

New Year's Eve Wetter Than Ever

UNITT'S TRIAL SURE TO CAUSE SENSATION

Charwoman Claims Commissioner Got
Much to Gay

WOMAN CLAIMS SHE WAS BEAT UP

Mrs. Jankowski Claims Unitt Began to Make Passionate Love
After She Had Been on the Job a Week—Woman Worked
to Support Wounded Soldier Husband

The thirty thousand dollar damage suit filed on November 5 by Mrs. Anton Jankowski against Charles Unitt will come up for trial soon. The case will attract widespread attention because of the prominence of the defendant, who is chairman of the board of County Commissioners and a man that cut considerable ice for a short time in Woodmen of the World circles as a "Revolutionist," who got nowhere in particular in his fight against some of the officers of this world famous fraternal organization with headquarters in this city.

The petition has three counts, which if true shows Charley is neither too old to enjoy the extreme friendliness and close association of the fairer sex but is not above striking and beating a woman if his advances are not met and complied with. On the other hand if the charges are not true Unitt is entitled to entire freedom from the stigma the case has brought upon him.

The first count alleges that on or about July 25 of 1921 she was attacked by Commissioner Unitt while the second count relates that on or about August 18th Mr. Unitt repeated his advances and struck and beat her. The third and last count alleges an offense similar in character to the first. The date being given as on or about the September 29.

Mrs. Jankowski went to work in the Court House along about the middle of July and was employed as charwoman until some time in October.

She went to work at five o'clock in the evening and was usually through a little before midnight. She alleges that hardly had she taken up her duties when Commissioner Unitt began to frequent his office, coming in about 8:30 and sticking around until she had finished her night's work.

In her petition she alleges that after a week of these evening visits that Charley began calling her sweet names and continued the endearing stuff for more than a week. Mrs. Jankowski further alleges that on two occasions the Commissioner dragged her around the rooms of the county board.

Mrs. Jankowski is the wife of an ex-soldier of the late war who was wounded and because of his physical condition is unable to work, so it fell to the lot of this south side woman to make a living for herself and husband. It is for that reason that she applied and obtained the job as charwoman in the court-house. She is an attractive lady and is about thirty years of age.

Whether the American Legion will take any action in the matter is not known, but affairs of this kind are often investigated by them or should be, especially when when it concerns a soldier who because of wounds is unable to support his wife.

It is said that at about the time Mrs. Jankowski alleges the attack took place that Charley fitted out his office with a fine lounge which on the

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TELEPHONE CO. ASKS STATE FOR READJUSTMENT OF PHONE RATES

Most Subscribers Will Pay Less for Service Under Proposed New
Rate than Now—Single Line Users Pay Slightly More.

The application of the Northwestern Telephone Company for an adjustment of telephone rates has caused a great deal of comment by the fifty-three thousand subscribers here in Omaha and a slight storm of protest throughout Nebraska. When one understands what the company is really asking for the kicks become less and less and in most instances disappear altogether. In most instances the rates will be actually lowered if the adjustment is allowed.

People naturally object to an increase of rates of any kind during a period of readjustment such as the country is now experiencing and want to be shown if they are going to be forced to dig deeper down in their jeans to pay for any of the necessities of life or even for necessary luxuries. On the face of it the proposed new rate looks like an increase over those now in force but a study of the schedule proposed and submitted by the company will show that the rate to a great majority of local subscribers is to be actually less than that now in force.

Take the two party residence service for example, and a large majority of subscribers use this particular service, the present rate is \$3.30, instead of an increase there is an actual decrease of five cents. Likewise the proposed new rates on business phones would actually be reduced a trifle, that is, the two-party business phones. Other slight reductions are proposed on almost every kind of phone service. There is but one class of subscribers that would find their telephone rates increased and that increase is infinitesimal. This refers to the one-party residence phone, the rate of which is now \$3.85 per month. If the company is successful in getting an adjustment subscribers will pay fifteen cents more.

