

Sensational Case of Moore Dismissed by Judge Troup

ONE STATE WITNESS SPOILS THE PARADE

Judge Troup Intimates Dignity of the Court Being Trifled With.

A RIGID INVESTIGATION IS ORDERED

County Attorney Shotwell's Own Witness Says Promised Immunity by Grand Jury Foreman If He Testified Against Moore—Scene in Court.

Seldom if ever have the courts of Douglas county been subjected to an imposition such as that which resulted from the dismissal Wednesday morning of the case of Harry Moore, reporter for the Omaha Bee, after but one witness had given part of his testimony. Judge Troup, presiding criminal court judge, intimated that there was evidence of trifling with the courts and declared from the bench that a thorough investigation must be had.

Moore, it was charged, participated in the efforts to burn the court house the night the negro Brown was lynched. He was indicted by a special grand jury and his case began last Monday morning. It required a day and a half to secure a jury and Sheriff Clark was called to testify to the damage done to the court house by fire.

County Attorney Shotwell then placed Ernest Morris on the stand. Morris pleaded guilty to participation in the firing of the court house and served a ninety-day sentence for his crime. He was expected to identify Moore as leader of the "fire and gasoline brigade." Instead of doing so he admitted he did not think it was Moore. He said he had testified before the grand jury that Moore was the leader because Chairman John W. Towl of the grand jury had told him "if we can get Moore we will turn you loose." He declared Towl made that statement to him twice.

County Attorney Shotwell received the shock of his life Tuesday afternoon when young Morris began to testify. Instead of identifying Moore as the guilty man he admitted he was mistaken about his former identification and then told of being promised immunity by John W. Towl if he

would testify against Moore. The court was in an uproar and Mr. Shotwell asked Judge Troup to take a recess until he could have a conference.

From all appearances "the well laid plans of mice and men" had gone awry and the courts were being made a cat's paw for the whims of somebody whose own hide was in danger of being peeled off. Judge Troup gave evidence of his perturbation and let it be known that he would have none of such business in his jurisdiction.

An adjournment was taken Tuesday evening, amidst considerable confusion, until Wednesday morning, without young Morris finishing his direct examination and without being questioned at all by the defense. When court reconvened Wednesday morning the county attorney moved to have the Moore case dismissed. Attorney J. W. Connell, defending Moore, asked the court permission to question young Morris, in order that the boy's record, so far as changing his testimony was concerned, might be straightened out, but the request was refused.

Judge Troup ordered an investigation of the whole affair and intimated that he would take action on any complaints that might be filed. He thereupon dismissed the entire case and told the jury to report for other business.

Since the Moore case went to trial it has developed that a well cooked up conspiracy to wreck Harry Moore was about ready to be served up. Morris' testimony that Grand Jury Foreman Towl had told the boy he would be turned loose if they could "get" Moore came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky. It created one of the biggest sensations yet seen in

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James Allan, Earliest Bird



JAMES ALLAN
Candidate for Republican Nomination
for County Commissioner.

James Allan, who is a candidate for the republican nomination for county commissioner, was one of the early birds to go after that office. Allan was a member of the last legislature and was a factor in securing considerable important legislation which effects Douglas county. He was author of the law which did away with the election of county commissioners by districts and upset the calculations of some of our present members who were instrumental in the gerrymander two years ago of this county, so far as the commissioner districts are concerned.

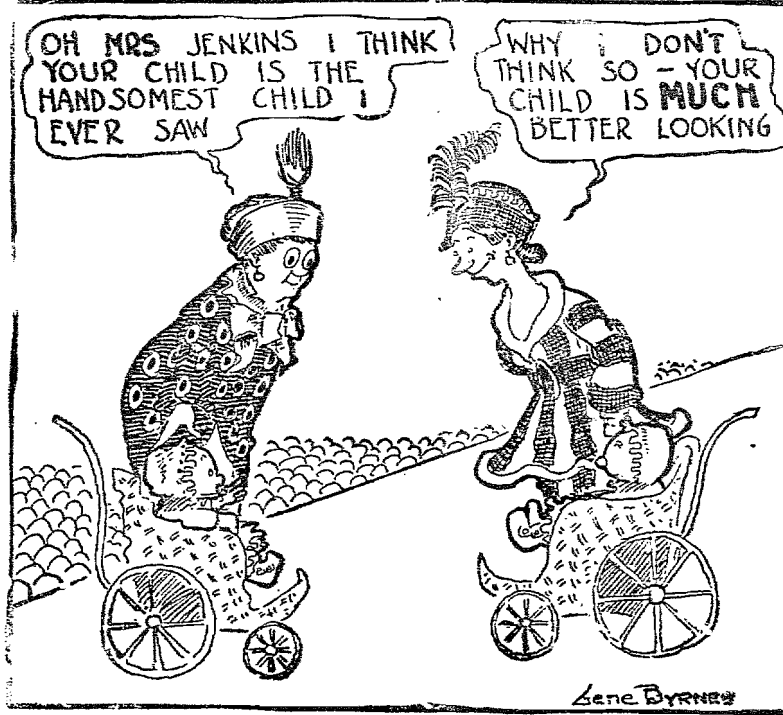
Allan says that his only opposition, if he has any, will be at the primary.

