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Buffaloes to Range on Home Pastures for Two Weeks

FUN FOR FIGHT FANS ON LABOR DAY

Schlaifer to Meet Nichols in Main Bout at Auditorium—"Bud" Logan to Mix With Van Ryan in Semi-final—State Golf Tournament Starts Monday—Omaha Fans Still Boosting for St. Louis Teams.

With the Buffaloes back on their own stamping ground, the arrangements all but completed for the big boxing carnival on Labor Day, everything all set for the state golf tournament which begins next Monday, and the bowling season only a short distance in the offing, Omaha sports have much of interest to look forward to in the immediate future.

The big attraction just now in the opinion of the real died-in-the-wool sports is the mit carnival to be pulled off at the old shed on Labor Day. Bert Muth is at the helm and promises an entertainment that will live long in the annals of fistiana. As the headliner the Labor Temple Generalissimo will have none other than "Kid" Schlaifer, who will meet Johnny Nichols for the fourth and possibly the last time. While a few fans are somewhat tired of seeing the local boy in action, the great majority of mit mulligans are prancing at the post, waiting anxiously to see the local Hebrew try his stuff on Johnny, who everyone knows is a fighting son-of-a-gun.

These two birds have held "open session" on three different occasions, the first was called a draw by the grace of the referee, on the second Nichols knocked the fur out of Schlaifer, while the Kid seems to have done as much for Nichols in their recent bout up in Minnysooty, though he lost on a foul.

In the semi-windup we have with us, ladies and gentlemen, our old friend and bruiser, "Bud" Logan, who fought with Washington at Valley Forge and expects to be in at the finish of the civil war to be waged in Ireland in 1950. He will meet Al Van Ryan, who according to his monicker must have fought under Bismark as well as Admiral Farragut. Ten rounds—may the best man win.

The preliminaries will be staged by "Cyclone" Yelskie and Danny Dillon. If Yelskie don't yellskie like hellski before the final beltski we'll go to Council Bluffs.

Sidestepping the coming fight for a moment we will turn the calcium on Barney Burch and his club. They will be with us for a couple of weeks. It is their very last chance to make a showing. If they can't take a brace during the time they are feeding on their own pasture, the stuff is off. The pitching staff has been vastly improved with the addition of "Lefty" Hyman, who has pitched three games since he joined the team and has won every blasted one of them. There is a remedy for poor base ball playing that Omaha fans can administer. Going to the game in droves. That's the way they do in Cleveland and it's a sure cure for a sick team. Let's try it.

Down at St. Louis the fans are crazy with the heat since their local teams have faltered. The whole country is boosting for the Browns and Cardinals as they are tired of seeing New York hog all the World's Series and the jack that goes with it. Omaha is very much interested in the teams from Missouri and would send down a great delegation if either of the teams should cop the coveted bunting in October.

Golf enthusiasts are anxiously awaiting the start of the State Golf tournament which begins next Monday at the Field Club. A large number of entrants is assured and some high class play expected. There was some doubt about the meet being held at the Field Club but after a thorough inspection of the links, the high moguls in charge pronounced them all right or rather said that they would be in good shape when the tournament opens.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



WILL THE BOOTLEGGERS FOLLOW IN WAKE OF OLD SALOON-KEEPER?

Many Omaha Peddlers of Hootch Seem to Be Following Tacti of Former Saloon Men Who Dug Their Own Graves—Drunk With the Lust of Gold They Cheat the Law—Defy Man and God—Time to Call a Halt.

Why is the bootlegger and how come? In answer to the first question, he is, because he is. Saloon keepers, distillers, beer manufacturers, in their studied greed, declared long ago that they would run their own business in their own way and the press and the public be damned. They were damned, until the worm, "decency", turned within them, after which they awakened, spread the gospel of which the rum dealers had, possibly unwittingly, started with the result that in less than five years they were trit out of business and in their place came prohibition and in its trail the bootlegger.

