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POLITICAL CAMPAIGN OPENS

INTERLOPER PULLING QUEER STUNTS ON CITY PAVING BIDS

Sioux City Firm Attempts Bull Dozing Methods On Some Of Our City Commissioners

LOCAL CONTRACTOR TO MAKE LOWER BID

Millionaire Paving Man Willing to Lay Down Paving at \$1.40 Per Yard Against Flynn Bid of \$1.57—Advantage of Using Local Paving Firms Apparent—Omaha Boasts Best Paved Streets.

How much shall Omaha pay an outsider for paving, is a question now being asked by hundreds of taxpayers, and local pavers are going to the bat with an outsider, with a view to licking the interloper.

A Sioux City firm, headed by M. L. Flynn, who is represented by John R. Keefe, wants to pave a lot of Omaha streets for \$1.57 a yard. Their bid is \$1.53 but the extras makes it \$1.57 or about what Omaha pavers would bid and they are already to get right in. Mayor Dahlman's idea of readvertising for bids is eminently correct, especially in view of what has happened since the Sioux City man's bid was received.

An Omaha paver has made a rock-bound and flat offer which the city council of necessity must take notice. This man, who is a millionaire and whose word would be as good as a bond, has even gone further than to simply make a statement of what he would do. He has offered to post at once a 50 thousand dollars bond, to bind his offer. He will agree to make bid for the same paving the Sioux City man has bid on at \$1.40 the yard, which is about thirteen cents better than that offered by the Sioux City man.

This is simply an instance of what may be expected of Omaha pavers. Here comes this outsider and charges Omaha pavers with every crime on

the book, intimating in the same breath that he is the simon pure stuff himself and that the city council is perforce under obligation to give him a tryout, to say the least. The taxpayers have tried the pavement offered by Omaha men and have not had a kick coming. Naturally, there has been bad spots in Omaha paving like that in every city in the country, but as a general proposition there can be no complaint on what Omaha pavers have offered.

The advantage of using local paving firms on Omaha work is also apparent. When anything happens to the pavement the taxpayers know just who to do business with. If a foreign man is employed he is gone just as quick as he gets his money. With all respect to Mr. Flynn's company, it may be said that a lot of questionable things have come out of Sioux City.

It is quite possible that the bid offered the city by the Flynn concern may be a good thing for the people, however. Local pavers may be hedging a little on them at that and if they are it may prove a happy day for the taxpayers and the automobile drivers that brought about just a little "scare."

For several years Omaha has prided itself and boasted about its well paved streets. This was true long before Sioux City had anything ex-

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LIVE LIKE RATS AT POOR FARM

EX-SERVICE MEN ARE DYING

Poor Farm Not Fit For Human Beings—People of County the Guilty Ones.

The Veterans Bureau saturated with graft, stand idly by and see seven ex-service men rotting away at the miserable county poor farm shack. Down in the basement of this hell hole men who fought for their country are dying like rats and the government seems not to care.

If seven former service men are dying like skunks in this shamble of a joint we call the poor farm, we wonder how the scores of poor old men out there are existing from day to day.

H. W. Raushbaugh investigating conditions there says the basement of the "hospital" (yes they call it hospital) is unfit for a human being, but he should not forget that ex-service men or others to whom have fallen the great misfortune of poverty are not human beings according to the way a certain portion of society look at it.

Now the people of Omaha have no right to holler at the county commissioners and they can not shift the responsibility to that body. The people of Douglas county are to blame and no one else. They spend millions of dollars each year on other necessary and unnecessary things but unlike other up to date communities they will not appropriate money to build a modern, sanitary building or buildings to take care of the unfortunates.

We wonder if time will ever come when the people here will wake up and demand a square deal for the poor devils who are treated worse than common street sluts by the city.

If every tax payer who objects to spending money on the poor farm were made to live a week in our sink hole of a poor farm they would soon change their minds.

BLUE CAB CO. GETS RESULTS FROM ADVERTISING

The Blue Cab Company operating a fleet of high class taxis, with headquarters in the Hill hotel are regular advertisers in the Mediator. Unsolicited, they told us they were surprised at the splendid results they get from their ad. "They sure do look up our phone in the Mediator and give us a call at all times of the day and night," said the manager.

