

# ACTIVITIES OF KLAN EXPOSED BY FORMER SECRETARY OF ORDER

## PETITION CIRCULATED FOR THE MODIFICATION OF DRY LAW

Fifty Thousand Signatures Wanted In Omaha To Constitute Majority Of 51 Per Cent

## WORK IN PROGRESS THROUGHOUT U. S.

Boller And Norman, Representatives Of American National League, In Charge Of Work In This Congressional District, Seven Hundred Men Employed In Presenting Petitions To The Voters.

At last definite action is being taken to have the Volstead Act modified. Petitions are being circulated in Omaha for signatures for presentation to Congress, to permit legal manufacture and consumption of light wines and beers. This work is being done by two men, of the Rational American League, Louis Boller and A. L. Norman. This organization is sponsoring the movement for less, and more rational laws.

Four hundred men are circulating petitions in every congressional district, with the end in view of obtaining fifty-one per cent of the voting public. Boller and Norman came here from Fort Dodge, Iowa, where in four weeks time they secured signatures of 60 percent of the voters. In the Seventh Congressional district which includes Des Moines, more than 65 percent were signed. In Dubuque 90 percent were signed, while in other localities the percentage varied from 60 to 85.

This movement is nationwide, starting from Maine, and taking in every congressional district clear to California. So far the signatures secured proves conclusively that prohibition is a failure, that the people are sick of such a farce, and they are more than ready to stand behind any unified movement to remove the Volstead Act from the statutes, as well as remedy the evils which are attendant with prohibition.

There has been enough talk about doing away with prohibition. On the streets, in elevators, offices, drawing rooms, in the house of representatives, and in the Senate, on all sides every one has been discussing the dry movement, pro and con. Now more constructive work is being done. The voters are awake to the fact that something is radically wrong, that the government is losing millions of dollars, that the American people are subjected to suppression and denied

## The International Harvester Company Aids The Farmers

Will Accept Corn In Payment For Machinery, In Belief Corn Will Go To A Dollar A Bushel Inside Of Six Months.

At last the farmer who is holding his corn crop for higher prices can realize a dollar a bushel on his crop. After conferences plans for cooperative marketing, and extended credit failed to aid the farmer and agriculture in general, the International Harvester Co. has come forward with a plan that is so comprehensive and complete that the farmer is now able to realize on his products.

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In a message to dealers on the plan, President Alexander Legge, said, "You are authorized to notify dealers that we will accept any merchantable corn in payment for purchases of International Harvester company farm implements, on the basis of No. 2 corn at one dollar per bushel, Chicago. The corn is to be delivered to the local elevator or to the cars at dealers'

stations. Delivery is to be made in May, June or July, 1926. We are to give the purchaser 30 days notice of delivery date so that he may deliver the corn without unnecessary interference with other work."

"This offer is to hold good until further notice and is to apply only on bona fide purchases made on or after this date by farmers; to cover their reasonable requirements, and is not open to speculators."

"We are making this offer in belief that the price of No. 2 corn should reach one dollar a bushel, Chicago, within the 90 day period fixed for delivery, and in the hope that his action or our part will help restore confidence in the situation. Should it go higher before delivery is called for, the farmer who has agreed to deliver corn in payment for International Harvester company farm implements shall have the option of disposing of the corn elsewhere and settling for his purchases on regular terms."

"There is a considerable variation in the relative cost of different articles of farm equipment today, as compared with previous costs, but if the farmer in the corn belt purchases the same class of implements now that he actually bought in 1925, his corn will buy more farm equipment on the basis of this offer than the same number of bushels would have bought in the five year period preceding the war."

"We call attention to the fact that the question of seed for the 1926 crop may prove even more serious than the present price question. Exhaustive tests indicate that corn of the 1925 crop does not germinate well. Unless the grower does a thorough job in selecting and testing his seed he may be confronted a year from now with a high price for corn and have little to sell."

## Danbaum Promoted To Police Inspector

Higher Rating And Higher Pay Merited Says Police Commissioner Dunn, In Recommending Promotion.

Ben Danbaum, one of the most outstanding and conspicuous figures of the police force, was promoted to the rank of Inspector of Police by an action of the city council. Danbaum has proven his mettle time and again, under the most dangerous circumstances, when the man that shot first was the winner. Not only is he a natural born detective. Many bandits are now doing time due to the skillful work of Danbaum. He has earned his right to the position, but it was doubtful or not he would get it, until the new seniority rule was passed. According to the old rules, Danbaum would have had to wait his turn.

Police Commissioner Dunn said Danbaum was responsible for the detective bureau, of which he was the captain, for twenty-four hours a day, while the other captains were responsible for their shift only eight hours a day. While his salary was \$190 a month, he will now receive \$250 per month. Danbaum's promotion was deserved, and he is to be congratulated.

