

WHAT DID THE ELECTION MEAN?

VARE VICTORY GUIDEPOST FOR THE MODIFICATIONISTS

Pennsylvanian Running As An Out And Out Wet Overwhelms Pinchot, Dry Candidate

WON IN SPITE OF THE ADMINISTRATION

Keystone State Leads Way To A Liberal Program Which It Is Expected Will Be Followed By Other Progressive States Getting In Line — Opportunity For Second Nebraska To Send Wet Congressman To Washington.

The almost universal cry against the Volstead act found expression in the decisive victory registered by Representative Vare of Pennsylvania in this week's primary election in the Keystone state last Tuesday. He made his plea for popular support on a strictly wet program and won out over his avowed dry opponent by nearly two hundred thousand votes and beat his nearest competitor, Senator George Warren Pepper, a neutral on the wet and dry question by nearly one hundred thousand votes.

This, notwithstanding that his dry opponent, Governor Pinchot had been elected only two years ago as an out and out dry who was to clean up the state from a prohibition standpoint in almost no time. The governor done his best, which appears to have been a bum job. Pennsylvanians, who have always wanted their beer but were afraid to vote for it, took courage when Congressman Vare came out openly for a modification of the Volstead act and said that he would do every thing within his power to support such legislation.

His majority would no doubt have been nearer to half a million had it not been a three cornered fight. Senator Pepper was the choice of the administration and particularly of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, both of whom hail from Pittsburgh. Pepper attempted to ride in on a soft peddle, from a prohibition standpoint but the voters would not stand for a political straddling of the prohibition fence, so they voted him down, even

STORM AGAIN CENTERS IN SENATE OVER LONG DEBATED WET AND DRY QUESTION

Senator Means Ready To Introduce His Measure Which Would Give Agents Permission To Search Private Homes Without A Warrant — Wets To Fight Bill To The Bitter End — Edge To Introduce Modification Measure.

The wet and dry fight is on again in the senate. It is unlikely that anything will be done about the matter at this session but there will be plenty of rag chewing which will keep the country interested if not excited. Senator Means expects to call up his measure soon and senator Edge plans on offering wet amendments until the cows come home.

In spite of Senator Means' assertion to the contrary, if the proposed bill to put more teeth in the Volstead act is passed, it will mean seizure without search of private homes. The tentative law would allow any agent to enter without a search warrant, any home where there is a still, whether that still is used for private or commercial purposes.

How an agent would know there was a still in the house before he searched it is beyond the ability of any man to fathom. What it really means is that the dries are going to make or attempt to make a law that will give the enforcement officials the right to enter any private home in the United States and shake them down without legal procedure.

Such an arrangement would be fine for the grafting agents of which a large part of the field forces is composed, as well as the "higher up" thieves in the prohibition service. What a cinch it would be for an agent to swoop down on, a private residence at any time of the day or night and bulldoze its occupants to kick in, on any flimsy excuse they

could think of at the time.

Taken as a whole the enforcement officers of the Eighteenth Amendment break the law to a greater extent than do those who violate the Volstead Act. Such a statement is hard to prove but when the law enforcers admit that they have to employ crooks to catch other crooks and hundreds if not thousands of agents have been caught red handed in the act of bribery, it is safe to say that but few employees under General Andrews are honest in their effort to do their full duty, especially where they find it more profitable for themselves to close their eyes to infractions of the obnoxious prohibition law.

Senator Edge was justified by the facts when he said that the proposed measure was a direct and unmistakable admission by the dry forces that the Volstead act could not be successfully enforced. He proposes to introduce a measure for the modification of the Act, in opposition to the one to be presented by Senator Means.

Should the proposed Means measure pass and be enforced it would be a good thing for one reason at least. It would awaken the general public from their lethargy and be the cause of putting them up in arms against the whole unfair rotten law. This would immediately force the modification of the Volstead act, which is what the general public wants but seem afraid to vote their true conviction.

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Government Trying To Make It Tough For Old Gay Paree

Trial Shows Many Queer Things, Especially As It Is The Only Case The Government Is Prosecuting Out Of The Thousands Supposed To Be Involved.

It is but natural that the "Gay Paree" trial should attract unusual attention under the circumstances, but everybody in the city is at a loss to know just why the government picked them out to prosecute. Whether liquor was or was not sold at the place is for the law to decide. This much is certain, immunity was certainly promised just about everybody during convention week and hundreds of places openly sold bootch, gin and what not during that time, which is the usual thing at any exceptionally large convention.

A representative of this paper visited a dozen or more hotels during the first three nights of the convention and saw scores of bottles openly sold and eagerly bought by the boys who came here to have a good time. That was possible as it should have been, taking all things into consideration or perhaps it was not.

If it was no uncommon sight to see forty or fifty men in one group treating each other to a nip, then see these same boys openly buy another bottle. Yet not one hip pocket merchant was molested by the law. Scores of the regular bootleg joints kept open house and served all who cared to buy. It is no wonder the public is asking why pick on the Gay Paree.

