

CURIOUS ONES DISAPPOINTED AS MUTUAL AGREEMENT IS REACHED

DISSENSION WITHIN THE RANKS OF DRY LAW ENFORCEMENT

U. S. Attorney E. R. Buckner Says Ten Per Cent Enforcement Is Maximum Of Efficiency

ANDREWS TRYING FOR PUBLIC FAVOR

Two Varying Reports Sent Out, One By Andrews From Washington, The Other By Buckner From New York—Nebraska Boy Advocates The Wise Course—Modification Of The Volstead Act.

It is a singular fact that even within the inner ranks of prohibition enforcement the officials cannot agree on whether or not the Volstead Act is what it is cracked up to be. United States Attorney Emory R. Buckner, who is one of the big guns, and is in a position to know what he is talking about, urges that the law be repealed. Buckner issued the statement saying that it was impossible to enforce prohibition more than 10 percent, under the existing condition. More federal judges are needed to handle the job, and this is impossible, he asserts. At the same time, a worthy gentleman of our own city, Mr. Thomas, former prohibition head, and Democrat working under a Republican administration comes out with the assertion that prohibition is 85 percent perfect. While Buckner is in New York advocating that the dry law is a flop, can't be enforced, and should be repealed, the so-called czar of the dry forces, H. R. H. Mr. Andrews, is in Washington spreading the propaganda that the battle has just begun, and he is very optimistic in regard to the results that will be obtained when he gets his plan in operation. Oh—yea! Undoubtedly since this announcement all bootleggers will crawl on their hands and knees to the feet of the czar and beg for leniency. If Mr. Andrews is such a wizard at enforcement of this Volstead Act, it seems that he should have taken a few years ago, before countless millions of dollars of the American tax payers money had been sunk in the well of graft and corruption. Andrews states that alcohol consumption has been reduced 1,000,000 gallons since in New York since April. Emory R. Buckner, the man who is on the job in that district states that New York is not more than 10 percent

Black Hand Notes Written In School Lands Two Boys In Jail

Just a couple of kids, somewhere around the age of eleven or twelve, needed some money, or thought they did. Two notes, both decorated and illustrated with scarlet crosses and free hand sketches, were hung on the doorbell at the W. A. Smith home, 105 South Fourth-street. The exorbitant sum of \$5 was demanded under penalty of death, if the recipients failed to meet the demands of the "blackhand". The first note was not heeded, so a second was delivered in the same manner, illustrated in the same terrifying manner, and full of "Bewares".

The cackling of a goose saved Rome, but a dog by the name of Sport caused disaster for the "extortionists." Mr. Smith, a traveling salesman, was at home when the second note was delivered, and he saw a dog running around the front yard, and heard a boyish whistle calling him frantically. A moment later a brick crashed against the side of the house. Then police were called. By a little sleuthing, the boy and the dog were located, and one of the "Black handers" turned out to be Leonard Jensen. Upon questioning he named his accomplice, Weston Real. Both are students in grade schools.

The boys were turned over to juvenile authorities, and it is undetermined whether the boys will be sentenced to the reformatory, or given a sound spanking and sent home. At any rate, they know how useless it is to try to get something for nothing. Too many wild-west stories undoubtedly caused these youngsters to conceive this idea of blackmail. It would be rather interesting to know whether or not the sage Mr. Henry Keiser sells this class of literature to kids at his book-store.

News and Comments

After the din of Butler's exit from the city of Philadelphia has died away, a man by the name of Elliott is efficiently carrying on, with peace reigning supreme. Butler, not Dan, but Smedley E., of the United States Marines made a lot of noise while he was farmed out to the city to act in the capacity of Director of Public Safety. But what a roar he put up when, after he had resigned from the Marines, the Mayor of Philadelphia calmly informed him that his services were no longer needed. Luckily he beat his resignation to Washington, and squared things for himself. Omaha has a Butler also, but he is kept where all he can do is make a noise occasionally.

Mr. Paddock, the human flash, stopped off in Omaha recently to make a little bow to the Ad-Sell club, and then he was away again. Paddock is credited with being the fastest thing on two feet, the way he clips off the distance bears this out as a fact. His first stop after leaving Omaha was Lincoln, where he pounded the cinder path, under the tutelage of Schultz, the maker of champions. With him, as the Nebraska Memorial Stadium echoed his footsteps, was "Gip" Locke, who has equalled Paddock's time on the century run. Traditions are built in a day, and heroes of the sport fan are lost sight of, as soon as some athlete beats them by a fraction of a second. Thus it bids fair, that the time is not far distant when a Nebraska boy, the same "Gip" Locke, will wear the laurels of Paddock.

A goat sniffing at the tar paper of a storm door, caused a frantic call to be put in to police headquarters. The two women, who were occupying the house were certain that a maniac was forcing his way in. But when two (Continued on page 2)

Padlock Placed On City Buildings Where Liquor Has Been Sold

Omaha enforcement officials are trying to ape the ways of their fellow officers in the big cities by padlocking buildings where liquor has been sold. For some time there have been temporary injunctions against several buildings in the city, which were made permanent in Federal court recently. So as things now stand, there are eight more vacant buildings in the city. "Silent Andy", as some choose to refer to McCampbell, succeeded in putting it over.