At 3222 their phone number is becoming a household pass word with thousands of our readers who use a taxi to get about. Be good to your cash register by advertising in this result getting weekly.

KNOCKS AND BOOSTS BY THE OBSERVER

CARPENTERS are to withdraw from the trades council. This means that Omaha contractors will be able to make contracts with the exact knowledge of just what they will have to pay for carpenter work this year. It is a good thing for the carpenters, the contractors and the people who expect to build this spring.

COOLIDGE and Johnson are having their troubles just now in Nebraska. Mac. Baldrige is right in the midst of the scrap and we opine that this brilliant lawyer will come out with colors flying at the proper time. Go to it Mac., we are for you, first, last and all the time.

DRUNK IN CHURCH is what they are now saying about the pettycoat protected "Knobe" Konwald who is now running a louse infected rooming house joint at 1718 Capitol Avenue according to report. He is suing some one now alleging he got drunk one night. His wife alleges he is a common drunkard but if he goes to church drunk or sober we suppose that Elmer Thomas or Dean "Wringer" is defending him.

SALOON DAYS were recalled Wednesday night at a certain bootleg joint when five young sports, drunker than seven hundred dollars on a couple of drinks of King Alki, embraced each other and sung such songs as "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Until we meet again on that beau-tu-tifl shore-ore". They still razeshell on Steenth street.

NEW ADDRESS

We are now located in our new office at 544 Paxton Block. Don't forget the number. Come up and see us. Same Telephone number, AT. 7040. When you have a hot story and want to get it off your chest, call in person or telephone.

CHATHAM HOTEL REPORTED TO BE A CHEAP BAUDY HOUSE

On no less than a score of times different parties have called this office telling of the basest of immoral lawlessness that goes on at the Chatham hotel every night in the year. This week we were told of how the proprietor had housed one of the most degenerate woman of which the underworld has ever boasted. The report as telephoned says that this human leech not content to make her living in the method usual with scallie women stoops to the most degenerate methods with full knowledge and approval of the two hebrews who run the place. We do not know the facts first hand but presume the charges are true.

While the hostelry no doubt houses some respectable people it has the reputation of catering to bawdy women and their male suckers. If half what is said about this alleged hotel is true it is time for some of our state officials to get busy under the old Albert law.

SHERIFF HIRES A SON OF HAM TO DO SOME OF THE DIRTY WORK

There will no election this spring so far as the sheriffs office is concerned. This is very evident. Our present sheriff, Mr. Endres, not caring about what white people think, (no election coming, as we said before) has hired a big burly black as one of his deputy sheriffs. This son of Ham struts about arresting white men here in a white man's town. Not only that, but he uses methods becoming his kind and is apparently backed up by the sheriff. Just how many German law breakers he has sent to the housegaw is not reported, not many we imagine.

DO YOU LIKE RED HOT SCANDAL?

If you are fond of first hand red hot scandal we would advise you to keep your eye on Judge Day's court between now and April foolm day. A little bug came around and whispered in our ear that a society dame is sure to sue the old man for divorce before the end of the month. If she does, Oh boy, Oh girl, you are going to get a couple of earsfull. Why 'tis said that the young matron is to swear that her spouse has been keeping one Jane in another city and living with a hard boiled "She" a good part of the time right here within fifteen minutes ride of their palatial home.

Besides that the "He" end of the triangle is liable to spring a few sensations that the Mrs. will not be expecting.

SCORES OF MEN HAVE FILED FOR VARIOUS PLACES ON TICKET

Big Fight Expected To Be Between Mayor Jim Dahlman And Dan Butler Forces

BITTER CAMPAIGN OF PERSONALITIES

Many Petitions Out—Carpenter Paper Company Officials, in Bad With the Federal Trade Commission Expected to Back Mr. Butler—About A Score of Candidates for Each Job—Many Unknowns Enter Race.

Local politics is picking up, getting hot in fact, though but little has been heard as yet on the surface. So far as candidates for city commissioners are concerned there will be plenty of them, some well known, others, has been, and still others of whom the general public has little if any personal knowledge.

