

# Klan Gangsters Trying To Coerce Omaha Men

## LATE INCOME TAX LIST SHOWS SOME WIDE DISCREPANCIES

Newspapers and Citizens in General at Variance on Value of Publication of Income Tax

## WALTER HEAD'S RETURN SEEMS PUNY

Ike Carpenter, The Great Reformer Who Used To Sell Gambling Paraphernalia Paid Ridiculously Low Amount — C. J. Vlasek Found He Owed Government One Cent—Morrie Schlaifer Came Clean With His Debt To His Country.

Since the publication of income tax returns, newspapers throughout the country are arguing in their editorial columns pro and con on the advisability of releasing the list for publication. Republican papers supporting President Coolidge to the limit are for the most part averse to the publication, while most big business men feel that they are being imposed upon by having their names and the amount of their income published.

On the other hand democratic newspapers and officials are all but unanimously agreed that it is a good thing not only for the democratic cause but for the public in general. There is much to be said in favor of the ruling which allows public inspection and publication of the income tax lists, and something may be properly cited going to show that publication is altogether undesirable.

Publication of the income tax paid by American citizens has been duck soup for those of a prying disposition and no doubt will be the means of giving certain wild-eyed politicians a "paramount" issue upon which to work upon the gullible sympathies of a readily duped public.

The printing of the names and the amount paid however has been of great interest to newspaper readers. It has been about the most interesting bit of news that has appeared on the surface for several months. Statistics under ordinary circumstances are just about as interesting as is reading the city directory or the

dictionary. In the present case it is altogether different.

Reliable information on the net income of individuals is in most cases all but impossible from the figures given out. Some men whose individual returns seem ridiculously small pay several times the amount indicated through their holdings in many corporations which of course are taxed separately. Even if it were possible to check an individual's private income including his share in any corporations in which he may be interested would still not of necessity show the man's total income or wealth. That is because most men of extreme wealth hold thousands, perhaps millions of dollars of tax free securities and "frozen" securities which for the time being was not taxable because they did not produce any revenue.

That a heap of people have been cheating the government seems apparent on the face of the returns. While it is possible that all Omahans made proper returns, the figures look queer in many instances. For instance there is Walter W. Head, president of the Omaha National bank, and reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in Nebraska, who turned in to the government for income tax purposes \$1,392.01. Perhaps the amount is correct but you couldn't make the average man believe it.

Then there is Ike Carpenter, one of the leading lights in the fake com-

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## Music To Be Plentiful For Legion Convention

Entertainers to Vie in Songs, While 250 Bands Expected to Compete

### TO SPEED DECORATIONS

Omaha streets are going to be full of song and gaiety when the American Legion national convention comes here in October. The entertainment committee has just announced some of the plans for helping the Legionnaires enjoy themselves.

Entertainers are to come from every part of the United States. The list is open to any Legionnaire who can sing.

Ten entertainment stations are to be opened downtown where the Legionnaires will congregate. Stages will be provided. Entertainers will "do their stuff" at station No. 1 and get away to station No. 2. At No. 1 each will be replaced by another entertainer who, in turn, will go to No. 2 when he finishes his "strut." In this way each entertainer will appear at each of the ten stations, and each of the ten audiences will have an opportunity of hearing each man. The contest is open only to Legionnaires.

Judges will be at each station. Entertainers will be ranked according to the reception given them by the audiences. The first prize is 1 hundred dollars the second 60 dollars and the third 40 dollars.

Entertainers may be solo, duo, trio, quartet, quintet, sextet or an entire troupe, but all must be Legionnaires. This is said to be the first time a plan of this kind has ever been used at an American Legion convention. It is just a part of the general plan of entertainment which will keep the Legionnaires on the alert during the entire week.

A band contest to include the 250 bands here for the convention will be staged by Ak-Sar-Ben. Prizes will be awarded, and bands from all over the United States will compete. Dexter C. Buell is planning to bring a large naval reserve band to Omaha for participation. All the bands present for the American Legion convention will take part in the Ak-Sar-Ben parade, making approximately ten bands to each float.

It is reported that Governor General Byng, of Canada, who held one of the highest positions in the English army during the war, may come to Omaha for the convention.

A. H. Richardson, general chairman of the decoration committee requests that the business men of Omaha make their arrangements as soon as possible with the official decorator to have their buildings covered with flags and bunting, and the American Legion emblem. Scott Tent and Awning company will have complete charge of all city decorating.

### START CLEARING FOR NEW CITY AIR FIELD

Twenty-one men with big corn knives started to cut down a sixty-five-acre corn field on the property just acquired by the city east of Carter lake for an aviation park.

Park Commissioner Hummel was on hand at 7 o'clock directing operations which will include removal of fences and 10 acres of field adjacent and mowing of several huge sunflower patches. Later a big specially contrived power saw will be used to cut down a long row of trees. After this the stumps will be blown out of the ground with dynamite.

Commissioner Hummel says that as soon as the corn and weeds are removed city surveyors will run levels over the field so that necessary grading may be done before the end of the month.