Doubtlessly some of the few who do not know conditions as they really exist will laud the action of the government officials. But the fact remains that such action is discriminating against a few. Every one knows that liquor is being sold all over Omaha, much the same as in any other city of the country. Yet proportionately, very few offenders are caught. To make it look as though wonderful progress is being made in drying up the country, property owners in the city are subjected to the inconvenience of having their buildings padlocked, which of course brings the matter forcibly to public attention, and is supposed to put a feather in the caps of those in charge. In reality, those who do commend and uphold this kind of things are of the same mold as the much-spoken Mr. Keiser, the book dealer.

If McCampbell and his followers were to close the doors of every place in the city where liquor is being sold, Omaha would cease to be. If they fail to padlock every place where a conviction is secured, they are discriminating against a few. But the property owners who have had their property vacated by such a wanton (Continued on page 2)

MEDIATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE POLICY OF THIS PAPER

Everyone Well Pleased With Outcome Of The Proceedings Instigated Against Editor

NEWS DISTORTS FACTS IN THE CASE

Many Attend Court In Vain Attempt To Aid In Prosecution Of The Editor Of The Mediator—Many Loyal Friends Were Also Ready To Aid In Every Way Possible, And Will Not Be Forgotten When They Are In Need.

Several scores of persons were grossly disappointed when they left Judge Goss' court last Monday afternoon. They had gone there to hear the witnesses they expected to testify in the case brought by the County Attorney, charging the editor of The Mediator with criminal libel. They were all expecting some spicy testimony which was never produced. The editor, on advice of his attorneys, pleaded guilty and was released at once. The whole proceeding occupied about twenty minutes, and the defendant was discharged from further proceedings.

It was comical to watch the crowd of persons gathered in the courtroom, some of them said to be prepared to swear to anything, and some alleged to be ready to tell what they did not know about the affair. Judge Goss, who had been eminently fair during the whole proceeding, was in the same frame of mind when the editor's case was called. No person can charge him with bias, and he displayed a wonderful knowledge of conditions what was necessary to properly settle the whole affair.

The Mediator got some real inside information about who were it's friends and who were it's enemies. For the paper it may be said, however, that The Mediator has no enemies to punish, but it has some real friends to reward as occasion arises. In a time of what appeared to be one of stress, many loyal ones came to the paper's rescue and proved their real friendship, and promise is her made that they shall not be forgotten. Among those present in the courtroom were a host of persons bent on hearing something, and, if occasion permitted, to do some talking. They were, however, squelched before they got started, and were greatly surprised and equally disappointed. Some had to come to the courtroom, ex-

CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY OF PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OPENLY DECLARES TO THE WORLD THAT VOLSTEAD ACT IS AN ABJECT FAILURE AND SHOULD BE MODIFIED

Rev. Dr. James Empringham, One Time Leader Of The Anti-Saloon League, Leads Church Organization In Battle For The Good Of The Youth Of The Land — Move Taken After Many Months Of Personal Investigation Into The Status Of Present Day Prohibition.

There has been much publicity given to the issue as to whether or not prohibition is an effective measure. Those in favor of the Volstead Act are still spreading the propaganda that there is only one way to uplift the morals of the nation, and that is through legislation.

But now after 18 months of constant, painstaking investigation, The Church Temperance Society, an organization composed of both clergy and laymen of the Protestant Episcopal church, has launched a battle for the modification of the Eighteenth amendment. The reason for this step biased, who has at heart only those things which will better the moral life of the country, should be heeded by many.

Wayne B. Wheeler, professional grafter and general counsel for the Anti-Saloon League, sought frantically to keep the findings of Dr. Empringham from the public. By telephone, telegraph and mail, Wheeler pleaded with Empringham to hold up his report, for, in Wheeler's words, it would show that prohibition had failed. This is the attitude of the dry leaders. They know what a farce has been perpetrated, but they cannot face the music when it comes to a show down. And to prolong the graft they have enjoyed, they are doing every thing in their power to keep the upper hand as long as possible.

In accordance with this program it is readily shown that the only way to uplift the morals of the masses is through education, not legislation. The Mediator has always advocated this measure, teach the youth of the land the evils of the liquor traffic, if such exist, don't attempt to drive them head long into something which they don't understand, and are unwilling to take up. It is to be understood that this society does not advocate the open saloon neither do they desire to permit legal traffic in distilled liquors. But they do favor light wines and beers. This decision has been reached after sending out a questionnaire to the 20,000 members of the society, the returns to which proved conclusively that the majority of the peo-

ple are in favor of the modification of the Volstead Act. And if the majority of the tax payers are in favor of such a change, is it not unconstitutional to hold forced prohibition over their heads?

With the prestige which the Church Temperance Society carries, results will soon begin to show. And whenever a church organization backs such a movement it should prove conclusively to those who would believe otherwise that prohibition is not desirable, and the modification of the Eighteenth Amendment is not only a step in the right direction toward what was not unfounded. The policy which this society will follow in carrying out their fight is for the good of the youth of the country. In the few short years the prohibition law has been in effect all of the good accomplished by 50 years of temperance work has been undone, states Dr. Empringham, national superintendent of the society.

It is a singular fact that Dr. Empringham gave up his charge of a church to compile data for a pamphlet of the good effects of the Volstead Act. After many months of investigation, and having opportunity to view first handed the evil effects concurrent with prohibition, Dr. Empringham threw away his idea of bettering the world over night, and launched this new campaign which will really prove effective.

