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ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE CAN NOT BULLDOZE N. Y. SOLONS

After Bitter Fight State Legislators For Third
Time Refuse To Adopt State Prohibition

CHICAGO COMMISSIONERS AGAINST ACT

Youngsters Fast Learning To Become Booze Hounds Is Allegation—
Old Souses Don't Care Whether Modification Comes Or Not
As They Can Always Get Their Liquor And Do
Not Worry About The Quality.

The state of New York absolutely refuses to be bulldozed by anti-saloon league fanatics and other zealots. The Empire state has had no prohibition enforcement act since 1923. Last Monday part of the legislature attempted to re-enact the former Mullen-Gage act and were quite decisively defeated in their obnoxious efforts.

This is the third time since the repeal in the prohibition enforcement act that the legislature has been called upon to vote on reenacting the Mullen-Gage act into law. The drys made a supreme effort to win their point as it is a known fact that they are on the run. It was a sort of a "Custer's Last Fight" and they lost out. Several republicans joined forces with the entire democratic delegation in voting against the proposed bill. Should it have by any hook or crook passed it would have never been written in the statute books for the simple reason that Governor Al Smith would never have signed it.

In connection with the turning down of the proposed New York prohibition enforcement act it is interesting to note what the Cook county (Chicago) board of commissioners did at their meeting early this week. They passed a resolution, almost unanimously expressing unalterable opposition to the Volstead law. Not only that the resolution offered the senate judiciary committee the board's aid in determining conditions which exist under prohibition in Chicago.

The resolution charged that the

Volstead law was forced upon the country during the hysteria of the world war by impractical and unreasonable zealots. Furthermore the resolution charges that the law is unworkable and unenforceable and cites conditions in Cook county which it says "justify the law's condemnation."

Similar resolutions are being prepared or have been completed in scores of communities where the law has been such a failure that public officials as well as private citizens feel that something must be done within a reasonably short time if American morals are to be preserved.

It is now a generally recognized fact that neither the Eighteenth Amendment or its enforcement provisions is of any great harm to men and women of maturity, who drank their liquors in pre-Volstead days and have continued to drink them since that time. Chances are that there is not a single man in the United States thirty years of age or over who cannot or does not get his boot when he wants it, providing he has the price.

So it is that the older men drinkers care little whether the Eighteenth Amendment is repealed or not. Millions of non-drinkers want the Volstead Enforcement act changed however to save the youth of the country. Other millions who do not care for strong drink but have always liked their wine or beer are strongest in favor of some sort of modification.

No better exemplification of the (Continued on page 3)

THERE WAS PLENTY OF DOINGS IN OMAHA 50 YEARS AGO

Old Daddy Hansen Noted Saloon Keeper Finally Gives Up

Seventy-nine Year Old Soft Drink
Parlor Proprietor A Suicide
Because Of Prohibition.

Hundreds of old timers read with great sorrow the unfortunate ending of "daddy" Hansen, a patriarch who for sixty years, forty of them in Omaha, dispensed concoctions, pleased the palate and at times inebriated.

The veteran saloon man was beloved by thousands especially those in Danish circles. Mr. Hansen spent many years in the employ of Henry Rhoiff who conducted a wholesale and retail liquor business at Twenty-seventh and Leavenworth streets.

Daddy had a great method of making friends with his patrons and peculiarly pleasing methods while serving his customers with the good old beer and the genuine whiskey that were the rule and not the exception in those days. Henry was fully as well known on No. Sixteenth street where he worked in various places many years ago.

His seventy-nine years weighed heavily upon him and sickness had taken a heavy toll on his physical ability. This no doubt was largely responsible for the Omaha veteran to resist the temptation of ending it all when he found his son-in-law in trouble on a charge of unlawful sale and possession of liquor.

Hansen had a most colorful career and a great personality. His long flowing white mustache and silver hair attracted the attention of every one with whom he came in contact.

A bunch of grain dealers dropped in from St. Louis recently. They were looking for Joe McGrath, who beat them out of thirty cents in a crap game while in their city recently. Joe certainly knew the game of craps.

There were reports current that Herman McNeil, North Sixteenth street confectioner, would soon start an oil station. Herman knew something about the oil business, but he may wait until the Volstead law is amended.

The Polish business is better than running a hotel, says M. Lerner, an Eleventh street resident. He says you can't run a hotel any more unless you are a dealer in women and hootch. He quit that business a long time ago.

Joe Benesch, a wild Bohemian, was captured after many years of hard sledding. He was picked up by the Indian war bosses and called to the ranks. Joe was a great Indian fighter in his time.

Dick Schneider was still getting away with that old stuff of his about Navigator cigars. He certainly knew the old navigator himself. Some people really believed Dick was first-mate when this Navigator man went around the world in a sail boat. And perhaps he did, too.

The state game warden was not looking for Roy Perkins, famous East Omaha fisherman, despite reports to the contrary. Roy knew more about fish bait than some people know about hootch, just the same.

Joe Hart who had made his home in South Omaha ever since he was a pup, was the proud possessor of a "possum" which he captured after climbing up a telephone pole at 20th and M streets Monday night. Hart said he was going to fatten it up and invite the Mediator staff for a possum and sweet potato roast.

Joe Hummel who had been park commissioner since the year of 1 was having his troubles, largely because of lack of sufficient funds. McKinley park officials wanted new sidewalks, a new playground, a new community house, a new flag pole and bleachers for the baseball diamond. Joe would like to accommodate them and probably will if he can figure out a way of paying the bill.

In local sporting circles it was thought Ernie Holmes had been knocked for a home run a few months ago but he is still on the job. A recent cablegram from his old home town in Brazil invited him to referee a cock fight.

Buzz Leary, one of Omaha's well known swedes, and a singer of more than usual ability had left for home after a week of strenuous activity, superinduced by the wiles and guiles of one of the city's leading ladies.

Old Man Demerest, famous for his good nature and cheerful countenance, was keeping under cover. He said he had been on his good behavior ever since the old T. M. A. closed its doors. We guess that is right, too.

Tom Tulley celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of his connection with Billy Lucless's street car company, and he was still giggling about it to everybody. Did you ever see Tom in his cups? Not recently.

There was a report that Ed Huntley former editor of The Mediator was about to leave town. Who ever heard of him having enough money to go to South Omaha, say nothing about California.