PEELS OFF THOUSAND DOLLAR BILLS NOW—HE USED TO PEEL POTATOES

From peeling potatoes to peeling off hundred dollar bills from a role that would choke an elephant is a long cry but that is what happened to Chris Tierman this week. Chris fell into a cool thirty thousand dollars cash and insisted that he be paid in the coin of the realm.

He used to work for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wymore, where he would dream between acts of what he would do with all the money. What he did do was to get one thousand \$1 bills and the rest in larger denominations, stick them in his undershirt and said good bye to Omaha. He probably knew what some of his Thirteenth street "friends" would have done to him had he given them opportunity to do so.

DOINGS IN OMAHA FIFTY YEARS AGO

Brown is going to clean up the town. He ought to do pretty well if Cook keeps him on the payroll and we guess he will.

Out in Peru, where the spring flowers were blooming, Red Neal was putting in his spring crops. He was not doing anything in the horse line, however.

Al Smith, one of the dispensers of good cheer, gave up his position with the street commissioner to meet his old friends. Al said he did not think he would ever amount to much.

Marcus Sickel was an Omaha visitor. He said there were no bootleggers in Nebraska City but that he met several of them in Omaha. Marcus was a great clothing salesman in his time.

Some of the "hotels" were doing a thriving business and Charles F. Brown, another K. K. K. official was telling what he did not know about them. Brown had lost most of his prestige as a preacher, but he had to make a living anyhow.

A man named A. O. Anderson was keeping a lot of people awfully busy. He said, however, that several thousand prohibition agents would be in pretty bad if other states felt like Pennsylvania did about it. He said they would all be looking for jobs, without a friend in the world. And we guess he was about right at that.

Notorious Old Place In Ruins After Fire

Old Time Red Light Joint Burned To The Ground Leaving Only Memories Of The Past To Patrons Who Spent Their Time And Money At The Place.

The old Orient cafe site was wiped from the face of the earth Wednesday night, but the memory of its activities during the heyday of the joint's career will not soon be affaced. When the Garritys ran the place twenty years ago the Red Light district was going full blast and everything that could be thought of in the way of lawless amusement went over with a bang every night.

Shooting scrapes were not uncommon and knives as well as daggers were not an unusual sight. Eventually the moving of the district to scattered parts of town left the place more or less stranded and as an out an out resort it gave up the ghost.

Several years later, well known colored people opened the place as a cafe and dance hall. Booze flowed freely, blacks and whites mixed and the place was known as a particularly tough Bozo Emporium. After a few raids and other troubles the management gave up the idea of running the place and closed it down for good.

When the fire demon ate its way through the old tumble down shack, it only burned a bunch of junkmen's stuff and a delapidated soft drink parlor.

Bronson To Start River Navigation

Floatin' Down the Mississippi in the Robert E. Lee will soon be changed to Driftin' Down the Missouri in the Hootchie-Katchee. That is to be the name of the new river guard cutter to be used to apprehend leggers. When the old whistle blows it will be time for the cheaters to take out and stay out according to Prohibition Administration Brunson. General Andrews has promised him a flat boat or something to run down the runners.

DUNN SPEEDS UP TRAFFIC
Police Commissioner Henry Dunn with the help of City Electrician Lovett has figured out a plan whereby motorists save eleven seconds between signals in the downtown district. This will go a long way in speeding up traffic and means much to the busy motorist.

Gene O'Sullivan was still making some of the search and seizure fellows hard to catch. He put a lot of them on the bum during the past week.

Henry Olsen was recovering from an extended visit with Sheriff Endres in the court. Henry said sleeping quarters up there were a little rough, as was the eats.

The fishing was on the bum, according to Roy Perkins. He said the East Omaha bottoms were still supporting a big crowd of distillery people, however, with a few brewers thrown in.

Officer Coffee was exhibiting his K. K. K. instructions in federal court, where he was a busy man during the week. Coffee used to be a sergeant of police until they got next to him. Then he got fired.

Rosa Mann was living a quiet life out north. Irene Dean her old friend in crime, was as blind as a bat. Irene could tell a lot of stories about a lot of Omaha people.

Several of the boys were entertaining the people in federal court, making explanations about "Gay Paree," although they all admitted they had never been in Paris. Jake Crounse was busy getting money to pay the lawyer.

DEFEAT OF THE FRANCHISE MAY MEAN ANOTHER ELECTION

Possible That Petitions Will Be Circulated Calling For Municipal Ownership Of Tramway

RIDERS DEFEATED BY "SILK STOCKINGS"

Political Situation During Summer And Fall Will Be Tense Because Of Election Results—Hottest Fight On Record For Sheriff Expected—Not Expected That Company Officials Will Again Ask For New Franchise—Court Action Looked For.

The Tram franchise was badly defeated by the voters last Tuesday but the management was not discouraged, only disappointed. The people who use the street cars as their mode of travel were also sorely disappointed and it will be a hard thing to convince them that the "Silk Stocking Brigade" did not put something over on them.

