

## JURIST IN LIMELIGHT

### WITH GAY LOTHARIO HE CLIPS FEW COGS

Wine and Women Have Hand In Doings of Omaha Pair.

### HOTEL MAN DISCOVERS EMPTY BED

Frequent Visit to Farnam Street Hostelry Makes Trouble for Well Known Omahans—Doctor's Office Girl Causes Trouble and Loses Hotel Home.

Sensational interest is being taken by a couple of thousand of Omaha's leading members of society in an episode which had for its personnel some distinguished residents of the city and a couple of "ladies" who appear to have always been open to engagements. Incidentally, a well known jurist who is old enough to know better, is said to have been the cause of one of the "ladies" being given notice to find a new home by the proprietor of one of our leading hotels, because a man was found in her room at 2 o'clock in the morning.

Another of the men concerned is described as a "gay Lothario" about 75 years old, with a penchant for poker and congenial company. The affair has caused such an uproar that it has become a topic of common conversation at some of the downtown clubs and on street corners.

It appears that the woman who is given credit for causing most of the trouble was imported to Omaha by this "gay Lothario" several months ago and soon attached herself at a Farnam street hotel for the winter. She was able to find employment in a doctor's office, where she spent the busy days connecting herself with various gentlemen friends with whom she spent most of her evenings and part of her nights.

One of these gentlemen friends appears to have been this distinguished jurist, who made frequent calls at the hotel, where poker and various other amusements were indulged in. The game became so strong that the hotel proprietor decided to do a little investigating. What he found out

caused him to make it very plain to the woman that her presence there would end with the termination of that week. She packed up her clothes and moved to a Sixteenth street hostelry, where she now resides, retaining, however, her position in the chiropractor's office where she has been employed.

It appears that the hotel proprietor, who has been in that line of business for a score of years, did a little observing. He noticed that the calls of this well-known jurist and of other gentlemen became more frequent. One evening when one of them called he took it upon himself to do some "night clerk duty." He just stuck around to see what was doing. About 1 o'clock in the morning he visited the room for which this fellow had registered and found it still unoccupied. He also found the young woman's room dark and the door locked. Investigation the next morning also disclosed the fact that the gentleman guest's room had not been occupied during the night, although it had been paid for in advance.

There was no scene at all but, as above stated, the woman is now living at another hotel. It appears that she "played them all" and that our distinguished jurist was among those who visited in her room frequently. On one occasion, it is stated, at a late hour in the morning inquiry was made as to his presence there and the reply was "Oh, we are just having a little game of poker."

From all reports this old codger has been hitting the high places in more (Continued from Page One)

### BILLY BRYAN AND BILLY SUNDAY NEXT PROHIBITION CANDIDATES

Evangelist Announces That "Peerless Leader" and Himself Will Lead Water Forces in Next Campaign—Both Become Millionaires by Talking

Bill Bryan and Bill Sunday are to be the next prohibition candidates for president and vice-president of the United States. Bill Sunday gave out this information last Wednesday evening during an address he delivered in an eastern city.

This statement, coming from Billy Sunday himself, ought to settle the matter pretty thoroughly. Incidentally, it lays bare a naked truth that has been apparent for twenty years. Bryan himself has undertaken, somewhat successfully, to act in the capacity of a democratic leader, despite the fact that all of his work has been done in behalf of the prohibition party. He has almost made a successful attempt to steal the entire democratic party for the prohibitionists.

It is a remarkable truth that Bryan has been shown up in his natural colors, whether without his consent, by one of the fellows who has been working with him so long. Bryan and Sunday have become millionaires because of their "silver tongues" and tongues made of baser metals. Their system has been exactly the same, has brought about the same financial results and has given to the world the very same sense of humor.

Now we are to have them on the prohibition ticket as candidates for the greatest offices within the gift of the people, if Billy Sunday's talk goes for anything. They ought to be world beaters. Can anybody imagine a greater combination of "bull throwers" being turned loose on the people at one time? If they will do what Billy Sun-

day says they are going to do the millennium ought to be right here.

After all, if we are to have prohibition, why not have these fellows run the government for awhile. If prohibition is a good thing the people who have put it into our constitution ought to get right out and send Bryan and Sunday to Washington to run the job. After trimming the country for several million dollars in the manner they have trimmed us, why not let them go as far as they like. They might make good as politicians after while.

In all seriousness, there can be no objection to these two men leading the prohibition party. They have preached prohibition ever since they have come into public notice and they presumably have studied the business enough to know how to run a prohibition business, even in jobs as big as they will undertake.

Bryan has absolutely nothing to lose by such a move. He is a down and outer so far as his former political affiliation is concerned, his former party associates having turned him in for good. He must have a new issue and he might finally make good.