Old Man Winter Weather had left a shirt or something behind when he departed for the North Pole. He flew back on the wings of a fifty mile Northerner and hit the town with a bang. Merchants trying to sell Spring merchandise were not so keen about his return. They were willing to buy him a return ticket.

John Brandeis is again looking over things over in Europe and a few other countries. He was looking for bargains, but the report that he would soon buy half of Europe was denied by him in a cablegram to The Mediator. He admitted, however, that he would like to have part of France.

"Baghouse" Reverend F. A. High custodian of the anti-saloon league had started on a campaign to dry up Nebraska according to his own peculiar methods. The Reverend High had been considered some pumpkins in his time, but seems to have lost out in his vain effort to legislate morals into the souls and hearts of the every day going Nebraskans.

From Vaudeville To Bootlegging, Then To The Hoosegow

Now vaudeville must be getting on the bum. Take for instance the case of Mister Gaylord, living near Twenty-sixth and Dodge street. Time was when he entertained various audiences with his peculiar antics but he quit that and went into the bootlegging business. Here the young man seems to have met with little more success than he did as a vaudevillian.

Hardly had he got started on his new profession or job or whatever one may call the bootlegging business than he was picked up with a gallon of hootch in his car both of which were confiscated. The former thespian told the dry agents it was his first trip and no doubt will be his last one for a while as he is held in the hoosegow in lieu of \$3,000 bonds.

Greek Gods Of City. Cash In On Fight At Central High School

If taken a thrifty Greek to grease his fingers as will be noted by and through the work of a bunch of the descendants of the former Helenes who have lately surrounded Central High school to peddle their wares after the school board had banned activities in that line in the school proper.

These dusky sons of sunny Greece are not slow to take advantage of any business proposition that may present itself. Thus it is they are reaping a harvest of nickels and dimes to the disadvantage of those who formerly handled that end of the sweet-tooth business at the beautiful high school on Capitol Hill.

Gruesome Souvenir Sought By Many After Carter Trial

A great many people with perfectly blank minds and perhaps a few others having criminal objects in view have been doing everything to buy Frank Carter's long-barreled 22-caliber revolver with which he shot McDevitt and Dr. Searies and for which he is to die in July. The "Rod" is in the possession of Sheriff Endres at the present time. According to Endres the gun will probably be sold at public auction to the highest bidder and the money go into police pension fund.

What sort of a mentality such people have who would collect some gruesome souvenirs is beyond the power of most normal men to fathom.

John Bennett Well Known Omahan Has Passed On To Reward

Death once again entered the home of one of our ardent readers, as John W. Bennett, for many years a resident of Omaha passed away unable to overcome a paralytic stroke suffered early in March.

John went the way of all mortal men, made of dust and to dust returned. No doubt his spirit made its flight to eternal rest which we call heaven. While still in the flesh he was popular with most everybody as is his only son Ben, father of the elder Bennett's four grandchildren.

Mr. Bennett died on March 19 and was buried the 21. A great many friends attended the funeral and showed unusual kindness to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bennett. Among those giving marked attention and showing kindest consideration were Dan Sullivan and wife, as well as officers of the police department. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett wish to thank their many friends who comforted them in their hour of extreme sorrow.

Two Local Judges In Legal Battle With Anti-Saloon Leaguer

"A Fool There Was" wrote a noted poet who must have been in Nebraska looking over F. A. High when he penned the lines. This alleged anti-saloon league grafter and prohibition leader has been attempting to dictate to judges Dineen and Crawford on what action they should and shall take in their courts. Dineen and Crawford very properly believe and say and demand that they shall hand out sentences according to their own discretion. Two judges went to district court Thursday afternoon in a legal battle with the head of the Antisaloon league.

They appeared under a writ of mandamus secured by F. A. High, head of the Nebraska Anti-saloon league, who lives at Lincoln.

The defense in the two cases is to be entirely different, it was indicated early in the hearing.

An attack on the right of Mr. High to bring a mandamus action for a (Continued on Page 4)

BANTAMS PUT UP A SPLENDID FIGHT

If you like speed and boxing cleverness and was not at the auditorium Thursday night to witness the Sarmiento-Smith match you missed a heap. Both of these boys put on a mitt slinging exhibition that has seldom been witnessed since boxing was legalized in Nebraska.

Smith was good, mighty good but the little brown skinned Filipino was better and won a decisive victory after ten rounds of pleasing effort. Uncle Sam's island boy had an edge in every round except perhaps the First and Second. As the battle of the 122 pounders proceeded it was plain to be seen that Harold Smith had met his master.

Both boys were game to the core but lacked the hitting power that make world's champions out of clever near champions. Taking all in all the match was the most interesting if not the most thrilling since Morrie Schlaifer met the all but invincible Dave Shade two years ago. That battle lingered long in the memory of

fight followers and again comes to mind to fistic patrons who witnessed the match last night. This because the Fighting Fool is back in town and was at the ringside last night where he gave it out that while he was only here for a visit with his parents he might consider an engagement if some worthy opponent can be chosen.

If applause is any criterion then the Omaha Hebrew is still very popular in Omaha and would no doubt draw a capacity house were he matched against any pug in the welter-weight division. Morrie is having a heck of a time to stay in the welter-weight division but can do so by consistent and persistent training before a fight.

Every man and woman in the auditorium seemed extra well pleased with the main event and figured that they got more than their moneys worth at the Legion show. The preliminaries were not such-a-much, still fans got quite a kick out of the scheduled six (Continued on Page 4)

PUBLIC AROUSED AT PROPOSED SCHEME FOR EXTRA EXPENSE

Mass Meeting Held In The City Hall This Week
Conclusive Proof Of General Sentiment

JUDGE IN PUBLIC BENEFACTOR ROLE

Schools Have Been Doing Well Enough Past Fifty Years Without
High Priced Director-General — Taxpayers Ready To Fight
Against Proposed Change—Would Be Easy Picking Should
One Man Have Control Of The Finances.

If the temporary restraining order issued by district Judge W. G. Hastings is made permanent then Omaha taxpayers will not have saddled upon them a school board manager. The outcome of the injunction will not be known until April 13 at which time arguments will be made pro and con whether the temporary injunction be made permanent.

Sensing the fact that a school manager plan may eventuate in a possible gigantic graft, Mrs. Clara J. Miller petitioned the court for the temporary injunction, which was granted. Mrs. Miller was acting for the Citizens and Taxpayers league which has been recently organized.

responsible financial positions as well as to the cats and mice referred to.

