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## Sick Cats Better Than War Veterans

### MANY POOR UNFORTUNATES ASK OLD SANTA CLAUS FOR HELP

Letters For Him Sent To The Mediator To Be Forwarded Are Filled With Pathos and Woe. SOME MAY STARVE IF NOT HELPED NOW

Scores Of People Write Of Their Troubles But Few Can Be Printed For Lack Of Space— Read Them And As Your Heart Goes Out To Them Do Your Share For The Writers.

Many pitiful letters have been pouring into the Mediator the past week all directed to Santa Claus in care of this paper. Poor little boys and girls who will have to suffer if something is not done about their several cases. We appeal to our readers for substantial contributions that we may divide them among the people whose letters follow:

**Dere Santie:**

i and the boys about the offic is in a hellova fix. we need more munny to run our street cars as we only make a haf a million bucks a year wich aint enuff to keep the wolf off the front porch. we dont want to pass the buck to no one especially you but somthing has to be dun. all we want is one cent wich aint asking much seain as how all our customers is milionares or worse. so if you will pleze ask the state commision to make the fare, fairer (fer us) we will give you a annual pass good for 1 yr. your little friend,  
Arell Lessler

**Good old sante klaw,**

I wisht you would come to my offs just as soon as you get in omaha before u spend all your dough. i am hed of the komunity chest an' we have been double krossed by about 20 thousand laboring men who we ast to give us a days pay and they respoced by given us the sir. we are short thirty five thousand dollars and so we could give the guy wot runs the humane society fifteen thousand dollars which aint half enough as this is going to be a cold winter and lots of alleys cats and dogs is going to suffer terrible unless we kan raise the anti. so peese come acrost with the

amt. referred to as our overhed is eatin in aplenty.

youers for more dough, hed guy of kumunity chest

No. Boozeville, nebr, dec 19 dere santie

well, santie old whiskers how you coming on, i rite to tell you that you will waste your time coming to omaha this yr. i bein the official joy-killer in this town dont want no one like u buttin in as you mite make some one happy and that aint the way ime running things in this city, not on ure life. they was lot of booze here when they made me cheef mogul but they aint a drop now becauz i put all the bootleggers out of bizness. rite off the reel all by myself. if you aint got prohibition up in the north pole i wish you woud mall me a kase of the reel stuff for my own personal use az all i kan get a hold of here is the that woud make a rattlesnake ... b a tree. by the way santie the hotels are all goin to klose up christmas and new yeres because the gests aint goin to be aloud to have no fun on account of me.

That isd another fether in my hat. thasall  
almer Thomas

santa klaw, dere sur.

kan you do ennything for a good little fat boy who has lost everything he had this year and aint got nothing left but his belly wich holds his guts wich he has got a plenty of them. if you kan and will i will sure be thankful for enny such konsideration. last spring i lost my reputation when i run for sity commisioner and all



**CARRIE ALLEN**  
—She's with the big musical show, "Broadway By Night," which will adorn the Christmas tree at the popular Gayety twice daily all next week. But Carrie, dear, put on your little shoes—it's too cold now to go bare-footed.

**NO MEDIATOR CHRISTMAS WEEK**

There will be no issue of The Mediator next week. The Mediator force take a week's vacation. The office will be open in the Paxton block, however. Our telephone is AT. 7046. IF you have any business to transact, drop in and see us.

Here is wishing all of our people a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year and many of them.

**REAL ESTATE MAN GETS HIS BOOZE AT ROAD-HOUSE NEAR BLAIR**

A prominent real estate man living out in Dundee has a daughter who teaches in the high school at Blair. Each week end some of the family goes over to the up-river town to bring her home.

Just out of Blair a few miles is a more or less notorious road house where the party stops to put on a supply of hootch for the following week. During the past two weeks the teacher's father has bought enough of the forbidden juice to last the ordinary family until Spring. But the holidays are upon us. The real estate man goes under the name of Smith while stopping at the Blair road house but here in Omaha most everybody in town knows him and they don't call him Smith either.