Thus far nobody has opposed Allan for the nomination. He believes that the republican nominee this year will have comparatively easy sailing. Under the new law he competes in his own district for the nomination, but his canvass for election will cover the entire county. Normally, Douglas county is republican, and Allan believes it will be more so than ever before when the next election day rolls around.

Two years ago the majority of the present board changed all the district lines of the county. The republicans charged that these lines were changed in order to throw republican votes out of districts where present democratic incumbents were running for re-election. Allan went to Lincoln and one of the big jobs he pulled off was that of getting through a law providing for the election of county commissioners in this county at large instead of by districts.

Jim is considered a pretty wise fellow and his friends are out at work for him already. In the event of his nomination, and his friends expect him to land easily at the primary, he will probably oppose County Commissioner Date Compton of Waterloo. Allan has been head of a private detective agency for several years. He has lived in Omaha the best part of his life. He has offices in the Neville block, from where his campaign will be conducted.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



DESTRUCTION COMMITTEE TO USE MEDIATOR EDITOR

Prohibition Agent Hanley Selects Newspaper Man on Sight to Occupy Important Position.

The editor of The Mediator has been made a member of what is known as the "Destroying Committee," by Jim Hanley, new prohibition director for Nebraska. The editor and Jim met on the street Wednesday afternoon and Jim made the appointment on the spot.

This is an important committee, charged with the destruction of all

federal intoxicants that have been confiscated. Such fellows as Dave Dickinson and Tom Flynn will now be forced to take back seats. Hanley has a fine conception of the sort of fellows who should be on that committee and we admit he used good judgment. The editor of this paper will not require the assistance of deputies for the present.

Under the rules to be followed this committee will destroy all booze confiscated by Uncle Sam unless orders to the contrary are received. The method of destruction is yet to be decided upon. Invitations to destruction parties now on sale.

Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

Ed Bauer megaphoned from Ainsworth to Dan Whitney for money. Bauer said the price of "poontang" had increased 200 per cent out there.

Pete Jolly used to find time to call on his friends, but was passing them all up since Jim Hanley got on the job.

Business was reported thriving in the vicinity of the Freiger institute on North Sixteenth street. The "mule" was still working overtime.

Al Barker was reported in retirement until further notice. He had a system of bobbing up unexpectedly, however, when occasion demanded.

Ollie Berg was not worrying over

trivial matters that concerned him last year.

Jack Broomfield, Calhoun, Neb., millionaire, lost thirty cents playing pinocle in a downtown club and telephoned friends for a supply of razors. The matter was finally settled out of court.

Harry Cockrell was looking for a job again. He thought he had the Boyd theater leased for life.

Jim Fitzgerald was out looking for votes again. Jim's friends stood for a lot of things on account of his needing the money.

Fred Gorham had a two weeks' job on the jury. Everybody said he put something across on Bob Smith.

Time to Investigate

Judge Troup, presiding judge of the district court, has ordered a thorough investigation into conditions which resulted in the indictment of John H. Moore, newspaper man, charged with arson. There can be no doubt of the necessity for such an investigation. Judge Troup has been one of the strong upholders of the dignity of the courts and he has constantly fought the battles for rigid justice.

In this case, although very little evidence was heard, there was sufficient to make it apparent that somebody was trifling with institutions that form the very basis of good government. The case should not end with the dismissal of Moore. He is at liberty, as he should be, but that does not clarify matters one iota. The question is, can the liberties of persons be dealt with so lightly and may certain persons, because of their wealth and influence, impose upon our courts and county officials to punish any person against whom they have personal grievances.

The unfortunate occurrence the night of the riot in Omaha did not throw down the bars to unscrupulous under-officials nor to scheming politicians, nor even to bribe offering crooks to carry out their nefarious schemes. Nor does it open up our courts to the abuse of these speculators in human liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It was unfortunate that the Moore trial could not have gone far enough to bring out much intelligent testimony that would have thrown much light on conditions as they actually exist. In this particular investigation ordered by Judge Troup it is to be hoped that nobody will be spared that was involved in the abortive attempt to make a farce of our courts and make our judiciary the goat for the ambitions of unprincipled promoters and bribe givers.