Thus we have the bootlegger, for how long only he, as a class, will be able to answer. In Omaha he seems to be fairly established in spite of what the government has done to stop him. The Mediator believes that he, like his predecessor, is over-stepping himself and will soon find himself buried in the same political and commercial grave as his predecessor, if he insists on following in his misguided footsteps.

That the general public want their drink, when they want it, can hardly be denied by the most ribald prohibitionists; that if they must, will patronize dispensers of the legally outlawed product is patent on the surface—but that they will stand for the bootlegger using the same tactics as was the custom in pre-prohibition days is out of the question. If he will not face the fact that he must live and by living let live, he is doomed to the same fate that befell the octopus he superseded.

Rome fell because of greed and possibly creed. America has grown in spite of greed and because of freedom of creed. It will survive, notwithstanding the present tendency of outlawry and surface greed. America and its law abiding citizens will survive long after the gorilla bootlegger has by his own carelessness doomed himself to an untimely financial grave.

Time was when American business men were not so drunk with avarice that they could not see beyond a darkened cloud and discern a silver lining. Today, thank God, we still have many of them with us but intermingled with this class we find a certain few who not only take pride in enriching themselves by defying man and God and their natural and supernatural laws, but who, crane like, hide their heads in sands of the past and think that their nefarious ways are not seen because they themselves cannot see.

Such ones are now rather commonly found among bootleggers. Animals in the shape and form of men who rely on their brother bootleggers to carry the load, while they, assinine like, stubbornly refuse to see the light of public condemnation and publicity, burrow deep in the ground attempting to hide their own selfishness and greed by a false brandishment of force, backed by the coward's weapons, ignorant curses and contumacy.

Every beach has its safety zone beyond which it is dangerous to swim. Many law-breakers are now swimming beyond their depth and in their ignorance believe they are afloat in calm waters. Thus they defy man and his natural laws and when the awakening comes they will find themselves far out on a bounding sea with a reaper in sight, the sythe of revenge in his right hand, the dagger of justice in his left, bearing down upon his helpless victim. Then will he cry: My God, forgive me, I know now what I have done. But it will have been to late.

STEEL CORPORATION LIKE SANTA CLAUS

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MAY AID IN SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE

Apparently Prosperity Has Turned the Corner—Men Surprised and Pleased at Action of Employers—No Reason Given for Act—Some Say Politics Played Large Part—Times Should Soon be Back to "Normalcy".

It looks very much as though the country, after nearly two years of abnormal conditions, was in reality returning to "a state of normalcy," to use the president's pet phrase. News comes that more than three hundred thousand employees of three representative steel mills in the east have had their wages voluntarily increased 20 per cent. At a time when most industries are lowering wages or have such a program in mind, the act of the steel magnates is very significant to say the least.

Business men and the public generally have felt that prosperity, which has been "just around the corner" for the past year, was due to arrive. The action of the steel industry in increasing wages at this time, no matter what their object, seems to clearly indicate that the time has arrived when the wheels of industry are again to revolve as was the wont during and before the war. The effect of such a move on the part of America's foremost industry is sure to have a striking effect upon other industries and may go a long way in settling the differences between the railroads and their striking shopmen.

No particular reason has up to now been given for increasing the men's wages in the steel industry and none is necessary so long as the men get the increase, especially at a time when they are working full force. Cities in which steel plants are located will naturally be the first to feel the benefit or the increased wage but if the advantage ended there it would be of no great material benefit to the country in general. But the fact that one of our basic industries feels justified in giving their men a very material increase in wages without so much as a protest from them on their present scale of wages is indicative of a pleasures as well as the necessities of

condition that everyone with a thought to the welfare of his country should welcome.