At a meeting of the Interstate Commerce Commission, U. G. Powell states that passengers on the railroads are favored, and that passenger rates should be raised before the five percent increase in freight rates be granted. It seems as if further increases would mean nothing but additional profits to the railroads. If the railroads can not carry passengers at the present rates, there is something wrong. Bus lines have been operating for some time at a lower rate, and have proven very successful. Better service is given between out of the way points. And yet the railroads are trying to put these lines out of commission, because it is "hurting their business". People are watching with interest the outcome of this meeting.

## GREATER POSSIBILITIES FOR PROGRESS OF COUNTRY LIE IN DAMMING MISSOURI AND MISSISSIPPI FOR FURNISHING ELECTRICAL POWER INSTEAD OF PROMOTING NAVIGATION

One Of Society's Biggest Parties Was That Of Miss Shotwell, Held At The Orpheum And The Fontenelle—Further Surprise For Her Friends Furnished By Miss Shotwell's Elopement And Marriage To Captain Jimmy Arnold, Gallant Young Army Officer Who Is Stationed Here.

(BY GOSH)

The "swankiest" social affair ever pulled off in Omaha was the double entertainment given by Miss Margaret Shotwell upon her return from Gay Paree where she has been taking piano lessons from a celebrated maestro. The entire first floor of the Orpheum, was engaged for her invited friends to hear her play several piano numbers of the theatre program. The theatre was jammed to its capacity, and many who were not invited to the first floor reserve impudently crowded into that section of the house. The piano playing of Miss Shotwell was most artistically done, and was an evidence of her musical ability. She was applauded to the limit. On this occasion she was certainly the headliner of the bill. Following the theatre performance Miss Shotwell gave a swell party at the Fontenelle, and there again it is said uninvited persons intruded on the festivities. It is generally conceded that Miss Shotwell made the society people of Omaha sit up and take notice. She gave them something worth talking about, and they have not quit talking yet. This blowout cost several thousands of dollars, and was a big advertisement for the Reynolds tobacco company, in which Miss Shotwell is a large stockholder. It goes to prove that stock in a tobacco company is a profitable investment, especially since the women have so extensively taken to the smoking of cigarettes.

A day or two after the Orpheum Fontenelle soiree Miss Shotwell gave to Omaha another surprise. It was her elopement with a gallant army officer—Captain Jimmy Arnold—to Glenwood where they were married, and now they propose to live happily ever after.

The bride's mother was as completely surprised as she had planned for the young couple—who had been engaged for some time—a "huge military wedding" with swords and other accoutrements and trimmings incidental to the career of a soldier. The society people of Omaha no doubt sincerely share with Mrs. Shotwell in her disappointment in not being able to carry out that huge military wedding. However, even without the military ceremonial the Shotwell entertainment was some splurge, and no mistake. It will be many a day before Omaha witnesses another one like it. Meantime, Mrs. Captain Arnold is the heroine of the romance of the hour.

There's a heap of bunk in this talk

## News and Comments

Henry Ford is carrying out his plan of air transportation to the letter. He has now purchased 1400 acres of ground contiguous to the Illinois Indiana line for use as a landing field and flying terminal. Equipment and facilities will also be located on the field for the manufacture and assembling of airplanes on a wholesale scale. While one of our greatest manufacturers and financiers is constantly expending money to expand and promote aviation, our political heads insist that our national air forces are adequate, although the best plane in the service can not equal one of Henry Ford's latest products.

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## Mediator Editor Has Nervous Break Down

Doctor Prescribes Absolute Quiet At Home For An Indefinite Period. Stricken At His Office And Hurried Home And Put To Bed. Attributed To Exaltation.

Edwin L. Huntley was stricken down Monday, with an additional affliction to that from which he has been suffering for the last four and a half years at which time he was attacked with a stroke of paralysis. He left his office hurriedly last Monday and was taken home in a taxicab and has been confined to his bed since that time. Attending physicians have given rigid instruction that he stay in bed until further notice. Mr. Huntley has been a continual sufferer from his malady since he was stricken over four years ago and has hobbled around with the aid of a cane continuously ever since his trouble began, putting in only an hour or two each day at his office.

Frank J. Huntley, a brother, who has really run the business for the last four years, will continue to operate The Mediator and it is announced for him that the paper will run along as usual.

Huntley's physician attributes his present difficulty to his attempted activities following a recent libel suit filed against him and has given orders that he remain absolutely quiet.

The frequent newspaper references to President Coolidge as "Cal" is undignified, incompetent, irrelevant, immaterial and impudent. One would think that the newspaper writers who use this nickname were old college chums of the president.

Doc Tanner, is summing up the Jones-Rhinelander New York sensation, decides the case in a nutshell by saying that "any man who could have a negro for a bedfellow four years and not know what he was up against would make a dam poor bird dog."

Dean Noyes, Omaha's street commissioner, declares that cleaning the streets these days is snow joke.

During the holidays a pictorial sign just west of Heafey & Heafey's undertaking shop, on Farnam street, was underwritten with these words: What is your gift to God? About one hundred feet to the west the question was answered on a billboard: "A gift from Thompson-Belden Co. to suit your taste."