The telephone company at the present time is making less than four per cent on their investment of millions of

dollars in Nebraska. Time was when a profit of that size was sufficient to carry a corporation but money has been getting cheaper and cheaper in borrowing as well as buying power and great corporations must borrow and do borrow great sums of money to carry on necessary expansions and improvements.

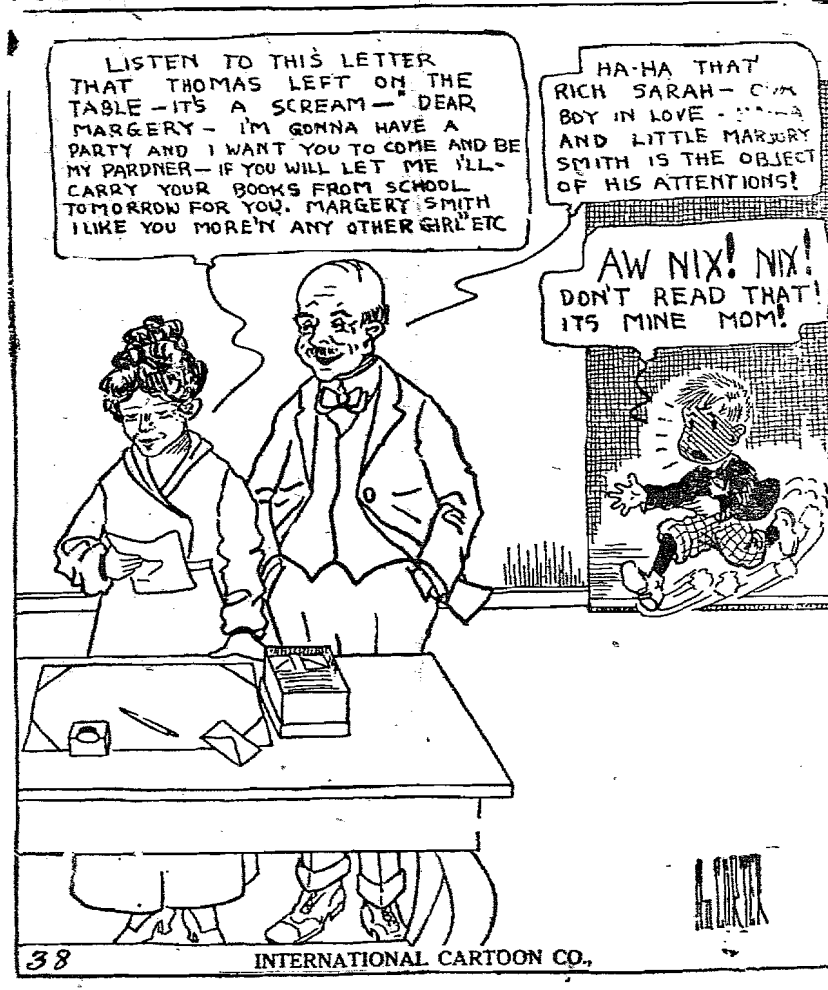
As said before, the proposed changes will result in a good many decreases in rates. For example, an individual line business telephone in Omaha now costs \$8.80 per month, while the proposed rate is \$5.50. Two-party residence service, which the majority of Omaha people use, under the proposed schedule is to be reduced from \$3.30 to \$3.25. For the general zone service which includes Omaha and the South Side and for two-party residence which includes Omaha only, the rate is now \$2.75 and no change is proposed. Two-party business service which now costs \$7.15 per month for Omaha and South Side service would, under the new schedule, reduce the rate to \$7.00 and the Omaha proper rates for this class of service would be reduced from \$6.05 to \$6.00. The proposed schedule, however, in case of individual line residence service is increased fifteen cents a month, from \$3.85 to \$4.00.

The application of the telephone company, as stated in its proposal to the Commission, was for a schedule of exchange rates that would, in its judgment, be a more equitable schedule for all concerned considering the cost of providing the different classes of service and the use made of them. In its sworn statement to the Commission in filing its application for rates the Company submitted figures to show that its present annual earnings on the money invested in this property in the state of Nebraska is only 3.98 per cent. This the company holds to be decidedly inadequate inasmuch as it is having to pay 7 per cent on

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JUST KIDS—The Old, Old Story.