Speaking at a meeting of the Episcopal clergy of New York, Dr. Empringham asserted that prohibition had increased drinking among young people; discouraged the consumption of wine and beer, and increased the demand for distilled liquors which today are mostly poisonous, had brought about disrespect for all laws and is class legislation, discriminating in favor of the rich.

Every statement this eminent church leader has made is absolutely correct. It is not to be supposed that people who sit back in the privacy of their homes and absorb the ridiculous propaganda that is circulated by the dry forces, can realize the enormity of the crime of prohibition. But a report made after a per-

sonal survey by a man who is unreturning normalcy, but an actual existing necessity. It is not at all unlikely that The Mediator will send out a questionnaire in the near future, not only to churchmen, but to the public at large, in an effort to determine first handed, the true feeling which exists in regard to the Eighteenth Amendment. As results begin to come in our readers will be kept informed as to the progress made. The returns will undoubtedly prove a job to our "most efficient" officials, who so loudly proclaim that Nebraska is 85 percent dry, and that enforced dryness is assumed with pleasure by the majority of Nebraskans.

Churchmen of Omaha, after giving considerable thought to the subject, pronounced themselves as in favor of the move made by the Church Temperance Society, inasmuch as the educational provision is concerned. Some did not support the condemnation of the Volstead Act.

Rev. S. P. Jones, rector of St. Paul Episcopal church, Agreed with the temperance society's for the modification of the Volstead Act.

"I am in favor of anything which will stop the mountainous waves of poisonous liquor which are inundating this country", the Rev. Mr. Jones said, "The attempt to legislate morality into people is always a failure. Morals are not and cannot be controlled by legislation and the attempt is foolish. The society is right in concentrating it's temperance activities on an educational program."

On the other hand the Rev. Arthur Attack, pastor Hanscom Park Methodist Church is opposed to the program, stating that the society overstepped it's bounds, contending that prohibition has not been given a fair trial.

So it is seen that some of the church men are for the action of the society, and some are against it. They agree, however, on the educational policy advocated. At this late stage in the game it should not be a matter of conjecture as to whether or not prohibition is a success. It is self evident that it is quite the opposite.

Counterfeiter Makes Light Of His Arrest Talks Of His Job

"Practise makes perfect" seems to be the slogan of a young man who gave his name as M. J. Williams, who was arrested with his counterfeiting outfit on the streets of Omaha. "If you know how, the rest is simple", he said.

His specialty is silver coins, which he makes himself, not as you and I, but actually manufactures them. He first started in the game in Seattle, his home town, where he was apprehended and was subsequently sentenced. Since he was released he has been touring the country, carrying his dies, and a small amount of plate silver from which he turns out nearly perfect replicas of Uncle Sam's silver, in dollars, half dollars, and quarters. Their weight is exact, and because he knows his game, they ring true. He has succeeded in evading arrest in a dozen cities where he was sought for passing his self-coined silver, usually leaving just before any one got suspicious.

When captured by two detectives who were assigned to the job, he had a \$15 volume on "Commercial Engraving and Printing" under his arm. The book was the property of the Omaha Public Library. When asked if he had taken the book out under a card, he replied, smilingly, "No, under my coat". Such is the character of this young fellow who makes an art of his nefarious business. The counterfeiting of coins is not a past time with him, it is his vocation. He prides himself upon his ability to reproduce every detail of a silver piece. Just to show detectives how ambidextrous he is, he took a page from a current magazine, and after starting

it with his knife he proceeded to split the leaf with his fingers. It is too bad that a young man with such talent and ability had not been directed into the proper avenues of life, where these accomplishments would stand him in good stead to make an honest and profitable living. But such is the way of those who dislike to work for a living.

POWDER RIVER BIG EVENT OF THE SEASON

As yet the Mayoress of Powder River has not been elected. The position is being hotly contested by many who would have the honor, and also the pleasure of a trip to Paris, when the boys "go over" for their big convention. This week of fun bids fair to prove the outstanding event sponsored by the local post of the American Legion. It has become an annual institution in Omaha, where everybody has the time of his life.

Tomorrow marks the opening of the festivities. As has been announced previously, seven cars are to be given away. One new Chrysler coach, and seven new Fords. The average individual would attend if for nothing else that the possibility of becoming the owner of one of these cars. But not this alone will cause the town of Powder River to team with excitement and over-population. Like a mushroom mining camp. For fun and laughter a plenty will be dispensed in return for the small amount of admittance charged. The money so realized will be used for the aid of needy Legionnaires of this city who are unable to provide for themselves and families.

Anyone who fails to visit in the "village" this year will miss the time of his life, those in charge of proceedings say. There are many and new entertainments, unheard of heretofore, which will prove a source of hilarity for young and old.

W. O. W. Building Sold For A Cash Sum Of Nearly Two Million

One of the largest "sky scrapers" in Omaha was sold by the fraternal life insurance company to a Chicagoan, for a cash consideration of nearly two million dollars. Mr. Horn, the purchaser, originated the plan, and the deal was consummated in Chicago Wednesday.

Mr. Frazer, sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World, announced the sale Thursday afternoon. The reason for the sale he said, was this, "On account of the fact that we are extending our territory, going into nearly all of the western states, and establishing ourselves in Cuba, Porto Rico, and Mexico immediately, with several other contemplated expansions in the very near future, we believed it would be best and more to all such companies as ours, to have partnerships who have supervision over our assets as near as possible in the liking of different insurance dequid form."