HANLEY PERMITS IN DEMAND BY DEALERS

New Prohibition Director Tells Everybody Just Where He Stands.

Courts Will Have to Decide Where Nebraska Stands on the Question of Booze for Medicinal Uses—Test Case Looked for Very Soon.

With the arrival on the job of James H. Hanley, prohibition director for Nebraska, has come another drouth in "cheerful liquid" and a smart decrease in the number of promoters of "moonshine," "poontang" and other brands of near-booze. In seeking a man for the job it would have been hard to get a better man than Jim Hanley, because, aside from his unusual ability, he is possessed of so much common sense.

Hanley himself is not a prohibitionist, but he has been given a job of enforcing the law and he can generally be depended on to make good at it. He is so well known that his appearance on the street recently has been the signal for a chorus of "hellos" from everybody that comes along.

In the near future Nebraska is going to have some new conditions to meet on the legal dispensing of liquor within the state for medicinal purposes. Lawyers are quite disagreed as to whether druggists and physicians are permitted to handle and prescribe intoxicants for medicinal uses and Mr. Hanley expects to be right up against that proposition from the start. He says that, as prescribed by the Washington officials, he will issue permits to both druggists and physicians to work under the direction of the federal government. If they come in contact with the state law that will be a matter with which he will not be called upon to contend.

Good lawyers say the federal law will stand in the end, as against all state laws, so far the disposition of liquors for medicinal purposes is concerned. Our own state law leaves a loophole open, they say, for medical, religious and other uses. The law, it is claimed, would stand for nothing if it undertook to prevent a source of supply of such quantities as it permits to be used.

It is generally expected that a test case will soon be brought before the courts and that the matter will soon be adjudicated. In the event of the courts deciding against the govern-

ment the case will probably go to the federal courts for final decision.

When the Nebraska law was made our legislators apparently did not take into consideration anything that might happen in the future. For that reason there is now on the statute books what attorneys generally agree is a very ambiguous statute, which will necessarily have to be changed by the coming legislature.

The big question with which Mr. Hanley will now have to deal is the best method of enforcing the law and dispensing liquors according to the rulings from Washington. He says he has made a study of the permissive features of his instructions and will get busy at once. It is not going to matter what a man's feelings is about the prohibition question, the law is on the books and will be enforced until it is changed or repealed.

Mr. Hanley would not even discuss declarations of various persons, many of them of high standing, that permits to druggists and to physicians would result in much reckless misuse of the privilege. All he wants is to catch them at it.

One of the big propositions now before the entire country is how much "medicine" will be required to provide for the ailments that require intoxicants to relieve, and who is going to make it. Several distilleries are already soliciting business of Nebraska drug stores for the sale of "non-beverage" alcohol, which they are permitted to do legally. This "non-beverage" alcohol is regular high proof "honor" of course. The supposition is that druggists will denature it before selling. Of course, that is only a supposition.

The manufacture of whisky will be permissible under the same conditions it is presumed. All distilleries will be under strict government supervision, but there is much question of whether any particular person will be authorized to decide how much whisky and other spirits are necessary to maintain the health of 100 million persons in this country.

INSULTING CONDITION HANDLED WITHOUT GLOVES BY POLICEMAN

Degenerate Cuss Caught in Act of Indecent Exposure Landed on Hard by Street Car Officials—Is Considered An Isolated Case

Commendation is given to a police officer, to the bravery of a young woman and to the street railway company for ending abruptly the career of a degenerate street car conductor. This young fellow, a degenerate of the worst stamp, was thrown out of the street car service for a vicious trick that puts most of the atrocious crimes to shame. Recently his car picked up a young lady at the Union station, who was going west on Harney street. She happened to be the only passenger on the car.

Seeing her alone, this conductor entered the car and made indecent exposures of his person that would put to shame old habits of the under-world and attempted to force his attentions upon her while going up Harney street. The young woman, frightened and unable to defend herself, fought him off until the car reached Fifteenth street. A police officer stood on the corner and she beckoned to him to come to her assistance.

The police officer entered the car and the young woman told him what had happened. They left the car at Eighteenth street. The officer assisted the young lady from the car and escorted her to the Fontenelle hotel, after getting her story of the affair. Then he got busy to land on the fellow who pulled the job.

Let it be known that it did not take the street car company long to put an end to the career of this degenerate. He was looking for a job within ten minutes after information of his actions were turned in.