No one knows for a certainty what the company officials are going to do about it and will not know until after their regular meeting, scheduled for June 15. They may go into court at the proper time and ask for a perpetual franchise and if granted will have the same effect on their refinancing as would have been the case had the recent proposed franchise carried.

Either way the situation remains the same for the present. It is not thought probable that the company will again seek a new franchise as the element that is always against anything and everything seem strong enough to defeat any proposal made by a corporation, no matter how fair it may be.

No doubt the fake reformers and certain politicians will soon start an agitation to buy the street car company for municipal operation. Without doubt the Tram company would be willing to sell out and get from under if they can get what their property and good will is worth.

Should the people decide on such a course it will saddle them with another fifteen or eighteen million dollars, heavy interest carrying debt bur-

den. The experience in other cities proves conclusively that municipal ownership of a street railway company does not and never will pay.

With the present highly organized company hardly able to make both ends meet it is a cinch that the venture would be a dead loss with the politicians in control. New lines costing millions would no doubt be built, not for good business reasons but to satisfy the voters in the city to an extent that those running the politics of the city would indefinitely perpetuate themselves in their fat grafting jobs.

No doubt such men as Dan Butler, who has been feeding at public expense for many long years, are gloating over the defeat of the franchise and will take credit upon themselves for turning the trick. But they need not stick a red feather in their various caps. The defeat came about, not because, but in spite of them.

The result may have the effect of making a decided change in the completion of the local political situation. Should Butler decide to run for the democratic nomination for sheriff against his fellow commissioner John Hopkins on the same side of the political fence there will be hell a popin', during the primary campaign. Should either be nominated the fight for election will be about the most spectacular thing ever pulled off in Omaha in a political way.

With Jos Koutsky in the field for (Continued on Page 3)

SPRING RACES LOOM ON THE HORIZON WITH PROSPECTS OF SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Best Meet Ever Predicted — Meanwhile Baseball Holds Interest Of Local Sports — Rods Not Doing So Well — Should Improve When Pitchers Find Themselves — Cincinnati Reds Sensation In National—Yankees Leads American.

Summer is just around the corner and so is the Spring racing meet which opens June 3 and will last up and including July 5. It is the usual thing to say that this year is going to be the best ever, sometimes it is stretching the point to say so, but not this year.

Consolidating the Spring and Fall meet makes it an easy matter for the June races to far excel all past efforts on the part of the Ak-Sar-Ben Racing Association. Hundreds of new bangtails from the east are coming to try their luck on a western track where they will meet with plenty of competition from the western nags.

Many old favorites are already on the ground and others on the way. Workouts to date show many of the ponies just about in shape to face the barrier at any time now. Charley Trimble, secretary of the Association, always the busiest man in town before, during and after the races, says that this will surely be the banner season in more ways than one.

He is particularly well pleased with the arrangements whereby the two meets have been consolidated. Trimble will have every stall occupied by the time the racing season starts. According to past meteorological observations the rain gods will stay away from this vicinity for the most part.

This will mean much to the racing association, to owners, trainers and jockeys and to the general public, never any too keen to wade around in the slop while waiting to see what

their favorite pony accomplished. Altogether it looks like a humdinger of a racing season.

Before the racing season gets under way the sporting public will be regaled with a series of baseball games between the in and out Burch Rods and various contenders in the Western league loop. Interest has somewhat lagged hereabouts in professional baseball circles, due in large part to bad weather plus mediocre playing on the part not only of the Buffaloes but their opponents as well.

But all the combinations of bad weather, bad luck and bad playing in the world can not for long keep back interest in baseball. This will be speedily proven when old Sol starts to get in his work in earnest, the players get all the kinks out of their systems and the various teams start a battle that will keep a number of them at the top of the heap.

Omaha is pretty well fortified in the field and has several genuine sluggers in the line up. They can not be held down for long. The great trouble Barney has had is with his pitchers. They are getting nowhere fast. In fact the local mogul got so darned mad at them the other day at Des Moines that he went into the box himself and did pretty well, everything considered. The Demons couldn't hit him effectively which is partially accounted for by the fact that Barney was as wild as the Ides of March. The Des Moines team may (Continued on page 2)

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All abroad for the North Pole, special round trip rates \$100.00. That is not an idle dream as it seems on the surface. What is today a great adventure, is a commonplace tomorrow. It may be twenty years, thirty years even fifty years before arctic aerial navigation will be on such a sound and safe footing that capital will develop the ships and the public be educated up to the point where they willingly will take a chance on a ride over the top of the world.

People in this country, especially here in the middle west have no idea of the commercial development of the airplane and air ship in other countries. The government on this side of the pond has been very penurious in its treatment of aviation. That is the reason we are so far back of England, France and Italy in this respect.

Those governments pay a substantial bonus to private individuals and corporations for any improved plan they put on the market. Not only that but the governments have a most comprehensive program of their own, which has resulted in making the air over there look like a bunch of black birds had taken possession.

