

YELLOW STREAK CHARGED

STECHEER REFUSES TO MEET POLE LABOR DAY

Bryan Money Getting Methods Credited to Dodge "Phenom"

ZBYSZKO BACKERS LAY DOWN \$30,000

Stecher Refuses to Meet Stanislaus and Hints of Yellow Streak Are Being Heard in Many Quarters—Many Disappointed Over Methods Employed By Dodge Man.

Nebraskans who are interested in the great game of sports are just beginning to get a little inside information on how Joe Stecher, who is posing as a wrestling world's champion, and who has been a great collector of golden shekels on that reputation, is able to take the people's money and make them like it. Although his game is somewhat different from that of Billy Bryan, the filching system employed is about the same. Bryan, however, is a "has been" while Stecher is a "was yet."

Mat fans, who have been investing their money to see some of the touted champions and would-be champions get into finish matches, had hoped that Stecher would meet Stanislaus Zbyszko in Omaha on Labor day. Some very substantial promoters had expected the match would be pulled off and that the question of whether the big Pole was all he claimed to be was really true. With a view to getting these two men together, Jack Herman offered to lay down \$30,000 to Stecher in cold cash for such a match in the event of Stecher winning the match.

This was no "wooden money" offer, but the real thing. Those who have been inclined to give Stecher the benefit of a doubt believed he would not have the nerve to refuse the offer. But now comes the information that

he has given it out cold turkey that Zbyszko must meet Lewis and Cad-dock before he will give the Pole a match.

The Mediator has been a pretty good observer of the wrestling business and has insisted that from the start this man Stecher was a four-flusher and a great big coward whenever it comes to the business of getting into a fair and square wrestling match with a man of his size. Whatever may be said of Zbyszko, the Pole, he has never been a quitter and, now that he is ready to lay down \$30,000 to Stecher for a match, the whole business to go to this Dodge "phenom" if he wins, there is absolutely no excuse for Stecher not taking him on. If Stecher is a champion, it is up to him to accept the Zbyszko challenge without a nickel of bonus being offered.

If Stecher is the champion he claims to be he should be ready at all times to accept them all as fast as they come. It is all right to get the money that attaches to such matches, when they are on the square, but it is murder to take a bundle of money from the public on a fake match, and those who have kept in touch with wrestling in recent years know that some very questionable affairs have been pulled off right here

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WATERLOO GANGSTERS VICIOUSLY ATTACK OMAHA PICNIC PARTIES

County Attorney Will Take Action Against Lawless Element and Prevent Recurrence of Such Affairs—Woman Soon to Become Mother Is Victim of Hoodlum's Kick.

The picnic incident at Waterloo, which resulted in several residents of that community being cited by County Attorney Shotwell to appear and defend themselves against serious charges, will recall to Omahans who in the past have motored out to that part of the county for picnics and other kinds of outings some of their unpleasant experiences.

There have been complaints made against hoodlums in the vicinity of Waterloo, whom, it is charged, make it part of their business to make it as uncomfortable as possible for automobile parties who have been in the habit of visiting out that way. Most of these parties are composed of picknickers who carry their lunch-eons and have a little family party to pass away a few cheerful hours.

The road leading into Waterloo from Omaha crosses the river just before reaching Waterloo. Our county commissioner from Waterloo has invited Omaha picnickers to camp on the grassy spots near the river, where a fine grove of shade trees is located. Many parties have taken advantage of the invitation.

The party which came to distress there recently was one that had taken advantage of the invitation. Some young hoodlum came along and began throwing sand and dirt, an experience that several other such parties have had. His action was resented by the picnickers, as it should have been, and the youngster was chastised by

the head of the family in no uncertain manner.

But this young hoodlum had his gang up town and he rallied them and returned to the spot where the picnickers were still eating their luncheon. The whole gang pitched onto the unfortunate family and all but wrecked the party and its automobile. The woman in the party, whom it is said, was soon to become a mother, received a vicious kick in the stomach and other members of the party were badly injured.

While the Waterloo gangsters claim they were justified in doing just what they did, the public will have to be shown before that story will be believed. The matter is a most serious one and the attack on a defenseless woman and her children cannot be excused from any point of view.

There is nothing to show trespass on the part of this little family, which was merely out for a brief outing. There are a lot of fine people down at Waterloo, and this better class will do well to assist the authorities in bringing to justice all persons who were parties to this inexcusable and reckless attack on a quiet picnic party.