**Danbaum Pays Price For Undaunted Bravery**

Detective Chief Wounded By Black Skunk While Leading His Men In Battle.

The shooting and dangerously wounding of detective Ben Danbaum by a dirty black skunk is one more chapter in the extremely active life of this up-and-coming officer. One of the bravest and hardest working men ever assigned to detective work the chief has had a wide and colorful experience.

Danbaum has served in every capacity as city detective and has been the center of many thrilling adventures from which he barely escaped with his life on several different occasions.

Danbaum's most notable exploit was perhaps his saving from death by hanging of former Mayor Ed. P. Smith at the time of the court house riot. At that time Ben rushed through the mob of crazed hoodlums and cut the rope which was to pull Smith to the top of a telephone pole and into eternity.

He was one of the principals in the final capture of Beryl Kirk in one of the most dangerous gun battles in local police annals. At that time officer Rooney was killed and Danbaum had a hair breadth escape from the outlaw's bullets.

In yesterday's battle which resulted in the dangerous wounding of Danbaum the chief was among the first to enter the shack, leading the attack that ended eventually in the killing of the man they went after. Late reports are to the effect that Danbaum will recover providing blood poisoning does not set in at a later time.

The action of the entire detective department in the gun battle reflected glory on it as a body and commands great praise for each individual who took part. The methods used to get "their man" proves how well trained the officers are as an organization.

It is occasions like this that go to prove to our citizens the efficiency of the police department as it is now organized. It further goes to show that Omaha is one of the best officered cities in the United States.

**BOXERS THOUGHT THERE WAS A LAW AGAINST HITTING**

The fight at the Auditorium was saved last week by the splendid work of the prelim scraps. The main event was about as tame as it is possible to make them. The heavies seemed under the impression that there was a law in Nebraska which prevented boxers from hitting their opponents.

There is a heap of bootlegging joints going more or less hog wild on Cuming street, but no one knows where they are except the patrons.

**DUNN'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR MISGUIDED POLICEMEN**

Henry Dunn, police commissioner, is said to have negotiated for a brass band, which he will give some police officials working under him. Dunn has decided this will be an appropriate present. The men to whom this brass band will be given will not be greatly surprised, it is said. It is to be used by them in parading their personal differences before the public in a spectacular manner. In this manner the public will be able to better understand them. The suggestion was made to Dunn by some prominent men and is considered by insiders to be a good one.

We will say it is.

**CREELE TAKES CHRISTMAS VACATION CUSTOMERS YELL**

Friends of Pat Jones Creele are sorry to hear of his illness, which has extended over several days the last week. It has been tough on some of the boys, because of the weather. At first he was reported on his Christmas vacation. Later reports, however, indicate he was a very sick man. He has the sympathy of The Mediator.

### THREE DOLLARS FOR ANIMALS AND ONLY ONE FOR SOLDIERS

That is the Proportion Made by the Community Chest Budget Committee For The Year 1925

### ADMINISTRATION AND EXPENSE \$26,000

Disabled Veterans Given 5 Thousand Dollars—Camp Fire Girls The Same—Crippled Soldiers Fools Not To Die When They Had A Chance—Y. W. C. A. Only Gets Measly \$41,000 Dollars—What Do You Think About It?

Let us point out to you, one of the many reasons why the community chest drive has been more or less a failure this year. A chest budget committee composed of the board of directors has given out their recommendations for the 1925 appropriations. Among other things it proposes is to give the Nebraska Humane Society, who cater to the welfare of sick cats, hydrophobia dogs, worn out horses, supernumerated goats and such, the munificent sum of 15 thousand dollars. This we presume includes graft money to be collected by someone connected with this great humanatarian work. We want our readers to keep this proposed 15 thousand dollar contribution in mind while reading the next paragraph.