This has resulted in all but perfection in commercial flying. Hundreds of planes flit from country to country carrying their cargoes on schedule time and are seldom if ever a minute late.

How different in this country. Aside from a few mail routes and scattered commercial airplanes, used along the coast, America may truthfully be said to be without air service, and this the richest country on God's footstool.

However things are looking up. Henry Ford is working out a plan for air flivvers if it works, and everything he starts, he always finishes, will revolutionize transportation and put the United States on an equal footing with the other great nations of the world.

It takes such feats as those just accomplished by Commander Byrd and Captain Amundsen to add the needed thrill and give zest to these interested in aeronautics. The feat of Amundsen in going from Europe to Alaska over the North Pole out-romances the greatest romance ever written. In attaining his goal without serious mishap, the Captain set a mark by which the whole world of aviation will aim.

The outstanding feature of the two expeditions was that neither of them found trace of land, so that should settle for all time this mooted question. Another feature is that it proved to the world the thing could be accomplished. The thing still in doubt is whether the Pole is or is not actually flat, as the popular and scientific conception has been for many years.

If the two daring aviators will now concentrate their thought and heroic efforts on peering into the innermost recesses of countries that have been a wilderness and uninhabitable by civilized man they will have accomplished a still more practical deed. Pioneering trails over the waste spaces of Africa, India and Asia will be anything but child's play but the world in general believes that Commander Byrd and Captain Amundsen are equal to the hazardous task.

A still better, if less intrepid exploration can and should be set about in this country and by the government itself or at least with the government's financial and moral aid. Commercial lanes should be marked out by the hundreds and then airplanes and air ships built and put into use as quickly as possible.

It would be all right for private capital to own and control them, better in fact, but with the government so controlling the lines that in case of war the ships would be ready for immediate action. That calls for standardized machines, which should be taken care of by a separate air service and not the army or navy. The day will come soon.

RAILROAD EXCURSIONS

The railroads of the country started a "try out" campaign last year of giving popular excursions. Lo and behold the experiment went over with a bang. The people took so kindly to them that the long trains were filled to the gunwales and made it profitable for the roads and a great boon to the ambitious travelers.

Having succeeded so well in their first endeavor along that line, the transportation companies are extending their program this year in many directions. That just about everybody is imbued with wanderlust goes without saying but the masses cannot satisfy their craving along that line at the regular prevailing rates.

Therefore when the railroads throw out the alluring bait of very low excursion rates the populace responds in droves. Such excursions have little if any effect on standard railroad travel. It is a wonderful thing for the workers who have to be content with

staying at home year in and year out.

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JAMES E. DAVIDSON

Several outstanding men of Omaha have come here during the past twenty years and took the place of much dead timber. The kind of men who were willing to let well enough alone and the community stand still. No community can stand still any more than can an individual. It either goes forward or backward.

With young blood forging to the front in the commercial field, Omaha began perking up a bit. Now the city is headed in the right direction, thanks to the tireless efforts of these comparatively new men who came to make Omaha their home.

Perhaps the greatest acquisition the Nebraska metropolis ever experienced was on February 23, 1917. That was the day when James E. Davidson, president and general manager of the Nebraska Power company came to the city. Every day since then he has made the fur fly in the right direction, not only for the company he represents but for the city.

He is a man of great vision but not a visionary. In the nine years he has been here he has built up a wonderful plant and made electricity the cheapest in the United States. He has had about every honor bestowed upon him that a city may give. He has led where others follow. He is still a comparatively young man and will conquer many other worlds before the curtains fall for him. He has just retired as president of the National Electric Light Association.

SPRING RACES LOOM ON THE HORIZON WITH PROSPECTS GOOD

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have got to him if they had used telegraph poles instead of ball bats.

For those who take their baseball for the most part through the medium of the sport columns of the newspaper, there is a better tale to tell as their interests are centered in the activities of the major leagues.

Omaha fans who take a keen interest in big league affairs have always had a deep interest in the Cincinnati Reds for some reason or other. This year their hopes for a pennant winning team in Redland is very encouraging at this time. Hendrick's outfit is doing everything a successful ball club should do, including winning a big majority of their games.

Brooklyn and Chicago, relegated to the scrap heap by the wise acre special writers are giving the Reds the best run for their money. The Giants have been playing very poor baseball, largely owing to the breakdown in their pitching staff. McGraw is moving heaven and earth to make the needed repairs.

In the American league the early season dope has been spilled. The Yankees who were consigned to the cellar are out in front and going like a house afire with the only Babe Ruth doing his stuff as he did in the days of 1921. Washington is on their trail and would have been in post position except for the awful rap they got from the New Yorkers in their last meet. It is much to early to make predictions as the tide may turn any day.