In this connection it would be interesting to know just how many votes he could get running on the prohibition ticket for president. After all the people have done for him he ought to do them the one dying favor of showing them that he is not afraid to run for president again, even on the prohibition ticket, with Billy Sunday as the fall to his presidential kite.

### INTENSE INTEREST IN COMING ELKS' ELECTION

Several Candidates Are Making Campaign for Position of Exalted Ruler.

Intense interest in the coming election of the local lodge of Elks is bringing to the front several candidates. It is expected that not less than three and possibly more candidates will be put forward for the nomination as exalted ruler.

The local lodge is one of the largest in the west. It is said that the contest being waged has several angles and that local option is not one of the least planks in the platform that is to be considered. There is said to be considerable difference of opinion regarding the manner in which some departments of the institution should be operated, but that there is no general dissent as to the general purposes of this big fraternal order.

It is the purpose of the progressives, it is said, to take steps which will remove the debt on the present structure and be the means of making the local lodge one of the strongest in the country, financially and numerically. Internal politics are said to be at a high pitch and candidates are not overlooking any bets.

### STECHEK AND ZBYSZKO IN NEW YORK SET-TO

The world's championship for wrestling again "hung in the balance" when Stecher and Zbyszko rolled around on the mat in Boston for a single fall. Wrestling fans who really want to know who is who are wondering how long it will be before a really championship match will be pulled off. The promoters are not going to let anything of that sort happen, however, as long as they can get the money by keeping a bunch of fakers on the mat.

### MICKEY MULLEN HAS NEW EXPERIENCE IN BUSINESS

Mike Mullen, former saloonist at Sixteenth and Davenport, has had some new business experiences recently. Mike was in business thirty-three years at the same corner. He went to church regular and mistrusted nobody except the devil. He sold out to a Syrian and went into business with a Jew. He bought a clothes press for \$550 and owned it an hour and forty-five minutes. He had a fight with the Jew and the clothes press is now for sale.

Mullen was a great business man in his time. Si Colwell says this is a true story.

### Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

Old Man Johnson, Gayety apologist, was telling a cock and bull story about being the original "flu" medicine man. The old fossil fooled nobody with his talk.

Willie Wilkie, putting out coal on North Twenty-fourth street, was still putting out the bunk about dirt-proof coal. He got away with it because there was only one policeman in his neighborhood.

Dan Butler put on a "dry" banquet which was considered a coming out party for one of his favorite sons. Dan was a great promoter.

Dave Crouse narrowly missed being pinched for peddling sugar at reduced prices. He charged Charlie Schneckenburger with all this troubles.

John Martig said the report that he would soon return to old Schleswig was untrue. John said he could not stand for that Copenhagen snuff.

Mr. R. Gerber, retired consumer of amber liquid, was a leading candidate for the position of ambassador to the Republic of Palestine. He said he was looking for new lands to conquer. Ach Louie

William Carey, a leading citizen, overlooked no bets in his time. He paid his subscription regularly. Other subscribers please take notice.

Charlie Trimble was taking a short respite, after being asked repeatedly the cause of the h. c. l. Everybody said Charlie needed the rest.

Fred Flodman, one of our shoe experts, went to work again. Everybody said he never would work again.

Gould Dietz was reported on the loafing list. At that he managed to get enough money together every week to pay his grocery bill.

Lina Cleveland reported that she had been able to escape the flu all winter. She had a great constitution.

Jabez Cross, former president of the Fire Place Base Ball league, has not broken into print lately. Jabez now runs a soft drink parlor.

Mrs. Ball, well-known North Side society suffragist, denied that she expected to become a presidential candidate. Mrs. Ball, however, did not overlook many bets in her day.

Dr. Matthews, one of our leading physicians, was busy taking care of numerous "flu" patients. The doctor had a lot of them, too.

Tom Porter, whose itinerary was always uncertain, was spending a few days of the dull season looking for new fields to conquer. Tom said business was rotten.

W. B. Wallace, well-known interpreter of the original African language, was taking a much needed and extended vacation.

Charlie Franke, manager and promoter for our leading opera house, gave notice of a dark house for some time to come. A lot of people wondered how he earned his salary.

### Nobody Is Guilty

The report of the bar commission on the Beryl Kirk case was a very natural one. Some of our big state newspapers have attempted to make political capital out of the whole business, but after a very thorough investigation the commission has exonerated everybody that had anything to do with the transaction.

As a matter of truth, there was nothing unusual about the release of Kirk in the manner it was accomplished. Nebraska has a parole law of which Kirk took advantage. With all the hulla-balloo that has been going on he would be very foolish to put himself back into the hands of unscrupulous political renegades who are making a mountain out of a mole hill.

