

# MANY GOOD MEN NOMINATED

## SHOPMENS STRIKE IN DEADLOCK STAGE

Decided Stand by Government To Be Taken

### BOTH SIDES MAKING BIG CLAIMS

Union Pacific Claim to Have Fully Fifty Per Cent of Normal Force at Work—Burlington Says, Conditions Vastly Improved—Unions Declare All Members Standing Pat—Settlement Expected Soon.

For four weeks now the railroads and their shopmen have been in a deadlock, each side battling for their rights with every weapon at their command. The same is true with the miners and operators with the difference that they went to the mat nearly four months ago and are just as far from a satisfactory settlement as they were when the men went on strike.

Reports are coming to local Burlington office that the strike is practically over. Nearly 1600 men have been put to work filling strikers' places at Havelock. New accretions at the rate of more than one hundred a day are being made to this force. The Union Pacific has been equally fortunate in securing men to fill the gap, they assert that fully fifty per cent of their normal force is now back at work in the shops.

The shopmen on the Union Pacific begin to realize that they are not dealing with a man like Horace G. Burt. Gray has handled the matter in an intelligent manner and says that he will continue to do so. He is perfectly willing to treat with his men but not willing for them to lay down rules of employment which could not be carried out by his road if he so desired.

Many good citizens in all walks of life who have kept in close touch with current events declare that an industrial war in America is sure to develop unless true blue, one hundred per cent Americans wake up to the danger and find a way out of a desperate condition that confronts the country. This seems a strained view in face of the many crises that the United States has faced in the past and always come out with the spirit of our forefathers prevailing in the end.

The spirit of give and take in industrial disputes it would appear has been in large measure lost during recent years. This is especially true in major industries. Workers will not admit that employers have a right to their view of employment and conditions of employment; employers at the same time seem to think it un-American in spirit to be dictated to by walking delegates who would dictate the conditions under which industry may obtain workers.

In the present shopmen's strike there are very distinctly two sides to the argument with both sides having some good arguments for their side of the issue. The buying public, that part of it that is effected directly or indirectly by freight and passenger rates, and that part of it takes in a very large part of the adult population, has been after rail executives continually for lower rates. They have been incessant in their demands to such an extent that the railroads have been compelled to take notice and act. They were handicapped in their efforts to materially reduce prices for transportation largely because of the high wages and salaries they have been paying. While these wages may not be more than enough to keep their men in the necessities and comforts of life they have been such as to leave no margin on which to base a material cut and at the same time save themselves from bankruptcy.

The general price level has been reduced during the past eighteen months to such an extent that to bring freight and passenger rates to the same level and at the same time provide even a very small return on the railroad in-

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JUST KIDS—Against Big Odds! By Ad Carter



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Omaha has more sky scrapers than any city of its size, fifteen, eighteen and nineteen story buildings rear their heads in many down town streets, with others going up. Millions of dollars are being spent in new buildings this year while other millions are being spent in public improvements.

Here are a few figures that should interest everyone that has a sense of civic pride: Retailing aggregated at total of over \$100,000,000 in 1921, a rather dull year; the factory output

was \$327,000,000; wholesaling \$346,270,525, to be exact; live stock receipts, 6,859,593 head; grain receipts, \$65,470,400; pig lead, in which production Omaha leads the country, was valued at \$22,467,150.

There are twenty-three public parks containing nearly a thousand acres besides some fine private parks, including Krug, a fine amusement park. Two new High schools are being erected; one, Technical High, to cost more than three million dollars, the other over a million, making five High schools in the city. There are three fine bathing beaches, thirteen public playgrounds, two private and nine municipal base ball grounds.

Omaha is the second largest live stock market, first in butter, ore refining and other things worth while. 112 towns, cities and villages are directly in the path of Omaha's trade territory. During the last ten years the population has increased 54 per cent. But why go on for ever with statistics, nearly every one knows that this is the best town in the United States so we will let it go at that.

