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BONUS BILL MAY NEVER PASS

NOMINEES LOOK LIKE PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AND WM. McADOO

Democratic Convention Sure To Be A Whirlwind With Bryans In Limelight.

PRESIDENT SURE TO GET NOMINATION

Business Interests Feel Safe with Coolidge—Governor Bryan Has Bright Prospects of Capturing Democratic Nomination—Hiram Johnson Losing Prestige—West Liable to Dictate Terms and Write Platform—

It is not too early to talk and write politics. It is evident that a score or so of presidential possibilities are already grooming themselves or having themselves groomed for the big by play that will be pulled early in June by both of the old parties.

While considerable thunder is being heard in republican ranks, caused mostly by the spurting and blowing off of one Hiram Johnson, the fact remains that it is pretty well settled that President Coolidge will be the next nominee of the party of Abraham Lincoln. That is as it should be. The party in power certainly can ill afford to do otherwise than nominate the man they elected originally as vice president and became the nation's head thought the untimely death of the beloved, gentle and patient president, Warren Harding.

President Coolidge is considered peculiar by those that do not know him. That is largely the result of his New England make up. Instead of blowing off at the mouth, doing the W. J. Bryan act, this eastern conservative says little but makes his actions speak louder than words. While comparatively a young man, he is of the old school and the

business interests of the country have a candidate in Mr. Coolidge that they can depend upon. Furthermore in him the farmers and workingman have a friend, though not of the kind that will promise the earth and deliver only an earthworm. That is left for the silver tongued warblers who love to cater to the ear but are unable to appeal to the brain.

On the other side of the political father-in-law, Mr. McAdoo, builder of tunnels, politician, railroad hater, fence, we have the son-in-law of his political fortune hunter and withal a pretty smart man who it is believed is the strongest man the democrats have to offer for slaughter or for victory this year. Mr. McAdoo is sure to have the support of the middle west in the ranks of democracy. He is probably entitled to it as the logical exponent of agricultural interests. More over he is less radical than many who would oppose him in the coming primaries.

In Nebraska he is sure to meet stiff opposition because we have a near native son who is going out like Gulliver and attempt to trample over the illiputians that will assemble at the forthcoming democratic national convention. None other than (Continued on Page 3)

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

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WHO WILL SUCCEED TOM DENNISON IN POLITICS

Announcement that Tom Dennison may get out of politics has caused a lot of talk and the East End is wondering what may happen to them after he leaves. In fact they are worried about who will be the next leader. Emil Larson and Herman Metz have been suggested as possibilities, but the crowd is not very anxious for them. However, Emil is after the job, hammer and tongs, and is being assisted by Metz.

The pimp world is the most worried. Announcement of definite action from Dennison is anticipated in the near future. Meanwhile they are all guessing.

SAMARDICK IS 99 PER CENT AMERICAN

Bob Samardick is 99 per cent policeman. That is the opinion of one of Omaha's best known lawyers, with whom Mr. Samardick has had occasion to come in contact on numerous occasions. This lawyer, who is one of the brightest lights of the legal fraternity, has had much to do with Samardick, and says he is absolutely above taking money under any conditions. Since the booze business has become a national institution, prohibition agents have been very busy. Many of them have been caught taking money and even being in the bootleg business. The temptation is very great. Those who have watched Samardick closely, and most of them have been doing it, declare he is above temptation.

The average prohibition agent has many opportunities. It is worth a man's while to accumulate the standing that Samardick has reached. They all make little mistakes and commit errors of judgment, but that is true of nearly every person. The outstanding feature of Mr. Samardick's work is the record he has made in treating them all alike, and not having his hand out to any man. For him we predict a big job one of these times.

KNOCKS AND BOOSTS BY THE OBSERVER

OLD MAN JOHNSON gave me pencil on street. Remarked would I write down his faults—and to please write them in the sand. If that's all we would have to do, can't think of any reason for sharpening the pencil. (later) Changed mind, will sharpen it in order to write that he makes his Gayety chorus put on to darn many clothes, must have a hum heating plant.

BOOTLEGGING and prostitution is going on in many cheap hotels, in spite of all the efforts of the police, and in some instances of the efforts of the proprietors themselves. However in some joints the owners break their necks to all, but exclusively cater to such cats. These are the sorts of rats that are always asking favors.

ART TOWNSEND, Minnesota politician and grafter has been arrested as an embezzler. Finally caught with the goods on him. This Bolshevick should have been behind the bars long ago, according to most good citizens, though a lot of folks think the insane asylum is the proper place for such grafting demagogues.

HARRY BRIDEWELL is now a member of the county morals squad. Harry is pretty well known and well liked but he is liable to make a bunch of enemies when he goes to knocking some of the boys over. Well selling hooch is firminst the law and if you don't like the law the thing to do is to insist that your congressman vote to modify it.

HARRY THAW the rottenest degenerate that has ever come to the notice of the general public is out asking a full pardon. Besides being a murderer, his perverted mind has got him in plenty of trouble. Oscar Wilde was an angel by comparison if all the tales told about Harry are true.

BANDITS, one of the dirty, yellow kind, pulls gun play on young woman in leather goods store. Gets fifty smackers and three grips. Our bet is that this smart aleck is nabbed before the week is over. Bet Gurnett, Palmtag, Davis, Killian and other plain clothes men are hot on their trail right now.