If it has gotten to the stage where Omaha voters are so insipid that they vote into office for the school board members who are so weak mentally that they are unable to handle the affairs for which they have been elected then it is time for the said voters to consider themselves morons if not political imbeciles. And if they have elected such people to the board, who find themselves incapable of properly superintending the affairs of this school district, then they should be decent enough to resign. If not then the voters should vote them out of office, the quicker the better.

The "Citizens and Taxpayers league" is composed of hundreds of the best citizens of Omaha who are interested very deeply in the affairs of the school system and other civic matters and may be depended upon to carry their fight to the highest court which means to the people, in this case.

The schools of Omaha have been doing very well during the past fifty years without the aid of any specialty manager and will probably get along in a very satisfactory manner without a "manager" or even without the present school board. As near as can be learned the sentiment of the public in general is that a centralized manager plan may possibly lead to a graft which would cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

School managers are noticeable by their absence in most leading cities of the country. Such great centers of learning as Hartford, Connecticut, Cleveland, Ohio, Dallas, Texas, and Sacramento, California and other places of cultural learning find it quite unnecessary to hire a high priced school manager to do their (Continued on page 3)

In a city the size of Omaha where books and all other materials are furnished free to the grade students it would be a very easy matter to say the least that such a man in authority could tie up with certain book concerns and make himself rich for life at the expense of Omahans who pay the bills. Perhaps of course the school board could and would find a man not only capable but honest enough to handle the affairs of the city's schools in manner which would not only reflect great personal credit upon the manager but upon the school board as well.

However human nature is pretty much alike the world over. When the cats are away the mice will play. This holds good for men or women in

MAJOR AND MINOR LEAGUE PLAYERS TREKING HOME FROM TRAINING CAMPS

Buffaloes Have Been Strengthened And Will Give A Good Account
Of Themselves—Yankess Come To Life With The Rejuvenation
Of Ruth And Muesel—Rods Have Opening Game April
27—Pittsburgh Looks Like Best Bet In National.

Just three weeks from today and then western league umpires will start bawling out batteries for today will be, so and so. That's when the first clash comes between the northern and southern divisions of one of the most famous minor leagues that this country has ever known.

We baseball fans will of necessity get a kick out of the first series of games by reading the telegraphic reports of the results or listening in on the radio.

But none will have to wait so very long as the Buffaloes open here on April 27 with Izzie's more or less famous Wichita's Witches. Then will Spring have "come". Year in and year out such veteran sports writers as Sandy Griswold and such splendid younger writers as Ivan Gaddis and that brilliant writer, Wagner, commonly known as "Wag" have been predicting a pennant for Omaha, lo these many years. So has the sports writer on this paper.

The major league southern camps are all but deserted. All Clubs in both the National and American leagues are now slowly wending their way northward, picking up a few shiekles from exhibition games being played while on the way to their own stamping grounds where they will open the season in about two weeks.

Both major and minor leagues have had their usual share of bad luck so far as training was concerned in the southland. Florida camps were especially badly hit by the rain god the last ten days. Magnates who sent their boys down into Texas to get the kinks out of their system were almost as unfortunate in respect to weather conditions as were their Floridian brothers.

Such conditions only go to prove that William Wrigley, Jr. outsmarted his brother baseball magnates when he bought the Catalina Islands outright to which place he takes his Chicago Cubs each season at the very time when it does not rain in the famous Pacific Ocean resort.

The whole newspaper fraternity guessed right twice in fifteen years. The prediction still holds goods this year and its dollars to stale doughnuts that the club will come through to a glorious victory this season in spite of the bum guesses made by local newspaper men.

As has been noted previously, there is really good reason to believe that the Rods will be in the running this season because the shrewd owner, Barney Burch is going to pilot his own team this year and he knows his stuff if any one ever did. Something else top, Burch is wide awake during the winter and has annexed some valuable playing material while the Stove pipe league was at its height when the snow was blanketing the earth.

The Rods are now playing a series of practice games with the Houston, Texas leaguers at Houston and will be lucky if they break even with the Southerners as the Texas tribe has been cleaning up American Association clubs, one after the other. Beginning Monday they will again cross bats with the Houston team but at this time on their own play grounds at Orange, Texas.

Speaking of Wrigley and his Cubs, surface indications are that they will be a first division team if not a real contender for the flag this year. The chewing gum manufacturer plainly showed that he knows inside baseball when he gave out an interview late this week concerning Jimmy O'Connell the former New York Giant outfielder who was given his permanent baseball passports by Judge Landis, arbiter of major and minor league baseball.

It will be recalled that O'Connell was the principle figure in the alleged attempted bribery of Heinie Sands, short stop of the Philadelphia team during a critical series between the Phillies and the Giants. O'Connell declared that Cozy Dolan, a coach on the Giants roster, had put him up to approaching Sands, concerning a crooked deal. Wrigley Jr. is firmly convinced that O'Connell was not really guilty but was the victim of circumstances over which he had no control.

CHANCE TO MAKE \$120,000 BY SAVING SPANIARD LANGUISHING IN CALAIS JAIL

Mediator Solicited But Willing To Turn Money Over To Some Charitable
Minded Nebraskan Who Deals In Those Things—Read
His Letter—Its Worth The Money—Old Graft
So Popular Once More In The Offing.

Emilio Roura, a Spanish "millionaire" is broke and in jail in Calais, at least that is what he tells The Mediator. Emilio has checks for 360,000 dollars in his traveling bags, which are stashed in America, somewhere, although that somewhere is an uncertain place.

you all my secret I only sign now, C. P. S. First of all answer by cable, not by letter."

Emilio Roura
Listo Correos 2330
Calais, (Spain)

Emilio offers a rare bargain to The Mediator if it will render him a little assistance. He wants to part with just one-third of the 360,000 to the paper or its editor for selling him a few jitneys, it is presumed, to tide him out of jail and pay his steamship and other incidental expense, such as traveling expenses, a few bottles of tincture of pepper essence, or something of that sort.

Emilio has written to a representative of The Mediator that is so interesting and heart rendering it is reproduced in order that the people of this great city and state may have an inkling of what this Spanish gentleman thinks of them. He says he is in jail and can not receive letters, and therefore wants to be cabled at once the letter is read. The letter as follows:

"Dear Sir: Being imprisoned here by bankruptcy I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of 360,000 dollars I have in America, being necessary to come here to raise the seizure of my luggage, paying to the Register of the court the expenses of my trial and recover my portmanteau containing a secret pocket where I have hidden two checks payable to bearer for that sum. As a reward I will give up to you the third part, viz., 120,000 dollars.

