

RECALL PETITION OUT

WHOLESALE CRIME RAMPANT IN OMAHA

Criminal Element Winks at Feeble Efforts of Ringer, Eberstein and Thomas

FAVORITE EMPLOYEES DEFY MR. RINGER

Law Enforcement Becomes Joke and Officials Object of Derision on Streets; Newspapers Denied Opportunity to Report Important Happenings at Police Station.

THE wholesale workings of the criminal element in Omaha recently is bringing a revulsion of feeling towards the police heads, who are considered by many prominent persons as in a great way responsible for it. Daily on the streets, with the commission of a dozen new crimes every day, can be heard a demand for some sort of action which will again put Omaha's police department on a basis that will make it possible to meet this alarming condition.

That Superintendent Ringer and his two assistants, Elmer Thomas and Marshal Eberstein, are utterly unequal to the occasion appears to be the plausible cause of this reign of terror. In order to cover up as much as possible this unfortunate condition of affairs the newspapers of the city are refused permission to secure news of many important happenings.

With robbery, high-jacking, illegal liquor seizures and all that sort of thing, a lot of Omaha people are becoming well-nigh desperate. Renewed talk of recall is heard on every corner. Declarations that the city is in the hands of bandits and robbers are common. Within the week three white women have been assaulted by negroes. One of them was a 10-year-old girl.

There has also been discovered the fact that certain officers have become associated with bootlegging operations and undertaken to punish persons who were bold enough to explode their doings. One of these officers is a Ringer pet, forced into the service by Elmer Thomas.

Truth is, the longer the present police administration is in office the more serious becomes this condition. There is not only a lack of intelligent

leadership and action, but an apparent utter lack of brains at work along the most ordinary lines of common sense action. Persons have been persecuted for almost nothing, while dealers in crime have either been ignored or permitted to ply their nefarious work without molestation.

In some instances city employees are retained, not because of their worth in their positions, because they are in a position to demand recognition from superior officers. They go right ahead and act without fear of molestation and without respect to whether or not they are in the right or wrong.

The once well trained force of police officers has been disorganized until the average individual police officer is in doubt all the time as to what he is really expected to do. All of the old time men of ability, with few exceptions, have either been reduced or forced to leave the employ of the city.

It is also going to be interesting to taxpayers when they learn of a coming deficit in the police fund, despite the fact that their taxes for police protection have been doubled in the last two years. Just where and how their money has been spent will require explanation. With the promise of big reforms, this administration came into power. The head of the police department promised a "cleaning" with plenty of results. He has made the cleaning all right, but the results have been on the wrong side of the ledger.

Several meetings have recently been held to consider the pushing of a recall. Many of those interested in the proposition have said it was sufficient to let these fellows hang themselves. Others have demanded instant action. One thing is sure, this business cannot continue much longer and most intelligent people realize that fact.

BUSINESS INTERESTS WOULD RECALL FOUR

Movement Is Not Identified With Those Who Opposed Present Incumbents

TO PRESERVE CITY'S BEST INTERESTS

Spontaneous Movement Started to Save City From Action of Extreme Radicals; Police Protection of Individual Rights Sought and Greater Omaha's Protection Required.

THE recall of four city commissioners—Mayor Smith, Ringer, Ure and Towl—is proposed in a petition put out today. This action was taken, it is stated, by public-spirited citizens who have become satisfied that the best interests of the city of Omaha are endangered by the retention of the officials mentioned in the petition for recall.

The movement for the recall of these four city officials apparently comes from a source entirely unexpected by those who have been actively opposed to the city administration as it now exists, and not by those who fought these four men in the primary and election sixteen months ago.

The movement for the recall of this quartette has been considered by prominent Omaha business men for several months, it is stated. It is a remarkable fact that most of the political boosters who formerly opposed the commissioners mentioned in the recall petition have held aloof from any movement for their dismissal from office and have gone on the presumption that they would hang themselves sooner or later, a presumption that has become a fact.

The petitions were put into circulation today. Business men of standing in the community have interested themselves in the movement to the extent of giving actual life to the movement which has been on tapis for several months.

For the last seven or eight months the city of Omaha has been made the laughing stock of the country because of the unfortunate condition that placed in city office several men who might better have remained in civil life. In nearly every city of the west Omaha has become known as the political buffer of rotten aspirants to office. It has hurt Omaha in so many ways that the business interests of Omaha could no longer admit that they were in any manner a party to the crime.

The petitions are to be circulated, it is stated, with a view to removing this stigma from one of the best cities in America. They will be presented to the people by men of standing in the community and with a view to bringing the city affairs of Omaha out of a chaos that has had the effect of well-nigh wrecking the affairs of this metropolitan city.

Care is to be taken in the securing of signatures, in order that there shall be no question as to the rights of signers to participate in the recall. Under the law governing such recalls the number of signatures necessary to recall city officials is not large, and those securing such signatures have been warned to keep well within the law.

Recent events in Omaha have made it plain to the populace that something is necessary to at once secure a change of administration, in order that the progress of this metropolis shall not lag nor become the butt of jest for other cities that are constantly bidding for the things that Omaha prizes most. With that view in mind, it is stated, the petition is to be presented to the voters of Greater Omaha. There can be little doubt as to the result. It is time to act.

Omaha Negroes Have a Duty
NEGROES of Omaha have a serious duty to perform. During the last few days three assaults have been made on white girls by negroes. There is absolutely no reason why the negro race should be condemned for these unfortunate affairs. There is plenty of reason, however, why Omaha negroes should undertake to purge the vicinity of this class of criminals.

Naturally white people condemn negroes strenuously for such crimes, because white girls are almost invariably the victims. The respectable colored population of the city, and the large percentage are respectable, condemn as vigorously as the white people this sort of criminals. Colored people of Omaha have probably a higher standing in the community than in any other city in the country. For that reason they should undertake to more vigorously clean out the men of their race who are suspected of such inclinations or are known as degenerates.