City Comptroller Stenicka yesterday sold the 41 thousand dollar bonds to buy the field to the Omaha Trust company at a premium of \$462.

The ground so far taken possession of is 18 hundred feet long and air experts say will be large enough for a temporary landing field. The field, when complete, will be more than double the present size.

"We'll get the ground in shape for the Legion convention," was the word that Park Commissioner Hummel passed along.

More men will be put to work tomorrow.

## HOTEL MAN IN HEAP OF TROUBLE

One of the proprietors of one of Omaha's leading hotels is threatened with trouble a plenty. This fellow, who with his partner, buys a big hotel nearly every day in the week, is a married man with a family. He recently purchased a \$16,000 for them in one of our fashionable suburbs.

This same man has a fine suite of offices in his hotel. He feels the necessity of having a secretary. And he has one, too. To this secretary business hangs a long tale. She is a pretty good looking girl, too. She does not worry much about the secretarial business, but spends most of her time entertaining said hotel boss. The presidential suite is none too good for them. He spends a lot of money for her clothes, but that is nothing to him.

This story is about to come out.

## Wise and Otherwise

(By H. Eff Jay)

N. P. Dodge, the well known Omaha realtor, has been butting in again, this time attempting to tell the Greater Omaha committee what to do. If he had his way he would junk the committee, the chamber of commerce and everything else except the N. P. Dodge Realty Co. Dodge spends but little of his time here, but probably knows his company rents many houses which are used for immoral purposes. He has plenty of nerve to say the least.

Tuesday the daily papers were full of interesting news. It told of the missing and probable loss of the seaplane which was attempting a non-stop flight from San Francisco to Honolulu. There was the story of the capture of John R. Brown, noted bank robber. In another column was the story of Bob Samardick refusing to accept a responsible position under the new prohibition zone chief. Then again there was a list of income taxes paid by Omahans and others, all of which was interesting and overshadowed the best item in the day's news which told of the opening of the new school term. That little item recorded how more than fifty thousand boys and girls were enrolled for the present term. That means for Omaha more than all the sensational news that could be gathered in a year's time. It also means that Omaha's future will be taken care of by a well trained and well educated class of citizens.

It oftentimes takes death, the great leveler, to bring out the real goodness and kindness of a man. This was most forcibly brought out in the passing of Tom Flynn, president of Hayden Brothers. It is doubtful if more than three or four people in the entire city knew of any of Mr. Flynn's charities until the day after he had met the common fate of all. His charities, each and every one of them were secret, yet given with a lavish hand. Hundreds of his benefactors as well as the public in general will hope and pray that his soul rests in peace for ever and for ever.

Did you ever hear of "Red Rosie"? A newcomer in town, who hails from Kansas City. She came in to get a little soft gray during the American Legion convention. Rosie, who registered at a prominent downtown hotel under an assumed name started to paint the town a crimson hue late Wednesday and had the first coat of red pretty well on when she stumbled and fell at Eighteenth and Dodge street. That was at 1 A. M. Her newly made sweetheart took her in his arms, smothered her drunken cries and litterly carried her into an alley and dropped her. She slept off her drunk, finally limped to her room but did not make a squeak.

The dreadful fate of the super-blimp, the Shenandoah, with its attendant loss of life will have the effect of strangling aviation somewhat

## Use Of Creighton Stadium Is Up To Coolidge Himself

Officials Believe President Would Prefer Addressing Larger Audience.

### THE PLANS CAN BE ALTERED

President Coolidge himself may decide whether he will speak at the auditorium or Creighton's new athletic stadium during his visit to Omaha. He will be here to speak at the American Legion convention October 5 to 9.

It is believed that the president will prefer to speak to 100,000 persons at the Creighton stadium than to address only a fraction of that number at the auditorium, as now planned. Plans could still be altered for President Coolidge to speak at the stadium, Legion officials said.

Major C. W. Mason, executive secretary, said the president's wishes will be carried out by the Legion committee. Sam Reynolds, executive committeeman, said he thought the matter would have to be decided by James A. Drain, national commander, who would consult the president.

Leo Bozell of the general committee admitted that probably all the convention delegates could hear the president if he spoke at the stadium. Not even all the delegates could hear him at the auditorium, let alone many people of Omaha.

Athletic Director A. S. Schabinger said yesterday that work was being rushed to complete the stadium to have it ready for the president, if it can be arranged for him to use it. Major Mason said the athletic bowl had not been offered to the committee as yet through "official channels." Schabinger said a letter would be sent immediately to Mason.

Thirty-five thousand persons could be seated at the stadium. There would be at least standing room for 65,000 more in the athletic field.

### AUDITORIUM AND COURT HOUSE BEING DOLLED UP

Under the eagle eye of manager Frankie, the Auditorium is being all dolled up and will soon lose its moniker, "The Cow Shed". Scores of painters, stone workers and other artisans are working like trojans to have the place in ship shape by October 1st. Omahans will hardly recognize the place when it has had its bath and new clothes.

