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BUTLER-THOMAS TIE-UP COMPLETE

RULE OR RUIN POLICY OF COMMISSIONER

ATTEMPT TO OVER-RIDE ORDERS GIVEN BY REMAINDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL HE IS PLAYING A MEAN POLITICAL GAME

HIS SEARCH AND SEIZURE ORDERS WITHOUT WARRANT AN UNPRINCIPLED RAP AT LAW AND ORDER—GENERALLY THOUGHT BUTLER BACK OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE'S DEMAND ON GOVERNOR—GURNETT WRITES TO BEAL

Dan Butler in his desperation is playing the political game of his life, with an eye to the election next spring. Perhaps he knows the game best, but to the average man on the street it looks very much as though he was digging his own political graveyard. He is using all his former friends as pick-axes, a reprehensible piece of political trickery that is sure to react on his self-assumed leadership.

Butler the "Czar" is walking rough shod, defying the courts of the land, getting or attempting to get restraining orders against the actions of the balance of the council, practically taking the law into his own hands.

Keen observers, knowing that the Police Commissioner has tied up with Elmer Thomas and the remnants of the Anti-Saloon League, figure that he is back of the discredited High in that gentleman's effort to have Governor Bryan remove Judges Wappich and Dineen. Butler no doubt figures this stunt a good political move, but it is hardly conceivable that anything will come of it.

For several weeks now Mr. Butler against all precedent has been demanding that his morals squad search, indiscriminately, automobiles for liquor. Such unreasonable procedure is a travesty on justice, to say the least. Formal complaint was finally made to the council. That body voted unanimously to temporarily remove the squad for their alleged lawless acts. They fired the squad, but Butler rushed into court for a restraining order. He would have it said that he is above the or-

ders of the remainder of the council and seems to act on that assumption. It does not seem possible that the other commissioners will longer stand for Butler or his high-handed methods as head of the police department.

His utter lack of experience was shown at the time of the murder of Jack Grebleo. County Attorney Henry Beal made vigorous protest against the manner in which the commissioner's detective worked on the case. The public can get a good insight into Butler's handling of this particular matter by reading a letter from former Detective Gurnett, the man who handled most of the murder cases under Dunn, for the county attorney. He says:

"I was a member of the Omaha police department under the administration of Police Commissioner Henry Dunn. It was my duty while a member of that department to participate in the investigation of all the larger criminal cases. Under the guidance and instructions of Commissioner Dunn and Police Chief Dempsey I investigated numerous criminal cases. I was instructed by these gentlemen to go immediately to the scene of the crime, make a thorough investigation of all the facts in the case; arrest all persons who may have participated in the crime and secure statements from witnesses of all the attending circumstances. I took it upon myself in all murder cases to which I was assigned to personally escort the prisoner and witnesses to the place where the inquest was held. After

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TROTTERS TO FEATURE FIRST WEEK OF RACES AT AK-SAR-BEN MEET

SUCH SULKY STARS AS NEITA PATCH, GILDED LADY 2ND, MISS MARIE, JIM BAND, HAL BEE, TO SHOW THEIR STUFF—SECOND THOUGHTS, LORENA MOSCELLIA, DELANTE AND OTHER BANGTAIL FAVORITES HERE.

Next Tuesday is the day they give babies away out at Ak-Sar-Ben field. If you don't believe it, just lean up against one of the posts near the Mutnals, flash a role and look like you needed advice. Soon a score of friends, touts and even strangers will be giving you a baby in the way of a darling of a tip. But what we started to say was that Omaha is in for its best racing season. More money, more ponies, bigger crowds, that's a cinch.

Charley Trimble and company have hung up sixty-five thousand simoleons (real money) in purses, which insures seventeen days of red hot races. While the bangtails will cavort about the field every day, they will not have their real inning until after the fifth day, as the feature events Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week will be the trotting and pacing races. And say, boy, they have arranged some card. Neita Patch will be here to do her stuff; so will Gilded Lady Second, Miss Marie and Big Jim B and scores of other stars of the sulky.

