

ANOTHER POLICE FARCE

BUCKLE SUICIDE IS EXCUSE FOR ACTION

Husband Jailed While Wife Lay Dying in Hospital Ward.

CORONER'S JURY DISMISSES CASE

Police Officials Picture Husband as Dangerous Man as Excuse for Locking Him Up While Wife's Life Flickers in Balance from Bullet Wound

The suicide of Mrs. Marian Buckley and the attempt of police heads to place the blame for her death on her husband during the last week has furnished another chapter in the abortive history of Omaha police heads. The public, as a general proposition, is not greatly interested in one family nor in the history of any particular family. But a very large number of Omaha people took an interest in the tragedy in the Buckley family.

So far as the doings in society are concerned, Omaha people did not eagerly read the story printed in some of our daily papers about the manner in which Marian Buckley took her death, but thousands were quick to accept the sensational view of the affair given out by the policy heads, which attempted to make Joe Buckley, the woman's husband, responsible for her death.

Although there was not one iota of evidence to indicate that Mrs. Buckley's death was caused by any hand except her own, orders were quickly given to arrest him and throw him into jail. Although his wife survived thirty-six hours he was not even permitted to see her before death came. While she was lying cold in the basement at the morgue a coroner's jury heard evidence in the case and ordered the case against her husband dismissed. Then for the first time the husband was given his liberty.

In the meantime Buckley was pictured to the world by police heads as a dangerous man. That story was given to daily papers and everyone of them printed it and gave it to the world just as though it was a true story. Joe Buckley himself, confined behind the bars of the city jail, had no opportunity to defend himself nor to visit the hospital bed where his wife was dying. For an alibi those responsible for having him arrested declared Joe Buckley's record was their excuse for action.

Mrs. Buckley's death was an unfortunate thing, as those matters go, and was taken by the public simply as another one of those human affairs that come into the doings of this big world as a matter of course. The police appeared to think they had to do something, just because the husband had been talked about before. It will be all forgotten and when Marian's cold body is laid in the grave that will be the last heard of the matter, despite the fact that some police heads made big fools of themselves.

When this woman took her life it was quickly decided to arrest the husband, although there was absolutely nothing to indicate that he was guilty of a crime. He was taken to the city jail and held there until fifteen minutes before the coroner's inquest was started. Meanwhile his

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NEGRO ISSUE AGAIN INVADERS BIG REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONCLAVE

Colored Men Win Out Against "Lily Whites" from Southern States—Attempts to Sidetrack Race Issue Not Successful at Chicago Convention

The negro question has again struck the republican national convention and this time it has had its results in a strenuous manner. For fifty years, ever since the southern negro was given the franchise, republican leaders in the southern states have refused to permit colored men to mix in the councils of the party. The "lily whites" have always put up their scraps in the national gathering to prevent colored delegates representing the party in states south of the Mason and Dixon line.

This year the republican national committee has given out a decision by which conventions may no longer be held where "it is the custom and practice to refuse admission to negroes." It is something new, even in republican ranks, and it is said that in the future the colored men and women will be given equal representation with the whites in the southern states.

The color question was presented in new form before the republican national committee and, although the committee attempted to avoid the race issue, it came to the fore when southern delegates presented their claims. Colonel Roosevelt, son of the former president, was one of the men who fronted for the colored men, and although he did not address the committee, was present and his influence was felt in the doings of the committee.

Incidentally, Kentucky leaders were among those who realized that they must face the race issue and the national committeeman from that state admitted that it was time for the party

to take such action.

Heretofore there has been a general opposition in the south to letting the negro have any part in party affairs. Although some 90 per cent, or even more of the black race, have been republicans ever since the civil war, the southern republicans have refused to let them have a part in party councils. Nearly every national convention for the last fifty years has been forced to take action on contests from southern states where negro delegations have presented credentials as delegates, claiming they were in the majority in their respective communities. In practically every instance in those long years the negro delegations have been refused seats in the convention, the whole matter being decided along color lines. President Roosevelt was among the first of republican leaders to oppose this action and eight years ago took sides with the negro on these questions.

In several southern states the negro vote is larger than the white vote in the republican party, but by some hook or crook the colored man has never been able to secure a seat in national conventions. The action of the national committee this year is said to have been taken with a view to harmonizing conditions and it also gives to the negro the representation that he has so long sought for within the republican party ranks.

In the southern states there are very few or no democratic voters among the colored population, for which reason the race issue has never been raised in the conventions of that party.