DIVORCE is common these days but we understand that a man prominent in local affairs is about to sue his wife for divorce, on a charge of infidelity. He may soften the charges a bit to keep away from undue publicity but his wife's "he" friends knows he would be justified in charging anything less than murder. This will give Dundee and Fair Acres something to gossip about for many a moon.

ANTI-SALOON league has been sued for slander. Wayne B. Wheeler's privately owned outfit ought to have been in the penitentiary long ago, if justice had been properly meted out. But Wayne is a lawyer and presumably knows just how much to steal and the proper manner of doing it, without going to jail, so many practical people say.

CERTAIN SENATORS TO UPHOLD THE SECOND BONUS VETO

Idea Seems To Be That Ex-Service Men Should Be Glad They Are Allowed To Live.

SWITCH OF 3 SENATORS WOULD KILL BILL

Adjusted Compensation Bill Claims Lions Share of Attention at Washington—President Pretty Sure to Veto—House Overwhelmingly in Favor of Giving Boys a Square Deal—Taxation the Big Ironback.

Some three or four million soldier boys that went away to war to fight for the rest of we 95 million stay at homes are on the anxious seat just now wondering if it is going to be a bonus or just a bone. Political trade winds in Washington are blowing favorable but you never can tell just what the inside wire pullers will do on a show down.

There is no question at all about the bill, some bonus bill, passing both the house and senate but passing bonus bills is old stuff. Where the bill meets its real test is after a presidential veto. It is certain the house will pass any bonus bill brought forward over the veto of the president but the senate well that is different. It takes sixty-four votes in the upper house to pass a measure over an executive veto. It is claimed 66 senators will vote to pass the bill but it is probable that at least a half dozen "regulars" would vote to sustain a Coolidge veto. Even though sixty-six senators voted originally for the bill only three would have to turn a political somersault in order to dig a grave for old Bill Bonus, the bandit that has done so much to frighten big business.

The boys that went across the big pond and fought it out with Heinie for twenty-one months have their nerve to be asking for adjusted compensation in the first place. If they

had any sense they would look at it in a different light. Suppose, for instance, the war had gone on for another two years, and they would have been loafing around no man's land wouldn't be back here in this count-killing time. In that case they try now asking for a square deal. In fact they would need no bonus, wouldn't need anything except flowers, poppies perhaps, to add a little touch to their happy hunting grounds. But it did not turn out that way, so here they are, those that are left asking the government to recognize them to the extent of a few dollars, about the amount a sewer digger made a month over here while they were over there playing baseball, catching and pitching bullets and such.

Eventually these boys are going to be recognized and their just demands met. Why not now? A bird in the hand right now will do more good than a whole flock promised to be laid at their door in the dim, misty future.

As a matter of fact the tax bugaboo is the thing holding back the just claim of these millions of ex-service men. Some steel (or steal) magnate may have to kick in a few extra dimes when the revenue man comes around if the bonus bill passed. That would be fierce and tough and turn-able.

SPORT PROGRAM FOR 1924 OUTCLASS ALL PREVIOUS EFFORTS, LOCAL OR NATIONAL

Boxing Starts Off with Championship Affair Between Joe Lynch and Earl McArthur—Barney Burch Promises Baseball Fans a Great Season Amateur Sports to Flourish as Never Before—Looks Like Prosperous Year.

Well boys it looks like a big year for sports in Omaha during the year 1924. Leastwise it is starting off good. The first big event of more than local importance takes place tonight when Joe Lynch, the bantam-weight champion of the world meets the redoubtable Earl McArthur in the first championship battle that has been staged in Omaha during the past two years.

Fact is the fight tonight means a great deal to the boxing activities in this state. The last fight staged here did a great deal to satisfy not only the state boxing commission, boxing commissioner Kavan and other boxing officials but went a long way in restoring confidence among the thousands of pay-as-you-enter boxing fans. The fight tonight should and no doubt will augment that good will feeling. Furthermore, starting the year off with such a battle as this one will presumably mean a big boxing program for the coming months.

It is almost impossible for this battle to prove a fluke. In the first place, Joe Lynch can take no chances with his bantam championship honors which will mean that he will battle as he has never battled before. On the other hand Earl McArthur has everything at stake. If he can get as good as a draw tonight it will be a real feather in his cap, a whole flock of feathers in fact. And should he win, well little old Sioux City would simply celebrate New Years eve every night this year, so would Earl.

At that the fight game is but one of the many sports that should be in a most flourishing condition this year. For instance, there is Barney Burch, major domo of base-guarantees us that Omaha is to enjoy the greatest season of baseball that has ever fell to the lot of twenty thousand local baseball bugs. Barney is moving heaven and earth to assemble a team that will be a credit to

himself and to the city. The Buffalo magnate is out scouting for super base ball material and is carrying around a big gob of dough which he is willing to exchange for any player that promises to improve the club.

Amateur sports are now firmly established in Omaha and it looks like this year is to be a banner one with the boys that play the game for sport's sake only. The Athletic Club has a big program of amateur boxing and swimming not only arranged but in actual operation. Commissioner Hummel is laying his plans for a most exhaustive program of amateur sports in the parks, including baseball, golf and the usual winter skating program.

Speaking of sports from a national standpoint, if the year 1923 is any criterion, this year should break all records from every standpoint. In the realm of baseball, every one from bat boy to megul predicts a great year for the pitchers, better fielding and less bunting. If true all old time lovers of the national game will be greatly pleased. All would like to once more see the great pitching duels as was usual a decade or more ago. The kind that packed the old Cub park when our own three-fingered Brown used to be pitted against the invincible Mathewson.