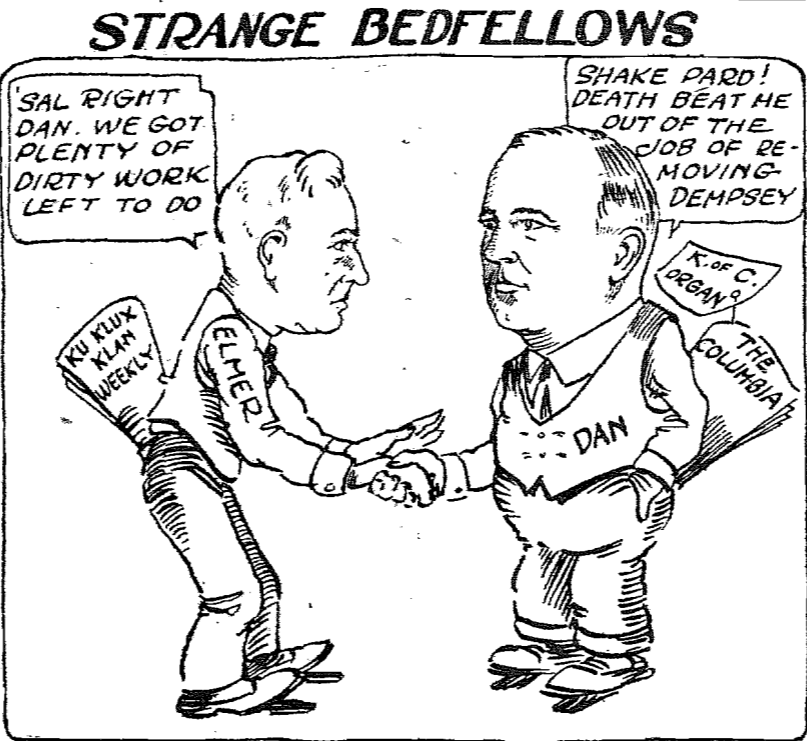
Miss Perry Mutual, who has just returned from Paris, where she bedecked herself in a great number of costume gowns, will be on deck the opening day. She is a great flirt, but plays the game square. There have been days when the old girl gave more than \$100 for a \$2 pasteboard, then again she has been stingy. Quite often all she gives you is a smile, not to say a ha, ha. But if she does not smile on you every day there is a good reason. She has thou-

sands of admirers and must give them all a chance. Following are a few facts that will convince one of the class of races to be expected: Standard and thoroughbred stock estimated to be worth over \$500,000 have congregated at beautiful Ak-Sar-Ben Park to vie for honors in the forthcoming combined trotting, pacing and running meeting which will be inaugurated on Tuesday, September 11, to run for a duration of 17 days.

\$65,000 has been subscribed by the Ak-Sar-Ben Exposition Co. to be given in stakes and purses for the runners and the trotters. The first five days will see the sulky stars dividing interest with the thoroughbred. A greater galaxy of harness horses never thundered down the home stretch of the Omaha race course. Equines such as Neita Patch, Gilded Lady Second, Miss Marie, Jim B., Julia M Direct, Lady Amy C, Hal Bee, Ribbon Cane, Woodrow L, Noble Aubrey, Belmar, Gold King, Marguerite C, Bell Zedo, Sunny Brook, Daphne The Great, and a host of others are horses that delight the multitudes that follow the sport over the Grand Circuit. They have come to Omaha to show their speed and with them naturally follow the greatest drivers of the day.

The thoroughbred colony at Ak-Sar-Ben Field is augmented with runners of exceptional class. When one speaks of Sundial II, Second Thoughts, Lorena Marcellia, Delante, O'Henry, Sample, Lady Leonid, Tab D'Honneur, Sam Reh, Archie Alexan-

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BUTLER AND THOMAS JOIN HANDS, KISS, THEN LIE DOWN IN THE SAME POLITICAL BED

GAMBLERS SCRAP AT JEFFERSON

When the gamblers get fighting among themselves there is the old heck to pay. Last week after a big crap game at the Jefferson hotel the dealer and Herman Metz the proprietor got into a wrangle that was a pipin according to all reports on the matter.

When the dealer put up the bank roll he asked Herman if he wanted in. The answer at first was a negative one. After the game in which a clean profit of about \$750.00 was made Herman demanded and is presumed to have gotten one third of the shimmering mazzuma. Aside from that it is said that the house gets all or a large part of the rake off and in addition demands and gets six dollars a day for rent. At the time of the big argument it is said there were from ten to twenty crap shooters in the game. So here is a case wherein open gambling is alleged to be going on full force. Yes, Mr. Butler, we have no gambling in Omaha.

