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## DEGENERACY ON INCREASE IN OMAHA

### OMAHA YOUTHS HAVE IT ALL OVER BLAINE COUNTY KIDS

Local Children Do Not Have To Learn How To  
Make Beer Or Hootch From Text Books

### PARENTS TEACH OFFSPRING NEW TRADE

Thomas Says Distribution Of Text Books With Hootch Directions  
Against The Law And Constitution—Papers Throughout State  
Reproduces Articles However—Out-State County  
Gets Plenty Of Good Publicity.

On in Blaine county the kids are both in and out of luck. They are in luck to have text books on how to make whiskey, wine, beer and other intoxicating beverages but they are out of luck, much as is a tradesman who learned his stuff through a "mail order" school—they lack actual experience.

The boys and girls in Omaha have it all over the youth of Blaine county when it comes to learning the brewers or distillers art. In common with other towns and cities of the state and also in common with other cities throughout the United States Omaha kids learn the gentle art of making alcoholic concoctions by actual experience.

It is a well known fact that about every third family in this or any other metropolitan city either brews their own beer, makes their own wine or distill their own hootch. The children are put to work on various phases of the supposed to be outlawed business. Little Johnnie is sent to the store for the hops, little Nellie looks on while mother is corking up the bottles. The older boys perform the various duties assigned to them and sooner or later the entire family know their stuff when it comes to making the liquors that formerly was left to professional brewers and distillers.

Why all the holler being put up by America's outstanding reformer, Elmer Thomas, prohibition director for Nebraska, concerning the Blaine county school book is beyond the pale of average human intelligence. If some one will solve the following complex they can do better than anyone we have ever had the opportunity of meeting.

Thomas says that the printed instructions in the book concerning the brewing or distilling of liquors constitute a violation of the Volstead enforcement act or the Eighteenth

#### EVEN THE MEDIATOR OFTEN TIMES MAKES ERROR

The Mediator makes apology and explanations, because even it, sometimes, makes a mistake. Last week we printed boldly an item regarding a gentleman named Campbell relative to alleged doings to him. In the same paragraph, apology was made to a city hall man about certain indiscretions charged to him.

When this matter came up to the editor a note of apology to Mr. Campbell was dictated to an employee. Conditions at the moment were hazy to the employee, who made apology to the city hall man and proceeded to say even more about Mr. Campbell, which was an error pure and simple, and which this paper repudiates. There is no apology to that city hall man, however, and more will be told of this later.

Put together, it was a "comedy of errors," with the real grief falling on the head of Campbell, for which this paper offers an abject apology, both on its own account and that of his friends.

These things will occur in a great newspaper office like that of the Mediator and the editor hastens to, as nearly as possible, make amends.

EDWIN L. HUNTLEY, Editor



Clara Bow in "Kiss Me Again" at a local theatre.

#### FIREMEN WANT TO KNOW WHO GETS RAKE OFF ON UNIFORMS

Firemen and their wives in particular are registering a vigorous kick about the cost of firemen's uniforms. A year ago these uniforms were purchasable at the Burgess-Nash store for \$23, which was considered reasonable, but now the price has been almost doubled.

Firemen are now forced to buy their uniforms, which are only two-piece suits, at the Bery concern and pay \$43 each for them, Mr. Butler, who has the fire department under his control, has not thus far registered any complaint and firemen are beginning to worry about who is going to look out for their interest unless it is the fire commissioner.

Some of the firemen have already expressed wonderment at this proceeding, which to them appears quite high-handed. They are asking who Berg is paying the big commission to. The profit on these \$43 uniforms purchased by several hundred firemen, makes a neat thing for somebody, and it is not the office boy either.

#### THAT MILLARD CRASH WAS A DANDY THING

Two South Side school teachers are in St. Catherine's hospital as the result of an automobile crash a week ago at Millard. One is a married woman. A well known Omaha automobile man and two Lincoln men, Rogers and Shay, also auto dealers, were in the crowd. It is said a drunken party was just finished when the crash occurred. All the names are being gathered up. Frank and the other men got away easy. This is certainly a bear of a story, when it all comes out. The doctor and a farmer are just holding their horses until something happens.