In making their budget for the coming year the same Community chest officials have seen fit to give the Disabled Veterans of the World war 5 thousand dollars. The writer has no statistics on which to base a correct estimate of the number of sick cats and dogs now in the Nebraska Humane Society's care. Neither do we know the exact number of disabled veterans who fought the battle for America, losing for themselves but gaining a victory for right and justice.

Taking it for granted that the number of crippled war veterans are equal to the sick dogs now in the humane society's care it will be found that the Community chest "arrangers" have figured it out that a sick dumb animals' life is worth three times that of a human being who was willing and did sacrifice all but life itself for mankind, even including the men and women who are now giving

15 thousand dollars for the protection of cats and dogs and feel that the crippled ex-soldiers need but one-third of that amount.

Perhaps it is right that the wounded soldier or his organization should receive only the dry crumb thrown out to him by the Community chest. Possibly these veterans should have been given nothing. Perchance they should die and relieve the Community chest of further efforts in their behalf as they did little or nothing for America in time of its direst need except to go to Europe and be shot to pieces that the stay-at-homes could live in comfort and ultra-prosperity.

The budget committee have given the well-to-do Boy Scouts 21 thousand dollars. Had the World war veterans used a little better judgment and died of their wounds then our Community Chest could have taken the 5 thousand 2 hundred dollars awarded them and have added it to forward the Boy Scout movement.

The Camp Fire Girls who ran short of matches last year in their great work of saving the world for democracy was apportioned 5 thousand dollars for the coming year. Not near enough when you consider the stupendous sum given the Boys who gave all but life for American ideals.

These square shooters have taken 5 thousand dollars of the community's money to make a bunch of Dagoes, Greeks, Japs and Chinks better citizens in an attempt, possibly to replace the World war veterans, who now that they are down and out are no good, at least of no use to our commercial interests who seem to so

### GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP MEANS THE DESTRUCTION OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISES

Would Effect Everything From Railroads To Grocery Stores — Secretary Hoover Tells What Such Attempt Would Do To Labor—Would Destroy All Private Attempt To Make A Dollar — Third Installment.

(Continued from last week)

As a matter of fact, we can do nothing of this kind if we are to maintain a democracy. We cannot have a democracy and deprive our elected representatives of their control of Government investment, their power to fix salaries and wages, their independence in the investigation of the conduct of public officials. The reservation of any or all of these powers renders any kind of a commission subservient to the members of the legislative bodies, no matter what the theory is. When they are subservient to elected officials politics will be their daily need. Above all, the members of our legislative bodies represent districts, states parties, and groups of opinion. Each member is expected by his constituents to look out for their local or groups interests first. They have to be elected upon the results they obtain. Under Government ownership partisanship, "log-rolling," and politics would be the inseparable accompaniments of administration. No great business can be efficiently administered by such a board or such a basis of choice. We shall convert business into politics, and surrender efficiency for spoils. If we distribute public buildings; if we locate electric power plants as we locate reclamation projects; if we divide up public industries generally as we share river and harbor improvements and army and navy stations—then, as surely as night follows the day, facilities will be wastefully provided for those districts or groups which

are politically strong, and they will not be adequately provided for the districts or groups that are politically weak.

Also, under a regime of government ownership, these legislative bodies would have to deal with group pressures striving for favors in rates. The relative rates will affect the prosperity of every city and every section, every group and every industry. States, counties, farmers, town dwellers, every group of manufacturers will press their representatives to secure an advantage, and legislators will inevitably honestly favor their constituents. Every experience to date indicates that the taxpayer will pay for the resulting concessions. Because the Government had not the courage to increase railway rates during the war the taxpayer made up a \$1,600,000,000 operation deficit. A neighboring Government yielded last year to the demand for lower rates on Government railways; it is paying the deficit from taxes today.