First it may be stated on authority that all the present commissioners will once more be in the running. The "slate" if such it can be called so far as the present administration is concerned will again be headed by Omaha's popular mayor, Jim Dahlman. He sent out his petition last Tuesday and will probably file at an early date next week. Dean Noyes has already paid the necessary fee and is in the race to win. Koutsky, Hopkins, Joe Hummel and Henry Dunn are expected to file before another week passes. These with one other man, as yet not definitely known will compose the regular ticket.

Opposed will be another slate headed no doubt by Mr. Butler. He and his slate will have the backing of Dean Ringer, Elmer Thomas and Dr. Jen. Calfas at el. Aided and abetted by the Carpenters, now in trouble with the Federal Trade Commission and other "reformers" for God's sake and their own pocketbooks. Therein will lie the big fight but they will have a certain amount of competition from outsiders. This outside compe-

tion is not expected to amount to much, but at that every man or woman that files will have a certain following and are sure to poll a considerable number of votes.

Among those who may be termed as independents are included the names of Fred Prueter, first to file, Charles Anderson, J. D. Barrot, Isaac Konecky, Ed Jones, Leo Rosenthal and Ross McGowen as well as the redoubtable Harry A. Foran. These are the men that had filed up to and including Tuesday of this week. There will be more, heaps of them, all of which will help to the extent of putting a little more mazzuma in the strong box of the election commissioner. This paper will have plenty to say about the respective candidates at the proper time and we want it known that we are going to call a spade a spade, no matter whom it hurts or helps.

There are a heap o' people who would serve as municipal judges. None of those now on the job have as yet filed but will undoubtedly do so at the proper time. Among those who would contest for judicial positions are N. W. Ware, George (baby of the house of representatives) B. Collins, Bob Patrick, George Holmes, the Italian Attorney Claudio Delitala, our old friend John O. Yeiser Jr., and Arthur E. Baldwin.

Several have their mud hooks out

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THE "BILLS" HAVE MAPPED OUT GREAT FIGHT PROGRAM FOR ST. PATRICK NIGHT

Have Signed New York Sieger and Mandell, the Rockford Flash for Main Event—Ace Hudkins and Jack O'Toole—Herbie Schaefer and Earl McArthur in Semi-Final—Popular Dick Grotte the Promoter.

"Hello Bill" Elk, Omaha's fight colony composed of eight thousand, pay-as-you-enter box-fight bugs welcome you to the charmed circle of boxing promoters. There are a score of reasons why the sport lovers of this community are glad to see the Elks enter the field, not the least of which is the fact that the B. P. O. E. as a lodge is a genuine Omaha institution always on the job boosting the old home town. Secondly they made the wise choice of selecting Dick Grotte as promoter. This in itself insures local boxing followers that they will be treated to a snappy worth while fight card on St. Patrick's day and at any other time they see fit to put on scrap at the shed.

Dick has signed up the two very top notchers in the junior lightweight division for the headline attraction. Sammy Mandell the Rockford Illinois lightning rod and Sam Sieger, the New York contender are the two boys to furnish the thrills in the last act. Sieger is well and favorably known east of the Alleghanies where he has climbed to within striking distance of the top. Mandell is better known in the middle west where he has fought his way to within an ace of the top of his class. Both boys are fast and will give us as pretty an exhibition of the manly art as has ever been witnessed. It will be a welcome novelty to have lightweights as the main attraction, for a change.

The fight banquet will be served in four courses. For soup the Elks will serve Joe Humphreys and "Rusty" Evans in a six round prelim. The second course will consist of two tough beefsteaks to be eaten in ten rounds. Ace Hudkins who knocked the tar out of St. Paul Jones last week and Jack O'Toole of Sioux City are the maulers for this event. Ace

is a royal flush in this village and is about ripe as a main eventer.

For the course that is served with the heavy wine the Bills will offer for the great sacrifice, Herbie Schaefer of little old Chicago. He is to be the burnt offering, with Earl McArthur as the high executioner. Leastwise that is the way the Sioux City fight fans look at it. And perhaps they are right.

If the program is half as good as the one put on last week by Bernie Boyle everybody will get more than their moneys worth. When one reads the names of such luminaries as Mandell, Sieger, McArthur, Herbie Schaefer, Ace Hudkins and Jack O'Toole with the knowledge that these ring generals are all to appear on St. Patrick night and chase all the snakes out of the Auditorium, they can well believe that they will be treated fully as well as they were last fight night.

