way all across the country to get it. The "Kid" used to come up to the Mediator office and tell his troubles as well as explaining his prowess in the roped arena. He quit fighting for preaching, then went to teaching. Now he is mad enough to fight again.

SIXTEENTH ST. MECCA FOR GILDED BIRDS

Run Wild While Police Are Busy With Bootleggers

GIRLS WILL TAKE ON ALL COMERS

Old East Side Resorts Take Back Seat for Younger Generation, Who Flaunt Their Wares Under the Bright Lights of the Leading Thoroughfares.

That crime moves in circles as well as cycles is evident from the way the police of Omaha have had to deal with the near and real criminals during the past two months.

Just now street walkers are claiming the attention not only of the police but all the men and boys from whom the painted fairies are able to attract attention. Whether the girls all run out of dough at the same time or have formed a union to go on strike for more "work" is not known, but the fact is there has been more open soliciting during the past two weeks than since the palmy days of the Ringer administration when women of the street plied their trade in such an active manner and received such high remuneration for their activities that many of them were able to retire before the former city officials had to give up their jobs.

Out on Spruce street there is a rather widely known sporting house run by colored folks, but patronized largely by white, that has been run very carefully and under cover until the recent past when the proprietors seemed to have forgotten their caution and it is not a hard matter to get whatever you want, whether it be a girl for the night, a stiff card game or a drink of fairly decent hooch.

North Sixteenth street, which has always had the reputation as the busiest street walkers' thoroughfare in the city, is just now playing second fiddle to the southern end of that same dignified and busy mart. Several swell and rather young dames burn up the sidewalks between Harney and Leavenworth in their mad race for business. One of them has to use an adding machine to keep track of her trips and let it be known she seldom tracks back without a

little fish safely stowed.

Over on Capitol avenue the dark birds, as well as a few white ones are flying about as they always have, confining themselves to their homes for the most part rather than using the streets.

The old standbys, such as those on Cass, California, Seventeenth and Nineteenth streets, all still retain their friends and gain a few new ones at times. They have learned to watch their step more carefully.

The police force is too small to handle all sorts of crime that bob up every day, especially the morals squads who are just now making a mighty effort to reduce bootlegging to a minimum and seem to be doing very well except for the fact that when one still "dies" another is sure to be "born" and the stream flows on in spite of everything the officers are able to do.

The biggest scare of the week came when Sergeant Frank Williams let it be known that foreigners caught making booze would be brought up for deportation. Italians do most of the hooch distilling here in Omaha and they are not a bit keen about being deported especially at this time. A few of the real well to do may not object so strenuously, especially if they have never become Americanized, but the younger element wants to stay right here in God's country and will hesitate before re-entering the business if they have once been caught in the act of making the prohibited firewater.

There has been a decided falling off in serious holdups the past few weeks and but few "big jobs" of any kind have been reported. Most of the big crooks are laying low and giving the town a wide berth as the police are on their toes as soon as they light.

HAYNES ATTEMPTS TO SHOW PROHIBITION A SUCCESS

Says He Knows Just How Many Are Drinking Today—How Many Have Quit—But Doesn't Know How Many Hairs On a Man's Head.

Figures won't lie unless you want them to, and most people want them to if it will further their own cause. Commissioner Haynes of Prohibition Enforcement fame, recently gave out statistics to prove that prohibition was being enforced. It is to laugh. He tells exactly how many people are now drinking and the number that formerly took a drink, gives exact figures, mind you, which disproves his own argument.

He cites twelve points which he says is proof positive that the law is alive and being enforced. Here they are:

"Disappearance of the open sale.

"Abatement of the open drinking in public dining rooms.

"Passing of the treating evil, which was recognized as the greatest contributing agency in the development of a liquor appetite.

"Closing of whisky cure and similar institutions.

"Increased savings accounts.

"Record breaking Christmas business.

"Decreased drunkenness.

