

# OMAHA BUYS ROTTEN GAS LEMON

## QUESTIONABLE DEAL FOR OUR TAXPAYERS

City Pays Five Million Dollars for the  
Collection of Junk.

## R. BEECHER HOWELL DEMANDS CASH

Mayor Smith Takes Vacation and Side-Steps Gas Issue—Price  
of Gas Must Be Raised—Junk Men Not Bidders for  
Useless Lemon Seeds.

Engineering a deal by which the people of Omaha undertake the operation of their own gas plant was one of the finest bits of black hand work that has been seen in our vicinity for many a day. In other words, we have been handed a five million dollar lemon and the end is not yet.

From all reports a well known Omaha law firm, of which a very high city official is a member, carried through this fine bit of business and it is a safe guess that that firm received a fee that would put to shame the salary of the president of the United States.

Now that we have burned up \$5,000,000 of perfectly good taxpayers' money, Mr. R. Beecher Howell, head of the Metropolitan Water Board, to whom has been given the job of operating the gas plant, says he must have another half million dollars at once as working capital. And to make matters better all the way around, it is stated that the price of gas to Omaha consumers is to be boosted at once from the present rate of \$1.15 to about \$1.40.

All of which ought to make our intelligent citizens sit up and take notice. Let it be known, there was no opportunity given by the owners of the gas plant for Omaha to back out. When it came to issuing bonds to pay for the plant no bidders for these securities could be found. "Oh, we'll take the bonds ourselves," said the gas plant owners. "We can afford to take that chance." And they could easily do it, too. After passing off such a lemon as to this gas plant at twice the amount of its original cost, why should they not accept these

gilt-edged city bonds in payment for their plant?

In anticipation of the city taking over the gas plant, the owners of that institution have not spent a penny for five years on up-keep and new additions. The city of Omaha finds itself owner of a gas plant that has been steadily deteriorating for a long time, and which today is worth not a dollar exceeding three million.

Mayor Smith has side-stepped the whole business. He is leaving on a two weeks' vacation and says he don't give a tinker's darn whether there is any money with which to operate the plant. He says if Bill Ure wants to turn \$50,000 of the city's money over to Mr. Howell to pay current bills, he can do so, but the mayor will have none of it. The people of Omaha have a perfect right to know something about the inside work on the deal by which they came into possession of this lemon.

One of the big sources of income enjoyed by the gas plant was cut off when the city did away entirely with street lighting gas, something that was to be expected, in view of the decided improvement that electricity has proved to be, as compared with gas lighting. But the gas plant owners passed this loss right on to the people. Thousands of gas lamps and piping used to install them were sold to the city, just as if they were still a live asset. These are all junk now, but that has not prevented our taxpayers being taken in on it, and they paid for it at its original cost price. It would hardly be possible to get any responsible junk concern to dig it up for what they could get for it.

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## ANOTHER INCREASE IN FARE NOW SUGGESTED IN WAGE CONTROVERSY

Dear Public May Have to Dig Up Another Penny if It Would Ride  
On Street Cars—Where Endless Chain Will End  
Now Big Question.

The hearing before the state railway commission of the demands for an increased wage by street car men, which has been on tap for two weeks, is getting interesting for the public. It is now proposed to do away with the six-for-a-quarter fare and make it seven cents flat, in order that the company's revenue will justify the increase demanded by the street car men. Just how the public will take this new line of proposals remains to be seen, but such an increase in the price of transportation is not going to be very popular, that is a cinch.

The hearing has brought out several new things, but so far as old General Public is concerned, the one thing that is most interesting is whether there is going to be another increase in car fares. This hearing is not going to show whether the street car company is actually making or losing money; neither is it going to prove whether or not the employees are receiving as much salary as they should. It is another family scrap in which the big public interest is in the question of whether the people will again be called upon to dig up another penny every time they get on a street car.

Despite the high cost of living prop-

osition, wages have kept pretty good pace with that increase. Whether there is going to be an endless chain system by which the dollar is reduced in size every five minutes is what most of the poor devils who try to be respectable really want to know. There has got to be a stopping place, both for wages and for high costs. Just when and where that stop will occur is what most of the people want to know.