It is said County Attorney Shotwell intends to go through with this business in a manner that will serve as a lesson to gangsters who enjoy such cussedness as they indulged in on this occasion.



EDDIE DALE,

Principal comic with "Victory Belles," the popular Gayety's opening attraction twice daily week starting Saturday Matinee, August 27.

Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

J. A. Norton, Odebolt, Iowa, steam shovel promoter, spent a few days in Omaha. While here he called on Charles Tyrrell, one of our well known merchants.

Sam Morris was still able to write poetry, but there was a noticeable slacking up of his work. Sam did not belong to the Poets' union.

Billy Fox was taking his summer vacation. Those who knew Slim Billy best said they did not care whether he ever came back.

The activities of Bill Carey, great promoter of permanent roads, were somewhat handicapped by the weather and the radical action of material profiteers.

Despite east end activities were responsible for many things. Jess Phillips was still on the job.

Promoter J. E. Butler moved into his new offices in the Higgins Packing building, which he had recently purchased.

Mr. R. Gerber had callers at his

headquarters in the Rome hotel recently. The report of police being called was untrue.

A. J. Morgan, village cutup of Arnold, Neb., had been threatening to invade Omaha for some time but did not put in his appearance. Morgan always had a number of friends to visit while in the city, and never failed to pay his respects to our office girl.

OFFICERS SUSPENDED.

The suspension of Detectives: Dolan, Hagerman and Lundeen: has been ordered by Mayor Smith, who is acting for Superintendent: Ringer. These men are charged: with taking \$15 from an out of: town man they met with a bottle: of whiskey. The farmer "identi-: fied" them as the officers who: took the money.

Sane persons acquainted with: these officers will want to be: shown before they will believe: any one of them guilty of being: parties to this sort of petty lar-: ceny.

Squirrel Whiskey Brings Much Grief

Large hospitals of the country are having a rushing business caring for victims of "squirrel" whisky that has been flooding the country as a result of prohibition having been adopted.

Bellevue hospital, New York, has made a report on conditions which indicates the condition is already becoming serious. Big hospitals in other cities also report similar troubles. The coming of prohibition has brought out some startling conditions, it is stated, and hundreds of patients suffering from alcoholism are taken daily to hospitals for treatment. "Most of them go down in a hurry," the report of Bird S. Coler, New York commissioner of charities says.

Physicians who have investigated the condition admit that the problem is already becoming a serious one for physicians. A well known Omaha physician who has dealt with the problem for many years, says: "The moonshine whisky is very bad. A great deal of it is doped up in such a manner that it is dangerous, even in small quantities. There appears to be an awful lot of it on the market. We also find that 188 proof alcohol, usually diluted, is being used freely, and of course its effect is known to everybody. Two or three drinks of the stuff that is being put out these days is enough to send any ordinary man to a hospital."

In Omaha there are various grades of joy water on sale and it does not require much searching to find plenty of it. Its effect is much like that told of by the physicians mentioned. Intoxication from the use of this stuff makes them all crazy and it is consumed in unusual amounts because the users take Mandy's advice to "git plenty while you'r gittin'."

There are more people selling "pootang" in Omaha than were in the saloon business before the state went dry.

GOSS VAMPED BESSIE WALLER SHE DECLARES

Attractive Soldier's Widow Says She Was Victim of His Attentions

FATHER AND HUSBAND LEAVES HOME

Injured Wife Files Complaint and Young Widow Defends Herself Against Charge of Vamping Man Old Enough to Be Her Father—John Hides From Law.

Illegal love for a widow on whom he sought to spend his money and shake off his wife and four babies is making a lot of trouble for John Goss, who has been out stepping a little just for relief from the monotony of home life he once prized so highly. Goss came to the city a long time ago and with his wife and babies resided at Twenty-first and Leavenworth streets.

During his meanderings he came up with Bessie Waller, entrancing widow of a soldier, and at once attempted to "vamp" her, according to her own admission. Bessie "fell" for him and it became a regular love affair. Although Goss was sticking around home part of the time, he gave most of his attention to Bessie, who lives out in the vicinity of Florence. Things began to get pretty warm at home for Goss and he beat it out of town. His present whereabouts are known only to Bessie, it is said, and Bessie will not tell.