The young woman gave her name but asked that it be not published. She told of threats the fellow made in an effort to "date her up," and of his conduct toward her.

It is seldom that a case of this kind comes to the attention of the street car people. It was about the worst that has been reported in history, according to an official of the company.

For the street car men it may be said that this is an isolated case and

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EDWARDS CAMPAIGN HAS MANY RECRUITS

The campaign of Governor Edwards of New Jersey for the Nebraska democratic preference in Nebraska gains ground daily. His petition is expected to be filed in the near future.

Nebraskans have not had an opportunity to know much about the New Jersey governor, but he is one of the live wires. Bill Bryan said nothing worth the name of reform ever came out of the east, but Woodrow Wilson came from the east.

Governor Edwards has always been a progressive. He now occupies the same place that Governor Wilson occupied in New Jersey and later became president of the United States.

When Nebraska democrats are asked at the next national convention to vote on a man for presidential candidate they are not going to hesitate about Governor Edwards. This state will have another candidate for the nomination, but it may be said with perfect propriety that there will be no differences of opinion between the two men when the time comes to nominate a candidate.

NEBRASKA REPUDIATES BRYAN

With the coming of another presidential campaign one of the most remarkable truths that has come to light is that Nebraska has finally and fully repudiated William J. Bryan, once its favorite son. Once the pride of this great western state, Bryan's name is no longer heard with a word of praise. Even those who have loved him in the past will not come to the front and say a good word for him.

"The prophet hath no honor in his own country" is a quotation that Bryan has used for a long time. But innumerable Nebraskans have stuck to him, just the same, still believing that he was "on the square." Even after learning that they were wrong they will not condemn him, but they are ready to admit they were mistaken, but "not for publication."

Bryan's role has been without parallel. Not in a single instance can it be pointed out where he was "on the square." Every man who has ever befriended him, politically, financially or otherwise will tell you that he has returned a sting for a rose.

Bryan is getting to be an old man. He ought to know better by this time; he probably does know better. But it is too late for him to reform. His last act of sedition came when his country was at war with a foreign foe and he was a "slacker." Because President Wilson would not turn over the government to him he "resigned" as secretary of state. At this time he attempts to pose as a martyr.

Nebraskans are ashamed of him. He has never, in his entire record, put forward a single issue that a majority of the citizens of his state have stood for. He has double-crossed every man who has assisted him to make the fortune he has accumulated. He has called himself a "commoner." In reality he was the most selfish individual that ever entered the political arena.

Not a single individual in this great United States can think of one single thing for which history can commend him. When the next history is written he may well be designated as an "accident."

BANKRUPTCY WARNING

A shrill warning of financial and industrial conditions in Europe comes with daily quotations on foreign exchange, as given out at the New York exchanges these days. Although the general public, eating regularly three times a day, rolling in money and working short hours, has not foreseen anything unusual in the wind, wise leaders of the financial world have realized for some time that a reckoning is about at hand.

So few persons know the meaning of a big break in sterling exchange so long as they are going along normally, that they are not giving any sober second thought to the future. The English pound sterling is worth about \$4.90 of our money when conditions are normal. Within the week it has been quoted in New York at \$3.19. French, Italian and German money has had an even greater break in price, as measured in American dollars and cents.

The time has come when Americans must look into these matters and acquaint themselves with the meaning of such things. The average American has been letting his banker take care of his business so long that he has not even taken time to take a balance of his personal affairs. The banker himself is reliable, but he has no power to change the value of his customer's dollars and his duty is done when he carries out the trusteeship given him.

The world war threw all of Europe into debt up to its armpits. The average person can understand the condition of Europe at present if he has ever been in debt that far, wondering just where the money was coming from to buy the next meal and say nothing about paying off his debts. There is right now a very serious deliberation being held as to how this European bankruptcy is going to be handled. If Europe's debts are to be repudiated through a bankrupt court who is going to shoulder the losses and how is the matter going to be financed—that is the question.

The very bottom of our existence and prosperity lies in our ability to do business with all the world. If our customers go bankrupt what shall become of our output? If we have no sale for our output, what is the use of producing any more? If we stop producing what is going to happen to the great rank and file who depend on a daily wage for an existence?

We are still at war with Germany and Austria, while other countries have reached a peace settlement. Unless our senate soon reaches a basis of agreement on peace our country may prepare for a world panic that will be worse than the war itself.

It is time for our common people to wake up and insist on something being done that will prevent a condition similar to that of Europe and especially of Russia. It is time for action when we see trouble brewing and not after the crash has come. Unless this business is settled and settled quickly millions of persons are going to be out of employment and everybody knows what that means.