"Prohibitive prices of 'bonded' liquors for beverage use.

"Dangerous character of illicit whisky.

"Wail of howling minority who would go to the length of undermining the constitution to nullify an amendment which their action demonstrates is in actual effect.

"Changed attitude of former hostile statesmen, political leaders and the press."

Mr. Haynes declared that the prohibition amendment was being enforced to an even greater extent than had been anticipated, and that predictions of opponents had not been borne out by actualities.

"The chief cause of non-enforcement," he said, "was the appointment of wet officials and smuggling. This is being corrected by the appointment of officials who are in sympathy with the law, and by serving notice on our neighboring countries that their flags are being used to protect smugglers."

He declared enforcement would henceforth be a much easier undertaking for various reasons, including the attitude of the public, curtailing of sources of supply, closer co-operation of all enforcement agencies and the "poisonous, death-dealing character of illicit liquor now on the market."

Arrests for drunkenness, he declared, have decreased 60 per cent, liquor withdrawals have been reduced 50 per cent, while last year's importation of liquor was one-half of 1 per cent of the total consumption of liquor in America the year before prohibition.

Seizure of liquor, he stated, were 990,000 gallons of distilled spirits and wine, while the estimated value of property seized during the past year was \$12,907,000. The miscellaneous property seized consisted of 600 automobiles, 40 boats, 26 wagons and carriages, 45 horses and mules, one airplane.

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CONGRESSMAN JEFFRIES THROWS LID IN POLITICAL RING

Others May Follow Suit Later; Believe R. B. Howell Eliminated—Judge Ben B. Baker Pretty Sure to Capture Republican Nomination for Congress.

With the election ten months away, the political atmosphere has already begun to clear with the definite announcement of Congressman Jeffries that he will be a candidate for United States Senator.

While the announcement was not unlooked for, still it came as somewhat of a shock to Senator Hitchcock who thought he would have some easy mark like R. B. Howell to fight it out with and while the water works chief may be a candidate it is ten to one that he will get nowhere, now that the second district congressman has entered the ring.

Jeffries has been popular as a congressman and has made good in Washington, therefore it is predicted he will have little trouble in receiving the republican nomination. If he does Nebraska voters are in for one of the hottest political fights in the history of the state, as his opponent, Senator Hitchcock stands ace high in his own party and has many friends and followers in the ranks of the G. O. P.

An inspired story came out of Washington recently, to the effect that Water Commissioner Howell has been highly recommended to President Harding for Postmaster General which is soon to be vacated by Will Hays, who will take up the duties of

trying to look wise while drawing down a hundred a fifty thousand dollars a year as head of the moving picture trust. Howell might possibly make good as Secretary of the Navy as he has sailed around considerable in Missouri river water since he has been water commissioner. His chances are very slim as far as the postmaster generalship go. If he should get the appointment, Omaha and Nebraska may possibly creep along some way without him.

With Jeffries aiming to fish in the senatorial pond the way is all but clear for Judge Ben B. Baker in the congressional field. The Judge is not only the most prominent but the best liked republican in this district with the possible exception of the present congressman and should have little trouble in marching through to the nomination and election.

The battle will be as interesting as it will no doubt be bitter and the matter is not helped any by both aspirants coming from Douglas county. It will require the best efforts of both men to stir up any great interest south of the Platte unless some one from that neck of the woods should butt into the game which hardly seems probable at this time, still At

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Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

The Queen of Sheba drove her flaming chariot about town in a manner that befitted a regular queen, but the queen business was getting on the bum in the village so she went back to work in the barber shop after two days out.

Katherine Warner was getting tired of living in the suburbs so she moved down town and took a rather fashionable but unpopular apartment at Twelfth and Dodge. Kate said revenue stamps were fine things to have sticking around—at times.

Eva Hall, who was living on South Twentieth street, told the Judge that she had to defend her petticoats with a gun while being raided but Hizzonor couldn't swallow the story and based his fine on the material evidence at hand.

