

## SOME INTERESTING TESTIMONY WAS INTRODUCED IN BOYLAN DIVORCE

### BUTLER AGAIN STIRS THINGS UP IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

#### Alleges Friars Club, Along With Others Are Nothing More or Less Than Gambling Dens

### ONLY POLITICAL MOVE, IT IS ALLEGED

#### Resolution Presented To City Council By Butler To Close These Places, After O. J. Smith, South Side Grocer, Claimed He Lost \$1000 Rolling Dice At Friars Club In His Bankruptcy Plea.

Dan Butler, Omaha's alleged self-esteemed guardian of the down-trodden, has kicked up another mess in the city council. When O. J. Smith, a South Side grocer, filed his petition for bankruptcy, stating that one of the contributing factors to his financial straits was the loss of approximately \$1000 at the Friars Club, shooting craps, Butler who has been ever alert to grasp such opportunities, immediately presented a resolution to the city council asking that the Friars Club be closed, along with several other places in the city.

It goes without saying that nothing is in the wind save a political move, on Butler's part. Strange as it may seem, there is not a place in the city now operating, regardless of its alleged violations of the law, that was not wide open during Butler's administration.

"If the Friars Club is organized for the purpose of gambling, I know nothing of it," Tom Dennison said. "It has rooms just above my office, and as far as I know it is just like any other club. It is just a political club where the fellows who can't afford to belong to other clubs in Omaha belong. If what Butler alleges is true, he has no reason to kick, for the Friars Club was one of the leading organizations during the time that he was Police Commissioner. As for any of the other places Butler has named as gambling dens, I can not say."

On Dodge street, just off Nineteenth, there is a cigar store which Butler alleges is a gambling hall. Of this The Mediator knows nothing, but a representative of this paper has had occasion to drop in there once in a while, to buy a cigar. As far as could be seen all the transactions which

were indulged in there was the retailing of the best line of cigars and tobaccos in the city.

It is a well known fact that Butler has persistently fought the city council at every turn. When things become a little dull in the chambers, it has been Dan's habit to kick up something, hoping to create an impression by keeping his name on the front pages. Front page publicity is good stuff if one is in the right, but so far Butler has done nothing to be deserving of favorable comment. Everyone will immediately recognize why such a fight has been stirred up, and if they forget it by the time of the city election, it will be a wonder. Citizens of Omaha do not like continual bickering and quarrels about trivial matters, especially in the city council.

It is too detrimental for the good of the public. So Dan apparently has about played his last card. If his activities were constructive, he might be viewed in a different light. But as long as he continues to do nothing but cast stones and suspicions and be antagonistic, the public is through with him.

The Friars Club, which has been the brunt of Butler's attack this time, was incorporated for the express purpose of creating a club for the advancement, in an athletic and social way, of its members. They have been active in every athletic or sporting event staged in the city, backing the fight cards to a man. If what Butler alleges is true, why is it that Sheriff Endres, another man who has been on the war-path, holds a membership card in the Friars Club? Endres has been fighting the city politicians for a long time, and now he

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### PROHIBITION BATTLE IS WAXING HOT IN CONGRESS, WITH WET FORCES IN LEAD

#### Absurd Situation Arises When Dry's Kick Because Too Much Money Is Placed At Their Disposal—Bootleggers Not In Favor Of Repealing Or Modifying The Volstead Act.

The past week there have been many skirmishes in the prohibition field, but no actual engagement of importance has taken place. For the first time in seven years of open warfare, the Wet and Dry forces have met on common ground, and have mutually agreed on one thing. And that is that more money should be appropriated for the enforcement of the Volstead Act. After their little te-ta-tete a bitter battle ensued. The Dry's thought they had gained a point, because more money was to be made available, which would enable stricter enforcement. The Wets unanimously voted that they should have plenty of money to continue their graft. But here is where the dissonance occurred. When it was learned that the Wet forces would insist that a huge sum of money be appropriated for this purpose, the backers of the dry law immediately set up a great howl.

Now isn't that ridiculous? For many years the enforcement officials have been kicking because they didn't have sufficient funds to properly carry on their work. Now, when millions are put at their disposal, they refuse to have anything to do with it, because they say, if it would be granting a point in favor of the Wets. They don't seem to realize that since the Volstead Act became a law that the freedom with which they have disposed of their appropriation has been nothing more or less than added strength to their opponents.

There are millions of voters in the United States who have had their fill of prohibition, yet it is going to be a hard fight to crawl out from under the yoke of the Volstead Act. These individuals have to fight not only the "weak sisters", that is the

man who votes for prohibition because his wife tells him to; the crooked official, who desires to continue to draw his legal, and illegal revenue, but the great unorganized brotherhood of bootleggers, as well for what one of all the bootleggers desires to see a change in the prohibition issue? For seven years, the illicit trade has been going on, and millions of dollars have been made in this business. Not only do the big importers and the wholesale bootleggers make money, but many a farmer has learned how to get ten dollars a bushel for his corn. Specifically stating, one bootlegger-gentleman-farmer who lives just outside the city, well know in this vicinity, has been marketing on an average, ten gallons a week of exceptionally good liquor here in Omaha. From this he realizes between \$80 and \$100 per week. We would say that Mr. Farmer should worry whether or not corn was only worth 79 cents a bushel.