Mrs. Goss was not idle during these doings, however, and she took steps to have her husband and Bessie jailed, filing formal complaints against both of them. Bessie seems to be a game girl and insists that she is not responsible for the family wreck of the Goss home. She says Goss told her a lot of things that made her believe she had a perfect right to accept his attentions, and that he is still willing to spend his money and other things on her.

It appears to be one of those affairs where husband and father wanted a change of scene and picked on Bessie

Waller as the proper person to bring about a consummation of that desire. He made mad love to Bessie and has even offered to furnish her money to join him in his new abode. He told her that he is soon to receive a bundle of ready cash from a family estate and that he wants to spend it on her.

From all indications, Bessie believes that she has been wronged nearly as much as the wife and babies. She says she could get Goss to return to the city all right, but she knows of no reason why she should send for him. Goss had told Bessie that he was madly in love with her and that he expected soon to have a divorce from his wife, which would leave him free to take Bessie on for good. Bess believed it and began working along that line.

Then it was that Mrs. Goss came into the game and started out to make John and his sweetheart hard to catch. She got the law to working and John beat it out of town in order to keep out of the clutches of his wife and the law. Mrs. Goss does not know where he is and Bess will not tell, unless the law forces her to do so.

Mrs. Goss has declared that Bessie vamped her husband and that John does not care anything at all for Bess. On the other hand, Bess has a trunk full of love letters in which the derelict husband freely confesses admiration for Bess and offers to send her money to purchase a ticket and join him, because, as he says, "it is a sense of duty with me, and you have nothing to blame yourself for."

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ATTRACTIVE NURSE FIGHTING FOR WEALTH OF HUSBAND OF MONTH

Mrs. Eckman Goes Into Courts to Secure Widow's Share of \$75,000 Estate Left by Dead Chemical Dealer—Daughters Are Resisting Her Demand.

An attractive nurse, according to publicity being given the will of Ellsworth M. Eckman, deceased, has started something in the family of that former business man, who left an estate valued at \$75,000. Mrs. Eckman, who married Eckman only a month before he died, wants the widow's share of the estate, while two daughters, supported by energetic husbands, are trying to prevent her from getting it.

Eckman had some notions of his own, with regard to what should become of the wealth he had amassed. He also had some ideas of his own regarding the comforts a widower might enjoy. He was head of the Eckman Chemical company, a substantial Omaha business concern. His wife was dead his two daughters married. He became acquainted with a trained nurse, to whom he became attached and paid her considerable attention. A few months ago Eckman's health failed him and when it became necessary to employ a nurse he chose the woman who later became his wife.

Eckman was only human and can hardly be blamed for wanting a soul-mate in his declining years. It appears that his two daughters did not visit him nor pay much attention to

him during his illness. It may be this apparent lack of devotion was the cause of him securing a life partner in the trained nurse. The fact that their marriage, which occurred July 2, was clandestine, can not be blamed to the woman of his choice. All the facts seem to indicate that her biggest interest was in his recovery and the fact that he died appeared to give her more grief than it gave his family relations in Omaha.

Eckman appears to have decided that his newly wedded wife should be properly cared for and for that reason made a will at the last moment leaving her a large portion of his property. Now his two daughters are attempting to keep it away from her. The courts will be called upon to decide the matter of course, but it is a fair guess that Mrs. Eckman will get her share.

There is nothing to indicate that Eckman was under any particular obligations to anybody, and the fact that he chose to leave the trained nurse who became his wife a goodly share of his wealth was his own business. One thing appears clear, and that is that she stuck to him right up to the time of his death, and that she is only asking what is her rightful share in his estate.

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EIGHTY YEARS BATTLE WON.

Battling for eighty years, the women of the country have at last attained the right of franchise, with the ratification by Tennessee, thirty-sixth state to take such action, of the nineteenth amendment to the constitution. This means that several million women will cast their ballots at the coming presidential election.

Several states have had local woman suffrage for several years. The result of going fifty-fifty with the women on all questions of national policy will not be known for some time to come. Much good has been prophesied for this change on one hand and great harm has been predicted on the other. It is hardly to be expected that either of these radical predictions will come true, and it is a safe guess that the mothers of the country will be found to be perfectly safe with the ballot in their hands.

The women will have the same problems to meet that have confronted male voters for so long. It will be a long time before they get their department of the political machine well-oiled and in good running order, but they will do it just the same and will take a very positive hand in some of the doings that concern the policy of the country.