The Kirk affair has given opportunity to these political promoters to "make hay while the sun shines" and they have gone about the job in a most systematic manner. This is simply one case out of a hundred that have been handled in the same manner but it is the first one to be brought so vividly to the attention of the malcontents that use the facts to their own advantage.

The killing of Officer Rooney was a most miserable affair, but if those persons who are criticizing the parole of Kirk would take time to inquire further into the matter they might receive some valuable information.

Incidentally, with all that has been said and done, nobody has heard of any member of Frank Rooney's family complaining. Nobody who has made a study of the whole business believes that Kirk had a thing to do with this murder and are pleased that Kirk is at liberty.

### RAKING CRITICISM OF RINGER'S SYSTEM

Sam Clark Describes It As Legalized Oligarchy by Concrete Dome.

### PAYS RESPECTS TO JUDGE FOSTER

Says Recent Disgraceful Riot and Calling of Federal Troops Indicates Ringer's Men on Par With Comic Opera Constables—Hot Stuff.

Coming to our desk is an exchange that has something to say about Omaha's "reorganized" police department and the manner in which justice is often meted out. It could hardly be called a literary gem, but it does not mince words in describing conditions as the writer, Sam H. Clark, sees them. He apparently must have spent some time looking over our fair city. Following is what he has to say as a result of his inspection of Mr. Ringer's system of policing the city:

"We desire to hand out a wallop against police banditry and kidnaping getting altogether too common in this land of freedom. Omaha's concrete-domed police administration furnishes a typical instance of legalized oligarchy. Here are the facts:

"Mr. C. M. Clark, of Union, Nebraska, where he has resided for over twenty-five years, is a business man, a property owner, a hotel proprietor and a thoroughly respected citizen. Mr. Clark has been in the habit of going to Omaha about twice a month for over twenty-five years to purchase supplies and to attend to his business affairs. On one of his recent trips he had gone to his physician's office in the W. O. W. building and not finding him in was standing outside the building awaiting his return.

Detective Stolley and Patrolman Barnes annexed him without a warrant. 'What are you doing here?' vociferated thug Stolley. When Mr. Clark attempted to explain and to excuse himself for breathing in sacrosanct Omaha, dolt Stolley thundered out: 'You are a "vag" and in the can you go.'

"Protestations were useless. To the

jail went Mr. Clark, where he was searched and thrown in a cell, and where he was held for three days as strictly 'incommunicado' as if he were in Mexico, grabbed by Carranza bandits

"At the end of these three days he was dragged before another section of Omaha oligarchy in the person of Police Judge Foster. Whatever Foster fosters it wasn't justice to Mr. Clark. Hearing both sides of a case might confuse Foster's dusty brain cells so he listened only to the licensed kidnapers, refused to let Mr. Clark testify in his own behalf, and sentenced him to thirty days in jail as a vagrant!

"Right at this stage in this star chamber of despotism Mr. Clark produced some tax receipts and other evidence which compelled the pulling and preening magistrate to reverse himself. But an insulting bully to the last he yapped at Mr. Clark: 'Get out of here. You'd better get out of town, too, as fast as you can go.'

"What redress has Mr. C. M. Clark, for over twenty-five years a respected citizen, business man and taxpayer, for this lawless manhandling and imprisonment? He could sue these licensed, uniformed bandits for false arrest and malicious prosecution and a judgment would probably not be worth the paper which bore it. Such gentry take mighty good care to have their property—like their religion—in somebody else's name! About the most lawless people in this land are some of these wooden-headed strutters employed and paid to vindicate the law! If Mr. C. M. Clark—no relative of ours, by the way—should kidnap and imprison and (Continued on Page Three)

### COUNTY ROAD PAVING IMPORTANT MATTER COMING TO TAXPAYERS

Spending of Several Million Dollars Interest Small Home Owners Who Will Have to Pay Bills—Opportunity to Gain by Past Experiences

County paving is one of the new business propositions now before the taxpayers of Douglas county. With the paving proposition also will go the letting of numerous contracts for new highway bridges and other similar improvements. With the passing of national laws by which Uncle Sam is to pay part of the bill for new and permanent roads the paving proposition becomes a very big one in counties like Douglas and it naturally will be of more than ordinary interest to thousands of taxpayers who will be forced to foot the bills for permanent roads outside the city of Omaha.

The city fellow who has an automobile and the farmer who has considerable business within the city limits of the city will be among those who will be the big beneficiaries of these permanent roads. The little property owner, as a general proposition, however, will be the fellow who will be called upon to pay for them. For this reason, it is going to be an important question for the taxpayers to decide as to just how their money shall be spent in improving the highways of Douglas county.

