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POLITICS BACK OF ENDRES' LETTERS

NO WHISKEY, NO BEER, NO WINE, BUT NEARLY EVERYONE DRINKS

Noted Newspaper Man Unknowingly Makes
Arguments For Beer and Wine

"REAL STUFF" ONLY IDLE DREAM

Millionaires Pay Fabulous Prices for Phony Label Goods—Not News
To Bootleggers—Common Herd Drinks Hootch and
Live—Local Sap Heads May Now Stop Buying
"Old Taylor" and Other Brands.

Yes, we have no whiskey today, not in Omaha, not any place if the word of A. B. Macdonald, prominent writer for the Curtis publications is to be taken seriously. His offer of five hundred dollars for a bottle of the real stuff backed by Bob Samardick's similar offer is of unusual interest to Omaha people just now, especially those that have forked over big money under the impression that they were really buying whiskey. The very few booze runners that are still doing business between Omaha and Canada, Mexico, Peoria, Illinois or Kentucky will get a real kick out of the statement, and have a laugh at the expense of the poor suckers that lay down from twelve to twenty dollars a quart for the "real" stuff.

Genuine bottled in bond whiskey simply "aint" but it doesn't seem to make a great deal of difference at that. Drinkers have been educated up or down to, (as one may choose to say,) hootch and white mule. They are drinking in the same old way, only more so and seem little worse off than during the days when they could buy the best on the market. While the Anti-saloon League propagandists are moving heaven and earth to make people believe that they will be killed by drinking present day liquor concoctions or that they will at least go blind or some other calamity happen them, facts seem to warrant the assertion that some fifty thousand Omaha men and women are and have been drinking the stuff without any visible ill effects.

In this connection we believe that Omaha saloon keepers who were operating when prohibition went into effect will sit down in some quiet corner and "laugh and laugh". When the handwriting on the prohibition

wall was seen with the naked eye, a very large percentage of the saloonists figured that it was time to make one final "cash in", which they proceeded to do by serving near beer for the real thing, handing out watered booze and refilling wine bottles with poor imitations. These tricks went over with no one the wiser. The usual amount of booze hounds died, the usual amount of them lived to drink the "poisonous" imitations of the present day.

Personally we believe that Mr. Macdonald gave the best reason in the world for a modification of the Volstead Enforcement Act to the extent that the sale of line wines and been would be legalized, though he did not mean his assertion and bet that way. Here is a man prominent in American journalism who boasts of having bought booze all over the country, all of it bad, without trouble. He tells of buying at all the leading clubs and hotels in the country. If he did that and there can be no doubt about it, it is reasonable to expect that any man with the price can do the same thing. That being the case how in the name of all that is fair can the Anti-saloon league claim that prohibition is even partially effective.

Granting then that prohibition is not effective would it not be much better that the sale of lighter drinks be legalized. It would not only serve to give drinkers a purer article but would at the same time bring millions of dollars into the United States treasury and save that amount to the already over taxed business man. What do you say?

OMAHA THE WONDER CITY OF WEST ENJOYS STEADY AND CONSISTENT GROWTH

City One of Leaders in Per Capita Telephone Users—Nebraska Power Company To Expend \$3,000,000 Next Year to Take Care of Increased Demand—Omaha Fourth City in Home Ownership—Know Omaha First.

Omaha is growing—steadily and rapidly.

Dependable population figures issued by the Census Bureau of Washington show it. A recent school census shows it and substantiating evidence is given in increased demand for all public utilities and services.

The following statement showing Omaha's growth has just been issued by the Bureau of Publicity of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce:

"Omaha's official population as shown by the Federal census in 1920 was 191,601. In the spring of this year the census bureau at Washington credited Omaha with a population of 204,382. The latest school census estimates Omaha's present population at 209,173.

"Omaha's municipally owned public utilities show a growth in the number of Omahans being supplied with water, gas and ice. In 1923 the daily demand for water in Omaha increased two million gallons. More than 2,000 additional water services have been installed during the past ten months.

"Omaha being one of the leading cities of the United States in the per capita use of the telephones, this utility has grown rapidly in the past year, showing an increase of more than 4,000 telephones in service. The Nebraska Power Company, realizing the rapid growth of Omaha, expended large sums the present year to take care of increased demands for electric power and in 1924 more

than \$3,000,000 will be spent for additions to the present plant and the extension of the present service.

"The electric services were increased more than 4,000 the present year. The biggest increase was shown in the homes. This year 40,323 Omaha homes were using electricity or an increase of close to 3,000 services.

"The 'load' of number of kilowatt hours increased this year seventeen per cent over last year.

"The real growth of a city is reflected in the number of its homes which are owned by its occupants. Omaha is fourth in home ownership among the big cities of the nation and nearly fifty per cent of Omaha families own their own homes. In 1920 the census bureau recorded 44,499 homes in Omaha.

