

Per Year \$2.00
Single 5c
Neb. Historical Soc.
State University

THE MEDIATOR

OMAHA'S GREATEST
AND BEST
WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th 1926

NO. 8

HOT POLITICAL BATTLE IS FORECAST

"OPEN PROHIBITION" IS WORSE CURSE THAN OPEN SALOON

Modification Of Prohibition Law The Only Sane Method Of Restoring Respect For Law

CHURCHES ARE AGAINST VOLSTEAD ACT

"All Is Quiet Along The Missouri" As Enforcement Officials Lay Low—The Bootleggers Are Taking Advantage And The Booze Continues To Flow.

Things have slackened up in the prohibition field lately. The cause for this is at present undetermined, and local officials fail to divulge any information on the subject. Whether or not they think they have an ace in the hole, and intend to spring a surprise on the bootleggers remains to be seen. At any rate they have dropped their former high handed methods of obtaining evidence in cases of liquor law violators.

Of course the prohibition law is still the main issue in congress, but time will bring about the desired results, and that is modification of the Eighteenth Amendment. Attacks and counter-attacks have been made by both sides, with the wet forces gradually gaining head way. Since the statement issued by Dr. Empringham, chief counsel for the church temperance society, an organization composed of both the clergy and laymen of the Protestant Episcopal church, the Catholic church and the Lutheran church have passed resolutions favoring the modification of the Volstead Act.

Immediately following the announcement that the Church Temperance Society would fight for modification of the dry law, a hue and cry was raised the country over by church people. This was construed as the actual meaning of the statement. They said that Dr. Empringham had no authority to speak for the church in general. So he hasn't, as we understand it, but he was speaking, not for the people of the church, nor for the church as an organization, but for the Church Temperance Society, of which he is the leader. This action followed the favoring of modification by 20,000 members of this society.

In no uncertain terms did the other two churches named express their views. They realize the enormity of the situation brought about by enforced prohibition. And when ever the power of the church is turned in favor of modification of the dry law, Mr. Volstead and his advocates may

"STORMY PETREL OF THE AIR" TO VISIT OMAHA ON LECTURE TOUR OF COUNTRY

Colonel Mitchell To Speak In Auditorium March 15th, Upon The Inadequate Defense Of The United States—He Knows Whereof He Speaks.

Colonel Mitchell, the martyr of the air service, is scheduled to speak in Omaha March 15. The auditorium will doubtless be packed, for Billy Mitchell has a message of intense interest for every citizen of the United States. Concurrent with Mitchell's court-martial, and subsequent resignation, our law-makers are beginning to wake up. They are beginning to realize that perhaps the "land-lubbers" do not know anything about flying after all, particularly in regard to aerial defense.

The senate has just provided \$18,900,000 for the Navy air service, while the house of representatives is considering a building program to the extent of \$100,000,000. This sum is for the purpose of building 1000 planes and two dirigibles, to be constructed over a five year period.

So far so good. But are these machines practical in the hands of army and navy men? If we are to believe the statements of Colonel Mitchell, who has made his name authority on aeronautics, it takes an aviator to successfully man and fly a plane. Carefully selected men, specially trained, under entirely different conditions than the average enlisted man, are needed to promote the strength of the air service.

No doubt the army and navy officers do their best, but flying is out of their line. And because it is, a separate air service should be organized. Time was when nations depended upon their army or their navy for their existence. But now the power is turning to the air, as a source of attack and defense, if occasion should arise that war was necessary. And our neighbors across the pond are not sleeping. Just re-

Maniac Killer At Large In Omaha Sniping His Prey

Somewhere through the streets of Omaha stalks a killer! Not of the type that is generally known to the police, but one who stealthily stalks his prey, one fatal shot from a .22 caliber rifle, penetrating just below the left ear, and then he slinks back to his unknown retreat.

Police and detectives attribute the murders that have held this city in a reign of terror to a maniac, who, knowing his days are numbered, is wreaking all of the vengeance he can upon a world that has held nothing but misery and despair for him.

So far all efforts to apprehend this mysterious killer have failed. But it is not at all unlikely that by the time The Mediator goes to press that Ben Danbaum, chief of the detective bureau, will have stopped the criminal activities of this maniac.

His first appearance was noted when William McDevitt, dairyman, was found dead with a bullet wound below his left ear, caused by a .22 caliber pellet shot from a rifle. At first it was thought that he was the victim of an accidental shooting of some boy playing with a gun. But since that time the killer has left his calling card in numerous other places.

The full list of the activities of the Mysterious Maniac Marksman is as follows:

On February 11, William McDevitt was found mysteriously slain, shot from behind.

On Wednesday, February 17, sometime in the night, Dr. A. D. Searles was found shot to death in his office under the same circumstances that McDevitt was murdered. A .22 caliber long rifle cartridge was lying on the floor at the doctor's feet, and in his brain was the bullet sent on its merrily way by the tell-tale empty shell on the floor. No one heard the fatal shot, and the police are now looking for some man who has recently purchased a silencer for his gun at some pawn shop or hardware store.

Walter Peterson, living at 616 North Nineteenth street, came near being the victim of the killer when a bullet clipped his lip as he was cranking his automobile.

A bullet crashed through the window of the Thompson Drug store, at Twentieth and Cass streets, barely missing Miss Esther Mauthe, who was standing at the counter.

Windows in that vicinity have been shattered by bullets from a rifle, according to reports sent in to police headquarters.

Everything that is possible is being done. Rewards have been offered for the capture of the slayer, dead or alive. Every available detective and policeman is ordered to the scene of the depredations, hoping against hope that the killer will make a move. If he does his capture is inevitable.