## VOTERS IN COUNTY PICK THE RIGHT MEN

Real Battle Now on Between Republicans and Democrats

### CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTION ON SOON

Mike Clark at the Steering Wheel for the Hot Drive Down the Avenue of Success—Endres Sheds Donkey for Sheriff Sweepstakes—Hanley's Ship Sails Smoothly.

The great state of Nebraska with its almost one hundred per cent of literate voters have nominated their favorites for state and local officials to represent the various political parties at the coming fall election and for the most part made a good job of it. That seems especially true of Douglas county where they done their part in nominating some of the very best men that was seeking office.

The democrats nominated Hitchcock in spite of Major Domo High, low priestess of the Anti-Saloon league, who had a hand picked candidate who received an insignificant vote. But the democrats failed to nominate a man for governor who could and probably would have won. Dan Butler was the logical man for the race but the name Bryan was strong enough in certain quarters to beat the Omaha commissioner by a comparatively small margin. Democrats of Omaha and in a large part of the state are simply not going to stomach "Brother Charley" and are sure to turn against him in favor of the republican nominee, who may be either Randall or McMullen, with the chances favoring the former. Only the finish of the official count will tell. They are both good men so it matters little, the state will at least be rid of McKelvie.

The people of the state on the republican side chose Howell as the Moses to lead them out of the dark fastnesses of standpatism fostered on them by the republican administration, thereby defeating a good man in the person of Albert Jefferis. Howell is a brilliant man and if he could do as well legislating for the people at large as he has done for his water constituents in the Metro-

politan Water district things would not go so bad with Nebraskans at the capitol.

If James Hanley didn't know just how popular he was with democrats in this district, the verdict of July 18 was sufficient proof in the matter. He is up against a hard man to beat in Charles Sears but he can do it and no doubt will. Out in the state they nominated some mighty good men on both tickets for congress, so that Nebraska should be well represented at the national capitol no matter who happens to win out.

Here in Douglas county they done the job up in fine shape so far as local offices are concerned, in spite of several good men being defeated in both parties. The republicans, of course, put Mike Clark at the steering wheel for the hot drive down the avenue of success. Mike knows how to step on 'er when making a race so that Endres will have to feed up the old donkey with a lot of Jamaica ginger in order to pull up at the post next November. Mr. Endres is an old time racer as well and usually has his political nag out in front when the bell rings, so that the race for sheriff is destined to be the feature racing card of the local political meet.

Such sturdy old war horses as Louis Adams, Harry Pearce, Frank Dewey, Lloyd Magney, Henry Beal, Adam Sloup and C. H. Kubat won out for local offices. They nearly all bat about 1,000 and are regular Babe Ruths when it comes to knocking their political foes for a home run in the swivel chair and official desk. They are major leaguers and are out to win the pennant.

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## SENDS MEN TO THEIR GRAVE BY THE DENATURED ALCOHOL ROUTE

Few Unscrupulous Money-mad Manufacturers Redistilling Denatured Alcohol and Selling It as Beverage Drink—Federal, State and Local Officers on Their Trail—Jig About Up.

Local, state and federal officers are determined to wipe out a bunch of unscrupulous chemical manufacturers and a few druggists who have lost all conscientious business scruples for the lust of gold. Evidence has accumulated that certain men and companies are redistilling denatured alcohol and selling it as a drink.

But a very, very few druggists have stooped to this degrading practice and the same may be said of the local chemical companies, though if but a single company was guilty of such a deliberate fraud it may have the effect of putting a large number of users in an untimely grave.

There are quite a number of chemical companies doing a perfectly legitimate business, making various preparations that are in a way essential to the trade. They would be only too glad to see the parasites in the business get their just deserts which are coming to them in due time. It is the same with the druggists, they too for the most part are content to follow their legitimate business lines and leave the unjlawful liquor business to the professional bootlegger.

It is true however that a few druggists not only sell large quantities of diluted grain alcohol both retail and wholesale but are such degenerate that they sell and redistill denatured alcohol and traffic generally in dope of all kinds. These few druggists are so self-centered and brazen as to im-

agine they are getting by in the easiest possible manner, without the knowledge of the public, the officials or the newspapers, or those papers that make it a point to find out about such things. They have another guess coming.