Approximately 1,000 homes a year have been built since 1920. Basing the figures on the recent government report giving Omaha's population as 204,382 and the average family as 4.3 persons, the present number of families estimated in Omaha is 47,530 or a gain of more than 3,000. Additional gains are apparent in persons living in flats, apartments and dwellings otherwise not designated as homes.

"Figures covering the leading industries of Omaha, recently compiled by the Bureau of Publicity indicate that 1923 will surpass 1922 in almost every department. Bank clearings for the first ten months of the present year were \$1,784,952,023 as against \$1,981,529,000 in 1922. (Continued on page 4)



BESSIE BARRISCALE

"Darling of the Screen" returns to the speaking Stage. She will appear at the Orpheum for one week beginning Sunday November 18.

KNOCKS AND BOOSTS BY THE OBSERVER

DOCTORS WIFE, with lady friend and two gentlemen, heap drunk in local hotel last week. Husband follows spouse to room. Bang, goes a bottle of alcohol to smithereens. No one killed but may have been. Hot Dog, the story of the year. Is to be printed. Wish we knew how to write scenarios, this would make a good one.

TELEPHONE directories were distributed the first of the month. If they were placed end to end they would reach 314 miles or would make a pathway of paper reaching from Omaha to Ogallala. The book is interesting but it is hard to figure out the plot.

HOT STORY but rather belated comes to light which tells of how grain man left doctor's wife in a huff because she gave her loving attention to Mr. Butler while he (the grain man) was supposed to be "IT". Two policemen arrived on complaint of neighbors but they had nothing to do according to the story which has it that Dan said he would take care of matters and told the cops to beat it. Again we say, hot stuff if true, and it probably is.

TRANSFER of police administration shows splendid results, especially in detective department. Noticed fine work of Wm. Gurnett and Fred Palmtag last few weeks. Both men re-instated under Dunn. Already made a dozen important captures including one on Monday when they nabbed the "Boone Farm" bunch of alleged outlaws. Their work is the kind that makes Omaha safe for its own citizens as well as strangers.

People's Choice Slate Goes on Rocks Quick

The Slate printed last week by the Mediator has gone on the rocks for various reasons. Boston Greene and "Baltimore" have both been dead for some time, which will make it necessary to fill these two vacancies with new timber. Then, as reports go, Jennie Calfas has been too busy swapping spits with her pup to get into the race.

With this fine trio gone, comes the announcement from Johnny Holman that neither Emil Larson nor anybody else was authorized to use his name in connection with the election.

What has been termed a "reconstruction meeting" will soon be held. Herman Metz, Elmer Thomas, Emil Larson and Dan Butler are mentioned as the persons to be present for business.

Herman Metz counted the towels, it is said and decided there was not enough of them. He also made an appeal for campaign funds, the treasury being badly depleted. Volunteers were asked for to fill vacancies.

ATTENTION READERS: Next Fridays issue of the Mediator will not be published until the following Tuesday on account of Thanksgiving.

KISSING CARNIVAL to be held at the Masonic Temple on December first. You have got to buy them. Stealing them is more popular with most people though some of us old fogies may put up a little dough to smack the right kind of a flapper if she shows the proper spirit.

Mr. SCHMITT, popular elevator man in the Karch block says that when a man or woman for that matter, is down, he feels in duty bound to give them an up-lift. When they are up and ring the bell he says they want to go below and he will take them, though he avers that should be the job of the devil.

HENRY DUNN is strong for the women as is shown by his chivalrous ruling concerning their automobile traffic infractions. At that the chief will insist that the fair sex be careful at the wheel.

PETE McGUIRE who looks after the city's morals nabbed a couple of bootleggers, whom he says were selling \$250 worth of booze each day. If true, we know a lot of cheaters that would like to be in a like position. Lot of the boys are wondering how they are going to pay the rent next month.

SLACKER is at last brought to the judgement bar. They have William Drew a war slacker in tow at Fort Crook. Long time it took to nail him but if guilty should be given about ninety-nine years. Wonder how the lawyer will feel that defends him.

SALOON MEN WANT MUTUAL CLUB TO DECLARE DIVIDEND

If anybody thinks there are no more of the old time saloon keepers in town, they should take a peek in at one of the meetings held every day in one of the down town loafing places these fellows have reserved for themselves. The other day Walter Brandes, now with the Rialto theatre made some inquiries about how much money the old Mutual club had left.

This club was made up entirely of saloon men and had a considerable balance when the state went dry. Most of it was on deposit with a building and loan institution. It has been five years since the club quit business with the result that this money has been pyramiding since that time. Now the members want it divided among themselves or given to the community chest. Definite action is expected in the near future.