If Mr. Dawes can succeed in getting the Senate rules changed, it will then be easier for Congress to pass a lot more laws that we don't need.—Southern Lumberman.

### Tram Company Gets A Fraction Of Cent Raise

Public Pays But Little More To Ride  
But Company Now Able To Earn  
A Reasonable Return.

Thursday was pay day on the Wash so far as the street railway was concerned. One would think that the end of the world had come in this connection after reading some of the comments in the local dailies. As a matter of fact regular riders who buy tokens will be out the magnificent sum of one ordinary cigar a week. However this insignificant amount plus the cash fare raise will be sufficient to bring the revenue up to where the company will be able to realize a fair return on their investment.

Now that the state commission has granted the company a just increase in fares it is no more than right that the city get busy with the franchise far enough that the company will know just where they stand without waiting until the last minute before their franchise is supposed to expire.

Business men in general believe if the Tram company knew just where they stood on the franchise question they would immediately start working out a program of extension and betterments which would be of great benefit to their riders and the public in general. Quicker service is needed now and certain extensions are all but imperative within the next few years and no doubt the street car company is not only willing but anxious to make these betterments just as soon as they know where they stand on the franchise question.

### RACE FOLLOWERS WHO HAVE PLAYED WITH "TAD" EVANS ARE IN ON THE JACK

Crowds Have Been About Up To Standard In Spite Of Unfavorable  
Weather—Long Shots Have Been In The Winning Column—  
Predictions Made For Today's Races—Lots Of Fun  
Trying To Pick Them.

Predicting things is a lot of fun, especially when it concerns baseball, boxing and horse racing. Being so much fun we will do a little predicting on today's races a few hours before they come to pass.

See how we come out: First race; Uncle Seth, first; Little Shasta, second; Dust Brush, third; Second race; Jack Fountain, first; Red Carter, second; Miriam Wood, third. Third race; Bebe Flower, first; Flying Lula, second; Cap and Gown, third.

Fourth race; Marble, first; Clark-son, second; Joe Campbell, third; Fifth race; Pop Shot, first; Endman, second; Muchoblige, third. A good long shot in this race would be a shot across the board on Jack Paine.

In the sixth race Morning Cloud should cop the big dough but may be beat out by Gad a funny horse but a good one when he is right. Lord Valentine should surely get show money in this race. Seventh Race; White Lights, first; Bronston, second. Lucky Kate a good long shot for show.

Tad Evans continues to pick them and those who have followed him consistently have gone home with the dough. Schilling has also done well as has the little "nigger" cartooned in the Omaha Daily News.

The following story by Tad is illustrative of the way the races have been going this season. In describing

Thursdays races he said that four longshots again romped home Thursday in a field of seven fair races at Ak-Sar-Ben track.

The entries in the entire seven races were far from class as not one real good horse went to the post during the entire day.

While the longshots won, the boys who held lucky tickets kicked on the prices they received on their winners. The threatening weather failed to cut down the attendance and about 2,500 fans watched the favorites lose in most cases.

But two favorites were able to win. Jim Daisy in the fifth and Queen Anna Marie in the first.

No race on the program could be called a feature race as they were all of the caliber.

In the first race on the program, Queen Anna Marie romped home easily and paid the sum of \$1.80 to 1. In this race, Auburn Welch, the property of B. F. McClain of Omaha, suffered a cut tendon while racing and had to be led from the track and shot.

In the second race, Margaret White, an outsider, made whirlwind finish and beat two other longshots, Harp of the North and Crimp Ear.

Margaret paid \$17 to every \$2 ticket holder.