HOW ABOUT THE AUTO LICENSES?

"Little or no relief is noted in the auto situation, cars are still running on one auto license when the law specifically calls for license on both front and back of car," states a letter written to the Mediator last week. The writer goes on to say that hundreds are running without wheel plates and that scores of trucks are running on pleasure car licenses. After telling how drivers note the manner in which the "Bosses" are cheating they refuse to buy license badges, and if they do buy them, it is only to sell them over again to another chauffeur whereby if they get caught, which is seldom, they flash the original receipt.

DOINGS IN OMAHA FIFTY YEARS AGO

Al Sorenson's "Examiner" had weathered the storm for twenty-three years and was still a healthy child. The Examiner and Mediator were the only two weeklies in Omaha that were about due to celebrate their silver anniversaries.

Joe Vanhessche, who owned the little beer palace on 41st Avenue, south side, was still doing business at the old stand. He was having a heck of a time getting his second papers. His brother-in-law, Gust, was about to open a grocery store, but that didn't mean anything.

The Goldbergs, commonly referred to as the parasites of the theatrical world, had taken a sort of lease on the Empress theatre. The Loewe people had been interested in the deal. It was a good story and will be published at the proper time. Mr. LeDeux was to be manager under Frudensfeldt. Don't laugh.

Dan Butler had sicked his sleuths on scores of his own churchmen that were unfortunate enough to drive in their own automobiles to the St. Anne Social.

IS MR. BUTTLER CUT IN?

There is a big gambling game going on at the Jefferson hotel every night. The receipts from this game, which is craps, runs a thousand dollars some nights. Now, the question is who is getting the money. Have they cut Mr. Butler, our police commissioner, in? Is he protecting the gambling house? If not why doesn't he raid it and close up the hotel? These are some pertinent questions. MR. BUTLER ARE YOU PROTECTING A GAMBLING HOUSE BECAUSE THEY HAVE WISHED YOU IN ON THE PROFITS?

JUDGE WAPPICH A CANDIDATE

Judge Wappich, possibly the most popular man who has ever ruled a local court is out with an open statement to the effect that he will be an active candidate for city commissioner at the next spring election. The venerable judge is coming out on an out and out wet platform. That is to say a light wine and beer program.

Judge Wappich has been nothing if not consistent. He has always been a sincere believer in a square deal for rich and poor alike.

ALSO VERY BUSY IN OLD COUNCIL BLUFFS

Comes now reports from Council Bluffs of a city official who has had a run-in with an Omaha woman that sounds like a real story. He went so far as to visit her home in Omaha, where her husband was introduced. A pretty Iowa girl from whom he is now divorced is mentioned also. They are all doing it, but some of them are getting caught.

THOMAS DEFENDS THE OMAHA MORALS SQUAD

DEMANDS BOOKS AND RECORDS AT POLICE STATION ON BUTLER'S ORDER

WILL HE NOW JOIN THE KU KLUXERS?

BUTLER'S BUNGLING OF POLICE MATTERS HAS AROUSED IRE OF OMAHA DAILY PAPERS—WRITER ASKS COMMISSIONER ABOUT PIGGLY WIGGLY ROBBERIES AND OTHER UNDETECTED CRIMES—PEOPLE WILL NOT STAND FOR HIM LONGER.

The tie-up between Dan Butler and Elmer Thomas is now complete in every detail according to most reliable information. It has been known for some time that Butler was preparing to make a political bed wide enough for he and Elmer to share but remained to be seen what final outcome would be until Thursday at which time all doubts, if any existed were removed. On that date it is said that Thomas went to the police station and demanded the books and records of the station, at least so far as they had anything to do with the morals squad squabble. He, after demanding the books told him he could have anything he wanted or needed at the station.

Anti-Saloon League Thomas has been given the job of defending the morals squad before Judge Fitzgerald to day.

Next Tuesday the council will consider charges against the officers filed by local citizens. This is sure to bring out the weakness of the police department under the present leadership. The police mess has become so rotten that even the conservative World-Herald and Omaha Bee can stand it no longer and they are not papers to jump to conclusions without due deliberations. Both papers have finally come to the conclusion that Butler will not do, so far as being police commissioner is concerned. He was never fitted for the job and should have been fired long ago.