Omahans are terror stricken, verified by the hundreds of calls that are put in to police headquarters, saying that the killer has been seen, or that they have heard a shot. No general fear should be felt, for our police protection is very efficient, and the next time the maniac attempts to vent his fury he will find himself where he belongs.

LOVE TRIUMPHS OVER SHAME WHEN GIRL MOTHER CLAIMS DESERTED INFANT

The taunts and slurs of a hypocritical world hold no fear for Marie Vacek, now that Francis Joan, the foundling baby that was deserted two weeks ago has been returned to her. When her maternal love conquered the fear of an accusing world and the wrath of her parents, Marie went to the St. Joseph hospital and claimed her love-child, and poured out her story of sacrifice and overwhelming desire for her flesh and blood.



Belle Bennett in "The Reckless Lady" At the Strand next week.

News and Comments

If more young men of our nation would follow in the footsteps of "Honest John" McHugh instead of patterning their lives after nationally advertised crooks and gunmen, not only themselves, but everyone would be benefitted. "Honest John" McHugh is well known here in Omaha. He came here from Canada some twenty-five years ago, and was employed as a telegraph operator. Today he is president of the second largest bank in the United States. His first trial in the field of finance was with the O'Neil State Bank, then but a small country bank. The old saying that you can't keep a good man down proved very true. Always working to advance himself, his rise was steady. Think this over.

Fifi Stillman denies she is trying to feed her husband psycho-analysis. Flo Leeds, who caused all of the trouble in the Stillman household, advises that the best diet for a man is good coffee and hot biscuits. Be that as it may, the Stillmans are in France, and according to all reports are happy. Any way they furnished a lot of good front page stuff when their fight in the courts was in progress.

In spite of the fact that many profess hard times, savings deposits increased \$450,000,000 in 1925. All Federal Reserve banks report a big increase in the popularity of the Christmas Saving plan. According to this business is not so hard hit.

The Prince of Wales is now doubly protected. Six men, picked from the best, constitute his body guard. We wonder if these six escorts are in attendance upon His Royal Highness when he takes one of his steeple chase rides.

The public officials at Tia Juana, that sink hole of iniquity on the Mexican border, are making a big noise for the benefit of Uncle Sam. The rumpus started when investigations brought to light the fact that the Peet family died at their own hands, rather than suffer the shame cast upon their name when three Mexicans, alleged to be high in public office at Tia Juana, abducted and assaulted the two Peet daughters.

DOINGS IN OMAHA FIFTY YEARS AGO

Bill Platner was looking over his flower bushes with a yew to making some changes when the springtime came. He said some of the frame supports needed overhauling and bracing up. The Platner system was great when it was working.

Otis Grady, well known North Sixteenth restaurant until Uncle Sam closed up his place of business, was parked these days in the alley, in the rear of the old place. Some of his neighbors declare he was doing a thriving hip pocket business. The cats were still domiciled at 1024.

Laar Dwyer was all swelled up over a new building he had almost completed. He was looking for some good tenants. Larry was a great man in his days. He still has the bicycle he rode while on the police squad.

Dr. Nichols said business was good and he was still in the riding horse business. He also found time to practice medicine at the old stand. The doctor was formerly official doctor for the T. M. A.

Septegenerian Named As Co-respondent In Divorce Suit

An interesting situation developed in Judge Day's court when the Gosselin divorce suit was being heard. A. L. Edson, a man purported to be seventy years of age was named in the petition for alienating Mrs. Gosselin's affections. According to the testimony offered in the case Edson often drove in the alley in the rear of the Gosselin home, and the young wife of Lee Gosselin would go out the back door, and get in Edson's car. O. E. Hauptman, the treasurer of an insurance company testified that Edson, who held a policy with his company had made application for a change of beneficiaries. He filled out the blank, but never brought in his policy to have the names changed. He told Hauptman that he was making Mrs. Gosselin the beneficiary, and he intended to marry her.

Mrs. Edson, the wife of the aged Don Quixote, told the court what she knew of the case. On one occasion she snatched the telephone from her husband's hands and heard a woman's voice, which she identified as that of Mrs. Gosselin, telling him to meet her at a certain place. During the stress of the trial, Mrs. Edson became hysterical, and had to be removed from the court room. She substantiated Mr. Gosselin in every charge he made against her husband.

Take it all in all, excitement a-plenty was furnished. So many crowded in to listen to the testimony that Judge Day ordered the doors closed, to prohibit additional sensation seekers. Everything seems to point that Edson was the guilty man, although Mrs. Gosselin denies that there was anything intimate between them.

"He is a nice, old gentleman, but the stories about my association with him are ridiculous," Mrs. Gosselin said, "He is too old."

Edson is old, but hardly as old as she claims. At any rate he is old enough to know better. It doesn't matter how old he really is, if he stole the affections of another man's wife, as is alleged. The Mediator knows of Edson, as this paper has had business dealings with him. In fact it still has, inasmuch as he still has a balance due on advertising received. Whether or not conditions which have been named by Gosselin are true, we would not say. But the "too old" story doesn't carry much weight.

Any way the proceedings were interesting to all who had the opportunity of listening in.

CONTRACT LET FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MILLION DOLLAR THEATRE

The contract for the construction of the A. H. Blank theatre, to be erected on the corner of Twentieth and Farnam was let to Selden-Breck Construction company. The building will be completed by September, and will cost approximately one million dollars, Mr. Blank said.