There is a highly respectable class of colored people in Omaha who feel keenly the blight thrown upon their race when such assaults as those of the past week do occur. Because of the peculiar racial conditions that now exist, and always have existed for that matter, each one of these assaults aggravates the prejudice against them as a race. For that reason everything possible should be done by them to purge the city of the degenerates who have managed in some manner to associate themselves with the colored people in this city.

Omaha does not need any southern vigilance committees to handle this problem and the negroes of the city are themselves capable of purging the city of these undesirables among their own people. The percentage is very small, but the colored race can easily spare them all. Chase them out of the city the minute they land. It is apparent Mr. Ringer cannot cope with them, so we urge the colored people to themselves take matters in hand and make a cleaning of this bunch of no good bums.

The English are crying for more and better beer. In this country the politicians insist on cutting it all out. Who is a liar.

China can hardly be blamed for keeping out of the League of Nations. Even heathens sometimes give evidence of common sense.

SIX CENT FARE FOR OMAHA IS ASSURED

Action of Supreme Court Sends Case to Railway Commission for Action

NATURAL RESULT ABNORMAL CONDITION

Street Car Company Only Transportation System Not Permitted to Raise Rates During War Period; Increased Operating Expense Places Corporation on Wrong Side of Ledger.

INCREASED street car fares are just about here. That is not surprising. The local street car company is the only large public service corporation that has not been the recipient of an increased revenue during the last few years, while the price of labor and every known commodity has gone to sky levels.

The people as a general proposition have gone on the proposition that the street railway corporation was a soulless, greedy combination, greatly over-capitalized and wealthy beyond comprehension. For that reason it has been argued that the present five-cent compensation should be sufficient for its present existence and future growth. That argument has been so persistently made and followed that most Omahans have actually believed it. While the great mass of our people have been studying night and day ways and means of increasing their profiteering system, most of them have been insulted when it was suggested that street car transportation was already expensive enough. They have even hinted that it should be reduced to three cents, Clevelandwise.

There is a possibility that at one time there was some water in the local traction company. Even if that were true, any student of economics can easily see how any such moisture has been rinsed out long ago. During the entire period of the war the street car company has been held down to a five-cent fare, while all other lines of transportation without a single exception have been beneficiaries of an increased revenue ranging from 20 to 40 per cent.

The Nebraska supreme court doubtless took cognizance of this fact when it remanded the street car case to the

railway commission for action favorable to that corporation. Most of us have gone along on the supposition that we were entitled to increase the price of everything except street car transportation. And about everybody has been able to get away with that supposition.

The increased street car fare is the natural consequence of economic conditions as they exist today and it is here to stay until all other conditions resulting from the war have become normal. Later on, when the price of other commodities have been reduced from the high point where artificial inflation has sent them, no doubt street car fares will also be reduced. Everything that the street car company has purchased for the last five years, including labor and material, to say nothing of real estate and new buildings, has kept pace with the natural tendency to increase in price. On the other hand the revenue has been actually below normal. War conditions and automobiles have cut a wide swath in the ordinary difference between the output and income of the traction company.

The student of figures might do well to think over such an important matter. In recent years the street car company has made extensive additions and added new lines to its system at a big expense. Money has been borrowed and the presumption of increased income has been the credit on which this bonded indebtedness has been inflated. The natural result has been that it has been a case of everything going out and nothing coming in, as the drunk man with a sick stomach might remark.

Within a very short time Omaha people may expect an increased street car fare, probably to six cents.

NEBRASKA FARMERS TAKE KINDLY TO "HOT" AUTOMOBILES IS REPORT

Ready to Drive Sharp Bargains and Ask Few Questions When Opportunity Offered to Secure Cheap Car; Big Combination Finds It Easy to Sell Stolen Machines.

STOLEN automobiles are being traced to farmers' garages, according to a dispatch from Lincoln. That is hardly surprising. All of the fellows who are willing to drive "hot" cars do not live in the cities. In fact, if all reports are true, only a small percentage of them are city folk.

The average farmer is always susceptible to a bargain, and he usually knows bargains when he sees them. Very recently it has been discovered that a lot of Nebraska farmers are driving around stolen automobiles, purchased from dealers in used cars. The automobile industry has given the farmer the first opportunity to deal in this kind of second-hand wares. Apparently he has been equal to the occasion.

Within the last decade the farmer has come into his own in the way of making money. He has not, however, lost his acumen to drive a sharp bargain. Automobiles have become even more common than farm wagons were twenty years ago. The result is that the average farmer knows as much about an automobile as he used to know about a farm wagon. Not one of them who is looking for a bargain is going to pass up any snap.

Some of our church-going gentry are willing to wink the other eye, even though he might know he was dicker-

ing for a "hot" car. They always did it when they were dealing in stolen horses, and they will do it when they are dealing in stolen automobiles. The country is becoming the market place for automobiles, not the city. They are bidding for them and the small country town merchant knows it. They are also looking for bargains.

In the future automobile insurance concerns will find it to their interest to send their agents to the country instead of the city. Omaha has had some dealings with automobile thieves, but this city is learning that Chicago leads the parade for automobile thefts. Perhaps the system has been so well organized that Omaha is only a small integral of the big combine.

Automobiles, like old whisky, are luxuries. The persons who buy them are usually above the average in worldly goods. The natural result is that criminals are looking for their soft money and they are getting it. From now on, however, the country will be the place to look for stolen automobiles, because thieves are not going to keep them in town any longer than they have to.

A lot of Nebraska corncribs and cow stables will furnish garages for a lot of stolen automobiles from now on unless these farmers are taught to respect property better than they have been respecting it in the past.

CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT OF LABOR NEWSPAPER CAUSED BY RADICALISM

Editor Coutts Said to Have Adopted Policy Which Caused Union Labor to Lose Out in Several Contests; Party Politics Not Favored by Unions.