About twenty years ago or more the present upward tendency of everything began and it has been going on ever since. The war gave it an impetus that has nearly wrecked a lot of people who were unprepared for it all. The street car company has increased the salaries of its men during that time in a very material manner. Those increases have exceeded the one increase the company has had in fares and the resistance being put up to the demands of the men at this time was to be expected.

If the state railway commission finds it possible to bring about peace in this business, the public will feel a lot better and both sides will have the everlasting thanks of street car patrons if some relief can be found for both sides and the public thrown in.

## WET AND DRY FIGHT IN 'FRISCO CREATES FUSS

Omaha People Watch Bulletins Closely to Hear What Is Final Result.

That wet and dry fight in the democratic convention at San Francisco interested nearly 200,000 Omaha people who watched bulletin boards, bought late editions and visited newspaper offices where press wires were in operation. There has been a feeling all along among Omahans that the liquor question would not go unnoticed by the democrats and it created no surprise when it was learned that there was an open fight on in the committee.

With Bryan on the job it was to be expected that the democrats would not get a wet plank into the platform without a struggle. Nobody, however, expected anything radical and everybody took a lively interest in the doings of the committee of nine that had to do with the real drafting of the platform. That body was decidedly wet and reported a wet plank to the big committee on resolutions, where the real scrap was pulled off Thursday night and Friday.

After this platform is adopted there is every evidence that it will result in some new alignments, and that neither the wets nor the dries are going to be perfectly satisfied. In the meantime, democratic leaders are putting in a lot of things into that platform with which they hope to land a lot of votes that heretofore have been considered doubtful.

## OMAHA IRISH PLEASED WITH DEMOCRATIC PLANK

As a general proposition Omaha Irishmen are pleased with the Irish plank in the democratic platform of the San Francisco convention. The plank speaks plainly a sympathetic word for Irish freedom and also intimates that the democrats have pledged themselves to assist the Irish people in any effort they make to secure their independence, so far as that lies with-

in the power of diplomatic action.

"The trouble with the American people, so far as the Irish are concerned," said one leader of the Irish propaganda in Omaha, "is that they do not understand the underlying principles of the Irish efforts. The story is an old one, and the time is here for action by America. This country has always opposed oppression of all peoples, and it is high time our people take a hand in helping Ireland to free itself of the handicap under which it has lived for so many centuries."

This same gentleman said he believed the pledge of the San Francisco democrats was sincere and that it was a very thing for them to make it at this time.

## PUBLIC SENTIMENT HITS SOME REAL ROCKY ROADS

"Public Sentiment," latest literary contribution to the field of endeavor that is seeking to moisten the country, is reported to be having troubles of its own. One of the men who has been interested in the publication of this new weekly paper told The Mediator that he did not expect another week's issue would go on the press.

This paper was started with a view to bidding for anything that would help keep the country wet. For several weeks it has been getting out a spicy argument against dryness and has not hesitated to express the feeling of that part of the general public that opposed prohibition.

The office of the paper in the Patterson block has been abandoned and the furniture removed. It is said the promoters feel that they have not received the support they anticipated when they started the paper and that they feel they can no longer stand the burden of operation that has been entailed.

Rest your tongue and perhaps your mind will get time to think about something worth saying.

## Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

Phil Nathan, well known hotel proprietor, was laughing in his sleeve about how he made a fellow named Grady pay a board bill that was five years old. Phil usually got the money.

All that story about Date Compton cornering up all the good roads in Douglas was bunk, according to Tony Zimmerly, one of our well posted road bosses. Leave it to Tony to furnish the alibis.

Lou Unger was again seen around the old loafing spots after working two days at the old job. Lou insisted he could keep out of jail as easy as anybody else.

One of our newly incorporated

weekly newspapers decided that the time was not ripe for entering upon the great movement of bringing back alcoholic liquors to the country. Dodds, McMahon & Co., was looking for a new job.

Joe McGrath, one of our enterprising young business men, was still able to look over the business situation, as it concerned the handling of corn for medicinal purposes. He never overlooked any bets. He was a great friend of George Roberts.

Billy Atkin threatened to invade Omaha as soon as he was able to lay aside his corn and get his wheat threshed. Nobody cared much whether he came back to town or not.