"I can not receive your answer in the prison but you can forward a cablegram to a person of my confidence who will deliver it to me, addressed as below."

"Awaiting your answer to instruct

Of course Emilio must be in great grief, to give up 120,000 perfectly good dollars to get out of jail. The gentleman who received this letter does not have the distinguished honor of an acquaintance with Roura, but from the latter's letter it would appear that this poor man is having troubles of his own. At any rate the editor will turn him over to some good reader, charitably inclined, to do as Emilio suggests, and we trust he gets the money.

But, seriously, this is apparently a very crude attempt of some Spanish slicker to slip one across on some of our friends who are innocent of everything. There are a lot of those fellows over there, and the immigration bureau is apparently making no mistake in its attempts to keep them out of this country. No sane person can help commend the bureau for its work. However, there is an old saying that "a sucker is born every minute," and that is why such people as this Spanish "prince" lives in luxury. And there are others like them on the job all the time.

HUNDRED PASSENGER GIANT AIR PLANE READY NEXT YEAR

All aboard for Frisco twelve hours away and only three cents a mile, that is what Omahans will be hearing if what Alfred W. Lawson says is true. He had just received patent rights on a super air plane capable of carrying one hundred passengers at the rate of one hundred miles an hour in perfect safety. The world do naove.

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ANNOUNCERS SHOULD BE HELD LIBEL

Attorney Crowe of Chicago was at home the other night, listening to a radio program broadcast from a downtown cabaret. He was startled to hear the station's announcer tell the world that Mr. Crowe and some of his friends at that moment were seated at a conspicuous table at the cabaret, enjoying the entertainment.

Mr. Crowe ordered the arrest of the announcer, who was held in jail for twelve hours before he was formally charged with disorderly conduct. Mr. Crowe's assistants spent much of the intervening time trying to find some more serious charge to place against the prisoner, but there wasn't any. The law has not yet caught up with radio. Mr. Crowe can sue the announcer for damages, but presumably cannot indict him.

If, instead of telling thousands of listeners that Mr. Crowe was having a night out, the announcer had published a handbill to the same effect, he could have been charged with the crime of libel. The law makes that distinction between the spoken and the printed word. To defame a man by word of mouth is slander and no crime; to defame him by means of the printed word may be criminal libel. You can be sent to jail for it.

The attitude of the law in distinguishing between the two offenses was thoroughly sensible, although it occasionally led to apparent injustices. A man might make a slanderous speech without going to jail for it, but if an editor printed the speech without in any way indorsing it, he might be imprisoned. The law made that distinction because it knew that the printed word, generally speaking, reached farther than the spoken word. It was also more deliberate and more permanent.

The radio has gone a long way toward breaking down the old distinction. Before the radio it was a physical impossibility for a man to address more than a few thousand people at a time. However closely they were packed about him, his voice was not strong enough to carry to a crowd of more than 10,000 or 15,000. That was the size of the crowd at most of the Lincoln-Douglas debates. When Borah, Lenroot, and the others debated the world court, their voices were heard by hundreds of thousands. When Coolidge speaks over the radio and the stations across the continent are linked together, voice is heard by millions. The printed word no longer is alone in providing a vast audience. The radio audience may be presumed to be quite as large. The damage to society and the individual from malicious use of the radio may often be quite as great and quite as deliberate as the damage from malicious use of the press.

The law needs modifying to take radio into account. The man at the microphone ought to be held to account like the editor at his desk. New legislation will be required unless the courts can be induced to construe the old law in the light of the new facts. The old distinction between slander and libel has broken down.

WEIGHED AND WANTING

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. We have been eating prohibition pudding for six years. The country has had opportunity to test the various theories propounded for a generation previous about both its flavor and its digestibility. And with this solid basis of experience to go upon, there is apparent a mounting distaste for the recipe.

Our present position is, we hope, taken with a clear eyed perspective on the entire problem. On one side we can see the undoubted abuses and evils of the old saloon, defiant of reasonable regulation; on the other the equally certain evils of prohibition corruption, contempt for law, and poisonous liquor. Between the two it seems to this paper that the balance inclines away from the out-and-out effort to prohibit alcohol. Somewhere between the hypocrisy and futility of prohibition and the rampant license of the old regime there is a middle ground of decency and temperate regulation which, we believe, intelligence and goodwill can locate and define.

We have been loath to enter the controversy so long as there remained the shadow of a prospect that prohibition could be made to work. But there comes a time when it is cowardly to hold one's peace.

We do not care much for some of the associates we shall have in our new course. We shall miss the approval of many friends who will disagree with our conclusions. We shall feel deeply the unjust suspicious motives. But many people are convinced that absolute prohibition is a failure, that in the present stage of American social development it cannot be made to work, and that to continue the experiment in the face of the overwhelming testimony as to the conditions it has created is not only futile but dangerous to the political health of the republic.

The old saloon is outlawed and it should remain so. The alternatives are not the saloon or prohibition.

The one great prohibition argument cannot be ignored. That argument runs that the country, if prohibition could be made to work, would be vastly better off. Granted the conditional clause, the argument is sound. Unfortunately we know that prohibition will not work, because it is based on the fundamentally unsound proposition that it is possible for a law to make people do what is good for them, whether they want to do it or not. Democratic human nature will not be handled that way.

We hope that the time may come when the abuse of alcohol will disappear. But we know, and our knowledge is fortified by five years of observation of prohibition under the test of actual experiment, that this desirable condition will never be created by law. Education is the only open road, as honest prohibitionists themselves now admit. Compulsion has failed and is bound to continue to fail. In its failing it is endangering things more vital than the habits of the people. Prohibition makes a mock of authority and disorganizes society by its inevitable reaction. It is time to try other means.

Charge Of Lie Against Pastor Infuriates Dry

Prohibition, the Anti-Saloon league and the Methodist Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, came in for a drubbing at both ends at the capital Wednesday.

In the senate, Senator Bruce (Dem., Md.) haled the decision of the senate's judiciary committee to undertake consideration of proposals to modify the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act as evidence of the return of national sanity on the "eve of restriction following an era of destruction and agitation." The people will make prohibition the all-important issue in the coming congressional and 1928 presidential campaigns, he warned his colleagues.

