

VOTERS WANT THEIR BEER

HOOTCH STOCK DROPS AS SLEUTHS LABOR

Many Bootleggers Are Forced Out of Business Here.

DRUNK ON RAMPAGE AT FONTENELLE

Federal Dick Arrested on Charge of Drunkenness—Raid Soft Drink Parlor at Sixteenth and Cass—Finest Bootleg Palace Discovered—July Was a Hard Month on Booze Peddlers.

The prohibition law which was assumed to stop the sale of liquor had all but become a dead letter in Omaha up until about the first of July when federal officers became more active in these parts.

Just now the city is having lots of fun over an incident that happened at the Fontenelle the first of the week. One Leo Saddleira represented himself as a prohibition officer, going from room to room seeking liquor and must have found a batch of it as he got gloriously drunk before he finally ran against a snag in the person of one guest who if he had any liquor wanted to keep it for himself.

NEXT POLITICAL MOVES TO BE MADE AT STATE CONVENTIONS

Harmony Prevails in Democratic Party—Republicans in Open Revolt Against McKelvie's Pet Measures—Sinkie Enters Race for County Attorney on Wet Platform—Bryan Up Against It.

The next move on the political checkerboard will take place on August 15 at which time republicans and democrats will hold their respective state conventions.

campaigning. Beginning about September first, however, office seekers will get busy and remain so up until election. The big fight will be between Mike Clark and Mike Endres for sheriff, though the race for county attorney promises to be a hot one, especially now that Otto Sinkie has entered the race by petition on an out and out wet platform.

NOYES IS MAN FOR COMMISSION

May be Elected to Fill Vacancy

General Foreman in the Department of Public Works Under Koutsky Well Qualified for Place.

Dean Noyes, general foreman in the department of public works under Commissioner Koutsky has a good chance to take the place on the city commission about to be vacated by Harry Zimman who will resign to become treasurer of the Brandeis Store.

DENNISON GOES EAST IN INTEREST OF FAMOUS KILO WATT

Tom Dennison, part owner of Kilo Watt, the sensational mare who equalled the track record at Toledo last week, is in Cleveland where he expects to dispose of this fleeting bit of horse flesh.

MOTHER OF E. L. JOHNSON, GAYETY MANAGER, DEAD

Thousands of friends and patrons of the Gayety theatre, of which E. L. Johnson is manager, learned through press dispatches that the general manager's mother passed away recently at Long Beach, California.

LEAVE "FORDS" FOR PROHIBITION

Paragraphers Give "Tin Can" Jokes a Rest—Prohibition and Volstead Act Popular with "Funnygraphers".

Many good authorities claim that the popularity of the Ford car is due in no small part to the cartoonists and paragraphers who have made this famous "Tin can" the butt of their jokes.

thing to finish your furniture, madam?" asked the salesman at the door. "No," said the housewife sadly. "We had a home brew party here last night."—Philadelphia Retail Ledger.

Refuses to Act

The trouble with the Volstead Act seems to be that it won't.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Bootleggers Agin It

In justice to the wets, The Literary Digest should not permit the bootleggers to vote in its prohibition poll.—Columbia Record.

Hootch Displaces Rattlesnakes

Accepting the report of a naturalist, there are only two hundred thousand rattlesnakes left in this country. But under prohibition the supply is more than equal to the demand.—Toledo Blade.

Already Finished

"Would you be interested in some-

How We Could Lick Volstead

Now that the postal department has decided to change some of the portraits on postage stamps the World-Herald offers this suggestion: Would not Volstead's physiognomy be entirely proper for the five-cent, fifteen-cent and twenty-five cent stamps, commemorating what he did to the one-time fairly general circulation of the nickel in exchange for a schooner and to the fifteen-cent or two-for-a-quarter barter for harder ware.

Drunken Stool Pigeon

H. J. Hansen, a drunken stool pigeon, who recently worked here, claims to have had the softest job in the state. Besides getting from five to ten dollars a "job" the government furnished him with plenty of dough to get drunk every day, according to his admission when questioned by Gene O'Sullivan. What was it they said about the man buying a drink being as guilty as the one that sold it?