Frank Finney, who was just as funny as he was finney, told Gayety audiences that he was always a good boy when he came to Omaha in order not to be written up in The Mediator. Frank could have taken us over to Council Bluffs and have acted up all he wanted to. Hope he remembers that fifty-one years from now.

Mrs. Bert Adair, South Twentieth street, seemed to be doing fairly well in spite of reports to the contrary. Prominent South Side gentlemen as well as some of our home talent, were heard to say "Wattaeall"

Vick Lundeen, who had joined forces with Mr. Griffith, had established a

flourishing business at Bert Perigue's old stand on Sixteenth and Cuming strasse and was feeding the multitudes with his famous roast beef, and it wasn't bull he was feeding them either.

Jimmie McAndrews, a good Indian over at the Base Ball Headquarters and official fight announcer, was unable to wait on the trade as it took all his time trying to convince the boys the errors of their ways in putting up wooden nickles on the wrong men at the Labor Temple fight.

Chemical works of various kinds were leading all local industries in value of their product and ability to dispose of their wares. Turning out gin and grenadines were specialties of more than one "alcohol mill."

Burglar's Brick Starts an Alarm

Minneapolis.—A thief, who might qualify for the Olympic team as discus thrower or shot putter, hurled a brick with such force at the George A. Pierce shoe store that it not only shattered three plate glass windows but folled his own operations. The brick broke two windows of the shoe store and then caromed through a window of William E. Ecker's fur plant. The last window was wired so that as it broke a burglar alarm was set ringing.

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PROSPERITY ON THE WAY BACK

The state bankers, holding an important meeting at a local hotel, are to a man convinced that prosperity, not as we have known prosperity in a war-time sense, but substantial, normal prosperity, is at the threshold and will be upon us within a few weeks or months at the best. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the very bottom had been reached and that from now on the trend toward prosperity was sure and certain.

Western railroads, including the Union Pacific, must feel as do the bankers, for only this week they placed orders for rolling stock and other equipment which will run into the millions and railroads are not in the habit of placing large advance orders unless they feel confident that the immediate future holds for them a volume of business that justifies so large an outlay.

In the east mills are getting ready to open on full scale schedule. This refers especially to the steel mills, while certain knitting and woolen mills are actually making plans to increase their facilities for a still greater output than now is possible.

Money is getting easier, farmers have confidence that their products will be sold to much better advantage this year than in the recent past. Business men are now in the markets buying for Spring on a scale that proves conclusively that they are not afraid of the future.

All this country needs now to insure unbounded prosperity is for everybody to talk it, put the agitators and those that won't work on the rock pile, an early Spring and we are off on another "Prosperity Special."

WHAT KIND OF A SENATOR?

No sooner had Congressman A. W. Jeffries filed with the secretary of state as a candidate for the United States, than a certain bunch of extreme dry bags, headed in fact by Charley Bryan but led by one F. A. High, declared their intention of placing a third man in the field that will run on the exclusive issue of prohibition.

This bunch of powder puffs from Lincoln, knowing that Hitchcock will be the Democratic candidate, think they see where the wets have it figured out that they win no matter whether Jeffries is elected or the present Senator retains his seat. It was thought that the wet and dry issue had been settled from a political standpoint when the Eighteenth amendment became effective, but it seems only to have aggravated the question.

It may be a good thing for the wets to have a dry candidate in the field if for no other purpose than to see and compare the strength of the two liberal-minded candidates as against a straight-laced prohibitionist. Many well informed men are of the opinion that a majority of voters are now ready and willing to take a liberal stand on this issue and want to vote for a candidate who will vote the candid will of the people.

Possibly Frank High, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of Nebraska, has his weather eye on the big political plum. If so, he would be as good as anyone else for the people to butcher when they go to the polls.

SLOWLY RECOVERING

The Editor, Edwin L. Huntley, who was stricken early in October, finds his progress to complete recovery slower than at first anticipated. Each week shows some slight improvement

but it may be early spring before he will have completely recovered.

Land of the Orris Root.
Orris root, which is used as a basis of many perfumes, is obtained only around Florence and in the neighborhood of Verona.

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The columns of the Mediator are open for expression of opinion on any of the subjects enumerated below. Communications must be accompanied by name and address of writer. Capital and labor are equally invited to respond to this invitation. Send communications to 522 Brown Block.

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DIRECTS MOB AT OWN LYNCHING

Texas Cripple Pronounced by Lynchers Gamest Man They Ever Heard Of.

"LET'S DO IT RIGHT"

His Last Words Were "No Use to Argue With a Mob, Buddy, They Hold Aces and I Hold Deuces"—Objects to Shooting.

Waco, Tex.—"Curly" Hackney, thirty, white, arrested for attacking an eight-year-old girl, was taken from jail here by a mob of 300 and hanged.

Hackney was crippled in the right leg from a recent gunshot wound. He was utterly imperturbed. His last words were: "No use to argue with a mob, Buddy; they hold aces and I hold deuces. I'll say only one thing—they're making it out worse than it really was."

Hackney arrived at the scene of the hanging in the first car, which was followed by 50 others. Hackney coolly leaned against the side of the car and smoked a cigarette. A shout was put up immediately for a rope.

A voice cried: "Hang him with some skid chains!"

"Aw, get a rope," replied Hackney. "Do it up right."

The sound was then heard of some one tearing up a heavy cloth preparing a crude rope. Hackney, hearing it, said:

"Well, boys, there is one consolation, anyway, I'll get to shake hands with several of you in hell. I did it and I guess I'll pay."

The rope was placed about his neck. He was asked if he wished to make a statement.

Objects to Shooting.

"I would like one thing fellows. If there is a six-shooter in the crowd please don't use it on my body. Here, tie my hands behind me so that I won't fight the rope. May God bless you all."

He was then led limping along behind several of the leaders to a tree. While the rope was being drawn up, Hackney said:

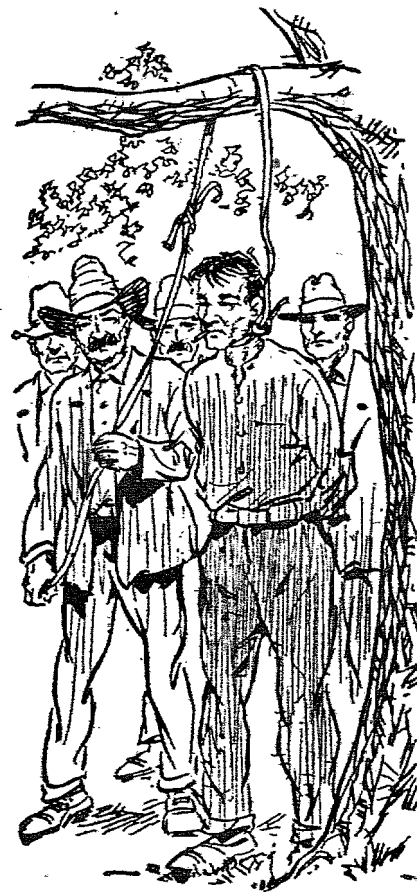
"Here, boys, let's do the thing right; put the jolly old noose under my left ear."

This was done, and one of the bystanders remarked to him:

"You certainly are the gamest condemned man I ever heard of."

"Sure I am," replied Hackney. "There never was a gamer sicker than I. I'm not afraid to die. I've faced it before too many times."

He was then placed on a high gate and with several men pulling on the



"Let's Do the Thing Right"

rope he was swung off his feet. As the crowd turned to leave, some one fired a shot at the body hanging in the moonlight and instantly a fusillade was fired. The body was riddled. Hackney's home was in Atlanta, Ga.