Meanwhile officials at the court house are getting busy there and will make that house of justice one of the show places during the convention. Its up to the city hall and various individual building owners to now get busy and do their stuff.

but will not be a means of killing the air game. In fact many say that it will only stimulate air activities. The disaster will probably mean that the middle west will not see one of the lighter-than-air monsters for a long time to come. Even so the time is not far distant when blimps will be going from coast to coast, carrying passengers and freight. Those of us who are so fortunate as to live for another twenty-five years will be reading "air" time tables with as little concern as we now read a railroad schedule.

Consumption will soon be a disease of the past according to a lunatic from over in Iowa who claims he has a cure-all. Very simple. Just get a hive of hungry bees and let them sting you each morning. They will emit a substance that will cure a T. B. so quickly that in a week he will be able to go in training for a boxing match. The Iowan was good enough to offer the remedy to Mayor Jim Dahlman and he wants to have Jim put up a sanitarium where the suffering lungers may come and get well. Who wants to be the first to try out the experiment?

## WRITE STRONG LETTERS ASKING MONEY FOR SLUSH FUND

Author Says Klan Wants to Get Hold of City Government By Fair or Foul Means

## WOULD CRUCIFY CATHOLICS AND JEWS

Must Wrest Control Of Government From Roman Catholics, Jews And Other Bootleggers Says F. L. Cook, Who Signs Himself, "Field Representative Of The Ku Klux Klan" Give Us Money Is His Cry.

This has been an eventful week for the Omaha district of the Ku Klux Klan. This is especially true of the "field representative," as he designates himself, F. L. Cook who describes himself as Box No. 624 Omaha, Neb. Mr. Cook, like all leading Ku Kluxers, is out after the money, and he will take it from anybody. He not only will accept donations, but he is soliciting them.

This organization and its leaders are in the business, simply for the graft, apparently, and they too, are making good at the business. A sample of their appeals have come to the office of The Mediator. It is self-explanatory, and all in the name of "patriotism." The following letter, addressed to one of Omaha's biggest business men, is published to show what this K. K. K. stuff amounts to. The letter is as follows, address omitted for business reasons:

Omaha, Neb.,  
August 25, 1925.

Dear Sir:  
We have received no reply to our letter of August 12, soliciting you for a donation; and knowing that the daily papers, motion pictures and other framers of public opinion have grossly misrepresented this great Christian movement, we fear that you may be among the multiplied thousands of good Protestant Americans who are still misinformed.

Cleaning up conditions in America—and especially in Omaha—is a job

for a well organized army of good effort well directed on a definite plan. Because we have failed to realize that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, we must now wrest the control of governmental and civic affairs from the bootleggers, crooked politicians, Roman Catholics, Jews and organized foreigners.

We want your help; we need your help. And you and every respectable citizen, irrespective of race or creed need our organization for what it is doing.

We ask you to please read the enclosures herewith, and think seriously before refusing and in any event, we would like to know your attitude.

Yours sincerely  
OMAHA KLAN, v. 1  
By F. L. COOK  
Field Representative

F. L. Cook  
Box No. 624  
Phone Wa-9530  
Omaha, Nebraska

It will be noticed that this is Mr. Cook's second appeal to the same fellow. He is anxious, also, to know just how this business man stands on the Ku Kluxers. What Mr. Cook received in reply is not known, but our knowledge of this highly respected and well known business man leads The Mediator to believe that he gave a very polite, but a very definite reply. This man Cook is a pretty smart fellow and smart fellows are not in any (Continued on Page 2)

## GRAFTING MINE OFFICIALS AND WALKING DELEGATES ORDER STRIKE IN COAL FIELD

Operators Demand This Be Last Strike—Both Sides Will Win While Public As Usual Will Pay The Bill — Shut-down Reminds Omahans That They Are Peculiarly Free From Serious Labor Troubles.

The anthracite miners are again on their annual rampage. They will win so will the operators. The only loser as usual will be the consuming public. The hard coal mining affairs have gotten to be a regular badger game. John J. Lewis perhaps the best and biggest grafter in union labor circles has called out more than 150 thousand miners who will suffer the loss of wages totaling more than 1 million dollars a day while this bloated aristocrat who sits in his palatial offices in Philadelphia's leading hotel connives with the powers that be to mulct them out of several hundred thousand dollars, after which he will call the strike off at about the time the poor devils who go down in the mines are about starved to death and are ready to turn turtle on the union.

While the miners will no doubt get a few cents an hour increase, and the union officials and walking delegates will enhance their bank-account by several hundred thousand dollars, the added money will be nothing as compared to what the operators make out of the deal, if past history means anything.

One most impressive fact is that Omaha is peculiarly free from strikes and labor troubles of any kind. The business men of the city have the labor situation well in hand. Almost without exception, employers of labor here pay top wages, work their men reasonable hours and generally get along with their help in splendid fashion, even though most of them do not recognize the union.

The Pennsylvania operators are insisting that the present strikes shall be the last one in the anthracite field

and will only settle with their employees on a basis that will tend to eliminate any future walk out or strikes. If they are unsuccessful in such negotiations the public either en masse or through their governmental representative will settle the question once and for all.