Sam Gauta Gets His

Sam Gauta, who had been running one of those cute little private distilleries at Nineteenth and Dodge, mistaking some of Mike Clark's deputies for cash customers, welcomed the "bulls" with open arms. Gauta, autu be more careful.

Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

Bystanders had been entertained by an Irish policeman and a switchman from the Emerald Isle at Sixteenth and Leavenworth. The battle of words was heard above the roar of traffic. After the tongue struggle had subsided they were seen leaving arm in arm, singing "God Save Ireland and to 'ell with the King".

commissioner and the villagers were sorry to lose him and his services. Things looked brighter though when it had been learned that Dean Noyes or Robert Cowell would replace him. Harry was to be made treasurer of the big store.

Joe Sutey promised Barney Burch a post-season ball game with the South Side Merchants if the Buffaloes would go out and get a reputation. Joe was willing to bet his red flannel undershirt the Merchants could beat any team in the village, the Rods included.

Common drunks had been stopping at the Fontenelle where two of them were arrested for trying to hijack other guests out of their booze. If they should have had the good luck to get into that doctor's "medicine" chest there would have been hell a poppin'.

George & Co. were not the only rental agents who were reaping a harvest by renting out their properties to painted fairies but a count of their places used for such purposes had put them in the front rank.

Mrs. Jones of the Her apartments was dead but that famous brick joint was still going with a full head of steam. Some respectable people had lived there but they seemed to be greatly outnumbered by the bobbed haired blushing Maggies.

Burlesque had lost one of their brightest stars in the death of Ed Lee Wroth, who had passed away at his home in Bayside, L. I. Ed had a host of friends in this, his home town, as well as throughout the United States. He had been a real man among men.

The Democrats and Republicans had been jockeying for political position. Those seeking state and national similes were hogging the front row in the political arena while the local contingent had been waiting for a few September leaves to fall before they started to rend the putrid air with their "You need me every hour" swan songs.

The town's loss was the Brandeis' gain. Harry Zimman had been a real

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PROHIBITION GIVEN KNOCKOUT BY VOTERS

Almost Two to One Against Eighteenth Amendment

THIRTY-FIVE STATES FAVOR CHANGE

Only Two States With More Than One Hundred Votes Recorded in Favor of Strict Prohibition—Laboring Men 10 to 1 in Favor of Modification or Repeal—Prohibitionists Sore.

That the average American wants his beer and light wines is proven beyond the preadventure of a doubt by the poll now being conducted by the Literary Digest. Up to last Saturday more than 480,000 votes had been cast showing conclusively that the average citizen is greatly dissatisfied with the Eighteenth Amendment, especially the enforcement clause. At the same time it is conclusively proven by the vote that the American people are through with the open saloon as it was known before prohibition.

in spite of the politicians' efforts to sidetrack it. A remarkable thing about the poll being conducted is the attitude of the active heads of the prohibition forces as well as those who seek to modify or annul the act. Leaders of both factions seem to fear that their followers will fail to vote on the question at all, thereby giving the opposition all the advantage. To the average man the position taken by the leaders seems incongruous. As a matter of fact there are many wets and many dries who have or will receive a ballot who after a cursory examination will throw the sheet into the waste basket and forget it. The chances are those failing to return ballots will in fact be about equally divided between wets and dries. So far as our personal observation is concerned we know positively of seven men in Omaha, one a judge, two business men, two professional men, one capitalist and one laboring man who are either "damp" or decidedly wet, who have unfortunately failed to sense the importance of the poll and have thrown their ballots in the waste basket.

A summary of the 480,043 votes so far cast show that a total of 181,704 voters favor the strict enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment while 196,864 would modify the Volstead law to permit the manufacture and sale of light wines and beers. There are 101,475 voters who have signified by their vote that they would welcome back the open saloon according to the vote so far polled. This means that up to now 298,339 American voters are against the Amendment or its enforcement under Volstead Act, while 181,704 are content with conditions as they are under the present law.

On the other hand we had a personal interview with a young man who is studying for the ministry, an ardent dry, who avers that he thought it was an unfair poll and therefore refused to sign and send in his ballot. The only reason we could get from the (Continued on Page Three)

LOCAL FIGHT FOLLOWERS AWAIT THE BOXING CARNIVAL LABOR DAY

After Long Wait Fans Are Anxious to See Mit Pushers Again in Action—Amateur Baseball Well Supported Here—Fight of St. Louis Teams Arouses Interest in the Big Leagues.