WABBLY CHICKS POINT STILL

Staggering Birds Cause Suspicion and Dry Agents Investigate Chicken Ranch.

Columbus, O.—That Miles Dague's chickens staggered when they should have strutted, flopped when they should have flown, and giggled when they ordinarily cackle, are claims made by neighbors, who also detected the smell of alcohol.

When federal officers, upon solicitation of neighbors, visited Dague's place, they found a still and some mash.

"That isn't for making whisky," said Dague. "I've found that my hens will lay two or more eggs a day when I feed them that kind of mash."

The federal officials, however, decided that Dague should account in the federal court for the situation.

Haynes Attempts to Show Prohibition Is a Success

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plane, five motorcycles, \$7,500 in cash, ten tracts of land and seven stocks of merchandise.

Here's the Figures.

Under court proceedings, Mr. Haynes said, there were 30,000 federal indictments, 17,000 pleas of guilty, 21,000 convictions, and 950 acquittals. Approximately \$3,000,000 was collected by prohibition bureau, he added, while the total of assessments was estimated at \$57,500,000.

Upwards of 300 brewers have been investigated and charged with violation, he declared, while some public officials have been indicted and some have gone to jail.

"In fifty-nine cities, with a population of 20,000,000, including New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia, official and estimated figures show a decrease in arrests for drunkenness from 816,842 in 1917, to 107,768, notwithstanding bad booze, temporary individual hard drinking and a zeal to 'jug' all intoxicated men."

Mr. Haynes estimated that 175,500,000 drinkers have quit liquor.

"From various sources it is estimated," he said, "there were 20,000,000 drinkers in the United States before the country went dry. Of this number there are 1,500,000 who drink occasionally now, and another 1,000,000 of old drinkers who imbibe whenever they can get it."

A CORRECTION

In our issue of two weeks ago we had a little story concerning the Clairmont Inn which we published on outside information. Since that time through personal investigation and by interviews with several prominent and reliable business and professional men who with their wives and families have lived at the Clairmont for months we find that the place had been misrepresented. The facts in the matter are that the proprietress uses extraordinary care in renting her rooms only to responsible people and if any booze is drank or sold there it is without her knowledge.

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Jeffries Throws Lid in Ring

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torney General Davis or former Congressman Sloan, both South Platters, may get in the game before the convention.

What most troubles the democrats just now is the possibility of the third

party becoming a real sure enough live wire organization with a full set of candidates and a following that would kill all chances for democratic success. Another thing that don't listen good is the way "Brother Charley" stands on his hind legs every time the name Hitchcock is mentioned or a reasonably liberal platform suggested.

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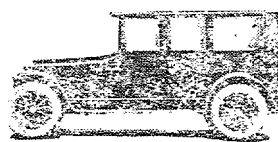
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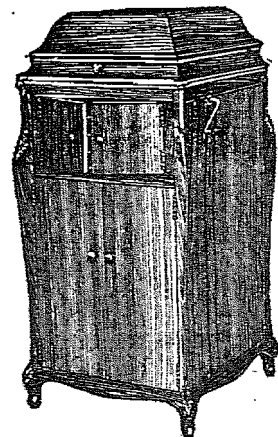
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HANSON WILL MEET MCGILL

Winner-Take All Match Will Revive Interest in the Old Mat Game.

At last Charley Hanson and Pat McGill have been matched for a finish wrestling contest, winner take all. This is the best bit of sport news local fans have been fed for a long time. "After a long and bitter debate Gene Melady finally agreed to the terms demanded by Elwood which insures a revival of genuine interest in the old mat game which had fallen from grace because of the many frame ups and shady financial transactions. Bernie Boyle, popular promoter and matchmaker for the World War veterans got together with Elwood and Melady and closed the deal for the match with an offer of sixty per cent of the gate, winner take all.

It is probable that the match will take place on February 13th, which will be a lucky date for the one that wins. The chances are that two popular boxers will do the curtain raising act.