All in all it is not unreasonable to expect better and bigger sports than ever before. Let us hope the prediction comes true.

BILLIE MISKE, a real good scout and a wonderful fighter has cashed in his final chip. Omaha fight fans feel that his passing is a genuine personal loss. His last fight was in Omaha when he knocked out big Bill Brennan. Some of us panned both fighters for their poor showing, now we know the real cause and may the good Lord forgive us for our snap judgement. Poor Miske died with his boots on if ever a fighter did.

DIRT IN HOLLYWOOD AGAIN COMES TO LIGHT AS MILLIONAIRE MURDERED

Mabel Normand Associated with Killing of "Sugar Baby"—Actual Deed Said to Have Been Committed by Chauffeur—Western Film Industry Reeks with Rottness—Local Theatres Use Discretion—Bad Mess.

Just one more reason why the people of this country are sick and tired of the terrible conditions as they exist in Hollywood. We refer to the cold blooded murder as reported from Los Angeles in which that famous nondescript, Mabel Normand is again at least implicated. From all reports it would appear that this "she" is about the rottenest piece of feminine flesh that has become prominent in the movies.

As one of the stars of the Fatty Arbuckle comedy productions she has done everything possible to expose her nudity to the millions of children and other movie fans who were wont to patronize this class of productions. She has been in innumerable scrapes and rotten messes according to all reports but with all that, Will Hays and the film organization not only stand for her but insist on imposing her on a gullible public.

Her chauffeur who claims to have done the actual shooting says that he used Mabel's gun to do the work. He further stated that he found Miss Normand in no condition to leave, presumably meaning that she was so dead drunk that it was not advisable to take her to the car. Police say that when they found C. F. Dines, the victim, he was entirely undressed except for a bath robe and a pair of hose.

This is the kind of stuff that is so frequently pulled by the great stars of the movie world but only occasionally ends so tragically. Producers and stars alike give it out cold that the private prostitution parties, dope activities and drunken revelries of the colony are none of the people's business. They assert that the only thing that the dear paying public should be interested in, is the art, the preverts portray on the screen.

But while producers are flaunting the rottenness of some considerable number of their alleged artists, they playing hovoc with the tens of

thousands of clean exhibitors who are doing all in their power to present only clean pictures made by clean artists. Here in Omaha most theatre managers find it necessary to go to every "screening" that they may eliminate the rotten features and present only the clean. Thus they are forced to turn down scores of pictures that are good from an artistic standpoint but smell to heaven from the moral view. Most of these managers are able to detect the unmoral in a picture before the first reel has gone through the machine and will have none of it.

Thus patrons of such theatres as the Rialto, Strand and a few other theatres are spared the humiliation of witnessing and having their children witness unsavory pictures featured by still more unsavory actresses. At that certain local theatres pander to just that sort of thing and is the one and only reason why the city needs a censure to put the soft peddle on a few of such places. While on the subject of the unmoral in the movies it is well to remember that thousands of clean cut young women go to Hollywood, some of them real artists mind you, that never have a look in because they will not sell their very soul to some debauched producer or at least to influential newspaper beasts or others who are able to put any real artist "over" who will sell her soul for a pot of flesh, burned to crisp degradation through the trickery of these degenerate morons.

Perhaps a few more murders out in the Hollywood cesspool, a few more suicides, a few more hundreds or thousands in the insane wards of Los Angeles hospitals due from dope and the low perverted tastes of the men and women stars and workers, will have a tendency to awaken even the producers and the year 1924 will mark the dividing line between that which is good and decent in pictures and that which has been rotten and filthy.

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BRYAN IS RECEPTIVE

Governor Charles Bryan is in the attitude of being receptive of the democratic nomination of president to say the least. Mr. Bryan has not been very well liked by some Nebraskans. Neither was his brother, Charley, not the silver-tongued orator his brother has been. Perhaps he has taken a lesson from what happened to his brother.

But the possibility of Governor Bryan being nominated for president is giving a lot of democrats a spell of uneasiness. They realize that he is not an unlikely candidate for defeat. The one time greatness of his brother is the real cause of the governor's importance as a presidential possibility at this time. He, himself has never set the world on fire either by his personality or by his his doings. It is a plain case of inheriting something.

After all Mr. Bryan would not make a weak candidate. The question naturally is would his name strengthen or weaken him. Thrice defeated for president, the people and especially the democrats of the country, are a little wary of the Bryan name. Bryan has made a pretty good governor and has kept himself out of tangling alliances. He has kept very much in the middle of the road on the great question that will confront the people in the next campaign, that is the liquor issue. He can not sidestep that issue much longer. The people are going to know definitely where every candidate stands on that question before he amounts to very much with them.

Every person knows where W. J. Bryan has always stood on the liquor question. In fact his sponsoring of prohibition has made him a nonentity in politics. His brother has not been placed on record yet. Does it run in the family? That is what will want to be known, very definitely, before the democrats of the country will take up the governor seriously. As a governor, the people of the country has seen very little of Bryan, particularly those outside his own state. However, if he gets off right on the dominant issues, he may be depended on, apparently, to take care of the business of the country pretty satisfactorily.

