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BLOODIEST FIGHT NEXT FRIDAY

GREENE AND BEEBE ADVOCATE NEW FARMER LABOR PARTY

For Reasons All Their Own The Two Are Opposing Prominent Nebraska Democrats

RED DELEGATE WOULD SHOOT THE MOON

"Delegate" to Russia Pans Men High in Council of Democratic Party—Only Charge Democrats with Greatest Political Crime in History—Radical's "Warning" Article Reeks with Anarchistic Utterances—Midwest News Supports the Cause.

It is possible that Nebraska is to have a brand new political party before the coming primaries. A bunch of disgruntled politicians and a few other outers who want to be in are working to that end, not that they expect to get any place but a few leaders in the "cause," no doubt expect to cash in on some of the various ways petty grafters have of living and creating discontent. Among the leaders of this bunch we note that Reverend Beebe and W. H. Greene are to take a prominent part. We rather believe that the minister is acting in good faith even though his viewpoint seems to be extremely narrow and hardly in keeping with his work as a minister of the gospel. Personally he is a mighty fine man but he seems to have gotten off on the wrong foot. Those who have read W. H. Green's stuff will understand why he is attempting to organize a new party. He is a radical among radicals and is taken very seriously except possibly by a few Russians who follow him because he was a "delegate" or something from a small clik of red followers in this country to report on conditions over in that super blood thirsty revolutionary country. He takes the typewriter in hand and writes for the Mid-West Labor News or the Mid-West News as it is now called. Beebe as chairman and Green as Secretary (that's where the dough lies, if there is any) with J. A. Lockray as official publicity man, compose the official family of progressives, not including a few supermenaries. They probably also com-

OUR DEAR OLD ELMER IS ON THE JOB IN WASHINGTON

Isn't it nice that Omaha is blessed with such a fine man as Mister Elmer Thomas who looks after our moral welfare. What could we do without him. Just now he is telling the government where to get off so far as prohibition enforcement in Nebraska is concerned. He wants Haynes to fire Rohrer. Its a dog gone shame Elmer wasn't made dry chief so he could show 'em a thing or two. Besides he could get a plenty of good stuff for himself without paying for it if he so desired and no one ever charged him with refusing anything that was free.

EVERETT BUCKINGHAM AGAIN PRES. OF UNION STOCK YARDS

Omaha people were pleased to learn that Everett Buckingham was elected president of the newly re-organized Union Stock Yards. The twelve thousand shares are now owned almost exclusively by Omaha capitalists. The Armour interests were bought largely by W. Farnam Smith though banks and several individuals bought shares. The price was considerably in excess of 1 million dollars.

HANLEY WON'T RUN AGAINST W. G. SEARS

James H. Hanley, democratic candidate for congress two years ago, has declined to make the race this year against Congressman W. G. Sears. Petitions have been circulated for Hanley, but he refused today to run. I. J. Dunn and H. B. Fleharty have been mentioned as possible candidates on the democratic ticket.

OMAHA'S DEBT IS NOW \$14,900,000

Omaha is getting close to the debt limit of 5 per cent of the total valuation imposed by the charter. The recent sale of \$1,000,000 worth of park, sewer and public improvement bonds brought the total city indebtedness to \$14,900,000, not including approximately \$1,000,000 worth of special improvement bonds. Five per cent of the total valuation of the city totals approximately \$16,900,000, leaving the city a margin of about \$2,000,000. This year the city will retire approximately \$500,000 in bonds, but at least that amount in the special improvement bonds should be charged against the city at large, according to City Comptroller Grotte.

SAMARDICK TO ST. LOUIS

Robert Samardick, general prohibition agent, left for St. Louis Tuesday to appear as a witness in federal court liquor cases.

OUR MOTHER AT REST

Mrs. Clara Huntley, aged 82, mother of Edwin L. and Frank Huntley died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. L. McBride in Ostrander, Ohio. She lived for many years in Omaha making her home with the Editor and acting Editor Mrs. Huntley leaves to mourn her loss, Mrs. Clifton Prouty of Delaware, O., Mrs. T. L. McBride, of Ostrander, Ohio, Clifford of New York and Elmer of Cleveland.