WANTED: A FIRST-CLASS SAFE CRACKER—APPLY TO ERNIE HOLMES, AT ONCE

If there is a first class safe cracker in Omaha or vicinity, he can make a nice "haul" in broad day light, with all of the cops and detectives standing beside him, and get away with it. Ernie Holmes, proprietor of the Holmes Billiard Parlors, during a recent illness forgot the combination to unlock the inner door of his vault, in which he keeps many valuable bonds. The outer door was forced open, after an acetylene torch had been applied. The inner door cannot be opened in this manner due to possible damage to the bonds.

So Mr. Holmes offers fifty dollars to any one who can succeed in hitting the combination. Fifty "amateurs" have tried, but failed. It is quite a trick to be able to "feel" the combination of any safe. But when a burglar proof vault is faced, the process is extremely complicated. Mr. Holmes may get to keep that fifty for some time, unless some "cracker" who has escaped the tolls of the police will volunteer his services.

THEATRES CHANGE HANDS

Mr. Epstein, owner of a chain of theatres in South Omaha, recently bought out the interests in the Palm and the Rex moving picture houses. It is Mr. Epstein's intention to furnish the public with a better class of pictures, at the same time continuing the vaudeville, musical comedy and other features which have been used at these lower Douglas street houses in the past. Mr. Epstein is a very successful operator, his patrons in South Omaha verifying this fact. The lovers of good, mirthful entertainment will welcome this announcement, for the best is promised at these theatres in the future.

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TESTS DEvised WILL WEED OUT UNFIT DRIVERS

Are you fit to drive a car, or do you take your own life and the lives of others in your hands every time you step on the starter?

There are 20,000,000 persons driving cars in the United States, and 10 per cent of them, or a couple of millions, says the Popular Science Monthly, haven't any more business to be driving than a rabbit has to pick a quarrel with a pack of beagle hounds. Among them, these unfit drivers succeeded in killing more than 20,000 Americans in the last year and maiming nearly 500,000 more.

Their "bag" will be bigger in the coming year, because there will be more cars in use.

If you've been driving for any considerable time and haven't had an accident yet, the chances are several to one that you won't. But if you're one of the "unlucky" drivers, always have close calls and minor accidents, there's an excellent chance that you'll have a serious one some day.

How to reduce the number of motor accidents is such a serious problem that Herbert Hoover, a few months ago, called a national safety conference to consider it. The consensus of opinion was that one way would be to eliminate the unfit drivers, and the question of how to determine that a driver is unfit (before he proves it by killing somebody) was put up to a committee of psychologists, who have been at work, in New York, Washington, and elsewhere, devising and trying out tests intended to reveal driving unfitness.

"We now can tell in 15 minutes whether a man or woman is fit to drive an automobile without serious accident," said Dr. David Wechsler of the Psychological Corporation of New York, one of the scientists co-operating in the work.

"Our tests have been applied in the examination of hundreds of chauffeurs, including the employees of one of the large taxicab companies, and the results obtained tally exactly with the experience of the men themselves, as shown by their employers' records."

Doctor Wechsler's tests are of two kinds. One is a general intelligence test, similar to the now familiar army "Alpha" test; the other an ingenious "practical" test, made with a remarkable dummy car. On this car, clutch and brake pedals, foot throttle, and emergency brake lever are connected electrically with an instrument that automatically records the drivers reactions warning lights of various colors, flashed on a board in front of him.

"Of course, it goes without saying that a certain degree of intelligence is essential to safe driving," declares Doctor Wechsler. "It is comparatively easy to weed out those below the minimum requirements, but not so easy to eliminate the ones who are super-careless. Their very keenness makes them daring and consequently careless. The very best drivers are those who are neither stupid nor extra bright."

FROM THE ABYSS

One of the most pathetic documents of the great human struggle is a letter written to the New York World by a striking Pennsylvania miner. Now a man 50, he entered the mines as a child to work 10 hours for 25 cents a day. Deprived of an education, he was 20 before he could read his own name.

"I have stood at the top of the shaft as my father was brought out mangled and lifeless," he writes. He saw two brothers near death's door on more than one occasion and he has been injured a dozen times.

At the age of 50 he looks back over his life. He has seen those who own the mines "live in luxury" and has seen towns where "you could not get a dollar if you ransacked every home." The mine owners once "drew a line across rivers, mountains and fields, paying a few paltry dollars, and walked off with the riches underneath. Then we poor, ignorant, uneducated souls did the rest. We dug and died doing it, making multi-millionaires out of those who never understood."

Then this question for smug, self-satisfied moralists: "Do you think that I would not love to have some pleasant boyhood memories? How fine it would be to look back on schooldays! But I never knew such a thing. Don't you think I have a soul and a mind? Saddest of all, do not think for a moment that I would not wish for a good-looking face and body? Mine is coal-marked and scarred with many mine gasburns. My hands are rough and my nature none too gentle."

And what about those who rule society? The miner has lost his illusions about them. "When heads of nations fall out they get busy and destroy. They kill, burn and tear down, as this seems to be God's way."

The tragedy and the pathos of the barren life of the workman of the mines are voiced in this simple eloquence. He is puzzled by the contradictions of life.

It is this grim sort of philosophy of life which has made the miners endure starvation in the present strike in order to maintain their one hope—their union.

Thus is seen the pitiful state of affairs in the coal regions. Such a thing should not be! It is neither profitable or humane to cause fellow men to undergo such misery of mind and body.