By Ad Carter



HIGH SPOTS IN WEEKS NEWS G. W. WATTLES LEAVES U. S. BANK

One of the most interesting events of the past week has been the resumption of the "Fraud" trial of the Baum interests involving the estate of the late millionaire, James E. Baum. \$1,000,000 is involved. On one side are the heirs of the late iron king, one of whom is Mrs. Elizabeth Rouse, a former Ak-Sar-Ben queen, Jack Jr. and Richard Baum are other sons suing David A. Baum who they claim has gipped them out of several hundred thousand dollars of real money.

The heirs claim they signed their names to three claims totaling more than \$290,000 at the request of "Uncle Dave", the administrator, because they traced him, but claim they have found out that he has betrayed the trust they put in him and want him to prove to them in court that he was on the square and they incidentally want the court to set aside David's claim.

Jack Baum says that Uncle Dave fought shy of showing him the books which had to do with the records of several large business transactions including the liquidation of the old Bennett store stock. Jack says that he then took the books away from the old man but owing to the fact that he was not familiar with bookkeeping he could trace no errors, but when he saw that Dave had a personal claim against the estate for \$94,000 he figured that his uncle was trying to put one across and was confirmed in his

judgment when the old man refused to allow an expert accountant to go over his books. The trial is sure to bring out some sensational charges and counter charges.

Thousands of Omahans read with deep regret of the retirement of Gordon W. Wattles from active business life. On Tuesday of this week he resigned as chairman of directorates of the U. S. National Bank and Street Railway Co. Mr. Wattles expects to move soon to California where he has a beautiful home and thousands of his Omaha friends wish him a long and restful life in sunny California. John L. Kennedy is spoken of as the successor to Mr. Wattles as director of the big U. S. National.

Commissioner Koutsky, who has the interests of the working man at heart, has made an appeal for food and clothing for the poor of the south side and it is expected that his efforts will not go unrewarded. Many families of the strikers are beginning to feel the pinch which comes from the protracted strike and it is said that many of them are in actual want.

Semi-anthracite coal took a drop of a dollar and a half during the past week which was welcomed by hundreds of coal users. Another drop of about five dollars a ton would bring the black diamonds down to where they belong.

Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

Mister Miller was running a supposed to be restaurant on the west side of Sixteenth street near Leavenworth where it was said he had to serve a two-bit drink of killemequich hootch before the customers would take a chance at the eats.

The village was about as dry as the Nile Valley at flood time on New Year's eve in spite of the strenuous efforts of the enforcement officers. The wise birds took it off their hip and put it up their sleeves.

Officer Dudley, known throughout the country as America's best traffic cop, was looking to his laurels since the C. of C. put Mr. Naken on the job at Eighteenth and Douglas. N. W. had the speed boys skidding into the Strand Theatre or bumping the edges off the Brandeis building. He says it's a great life in theory.

Booze hatcheries exposed by the Mediator were not doing very well because of the unseasonable weather. At least two of them were thinking of following the clothing stores lead by putting on a half price sale. Things were going "de mal en pis," as that eminent French philosopher, Chris Jessen, used to say.

Gene Melady and J. W. Elwood had covered one thousand laps in their

long newspaper fight. Gene averred his man Hansen could knock the everlasting daylight out of anything Elwood had in stock, not to mention throwing Pat McGill on his back in ten seconds minus. Some of the local sports suggested the two get away from the sport page and wrestle it out at the big shed.

William Holst was seen about the streets in company with a big man that had brass buttons all up and down his coat. Holst had just returned from Arizona where he had been sojourning for his health. He left a fair lady, Pearl Ohlman, on the desert to look after his interests while he was telling his troubles to the Omaha court.

Judge Wappach had turned thirty souses loose after the New Year's Boozie Matinee. He said the poor boobies had received enough punishment when they had to drink "Made in Omaha" hootch. He was a just judge at that.