DEAN "WRINGER" WOULD TELL THEM A THING, TWO OR THREE

While a bunch of second hand Anti-Saloon League knockers are spilling their guts about things they know nothing about apparently, both Bob Samardick and Rohrer are going along doing business at the old stand. Dean Ringer, representing the Committee of Five met Dry Chief Haynes Thursday in a futile attempt to tell that gentleman where to get off concerning Omaha's two well known enforcers. He was rapping Rohrer but Haynes only laughed and said that both local men were good and knew their stuff.

THAT'S THE WAY IT GOES

Willie Hoppe, erstwhile champion 18.2 ballkin billiard champion is having his troubles but his wife is having more. She is said to have been entertaining a man friend while all dressed up in a cigarette and perhaps a kimona.

FOR MUNY GAS STATIONS

Omaha city commissioners are in favor of establishing gasoline stations throughout the city, according to Commissioner John Hopkins, who inaugurated the municipal gasoline station idea after a talk with Mayor Dahlman and other commissioners. "I am heartily in favor of other stations, as long as the people are satisfied," said Dahlman. The sale of gasoline dropped Wednesday because of cold weather. Approximately 900 gallos were sold by noon, compared with 2,600 gallons sold on Tuesday and 2,860 on Monday, the first day the city got into the business. Messages from city officials throughout the country continue to pour in Hopkins' office. Hopkins said he expected to hear today from his "pet" refinery if an additional supply can be secured. Altogether, the city has contracted for 45,000 gallons.

PUBLIC EXPECT TO SEE MORRIE SCHLAIFER LOSE BATTLE

Omaha Idol Confident He Will Be Able To Beat Joe Simonich To A Pulp.

BOXING FANS TO WITNESS GRUDGE FIGHT

Nonpareil Card Most Interesting One in Many Moons—Battling Monroe and Lambert in Semi-Final—Jones, the Mike Gibbons Favorite to Meet Ace Hudkins—Six Round First Prelim Between Two New Ones.

The bloodiest boxing match ever held in the western part of the United States is scheduled for next Friday night at the Auditorium. The plural of fight would be a better and more accurate word. Bernie Boyle, boxing promoter for the Nonpareil club is putting on the show. That is enough to convince Nebraska fight fans that there will be a boxing exhibition worth going miles to witness. Eight rough and tumble battlers have been engaged to entertain patrons of the fistic carnival to be staged leap year night. Some of them could be possessed of more science but not a man on the program, but what has plenty of fighting blood and a super-rugged body to back his work in the squared arena. Many newspaper men write about grudge fights which usually turn out to be the same old ordinary ring battle for what ever dough is in it for the two principals. Perhaps we have been guilty of the same thing but not knowingly. We will however stake our reputation as a writer who has more or less specialized in spill ing boxing "stuff" the past eighteen years on the statement that the coming match between Schlaifer and Simonich will be a grudge affair even if the fighters themselves deny it. In the first place Schlaifer is right on the edge of a boxing precipice, standing on the tip of the ragged cliff, either to lose his balance and fall into the deep chasm of pugilistic oblivion or fight his way to solid ground from whence he may rapidly rise to the peak of welterweight championship fame. The Fighting Fool is sure to put up the battle of his young life, that he may press claim in the east as a real contender for a decision bout with Champion Walker. On the other mitten we find Simonich flushed with a score of victories any one of which would give him title to ask for a chance at the crown and in addition, Joe pummeled the tar out of Morrie last fall which not only gives him confidence but the right to feel that if he all but assassinates the hebrew next Friday he will be given the opportunity to show his stuff against Walker on the east coast where the money comes in big gobs. A victory for either means more to them than at any other stage of their careers. On top of all this Uvick has left Morrie and is said to have made arrangements to train the Utah mauler which won't help things socially between them. Some one is going to get knocked out in this fight and there is plenty of money up that it will be Schlaifer who sees the stars shining through the dome of the Auditorium. At that one can find plenty of money that Morrie will be right side up when the battle is over and the blood has been mopped up. But the main event is not going to be the whole show, not by a dimmed sight. The semi-final between Jack Lewis' black gorilla, Battling Monroe and Chuck Lambert the St. Paul light-heavy bruiser promises to be a slambang affair between boys who never heard of the word science. Hulse & Reipen have been engaged to look after the funeral or funerals. Those liking a little cleverness mix (Continued on page 3)