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### POPULAR MILLINERY DESIGNER IS A LOCAL SEX PERVERT

Manager Of Sheet Music Department In Well  
Known Store Out-Wildes Oscar Wilde

### McDONALD IN STRONG WITH BERTHA

Leavenworth Street Garage Man Having Trouble With His Wife  
On "Girl" Affairs—Said That Shoe Man Too Busy With Lady  
Friend To Pay Any Attention To His Wife—Degenerate  
Acts Committed In County Jail Before Fellow Prisoners.

It is just one dam thing after another. After several exposures of men who have degenerated into the "Oscar Wilde" method of sensual pleasures, records of others of unnatural tastes have come to the office in bunches.

Of all the dirty, unprincipled men who satisfy their sex instinct in a way for which God did not provide in the creation of mankind, none is more revolting than the case of a designer of ladies millinery in a local wholesale millinery establishment. This not-even-a-near man who appears to be about sixty years old hangs around the theatre district and other down town corners where he grabs off boys of tender age at every opportunity and takes them up to his well furnished apartment on Jackson street and satisfies his unnatural passions to the great grief and pain of the boys used for his degenerate purposes.

This man is very liable to take one too many trips in quest of his prey and will wake up some bright morning looking out of a grated cell. Perhaps a few years in the "Stir" would cure him of his indecent manner of satisfying his inhuman desires.

Another man who runs Clarence, above referred to, a merry chase is the manager of the sheet music department of one of the largest music houses in the city. He is bald headed, about forty years of age and attempts to play the ladies as well as the boys, the latter of which is his specialty. The man with whom he works has none to envy a reputation with him. He is rather brazen at times and is under the impression that he is the cock of the walk because he has been rather successful in avoiding unfavorable publicity concerning his activities with boys, whose apparent willingness to submit to his uncouth actions seems to have satisfied his sexual ambitions.

Stories are going around town to the effect that John Phipps who operates the biggest shoe repair shop (which he is pleased to call the Re-building Shoe Shop) is quite a sport in his own way. It is said that he has a wife and young son over in Perry, Iowa, who must look elsewhere for their support. Meanwhile he is alleged to be busy with one of the girls who works for him. While the wife is brooding over the loss of the husband's love and support, Phipps has been out with Mariani, taking her to the various shows and other places according to report.

Did you ever hear of Thomas McDonald. They say he works at Herzbergs and plays at Bertha Winifrey's at 18th and Farnam streets. Tom is about fifty or more years old unless appearances are deceiving but he is a fast traveler apparently. While Bertha was a regular at the Arcade, Mac was a regular visitor according to many who were wont to hang around the place. He has a wife and several children and it is even intimated that he has been trying to get rid of his wife by having her sent to the state institution for the feeble minded.

Bertha is living at 1802 Farnam above Peil's drug store in apartment 7 where she entertains Tom at all times of the night so it is alleged. Some of the stories told about him are pippins and will be recounted in these columns as they are verified.

Then again there is a fellow well met who has a very responsible position with a motor concern on Leavenworth street and lives out in the neighborhood of 25th and Castellar. He has been married a couple of times and used to run around with a man who left this mortal coil under most unfortunate conditions. He is surely strong for the ladies and has (Continued on page 3)

### REPORTS ARE TO THE EFFECT THAT JOHN KILMARTIN IS TO BE RELIEVED SOON

Several Capable Men In Omaha To Replace Him. Notably Jake  
Isaacson, Jack Lewis, Bernie Boyle And Ernie Holmes—  
Business Affiliations Would Keep Most Of Them From  
Accepting—Governor McMullen May Act Soon.

According to reports emanating from certain well qualified sources one John Kilmartin is sooner or later to be taken gently by the seat of the pants and thrown out of the fight game so far as being boxing commissioner is concerned. John is not a bad fellow personally but apparently he knows as much about boxing as a hog does about high mass.

He may be honest in his efforts and again he may be just a plain grafter all of which is neither here nor there. That he is incompetent apparently goes without saying. If the Governor decides to tie a can to him, it then becomes a question of who shall succeed him as boxing impresario of Nebraska.