If we embark on this vast venture we shall at once increase the total of national and local office-holders up to about six millions. The rightful interest of this group is in higher pay constantly better conditions of service, and better standards of living. The rightful public interest will be to hold down rates and taxes. These interests will clash, and their clash must fight itself out, not on grounds of economic bargaining between labor and employer, but in the political arena. The voting strength of this

### BUSINESS MEN REPORT THAT HOLIDAY TRADE IS BETTER THAN USUAL THIS YEAR

All Lines Except Men's Clothing Show Decided Gains Over Last Year — Prosperous Conditions For 1925 Seem Assured—Farmers Will Have Money To Spend—Better Times In State Will Be Reflected Here Next Spring.

While complaint is made in some instances that Christmas trade has not been as good this year as it should have been, most merchants say that their total volume of business during the present holiday season has been greater than that of last year.

Christmas shopping started earlier than usual this year due in large measure to the tremendous sales put on by the leading department stores during November and running through December. Slow business in certain lines has been reported during the month, notable men's clothing which of late years has been slowing up during the holidays. This is accounted for by some merchants by the fact that people no longer give clothing, that is suits and overcoats for presents as they once did.

Years ago Dad bought the boys a suit of clothes for Christmas while mother performed the same act for father. That custom has been discarded long ago. They go in for automobiles these days.

However business taken as a whole this Christmas season has been good in Omaha, better in fact than in most mid-western cities according to reports from such places as Kansas City, Denver, Sioux City and St. Paul.

What is perhaps more important even than immediate business is the prospects for the coming year. Practically every business man in the city has the utmost confidence that the year 1925 will be a most prosperous one, some believing it will actually be a "boom" year if not a record breaker.

The farmers made a lot of money collectively, this year but their present prosperity will not be greatly reflected in Omaha until next Spring. Continued high prices for grain and live stock during the winter will add a great deal to the farmers purchasing power next year and Omaha is sure to reap its share of the benefits.

As an instance of what may be expected from a business standpoint next year it is well to quote a few figures on one Nebraska industry that is growing by leaps and bounds. This refers to beet sugar refining.

Nebraska will produce this year approximately 207,600,000 pounds of beet sugar, or a supply sufficient to fill the sugar demand of more than 2,000,000 persons for one year, according to a survey made by the Bureau of Publicity following the recent close of the 1924 beet sugar "Campaign" in the western section of Nebraska.

In this section, centered in Scotts Bluffs, Morrill, Lincoln and Stour counties, the beet growing industry is conducted on such a large scale that Nebraska holds rank as fifth state in beet sugar production. Approximately 65,000 acres of land were planted to sugar beets this past season, producing a crop estimated at 734,500 tons of beets.

Five beet sugar factories in the state, four of them at Bayard, Scotts-bluff, Gering and Mitchell being the property of the Great Western Sugar Refining Company, and one, at Grand

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### CONSTITUTIONAL CRIMINALITY

One crime deserves another," declares the bootlegger. "If the government can commit a crime in the name of the law, I have as good a right to commit a crime against it, if I can get away with it." This is one of the astounding conditions brought about by constitutional prohibition. Last week Robert Samardick committed the crime referred to. He not only did it in the name of the law but by direction of it. He dumped sixty barrels of pure grain alcohol into the sewer. The enormity of the crime cannot be easily estimated. That is a crime of untold enormity is a certainty, and committed in the name of the law.

The dumping of this vast amount of valuable liquor into the sewer was a crime against humanity. The prohibitionist will declare it to be the greatest bit of wisdom that has been seen for many a day. These sixty barrels of alcohol might have caused hundreds of drunks or even many deaths.

In Omaha hospitals alone where perhaps a thousand or more patients clamoring for relief. The medical profession has prescribed the use of alcohol for innumerable cases of illness of every description, particularly for rubbing. And here 36 hundred gallons of medicine is dumped into the sewer, simply because this prohibition condition exists. It is not only criminal, it is pitiful. The country is up in arms against this pathetic thing, this scandalous condition, and right here in the United States, too. Can you imagine 36 hundred gallons of medicine being thrown away with 10 thousand people praying for the relief which it might afford.