The World-Herald in an editorial points out that all other departments under the present administration have made good. They have delivered. They have given the people what they promised. So did the police department under Henry Dunn. Then came the loud mouthed Butler to criticise and arrange. When it came to action, he has failed miserably. As a critic he was a great success in the minds of those who like words but care nothing for performance.

When he has been driven to oblivion by his own foul methods and loose tongue he will have learned one of the great lessons of life. That only performance counts in public life. Butler made bombastic claims concerning what he would do if he was made police commissioner. The best answer to his idle words is to be found in a letter received late this week by the Mediator. After panning Mr. Butler for an interview he gave to the evening papers the letter contains the real punch in asking questions concerning the many crimes that have gone undetected, major crimes. We print the communication in full. It reads:

Omaha, Neb, Sept. 6th, 1923

To the Editor of the Mediator:
 The evening papers quote Mr. Butler as saying that the operators of gambling houses divided \$1,000,000 during the administration of Henry Dunn. Mr. Butler ought to be in a good position to know just how much money the gamblers made

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GOVERNMENT DICKS FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES IN OPEN COURT

SAMARDICK ACCUSED OF "FAKING" EVIDENCE IN ROAD-HOUSE CASE—BOB CLAIMS HANING PROTECTED LOUISE VINCIQUERRA—BOTH CLAIM KINSLER FAILS—BROWN LOOKS INTO AFFAIRS—PUBLIC SICK OF THE WHOLE MESS—ROHRER BACKS HIS MEN.

One week ago the Mediator told the story of the open break between Samardick, Haning and Rohrer. Not in so many words but we plainly showed in the article that there was "hell a brewin'". The fight became an open one Thursday of this week, at which time the dailies gave their readers the story, one week later than Mediators readers got it.

Now that the affair is in court it will not be amiss to review some of the incidents that brought the matter to a head. In the first place, all federal prohibition agents are up against a tough proposition. In Omaha it is figured that three out of every four adult persons are not in favor of enforcement of the Volstead law. They did not want prohibition in the first place and after seeing the terrible result of the enforcement act are more hostile than ever toward the act as well as against the men that are hired to enforce it.

This put all officers in an awkward position. Public sympathy is with the bootlegger and against federal enforcement officers. The government knows it and so do the men they employ. Thus Uncle Sam has an awful time in selecting the proper men to enforce the law. They must engage men who know the game from the inside. That makes it necessary to employ men who have been used to their drinks. They are all very human and few if any of them stop at anything but to get plenty of hooch or real whiskey for their own use. But that is

immaterial. They all realize they have a risky job and most of them believe in getting theirs (financially) while the getting is good. This causes jealousy and even worse.

The condition in Omaha is duplicated in most cities. The government employs two sets of men; stationary officers and what may be termed "free lance" men. Their interests are sure to clash sooner or later.

So it comes about that here in Omaha the enforcement officers are in open fight. Bob Samardick accuses officer Haning of about everything under the Sun, and specifically claims that Haning protected Louise Vinciquera in the liquor business. Furthermore he claims that some of Rohrer's agents virtually stole nine sacks of sugar from a bootlegger and appropriated it to their own use. Samardick now finds himself up against charges that look bad on the face of them according to general opinion. J.R. Lones, a local attorney, filed a petition in federal court accusing Bob of having gone beyond bounds in an attempt to obtain conviction of three men arrested at a road house on Aug. 14. The attorney averts that he has ten affidavits to the effect that Bob had no search warrant when he raided the place and that he secured no evidence but produced a quantity of moonshine whiskey as evidence when he appeared before the court the following

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WANTED—A POLICE COMMISSIONER.

The taxpayers and other citizens of Omaha have been living in fear of their lives for three months, and that is not all of it. The police force of the city has become disorganized until not a man knows what next to do.

The people have put up with this condition, because they have no ready remedy for it at this time. Whole truth of the matter is, it is time for a change.