WITH the change in the editorial management of the Unionist, official organ of a number of Omaha labor unions, comes a story of dissenting opinions among these unions with respect to Mr. Coutts' policy in handling that weekly paper.

By many Coutts was considered to be an able writer, but others declared that he over-stepped the bounds of reasonable radicalism. The matter came up in the councils of several unions, it is said, with the result that threats were made that support would be withdrawn unless the policy of the paper was modified. Mr. Coutts is said to now be employed at his own trade on a large Omaha structure being built in the west end of the city.

If reports are true, the former editor's policy bordered too nearly on anarchy to support the great rank and file of union labor. He was also given credit for the loss of some of the fights made by union labor for recognition. He also is said to have made fights for a "closed shop" in several instances where union labor had absolutely no chance to win, with the result that the cause was lost completely.

Coutts was a prolific writer and quite a student of labor conditions and labor problems. He was attacked during the war for his refusal to join the colors, although he was a Scotchman

by birth. This fight was made on him by Frank Kennedy's labor paper, the Western Laborer. Caustic suggestions made by Mr. Kennedy since Coutts' withdrawal from the editorial management of the Unionist also lead to the presumption that hundreds of union labor members took the same attitude.

At any rate Coutts is gone and the paper is now being run by another man. It has had a liberal support from union labor in the past and was made the official organ of several labor unions. These unions took subscriptions en bloc, which made it pretty soft for the management of the paper. Whether or not the new management will be able to smooth over the disconcerted elements is not known.

Several union labor leaders have expressed considerable objection to the policy of the paper in attempting to foist radical socialistic and anarchistic principles upon union labor as a body. One of them declared that union labor does not mix in party politics as a body, but, on the other hand, chooses to insist on recognition from all political parties, judging politicians by their acts and not by their promises or their party affiliation.

Shoes are soon to be \$20 the pair, according to leather experts, which means a larger demand for shippers.

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TEN CENT STREET CAR FARES

A LEADING Omaha business man says that 10-cent street car fares are sure to come in the near future unless conditions change decidedly. Street car employees in an eastern city are demanding 80 cents an hour. In other cities discontent among rapid transit employees is bringing about strikes and increased wages.

The natural conclusion is that, sooner or later, with this condition assuming more alarming proportions almost daily, street car fares will reach a much higher level than at present. The supreme court of Nebraska has already decided that the Omaha company is entitled to more compensation. Although a 6-cent fare has been suggested, it is said that local stockholders will insist on a 7-cent fare. It will not be at all surprising if the latter is granted.

The big question is, how far is this thing going before the limit is reached. There are numerous small lines of business which will not be able to stand the squeeze much longer. Sooner or later a panic will result, the like of which the world has never experienced. There is no wish to oppose reasonable wages for labor, skilled or unskilled. There has got to be a limit somewhere, however.

A 10-cent fare in Omaha is not unreasonable, in the light of recent developments, and it is in no wise an impossibility. People who have enjoyed cheap transportation so long will soon learn to bring some extra pennies when they get on street cars, just the same as they do when they go after cigars, ice cream sodas and other similar articles.

Like other institutions which have doubled their outlay in money without increasing their income, the street car company has actually cut their earnings in half, which has not only stopped all dividend payments, but has actually threatened the solvency of their property. Don't be surprised if you are soon called upon to pay a 10-cent street car fare.

WHOLE HOG OR NONE

EVIDENCE of a weakening spirit being displayed among prohibitionists in Washington is seen in reports that some of them would modify the bone dry legislation now being proposed.

We are absolutely opposed to any weakening on the part of these prohibition leaders. If we are to have prohibition let us have it whole hog or none. There is only one way to curb anarchistic selfishness in such matters and that is to let the propagandists go the whole limit. If a little prohibition is a good thing, plenty of it is better. While we are proposing a bone dry U. S. A., Englishmen are asking for more and better beer.

But the die is set. Our prohibition friends are asking for a bone dry country and insist on having it bone dry. If they are strong enough to pass a prohibition law and adopt a constitutional amendment they ought to have sufficient weight to enforce a bone dry proposition. It would be a good thing for the country to try it. We tried witchcraft a few hundred years ago and the result was satisfactory.

The rank and file of our people have certain "inalienable rights," well defined in the Declaration of Independence, that cannot be destroyed, even by the traitors within our own country. Such men are able to do a certain amount of harm to the commonwealth, but their success is only brief. We anticipate that no permanent good will come of the activity of the prohibition radicals, but the best way to test their prohibition salve is to have it administered in big doses.

We wonder what the framers of the Declaration of Independence and the makers of the national constitution would have said if prohibition had been suggested to them. They had the right conception of true morals and of personal rights. That can hardly be said of our prohibition leaders of today. Nebraskans have long since learned the worth of prohibition and the men who foisted it on the people are now afraid to again submit the subject to our people.

Withal, we believe the proper thing to do is to "go it whole hog or none," and for that reason we favor the most drastic prohibition measure that it is possible to frame, else have none at all. Once bitten, twice shy.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS CONUNDRUM

WITH all the talk for political purposes, the League of Nations is an assured fact. This newspaper opposed such a combination until certain modifications were made and the understanding of the meaning of such a league became clear. The situation, however, has been clarified and the necessity for establishing such a league is apparent.

There is no doubt that we have been double-crossed, speaking in the street vernacular, but that does not change the situation, so far as the necessity for permanent peace is concerned. One thing is absolutely true and that is that Uncle Sam is not going to get the

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worst of this deal, whatever may happen. From now on we are going to be world dictators, if we desire to exercise such a privilege, which we do not.

Shantung, province of China, became a German dominion after the Boxer uprising. England and France, in distress, promised Japan that German possession as a price of entering the war against Germany and the deal was closed. It was a deal that even President Wilson could not abrogate. The average Chinaman is worth a dozen Japs, but that does not change matters. The Japs have secured Shantung and that is the end of it.