Not many but a few good men are available for the position. Three or four men in Omaha could fill the position with ability, dignity and eclat, but whether any of them would be willing to serve is another question.

We believe that Jake Isaacson would make an ideal boxing commissioner but it is hardly thought possible that the Legion promoter would think of taking the place as it would entail a personal sacrifice that Jake simply could not afford. Another man who knows his stuff but one who as manager of various scrappers could not accept the place is Jack Lewis, he would fit in well.

Then there is Ernie Holmes, four square, a good Indian, popular with everybody and what is more competent but unavailable because of his business activities which keeps him busy.

Johnny Dennison might do but whether he is familiar with boxing conditions to an extent that would make him fit for the place is a question. Then there is Bernie Boyle who has

promoted two or three of the most exciting and interesting fights ever held in the middle west. Boyle knows the fight game from A to Z. He knows the fighters and above all he knows the "stalling boxers" and their crooked managers. He is keen witted and above board with all his dealings. Because of the position he holds and the hours he works Bernie would be able to handle the affairs of the place in a most satisfactory and creditable manner. He is honest and popular with everybody except a few who have moved heaven and earth to keep him out of the fight promotion business in Omaha.

If Governor McMullen decides to remove Kilmartin and is looking for a fair and competent man to take hold of the ticklish position of boxing commissioner he can do no better than to appoint Bernie Boyle, who may or may not welcome the appointment as we have neither direct or indirect information so far as his personal attitude on the matter is concerned.

Meanwhile it is not out of place to a good word for the referee who has been doing such good work in Omaha of late. True he has had no difficult situations to overcome and the boxers for the most part have done much to eliminate any chance of an argument.

This was most conclusively proven last Friday night when Morrie Schlaffer earned a decision over Simonich in the last half of the last round. Taking everything into consideration, up until the tenth round, the fight may have gone to Simonich by a hair, again it would have been eminently fair to have called it a draw. It is those kinds of fights that tests a referee's ability, except when one of (Continued on page 3)

### DISABLED VETERANS ENTHUSIASTIC AS NATIONAL CONVENTION APPROACHES

Many "Outfit" Reunions To Be One Of Many Big Features—  
Reduced Fares On All Roads Expected To Result In Heavy  
Attendance—Hotels Prepared To Properly Take Care  
Of All Visitors—Public Invited First Day.

Numerous divisional, regimental and "outfit" reunions, during the week of the Disabled American Veterans' fifth annual convention, to be held in Omaha, June 22 to 27, will add to the interest of the approaching convocation of America's wounded and disabled world war veterans, expected to attract several thousands of people to this city. Special facilities will be provided by the convention committee, for meetings and reunions of the various war-time units and their officers and members.

Welfare and social organizations playing an important part in ministering to the wants of the "buddies" of 1917 and 1918 with creature comforts and service of varied nature, will again be on the job, at the coming Disabled American Veterans' convocation, with substantial delegations of former overseas workers and secretaries. The Knights of Columbus, affectionately known as "Caseys" are sending a corps of hospital and former overseas secretaries to Omaha for the convention, and will maintain a "hut" in the Municipal Auditorium during convocation week. The Knights will also stage a lavish entertainment programme at their local club house, and will take an active part in the convention hospitality activities. Supreme Director Francis P. Matthews of Omaha will be in charge of the K. of C. participation. Staff-Captain Lundgren of the Salvation Army has assured local disabled veterans that the lassies who gained fame in war-time days with their doughnuts and other favors for the boys in khaki and blue, will again return to active duty, with numerous aids and accommodations for the wounded veterans. The Elks are to hold open house and a number of enjoyable informal function. The Jew-

ish Welfare Board and affiliated organizations, Y. M. C. A. and Y. Y. C. A., and other groups, also propose staging elaborate reception programs. Practically every fraternal, veterans and patriotic society in Omaha has pledged hearty cooperation to entertainment plans.