EVERYBODY TELLING ALL HE KNOWS OF SKINNERS

Before the Nebraska state board of securities this week everybody has been telling all they know about the Skinner properties in Omaha and about the Skinners themselves. Even the Skinners have been volunteering plenty of information about the building up of the big institutions with which they have been identified for several years.

The beginning of the Skinner promotions began with the macaroni business about seven years ago. Recently there has been heard considerable comment on the manner in which several of the large Skinner concerns have been promoted. Whatever else may be said, however, it is known by every man, woman and child in Omaha that several large manufacturing institutions have been successfully organized and floated by Paul and Lloyd Skinner and that they are all in operation, employing many hundred men and women.

Much has been heard of the Skinners starting on a peanut. If that is true much credit is due to them, it is agreed, and they have been able and willing to give Omaha its money's worth in every undertaking with which they have been identified. Incidentally it is pretty generally agreed that the Skinners are able to put over about anything they start after.

CARTER LAKE COTTAGERS GLOOMY OVER OUTLOOK

Members of Carter Lake club who have for several years expended considerable money for lots and houses

are discouraged over the outlook for the coming summer season. The recent floods all but put the club out of business. At present the bathing beach, which has been so popular, is well under water and the sand bottom laid by the club has been covered with a thick layer of mud.

Although the lake is being drained to some extent, officials of the club fear the water will not be in condition for the usual summer sports until it is too late in the season to really enjoy them.

MRS. SEXTON APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME

Friends of J. L. Sexton, superintendent of Riverview home for several years, and recently killed by a holdup man, will be pleased to learn of the appointment of his widow, Mrs. Margaret Sexton, to the place he held so long. Mrs. Sexton is an Omaha woman all the way through. She is a graduate of Omaha high school and received her grade school work in local parochial schools. She has been at Riverview home longer than her husband and knows the duties of the position well.

During the illness of her husband, from the effects of the assassin's bullet, Mrs. Sexton was in charge of the home. She begins the duties of her new office at once.

And So Are Immune.

"Less than half the people struck by lightning are killed," says a floating scientific item. The other half, we suppose, try to be presidential candidates.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

Some of our well known citizens were complaining about park conditions. They said too many of our young folks were using lounging seats for lodging houses.

Louie Scheschey opened his new and polite country resort to his many friends who were fortunate enough to have an automobile and some ready cash to spend. Louie said he needed the money.

Emil Leaf was again able to meet all his old friends on South Thirtieth street. He was a great salesman for nearly beer.

Fred Flodman had another alibi when "friends" called on him at his home on Sixteenth street. Fred surely had troubles of his own.

Charles Tyrrell, one of our popular townsmen, was again looking over business conditions. It took more than squealing nummers to make him quit.

Reports from the village reporter of one of our great religious weekly papers found Sol Bergman still putting out that old line of his. And Sol had some line, too.

Judge Fitzgerald, presiding over one of the great police courts, was spending a month on the South Side, making votes among his old friends.

Lou Bick spent Saturday afternoon in bed at his hotel, following a strenuous week chasing stock yards live stock. George Moore said he needed the rest.

The report that Mike Fish swallowed a bale of hay was denied by his friends. This apology is written to prevent a libel suit.

It cost Jake Crounse a day's salary to pull off one of his famous weddings at the Tabernacle. He said it was worth the money.

Alex Raeburn, well known thirst slaker, was preparing to take up his annual summer residence at one of our big resorts. He was one of our great prohibitionists.

Albert W. Jefferis, our Washington political boss, was making his way home for the summer recess. He planned to tell some of the boys where to get off while at the Chicago convention.

Safety First for Firemen

Omaha firemen have been instructed that safety first is the order from now on. The wreck this week between two fire trucks, resulting in one death and serious injury to two other firemen, has brought about the reform. This is really as it should be.

It is very desirous that apparatus reach fires as quickly as possible but there is no excuse for foolishly endangering human life every time a fire alarm is turned in. The wreck of two fire trucks this week because of undue haste has had its effect on public sentiment, with the result that a halt has been called by Chief Salter on the speed mania that has been part of the curriculum of the fire ladders.

Firemen will find it absolutely necessary to keep pace with the new conditions that result from a fast growing city. In Omaha there was a time when traffic was never sufficiently intense to prevent fire apparatus taking command of the streets at any time without fear of collision with other vehicles. That time has passed. Although Omaha has wide streets, it is very seldom that numerous automobiles and trucks are not either parked or moving to an extent that causes more or less congestion. Firemen must meet this condition for the sake of safety.

It often happens that failure of fire apparatus to respond promptly would endanger large financial interests, and for that reason intense speed has been one of the big things to be considered in getting to fires. It must be realized, however, that human life and other similar considerations are always an issue even in the case of big conflagrations, and the recent orders for more care and less speed will prove to be a good thing all along the line.