At the same time on the house side, Representative O'Connor, (Dem., N. Y.), was accusing Dr. Clarence True Wilson, secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, of uttering a "dastardly lie," when in a recent statement, the clergyman charged that pre-Volstead congressmen were drunkards and that in those days the chief duties of the house sergeant at arms "were to walk members up and down and get the drunks to their homes."

In an instant, half a dozen drays were on their feet to defend Dr. Wilson and the fight was on. Representative Blanton (Dem., Tex.) demanded that the words, "It's a lie—a dastardly canard," and "My God! Fallen from the lips of a minister of the gospel," be stricken from the record. Mr. O'Connor defied Blanton to make good a point of order on remarks not referring to a member of the house.

"But they refer to a Christian minister of the gospel, who doubtless never made such a statement," protested Blanton.

"But in this country, he stands no better before this government than the greatest atheist in the country," retorted Mr. O'Connor.

At the suggestion of Representative Madden (Rep., Ill.) that to press this point of order would be useless in the face of the house rules and only succeed in delaying public business, Mr. Blanton withdrew it and contended himself with securing unanimous consent to eulogize Dr. Wilson as a man of high standing "undoubtedly misquoted as the newspapers misquote public men every day."

Mr. Blanton's withdrawal did not end the debate, however, and before adjournment was forced late in the afternoon Representative Celler (Dem., N. Y.), and La Guardia (Soc., N. Y.), both wet, succeeded in rousing the dries to new furies by their attacks on prohibition and its enforcement.

Mr. La Guardia cited as "national disgrace" the resignation of Franklin L. Dodge, a department of justice "ace," from the government service to go into the bootlegging business with the wife and whisky stock of George Remus, who was sent to the Atlanta penitentiary for conspiracy to violate the liquor laws.

Dodge, according to La Guardia, sent to the Atlanta prison to investigate charges against the then warden, became enamored of Mrs. Remus, and through her gained possession of \$250,000 worth of whisky certificates owned by Remus. Even before his resignation, according to the New York representative, Dodge, in possession of Remus' whisky certificates and Remus' wife, was traveling around the country in violation of the Mann and Volstead acts.

Mr. Carter led off his attack with a denunciation of Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon league, who, he charged, is "reviling" District Attorney Buckner in New York because the latter has the courage to advocate a New York state referendum on prohibition.

"Wheeler and his politron league wither when the light of truth is cast upon them," asserted Mr. Carter, recalling that only recently Wheeler was commending and 'faunting upon' Buckner. They want the darkness of untruth to carry out their project of prohibition hypocrisy."

Dr. Wilson's charge against past congresses as "under the domination of the rum element," according to Mr. O'Connor is an outstanding example of the "deliberate and malicious exaggeration and falsehood" which pervades the prohibition question—the greatest ever before the country—and one, he continued, that has been "buffooned, burlesqued, hippodromed and debated chiefly by clowns and jesters."

"This great problem is not going to be decided by small men, by narrow men or by demagogues," declared Mr. O'Connor. "It is not going to be solved by the clergy of the land—not by a Reverend Wilson or a Reverend Anderson—or by any prelate."

"This is a problem of government of a free people and not one principally of morals. Let the clergy stick to its pulpit and keep its hands off a question of government."

straw votes, be sportsmen and provide an indisputable method of ascertaining the people's will."

Newspaper polls on the question indicate, according to Senator Bruce, "that the lie is turning" and that people realize that "instead of doing good infinite and lasting harm to the national morals."

Reading from newspaper clippings of wholesale arrests and convictions in Tennessee during the last week, for the benefit of Senator McKellar (Dem., Tenn.), an ardent dry, Mr. Bruce asserted his belief that if such conditions continue "under this absolutely unenforceable law," one-half the country will be in prison and the other half will be drunk."

Senator McKellar asserted that any law was an abridgement of the liberty of an individual, drawing from Mr. Bruce the retort that "the smallest part of a good law is on the statute books and really enforceable laws are those in harmony with the laws of God and nature."

Cellar Stocked With Liquors At Gary Mansion

Senator Bruce Says Millionaire Had Oceans Of Booze In Home While Fighting For Prohibition.

Judge Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States steel corporation who has a very large cellar stocked with choice old liquors has been brought to task by certain senators who have publicly announced that the booze situation in the Gary home is as represented.

Gary with John D. Rockefeller and other men heading the big business of the country were no doubt responsible for the Eighteenth Amendment more than was their hirelings, cheap grafters of the anti-saloon league.

Senator Bruce of Maryland on the floor of the senate tore into Judge Gary much as does a lawyer attempting to lay or bulldoze an opposing witness. There can be little question but what the senator had the facts or he could not have openly charged such a powerful man as Gary in big business affairs with being loaded down with liquors while at the same time fighting both personally and financially to take the poor man's drink, beer, away from him while he was privileged to sit in his palatial home and get soused up if he so desired.

Wet leaders of the senate are beginning to talk right out loud in school and are expected to inform not only the senate but the country at large of the crooked work of some of the high financiers who helped put over the prohibition act with their money and influence, altogether for their own selfish purposes. The jig is about up for the fake reformers apparently though it will take two or more years for the modificationists to organize effectively enough to overcome fifty years of dry propaganda.

Courtright, Sider, Lee & Gunderson, Attorneys

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF LITTLE PAPILLION DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the annual election of Little Papillion Drainage District will be held at the office of the county clerk in Douglas County, Nebraska, in Omaha from eight o'clock a. m. until six o'clock p. m. on April 13th, 1926, for the purpose of electing one director to succeed C. P. Christensen, whose term expires.

C. P. CHRISTENSEN Secretary

NOTES OF THE METROPOLIS

A total of 113,568,000 bushels of corn, or 48 per cent of the 1925 crop is still on the farms in Nebraska, the state and federal division or agricultural statistics reports. This is due to the larger crop, lower market prices and some decrease in feeding, the report states.

Three new state aid bridges have been added to the 1926 road improvement program of Nebraska. These are across the Middle Loup river at Boelus; and across the North Platte river at Gibbon and Lewellen. Their cost is estimated at a total of \$185,000. One-half of the cost of the new bridge at La Platte also will be paid this year in its purchase by the state.