Recently an editorial in The Omaha Daily Bee advocated that the fight for temperance should be reorganized. In the same paragraph it was definitely stated that prohibition was not a failure, but has been a success, to a certain measure. If prohibition has not failed, why is it necessary to reorganize the fight on this issue? The Drys know that prohibition is a failure, but by means of all known methods they are attempting to regain some of the ground they have lost. And the Wets are continuing to wage an offensive against the crumbling front of the Volstead advocates, in spite of the advice given by The Omaha Daily Bee to the effect that "Wets" may as well stop their fight against the Eighteenth Amendment." (Continued on page 2)

### Jury Finds Paul Peterson Guilty Of Highway Robbery

After thirty-five hours of deliberation, during which time two jurors held out for acquittal, the jury found Paul Peterson guilty of holding-up William Gondring, messenger for the Alamito Dairy Company, and taking \$1500 in currency and \$2800 in checks.

The case drew considerable attention, inasmuch as it was one of the most daring day-light robberies ever staged in Omaha. It will be remembered that when Peterson was placed under suspicion his home was searched, where checks and a part of the satchel containing the money wrapped in Alamito containers were found. This was in itself condemning evidence, but Judge Goss instructed the jury wisely and fairly. If other evidence pointed that Peterson participated in the holdup, then these findings should strengthen the case. But if it was doubtful, the fact that the money and satchel were found in his home would not be held as final proof of guilt.

Peterson had alibis that were apparently sound, as to his whereabouts when the hold up was staged. Many witnesses testified for him, stating that they had seen him, and knew of his actions that day in November when the milk truck was forced to the curb, and the driver robbed.

It is quite possible that Peterson is not guilty, but now that 12 men, after reviewing the evidence arrayed against him by the prosecution, have found him guilty, his chances of escaping the pen are slight. The punishment covering this crime is from 3 to 15 years in the penitentiary.

The fact that the jury were doubtful in their verdict should not be overlooked. It was the intent of the jury to make a plea for clemency, one juror stated, but after the 35 hours of continual grind, they were all so nearly worn out that it was forgotten.

### HANGMAN'S NOOSE BEST METHOD OF CHECKING CAPITAL CRIMES THAT ARE UNDERMINING OUR STATE AND NATION

There has been much discussion on the time worn question of capital punishment, and so far the United States government has not seen fit to abolish this institution by a Federal statute. At the time of Simon's electrocution at the State penitentiary a few months ago, feeling ran high against "a life for a life" among certain classes of people. Thus it is brought directly home to the people just what capital punishment means.

The demand of the state that a person convicted of murder be made to pay the penalty with his life is not harking back to the days of Moses, when the law or "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" was the justice meted out to criminals. The death penalty is provided for the protection of society at large, not as an avenue of personal revenge or retribution.

Just a short time ago the issue was again brought before the public eye when a film depicting the "crime of capital punishment" was shown before a group of public officials and newspapermen. This film incorporated all of the tragedy and pathos of enforced death. It showed injustice on every hand. It showed the breaking of the Sixth Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." It showed every thing to arouse the sympathy of the observer, in an effort to enlist workers against the legal taking of a murderer's life. But this film failed to show the true side of the picture. Was the widow and fatherless children of some victim of this criminal shown? They were not. Was the lifeless body of the young woman, whom this beast had attacked to satisfy his lust, and then slain to hide his crime portrayed on the screen? Most assuredly not. So it is apparent that these sob-sisters who cringe at the thought of sending a man to the electric chair for some atrocious crime committed, experience no sense of revulsion when the act itself is reviewed.

It is said that capital punishment bears no fruit because death holds no fear for the hardened criminal, the murderer. If death, with all the hideousness entailed with the gallows, fails to check the activities of the criminal, is it necessary to ask if it is advisable to leave a man of that character run at liberty? It is a cer-

### JUDGE GOSS MAKES SOME CHANGES FOR MEDIATOR EDITOR

Edwin L. Huntley, editor of The Mediator, called on Judge Goss of the district court last Monday and requested an interpretation of his recent order and for some minor changes. The judge told Huntley to go ahead and publish a regular newspaper, avoiding anything libelous. He also said he might be quoted as telling this to the editor.

Construed literally, the Mediator considers it a very liberal suggestion. There is still a question of how far the probation officer shall go, but when that gentleman was asked to O. K. a story in this week's paper he did it, but said he had no authority to write his O. K. on it. It leaves the whole thing a little cloudy as yet, but the matter is expected to come out all right in the end.

### CREAL CELEBRATES HIS NINETY-NINTH BIRTHDAY

Herman Creal, one of our distinguished citizens and equally well known gentleman of the first-class, celebrated the ninety-ninth anniversary of his birth last Monday. He had as guests Danny Sullivan, Edwin L. Huntley, and a score of others of considerable importance in these parts. Herman does not look his age. He is recovering from a broken ligament in his arm, received as the result of an automobile accident. He was congratulated by all his friends on the occasion and returned the compliments in kind.

Creal celebrated by taking some of his party for an automobile ride they voted a success.

### SATURDAY LAST DAY AT LEGION'S POWDER RIVER SROW

The American Legion's Powder River entertainment ends tomorrow (Saturday). The show has been an unqualified success and has played to thousands upon thousands of people during the week. No matter what you have seen during the previous days "you ain't seen nothin'" until you witness the wind up Saturday night.

### Primitive Battle Staged At Night In Circle Of Automobiles

A recurrence of that age-old drama of fighting for the affections of a man took place just outside the corporate limits of Council Bluffs the other night. Two young girls, Meleta Hansen, 17, and Dorothy Brown, 17, battled to a finish in the glare of the lights of eight automobiles, which formed a ring for the combatants. The dispute arose over a so-called "shiek", of the variety who does nothing but hang around the skating rink and pool halls.