Just twenty-four more days and nights until Labor day, which to several thousand fight fans means Fistic Carnival day. Local pug followers were getting pretty well disgusted with the game and had about lost all interest until the state commission stepped in with the decree that no more matches would be held until the first Monday in September. That order not only saved the game from itself but has had a tendency to revive interest in the squared arena.

are claiming that the story is about to be repeated but with the Giants and Pirates in the leading roles as framers. These sport writers claim that Pittsburgh fell down purposely last year with the understanding that they are to be allowed to cop this year by a sudden and sustained burst of speed beginning in August. They have just won ten in a row.

Labor Temple with Bert Muth at the helm was given the first date after the long lay off and he may be depended on to furnish a card that will be attractive enough to establish a new attendance record. The program has not been fully decided upon but the chances are that "Bud" Logan will be one of the steller attractions.

In the west interest in the big leagues has been at fever heat simply because both St. Louis teams have been right up in front since very early in the season. It will be a good thing for baseball if the Browns and Cardinals annex the bunting in their respective leagues. Omaha is especially interested in their success as the Missouri metropolis has had a large number of former Omaha players on their respective rosters. St. Louis is close enough to receive a great number of Omaha visitors if the world's championship games should be played there next October.

While sport followers are looking forward to the Labor day mit-feet they are meanwhile giving their attention to baseball, with the amateurs receiving the lion's share of their patronage. The Burch Rods have not been playing up to form, many local followers of the team for this reason deserting them for the sand lot teams. When the South Side Merchants defeated the Woodmen of the World team at League park for the championship of that division, they played to seven thousand paid admissions which is a larger number than the leaguers are usually able to command. Amateur baseball by the way is fast gaining ground in most cities of the country, which goes to show that there is something wrong in organized professional baseball. The White Sox gambling scandal will not die down, just now certain writers in the east

Speaking of professional baseball, the State league is having a very successful season. They are also playing bang up ball, many of the games going into extra innings with total scores as low as 1 or 2. Norfolk is leading the way just now, with Lincoln and Beatrice close at their heels. Racing has become an established institution in Omaha, the runners and light harness horses, each having about an equal number of partisans. The Ak Sar Ben races in September promise the best card here for many a moon. Local followers were in a way sorry to hear the great Kilo Watt made such a great record at Toledo as in so doing it will probably keep her out of the races here next month.

PROHIBITION GIVEN

KNOCKOUT BY VOTERS

(Continued from Page One) future devine was that a Mr. Anderson of the Anti-saloon League felt that way about it and that he considered this leader knew what he was talking about and furthermore he had not taken the time to personally go into details concerning the merits of the vote now in progress. But it would appear that a large percentage of the people are more directly interested in the outcome of the vote and are unafraid to vote their secret views.

How do the laboring men of the country feel about the matter? Up to last week the vote of factory men had been recorded but from two factories, however, they are very representative as one of them was taken at the Edison plant in New Jersey while the other reflected western views as it was taken in the factory of Parke, Davis & Company, manufacturing chemists of Detroit, a typical midwest city of the first rank. The combined vote in those two typical factories showed only 311 for strict enforcement while 2,059 voted for a modification and 1,177 for repeal. In other words 3,236 laborers in these two factories were against the Amendment as it is now enforced while but 311 were satisfied with prohibition matters as they stand.

Two million women will have the opportunity of expressing their views within a short time on the subject which is expected to show a preponderance of opinion for the law as it now stands.

The bonus bill is being endorsed by practically every western state while the easterners seem to be against it. However the vote is well balanced so far as 233,613 voters have said they are in favor of the act while 241,440 including a large negative New York vote have expressed an adverse opinion on the advisability of bonus legislation at this time.

Every man interested in these two questions should return a marked ballot to the "Digest" if he receives one.

PROHIBITION IN CANADA SEEMS TO BE FAILURE

Here is a little problem in prohibition arithmetic that should make Mr. Volstead and Company take notice. According to the official figures of the Canadian government Quebec province consumed 1,211,461 quarts of whiskey during the same period that dry Manitoba used 3,035,068 quarts. Quebec is wet but hardly as wet as Manitoba, a province that is constitutionally dry. How come? May be the beer drinkers of Quebec still drink what they want while the same class of guzzlers in Manitoba, unable to get the malt concoction, has now turned to whiskey.