A forty-acre tract has been bought by the state to be added to the state home for dependent children at Whitehall, between Bethany and University Place. The cost was \$7,600.

The number of hogs now on Nebraska farms estimated by the state and federal division of agricultural statistics at 4,050,000 head, is the smallest since 1922. Similar decrease of hogs on farms are reported from southern states. This indicates profitable prices for hogs on all markets this year.

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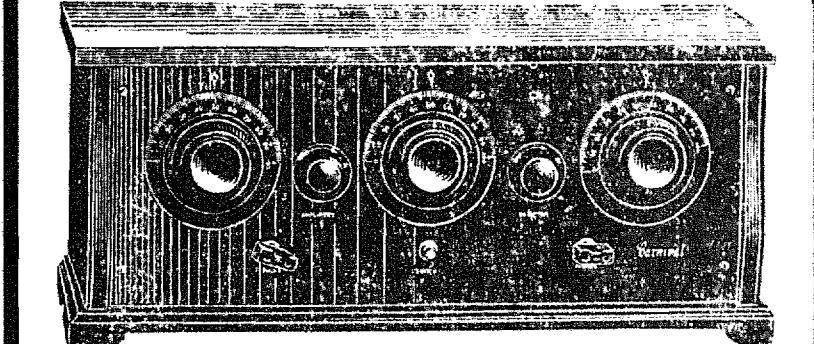
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thinking for them.

Now that the Board of Education has done away with the free summer school at Central High and are expected to charge \$12.00 for one subject, \$16.00 for two subjects, and \$18.00 for three subjects it is thought by many that the board will be thus able to finance their school manager plan. Of course this will be tough in the Central High school kids but apparently that makes no difference.

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All but six counties of Nebraska reports increase in the number of marriages in 1925 over 1924. The number for the state last year was 8,141, and in 1924 totalled 4,234. Repeal of the law requiring ten days notice is responsible for the increase.

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law could be cited than its non-enforcement right here in Omaha. Bob Samardick made it tougher for the bootleggers in the Nebraska Metropolis and vicinity than has perhaps any other federal agent in the United States. He had a clever, not to say uncanny method of locating bootleg joints and their plants, hundreds of which he has knocked over during the past few years. But that fact doesn't seem to mean anything. As one bootlegger would leave the field of his endeavor, another was ready to take his place. Perhaps if Bob had about 5,000 legs he could have held the illicit traffic down to a minimum.

The liquor traffic here while not nearly so great in volume as in cities of similar size could possibly be controlled to a certain extent if the government abandoned Fort Crook and Fort Omaha and turned their several thousand army men into a raiding squad. Even that is doubtful as soldiers are just like other human beings and would probably be more interested in snatching a few drinks than they would in persecuting or prosecuting the bootleggers with whom they came in contact. The liquor laws have never been enforced here and never will be and never can be. That being the case how can officials in other parts of the country expect to dry up their territory.

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Following the tour of the poultry special over the Burlington lines in Nebraska a "cow and hen" special will tour the state over the Northwestern line starting April 21.

Mundane Fire No Treat

to Miss Spore's Spirits

New York.—The familiars of Marian Spore, psychic painter, failed to apprise her that rubbish had begun to smolder in the ground floor hall of the former Delmonico's at Forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, on the second floor of which Miss Spore has her exhibition.

The apparition that suddenly materialized at the doorway of the studio yelling, "Fire, beat it!" was plain flesh and blood. And it wore spats.

About thirty persons who were watching Miss Spore's methods of painting or staring at her plump and colorful canvases, obeyed the warning promptly, joining the rush on the stairs from a golf school on the third floor, which met at the street level the exodus from a real estate office.

Miss Spore, however, who depends entirely on spiritual guidance, knew better than to flee. She began swathing her paintings in canvas to protect them from smoke, which already was drifting into her studio in ever-thickening waves.

All the time the smoke rolled blacker and denser up the stairs and into Miss Spore's studio. All the time Miss Spore, with never a glance out of window or into the hallway, coolly wrapped up her pictures in canvas. There were 175 of them, and by the time she finished the job the last firemen were picking up their hose. Miss Spore missed the fire completely.

Beautiful Spring Flower

Spring beauty belongs to the purslane family and its botanical name is *Claytonia caroliniana*. Deep down beneath the surface of the ground is a small, round, swollen stem, termed a tuber, attached to which is a bud. At the advent of spring the bud develops into a long aerial stem, bearing two grasslike leaves opposite to one another. At the top is a loose, delicate cluster of flowers. Each has two sepals, five white or pink petals, veined with rose color, five stamens and one pistil, with three stigmas. This charming flower is found usually in moist, open woods, having almost as wide a range as its first cousin, the objectionable purslane. A delicate, trembling little plant it is, shivering at the slightest breath of wind. Its name of spring beauty is quite appropriate. It is always a delight to the eye and always welcome.—Family Herald.

No Mail for Him

The postal service is laughing at the story of a post-office inspector who went into the hills of Arkansas to check up a village post office. The neighbors said the P. M. had gone fishing. Finding him, the inspector asked, "Are you the postmaster?" After a minute the P. M. said, "Yep. What's your name?" "P. D. Smith." The P. M. reached into his back pocket, took out a bunch of letters and running over them for the addresses, said, "Nope. Nothing for ye," and went on fishing.—Capper's Weekly.

Miserable Despair

Despair makes a despicable figure, and is descended from a mean original. It is the offspring of fear, laziness and impatience. It argues a defect of spirit and resolution, and oftentimes of honesty, too. After all, the exercise of this passion is so troublesome that nothing but dint of evidence and demonstration should force it upon us. I would not despair unless I knew the irrevocable decree was passed, I saw my misfortune recorded in the book of fate, and signed and sealed by necessity.—Jeremy Taylor.

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The Story in Brief

Billy Dexter, (Richard Dix), coming to the Strand for one week, Saturday, ex-football star, and some pals having just seen their Alma Mater win on the gridiron, are putting in the night celebrating the victory. They are engaged in close harmony outside a New York night club, when the doorman comes out. They shove past him, and a minute later, an old fashioned roughhouse fight is silhouetted against the windows. The waiters form a line to keep Billy and his gang captive till the patrol wagon arrives. With a loaf of bread for a football, they charge between the waiters, out the door, through a line of police, and right into an awaiting "Black Bertha."

Mary Corbin, (Lois Wilson), passing in a car, gets her first glimpse of Billy in this moment of undignified hell raising.