## SAM GREENLEAF ADDS NICE SUM OF MONEY TO COUNTY TREASURY

Some of the big people, and little ones too, may have thought they were pretty slick by escaping payment of taxes on their jewels by listing them lost or stolen. But Sam Greenleaf, our county assessor, has gone them one better. He has made a thorough investigation of all who have so listed their property, and has compiled a list of seven men and three women who have illegally escaped taxation. The list has been made public, and herewith is published the ten persons and the amount which they are subject to taxation:

- Mrs. D. C. Brantford, 404 South Thirtieth street, \$3,000.
  - S. E. Gillinsky, 5709 Jones street, \$12,000.
  - Mrs. Gladys Kiplinger, 505 South Thirtieth street, \$3,000.
  - John T. Yates, 212 North Fifty-fifth street, \$7,000.
  - John J. Gentleman, Thirty-sixth and Farnam street, \$5,000.
  - Harry Goldberg, 302 South Fifty-second street, \$1,000.
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## GREATEST MENACE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE EVER FACED

Un-American And Anti-American, Also Rotten To Core, Controlled By Graft And Greed

## CANNOT HOODWINK AMERICAN PUBLIC

Ku Klux Klan Incorporated To Make Their Graft Legal—One Man Getting Rich By Bulldozing Gullible Citizens Of Foreign Descent—Public Disfavor Heaped On Klan All Over The Country.

The cohorts of the Ku Klux Klan received a jolt not long ago when a Klan composed of 600 members disbanded, because "men who were self-respecting Protestants and good citizens of the United States could no longer maintain the objects of the order". The secretary of the Klan, Arthur J. Mann, described the Ku Klux Klan as the greatest national menace that ever faced the American people.

Here is an opportunity for the people to really know what kind of underhand work is going on, not only here in Omaha, but all over the country. This is inside information, given by one of the leaders of the Klan. He says, "The Klan is entirely in the hands of one man. Standardized after his type, it has become moronic. It's psychology is bad and it has become not anti-American. No American worthy of the name can longer affiliate with an organization such as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Georgia, Inc., now is, and maintain his respect."

In a letter to Bossert, vice president of the organization, Mr. Mann says, "Today under the leadership of Mr. Hiram Westley Evans and yourself the Klan has degenerated into nothing less than an organization of greed. It has become without question the greatest menace facing the American people today."

So now this nefarious business is exposed in its true light. Organized for greed, exemplified by profit and personal revenge, the underhanded, crooked methods employed in gaining a foothold has enabled this bunch of grafters to rear their heads in defiance to law and order in all walks of life, from the highest to the lowest. In politics, some of this bunch have succeeded in bulldozing the susceptible, composed chiefly of the foreign

element, into casting their votes for them. Then when in office, they continue their grafting and grabbing the bull headed blindness that is so characteristic of the Ku Klux Klan and all of its followers. This is true of conditions right here in Omaha. The Klan did their best to get into the swim in city politics, but they made little headway. The citizens of this city failed to fall for the bunch of bunk and soft line of talk, spiced with savory promises. They know that any one who has to stoop so low as to become associated with a gang of cut throats and grafters, entirely un-democratic and anti-American in their principles, is not the kind of a man they want to have in office.

A close watch is being kept on the activities of the Klan in Omaha and vicinity. There are a number of things which are being investigated which will not add to the prestige, if they have any, of the "one man" organization. They might as well pull stakes as far as Omahans are concerned. The unsavory atmosphere that is attendant with the activities of the Klan cannot be sweetened by promises, or forced on the people with threats or under cover work.

The American people do not want the Klan, as is evidenced by the disfavor that is being shown them the country over. The Klan cannot exist as long as they continue to drag all policies of American liberty through the mire of indecency, outlawry, and extortion. There cannot be any compromise. The Klan has no place in the eyes of the American public. The only place for an organization with the administration and dictates of the Ku Klux Klan would be among an illiterate and gullible people. Omaha is no place for this bunch of grafters to secure a permanent foothold.

## Women In Congress Oppose Prohibition Favors Modification

The "feminine bloc" in the 69th congress is opposed to the Volstead law.

It consists of three members—Mrs. John Jacob Rogers, republican, of Massachusetts; Mrs. Florence Kahn, republican, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Mary T. Norton, democrat, of New Jersey.

Theoretically calculated to represent the views of thousands of women as the only women members of congress, two of them—Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Kahn—have boldly come out and joined Representative John Philip Hill's famous "beer bloc" and the third—Mrs. Rogers—confessed today to leanings toward modification of the present laws.

"I am entirely open-minded on the subject," said Mrs. Rogers. "There are strong arguments on both sides of the issue. I am not strictly opposed to light wines and beer. In fact, I was elected over the combined opposition of the Anti-Saloon league and many local ministers."

Neither Mrs. Kahn nor Mrs. Norton was uncertain on the subject, however. Both are wholeheartedly in the drive to amend the prohibition act.