## San Francisco Democrats Are Not Wet

Although the democrats at San Francisco have had a busy week, there is nothing in their tentative platform drafts to indicate that they are going to be on record as favoring even a modification of the Volstead act, which would let down the bars for beer and light wines.

The fact is here, that we are entering a new era, with the saloon gone for all time to come, so far as this generation goes. It don't matter whether we like it or love it, the fact remains that the country is dry and is going to remain so for some time to come. The republicans refused to even admit that liquor was any longer an issue and the democrats apparently did not dare to do so.

Wise politicians have decided in their own mind that there is no reason why they should again meet the prohibition issue. They feel that there no longer exists a big bundle of money to be thrown into their coffers for fighting for a wet issue, which is probably the truth. The big interests that once furnished large sums to fight prohibition no longer exist. Most of these men have already undergone the process of getting out of the brewery and distillery business and entering other lines. For that reason they have themselves lost interest and are not willing to throw any more money into the political barrel with a view to furthering their own business desires.

It is going to be four years before such an issue may again be brought up. In the meantime those who have been accustomed to having their drinks with kicks in them will have to depend on the bootlegger, moonshiner and the home brewery. But even the bootlegger is entitled to a living.

## CHIEF DUNN IS STILL WAITING FOR ACTION

City Council Division Is 3 to 3 and No  
Action Taken.

## VOTE OF COUNCIL IS SIGNIFICANT

Some Morals Squad Activities Are Noticeable as Result of Suspensions and Inside Work Is Noticeable—Dunn Is Not  
Doing Any Talking Yet.

The question of what is going to be done to John Dunn, deposed chief of detectives, is still a live one and it has had some new angles added since Dunn had his salary stopped. It has also brought out the fact that our city commission is by no means agreed on what shall be done about the charges made that Dunn illegally retained some reward money paid by a Sioux City merchant for the recovery of a large amount of merchandise that had been stolen from him.

Dean Ringer, head of the police department, has openly declared that he wants Dunn's head chopped off, but when it came to a show down this week he was not able to muster a majority in the city commission to uphold him in discharging the former chief of detectives.

There was a division in the city council, 3 to 3, a tie vote which resulted in the matter remaining in status quo. Mayor Smith, Butler and Towl, took the Dunn side of the business, while Ringer, Ure and Zimman voted to discharge him. Some surprise was felt that Zimman should take the position he did, but things are a little different now than they were a few short months ago.

Whatever may be said of Dunn, he has been able until recently to keep in the middle of the road, and to do a pretty good job of running the detective department. It would be interesting to know just why Commissioner Ringer changed his mind about him. It is a cinch that he did not take Dunn to task because that officer retained that \$100 of reward money. Oh, no, Ringer has condoned things that were criminal as compared to this affair. He has made one admission to the effect that he was going to "clean up"

the police department. From all appearances he has been pretty busy building up a machine with which he might hope to again land in the berth he now occupies.

It is said the question of what shall be done with the former chief of detectives will not be settled until Commissioner Falconer returns to vote on the business. In the meantime, it is believed there will be time to have some sort of an understanding. Just at this time, Johnny Dunn is not the only man on the pan. From all indications there are several fellows who have felt it would be a good thing to use their bowie knives on some of their former friends, lest they themselves might become victims of the Ringer policy of forcing men into his way of thinking whether they liked it or not. These fellows have apparently kept out of the limelight, but their fine Italian hand has been visible in some of the workings of the police department in recent weeks.

John Dunn has not said much thus far, but it is expected that he will be ready to talk whenever the proper time comes. It is hinted that Dunn has been in bad because he insisted on taking a glance at some of the South Side conditions which Mr. Ringer did not want aired. It has taken a year and a half to find out that Dunn committed the terrible "crime" with which he is charged. Some fellows that might be mentioned without much difficulty have been working their hammers overtime.

Incidental with the temporary or permanent relief of Dunn, as the case may be, certain members of our morals squad have been getting busy. Their activities have a significance that gives proof of the fact that some-

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## GOMPERS AT SAN FRANCISCO WANTS DEMOCRATS TO RECOGNIZE LABOR

Great Labor Leader Intimates That Union Labor May Institute  
New Party and Go It Alone—Already Has 3,000,000  
Votes and Insists on Recognition.