Frank Williams, head of the local morals squad, has been reading the riot act to some of them and will no doubt soon have a list of most of those who are dealing in this, the worst possible form of death dealing drink. Before this issue reaches its readers it is very probable that two or three of the guiltiest ones will have been arrested or had a summons to appear before the proper authorities in an attempt to clear themselves.

There are at least two chemical companies and as many druggists who, common report has it, have been redistilling this terrible stuff and palming it off on the part of the drinking public in large quantities. It is bad enough for those who drink even the better class of moonshine but the unfortunate devil who unknown to himself drinks regularly of this death dealing, blinding poison has only the grave to look forward to long before his time.

The Mediator has no quarrel with druggists, chemical companies or anyone else, but as soon as it garners a little more direct evidence about those who are so base as to make and peddle this concoction, it is going to let the public know about these in language that all can readily understand.

## Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

The Overland hotel restaurant was getting a reputation for serving some pretty swell feeds but had been losing some of its lustre on account of its poor brand of hooch according to the oldest inhabitant.

Some of the local lame ducks who had went down to defeat at the primaries would make people believe they were double crossed when in fact they were simply carrying too much weight to come under the wire.

It had been reported that Judge Foster stretched his right paw heavenward and shouted, "Oh Death where is thy sting," after the primaries, but later reports said he used the word defeat instead of death.

Workmen on the Street Car Company's paving outfit were happy when they were on the job at Sixteenth and Cass. It was so handy to slip away and get a drink and get back before the foreman knew they had been gone.

There had been a Sixteenth Street barber who the natives said brought an eighteen-year old girl from Iowa to the village and after sticking around with her for three weeks walked away one morning with a smile, a watch and \$38 which the fairy had made. She said he could keep the dam smile but she wanted the watch and thirty-eight bucks back.

Quite a large number of Speak-Easies hadn't been speaking at all during July but many of them were in hopes of getting their voice back as soon as the weather and other things cooled off a bit.

The crime and marcel waves had about disappeared from the village which was a good thing for the overworked police and the purse of the girls who were having their hair done that way. Not more than twice as many hooch shops were opening as were being closed, while some of the girls were busy enough looking for easy money without bothering with marceling up.

One of the old homesteads of the town disappeared as if by magic during the week. It was there where many singing societies held their weekly singests. Many out of town notables have stopped at the old landmark and went away rejoicing. There weren't very many sicks to the shame of the burg.

Some chemical companies and drug stores were about to receive a society call from Frank Williams & Co. Re-distilling denatured alcohol was getting to be one of the principal industries of the burg. Those contemplating suicide had been asking where they could get an ounce of the product.

## POLL SHOWS MAJORITY OF PEOPLE FAVOR MODIFYING VOLSTEAD ACT

Second Tabulation by Literary Digest of More than 200,000 Shows Sixty-three Per Cent of People Would Modify or Repeal Eighteenth Amendment—10,000,000 to Be Heard From—Omaha Man Gives His Views.

The first poll and second tabulation of more than two hundred thousand votes on the Eighteenth Amendment has proved a knockout for prohibition and the Volstead enforcement act. While the recorded vote so far is very small compared to the total of ten million, that the Literary Digest expects to have recorded before election, it is fairly representative and shows a decided preference for a modification of the obnoxious enforcement act.

Readers will remember that the Literary Digest, one of the most widely circulated weeklies in the world, started recently to poll ten million voters on their stand on the prohibition and bonus legislation which to the average man is of much more interest than is tariff or any other legislation now before congress and the country. The vote so far recorded indicates that those favoring the continuation and enforcement of the present prohibition laws total 36.94 per cent of those voting, while 41.05 per cent favor a modification of the law to permit light wines and beer. 22.01 per cent of the vote was recorded in favor of repealing the prohibition law altogether.

In other words those favoring the strict enforcement of the law out of 207,394 voting, number 76,597, while those against the present law and want it either repealed or modified

to permit the manufacture and sale of wine and beer number 130,797. The percentage being 36.94 per cent for enforcement against 63.06 per cent for repeal or modification. This seems to indicate that the law in the minds of the people has been a failure and all wrong. One thing the comparatively small vote indicates is that the general public is violently opposed to the old wide open saloon, just as they are opposed to the law as it stands. They want the liberty to take a drink but do not again want to contend with the many handicaps the saloon as it was, forced upon their patrons and the public.