"The Volstead act has broken down the nation's morale," said Mrs. Kahn. "The younger generation is being ruined. If the law were repealed tomorrow we would suffer for many years from its effect."

Mrs. Kahn attacked use of "fraud, deceit, lies and extravagant use of money" in enforcing the law in her letter accepting membership on Hill's committee.

"The advocates of prohibition are not advocating law enforcement be-

cause they are advocating a law which is not the will of the people," said Mrs. Norton.

Mrs. Norton arraigned passage of the prohibition law during the absence of 2,000,000 soldiers overseas. "They fought to uphold the constitution of the United States, yet they had no voice in amending it. I believe these boys should be given an opportunity to state their views on prohibition—then the question will be settled for all time," she said.

Mrs. Rogers explained her indecision was mainly due to reports of benefits accruing to workmen and their families with the abolition of saloons.

All of the women said they were concerned over the younger generation, although Mrs. Rogers insisted parents, themselves, were responsible for much of the drinking by their children.

## PROMINENT SOCIETY GIRL MARRIES BERLIN

Much interest is shown in the announcement of the marriage of one of the leaders of New York society, Miss Ellen Mackay, daughter of the head of the Postal Telegraph Company, to Irving Berlin, well known writer of popular songs. The interest is increased by the fact that Miss Mackay is of the Catholic faith, while Berlin is a Jew. No members of the Mackay family attended the wedding, which took place in the office of the Deputy City Clerk in the Municipal Building. Evidently the union was not sanctioned by the family of the bride.

However, the bride and groom are positive they will lead a happy married life. This marriage goes to prove that intermarriage between denominations is coming more in favor. A more liberalistic view is being taken by all of the faiths. The churches do not sanction such unions, neither do they condemn them.



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## RUSSIA BEARS GIFTS

President Green of the Federation of Labor has counseled the unions belonging to the federation against sending delegates on a personally conducted tour of Russia. Mr. Green says the kind of sightseeing which the delegates would be permitted to do could result only in a complete whitewashing of the sov'ets.

Mr. Green argues that the trip is not intended to benefit the workingmen of the United States in any way. The suggestion comes from the soviet officials, "who are endeavoring to hold power in Russia, to strengthen that power, and to extend its influence throughout the other nations."

Our country owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Gompers and his successor, Mr. Green, for the valiant fight they have made against Russianizing American labor. While the uplififers were condemning Mr. Gompers for doing what they called deserting his own class, Mr. Gompers went about his business, which was convincing American labor that Russia had nothing to offer them. He succeeded, and Mr. Green took up the work when Mr. Gompers died. The American labor movement was saved from a hunt for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Mr. Gompers and Mr. Green have talked chiefly of the danger of the soviet system to trade unionism. In so doing they have performed a distinguished service to the country at large because they have convinced a vast number of citizens that communism is not good for much when the people it is intended to benefit will have nothing to do with it. Many citizens would favor any change which would improve the lot of the workingman, but they will not show much interest in it if the workingmen themselves are convinced the proposal will do them harm rather than good.

## 1,286 Liquor Permits Issued In Nebraska

Liquor permits numbered 1,286 in Nebraska for the year 1926 according to compilations made by Andrew W. McCampbell, federal prohibition director for this district.

This number of permits constitutes renewals of permits, and are made under restrictions based on business and legitimate demand, which are subject to a check made by inspectors during the year, Mr. McCampbell says.

Included in the Nebraska figures, there are 766 permits to physicians allowing them to use and prescribe alcohol, and 499 for the use of retail druggists. One bonded industrial alcohol plant, four wholesale druggists, two railroad transportation permits, four permits for hospitals, two permits for manufacturers of cereal beverages. So far only two retail drug permits have been revoked.

In June, 1925, there were 29,839,805 gallons of liquor in bonded warehouse, 26,840,953 gallons of this total was

whiskey. These liquors are under control of the government and permits are issued by the government, for medicinal purposes, where the state law does not prohibit selling of alcoholic liquors for that purpose.

In Iowa doctors are authorized to prescribe alcohol and whiskey for their patients. Each doctor is allotted 100 prescriptions every ninety days, each prescription making one pint of whiskey available. But in Nebraska even that is prohibited. Doctors are issued a small amount of alcohol for their compounding and office practice, but that is all.

## \$9,500,000 TO BE SPENT BY THE UNION PACIFIC FOR NEW EQUIPMENT

Twenty-five new locomotives, to be purchased at a cost of 80 thousand dollars each, to be used for the transportation of fast freight, as well as sixty passenger and baggage cars, one thousand balast cars, and one thousand automobile cars is the list of new equipment that the Union Pacific will soon purchase. This information was given out by headquarters here the middle of the week.

## IOWANS SPRING A NEW ONE CORN ON THE TABLE FOR ALL

Iowans, who claim that their state is the place where "the tall corn grows" are giving a surprise party shortly for everyone who cares to take advantage of the invitation. A supply of "corn" will be put in every cafe, restaurant, dining room, and cafeteria in the city of Omaha. This corn is not in the liquid state, as many people are undoubtedly thinking. There are several things that corn may be used for besides the manufacture of "fire water."