On the other hand, the miner has always been in a position to provide at least the necessities of life for his family, and in most instances many of the luxuries which all enjoy, regardless of the wage scale under which he was working.

So it seems that the whole affairs should be compromised. Any agreement whatsoever would be better than continuing under the present conditions. If the miner was back at work, he would be drawing his weekly check. If the mines were in operation, business, which has taken a slump since the shut-down, would be revived. Gradually a return to normalcy would be noted. Would this not be far better than the privation which not only the miner, but many others as well, suffer?

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS PLACED ON OMAHA PADDINGS WHERE LIQUOR HAS BEEN SOLD

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act see sunshine ahead. The Volstead Act is doomed, and the supporters of this measure have already seen the handwriting on the wall. In but a short time, the people will be freed from the suppression to which they have been subjected for the past seven years.

The majority of the people fail to see the wonderful results attained by the passage of the prohibition law. All they can see is crime sweeping rampant the country over. They can see their boys and girls become addicts to booze and drugs, which is a fact regardless of what is said to contradict the statement. They can see the rich indulge in what is denied the poor. They can see crooked officials waxing fat on the spoils of their office. Is it any wonder that the majority of the people do not support such a law?

HYPNOTIST KILLS CRAVING FOR CIGARETTES. OTHER INJURIOUS HABITS

In Russia some noted hypnotist has succeeded in effecting a complete cure in the case of vodka drinkers by means of hypnotic treatments. In Omaha H. S. Woodworth, an octogenarian, can also by mental suggestion, or hypnotic treatments, in making any one lose a bad habit.

The method is simple. After the subject has relaxed under the mesmeric effects, Mr. Woodworth tells him that tobacco is distasteful, or bootleg whiskey will make him sick. Sure enough, the next time the subject engages in either, the result will be any thing but pleasant. Consequently the habit is broken.

Mr. Woodworth admits that he cannot hypnotize everyone he experiments with. The subject must relax, and cooperate with the hypnotist, he states. As soon as the subject is completely within the power of the hypnotist, then any addiction or habit that is associated with memory.

PROMINENT FLORIST OF COUNCIL BLUFFS HANGS SELF

John S. Gardiner, a well known figure in the Bluffs, was found dead in the sleeping porch of his home. He had tied a noose around his neck, and standing on a kiddie car, had fastened the end of the rope above the door. Kicking away his support, Gardiner was strangled to death.

The only cause relatives could advance for the act was dependency over financial matters. He had long been a resident of Council Bluffs, and was known as a fine type of man. He came from Firth, Scotland. Being an expert judge of woollens, Gardiner was employed in a department store. Later he operated a florist shop, selling out only two years ago.

NEWS AND COMMENTS

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"SENTENCE SLAYER TO HANG IN SIXTEEN MINUTES" is a headline of a news feature concerning a Negro in Kentucky. It doesn't take that long to hang a man in Nebraska.

Joe Brown, bailiff for Judge Day of the domestic relations court, has troubles all of his own. He recently bought an old automobile for \$15, which he had to discard after spending nearly one hundred dollars on it for repairs and accessories. And now he has some false teeth, which set him back fifty bucks. He can neither eat, sleep, smoke or talk, and life for him is one prolonged misery. Cheer up, Joe! Things could be lots worse.

coppers arrived, Billy the Goat, resisted arrest. Hearing the scuffle going on outside, the telephone wires to headquarters informed the desk sergeant that a terrible fight was going on. Reinforcements were sent on the double-quick. The shock-troops arrived in time to find the two coppers assigned to the job loading one defenseless goat in the side car of their motorcycle. Rather amusing when you consider it, isn't it?

Talk about perseverance! Our forefathers drove their ox-teams over the prairies in the days when that was the mode of transportation. But "Easy Jim" Smith, a crippled Negro from Scottsbluff leads the race. In this day of ultra-speed, he is driving a team of goats, hitched to a crudely built wagon, Florida-bound. In three weeks driving he negotiated the distance from Scottsbluff to Fremont. If his goats hold out he may reach his destination in three years.

Mike Bell made one awful mistake the other morning. He runs a novelty store over in South Omaha, and has been saving his money for two years. He carried his savings for this period around in his pockets, a very foolish thing to do. The other morning he stooped over for some wood while he was building a fire, and the roll of bills dropped out, which Mike proceeded to scoop up and throw in the furnace. Nothing was left, when Mike realized his mistake and tried to save the bills, except a few white ashes.

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week, and will continue to act in its capacity as a mediator of all matters pertaining to labor and capital, without taking sides. That has always been the business and policy of the paper, and will continue to be. It will fearlessly attack all rottenness in civic affairs, and will attempt to be a public benefactor, in all matters concerning public affairs.

Incidentally, it promises to look over all candidates for political office, as it has in the past, and to give the people any information it considers pertinent.

A man who calls himself Charles Peck, 69, has repeatedly applied to the city and county authorities for medical aid. He shipped in to Omaha on a stock train, and has been loafing around ever since. Dr. Van Camp, county physician refused to aid him, because he is under explicit orders not to treat "every bum who comes to town". Peck says the only way that he can get aid he needs is to throw a brick through some body's plate glass window. Better not do it, Charley. Plate glass costs lots of money.