While on the fight subject we arise to ask, why is a boxing Commissioner, that is for Omaha. Is not an examiner enough? At present we have Mr. Kavan, who, when he was appointed, admitted he did not even know the various fighting divisions. Still he is commissioner. It is understood that this gentlemen raises heaven and held to keep certain promoters from putting on exhibitions, men whom the public have occasion to know and believe have provided this city with the very best of available talent. The public wants to know whether this Kavan person is a plain grafter or simply an ignoramus who lives by the sweat of his grafting personality.

However we are blessed with the knowledge that even as Commissioner, Kavan, can not undo the fine work of our active promoters. At that he can and does hurt the game at times with his blunderbuss and ignorance.

TOM BACK, STEERS CLEAR OF POLITICS BUT TALKS A BOUT TIA JUANA, MEXICO

As the Campaign Warms Up He Will no Doubt Be on the Job—Will Probably Take Little Interest in Politics After Present Election—Elmer Thomas and Dean Ringer About Ready to Spring Slate.

Tom Dennison is back—has been back to that dear old Omaha since the first of the week. We interviewed him Tuesday. The conversation run thusly—more or less.

Reporter: Hello Tom, well how are things on the west coast?

Tom: Not so bad. Pretty dry in spots. Rather damp in Los Angeles on the main drag.

Reporter: All in all what was the best thing you heard while away?

Tom: The Pullman porter calling, "Next stop is Omaha, don't forget your overcoats, rubbers and such."

Reporter: What do you think about the coming primaries? and let me quote you.

Dennison: Well it seemed like old times to hist your foot on a brass bar down at Tiajuana where you pay six bits for a pint of suds and a half buck for a snort of the real old stuff.

What do you think will be the outcome of the Bossie trial, was next asked by the Mediator representative. And the "Old Man" true to form answered by asking, What do you think, Huntley, it hasn't rained for so long in Los Angeles that the ministers are publicly praying for a sprinkling of acqua pura, to fall on the just and the unjust.

Then we ventured the statement that there was going to be hell along paving contracting lines and asked his opinion. This he answered in no uncertain terms. Here it is. How did your brother stand the trip back east and is he feeling better now?

All of which means that Tom is not interested for the moment in politics, but will no doubt be on the job at the proper time. Just now he is far more interested in the welfare of his little grand-son than in politics, but as the campaign warms up there is little doubt he will be on the

work, ready to back and help those deserving.

Apparently political ropes are being drawn along very definite lines for this Spring's campaign, not particularly from a partisan standpoint at that. This much seems certain. All the present commissioners will again stand for re-election. Mayor Dahlman will head the regulars while it is expected that Mr. Butler will align himself with the committee of 5 or do they call it Five Thousand.

Back of the Butler slate will be found without doubt such true and tried anti-saloon league gentlemen as Elmer Thomas, a man always out for the dough, the Carpenter Paper outfit which just now stands charged by the Federal Trade Commission with stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from paper users in a restraint of trade pact with two other concerns, even though the Commission uses a bit different language. It is expected that the K. K. K. will be back of the Butler campaign. While it is true that Mr. Butler is a catholic or is supposed to be, he showed that he is willing to tie up with any individual or group and knock his friends if he thought it would bring him him anything politically.

Up at the Election Commissioners office they expect about seventy-five patriots to file for commissioner which is no doubt approximately the correct figure. But there will be just two major slates, the ins and the outs. It will be a merry battle with this paper taking no small part. This much our readers may depend upon. We are going to tell exactly what we know about the various candidates, whether it hurts or not. And that is something you will not get in the other papers.

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THE GREATEST STORIES EVER WRITTEN

A short time ago the writer was called back east on a sad mission. While there he renewed old acquaintances not the least of which was with a highly educated newspaper man whom we knew at Marion, Ohio. While reminiscing late one night at a unique little coffee shop, the subject of conversation changed rapidly finally turning to literature. Our friend at about the "zero" hour so far as the restaurant was concerned, asked; What in your opinion is the two greatest stories you have ever read? and added "I want your answer to include everything and anything from a nursery rhyme to the heaviest book through whose pages you have at any time scanned".