Anyway, each claimed title to the "prize". So Meleta slapped Dorothy. A policeman told them to "cut it out", so Dorothy threw out the challenge of a fight to the finish, somewhere in the country where the cops wouldn't disturb their fun. The news spread that a scene, similar in all aspects to the notorious Phillips hammer case, was to be enacted. Cars were made available, and a crowd witnessed the battle.

These girls had never heard of the rules governing such combats, so it was just a case of primitive self-preservation. Hair pulling, biting, scratching, choking and other forms of punishment were the rules of the day, or night. Dorothy Brown was the first to go down, and the other girl jumped on her, pulling her hair, and shoving her face in the mud, of which there was a good supply. When the Brown girl was assisted to her feet, she rushed at Meleta, knocking her down. Thus the fight progressed, until Richard Williams, acting in the capacity of official referee, stopped the proceedings. Meleta had a scissor hold on Dorothy, and the Brown girl had a firm hold with both hands on Meleta's throat.

Council Bluffs is getting to be the hardest-boiled dump in the middle-west. Hardly a week passes without something of the sort comes up. It would be hard to determine just why (Continued on page 3)

### NEWS ITEMS PURPORTED TO BE FROM MEDIATOR EXHIBITED

#### Mrs. Boylan, Plaintiff, Affirms The Article Was The Whole Truth About Her Husband

### DAILY NEWS COVERS UP TESTIMONY

#### It Is Alleged That Boylan Paid The Mediator The Sum Of \$200 To Keep The Article From Being Published—The Truth Is Boylan Carried An Advertisement With This Paper For Several Months, Yet Owes A Balance.

Some remarkable efforts are apparently being made by the Omaha Daily News to make all the trouble it can with The Mediator. In Judge L. B. Day's domestic relations branch of the district court last Tuesday Mrs. Mary Boylan's suit for divorce was being heard. Her testimony was given in the usual honest-to-God manner, and among other things, Dick Hunter, her attorney, asked her some questions concerning the editor of The Mediator.

The News did not print her testimony so as to be understood, but it's story would have left the impression that the editor of The Mediator was nothing less than a blackmailer. In order to put the public right, The Mediator this week prints the court record as it really is. Among the questions asked by Dick were these, with her answers:

"Exhibiting a paper, which became exhibit No. 1, he asked her what it was. In reply she stated: "That is a paper that was sent to him (Mr. Boylan) from Mr. Huntley, to be put in The Mediator at that time. It was to be stated in The Mediator."

Q. "Did the defendant give this to you herself?"

A. "Yes, he did."

Q. "What did he say about it?"

A. "He just handed it to me and laughed and he said he had kept it out of The Mediator by paying, I think he said \$200."

Q. "What was that to represent, the TRUTH about him, so far as you know?"

A. "Yes it was, and that was the truth about him."

Q. "In his business?"

A. "In his business."

"Continuous complaint is being heard from business interests concerned in automobile tires and from

police officials as well as government men enforcing the law against bootlegging of the tire concern at 1516 Davenport Street, known as the Two-in-One Vulcanizing Company. This place is operated by a man named Boylan, and is considered as the landing place for bootleggers and the gathering place for tire thieves and petty crooks. Boylan himself, is just recovering from a beating he received from one of the Edward hotel punts across the street.

Any nice sunny afternoon Omaha dicks would do well to stick around and see the bootleggers and tire thieves drop in at side and back doors with their plunder. In the rear room they exchange reminiscences and talk over the latest systems of evading the police. The place has long been under suspicious and has been visited many times by the plain clothes men on Omaha's police force.

Last week Boylan got into an altercation on the street corner with one of the hanger-ons at the Edward hotel and it was a good one. Boylan apparently got the worst of it, because it required the work of some experts to dress his wounds. He was credited with being drunker than seven thousand dollars when the big fight was pulled off. At any rate he looked like a cyclone had struck him after the fray was over.

This is the joint that is being advertised on downtown waste paper boxes, a fine bit of graft which Omaha's reform administration is permitting to exist. Just who is getting this money is not clear, but it is sure that somebody is getting in on some soft graft on these advertising boxes.

Boylan has had a somewhat checkered (Continued on page 2)

### KU KLUX KLAN NOT MUCH IN EVIDENCE IN OR ABOUT OMAHA FOR SOME TIME

#### Still Working Their Graft Out In The State, But Their Prestige Is Badly Shaken Following Continued Adverse Publicity.

The activities of the Klan in and about Omaha have nearly ceased. For this gang have been receiving their due share of publicity through the columns of The Mediator, and publicity, unless it is some of their own home-made propaganda, is something the Klan doesn't care much about.

Out in the state, however, the Klan is still thriving on the gullible. In an exchange it is noted that a new department of the Klan has been organized. This is called the Tri-K Klub. It is intended for the "correct guidance and teaching" of girls from the ages of 12 to 18.

In the article, written by "A Field Director", the boast is made that men women, boys and girls are being mobilized in "the militant army of the world's greatest crusade, keeping step in an irresistible forward march until the whole world acknowledges that "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God."

Such hokum is sweet music to the ears of those who know no better, but to the true American and the lover of democracy this kind of prattle is revolutive. The writer of this propaganda, who is ashamed to acknowledge to the world that he is a Klansman, must not realize that the entire nation is not made of fools who listen and believe everything that is propounded to them. The Klan takes the attitude that in time they will rule the universe, that every living soul will be in accord with their dictates and policies, and they even go so far as to compare the Church of God with their rotten, crooked grafting organization.

It is but necessary to attend a Klan meeting if one is to realize the swindle and grafting that is their game. A representative of The Mediator

had occasion to attend a klan meeting incognito, a few weeks ago. What class of people constituted the majority of those in attendance? Illiterate, foreign-born citizens, and grafters. For the most part the people were poor, and could not afford the demands that the klan imposes on them. But the organizers know their game well. They play on the passions of hatred and jealousy, and then to add fuel to the fire, they raise the question of religion.