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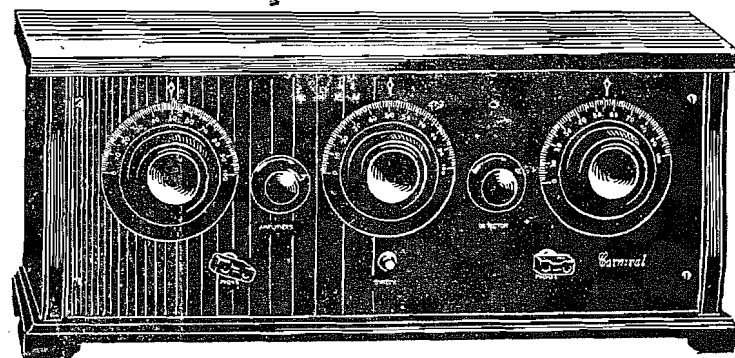
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HAS A PRESIDENT EVER BEEN "WHISKY HOG?" ASKS EDITOR

Former News Association Man Tells How Cleveland Drank Bottle Of Booze In One Gulp

OTHER EXECUTIVES NOT AVERSE TO NIP

Writer in Reminiscent Mood Tells Of Travels With Nations Chiefs — Newspaper Men Had Plenty To Drink Near Fairview But Bryan Said Water Was Good Enough For Him—Roosevelt Was Liberal Minded And Took A Drink If So Inclined.

"Have we ever had a president who was a whisky hog?"

This pertinent and interesting question has been asked many times and so far as records show, never definitely answered. It is not a very pleasant matter to discuss, but the fact apparently remains that there have been some presidents of the United States who often indulged more than good ethics are concerned.

However this may be, newspaper men of the country have had some remarkable experiences with presidents. They are taken into the confidence of chief executives, for political and other reasons. The White House has a corps of newspaper men always on the job and as a general proposition they are men who have the confidence of the president himself. Otherwise their employers would not retain their services long. These men have had varied and remarkable experience in the line of their work. The representatives of great news gathering associations, of which the writer was one for seventeen long years, are often treated to these confidences by men who have hit the high spots in political life.

Some incidents of these experiences may now be told without violating any confidence. Ohio has furnished more presidents than any other state. The writer spent all his young life near Delaware, Ohio, the birthplace and early home of President Hayes. A recent visit there showed the old-fashioned home still standing and in fairly good condition. It has been turned into a library site. McKinley was from Canton, only a few miles north. The governorship of Ohio has long been considered a stepping stone in the road to the White House.

Grover Cleveland, with whom I came in contact several times was the real democrat. The most vivid experience I had with him occurred about twenty years or more ago. J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska City was the first secretary of agriculture, in reality a cabinet office created for Mr. Morton, who was a great friend of Cleveland and agreed to come out west and deliver the dedication address when the Morton monument was unveiled. I was sent down to Nebraska City to "do" the story and happened to get on the train that carried the Cleveland car. Mr. Cleveland invited me into his car as soon as I got on the train. I had a pleasant interview and got a good story, although Mr. Cleveland had been out of politics for a long time. He twitted me about Melville Stone, who was at the head of the association by which I was employed. His sideboard was pretty well stocked and he invited me to participate in a little pleasantry with him.

That day was a cold one, and the November wind was of the kind that went right through. I wore a heavy overcoat and had, thoughtfully I believed, stashed a pint bottle of whisky in the inside pocket before going to the speech. The address was delivered from an improvised stand near the monument. In the stand had gathered numerous political notables. Mr. Cleveland had a seat in the rear while the crowd gathered. He sat there shivering with the cold and finally asked some of the gentlemen if any of them had a bottle in his pocket. There was a general search without result. Just at that moment Mr. Cleveland spied me. He said to his neighbor: "There is a newspaper man. I'll bet he has a bottle."

He did not wait for the neighbor to ask, but himself rushed over to me. His discovery was apparently satisfactory, because he asked a number of gentlemen to stand up around him, which they did. He took that bottle from me and stooped down until his overcoat dragged. He began to drink and he never stopped until the last drop was gone. "You will pardon me, young man," he said. "But I was in an awful fix, with an hour's address to deliver." One of the committee was hustled off to town, some distance away, and returned with another bottle. Mr. Cleveland insisted on my being served first and he finished it. Later he wrote me a letter of thanks. Other presidents have had a fondness for such things, too. When Roosevelt made his trip across the

country with a special train he stopped in Grand Island all day Sunday. I was sent out there to cover it. When I reached the train about 10 o'clock in the morning Mr. Roosevelt was just leaving for the Reformed Church and everybody was left in the train. Billy Loeb, his secretary, had been sick, but he came into the club car. He ordered the porter to make a spread which he did. Every kind of a drink on the calendar was served and that crowd of newspaper men got hilarious. Even Billy was feeling better. Finally, he yelled "Here comes the boss," and there was a great get away, although some of the boys had considerable trouble negotiating the steps. I went to the hotel to finish up the day's work and listen to the corks pop.