BIG GAMBLING DEN AND OTHER FAMOUS RESORTS TO OPEN IN OMAHA MARCH 1

Wild West to Again Come Into its Own—Said to Have the Support of Jim Dahlman, Joe Koutsky, Tom Dennison and Most Everyone in Omaha—Red Dog Saloon to Be Big Feature—Read on.

"Power River", the big American Legion Jamdoree, will be held on March 1st to March 8th at the Auditorium. It will be a fast and furious week of pleasure and entertainment, according to the Legion men in charge. "Bad Jim" Dahlman, the famous cow puncher, and his side-kick, "Mexican Joe" Koutsky, will be on hand to make things lively and with their six shooters, will try to control the town. The Red Dog Saloon will be the center of activities and "Big John" Hopkins, who drinks gasoline instead of water, will be in charge. The famous "Calamity Jane's" Palace will be the real gambling joint of the fair city of "Powder River." Games of old, as seen during the early Western days, will again be played. Such innocent pleasures as stud poker, faro bank, dice and roulette, will prevail at "Calamity Jane's" Palace. There ain't much going on in Powder River these days", said "Razzberry Harry" Hough. "There were two cuttin' scrapes and six shootin's during the past ten days. "Honest Tom" Dennison was dealin' and a final pot had done simmered down to Tom an' a pale faced stranger with a shifty eye that breezed into town some days before. Suddenly the lights went out and the shootin' started." But for the coming American Legion Show, "Powder River" will be made even tougher than this according to "Bad Jim."

KNOCKS AND BOOSTS BY THE OBSERVER

JOHN HOPKINS, city commissioner has made a decided hit with Omaha gasoline users but has made no votes for himself at the Standard Oil and Independent oil stations for which he is not worrying. John is always on the job and knows what to do at all times. Sixteenth and Izard is a mighty popular spot these days. **POLICEMEN** and detectives are always in danger of being killed while in the line of duty, a fact that is not always fully appreciated by the people. Only through the best of fortune were the lives of officers Anderson and Musgrave spared Sunday while they were arresting G. W. West, robber suspect. **ANNA**, the warbling waitress who rustles dishes and other things at the famous X restaurant says there is only one reason that she dont go on the stage—The Manager. **THE FIGHTING FOOL**, the honorable Morrison Schlaifer, P. O. A. M. scored his fifteenth straight victory when he knocked the tar out of Joe Herrick, who claims Omaha as his home. What Omaha people are interested in is what will happen to him in his next battle. **AT THE ORPHEUM** this week Mr. Hartung is presenting the finest as well as the best balanced bill this popular playhouse has given the public in several seasons. Every act on the bill is good, most of them are superfine. Same show runs through to and including the Saturday night performance.

POSSIBLE THAT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL COMPETE WITH RESTAURANT MEN

Some Members Favor Opening Cafe to Public—Would Work Great Injustice on Old Established Restaurants and Cafes. Scores of Business Men Resent Proposed Change. Would Create Bad Precedent—Proposition Comes Up Soon.