The first thing that happens is that some one, who should be buying food for his family, is handing these grafters ten dollars as an initiation fee. And the organizer is several dollars better off as the result of his oratory.

Such rot and filth as was hurled at all who could not rank 100% in the eyes of the speaker disgusted the representative of this paper, and he left before the grafter had called for the second pitcher of water. He had seen enough and heard enough to know that the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., of Georgia, has no place in Nebraska or any other state of our nation.

Words are inadequate to describe the viciousness of this gang who hide their heads, lest their next door neighbor find them out. It is incomprehensible that in this enlightened day and age that people should feed on such putrid matter. Just why the Klan was ever organized, the members can not explain satisfactorily. They say they stand on the platform of America for Americans; democracy; justice; and the Protestant church. Whenever a man takes the oath of the klan, every word he utters about democracy and Christianity turns to blasphemy in his throat. No man (Continued on page 2)

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### THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC AND THE "HOTEL"

There has come to light some horrifying details of the manner in which the white slave traffic is carried on all over the United States. A few months ago two pretty girls, both daughters of a former Omahan, were kidnapped by three Mexicans in Tia Juana, and subjected to all of the degradation that a perverted mind could invent. The father of the girls, who at that time was residing in San Diego, killed his entire family by lethal gas rather than live with this blot on the honor of himself and his family.

The three degenerates who caused this, it is discovered, are high officials of the Mexican government at Tia Juana. They are now being tried and if convicted will face a firing squad as punishment for their dastardly act.

Such an occurrence as this causes a feeling of nausea and revulsion in those who have never had a glimpse of the workings of the underworld. That was in Tia Juana, where all of the vice and perversion of the world is indulged in openly. Right here in Omaha, there are things as bad as that happening right along. To be true they are not brought to the public eye. Perhaps kidnapping is not being carried on, but all of the rot of the Mexican border town is to be found here in the city.

One needs but take the time to take a walk around certain parts of the city, not so far distant, to be assured of this. It is not uncommon to see a girl, not yet out of her teens, but looking forty, leading a man into some dump that does business under the guise of legality, where she sells herself for a sum of money. Strictly speaking, the man who permits this sort of thing to go on under his roof may not be guilty of white slavery. But it is a certainty that he is a contributing factor to that great army of fallen women which may be seen at every turn.

Not only is this sort of moral laxity permitted, but all forms of perversion are going on in our city. Girls from all walks of life, the high as well as the low, are daily being drawn into the drag-net of the white slaver. Something must be done to curb the licentiousness that seems to have engulfed our nation. And there is not a better place to start this house cleaning than at home. Drive out the flotsam and jetsam that influences the demand, and the effects will take care of themselves.

As long as there is a demand, there will be a supply. Those engaging in this rotten business are not particular, nor to what they must go to attain the supply. Thus it is that every year, more and more girls are disappearing. The answer to this is simple. If the "ports of missing men", the thinly disguised hotels, of the large cities were searched, many of these girls would be found, if they had not already ended their life of shame by their own hands.

### TWO MEN BOUND OVER ON FERGUSON CHARGES

Two men held on a charge of forgery in connection with passing a number of worthless checks were bound over to district court from municipal court yesterday. Lewis Flenker, Manning, Iowa, was bound over on a five hundred dollar bond, and Clement Flynn on a three thousand dollar bond.

Flenker was arrested by Detectives Vanous and Janda after cashing checks totaling \$170. After making a purchase of merchandise he would offer a \$10 check, receive the change, and pawn the article he had purchased. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

Flynn, who was out on a thousand dollar bond, awaiting trial on a charge of passing checks a month ago, was re-arrested Tuesday, and his bond was increased to three thousand dollars in the municipal court.

### ARMY OFFICERS HERE ESCAPE PERSONAL TAX

Army officers in Omaha will not be required to pay personal taxes under a decision by the county board of commissioners ordering the county clerk to cancel the assessment made on personal property of Lieutenant Colonel Alvin K. Baskette, quartermaster corps, Twenty-second and Hickory streets.

Although County Treasurer Bauman has insisted that army officers should be assessed on personal property when the question arises annually, State Attorney General Spillman has sent an opinion that they be not assessed.

The county attorney's office has backed the treasurer on several occasions.

The county board considered that army men should pay the taxes, but they decided to abide by the decision of the attorney general.

"Officers on army reservations are to course exempt," Mr. Bauman says. "But there is no law exempting those who live outside army posts."

### NEWS AND COMMENTS

Ponzi, the illustrious financier and grafter, is being sought by the police again. He was recently released from the penitentiary, after he had fleeced the public of a few millions on a fraudulent scheme. When he went to Florida he announced that it was his intention to build another fortune with which he intended paying back all of his creditors. He had formed great plans for the colonization of the west coast of Florida by Italian banana growers. The state authorities say he had violated the "declaration of trust" laws, and he is indicted on four counts. But the next thing is to find Ponzi. You have to catch the rabbit before you can skin him.

At Miami, Oklahoma, 19 boys, ranging in age from 11 to 17 years, were given good floggings with hickory sticks at the hands of their parents in the court-room, where the boys had been found guilty on a charge of stealing milk. The boys had a well organized gang, and their work was methodical and effective. They were offered the alternative of the public chastisement, or a jail sentence. The beating was accepted. Perhaps this might be a hint to some of Omaha's judges, when kids of this age run amuck. Firm administration of a hickory stick will work wonders if properly applied.