This in our opinion was covering a lot of territory but after a time we ventured the thought that the finest thing a man ever reads must be that which most impresses him throughout life. With that thought in mind the works of many noted authors came to mind. It was hard to choose between them. All the while there were two articles that kept bobbing up or back in the recesses of our mind. They seemed so simple but they must have been the most impressive as we could not send them to the back ground of our thoughts in order to bring out more profound works.

While in the first grade of a public school in an old and antiquated village, a teacher of the old school had given us a little poem printed in bold face caps. We had learned the little poem at our mother's knee long before our A.B.C.s were committed. This simple little poem would not down and we gave it as our opinion that the four lines of which it was composed was the greatest story we have ever read. Hundreds of millions have read them and repeated them time without end. Here they are:

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray thee Lord my soul to take.

And so after forty-six years of life devoted in considerable part to reading of great and near great stories, books and newspaper articles we were forced by truth to give this simple little prayer as we remember it printed in large bold type as the greatest of all articles we have ever read. It must have been the spirit not the simple words that has carried these four lines down through the avenue of time and made it the outstanding classic of the ages in our humble opinion.

Our other selection was a newspaper article of which we could remember nothing but the title. Not even the author. But the lesson it conveyed has stayed with us and always will. As a very young man we lounged about one night in a log cabin, a sort of a hotel, in what was then the undeveloped Estes Park. Picked up an old copy of some forgotten eastern newspaper, in order to "kill time" we read every word and incidentally run on to this the second most impressive story ever penned to our way of thinking.

So we told our friend that the next greatest article was written by some unknown correspondent of an eastern newspaper and was entitled, "There is no news tonight." We only remembered that the article was a wonderful one, built with no foundation from a newspaper standpoint but contained that something which proves big men can and do arise to any occasion. An assignment had to be filled, there was "nothing doing" in newspaper parlance but this man whoever he was, filled his space with the greatest newspaper story ever written.

The companion at this little midnight two-man social gathering in the dingy little coffee shop gave as his opinion on the subject that the last chapter of Revelations in the good book was the greatest story ever written. His second choice was Shakespeare's Othello. We wonder what our readers choice would be and if any one of them perchance ever knew of the correspondent who wrote "There is no news tonight."

We realize full well the scorn which these selections would bring from some such brilliant personage as President Emeritus Elliot or some of our highly tutored locals.

PEOPLE WANT RIVERSIDE DRIVE IMPROVEMENT NOW

We would call to the attention of City Commissioner Joe Hummel the fact that the Real Estate board has gone on record as favoring a bond issue for the improvement of the proposed riverside drive. We would also call his attention to the fact that nearly every citizen of this metropolis seems to be in favor of the improvement. It seems certain the Commissioner will have the backing of most good citizens in anything he may do to further this worthy project.

FINISH THE JOB, COMMISSIONERS

There appears a real demand from the vast majority of citizens of this community for the final paving of the Lincoln Highway from the Papio

to Father Flannigan's home for boys. With this two mile stretch paved motorists will have a bee line road through the county on this national highway without having to make any unnecessary detour. The County commissioners will make no mistake in ordering this piece of work done at once.

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15 MILLION BELL TELEPHONES NOW IN SERVICE IN THE U. S.

At the end of 1923 there were 15,000,101 telephones connected with the Bell System in the United States; 949,536 being added during the year, according to the annual report of President H. B. Thayer to the stockholders of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, a copy of which has just been received.

The average number of local and long distance calls was 42,792,000 daily throughout the year.

During the year \$249,728,000 worth of additional plant was built.

The company's net earnings for the year were \$99,624,472, or slightly over 5 per cent return on an investment of \$1,978,947,543 in plant and equipment. However, because it has \$190 in assets for each \$100 par value of stock outstanding, the company was able to pay a 9 per cent annual dividend to its stockholders.

Stockholders of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company now number 281,149—more than half of them women—from every part of the United States, and from all walks of life.

Federal, state and local taxes amounted to \$45,648,000, or \$4.60 per telephone, as compared with \$2.29 per telephone ten years ago. The 1923 taxes charged against the company were \$4,433,000 more than in 1922.