It is shameful, to say the least, that such a condition should exist in a civilized, God-loving community. But it is here and is probably the worst thing the world war left behind. Prohibition came when our young and brainy men were at the front. The minority took advantage of the opportunity to put one across on our soldiers. It is fine heritage this generation is leaving the real men of the future.

The country is overrun with thousands of bootleggers. These men realizing the condition, take the same advantage of their opportunity that the anti-saloon league bosses took of their's, when they were able to get rich on the business. Right down to bold, unadulterated facts, it is here and only revolution will put an end to it. Speaking of the Russian bolshevism, it is absolutely right, compared with the conditions now existing in this country. When we write into the constitution an article authorizing the government to commit actual crimes against humanity, what may we expect of the future. Even the Bible has been defied. The word of Almighty God has been made a laughing stock by this prohibition swindle.

And there is no end in sight. Crime has increased a thousand per cent because our government has set the mark. And still we wonder what will next happen.

## PROFESSOR NOODLE

SHIP AHOY!  
 Dear Professor:-  
 To Europe I am going to fare - I need the ocean trip. So tell me how to guard with care - my health while on the ship.  
 C. Gull

folks do not guard their health these days - Oh no - that's not the trick. What worries them is means and ways - by which they may get sick!

DOCTOR - I THINK I'VE GOT A TOUCH OF PNEUMONIA - THANK GOODNESSES!

HOW DID YOU GET THAT TERRIBLE CHILL? YOU LUCKY DOG!

PNEUMONIA? TWO QUARTS OF BOURBON?

SHIP'S DOCTOR

Prof. Noodle

### Flea for Statues of Creations of Authors

The citizens of Auch, the ancient capital of Gascony, have decided to erect a statue to D'Artagnan, hero of Alexandre Dumas' "The Three Musketeers" and "Twenty Years After." In reality, of course, it is much more than a statue to D'Artagnan, who never existed for the world until Dumas called him into being. It is more than a statue to Charles de Baatz Castlemore, the original of Dumas' hero, who was born not far from Auch. It is really a statue to Dumas and the human imagination. Everything that has made D'Artagnan memorable and international came from a great maker of romances - D'Artagnan is one of the many creations of poets and writers that have become more real than real men. It is always a fine thing to see recognition of such, the New York Sun comments. There might even be more statues to great characters of literature and fewer statues to little characters of "real" life. While there is no harm in remembering a man who leaves a fountain or a park to a village, the men who have left Odysseus, Hamlet, Falstaff, Faust, Jean Valjean and Natty Bumppo are, after all, the more deserving.

### Refused to "Fall" for Bishop's Second Scheme

A western minister tells a story, according to the Kansas City Star, showing how a bishop, accosted in a Chicago street by a neat but hungry stranger, derived profit from the encounter.

Now the bishop took a fancy to the needy one, took him to a hotel and shared a good dinner with him. Yet, having left his episcopal wallet in the pocket of a different episcopal jacket, he suddenly faced the embarrassment of not having the wherewithal to pay for the dinner.

"Never mind," exclaimed the guest. "I have enjoyed dining with you, and I shall be charmed to pay the price. Allow me."

And the stranger paid for the two. This worried the prelate, who insisted: "Just let me call a taxi and we'll run up to my place, where I shall have the pleasure of reimbursing you." But the stranger met the suggestion with:

"See here, old man! You've stuck me for a bully good dinner, but hanged if I am going to let you stick me for a bad dinner!"