That politics, and political conditions may have played an important part with executives of the mills, many will claim and be justified in the assertion. It in fact makes little difference so far as the American workman is concerned. The man who brow feels that when his employer earns his bread by the sweat of his hands him his weekly pay envelope with a substantial increase, prosperity is in the air. He not only feels easy about being able to work but is satisfied that should he care to leave his present employer he would have little if any difficulty in obtaining other remunerative employment.

That condition is what makes for real prosperity and a settled condition. Men in altogether different lines of work will feel more safe in their positions and will not be afraid to spend their money for some of the life. That sets the prosperity ball a rolling and with each dollar turned loose in the channels of trade, momentum is gained until the high tide of prosperity is reached.

That the increase of wages granted steel workers will have an important effect on the status of the rail strike is generally admitted. With the steel mills going at full blast, a bumper crop waiting to be moved, new industries springing up and retail trade in full blast there will be little to settle between rail executives and shopmen. There should be plenty of work for all the faithful employes who have struck, there should be plenty of work for the new men who have accepted employment in shops during the strike, there should be and will be plenty of work for all old employees who walked out on July 1.

IS THE EXCLUSIVE OMAHA CLUB GUILTY OF TOLERATING BOOZE

Porter Arrested on Steps With Large Batch of Hootch Claims He Was Carrying It to Club Member—Officers Deny the Prohibited Stuff Allowed in Building—Doctor Says No Booze Seen During Last Year.

If members of the exclusive Omaha club are getting their whiskey delivered to them it is not the fault of the officers if the word of several members are to be taken seriously. Last week Vern Mitchell, for ten years an employee of this social club, was nabbed by the officers of the law just as he was in the act of taking two gallons of fairly good hootch up to the club. Vern, at the time told officers that he was delivering the forbidden fruit to members of the club when officers of the law swooped down upon him as they have a fashion of swooping.

Some members say that it is the height of folly to think that the negro was delivering the stuff to any of their members and point with pride to the fact that there is a sign hanging prominently in the social room which specifically declares that "No liquor shall be served in the club." That ought to settle it, but it don't. It has been current gossip for months that one really wanting a drink at any of the exclusive clubs in Omaha could easily obtain the same by simply giving the proper high sign. The same has been vehemently denied by officers and others who are not a bit anxious that the public should know or even think they know that it was not a hard matter for members to take on a few appetizers before luncheon if they felt that way about it.

It is commonly reported that Randall Brown who is high Mogul of the club is bitterly opposed to "Lacker" in any form and will not tolerate its use by members while they are at the club. That may be and probably is so, but to deny that individual members do not have a way of getting all they want when they want it is another question. But why pick on the Omaha club? Are the members any different from those of other exclusive or not so exclusive clubs. We wot not.

Take the Athletic club for instance. Does anyone think for a moment that if the government sleuths were as weasel like as many of them think they are, that they could not slide into some of the lockers and get enough to drink to satisfy a camel for the rest of his natural life. They too, claim that nothing but gingerale and such is served and that is probably true if by that they mean openly served. But that is not the question just now. What interests Omaha folks is the question whether Vern Mitchell, an employee of the Omaha club, has been earning a large part of his wages by sneaking booze to members.

Arthur Guion says that so far as he knows there has been no liquor sold at the club since 1917, while a prominent doctor who did not wish to be

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WOMEN VOTE WET IN LITERARY DIGEST POLL BY LARGE MAJORITY

Latest Poll of Factory Workers Shows 16 to 1 Against Present Prohibition Law and Volstead Act—Farmers Vote Wet as Well as the Workers—First Women Votes a Great Surprise—Other Interesting Facts.

The Mediator presents for its readers the third review of the Literary Digest's poll on prohibition and the bonus. The figures this week are unusually interesting, inasmuch as they contain the separate vote of 21,467 women, mostly from the eastern part of the country. The preponderance of "moist" and "wet" votes over strict enforcement remain about the same as those tabulated the week previous.