At the close of the year there were 271,977 employees, an increase of approximately 29,000 over 1922, the added number being necessary to construct, operate and maintain the additional plant and equipment required for the business and to meet the increased demand for service.

NEBRASKA TAXES

The total taxes levied in Nebraska for all purposes—state, county, school, city and village, etc.—in 1923 was \$63,280,124.74, or a decline of \$6,085,574.52 from the total for 1921, in which year taxes reached the highest point in the history of the state, according to figures compiled by the state tax commissioner at Lincoln. The total for all purposes for 1921 was \$69,365,699.26.

The total of state taxes in 1923 was \$6,404,457.66. The total of all other taxes, exclusive of state, was \$46,875,667.08.

While state taxes have declined \$4,526,149.45, or in excess of 40% since the peak year of 1921, all other taxes have declined only \$1,459,425.03 or less than 4%.

The total of the various kinds of taxes levied in Nebraska in 1923 was as follows:

State	\$ 6,404,457.66
County	\$ 9,976,040.24
County High School	255,708.43
School	23,962,437.83
City and village	8,382,494.88
Ry. terminal (goes to municipalities)	667,299.40
Township	1,353,177.67
Drainage	281,522.90
Irrigation	667,373.72
Poll Taxes	433,283.68
All other taxes	896,383.23
Total	\$3,280,124.74

C. OF C. SELECTS HIGH CLASS MAN FOR COMMISSIONER

While many members of the Chamber of Commerce would have preferred to have W. A. Ellis elected commissioner, the great majority welcome the election of Clarke Powell to that responsible position. Mr. Powell is a hustler and a man well qualified for the place. He is sure to have the united support of the entire membership.

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ITICAL CAMPAIGN OPENS SCORES OF MEN HAVE FILED

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in the hope of landing a seat down at the new capitol as state senator. Best known and most popular among those who have filed to date are "Doc" Tanner who has done time at the same job on several occasions and always made good, Ed. Howell, another war horse that everybody likes and most people vote for and several others not so well known including John Robbins, John Cooper, Robert Schuyler, Dysert, Chambers, Palmer, Rybergs, Glogly and Harry Sinclair, who by the way, was never mixed up in an oil scandal so far as we know.

A large number of patriots have volunteered to sacrifice themselves in order to serve the county. We will get a line on them and give them the once over in next week's issue. We note that among the many who have filed is Sam Greenleaf, who aspires to become county assessor. We believe him the best qualified man in the county for the place, and expect to see him nominated and elected by a rousing majority.

The fur will begin to fly in about two weeks, politically speaking, then newspaper readers will be regaled with some hot stuff until the big show is over.

INTROLOPER PULLING QUEER STUNTS ON CITY PAVING BIDS

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cept old cedar blocks. They are not willing to let such matters be forgotten. All the men who have been interested in Omaha paving for a long time have been local men, who are also heavy taxpayers. They have always had a certain civic pride about their work and about our city. They have also been interested in the price for the paving. Naturally they do not want any interloper butting in. Neither do the Omaha people want them, so long as they can buy just as good from their own people.

Omaha paving men have held aloof from the controversy apparently not making any attempt to influence councilmen in the matter. That is fine of them, because they would rather get out of business than do any double-crossing stunts to keep themselves in right with the powers that be. There have been no jealousies among them, simply strong competition, but as a general thing the work of all of them has been above par.

The talk of the representative of this man Flynn about a paving trust is about the biggest joke Omaha people have been treated to in recent years. Mr. Keefe quite underestimates the intelligence of our people.

His talk listens much like little town stuff. We think that he will wake up in the near future to the fact that when he goes to calling names others may play at the same game. We suggest that he go away back and set down. Incidentally, we believe Keefe has discovered something in Omaha which he was not anticipating.

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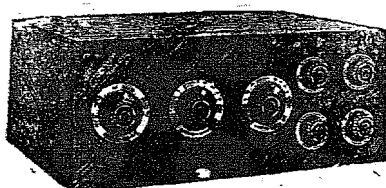
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It is a stirring drama of the oil fields, written in typically Rex Beach vein, and produced with the most elaborate detail. "Flowing Gold" is really the epic of oil. Tully, with his reputation for authenticity and realism, has spared no effort in the making of this masterpiece.