OMAHA PRESS CLUB and officers of Tangier Temple Shrine will join in giving John Philip Sousa a rousing reception on November 24. The Press Club, recently organized, is composed of thirty young newspaper men and is a live wire organization. While the members put in most of their time pounding a Woodstock or some other "mill", they find time to go out and boost the city at all time.

APPEARS MICHAEL IN TIE-UP WITH BUTLER

Looks Like He Is Straining Point To Make
Deputies Do City Police Duty

SAYS NOT WORRIED ABOUT POLITICS NOW

Latest Letter to Bee Seems to Show Political Trickery Between the
Lines—Sheriff Not Elected to Mix in City Affairs
—Looks Like He is Defending Himself Against
His Own Deputies—Interesting Events
Expected Soon.

Sheriff Michael Endres has written a letter to the Omaha Bee, defending himself against the World-Herald. The editor of the Bee calls it a challenge. Whoever is right, we suggest that the World-Herald will take good care of itself in a fine manner. Mr. Hitchcock's hired men have been pretty good at this sort of business for a long time, and now that the fight is on, we will leave it to Mr. Newbranch.

Mr. Endres, in his letter, defends himself against his deputies, an attitude that is quite correct. What is not clearly understood is why he should find it necessary to defend himself, especially in view of the fact that, as he remarks he has three years yet in which to get his, that is get what he has not already gotten.

But Mr. Endres apparently believes he must write letters. We will say that he used a very fine medium when he wrote to the Omaha Bee, but what he said will decide any sane person that, as we suggested last week, he is tied up to Commissioner Butler for the spring campaign. He should remember what got Butler into so much trouble. It was his big mouth. Butler talked himself to death. He learned a lesson, however and is now employing altogether different tactics. Speaking of Mr. Butler, it is related that somebody put a bug in his ear. He is now making his spring campaign at wakes and weddings. Being a dead one himself, he has become popular at wakes, many of which he has recently attended. There is no record of his being accompanied by Sheriff Endres.

Meanwhile Sheriff Endres has taken up letter writing. His first attempt was a communication to his

deputies, which he promptly gave to the public via the newspaper route. An important part of political life, which Mr. Endres apparently has not learned, is when it is good for him to make his letters public and when to keep them under cover as nearly as possible.

Now comes another letter from the sheriff, this time to a newspaper not of his own political faith. It must simply mean that Sheriff Endres has, in his own mind, decided he never expects to be sheriff again. Meanwhile he can have lots of fun helping Mr. Butler. Between the work of both of them they are bidding very strongly for Butler's defeat at the primary election. In this they will doubtless be ably aided and abetted by the World-Herald, which has shown a decided dislike for both Mr. Endres and Mr. Butler.

In his letter to the Bee, Mr. Endres "calls attention to the fact" that for weeks prior to his transfer Mr. Butler publicly charged certain elements were demanding his removal, because the police department under his direction was actually enforcing the law, and adds "I referred to the same elements and stated that I had information that they were expecting to make Omaha a wide open town".

As a matter of truth, Mr. Endres is straining a point in his effort to be the entire police force. He apparently believes that is his duty. When it comes to action, it is one thing to be responsible for law enforcement in a city, and to do one's duty to the rest of the county. Of course, the votes are about all in the city, which doubtless is often taken to mean that the sheriff should confine his work to Omaha. As a matter of fact (Continued on page 4)

DO YOUR SHARE AND MEET THE COMMUNITY CHEST SOLICITOR WITH CHECK

Twelve Hundred Men and Women Workers to Start Drive Monday
—One Contribution Meets All Charity Requirements for Year—Every One Should Do His Share—
Twenty-nine Charities To Benefit

One thousand two hundred men and women workers in Community Chest Campaign are marking time, ready to start their city-wide canvass which will take place starting Monday, November 19th.

Thirty worthy and necessary social welfare and charitable agencies comprise the Chest. The amount to be raised \$402,000 will be divided among these thirty agencies.

These agencies consist of: Associated Charities, American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, Bethlehem Childrens Home, Creche, Christ Child Society, Camp Fire Girls, City Mission, Colored Commercial Club, Day Nursery, Disabled Veterans World War, House of Hope, Men's Service League for Boys, Minerva Cottage, Nazareth Home, Colored Old Folks Home, Nebraska Childrens Home Society, Nebraska Humane Society, Nursery Committee Rescue Home, Old Peoples Home, Omaha Social Settlement Ass'n, Society Relief of Disabled, Society for Friendless, Scandinavian Y. W. C. A. Salvation Army, Visiting Nurses Association, Y. W. C. A., Wolf Clubs, Council of Americanization, and Child Saving Institute.

It will be the aim of the Campaign Committee to visit every home, industry, factory, and business house in the city.

"Every person should give something to charity" said Director J. E. Davidson. "Some are able to, give more and some less, but everyone should give something".

Mr. Davidson said the Committee hopes to be able to obtain a minimum of \$5 from the average family. In the industries, men are being asked to give a day's wages.