But this "corn" is sugar. Patrons may see for themselves whether or not they like cane, or beet sugar the best. If this industry could be developed, undoubtedly an outlet

would be provided for the surplus corn crop, which averages annually, fifty-six millions of dollars.

The question arises, would the larger sugar companies permit a new industry to spring up which would detract from their profits, unless they had their finger in the pie? It is doubtful if they would, and in that case the agricultural district would not be greatly benefited. For what excuse could they offer for high prices on the corn product? The corporations can easily enough say cane sugar costs, such and such a price, plus import, and excise, and inspection and freight, etc. But where would all of these "extras" come in on the corn products? It is doubtful if the corn sugar industry will be developed, in the next decade, at least.

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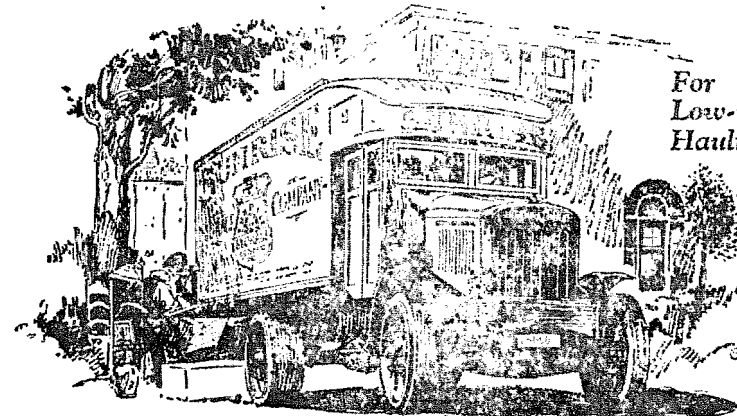
Throughout the United States this year will be observed the semi-centennial of the telephone, one of the greatest gifts of America to the world. In the center is shown Charles J. Bell, the oldest telephone pioneer in point of service, inspecting a replica of the first telephone which was invented by his cousin, Alexander Graham Bell in 1876. Mr. Bell is a director of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. His connection with the telephone dates back to 1874 when as a young lad he was associated with Dr. Bell, who was then making experiments with the harmonic telegraph and studying sound vibrations. Later he became Dr. Bell's secretary.

At the right is a likeness of the late Alexander Graham Bell, and at the left,

Dr. Thomas A. Watson, who was Dr. Bell's chief assistant and with whom he helped to organize the nucleus of the Bell System.

Today the United States has nearly 17,000,000 telephones as compared to the 10,000,000 in Europe and all other countries. A population of 112,000,000 Americans makes more than 50,000,000 calls a day.

Whereas 50 years ago it was possible to talk by telephone for only a few miles, means have been found not only to talk across the continent as in 1915 when the transcontinental line between New York and San Francisco was first opened, but to talk much greater distances as from Catalina Island in the Pacific to Cuba in the Atlantic, some 5,600 miles.



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## Bob Samardick Again Rounding Them Up

The illustrious booze sleuth, Bob Samardick has gone on the war path against the bootleggers again. After some detailed and efficient sleuthing, Bob planted himself in the employees entrance of a downtown department store the other day. He knew who he was after and when he would be there. So when Philip Fox, jovial, sleek and pompous looking came along to fulfill his part of the contract he had made the day previous, he had little knowledge of what awaited him. Just as Fox handed a neatly wrapped package to an employee of the store, Samardick stepped out and became inquisitive. Upon unwrapping the bundle, he found two perfectly good pints of grain alcohol. The foxy Fox was then introduced to U. S. Commissioner Mullen, to whom he pleaded guilty of sale and possession, and was bound over under a \$3,000 bond.

Just the other day Samardick appeared at Central Police Station with six prisoners. It has not been determined just what is the matter with Bob, that he should show such sudden signs of activity. Perhaps he has made a few New Year's resolutions. Or maybe he had a quarrel with his neighbor. Any way it seems as if he has a grouse on, and he has to let off steam somehow. These six prisoners were men who were paroled to him when he held a position with the Federal boys here. They started in at the same old game, that of moistening their throats with something besides water, and it apparently got on Samardick's nerves. So the arrest.

## EVELYN NESBIT THAW TRIES THREE DAYS ABSENCE

The widely known Thaw family is again in the limelight. The first time was some fifteen years ago when Harry Thaw shot and killed Sanford White, an architect, at the Madison Square Garden, New York City, for alleged intimacy with his wife, Evelyn Thaw. He was tried and escaped the hangman's noose, by a plea of insanity. Some years later he was released due to the efforts of his wife, who had divorced him in the meanwhile. It might be of interest to know that Sanford White was the architect for the Omaha National Bank Building.