MOTHER'S FAITH REWARDED

Son Returning After She Had Kept Light Going for Ten Years.

Asbury Park. — The unwavering faith of a mother that her boy would return after an absence of ten years, exemplified by a lighted lamp that she has kept constantly in her window since his disappearance, has been rewarded. A telegram was sent to Bernard Harvey, living near Los Angeles, Cal., bidding him to hurry East that he may spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harvey of Oakhurst, near here.

The telegram follows the receipt of a letter, the first word received since the lad ran away to sea ten years ago.

WOMAN IS ATTACKED BY CAT

Widow of Connecticut Eye Specialist Fights Animal With Pair of Tongues.

South Norwalk, Conn.—Mrs. James A. Meek, widow of Dr. James A. Meek, New York specialist, was attacked by her pet cat here and had to fight the animal with a pair of metal tongs. She is under medical care, while the cat is under observation. Mrs. Meek's legs,

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arms and face were bitten and torn by the cat, which seemed to become frenzied suddenly while playing with a catnip ball.

Three Rats Trapped by Wire-Leg Chair

Danville, Va.—A chair at a local soda fountain has caught three rats within the past month and the seat of the trap is being baited nightly. The chair is made of heavy iron wire, and the rats, in descending one of the legs have in every instance wedged a hind foot and have been found the following morning dangling by one leg.

Fine Firemen for Giving False Alarms.

Dunmore, Pa.—Seven members of the fire department have been fined \$10 for turning in false alarms. They collected 60 cents an hour for responding to them, it was charged.

HER FACE TORTURES SLAYER

Murdered Girl's Image Forced Man to Confess Choking Her and Throwing Her in Pool.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Declaring his soul was tortured by a vision of a "face which is with me night and day," George Christman, a prisoner here, has confessed to officers that he murdered Leona Mayfield of New York city August 11.

Christman strangled the girl with a necktie while they were riding in an automobile with an ex-convict, according to his story. The two men threw her body into a pool when they saw she was dead, he said.

New York city police report that the body of a woman had been found in the pool Christman mentioned. Christman is being held for a violation of the state motor vehicle law. He will be sent to New York city if his story is confirmed.

Always Obliging. Jud Tunkins says he's perfectly willing to be wrong sometimes, for the sake of not spoiling an "interestin' argument."

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C. O. Soon Shortens Sentence. Private Binks was incorrigible. His disposition had always been too merry and carefree to suit the commanding officer, but when he entered the post command whistling, it was altogether too much. "Binks," said the captain sternly, "you seem to like to whistle. I give you your chance. Stand there in the corner and whistle for one hour." Private Binks swung into the strains of "The Star-Spangled Banner." "Your sentence is mitigated to five minutes," said the captain, rising yearly to attention.—American Legion Weekly.

Effect of Habit on Some People. A West Dallas widow says that the only reason why she would ever take another husband is because it is so hard to stop marrying when once begun.—Dallas News.

Grain's Many Names. Corn is a term often used for the important cereal crop of a given region; thus in England corn usually means wheat; in Scotland, oats; in Ireland, barley, while in this country it means maize.

Chinese Deeds and Leases. It is reported that Chinese property deeds or leases often have 100 signatures. The reason is that land is often owned by syndicates and agreements must be signed by every member of an organization.

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Billy Watson, the producer and manager of Billy Watson and his "Big Show" with Clarence Wilbur and Andy Smith which is scheduled to appear at the popular Gayety Theatre twice daily next week, has succeeded in getting together a show with one of the best casts in the realm of modern burlesque.

A new two-act musical comedy at the Cafe Chantant, showing the famous blue room at Monte Carlo, and the Chantilly race track near Paris, has been provided which give the famous comedian, Billy Watson, ample scope to display his versatility and talent.