We have always admired the Chamber of Commerce for the effective manner in which they have continually boosted Omaha and Nebraska and for the business like methods used in nearly all cases concerning their own personal affairs as well as those of the public. However we believe they are now contemplating a move which if put in effect is sure to prove a boomerang to say the least. Finding themselves financially on the wrong side of the ledger, largely through losses by the club restaurant they are figuring on making the cafe an open one with women members in charge. Now here is a great organization of business men joined together in one common cause—to help business their own various businesses. In order to make a little more money for themselves as an organization they would open their restaurant to the public in direct competition to all the old established restaurants of the city. This is eminently unfair to scores of restaurant men in the city who have worked hard to establish their business, often at great loss. No one ever heard of a millionaire restaurant man, not in Omaha any way and it seems inconceivable that any member of the Chamber of Commerce could conscientiously vote to put in effect a proposition that would do a great injustice to any one line of business and slap in the face many restaurant men who are no doubt members. As individuals if they were in a business in which they operated a restaurant for their employees or others and found that it was not on a paying basis it would not take them long to close it up or chalk up the loss as a charity or as a necessary evil which brought returns other than financial. It requires no stretch of the imagination to form the opinion that the club restaurant of the Chamber of Commerce is primarily a meeting place for business men, a get acquainted place. Nor an institution founded with the purpose of making money while incidentally competing with a large class of business men who are doing their share in building the city. We are interested in no restaurant and know but few of the owners so we have no personal interest in the proposition what so ever, but we must register an emphatic complaint on the principle involved. The citizens of Omaha look to the Chamber as a model when it comes to business of any kind. To see them deliberately go into competition with one set of business men while claiming to represent all business seems unfair to say the least. It would set a bad precedent among other things. If they made their restaurant open to the public and made it pay, why not rent more space and open up a banking department, sell life and fire insurance below cost, or what not. If they (S a283 uo panu2uoQ)

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ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE AT BAY.

After fighting the battles of William H. Anderson up until the time he resigned as a result of being found guilty of a colossal graft that organization finds itself discredited by many prominent members in its own ranks. A Cincinnati paper recently said that the misguided efforts of the Anti-Saloon League to protect and defend the convicted former President of the New York branch of the organization are bearing fruit.

A strong movement has been inaugurated by prominent ministers to form a new organization to carry on the work in support of temperance and prohibition.

Perhaps Anderson by reason of his criminality unconsciously and unintentionally made the greatest contribution of his life to the organization he so long dominated and used.

His crime, defined by the trial Judge to have been "deliberately committed", aroused the condemnatory interest of the entire country; public sentiment penetrated even the case-hardened and therefore invulnerable armor of the most powerful association that ever assumed to dominate the politics and morals of any country.

The League now is on the defensive as a result of its own blind adherence to indefensible methods and its loyalty to one whose sworn testimony on the witness stand was characterized by the trial Judge as "obviously untrue."

Anderson overreached himself when he attempted to perpetrate a fraud upon the Federal Government in addition to deceiving his employers and mulcting his subordinates.

Men like Anderson—and it is reasonable to believe that there are many like him in the organization from which he has been forced to resign—indulge the dangerous fallacy that the end justifies the means. This is not true, nor will it ever be true.

If the Anti-Saloon League desires successfully to prevent the formation of a new and clean, law-abiding association to carry on its work of so-called reform, it will have to effect a reorganization and turn its rascals out in manner and form so conspicuous that it will satisfy the outraged condemnation of some of its most eminent former associates and supporters.

Incidentally, Mr. Rockefeller appears to have had reliable tips or is a man of most acute vision.

CONGRESS AND THE POLE.

President Coolidge having held up the polar flight of the airship Shenandoah until Congress shall have had its say upon that method of spending money, sporting interest might as well turn to the 1924 baseball season. The trip is off for the present.

Congress is interested in other things than Shenandoah flights, and it is cautious about committing itself to any proposition until it has examined it from all sides with a practical view to votes at the next election. There are no votes in the north polar regions, and there may be voters elsewhere who think that \$350,000 is a lot of money to spend in exploring a region of ice-fields and snow-capped hills.

Yet the scientific value of the experiment remains unshaken. It is a proper enterprise for the navy to undertake; every sailor knows the principle of great-circle sailing. The shortest mail route between opposite high-latitude points in the Northern Hemisphere lies across or near the Pole. That was as true in Franklin's and Frobisher's day as it is in ours, but the fact was of no practical significance, as the means of polar travel were primitive and hazardous. Air transport makes short cuts easy. There is no doubt whatever that the polar flight can be and will be made some day—perhaps not by the United States if Congress is to deliberate on the project.