WHO IS OUR PRESIDENT?

In these days of uncertainty many people are asking, "Who is our president?" Ever since Woodrow Wilson cut short his circuit of the country in behalf of the League of Nations, and went home sick, the people of the country have not been permitted to know how sick the president really was. The reports from the White House have been of the most meagre sort and not one of them has pretended to give information as to what was really the matter with Woodrow Wilson.

The people have a right to know just what is the matter with the president. Our first information was to the effect that his illness was of a temporary nature and that he would be back on the job in a week or so. That was many, many weeks ago, and now Dr. Grayson tells us that he is not even strong enough to take a trip the short distance to a health resort.

The recent "reports," if such they may be called, from the White House indicate that something more serious than has been admitted is ailing our president. Not a single message has come from the chief executive that had the ring in it that has heretofore featured everything quoted from him. It is the general belief that President Wilson is a desperately sick man, and his physicians admit that the most extraordinary precautions are being taken to preserve what is left of his broken health.

It is stated officially that Mr. Wilson is still in control of all of his mental faculties, but it is also admitted that his physical condition is extremely bad. It has been a long time since a president of the United States was incapacitated for performing the functions assigned to that high office. There is no record in our history of an illness of the chief executive as long as the present.

The constitution provides that in case of death or inability to act the presidential duty shall devolve upon the vice president. The country is in a condition which may soon require a more than perfunctory duty of our vice president. Even the highest consideration for our chief executive will hardly approve of Mr. Tumulty holding that office. The question of "Who is our president?" may soon become a pertinent one.

GOTHAM AFFAIR ANOTHER FIASCO IN SPORTS GAME

The "wrestling" match down in New York a week ago between Joe Stecher and Earl Caddock was another of the stupendous wrestling fiascos that are being disheup up to the people of the country these days.

This Caddock-Stecher affair was another chapter in the business of bleeding the public. And just so long as the public will stand for this sort of stuff just so long will these fellows be on the market for their money. Of course, a one-fall match decides nothing. That was what happened in New York. Caddock had already won one match from Stecher, so there was nothing to the one they pulled off on the crowd down there.

A letter on Y. M. C. A. stationery to The Mediator had some caustic remarks on the New York bout. The writer says, "I have been reading The Mediator articles. Now, what do you think of this so-called Stecher-Caddock championship affair. I am only an amateur and have been following the game for a while. Don't you think that New York affair looks funny?"

There you are. This youngster's opinion is that of an amateur. After he looks them over a while longer he

will wise up. It is remarkable how many people actually believe some of these affairs are on the square.

NEBRASKA ARMY NURSE VISITING RELATIVES

Margaret Johnston, Nebraska girl, who has spent nearly two years in the army medical service, is visiting relatives and friends in Omaha. She is connected with the big tuberculosis hospital at Asheville, N. C., where there are accommodations for 1,000 patients.

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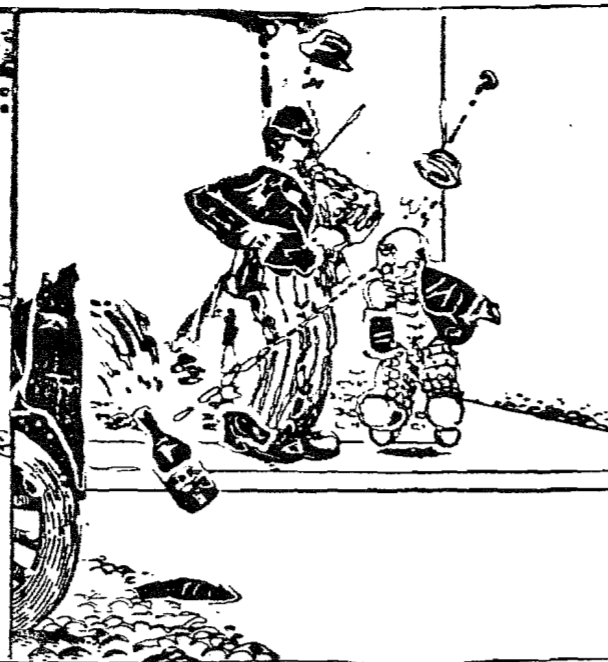
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THE SIGHT WAS TOO TEMPTING FOR THEM

By **KEN KLING**



STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS POSSIBLE IN NEAL CASE

Some new and startling developments are expected soon in the case of O. F. Neal, who was "railroaded" a few months ago and whose case is now pending in the supreme court.