Work on the superstructure will be started immediately, representatives of the successful bidders stated. From twenty-five to a hundred men will be employed constantly until the job is completed, using Omaha materials where ever possible.

More signs of prosperity in Omaha.

ASPIRING POLITICIANS LINED UP WAITING FOR PRIMARIES

Early Filings Indications Of Strong Competition For All State And County Offices

DAN BUTLER'S NAME DOES NOT APPEAR

All Of The Old-timers Of State Legislature Seeking Re-election, Which They Will Undoubtedly Get Without Difficulty—Not Very Many Democrats Have Filed To Date.

With the primaries looming on the near horizon, the political pot is beginning to boil. A long list of candidates have already filed for various offices and new ones are added nearly every day. The primaries this year bid fair to be hotly contested, especially for county offices.

Perhaps the storm will center around the sheriff's office, for it seems that this is the most desired of all. It was thought for a while by those in on the "how come" of things, that Mister Daniel Butler, present fire commissioner, would throw his hat in the ring for the privilege of wearing a star and a pair of six-shooters. Nothing definite has been heard from him, at least his name hasn't appeared on the list as yet. Maybe Dan is going to pull the "dark-horse" stunt, entering last so he won't have to run so far.

Charles McDonald, republican is going to circle the track a couple of times to get the lay of the land. Picking from the list who have filed for the sheriff's job, we would say that Charley had as good a chance as any one. Of the same political faith and opposing him is Joe Koutsky. This would make an interesting scrap in itself, and Joe would undoubtedly hit the wire, if it wasn't for the fact that he will be running in a strong field. Our old friend, Larry Flynn is going to show them all what traveling is, if past records bear any weight. These are the three potent republican candidates who have already filed along with H. A. Kent, unknown. Koutsky is favored to grab the republican nomination at the primaries, and then all he has to do is to beat whoever the democrats put up against him.

Another race, separate and apart from the county election, which is getting it's share of prospective candidates is the line up for the state congressional go. For the most part those who have filed to date are old timers and have had much experience

in legislative affairs. Among many well known Omahans who are jockeying for position is no less a person than John (Doc) Tanner, well known Omaha newspaper man, who will of course run as a democrat. "Doc" could have been a life long member of the state senate should he have allied himself with the Grand Old Party, instead of the party of Jefferson, Jackson, Bryan and Dahlman.

Others who have filed for state senator includes the perennial runner, William N. Chambers, who has Joie Ray backed off the board when it comes to getting from Omaha to the state capitol at every election. Charles Grote is another republican candidate and mightily popular one, as is John W. Robbins, John Cooper, and another go-getter, T. B. Dysart.

The usual flock of small politicians have put up their five bucks that they may enter the race for state representative in the various Douglas county districts. Those who have filed so far are: Willard D. Clark, Karl Kelm, H. E. Kuppinger, Walter R. Johnson, Charles E. Byars, Joseph D. Huston and Paul I. Manhart, to say nothing about such famous and popular politicians as J. L. Barnett, C. M. Rice, and Bob Druessedow. This makes a good start and is conclusive proof of the fact that the race this year will be a fast and merry one.

It is a bit early yet for those of ambitions to become congressmen from the second district to lay their cards on the table, but it is a well known fact that Congressman Sears will attempt to make the grade once more. Opposed to him no doubt, will be former Congressman Jeffers, W. F. Gurley and several other ambitious local republicans who figure they have a chance.

It is not definite whether Mr. Jeffers will make the race this year, as he has not filed up to date. But his friends and the public in general (Continued on page 2)

DO PRESIDENTS DRINK MUCH LIQUOR? OH YES! SAYS THIS NEWSPAPER MAN

This Newspaper Man Knows What He Is Talking About — Says Grover Cleveland Was Very Fond Of Whiskey Of Old Vintage.

The question is often asked whether presidents ever drink liquor. The writer can vouch for some of them at least, because one of them nearly ruined him once, one of them drank all he had, and it was awfully cold that day, too.

"Several years ago," this newspaper man says, "a memorial to J. Sterling Morton, the first secretary of agriculture, was unveiled at Nebraska City, and I was assigned to 'cover' the story. Mr. Morton was appointed by Grover Cleveland, and the natural thing was to have that gentleman make the dedicatory address. It was a bitterly cold November day, and everybody wore an overcoat. I had thoughtfully put a pint of whiskey in my pocket because it was by no means my first experience with the weather. The committee had seats on the platform with Mr. Cleveland. I noticed the then ex-president looking around the crowd rather nervously. Then he whispered in the ears of one of the committee. I learned later he asked if there was anybody in the crowd who had some whiskey. There was a search and they told Mr. Cleveland he was in hard luck. Just then, Grover spied me. None of the committee had deigned to ask a lowly newspaper man if he had a drink. But Mr. Cleveland, whom I had already met, spied me. He almost yelled 'There is a newspaper man, I'll bet he has some.' Whereupon the committee man came over where I was sitting. In reply to his query, I assured him I could accommodate the gentleman.

"Mr. Cleveland smiled significantly and at once came to where I was sitting. He told the committee to form a hollow square around himself and me to prevent the assembled multitude knowing what was going on. They did so. Mr. Cleveland squatted

and, with the bottle upraised he took his little drink. He did not leave a drop in it and the newspaper man was without any liquor. He apologized and walked to the front to make his address."

The newspaper man hid himself off to town for a fresh supply, getting back just in time to hear the speaker finish his address.

"I was not sore," he said, "But I would have frozen to death if I had not found a saloon. I guess Grover would, too."