The women are to be congratulated on finally winning the big battle they have been fighting for four score years. Of course the fact that women are to have the full franchise does not mean that they will all vote the same way. In fact, it may be said they will be divided just as men are divided on policies, and they may be expected to do just a little hair pulling when it comes to taking part in political battles, which will make things better for everybody concerned in political scraps. There will be all shades of opinion that will come out among the women, just the same as have been seen in the ranks of the men.

Women have been a factor in politics for a long time, although they could not vote. Many leaders may be expected to appear at once to tell their women associates just how they ought to vote, and they are going to differ just like black and white. It will be interesting to watch the result for the first few years and they are going to differ just like black and white. It will be interesting to watch the result for the first few years and also to watch the political aspirants among the women who groom themselves for the battles that will follow each other in quick succession.

COX ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING.

Governor Cox was arrested for speeding last Sunday. The correspondent of The Associated Press, who was with the party, says the arrest was made with a view to embarrassing the governor's candidacy for president of the United States.

If this statement is true, and The Associated Press usually gets the news pretty straight, it would indicate the republicans are getting desperate. Governor Cox told the arresting officers they could find him any time at the executive offices in Columbus and he was not thrown into jail. It is doubtful whether anything more will be heard of it.

But the whole business shows that there is to be plenty of dirty work in this campaign, if it will help to prevent the election of Governor Cox. It also shows how some of the republican leaders are worried over the prospects. With all that has been said and done, the republicans have no issue of importance to use in this campaign. Their biggest excuse for asking to be returned to office is "the democratic have had it long enough; it's our turn."

Resorting to such petty larceny methods as those employed in arresting the governor's party for "speeding" will not get very far with honest thinking people and will doubtless have just the reverse effect from what it was intended.

ENFORCEMENT JOBS NOT POPULAR.

The jobs of enforcing prohibition are already becoming unpopular with the men who have been named to these places. Captain Hubert Howard, in charge of the Chicago district, at a salary of \$5,000, has already resigned and mutterings are being heard from a number of other large cities, where Uncle Sam keeps an enforcement bureau.

Captain Howard gives three reasons for leaving the service, principal of which he says, are "big and small conspiracies to evade the prohibition law." He also says that the job would be a fat one for any person who had any inclination to be crooked and "deal" with the men who are trying to evade the law.

According to Captain Howard the wealthy men are the biggest violators of the prohibition law, and one of Chicago's bank presidents offered to cancel some big notes against a former liquor dealer if the dealer would give him ten barrels of whisky.

The real meaning of this condition is that nobody has any respect for the prohibition law, not even many of the leading prohibitionists themselves. It has come to our notice recently that a man who admits having fought for prohibition all his life was recently pinched trying to smuggle several gallons of whisky through Omaha, "just to have it in the house for emergencies." And that condition is prevalent all over the country.

Enforcement of prohibition is going to be just like enforce-

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ment of the Sunday law. It is against the law to keep any kind of a business open on Sunday, or even run street cars. How many people would agree to have all of these places closed on Sunday? Practically every man, woman and child in Omaha is a law violator because he is a party to the crimes committed by these, what are known as legitimate lines of business.

The same condition must necessarily become part of our social system, so far as it concerns liquor. There are not less than 500 people and concerns in Omaha in the liquor business today. The government has no means of enforcing the prohibition law and local police show no disposition to take up the work in Uncle Sam's behalf. Captain Howard says there is an absolute lack of co-operation looking toward law enforcement in Chicago and that the bootlegger has the protection of everybody who has anything to do with him.

Even our own Jim Hanley, enforcement officer in Omaha, has discovered that he is able to act only on a very small percentage of the cases brought to his notice, and everybody knows there are great numbers of stills in operation in Douglas county, to say nothing of hundreds of them scattered out over the state.

REPUBLICANS TURN LOOSE \$15,000,000.

Governor Cox, democratic presidential candidate, says the republicans are turning loose \$15,000,000 on this campaign and that half a million was raised in Ohio in fifteen minutes.

Governor Cox doubtless knows of many sources of political income in Ohio. He has been in the business there. Of course the republicans have to raise a campaign fund, just the same as the democrats. It the republicans have the biggest bundle that fact indicates they are good collectors. Much of this money will be distributed among republican promoters and for advertising. If the republican distributing committee uses good judgment it will not forget that Omaha is a good place to spend some of it.

We are not so sure that Governor Cox is not a little jealous, and he has a right to be jealous. Fifteen million dollars is not to be sneezed at even by a democratic campaign committee.