"This amount spread over a period of the year is not a great deal to aid those who are less fortunate" said Mr. Davidson. This does not mean that this amount will be asked of those who live in Dundee and other such districts. Much more than that will be expected from them.

"Some families may not be able to give the \$5 minimum, but in nearly every case this should be possible".

Mr. Davidson, who has been giving his time day and night to the organization of the Campaign, said that the Committee is anxious that the people realize that this drive is "Once For All".

The "Give Once For All" slogan is being placed in every conspicuous place in the city.

The purpose of the Community Chest is to eliminate the numerous drives and tag days and to centralize charitable and social work so that the people's charity dollar will bring a full dollar's worth of service.

No doubt the business interests will do their share. It is equally important that the wage earner and salaried man contribute something, say \$5 or a days wage. You owe it to yourself to join this worthy cause. Don't give with a grudge attached. Meet the solicitor with a smile and put yourself down for some reasonable amount.

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COULD NOT STAND IT ANY LONGER

A Michigan man has quit his church because, as he says, the church has abandoned its gospel for politics. This in a strong indictment, but one that will make every thinking man spend a little time looking the matter up.

The man in question was Horatio Earle, former state highway commissioner, and a man of standing in his community. Mr. Earle intimates that he may start a church of his own, in which there will be no place for professional politicians and their friends.

It is with a view to doing away with the preacher who plays almost exclusively to the press and who takes up such demagogues as the Anti-Saloon League leaders. His new church he says, would be one where everybody would be scolded for being bad and praised for being good.

The idea is that the church is not a boiling political pot, but was established for the purpose of teaching Christianity. Earle would have no P. T. Barnum stuff in his church. Neither would he admit men, who think it is the largest part of their business to take a hand in the private affairs of the common man.

The church is no place for politicians engaged in some fad of their own to collect money for such institutions. He mentions the Anti-Saloon league. He takes one minister to task who said that a man who took a drink of liquor was a traitor to his country and should be given

the same treatment accorded traitors. He figures there are 75,000,000 of these traitors in the country with enough preachers among them to take charge of Sunday services, in which statement he is eminently correct.

Prohibition will be the death of our churches if allowed to go its way. Some say this is a single instance. It is the first time a man of Mr. Earle's high degree has had the nerve to tell the truth, but it is not the first time millions have felt that way. Mr. Earle would make a fine president. He is made of the proper stuff.

From other sources it is said Mr. Earle absolutely dislikes a drunken man or a man who is in the habit of getting drunk, which is as it should be. But the people who are with him are millions in number. The extravagance of speech and thought of radicals who have been responsible for prohibition has almost undone what their leaders have accomplished.

Prohibition has caused our people to put little faith in our lawmakers and has set down the law itself to be a joke. The next generation may believe that laws are made for nobody in particular, and to be obeyed if convenient.

Such varmint in the reform business as we have locally are responsible in a large degree for this condition, and most of them are now reaping their reward. Let us hope they may all get their due.

LOUISE VINCEQUERRA IS NOT SUCH A BAD FELLOW

Louise Vincequerra, who has been having a lot of trouble because she is alleged to have fractured Uncle Sam's liquor law, is not such a bad fellow after all. Louise has been more sinned against than she has herself sinned, according to report. Louise has moved to Council Bluffs, where she is stashed in a neat but modest cottage on North Ninth street. She refuses to longer associate with bootleggers.

Louise has two very fine children, and she is proud of them. She had hoped to make big Americans of them. She is a mother of the real sort, and has made a home for her

children, of which many mothers might well be proud. She had it immaculately furnished and kept it clean and it always looked clean and slick as a whistle.

She has lost her husband, for which she does not care very much. He is likely to be deported because of his business interest in illicit whisky. At any rate Louise has settled down in a quiet spot, and is anxious to give her children proper training and education. She is very well provided for and her family will not suffer for want of anything, so long as Louise can take care of them.

FIREMAN BETS NEW HAT ON DAN BUTLER, WONT PAY

Pat Quinlan, one of our very fine fire laddies, became enthusiastic over Bath House Dan Butler a couple of weeks ago. He made a bet of a new five dollar hat with Frank Murphy, police officer that Dan would not be removed as police commissioner. Frank went around fire headquarters the other day to collect the bet. Quinlan declined to pay, offering some alibi. Murphy is all sored up about it, and threatens to expose the fireman. Meanwhile Pat is standing "pat" and refuses to settle. Murphy may call for a grand jury.

THAT MUDDY WATER WAS VERY MUDDY FOR HOWELL

Do you good people know why the muddy water inquiry was held and why General Manager Hunt was forced to take the brunt of the battle upon himself? It was a plain attempt to give R. B. Howell a clear bill, now that he is going to Washington as United States Senator.