Samuel Gompers has been one of the interesting characters at the San Francisco convention of the democrats. Gompers was there in an effort to secure some concessions for organized labor, a task which has not been an easy one. Despite the fact that organized labor is said to exceed 3,000,000 votes, neither of the great political parties has had the temerity to offer Mr. Gompers and his followers any encouragement, unless a general statement to the effect that labor should be treated fairly might be called a concession.

When it comes to the labor question political parties are always ready to side-step. The Wilson administration has encouraged increased wages and at no time in the history of the country have all classes of labor been recipients of anything like the present scale of wages. Perhaps the democrats feel that this is sufficient guarantee of their interest in a good wage for labor.

Mr. Gompers has been able to keep in close touch with political conditions. That was his purpose when he took the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor to Washington. He has been one man who could

always get the ear of the president, democrat or republican, and in many ways his efforts have been crowned with success.

In a recent statement he told the world that labor was an institution to be dealt with in a manner that would make life worth living for every man and woman who worked for a living. He also intimated that organized labor would take a serious hand in political affairs and that it would not be healthy for any political party to ignore the 3,000,000 votes that would be cast by members of labor unions.

It will be interesting to watch Mr. Gompers from now on. He has just been re-elected to the high position he has occupied so long and he is considered the strongest man that union labor has ever had as a head.

Although a labor party has not been organized, it has been hinted that one will soon be in existence. If that comes true and labor supports such an organization, it is time to take a warning that a new era is about to come into existence. If such a party is organized and socialism is eliminated, the country will have some new conditions to deal with in the near future.



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**LAST ECHO OF W. J. BRYAN.**

The last echo of Bill Bryan, once a leader in democratic councils, who made his debut thirty years ago as the "boy orator of the Platte," will have been heard with the closing of the San Francisco convention. Once the pride of Nebraska, Bryan traded his birth-right for a mess of pottage and has reaped the reward in gold.

The passing of Bryan is no fault of his own, because he has never stopped for a single moment in his headlong dash for notoriety and the gold that has come with the fine game of politics he has been playing ever since he swapped the honorable profession of law for that of a politician.

The real cause of Bryan's downfall is that he absolutely refused to be on the square with anybody. He has double-crossed every friend he ever had, has used his friends as a means toward securing his bag of gold and has never been really sincere in any cause he has ever espoused.

Bryan went to San Francisco last week expecting to dominate the national democratic convention. When he reached the city he learned that President Wilson's friends had arrived ahead of him and later he discovered that he was going to be a hopeless minority. The president's friends were the whole show at San Francisco and even his opponents on certain matters refused absolutely to take Mr. Bryan into their confidence, or to accept his assistance in their opposition to Wilson's program.

The passing of Bryan marks an epoch in the history of the party and in some respects in the history of the country. He came into prominence when he made the famous "cross of gold" speech in the democratic convention in Chicago twenty-four years ago. He at once began the work of perpetuating himself as a candidate, although he never was anywhere near election. He also began to line his pockets with the gold he so vigorously denounced in his famous Chicago speech. He was without a penny when first nominated in Chicago, but he is now rated as wealthy. So far as the record shows he never earned a single dollar by the sweat of his brow.

And now he is finally slated by his party for retirement for all time to come. He will never again be a real force within the ranks of the Jeffersonian followers. In all his history as a leader, he has never accomplished a single thing that has been a boon to humanity. He has been an entertainer in his vague way, but as a real benefit to humanity he has been an abject failure.

In leaving off his activities in politics, Bryan also has practically passed up the state that made him possible. He is no longer a resident of Nebraska, and even admitted that fact by registering at a San Francisco hotel from Miami, Fla. But Nebraskans will not miss him very much. It is said he will soon give up Fairview, the beautiful home paid for by a nation of Chautauqua listeners, and permanently locate himself in Florida.

In San Francisco he has not cut much figure. Even his opposition to the League of Nations has made no headway and those of President Wilson's opponents on this plank have steadfastly refused to accept Bryan as an adviser and have declined to permit him to even make suggestions as to the line of opposition to be put up by them.