The latest thing in the attempt to enforce the dry law is "squealers' blanks". It is the plan to furnish these to every citizen, whereon they may write the names of violators of the liquor laws. This throws open a wide avenue for personal revenge, which no doubt, all of the narrow-minded, hypocrites the Volstead Act has produced will take advantage of. The chances are that this idea will prove anything but advantageous to the dry law advocates, for any method that is more revolting to the sense of fair play is hard to conceive.

## Burbank, Self-Styled Infidel, Professes Power Of Healing

Luther Burbank, the renowned horticulturist of California, is drawing his share of attention since his statement that he was an infidel. He did not say, however, that he was an atheist. Much to the contrary he believes in a Divine Power, as is evidenced by his latest astounding statement that he has the power to heal the sick and afflicted by the laying on of hands.

In Mr. Burbank's words, "I am not in the business of healing, and I am too busy to have my door thronged with people seeking cures. I have successfully cured between 200 and 300 cases." He continues by reciting a case of a neighbor, for whose life the doctors had given up hope.

Perhaps Mr. Burbank is speaking the truth when he tells of his talents. Miracles were performed, the Bible tells us. And is it not just as logical, if there is such a thing as spiritual healing, that this power should be just as potent today as it was two thousand years ago?

There is one denomination of the church that believes in healing by the laying on of hands. In many cases wonderful things in the way of cures have been effected. But always by the means of prayer, which would signify that an indefinable something was supplied from a source greater than that of man. The question is not if spiritual healing is a truth, but whether or not Luther Burbank, a self proclaimed infidel, can, without the aid of a Supreme Being, cure the ill and afflicted.

Taking the hypothesis that Mr. Burbank does accomplish what he claims, it would appear that he had issued a false statement in regard to his religious beliefs. An infidel is a disbeliever in God and the Bible. Does it seem logical then, if his statements regarding himself are true, that he could accomplish the results which he claims?

All cures which have been effected by other means than medicine or surgery have been attained by prayer. It is undeniable that such acts have been performed. Perhaps not in this day and age, for the individual is prone to believe in such miracles, as they are called, but it is a certainty, if one believes in the teaching of the Bible, that the lame, and the halt and the blind were cured during the time Christ was on earth. And in every instance which has been cited, either this present age or two thousand years ago, faith and prayer accomplished what science failed to do. Mr. Burbank could not do this if he is an unbeliever in God and the Bible.

It is to be admitted that Luther Burbank is talented. It seems as if a Higher Power were aiding him, as he skillfully and successfully crosses various plants, and thus produces for the world a new vegetable or fruit, unheard of heretofore. But the fact of the matter remains that this is but the work of science. It is not an outstanding fact that some stockmen build up their herd, by introducing new blood, or by crossing types, to perfect a better beef or dairy cow, as the case may be. Burbank is a scientist not a Worker of Miracles.

Altogether it is a complicated question as to whether or not a man can be an infidel, and also a faith healer. The only deduction which may be made is that if he has the power to heal by faith, that his beliefs regarding the fundamentals of life are erroneous.

The bodies of the two victims of the recent blizzards who perished enroute to their Christmas wedding have been found. J. E. Shea, of Alliance, a salesman for an Omaha concern, and Gladys Dunbar, his fiancée, were found in a ravine about two miles from where they had abandoned their car. It is a sad thing to contemplate, yet the discovery of the bodies has disproven all theories of foul play.

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can serve God and Mammon.  
The truth is that the Klan was organized primarily for graft, but some thing had to be offered to make the pickings good. So a lot of propaganda concerning "The Evils of Catholicism", and "Supremacy of the White Race" was planted in the minds of its supporters. And this seed sprouting and growing, produced virulent hatred against those who did not believe as the klansmen did.  
Through the continued and persistent efforts of serious thinking, open minded people, the Klan is being reduced to its proper status. The Mediator has always advocated that the policies of the Klan are not conducive to the best interests of the state and nation, and therefore the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, of Georgia, should be abolished.

### PROHIBITION BATTLE IS WAXING HOT IN CONGRESS, WITH WET FORCES IN LEAD

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If the fight for temperance should be reorganized, it would undoubtedly prove a blessing to mankind. The time is ripe for a prohibition battle. When the last votes were polled, and the returns announced, the Dry forces would no longer be in doubt as to their status, and they would not have to take any one's word for it. The only voice they would be listening to would be the voice of the tax-payers, which would be lifted in their warcy, "Down with the Eighteenth Amendment". The wets have their decks stripped for action, and are going into this fray with guns primed and cocked.  
The Volstead Act is the subject of much debate in the Senate, and seems to be about the only thing our senators and representatives care about discussing. Thus it is seen that prohibition is the main political issue. Is such the duty of the men whom we select to represent our state in the national congress? Do we pay our congressmen for the purpose of arguing whether or not children are drinking hooch, and whether or not bootleg whiskey is poison. The quicker congress turns his issue over to the people to decide at the polls the sooner will this country return to a normal plane.

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The Mediator suggests it would have been a good thing if the Daily News had printed it all.

Joe Koutsky got his name on the front page this week when he became conspicuous in the Benson Park row. Quite a fight was staged in the city council chambers between opposing factions of Benson property owners, but Joe saved the day by making a motion to table the proposal to appraise 91 acres of ground as the initial step toward the purchase of this tract of the city.

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## SYNOPSIS OF THE GREAT PHOTO PLAY "THE AMERICAN VENUS"

Mary Gray is the daughter of a beauty cream manufacturer, John Gray, whose inefficiency and gambling tendencies have just about ruined his business and put him financially in the power of Hugo Niles, a hugely prosperous cold cream maker. It is for this reason that Mary is engaged to the Junior Niles, Horace, although she is really in love with Chip Armstrong, an enterprising publicity man in the employ of the Nileses.