China has a plenty left. If that great country will develop what is left it has no fear of Japan, especially with Uncle Sam guiding the Orient. The League of Nations is the first step toward perpetual peace and that is what this generation wants. The quicker the world gets back to something in the way of normal conditions the better off will everybody be. The League of Nations is the first important step. Let us have it.

Political considerations are the biggest thing opposing the league at this time. The republican party is afraid to let the democratic president put it over. The democratic party wants to accomplish the league because it wishes to remain in power. It is of little consequence to American humanity which party is in control. What the people want is peace with an opportunity to progress.

Let us have the League of Nations and be done with the whole business.

Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

A big booze party in Sarpy county was nearly wrecked by the arrival of the head of the family and his friend. Names were temporarily withheld from The Mediator, a flourishing weekly newspaper, at that time.

Chris Shay, one of our promising young roofers, had a couple of anxious days explaining matters to his friends. Chris was always pulling off a new joke on his friends.

Boob Milder continued to pass out that old bunk and would not let anybody else talk. He nearly slipped on a peanut once.

Mr. Graham, one of our well known real estate dealers, was wondering whether lightning was about to strike him. He was known as a "great" reformer in his time.

Harry Moore lost several hours sleep by reason of some of his unseen friends taking his name in vain over the telephone. He had company, too.

M. A. Boylan passed a quiet evening during the week waiting for a long-lost friend, who is said to have appeared at the psychological moment.

Charlie Tyrrell returned to his large Sixteenth street emporium after an extended vacation, during which he received many of his old friends at his suburban home.

The report that Dan Brady, Leavenworth street merchant, was confined to his room with a serious illness proved to be untrue. Danny was known as one of the real live wires of his neighborhood and a very good fellow.

Frank Keegan, one of our rising young attorneys, welcomed President De Valera to Omaha. Keegan was said to be slated for attorney general in the Irish president's new cabinet.

Judge Fitzgerald lost his temper the first time in his life when an auto speeder tried to run over him. He soaked fifty speeders the next day.

A lot of Omaha high-jackers were about to lose their jobs and figured on sending a delegates to Washington to protest against the proposed new prohibition law.

Roy Kelly, one of our promising young men of mystery, sent an apology to the editor for mistaking the automobile of an employe for his own (not).

Jack Baldwin was back in the city after an extended vacation in Dublin and other parts of the Irish republic. He admitted that inability to speak the Irish language was his only reason for returning.

Jimmy Cosgrove placed his name on the waiting list of a downtown soft drink manufacturer. He said he was off of the old stuff for good. Nobody believed him.

Improved Lightship Bell.

A new lightship also has a bell, which is made to ring automatically by means of a highly ingenious device which utilizes the gas as it passes from the tanks to the lantern, to actuate the bell clapper. The light is not interfered with in the slightest degree by the operation of the bell-striking device. It is only set in motion, however, in very foggy weather, when the light cannot be distinguished at any great distance.

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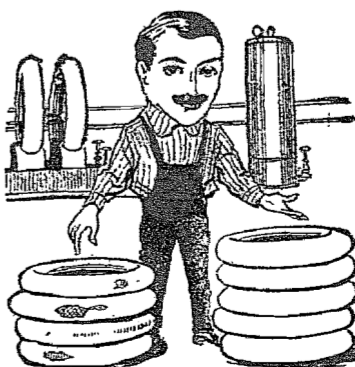
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Aunt Betty was a good neighbor, a good cook and a good hand to look after the 17-year-old niece entrusted to her care—a pretty little miss with a too large appetite for ice cream sodas and the admiring glances of tall young soldiers.

When bake-a-pie day rolled around it fell to Elizabeth to wrap up the extra half-dozen delicious ones Aunt Betty baked and generously set aside for the soldiers. Right under the crust of the most tempting pie of all she surreptitiously tucked a small strip of paper with the words: "If you like this pie call at 22 Bowdoin street Saturday evening for another." Aunt Betty always baked on Saturday and spent the evening at the Red Cross rooms, leaving Elizabeth alone to keep house.

It was a most delicious pie, so thought Lieut. John H., as he tucked Elizabeth's note inside his pocket. It was Saturday evening before he thought of it again, at just about the same time that Elizabeth was fluffing her hair and wondering if her scheme for a little fun would bring any results.

When the bell rang Elizabeth flew to the door, a sweet little pink-faced vision in blue. Lieutenant H. was rather taken aback, but Elizabeth was equal to the occasion. "Oh, good evening," she trilled. "So you are the one that got my note, and you want another pie? Well, come right in—I have one for you—so glad you liked it." John H. was by this time thoroughly enjoying the most unusual situation. In a pretty room with a pretty girl, tying up an extremely tempting-looking pie, all for him—well, the fates were kind, thought he. "I must compliment you on your skill as a pie-maker, Miss —," hesitating to learn her name. Elizabeth looked blank for a second; then "F—," she added glibly. "Elizabeth F—," and now who is going to accept this pie?" Elizabeth thrilled a little when she learned his name and his rank, and quite suddenly decided that he was very, very good-looking. They chatted pleasantly for a few moments, after which Lieutenant H. very properly took his leave. "You may have another pie next Saturday evening—if you care to call for it," Elizabeth said coyly at the door, which invitation was most heartily accepted by the tall lieutenant.

The next morning Aunt Betty discovered that she was a pie short. "Sakes alive! you didn't eat a whole pie last night, did you, Elizabeth?" she asked. "Mercy, no! Aunt Betty. Someone called at the door last night and I gave one away." Aunt Betty had just placed the pie-board on the table when the telephone rang insistently. Elizabeth flew to answer it. "Oh, it's for you," she called. "Lizzie B— is sick and they want you to come right over." "Mercy," exclaimed Aunt Betty, "and my baking just begun! Well, I must go, that's plain. You might make that sponge cake. Keep the fire, and don't let the beans burn."