Mr. Bryan's literary efforts at the convention have been the poorest he has ever displayed. Between each line of his articles, written for a news syndicate and served to one Omaha paper, could be seen the weakness of the Bryan position and a forecast of that symbolic designation of the end, known to newspaper men as "thirty."

History will class Bryan with the "pussyfoots" and the "accidents" that appear within the ranks of human beings, but will hardly record any achievement worthy of mention wherein Bryan was the hero. The world may be no worse off for having Mr. Bryan, but it can hardly be said that he has been an asset of any great importance.

**IRISH LOSE OUT AGAIN.**

Those Fenians who have been trying to cut Ireland loose from England and make a republic out of the little Emerald Isle, and who have been trying to get American political parties to take up their fight, have again been disappointed. In some respects the Irish question and the prohibition question seem to have been put in the same category by both the republican and the democratic conventions.

The Irish were put on the shelf in short order by the republicans, who let it be known that they were not butting into any of Johnny Bull's family scraps. The democrats have thrown a poor sop to the American Irish by intimating they are willing to have the whole business settled by the League of Nations.

And there you are. Americans of Irish extraction, who for several years have been spending their money and their efforts to get America into the scrap have lost again. As a general proposition the American people as a whole do not like to butt into the family affairs of any neighbor. It has been suggested that the Irish would have done better had they gone wholeheartedly into England's war with Germany instead of refusing to get into the fight. It is pretty generally agreed that they would have been

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much worse off had Germany won the war than they are at present.

One of the things that has greatly handicapped the Irish cause has been the fact that many Americans of Irish extraction have been opposed to a so-called Irish republic. The religious question, of course, has also been a big one, so far as Irish Independence is concerned.

This paper has no suggestion to make, except that the physical combativeness being displayed by the Irish at home is not helping their cause. At any rate, recent riots in Ireland are not encouraging England to think better of the Irish proposition for freedom.

**DEBONAIRE KEELY SAYS KANSAS CITY FOR HIM**

C. J. Kelly, debonaire dispenser of about anything the public demands when he is on the job, formerly Bert Perigue's first aid in relieving the hungry and thirsty public, has gone to Kansas City, where he has established himself in a fine suite on Oak street. He is not telling everybody his address, but in order to always receive the Mediator promptly he dropped the editor a line telling where he had located.

Incidentally, Kelly says the town should have plenty of poontang on hand, now that he is gone. He admits he was a great consumer, but says he will leave the job to his former associates. Kelly intimates he may construct a new ten-story hotel in Kansas City as soon as the money situation is somewhat relieved.

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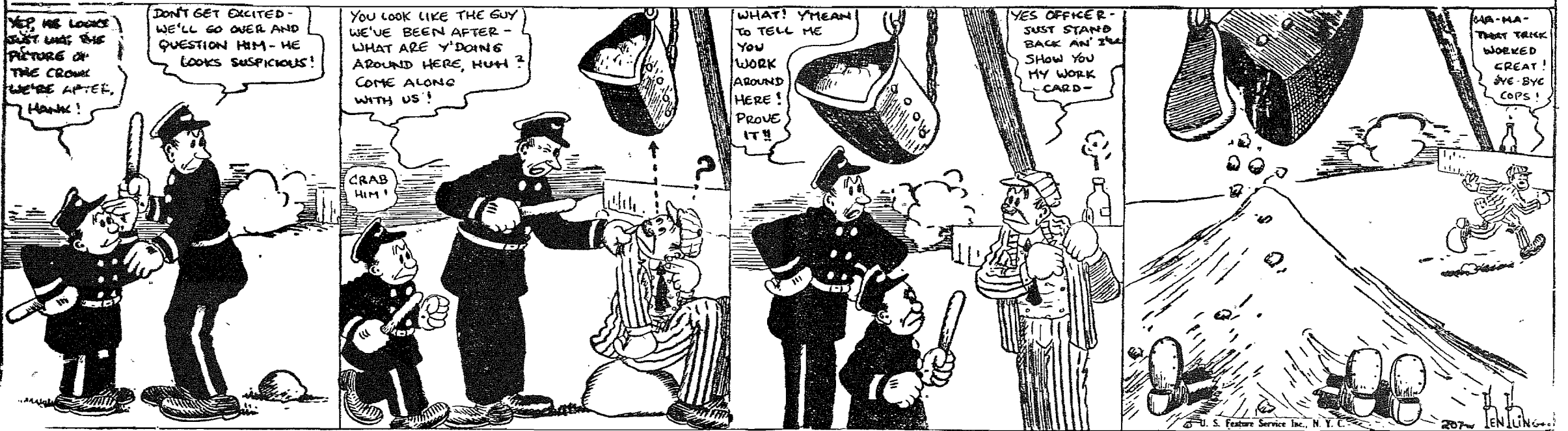
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By KEN KLING