Guy McCoy, of Belmont, made a profit of \$2.39 a hen from a flock of 600 chickens, and marketed 4,330 birds between November 1924 and August 1925. His total profit from poultry, raised as a side-line to his farming operations, was \$1,616.

Powder River, the annual carnival given by the Omaha post of the American Legion, will have a mayoree in place of a mayor this year. The carnival will be held in the auditorium, February 6-13.

Little "Bessie" who took a shot at Mrs. Leeper a few weeks ago, is still happy and for the most part, retains the friends she had made during the past few years. The Mediator had occasion to say that she was a hard boiled egg, and perhaps did not miss the mark very far. However, "Bessie" is known as a good little scout, and one that would go to the end of the world for a friend.

Certain \$2000 a year college professors in and out of the sport line have been raising the dickens because "Red" Grange went into the professional ranks last fall. "Red" has already made \$125,000, and would no doubt be willing to loan some of the flat-head professors that have been raising Cain because of his professional activities, any reasonable amount of money they should want. The business of making money for "Red" has just begun, and is to culminate in a \$300,000 movie contract. Not so bad for a 22 year old kid.

Pat Boyle, present match maker for the Cudahy Athletic Club, is expecting to be able to hire Tommy Gibbons, the only boxer to stay the limit with Jack Dempsey, as referee for the coming South Side scrap to be staged there February 12. Gibbons is through as a fighter, and as many of the ex-champs have done before him, has gone into the refereeing game. In connection with the Cudahy fight it is interesting to note that Erwin Bige, the Dundee grocery boy, is making his debut in Omaha as a welter-weight, and will be in the final against the tough South Side kid, Mike Rozgall.



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What Buckner says of New York is equally true of Omaha. Any place in the United States the same condition exists. There is only one way to further the cause of democracy and individual liberty, and that is to follow Buckner's advice, and repeal the Volstead Act. The future of our nation should not be built on the quick-sands of promises, but the bed-rock of facts. There are two leaders. Andrews, the czar, the omnipotent, to whom all who know not better bow when he speaks, leads the fight for continued graft. Emory R. Buckner, a Nebraskan born and educated, stands out for a fair and square deal. He calls for a show down, for the American people backing him is his "ace in the hole". The dry leaders cannot risk calling his hand. All of which shows just how shaky are the thrones on which are seated the puppets of crooked politicians, the prohibition enforcement agents.

A news dispatch states that Soviet Russia leads the world in propaganda activities. What else has the Russian to do? The statement is doubted however, after picking up any daily paper and reading the stuff the other fellow has to say about himself.

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The origin of the hot cross bun is attributed to many sources. Some authorities associate it with the offerings presented, in ancient times, to the gods.

On the other hand, it is held that "bun" is from the old French word "bugne," applied to a sort of fritter.

Buns were apparently eaten on Good Friday, as one of the few allowable items of fasting fare. They were also hung up as talismans against evil, and were kept from one Good Friday to another, being regarded as a cure for various ailments.—London Tit-Bits.

Survival of Pagan Practices

Wells were once worshipped in Great Britain and a survival of ancient custom still prevails in Derbyshire, in the vicinity of the famous "Peak," immortalized by Sir Walter Scott.

Ancient Roman Laws

The Laws of the Twelve Tables was a famous code of Roman laws, drawn up by the Decemvirs to protect the plebeians against the oppression of the patricians.

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The man gave chase, at the same time keeping up the piercing yell, and he soon noticed that the grizzly was getting farther away. He continued the chase for nearly two miles, until the bear disappeared in the mountain tains, and he had not gained a foot.

In going back over the trail he noticed places where the bear had made jumps of 15 or 20 feet, and the ground had been cut up by his claws, so that it looked as if a harrow had been run over it.

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Vesalius was a native of Antwerp, his period being 1514-1564. At fourteen he was a student of medicine in Louvain; at twenty he was in Venice, and the year following became public demonstrator at Padua.

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What might be called a "reader's prize" was recently awarded a London book collector under conditions of the most perfect impartiality.

Older Than History

An old encampment, so old that history has no record of when it was built, has been presented to the British nation.

This is Clisbury ring, near Worthing, high up on the South downs, within sight of both the Isle of Wight and Beachy head.

The camp covers 80 acres, but its greatest interest is not in its fortified earthworks, the finest in the district, but as a factory for flint instruments established by Stone Age man.

John Bassler's Career Has Been Quite Varied

John Bassler, star catcher of the Tigers, is now starting his fifth season with the Detroit club. He had been the regular backstop of that team for the past four years.

Bassler began his professional career with the York club of the Tri-State league as a catcher in 1912. He also played with the Pensacola club of the Cotton States league during that season.

Bassler was back with the Indians once more when the season of 1915 got under way, but he was released to Los Angeles in June of that year. He remained with Los Angeles until after the close of the season of 1920.

Fake Kick Is Restored in Canadian Rugby Code

The Canadian rugby rules committee has restored the famous fake kick in the game. The new rule provides that the ball-carrier must not pass the ball forward after he starts on his way through the line.

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Alfred Savoir's celebrated stage success, "The Grand Duchess and the Waiter" has found its way to the screen via the directorial genius of Malcolm St. Clair and the histrionic artistry of Adolphe Menjou and Florence Vidor.

These three, with the expert assistance of Pierre Collings who made the film adaptation, and the help of a capable supporting cast, have turned Monsieur Savoir's clever French love comedy into a highly polished, sumptuously staged photoplay, whose gorgeousness dazzles the eye, while its scintillating action and fresh humor stir the emotions and tickle the funny bone.