So there are times when even a president likes his nip. There are plenty of other instances similar to this one. This same newspaper man went to Grand Island once to meet Teddy Roosevelt. He was riding on a specially equipped train which did not run on Sunday. "I visited the train while Ted was at church but all the rest stayed on the train. I was invited in to the president's private car with the others, where Mr. Roosevelt's private secretary, Billy Loeb, entertained the boys in high style. They opened nearly everything they had and all were feeling pretty good when Billy yelled 'Here comes the boss,' when there was a scattering. I don't think Mr. Roosevelt ever indulged unless he was alone or with somebody, but that train was certainly stocked up for fair."

Mr. Wilson was an exception. He was never known to relax, at least by the newspaper men, who were always on his heels. Howard Taft was liberal minded but awfully careful. None of the boys ever caught him at a drink-fest. Although they always sat wine at the banquet table for him it was always untouched.

And Mr. Bryan—but what's the use. He never was president.

The MEDIATOR

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY
The Mediator Publishing Co.
 AT Lantic 7040 544 PAXTON BLOCK
 AN INDEPENDENT PAPER
EDWIN L. HUNTLEY, Editor and Proprietor
 Per Year - - - \$2.00 Single Copy - - - 5 Cents

Entered as second class matter at the postoffice at Omaha, Nebraska, under the act of March 9th, 1879.

EVERY SUBSCRIPTION IS REGARDED AS AN OPEN ACCOUNT. THE NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS WILL BE INSTANTLY REMOVED FROM OUR MAILING LIST AT EXPIRATION OF TIME PAID FOR. IF PUBLISHER SHALL BE NOTIFIED; OTHERWISE THE SUBSCRIPTION REMAINS IN FORCE AT THE DESIGNATED SUBSCRIPTION PRICE. EVERY SUBSCRIBER MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THESE CONDITIONS ARE MADE A PART OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN PUBLISHER AND SUBSCRIBER.

MEDIATOR NEWS STANDS

Joe Radicia	16th and Farnam
Meyer's News Stand	1411 Farnam
McLaughlin	208 South 14th
Holtz	108 North 16th
Rhyn	716 North 16th
Mrs. H. R. McNeil	1022 North 16th
Kulp	2514 North 24th
Sam Nicolson	15th and Farnam
Ak-Sar-Ben News Co.	N. E. Cor. 16th & Howard
McCauley Drug Store	16th & California

JUSTICE OR SENTIMENT?

The press of the United States is giving much attention to the subject of Capital Punishment. In last week's issue The Mediator set forth an argument in favor of capital punishment. Comment has arisen on both sides, some taking the stand for, and some against the death penalty for convicted criminals.

To illustrate the general feeling that prevails in this country, we will quote from some of the leading papers of our land.

For those who are against capital punishment, the Buffalo (N. Y.) Times says: "It might be urged with equal force that penalization has never proved an absolute preventive of crime of any kind, yet for a Government to surrender its punitive powers would be unthinkable."

Quoting from the Troy (N. Y.) Record: "To launch a campaign for the abolition of capital punishment at this moment when crime waves are sweeping the country is as sane as to attack house-breaking by leaving doors and windows open." "A civilization that permits a World War and blanches at the rope or the chair for premeditated murder has adopted the ethics of Bedlam. There is too much sympathy for the criminal, and too little for his victim."

"We must have a great deal more evidence of the immorality and uselessness of capital punishment before the average man will allow the man who kills in cold blood to go to states prison only until time and competent lawyers can achieve a pardon."

And in the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Citizen we read: "There is no public sentiment to speak of in favor of the abolishment of capital punishment. On the contrary in view of the many murders committed by gunmen, public sentiment favors the most speedy methods of putting these murders to death."

The trouble in this country is that few convicted murderers ever reach the gallows or the chair. The great majority, owing to our system of jurisprudence, manage to elude the death penalty. Another reason why capital punishment has failed to decrease the number of murders is the long delay between the commission of the deed and the final disposition of the case of the people against the murderers.

Mr. Darrow, and other advocates of abolition, would substitute life imprisonment. Life imprisonment is a delusion, in view of the manner in which so-called life prisoners have their sentences commuted."

So it is readily apparent that there are some sound, logical arguments in favor of capital punishment. When the power of the press is against abolition of the death penalty, it is doubtful if the proposed action will produce any results.

Sentiment should have no place in the laws of the country. Justice is the right of every individual, and justice, unadulterated and unmodified, should be given everyone who has been wronged against.

Society at large demands protection. It can not be given by showing sympathy for a killer.

BERGDOLL MAY FACE DRAFT EVASION CHARGE FOLLOWING RECENT ARREST

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, scion of a wealthy Philadelphia family, has got his neck in a noose at last. It is not to be forgotten the yellowness displayed by this gentleman when the United States was calling on every man to do his share when the honor and integrity of our nation was at stake. Bergdoll promptly skipped the country, although every effort was made to apprehend him and draft him in the service of the country where he and his family had enjoyed peace and prosperity. Everything possible has been done to bring him back to this country, where he will be faced with a draft evasion charge, and possibly a stretch at Atlanta. He is now accused with criminal assault upon a young girl at Heidelberg, where he has been hiding, afraid to show his face to the world. If he is proven guilty the chances are he will be deported and then Uncle Sam will have a chance to extradite him, and show him how relentless is the wrath of a duty shunner.

Bergdoll thought he was too good to take the bait along with the rest of the boys in the late World War. He claimed that he had relatives in the German army, and it would be distasteful to him to think that he might be killing his own blood. It would be much more distasteful if some of the boys who did go through could lay their hands on him.