The city commissioners, a few months ago, became disgusted with Commissioner Butler and his continuous squawking about everything that was done. He had his big yap open and had a lot of grandstand play every time any important matter came up. He became a bore that nobody could stand. Finally his criticism of Commissioner Dunn determined the council, as a whole, to give him the place occupied by Mr. Dunn. It was done for the purpose of peace, something that had not been seen since the councilmen took their seats. It was a case of doing something to keep Butler quiet. It was the hope of the other councilmen that he would get down to business and stay there.

Of course they were wrong in thinking of such a thing. Conditions have gone from bad to worse, until utter demoralization of our police force is at hand. The council has been anxious for peace, but that is apparently impossible until Butler is gone.

This man Butler was an accident from the start. He never displayed unusual ability in any position he has held. Since becoming a city official he has double-crossed every friend he ever had, including the very citizens who were influential in making him a city commissioner. He has simply insisted on being a trouble maker, just like a big, overgrown kid. He has not developed the instinct of a man at any time and may not be expected to. The things that have developed successfully under him have been suggestions of other men. He has, however, had the backing of the councilmanic body in making them a success. He has done everything he possibly could to wreck some of Omaha's good institutions, including a Catholic church at Twenty-fourth and Poppleton Ave. In addition he is now tied up, tooth and toenail with Elmer Thomas, who has been an eyesore to every self-respecting resident of the city for several years.

And this man has the unlimited nerve to go before the people and ask them to support him in his diabolical administration of one of the most complex positions, within the gift of the people of Omaha. He is trying to run a department over which Henry Dunn was chosen. Dunn is an honest, law-fearing man, with worlds of experience in every department of police affairs. He was criticized by Butler until he declined to act further and turned the whole thing over to this man who has not only made a miserable failure of it but, incidentally, has made of himself a miserable ass.

GOVERNMENT DICKS FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES IN OPEN COURT

(continued from first page) morning. If such is the case, in the words of Judge Cooley, "It smells to Heaven."

No doubt all the true facts concerning both sides will come out at the proper time. Until then, people have no right to judge either of the men.

When Haning, a very likable fellow, was arrested by Samardick, he said the whole affair was a frame up. The agents do not seem satisfied to fight it out among themselves but all yell their heads off because United District Attorney Kinsler has not secured more convictions.

Meanwhile the public looks on passively and deep down in their hearts secretly hope that they all get the worst of it, not that they dislike the men but that they hate the system under which they work. Some one should page Mr. Volstead, perhaps Elmer Thomas will take the job.

Oldest Actor.

The oldest actor who ever appeared on the stage was Charles Macklin, who represented Shylock in 1789 at Covent Garden when past his one hundredth birthday.

The Ananias Club.

"No, boss," said the clerk, "I do not think I need a vacation this year, for the work I have been doing hasn't been enough to tire me out."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

DAD SURELY HARD TO PLEASE

"Hit High, Hit Low," Old Gentleman Evidently Was Determined Not to Be Satisfied.

The son of a Boston lawyer at the end of his first term in college exulted in the fact that he stood next to the head of his class.

"What! Next to the head?" exclaimed his father. "What do you mean, sir? I'd like to know what you think I send you to college for! Next to the head, indeed! I'd like to know why you aren't at the head, where you ought to be."

The young man, naturally crestfallen, worked so hard on his return to college that the end of the term found him in the coveted place. He went home very proud, indeed.

The lawyer contemplated his son for a few moments in silence; then, with a shrug of his shoulders, remarked:

"At the head of the class, eh? Humph! That's a fine commentary on Harvard university!"—Harper's Magazine.

Peruvian Petroleum.

Efforts are being made to develop more extensively the petroleum resources of Peru. The known deposits of oil occur on a very narrow strip of land between the foothills of the Andes and the shore of the Pacific, and much of this is flooded at high tide. Piles of railroad iron driven in the pure ocean sand, which varies in depth from five to fifty feet, are used as foundations for the derricks. The shallowest of the driven wells is 180 feet, and the deepest 1,700 feet in depth. There is very little gas, and the oil is very

be put into buckets with shovels, and it is carried direct to the furnaces to serve as fuel.

COVERING RAVAGES OF WAR

Belgians Have Accomplished Wonders in Restoring Devastated Areas —Public Edifices Rebuilt.