THREATENED STREET CAR STRIKE AVOIDED

Vote of Men Not Satisfactory to Promoters of Walkout.

STATE RAILWAY COMMISSION ON JOB

Many Old Employees Willing to Let Well Enough Alone and Vote Against Strike—Street Car Officials Say No Dividends Can Be Paid

The possibility of another street car strike is threatening again, with the conservative element of the employees opposing such action and the radicals and their business agents agitating it. Although the street car men have received increases of wages aggregating something like 50 per cent during the last two or three years there has recently come up an agitation for a further increase among those dissatisfied with conditions.

As a final resort a vote was taken among the men themselves to determine what they should do. What the result of that vote actually was is not known, but there are indications that the conservatives showed a front which the radical element was afraid to oppose. As a final result of it all it is stated by the leaders of the movement that the entire matter will be left to the state railway commission to decide whether they are entitled to an increased wage.

The street railway company has been having its own financial troubles. A year or more ago it was finally granted an increased fare to make up deficits that were pouring in and has been working since that time to remove these financial obstacles, it is stated. When the men struck eighteen months ago Omahans walked to and from their homes for two weeks. The controversy was finally settled with a decided increase in salary for the employees on strike. No attempt was made to run cars until the settlement was made.

At this time, when the balance of

trade is against most corporations, it was proposed by the men to make demands for further increases. A very large number of them, however, felt that it was a good thing to "let well enough alone." When a vote was taken, it is stated, this feeling cropped out very materially in the vote. It had already been shown that a very large percentage, if not a majority of the street car employees were satisfied with conditions and were opposed to a strike.

President Ben Short of the street railway employees' union has taken a very sensible view of the matter and has apparently taken cognizance of conditions as they exist at present.

When the matter goes to the state railway commission for action it is generally believed a fair decision will be reached, which President Short says is all that is being asked for. The street railway officials also say they are willing to abide by the result of the decision of that body. Up to the time an increased fare was permitted by that body the finances of the street railway were in anything but good condition. Although every other line of enterprise had received an increase in receipts, the street railway was still on a five-cent basis. Everything purchased had increased 50 per cent but fares were on the old basis.

Since the increase in fares the company has been able to pay dividends on preferred stock only and when the present controversy came up the officials indicated that the further de-

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NEW POLICE ORDINANCE STARTS FIREWORKS AMONG OPPOSITION

Ringer System Attacked by Zimman and Other Commissioners—Attempt to Put Merit Policy Into Effect Opposed by Spoilsmen Now in Office

Plenty of good things are being said a few months ago resulted in the recently introduced for the purpose of changing the system of promotion in the police department. Superintendent Dean Ringer is opposing the proposition to make it obligatory on him to confine himself to promotions of experienced men. Some other members of the council are showing some speed in the matter, especially Commissioner Zimman.

For the last two years Mr. Ringer has been busying himself destroying about everything that was worthy the name of organization in the police department. He has been discharging old members of the force until the entire police body is almost demoralized. In the meantime he has been building up a political machine which he hopes will be strong enough to again vote him into office next year.

The proposed ordinance would make it mandatory on the police superintendent to promote men to high positions in the department from the line, and to select men, according to fitness, from those who have served longest on the force. Ringer is opposing this ordinance because he says it would destroy his power of appointment. As a matter of fact, it would take from him the power he has been using to destroy the department.

To the Ringer system of promotion and demotion may be traced, to a great extent, the mob violence which

lynching of a negro and the practical destruction of the court house. General Leonard Wood, who testified before the grand jury at that time, said that fifteen good policemen could have handled the situation any time up to 6 o'clock in the evening and that fifty good policemen could have dispersed the mob at anytime up to within thirty minutes of the time Brown was hanged.

There is a pretty general feeling that the Ringer system of disposing of all the old and experienced men has been a serious menace to the city and the echo of that feeling is heard in the Zimman ordinance which would make it mandatory to select experienced men from the ranks for important places on the department instead of strangers and inexperienced men.

Next spring will occur another city election, at which it is expected several important changes in personnel will be made in the city commission. It is pretty generally agreed that Ringer has been an abject failure and nobody who has given the matter serious attention believes that he or any of the other majority members of the commission will be returned to office. Most of them have found it convenient to give most of their time to other lines of business than that to which they were elected and it is pretty generally felt, that the best interests of the city will be served by men who can devote all of their time to the city's interests.

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HIGH TIME FOR INTERSTATE ACTION.