### New Palindrome Found

New palindromes are rare, but a western newspaper writer has revealed several especially good ones. A palindrome is merely a phrase that spells backward and forward. A classic example of the palindrome is the speech put into the mouth of Napoleon: "Able was I ere I saw Elba." Among the new ones sent was the following purporting to be a sign which a store manager placed over a rat-catching preparation composed of Dutch cheese and tar: "Rat trap made a la Edam, part tar." Years ago when "red root" was popular as a cure-all, a druggist's sign ran: "Red root root red root to red root"

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16th and Farnam for 46th and Cuming	1:41
Depot for Dundee	1:44
16th and Farnam for Depot	2:04
Harney Street Line	
33d and Parker to 8th St.	12:55
33d and Parker to Depots	1:40
16th and Center for 33d and Parker	1:15
Park and North 24th Streets	
16th and Farnam, East Side	1:03
16th and Farnam, West Side	1:23
16th and Farnam for Florence	1:13
16th and Farnam for Kansas Ave.	1:31
16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames	2:05
South Omaha and 42d and Grand	
16th and Farnam for West Q.	1:21
16th and Farnam for 42d and Grand	1:23
Dodge Street Line	
16th and Dodge (West)	1:22
16th and Dodge (East)	3:07
16th and Spaulding for Depots	1:48
Leavenworth and Dear Institutes	
16th and Farnam (North)	12:24
16th and Farnam (South)	12:37
Benson and Allbright	
16th and Farnam for Benson	1:24
16th and Farnam for Allbright	1:01
16th and Farnam for 24th and N.	1:23
Fort Crook Line	
16th and N. Sts., South Omaha	12:55
Fort Crook	12:55
Owl Cars	
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton	1:50
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton	2:30
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton	4:20
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	2:40
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	3:20
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	5:20
16th and Mason to 46th and Cuming	3:52
16th and Farnam to 46th and Cuming	4:05
46th and Cuming to 10th and Bancroft	4:23
16th and Farnam to 10th and Bancroft	4:28
24th Street Cross-Town	
24th and Lake to 24th and Vinton	12:42
16th and Lake to 42d and L.	12:32
42d and L. to 24th and Vinton	1:11
Council Bluffs and Omaha	
Pearl and Broadway for Omaha	3:38
16th and Howard for R. I. Depot	1:24
16th and Howard for Pearl and Broadway	1:55

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**MANY POOR UNFORTUNATES ASK SANTA CLAUS FOR HELP**  
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but lost my job but pulled through in spite of myself for which I ought to be thankful for I guess, then all my cue clux frens sed they wood make me governor if I wood only run-which I did but tom denison had every body from the kolorado line to the mizuri river vote against me so I didnt get no votes except from elmer thomas and Ike karpenter and a couple of others. so if you can get me a job in a bath house up behind the north pole I will be glad and be a good eskimo from now on.  
your old friend,  
Dammie Butler

**SICK CATS-BETTER THAN WAR VETERANS**  
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largely dominate the chest budget. But it doesn't matter a great deal about our ex-soldiers, they can die and will have been soon forgotten. What matters most in the educated mind of those handling the chest funds is that the Y. W. C. A. will be a good financial investment if the 41 thousand dollars to be contributed to them last year will help matters. In connection with the foregoing it might be stated that 10 thousand dollars has been set aside for Campaign expenses. Hundreds of volunteer workers wonder what is meant by 'Campaign Expense.' Others are wondering just what becomes of the 16 thousand dollars charged to collection and ADMINISTRATION expense.

**GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP MEANS THE DESTRUCTION OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISES**  
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mass of officeholders, their wives and dependents, will be over 25 per cent of the whole. It is the balance of political power between parties in every district. Either every member of the legislative bodies will be elected to do the bidding of his bureaucracy or will be elected by a public in rebellion against it. No commission or any body of administrators can carry on these vast operations efficiently in this political maelstrom. We shall lose most of our democracy in the storm.