In the past there has been manipulation of county funds for road and bridge improvements that has not been made public to any great extent by any of our great daily or weekly papers. It is said, however, that this matter is to receive considerable attention in the future. With the present high prices for paving material

the cost of these roads is not going to be any small matter. Every small home owner in Omaha will be called upon to contribute to this big fund and the economy of handling this money will be of more than ordinary concern to the taxpayers who must pay the bill.

The business of building new and better roads has been pretty thoroughly threshed out and, although the city home owner may have no automobile and may never travel a country road, he will be interested in this new construction. Douglas county is a pretty good sized piece of real estate and has several times more citizens and taxpayers than any other county in the state. They are going to be called upon to spend a lot of money in the near future. For that reason they will also take an interest in the manner in which they are taken care of by the men who will have the letting of these contracts.

It is expected that the county road proposition will enter into the coming campaign for elective county officers and some of them will be asked to make plain their position.

In the past Douglas county taxpayers have been pretty well licked on some of the business transacted in their behalf and at least one former county commissioner is on the "retired list" for his part in these transactions. It will be of interest to everybody to keep an eye on what is coming off in the future.

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### BEGINNING OF THE END.

Ditpatches appearing in the daily papers indicate the possibility of a strike of section men which may later resolve itself into a general strike of all railway employes and something bordering on a general suspension of business may result.

There are many things behind this movement and should such a strike occur the final result will be something to talk about. The railroads are about to be returned by Uncle Sam to their owners. These owners will have a pretty big job on their hands. Under government control there has been a general and perpendicular increase in wages of all classes of railroad labor. The world has never known of a condition such as the present. Railroad labor is receiving greater compensation than ever in history and the hours of these employes have been so materially reduced that the limit has about been reached.

It is predicted that another increase as now proposed which will be fought to a finish. Capital has the hole card and it is believed by the wise ones that they will use it at this time. There must be a limit to the wage increase and as a general proposition it may be said that that limit is here. Railroad men were never as prosperous as at present. Despite the talk of high cost of living, they never prospered as much as they have in the last three years.

There is such a thing as letting well enough alone. If there is a general strike and capital refuses to meet the demands of the strikers the country will be "closed up." In such an event union labor will be the biggest sufferer. Such a shutdown would be of indefinite length of time. Labor leaders should use judgment at this time and not become responsible for a condition from which its members will be the greatest sufferers.

If labor unions are worthy the respect and consideration of the great public they must use judgment. If they attempt to close up the entire country at this time they and their friends will be the losers.

### EDWARDS INVITES BRYAN TO CONTEST.

Governor Edwards of New Jersey is making our "peerless leader," Bill J. Bryan, hard to catch these days. Bill started something two weeks ago when he attacked the New Jersey governor because that gentleman had the nerve to stand up for those principles mentioned in our Declaration of Independence which have always made life worth living in the United States.

Bryan long ago lost what little influence he had among self-respecting democrats but he has persistently encouraged himself to believe that he still amounted to something, even after double-crossing President Wilson several years ago. In Nebraska such old spavs as Billy Thompson of Grand Island, another has-been, and others of his ilk, are among the very few who still stick to him. Thompson will probably have a hard time making himself fall in with the Bryan and Billy Sunday prohibition programs, but if he loses out he will have lost nothing.

Billy Thompson, known as the "little giant," never made much of a hit as a prohibitionist. In fact, Bill always wanted his share of red liquor when it was being passed around. Just how he is going to square himself with Bryan now is nobody's business except his own. But Thompson wants to do something to get to the front again, and, for that reason, will keep his stock of "Old Crow" and other similar varieties well buried until he finds out how he is coming out for national committeeman.

Governor Edwards thus far, as we stated before, has shown himself an extraordinary man and from all appearances is getting the support of most of the sensible men of the country. He is going to be a pretty big man at the next national democratic convention and will make Bill Bryan look like a nicker before he gets through with him.

### SENATOR HITCHCOCK FOR PRESIDENT.

The movement begun Thursday evening by Omaha democrats to promote the candidacy of Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock for president of the United States will be of more than ordinary interest, not only in Nebraska, but over the entire country.

The vicissitudes which surrounded Senator Hitchcock during the score of years from 1895 to 1915 were many, but he has overcome most of them and has become a potent factor in formulating much of our present substantial legislation. Two years ago he was given a decisive vote by Nebraska for the position he now holds and it is safe to believe that not only democrats but members of other parties will approve him as a presidential candidate.

In 1896 Senator Hitchcock and his newspaper were the means of putting William J. Bryan on the map. The senator followed Bryan for several years and assisted that gentleman to the high position in the party he held so long. In fact the \$125 per month he paid Mr. Bryan as salary for two years after Bryan left congress was all that stood between that gentleman's family and starvation, it is said.