WHO IS TUTS ADVANCE AGENT?

Tutankhamen gets the front page again, and again we read an account written in the language of the circus poster. Who is his press agent? And why? Is Tutankhamen going into vaudeville over here? Is he going to sell us a new cure of some sort? It looks like it, the way he's being touted. He'll be over here soon no doubt, lecturing or doing the shimmy dance of Old Egypt, or perhaps a walk-on and monologue in the two-a-day houses.

The publicity seems to be handled by some ex-Coney Island barker. We've all seen the pictures of the things found in the tomb, and they are made to look tawdry and ridiculous because this wretched Coney Island barker—whoever he is—asks us to compare these poor relics with the products of our own times. When I read the adjectives he applies to poor Tutankhamen's belongings, I hate to think what would happen to him if he broke into any Omaha second-hand furniture shop or if he caught a glimpse of a pawnshop window on Douglas. A cabinetmaker's apprentice of today could turn out better furniture than Pharaoh had and Pharaoh's metal workers and interior decorators were too inept to win cards in any self respecting American local.

That's the thought this bawling press agent forces on us. We would prefer to avoid unjust comparisons and to be permitted to find real interest and instruction in viewing authentic souvenirs of an ancient and half-savage people.

FEE FINALLY PAYS THE FEE where Butler's friend was entertaining two common women resulted in Ernest Fee, pet of Butler and head his arrest at the time, but that is of the morals squad under Dan only the beginning. He will probably has come to the end of the rope. His get all that is coming to him before capture in a recent raid on a room the fishing season begins.

THE PAVING SITUATION AGAIN IN THE LIMELIGHT

Commissioner Joe Koutsky believes there should be an investigation looking into an alleged paving combine. He says he has received bids from Sioux City lower than those submitted by the home companies. Omaha wants the lowest price it can get, but the people are for giving local firms the work if possible. A good many sidelights on the paving conditions here are expected to develop soon. We expect to give our readers a good story along this line.

SUNDAY'S FEATURE THEATRICAL PROGRAM

On Sunday February 24th between the hours of one and four, Omaha Theatre goers will be treated to the best show they have ever seen at the Rialto Theatre, or any other movie house in the city.

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MR. McNICOLLS HAS ABOUT DECIDED TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

After much persuasion on the part of several prominent Nebraska attorneys including a large number from Omaha, William J. McNicolls has about decided to become a candidate for Attorney General.

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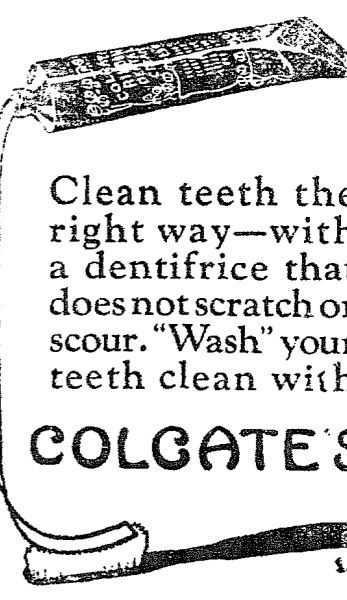
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Depot for Dundee 1:15
3rd and Farnam for Depot 2:04
Harvey Street Line
33rd and Parker to 6th St. 12:50
33rd and Parker to Depots 1:40
6th and Center for 33rd and Parker 1:15
Park and North 24th Streets
16th and Farnam, East Side 1:03
18th and Farnam, West Side 1:23
16th and Farnam for Florence 1:12
16th and Farnam for Kansas Ave. 1:31
16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames 2:08
South Omaha and 42d and Grand
14th and Farnam for West O. 1:21
14th and Farnam for 42d and Grand 1:25
Dodge Street Line
16th and Dodge (East) 1:29
16th and Dodge (East) 2:07
30th and Spaulding for Depots 1:48
Leavenworth and Deaf Institute
15th and Farnam (North) 12:24
15th and Farnam (South) 12:37
Benson and Allbright
3rd and Farnam for Benson 1:24
3rd and Farnam for Allbright 1:06
3rd and Farnam for 24th and N. 1:28
Fort Crook Line
44th and N Sts., South Omaha 12:00
Fort Crook 12:30
Owl Cars
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton 1:50
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton 2:30
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton 4:20
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames 2:45
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16th and Farnam to 46th and Cuming 2:52
16th and Farnam to 46th and Cuming 4:00
16th and Cuming to 19th and Bancroft 4:21
16th and Farnam to 19th and Bancroft 4:38
24th Street Cross-Town
34th and Lake to 24th and Vinton 12:45
24th and Lake to 42d and L. 12:36
42d and L to 24th and Vinton 1:15
Council Bluffs and Omaha
Pearl and Broadway for Omaha 1:30
14th and Howard for E. L. Depot 1:20
14th and Howard for Pearl and Broadway 2:04