**BUSINESS MEN REPORT THAT HOLIDAY TRADE IS BETTER THAN USUAL THIS YEAR**  
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Island belonging to the American Sugar Refining Company, will produce approximately 207,600,000 pounds from this crop. This is enough to supply the sugar demand for 2,035,294 persons, or of 701,372 more persons than live in Nebraska with its estimated population, of 1,333,922. In producing this great amount of sugar, more than 6,000 persons were employed, as any person is unable to grow more than approximately ten acres of sugar beets, and 1,600 men and women are needed in the five sugar beet factories to slice the beets and handle the sugar making process.

**Would Be a Handicap**  
"I cannot marry you"—that was the burden of the young girl's reply to the old millionaire.  
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She thought for a moment, then: "Not if they used an old beau," she replied cuttingly.  
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# DIX A STAR IN GREAT PICTURE

Paramount's "Manhattan Coming To The Rialto Theatre Next Week.

All who enjoy real fast-moving action-drama will be right in their glory when Richard Dix's first Paramount starring picture, "Manhattan," opens at the Strand Theatre on Sunday for a run of seven days. The story is an adaptation by Paul Sloane and Frank Tuttle of the novel, "The Definite Object," by Jeffrey Farnol. The star of the role of Peter Minuit whose great-great-grandfather purchased the island of Manhattan from the Indians and Peter is all for giving it back to them. "There might be some life in the old town then," says he.

You take it from this that Minuit is slightly bored with life. He is just that—a millionaire bachelor who has everything in life except that which he craves most—action, adventure, a definite object, something to live for, to strive to be worthy of. He finds action-plus in New York's Hell's Kitchen and a definite object in the beautiful sister of a youthful yegg whom he befriends.

Here's a role that suits Dix to a "T."

Jacqueline Logan has the leading feminine role opposite the star. Gregory Kelly, George Seigmann, Gunboat Smith also have important parts. Oscar Figman, Edna May Oliver and Alice Chapin complete the cast. R. H. Burnside directed.

If you like Dix in "Unguarded Women," "Sinners in Heaven," etc., see what you think of him in "Manhattan," a story all his own.

## Orpheum

ORPHEUM CIRCUIT VAUDEVILLE

Another of the most charming stars from the dramatic stage, Miss Nancy O'Neil, is making her debut in vaudeville this season in a tense and gripping satire, "All the World's a Stage," written by the famous English author, Alfred Sutro. Nancy O'Neil is among the foremost American actresses, and in vivid roles of emotion and passion she has few equals in the land. She recently appeared in "Mary Magdalene" in Maeterlinck's drama, presented at the Greek theatre in Berkeley, California. In Benevent's, "The Passion Flower," and before that in "The Wanderer," she was the dramatic sensation of a decade. Her rich, vibrant voice strikes the heart with its enchanting power.

Jim and Betty Morgan are among the elite in songland. These youthful artists have created a very secure position for themselves. Jim and his dainty and clever partner have backed themselves up with an orchestra—nine capable musicians, who play the accompaniments for their songs and provide a little music on their own account.

As a comedy team Claude and Marion are popular wherever there is a vaudeville theatre.

William Demarest and Estelle Collette present a unique song and dance act entitled, "Strings and Stringers."

One of the youngest and most extraordinary dancing geniuses the American theatre has ever known is Baby Henderson. Critics have predicted that she will have a future equal to Pavlova. She does a ballet number, a swan dance of rare beauty, and an acrobatic dance in which cart wheels, back-bends and ingenious twist steps are performed with astounding agility.

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### MEIGHAN ENCOUNTERS BIT OF FUN IN NEW YORK CITY TAXI CAB

Tom Meighan climbed into a taxicab in front of the famous Lamb's Club, New York, recently. The driver listened to the directions, shifted gears, piloted his machine out in the traffic and then turned around with an inquiring glance.

"You're Thomas Meighan, aren't you?" he said. Tom nodded. "Well," said the taxi driver, "that's a coincidence. I've got a story to tell you."

Now driving a taxicab and telling a story over your shoulder at the same time can be accomplished successfully in rural New Jersey, Connecticut and some parts of Brooklyn. But in congested Manhattan it is not considered good form. In fact it's out.