And now after many years, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, Harry's wife, has broken into the headlines. Becoming depressed, after a three day drinking party, she returned to her apartment, and drank lysol in an attempt to suicide. Her doctor, after vigorously applying a stomach pump and first aid treatments, says she will recover.

Her son, Russell, 17, was taken for questioning, but he could not throw any light on the case, other than she was depressed. Nothing is heard of Harry Thaw, except occasionally when he leaves his country estate in Virginia for a fling on Broadway. Last winter he caused a flurry when he appeared unannounced in a cabaret, and was his custom in the old days, passed out \$100 bills for tips, bought diamond bracelets and other trinkets for the lady of the evening, and otherwise tried to revive memories of former days.

The Thaw estate showed an income of several hundred thousand dollars last year, so Harry could easily afford his fling. But now the interest is centered on his wife. It will be interesting to find out the real cause for her attempt on her life.

## DR. VAN CAMP WINS UNDER MURGER'S RULING ON INDICTMENT OF "GAY PAREE"

Owing to the plea of abatement that was ruled on by Judge T. C. Munger in the "Gay Paree" case, Dr. Van

## SAM GREENLEAF ADDS NICE SUM OF MONEY TO TREASURY

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Yule Holland, 5315 Cuming street, \$1,000.

Mrs. Earl Harper, 810 South Twenty-seventh street, \$50.

Fred Lubber, 1821 Leavenworth street, \$3,000.

H. Merriam, 2511 North Eighteenth street, \$1,000.

"I have based my estimates on the amount the persons reported to police or insurance companies lost in either holdups or lost," said Greenleaf.

"Mrs. D. C. Bradford was the only one of the 10 to make a report of jewelry, and she valued her jewels at \$400," he went on to say. "The county will receive \$959.24 more in taxes this year than last from the new assessment. I cited Mrs. Bradford to appear before the board of equalization last year but she sent her attorney, Mac Baldridge, who said she had but one small diamond pin and the board did not raise the valuation."

"In less than three weeks after she had appeared before the board she reported a diamond robbery to the police, which greatly exceeded the report to my office."

The others who failed to report their jewelry were victims of holdups, such as the Gentleman holdup which occurred a short time ago.

Insurance data is being used in checking up those who have really lost their jewels, and thus detecting those who merely report theft to keep from paying legitimate taxes.

From now on the tax payers will undoubtedly be more truthful, for Sam is not going to let any one get by with anything. He is on the job all of the time, and any fraud or deceit is sure to be detected.

Camp will in all probability be freed from the indictment which was brought against him by the Federal Grand Jury. The Doctor's attorneys filed a plea very similar to the one which released the alleged employees and proprietors of the Gay Paree in which charges of irregularity in summoning the grand jury was charged.

The many friends of Dr. Van Camp will welcome this news. The majority of the people believe Dr. Van Camp to be an innocent man, trumped up on the charge he is under by unscrupulous agents. For many years Dr. Van Camp has held the position of county physician, as well as enjoying a widespread practice. He has always held the confidence and respect of all whom he came in contact with.

The Doctor made many friends with the followers of the boxing game, when, although he was called to late, he put forth every effort to save a young boxer with pugilistic aspirations, who was fatally injured at the Auditorium a couple of years ago. This characterizes Dr. Van Camp. He is clean, honest, and strictly ethical. It was a great surprise to the people of Omaha when an indictment was returned against him. The public cannot believe that a man with the standards of Dr. Van Camp could be guilty of wrong doing.

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## LAST CAR LEAVES

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10th and Farnam for 16th and Cuming	1:10
10th and Farnam for Depot	1:15
10th and Farnam for Depot	1:20
Harney Street Line	1:25
3rd and Parker to 6th St.	1:30
3rd and Parker to Depot	1:40
6th and Center for 3rd and Parker	1:45
Park and North 24th Street	1:50
16th and Farnam, East Side	1:55
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16th and Farnam for Florence	2:05
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## Exalted Woman Of '49 In Production

"Splendid Road" Turns Lantern Of Praise On Heroines Of Pioneer California.

Innumerable pictures have been devoted to the heroes of the epic California gold rush of '49. It remained for Vingie E. Roe and Frank Lloyd to give the heroine of this great epoch her due.

"The Splendid Road," a First National film featuring Anna Q. Nilsson, Lionel Barrymore and Robert Frazer, which is booked for the Rialto theatre soon, is the screen compliment to America's pioneer womanhood.

In her novel, "The Splendid Road," upon which the film is based, Miss Roe deals with the struggles, the handicaps and romance of Sandra DeHault, who came to California from Boston to play a man's way.

California in '49 was a hot bed of crime and disorder, the lust for gold and land being superior to conventions, system of life itself. The law was what men made it.

Seldom has the screen offered such an inspiring character as Sandra. Miss Nilsson is said to give her best screen portrayal in the visualization of the pioneer woman.

Robert Frazer is seen opposite Miss Nilsson as Stanton Halliday, budding lawyer and power in the new gold country and Lionel Barrymore, as Dan Cleholis, is the third member of the featured triumvirate. Mr. Barrymore returned to the screen after two very successful seasons on the stage.