In New York, a group of artists, who have begun a quest for a modern American Venus to replace the standard type of beauty represented by the famous Venus of Milo, broadcast their need via announcements in the papers. All towns and cities are urged to hold beauty contests, local winners to become contestants at an Atlantic City beauty pageant, which, they expect, will yield a girl boasting the measurements considered ideal for the modern girl.

Chip sees in this contest an opportunity to boost the Niles Beauty Cream by having the winner at Atlantic City attribute her charm to the use of the Niles product. But when Mary breaks her engagement to Horace because he rebukes her for attending a dance with the publicity man, the latter promptly resigns as the Niles press agent and takes his bright idea for the tie-up with the American Venus to Mary's father.

It is agreed to have Mary enter the contest. Chip becomes her manager physical trainer, and after she wins the local Centerville contest she goes to Atlantic City to represent her town in the finals. The elder Niles also goes to Atlantic City to see if he can pick a candidate who looks like a win-

ner and who will do for the Niles cream what Mary hopes to do for her father.

While preparing for the pageant in her hotel at the seashore, Mary wins the friendship to Miss Alabama, another contestant, and confides in the other girl the importance to her and her father of winning the "Miss America" title. Miss Alabama promises Mary to support her when she herself is eliminated.

At the pier theatre, the entries engage in a series of elaborate and artistic tableaux and a fashion show. Among the thousands of spectators is Hugh Niles, hunting for a likely winner. Miss Bayport seems a promising candidate and he secures her endorsement of Miles Creams on payment of a \$10,000 check.

Back in Centerville, Mary's father sprains his ankle. Niles, worried over the report that Mary is to be chosen as the American Venus, while Miss Bayport is considered a runner-up, sends Mary a telegram summoning her on the pretext that her father is seriously injured. Though the finals are to be held that night at eight, Mary, accompanied by Chip, returns home, only to discover that the telegram was a fake.

After a series of hair-dressing stunts, she and Chip return to Atlantic City, just as the judges have finished picking the winner. Despair gives way to joy, however, when Mary learns that Miss Alabama has won the "Miss America" title, and has publicly attributed her beauty to the use of the Gray cream. While her father busily accepts huge orders for his lotions, Mary accepts Chip's proposal to marry him.



WILLIAM COLLIER, JR., AND GRETA NISSEN IN THE PARAMOUNT PICTURE "THE WANDERER," A RAOUŁ WALSH PRODUCTION

### "WANDERER" HAS GRIPPING SCENES

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That is one of the powerful situations which develops in "The Wanderer," beloved parable of The Prodigal Son, a Raoul Walsh production for Paramount, which opens at the Rialto Theatre on Saturday.

Adapted to the screen by James T. O'Donohue from the famous stage play by Maurice V. Samuels, Paramount's latest production unites an ideal screen story and a perfect cast under the direction of one of the world's ablest directors.

As "The Wanderer," William Collier, Jr., plays a part in which he blends comedy with tragedy and sympathy with hatred. Seldom has there been a masculine role that has called for the variety of emotions enacted by the prodigal son in "The Wanderer."

The plot of the story is a simple yet a stupendous and gripping one of tremendous force and sweep.

Jesse (Tyronne Power) has two sons: Jether and Gaal (William Collier, Jr., and George Rigas.)

Jether, the younger, grows weary of the monotony of his shepherd life and longs to see the city beyond the hills. Despite the pleadings of his mother (Kathlyn Williams) and the maiden, Naomi (Kathryn Hill) he takes his portion and leaves for the city. With him is dissipated spendthrift, Tola (Ernest Torrence).

In the city, Jether learns to drink and dice, and he soon falls into the snares of the siren, Tisha (Greta Nissen). Squandering his portion upon her, he soon finds himself without money. Tisha, discovering he is unable to buy her a necklace, turns her affections toward Pharis, a giant sea captain (Wallace Beery). Jether leaves her house in anger.

But the hypnotic lure of Tisha is too strong. On a night when the doors of the courtesan's house are flung open that all who will may worship at the shrine of her pagan god, Jether follows the throng that crowds to the feast.

As the crowd worships the God the curtain behind Jether is rent with a flash of lightning and a prophet appears and denounces the idolaters. Inspired by Tisha, the mob attacks the prophet. Jether springs to his defense.

In aiding the man of God, the prodigal son, escapes the vengeance of Heaven, as lightning cleaves the sky, statue of the pagan god crashes to the ground, the pillars of the banquet hall totter and the roof thunders down upon the appalled throng.

The experiences which befall the Wanderer following the destruction of the city, his long journey back to the home of his father and the reception accorded him there all go to make up a production that will amaze and thrill screen-lovers throughout the world.

Many columns have been filled with the praises of this latest of Paramount's super-specials. Here's your chance to see it for yourself. And it's a cinch you will not forget its big punch scenes for some time to come.

**CARPENTIER AGAIN SEEKING FAME THIS SIDE OF ATLANTIC**  
Georges Carpentier, the French heavy weight, will again step inside the squared circle this side of the water. This time he will fight at Havana, Cuba. His opponent has not yet been announced, but there are plenty of good ones for the Frenchman to pick from.

Carpentier has long been the idol of his countrymen, but his prestige was some what shaken when Jack Dempsey took him for the fatal count in short order. But being licked by Dempsey is no disgrace to Carpentier, neither does it detract from his value as a drawing card.