William McKenna, paroled after serving three months of a year's penitentiary term, is at large in Omaha. He is still a charge of his mother and has been employed less than three weeks since he was paroled to his brother. It is said that some new evidence of a "frame-up" has recently been turned loose which will show one of the most remarkable conspiracies that has ever been found in Nebraska criminal records.

In many respects the new developments show that the recent "frame-up" against Reporter Harry Moore will be a fair comparison. The new evidence is expected to develop soon.

METHODIST PREACHER ON CARPET IN CALIFORNIA

Rev. John F. Poucher, former Methodist preacher of Omaha, is on the carpet in California, all over a woman he is charged with knowing too well. Mr. Poucher is only one of several Omaha preachers who in recent years have been called down for similar troubles. The Baptists have had their griefs as well as the Methodists.

The Omaha Methodists have passed a resolution refusing to believe all the stories told about this preacher. Poucher admits he took this married woman to movies and to dinners and that sort of stuff, but says it was just a harmless flirtation. Meanwhile the woman's husband says the reverend gentleman wrote letters to his wife that would create a sensation if printed.

After all, most of our preachers are human beings, and most of them are physically normal. And you can never tell just what a normal man is going to do. The trouble all begins when they get caught at it. Some of these preachers outlive their troubles and some of them go to lecturing for a living. Some of them even become a little worldly.

But we must have preachers, just like we must have other things that go with regular life. If Rev. Poucher has been "cheating" a little it is nothing more than thousands of other men are doing right along.

SCHOOL BOARD'S DILEMMA NOT FAULT OF TEACHERS

The school board has given Omaha teachers a \$100 bonus for the current year and a promise of \$300 for next year. It is a sort of a "lick and a promise." It has been pretty hard financial sledding for the school board the last two years, since half a million dollars of liquor license money was taken from them. The demand for additional school facilities has been greater than ever, with the amount of money on the decline.

It seems impossible for our economists to figure out that when they put prohibition on the map they would have to make up the deficit. The condition is here, however, and among the biggest kickers are the fellows who stood for prohibition.

ROBBERY OF NEWSBOY WILL NOT STOP HIM

The robbery Wednesday of Joe Radicia, Omaha newsboy, of \$1,200 will not stop Joe's business by a long shot. He is one of the very liveliest merchants of his kind in the country and has the confidence of as many Omaha business men of the city as the larger merchants.

Among other periodicals, Joe sells The Mediator, and he sells a lot of them, too. He runs his business along regular lines and every publisher from whom he buys periodicals receives a check regularly from him.

After the first shock as a result of his loss, Radicia straightened up and said: "Well, I'll have to get busy and get that money back," and was soon yelling his wares in his usual

jovial manner. He was among the first to join Uncle Sam's force when war was declared against Germany.

VICTOR SEYMOUR TAKES ON BIG POLITICAL JOB

The promoters of General John J. Pershing's presidential boom in Nebraska have selected Victor Seymour to "put him across." Victor has been assigned to a big job. If he is wise he will open up a branch office in Omaha and spend most of his money here.

We suggest to Mr. Seymour that he remember that old adage that "a word to the wise is sufficient."

INSULTING CONDITION HANDLED WITHOUT GLOVES BY POLICEMAN

(Continued from page 1) Company officials say that they have no trouble with their men in such matters. "We have always complimented ourselves," said one of these officials, "on the class of gentlemen in the road service and we did not hesitate to get busy when we came across this isolated case. He had been in the service only a short time."

ONE STATE WITNESS SPOILS THE PARADE

(Continued from page 1) connection with the court house riot cases.

Mr. Connell was anxious to have the case continue in order that the whole business might be shown up. At least one witness was expected to testify that a police captain promised him immunity. Morris was expected to testify to some startling facts on cross-examination. In fact, Attorney Connell intimated that he would bring out some startling revelations when the boy was cross-examined. The county attorney, however, blocked the whole thing by moving the dismissal of the case.

The defense had called witnesses to show that Chairman John W. Towl had made money gifts to Morris' mother during his incarceration and that he was promised immunity from prosecution if he testified against Moore.

There was a general feeling, too, that the county attorney had been imposed upon, no less than the court itself. Mr. Shotwell has promised to make a very thorough investigation. It is presumed that Mr. Towl himself will be called upon to make explanations of several things. In many quarters it is feared that the manner in which the Moore case came to an end may result in jeopardizing the state's chances for securing convictions in several pending cases growing out of the court house riots. For Mr. Moore himself it is stated he had a perfect alibi, together with proof of where he was every minute during the entire night of the riot. For him it is stated he was spending the evening with friends five miles from the scene of the rioting and did not know of it until he reached the office of the Bee about 2 o'clock in the morning, after it was all over. Several well known local newspaper men well acquainted with Moore had been called to testify that they did not see Moore during the entire evening of the riot.