The presence of General Frank T. Hines, director of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau, Washington, D. C., together with several executives of his staff, at the D. A. V. national convention here, means much to the interest of the disabled veterans. Numerous special conferences will be arranged between General Hines and his aides and men who suffered wounds or disabilities in the late war, and whose claims and cases are either pending, or have not been satisfactorily settled. Great numbers of world war veterans are expected here for the convention sessions, and also to meet representatives of the Veterans' Bureau, with whom they may discuss their individual cases in detail. Granting the one-way railroad rate for the round-trip, by all railroads, assures a substantial attendance. This one-way rate is granted to all veterans and members of their families, and will be tendered by ticket agents upon presentations of one-way rate certificates, which are available at the D. A. V. convention committee headquarters, lower lobby, Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha. These certificates may be written or wired for, and will be promptly sent upon request.

The brilliant opening convention session, Monday morning, June 22, to which the general public has been invited, will be featured by the appearance of Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink, in patriotic arias. The famous singer and "Gold Star Mother" will (Continued on page 3)







## Pilot of White Sox and His Aid



Here are shown Eddie Collins, manager of the Chicago White Sox, with his old college coach Lauder, who taught Eddie how to play the grand old game. When Collins was named manager of the White Sox the first thing he did was to sign up Lauder as his assistant. Between them they hope to make the Chicago team a real contender.

## DISABLED VETS ENTHUSIASTIC AS CONVENTION APPROACHES

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sing especially for the disabled veterans the following night. Headed by a unit of blind veterans, the D. A. V. convention parade, promises to be one of the most inspiring and touching events ever held in the United States. The parade will take place Tuesday morning, June 23, over the downtown streets of Omaha, and a half-holiday will be granted all participating or witnessing the procession, which is to commence at 10 A. M., and will disperse before 12 noon. Hotel owners and managers report plenty of desirable rooms available here during the week of the convention, and assure ample accommodations to all visitors in Omaha during the conclave week.

## REPORTS ARE THAT KIL-MARTIN TO BE RELIEVED SOON

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the principals shows his reverse power and finishes the bout strong with many points piled up as a climax to a hard ever battle. By the way the Simonich-Schlaifer battle was a losing one from the promoters standpoint. It should have been and would have been a decided winner under ordinary circumstances. It is the same old story. You can't postpone fights, keep the public in doubt without the "pay-as-you-enter" boys losing all interest and decide that the match must be the bunk. Most of them make up their minds to go down to the corner cigar store or soft drink parlor and spend the evening playing pinocchio or some other such Sunday school game. Continually postponing fights is one of the real reasons why the state should have a boxing commissioner with not only ability but a determination to make fighters and managers to live up to their original contracts.

## DEGENERACY ON INCREASE IN OMAHA

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a heck of a time keeping his little secrets to himself. Up at the county jail they had one bum in particular who was so degenerate he paid certain other inmates twenty-five cents to accomplish his degenerate purpose. This was a regular proposition and was witnessed by many in the cells. How it came about that some of the deputies did not catch him in the act is passing strange. Yet this bum was no worse than some of the people who have just been reading about.

## HUMMEL NAMES LIFE GUARDS

The recreation department of Commissioner J. B. Hummel's office has announced the appointment of life guards as follows:  
Municipal Beach — Eddie Foster, Vin Swift and Eddie Dempsey.  
Riverview — William Hinchey and Harry Shaw.  
Morton — Jerry Hinchey.  
McKinley — Brodnie Werpinski.  
Clearview — Jack Foster.  
Spring Lake — Leroy Lucas.  
Phillip Price was named as relief guard. Munny beach and the pools at Riverview and Morton park are open. The others will be opened on Saturday. Johnny Denison is supervisor of the public swimming places.