Chris Rockholm got in touch with Frank Williams, who was staging a little party for the benefit of Mr. Volstead. Chris let it be known that Frank, who usually gets what he goes after, was a regular bear for work. So he was.

RHORERS ORDERS HAD NO EFFECT ON THIRSTY

Clubs, Hotels and Restaurants Were
Crowded With Revelers

DANCING AND DRINKING IN ORDER

After Theatre Parties Flock to Dance Halls, Hotels and Cafes
Where They Celebrate With Firewater Same as in Old Days

The much advertised and heavily played up bone-dry New Year's for Omaha failed to materialize just as completely as United States enforcement commissioner Rohrer and certain other officers had anticipated. Advance notices that hundreds of special officers would be on the job to see that "knock 'em stiff" stuff would not be on tap at the high class hotels, dance halls, exclusive clubs as well as soft drink parlors, only had the effect of bringing out still more booze than was consumed a year ago, if such a thing were possible.

At the Fontenelle for instance scores of men and women found a way to spike their gingersale either in spite of or because of the management, and during the wee small hours of the morning men and women were seen entering their automobiles or hired taxis with the old familiar wobble, the flushed faces, the vacant stare and the boisterous hilarity which always characterized the welcoming in of the New Year in the past and will no doubt continue in the future.

Thirty-two revelers were sent to the booby hatch as a result of the celebration and when they faced Judge Wappach Tuesday morning thirty of them were discharged as their only offense was to take on a heavier load than they were able to carry, which is the way of the world especially when the globe is just coming out of a try-

ing situation and the people are hoping for better things of the time to come. All but a few of those arrested were of the class that would never think of piling on a five ton load on a one ton truck except on some such occasion as a New Year's celebration.

At the Roseland, Omaha's newest and most beautiful dancette, there were 2400 people dancing the old year out and the new year in, and it said that probably as many as 100 were without a drink, but it was hard to pick them out from the hundreds of dancers who were doing their terpsichorian bit with their heads and feet both unable to behave, which was the rule at all places here and in every other city in the world. No one was arrested there, but a few were not allowed admission, as they had taken on enough before arriving to explode an acetylene tank. The floor was so crowded with merry-makers that it was impossible for any of them to fall from the effects of too much joy unless they landed in the arms of some fair dancer who happened to be gliding by.

The Empress Gardens were alive with hundreds of revelers who while all well behaved still found an opportunity to upset the Volstead act and put a crimp in Rohrer's orders. The place was beautifully decorated, the acts engaged for the occasion being of the highest order and altogether

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SERGEANT McDONALD MADE CAPTAIN AFTER BITTER ROW

Commissioners Dunn and Butler Bitterly Denounce One Another
During Debate. Vote Stood 5 to 2. Zimman Lined Up
With Butler. Others Stand by Dunn.

Captain James McDonald from now on, if you please. At a superheated meeting of the city council Thursday the sergeant who gave battle to the desperate bandits who attempted a big "blow up" on the drug store at Fortieth and Dodge streets last week, and nearly lost his life in the effort, was promoted to a captaincy after a long debate between commissioners Butler and Dunn.

The vote stood five to two in favor of the promotion with Butler and Zimman voting no. The scrap came about when Commissioner Dunn recommended the sturdy McDonald for promotion after he had been shot in a gun duel between officers and bandits who had robbed a safe in a drug store at the same corner.

Butler charged that McDonald was not fit for the place and gave as one of the reasons, his alleged relationship with Lottie Finnigan who, Mr. Butler said, was commonly known as the wife of McDonald, and went on to say that "She is, or was, the owner of an assignation house in Omaha."

When it came Commissioner Dunn's turn to speak in favor of the promotion he sent a hot shot at Dan Butler to the effect that when he came into office he had understood that he was to have the full and cordial support of Commissioner Butler, but instead "I've met with nothing but obstruction from Mr. Butler. He has never once come to me to talk it over as a man should but instead has been running to a certain newspaper. He is just playing a game of dirty politics, that he has played since the beginning of this administration. He is running true to form. He is trying to knock Jim McDonald, who just recently faced the fires of a gang of bandits."