GOOD EATERS' EATIN' GOOD. SO SAY THE PATRONS

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PEDDLERS UP AGAINST IT—METCALF ON THE JOB

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glers as W. S. Metcalf has taken the bull by the horn and insisted that full measure be dealt out by those in the business. The small and rotted fruit may still be found at the bottom of the little boxes but the housewife will not be hornsawgagged on weight in the future if Metcalf and his assistant can prevent it.

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Pearl Hacker and her assistant, Josephine Mansell, konsorial artists on South Sixteenth street, leave next week for a short vacation, during which time they expect to forget the trials and troubles incident to running a lady barber shop. A healthy growth of whiskiers on the he-male population will probably be in evidence during their sojourn in the country.

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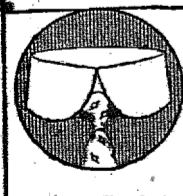
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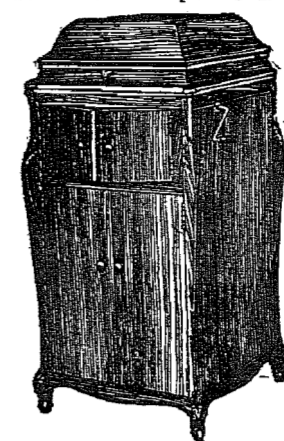
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Orpheum First Program to Be Given August 27th—Empress Books Top Notch Vaudeville—Rialto and Strand to Show Superpictures—Vaudeville at the World—Sun to Re-open Soon.

The theatrical season is again at the threshold. Within a fortnight the speaking stage will present to its patrons programs in keeping with past performances, in some respects excelling that which has gone before. The Brandeis opens September 3rd and in its opening marks a decided departure from its usual theatrical path. For the first three days of each week the Omaha theatre going public will be treated to Shubert vaudeville while the balance of the week will be devoted to the legitimate. Some of the year's best road attractions are booked including dramatic offerings, musical comedy, light opera and tragedy. The Gayety will open somewhat earlier this season, that is to say about August 20th. Old Man Johnson promises the best to be had in burlesque. Many old favorites will be seen as well as a large number of new ones. Girls will be more numerous in the chorus this year and more beautiful than ever if possible. The opening bill promises to be one of the best of the year. The Orpheum opens its regular season on the 27th of this month. The management has scoured both America and Europe for talent and has

been rewarded for its efforts through obtaining some of the most sensational vaudeville acts the circuit has ever had the opportunity to offer. The Empress which never closes has signed splendid talent for the winter season and will present a program each week that will have nothing to fear from competition. They have maintained a high standard of entertainment during the hot months which the theatre going public has highly appreciated. The Rialto and Strand theatres have booked a large number of the finest pictures that have been produced during the year. They will present programs that should fill their respective houses to capacity during the fall and winter months. The Rialto will add several features to their already elaborate program that should prove a real magnet to the admirers of this popular house. The New World theatre will continue with six acts of high grade vaudeville in addition to the splendid movie program always seen at this, Omaha's newest playhouse. The "Sun" will soon come out in a complete new dress. Mr. Goldberg promises splendid pictures, not only for the re-opening but for the entire season.

HOOTCH STOCK DROPS

AS SLEUTHS LABOR (Continued from Page One)

While Melvin fell down others employed by the government have had better luck. A large number of bootleggers are now walking about the streets with nothing to do but think of how they may have escaped detection if they had only acted differently at the time they were raided. In June they were building air-castles, now they are at home building chicken coops or digging in the garden.

Among those who have recently felt the strong arm of the law are Jack Graham, George Colwell, and a large number of Italians. Those who have so far been immune but whose time is liable to come at any time might be mentioned, Grady at Sixteenth and Nicholas, the foreigner who runs the dump at Fourteenth and Webster, opposite the North Western depot, the Italians at Seventeenth and Nicholas, Peterson and McCauley at Sixteenth and Cass who have been in business for more than a year and claim that they are protected and can not be arrested, not to mention a whole flock of bootleggers on Q street and others on the South Side.