After all is said and done, money still remains the root of all good political work and the democrats would do well if they took up a substantial collection. All of our great reformers have got to the front by having plenty of money, and even these good people have never questioned the source of contributions. Even down in Tennessee it is said one legislator was given \$10,000 for his vote, which indicates that even the women have begun to get the right idea of things.

DOINGS IN OMAHA FIFTY YEARS AGO

Pat Burke took one day's vacation last week. He did not take many vacations, but they were all good ones when they did come.

Jim Patton, owner of most of the city of Ponca, wrote that he expected soon to visit Omaha and look over the

high buildings. He was some stepper in his time.

The report that Dr. L. A. Dermody had purchased the W. O. O. building proved to be false, but the doctor admitted he had a big interest in that structure.

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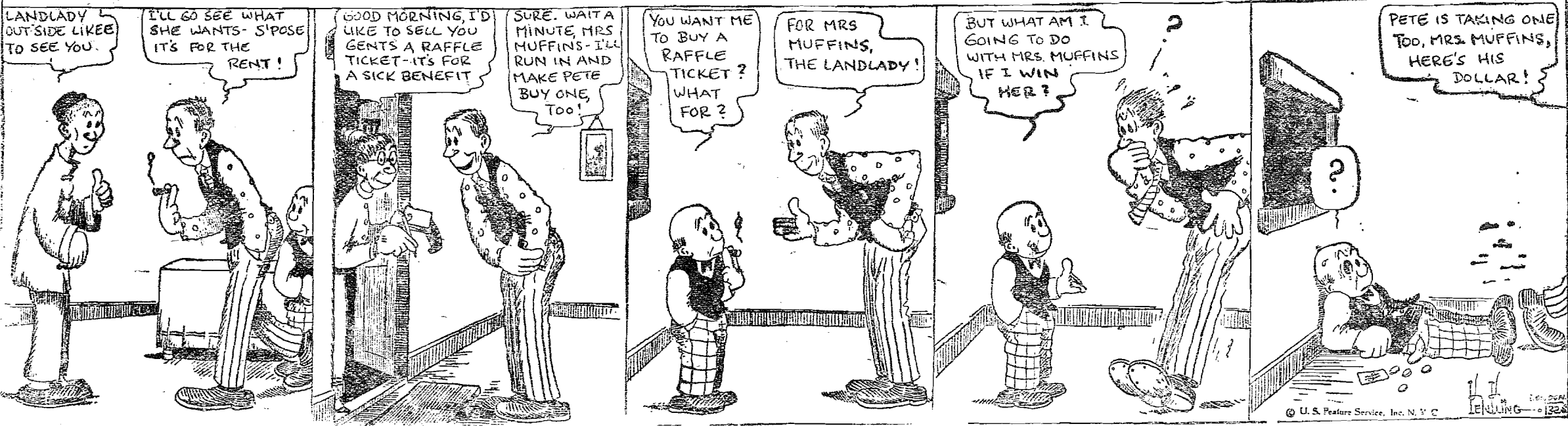
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HUNTLEY SEEKS PLACE ON LEGISLATIVE TICKET

The death of Francis Goodall, one of the nine democratic candidates for the legislature from Douglas county, leaves a vacancy on the ticket, which will be filled by the executive committee of the democratic central committee. Edwin L. Huntley, editor of The Mediator, who was a candidate two years ago, announces he will seek the vacancy created by the removal of Goodall. Huntley was placed tenth in the primary election, losing the nomination by only a few votes.

The executive committee will meet next week, it is stated, at which time the selection of a democrat to fill the vacancy will be made. Huntley is the only candidate thus far to be mentioned to fill the vacancy.

Chairman McArdle of the county central committee, has issued a call for a meeting of all candidates for next week, at which time members of the central committee will take action for carrying on the campaign.

PAXTON HOTEL TO UNDERGO MANY DISTINCT CHANGES

The Paxton hotel, Omaha's oldest high-class hostelry, soon is to undergo several distinct improvements for guests, the principal of which will be the introduction of cabaret, with a fine orchestra. This will be placed in the main dining room, which adjoins the main lobby on the first floor with a Fourteenth street entrance.

Richard Kitchen, manager of the big hotel, has been visiting in the east and was an observer of high-class cabaret while in several of the large eastern cities. He says the public demands this sort of amusement and he will see that Omaha is not behind the times in providing up-to-date amusement for the people.