It is high time for some sort of interstate action by Nebraska and Iowa legislatures that will result in making East Omaha a habitable part of both states. Government appropriations are not available for meeting such emergencies as came with the recent floods that inundated the whole northeast part of the city and the bottoms along the Missouri river. For that reason the residents have not only suffered big losses in homes and roads, but the entire crop of vegetables and staple articles raised on that big tract have been totally destroyed.

To amend for the losses and build dikes and drainage ditches in that section state aid is necessary. Most of this territory lies within the corporate limits of Omaha and Council Bluffs but neither city has either the authority or money to meet such emergencies.

For these reasons the two states should get together on some plan for construction work that will make it possible to avoid such flooding as that of the month of May and protect the thousands of home and land owners of that section. Omaha voters should take steps to see that prospective legislators agree to do something for this section if they are elected this fall.

Several million dollars worth of property is involved in this section of the city and state and the owners and residents out there are entitled to full protection against ravages of high waters.

MORE PAY FOR POSTAL CLERKS.

Congress has finally agreed on more pay for postal clerks and mail carriers, which will be welcome news for thousands of these faithful government employees all over the country.

Probably no class of workers has felt the high cost of living more than these fellows have for the last four years. The case of wages for them was brought before congress long ago and they were given what was known as a bonus, in order that they might exist until permanent action could be had by congress. That bonus, with the increase just given by congress, will aid these boys to get on their feet. If prices ever drop they will be permanent beneficiaries of this congressional action, because their salaries will never again be lowered.

There are few more faithful servants than the postal clerks and carriers. They must work, sunshine or rain, and are expected to be on the job from nine to twelve hours a day. Many of them have to work Sundays and holidays, because Uncle Sam's business must be transacted 365 days in the year.

The first cost to Uncle Sam to make these increases in salaries will be nearly \$35,000,000 annually, an amount which must be raised by an increased tax on something. Just how this amount will be raised has not been decided but another increase in postage has been suggested.

At any rate the men who are receiving this increase are worthy and their needs should have been recognized long before this. At that there is plenty of real joy in the postoffices of the country to go all the way around.

BIG THINGS EXPECTED FROM CHICAGO.

Big things are expected to happen when the republicans get into action in Chicago next week. It will be interesting to watch proceedings in this convention because of the numerous and varied interests that will be represented there. Of course, the selection of a presidential candidate will be foremost in the minds of all of them, but what sort of a platform is written and who its authors will be ought to arouse some unusual interest.

It is freely stated that William J. Bryan, who formerly confessed to being a democrat, will be at the Chicago convention and will attempt to influence the platform writers, especially insofar as the prohibition issue is concerned. In fact, it is said, he has already submitted planks for consideration of the platform committee. Whatever may be said of Bryan, he sure butts right in, and if he gets as far as he expects to with the republicans he will be quite a card at the Chicago convention, although he claims to be a democrat.

A senatorial investigation in Washington has shown that General Leonard Wood, candidate for president, spent a million and a half dollars in his campaign for the nomination and that other candidates had immense sums at their disposal. This fact, however, does not dampen the ardor of the fellows who are putting forth their best efforts to secure the nomination of their favorite candidate and it is a ten to one shot that there will be no bolters after the nominations are made.

Republicans feel reasonably sure of success this fall, which means that every peanut politician who has ever been associated with that party is out after some of the gravy. The Chicago affair will be a good one and, unless all signs fail, the big fellows will have things about their own way and tell all the little fellows to go 'way back and sit down.

They have all the old war horses out for the big fight and they may be expected to put the Roosevelt big stick to work in making a clean sweep for the big interests that have been spending their money so freely.

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PINCHING FAKE OIL PROMOTERS.

On orders of the attorney general seven Omaha oil promoters have been arrested and, if they are convicted, will be called upon to contribute fines aggregating little less than half a million dollars.

The arrest of these men brings out what the state expects to prove is a big ring of promoters of worthless oil stock. One of the victims, Charlie Weymuller, well known Omaha citizen, laid down \$2,000 for 200 shares in a Texas property and numerous other similar deals were pulled off, it is charged in the complaint.

Omaha has been a mecca for oil stock salesmen the last two years and some of the properties offered have been about as near worthless as they could be. Stock salesmen have lived at the best hotels, spent money lavishly and took suckers down the line for fair. One large hotel has been the haven for a very large number of them and when business was dull on the outside these "mikers," as our old friend Mabray would call them, took their friends to that hostelry and relieved them of their surplus shekels.