The story reads "The strike in the long period of prosperity and extremely high wages as is evident by the following story from Hazelton, Pennsylvania which tells of how the miners are enjoying their vacation through a series of long and expensive auto trips.

The story reads "The strike in the anthracite coal regions, in which 148,000 men laid down their tools Monday night, has been turned into a grand and glorious holiday for the miners."

Hundreds of miners left Hazelton in their own automobiles for vacations in distant climes until they are called back to work by their union chiefs. One caravan of autos filled with miners and their families left Tuesday morning for Florida to look into the real estate book there. Another group left for the Michigan lakes. Others have gone to Oklahoma. Some to Denver and scores of them have motored down to the New Jersey seashore.

Another bunch, in order to satisfy a longing they have felt for years, have gone to New York to witness the sights of the town. They want to see the "Follies" and the Woolworth building and get a taste of night life along the Great White Way. So this presents a different situation than the old days when there were marchers and stockades and

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## ANNUAL FALL RACES TO GET UNDER WAY SOON, EXPECTED TO BE BANNER ONE

Secretary Trimble Back With Roseate View Of Coming Meet — Pittsburg And Washington Practically Assured Of Winning Pennants In Major Leagues—Buffaloes Bask Peacefully In Western League Basement.

Charley Trimble, popular racing secretary for Ak-Sar-Ben Racing association, returned from eastern points the first of the week. While away he visited the more important racing centers of the country and signed up several scores of well known stables. Charlie declares that in the number of entries and in the quality of the bangtails, this fall's meet will far outdistance any racing event ever staged in the middle west.

The races start September 12 and will be continued through to October 16. Because of the American Legion meeting in Omaha while the races are at their height, attendance records will be smashed to smithereens.

Barring miracles which seldom happen in baseball, the Senators and Pirates will be the ones to compete in the national annual classic. The Senators by giving the Athletics two sound trimmings in a row virtually cinched the pennant in the American league.

Bucky Harris has gone along all season with a bunch of veteran pitchers who were thought to be through two or three years ago. They say that youth must be served but the old axiom has proved to be the bunk so far as this year's Washington team is concerned. Even the veteran Walter Johnson has more than held his own, while Coveleskie, rather young in years, but a veteran in point of service, has simply made every other team in the league eat right out of his mitt.

Connie McGillicuddy, started out the season with a bunch of athletes that looked like sure pennant winners, was unable to keep his boys at

the top of the heap at the crucial period. At that he has built up a wonderful team and if he keeps it intact he will very probably lead the parade in 1926.

Pittsburgh, to all intents and purposes, is in. Winning eight straight games in a row put them on ice, so to speak. And that makes every baseball fan in America happy. The sound thrashing administered the Giants by the smoky city demons, eliminated the McGrawites from further consideration as pennant contenders. The shame is that the Cincinnati Redlegs were unable to stand up under fire during the latter part of August. Should they have done so they would have beaten the Giants out of second place.

While the Omaha ball team is not the only organization to make visits to the cellar, never-the-less they are more censored than those who make the trip for liquid reasons. Barney Burch, the pilot, has no doubt learned a valuable lesson. Never has there been a time when the Buffaloes were at, or near the top of the heap, that is the reason loyal citizens did not turn out in paying numbers. From a baseball population standpoint Omaha is the largest city in the league, yet from an attendance standpoint this year Omaha trails Lincoln, the smallest city in the league. Word comes however, that Barney is moving heaven and earth to give this city a real representative ball club for next season.

Denver has been playing to record crowds all year and the management (Continued on Page 3)

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## THE BABE DECLARES WAR

Babe Ruth can't see that \$5,000 fine which Manager Huggins of the Yankees put on him for the good of the game. He admits he broke the club's rules out one night until 1:30, one night until 2:30 and on the third occasion until the sun was up. But that had nothing to do with his slump that has helped to put the Yankees in a bad way. No, sir. They jist ain't fallin' right.

Ruth admits he had other trouble with his manager, too. But what can a poor "king of swat" do when a manager who once hit around .210 "tries to tell fellows who are hitting .350 or .360 how to hit the ball? Apparently, on one of his home-run trips around the bases he has come across and appropriated the idea that he is manager of the Yankees.

Probably the Babe is as much to be pitied as censured. He is another spoiled favorite. Up from the ranks to a place where he gets \$52,000 a year and other easy money, always in the sport news as the big It, the idol of thousands—and then to be tied to managers and rules! In the Babe's idiomatic English, "It ain't right."

So Mr. Ruth surveys all these injustices of an unjust world and declares war. Like Grant in the wilderness, he is going to fight it out on this line if it takes all of 1926. Courageous! Yes, in a way. But we wouldn't take any of Mr. Ruth's war bonds. For it is more than likely that the combined powers of baseball can hit a higher average than he has ever topped. And when he is through he will know more about the commonly old saying. Some men can stand prosperity.

## FLYING WARRIORS AND THE FACTS

Col. Mitchell has sunk most of the American battle fleet with aerial bombs. He stands ready, he says, to fly a superplane from New York to Paris, carrying a ton of explosives, and thus add European capitals to his belt of trophies. He even brings Asia within range of this same deadly weapon, with a single stop at Nome.