Mr. Butler said that Commissioner Dunn had been on the force for thirty years and should know the conditions existing in Omaha. Butler claims he will file charges against Chief Dempsey if "he does not do his duty." In this connection he said that the police chief was either being made the

goat of interested parties or was standing in with those who did not want present vice conditions changed."

To the average man who is not particularly interested in any controversy between the two commissioners it would seem that Jim McDonald is entitled to some reward for his record as an officer that has had occasion more than once to show the stuff that he is made of under trying and dangerous conditions. It takes a man of iron nerve to jump into battle with a bunch of desperate criminals and give them a dose of their own medicine, furthermore it is such officers that instill a wholesome respect for the law by certain criminals and has the effect of reducing crime and protecting the citizens from bands of desperadoes that fear a good shot and a man unafraid to shoot but who have little respect for man or God, especially if the man is unarmed or afraid to face the armed criminals.

The people of Omaha are not so much interested in an officer's private life as they are in his ability and willingness to serve the city in time of danger and most folks will admit that McDonald is no coward and every one knows that he is a man that would lead his officers in case of danger and not give orders from a safe distance.

Commissioner Dunn, who is in direct and continual contact with the police department, may be depended on to handle his own force, under direct charge of Chief Dempsey in a manner which will be approved by the public.

Commissioner Butler also has the confidence of the public at large and said public are prone to believe that the present row arises from simply a difference of opinion between the two city servants which should be and could be easily obliterated and forgotten by both parties.

McDonald is still in the hospital and may be there for weeks as a result of the wounds he received in the battle. It is even possible that he may never fully recover from the effects of the gunshot wounds.

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by Labor.

HAS PROHIBITION FAILED?

Another year has come and gone and with its going an hundred million good, bad and indifferent citizens of the United States are taking stock of the results of bone dry prohibition and asking themselves, "Does it pay?"

A large number who never come in contact with actual conditions as they affect the liquor traffic as it is now carried on or who virtually knew nothing of the regulated saloon before prohibition, except by what they read or from hearsay, are proclaiming from the hilltops that "Prohibition does pay" and go a bit further by insisting that the letter of the Volstead act is being carried out most effectively by the officers of the law.

But the millions of practical men, and women too for that matter, who come in more or less direct contact with conditions as they actually are and are therefore the better able to pronounce sound verdict are all but unanimous that it does not pay. They also know by experience that prohibition is not, has not and will not be effective in this or any other country. The reasons are patent and do not need magnifying or exaggerating.

The Mediator which has been of the opinion, and for seventeen years has fought week in and week out for its opinions, that the well regulated saloon was the most effective to combat the over indulgence of the comparatively few who in the days before prohibition abused rather than used intoxicating liquors and now feels that the country as a whole has found out the soundness of that argument.

Here in Omaha, as well as in practically every other city in the country, large or small, the citizens have found not only to their sorrow but to their utter disgust, that the bootleggers and and there are probably two thousand of them in greater Omaha, have taken the place of the saloon in so far as furnishing the thirsty ones with drink, but it is the quality of the stuff that is now peddled about from the hip, or from hundreds and hundreds of business houses, or places that so term themselves, that has made prohibition such a colossal and miserable failure. Booze is just about as plentiful today as it was ten years ago, but a large part of it is made by magicians who do a bit of legerdemain by, pouring Missouri river water on a quantity of mash at six o'clock in the evening and behold they have four-year-old whiskey the next morning. It's not a bad trick at that—for the maker—but God pity the consumer who to satisfy the natural God given right to take a drink to satisfy that part of his nature and make up that demands it, buys the stuff.

Three large countries of the globe now has, or is supposed to have, absolute prohibition: The United States, Russia and Turkey. The public in this great country, of ours know what a miserable failure it has been here up to now, so does the treasury department at Washington, so the Mediator wishes to point out a few facts as recently spoken of in an editorial in the Chicago Tribune. This

great metropolitan paper says that Russia is reported to be relaxing prohibition so that it affects only spirits, vodka, brandy, etc., and not wine and beer.