RAILROAD MEN ARE SHOCKED BY ARREST

The arrest Thursday night of A. L. Roberts, Union Pacific fireman, when he reached Omaha at the end of his run, has shocked his railroad friends. He is charged by Cordella Kendall, said to be a relative, with a statutory offense. Roberts says he has been jobbed. That is what the girl says about herself. Roberts will probably have an opportunity to tell his troubles to the judge.

IF YOUR WATCH don't keep time, bring it to us for correction. We know how. Strictly union shop.—BRODEGAARD BROS.—Adv.

CLASSY PARK AVENUE JOINT VICTIM RAIDERS

George Summit's squad of raiders swooped down on Mrs. Wilson's joy palace at 1339 Park avenue this week and took the "landlady" and a number of celebrators to the booby hatch. Alice Gray, Ellen Chauncey and Grace Moore, real names unknown, guests at Mrs. Wilson's place, were grabbed up with Mrs. Wilson, as were some transient gentlemen.

Reports have been coming to headquarters about Mrs. Wilson's place for some time and neighbors have had some pretty hard things to say. Mrs. Wilson is not such a bad old girl, but is simply in hard luck. When Summit and Thestrup arrived on the scene,

there was a pretty lively scramble, it is said, but the inmates found all the doors blockaded by husky bulls and there was nothing to do but take a joyride in Omaha's big police automobile. No cash fares were collected, that duty being left to the clerk of the police court.

Mrs. Wilson did not present an alibi, as some said she would, and decided to let well enough alone.

GOSS VAMPED BESSIE WALLER, SHE DECLARES
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From all indications the affair between John and Bess has been going on for several years, during which time he has divided his attention between his family and Bessie Waller, with Bess receiving most of them. Mrs. Waller is only 21 years old and hints that she has recently discovered that she is too young to have a 43-year-old sweetheart, who is head of a family of five, and old enough to know better.

If Goss comes back to Omaha he faces a jail sentence for family abandonment and Mrs. Waller, his sweetheart, shows an inclination to let him take his medicine. It is said that in recent weeks Bess has found that there are plenty of other young men in this world who are looking for attractive young widows like herself and that her youth makes it possible for her to land one of them before it is too late.

"He promised to send me some money and a bunch of new clothes," says Bess, "and you know those things always have an attraction for people like me. But I don't care now, because I can get out and work for them myself and will not feel that I am taking anything away from Mrs. Goss and her children. If John has a lick of sense he will return and face the music. I am half mad at him now, and he better be a little careful."

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in Omaha, in which the great Stecher has been financially interested.

The biggest yellow streak ever brought from Stecher occurred right here in Omaha when an immense crowd laid down from two to five dollars each to see him meet Earl Caddock, just before the war. Caddock was in the pink of condition and laid the Dodge man on his back in fine style. Caddock retired to his dressing room and bawled like a baby with the bellyache. Stecher had taken the first fall, and was pretty well to the bad when he got through with it.

"I can beat that fellow," Caddock told Frank Gotch, who had trained Caddock, and was in his corner that night.

"Go right after him," was Gotch's reply. Stecher had been led to believe that Caddock would lay down on the job. When they got into the ring for the second fall, Caddock waited for his chance and soon had Stecher in a bad position. The rest of the affair was easy. The Dodge scizzors went down in disgrace and Stecher was soon on his back flat as a pancake.

The men retired for the usual rub

down between falls and Caddock was on the job when time was called for the next fall, but Stecher never showed. He was simply scared stiff and never did show for the third fall. The referee awarded the match to Caddock.

Stecher is still the yellow cuss he was the night of that match. He simply will not take a chance on any sort of a match that is not fixed in advance or where he is taking any chance of losing. The \$30,000 Zbyszko's backers have laid down could be earned by Stecher as easy as falling off a log if he has the championship timber in him he claims to have. Omaha fans had been led to believe that the match would be pulled off here on Labor day.

Now comes the announcement that Stecher refuses to meet Zbyszko until the latter has met Lewis and Caddock. Truth is, Stecher is scared to death of the giant Pole, who has defeated everybody who came his way since he returned from the war. Unless Stecher comes clean, Nebraskans who spend a nickel on him will simply be laying down their money for the promotion of a bunch of fakers and crooks, and handing it over to a fellow who has proved beyond a doubt that he is as yellow as the Chink flag.