As the wealthy boulevardier, who masquerades as a waiter to be near the haughty Duchess he adores, Menjou is his own suave, sophisticated self. It is for him the perfect role and he plays it with the smoothness and subtlety that stamp the finished actor.

Florence Vidor, in the glamorous part of the fascinating Duchess, never looked more beautiful nor acted more charmingly. In new French boyish bob and stunning array of Paris gowns, she is the personification of feminine loveliness. Her grace and poise and regal bearing heighten and illusion that she is really living the character, not merely depicting it.

Malcolm St. Clair again proves that he has a shrewd understanding of comedy values. The delicacy and finesse with which he has transferred



Adolphe Menjou and Florence Vidor in "The Grand Duchess and the Waiter" A Paramount Picture

this gay French play to the silver sheet without sacrificing any of its essential flavor is a tribute to his screen mastery.

All in all, this light and joyous film is guaranteed to send any one away with a smiling face and a cheerful heart!

COHAN COMEDY REMINDS BRENON OF EARLY DAYS

It is told that when Herbert Brenon read the film script of George M. Cohan's "The Song and Dance Man" to his cast, a tear trickled down his cheek. This Mr. Brenon denies, but he owns that the story, which he has just finished picturing appealed to him tremendously—and for more than artistic reasons.

In directing the work of Tom Moore, as the song and dance man, and Bessie Love, as the little vaudeville singer who becomes a musical comedy star. Mr. Brenon moved his principals through atmosphere and incident which were a chapter from his own life.

Twenty-five years ago or more Mr. Brenon was an office boy for Joseph Vion, the biggest booking agent of the day for vaudeville, or variety acts. There he had his first insight into the lives of song and dance teams of such great exponents as Weber and Fields, McIntyre and Heath, Fred Niblo, and Ross and Fenton. At the same time he was earning extra money and learning the theatre as an usher in the old Weber & Fields Theatre, which stood next to Daly's famous house at Broadway and Twenty-eighth Street. It was in the office of Joe Vion that Mr. Brenon first laid eyes on George Cohan, then a member of the

famous variety act billed as "The Four Cohans."

"I once copied a contract for Mr. Cohan when I was office boy," Mr. Brenon reminisced the other day. "I still remember how important I felt. Mr. Cohan is only one of the many who came to Vion's in those days and later found fame before the footlights. I used to see Fay Templeton there, and Marie Dressler, and . . . oh, yes! . . . Lillian Russell was struggling along with Vion's bookings then, too! A possession I prize very highly today is a solitary diamond ring which I bought at the sale of Miss Russell's estate."

Later Mr. Brenon himself sought a career on the variety stage, and for half dozen years he and Helen Downing—now Mrs. Herbert Brenon—were successful as Brenon and Downing in comedy sketches. On the vaudeville stage Mr. Brenon learned the book of life from which he drew the inspiration for his direction of "The Song and Dance Man."

The picture following closely the stage version, mirrors the pathetic struggles of a typical song-and-dance man and faithfully reproduces the back-stage life of the theatre. Harrison Ford shares featured honors with Tom Moore and Bessie Love.

WOMAN SUED FOR ALIENATIONS OF HUSBANDS AFFECTIONS, \$25,000 ASKED

Mrs. Elsie D. Werner, better known as Phyllis Werner, residing at 1222 High street, Council Bluffs, is charged by Mrs. Laura Hess, of St. Louis. It seems that Mrs. Werner ruined the Hess home, for in the papers filed for the suit, Mrs. Hess states that Mr. Hess was always a kind, thoughtful loving husband before the Werner woman stepped in. And now it is going to cost \$25,000 of a woman's money to reinstate Hess in his household, if Mrs. Hess has her way about things.

It has not been discovered just who Mr. Hess is, but he is connected in some way with a live stock commission firm. He was the recipient of many endearing love letters written by Phyllis Werner, in which she addressed him with loving and affectionate terms. She pleaded with him to make a money settlement with his wife, because her love for him was so great she could never part with him. Mrs. Hess alleges in her petition that the Werner woman by "feminine arts and practises" stole her husband away from her, and she placed the damages at \$25,000. She also states that Mr. Hess has an income of \$20,000 annually.

The semi-annual apportionment of the state school fund among counties has been made by John M. Matzen, state superintendent. The fund apportioned now totals \$457,416.

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Orpheum

Eddie Leonard, dean of American Minstrel men, and his "Minstrel Bunch" will head the new bill at the Orpheum theatre this week, commencing with Sunday matinee. Mr. Leonard has assembled what is heralded as the greatest company of black-face specialists on the stage today. The cast includes 20 talented singers, dancers and instrumentalists, including Jack Russell, a versatile young entertainer.

Eddie Leonard has been featured in vaudeville and in his own minstrel shows for the past twenty years. Recently he added to his laurels in the big Cohan all star revival of minstrelry. He is the composer of numerous negro lyrics including "Oh, Didn't It Rain," "Everybody is Happy Today," "Oh, Anna," "Sugar Baby" and "Roly Boly Eyes." Mr. Leonard's "Rain" song has been the inspiration for a deluge of rain ditties.