The big surprise contained in the latest poll is that recorded by the women, who have so far voted as strongly for modification or repeal as have the men up to the present time. However, it should be remembered that the recorded women's vote up to now has come mostly from the east where such a large majority seem to have had enough of prohibition as it is interpreted through the Volstead law. Of the total women's vote, 7,363 have cast their ballot in favor of strict enforcement while 8,575 are for modification and 5,529 would repeal the law altogether. This, the first poll of women shows almost two to one in favor of changing the present law, to be exact 7,363 women are satisfied with the law as it is while 14,104 of the gentler sex would have it either repealed or altered so as to permit of the manufacture and sale of light wines and beers.

Another factory poll is tabulated in last week's review, taken at a rep-

resentative branch establishment of a large automobile manufacturing concern. This poll shows that the laboring men in that plant are opposed to "bone-dryness" almost 16 to 1. The figures are: For enforcement, 171; for modification, 2,170; for repeal, 643. The total of votes recorded at the four representative factories so far polled show the following surprising results: For enforcement, 644; for modification, 4,949; for repeal, 2,570. Of nearly eight thousand factory workers so far asked for an opinion only 644 are satisfied with the present Prohibition Amendment. It is little wonder so many who make their living by the sweat of their brow feel it an honor to break the law, that is this particular prohibition law.

Out of a grand total of 730,372 votes so far cast, 279,317 are for strict enforcement, 299,647 for modification, while 152,208 would repeal the law altogether. 451,855 want a change, 279,317 are satisfied. The conclusion to be drawn from these figures is obvious.

The latest poll shows that hundreds of thousands of farmers have recorded their preference but it has not materially changed the comparative standing of the first recorded poll when most of the votes cast came from the cities and larger towns.

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A Great Year for County Fairs

Best Exhibits and Races in Years—Attendance Records Will Be Made.

County fairs in Nebraska started early this week. Because of the unusually good crops, the exhibits as well as the patronage bias fair to outdo all previous efforts along this line that has been attempted in years.

The racing this year will be exceptionally good as the fair managements have been fortunate in entering a splendid list of racing material. Not the least of these annual affairs will be the one held at Waterloo shortly. There is always something going at this time and when it comes to the public spirited citizens there simply outdo themselves.

The Central Nebraska Fair at Grand Island is now on in full swing, the committee reporting splendid crowds and the best exhibition of agricultural and live stock exhibits ever shown in central Nebraska.

The State Fair at Lincoln begins this year on September 3rd and continues through to September 8th. Secretary Danielson predicts that not less than three hundred thousand visitors will attend.

IS THE EXCLUSIVE OMAHA CLUB GUILTY OF TOLERATING BOOZE?

(Continued from Page One) quoted as solemnly swearing that there has been no booze dealt out for nearly a whole year. That makes a good two years average. J. E. Wilbur was a little more explicit and candid. He avers he hasn't seen any liquor about the place, but doesn't deny the fact that he would like to get a hold of a little of the stuff himself.

While the federal officers were busy at the Omaha club the local police uncovered a combination dope and booze joint at 1909 Douglas street that had most of the small fry places backed off the map. There Ernie Mallory was arrested charged with illicit dealing in dope and liquor. He catered to after theatre parties and numbered among his guests some of Omaha's best known sports who like to take "their trip to China" now and then. \$5,000 worth of dope was nabbed which made Ernie pretty sore but he will get over it in case he happens to be sent over the mud road for a spell to think it over.

The cases cited above are more or less ancient history but it goes to show that no matter what station in life one assumes, he gets just as dry as the poor boob who has to earn his doughnuts by the sweat of his brow, also that the "higher ups" will take the same chances in fracturing the Eighteenth Amendment as do the proletariats.

It wouldn't surprise the knowing ones to see a certain exclusive little club to be the next to feel the heel of the law and if they do there will be hell to pay up on the exclusive hill top.