The Mediator has not been particularly impressed with Mr. Bryan as a presidential candidate, but he will be acceptable if he is nominated and abides by the platform promulgated. However, one thing is certain, W. J. Bryan will bolt the democratic ticket in the event of it adopting a "wet" platform. There is always a possibility, however, of his keeping quiet if his brother becomes the democratic candidate. It does not matter very much what he does. He is really what is known as a "dead one" so far as politics is concerned.

HE'S A GOOD AMERICAN



An exclusive photograph, just received from the Philippines, of the famous Emilio Aguinaldo—the principal figure in the Filipino insurrection against the Americans, which did not end until this very able commander was captured. He has strictly observed his oath of allegiance to the United States and refuses to take part in island politics.

Chinaman Chooses Jail

Rather Than Pay Fine

San Francisco.—Ng Yow is in jail here because he wanted to be.

Found guilty of having Chinese lottery tickets in his possession, he was given the alternative of a \$10 fine or five days in jail, and he chose the jail sentence. Judge McAtee remarked it was the first instance in his experience of a lottery company refusing to pay the fine of an agent who had run afoul of the law. Such was not the case, however.

The company always settled the fines, but Ng Yow argued, why should he work hard for \$1.50 a day when the company paid \$3 for every day passed in jail, where there is no work to be done?

Woman Graduate Gives Her

Blood to Help Alma Mater

New York.—Miss Grace Newman of Brooklyn, Adelphi college graduate gave her life's blood as part of her pledged contribution toward the school's \$300,000 building and endowment fund.

The blood—a pint and a half—was sold for \$50 by Miss Newman to the post graduate hospital in a transfusion operation.

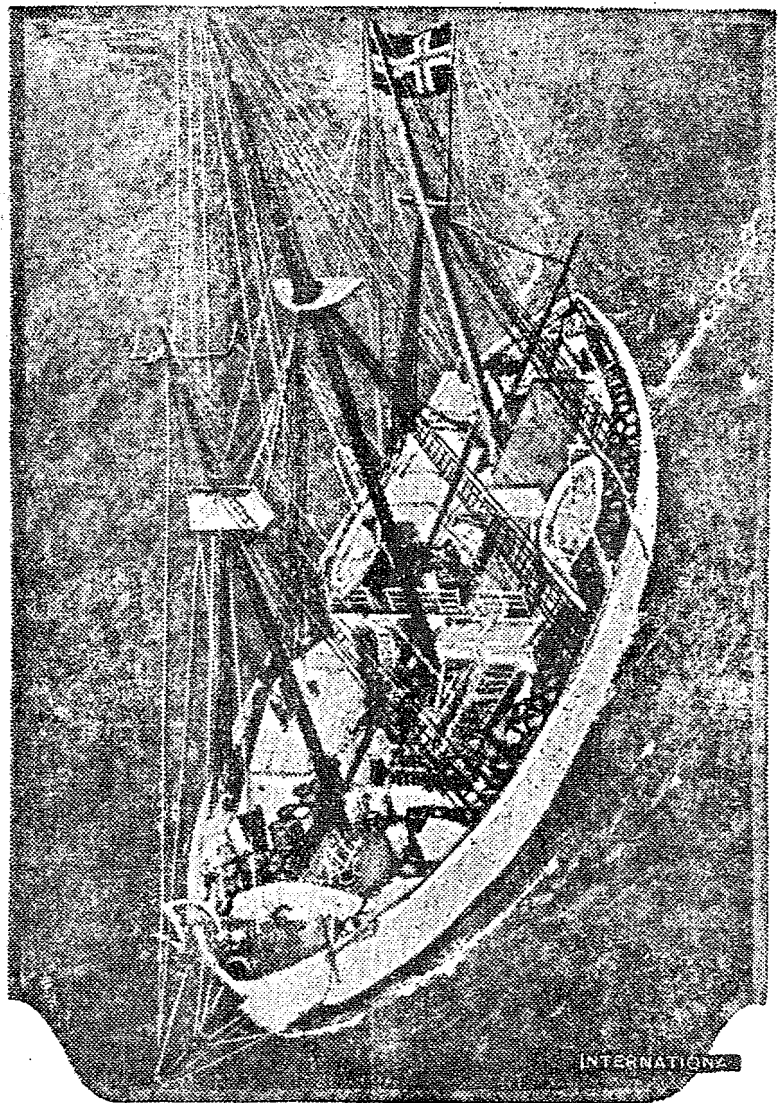
When the campaign for funds began Miss Newman pledged herself to raise \$312.

"I could think of no easier way to earn \$50," she smiled. "We Adelphi girls all mean to do all we can. Honestly, the talking about it is much harder than the operation itself."

Pertinent Truth.

"Men suttinly got a heap o' nerve critizin' Creation," said Charcoal Eph. ruminatively, "but somehow when I looks at some people an' some things, hit sure do call fo' a lot o' faith or explanation."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Maud Is Safe and Drifting to Pole



Above is an airplane view of Explorer Amundsen's ship, the Maud, which he has reported safe and now drifting in an ice pack toward the pole. The first report of her safety was drifting at Spitzbergen.

PICK SPORTS TO SUIT JOB

Your Recreation Should Be Entire Change From Your Work, Says Expert.

Keeping your health is merely a matter of using your common sense, according to Dr. C. Ward Crampton, well-known health authority of New York city. The whole solution of the problem, he declares, is contained in three words: "Recreate or wreck."