The United States has always been the haven of countless thousands of people from across the seas who tire of the restrictions that are placed on them. They come to America, and enter upon an even plane with every

other citizens of this country, being given full rights of citizenship after they have proven their intentions. These people make large fortunes in this country and they call it home. Every foreign born citizen, with a few possible exceptions, rushed to the colors when the call was made for men, for their love for this country which befriended them was paramount. The majority of the immigrants are honest, law abiding citizens, seeking greater opportunities in a new land. But Bergdoll thought differently. He might have blue blood in his veins, but his yellow streak cannot pass unnoticed.

America is a nation of heroes. We love a fighter, but loathe a coward. That is the reason that every man in the country is clamoring for Bergdoll's scalp. If there was any spark of manhood in this fellow he would come back and take his medicine, and make amends for the dishonor and disgrace he has cast on his adopted country.

"OPEN PROHIBITION" IS WORSE CURSE THAN OPEN SALOON

(Continued from Page 1)

Action on this issue is necessary. The sooner settlement is made the sooner will this country again resume a normal and sane attitude toward the laws of the states and the constitution of the nation. The Volstead act is the mother of the vice, corruption, bribery and crime that has continually, in ever-widening circles, reached out into every strata of society and dragged men, women and children into the depths of the underworld. Conditions that now exist must be bettered, and this can come about only through the modification of the Eighteenth Amendment.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEATH OF DAIRY MAN; ACCIDENT THEORY DROPPED

William McDevitt, 36, a driver for the Robert's Dairy, a man with no enemies and who always led a quiet, retired life, was shot and instantly killed. This is the case that is commanding the attentions of the police at the present time. Two arrests have been made on the case, but the solution of the mystery is yet doubtful.

The man was shot from the rear, the bullet entering just below the left ear and lodging behind the eye of the slain man. At first it was believed that McDevitt was the victim of an accidental shooting. This developed due to the finding of a .22 caliber shell a few feet where the body was found. This theory was disproved by a small boy who saw a man running from the spot immediately following the report of the gun.

According to his brothers, McDevitt had just left home to take a short walk, saying that he would return for dinner. It was almost immediately that the man was slain. Inquest will be held to determine whether the bullet which killed McDevitt was a .22 caliber, or a .32 caliber. An automatic pistol of .32 caliber bore was found in possession of the suspects taken, and it is necessary to determine what size of a gun was used before directly connecting them with the murder.

NORTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFERS STOCK TO SUBSCRIBERS

A \$5,000,000 issue of preferred stock in the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, to pay 6 1/2 percent dividends annually and selling at par, is now being offered to the public and will be sold entirely through employees of the Company. This announcement has been made by W. B. Belt, President, in a letter which has been mailed to every subscriber of the Company.

This is the first time that telephone users in this territory have had an opportunity to acquire a financial interest in the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company through the purchase of stock.

A limit of 10 shares has been placed on the amount which will be sold to each individual in order to give as many users as possible an opportunity to subscribe to the issue.

The public may purchase this stock under a plan similar to the one under which they have been able in the past to obtain other Bell securities, either paying cash or buying it at the rate of \$10 per share per month.

This issue of preferred stock is being offered to retire indebtedness incurred to build revenue-producing plant and to provide new capital made necessary by the Company's growth.

The Northwestern Bell Telephone Company operates more than 550,000 telephones in the five states of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North and South Dakota. The Company has assets which cost about \$98,000,000.

MANY LIVES ARE SAVED BY PROMPT ACTION OF SERGEANT POTACH AND AIDE

Perhaps a score or more of persons in Omaha owe their lives to Sergeant Potach, of the morals squads, aided by Heinie Bosen. Last Tuesday night the two officers were driving up Capitol Avenue in the vicinity of Tenth. A large car was parked at the curb with the motor running, and a man was seen in the dusk, apparently burdened down with a heavy load. As they drew closer it was seen that the man on the sidewalk was carrying a couple of five gallon jugs of hooch, presumably making a delivery. Before Potach and Bosen could stop their car and get out, the jugs were smashed on the curb, and the bootlegger had made a dash for the waiting car. He made good his escape.

Potach took a sniff of the stuff that was running in the gutter, and he was sick for a couple of hours. So it is unnecessary to prophesy what would be the fate of one who would take a swig of the "hooch".

Judge Sullivan Passes Away In California

Popular Attorney And Man Among Men Dies While Searching For Health In Western State.

John J. Sullivan is dead. He died in California Wednesday. He had been visiting there for some time, with relatives. Incidentally, he was out there for the benefit of his health also.

Judge Sullivan was a man among men. The Mediator has business relations with him of the most cordial and friendly sort. He was supreme justice for several years, having the honor of being the first democrat to be elected to that position in Nebraska. He came from the vicinity of Columbus, where he was loved by the people like a school boy. He became eminent as a jurist of high class. In Omaha he practiced as he preached, and was a man of high standing in the community. He never did things by halves and his opinion was greatly desired by many people.

He had many of the cases of importance that came before the bar in this state and outside, for that matter. He will be greatly missed by the legal fraternity, among whom he was considered a leader.

HOT POLITICAL BATTLE IS FORGAST

(Continued from page 1)

are hoping that he does so. The former Congressman surely made good in the nation's legislative halls, not only through his sheer ability, but because of his personal friendship and acquaintance with the highest officials of the land. If he seeks another nomination Congressman Sears will have a job in his hands to beat out the rotund, good natured and brilliant Mr. Jefferies.