## G. H. KUBAT, Attorney NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL

In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.  
In the matter of the estate of MARY KRCMARIK, Deceased.  
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 27th day of June, 1925, 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 Mary Kunasek or some other suitable person, enter a decree of heirship, and proceed to a settlement thereof.  
BRYCE CRAWFORD,  
County Judge

## Baseball Brings Tears

Every once in a while you find a good sport. One of these sat in an upper seat at Dunn field, Cleveland, the other day. When a foul ball struck a small boy in the press box, causing tears, Mr. Good Sport, who had caught the ball as it caromed off the boy's shoulder, flung it down to the victim, and erased instantly and permanently all traces of tears.

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## MARY BRIAN IN TITLE ROLE OF "LITTLE FRENCH GIRL"

"Wendy" Of "Peter Pan" Featured With Alice Joyce, Neil Hamilton, Esther Ralston In New Paramount Picture.

"The Little French Girl," a Paramount picturization of the sensationally successful novel of the same name by Anne Douglas Sedgwick, comes to the Strand Theatre on Saturday, for a weeks' run. Alice Joyce, Neil Hamilton, Mary Brian and Esther Ralston are featured in the leading roles of the production, directed by Herbert Brenon, who made "Peter Pan," and written for the screen by John Russell, author of "Where the Pavement Ends."

Mary Brian, who played Wendy in the Barrie classic, has the title role in "The Little French Girl." As Alice Vervier, she invades a fashionable English home with the idea of making a good marriage—a marriage which her mother's indiscretions have made impossible for her in France.

Alice Joyce plays Madame Vervier, who, as Alice says, "cannot help it if she is loved." Anthony Jowitt, new to the screen, is Madame's latest flame, an English army officer who neglects his fiancée (Esther Ralston) to spend his leaves with the little French girl's mother. Neil Hamilton is Owen Bradley's (Jowitt) younger brother, who also loves Miss Ralston, playing Toppie.

The mother, a complex creature, ever attractive to men, is a brilliant contrast to her hardly matured, simple natured daughter, whose first and strongest instinct is the protection

## OMAHA YOUTHS HAVE IT ALL OVER BLAINE COUNTY KIDS

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change its starch into sugar. Barley is the grain used in making beer. The yeast planked used the sugar of the barley to make the alcohol. Hops are added to give the proper flavor to the beer.

Immediately below this article is a reproduction of what is apparently a wood cut of vats in a wine room for fermentation.

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Have our readers ever stopped to consider the transformation and the process of making booze. Way back in antediluvian days before men thought of the league of nations, the Eighteenth Amendment or the Klu Klux Klan our ancestors found that putting their wives' stockings in a crock of water and leaving them to ferment several days the kick arrived from drinking the residue gave them a very exhilarating sensation.

As ages went by it was found that corn, barley, and rye answered the same purpose and still later due to the kindly auspices and investigation of a prominent Senator from Minnesota it was found that most anything would do including rubber boots, blue vitrol and the clarification taken out of gasoline plus the refined leavings from those livery stables still operating.

And so we have doing business in our midst a very diversified class of bootleggers ranging in social prominence from a livery stable man to an ex-banker.

## RACE FOLLOWERS WHO HAVE PLAYED EVANS IN ON JACK

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Miss Caltha, a winner Wednesday, came right back Thursday and won again from a cheap lot of horses. She went to the post a favorite and paid \$2.90 to 1. Ponzy Ray was second and Cap and Gown was third.

Another outsider: Olympiad, slipped down and won the fourth race and paid the biggest price of the day. Josie M. was second and Marion North third.

Dorothy Ryan, the favorite, had an outside post position and was caught in a jam and finished in eighth place.

Jim Daisy, running his first race for over a year since he broke down at Chicago, managed to win by a nose in a close finish with Accuscha in the fifth race.

The winner was heavily played in the machines and paid \$1.20 to 1 to the lucky ticket holders, Jack Paine finished third.

Moon Winks spreadeapled the field in the sixth, getting the jump at the barrier and keeping the lead easily around the oval. Moonwinks rewarded her followers to the tune of \$12.60 to win. Amackassin was second and Kentucky Smiles was third.