The rabid prohibitionists are throwing a duck fit because the very independent disseminator of current thought, the Literary Digest, is gathering together the public's opinion of these two all absorbing questions. They are ready with a handy alibi if the vote should go against them, claiming that prohibitionists would not vote but that the "Antis" would.

The Digest asked William H. Anderson, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, to give his views of the poll and the idea of taking the poll, after he had been shown the first returns, which he did. After saying that he believed fully in the honesty, good faith and fairness of the Literary Digest, he says he thinks

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**POLL SHOWS MAJORITY PEOPLE FAVOR MODIFYING THE VOLSTEAD ACT.**

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it unwise and unjust (probably meaning to the Anti-Saloon League followers) and must be inconclusive and may be a hindrance to enforcement and law observance.

An Omaha real estate dealer sent in the following comment with his vote: "The Volstead Act is an absolute failure, except that it puts the saloons out of business, Uncle Sam is the only one who can dispense liquor and do it right." There are thousands of citizens throughout the country who think the same way as this local realtor.

Looking at the mooted question from the standpoint of states and state legislatures, it would seem to be impossible to repeal the law as it would take the vote of just as many state legislatures to repeal it as it did to make the Eighteenth amendment. This means that only thirteen states would be required to sustain the amendment in order to save it. There are many more states than that with largely rural population which would vote against the repeal. It would be possible to pick out thirteen states with a total population of less than three million people who could thwart the will of a large majority of the rest of the people as represented by their state legislatures. It would seem that the only practical way to relieve the people of the law is to modify it by amending the Volstead act so as to permit light wines and beers.

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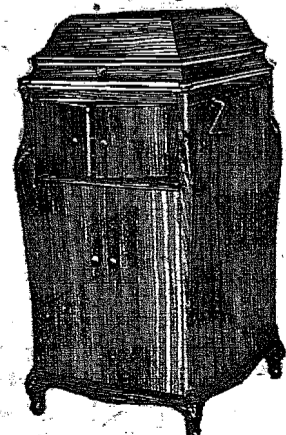
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Railway Association Recommends Standard Colors.

One of the Suggestions Made in the Interest of Public Safety is Use of Yellow in Automobile Tail Lights.

Chicago.—In the interest of public safety recommendations for the standardization of colors for traffic signals are being considered. These recommendations were made on behalf of the signal section of the American Railway Association at a recent conference requested by the Illuminating Engineering Society and the International Traffic Officers' Association and held under the auspices of the American engineering standards committee. The recommendations are:

1. The principle of red for stop everywhere, unless qualified by a more favorable indication—that is, at highway crossings with railroads if train is approaching, in fixed signals and in the hands of traffic officers, at street intersections, at the ends of streets, and possibly to indicate excavations in streets.

2. Yellow for tail lights of automobiles, possibly excavations in streets and for calling policemen, or for any other purpose where caution is required; possibly at busy street intersections to indicate that the traffic lights will be changed from red to green or from green to red.

3. Green lights for fire escapes, for proceed at street intersections and other purposes to indicate the way is clear.

In presenting these recommendations on behalf of the signal section A. H. Rudd, chief signal engineer of the Pennsylvania system, said:

"The railroads are particularly interested in eliminating the use of the red light for various purposes other than that of indicating danger or stop unless qualified by a more favorable color. They desire that any scheme devised may conflict as little as possible with their own signal systems already established and that uniformity of indications in the protection of highway crossings at grade may be established."

**HAS GOPHER TURTLE**



Miss Theodora Otseu is pictured here with the gopher turtle brought from the dry pine woods of Florida by Curator Englehardt of the Brooklyn museum. The turtle is of a queer species and known to be a vegetarian, feeding for most part on grass and various farm products. It is exceptionally tame and harmless, and at the least show of battle on the part of other animals will draw its head and legs into its shell.