Who the democrat will be to oppose the successful republican nominee is problematical. Only one man in the Second district would have a ghost of a chance, and that man is James Hanley. Of course Gene O'Sullivan, noted southside criminal lawyer might possibly make up his mind to enter the political arena, in which case he would give "Jim" a hot run for his money. Either of these two would have at least almost an equal chance of defeating any republican in spite of the fact that this district is normally overwhelmingly republican.

CALIFORNIA HOTEL

16th & California Sts.

ALL NEWLY REPAINTED REDECORATED, AND REFURNISHED

MODERN NEW MANAGEMENT

H. R. McNIELL

NEWS STAND

and

CIGAR STORE

Complete Line Of All

PERIODICALS and NEWSPAPERS

1022 North 16th St.

St. Bernard Dog Hears Mistress Over Telephone



"Captain" Gross Listening to His Mistress' Voice over the Telephone

"Captain," a blooded St. Bernard dog and guardian of Mrs. Morris Gross of Omaha, recognizes her voice over the telephone. When away in the evening, Mrs. Gross calls her home when she is ready to return, and the maid places the receiver to Captain's ear. "Come, Captain, now I'm ready to come home," Mrs. Gross commands. A few minutes later, Captain is barking at the door of the home where his mistress is visiting.

POPE DRUG CO.
 Candies, Tobacco, Drugs, Rubber Goods and Sundries
OPEN ALL NIGHT
 Free Delivery Nyal Remedies
 JA Olson 2672 13th & Farnam

JABEZ CROSS
 Soft Drinks, Fine All-Day Lunch Candies, Full Line Best Cigars
 Polite Service.
 220 So. 14th St. Omaha

\$1.00 TEETH EXTRACTED \$1.00
 No Pain—No After-Effects
CLARK DENTAL OFFICES
 Dr. E. R. Wilson, Mgr.
 509-PAXTON BLOCK JA. 1201
 16th & Farnam St.

Oh Henry!
 America's Finest Candy!
 Mail 10c for copy of new Oh Henry! recipe book showing SIXTY new recipes. Write
 Williamson Candy Co. Chicago, Ill.

Gravert's Soft Drinks
 Harry Gravert, Prop.
 EVERYTHING IN SOFT DRINKS AND EXCELLENT SERVICE
BENSON'S EXCLUSIVE RESORT
 Tel. Wa. 6106
 2737 North 62nd Street

Telephones: Bus. HA. 6265, Res. WE. 2220
OUR WORK GUARANTEED
DONOVAN BROS.
 FURNACE and TIN WORK
 General Repair Work is Our Specialty
 American Chimney Sweep is Associated With Donovan Bros.
 3861 Leavenworth St. Omaha, Nebraska

Phone ATlantic 2430
Dr. Charles Barnes
 Office
 513-520 Securities Building
 S. E. Cor. 16th & Farnam
 Omaha, Nebraska

JA. 2197
DES MOINES HOTEL
 13th & Howard
 BEST PLACE TO STOP
 Rates by Day, Week or Month.
 MODERATE PRICES
 Emil Leaf, Prop.

Courtello
 That Mild Cigar
8c

 HARLE-HAAS DRUG CO.
 Distributors
 Council Bluffs, Iowa

Piles Fistula—Pay When Cured
 A mild system of treatment that cures Piles, Fistula and other Rectal Diseases in a short time, without a severe surgical operation. No Chloroform, Ether or other general anesthetic used. A cure guaranteed in every case accepted for treatment, and no money to be paid until cured. Write for book on Rectal Diseases, with names and testimonials of more than 1000 prominent people who have been permanently cured.
DR. E. R. TERRY SANITARIUM, Peters Trust (Bee) Bldg. OMAHA.

FLOMAR HOTEL
 17th and Capitol Ave.
 \$4—\$5—\$6—\$7 Per Week Free Baths At All Hours
 Strictly Modern Rooms \$1.00 Single, \$1.50 Double

TELEPHONE JA 9734
The Office
 Retail Cigars, Soft Drinks and Candies
 317 SOUTH 15TH STREET OMAHA

Coast to Coast Radio
\$79.50

8 Per Mo.
 Select From the World's Best
 Zenith, Mohawk, Neutrodyne, Operadio, Victor and Brunswick Radiola, also Schmolter & Mueller Phonograph Combinations
5-Tube Set
 Complete With Loud Speaker, Tubes and Batteries
 THE HIGHEST VALUE EVER OFFERED
 Trade In Your Old Piano or Phonograph. If you can't call, write.
Schmolter & Mueller Piano Co.
 NEBRASKA'S OLDEST AND LARGEST MUSIC HOUSE
 1214-16-18 Dodge Street - - - Omaha - - - Nebr.

No Place Like Holmes' Billiard Parlors
 CAFE CAFE
 THIRTY-FIVE TABLES
 Also Full Line CIGARS and SOFT DRINKS
 BASEMENT SECURITIES BUILDING

HOTEL JEFFERSON
 UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT
 SPECIAL RATES NOW IN EFFECT
 LARGE COOL OUTSIDE ROOMS -- \$6 & \$7 per WEEK
 A FEW SMALLER ONES AT ---- \$4 & \$5 per WEEK
 CLOSE TO EVERYTHING BUT AWAY FROM THE NOISE
 14th & CAPITOL AVE PHONE AT. 2848

BLUE CAB CO.
CUTS RATES
 THERE WILL BE NO MORE EXTRA CHARGE FOR EXTRA PASSENGERS
5 PASSENGERS
 MAY NOW RIDE AS CHEAP AS ONE
OUR RATES
 40 Cents For First Mile
 10 Cents For Each Additional One-Third Mile
AT. 3322
 T. J. Casey, Proprietors H. M. Hirschman

"SUNNY FRANCE" PICTURED IN SCREAMING COMEDY OF A. E. F.