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LEW ("DOPE") KELLY, Heading His Own Big Show at the Popular Gayety Twice Daily All Next Week.

Eddie Leonard has a following that is perfectly enormous and the mere announcement that he is coming to the Brandeis Sunday evening as the featured artist in John Cort's production of that altogether different musical comedy, "Roly Boly Eyes," has brought an avalanche of mail orders and an advance sale which is delighting the heart of Manager Sutphen.

For the past six months "Roly Boly Eyes" has tested the capacity of the Knickerbocker theater, New York, at every performance and only owing to prior contracts for the lease of the house, John Cort is forced to send it on tour, so that is why the entire original cast, production and the sixteen beautiful young women of the chorus are to appear here.

Audiences rarely expect a musical comedy to have a plot and it is right here where "Roly Boly Eyes" commences to be distinctly different. Edgar Allan Woolf has written a clever, consistent and dramatic story and his lyrics have been set to excellent music.

In the first two acts Leonard is a member of a traveling theatrical company and has chosen as a stage name, Billy Emerson, after the famous black-cork artist. Billy Emerson never sung more sweetly or more movingly than does Leonard when he warbles "Roly Boly Eyes," "Ida," and other songs.

The company is composed of exceptionally talented artists and delightfully clever May Boley is the comedienne. Queenie Smith, late of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Co., sings charmingly and her ballet dancing is a revelation. While on the terpsichorean thing the acrobatic dancing of Kate Pullman, the Arabesque number of Margaret Edwards and the light hoofing of Earl Gates, a former newsboy, are far out of the ordinary. The engagement is for but four performances, terminating Wednesday night. There will be no matinee.

Robin Hood Next.

This paper in commenting on the coming of "Robin Hood" endeavors to publish information rather than propaganda. That many desire this information there can be no doubt, and Manager Sutphen seeks to furnish it and is meeting with every encouragement in promoting the coming engagement.

He wishes to make it plain that this is no "try it on the dog" enterprise. He did not contract for "Robin Hood" until he was assured it was an elaborate and real production, and then on a guarantee of its quality and the published facts concerning it.

The cast is practically the same as that carried on the spring tour when over one hundred cities were visited and extraordinary artistic and financial results obtained.

Robin Hood comes to the Brandeis theater for four performances starting next Thursday.

LEW ("DOPE") KELLY AT THE GAYETY

Lew Kelly is always a welcome visitor to any burlesque theater and the people of this city have an especially warm place in their hearts for him. It is because of this that is added interest in the announcement that on Monday Jack Singer will present "The Lew Kelly Show," headed by Lew Kelly himself, will come to the popular Gayety theater for a week's engagement starting Saturday matinee, February 14. It was a long time ago that Lew Kelly introduced his famous "dope" character to the burlesque stage. It immediately caught on and ever since that time Mr. Kelly has been a delight to his audiences and is awaited eagerly every season by many who are not actually followers of burlesque.

This year he retains his famous character—indeed, one can hardly imagine Lew Kelly as "the dope" he presents in such an admirable way—but he will be seen in a brand new book entitled "The Submarine Man." It was written by A. Douglass Leavitt, who is responsible for the lyrics of the production. Leavitt has given his very best thought to this book and the finished product enables Mr. Kelly to ramble through the most constant array of laughable situations and bewildering dialogue that he has ever had entrusted to him. His performance, it is said, by competent critics, is the best this season that he has ever given and the box office receipts where the show is seen seem to indicate that there is truth in this statement.

Among those who will be seen in Mr. Kelly's support are Ed C. Jordan black face comedian and eccentric dancer; Arthur Putman, character co-

median, who can sing and does a great legit; Jack Gibson, straight man and singer; Harry Rose, singing leader; Jeanette Buckley, leading woman; Annette Shaw, ingenue who can put over numbers and a dancer, and Estelle Dudley, soubrette, who is full of pep and who can sing and dance. The chorus is one which can pass a severe examination for beauty, talent and conscientious working ability.