Edward Earle is seen as Dr. Bidwell, Pauline Garon plays Angel Ale, a dance hall girl and Gladys Brockwell, a sentimental dreamer. Edwards Davis assumes the character of John Gray, the banker and Marcelline Day, formerly Harry Landon's leading lady, plays his daughter. Roy Laidlaw impersonates the famous historical character, Captain Sutter, Russell Simpson is Captain Lightfoot, leader of the squatters, DeWitt Jennings is Captain Bashford, commander of the clipper ship "Colonial Dame", Enitz Edwards is Hop Lee, California's pioneer laundryman; George Bancroft is the village good-for-nothing; Buck Lockwell and Sandra's three children are played by Mary Jane Irving, Mickey McBan and Baby Bobbie Jansen.

Sacramento as it was in '49, the clipper ships of the period and all of the hustle of the days have been accurately reproduced in this most recent First National picture.

Sandra DeHault, a young woman of splendid vital beauty, with the spirit of adventure and a fearless love of life, is seized with the "gold fever" that raged during the year 1849 and boarded a clipper ship at Boston bound for California. The men aboard ship admire her courage, but their wives have only criticism for her "daring". A tragedy aboard the ship quickly proves her womanhood. The sudden death of a mother leaves three little girls orphaned, and Sandra adopts them for her own.

Stanton Halliday, a young lawyer, sees her first with a babe in her arms, and a kiss she gives him as a reward for his protection burns into his memory as their trails separate. Halliday goes on to Sacramento, while Sandra with her charges turns north and establishes herself at Reading's Flat, a new and flourishing gold camp in the Sierras. Cleholis, proprietor of the local gambling hall, falls in love with her at sight and lets her win huge sums of money. Fired with ambition for the future, Sandra lives happily in her little shack, dreaming of the day when Stanton Halliday will claim her love. But Halliday has meantime been taken up by Pohn Grey, a wealthy Easterner, and Grey's daughter, a frail, flowerlike girl of gentle breeding, seems to have her heart set on Halliday.

Halliday is sent north by Grey, and at Reading's Flat again comes face to face with Sandra. Sandra makes no secret of her joy at seeing him again. And, struggling as he will, Halliday cannot conquer his love for her. He lingers, while Cleholis grows jealous.

Angered at Sandra's cool rejection of his proffered love, Cleholis seizes title to the house and land occupied by Sandra and her "family" and demands immediate possession. This necessitates the eviction of Sandra. In the strife that ensues, Halliday is accidentally shot by Sandra.

While Halliday hovers between life and death, Dr. Bidwell who is in love with Lily, but who thinks that Lily's heart is lost to Halliday, urges Sandra to give up her sweetheart for the sake of his future with Banker Grey. Reluctantly Sandra agrees and prepares to leave for parts unknown.

But Halliday regains his strength just in time to save Sandra from the historic Sacramento flood; and in time also to learn that Cleholis has been killed by a jealous dancing girl.

All dangers past, Halliday and Sandra find themselves together at last on the road to golden Oregon—the splendid road of love and happiness.

## LIBERTY MAGAZINE'S \$50,000 PRIZE-WINNING STORY DUE HERE

James Cruze's "Mannequin" Features Stellar Cast Of Players.

"Mannequin," Fannie Hurst's story of American home life in a big city in 1907 and 1926 which won Liberty Magazine's \$50,000 prize for the best story to be produced as a Paramount picture, comes to the Strand Theatre, for a run of seven days next week. Produced by James Cruze, who made "The Covered Wagon," "Beggars on Horseback" and "The Pony Express," the picture features Alice Joyce, Warner Baxter, Dolores Costello and Zasu Pitts in the principal roles in the cast.

Alice Joyce, in the role of Selene Herrick, wife of John Herrick, rising young lawyer, is given to artistic tastes and makes purchases which her husband's pocketbook cannot afford. Yet he finally yields to her desire to have a nursemaid to care for their 18 months old baby, Joan. Because she is cheap, Annie Pogan, a dull, slow-witted girl raised in a settlement house and starved for love, is hired.

When Mrs. Herrick finally purchases an expensive shawl for the baby's perambulator, it is too much for the husband. There's a quarrel and Selene announces that she is going to her mother's. He flings himself off to his club. And the child, unknown to either parents, is left alone with Annie. It dawns on the girl that she can now steal the child and have it for her very own. This she does, taking it into the slums.

So it is that the baby, now known as Orchid, grows up. When she is 14 Orchid realizes that she must get out of her sordid surroundings. She runs away to a settlement house. At 18 she has gone into the employ of a big department store and in a short time has become a mannequin in the gown department.

It is here she meets a young newspaper man Martin Innesbrook. He is infatuated with Orchid who returns his affection. She suggests a series of articles to the struggling young fellow on the subject of "Sexless Justice," by which the beautiful woman would be made pay for her crime as men are. These articles make a big hit with Innesbrook's uncle, owner of the paper.