Negotiations are being carried on by Louis Boney, the manager of Stanislaus Loayza. Carpentier's affair are being handled by Jack Curley, until Descamps, Carpentier's manager arrives.

Who ever may be booked against the Frenchman can look for a good fight. He has the stuff in him to provide plenty of blood for any fan. Interest will be centered on this fight, for it is hoped that something will be done to revive the interest in the boxing game that was so much in

### DOCTORS ACCUSED OF MAINTAINING CLUB TO PLAY CARDS AND ROLL DICE

That the doctors of Omaha have any organization for the sole purpose of gambling, is flatly denied by Dr. J. W. Duncan, chairman of the public relations committee of the Omaha-Douglas County Medical Society. This statement was made in answer to the charge of Chief of Police Charles Van Deusen that such an organization existed.

It is not to be denied that doctors, as well as any one else get a little entertainment out of a card game, or an occasional whirl with the dice but it is certain that there is no doctor in the city or county who has the time or inclination to devote himself to this pastime to the extent that he would join a club for the purpose of playing a little penny-ante, or shoot dice for the treats.

It is getting to be quite the thing to accuse the other fellow of wrongdoing, especially in regard to consorting with the Goddess of Chance, the old Lady who gets us all sooner or later. Of course it is easy to see how a mistake could be made. There are many places, no doubt, where one may play poker if he so desires, but then do not the elite of society have their bridge parties, playing for high stakes? No one ever thinks to denounce them, neither has it entered Dan Butler's head to get an injunction out against the Ladies Afternoon Bridge Club.

A preacher has been given a bad check in payment for services rendered by officiating at a wedding ceremony. The bridegroom, Frank Cramer, obligingly gave the Rev. Mr. Benicke a personal check for \$10, which the preacher found out later

was N. G. Perhaps the young man got the worst of the bargain at that.

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### ONE WEEK STARTING SATURDAY, FEB. 13th.

## Orpheum

ORPHEUM CIRCUIT VAUDEVILLE

The new bill at the Orpheum theatre is headed by Annette Kellerman, the celebrated diving star, who has attained fame both in vaudeville and motion pictures with her marvelous swimming and diving stunts. Miss Kellerman is known the world over. In addition to her remarkable swimming feats she is a dancer of marked ability and is considered the foremost exponent of physical education. At the Orpheum this week she is presenting a spectacular and colorful new revue in which diving, dancing and song are intermingled. Her company includes the well known and versatile entertainers, Castleton and Mack.

Ralph Pollock and his orchestra offer a novel musical entertainment. Mr. Pollock is an accomplished musician and composer. His latest composition, "You Danced the Last Waltz With Me," in a feature of his act. Mr. Pollock has headed his own orchestra in vaudeville and in several leading motion picture houses on the western coast. He has assembled an aggregation of 11 talented instrumentalists.

Bob Hall, The Extemporaneous Chap" is one of vaudeville's most popular singing comedians. Mr. Hall composes his humorous ditties from topics suggested by the audience.

The musical clown, Ferry Corway, is making his first appearance here this week. Corway is a standard favorite at the New York Hippodrome. His eccentric make-up, humorous pantomime and original musical contrivances are inductive and hilarious laughter.

An exquisite dance creation features the Albertina Rasch Girls in a history ballet offering. Assisting the dancing sextette are two well known European comedians, Zozo and Kiki. This production has been proclaimed vaudeville's best dance act.

Fred Fenton and Sammy Field are funny men. There is never a dull moment while they are presenting their droll nonsense and original songs.

Etaí Look Hoy, fresh from the Orient, presents a "Chinese Fantasy" assisted by his sister, Lida Look Hoy, a chic little dancer who "struts the Charleston" as well as the dances her native steps. Etaí Look Hoy is a Chinese singer who is proving one of the stage's alluring artists.

A special arrangement of "Poet and Peasant" will be featured by the Orpheum theatre orchestra as the overture this week.

### SIoux CITY HARD HIT BY DRY LAW RAIDERS UNDER ANDY

Federal prohibition officers, under the direction of Andrew McCampbell wrought havoc in the ranks of the bootleggers at Sioux City. Nearly forty alleged liquor law violators were rounded up and held without bail awaiting the disposition of their cases by the federal court.

The raid was staged after many months of careful preparation. During the time that the plans were being laid, federal agents patronized these places, and thus obtained first hand information, as well as some good liquor. It has not been stated whether all of the evidence purchased by the agents was kept to show the jury or not. It is rather doubtful, for it is not to be supposed that any man would carry a bottle around with him without sampling it. But of course, that is the agents' privilege, for is he not protected under the guise of authority? If a badge makes the making of the constitution legal, there is something funny about the prohibition enforcement regulations.

### "HAPPY MONK" WATSON LEAVES RIALTO FOR LARGE EASTERN THEATRE

"Happy Monk" Watson, the versatile fun-maker who has been drawing crowds to the Rialto Theatre every night for the past fifteen weeks, is making his final bow tonight, before leaving for Chicago. Monk, as he is familiarly known in Omaha, will conduct an orchestra of his own, besides finding a little time to make some fun for his audience on the side.

It has been a long time since Omaha has had any better stage presentation than those offered at the Rialto since Mr. Watson has been here. Through his efforts some of the best talent on the road has been brought her, much to the delight of Omaha theatre goers. The lovers of good music have been given some rare treats, along with plenty of songs and dances.

The Mediator joins with all Omaha in wishing "Monk" success in his new fields, and we hope that some time in the future we may again have the pleasure of watching his offerings from the first row.