All this hullabaloo about muddy water would not amounted to much

except that Mr. Howell wanted a clean slate. As a matter of truth, if there was any blame to attach to a single individual for Omaha's session of a week with the muddy water, that individual was R. Beecher Howell, and it is the hope of those who are for fair play that the people shall know of this fact, once for all. Mr. Hunt is an experienced old man, capable in every respect, while Howell is comparatively young and knew little about water works, although he was being paid an immense salary for it.

Its a rank, dirty shame that the people of Omaha should fall for this business, without protest.

Depends on Direction.

The pale-looking passenger had shown signs of nervousness throughout the voyage.

Approaching the captain one day he asked: "How far are we from land, captain?"

"Oh, about three miles," replied that official.

"Only three miles?" said the passenger. "Then it's funny we can't see it."

"Oh," returned the skipper, "that's because the water isn't clear enough."

TWO SAILORS ENGAGE IN FIERCE FIGHT ON SHIP

Fireman's Arm Almost Severed and Lung Punctured by Water-tender in Stokehole Battle.

New York.—The story of a fight, far down in the stokehole of the steamship Munamar, as she lurched along through a squall, was recounted when the vessel docked here, with one man at the point of death in the sick bay and another in irons in the ship's brig.

Knives and monkey wrenches were the weapons, and Alfonso Rido, a fireman, who was worsted in the encounter by Adolpho Mochojo, water-tender, bore ghastly evidence of the fury of the fight.

His left arm was almost severed at the shoulder, one of his lungs was punctured, and his head was badly cut. Mochojo escaped with a few bruises.

The battle started, according to ship's officers, over some trifling argument. Both men seized monkey wrenches. They were separated before either had been seriously hurt.

Rido, sent forward to the ship's surgeon for treatment of a slight scalp wound, met Mochojo in a passageway. The latter had armed himself with a knife and fiercely resumed the fray.

Rido fled to the deck with Mochojo in hot pursuit, falling, finally, near the rail, literally slashed to pieces. Mochojo was overpowered and put in irons.

Baby Smothered to Death While Asleep With Poodle

Allentown, Pa.—Suffocated by a dog was the finding of Coroner Bausch, following an investigation of the death of John, two-months-old son of Mrs. Jennie de Blase of this city. The child was found dead in bed by the mother. It was thought to be sleeping soundly in its crib when Mrs. De Blase, aroused by the ringing of the doorbell went downstairs to admit her husband, who works nights in a local silk mill.

As she left the room the family pet, a French poodle, jumped from the child's crib, and it is believed that the dog slept with the baby and suffocated

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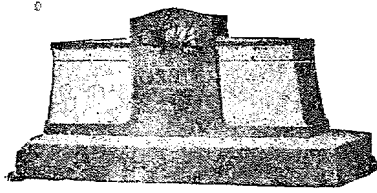
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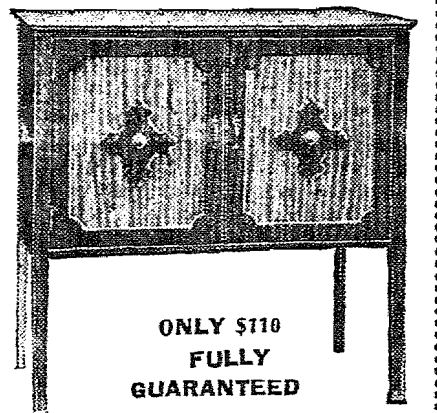
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LATEST PRODUCTION STARRING NORMA TALMADGE ON SCREEN AT STRAND THEATRE FOR ONE MORE WEEK

"ASHES OF VENGEANCE" opened at the Strand Theatre last week. Our advice is to go see it. It is a romance of the 16th Century, a production which for gorgeousness of costuming, massive settings, story interest and splendid portrayal stands in a class of its own, an example of artistry seldom, if ever before, displayed on a screen.

While massive settings and gorgeous costuming make of the picture a riot of splendor, these are but background for a thrilling, tensely interesting love story which is never for a moment overshadowed by the spectacular elements of the picture, and which is never for a moment dull. Situation follows situation in rapid succession and practically every situation furnishes a thrill.

The story opens at a court ball held on St. Bartholomew's Eve, held by Catherine de Medici to disarm suspicion. She manages that evening to secure the signature of her weak son, Charles IX, to a proclamation decreeing the massacre of the Huguenots. Rupert de Vrieac and his hereditary enemy engage in a duel in which de Vrieac is victorious, but places La Roche under obligation by sparing his life. The massacre of the Huguenots takes place that night, and La Roche saves both de Vrieac and his fiancée on condition that the young nobleman becomes his servant for five years. At the castle of La Roche, de Vrieac is subjected to much humiliation at the hands of la Roche and his beautiful sister, Yeoland de Breau, but finally, after a desperate encounter with a wolf, saves the life of the invalid sister of his tormentors.