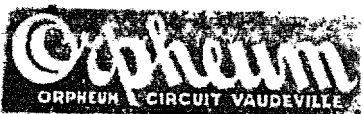
Orchid has also met young Terry Allen, scion of a wealthy family and man-about-town. She does not like him for a cent. One afternoon young Innesbrook comes to the establishment, finds Orchid in a particularly lovely afternoon party gown and persuades the proprietor of the store to let him take her to a garden party at the home of the (now) Judge and Mrs. Herrick who have been reunited.

It is thus that Orchid, unknown to both, meets her real mother. Martin has to leave early and Terry per-

suades Mrs. Herrick to let him escort the girl home. Denied entrance to her home, he climbs through a window, tries to force his attentions on her. A struggle ensues; he falls on her gown and a small dagger which forms part of her costumes pierces his heart.

The law steps in and Orchid is arrested on a charge of murder. Her case comes before her own father. The newspaper articles which the girl inspired, written by Innesbrook, are used strongly by the prosecuting attorney in an effort to convict her. Just how the picture turns out affords a climax that has seldom if ever been equalled on the screen.

Walter Woods adapted the story for the screen. Frances Agnew wrote the scenario. Walter Pidgeon, Freeman Wood and Charlot Bird complete the line-up of players.



Four big headline attractions will share top position on the new bill at the Orpheum theatre this week, commencing with Sunday matinee.

The Original Canines, Eliza and Eduardo, are among the foremost exponents of Spanish dancing. Their act includes a colorful array of Spanish tangos and a "Spanish Charleston" of their own design, which they dance to a castanet accompaniment. Senorita Carmentia Alonso, Argentine prima donna, gives a delightful repertoire of Spanish songs between the dances.

Ben Blue and the Britton Brothers "Brown Derby Band" offer a concoction of music and comedy. Ben Blue is new to vaudeville, but he is considered one of the most skillful dance comedians on the stage today, and his pantomime comedy is said to be of rare quality. Frank and Milt Britton claim the distinction of being the originators of the riotous clowning with syncope, which has found so many imitators.

Cliff Bragdon and Howard Morrissey are back again in their hilarious travesty, "Snap Shots," a series of pictures in song, dance and patter. They are assisted by Bianca Robinson, Billy Trout and Dennis Guernsey, three capable funmakers.

Jeanne Joyson, another newcomer, is a singing comedienne far above the average. She has youth and beauty and a personality that never fails to win her audiences. Miss Joyson first attracted the attention of Sophie Tucker, who heard her sing at a benefit performance in New York. On Miss Tucker's recommendation, she was given a try-out and booked by the Orpheum Circuit for an extended tour.

Chief Caupolican, distinguished baritone, is the only Indian who has sung important roles in grand opera, having appeared with marked success with the Metropolitan Opera in New York. His repertoire includes operatic arias, Indian selections and popular numbers.

Jack LaVier, comedian and acrobat, does his clowning on the trapeze. LaVier started his career as an acrobat, but his success as a comedian has quite overshadowed his acrobatic stunts.

A real musical treat is offered by Wilbert Emba, tenor, and Helen Alton, soprano. In addition to their vocal talents, Miss Alton is an accomplished pianist and Mr. Emba excels on the violin.

Plotow's overture, "Stradella" is being featured this week by the Orpheum theatre orchestra.

In connection with the Caninos and Ben Blue and the Britton band, a Charleston contest will be conducted during the week. Preliminaries will be held at the close of the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night performances, with the finals on Friday night.

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## Renewing Our Annual Pledge of Funeral Service Without Charge for Deserving Who Need Our Aid



Two years ago there came to us the realization that to many deserving families, death comes as a calamity as well as a bereavement. Often despair is mingled with sorrow; for when a long illness has taken every penny from a slender purse, Christian burial frequently is impossible without the humiliation of an appeal to charity.

In a Christian community this is more than pitiful—it is unthinkable. Those who succeed in life owe something more than pity to the unfortunate.

Success has come to us—we hope because we have deserved it. For more than twenty years we have tried truly to serve by giving real assistance and kindly comfort to those bereft. We hope to be of even greater service in the future than in the past.

So now, at the beginning of the New Year, we again repeat the pledge heretofore made to the people of Omaha, as follows:

*Any deserving family in Greater Omaha (including South Omaha, Florence and Benson), rendered destitute at the time of a death, is urged to come to us without hesitation or embarrassment. We shall consider it a real privilege to provide a refined, respectable burial without any charge whatsoever, for our funeral service or funeral supplies, and without publicity.*

*A written statement of the facts, made by any clergyman of Greater Omaha, is all that is needed to command this service, regardless of whether or not members of the family belong to any church.*

Again we ask all citizens to assist us in giving this service, by notifying their clergymen of any cases of the kind which may come to their attention, and thus enable us to lend a helping hand to those who need it in the hour of their affliction.

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