This new production has been built along entirely new and original lines and is destined to win a lasting place in modern burlesque amusement as well as make a lasting impression in the minds of burlesque lovers, because of the fact that it contains everything that is new, bright and up-to-date that comes under the head of novelties and sensations.

The production in its entirety represents a large investment; the costumes, scenery and electrical investiture in themselves being on a par with those seen with the highest class of musical productions.

The book, written by Billy Watson, is replete with comedy situations, witty dialogue and teems with a chorus of twenty charming little girls, each one who can really sing and dance. The splendid cast in addition to Billy Watson, is composed of several of the most prominent and capable artists of the vaudeville and burlesque stage today. Clarence Wilbur, Andy Smith, Beatrice Harlowe, Morette Sisters and the celebrated Carnival Trio.

As an added feature Mr. Watson has engaged for this coming week only at the Gayety Theatre the Morette Sisters, an unusual musical act. Don't fail to see the furor of burlesque this season, the "Bashful Venus."

Sunday's matinee begins at 3:00.

ORPHEUM OFFERINGS

Julian Eltinge, America's foremost delineator of feminine characters, is coming to the Orpheum. His engagement is for the week starting January 22.

The stage career of this star began in vaudeville. Afterward he became widely known and extremely popular in musical comedy and in photoplays. As a screen favorite his pictures went everywhere.

Having established himself as a film star, he next started on a tour of the world. His travels took him to Japan, China, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, London and home.

His present return to vaudeville from which he started, is welcomed as a special event over the Orpheum circuit.

It is commonly conceded that his female portrayals are the most finished and graceful that any impersonator has ever given to the stage.

"Profiteering in Fun" is the title of the laughable skit to be offered as the featured act by Russ Brown and Connie O'Donnell. They are a pair of comedians who score unfailingly. The act has won high praise all over the vaudeville circuit.

Arthur Stone and Marion Hayes are to present the amusing sketch, "Green Goods," as the other featured offering.

William Ebs is to present vaudeville's newest offering. He is a ventriloquist of a very unusual type.

A song cycle with trimmings is to be presented by Mattylee Lippard, with Eddie Fitzgerald at the piano. She is one of the most talented and most attractive vocalists on the vaudeville stage.

Ben Beyer is to contribute an act described as a cycle of mirth. He is well known to the vaudeville stage as a wheelman and comedian.

A specialty unique and effective is to be contributed by Raymond Wilbert. An unusual fellow is he and his act is a decided novelty.

Once again the cartoon comic, Aesop's Fables, will be a screen feature. Topics of the Day and the Pathe Weekly will also be shown.

EMPRESS THEATRE

A picture with a vital, pulsating story, with an insight into one of the great factors of the present day is found in "Enchantment" a Cosmopolitan production starring Marion Davies, which will open at the Empress theater next Sunday. Miss Davies shows us the real modern "flapper," that product of present day civilization. She is spoiled, but she has ideas of her own and knows how to carry them out. Men are much attached to her. They beseege her with invitations to dinners and dances, and her parents decide she must be "tamed." The story tells how this doctrine was

DUNN IN CHARGE OF THE MORALS SQUAD

Frank Williams Will Have Charge of Reorganized Squad—All Policemen Back on Old Beats—Eight-Hour Shift Again.

Commissioner Henry Dunn took direct charge of the morals squad Wednesday, which has been under the charge of Chief of Police Dempsey until the change was made.

Frank Murphy, head of the squad, has been transferred to the automobile detective bureau. The Sergeant's squad has been disbanded, Harry Buford going back as patrol chauffeur, Frank Killian becomes a detective while John McDonald will walk a beat.

Police Sergeant Frank Williams will have immediate charge of the reorganized morals squad. Williams has made an enviable reputation during the past two months and is looked upon as one of the best men in the service. Albert Nelson and Fred Kruger are the new men to be associated with Williams' crew.

Walter Lickert, the "boy" policeman, who showed the stuff he was made out of recently in a gun fight, has been given a berth in the automobile detective bureau.