Russia got its prohibition from one sort of autocrat and continued it under another. Of the two, the autocrat Nicholas was less bloody than the autocrat Lenine. He was feeble and murderous probably only because the czaristic system was murderous in repression. Lenine is strong, but as emotionless as a machine gun.

Turkey under Abdul the Damned was dry, as Turkey has always been since its conquering rise, and Russia under Lenine the Terrible has been dry, and under them both humanity as organized nations has reached its coarsest, most ferocious, brutalized and hopeless form. Bone dry Turkey has the lowest code of morals ever known in anything called a civilization. It has debased its women, permitted them only bodies and no souls, and has slaughtered helpless subjects with an almost holy zeal.

All the time this degradation of the human emotions and instincts has proceeded without any incentive from the maddening effects of spirits and without any mellowing from the effects of wine and beer. A bone dry nation has been the least useful, the least productive, the most cruel and the most useless which ever disgraced the earth under the name of civilization.

The Turks have been in what has been esteemed the garden spot in the world, the source of civilization, of its arts and sciences, its religious and wealth. They have not tilled the soil or had an art. They have no literature and they have fashioned no metals into works, great or small. Their only instinct was to degrade and butcher, and their ideas of immortality was a disorderly house.

The Mediator and its readers may disagree as to why the Turks have been human tarantulas, but we'll agree on one thing, DRINK DID NOT DO IT. In that respect they are and have been as moral as Wayne B. Wheeler, William J. Bryan or Elmer Thomas.

Let us consider for a moment the hardest drinking asiatic race while on the subject of asiatic peoples and their morals as well as their habits. We refer to Japan, the only real competitor of America in many respects especially in commercial development.

Japan has drink. It has saki and other rice and fruit distillations. It has beer. Many Japanese may be too poor to drink, but alcohol is a part of Japanese life. They have art, ideals, literature, which do not conform to ours but which are ideals, industry which is not surpassed anywhere, devotion to duties and several religions which are tender, sympathetic and idyllic, and they have, what the Turk has not, character.

Russia, considered besotted under the rule of the czar and vodka, was relapsed from the latter by the former. Ivan then did not make his soul sodden in the vodka huts. His befogged brain which never had anything in it but a fog, perceived as clearly as it was possible for such a brain to conceive.

We do not intimate that the United States, constitutionally dry, is headed towards either Abdul the Damned or Lenine the Terrible or that Americans are falling into the pit because they are not inflaming themselves with liquor, such of them as are not. But it is fair to speculate why two of the three nations which have denied the legality of nature's long rule of fermentation are degraded and vile, worsted and outlawed and beaten down by evils within and enemies without.

The greatest intellectuals of the world are the French who from almost the beginning of time have been wine drinkers. The British, the world's greatest empire builders, would be lost without their ale and beer which they have drank since the Saxon race become a force in the world of science, art, literature and crafts.

The Unitt Trial

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face of it is nothing unusual, but coming at a time when the charges are made it looks rather queer to the casual observer who likes to put two and two together.

One thing is certain, the people of Omaha are getting tired of having county officials that break into print from some such reasons as the charges Mrs. Jankowski makes in her damage suit against Charles Unitt. The case reminds the public of another county commissioner who was sent to jail on charges which they were loath to believe until proved. Johnny Lynch paid the price which every one in time must pay for their fun.

Charley Unitt is known about town as a pretty gay old bird and in spite of his years is not blind to the charms of the fair sex. He denies all the charges brought against him by Mrs. Jankowski and will have a chance to defend himself against the charges when his trial comes up.

Unitt was a revolutionist in the Woodman of the World and done everything under the sun to get control of the state convention but his efforts to disrupt this splendid organization ended in flat failure, and he found that Sovereign Commander W. A. Frazer was one of the most popular general officers the Woodman had within its ranks and that the rank and file of the members had unbounded confidence in him and his great executive ability.