The story concerns the adventures of Calvin Gray, played by Milton Sills, soldier of fortune, who drifts to the Texas oil country and locates there an enemy for whom he has long searched. A battle of wits and finance ensues, although at the start Gray is penniless, while his enemy, played by Crawford Kent, is a banker. Both love the same girl, Barbara Parker, played by Alice Calhoun. Gray through his friendship for the Briskows, a family of poverty-stricken nesters, who strike oil in fabulous quantities, is financed for his struggle with the banker, and after a series of spectacular and exciting episodes, including some of the greatest storm, fire and fight scenes ever screened, Gray is vindicated and finds happiness.

The feminine lead, the role of Allegheny Briskow, is played by Anna Q. Nilsson, and offers her one of the greatest opportunities of her career for characterization. Other members of the all-star cast are Alice Calhoun, Crawford Kent, John Roche, Josephine Crowell, Bert Woodruff, Charles Sellon, Frank Farrington, Cissy Fitzgerald, Francis Powers and Col. Tom Bates.

"Flowing Gold" was directed by Joseph De Grasse, with the assistance of George Reehm. The photography, which is considered remarkable, may be credited to Gilbert Warrenton and Roy Carpenter. William Henshelwood designed the settings, and a master painter. The picture was edited by Leroy Stone.

Says Croy To Hunter "You'll Get A Bill From Me"

Why Author of "West of the
Water Tower" Demands
Damages from Star

Homer Croy, author of the successful novel, "West of the Water Tower", which has been pictured by Paramount with Glenn Hunter, a popular actor as the star, and which comes to the Strand Theatre next Sunday, recently sent the following letter to Mr. Hunter which explains itself:

Dear Glenn:- This is to let you know that almost any day now you may receive a bill from me. You have caused me a great waste of time and financial loss.

I popped into the Famous Players studio where you were making the film version of my novel, "West of the Water Tower," expecting to stay but a few minutes. Then the trouble began. I watched you making Guy Plummer, my hero, breathe. He was absolutely true to life, just as true and as real as he had been to me when I put him into the book. I became fascinated. When I should have been at my desk banging and clattering away, I was at the studio following you around watching you do Guy. Day after day I went, and day after day I stood around when I should have been at my work making the fur fly. I would get up in the morning resolved to make this a big day, then I would begin to think, "Well, Glenn will be at the studio about eleven. I'll drop in and see him just for a minute"—bang! another day gone. If I get out of that studio before five I was lucky, and if I went to the studio and found you were "on location" I dashed after you—I spent one whole afternoon trailing you around Douglaston. Long Island, watching you do a hayrack ride. For a month you have utterly demoralized my work. Any day now you may expect to receive my bill. Please pay promptly.

Yours for blood,
(signed) Homer Croy.
Mr. Hunter has not as yet replied to the foregoing, but when he does, due publicity is promised.

HARVEY HOBERT'S FATHER PASSES ON

We note with sorrow the death of John H. Hobert, father of our good friend Harvey Hobert, for many years connected with the theatrical business in this city. Mr. Hobert was one of the oldest and most reliable mail men that ever served the Omaha public.

THE SEYMOURS FEATURE ORPHEUM BILL NEXT WEEK

Extraordinary talent that will serve as a feast for the jaded appetites of amusement epicures is to be found on the Orpheum bill this week. Particularly outstanding is Henry Santrey, the master singer and showman and originator of the orchestral presentation in vaudeville, who offers his cameo record orchestra in a new and novel musical melange.

Also featured are Harry and Anna Seymour, who offer breezy bits of mirth and melody. Their presentation of songs, dances and mirth is one of the brightest vaudeville offerings of the season. Their dancing in itself is enough to justify their increasing success on the stage and the addition of Anna's wild capers and expositive comedy precipitates a riot of fun.

That times have changed even for rural drama is demonstrated by Harry J. Conley in his new skit, "Rice and Old Shoes." Mr. Conley portrays a "rube", but not the kind of the 'by gosh' period. He makes his stage appearance on a panting motorcycle instead of a rickety hay rack.