And now Admiral Sims sinks what is left of our fleet with his interview on airplane carriers. He sees nothing but annihilation for a battleship meeting an airplane carrier, or a fleet of battleships meeting a fleet of carriers.

Is it so simple as all that? If it is, the men who still hold to battleships must be plain fools. Or is there a catch somewhere.

Admiral Sims bases his conclusion on the faster speed of the carrier, which could choose its time of attacking the battleship. But what about the swift cruisers of the opposing fleet? They would have greater speed than the carriers, which are vulnerable to and attack from a ship that gets close to them. And what about the submarines of the opposing fleet? It would still have submarines, for Admiral Sims thinks very highly of these. If his airplane carriers were blown out of the water, how would he continue the battle or stop the progress of his victorious enemy toward our coast?

We are dealing here with a very complex problem, far too complex to be aerial warfare. Admiral Sims and Col. Mitchell have been provocative of thought, and we ought to think. But the trouble is their unguarded statements are seized avidly by that group of writers who have blown everything off the face of the earth, regardless of facts. And they will be as avidly seized by those in congress who oppose the navy.

We need aerial development, but we need sanity, too. Amundsen was going to fly right to the north pole and back. But it was only by the rarest luck that he got out of the polar fastnesses. Col. Mitchell is going to fly to Peking, but we are just now engaged in seeing whether we can even fly to the Hawaiian islands. Perhaps it is a good thing that we have our flying admirals and our flying generals. But, by all the knowledge we have now, it is a much better thing that we have an army and a navy.

## SAVE A BED FOR A BUDDY

1925 AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION  
Omaha, Nebraska

During the American Legion Convention, to be held in this City, October 5th to 9th, 1925, I will furnish sleeping quarters in my home for the following legionnaires:

_____rooms for _____man and wife
_____rooms for _____men
_____rooms for _____women

I agree that for the service I will charge \$1.50 a person per day

If you are a member of any of the following National organization(s), please check:

B. P. O. Elks,	Lion's Club.
Cosmopolitan Club	Professional Men's Club.
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## Window Week September 14 to 19

Merchants to Display Latest Styles  
on Live Models; Free  
Entertainment

One hundred thousand Omahans and nearby residents are expected to witness the "Week of Wonderful Windows," to be held in Omaha starting September 14. During this week, Omaha retail stores will display the latest materials in fall and winter goods, millinery, furniture, jewelry and sporting goods. Many of the stores will make a special effort to secure the latest materials from the eastern and Parisian markets.

The "Week of Wonderful Windows" is being sponsored by the Associated Retailers. The first two days will be devoted to live model displays of men's, women's and children's new fall and winter styles.

Police Commissioner Henry Dunn has announced that he will see that enough police protection is given the pedestrians by roping off the streets and taking away all automobiles in the district between Dodge and Jackson streets on Sixteenth, and Douglas and Farnam streets, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth.

At the "Wonderful Window Week" held last spring, 50,000 persons witnessed the one-night displays of the living models in the various downtown retail stores. The large crowd and the fact that many persons were unable to witness the displays led the Associated Retailers to make the living model displays two days this season.

The Associated Retailers will furnish entertainment in the form of bands, dancing and a parade. Several of the stores will furnish their own entertainment, using local talent to entertain their customers.

The parade and street dancing will be held the night of September 16. The parade will be a "unique costumes" pageant, with entrants from all parts of Omaha's trade territory. Entrants will compete for prizes in the parade, using their own ingenuity in makeup. Besides a long list of merchandise prizes to be given, a prize of \$100 will be awarded to the man and woman with the best costume. Cash prizes of \$25 will be given to the boy and girl who are judged best, and 40 additional prizes worth up to \$25 each are to be distributed to other contestants for their skill in dressing in styles of long ago, the circus ring, or in any unique fashion they may be able to devise.

All contestants must register by filling in coupons to be published in the Omaha newspapers, and sending the filled coupons to the Associated Retailers offices, 1630 City National bank building, by September 12.

The contestants will be assembled

at the Municipal auditorium at 7 p. m., September 16, and headed by several bands and mounted police will parade through the downtown section, passing in review before the judges stand in front of the court house.

Following the parade, dancing will be held on the pavements on Howard street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth and on Douglas street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth. Four orchestras will furnish the music for the dancers.

The committee in charge of arrangements includes Fred L. Haas, general chairman; Tilen T. Hupp, secretary of the Associated Retailers; A. Herzberg, president of the Associated Retailers; T. G. Devaney, The Omaha Bee; Louis Leppla, Nebraska Clothing company; A. Goldstein, Goldstein-Chapman company, and E. Lewis Holland of the Orchard-Wilhelm company.

## CONVICTED MAIL EMPLOYEE'S WIFE GETS DEFAULT DIVORCE

Alva Q. Fry, 31, evidently has changed his mind since he wrote a letter last May from the federal penitentiary in response to his wife's petition for divorce, stating that he loved her dearly and wanted to come back and mend the broken threads of their romance.