EXCELSIOR SUSPENDS

The Excelsior, one of the first periodicals to make its appearance in Omaha, hit the rocks last week and is no more. Mr. Clement Chase was the editor, and he took just pride in the appearance and quality of the paper.

An Art Few People Master.

Next to saying the right thing at the right time comes the art of keeping one's mouth shut when there is nothing to say.—Toledo Blade.

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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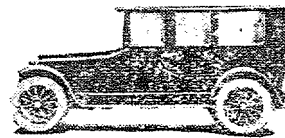
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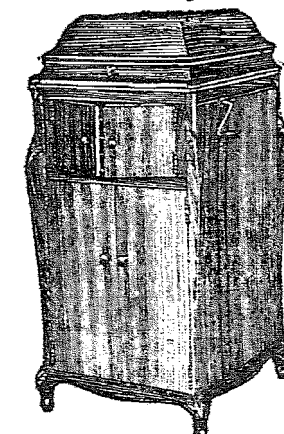
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SPORTS

Kid Schlaifer will again be seen in action, this time against the clever, hard hitting Bud Logan, on January 9. This should be a royal battle and the kid will have to travel a mile a minute to hold his own with Logan, who is a real fighter and very popular in this neck of the woods. The preliminaries are really good and the old cow barn should bulge with fight fans when the gong rings.

A few more fiascos such as was staged Tuesday night and it's good night boxing in Omaha, not because of what the state commission might do, but fighters don't like to swap punches to empty seats.

The suspending of Schmader, the two Lamsons and Kid Graves for their part in the boxing show in December was a good thing for the game. The promoters of this show worked in good faith and deserved better and more dignified conduct of the men they brought together.

The newspaper argument conducted by and between Gene Melady and J. W. Elwood was interesting and should have resulted in some definite action.

The man on the street, in general seemed to think that Elwood's offer to send his man Hansen against Cad-dock, winner take all, was not only a fair, but a good sporting proposition. The wrestling game is as dead as a sun-dried mackerel and only a match staged on Elwood's winner take all proposition would draw a worthwhile house. Better take him up, Gene.

Ignore Rohrer's Orders

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the entertainment at this popular dance palace was all that could be desired.

At the Monarch Gardens the crowds were orderly for the most part, only one man gaining admittance who had filled up on cemetery juice to such an extent that he was under the impression he had bought the place. When he became too rambunctious he was given a short ride in a Dempsey flyver and explained it all to the judge last Tuesday. The dance went on and on and while the men drained their hip pocket exhalators, they stood up under the weight like a true Falstaff, always able to keep their pins and their heads. The entertainers worked hard and put every one in good spirit.

At the Athletic Club members drank

to their heart's content. If the enforcement officers sent a man in evening dress as was promised to this exclusive club, he must have met a friend who "Old Taylored" him into being a good boy and willing to wear blinders for the night. A large number of high class entertainers were on hand but few of them could be heard above the din of the thousands of noise makers and the loud and hilarious shouts of the revelers.

A rather well known man about town who claims to have been to at least a half dozen places during the evening says that more liquor was drank at the Brandeis Restaurants than at any other place on New Year's eve. During the early stages of the party, men and women were very conservative with their drinking but as the dance progressed and the early nips began to cross the imbibers' intelligence wires, those having any wet goods left were more or less careless with the way they mixed their drinks publicly.

Soft drink parlors, barber shops, "Rooming houses," and others who varnish the guts of the dry brigade with their double distilled lightning were doing a land office business but kept the over ambitious from taking on more than enough for a good sized shark to swim in.

The theatres were of course packed to or beyond capacity, the Orpheum, Gayety and Empress all giving mid-night shows. Old Man Johnson of the Gayety provided fun and frolic for his numerous patrons and when they left for the restaurants and dancings to while away the remainder of the night, every mother's son was loud in his praise for the popular manager of Omaha's home of burlesque, the Gayety.