Elizabeth gazed in dismay at Aunt Betty's figure hurrying down the walk. That meant no pie for Lieutenant H.—that night. Oh, if only she could bake one! Whatever had possessed her to let him believe she could—why hadn't she explained? What would he think of her? Disconsolately she mixed the sponge cake, but was too wise to attempt the pie. Supper-time came, and no Aunt Betty. She telephoned instead saying that she would be home early in the evening. Elizabeth was in despair. Of course auntie would come while Lieutenant H. was there! What should she do? It was not the radiant Elizabeth of the week before who answered Lieutenant H.'s ring at the bell, but a very sober little girl in a plain white dress. Hardly was she seated before Aunt Betty bustled in. Elizabeth introduced them the best she could, and Aunt Betty's frown vanished before the frank smile and cordial handshake of the engaging young soldier. "If your niece will make such delicious pies," he began when the formalities were over. "Bless my soul," interrupted Aunt Betty, "did you bake pies today, Elizabeth? You never made pies before in your life." Looks on the two faces before her stopped her. "Oh, Mr. H.— Oh, Aunt Betty," stammered Elizabeth; then realizing that she must either laugh or cry she began to laugh which was the best thing she could do. She explained everything to her listeners as gracefully as she could, ending with "I don't think I am a natural-born deceiver—really; still I don't know why I fooled you both so. Please forgive me." John H. laughed good-naturedly, seeming neither shocked nor offended, much to Elizabeth's relief. Aunt Betty, too, was kind as of course she would be. "You surely did weave a 'tangled web,' as the poet says, Elizabeth," she said with a laugh. "There isn't any pie for Mr. H.— tonight, but you might bring on your sponge cake—I suppose you made one? And if he will come over to dinner next Sunday there will be pie to grace our table no doubt."

Lieut. John H. was a frequent and welcome guest at the F— home after that. "I wonder which he likes the best," mused Elizabeth one night, "Aunt Betty's pies, or me"; but something in his eyes as they met hers across the supper table convinced her that he would still come if Aunt Betty never placed another pie before him; also that it was high time that she was learning how to bake pies herself.

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EMULATION COUNTS IN LIFE

Woman Evangelist Was Evidently Aware of the Fact, and Turned It to Advantage.

In an Indiana city, not long ago, a woman evangelist held a revival meeting. She took no collections while the services were in progress, but on the final night she announced that a free will offering would be in order. Interest in the meetings had been growing and the church was crowded to capacity. The ushers, with contribution plates, started on their rounds. The evangelist said she had instructed them to say "Amen" whenever 25 cents was dropped into the plate; when 50 cents the usher was to say "Hallelujah!" and when \$1 the usher was to say "Glory hallelujah!" in a loud tone. The collection amount to \$1,100.

If there had been no emulation the total might have been small, but the evangelist knew that no person with money to give would be content with an "Amen" when a neighbor, sitting in the next pew, was acclaimed with a "Glory hallelujah!" The same principle holds good in everyday life. If one man has a fine vegetable garden it is an incentive to his neighbors. The interest women have in pretty frocks is largely due to somebody getting one and making the others desire something equally becoming. Men would care little for position if it were not for the age-old lure that makes them want a better job than the other fellow.

Without such emulation there would be nothing to drag men and women away from the commonplace things of life. There would be nothing to induce one boy to seek for the head of his class or persuade him that he should run for president later on. Many, of course, are content to have "Amen" said to their efforts in life, but more want to hear the "Glory hallelujah!"—Indianapolis News.

LIVE IN STRANGE ABODES

Danes and Hollanders Would Seem to Take Big Chances in the North Sea.

The world's strangest dwelling places are to be found in the North sea, not far from Helgoland.

Centuries ago there was a large and prosperous island province, called Nordstrand, off the coast of Schleswig-Holstein. Storm and earthquake destroyed it one Sunday night, and nearly 8,000 people were drowned.

In course of time, however, high mounds emerged from the waters, and ultimately venturesome Hollanders built their cottages on the summits of these mounds. By snaring fowl and wild duck, collecting eggs, oysters, and seals, they managed to eke out a living.

The sea-girt mounds, are known as "halligen." Except on Oland, the largest, there are no trees or fuel, except that obtained from submerged beds of peat, and no fresh water except rain-water collected in butts.

Nevertheless, adventurous Danes and Hollanders, attracted by the thousands of wild fowl and fish, continue to live on the "halligen," in spite of the fact that four months in the year the coarse grass pastures, on which cattle just manage to live, lie under water. Sometimes all is swept away.

Storied Old City.

Danzig is one of the most strongly fortified cities in the world, and has been so through its history. It was a free city through centuries for the same reason that most free cities of the marauding ages were free—because its people had seized upon the naturally powerful defensive topography of the country surrounding, and made its defenses almost impregnable. It was too tough a nut for the kings of the middle ages to crack with their armies, so they graciously allowed it to be free. Under the former German emperor, its militaristic aspect was even more accentuated than it was in the days when it was one of the "Big Four" of the Hanseatic league. With Königsberg, Thorn and Posen, it formed a mighty chain of fortresses.

First "Dust" Explosion.

Until the summer of 1878 such a thing as a "dust explosion" was unknown. No doubt many such explosions had occurred, but they were of small account and no investigation followed to disclose the true nature of the case.

In that summer the Washburn flouring mills at Minneapolis, then the largest in the world, exploded with terrific violence.

Several massive buildings, with granite walls two feet thick and of particularly strong mill construction, were demolished as if by an immense charge of dynamite.

The flame of the first explosion was communicated to two other mills, which were destroyed in the conflagration which followed.

Joyousness.

How should it be otherwise? I can bear a melancholy man, but never a melancholy child. Into whatever quagmire the former sinks, he may raise his eyes either to the realm of reason or to that of hope; but the little child sinks and perishes in a single black poison-drop of the present time. Only imagine a child conducted to the scaffold—Cupid in a German coffin—or fancy a butterfly crawling like a caterpillar with his four wings pulled off, and you will feel what I mean.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

WOMEN PREY OF LONELINESS

London Writer Says That Is the Cause of Their Tireless and Ceaseless Toil.