Now comes the attorney general with a "stop loss" order on them, and says he will prove some things that will be interesting to read about. Edwin T. Swobe, well known local financier, is among the victims caught in the net. Swobe has always been a "promoter" and a pretty good one at that. He was once agent in this territory for the New York Life Insurance company and was considered one of the live wire insurance men at that time. Just why he left that concern has never been satisfactorily explained. It is known, however, that the company paid some remarkable losses in this territory.

It will be a good thing to see whether our state law governing stock sales is good and if it is all that it is cracked up to be Omaha ought to be better off after the attorney general gets action on these fellows.

HAYDEN'S DEATH CAUSE

FOR GRIEF AMONG EMPLOYEES

The sudden death of Joseph Hayden, leading Omaha merchant, was the cause for much grief among the hundreds of employes of the store the Haydens have successfully operated so long. The "Hayden system" has been such that the hundreds of faithful employes have learned to aid in its up-building and have taken keen joy in the success of their big employer.

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have failed to spend part of their earnings there. Hayden was once a great admirer of William J. Bryan and the firm of Hayden Brothers helped finance some of his early campaigns. There was a disagreement between Bryan and the Haydens, however, that proved final and in recent years Hayden has not been a hearty supporter of Bryan.

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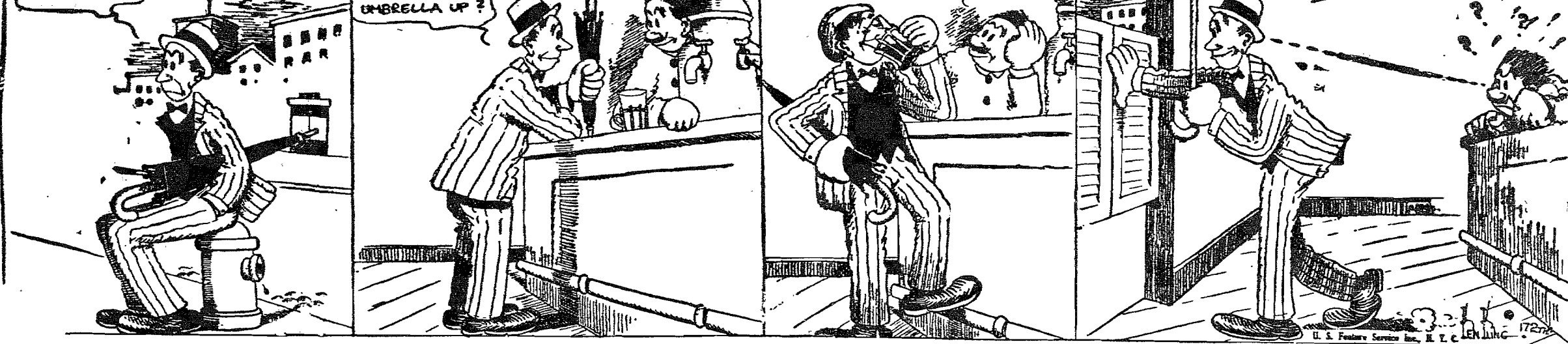
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CERTAINLY!

GULP! GULP! GULP!

I JUST NEED AN UMBRELLA, TOO

THANKS!



BUCKLEY SUICIDE IS EXCUSE FOR ACTION

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father and mother spent three days of delirium. At the inquest the mother, faithful to the last, fainted in the room adjoining that in which the inquest was held, and did not recover until after the verdict of not guilty had been rendered in her son's case.

The case was a very plain one of where a woman took her life, and there was no excuse for holding the husband at all. There was much less excuse for preventing him seeing his dying wife while she still lived. While she was gasping out the last minutes of life her husband was held in a filthy cell in agony without an opportunity to even view her unconscious form on a hospital cot.

So far as records go there is not a single thing against Buckley's character, but some police officials, to cover their own inefficiency, gave it out that he was suspected of something. The Buckleys owned a fine home in Mina Lusa addition and had the respect of their neighbors, and were known as

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mands of employes for an increase were beyond the power of the company to meet.

It is said that a very large percentage of the older employes voted against any action that would bring about a strike, which doubtless had much to do with union officials deciding to accept the decision of the state railway commission. What action that body will take is indefinite, but it is felt that there will be no middle ground and that any showing made to prove the inability of the company to pay another increase in wages will be accepted by the com-

mission as sufficient grounds to refuse the increase.

On the other hand, it is also stated, the company will be willing to agree to any decision the commission may make.

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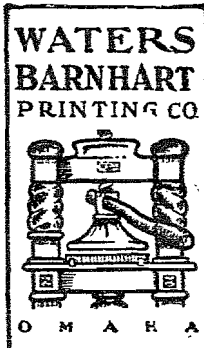
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