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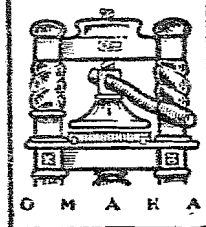
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Vaudeville begins at the Orpheum with a regular program of high-class artists on the bill. This theater has been open most of the summer at popular prices, closing only long enough to renovate the theater and put it in shipshape for the coming season. Manager Byrne believes this season will be the best in the history of this theater and says Martin Beck has booked the finest line of entertainers ever seen in vaudeville.

The Brandeis theater will, as usual, have a long list of high-class shows, most of which have already been booked. Joy Sutphen, who manages this fine playhouse, says "railroad rates will have considerable to do with the booking of large companies this season. The railroads have done away with "party" tickets, which heretofore have been the salvation of theatrical companies. The increase in rates will prevent many of the large companies that heretofore have come west from attempting the trip this year. But Omaha will not suffer from lack of attractions and most of the good ones will be on the boards during the season.

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One of the big novelties is showing the construction of a burlesque shop in full view of the audience. Also gayety and situation give it an immediate place in the affections of those who like clean burlesque and fun cleverly purveyed. To the laugh-provoking plot are added several sprightly dance and vocal numbers. To Hal Dyson is due the credit for furnishing the tuneful music of the Victory Belles and the dancing numbers and ensembles were produced by All Lane.

Aside from the list of principals the personnel of the company is exclusively feminine and possesses in ample measure excellence of vocal and physical charm. Moreover this preponderance of girlhood is brilliantly, might say even, luxuriously arrayed in the latest imaginings of the ultra-fashionable modiste. There is much that is dainty and considerable that is daring. The ensembles leave vivid impressions of whirling colors and reveal garments made in alluring and luring designs, all showing forth marvels of fine hosiery.

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Buck Jones, the cowboy-soldier-aviator-actor, has done some very fine work in this photoplay, according to report. The story is one of life on a western ranch. It contains many humorous and near tragic situations which arise through a case of confused identity.

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In the near future, it is stated, theatrical people will again have a suite of club rooms in the downtown district. They will be operated under the auspices of the T. M. A., which for several years had a suite in the Barker block. The new rooms will have a grill and other conveniences and will make a specialty of furnishing short orders for theatrical people who stop temporarily in the city. A soda fountain will also be placed in the rooms and soft drinks will be served. Speaking of the proposed club rooms, the promoters say they will be in demand as a reception place for theatrical people, who have no place to go, where they can fraternize for an hour or two while off duty. The new rooms will not be elaborately furnished, but will be made comfortable.

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Depot for Dundee.....	1:15
18th and Farnam for Depot.....	2:00
Harney Line.	
33rd and Parker to Depot.....	12:47
33rd and Parker to Depots.....	1:11
6th and Center for 33rd and Parker.....	1:14
Park and North 24th Streets.....	1:28
16th and Farnam, East Side.....	1:08
16th and Farnam, West Side.....	1:23
16th and Farnam for Florence.....	12:34
16th and Farnam for 40th and Fort.....	12:41
16th and Farnam for Kansas Ave.....	1:31
16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames.....	3:28
16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames.....	3:28
South Omaha and 42nd and Grand.....	1:21
14th and Farnam for West Q.....	1:21
14th and Farnam for 24th and Ames.....	3:28
14th and Farnam for 24th and Ames.....	3:28
Dodge Street Line.	
12th and Dodge (West).....	1:20
12th and Dodge (East).....	2:01
30th and Spaulding for Depots.....	1:43
Leavenworth and Desai Institute.....	1:25
15th and Farnam (North).....	1:55
15th and Farnam (South).....	1:55
Senson and Astor.....	1:20
18th and Farnam for Benson.....	1:20
18th and Farnam for Albright.....	12:41
18th and Farnam for 24th and Ames.....	1:28
18th and Farnam for 13th and Vinton.....	3:27
Fort Crook Line.	
24th and N Sts., South Omaha.....	12:00
Fort Crook.....	12:00
14th and Howard for Gear & B-way.....	2:00
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.....	4:30
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames.....	2:20
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames.....	3:30
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames.....	4:30
Ames and Underwood to 18th and Bancroft.....	12:38
18th and Farnam to 10th and Bancroft.....	4:30
24th Street Cross Town.....	12:25
24th and Lake.....	12:25
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