## POSSIBLE CURE SUGGESTED TO DECREASE DIVORCE CASES

New Type Attorney Represented By Willard Louis In Warner Photoplay, "Kiss Me Again," Blackballs Present Practice And Gives Unique Solution To Marital Troubles.

The steadily increasing number of divorce cases that crowd the courts every day, offer a rather wide field for speculation as to the possible cure of such frequent dissolution of marital ties.

Why are people becoming more willing to break their marriage bonds? More willing, perhaps, to go through the tedious, unpleasant court proceedings before they regain their freedom?

A very plausible answer suggests itself—that lawyers, with their specialized knowledge of divorce, have made it one of the simplest, most routine bits of business in the world. Usually they assure their clients that it's easy—painless—and can be affected with little or no public appearance for either of the parties, rather than suggesting a possible means of reconciliation or advising renewed friendly relations.

Possibly the need for a new type of lawyer has arisen,—one who will actually perform the part of an adviser and advocate some other means of overcoming a small difference in opinion that is temporarily disrupting the harmony of marriage.

Such a type is represented by Willard Louis, the Warner Bros. star in the new picture, "Kiss Me Again," which comes to the Rialto, Saturday when Mr. Louis proves the friend of his clients, Marie Prevost and Monte Blue, by concocting a little scheme to bring them together, rather than immediately clearing the field for action and bringing the courts of law into play.

Instead of proceeding with divorce action, Mr. Louis, in his character of mons. Dubois, the Parisian lawyer in "Kiss Me Again," acts somewhat in the guise of an arrider. He listens to the complaints of both Miss Prevost and Mr. Blue, who portray Loulou and Gaston Fleury, and then goes into serious conclave with Blue, the husband. After a while, both men issue from the private office with all the importance of world diplomats and propound a decidedly unique solution for the problem.

Is Mrs. Fleury dissatisfied with her marriage? So be it! She shall be free to pursue her happiness with this Ferriere, the musician who is enacted by John Roche, and as another mark of her husband's sincere interest in her welfare, she shall have a certain sum of money settled in her name to do with as she would.

Could anything be better—more smoothly arranged for Loulou Fleury, who had become bored by the unromantic every-dayness of her life with Gaston?

Here was a case that would ordinarily have been brought to an attorney, and with the knowledge that the wife wished the marriage broken so that she might be free to enjoy marital felicity with another divorce proceedings would begin with the usual results.

But, instead, the recalcitrant wife was given everything she wanted. Arrangements were made that satisfied all her requests. But, in this instance, the psychological reaction on the part of the wife, found her longing for the original state of affairs, and thus the whole problem was satisfactorily solved.

Of course, the solution of the marriage problem in "Kiss Me Again" is a bit of fiction on the screen, but frequently fiction on the screen, but frequently fiction suggests ways and

means that might be incorporated into real life. It might not be advisable to follow, to the very latter, such theory as is exemplified by Marie Prevost, Monte Blue and Willard Louis, in the new Warner picture. That might prove decidedly harmful in many instances, depending upon the circumstances of the situations at hand, but perhaps if there were more attorneys patterned after the one portrayed by Mr. Louis, who were genuinely interested in trying to correct the trouble, there might be fewer divorce cases and lots less grief in the world.

At any rate, it's a thought.

## 150,000 CONVENTION VISITORS HERE IN YEAR

Omaha will entertain 150 thousand convention visitors this year, it is estimated by the bureau of publicity, Chamber of Commerce. This is three times the number of registered delegates who attended the 177 conventions here last year, which set a record.

There have been sixty-one conventions in Omaha so far this year, with fifty more organizations to come, including the American Legion and Disabled War Veterans.

## EMPRESS

A story of true hearts and rustic comedy amid the brilliancy of Broadway, is "Bright Lights" the different musical comedy at the Empress theatre this week.

In this snappy show with a touch of drama and much laughter there is interwoven a dozen lively songs a number of them novel lines.