MARY BRIAN AND RICHARD ARLEN IN A SCENE FROM "BEHIND THE FRONT" THE PARAMOUNT PICTURE

"Sunny France!"
"It may be so, we do not know. It sounds so queer!"
Just about two million dough boys who got "over there" during the late unpleasantness in France are going to be indignantly taken back to their soldier days when they see "Sunny France" as it is pictured in "Behind the Front," which Director Edward Sutherland has filmed for Paramount.

And the words of the cynical old song are going to rise to their lips when they mentally jog along with Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton, as wild a pair of doughboys as ever shovelled rock in the S. O. S. and look out at the French scenery, mournful in a heavy rain, from the side of a dinky box-car suitable for "40 men or 8 horses."

No more realistic or humorous scenes have been filmed in pictures than those in side-splitting comedy of life in the belated A. E. F. which Paramount has contributed to the cause of keeping alive the laughter of the doughboys—and all others.

Beery and Hatton descend in the mud—and it's real French mud, the kind that slips, and sticks, and bogs down. And no sooner do they get off the train than they are assigned to carry the captain's trunk up to his lodgings in the French village.

Life in a small town wasn't exciting, but it did have diverting moments—such as a sudden inspection by visiting officers. Hatton and Beery out for dress parade is one of the comedy riots of the year. Who hasn't—like

Hatton—had a spiral puttee slip and come unbound just at the moment when he couldn't possibly bend over to fix it? Who hasn't found a vital article of his equipment missing at the fatal moment? That is, who hasn't, if he was in the A. E. F.?

Possibly one of the biggest laughs of the picture is the scene where Beery and Hatton are assigned to clean up a street in a French village. That was some job, as any one who has been to France knows. They got it done—just as a regiment of cavalry came along!

Of course, it didn't take a bungling pair like Beery, the former detective, vamped into joining the army by beautiful Mary Brian, who was trying to enlist enough men to be allowed to go to France as a war worker—very long to get themselves into the guardhouse.

But at that moment Beery found Hatton a very handy man, for he soon picked the lock and they found their way to freedom, and into a French buyette. That was where the fun began, for they both of them became a little too enthusiastic in the way they ordered vin rouge and vin "blink," and presto! all by accident, they woke up with something of a hangover to find themselves no longer with the S. O. S. in the rear, but right up at the front.

"Behind the Front" is a ripping comedy, which will be doubly enjoyed by ex-soldiers. It was adapted by Monty Brice from Hugh Wiley's "Saturday Evening Post" story, "The Spills of War," and will be shown at the Rialto, starting Saturday.

Film Stars Shine In New Picture

"Reckless Lady" Cast Headed by Ben Lyon, Belle Bennett, Lois Wilson, Kirkwood, Sherman and Murray

Film fans are expected to be able to find their favorites in the cast of Robert T. Kane's first National picture, "The Reckless Lady," which is coming to the Strand theatre on Saturday.

Belle Bennett, Lois Moran, Ben Lyon, James Kirkwood, Lowell Sherman and Charlie Murray head the all-star cast. The film is an adaptation of the Sir Philip Gibbs novel of the same name. Thomas Holding, Marcia Harris, Julia Hurley and Edwin August complete the cast.

"The Reckless Lady" tells the story of a great love between mother and daughter and of the sacrifices of the former to preserve the happiness of the latter. The majority of the scenes are laid in Monte Carlo, the playground of the world. The colorful and spectacular carnival procession, with its gayly decorated floats and its hundreds of people in an unheard of variety of costumes, figures prominently in the picture.

Sada Cowan, who prepared the scenario of Kane's "The New Commandment" and Howard Higgin, who directed it, served in the same capacities in the present picture.

COMPOSER OF "THE PRISONER'S SONG" IS MOURNED BY NATION

Guy Massey was little known a few years ago. During the war he served our country in the ranks of the army as a buck private. While in the service he had a little love affair in Brooklyn that turned out disastrously. For this he was confined in the brig of the ship for an indefinite period. To pass the time away he composed a song to his sweetheart in Brooklyn, which he called "The Prisoner's Song." It swept the country by storm, and letter after letter was sent to officials to gain Massey's release. Accordingly he was pardoned, and shortly after he was the victim of sinus trouble. He went to the Southwest, but failed to recover. He died in Dallas, Texas.

The complete song is as follows:
"Oh I wish I had someone to love me,
Someone to call me their own,
Oh I wish I had someone to live with,
For I am tired of living alone."
"Oh please meet me tonight in the moonlight,
Please meet me tonight all alone,
For I have a sad story to tell you,
It's a story that's never been told."

Lure Of Kleigs Is Irresistible

Everybody knows the story of the cabman who, finally having secured a day off, spent it driving around town with a brother cabby.

There is more truth than fantasy to this joke. Take for instance some of the well known motion picture personalities.

Ben Lyon got one day off while Robert Kane was making First National's "The Reckless Lady," which is due to be shown at the Strand theatre, Saturday. And Ben spent that day under the glare of the studio lights watching Belle Bennett, Lois Moran, Lowell Sherman and James Kirkwood enacting scenes for the same picture.

Kirkwood did the same thing. He had several days off during the filming of "The Reckless Lady." All but one were spent on the set in the studio.

And there was many a day when Director Howard Higgins had as his guest Director Alfred Santell who, during the taking of Higgin's picture, was preparing preliminary work on "The Dancer of Paris," another Kane production.