No man needs any guidance but his own in selecting his proper form of recreation, asserts Doctor Crampton, writing in Popular Science Monthly. Anything that is an entire change from his daily work will suffice.

"Change your clothes, change your mind, change your attitude," he advises. "If you have a white-collar job, put on a flannel shirt. If you have a flannel-shirt job, a white collar as a change will have its merits. If you work indoors—go out. If you are out of doors all day—stay inside. If you sit or stand at your work, walk, run or dance for recreation. If you are continually meeting many people, seek seclusion. If you work alone, seek congenial company. If your work is with your head, seek vigorous muscular activities. If your work is mainly muscular work, seek some mind-testing recreation.

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3d and Parker to Depot	1:40
4th and Center for 3d and Parker	1:35
Park and North 24th Streets	1:03
6th and Farnam, East Side	1:23
6th and Farnam, West Side	1:23
6th and Farnam for Florence	1:12
6th and Farnam for Kansas Ave.	1:31
6th and Farnam for 24th and Ames	2:05
South Omaha and 42d and Grand	1:21
4th and Farnam for West O.	1:21
4th and Farnam for 42d and Grand	1:25
Dodge Street Line	1:29
6th and Dodge (West)	2:07
6th and Dodge (East)	1:12
6th and Spaulding for Depots	1:48
Leavenworth and Deaf Institute	12:24
5th and Farnam (North)	12:33
5th and Farnam (South)	12:33
Senson and Albright	1:24
3th and Farnam for Benson	1:24
3th and Farnam for Albright	1:24
5th and Farnam for 24th and N.	1:23
Fort Crook Line	12:00
4th and N Sts., South Omaha	12:00
Port Crook	12:30
Owl Cars	
6th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton	1:50
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Wife Admits Lack of Mother Love After Being Married 14 Years.

DIVORCE TO HUSBAND

Los Angeles, Cal.—A strange story of a mother who confessed that she lacked "mother love," and who admitted that another had come into her life to replace the father of her children, was told in Judge Hardy's court recently, when Clinton A. Pedrick was granted a divorce from Louise M. Pedrick.

The Pedricks had been married 14 years. There are three children. Under the direction of his attorney, Leon Yanwich, the husband told a rather remarkable story.

Seemed Devoid of Motherhood. "She was absolutely untrustworthy," he said, in describing his wife. "I never knew when I came home at night whether I would find her there or not. She seemed devoid of motherhood. She would leave the children apparently without a thought. So I had to keep a maid all the time for the protection of the kiddies.

"Time and again I remonstrated with her, but it was useless. At last she went away, and I haven't seen her since."

The wife's side of the story was told in a letter which she had written her husband. In this missive she did not

OMAHA HEIRESS MARRIED



Vernelle Heud, Omaha's richest and most beautiful heiress, who was married to Raymond Burr, director and manager of the Sinclair Oil company in France. Mr. Burr's father is a wealthy oil magnate and they make their home in Paris. The marriage took place in Omaha January 3, and the couple will reside in Paris.

Wrong Kind of Piper.

A London concert agent, meeting with an urgent demand for the services of a performer on the bagpipes, rang up the London office of a Scottish daily newspaper and asked if they could advise him where to get a piper.

The reply, which came in cockney accents in the form of a question—"Ditte of issue?"—did not prove very helpful.

FAST ELEVEN TO BE FOUND IN BASEBALL

Easy Matter for Experts to Pick Star Aggregation.

Speaking about All-America football teams, it would be an easy matter for the experts to pick such an aggregation from the ball players who hold forth in the American league.

Dick Reichle, now playing the outfield for the Boston Americans, was a star end at the University of Illinois.

The New York Yankees have three renowned footballers on the roster. Mike Gazella, who plays shortstop, was a star halfback at Lafayette. Outfielder Hinkle Haines was a sensation on the gridiron with Penn State. Outfielder Hendricks is a former Vanderbilt star.

Riggs Stephenson, who second sacks for Cleveland, was a star halfback at University of Alabama, one of the greatest players the south has ever turned out.

Shortstop Gagnon of Washington and Outfielder Bill Barrett of the White Sox starred in football at Holy Cross.

The White Sox have in Pitcher Castner one of the greatest backs ever produced in the West. He starred at Notre Dame and won much praise from Coach Rockne.

First Baseman Lou Gehrig of the Yankees was a featured player at Columbia and Bob Knobe of the Cleveland Indians played at Michigan.

Experts who are really looking for an All-America football team can recruit it from Ban Johnson's league.

High Cost of Lightning.

The annual destruction due to lightning fires in the United States is estimated to be as much as \$20,000,000. In one state alone, Iowa, during the four years ending with 1922, the loss as given by the state fire marshal was \$1,863,704, of which 61 per cent was due to fires in farm barns. Very nearly all of such loss is preventable by proper rodding, says the weather bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Force of Habit.

Tibbs—That barber is a rare bird. Jettis—Why throw the spot light on him?

Tibbs—Whenever he shaves himself, he can't stop until he talks himself into a haircut and a shampoo.

Nothing Deep About It.

"Wonder why so many men sing while taking a bath?"

"I know why I do—the bathroom door won't lock."—Boston Transcript.

But the King Wasn't There.

King Gustav was astonished to receive the following letter with his morning post:

"Darling—Monday, at 6 p. m., I expect you at the Odinsplace. I shall wait until 7. But you must be sure to come.—Your Ester."