WOMEN VOTE WET

(Continued from Page One) Wayne B. Wheeler, high mogul of the Anti-Saloon league, in trying to explain away the vote, says that only a general vote would show the real trend of opinion and then goes on to explain that the primary elections so far held show no particular change in the sentiment of the people. That is to say that the voters have nominated no more wets this year than usual. He fails to explain, however, that other issues than prohibition have been foremost in the minds of the people and they have nominated men because of their stand on the major

issues of the day or have defeated them for the same reason.

In dry Nebraska vote so far recorded shows that 6,797 voters would to heaven that the law be repealed or modified while 5,943 would to the same heaven have the Eighteenth Amendment stay on the statute books just where it is and what it is.

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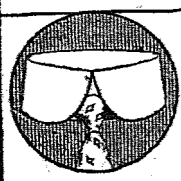
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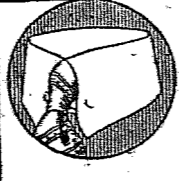
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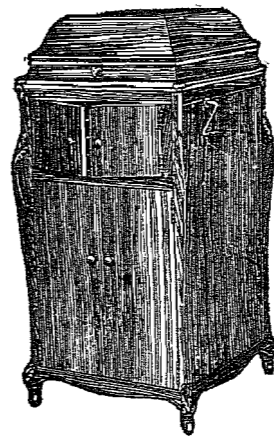
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"As an investigator he was intelligent beyond the genius of his age. In the invention of the telephone he founded the art of transmitting speech electrically, a new and invaluable contribution to the humanizing of mankind.

"He was one of the few in history who lived to see the child of his brain developed into a world-wide service. This was the only reward he sought and this reward was fully his.

"Whereas, this company was founded upon and is devoted to the development of his invention for the service of humanity, it seems proper that we, the directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, for ourselves and in behalf of the men and women of the Bell system, should spread upon our records our recognition of the debt owed to Alexander Graham Bell by the hundreds of thousands of telephone workers of the world for the opportunity for service which his invention made possible."

GIVE BOUNTY FOR MALE BABES

Government of Montenegro Takes Steps to Increase the Rapidly Dwindling Birth Rate.

Cetinje, Montenegro.—There has been an alarming decrease in the birth rate of Montenegro, due to the loss during the war of so many of the "Black Mountain's" fighting men. The government is offering premiums to mothers who bear male children. The females now greatly outnumber the males.

The incentives offered by the government to mothers of male children have resulted in pathetic appeals from the untutored peasant women to the American Red Cross nurses to give them "the medicine to make a boy."

In Montenegro boys are considered much more valuable than girls, and the constant prayer of the mountain dweller is that she may be blessed with a male child. This disparity in the sexes is largely the outgrowth of the days when Turkey held dominion over the Balkans and when the liberty-loving Montenegrins had an ever-present need of men to defend the homeland.

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PRESENTED IN OMAHA NEXT WEEK

GAYETY TO OPEN Relief in Sight for Movie Suffered Public—Nauseating Triangles Not Permitted in Musical Burlesque.

"Knick Knacks", produced by Harry Hastings, one of the staid and reliable showmen who have helped establish the Columbia brand of burlesque, will furnish the fourteenth consecutive season's opening attraction at the Gayety theatre starting Saturday night, August 26th. "A Silk Stocking Revue of Up and Down Broadway" will be the covering title for a promised array of beautiful scenic settings, costumes of elegance in great variety, electrical novelties and stage effects of picturesque harmony and a cast and chorus of hand-picked players. These are advance promises that are likely to be fulfilled in the adequate manner Harry Hastings has a reputation for accomplishing.

Frank X. Silk, tramp comedian, and Kitty Warren, dancing soubrette, are featured members of a company carrying a dozen principals and twenty chorus girls. Dick Hulse, eccentric comedian, and Lew Denny, light comedy player, will assist in the humorous element that promises to form a dominant part of the entertainment.