### NEW WOMEN'S STORE HERE SAID TO BE IDEAL ONE

At last—The ideal store for women. Carmans. The new store opened Tuesday in the Burgess-Nash building. As an opening attraction the store management had an array of living models that would have done justice to an Atlantic City pageant. Great crowds of women were in attendance with quite a sprinkling of men. On the opening day and throughout the week the sales have been remarkably large despite the off season.

### UNCLE SAM SAYS FORT OMAHA WORTH MORE MONEY

The sale of the property of Fort Omaha to the University of Omaha was held up, because Uncle Sam was losing something like \$1,473,000 by the transaction. The price stated in the bill introduced by Representative Willis G. Sears in the house, and Senator R. B. Howell in the senate, was \$327,000. Major General B. A. Poore, commander of the Seventh army corps area, placed the valuation at \$375,000.

General Poore stated to the War Department, in his report on the prospective sale, that \$1,000,000 would not replace the present buildings on the site of Fort Omaha, not to mention the value of the land. Also that it would cost \$800,000 to move the troops from Fort Omaha to Fort Crook, and erect barracks for them there. That would make the grand total of \$1,800,000 the total amount the government would be out, while all they would realize would be \$327,000.

Appraisers have set the value at \$310,000, inasmuch as the buildings are practically valueless for salvage. However, now that the University's offer has been rejected on the ground that it was "poor business", they still have the option of offering more. The price stated was offered as a minimum, with not maximum price set.

If Uncle Sam's employees would watch all of the corners as close as they are watching this deal, perhaps we wouldn't all be chipping in a little more in taxes every year.

Keith Lloyd, a well known figure in athletic circles at the University of Nebraska a few years ago again made a record for himself. This time he ran a 200 yard handicap race against Millhill Tuck O'Drum whippet derby winner. Lloyd beat the dog to the tape by eleven yards. Some speed, we would say.

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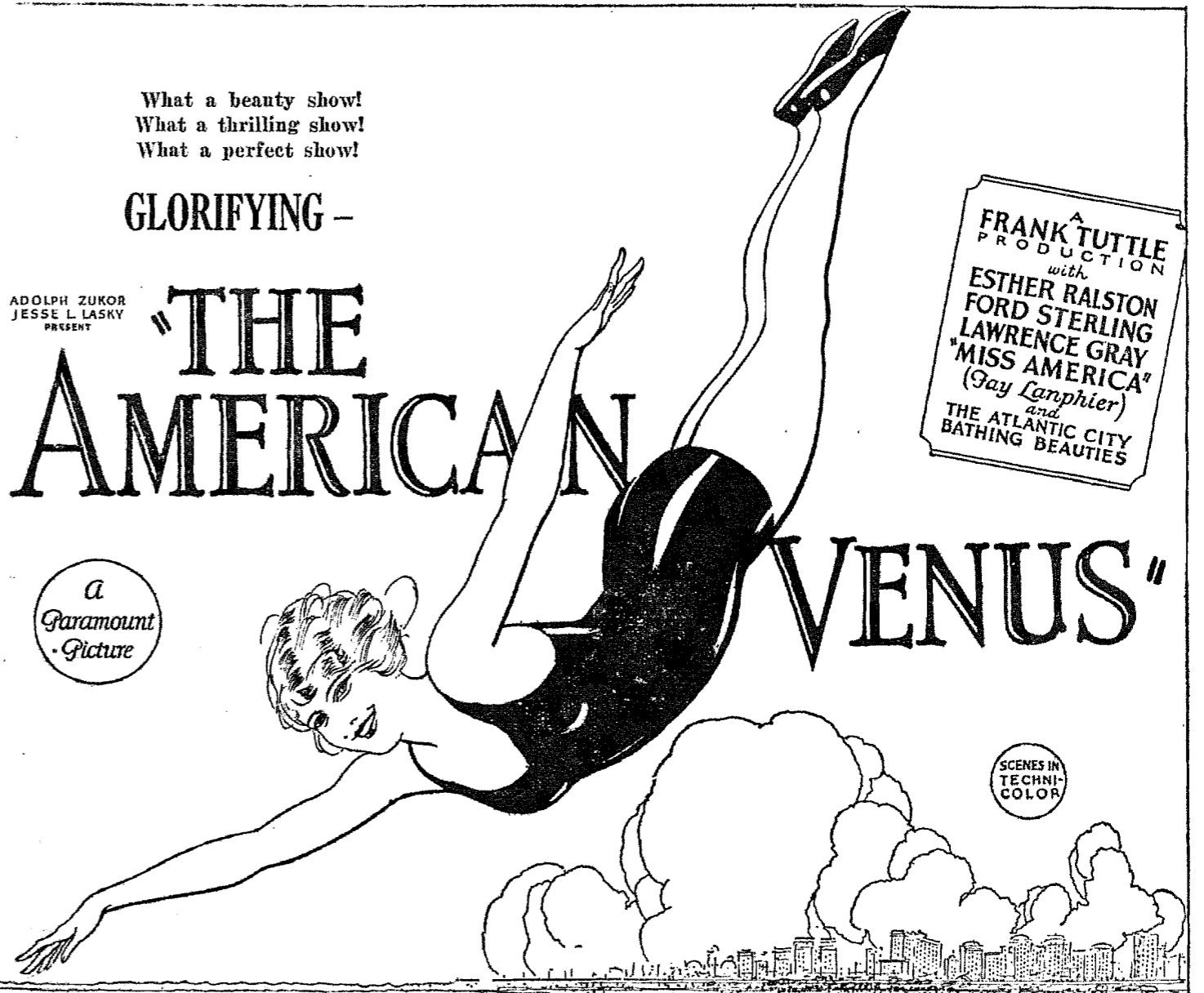
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