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dare not raise their voice—or their fingers—against this financial vampire which is sucking the life blood from the arteries of the nation.

A few democrats say that this Federal Reserve system must be amended so that the people can be steeped deeper in debt.

The Progressive party declares that this financial iniquity must be torn out by the roots and the power to expand or contract the money of the nation taken from those international financial crooks and returned to the authority designated for that function under the constitution.

With the McAdoo, Doheney, Hoover and other exposures and explosions pending;

With the Mitchell Palmer Alien Property stench threatening to engulf the henchmen of the former democratic attorney general in all parts of the country;

With exposures promised of the Tumulties and other fixers, who got whole families out of the war draft and into soft cushioned berths;

With the espionage persecutions whereby grafting politicians wreaked their vengeance upon helpless non-combatants coming to light;

With renewed disclosures of the billions that were grafted in the purchase of five times as many saddles, halters, branding irons and other equipment than was needed it is no wonder that the democratic politicians would like to sabotage the political machinery of a dangerous rival in the political arena.

Progressives who are smothering from the stench of the two old parties are cautioned to be on their guard. This is not the first time this political porch climbing has been attempted. Come to Grand Island ready to fulfill the mission for which the party was created."

CHICKEN DINNER COMING UP

One of the interesting food places about the city is Murphy's Hut, a high class chicken dinner cafe catering to the better element. A novel feature of their service is the preparing and delivering of a complete dinner to any part of the city, all ready to serve piping hot. It is a great convenience, especially for families in apartment houses where facilities for preparing a big meal are sometimes limited. This unique little place is located at 18th and Jackson and enjoys a fine patronage. It is a favorite eating place for theatrical people.

LONAS FILES FOR COUNTY DEFENDER

We note with considerable pleasure that J. R. Lonas has filed as a candidate for Public Defender. He is an aggressive lawyer and a man that goes whole heartedly into his legal work. The job is becoming more exacting each year and in the near future will require practically full time of the attorney who will be chosen to defend the unfortunates unable to pay their way. Lonas is the third man to enter the race for the nomination. Should he be nominated and elected he will serve the office efficiently.

BLOODIEST FIGHT NEXT FRIDAY PUBLIC EXPECT TO SEE MORRIE SCHLAIFER LOSE BATTLE

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ed with fighting will get their fill in the ten round bout to be staged by Rusty Jones, pride of Mike Gibbons stable and Ace Hudkins, Nebraska's lightweight champion. This scrap should be a thriller and worth the price of admission alone. We believe that Ace will be able to take care of the Minnesota boy in proper if not easy fashion.

The preliminary is sure to furnish a lot of fun if nothing else. Bernie has matched Red Wilson and Jack Shafer, two middleweight beginners. They are both trying to make good. Rules have been made that bars either of the new boxer from bringing guns or bricks with them. If neither one is slaughtered at the end of six rounds the Nonpareil mogul has made arrangements with his old side kick Phil Armour for space in the killing room at the South side plant where the boys will be allowed to go and finish the job.

Tickets for the big fight of the season are on sale at all the usual places including of course Mr. Franke's magnificent fight shed.