Later Yeoland, guarded by de Vrieac, goes to visit her cousin, and there meets the despicable Duc de Tours, who seeks to win her. De Vrieac saves her after a desperate battle in which de Tours is killed. Later, at the request of Yeoland, de Vrieac is released from his oath of servitude, and the avowal of love between the young couple brings to an end the feud between the two families.

Probably never in her brilliant career has the talented Norma Talmadge better displayed her beauty

and talents than she does here as Yeoland. And as Rupert, Conway Tearle plays his part in a manner as to almost share honors with the star herself. Wallace Beery rises to heights seldom before equaled in the portrayal of the cowardly and despicable villain of the play. The entire cast, and it is unusually large and distinguished, displays no weak spots, and is admirably handled in all of the many big scenes. A word of praise here for Director Frank Lloyd. There are thousands of extras in the big scenes, and these, as well as the principals perform with a precision which is impossible except by masterly direction.

For all of those who had a part in the creation of this wonderful production, a bravo. To Joseph M. Schenck, our congratulations. He sets a pace for the "bigger and better" pictures promised for the season of 1923-1924 with "Ashes of Vengeance."

The photography is notably beautiful. The scenes have a richness and depth quite out of the ordinary. And these scenes are exquisitely set, down to the final detail. One feat of photography which struck us as something decidedly novel is the photographing of the grand ball room of Louvre palace, showing 1200 ladies and gentlemen of the court dancing the minuet; the set is said to be 330 feet long and ninety feet wide, with a vaulted ceiling sixty feet high. This magnificent ceiling is shown throughout its length. This is decidedly unusual. We are usually shown the side walls of a set, and the ceiling is left to the imagination. This goes to show that the merits of the picture are too numerous to mention. Nothing was left undone to make "Ashes of Vengeance" a masterpiece.

BESSIE BARRISCALE HEADLINES AT ORPHEUM NEXT WEEK

Versatile Bessie Barriscale, the "Daring of the Screen," has come back to the legitimate and appears in a novelty protean playlet, entitled, "Picking Peaches," at the Orpheum next week.

Many screen artists have deserted the studio of late to take their fortune behind the footlights, but in Miss Barriscale's case it only marks the return of a stage star who met with enviable success in motion pictures.

Miss Barriscale will be remembered on the dramatic stage for her portrayal of the Hawaiian girl in the "Bird of Paradise," in which she played in Omaha; "The Blue Mouse" and "We Are Seven."

"Picking Peaches" is an oddity playlet written especially for her by Howard Hickman, author, who is prominent in her supporting company. Her vehicle is called a protean playlet because it calls for the star to play four different characters, which Miss Barriscale does in a most meritorious manner.

This week's bill is one of variety.

An entirely different type of singes comes in the person of Dolly Kay, described as a "Dramatic Vocalist." When Miss Kay sings a song, it is said she "lives it."

Pepito Granados, noted Spanish beauty and terpsichorean artist, presents a "Spanish Oriental Novelty" with a company consisting of Marian Dale and Grace Muroff, oriental dancers, and Frances Drager, spanish violinist.

"Star of the Future" presents a bevy of sprightly girls, each a specialist in her line. The production has some rare young talent and it is paraded in a most artistic manner.

Willie Rolls, who is amazing Orpheum patrons with his daring and dexterity, and Harry Rose, the "Broadway Jesters," appear as singles in unusually clever acts.

STEADY ADVERTISER FOR THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS

Eleven years ago today Mr. Frank Svoboda, proprietor of the Svoboda Monuments Works started advertising in The Mediator and has advertised consistently and persistently ever since, not missing a single week. In addition he has always had an extra special display ad in each special edition of the paper.

When Mr. Svoboda placed his first ad with us he had a very small monuments work on south Thirteenth St. Today he is one of the biggest monument men in the United States. In addition to his plant he has a fine sales room across the street, another branch down town and owns what is probably the biggest granite mines in the country, located in Oklahoma.

PICKENS CALLED TO LAST GREAT REWARD

Was Ideal Gentleman, Beloved of everybody—Omaha loses one of best friends; so does The Mediator

Charles H. Pickens, everybody's friend, died last Sunday at his home, and was buried Tuesday in Forest Lawn cemetery. With his death all Omaha mourns, because he was a part of the minutes portion of our city. Pickens was a friend of everybody. He was one of the men who early loaned his support to the Mediator, and has been a consistent and persistent supporter of the paper ever since, a period of more than twenty years. He was that sort of friend that counts when one is in need of a real friend.

Less than a month ago he called the editor of the paper on the telephone and asked to have a certain paper mailed to him. "They say I am sick," he told the editor, "but I am never too sick to read The Mediator. I missed my paper this week, because it went to the office where I could not go."

At that time, Mr. Pickens' voice was as strong as that of a school boy, and there was nothing about it to suggest that he was at death's door. Mr. Pickens will be remembered by Omaha people for a long time.