But out at W. J. Bryan's home was the real grief and good cheer during the 1908 campaign. He stayed at home most of the time that year and consequently had a corps of newspaper men at Fairview all the time. So far as they knew Mr. Bryan never took a drink, but he had a lot of "Wets" in the crowd. We all had quarters at the Lindell hotel. Once my expense check did not come and Mr. Bryan loaned me 100 dollars. That check was finally found stuck in the Bryan mail box after election. But there was always plenty of red liquor very close to Fairview, and the newspaper men got their share of it. And then, there are other stories, but what's the use.

"Palm Beach Girl" Heads Strand Bill

Bebe Daniels Stars In Fast Frisky Comedy Punctuated With Speedboat Thrills.

Surrounded by Florida's much publicized beauty spots and show places, Bebe Daniels arrives at the Strand Theatre next Saturday. In a new and stimulating farce-comedy, entitled, appropriately enough, "The Palm Beach Girl." Supporting this irrepressible comedienne is a hand-picked cast, headed by Lawrence Gray and including in its personnel such film favorites as Josephine Drake, Marguerite Clayton, John Patrick and Armand Cortes.

"The Palm Beach Girl" is based on the story by Byron Morgan and the play, "Please Help Emily" by H. M. Harwood. As the title suggests, it is laid in the smart society atmosphere of Palm Beach, but in the unfolding of the plot, Miami Beach, Biscayne Bay, Lake Worth and other picturesque Florida backgrounds are glimpsed. Bebe's role is that of a harve country girl who comes to Palm Beach to visit her wealthy aunts, and becomes involved in a series of screamingly funny and wildly thrilling adventures. Much of the fun and excitement springs from her involuntary efforts to operate a speed boat—speedboat racing being the principal outdoor sport indulged in by the social elect. The sensational manner in which she wins the big boat race is the outstanding highspot in the film.

The spectacular wrecking of a hand-car by a speeding Florida train, Bebe's fight with the bootleggers, her laughable experiences with the sheriff and her humorous antics among the society folk are other highlights worth mentioning. An appealing little romance in which Bebe and Larry Gray are the principals runs thru the story. Gray is the sporting society millionaire with whose speed boat Bebe cuts up.

Erle Kenton is responsible for the direction and Forrest Halsey for the adaptation. Starting next Saturday and running one week.

FIGHTING OVER HERE AND OVER THERE

The polacks of Poland are fighting it out among themselves, using regulation army rifles and such to shoot the heads off each other. In South Omaha its different. They get drunk up on beer and hootch, then start their local warfare with packing house knives.

"The Bat" Comes As A Superb Mystery Drama

Tremendous Stage Drama Filmed By Roland West On Huge Scale.

All the elements which made "The Bat" on the stage the most successful play of excitement, have been crystallized into a superb screen presentation by Roland West, which opens a long-awaited engagement at the Rialto Theatre Saturday.

Hetre we have murder done, robbery attempted, pursuit frustrated, mystery distilled and double-distilled, solution deferred, an denouement that is all surprise. They are the big ingredients of fascinating mystery melodrama masterfully assembled in "The Bat" as the most ambitious effort of the kind in motion pictures.

"The Bat" takes its title from a superthug, so designed by the press and police, and he leave upon the scene of his depreciations the mark of the bat as the emblem of his power-ess.

The main scene of these stirring proceedings is a Long Island house recently vacated by a banker now believed dead, and now by a hard-boiled New York spinster who is inclined to pool-pool anything that seems sinister or supernatural. She is gradually put on the ragged edge by queer goings-on in the house; ghostly sounds, strange shots and scuffles, and a half dozen counterplots in which she is concerned as a partisan as an eyewitness. She determines to hold the fort, and enlists a detective and a half dozen or more friends and servants, and then before her eyes murder is done. Anyone of the others in the household, or near by, may have done the deed, and in fact everyone has something to hid, so that in the lightning-like change of the plot no spectator can really guess the criminal. "The Bat," with the magnificent resources of the motion picture, has been made into a marvel of sweeping movement, quick surprise and astounding solution for the screen by the notable producer of such screen successes as "The Unknown Purple" and "The Monster."

The spinster is played by Miss Emily Fitzroy, and others in the notable cast are Andre de Beranger, Charles Herzinger, Louise Fazenda, Arthur Houseman, Robert McKim, Jack Pickford, Jewel Carmen, Sojin Kamiyama, Tullio Carminati, Eddie Gribbon and Lee Shumway. Of course, one of these must seem to be "The Bat," but guessing it is what delights and baffles audiences.

The production, directed by Roland West, and adapted for the screen by Julien Josephson from the stage success by Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood comes as one of the highly elaborate United Artists releases.

Son Of Country School Head Starts Trouble

Harold Eaton Son Of County Superintendent Of Schools Smashes Nose Of Dancer While Drunk And Lands Up Side Down In The Hoosegow.

Some people go to high school and college to get a classical or technical education. Others go with the idea of becoming a football hero, or to learn the gentle art of fighting or getting drunk up and getting away with it.