"NIFTIES" WILL PACK 'EM

Ben Meroff's Band Greatest Organization Ever to Play Omaha

"Nifties of 1924", which comes to the popular Gayety theatre starting Saturday matinee, under the management of Joe Hurtig, is said to be appropriately named. Advance reports indicate that it is one of the "niftiest" spoken in this season's Columbia "Wheel".

Ben Meroff's entertainers are one of the big features of the organization. They came to "Nifties of 1924" direct from a tour of Keith Vaudeville, where they were an accredited sensation. In every city they played for Keith, their stay was extended from six to eight weeks, so popular were they with vaudeville audiences.

Frank and Milt Britton are the featured players among the 11 "jazz-maniacs", although every member of the band is a soloist. Meroff himself is credited with playing six different musical instruments in a skillful manner and doing some sensational dancing as well.

Harry C. Van is an exceptionally good straight man, and was last season with the "Round the Town" company; Maude Baxter, who fills the prima donna role with "Nifties", is an established favorite on the Columbia circuit.

Shirley Mallette, the peppy sourette, is famous in burlesque circles for her singing of "blues" songs. Last

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year she was with "Broadway Flappers". Innee Leary, the ingenue with "Nifties", has been on the stage ever since she was a mere child, her first appearance having been made in the same company with Mary Pickford and Lillian and Dorothy Gish.

Ladies' matinee at 2:15 daily, starting Monday. Sunday's matinee starts at 3:00.

ACTING EDITOR GOES EAST

Frank J. Huntley, who has been the acting editor of the Mediator during the past two years is leaving this evening for Ohio, to attend the funeral of this mother who died last night. Unless some unforeseen occurrence he expects to return in time to issue this paper next week.

DOCTOR JEN GIVES UP THE GHOST AFTER GREAT SACRIFICES

What do you think of Doctor Jen Callfas' unadulterated nerve or guts as some express it. She is reported in the Daily News as having said that she gave her time and MONEY to support prohibition, but lost interest because commissioner Rohrer had not as many convictions as she would have liked. Everyone has heard of the good Canadian "doctor" subscribing big bundles of money to any

and all causes that would put her in strong with different organizations, but if any one ever heard of her actually paying her subscription they will kindly stand up.

Dr. Jennie says that she has long ago given up attempts to secure results here. Aint that the cats eyebrows. Just when the government made her prosecutor or stool pigeon is not known. Don't know what the old girl would do without the personal pronoun I.

POSSIBLE THAT CHAMER OF COMMERCE WILL COMPETE WITH RESTAURANT MEN

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would compete with one class of business why not with others, if the object of their organization is to make money for the club.

They are trying to clear up a debt and put the club on a paying basis. This is the proper thing to do, but we do not believe that the business interests of the city would sanction any proposition that would result in injury to any one class of business men. Men pay dues to the club, with the understanding that there will be some privacy in the dining room as well as in other departments of the Association.

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RICHARD BARTHELMESS NOT ONE WHO LEADS "THE LIFE OF REILLY"

Young Romantic Star Spends Time Between Productions in Perfecting Himself for Realistic Portrayal in Succeeding Role.

Richard Barthelmess is said to eclipse all of his former notable characterizations in John S. Robertson's production of "The Fighting Blade," a First National picture soon to be released and to be shown at the Strand theatre for one week starting Feb. 24. The production is the most ambitious in which he has ever been starred, the role he plays is one which gives him greater opportunities, and he is said to have devoted himself so thoroughly to preparation for it that his performance is the most finished of his entire career. To the uninitiated, the motion picture star leads a life of ease and affluence when he is not appearing before the camera. It seems to be the opinion that all players do between productions is to gad about in a high-powered car, play golf or tennis, and in general lead what is commonly termed "the life of Reilly."