MANY NEBRASKANS GOING TO CHICAGO EXPOSITION

Omaha and Nebraska will be very much in evidence at the International Live Stock Exposition, which opens in Chicago December 1 and lasts a week. This exposition is the greatest of its kind in the world. It will be international in scope, as its title suggests, with every state in the union featuring something in live stock.

Alfalfa and calves will be Nebraska quota and Omaha live stock interests will have a big showing of both. The Nebraska booth will feature the results of feeding cattle. It will show the results of feeding calves, as compared with yearlings. There will be some live displays, including several live calves, which will show a partial result of what has been accomplished.

Alfalfa as food for animals will be another display. Many experiments have been made with alfalfa in order to arrive at the best time for cutting it. The result of these experiments will be another feature of the Nebraska exhibit.

A big crowd of live stock men from Omaha and all over Nebraska will attend the exposition, for which special arrangements have been made.



BETTY DELMONTE,

A dainty little confection who is one of the many reasons why Jack Reid's "Record Breakers", coming to the popular Gayety Saturday, would be mis-named under any other title.

RECOLLECTIONS

Glittering Mirror, polished bar
Myriad glasses, straws in a jar
A kind young man all dressed in white
Are my recollections of last night.

Sidewalk narrow, far too long
Sloppy gutter, Policeman strong
The slamming door of a jolting hack
Are my recollections of coming back

The steps were slippery Hard to climb
Rested often, had lots of time
Awkward keyhole, misplaced chair
Informed the folks that I was there.

Heated interior, aching head
Seaside man, revolving bed
Cocktails, Fizzes, Drinks galore
I emptied them all on the bedroom floor.

And in the morning came bags of ice
So necessary in this life of vice
And when these had eased the pain
Did I swear off? No, got drunk again.

RIALTO BARBER SHOP FORGES RENTALS DOWN

Gus Trahanis, who operates a six-chair barber shop, known as the Rialto, in the Karbach block, has settled his troubles with the landlord, and has decided to stay. He is having everything renovated and cleaned up for a long stay. Gus owns one of the best barber emporiums in the city and caters to the best class of trade. When he decided he must move out unless the landlord came to time and reduced the rent, his customers were uneasy. They all thought he was going sure.

He is too good a tenant to lose, however, and the Karbach landlord finally came to his terms. Gus has been paying an enormous rental, while other rents have been on the decline. He says it had become impossible to make a living and pay his men living wages, and he decided to quit the business, unless he got relief. He stuck it out and Mr. Wolf finally made the cut. Incidentally, it is said other tenants are getting ready to move unless they get relief. Janitor service and other things like that is the principal cause of their kicks.

NEW CANDIDATES WANT PLACES ON "PEOPLES CHOICE" COMMISSIONER SLATE

The "People's Choice" slate for city commission places has undergone a change. Bill Little announces now that he is the candidate for police commissioner, to replace Elmer Thomas.

N. W. Naken wants to be city comptroller and has selected Jay Jay Dudley as his assistant. This change was made voluntarily, and these two men expect to make the campaign, if they can be excused from their other duties.

BUILDING OPERATIONS in here have averaged more than one million dollars a month according to "Municipal Statistics" a monthly publication distributed by the city finance department. A very large proportion went into home building. This is the place to live.

EAST OMAHA HOG RANCH GRABBED BY MR. SAMARDICK

The "Hog Ranch," East Omaha's chief asset, as a bootleg joint, was taken last Saturday by Mr. Samardick and his sleuths. They took something like two score of inmates, and when they had all given bond, an extra safe was all but necessary to hold the money that had been deposited.

This place has boasted of having protection and Samardick told them they could tell the story to Judge Woodrugh. They told their story to the judge, all right, and that august personage promptly assessed the proprietors, Humpal and Brennan, \$300 each.

This place has been going hog wild and put about everything that was on the calendar. Drinks were served openly, with little or no pretense at doing it quietly. This is the place The Mediator mentioned last week, and which Samardick must have read, because he took them in tow the next day.

OMAHA THE WONDER CITY OF THE WEST.

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Clearings for the next two months should bring 1923's total beyond those of 1922.

"The total livestock receipts for the past ten months exceeded those of the entire year of 1922 by 136,375 head. The receipts were 7,259,665 as against 7,123,291 head for 1922. Total grain receipts were 55,885,600 bushels for the past ten months as against 76,475,600 bushels in 1922.

Thief Calls Newark, Del., Sleepiest Town in World

Newark, Del.—"This is the sleepiest town I ever saw. I could rob all the places here and no one would ever know it."

With this compliment on Newark, Kenneth Frazer of Wilmington stopped Constable L. S. Ellison and asked to be locked up and sent to the workhouse.