Later Bryan put to his own financial advantage all the pro-

motion given him by Hitchcock and his newspaper. As soon as he was able to walk alone Bryan forgot not only Hitchcock but all of his old friends. That fact, however, did not prevent the senator from progressing and, despite Bryan's efforts to keep him down, the senator has risen to a position in the councils of his country that make him a logical candidate for the place so coveted by Bryan himself.

Doubtless Mr. Bryan and his friends will do all they can to prevent the Nebraska delegation coming out for the senator, but it is pretty generally believed that his efforts will come to nothing. There is no reason why the democratic organization of this state should not give Hitchcock its undivided support at the San Francisco convention. Should the senator be successful it is safe to venture the assertion that he will not emulate Bryan by double-crossing every friend he ever had.

### ENLIGHTENING INFORMATION ABOUT WILSON.

During the last week one of President Wilson's physicians has finally given out information relative to his actual condition that the public has been asking for for three months. Dr. Young, John Hopkins hospital expert, says the president has been suffering from a "prostatic obstruction," which, in other words, was a blood clot on the brain, which has caused partial paralysis. He adds that the president is fast recovering from that illness.

The whole country would have felt better to have known this from the start. It is the first time that a chief executive has been he victim of so serious a malady. The seriousness of the situation was enhanced by reason of the unsettled conditions in the country.

Later dispatches indicate that the president will attend the next cabinet meeting. Be that as it may, it has all left a bad taste in the mouths of the people of the country who have felt that they were entitled to know long ago what the condition of the president actually was. It will also cause considerable uncertainty as to the actual White House conditions until Mr. Wilson retires from office a year hence.

### MIGRATORY BIRDS.

Some writer in Lincoln has characterized William J. Bryan as a migratory bird. It might be added, too, that he is not of the nature of a great majority of birds, being more like the vulture specie than any other. He has been in the habit of appearing about once in four years in the state he once adopted as home, with a view to looking after the various deposits of carrion that have appeared in the vicinity during his absence.

Very few Nebraskans will any longer admit that Mr. Bryan is a resident of their state. For a man who was once as popular as this "peerless leader" to fall into the disgrace the like of which Bryan now enjoys in what was once his own state is something remarkable. It shows what will become of a man who insists on espousing a cause which he knew was wrong from the beginning.

The democratic party, with which Bryan makes pretense of affiliating, has done with him. He has been anything but democratic and has done more during the last thirty years to wreck that organization than any combination of other men that ever lived.

There is absolutely no reason why Bryan should not affiliate with the prohibition party, where he belongs. Nobody would miss him in the democratic organization and he would be quite at home with the cold water crowd, something that he is not within the ranks of the democrats.

In Nebraska Bryan is a dead letter. As a place of abode he has given up the state long ago. He attempts to maintain a residence in our state because, so long as he continues his propaganda he has to have some place to call home. If a single person in this state can show where he has been an asset to Nebraska from any standpoint, we will take back all we have said.

### PRESIDENTIAL MATERIAL PLENTIFUL.

It has been a long time since the country has been able to take its pick among so many men as are offering their services as president of the United States this year. Two of our leading army generals, some of our United States senators, several governors and a general potpourri of candidates are trying to get in on the ground floor.

Of course we will have to have a president and somebody is slated to get the job, so the more the merrier. Senator Hitchcock, one of our native sons, has given it out cold turkey that he wants the job. Gilbert has been a pretty big democrat and, so far as we know, all that was said about him in "The Fatherland," American spokesman for the kaiser during the war, was not true at all. The rumor that German money built the World-Herald building is said to be equally false.

Gilbert's petitions are out for the Nebraska preference at the coming national democratic convention. Governor Edwards of New Jersey will be the senator's principal opponent in this state. It is said both of these candidates are liberal minded, however, and if that is true they ought to either of them be satisfactory.