The postmark had practically obliterated half of the address, which should have read: No. 287 Svensson, H. M. Gustav V." H. M. Gustav V is the training ship to which "Ester's" sweetheart is attached.

Later in the day a message was received in the training ship that Svensson, by order of the king, was to have a day's holiday.—Milwaukee Journal.

NOMINEES LOOK LIKE

PRES. COOLIDGE AND McADOO

(Continued from page 1) brother Charley Bryan. Who knows but what he will be able to pull the same stunt his illustrious brother did twenty-six years ago. At that it would be a glorious thing for Nebraska to have another candidate for the greatest office in the world. His name, like W. O. A. W. radio station, will carry very far.

But Charles Bryan is a much more conservative man than his silver-tongued brother. He has shown considerable executive ability as governor of Nebraska and seems to have a great many clean cut ideas that would not come amiss if he were elected to the presidency.

If Mr. Bryan with the aid of his brother is able to capture a great majority of the southern delegates, which seems probable, we may once more see a Nebraskan fighting for the popular vote in November.

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Told a Rather Remarkable Story.

seek to evade her responsibility. She accepted it, but she had added: "If you had not treated me as a child, but more as a woman, it might have been different."

Wife Admits Other Man.

In part, the letter read: "Dear—There is no use beating around the bush any longer. I am leaving for good. There isn't enough mother love in me to give up my life. It is foolish of me to make any more promises I can't keep.

"You know in the last seven years there has always been a third party. I have made promises before, you know. Some have lasted two weeks, and some two years. So what is the use of going into it again? It only means a bigger battle each time.

"I don't think there is any love on either side any more. You won't need to worry. If you want a divorce, go ahead; I will not oppose it. I don't want anything that belongs to you. I would like the privilege of seeing the children once in a while, in case I am near enough. But if you feel that I should not, it will be all right.

"There is no use blaming any one else for this. It has been coming for some time. I am simply dissatisfied. There is no need to blame this other one, for if it had not been him there would have been some one else. He was encouraged by me.

"There is something missing between us. It is more of the feeling I would have for a father rather than to a husband. It has always been that way. You have treated me like you would treat the children, not as though I was a woman. So just let's quit friends."

Two Isles of Pines.

There are two islands called the "Isle of Pines." One is a French prison colony southeast of New Orleans and the other is a famous vacation resort south of Cuba.

The latter island belongs to Cuba, and is the source of many grapefruits. The small isle was shunned for some time after its discovery by Columbus because it became infested with Caribbean pirates. Later, under Spanish rule in Cuba, it led a sleepy, isolated existence and was used for Spanish convict settlements. Most of the prisoners sent there were persons who had plotted the overthrow of Spanish rule in Cuba. During American control, after the Spanish-American war, citrus orchards were developed there. The island is very fertile and has a wonderful climate.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

LYTELL RAPS THE MALE VAMP

Star in "The Meanest Man in the World" Denies That He's a Sheik

Girls! Heed the warning! Bert Lytell is out of the running! He's too modest to admit anything that will put him in the Valentino class! He denies emphatically, almost swearingly, that he is a male vamp! He simply won't be a "sheik" to please any woman.

His "fan" letters have increased a thousand fold since the slender, dark men have become a vogue, but Bert doesn't think that's the reason.

The star was found on the side lines of "The Meanest Man in the World" set at Principals Picture studios, Hollywood.

"I'm not the cake-eater type," he said. "I don't want to be confused with hairy arms and chest; the suave-ly heart-bandid, or anything else except an honest-to-goodness normal man with normal politeness and a normal amount of common sense."

"Some movie fans save photographs just like some other people save coupons," he continued. "I don't know how many stars' pictures it takes to get a nickel-plated cook stove, but I'm not silly enough to think that just because someone is in love with me."

"What makes you dark chaps so popular these days?" asked a young woman who is also a member of the "Meanest Man" cast.

"Why, I'm not versed on that subject—is there a vogue for the darker men? That's right—Rudolph Valentino, Tony Moreno, I guess that's right," he mused. "Somehow I never thought of myself being in the class."

Lytell admits he likes the old-fashioned girl, the kind that wears ruffles and doesn't play politics. It all came out with: "How do you like knickers for men to wear to business?"

Quick as a flash he came back with: "A lot better than I like 'em on women!"

"The Meanest Man in the World," a First National picture, will be shown at the Strand Theatre for one week, beginning Sunday.

ALAN HALE IS VERSATILE ACTOR

Proves He Can Part Almost Any Kind of Tark with Little Change Except Clothes

Alan Hale, who plays the part of Prince Moritz von Hohenhauer in Frank Lloyd's First National Picture "Black Oxen," which is to be the feature attraction at the Rialto theatre, for one week starting Sunday, enjoys the unique distinction of being one actor who is decidedly in a class apart from other noted screen artists.

Mr. Hale is what is technically termed a "regenerative heavy," and is, according to casting directors, the only such character type of prominence in motion pictures. Mr. Hale obtains this unique honor by virtue of the fact that he has not played straight leads, nor villainous heavies, has never been a romantic hero or an unfortunate, or unreliable, screen person. He has always been just between any two classifications to which he might possibly become affiliated.