The action takes place in the "Bright Lights" cafe where "Toby Tolliver" direct from the farm comes to see the sights. What happens when he and "Bob Williams" a stalwart Texas ranger meet the city slickers is sure to provide excellent entertainment.

Billy Van Allen appears as "Toby" from "Toonerville Forks" a boob characterization somewhat different than Van usually plays. Jack Davis is the man from Texas while Vi Shaffer appears as the big hearted cabaret singer. Babe Mullen is likewise an entertainer in the place and other members of the company are given adequate roles.

Tommy Warne and Evelyn Muray will offer a dancing novelty called "Indian Dancers." Jack Wall assisted by the Empress girls sings "Riddle Bum Bum."

"A New Kind of Man" is Stella Watson's musical selection for the week. Vi Shaffer sings "Wandering One" and "Papa Better Watch His Steps" as one of the featured specialties. Phyllis Whitehouse, Babe Mullen, Southland Four, Charley Wells and others have musical interludes that are sure to meet with approval. This is the fifth week of the all summer engagement of the Bert Smith Players.

## DAWES SPEECH AT NORSE CENTENIAL

The associated Foreign Press representative at St. Paul in sending his report to that organization's syndicate of papers said in part:

"While America is not the land of our birth it is the land of our immediate choice. Racial feuds, religious quarrels and old world prejudices have no place here for this is the land of the free. So spoke Charles Dawes at the Norse Centennial.

"I am not an alarmist" the Vice-President declared. "I have nothing in the stability and patriotism of the American people to criticize, but the danger to our institutions by the constant propaganda against the government is not imaginary."

"I doubt if you are aware of the amount of destructive revolutionary literature secretly distributed in the country by foreign influences.

"If these people are not satisfied with our government and our institutions, let them go where they find a government which does satisfy them." This is no place for them.

Now that fish-hooks have been discovered in the ruins of ancient Kish, we perhaps have a clue to the origin of some of the fish stories that are still told to the credulous.—Boston Transcript.

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## SIDE STEPS MARRIAGE NOW SUE FOR \$10,000

"I'm through with you," Clyde W. Baird, 29, 217 Sherman avenue, Council Bluffs, told her November 17, 1924, after having "kept company" with her for three years, pretty Winifred Lanning, 23, 1621 Pinkney street, Omaha, testified in District Judge James Fitzgerald's court yesterday.

She is suing Baird, who has once been married, for \$10,000, alleging breach of promise. She says that he proposed to her in 1922, but that afterwards he side-stepped the issue of marriage. Her petition states that she has been greatly humiliated and mortified.

Miss Lanning's attorney yesterday introduced a letter written to her by Baird early in 1923. It started, "My Dear Darling Winifred," and contained many protestations of love and used endearing terms.

"The one day I long for is when I can call you mine. I am going to sell my car, so that there will be no chance of my getting hit. I will start a nest egg with what I get for it," the letter said.

The letter was signed "With all my love, C. W. Baird."

In her petition Miss Lanning said that under promise of marriage, she had permitted Baird to have intimate relations with her. Baird did not take the stand yesterday.

## PARENTS MUST BE HELD PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS

"Parents must be held partially responsible for the appalling number of accidents to children within the last few days," said Police Chief Charles Van Dusen today.

"Parents must warn their children of the peril of playing in the streets, or even going into them," he said. Detective John Barta, accident investigator for the police, declared the negligence in many accidents in which children are hurt and killed is more on the part of the child than the driver.

"They dash into the street and never look," said Barta.

For an illustration, he said that two men had voluntarily appeared at police station today and declared Clarence Hawk, 2114 L street, was not to blame for the accident in which Stanley Nelson, 5, was fatally injured Tuesday.

The men were Louis Johnson, 1445 North Eleventh street, and Lee Howard, 2965 Pacific street.

"Accidents will greatly increase this summer unless parents keep their children out of the streets," Van Dusen said.

A green apple a day keep the doctor on the way.—Arkansas Gazette.

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