"I robbed McCormick's poolroom last night," Frazer said. Ellison admitted this was news to him. As the poolroom is across from the magistrate's court, he investigated and found the place had been robbed. Frazer will spend the next three years in the workhouse.

Dog Gives Life to Save Woman From Deadly Snake

Lisbon, O.—Bobby, a shepherd dog, gave his life to save his mistress, Mrs. O. W. Burlingame, when he leaped and seized a copperhead snake in midair after the snake had struck at Mrs. Burlingame.

Bobby killed the snake, but before it had sunk its fangs into his head.

Burglar Flees From Home When Light Bulb Explodes

Flint, Mich.—A burglar who ransacked the home of M. F. Downer here, recently, was so frightened by the explosion of an incandescent light bulb, which he dropped while preparing to leave the house, that he abandoned his plunder, valued at several hundred dollars, and fled. Near the door lay a sack filled with jewelry, furnishings and clothing.

GIRL FIGHTS WAY THROUGH HE-MAN COUNTRY ALONE

She went into the Rhodesian gold field alone—with just one purpose in mind.

This girl, once the idol of London, left behind her everything that could connect her with her scintillating past.

She went in with eyes open for she knew that she was going into a man's world—a world of hardfisted, heavy-drinking, depressed and morose men—a world where no decent girl could live and remain decent.

Disguised as a man she plunged into this veritable hell upon earth, where men worked, fought and drank with no thought of the morrow.

And as a man she worked, and fought with these hardened characters of the veldt, that she might save "her man" from the curse of that arid land—ponjola, the poisoning, moral-destroying drink of the flotsam and jetsam that lived its monotonous life beneath the torrid African sun.

This is "Ponjola," Cynthia Stockley's stirring, exciting story of South African gold field life, which is to be shown next week at the Rialto Theatre.

Anna Q. Nilsson enacts the greatest role of her career in this First National picture. Other popular players in the cast are James Kirkwood, Tully Marshall, Ruth Clifford, Joseph Kilgour, Edwin Sturgis, Claire McDowell, Claire Du Brey and Bernard Randall.

NAKEN WILL MOVE FIRST OF THE YEAR

N. W. Naken, ready to wear dealer, who has been in business for five years in the Rialto building, on the Fifteenth street side, plans to enlarge his business. He has taken a store room on Sixteenth street two doors north of Capitol avenue and will remove there the first of the year. He will put in a brand new stock of goods, and plans many larger lines.

Naken has been a remarkable successful business man and has built up a business that now demands extension and expansion. His new location is designed to meet these needs.

EMPRESS theatre litigation goes to higher court for final adjustment. No matter how it comes out Omaha people that know Wilfred Ledoux will hope that he gets a square deal as he is one of the most popular theatre men in the city.

SPEAKING of cheap hotels, that's where most of the low down crimes are committed. Some of the joints peddle cheap booze and nearly all of them cater very largely to a bunch of prostitutes and their friends not to say a bunch of unprincipled "Macks".

"RECORD BREAKERS" WELL NAMED

In Attendance Volume, Jack Reid's Show Sweeps All Before

To those local theatre-goers whose journeyings take them to the vicinity of the popular Gayety theatre starting Saturday matinee it is suggested that for a rare afternoon or evening of entertainment they arrange their time so that they can drop in on Jack Reid's "Record Breakers", the speedy Columbia burlesque that will be the attraction there.

No more delightful offering has been presented in this theatre this year. It is clean cut and wholesome and far above the average in either burlesque or musical comedy; full of laugh provoking incidents, tingling melodies with a dozen or more sumptuous stage settings that follow each other with bewildering rapidity.

Much praise has been bestowed upon the company by critics in other cities and theatregoers may be assured they will not be disappointed in the long list of singers, dancers and comedians who go to forming its personnel. Jack Reid and Tim Healy with their old time songs and dances are a team that bring back to many the good old days of the "varieties".

"The Record Breakers" offer a chorus that is the last work in good looks and ability. Ladies' bargain matinee at 2:15 daily all week. The Sunday matinee starts at 3:00.

POLITICS BACK OF ENDRES LETTERS

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that is what the police department is for.

We are heartily in favor of Mr. Endres' notion of law enforcement and will pat him on the back for his notions. We suggest, however, that he confine his activities to those with which the sheriff is charged and not attempt to run the police department. Incidentally, it might be a good idea to be a 100 per cent American, because this country does not in any manner follow the system of some of our foreign neighbors.

We also suggest that the Omaha World-Herald will, in due time, take such action as it thinks good for the party it represents. The editorial that paper printed was too plain to be misunderstood, and apparently the sheriff took it deeply to heart, as he also has some editorials in the Mediator.

Pursuing its policy of printing the news when it is news, this paper must insist on following up this policy and let the chips fall where they may. Our suggestion to Mr. Endres is that he get out of city politics and attend to the job to which he was elected. That is what the people demand.

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