For although he has been released from prison and has returned to Council Bluffs, he did not appear in district court Thursday morning to contest the suit, and a default divorce was granted to Mabel Fry, 33, his wife.

Fry was one of the 36 employees of the Union Pacific postal terminal office arrested in the fall of 1923 for alleged thefts of articles from the mails. He was given a three-year prison sentence.

At the time of his arrest, he alleged in his answer to his wife's petition, and the girl were engaged and he offered to release her from her pledge. She insisted upon becoming his bride, however, he says, and they were married in Rockport, Mo., October 30, 1923, a few days before he pleaded guilty in court and received sentence.

She promised to wait for him, he declares, but on May 21, 1925, she grew tired of the weary wait and filed a suit for divorce on the ground that he had been convicted of a felony.

He responded from behind prison walls with a letter in which he repeated his own pledge of love and reminded her of her promise to keep faith until he had paid the penalty for his crime.

Fry was released in June and returned to Council Bluffs to join his wife. He either made no effort to effect a reconciliation, or was unsuccessful in his attempt, for the case was called in its order on the docket Thursday and the decree was issued by default.

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## DOG SHOW DURING LEGION MEET, PLAN

A state-wide mongrel dog show is the latest feature to be added to the American Legion convention. It was decided on when the problem arose of what to do with the several dogs to be brought here by the Colorado delegation of the Forty and Eight. They didn't want to take the dogs back to Colorado after the parade. Hence the show.

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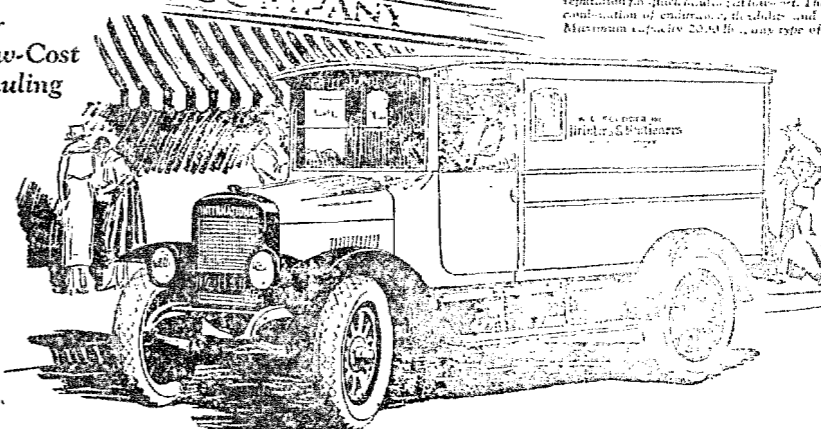
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## "THE COAST OF FOLLY" GLORIA'S LATEST FILM

Coningsby Dawson Story Of Palm Beach Society New Paramount Picture Directed By Allan Dwan.

With all its gentility of garb and manners, society bears a cold fury and cruel malice toward those of its own sort who dare to dissent. In "The Coast of Folly," her new picture which opens on Saturday at the Strand, Gloria Swanson tears of the straitjacket of conventionality when it hinders the call of her heart and with fine scorn uses of whiplash of truth in those mongers of scandal who would paint innocence with pitch.

There is heartbreak beneath the glitter of surface in this story which Allan Dwan made for Paramount from the novel by Coningsby Dawson, adapted by Forrest Halsey. There are, too, the pathos and happiness of love, given a splendid balance by elements of sparkling comedy.

Miss Swanson plays a dual role, that of Nadine Gathway, the mother, and Joyce Gathway, the daughter.

As the mother she deserts her boresome husband, a millionaire, to seek the romance and excitement her young heart craves. The daughter comes to glowing young womanhood with this heritage of scandal, and twenty years later we see the leader of the luxury-loving younger set at Palm Beach, the celebrated "Coast of Folly."

Anthony Jewitt, playing Larry Fay popular and wealthy young society man, who is married to the cold and beautiful Dorothy Cummings, falls in love with Gloria. Their friendship begins innocently enough, but is maliciously misconstrued by the gossips of the smart set.

Returning home early one morning from a hilarious masquerade ball, Gloria finds her faithful old nurse bound and gagged. The house has been rifled and a packet of naive love letters, written in fun by Larry to Gloria, has been stolen. Fay has accompanied her home from the ball. When the police arrive, they find him there able to give only bewildered explanations for his presence at that hour in the morning.

On the following day the newspapers blaze with headlines of the scandal.

In Paris, Gloria as Nadine, the mother, is now married to the Count de Tauro, madly in love with him, her past concealed. She reads the cabled dispatches of the scandal, and her maternal urge to save her daughter brings her on the first boat to Palm Beach.

Fay, who sees his wife's hand behind the plot, has begged her to free him from their marriage bonds and she has refused. Gloria, as Joyce, now realizing that she loves Larry, goes to his wife to appeal to her sense of fairness, and to convince her there has been nothing wrong.

The Countess de Tauro has preceded her daughter to call on Mrs. Fay. They are old friends. She sits on a balcony, concealed, with a bachelor with whom Constance (Miss Cumming) has been having an affair, and hears her daughter's spirited plea. The pleading of Gloria is futile.