Richard Barthelmess likes these sports no less, but loves his work more and has ambitions. Hence his time between productions is wholeheartedly given to study and preparation for his succeeding role. When "The Fighting Blade" was selected by John S. Robertson and Richard Barthelmess as the picture to follow "The Bright Shawl," the young star realized that the character he would have to portray was a swordsman the equal, if not the superior, of that famous Dumas character, D'Artagnan. And whereas Barthelmess had wielded a sword in "The Bright Shawl," his study of swordsmanship had not been thorough, inasmuch as his opponent was to vanquish him. But Kerstenbroock, the character he plays in "The Fighting Blade," knew no superior. His was the keenest blade in all of Europe, a blade which performed with neatness and despatch. As a duelist he was as superb as he was supreme; a fact which paved the way for Oliver Cromwell's overthrow of Charles I.

Barthelmess, fully cognizant of the opportunities of such a role, spent hours each day in the New York Athletic Club's gymnasium, engaged in the study of fencing under the greatest fencing master in this country. No professional prize-fighting training for a championship bout ever toiled as unremittingly as did the screen star in order that he might, in reality, excel his opponents with his sword when performing in the picture. Barthelmess does not believe that the "heavy" should be restrained in order to permit the hero to excel, but does believe that the hero should really prove himself superior in the fray.

"I can now appreciate the security the knights of old felt when they had a good blade at their sides," said Mr. Barthelmess. "We, in this latter day, have made heroes of the two-gun men who were quicker on the draw, but before the rapid fire revolver was invented, it was the man who drew his sword quickly and who had the better wrist who won." "Just as the trained boxer does not fear the heavier bully, so was the practised swordsman of olden days not fearful of size or boast of his adversary. I can see why duelists were willing to replace the sword with 'coffee and pistols for two.' Duelling with the sword meant that the fray continued until one of the principals was run through or disarmed. Duelling with pistols has not been as dangerous, if we can credit the chronicles of these celebrated meetings at dawn. In the days of Cromwell, pistols were in use, but they were of a type requiring such deliberate handling that the man with the sword could close in and run through his adversary before the forearm could be cocked and brought into play. So it is no small wonder that the skillful duelist occupied a position in the hearts of the people akin to that held by a champion pugilist today.

FAMOUS ITALIAN ACTRESS AT THE ORPHEUM NEXT WEEK

One of the big novelty acts of the season, an importation from Sunny Italy, presents Alba Tiberio, the most famous actress in all Italy.

Miss Tiberio is known as the "encyclopedic artist" because of her versatility. There is nothing in the theatre that she cannot do. She is a violinist, a cordonist, a juggler, a vocalist, a dancer and an expert marksman. She plays the cello, the concertina and is a protean artist.

A bit of these various talents constitute her vaudeville offering. Miss Tiberio is known throughout Europe and for years stories have reached this country of the amazing versatility of an Italian actress named Tiberio who was capable of giving an evening's entertainment by herself.

Wherever Miss Tiberio appears the local Italian colony turns out en masse to do homage to their countrywoman.

Miss Sarah Padden, a great favorite with Omaha theatre-goers, this season offers a new comedy skit by Edwin Burke called "The Accusation." Miss Padden is one of America's foremost players and she has been starred in a number of musical comedies. One of the highlights in her versatile career was in "The Clod".

Miss Mary Haynes will make her debut in Omaha with her specially written songs. Miss Haynes is not a prima donna, but a "tone actress" who puts a song over with the same force a dramatic star puts over the big scene in a play.

Combining musical comedy, circus, drama, opera and burlesque into one big act, the "World of Make Believe" will offer 30 minutes of varied entertainment to Orpheum patrons.

George Lyons is a harpist and can tickle the strings in a manner that stamps him as one of the greatest harp players on the stage.

Jack Wilson with Charles Forsythe, Willie Ward and Ruth Wheeler offer a "Nonsensical Revue." Mr. Wilson is a blackface comedian who specializes in extemporaneous humor.

The Arleys demonstrate their phenomenal balancing skill. The screen offerings are Pathe News, Aesop's Fables and Topics of the Day.

"JEALOUS HUSBANDS" COMING HERE SOON

Manager Watts of the Rialto Theatre announces that he has booked for an early showing one of the most successful pictures of the current season. It is "Jealous Husband," a First National picture, produced by M. C. Levee and directed by Maurice Tourneur, and it will begin Sunday, for a weeks engagement.

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