By the end of the year, if building goes on with the speed it has now attained, the war wilderness of Flanders not only will have resumed its prewar aspect in point of housing accommodation, but will have modern improvements unknown in 1914.

Motoring through the historic battleground today one is impressed by the capacity of production of the Belgian people. Shell-choked wastes have given place to productive pastures and extensive vegetable gardens. Shattered walls have been replaced by comfortable farm houses. Men and women are gathering sustenance from fields which were the theater of armies.

Almost 75,000 private dwellings out of 100,000 destroyed or damaged have been built, and most of these are occupied by their former inhabitants. Only ninety of the destroyed or damaged public buildings of Flanders remain unrepared. The reconstruction of private houses has entailed an expense of 685,000,000 francs. The public edifices have cost 125,000,000 francs to rebuild. Most of this work has been done by the government through its special reconstruction department, the Devastated Regions office.

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the inquest it was my custom to make a detailed typewritten report to the County Attorney, listing all the material facts in the case; the names of the state's witnesses and the facts to which they would testify. The County Attorney could try his case from the written report submitted to him by the police department, and it would not be necessary for him to make further investigations to secure a conviction.

"It can be said to the credit of Commissioner Dunn that the state of Nebraska never lost a criminal case which I investigated under his instructions. Commissioner Dunn was a police officer with years of experience. He knew every trick of the criminal lawyer and knew how to conduct an investigation so as to close up every loophole through which a criminal could escape the ends of justice. Mr. Butler has had no such experience. His time is largely occupied in punishing his political enemies and his net is so constructed as to catch the minnows and let the whales escape. We cannot place the supervision of the police department in the hands of an ignorant and arrogant man and hope to suppress crime.

"Detective Arthur English is equal to the best detective which can be found in the detective departments of metropolitan cities the size of Omaha. Detective English is thorough and efficient, and if he fell down in this case it was the fault of the system and not his own. Detective English or no other detective can do effective work when he is compelled to follow the instructions of a man who knows little or nothing about criminal cases.

"Yours very truly,
"WM. A. GURNETT"

SOMEBODY

The Board of Education has passed up the morals of Omaha school teachers, apparently. Some of these dames are cutting up to beat the band apparently without fear. One may be mentioned, who is doing that very thing and getting away with it. She is a high school teacher, too, and is engaged in teaching the young men and young women of the city the good things in life, as well as other things.

It is possible she is teaching your daughter of high school age. She is cared for herself by a man, who makes great pretense at being a high churchman, has given large sums to one institution in particular, and he keeps this high school teacher in an apartment house, in the down town district, furnished in the height of style. This case is getting awfully strong, and the Mediator feels that names should be published and the whole story told. This is withheld for the present, however. It will create a sensation, when published, because of the prominence of the people interested. The man's name is a household word in Omaha, and the woman is almost equally as well known.

Johnie Dunn was still working at the Omaha National Bank, where several others had quit.

Can Read Both Ways to the Middle.

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Eggs Very Small.

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200 Bones in Human Body.

The public health service says that the human skeleton is composed of 200 distinct bones. It is divided into four regions: The skull, composed of 22 bones; the trunk, composed of 54 bones; the upper extremities, composed of 64 bones, and the lower extremities, composed of 60 bones.

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Hope Hampton, Texan Beauty, Featured in "Lawful Larceny"

Facts of Interest Concerning Talented, Popular and Rising Young Screen Actress

Hope Hampton is a screen star from the Lone Star State. She was born in Houston, Texas, in 1902. Equipped with all the freshness and vivacity that comes from a healthy life in the open, she determined, upon graduation from the local high school, to embark upon a dramatic career. Her mind made up on this point she came to New York with her mother and became a student of the Sargent Dramatic School, the foremost school of its kind in the country.

The instructors of the school quickly realized they had a find. They allowed her to play an important role in the annual play and her work was favorably commented upon. She received many offers to play upon the stage and in moving pictures and chose moving pictures. Later in New Orleans she won a prize in a beauty contest.

Her first picture was Maurice Tourneur's production of "Woman," in 1918. The following year she was starred in "A Modern Salome." Her

subsequent pictures were "The Bait," "Stardust" and "The Light in the Dark."

Miss Hampton's latest appearance will be in "Lawful Larceny," a Paramount picture coming to the Rialto theater next Sunday, in which she is featured with Nita Naldi, Lew Cody and Conrad Nagel.