With the aid of his father, (Joseph Kilgour), a manufacturer of hymn books, Billy and his friends are allowed to go free. Father makes him a present of a little electric coupe.

While he is crawling along next day, Mary, in a big automobile, bumps into him. No damage is done to anything but Billy's heart, and using the collision as an excuse, Billy calls on her to discuss the accident. Romance flourishes, and he promises to behave by starting to sell hymn books.

Billy's first prospect is one J. W. Smith, (Edna May Oliver), whom he supposes to be a man. "J. W." turns out to be a live wire who insists that she's got to go to the same night club which caused his arrest. Reluctantly Billy takes her, being instantly recognized by the doorman and waiters who are just itching for a chance at him. In the meantime, Mary comes in.

Dexter finally gets out—to find the fight progressing at the door. All the battlers are laid in a heap and Billy sighs his relief. A bottle comes whizzing through the air which lays him on top of the eap. The police ar-

rive and exclaim: "It's the same guy!"

Billy is sent to Blackwell's Island for thirty days. To explain the absence to Mary and keep his location a secret, Billy writes a series of letters which describe his successful salesmanship. He gives them to Tommy, (Douglas MacPherson), who is on his way to the South Seas.

Through the indulgence of Slattery, ("Gunboat" Smith), a detective; Billy is allowed to visit Mary and say goodbye. Mary believes he is going with the Rev. Dr. Slattery.

The letters, describing the South Sea natives as throwing their gin bottles away and weeping their penitence at the feet of Slattery and Billy, begin to reach Mary. Everything is O. K., until Mary goes to see her father, (Tom Findley) a warden at the prison where Billy is temporarily located.

Billy's only hiding place is the laundry chute. He lands in a stunned condition at the bottom of the chute. Dumped with the laundry into a basket, he is hustled out of the prison confines. Once outside, he jumps, disguises himself as a street cleaner and makes straight for home. Arrived there, Mary calls to see if he has come back from the South Seas. Billy asks her to marry him at once.

No sooner agreed than Slattery appears in pursuit. Billy gets a license and they go to Mary's house for the ceremony. While everyone is kneeling Billy sees his nemesis. He saves the situation by slipping out, letting Slattery chase him, leads the detective to a false trail, and then returns unharmed.

Just as the ceremony is over and the preacher starts to pray, Billy discovers Slattery and several policemen. He grabs the surprised Mary and jumps through a window with her.

Billy and Mary successfully elude Slattery, hop into the pokey electric and they amble off. He gives her all the juice, but it's no use; the detective overtakes them on foot. Billy stops the car and Slattery asks: "How do you expect an officer to serve papers on you?" He sticks a formidable looking document through the window. Billy opens it to find—his prison discharge papers!

Insane Soldiers Victim Of Graft

Those Who Fought In World War And
Became Mental Derelicts Robbed
By Grafters, Blanton Says.

Hundreds of young American boys who went to France during the world war and came back mental cripples many of whom have been segregated at Saint Elizabeth hospital in Washington are being fleeced by one Fredrick A. Fenning a District of Columbia commissioner. If reports are true this "dirty rat" takes ten per cent of the compensation of seventy-five insane patients under his care.

It is hard to believe that there can be such an inhuman skunk placed in governmental authority who would stoop to such degradation as to steal off poor insane men who were normal when they left America to enter the war to "make the world safe for democracy," and came back "loony" from the effects of shell shock or some murderous wound received while in action.

Representative Thomas L. Blanton of Texas, democrat, makes public an open charge that this "Dr. Jekyll," in sheep's clothing as an official, is the "Dr. Hyde" as commissioner in charge of Saint Elizabeth hospital, where he rips the poor devils of a considerable amount of their compensation. This he is able to accomplish at the hospital in which he is in charge because the patients are insane and unable to look after their own interests.

If the charges of the Texas Solon are true and no doubt they are or he would not have preferred them, then it is high time that the American Legion or some other such organization get busy and do their level best to clean out of official life the cockroaches who infest the official life of the nation.

Internal Strife Again Looms In The Ranks Of The Democrats

It is very apparent that northern democrats and those of the southern states are at loggerheads with each other. The liberal element of the party is even now advancing the candidacy of Governor Al Smith, a frankly outspoken man, both in the senate and various public speeches. At the same time Southern dry democrats apparently are still trailing and holding on to the apron strings of the theories of the late William Jennings Bryan.

Surface indications however are that the northern and western democrats will have their way in the next presidential campaign, after a bitter fight within the party and then will scrap it out with the republicans who will doubtless nominate a dry candidate.

Nebraska's population of July 1, 1926, will be 1,384,703, according to an estimate of the federal census bureau. This is an increase of 13,544 since July 1, 1925 and an increase of 88,331 since the federal census of 1920.

Inherent Baseness Causes Jail Sentence

Former Country Woman, Mother Of
Two Children, Found In Compromising Position With Valley
Man—30 Days.

A lack of morality is not confined to those living in the slums of, or the high spots of a cosmopolitan city. If any proof were needed to show that girls and young women from the smaller towns are as depraved and are possessed of the same inherent baseness as are women brought up in the atmosphere of cosmopolitanism, it is only necessary to point out the moral turpitude of Mrs. Bess Wilson a former country girl.

Although but 23 years of age she was caught in a compromising position with Forest Falconer, a young man 3 years her senior at 207 North Nineteenth street, which has a reputation none too savory. The woman who was said to have led a fast and furious life recently and who is the mother of two children was given 30 days in the jug to think it over. Her paramour was given the same sentence and will probably think twice before he pulls the same stuff again.

Falconer is said to have hailed from Valley where he originally met up with the Wilson women which led to their present troubles. So it is that morality is not confined to the country neither is the lack of it confined to the city. Human nature is pretty much the same throughout the world and it behooves none of us to say ill of the rest of us.

Now Read All About One-Step Watson's Denver Fight

Omaha fight fans will get a kick out of a little story concerning One-Step Watson the Omaha "nigger" welterweight having been matched with Harry Galfund of Brooklyn on an all-star boxing card in Denver on April 2. One-Step missed several steps in his fights at the auditorium during recent years still he was pretty good drawing card because he was always a willing fighter and carried a wallop which at times resulted in the elimination of his opponent.