SKINNERS SCORE VICTORY  
OVER TRUST OPPONENTS

During the week the Skinnners have again won a victory in their fight for control of the Skinner properties, chief of which is the big three million dollar plant of the Skinner Packing company. Paul Skinner, who has been the brains and brawn of the Skinner industries, has again landed right out in front, with the probability that he will continue to boss the big packing house and related industries.

"Bob" Howe, considered representative of the bunch of big packers who have been trying to get hold of the Skinner plant, is out of a job for the present, but is not expected to remain idle very long. There are plenty of people who believe he has never been off the Armour pay roll. If that is true, he probably will be soon dictating the movement of Mr. Armour's beef in the old way and, at any rate, nobody believes he will be borrowing money from his friends with which to buy a meal in the near future.

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ROURKE'S AGAIN SHOW  
SIGNS OF RECUPERATION

With their return home, Bill Rourke's squad of ball players have already begun to show signs of recuperation. The slump they took from first place in the percentage column came just like other things come in the baseball business. Most of the trouble resulted from disabled players and a consequent shortage of men who could deliver the goods when they were most needed.

Part of this handicap has been overcome and the Omaha club is again on the way to a higher position in the percentage column. Rourke has some of the highest priced men in the league, but all players are subject to the ills that befall every club from time to time. With three or four new recruits that will be in the game from now on, Lelivelt expects the club to again get into the running and to finish the season in real style.

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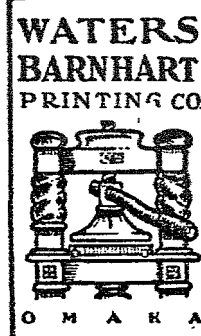
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The photoplay attraction for the first half of the week of July 4th will be "A Sister to Salome," featuring Miss Gladys Brockwell. This story is different than any in which Miss Brockwell has yet been seen, and she does some wonderful acting, and is supported by a powerful cast. The story is of a dream within a dream, and will hold the audience's interest from start to finish.

The photoplay attraction for the last half will be "Peggy Rebels," featuring dainty Mary Miles Minter. The story is from one of the season's most popular books.

### QUESTIONABLE DEAL FOR OUR TAXPAYERS

(Continued From First Page.) The demand for gas from this time on will be limited in Omaha, as it is being limited elsewhere, to household and commercial uses, and every gas concern in the country is on the downward pathway. It was only natural that the former owners of the gas plant were quite willing to unload that lemon on the Omaha people at such a fancy price.

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With all respect for Mayor Smith, he is open for a lot of criticism and he is hardly to be blamed for wanting to wash his hands of a transaction that has already proved to be the rottenest investment the citizens of Omaha have ever had put across on them.

We wish Mr. Howell success, but it is a cinch he has got the job of his life on his hands in undertaking to prove that the purchase of the gas plant was a good thing for our people.

### ATTORNEYS CLASH IN STREET CAR HEARINGS

One of the big stage plays at the street car hearing this week was a clash between two of the opposing attorneys, during which one of them intimated that the other was a liar.

The rejoinder was to the effect that if the accuser would step out in the hallway he would prove he was not a liar. The court refused to let them fight, all of which prevented the newspapers from securing a fine story. As a general proposition, it is pretty generally admitted that lawyers are not always as particular about the truth as they might be, but there is a sort of gentlemen's agreement that the public shall not be let in on the secret that many of them are liars.

All of which causes the courts to insist on a certain amount of legal etiquette among the fellows who think they know something about law. It is really too bad that some of these fellows don't get down to business once in a while and give the newspapers something that everybody wants to read about.