"Billie" Byrne of the Orpheum entertained his various vaudeville acts with a sumptuous luncheon on the stage of the theatre after the mid-night show. This has been an annual event with Mr. Byrne for years and will probably be a yearly event until Father Time has rung down the curtain on "Billie", which his patrons may expect in about the year 1985. Taken altogether the celebration was not much different than those that have preceded it under prohibition except that there was probably more booze flowing, but the quality of it was not so good as it has been on other years.

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C. O. Soon Shortens Sentence. Private Bings 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'll 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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ORPHEUM OFFERINGS

All Next Week—Corrine Tilton in "A Chameleon Revue"

With Corrine Tilton, who appears as the star of the Orpheum show next week, comes George Phelps, who is well remembered in Omaha since the days when he was identified with the stock company playing at the Boyd theatre. He portrayed juvenile roles, and often won favor for his graces as a solo dancer. Now associated with Miss Tilton, he is one of the principals in "A Chameleon Revue."

Mr. Phelps was reared in Council Bluffs. He attended Miss Fitcher's dramatic school and appeared frequently in plays given by home talent in this city.

Jim Toney and Ann Norman in "You Know What I Mean," are to contribute one of the featured acts. Another will be Mrs. Gene Hughes in "Contented Peggy."

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A concert offering is to be contributed by the violinist, Marjorie Barrack Bellevue. For five years she studied under the famous violinist, Leopold Auer, and she was one of his favorite pupils. Her performance is one of finished musicianship.

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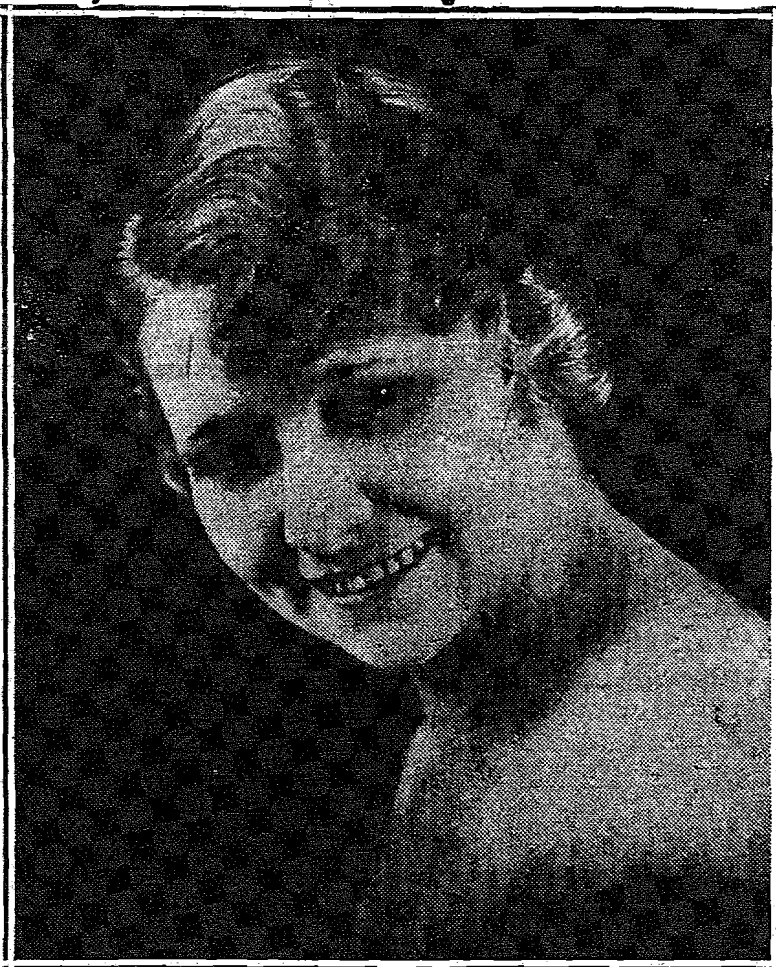
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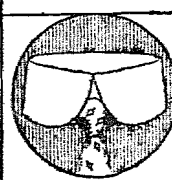
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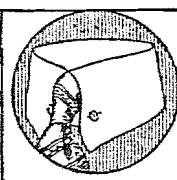
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