World War Vets To Share In Relief With Other Soldiers

An interesting and worthwhile opinion has been given out by Attorney-General Spillman. He holds that veterans of the World war are entitled to share in county relief the same as do soldiers of the civil war and the Spanish American war. This will no doubt be a great benefit to many soldiers of the late conflict who are unable to care for themselves.

BANTAMS PUT UP A SPLENDID FIGHT

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round bout between Bearcat Wright the Omaha "Nigger" heavyweight and Jack Bourland of Des Moines, the latter who went to the canvass for the official count before the battle had hardly started. Another card that was good as far as it went was the semi-windup between Teddy Gartin and Billy Fischer supposed to have come from San Francisco. The local lad sent over a couple of stiff wallops, now it is expected that "Prisco" will soon have one of their own home town boxers to entertain the Bay district boxing devotees.

All in all Isaacson is to be and is being congratulated on the card. The house was somewhat disappointing but the showing made in the main event will probably be reasoned sufficient to pack the cow-shed at the next Legion show.

Attorney Has Garage Plan That Appears Feasible

Would Build Subterranean Garage Beneath
Courthouse Grounds With
Capacity For More Than 300
Cars.

Every once in a while one gets a new worth while idea which goes to show that there is something new under the sun. C. B. Morearty has a plan for a great subterranean garage under the court house grounds which is a pippin. Should his plan be approved the county will gain much and auto drivers will gain more.

His proposition provides for a 50-year lease and the construction of an underground garage without altering the beauty of the lawn. Under the terms of the proffered contract, Morearty agrees to pay the county \$100,000 rental, build a \$200,000 building, which will bring the county an income of \$214,000 in taxes; then, at the end of the 50-years, turn the building over to the county free.

The plan, as submitted by Morearty, calls for an excavation on the entire north side of the courthouse to a depth of 23 feet, the construction of a two story concrete, water-proof building and the replacing of the soil, sod, steps and walks as they are now. The only change in the appearance of the front of the courthouse would be statues in place of the ornamental light fixtures at the sidewalk. One side of the statues would be a door, opening into a stairway entrance to the top floor of the garage.

If the lease is accepted, according to a firm of New York promoters seeking a part in the plan, it will be the only such garage or building in the United States. Many other cities have underground garages and parking spaces, but they are built in the side of hills.

The complete structure would be 284 feet long, or from the inside line of the sidewalks between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, with an average width of 120 feet, or from the building walls of the courthouse to the Farnam street sidewalk.

It would accommodate 330 automobiles.

The entrance to the garage would be through the present entrance of the courthouse, with inclines to the two floors. The cars would leave on the Eighteenth street side.

LESS CORN MORE WHEAT IN NEBRASKA THIS YEAR

Nebraska farmers apparently learned a valuable lesson last year when an over production of corn and oats brought the price down to an unprofitable figure, at least it would appear so as their expected acreage of these primary crops will be considerably less than last year according to a survey just issued. Small increases are expected in wheat, potatoes and tame hay. This condition seems to hold good throughout the country.

DAME NATURE GETS BUSY AND HELPS MOVIE DIRECTOR

Sand Storm Blows Up While At
Work On "Desert
Gold."

One of the most effective and important roles in "Desert Gold" was played by a party neither engaged for the part nor under salary. Dame Nature was the player.

Dame Nature might have been listed in the cast for she contributed, to the great delight of Director George B. Seitz, a genuine sand storm during the making of one of the most important sequences in the picture, just such a sand storm as Zane Grey might have had in mind when he wrote the story from which Paramount made the picture.

Fortunately, too, the storm came just at the right time and found both cameramen and actors ready.

Robert Frazer and Shirley Mason, the principal actors in the storm scene, suffered from cuts and bruises and were almost blinded but the results justified the effort.

"Believe me," said Seitz, "Nature certainly stages her scenes wonderfully."

Neil Hamilton and William Powell are also featured in "Desert Gold." The supporting cast includes such capable players as George Rigas, Josef Swickard, Frank Luckten and Bernard Seigel. The picture comes to the Rialto on Saturday.

TWO LOCAL JUDGES IN LEGAL BATTLE WITH ANTI-SALOON LEAGUER

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change in sentence was made by Dineen. High, it is declared, is a non-resident of Omaha, and therefore was not damaged by any action Judge Dineen may have taken here in Omaha in a liquor case.

That this mandamus action is a blow at the right of judges to use any discretionary power the contention of both accused judges.

That transportation of liquor naturally includes possession is a statement of the legal basis of the Crawford defense, and that when the defendant is fined on one he can't be jailed on the other. Crawford is accused by High of failing to comply with the law in sentencing George Aitkenhead, who pleaded guilty recently. Crawford is endeavoring to show that the sentence imposed was legal and entirely proper, based on the first of two counts against Aitkenhead. Aitkenhead was fined only. High claims he should also have been sentenced to jail under the law.

The defense contended that Judge Crawford investigated the circumstances of the case, following the plea of guilty, and then gave sentence on the first count. No formal dismissal of the second count was entered on the records. This, the defense said, is because a man cannot be penalized on two counts like this, arising out of the same transaction. Hence, if one is given a penalty on either count the other is automatically ruled out.

It is the universal practice of judges to investigate the circumstances when a plea of guilty is entered, with a view to determining what the facts are, and giving a sentence accordingly, the defense of both judges declares.

The hearing of Judge Dineen arose out of a sentence of \$100 and costs against John McMullen, charged with sale of liquor at a soft drink place at 4930 South Twenty-sixth street, on March 8.

High says he should have been sent to jail also.

A formal demand for change in the sentences was made on March 15 by High, prior to his filing the mandamus action on Friday, March 10.

High indicated at that time that many other judges over the state were giving lighter sentences for liquor violations than directed by the law, and that other actions of similar nature would follow.

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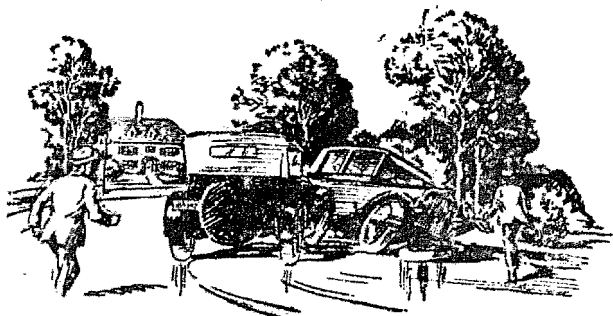
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