The ever popular comedian, Johnny Burke, is back again with a new version of his comedy classic, "Dirty Work." Mr. Burke's wit and humor has enabled him to put his experience in the army to good advantage, and his characterization of the woe-faced, squaky-voiced soldier never fails to arouse gales of laughter. He was the principal comedian of "The Music Box Revue" last season.

"On the Air" is an ingenious piece of satirical humor revealing the most amazing and amusing secrets of radio. It was devised by Johnny Burke and is presented by him as a masterpiece, with the assistance of the other artists on the bill. Afterpieces are always bright spots in any bill, and with a modern and humorous idea to work with, Mr. Burke and his assistants will make "On the Air" as diverting as any.

The Arnauts are pantomimists, who tumble about and play the violin simultaneously. These amusing fiddling clowns somersault over each other without missing a note on their fiddles. Their excellent clowning has established them among the most popular teams in vaudeville, in this country and in Europe.

"Lobby Follies" featuring Billy Shone and Louise Squires, is a smart little skit, replete with song, repartee and fashions. Miss Squire is a well known "Follies" beauty and artist model. Her partner, Mr. Shone, is the author of the sketch in which they are appearing in vaudeville. He is an exceptionally clever comedian.

Oscar Lorraine combines his violin talents with an entertaining discourse on topics of the day.

The Aurora Troupe are cycling equilibrist.

Jack Cady's Orpheum theatre orchestra will offer "Sleepy Time Gal" as the overture this week.

The international broadcasting tests conducted recently proved quite successful. Many amateurs on the coast heart stations across the big pond sending out their programs. It has not been determined just what language the broadcasters used. If all who were listening in under stood what they heard, doubtless Espinola was the language of the hour. At any rate it proves the success of the radio. And now a famous heating and ventilating engineer propounds the theory that if sound waves can be directed through the ether, it is just as possible to so transmit heat waves. Just so they don't start broadcasting our pay check we won't kick. We reserve that as our exclusive right.

Deposits in Nebraska banks on January 1 exceeded those of a year ago by \$10,000,000 and are expected to reach a new high point of \$3,000,000,000 by June 1, Kirk Griggs, secretary of the state department of trade and commerce, reports.

FLASK IN POCKET GUILTY OF TRANSPORTING LIQUOR

If you would not be guilty of transporting liquor, leave the bottle set on the kitchen table. That seems to be the consensus of opinion in this day of aridity. Mrs. Russoto, 718 Hickory street, was fined \$200 and sent to jail for thirty days, because she carried a pint of whiskey from her bedroom to her kitchen. She was arrested by two of McCampbell's cohorts after they had purchased two half pints of intoxicating liquors. Only the absurd charge of transportation, was filed against her because the penalty is stiffer. The case was appealed.

Thirty days in jail is a pretty stiff price for the mere act of carrying a pint of whiskey from one room to another. A trumped up case, pure and simple. The method these agents used in getting their evidence is a fair example of the kind of stuff they are accustomed to. A more unfair case of attempted enforcement has not been brought to the public attention for some time. It is too bad that the men who are entrusted with enforcement of the dry law could not be made to see the unfairness which is exercised when evidence is obtained by such a method. The agents who obtained the evidence should feel quite proud of themselves, since they have sent a woman to jail, by introducing such a childish charge as they did. Such a charge in this case is unjust. Mrs. Russoto was guilty of sale and possession, but was she guilty of transportation?

\$250,000 ADDED TO TAX RECEIPTS

Sam Greenleaf, the county assessor who has been constantly on the job since he took his office, has revealed a loss of \$250,000 that is due the county in taxes. He claims that in going over the tax books, he finds one entire addition of houses that never have been taxed. Besides this, there are countless houses over the city which have been built on city permits, that have never been listed in the tax books, Sam says. It is his intention to go before the state legislature during the next session in an attempt to pass a bill requiring permits for building to be issued through the county treasurer's office, which would eliminate these difficulties.

Greenleaf gained much popularity when he published a list of tax dodgers, by which he increased the county's income by a nice some. And now he is digging deeper into the affairs that need straightening out. He describes the condition that now exists as the outcome of inefficiency and lack of system. Already the totals are piling up, enriching the county funds by thousands of dollars. Such activity is to be commended. If he is successful in his attempt to gather in all of the unpaid taxes for the county, he deserves a life long position as assessor. Sam is quite the thing these days, and is in great favor of all who want to do the right thing. So if you haven't listed everything you own, you had better get in touch with Sam, for he is making a close check on all assessable property.

NOTES FROM THE METROPOLIS

A better tone in the cattle industry is reflected in the increasing demand for young cows and other stock cattle, A. E. Anderson, state and federal crop statistician reports. In western Nebraska cattle conditions are four points better and range conditions three points better than a year ago, he reports.

Farmers of Nebraska are being urged to test their seed corn with especial care this year because much of Nebraska's corn was spoiled for seed because of the early frosts last fall.

Members of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers will make a 58-day

tour of Europe next summer, sailing from Montreal June 26. They will study shops and retail methods in the countries visited.

Ideas for the 1926 Ak-Sar-Ben den show plot are being requested of Ak-Sar-Ben members. The den shows will begin late in May or on the first Monday in June.

Southern Pine Association Barometer for last week shows orders received decreased 2.5 percent below previous week; shipments decreased 5.0 percent, and production increased 1.1 percent. Reports from 126 mills show 80,158,320 feet ordered, 68,327,220 feet shipped and 69,460,602 feet produced. Orders on hand end of last week were 283,401,960 feet.

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