Men are amazingly and amusingly ignorant with respect to the mysterious life led by their mothers, wives, daughters and aunts. For years at a time a man may go on blindly with his work and his play and remain in total ignorance about the activities of these inexplicable beings. He is dimly and dubiously aware that they are not idle. In his paroxysms in intuition he guesses that his comfort and even his happiness in some fashion may depend upon their labors. But the greater part of his existence is passed in a sublime ignoring of all the immense miracles wrought by women every day of his life.

I have come to the conclusion that women are the loneliest of God's creatures, and that their loneliness is the great first cause of their tireless and ceaseless toil, James Douglas writes in London Opinion. Nearly every woman goes about with a lonely look on her face and the older she grows the lonelier she looks. There are very few lonely men, for men are gregarious. They are also, upon the whole, less imaginative than women. They live more on the surface. They do not possess that quality of power of living a secret inner life of contemplation and broodingly retrospective passion. Men live in and for the hour; woman lives in and for the past and the future. They are at war with their environment. Like Nora in "The Doll's House," they are always waiting for the miracle to happen. One seldom sees the print of tragic intensity on a man's face. One seldom sees anything else on a woman's. It is this veiled tumult of the soul that drives women into frantic and feverish labors.

The recent crown prince of Germany says he wanted to quit after the first battle of the Marne, and we are at least certain that he wishes that he had.

A large number of so-called bolsheviks are no doubt recruits from the large number of persons who do not investigate and are willing to join anything once.

African Witch Doctors.

Africa is a sick country—one of the sickest in the world. Malaria, tuberculosis and pneumonia fill the swamps and forests with death. The fear of death is so constant a companion of the black people that they have come to consider their native witch doctor as more important than the ruling foreign government or the chief of their own tribe. But once the white man sets foot on the fever trail the witch doctor might just as well throw away his crazy medicine. In his heart he knows he is a humbug—Christian Herald.

MANY COMPLAINTS HEARD ABOUT PARKING ORDERS

Many complaints come from autoists these days about the workings of the new parking rules. Under these rules the downtown section is marked off with parking spaces. In these spaces cars must be parked parallel with the curb and remain four feet apart. The result is that less than half the number of cars that formerly parked in these spaces are able to do so now.

The principal trouble is that drivers, once they get into a space, give little heed to anybody else. They slant into the parking space in such a manner that they occupy about twice the room they ought to use, with the result that only about three cars can squeeze into one-half block of space. They have been dubbed "park hogs" by the complainants, many of whom there are.

John Bull is beginning to learn just how large a man General Pershing really is and is breaking his neck to entertain our big general. John was always a great bluffer.

The Greeks.

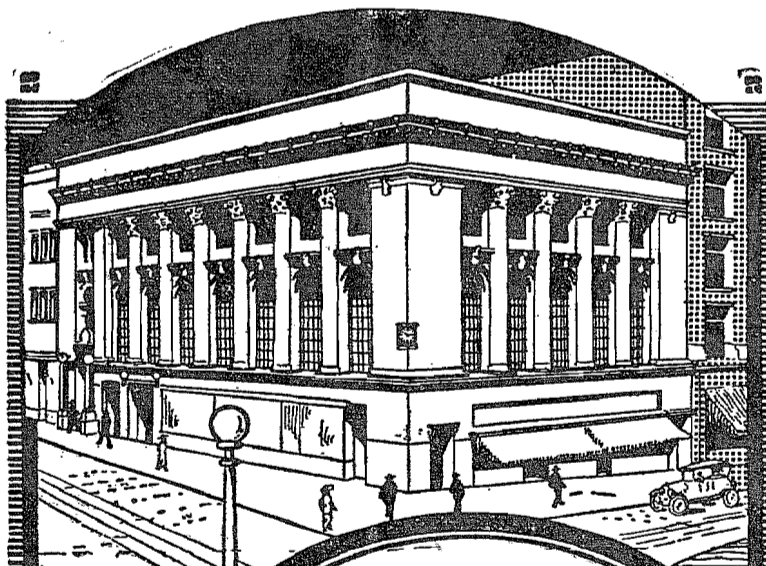
It is impossible to contemplate the annals of Greek literature and art without being struck with them, as by far the most extraordinary and brilliant phenomena in the history of the human mind. The very language, even in its primitive simplicity, as it came down from the rhapsodists who celebrated the exploits of Hercules and Theseus, was as great a wonder as any it records. All the other tongues that civilized man has spoken are poor and feeble, and barbarous, in comparison with it. Its compass and flexibility, its riches and its powers are altogether unlimited. It not only expresses with precision all that is thought or known at any given period, but it enlarges itself naturally, with the progress of science, and affords, as if without an effort, a new phrase, or a systematic nomenclature whenever one is called for.—Thomas Keightly.

Eats a Thousand Insects a Day.

"A cliff swallow will eat a thousand flies, mosquitoes, wheat midges or beetles that injure fruit trees in a day and therefore is to be encouraged," says the American Forestry association of Washington.

"This bird is also known as the cave swallow, because it plasters its nest on the outside of a barn or other building up under the eaves. Colonies of several thousand will build their nests together on the side of a cliff. These nests shaped like a flattened gourd or water bottle are made of bits of clay rolled into pellets and lined with straw or feathers. This bird winters in the tropics."

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OBSERVATIONS

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Our dear Senator Hitchcock is having troubles of his own these days. It might help the senator if some knowing person would tell him just where he is at.

More crime has been reported in Omaha during the last six months than in any previous entire year. So much for our reform city administration.

The Associated Press correspondent is back on the job at Berlin, but they are not letting him tell all he knows.