Though he possessed the bulk of a heavy, Hale has a face that is anything but villainous. Neither is he romantic nor so athletic in appearance that he could play straight heroes. Realizing this, Hale has made secondary leads and straight character portrayals his forte. In "Robin Hood" Hale played a knight; in "One Glorious Day" he played an attorney; in "Hollywood" his portrayal in the dream sequence was devoid of considerable make-up, and in "The Covered Wagon" his rugged Western characterization was an achievement. In "Main Street" Hale played a Swedish character, yet with all these varied types of parts Hale has not added anything to his natural facial features and he was chosen to play the Austrian prince in "Black Oxen" because he more closely resembled a true monarchical aristocrat than any one of twenty well known screen character actors who would have had to "make-up" their faces to play the part.

"Alan Hale's face is so easily adapted to use in odd characters that I believe, that without any change other than clothes, he might play two or three parts in one picture without people realizing it," Mr. Lloyd says of the actor.

"GIGGLES" MIS-NAMED; SHOULD BE "SCREAMS"

Attraction at Gayety said to be One Long Guffaw. Ten Musical Spillers Extra.

A visit to Columbia Burlesque at the popular Gayety theatre next

week should be planned by lovers of light entertainment and admirers of pretty girls. "Giggles" is the name of the attraction scheduled for the week and its producers give assurance in advance that this title only half conveys the amount of fun that will be found in its nine attractive scenes.

It is reported from other cities where "Giggles" has played, that while there are plenty of giggles as the show proceeds there are lots more real hearty laughs. Producer Levitt, Harry Evanson and William Davis, the authors of the book, have striven for comedy and are declared to have been unusually successful. An organization that knows how to get the most out of the amusing lines and situations is said to have been assembled.

This aggregation of fun makers is headed by Harry Evanson, the featured comedian, and includes William Davis, Joe Lang, Sid Rogers, Olive DeCovney, Mildred Simmons, Kitty Warren, Zoe North, the Burley Symphonists and La Penty and Kaney. Harry Evanson is well known to local theatregoers as a boob comedian and is said to be funnier than ever. William Davis, a very clever straight man, is the foil for Evanson's comedy undertakings.

Kitty Warren is noted in the world of entertainment for her impersonations of male types as well as for the facility and grace of the style of entertaining she does as a singing and dancing soubrette. Sid Rogers and Joe Lang are character comedians who will assist Harry Evanson in perpetuating waves of laughter to the last ripple. The ten Musical Spillers is an added attraction.

Mildred Simmons, ingenue, who possesses a pleasing personality and a fine voice; La Penty and Kaney are marvelous dancers who come from far off Argentine while the Six Burley Jazz Band is composed of women who are declared the best instrumental interpreters of syncopated tunes heard in many moons.

Costumes of rare and beautiful design are changed ten times in the twice-daily presentations of "Giggles" by a chorus of girls favored with good looks and talent.

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

SHIPPING BOARD BAND AT ORPHEUM THEATRE

Probably no other orchestra in this country has ever been launched with so many unusual stage effects, ornamentalations and special devices as the United States' Shipping Board's S. S. Leviathan orchestra, which comes as one of the big events of the season at the Orpheum theatre this week.

The United States government, interesting to relate, has gone into vaudeville, literally. That is, the Shipping Board "presents" this orchestra. The orchestra is the same organization that played aboard the Leviathan on its maiden trip to Europe under the auspices of the United States Shipping board.

What has been accomplished is quite a new thing in entertainment. Bringing forward the stage picture of the deck of the Leviathan itself, with a moving background showing the big liner leaving New York, this modern dance orchestra is presented precisely as it appeared aboard the gigantic Leviathan. The curtain goes up with the band playing and it looks as if they were actually moving out to sea.

First, however, the playgoers' taste will be excited by the lobby and front of the house display at the Orpheum. There is a gang-plank leading to the box office, and signs over the boxing office window reading, "Book Passage Here."

The S. S. Leviathan Orchestra that Paul Whiteman has organized, which is the first dance orchestra ever presented by the government to get people to patronize American ships, is interesting ensemble, being composed of college boys, the majority from the south.

One the same bill are the sensational Indian baritone, Chief Caupolican; Jimmy Luces, the irrepressible nut comedian; Franker Wood and Bquee Wyde, a team of former Omahans, who offer a "hokumatical-disconnected-travesty," entitled, "All Right Eddy;" Charles Harrison and Sylvia Dakin with Billy Hogue in "The Three of Us"; the Klown Revue, and Carter and Cornish, two dusky wing-footed dancers.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE CAUGHT IN BOOZE RAIDS

Last week when the government raided King Fong's place on Sixteenth street, four people well known and very respectable fell victims. They were taken to the station, of course, and now they are explaining to their friends. The truth is, these people were well known in the best circles and are members of one of Omaha's good churches. They were simply eating a bowl of chop suey and taking a nip of the prohibited stuff when picked up. Such things will happen in the best regulated families. Even the churches are not safe. This prohibition law is a great thing.



CAPTIVATING KITTIE WARREN,

Roguish soubrette with "Giggles" and the 10 Musical Spillers, the big double show at the popular Gayety twice daily all next week.

TOM REDMOND MAKES

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Tom Redmond, who is one of the big men at the Burgess-Nash store is a delightful fellow, especially at Yuletide time. The editor of The Mediator wishes to acknowledge his remembrance. Many happy returns of the day for Tom is the best wishes of this weekly newspaper.