Speaking of the South Side, there is a place on L street that is one of the most beautifully appointed hootcheries to be found in Nebraska. The furniture is of the finest polished, quarter-sawn oak, the furnishings are rich and in keeping with the furniture. The pretty dark haired lady who doles out forbidden fruit at so much per dolé must have been a painter or artist of some kind before she started kicking Uncle Sam's Volstead law around. The beautifully sombre dark blue wall paper is in perfect harmony with the rich floor coverings. Even the hootch and beer seem to be of super quality.

In a decided contrast to the place just mentioned are several places not far away from this "palace" that reek with dirt and filth while the hootch sold is as green and rotten as a wind fall pippin in June.

EDDIE HAND RETURNS HOME AFTER VISIT ON COAST

Eddie Hand, well known about town during the day before Volstead, has recently returned to Omaha from an extended visit to Los Angeles and other coast cities. While west, Mr. Hand met a large number of former Omaha business men, including Charles Lewis who operated the Orpheum bar for many years. He reports that Charles and his son Charles Jr. are doing nicely on the coast. Helmar Nielson is another old timer he met while rusticated on the west coast of our fair country. This reminds us of the fact that there are several hundred Omahans who are now voting in the southern California city.

HAVE NEW DOPE CRAZE

Indians of South Dakota Now Eating Peyote Bean.

Has Demoralizing Effects, Mentally and Morally as Well as Physically—Couple Habit With Religious Ceremonies.

Washington.—A new dope craze—peyote eating—has taken such hold on the Indians on the nine reservations of South Dakota as to create a problem which those who are interested in the welfare of the red man view with grave apprehension. The peyote bean is the fruit of a cactus plant, which grows along the Mexican border. It is known as the Indian cocaine, and has practically the same effect as that drug. Eaten by the Indians under any circumstances, it has demoralizing effects, mentally and morally as well as physically. To complicate the situation in South Dakota, the peyote habit has been coupled with religious ceremonials which combine ancient Indian superstitions with Christian rites, and the craze is now in full sway among hundreds of the nation's wards in the Northwest, says the Washington Star. Saturday night has become the favorite occasion for these peyote orgies. Gathering in tents or huts, the devotees eat from 30 to 40 of the small beans, following which they begin to see visions.

Despite the traditions of the red Indian's reticence he is a great talker, especially when under the influence of a stimulant. In the grip of peyote, the braves claim to have wonderful revelations and are filled with the spirit of weird prophecy, which is unfolded to the gathered tribesmen in long and eloquent harangues.

In this state of drug-created frenzy they read from the Bible, offer prayers and sing hymns, using these devices to cover the degenerate activities which accompany the progressive effects of the drug.

The culmination of many of these peyote meetings is declared by those who have witnessed them to be most revolting. Many instances have already been called to the attention of the authorities of husbands and wives having been separated as a result of the peyote debauches, and the debilitating mental and physical results of the drug are already beginning to show in hundreds of the younger generation of the Indians.

Spreading north from the Mexican border during the past five years the craze entered South Dakota from Nebraska, where there are said to be about 400 addicts among the Winnebago, Omahas and Poncas. From the Winnebago reservation it spread to the Yankton reservation in South Dakota, where there are said to be about 40 confirmed addicts, and then to the Ponca Creek station of the Rosebud reservation, where about 60 individuals are habitual users of the drug. The other members of the tribe have not yet fallen victims to the craze, the cult having its leadership from men of an age ranging from 30 to 45 years, which may be classed as semi-educated.

BRIDE AND EX-SUITOR DROWN

Double Tragedy Ends Gay Night Among Cabarets of Hoboken.

Union Hill, N. J.—Mrs. Margaret Gallagher, nineteen, bride of two months, ended a gay night of rounds of Hoboken and Union Hill (N. J.) cabarets in the company of Thomas Cassidy, a suitor before her marriage to Andrew Gallagher, by leaping into the North river from a ferry boat at 5 o'clock in the morning. Cassidy leaped to rescue her and both were drowned.

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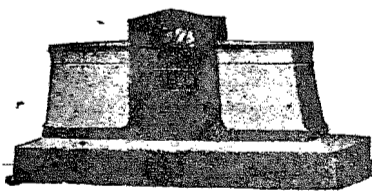
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