The motion picture studio holds a lure that few who know it intimately can resist.



ELLIOTT DEXTER AND MARGARET LIVINGSTON IN "CAPITAL PUNISHMENT"—PREFERRED PICTURE

At the Brandeis Theatre, 8 days beginning Saturday February 20th.

FILM DEPICTING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AT THE BRANDEIS THEATRE

"Capital Punishment," a motion picture with a gripping story which both educates and entertains, is to be shown at the Brandeis theatre for eight days starting Saturday. There will be four performances daily.

The picture has been reviewed by Dr. Victor Levine, chairman of the Nebraska Committee for the Study of Crime; Mrs. W. E. Johnson, president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, Sheriff Mike Endres and several others interested in the abolition of capital punishment. The group unanimously agreed that the picture should be recommended because of the powerful message it carries.

NOTES FROM THE METROPOLIS

Omaha's twenty-first annual automobile show will be held at the city auditorium, February 22 to 27. Thirty-three makes of passenger cars and an especially large display of trucks and tractors will be on display.

Armour & Company will enter the creamery and poultry business in Nebraska with the erection this spring of a creamery and poultry plant at O'Neil which will have a capacity of 20,000 head of poultry. The plant will cost \$180,000.

Elaborate plans for the tenth annual convention of the Nebraska Music Teachers association to be held in Omaha March 22-24, have been formulated. Master class conferences will be conducted by Victor Kudzo, violinist, New York; Herbert Witherpoon, vocal, president of the Chicago Musical college; and Lee Pattison, pianist, New York. The Omaha Symphony orchestra will give a concert.

Peter Gengler, Waddell, Neb., topped market last Wednesday with a load of cross breed Duroc and Hampshire hogs averaging 185 pounds.

Fire destroyed an entire business block in the town of Fort Crook last Friday afternoon. A grocery store, postoffice and restaurant were destroyed, and a soft drink parlor, pool hall and barber shop badly damaged.

Omaha will be well represented at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Press association at Hastings, opening February 25.

A special poultry demonstration train will be run over all Burlington lines in Nebraska, starting March 1, through co-operation of the poultry department of the state agricultural college and the Burlington railroad. Stops will be made in eighty towns.

V. F. Nickel, of Kearney, topped the cattle market in Omaha last Monday with a load of Hereford yearling steers averaging 986 pounds which brought \$10.50 a hundred pounds. He had fed them six months on corn and alfalfa rations.

Opheum

Four headline attractions share top position on the new bill at Opheum theatre this week, commencing with Sunday matinee.

Rene Robert and Jay Veils are twinkling stars in the terpsichorean firmament. Rosalie Stewart is presenting them this season in a brilliant new dance offering in which they are assisted by Phyllis Pearce and Violet Bache. The merits of Miss Stewart's presentations both in vaudeville and the legitimate stage, are known and recognized. Such productions as "The Torch Bearer," "The Show Off," and "Craig's Wife" are symbols of her success. Gorgeous costumes and elaborate settings enhance the beauty of this new offering. Miss Robert will be remembered as the featured dancer with the Giersdorf Sisters' orchestra.

A new bevy of talented entertainers are featured in Gus Edwards' up-to-date revival of his greatest vaudeville act, "School Days." Heading a cast of 18 is the clever dancer, George Douglas, who plays the part of "Duncis Dinkelspiel" and Bonnie Adair who has the role of "Our Teacher." With the exception of the song "School Days" which was written especially

for the original production, all the numbers are new.

Lulu McConnell, well known comedienne of musical and farce comedies, is featured in a breezy bit of farce comedy entitled "At Home." Miss McConnell recently appeared with the "Artist and Models Show" and before that, with Zieffeld's Follies and "The Passing Show." Her supporting company includes Grant Simpson, who played here some years ago with the Woodward Stock company. Mr. Simp-

son is the author of the playlet, "At Home."

Frank De Voe "Excerpts from Musical Comedy" will introduce this talented personage to local theatre-goers. Mr. De Voe is a singing comedian, whose excellent voice, pleasing personality and individuality have placed him in the front ranks of the theatre. He has been featured in numerous Broadway productions. "The French Model" is a song and dance sketch featuring the versatile

little European star, Grotte Ardine, formerly of the team of Bradley and Ardine. Miss Ardine is assisted by John Tyrell and Dave Kaye, a pair of nimble-footed youths.

The Rooneys give a daring and graceful exhibit of several acrobatics. Kerr and Ensign's little surprise is guaranteed as a laugh producer.

The Orpheum theatre orchestra is featuring Gus Edwards' arrangement of "Children's Games" as the special overture this week.

RIALTO
Direction of A. H. Blank

BEHIND THE FRONT

WITH WALLACE BEERY, RAYMOND HATTON, MARY BRIAN
AN EDWARD SUTHERLAND PRODUCTION
DIRECTED BY EDWARD SUTHERLAND

ONE WEEK STARTING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

Strand
DIRECTION OF A. H. BLANK

Robert T. Kane presents:

THE RECKLESS LADY

She had looked life in the eye—and to Fate she had cried "I'll see you!"—and now hurtling through the night, flying from the Casino where everything held dear had passed on a gambler's chance... on to a new Fate... a devil-may-care Fate for nothing seemed to matter now.

A First National Picture

Belle Bennett, James Kirkwood, Ben Lyon, Lowell Sherman, Lois Moran, Charlie Murray
Scenario by Sada Cowan Directed by Howard Higgin

ONE WEEK STARTING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

Courtesy Responsibility

RED TOP CAB CO.

ATLANTIC 3131

Service Low Rates