**PARIS BEAUTY SUES MANAGER**

France's "Queen of Queens" Passes Up Marriage for Stage Contract.

Paris, France.—Because he dashed her hopes of becoming a stage star, France's "most beautiful girl" is suing a theatrical manager for breach of contract.

Elected by popular vote France's "queen of queens" for 1922 and acclaimed the most adorable out of 5,000,000 adorable blondes and brunettes, Mlle. Germaine Buchet expected to fulfill her childhood dreams of appearing before the footlights.

She turned down many offers of marriage, she alleges, to sign a contract for appearance in the operetta "Helen Returns," but the role went to a rival beauty.

Now Mlle. Buchet demands that the court make the manager keep his promise or pay.

**Skunks Lure Bees From Hives, Eat 'Em**

Washington.—A report from Ohio received by the biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture says that skunks are giving a great deal of trouble to beekeepers in that region. The skunks visit the hives at night and scratch on the outside till the bees come out. As soon as they appear the skunks eat them. The biological survey recommends that under such conditions the hives be fenced in with chicken wire at least three feet high.

**MORE TROUBLE FOR STATE BANK**

New Developments Point to An Early Sensation at Alliance—Old Case.

Alliance, Nebr., July 27.—Since the arrest here some two weeks ago of Frank Palmer for parading about the streets with a bunch of banners telling of what he thought of the State Bank and its officers, things have been developing which promise to create quite a sensation.

Some months ago Palmer secured a judgment against the bank for several thousand dollars and at that time the town divided into two camps, for and against the bank. The matter was hushed up in the local papers and but very little was heard of it from the outside. Inside information concerning some queer deals that led to the controversy is about to get to the public, so it is said, which will cause a second and greater sensation than the original trial.

It is hinted that one of the men connected with the bank was mixed up in an affair of the heart which if it comes to final trial will equal if not exceed the interest created by the bank's troubles. Box Butte county should have something unusual to talk about during the next two or three weeks.

**AT THE EMPRESS**

"Her Night of Nights", made by Universal, comes to the Empress Theatre next Thursday.

A rollicking round of action and flapperisms is said to give Miss Prevost the sort of a role she "shines" in. The story was adapted from a magazine short story by C. S. Montanye. Hobart Henley, one of the headline directors at Universal City, directed its filming.

In the leading role opposite Miss Prevost, Edward Hearne will be seen. Halham Cooley, Betty Francisco, Richard Daniels, William Robert Daly, George B. Williams, Charles Arling, Jade Star, and others have important supporting parts.

In the production of "Her Night of Nights" the chief beauties among the sixty models associated with Peggy Hamilton fashion revues and style shows of the "Lady Duff Gordon of America" were used in staging an elaborate fashion show. The story pictures the exclusive shops of Fifth Avenue, and the heroine is "the latest thing in models."

But interspersed with the society atmosphere are scenes of quieter action in the suburban districts brought in by a simple love interest.

**CALLING FAITHFUL TOGETHER**

The Grand Old Party has sent forth a clarion call for the duly elected electors of that party to assemble at the Auditorium in the bubbling city of Lincoln, August 15th at eleven o'clock A. M., at which time they will select a state central committee, adapt a platform and transact other business that may properly appear before the convention. They also recommend that the several counties throughout the state elect their delegates as required by law on August 8th. Douglas county is entitled to be represented by 115 delegates.

While the republicans are powwowing down at the Capitol, the democrats will hold forth at the Paxton hotel in this city. This means that Omaha will entertain a thousand or so dyed in the wool democrats who will prepare a program and a platform with which to start on a revival campaign to lick the suffering day-lights out of the opposition.

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RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 8,796,273.93
U. S. Bonds for Circulation	50,000.00
Banking House	107,062.14
U. S. Bonds and Certificates	490,581.54
Other Bonds	117,250.00
Cash and Due from Banks	6,034,280.95
	\$15,595,448.56

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock Paid In	\$ 1,000,000.00
Surplus	500,000.00
Undivided Profits	345,594.70
National Bank Notes	49,700.00
Deposits	13,700,153.86
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