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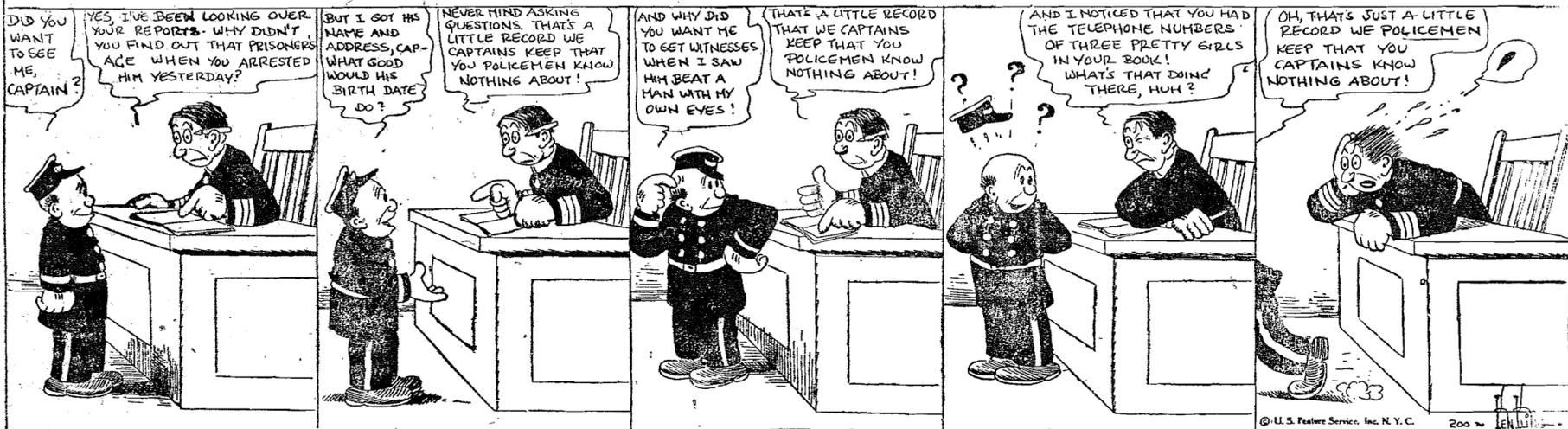
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**HANK and PETE**

PETE GETS BACK AT HIM

By **KEN KLING**



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than one pasture. In one particular case it is known that his advances to the secretary of a well-known business man while her employer was absent became nauseas and came near ending up in a real scene. It seems that he dropped in to visit the proprietor and have a wee drop of the liquid that cheers, which had been his habit for a long time. Not finding the boss in he produced a bottle of liquor and invited the lady herself to partake of his hospitality.

Of course the young woman, knowing this honorable exponent of the law and presuming him to be perfectly honorable, had a nip with him. After a little conversation, however, her visitor attempted to get fresh and even attempted to force his physical attentions upon her, something she hastily and very forcibly resented.

It is said this affair has put a dark brown taste into the mouths of a very large number of persons who heretofore had considered this jurist typical of everything honorable, a real exponent of personal liberty and the sort of real congenial cusses that believe in keeping a covenant to protect and keep womanhood holy.

The "gay Lothario," as he is known among the hundreds who have so long looked after keeping his salary paid regularly, is said to recently have lost considerable of his popularity on account of his part in what has been going on within this small circle of two. On the street corners the matter is being discussed by small coteries of men who have been let into the secret.

The hotel proprietor who forced the issue in his hostelry was feeling anything but good over the treatment his place received at the hands of these two fellows and made it plain what his policy was in such matters. "I have been in this business too long to have anything of that sort put across on me," he said. "I tried to treat these fellows right, but I am not going to let anybody turn my hotel into an assignation house."

In her new abode it is said the lady has been living very quietly since she arrived there a week ago. She is a fine specimen of feminine architecture. She is not described as handsome, but in many ways is a striking woman, tall and shapely, light hair and well educated. She is said to be something of a literary genius and entertainer. The circumstances of her coming to

Omaha has created considerable talk and her ability to live easily at one of the city's best hotels has made it apparent that she has a very substantial income from some source.

**RAKING CRITICISM OF RINGER'S SYSTEM**

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abuse lawlessly and without warrant any human being he could, being a man of property, be made to pay dearly for his banditry! But when you put the shoe on the other foot it doesn't fit—for lack of assets, though there is a plenitude of asininity! And 'Judge' Foster could 'get away' behind the cloak of judicial 'discretion'—of which he apparently has about as much as would outfit a famished flea!

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# Plays and Players

## ORPHEUM OFFERINGS.

Next week Mme. Petrova, the distinguished star, comes to the Orpheum in an offering described as a symphony of beauty, color and song. Omaha is to be one of the favored cities that she is to play in her limited vaudeville engagement.

It will be recalled that several years ago she retired from the spoken drama to become a screen star. No film celebrity is better known or more popular than she. She has not, by any means, finished with pictures; but for a few weeks is giving her time to vaudeville.

She came to America originally from Paris to play an engagement with the Follies Bergere. Afterward she appeared with marked success in the musical comedy called "The Quaker Girl." Next, she went into vaudeville. Her artistic finish easily established her as a favorite, and she quickly became a headliner. Then she became a dramatic star, and it was her dramatic power which achieved such distinction for her on the screen.

She commands many gifts. Comedy or tragedy she plays equally well. She sings and does imitations. Striking in appearance, she is likewise exceedingly attractive in personality.

Grace De Mar, a winsome comedienne of the ingenue type, is to present a cycle of character studies. She gives bits of characterization from real life, one being an incident of a telephone booth, and another a flirtation, and yet another a street car occurrence.