Determined to save her daughter, the Countess arranges a party, and through a clever scheme places Mrs. Fay in a compromising position with the bachelor. When the stage is set, Larry arrives with a group of reporters and detectives. The Countess gives Mrs. Fay her choice. She can face the scandal or clear Gloria's name and give Larry a divorce.

If Larry's wife chooses the latter course then the Countess must assume the scandal herself and lose the love of her own husband. It is a question of sacrificing herself for her daughter. What ensues is a climax of terrific suspense.

Alec Francis is cast in the role of the Count de Tauro. Jed Prouty, Eugenie Besserer, Lawrence Gray and Arthur Hausman complete the cast of the production which, according to advance reports, is destined to prove even more popular than "Madame Sans Gene."

## ZANE GREY FILM RECALLS BRUTAL METHODS OF WILD HORSE HUNTING

The announcement, that the Rialto Theatre will show "Wild Horse Mesa," Paramount's spectacular picturization of Zane Grey's melodramatic novel of the same name, is of especial interest at this time, in view of the agitation that has arisen in many western states for the legal destruction of the thousands of wild horses that are roaming the great open spaces.

Mr. Grey, in his story, protests the cruelty and recklessness which was practiced in the olden days by wild horse hunters. And the picture graphically and thrillingly depicts the barbarous attempt of a gang of horse thieves and outlaws to round up several thousand untamed steeds by stampeding them into a vicious barbed wire trap.

But while severely condemning such brutal methods, the folks in many of our far western states today point out that the wild horses have become such a menace to property that there is immediate need of rounding them up in some humane way and either taming them or executing them.

The recent decree enacted by the Montana State Legislature, sealing the death warrant of some 400,000 of its fierce free horses, throws into sharp relief the fact that civilization has no use for wild horses. These roaming, untamed stallions have been destroying crops worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, breaking down fences, devastating farms and mischievously enticing their domesticated brother of the plow and saddle to steal away with them to share their gypsy-like wanderings. Therefore, they are to be captured, and all not legally claimed by some owner are to be duly executed.

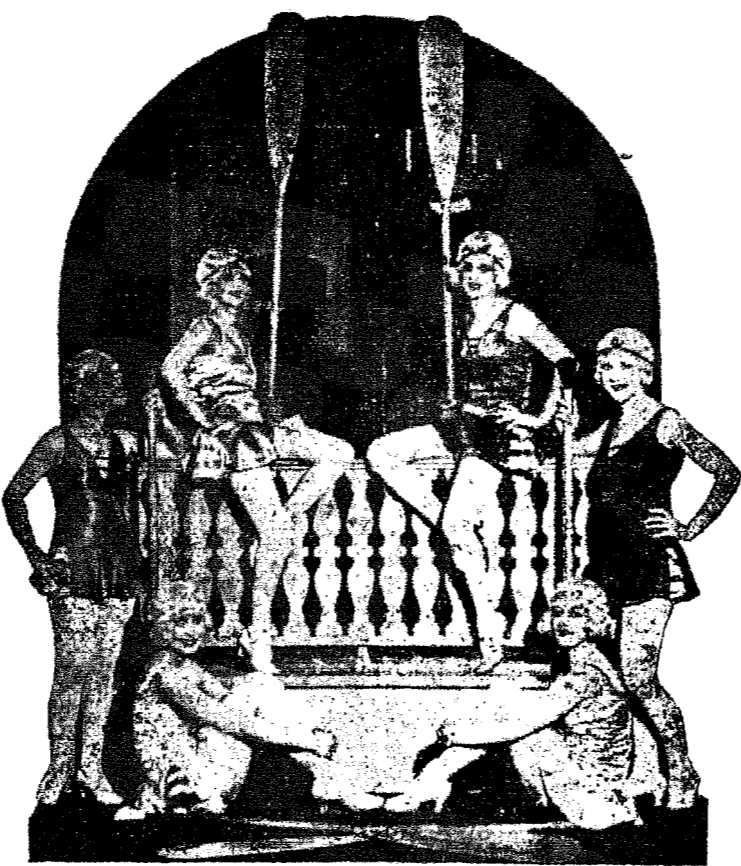
This wild horse problem isn't new. It began back in 1541 when the romantic Spaniards made their conquest of what is now New Mexico. They, of course, brought their horses with them. And surprising though it may be, the western cow-boy, notwithstanding his square-looking neck and head, is the direct lineal descendant of the Arabian steeds first brought into old Mexico by Cortez and his adventurous followers.

These horses, whose beautiful and fleet forbears were roaming at will centuries ago in the grassy uplands and deserts of the Near East and North Africa, take naturally to the life of the open country. On the plains and praries they develop the speed of the antelope while in the mountains they display the agility and sure-footedness of goats.

But the problem of catching them has always been a tough one. Unlike the buffalo, the wild horses did not travel in great herds, but went about in small droves, so that it was impossible to round them up on a whole-sale scale. Those caught were just as hard to break. Indeed, we get the word "bronco" from the Spanish meaning "unbreakable."