The latter seems to have been the ambition of Harold Eaton, son of the county superintendent of schools. Harold was full of pep and hootch last Saturday night and thought it would be a good time to find out just where he stood as a box-fighter. He found out.

The ambitious young lawyer, who no doubt has Blackstone backed off the boards and thought he could run Dempsey a close second for fistic honors, took a smash at Clarence Siberson because he happened to be dancing with Mrs. Herbert Connell. He started the job in true fighting fashion but Ben Danbaum finished it.

The detective chief who happened to be at the hotel where the highly educated young man tried to start something, threw the former football star out. That didn't satisfy Eaton. He came back for more and got it. Down to jail he went to think it over and repent.

All of which goes to show that you can turn out to be a roughneck; no matter how much education you have or that your old man had before you.

Omaha's 1926 Good-Will Tour is now on its 1,200 mile journey in Southwestern Nebraska and North Kansas.

RACING AGAINST TIME THE POPULAR PASTIME IN THESE HECTIC DAYS

Speed 'er up, that seems to be the watchword of the world these days. John Goldstrom, a newspaper man is out to try and smash to smithereens the world circling stunt of John Henry Mears who did the trick in 35 five days, some hours and a few split seconds. If all goes well Goldstrom should beat Means record by quite a considerable time as he is to use the air a good part of the way.

Dahlman Thinks The People Wants Muny Ownership Of Street Railway Company

If He Can Line Up A Majority Of The City Commissioners For The Proposal The Mayor Will Submit An Ordinance To Take Over The Lines.

Mayor Dahlman sees in the defeat of the Tram franchise a yearning on the part of the people to take over the street car company, bag and baggage. He may be right and again he may be wrong. It is hard to tell just what the people were thinking about when they voted No, if they were thinking at all, which is doubtful.

The chances are the sore heads who voted against the grant still held a grudge against the company for having the rates raised recently. Perhaps ninety per cent of these voting never took the trouble to find out the reason for the absolute necessity of the slight raise, never give a thought to ever growing expense and reduced revenues.

Another class of voters who opposed the franchise was composed of those who thought the company should have given three tokens for twenty cents as well as six for forty cents. On the surface, their objections along this line seems reasonable as it has been proven that it did at times hurt regular car riders who failed to have the forty cents when it came time to buy.

But whether eighteen thousand voted against the grant because they saw in its defeat a wedge whereby the city could more easily take over the tram property and operate it is another question. Political agitators worked weeks with Improvement clubs, composed in large part of a bunch of sheep who blindly follow their leaders and convinced them the company was robbing them blind and its officials making millions out of it.

The upshot of the whole affair it appears will be that when the time comes the street car company will go to the courts and find out if they have a perpetual franchise or not and on the action of the court will largely depend the future transportation system.

Dry Agents To Get It Where Chick Got Axe

Tri-state zone chief Glen A. Brunson is going to make a real cleaning after July first among the local prohibition agents. Economy is assigned as the reason. The big chief is the only one who knows just where the axe is going to fall but many are predicting that Anderson will get it in the neck for his alleged roughneck tactics. That is all a wild guess however. Brunson's only definite announcement was that Tim Pinorkow would have to go because of his Des Moines shooting mixup.

BEVERIDGE SAYS MORALS OF YOUTH OF TODAY IS ALL RIGHT

Superintendent of Schools, Beveridge took a sly rap at the ministerial union last Monday when he told them that the morals of the boys of today were fully as good as when they the ministers were in school. Ministers for the most part are always deploring the low moral standards of the present generation and it was a relief to hear the superintendent tell them they were off their nut or words to that effect.

PETE LATZO NEW KING OF THE WELTERWEIGHTS

Hail to the new fistic king, the honorable Peter Latzo, who took the crown from Mickey Walker Thursday night after a slam bang, fight every second, battle. He mailed the champion about the ring in the latter rounds with such telling effect that the decision in his favor was well earned.

In the East no one believed that the Scranton boxer could ever conquer the mighty Mickey and were thunderstruck when they saw their hero fall before a man who proved himself to be the better of the two last night.

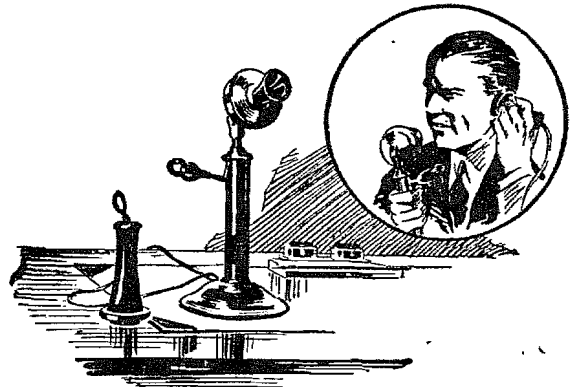
Norge Pictures Here In Short Time Will Reveal Much Interest

Soon the various picture houses of Omaha will be showing pictures of the Norge, its gallant crew and a thousand and one scenes in connection with the famous exploit. If the films show what Nome newspaper men say, that the wings were not covered with ice, it will be plain to local movie fans that the citizens of that far northern town were justified in giving the explorers a cold reception after all the efforts they had expended in preparing a wonderful welcome for them.

MINERS WILL STAND NO REDUCTION IN WAGE

The miners of England and Wales have definitely decided that they will not accept a reduction in wages, though they may compromise on hours if the government and the operators meet them half way. Money and labor conditions in the United States as well as in England may justify a small reduction in wages in some lines of work, but never in the mining industry.

No matter what the trials and tribulations of the operators, they always seem to grow tremendously rich which is all right if the miner gets his bit out of the proceedings. Never a day passes but what one reads of horrible deaths in mine accidents. All the miners get they are entitled to, and then some.



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Harney Street Line	
32d and Parker to 8th St.	1:18
32d and Parker to Depots	1:19
6th and Center for 32d and Parker	1:21
Park and North 34th Street	1:22
16th and Farnam, East Side	1:23
16th and Farnam, West Side	1:24
16th and Farnam for Florence	1:25
16th and Farnam for Kansas Ave.	1:26
16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames	1:27
South Omaha and 42d and Grand	1:28
14th and Farnam for West O	1:29
14th and Farnam for 42d and Grand	1:30
Dodge Street Line	
16th and Dodge (West)	1:32
16th and Dodge (East)	1:33
30th and Spaulding for Depots	1:34
Leavenworth and Dear Institute	1:35
15th and Farnam (North)	1:36
15th and Farnam (South)	1:37
Benson and Albright	1:38
15th and Farnam for Benson	1:39
15th and Farnam for Albright	1:40
15th and Farnam for 14th and M.	1:41
Fort Creek Line	
14th and N. Sts., South Omaha	1:42
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16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	2:00

VARE VICTORY GUIDEPOST FOR THE MODIFICATIONISTS
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front in the next congress is only a guess at the best but it is likely that strenuous action will be taken at the first opportunity.
If the democrats are wise this year they will not hesitate to nominate a man who has the temerity to speak his convictions, in this, the Second Congressional district. Should a man of the ability of James Hanley or others who have perhaps equal the foresight of him be nominated and is unafraid to carry his convictions to the people, he should win out with ease over Congressman Sears, likely candidate of the republicans, who will no doubt run on a dry platform.
This in spite of the fact that Douglas county is normally strongly republican and the other two counties, more so. The vote in Pennsylvania proved that country as well as city districts are ready and more than willing to throw off the prohibition shakles that was fastened upon them by the Antisaloon league at a time when a bunch of grafters could make the American people believe anything because of the war. Those days are now over and people are thinking for themselves.
Nebraska should be able to send two "damp" representatives to congress and other midwest states do as well, in which case the plea of the great majority of the American people for a light wine and beer program will not have been in vain. Neighboring states should do even better as they have a larger representative in congress than does this state.

WHAT DID ELECTION MEAN
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sheriff on the republican side of the fray, the fur will surely fly should he be nominated. Taking it for granted that one of the two democrats are nominated and that Kontsky will also be successful, for arguments sake, the campaign is sure to be a mud slinging one as bitter enmity exists between the contenders.
No matter what the political outcome will be as a result of the election, the street railway company will continue to function to the very best of its ability. A cheering note came from manager Leussler, immediately after the result was known. He asserted that the tram service and equipment would be kept up to the very highest standard just so long as it would be possible for them to do so. This is the right kind of optimism and shows the real stuff out of which he and his co-workers are made.
That bus service will never supercede but will continue to augment the rail service is a foregoing conclusion. Competition by free lance busses was one of the arguments given out as bait by those opposing the franchise. They knew that such competition would sound the death knell for both the company and the competing busses, but that didn't matter so long as such argument appealed to those without vision.
The city council or the people themselves may call an election at any time for a vote on the proposition and it is possible that the people will be called upon to vote on the question this fall.

STORM AGAIN CENTERS IN SENATE OVER LONG DEBATED WET AND DRY QUESTION
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victions.
At the same time it would give the Anti-saloon league another lease on life by giving them another opportunity to go to their rich benefactors as well as to the millions of camp followers in the protestant churches and make a successful plea for a shake down that would mean more millions to the grafters who operate the league.
In an attempt to justify his un-American measure and bull his blind

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the liquor traffic on the run, the dry senator said that the source of supply of the liquor being more and more followers into believing that they had limited by enforcement officials, the traffic is being forced to manufacture its own product.
He claimed they had ingeniously taken advantage of the protection which the law affords private residences by securing such a dwelling and placing a family therein with the old man on guard as lookout man.
Such being the case, which it is not, the law would have a fine job on their hands snooping around twenty millions of private residences to get hold of their prey. When they found a still, it would be the same old story. The still would be confiscated, the man fined or jailed and another would spring up in its place.

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