MILES GREENLEAF TURNS HIS HAND TO SOCIETY ITEM

Miles Greenleaf, who writes much of the sports for the World-Herald, and is known by his works, digressed a few minutes last week to do a society stunt for his paper. The occasion was a card party at his own home. It is worth any person's time to read Miles description of the happenings. He goes at it hammer and tongs, and for a society editor and writer, too, we say he will do.

WOULD SUE BEGGER TO CATCH A LOUSE

It is reliably reported that a certain well known local female character has attempted through her attorney to sue, and perhaps attempt to blackmail Sam Rubin, a local hotel man. The exact details are not at hand, but according to our own dope, the old girl is only playing a joke on herself.

Sueing a begger to catch a louse is lots of fun, but very expensive. The woman in question thought Ruben worth about 75 thousand dollars. The facts seem to be that he is actually worth about 75 cents in his own right.

However it is pretty generally well known that his wife has several valuable properties. When the attorney for this woman looked up the county records and found Sam was possessor of nothing but a smile, he was plenty peeved and disappointed.

HUMMEL GIVES HANSOM PARK SHAVE, HAIRCUT, MASSAGE

Midwinter dreams came true today to about 'steen thousand kids and a few hundred grown ups when one of Commissioner Hummel's hired hands shoveled off the last drop of snow from the solidly frozen water at Hansom park today. A large number of men have been at work massaging the surface of the famous pond in order to give the skaters an inning. If you are growing old and think life is not worth living, just go out to the park any day or night and watch the kids cutting figure 8 and pulling other trick stunts. It will rejuvenate you and a gland operation will become unnecessary.

COLONEL JEWELL KNOWS GOOD THING AT SIGHT

Colonel B. W. Jewell, sovereign advisor of the Woodmen of the World, knows a good thing when he sees it, and usually takes advantage of every opportunity to get in right. New Year's day he sent, as is usual for him to do, a check for his subscription. Enclosed in his letter was a New Year greeting card, a picture of himself and a fine letter. The Colonel says the doctor lets him walk down hill but puts a stepper on his walking up hill. He thinks, however, he will be normal again in the near future. The picture of the colonel was taken down in Florida, where he usually spends his winters. This year, however, he will stay in Omaha, he says, unless things get too rigorous. The colonel is a great traveler.

BIG CONCRETE PLANT AFLOAT

Interesting Mechanical Contrivance for Use in Great Lakes Harbor Improvements.

Among the interesting mechanical sights on the Great Lakes is a complete concrete plant afloat. This has been used in important harbor improvements, and the plant has a capacity of 150 yards a day. It rests upon a scow, which is easily run alongside of the cribs on which the concrete dock is to be built. The concrete is poured into the forms from one end of the scow.

At the forward end of the scow are separate divisions for crushed stone and sand. A whirle located just to the rear of these is used to lift the stone and sand to the mixer. The cement is kept in a house to the rear of the whirle, and is raised to the mixer by means of an elevator. To the elevator it is loaded and unloaded by hand. Power to operate the machinery and to furnish electric light is supplied by an upright engine.

Our Most Beautiful Words.

A somewhat novel contest was held recently in New York to decide the twenty most beautiful words in the English language. Thousands of people took part, and John Shea, a lawyer, was declared the winner. Of the 25 words submitted by Mr. Shea, 21 were accepted. The words accepted were: Melody, splendor, adoration, eloquence, virtue, innocence, faith, joy, honor, radiance, nobility, sympathy, heaven, love, divine, hope, harmony, happiness, purity, liberty. Three words were rejected: "Grace," "Justice" and "truth." The two former were eliminated, it was explained, because of the harshness of the "g" in "grace," and the "j" in "justice." The word "truth" was eliminated because of its metallic sound. Why the words "mother" and "home" were not included in the list will appear somewhat puzzling to many readers.

Begger Pitied the Queen.

The recent celebration of Queen Wilhelmina's jubilee revives many stories of her youth in Florence, where she lived for a while with her mother. It is related that one day they were going along the Lung Arno, when they were accosted by a beggar. The queen regent wanted to push on, fearing that her daughter might catch some fearful disease, but the little queen, having a will of her own, insisted on stopping. She questioned the man in broken Italian, believing herself quite unknown, and on proceeding gave him half a franc. He looked from the silver in his hand to her, and then back again, and at last said, with an air of impertinence: "So your subjects keep you as short as that! Poor queen."

A Projectile's Speed.

Experiments with improved instruments for measuring the velocity of projectiles have shown that the speed continues to increase after the missile has left the mouth of the gun. Leaving the muzzle with a velocity of about 1,474 feet a second, a projectile has been observed to increase its speed to about 1,680 feet per second within the first six feet. It is only after having traveled about 25 yards that the projectile's velocity becomes reduced to the speed that it had on leaving the muzzle. This is ascribed to the impulse of the expanded gas being felt for some distance beyond the gun's mouth.

He Knows Now.

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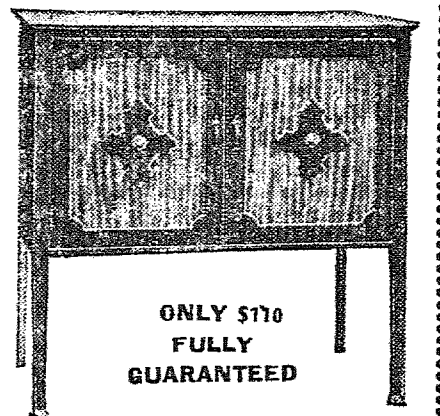
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