Tom said, "I'm interested in your story; suppose you write me a letter and tell me all about it."

But the taxi driver was not at all discouraged. He bided his time. Presently his cab was caught in the Fifth Avenue traffic jam; then he turned around and resumed.

"My wife is a rabid movie fan," he said. "She used to keep a regular gallery of photographs strung across the top of our dresser. There was Jack Holt, and who's this now, young chap, Richard Barthelmess, and Rudolph himself. Ernest Torrence and half a dozen others. But right in the middle, mind you, in a big silver frame she kept a picture of me. That was O. K."

"Well one night I goes home after a hard day's work and turns on the light and what do I see? She's taken my picture out of the frame and in its place, right in the middle of the whole bunch, she's got a picture of you. It isn't a photograph you sent her, either, Mr. Meighan, but one she cut out of some Sunday paper."

"Well, that was too much. I took one look, made a swipe at the whole row of pictures and chucked them all out of the window. And yours went first."

The taxi driver threw in his clutch, for the green light in the traffic tower had winked out, and the yellow one had taken its place. By the time they reached Forty-first street Tom's laughter had subsided somewhat and he was able to remark casually.

"No hard feelings?"

"No," said the taxi driver, stepping on the gas, "I'll tell her I seen you."

Thomas Meighan's latest Para-

mount starring picture, "Tongues of Flame," by Peter Clark Macfarlane, will be shown next Saturday and for one week following at the Rialto Theatre. Bessie Love and Eileen Percy appear in the cast of the production which was directed by Joseph Henaberry who made Valentino's "A Sainted Devil."

### "BROADWAY BY NIGHT" WILL BE ON GAYETY XMAS TREE

Those who journey to the popular Gayety theatre next week will be repaid by seeing one of the most diverting shows this season touring the Columbia "Wheel". The attraction is Charles H. Waldron's "Broadway By Night", a burlesque revue, starring Jos Wilton. The show promises to be bright and snappy throughout, with funny comedians, pretty girls, tuneful music and catchy songs.

Joe Wilton and Bob Capron, who were with "I'll Say She Is", the musical comedy attraction last season, handle the funmaking in the show.

Mildred Cecil, the "girl with the big voice", has been entrusted with the prima donna role.

Ella Johnson is a charming soubrette and Carrie Allen is one of burlesque most captivating ingenues. Cameron and Lee present a singing specialty and Bennett and Fletcher offer a musical number that is above the average.

There are fourteen scenes changes in "Broadway By Night", which depict the night life along New York's "Main Street". The members of the chorus wear costumes which show to advantage their shapely figures, an admitted requisite in burlesque.

Women who attend the daily mat-

nees will appreciate the costumes and gowns worn by the feminine members of the company.

"Broadway By Night" typifies Columbia Burlesque. There is not a suggestive line or movement during the entire performance. It is one of those shows to which you may invite your mother or sister, or your best girl and at the same time rest assured that nothing will be said or done upon the stage to embarrass them—a fact that does not hold good with high priced musical shows. Sunday and Christmas matinees will start at 3:00.

### ROEDER APPARENTLY HAS SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE

If there is anything to this talk among the doctors about Dr. Roeder and Condon it was given an impulsive jam Thursday when a jury gave Dr. Roeder a decision in a \$30,000 damage suit brought against him by the mother of a child who charged carelessness in an operation he performed on the child. This is said to be the first skirmish in a fight that has been the subject of much talk among medical men.

Roeder has not been seen by a Mediator representative, but from talk heard he is pretty well pleased at winning the first fight. He has himself brought a series of damage suits for 100 thousand dollars against Condon, The Mediator and others. These are expected to come to a head in the near future and the decision of the jury in the case just settled is expected to have its effect when the damage suit comes to a head. Meanwhile, it is said Dr. Roeder is setting pretty.

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