However, now that they have proved such a serious nuisance that civilization has declared war on them, some effective method for gathering them in will undoubtedly be found.

In connection with Zane Grey's production, it may be of interest to mention that "Wild Horse Mesa" was filmed entirely in the wild horse country of Arizona. George B. Seitz produced it from Lucien Hubbard's adaption and Jack Holt, Noah Beery, Billie Dove and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., are the featured players.



Ernest Evans and Girls — At the Orpheum

### At The Orpheum

A vaudeville bill of exceptional brilliancy, headed by two big features, Charles Withers of Omaha, in "Withers' Op'ry," and Ernest Evans and company in "Ripples of 1925," is offered next week at the Orpheum theatre, opening with Sunday matinee.

If you don't know Charles Withers by this time, here will be your opportunity to get acquainted. He is rated as one of the most accomplished character comedians on the vaudeville stage, having played the Orpheum circuit for the past several seasons. His new vehicle, "Withers' Op'ry," is one of the most humorous and original satires of the season. The act is just beginning an American tour after successful engagements in London and Paris. Mr. Withers is a former Omaha boy. He was a member of the Woodward Stock company for several years and the old Burwood stock company, appearing with the late Frank Bacon and Lloyd Ingram.

One of the most elaborate and artistic dance creations will be presented in Ernest Evans' "Ripples of 1925." The act is beautifully staged and costumed. Mr. Evans' talents are especially well known throughout the east where he has been featured in numerous revues as well as some of the most exclusive hotels in the country including the McAlpin in New York, the New Willard in Washington and the Edgewater Beach, Chicago. In "Ripples of 1925" Mr. Evans is assisted by an octette of feminine beauties who excel in the art of terpsichore and song.

Paul Decker, whom many will remember from last season when he appeared here in an amusing sketch entitled — "And Son," is back again in a delightful new playlet called "Oh! Mr. Williams." It is a bright and breezy bit of comedy interspersed with music and dance numbers.

Steve Freda and Johnny Palace are comedians. Steve is an Italian. His mother tongue enters largely into the act and is the basis for a lot of comedy. Freda also reveals himself as a finished guitarist, which is incidental to the nonsensical song, patter and dance furnished by the pair.

Another winner is Buddy Doyle, one of the really funny men of the stage. Buddy used to flit from vaudeville to musical comedy but his recent success in musical comedy has kept him away from the two-a-day for several seasons.

ons. Mr. Doyle is known as the "20th Century Minstrel."

Lloyd and Brice supply a few "nonsensical moments" in the form of bright jests and merry melodies. Incidentally they are clever acrobats but they do not take their cleverness seriously. Lloyd and Brice put a smile to any frown because they are genuine comedians.

Morell and Ellmore in "Fun on Rollers" complete this holiday show.

### NEBRASKA OUTDISTANCES NEIGHBORS IN PRODUCTION

Nebraska's oats, rye and hay crops this year are larger than those of Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Wyoming and New Mexico, which with Nebraska comprise the Tenth Federal Reserve district, according to estimates received by the bureau of publicity of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce from the Federal Reserve board.

Missouri alone will have a larger corn crop, with an estimate of 202,566,000 bushels as compared to the August 1st estimate of 195,686,000 bushels for Nebraska. Later estimates by A. E. Anderson, federal and state crop statistician, however, place Nebraska's corn crop at 220,000,000 bushels, or about 17,000,000 bushels more than in 1924. The state is expected to produce 1972,000 bushels of rye and 4,010,000 tons of hay. Colorado stands second in rye with an estimate of 765,000 bushels and Missouri is second in hay with 3,558,000 tons.

In spring wheat, Nebraska stands second to Kansas, with 2,488,000 bushels for the former, and 5,211,000 bushels for the latter state. Third place is held by Nebraska in yields of winter wheat, barley and potatoes. The winter wheat crop of this state is estimated at 30,464,000 bushels; for Kansas, 68,000,000 bushels, and Missouri 30,518,000 bushels. Nebraska's barley crop is estimated at 5,930,000 bushels with Missouri expected to produce 10,722,000 bushels, and Kansas, 8,815,000 bushels of this grain. Colorado leads in the district in potato production with an estimate of 113,140,000 bushels; Missouri is second, with 6,848,000 bushels, and Nebraska, third with 5,449,000 bushels.

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### OMAHA WILL HAVE NO BURLESQUE THIS YEAR

The Gayety theatre, where burlesque patrons have been delighted for years with fun and frolic, will not open to burlesque this season, E. L. Johnson, who has operated the Gayety for several years will not be

in Omaha again for some time. Tentative offers have been made by other theatrical endeavors, but none of them have thus far consummated a deal. Mr. Johnson still retains his interest in the theatre, however, and his Omaha friends are caring for the details of his interests. It will be several weeks before this old play-

house will again be open, it is said, and the sort of entertainment is still in doubt. The owners of the property are seriously considering remodeling the theatre, it is stated. For the present, however, everything is indefinite and awaiting other matters which are still in abeyance.

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