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LORNA DOONE JACKSON, As Alan a-Dale at the Brandeis

EMPRESS ATTRACTIONS

Managers Ledoux & LeMarquand, of the Empress theater, announce that many new features and novelties have been secured for the coming bills of vaudeville and promise some classy entertainment in the near future. It means that this popular playhouse will have to go some to offer better shows than have been seen there recently. Among some of these to be seen here are Beatrice McKenzie, famous comic opera prima donna, in her newest offering "Liberty Lane," a singing and whistling novelty with gorgeous scenic, mechanical and electrical effects, which will provide the featured act of the new show opening Sunday. Assisting Miss McKenzie is little Miss Ray Dawn. The soft notes of this child whistler, rivals in harmony the song of the birds. This duo received much flattering criticism last season in New York, Chicago and other cities, not alone for their personal abilities, but also for the novel idea of their offering.

Walton & Brant, well known patrons of vaudeville, as artists of extraordinary entertaining ability, will appear in their comedy skit "Two in One," a bright, amusing act, and far removed from the usual conversational vehicles. Mr. Walton is a comedian of the "nut" variety and his partner is an excellent female accomplice.

Maurice Briere and Grace King, known to vaudeville as "The Little Red Girl from Boston and the Boy From New Orleans," will contribute a lively bit of entertainment with their offering of exclusive songs, dancing and impersonations. Miss King achieved notable success as leading support to Elsie Janis in "The Slim Princess" and has been featured in several Broadway musical comedies. Mr. Briere appeared in the principal role of "Fifty Miles From Poston." Walsh & Bentley, a duo of gymnasts

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The photoplay attraction for the first half of the week will be the Fox production "The Last Straw," featuring the screen's newest sensation, Buck Jones.

ORPHEUM OFFERINGS

It is to be a rollicking revue which is to be presented next week at the Orpheum by Elizabeth Brice and Will Morrissey. When the Overseas Theater League was formed they went to France to entertain the soldiers. After returning to this country they organized their revue which was presented in New York under the title of "Toots Sweet." This was a melange depicting the humorous side of the soldier's life, a sort of crazy quilt in song and story.

For the production Mr. Morrissey engaged the best players he could secure. These players will be seen here. The cast includes Harold Whalen, Ernest F. Young, Lieut. McPherson, Mlle. Jeanette Tourneur, Earl Corr and Blanche Latell.

Retaining the same company, and the same beauty chorus, "The Overseas Revue" is to be the stellar attraction next week at the Orpheum.

One of the featured acts of the show is to be presented by Al and Fanny Stedman. Their piano capers are unique. She is an eccentric comedienne of wide versatility. She has been a feature of such musical comedies as "The Red Mill" and "Hanky Panky." Mr. Stedman is a composer and song writer, in addition to being a pianist and comedian.

In their new singing and dancing skit, "Golfing With Cupid," Charles Cartmell and Laura Harris are likewise featured. They are favorites in the English music halls as well as on the vaudeville stage of America. Their new act is one that establishes them as extremely clever players.

Still another specially featured act will be Marial Window, who will present exclusive songs by Friedlander. She is known as "the little peacock of vaudeville." Recently she returned from France and England where she was extremely successful in entertaining soldiers.

Stuart Barnes, a comedian, monol-

ogist and humorous singer of clever songs, will be another of the entertainers. He is especially diverting in his humorous talk about the affairs of Cupid.

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Once again humorous paragraphs taken from the newspapers will be a screen feature under the heading, "Topics of the Day." News events will be pictured by Kinograms.

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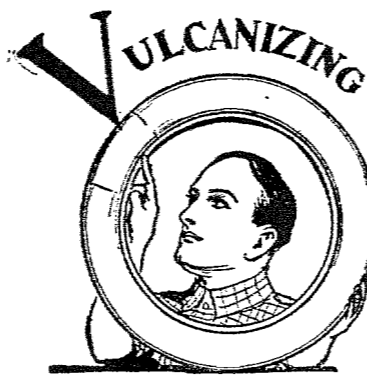
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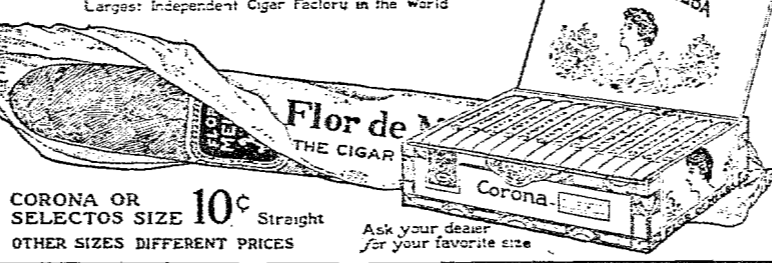
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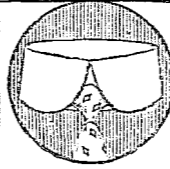
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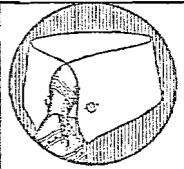
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