There will be no necessity for a price guarantee on wheat if present indications of European demand suggest anything. (It is going to take a long time to get the wrinkles out of the European bellies.)

That six-cent street car fare is coming so everybody might as well get rid of it. The street car company is the only corporation that has not raised prices.

NOTICE

To Ambrose Sparks, non-resident defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff, Fannie Sparks, filed her petition in the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, on the 24th day of January, 1919, to obtain a divorce from you on the grounds of non-support and desertion for more than two years.

You are required to answer said petition on or before June 9, 1919.
5t FANNIE SPARKS, Plaintiff.

LAST CAR LEAVES

(Corrected March 10.)

Farnam St. Line.	
16th and Farnam for Dundee.....	1:23
13th and Farnam for 46th and Cuming.....	12:51
Depot for Dundee.....	1:15
13th and Farnam for Depot.....	2:06
Harney Line.	
33rd and Parker to 6th Street.....	12:47
33rd and Parker to Depots.....	1:41
6th and Center for 33rd and Parker.....	1:14
Park and North 24th Streets.	
16th and Farnam, East Side.....	1:03
16th and Farnam, West Side.....	1:23
16th and Farnam for Florence.....	12:24
16th and Farnam for 30th and Fort.....	1:12
16th and Farnam for Kansas Ave.....	1:31
16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames.....	2:33
South Omaha and 42nd and Grand.	
14th and Farnam for West Q.....	1:21
14th and Farnam for 42nd and Grand.....	1:28
14th and Farnam for 24th and Ames.....	2:28
Dodge Street Line.	
13th and Dodge (West).....	1:20
13th and Dodge (East).....	2:01
30th and Spaulding for Depots.....	1:45
Leavenworth and Deaf Institute.	
15th and Farnam (North).....	11:55
15th and Farnam (South).....	12:15
Benson and Albright.	
13th and Farnam for Benson.....	1:20
13th and Farnam for Albright.....	12:41
13th and Farnam for 24th and N.....	1:26
13th and Farnam for 13th and Vinton.....	2:36
Fort Crook Line.	
24th and N Sts., South Omaha.....	12:00
Fort Crook.....	12:30
14th and Howard for Pearl & B-way.....	2:00
Owl Cars.	
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton.....	1:50
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton.....	3:30
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton.....	4:20
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames.....	2:20
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames.....	3:30
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames.....	4:20
16th and Mason to 50th and Underwood.....	3:52
16th and Farnam to 50th and Underwood.....	4:00
50th and Underwood to 10th and Bancroft.....	4:20
16th and Farnam to 10th and Bancroft.....	4:29
24th Street Cross Town.	
24th and Lake.....	12:25
44th and L to 24th and Vinton.....	1:00
Council Bluffs and Omaha.	
Pearl and Broadway for Omaha.....	1:30
14th and Howard for R. I. Depot.....	1:30

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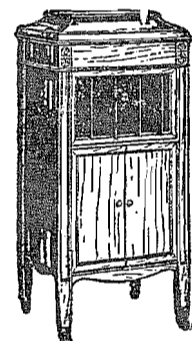
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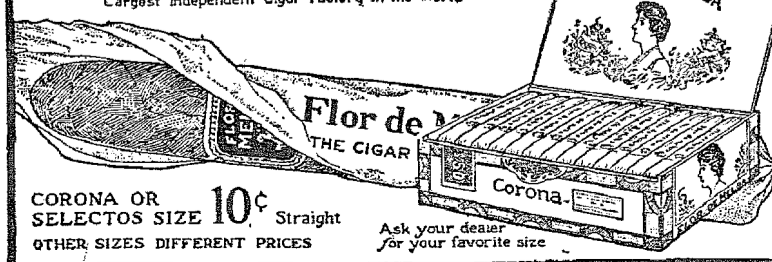
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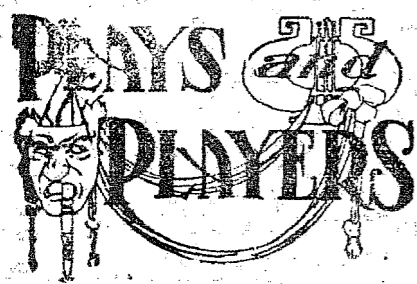
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SENSATIONAL ACT AT KRUG PARK

One of the most unusual and sensational acts is the free attraction at Krug park the coming week, the Three Val Danos, in their flying aeroplane and perch novelty sensation. It is said to be the greatest piece of mechanical ingenuity ever conceived in the mind of men.

These death defying artists fly through space at amazing speed—whirling and spinning—the lady in the aeroplane—the other two artists on the swinging perch performing the most hair raising and unusual exhibitions.

The action of the device is operated by electricity and propelled by the lady in the aeroplane, the crane revolving at terrific momentum.

The past week has been one of unusual crowds every day and evening at the park. The new bathing pool, with its pure sterilized water, sand beach and other conveniences has proven to be a great attraction, being taxed almost to capacity daily. The mornings, excepting Saturday and Sunday from 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. are reserved for women and children.

EMPRESS ATTRACTIONS

With the thermometer doing its best to hit the highwater mark, it can be said without any attempt to boost this theater that the Empress always lives up to its trade-mark of "the coolest place in town." The folks seem to get a lot of enjoyment and comfort out of having the typhoon ocean breeze, pure, fresh air, taken from high above the street level, blow into their faces without objectionable draft.

The show opening Sunday and holding for the first four days of the week is headed by the Eight Whirlwinds, Arabia's foremost tumblers. These men are conceded to be experts in equilibristics, performing novel and amazing feats. Risley work of a superior character is featured, while ground tumbling and balancing feats follow one another in rapid succession. Snow and Sigworth, a duo who have youth, ability and versatility, will contribute a novelty offering made up of piano and violin playing, songs and stories.