To say too much of Jean Granese would rob one of the pleasures of her act, which is one of the big ideas of the season, which, as it revolves, supplies unexpected quantities of amusement.

Danny Dugan is an exhibition dancer and as such has gained world fame. The Wilson Aubrey trio are comedy wrestlers and round out the seven-act offering on this week's exceptional vaudeville bill.

"HAPPY DAYS" AT GAYETY

Princess Kee-Wa-Nu, Noted Australian Dancer is a Daring Feature.

In Hurtig and Seamon's Columbia Burlesque offering "Happy Days" which comes to the popular Gayety theatre Saturday as next week's attraction, theatregoers are assured an entertainment that should meet with their unqualified approval. This is a striking example of modern burlesque—the variety that has taken such a hold upon the public and which has developed Columbia Burlesque into an immensely popular amusement idea.

Will H. Ward, an old favorite with burlesque patrons, and "Rags" Murphy tramp specialist are leaders of the fun-making delegates. The featured vaudeville specialty introduces the Four Dancing Demons, fastest working bunch of foot-workers ever gathered together in one group.



KITTY GLASCO

Golden voiced prima donna with the big music-and-girls show, "Happy Days", at the popular Gayety twice daily all week starting Saturday matinee.

In the selection of the chorus for this attraction the producers have displayed a keen judgment of good looks and ability. The 18 members of the ensemble are as pretty a bunch of girls as any show can boast, and they are all experts in singing and dancing undertakings which they enter a spirit of enthusiasm that will be pleasingly apparent. As to the production of "Happy Days" itself, Hurtig and Seamon have been unstinting in their equipment expenditures. Eight magnificent stage settings and a dazzling array of modish costumes are featured. Still another feature is Kee-Wa-Nu, Australasian impressionistic rhythmic dancer whose interpretations though thrilling and daring, are at the same time artistic and beautiful.

SHOOTIN' THE TOWN UP

Last chance to gamble or get in a shootin' scrape at Powder River Saturday night.

HOUSTON TEXAS REVERSES ITSELF

The voters of Houston Texas by a vote of two to one walloped the jitters of that city at a recent election. They tried them for six months and found them wanting. The Jits down there crippled the street car company and the general service to the people. The southern city learned during the experiment that it don't pay to "lynch" a street car system simply because it is a corporation.

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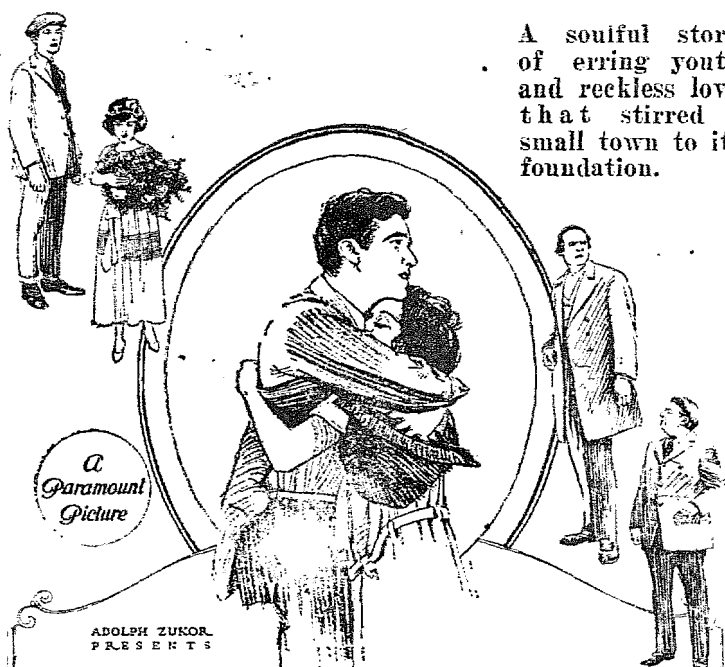
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It is still a common thing to see many war vets using their military overcoats, not that they havn't plenty

of money to buy new ones (the have lots of dough left from \$30 per) but they like the co the war-coats. Meanwhile it is expected that W. V. Swords, president of the Aeolian company will girdle up his armour and fight the next war for this country so whatabell do the poor ex-service boobos givadam.

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