At its title implies, the revue features of the offering will present the lights and shows of New York's "Main Street"—an avenue very different from the lane described in Sinclair Lewis' famous novel.

"A Silk Stocking Revue of Up and Down Broadway" will lead the on-looker into unique quarters in Chinatown, and the side streets off Times Square.

Special musical numbers and dance ensembles were staged by Sol Fields, and the presentation in its entirety was staged and produced under the watchful eye of Harry Hastings. Giving credit to the advance announcements "Knick Knacks" promises excellent diversion for theatregoers who look to burlesque for what burlesque never fails to surply. There will be a ladies' matinee at 2:15 daily all week, starting Monday. Sunday's matinee begins at 3:00.

EMPRESS ATTRACTIONS In Eugene O'Brien's latest Selznick production, "Clay Dollars", which will be presented at the Empress theatre next week, the popular star is cast in a role wholly different from anything he has been seen in heretofore. The play, which is from the pen of Lewis Allen Browne, is laid for the most part in a small country town, and is replete with all the human and humorous incidents and atmosphere that have always made such a wide appeal with the theatregoing public. Eugene O'Brien has the role of Bruce Edwards, a young man who, upon returning to his home town to claim his heritage, finds that he has been left nothing but several acres of muddy swamp land. Upon investigation he finds evidences that he has been cheated out of his rightful inheritance by Squire Willets, a crooked lawyer, but is unable to prove it. Nothing daunted, he takes a humble position in the town, and sets about

laying plans for regaining his inheritance.

By an ingenious and well-laid plan and with the assistance of June Gordon, a pretty country maiden, he succeeds in completely turning the tables on the squire. How this is accomplished makes not only a very interesting and dramatic photoplay, but one of the most amusing that has been on the screen this season.

"Clay Dollars" was directed by George Archainbaud, who went with the entire cast to a country town in order to secure their proper backgrounds and types.

WOOD ALCOHOL WHISKEY KILLS AND BLINDS MANY

During the first six months of 1922 more than 125 deaths and twenty-two cases of blindness resulted from drinking wood alcohol whiskey in twenty-one states, according to the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness. This is a terrible indictment against unprincipled peddlers of death dealing concoctions who should be hung as fast as they are apprehended.

JUDGE FOSTER ON ROCKS OF PUBLIC UNPOPULARITY

It looks like Omaha was to be rid of Judge Foster before January 1st. The police have been unable to make convictions in his court of late, even with a preponderance of evidence they have had in submitting many of their cases. Just now a movement is on foot to have him quietly removed to the South Side which will help considerably so far as Central station is concerned. Foster has never measured up to the judicial cloth he wears. That the people of Omaha have this opinion was well illustrated at the last primary.

HERE'S BROADCASTING !! FROM Radio Sta. B. V. D. OLD MAN JOHNSON, Operator —Harry Hastings is bringing his brand new assemblage of entertainers to Omaha to inaugurate the 14th consecutive season of Columbia Circuit Brilliant Musical Burlesk. He calls it "Knick-Knacks" and it depicts a silk stocking revue up and down Broadway. It's livelier, clubbier and more companionable than ever—and it's all clean fun. Frank X. Silk, Kitty Warren, The Three Syncopators, Carney & Carr, Madlyn Worth, Dick Hulse and many others, not forgetting enough nifty chorines to run the family up to about fifty gladsome souls, will twice daily supply the three hours of diversion gettable only here. And zoologically speaking, you'll say Emil Hofmann's new orchestra is "the elephant's adenoids"; the honey surroundings "the cat's whiskers"; the attentive service "the snake's hips"; and you'll find the Fun, Foolishness and Frivol to be the "the bee's knees"—they're always here. In other words, the Gayety Opens SAT. NIGHT, Aug. 26 With "KNICK-KNACKS", Which Will Continue Twice Daily All the Following Week LADIES' POPULAR PRICE MATINEE EVERY WEEK-DAY SEASON RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE