

## OMAHA HAS A NEW "CZAR"

ROME MILLER HANDED  
A LARGE GOLD BRICKAttorneys Apparently Slip One Over  
On Popular Hotel Man

SAID TO HAVE PAID OUT \$25,000.00

Thought He Had Bought Omaha's Biggest Hotel—Strange Acquaintances Unable to Deliver Goods at Stated Time—Was Supposed to Get Money Back if Deal Failed to Materialize—End to Controversy Not in Sight

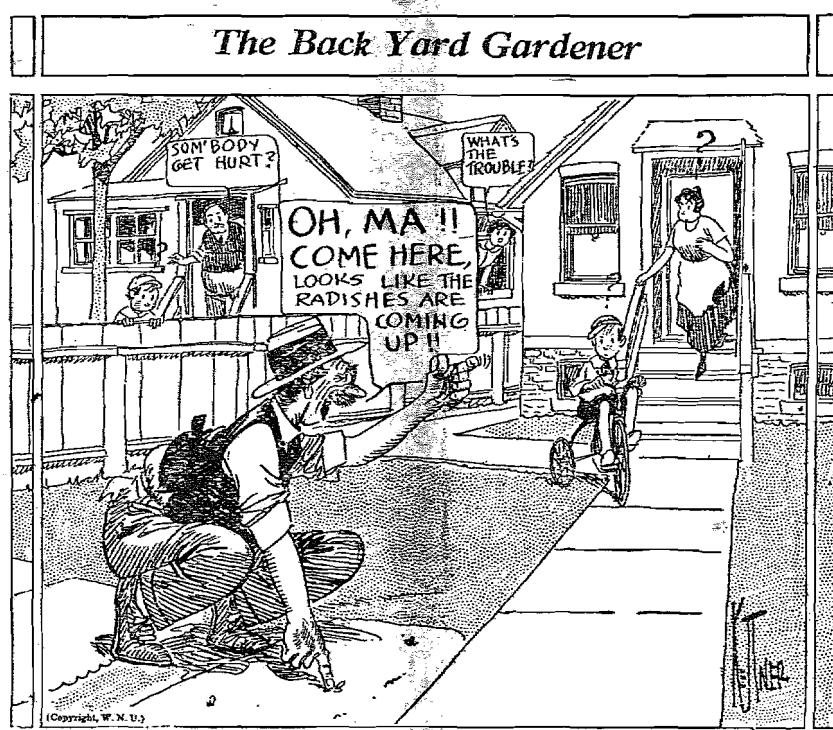
Once upon a time a pair of slick strangers sold a gullible farmer the elevator rights in the Woodmen of the World building and we recall another occasion where a gentleman in a striped vest palmed off a nice, new yellow Council Bluffs street car on a trusting old lady who wanted to go into the traction business on a \$500 shoestring. But these persuasive extractors of easy money were pikers along side of the glib-tongued gentlemen who have apparently gold bricked our illustrious fellow citizen and venerable mine host, Mr. Rome Miller, to the tune of something like \$25,000 in cold cash.

One bright morning last September these gentlemen led Rome up to the corner of Eighteenth and Douglas streets and showed him the magnificent two million dollar Fontenelle Hotel. Being bargain day, the agreed to sell the aged boniface this splendid property for \$215,000, and being a hotel man with a knowledge of good values, Rome jumped at the chance. A contract was secretly negotiated and to bind the bargain, Rome paid over \$25,000 in cash as an initial payment to the attorneys claiming to represent the owners of the property. A piece of paper purporting to be a mortgage on the Lincoln Hotel at Scottsbluff, Neb., which these gentlemen likewise claimed to

own, was given the purchaser as something to show for his money, and Rome was sent hom with instructions to lay low and say nothing about his purchase until the time was propitious for delivery of the hotel.

The news was too good to keep, however, for a month later Rome announced to the world that he had bought the Fontenelle and would move in forthwith, notwithstanding that Eugene C. Eppley, who bought this and other properties of the Nebraska Hotel Company at Receiver's sale for \$1,000,00 two years previously, was still in possession of the Fontenelle and still is today. Still Rome continued optimistic and even went so far as to send to Chicago to recruit a new crew to operate his new property as quickly as Mr. Eppley was ejected.

Six months elapsed and still his strange acquaintances were unable to deliver over the Fontenelle to Mr. Miller. Under the terms of the contract, Rome was then entitled to receive his \$25,000 back, but this snug little sum had already been split up among the attorneys and Rome suddenly discovered that he was holding the sack. The attorneys, however, were very reassuring. They assured Rome that he could still get the Fontenelle and whispered something in (Continued on page four)

BUTLER FAILED TO  
PAY POLITICAL DEBT

Dan Butler is making a great talk about being on the square with men who have befriended him in the past. He apparently has overlooked one bet which he has an excellent opportunity of making good on. If he is really on the square he will pay his gubernatorial expenses. Tom Denison and Eselhaus put up \$4,000 for his expenses during that campaign, for which he has never made good. Denison says that if Butler wants to be on the square he will make good on that advance of money. However, Butler is not making any bets that Butler will come across.

"BIG SALE ON STRAW HATS  
NOW GOING ON"—EVERYWHERE

This is straw hat day for those who have the price or had the foresight to store the old lid last September. And what do you think, the prices are very reasonable which is probably accounted for from the fact that farmers only got seventy-five cents a ton for their straw last winter.

## JAMES ALLEN PASSES ON

We are indeed sorry to note the passing of so splendid a man as the late James Allen who was a member of the last state legislature and special investigator for the county attorney's office. "Jim" had a host of friends throughout the state who will mourn his death.

Mr. Allen had lived in Omaha for nearly fifty years during which time he held many positions of trust.

DUNDEE WIDOW STEPS TOO  
FAST FOR SEDATE NEIGHBORS

There is a gay and pretty widow out in Dundee that has been furnishing plenty of gossip for her friends and neighbors to feed on since her husband died last February. She is the mother of two children who inherited all their father's wealth, the widow being cut off without a cent. She has three men on the staff and is going like a house afire according to certain of her acquaintances. Some of her friends have tried to dissuade her from stepping so fast but all in vain. She has as a companion the wife of a well known automobile man.

## Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

Police had broken so many ribs out of the "Umbrella" that it was hardly thought possible the rain protector would be of much further use. Well, there is Cuba and New York left.

Bob Samardick had found a pint of booze under every brick out in the brick yard at Twenty-second and Poppleton and there are enough bricks about the place to pave the Lincoln Highway.

Saturday was to be Poppy day and the Foreign War Vets are deserving all the support they were sure to get from patriotic Omahans.

Ben King, the South Side bank robber, had tried to make his get-away from Fenton's boarding house down at

TOM DENNISON GETS  
BACK LOOKING FINE

Tom Dennison returned Thursday morning from two weeks in the east, looking fine. He did not appear to be either surprised nor excited about the things that Commissioner Butler was doing, and intimated that all Mr. Butler need do was to take care of his own affairs, and he would do the same. Just now Tom is very busy looking after his realty and other business in Omaha and is giving little heed to politics. He saw the Kentucky Derby and several other good races while he was away. He predicts a great year at the Ak Sar Ben track, where several score of horses are already at the track.

IMPOSSIBLE TO  
FIND DRY JURY

Judge Day tried out a new stunt Thursday that is sure to cause a lot of comment to say the least. Pete Jensen was being tried on a liquor charge. The judge wanted a "dry" jury to hear his case. Sixty prospective jurors were questioned concerning their personal feeling toward demon rum. Fifty-four of the men said they like to take a little nip at times. A large number of them didn't mind saying that the time for such occasions couldn't come to often.

Twelve men were finally selected, four of which admitted that they liked wine or a drink of old bonded stuff. The "dry" jury acquitted Jensen in fifteen minutes.

The moral: If fifty-four of sixty men picked at random like their drink—well, draw your own conclusion.

## GOODA BYE, HOME BREW!

Gooda bye, home made beer, the law will be no you if you don't watch out. Sheriff Endres, Police Commissioner Butler and U. S. Rohrer have all agreed that the home brewer must be put out of business.

The twenty-five or thirty thousand home brewers may call a convention and pass a resolution against such a proceeding. When Joe Gaspipe heard of the new ruling he told friends he was going to join church so that he could cut in on communion.

POLICE COMMISSIONER  
WOULD DEFY COURTPress and Public Tires of Butler's Tirade  
Against Old Associates

## INTIMATES HE IS ABOVE THE LAW

New Police Head Says That he Does Not Have to Abide by Ruling of Court—His Motto Seems to be "Rule or Ruin"—Makes a Few Friends And Many EnemiesK  
Troubled With Exaggerated Ego

Bow your heads, all ye serfs. Then arise and salute the Czar, the new czar of Omaha, wished on our citizens by a series of peculiar circumstances. Behold Dan Butler, police commissioner, who in effect has announced that he does not have to or will not abide by the rulings of the court, if said rulings run counter to his ideas or wishes.

Butler seems to be under the delusion that he is being hounded by "the gang," whoever they are, also that he is being persecuted by the press and public generally, forgetting perhaps that his own actions both before and after taking up his new duties has been such as to disgust the average person to such an extent that said citizen has got into the habit of speaking right out in meeting. Dan in fact is really a smart man and finds himself in hot water most of the time simply because he is troubled with a bad case of exaggerated ego, also with a sore on his head that came about by being stung severely by a political bee.

Like many bright men before him, he has formed the bad habit of "figuring" out things to his own liking, and then enforcing that thought on the people, no matter how much out of tune his ideas may be with that of the people in general.

Mr. Butler is making plenty of en-

emies through his czaristic ideas, among which may be counted newspapers which in the past have always supported him in all his political campaign endeavors. Folks that were once counted his close personal friends now have taken exception to his personal and political maneuvers and when the time comes they will no doubt register their disapproval of his peculiar and very unusual actions.

Let us take the World-Herald, for an example. Everyone knows that this great paper has always backed Butler politically but his attitude since assuming the position of police commissioner has been such that even this uniformly democratic paper has felt in duty bound to take exception to some of his more radical moves. To substantiate this patent fact let us quote in full a recent editorial published in this popular daily:

"A remarkable bit of information is sandwiched in the story told of two prisoners held by police for twelve hours before Police Commissioner Butler would consent to their release on bond. It runs like this:

"Police have been in the habit of holding persons suspected of some crime for forty-eight hours without bond while their cases are being investigated and without the filing of a charge against them."

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AK-SAR-BEN RACE MEET EXPECTED  
TO EXCEL PREVIOUS TRACK MEETSAmerica's Best Bang Tails to Compete in Series of Hot Raecs—  
Irwin, Nesselhaus and Uptide Stables Expected to be  
Favorites—More Than \$100,000 in Purse  
Money—Opening Day-Gala Affair

The Ak-Sar-Ben race meeting which will be ushered in on Saturday, June 2, bids fair to eclipse anything of its kind ever held in this section of the country. A better class of thoroughbreds will be seen in action throughout the meeting and these will be guided by jockeys who have gained prominence on the "big time" tracks of the east and west.

The forthcoming meeting will be marked with a distribution of more than \$100,000 in purse money. Four stakes are down for decision of which the Ak-Sar-Ben Derby, a gallop of one mile and one-eighth, is the salient feature. This rich event has a guaranteed value of \$2,000 and inasmuch that it is for three-year-olds and upward it is certain to attract a brilliant field of distance runners. Such stars of the running horse world as Abadine, Adonis, Ten Buttons, Second Thoughts, Delante, Jack Bauer, Jim Daisy, Wild Heather, Peter Pierson, Carlos Enrique, Doubtful, Allie Ochs and others will be sent postward in the Derby and a soul-stirring contest is assured.

Much interest has been manifested by the local lovers of the runner and several prominent Omaha business men have voiced their intentions of joining the ranks of the owners. There is a certain thrill to owning a horse that can win and especially so when it is adorned by your own colors.

One of the keenest admirers of the "Sport of Kings" is Mr. Nelson Uptide, who needs no introduction to our readers. Uptide is already in the game with both feet as the saying goes. He has joined forces with Ben Jones, the widely known breeder of Parnell, Mo. Under the racing name of Uptide and Jones this confeder-

tion has built up a strong stable of thoroughbreds of which the four-year-old mare, Second Thoughts, is the outstanding star. Second Thoughts has been a brilliant performer in the east and as a two-year-old about the only horse that could take her measure was the then mighty Morvich who went through is year unbeaten.

Messrs. Uptide and Jones paid a princely sum for this fleet daughter of Ultimus and Lydia II and it is more than likely that these gentlemen will offer up a challenge to C. B. Irwin to match Second Thoughts with the wonder horse Abadane.

The new racing firm has more than one wheel to their wagon. Eight horses comprise their string of which several two-year-olds by Seth and Imp. Opera Glass will be sent to the races to measure strides with the youngsters that have come here from the four points of the compass. Their string embraces the following horses: Bond, Seth's Dream, Clever Seth, Old Sinner, Miriam Wood, Randalls Royal and Tis Seth.

Racing Secretary Chas. Trimble, who has been untiring in his efforts to bring to Omaha horses of the better class, has reported that despite the fact that the barns at the Ak-Sar-Ben fields are filled to capacity, several carloads of Kentucky cracks are yet to come. With these added to the array of great horses already on the ground the natives should witness a brand of sport that would be a credit to a metropolitan race course.

Hundreds of followers of the bang-tails are saving up their loose change to place on Adonis, as well as other Nesselhaus ponies.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTS ARE  
QUESTIONED ON BUYING OF CARSStroud Buys Much Material From Stroud and Company—second  
Hand Stuff All Bought Through "Louie" Larson—Buy Delapidated Truck That Costs \$100.00 to Pull to Town—  
Improvements Expected at Poor Farm

People in the ordinary walks of life have been raising so much hell lately about certain conditions concerning the actions of some of the County Commissioners in regards to that body's official actions that the press can no longer ignore the many complaints. At the same time one or two members have in a quiet way been going about the business of supervising the activities of Douglas county in a way that has gained the respect and confidence of the people in general and the taxpayers in particular.

The biggest and loudest protest we have heard on the street concerns the buying of automobiles and certain materials which are deemed essential to the conduct of the county business. It would seem that the commissioners have bought several new automobiles for their personal use within the past few months, an Olds, two Fords and at least one other car. That in itself may be all right providing they actually have use for them. What seems to get the goat of the average man among those who are supposed to be in position to know is the kind of cars that are bought for the men who must use them in their work, also the method of purchase.

When the purchasing agent for the commissioners finds it necessary to buy a car for the men who are actually doing the work, they seem always to make it a point to buy second hand cars and in some cases they are a swell bunch of junk. These cars are always bought through "Louie" Larson. One of his recent smart buys, so it is understood, was that of an old, delapidated second hand truck that was purchased for seventy-five dollars from a man out in the country. It was in such shape and conditions were such that it eventually cost \$100 to pull it into town.

Another thing the taxpayers would like to know is how it comes that

Mr. Stroud buys so much material from Stroud and Company, makers of the "Little Red Wagons" and other things. It is known or believed that Mr. Stroud no longer has any financial interest in the company. It is even possible that the commissioners believe that they can make their purchases from that firm on as good if not better terms that would be possible elsewhere. Still many people wonder if there is any connection between Stroud and the company of which he was once head, and if not if there is a mutually satisfactory understanding. There may be anything of the kind.

Since January first, when the new commissioners came into office, things out at the Poor Farm have somewhat improved, or if they have not actually been put in better shape the time is not far distant when Commissioner Kubat, who has charge of the institution, will undoubtedly make many much needed changes both for the benefit of the poor unfortunate who have to spend their days in this near prison and the people in general who are interested in seeing that the charges are not left to the mercy of a bunch of grafters.

One inmate told how they were formerly all but starved, that they never knew what cream or sugar looked like, not even for their alleged coffee, and that butter was a stranger as was most any food that was fit for human consumption. Whether betterments have as yet been actually made this paper is unable to say, but will have a report to make to our readers at an early date.

Commissioner Unitt has been told to stay clear of the "Farm," so it is said, but whether he is doing so is another matter if reports of his visits out there at night are to be relied upon.



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## WHT WILL BECOME OF OUR CONSTITUTION?

The Omaha World-Herald has decided that the federal constitution stands ready for recking. All because of an amendment added to that document by a congress of questionable common sense, working under war-time conditions. The whole trouble is caused because the state of New York has passed a statute repealing a former statute that has become so generally obnoxious that its people demanded relief.

There is an awful howl from the prohibitionists, led by William J. Bryan, because of the action of the New York legislature. Bryan has never been anything but a prohibitionist, which he has a perfect right to be, but he has attempted to fool the people into believing that he was a democrat. The same is true of most of the avowed prohibitionists. They have not been willing to give the people a fair and square deal and conceived the idea of defeating the people's will by deception, and at a time when our best men were in a foreign country fighting for their country.

So far as New York is concerned, it apparently has come to its senses and is ready to undo the crime that was forced upon the people. The people now at work are honest in their convictions, and are not hiding behind a bushel. There is every indication that the people do not want prohibition and are going to rid the country of same by fair means, that is, by eventually repealing the law or at least greatly modifying the provisions of the Volstead Enforcement Act.

The state legislature of New York is strictly within its rights in repealing any state law that has proven unsatisfactory and in so doing, in no way are they defying the laws of the United States. The prohibition laws have not worked out in practice, especially in New York and other Eastern states. The people of the Empire State, realizing the condition, very deliberately set about electing a legislature that would repeal the prohibition laws so far as New York state was concerned. The state governing body is therefore simply carrying out the dictates of the voters of the commonwealth.

The immediate effect will be the withdrawal of all state enforcement officers that have been working more or less in conjunction with federal officers. This in turn will put the burden on the already overworked agents of the Department of Justice. These people can hardly hope to keep the ten million New Yorkers from indulging in their favorite pastime, that of taking a little nip of liquor or a glass of home made-brew. So far as the state is concerned it is perfectly lawful for a man to take or sell a drink, except as it runs counter to the national prohibition law and the Eighteenth Amendment.

It looks like the beginning of the end to the unpopular law. This with the very recent ruling of Secretary Mellon concerning prescriptions that may be written by physicians, the Supreme court ruling on the legality of ships, liquor laden, outside the three mile limit, the general uprising against the law by the common people and the probable fact that several states will follow the lead of New York in repealing state liquor laws, all go to show that a drastic change in our prohibition laws will soon be accomplished and the bootlegger deprived of his nefarious vocation. The sooner the better.

## GIRL, HUMAN-LIKE MAKES MISTAKE, CALLS WRONG PARTY

A considerable ado was made out of the robbery at Hotel Fontenelle recently, which seemed altogether uncalled for when the facts in the case had been ascertained. The statement of Mr. Bemiss, assistant manager of the hotel, tells concisely the true facts. He said:

"Immediately upon report of the robbery, I asked the operator to get me the detective bureau. By mistake, she connected me with a detective agency which is occasionally employed by the hotel. When two detectives appeared at the hotel a few minutes later, I assumed that they were city detectives and turned the case over to them. Not until Commissioner Butler came into the hotel in the afternoon, did I learn that the investigators were not police department officers.

"In the meantime, every courtesy and consideration were shown Mrs. Young and Mrs. Rand. All facilities were placed at their disposal to communicate with their families. Every effort was made to make them comfortable and to assist them in adjusting their loss. They were invited to take their meals in the Fontenelle res-

taurants and to sign their checks and to remain at the hotel until they were able to rearrange their affairs. They spent last night at the home of friends by choice, as their rooms at the Fontenelle are still at their disposal and are being held by them."

## CONDUCTOR GETS JUDGMENT FOR BIG WAD OF DOUGH

Out in Boulder, Colorado, a jury awarded a conductor, R. F. Jnoes, \$50,000.00 on his plea that the Unions had kept him out of work. The damages were assessed against the Order of Railroad Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. His chief claim against the unions was that they were instrumental in having him discharged from the Colorado & Southern railway eight years ago and had prevented him from obtaining regular employment since that time.

## MR. MURPHEY RECOVERING FROM HIS SEVERE ILLNESS

Mr. Hugh Murphey, who has been at a local hospital for several days with a rather severe case of pneumonia, is reported to be rapidly recovering. It is expected that Mr. Murphey will be able to leave the hospital within a very short time.

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## HUSBAND HACKS WIFE TO DEATH

Steeplejack Makes Fatal Attack  
on Woman After a Jealous  
Quarrel.

## FALLS DEAD IN SNOW

Pompton Lake, N. J.—A posse of 200 men with bloodhounds engaged in a wide hunt for John Manning, forty-six years old, a steeplejack from Philadelphia, suspected by police of stabbing his wife to death. The woman, with knife wounds in her body, was seen to run from her home to the street calling for help, and expired in the snow. The countryside was scoured for the alleged slayer, but no clue was found. The man hunt was resumed when a large group of citizens and farmers joined the police in the search. Police believe jealousy was the motive for the crime. They revealed that the woman had frequently been seen in the company of a minister, who, they say, left Pompton Lake some time ago, after receiving threatening letters from an alleged anonymous writer.

Jealous of His Wife.  
Manning had been jealous of his wife for several years, Police Chief Miller said. About two years ago he was locked up for attacking her, he said, and several times after that neighbors reported the couple quarreled bitterly, but no change on the husband's part was noted.

About 6:15 at night police learned that Manning was seen alighting from a bus and making his way to the home of his wife, who lived with their two



Expired in the Snow.

children, a boy of eighteen and a daughter, fourteen years old. About 6:35 o'clock Police Chief Miller passed the house and heard quarrelling. He thought little of it because of the fact that the couple had been reported quarrelling before. A few minutes later Mrs. Manning ran from the house, calling for help. The chief ran in pursuit of her husband, whom he believed to have been the person with whom she quarreled, but soon lost sight of him.

Neither of the children was home at the time of the alleged quarrel, the daughter having gone shopping and the boy to work. Shortly after the killing a general alarm to the police of the adjacent cities and towns was sent out for the arrest of Manning. The couple had been estranged for a few years. Manning was employed in Newark up to a few days ago, it was said.

## HIKES 9,000 MILES TO RICHES

Man, Aged 75 Years, on Last Lap of Trip From Miami, Fla., to Albany, N. Y.

Miami, Fla.—William Chapman, seventy-five years old, is on the last lap of his three-year "hike" from Miami, Fla., to Albany, N. Y., to get a fortune. A \$5,000 legacy awaits him in Albany.

"I chew, smoke, and take a nip now and then. I am going to live 75 years longer," Chapman said. "Years mean nothing."

Sues Dead Man for Heart Balm.  
Elizabethtown, Pa.—Seeking heart balm from the estate of a dead man, Miss Virgie Ream has filed suit for \$5,000 damages from Hiram H. Nissley, administrator of the estate of M. Brooks, who died last month. Miss Ream alleges that Brooks courted her for 16 years and at various times set dates for their wedding, only to change them.

## Murder Tale Used to Swindle Priests.

New York.—By posing as an army officer and pleading for money to go to Port Oglethorpe, Ga., to confess the "murder of a soldier" there, William McDonough, under arrest here, swindled 50 priests, police say. McDonough was arrested upon complaint of four of his victims, who revealed his trick. He is held in \$25,000 bail.

Muskogee, Okla.—A revival of the reign of terror which gripped the West when Jesse James was at the height of his career has resulted from the activities of an unmasked bandit who is leading his gang of desperadoes in a series of bank robberies that keeps the border counties of Kansas and Oklahoma terrorized.

A jewelry store and eight banks have been rifled by bandits under his direction in the past year. Rewards totaling \$30,000 have been offered for him, dead or alive. This desperado is Al Spencer, who forsook the peaceful pursuits of farming to enter upon a career of banditry.

Spencer, cool, clear-headed and hard as steel, is recognized as a real "bad man." Hence the scores of officers who are scouring the border counties for him are convinced that the only way they can bring him in is in a coffin. Spencer has not resorted to killing as yet, but officers believe he would not hesitate should the necessity arise.

The short, stocky-built man who leads the bandits is an escaped convict. He has made the boast that he does not intend to serve any more time.

His boon companion and confederate is said to be Dick Gregg, a twenty-two-year-old youth, who is also a fugitive from justice. "The bandit of the Osage," as Spencer is known, has his headquarters in the hills near Bartlesville, Okla., it is known.

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14th and Farnam for West Q. 1:21  
14th and Farnam for 42d and Grand. 1:29

Dodge Street Line  
16th and Dodge (West). 1:29  
16th and Dodge (East). 2:07  
30th and Spaulding for Depots. 1:48

Leavenworth and Deaf Institute  
15th and Farnam (North). 12:24  
15th and Farnam (South). 12:33

Benson and Albright  
13th and Farnam for Benson. 1:24  
13th and Farnam for Albright. 1:00  
13th and Farnam for 24th and N. 1:23

Fort Crook Line  
24th and N. Sts., South Omaha. 12:00  
Fort Crook. 12:30

Owl Cars  
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton. 1:50  
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton. 3:30  
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton. 4:20  
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames. 2:45  
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames. 3:30  
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames. 4:20

10th and Mason to 46th and Cuming. 3:52  
16th and Farnam to 46th and Cuming. 4:00  
46th and Cuming to 10th and Bancroft. 4:21  
16th and Farnam to 10th and Bancroft. 4:38

24th Street Cross-Town  
24th and Lake to 24th and Vinton. 12:45  
24th and Lake to 42d and L. 12:35  
42d and L. to 24th and Vinton. 1:15

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14th and Howard for R. I. Depot. 1:20  
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The story of how Sherman & McConnell first started in business more than forty-two years ago, as told by Mr. McConnell, is of unusual interest at this time because of the recent retirement of Mr. Sherman after a long and useful life spent in the drug business.

Way back in 1881 Sherman & McConnell conceived the idea of opening a drug store, which was a splendid idea, and all they needed was a little cash to back up that idea. A thousand dollars would do but where they were going to get that sum was something else. It so happened that Mr. Sherman had a lot which was all right so far as lots went in those days. After a great deal of dickering he was able to sell it for a small sum. So with herculean efforts the two men who were destined to be partners for almost half a century, borrowed a few hundred additional funds and with one thousand dollars started out on a business career which eventually proved to be one of the biggest retail enterprises in the middle west.

Today any one of their four drug stores have more money tied up in one side of their prescription counters than the entire original capital. At the time Mr. Sherman retired one



of the papers gave the following brief account of his past activities:

Mr. Sherman started in the drug business under his brother, John Sherman, in Anita, Iowa, and came to Omaha in March, 1881. Mr. McConnell learned the business in the store in which Mr. Sherman was head clerk.

In a short time they became partners in the old Blue Front "Middle of the Block" drug store at 1513 Dodge street, in what is now the west half of James Morton & Sons hardware store. Now they own and operate four retail stores in Omaha and have a large warehouse and laboratory besides.

"Our business the past year was 125 times as much as the capital stock and value of the business on which we started," Mr. Sherman said.

The stores operated by the firm are located at Sixteenth and Dodge, Sixteenth and Harney, Twenty-fourth and Farnam and Nineteenth and Farnam.

The retiring partner has been manager and buyer and has written all the advertisements of the firm. Mr. McConnell has devoted his time to operation of stores, opening new locations and has paid especial attention to the Harney street store. The firm was incorporated in 1894.

Mr. Sherman passed one summer in Europe and last year made a Mediterranean trip. This summer he will remain in Omaha and Mrs. Sherman and their daughter, Dorothy, will visit Europe. Miss Sherman will enter Smith college next fall. Mr. Sherman's son, Rollin, who has been manager of the Harney street store, will remain in that position.

Always interested in literature, Mr. Sherman expects to devote considerable time to writing along lines in which he has been interested. His nephew, Professor Stuart Pratt Sherman, is head of the department of English literature in the University of Illinois and his sister, Ellen Burns Sherman, is a contributor to Atlantic Monthly.

## JESS WILLARD IN FILMS

Kansas Hard Hitter Featured in a Highly Melodramatic Six Reel Picture at Gayety Starting Sunday

In the matter of films the Gayety will offer a distinct novelty for the four days starting this noon in the presentation of the only photoplay ever made by big, stalwart Jess Willard. This is the first showing in

Omaha. The picture is in six reels and was made under the direction of Harry Revier just before big Jess had his altercation with Jack Dempsey at Toledo three years ago next July 4th. Inasmuch as Willard drew the short end of the conflict, it was deemed best to shelve the film until the big fellow should again feel the glow of the lime light, which condition now exists through his victory over Floyd Johnson of Iowa, in New York, week before last.

The story is called "The Challenge of Chance" and while it was candidly admitted that the picture was made to display the big fellow in other than battle array, those who may be of the belief that the tale unwound could not possibly be of any interest—those same people must now admit, after seeing the picture, that they have been most agreeably surprised.

The story has to do with a series of episodes in the cattle country of Texas, most of the scenes being enacted in El Paso and on the race track over at Juarez, just across the Rio Grande in Mexico. Big Jess thwarts a gang of Mexican horse thieves who are assisted by a crooked buyer of horses in El Paso from stealing a string of race horses belonging to the leading woman in the cast, which is played by Arline Pretty.

"The Challenge of Chance" will be displayed continuously from noon to 11:30 P. M. today, tomorrow, Tuesday and Decoration Day (Wednesday.) In conjunction with it there will be a good selection of comedy films and a Fox News film.

## THE "NE'ER DO WELL" AT STRAND NEXT SUNDAY

Few persons have been privileged to look upon the Pacific and Atlantic oceans at the same time. When Thos. Meighan's latest picture, "The Ne'er Do Well," a Paramount production, is shown at the Strand for the week beginning next Sunday, the number will be greatly increased, for one of the aeroplane views of the Panama Canal featured in the picture gives a view of both oceans.

During the filming of exterior scenes for Rex Beach's novel in Panama, Director Alfred E. Green sent William Miller, cameraman, into the air to get certain scenes of the locks for use in the picture. While at a high altitude, Mr. Miller was able to get a shot which gave a glimpse of both the Atlantic and Pacific.

In making other air views for the picture, seven DeHaviland planes and two Martin bombers, all furnished by the U. S. Army in the Canal zone and piloted by army fliers, were used. The army officers who helped the Paramount company in making these scenes for "The Ne'er Do Well" were Major F. Walsh, Captain Smith, Captain Minter, Captain R. Quinn, Lieut. Leland Miller, Lieut. Moon, Lieut. Webster and Lieut. Fred Clark. All of these officers are stationed at France Field, Canal Zone.

In "The Ne'er Do Well" Mr. Meighan is seen as the shiftless son of a man of wealth who is disowned by his father after a certain escapade in New York which results in the young man being shanghaied on board a steamship bound for Panama, where he is left penniless and thrown upon his own meagre resources. Heret he meets Chiquita, a beautiful Spanish girl, played by Lila Lee, and their love romance is not only prolific of highly dramatic developments, but ends in the regeneration of the young American ne'er do well. The supporting company is excellent.

## HOW MUCH IS A LOCK?

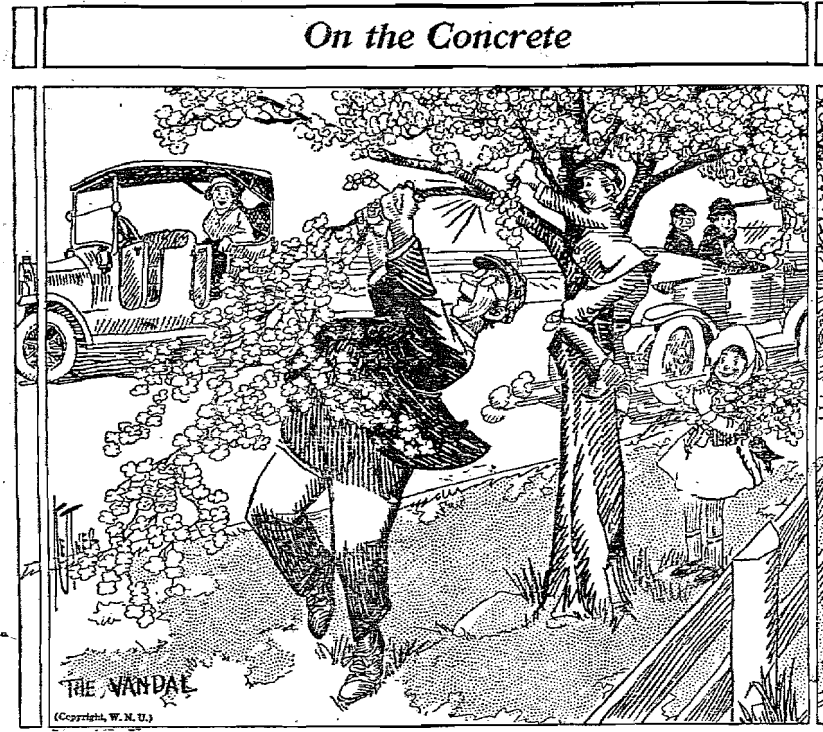
We had an amusing experience in the past week. Several pad locks were needed and we foolishly patronized the hardware firm of Johnson & Co at 1217 Farnam street. One of the locks after finding we had no use for it we endeavored to trade in for a razor or something more useful. After enough arguing to reconstruct the League of Nations this was agreed to. The firm of Johnson and Co. then told us that we had paid 85 cents for this lock when as a matter of fact it costs nearly twice that amount. This is very poor business to say nothing of being deceitful and it has often been said to us that some other local merchants have very, very tricky ways of handling their customers.

## MIGHT TRY DELIVERING WET GOODS IN WHEEL BARROW

Prohibition director U. S. Rohrer decreed that no liquor can be transported by truck in Nebraska. He never knowingly allowed it to be peddled from an auto or express wagon. Those wanting to take a chance might try delivering the stuff in a wheel barrow.

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## KRUG PARK IS THE HOME OF PICNICS

Krug Park is becoming the "home of picnics." More than 100 picnic crowds have applied for reservations at the park and when the season is further advanced the Krug Park management estimates that more than 500 will be booked for the mirth center.

Krug Park's picnic crowds are not confined to Omaha and immediate vicinity. Many small towns in a radius of 50 miles of Omaha are planning outings at Krug. This is especially gratifying to the management, who have a desire to cater to picnics, which usually bring refined crowds, such as the park encourages.

The picnic season was given a good start this week when more than 2,500 Creighton students wended their way through the turnstiles to participate in the first annual outing of the Creighton students' union. Games were on the program in the afternoon and dancing at night. Basket lunches were spread early in the evening.

On large picnics such as fraternal, civic, and industrial organizations, and grade schools, country schools and public schools and church stage, special inducements are offered by the management. All outing parties are admitted free.

The park picnic grounds are well equipped for outing occasions. Complete outdoor kitchens have been installed, which are fully equipped with gas ranges, cooking utensils and so forth. The service is free.

## RIALTO THEATRE

To Present "Girl of the Golden West"

Ramirez, a bandit, planning the robbery of the Polka saloon at Cloudy Mountain Camp, a typical California mining settlement of the gold rush days, finds that a girl whom he has helped across a stream several days before and whose gentle sweetness had won his heart, is the owner of the establishment. Entering the saloon he is recognized by its proprietor, and he dances with her, much to the dislike of Sheriff Jack Rance, a gambler who is also fascinated by the girl.

Rance shows Ramirez that he is unwelcome in the camp, but when the girl vouches for his character he is permitted to stay.

In the meantime at the bandits' rendezvous, Nina, a dancing girl, in love with him, learns of Ramirez's infatuation for the barmaid and goes to the camp with his picture, intent on exposing him. Nina arrives just ahead of a storm which forces the bandit, invited to the home of her rival, to remain in her cabin all night.

Armed with evidence of Ramirez's criminal activities, Rance and his posse go to the cabin, but the girl hides the bandit in the loft.

Finding no trace of their prey, Rance and his posse leave and hide in the woods near the cabin. When Ramirez comes from hiding, broken-hearted by the evidence of his banditry, the girl orders him to leave. A few paces from the door the bandit is shot by Rance and hurries back to the cabin, where the girl, seeing his wound again hides him in the loft.

Rance, entering confident that Ramirez is within the cabin, is convinced that he is not by the girl until a drop of blood from above strikes the sheriff's hand.

Knowing that capture would mean death to the man she loves, regardless of his record, the girl agrees to gamble with the sheriff for the man's life and her own. If the sheriff wins, Ramirez's body and the girl become the property of the sheriff in the bargain, but if the girl wins, the bandit must be given his freedom and the girl never molested again.

The girl wins.

## ROME MILLER HANDED A LARGE GOLD BRICK

(Continued from Page One) his ear. A few days later it was announced that Rome had bought a half

interest in the Douglas Hotel Company, owners of the Fontenelle building. The sequel to this development was that the Douglas Hotel Company, shortly after Rome's entry into the firm, started suit to break the lease on the Fontenelle, alleging that Mr. Eppley didn't know how to run a hotel and therefore he was not entitled to hold the lease which he had purchased from the receiver in all good faith.

Last Saturday Judge Woodrugh ruled that the Schaaf factions and attorneys Campbell and Flansburg had no right whatsoever to represent the Interstate Hotel Company in any transaction. Thus it would appear that all these attorneys have done has been illegal, but it cannot be denied that they failed to pull a clever trick in selling Rome Miller what looks to be a beautiful big gold brick. Mr. Miller has grown immensely wealthy through his hotel ventures and will not greatly miss the money, but no man however rich feels like patting himself on the back after a couple of wise guys have done the wool pulling stunt on him.

The court also held that Mr. Eppley will hold the hotel under bond at least until the final adjudication of the case. Furthermore the judge held that no method of breaking the lease would be countenanced.

During all of this litigation and rumpus other things have come up that have been of unusual interest to this very well known hotel man, not the least of which concerns the removal or resignation of one Mr. McKenzie, who has been acting as the general manager or personal representative of Rome Miller during the past few months.

Last fall Mr. Miller announced that he had engaged and did engage McKenzie to look after his personal interests at the Rome Hotel, which position he has held until just recently. This gentleman has resigned or has been removed, which has caused a lot of comment. So many contradictory stories are in circulation that it is hard to know just which to believe, if any of them.

The story that seems most often repeated is one to the effect that McKenzie took occasion to fire some of the help to which the housekeeper strenuously objected. It is reported that she even went so far as to demand the removal of Mac. Whether this is a fact or not is not known but it is known that he is not with the hotel now.

Another story floating about is of a more personal nature but will not be given out as it may be only "street talk" and would do no good to publish unless the charge was substantiated beyond the pre-adventure of a doubt.

McKenzie was formerly a waiter in Sioux City, and was known as one of the best in the Iowa city. Later he was connected with the Vogue cabaret which was raided some time ago, after which he became associated with the Rome hotel as advisory manager until he resigned or was removed last week.

## POLICE COMMISSIONER WOULD DEFY COURT

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Commenting on that statement, Mr. Butler said that the police practice of holding suspects forty-eight hours without bond in cases deemed necessary, would continue. And he resented the ruling of Municipal Judge Holmes ordering the release of two prisoners on bond. Mr. Butler says he is no officer of the municipal court and does not have to abide by its rulings.

It is rather regrettable that Mr. Butler thinks he is so infallible that the presiding judge of our municipal court can have no say in a matter of this kind. How far searches and seizures can go without being unreasonable and without violating "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects," is a matter of vital interest to us all.

We like to think that the police department is alert and doing its duty conscientiously. But the suggestion

from the chief of police that he is above jurisdiction of a court is far from reassuring. It savors of czarism. The rights of the people cannot be ignored by zealous police. Neither can the orders from the municipal court be treated by a chief of police as if the police department were greater than the court.

If it is the habit of police to hold suspects forty-eight hours without bonds while their cases are being investigated, innocent persons could often be victims of irreparable wrong. And if they cannot get word to an attorney, what is to prevent police from holding them ninety-six hours—or as much longer as they wish?

## THEATRE CROWDS MARCH OUT IN ORDERLY MANNER

A cool headed hero came to light recently when a serious fire in the Fashion Shop threatened a nearby theatre. As smoke began entering the Empress, Mr. Sandall, assistant manager, quieted down the large audience and had them walk out in an orderly manner. The orchestra played a popular march to which the people filed out at leisure, but not until they had given Mr. Sandall a big hand. Other employees did valiant work on the roof of the theatre and elsewhere.

## WOULD HAVE TO GO TO THE COUNTRY TO SEE THE SUN

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