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### CHIEF DUNN IS STILL WAITING FOR ACTION

(Continued From First Page.) thing new may be expected in police affairs in the near future. It is really doubtful, very doubtful in fact, whether John Dunn will ever again be chief of detectives, or even be restored to the force in any capacity. Such a thing will not occur if Ringer and Eberstein are permitted to get away with the job they have undertaken.

It will be very interesting, however, to watch developments in this matter and if they all get to squawking the battle will be a good one.

### No Time for Interruption.

"However deplorable the fact may be, playing two-handed pinocle at 25 cents a hand is one of the favorite diversions of commuters between this city, New York, Atlantic City, Cape May and other commercial outposts of Philadelphia. One man, who carries his pleasures as well as his worries home from work, was playing pinocle in his library the other evening with a cronie, when the butler entered and handed him a telegram. He returned it unopened. "I'll look at it later."

"But the messenger is waiting, sir," the butler respectfully remonstrated. The financier read the telegram. It said: "Struck 8,000-barrel gusher today. Everything fine."

"Confound you, Thomas, why did you spoil my game?" he cried.

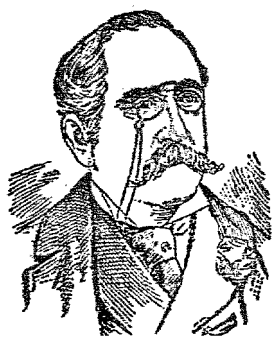
He didn't care nearly so much about the fortune he had made, as about the 25 cents he was in danger of losing.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

### Found "News" Exaggerated.

Believing that the United States was in the throes of a railroad strike and not a wheel was turning, Frederick R. Bartlett, wealthy sugar dealer and engineer, of Easton, Md., arrived at New York on the steamship Maracaibo from Venezuela with a powerboat and enough gasoline to run it to his home town. Reports received in the South American republic, he said, had indicated that he would have to make his way home without the aid of railroads or even automobiles, because of the gasoline shortage.

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Farnam St. Line.	
16th and Farnam for Dundee.....	1:23
18th and Farnam for 46th and.....	1:41
Cuming Benson and Albrigh.....	1:51
Depot for Dundee.....	1:55
13th and Farnam for Depot.....	2:06
Harney Line.	
33rd and Parker to 6th Street.....	12:47
33rd and Parker to Depot.....	1:41
6th and Center for 33rd and Parker.....	1:14
Park and North 24th Streets.....	
16th and Farnam, East Side.....	1:03
18th and Farnam, West Side.....	1:23
16th and Farnam for Florence.....	12:24
18th and Farnam for 30th and Fort.....	12:41
16th and Farnam for Kansas Ave.....	1:31
18th and Farnam for 24th and Ames.....	2:03
South Omaha and 42nd and Grand.....	
14th and Farnam for West Q.....	1:21
14th and Farnam for 42nd and Grand.....	1:23
14th and Farnam for 24th and Ames.....	2:23
Dodge Street Line.	
13th and Dodge (West).....	1:20
13th and Dodge (East).....	2:01
18th and Spaulding for Depot.....	1:46
Leavenworth and Deaf Institute.....	
15th and Farnam (North).....	11:55
15th and Farnam (South).....	12:16
16th and Farnam and Albrigh.....	
13th and Farnam for Benson.....	1:20
13th and Farnam for Albright.....	1:20
13th and Farnam for 24th and N.....	1:26
18th and Farnam for 24th and Vinton.....	2:26
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.....	2:01
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton.....	3:30
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 Farnam—north to 24th and Ames.....	4:30
10th 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.....	4:30
24th and Lake.....	12:25
44th and L to 24th and Vinton.....	1:00
Council Bluffs and Omaha.....	1:10
Pearl and Broadway for Omaha.....	1:20
14th and Howard for R. L. Depot.....	1:30

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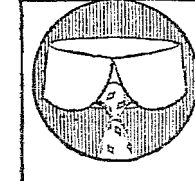
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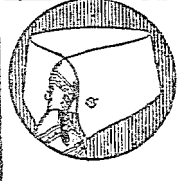
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