All policemen went back on their regular beats and resume the eight hour shift. Chief Dempsey felt justified in making the move as the backbone of the strike seems to have been broken and it was on the South side that all available police have been stationed during the strike.

In the meanwhile patrolmen Archie Morris and G. W. Campbell had their badges taken away from them after Commissioner Dunn had heard the story of Mrs. Mabel Hanford and Lucille Welch who charged them with forcing the complainants to entertain them and pay for police protection.

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Supporting Miss Davies are Forrest Stanley, leading man; Edith Shayne, Tom Lewis, Arthur Rankin and Corinne Baker. It was directed by Robert G. Vignola, from the story, "Manhandling Ethel" by Frank R. Adams.

DOG FOOLS SAFE ROBBERS

Barks Alarm and Post Office Money Is Saved in Michigan Village.

Toledo, O.—A dog belonging to Burt Dutcher, postmaster of Lulu, Mich., a village 17 miles northwest of Toledo, barked the alarm that prevented young men from escaping with the post office safe containing \$800 in postal receipts, according to Postmaster Dutcher, who asked Toledo police to be on the lookout for the robbers.

The band of crooks used three automobiles in the attempted robbery and had loaded the safe into one of the cars. The car carrying the safe had traveled only a short distance when several shots were fired at the men by persons who had been aroused by the dog.

The robbers dropped the safe into a ditch by the roadside and escaped in the direction of Toledo. The safe had not been opened.

HOLDS OWN COFFIN 20 YEARS

Aged Wisconsin Man Waits So Long to Die That Casket Has to Be Repaired.

Stevens Point, Wis.—John Sobisz of the town of Sharon attended the funeral of a sister here this week, and to friends he let it be known that 20 years ago he had constructed his own coffin, when he thought he was about to die.

He has the coffin yet, though he says he recently had to repair it because of damage done by worms, rats and mice.

Sobisz is ninety-eight years old, and said he does not now expect to use the coffin until he has passed his century mark.

Rose Leaves Again.

Rose bowls are no longer old fashioned, but modern, comes the word from New York. The idea of keeping rose leaves has been revived and Chinese pattern bowls are becoming very popular.

STEALS TO GET INTO JAIL

Twice Refused Lodging, Man Takes Pencils and Asks Arrest in Goshen, N. Y.

Goshen, N. Y.—J. H. Guy, a prisoner in the Orange county jail, stole two pencils, according to the authorities, to get into custody after he had been refused lodging at two jails. Guy was out of work and needed food and rest. Guy asked Policeman David Clark for a night's lodging in the Goshen jail. Refused, he went to the Orange county jail, only to be turned down again. The authorities allege he left, saying he would force them to care for him, went to Conklin's coal office, forced an entrance, and violated the law technically by taking only two pencils.

Then, seeking a policeman, Guy said he had broken the law, and demanded he be arrested. He was held for the grand jury.

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Los Angeles, Cal.—Now comes the rear sight automobile mirror as the latest vehicle for flirtation. Mrs. Hattie Webb of Los Angeles introduced the mirrors in her testimony when she sought a divorce, alleging that Mrs. Babe Eberlee always sat in the back seat of her husband's automobile and flirted with Mr. Webb. The husband did not contest the case and Mrs. Webb was granted a divorce and the custody of the two children.

Corn Shredder Severs Man's Hands. Lewistown, Pa.—Cecil Richardson lost both hands when he attempted to free one hand that had been caught in a corn shredder which he was operating on his father's farm. Richardson was wearing gloves, and these held his hands after they had been caught in the cogs.

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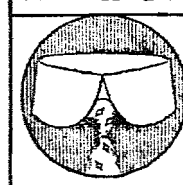
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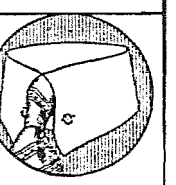
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