Jack Lamey, who has for quite some seasons appeared as a single doing a monologue, will be seen in a new vehicle, "Just for Fun," in which he will be assisted by Violet Pearson, a clever comedienne. The act has originality, snappy lines and a laugh every second.

A sure fire dancing act that has developed during the past season, and which may be considered one of the real dancing gems in vaudeville, will be offered by Leslie and Monday.

A posing act, featuring Mildred the perfection baby, headlines the new show opening Thursday. Posings representative of ancient and modern statuary and famous pictures, recognized as the best in art, are introduced.

The photoplay attraction for the first four days will be "God's Outlaw," featuring Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, which marks their first appearance since their marriage.

The new cigarette law will put a crimp in every dealer except the trust, which fathered the act. After the license is paid there will be absolutely no profit left for the small retailer.

SKINNER INDUSTRIES BIG ASSET IN OMAHA MANUFACTURING EFFORT

Various Lines of Endeavor Show Successful Management of Financial Department of Undertakings of These Wise Nebraskans.

The Mediator feels that it cannot pass at this time the big doings in Omaha of the Skinners. Paul F. and Lloyd M. Skinner have come to be among the leading business men of the country and their success is the best spokesman of the manner in which they do business. The varied Skinner interests are among the largest in the country and a remarkable fact is that everything they have had anything to do with has come to be a big success.

At this time the big South Side packing house of the Skinner Packing company and the nine-story building of the produce department, being built at Twelfth and Douglas streets, are occupying the attention of the Skinners. These two buildings and accessory buildings represent several million dollars and hundreds of Nebraskans have thought enough of the various Skinner products to become interested in them.

When Paul F. Skinner got into the macaroni business he started something. His physiognomy decorates about everything in which he is interested, from macaroni to packing house products. He is not a homely man at that, and the unique head-dress in which the photographer snapped him lends a nice bit of touch to the picture.

"The Skinners are into everything," was remarked by a well known business man recently, and to a certain extent that sums up the truth of the whole business. However, the only business connections they have are the Skinner Manufacturing company, the Skinner Packing company and the Skinner Baking company. They do not do business on air and every time you see that name on anything it brands the product as worth 101 cents on the dollar.

Paul F. Skinner was an advertising man fifteen years ago. He saw the possibility of promoting various staple productions and went to the job. It was not all roses at the start, but his hustling ability made everything he touched a success. It is told of him when he first got into the macaroni business that a banker friend loaned him \$100,000 on his faith in him to make good. And he certainly has made good. With his brother, Lloyd M., who was a very successful man before he came to Omaha, they make a fine business pair.

This is not an advertisement.

BIG DEMAND HEARD FOR NEW GOLF DICTIONARIES

There is a demand for up-to-date golf dictionaries. A lot of fellows who thought they knew all the golf terms are just learning that their vocabulary is away short of what it ought to be.

When the daddy of golf-invented the game would be golf enthusiasts studied his creation of new words and later on Noah Webster's followers adopted them into the dictionaries which used his photograph as a frontispiece. Americans, however, felt the necessity for coining a few golf terms of their own, in order that John Bull could not claim a monopoly on the golf vocabulary. Many of these new words have come into existence within the last two years and golfers are looking for some expert who will put the golf dictionary into a new binding, with the up-to-date vocabulary complete.

Persistent reports say that the proposed recall is really a live issue and that it will soon make its appearance.

MURPHY SHOOTING IS REMINDER FOR CARE

Shooting of Young Police Officer Cause for More Tact in Approaching Men in the Dark.

The shooting of Officer Murphy, who is as fine a young fellow as ever worse a star, brings back the suggestion that officers are not properly instructed as to how they should approach bad men after dark. It is said that Murphy and his associates stopped young Tobias without having their revolvers in their hands. It is suggested that had Tobias, who fired at least five shots before the officers could draw their guns, seen the police with gun in hand he would not have resisted.

However that may be, there are faulty instructions given officers. It would appear that the thing for an officer to do when he approaches a man under these circumstances would be to have his gun ready as he approached and told him he was an officer. Such action might have prevented this young officer from being shot and receiving a possibly fatal wound.

AUTOMOBILE TITLE DEALER VISITS OMAHA ON BUSINESS

President T. L. Snyder of the Automobile Abstract and Title company paid a visit to Omaha and Council Bluffs this week. He is now organizing a world-wide campaign for his business, which is that of protecting owners of automobiles against theft.

Mr. Snyder expects to put out 3,000,000 of these abstracts within the next year. They will cover the record of automobiles just as real estate is protected, and will show every time the car changes hands and who were the contracting parties. It will make it possible for any person purchasing a car to secure the record of the car, just the same as they secure the record of a peace of land.

When the arrangement is complete it will mean that any person who buys a car without an abstract is taking a long chance, which in effect will put automobile thieves out of business. In addition, it will reduce the price of insurance from 50 to 75 per cent.

Mr. Snyder was recently married to a young Council Bluffs lady and with his bride is visiting her relatives in that city.

OMAHA HORSE ENTHUSIASTS INTERESTED IN BIG RACES

Horsemen of Nebraska, and particularly of Omaha, are intensely interested in the Grand Circuit meets this year, and several local men have horses on the eastern tracks. Some of them plan to go to Kalamazoo this week and also to other cities where the ponies will work for the next month.

Nebraska has turned out some pretty fine horseflesh in recent years and with the war over renewed interest is being taken in the game. Although Omaha has never been a huge success as a racing city, it is believed that in another year the game will be revived here and that Omaha will again have a new mile track and that this city may again get into the Great Western Circuit with other large cities of its class.

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All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court, praying for the probate of a certain instrument now on file in said Court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said Court on the 26th day of July, 1919, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on the said 26th day of July, 1919, at 9 o'clock a. m. to contest the probate of said will, the Court may allow and probate said will and grant administration of said estate to Earnest Coy, or some other suitable person, enter a decree of heirship, and proceed to a settlement thereof.
BRYCE CRAWFORD,
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