Marshall Montgomery, conceded to be the most clever of ventriloquists, will introduce some striking novelties. He is capably assisted by Edna Courtney.

Harry Howard is to present a decided novelty in his spectacular exhibition of musical Shetlands and terriers. The ponies as well as the dogs are remarkably well trained. Their circus tricks are enlivened with comedy.

Mirth and melody will be pleasantly combined in the offering of Jane Barber and Jerome Jackson. He is the long, lean, lanky type of comedian. Miss Barber sings delightfully.

Bright stories and amusing songs will be offered by Jack Osterman, the youngest of vaudeville monologists. His mother is Kathryn Osterman, one of the most popular of musical comedy stars.

Two women and a man make up the Billy La Mont Trio. They have the reputation of being "wire walking wonders." The girls are extremely graceful.

## BRANDEIS ATTRACTIONS.

### "The Rainbow Girl."

Founded on a comedy by Jerome K. Jerome, "The Rainbow Girl," a musical comedy, is said to have all the elements which make it an entertainment of high merit. Renold Wolf, a dramatic editor of note and author of the books of several musical comedies, wrote the lyrics, which were set to music by Louis A. Hirsch. It is the property of Klaw & Erlanger, who made the production two seasons ago, opening in Philadelphia. Visits were then made to Washington, Baltimore and Boston, prior to the open nig taktNewe1212 prior to the opening at the New Amsterdam theater, where it had a brilliant run.

It became a prime favorite in these cities, remaining through all of the hot summer months. It is now booked to play about twelve cities during the current season, making it impossible to transport it further.

There is but one company of "The Rainbow Girl," which will be at the Brandeis theater five nights, starting Sunday evening.

The production, in four interior sets, was painted by Joseph Urban, and all furnishings and trappings are in harmony with his artistic creations. The "girl" in the case is Grace Walsh. She is supported by a large chorus, mostly of the feminine gender. Billy B. Van and Sydney Greenstreet, distinctly different in their methods, are the leading comedians. Edward Forbes is the juvenile lead. "The Rainbow Girl," "Just You Alone" and "Love's Ever New" are some of the song hits.

### "Flo-Flo."

All who keep in touch with important musical events—and there are many—should be familiar with the artistic and financial success of John Cort's latest musical comedy offering entitled "Flo-Flo," which will be the attraction at the Brandeis theater, starting next Friday night, for a limited engagement of three nights and Saturday matinee.

"Flo-Flo" is fascinating, rejuvenating and full of pep and go, from the first moment the curtain rises until the final one falls.

## EMPRESS ATTRACTIONS.

"Every sailor," the deep "sea gob" and girly show that the sailors of the U. S. S. George Washington staged for President Wilson and the peace party, are booked to appear at the Empress theatre Sunday, with the original cast practically intact. Every member of the company has been discharged from the naval service and critical reports on the production are that the public will like it as well as President and Mrs. Wilson. The production is entirely the work of sailors, being written and staged by Chief Boatswain's Mate Phillip Dunning.

The cast, even to the "beauty chorus," is composed entirely of "gobs." The production won the highest commendation from President Wilson.

Another featured act of the bill will be that offered by Follette, Pearl and Wicks, who will introduce smart songs, operatic travesties and a line of patter that borders on the "nut" variety. Lew Pearl is a comedian who bears an untarnished reputation as a fun maker. He has been over the vaudeville circuits of the country again and again, always successful and always enjoyably funny.

Jack Baxley and Lillian Porter will appear in a delightful music, song and comedy number. The real big feature of their offering is the remarkable harmony of this clever team, Miss Porter singing rag numbers exclusively, while Mr. Baxley sings the old-time melodies.

An exhibition of equilibristics, gracefully executed and daringly presented, will be given by Paul and Walter La Varre.

The photoplay attraction for the first half of the week will be "The Shark," featuring George Walsh. It is a sea story of luck, lure and love, in which a charming young girl, the daughter of a wealthy oil magnate, meets with many unexpected trials in her search for adventure.

## GAYETY THEATER.

Arthur Pearson, who is the producer of "Step Lively Girls," coming to the popular Gayety for the week starting Saturday matinee, February 14, is considered one of the most promising of the younger producers in the theatrical field today. Although a young man in years, Pearson has had a varied experience in almost every branch of the amusement business. He has worked in every line of it from the circus—as an advertising agent—to managing a grand opera star.

Three seasons ago Mr. Pearson put out "Step Lively Girls" on the Columbia burlesque circuit and today that show is considered the criterion for that class of entertainment. Pearson specialized in beautiful scenery and wardrobe and secured the youngest and prettiest girls ever seen in burlesque.

"Step Lively Girls" this season is said to surpass all his previous efforts, and the theatre goers and the newspapers in the cities that the company has played have been loud in their praises of the show. The production is on a par with any of the high priced musical shows, both in costumes and scenery, and has a competent cast of clever people, and with comedy that is brilliant and clean, "put over" by comedians who are past masters in the art of fun.

The music for this season's "Step Lively" show was written by Herbert Stothart, who is Arthur Hammerstein's general director of music. Mr. Stothart has quite a number of musical comedy hits to his credit, among them being "Somebody's Sweetheart."

Ladies' dime matinee daily all week at 2:15. Sunday's matinee starts a 3 o'clock.

## OMAHA SCOUTS RECEIVE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

James E. West, national Boy Scout executive, will be in Omaha Saturday to inspect the Boy Scout camp and award an Eagle medal to Omaha's second high-ranking scout, Herbert Litchberger. Herbert has shown proficiency in more than twenty phases of scouting, such as cooking, hiking, camping, electricity, first aid, etc. He is a member of the Pine Tree Patrol of which D. L. Dimond, the first Eagle Scout, is the head.

Today every scout had square knots to pin onto Omahans. This was Omaha's first free tag day and pedestrians were asked to "wear a square knot today, to keep bad luck away."

Wednesday noon Rotarians had a chance to see what Scouts do. A bridge was built of wild material and was put up at the entrance to the ball room of the Fontenelle hotel. The Pine Tree Patrol, a patrol formed for the highest ranking scouts in Omaha, built the bridge. It was built strong enough to hold two thousand pounds, or as much as there was room enough to crowd on.

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## ECHO OF 50 YEARS AGO TOO LONG FOR SPACE

One of our ambitious and well known correspondents has sent an item for the "50 Year" column which will not go into the paragraph which usually takes that sort of classic literature. It is too good to be overlooked, however, and is herewith produced in full:

"Sir Richard III Brower had the idea that Chicago was the only town on earth, but changed his opinion shortly after his arrival in Omaha. He says Mrs. Brower will do likewise when she alights from the rattler bearing her Omahaward. Dick's first official act was to subscribe for The Mediator."

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### LAST CAR LEAVES

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| Farnam St. Line                          |       |
| 16th and Farnam for Dundee               | 1:23  |
| 13th and Farnam for 46th and Cuming      | 12:51 |
| Depot for Dundee                         | 1:01  |
| 13th and Farnam for Depot                | 3:06  |
| Harney Line                              |       |
| 33rd and Parker to 6th Street            | 12:47 |
| 33rd and Parker to Depots                | 1:41  |
| 6th and Center for 33rd and Parker       | 1:14  |
| Park and North 24th Streets              |       |
| 16th and Farnam, East Side               | 1:03  |
| 16th and Farnam, West Side               | 1:23  |
| 16th and Farnam for Florence             | 12:24 |
| 16th and Farnam for 30th and Fort        | 1:23  |
| 16th and Farnam for Kansas Ave.          | 1:31  |
| 16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames        | 2:03  |
| South Omaha and 42nd and Grand           |       |
| 14th and Farnam for West O.              | 1:21  |
| 14th and Farnam for 2nd and Grand        | 1:26  |
| 14th and Farnam for 24th and Ames        | 2:28  |
| Dodge Street Line                        |       |
| 13th and Dodge (West)                    | 1:20  |
| 13th and Dodge (East)                    | 2:01  |
| 30th and Spaulding for Depots            | 1:45  |
| Leavenworth and Dear Institute           |       |
| 15th and Farnam (North)                  | 11:55 |
| 15th and Farnam (South)                  | 12:15 |
| Senson and Albright                      |       |
| 13th and Farnam for Benson               | 1:20  |
| 13th and Farnam for Albright             | 12:41 |
| 13th and Farnam for 24th and N           | 1:26  |
| 13th and Farnam for 13th and Vinton      | 2:26  |
| Fort Crook Line                          |       |
| 24th and N Sts., South Omaha             | 12:00 |
| Fort Crook                               | 12:30 |
| 14th and Howard for Pearl & B-way        | 2:00  |
| 16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton | 1:50  |
| 16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton | 3:30  |
| 16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton | 4:20  |
| 16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames   | 2:20  |
| 16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames   | 3:20  |
| 16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames   | 4:20  |
| 10th and Farnam to 50th and Underwood    | 3:52  |
| 16th and Farnam to 50th and Underwood    | 4:09  |
| 50th and Underwood to 10th and Bancroft  | 4:20  |
| 16th and Farnam to 10th and Bancroft     | 4:39  |
| 24th and Lake Street Cross Town          | 12:25 |
| 44th and L to 24th and Vinton            | 1:00  |
| Council Bluffs and Omaha                 |       |
| Pearl and Broadway for Omaha             | 1:20  |
| 14th and Howard for R. I. Depot          | 1:20  |

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