In the past two years she has made many personal appearances, and leaves in her wake thousands of new fans. Her stage presence, her stage presence, her singing and personality are captivating and her appearance at any theatre is a signal to fans to come early if they want to get in to see their favorite. Because of Miss Hampton's beautiful natural coloring she was selected to introduce a new color process to the public in her picture, "The Light in the Dark."

Miss Hampton's home is at 1145 Park Avenue, New York City. She is not married. She is devotee to her hobbies, which are the breeding of dogs, and music.



JOE MARKS

The dynamic comedian with Barney Gerard's magnificent production, "Vanities," at the popular Gayety twice daily all week, starting Saturday matinee, Sept. 8.

GEORGE YAGER TO ASK FOR OLD COUNCIL SYSTEM BACK

George Yager is getting ready to get signatures to a petition asking the voters to go back to the former ward councilmen and mayor system. Many cities that have tried out thoroughly the commission form of government are going back to the councilmanic system. Among the many mid-west cities that have gone back to the former method might be mentioned Rock Island, Illinois and several important southern cities.

HADN'T BETTER SAY "HELLO" IN THE SANDWICH ISLANDS

According to the "Northwestern Bell," a wonderfully illustrated monthly that circulates amongst telephone employees, the native word for "Hello" in the Sandwich Islands is "Kalakaohikauhaihoihaukoi." Try it on the piano.

TROTTERS TO FEATURE FIRST

(continued from first page) der, Incognance, Duc De Guise, Lady Longfellow, Faber, Black Monkey, Messines, Harp O' The North, Melachrino, Brown Check and Double Van they are mentioning horses that are capable of winning races on the big time tracks of the effete east. These horses are munching their oats at the Omaha oval awaiting the call of the bugle denoting "boots and saddles." It will be these and more to come that will make the sport here so wholesome and interesting. Advance hotel reservations denote that many upstate visitors will come to Omaha to take in the racing season.

BUTLER-THOMAS TIE-UP COMPLETE

(continued from first page) during that administration. The very men whom he now charges by innuendo with having conducted those gambling houses financed his gubernatorial campaign. Does Mr. Butler pretend that he had no knowledge of the activities of these men in that campaign, or perhaps what is more pertinent, what would have been his attitude toward these men if he were through their money and efforts elected Governor of the State of Nebraska?

It comes with poor grace from Mr. Butler at this time to flay the men

who spent their gambling profits in an effort to elect him to the highest office in the state. Why don't he explain why his department has failed to capture the safeblowers and safecrackers who robbed every Piggly Wiggly Store in town? Why don't he explain why he has failed to apprehend the burglars, stickup men and pickpockets who have been terrorizing our citizens ever since he took over the Police Department? Why don't he explain why there are three practicing prostitutes in Omaha today to every one that was here during Mr. Dunn's administration? Why don't he explain why there are five times as many bootleg joints open now as during the Dunn administration?

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YOSEMITE WATERFALLS FILMED FOR "DULCY"

Yellowstone National Park, the famed wonders of which draw thousands of beauty seekers from over the world each year, is the background for "Dulcy," the latest comedy of Cnstance Talmadge.

Miss Talmadge and her company spent a week shooting the inspiring scenic splendors of the park as part of a honeymoon trip called for by the script. What is said to be one of the most magnificent settings ever caught by a camera is that in which Miss Talmadge, as "Dulcy," stands at the brink of the "Bridal Falls" on the verge of making a leap into its swirling descent.

The trip to the Yosemite was one of mixed delight and discomfort, due to freakish weather conditions. From hour to hour the members of Connie's troupe could not tell whether they would have sunshine, rain, snow or clouds. On one day the filming was interrupted by three different storms. Each time that the members started back to their quarters the sun came out and Franklin ordered them back to work, only to have the weather change again.

Miss Talmadge was inconvenienced by the flooding of her tent by rain when the company left the hotel for location in a remote part of the park.

An unusual engineering feat was accomplished by the technical staff. The falls were supposed to represent Niagara. In order to increase the volume of the Yosemite waterfall the flow from some of the rain-swollen streams nearby was temporarily diverted. Permission to do this was secured from park authorities.

"Dulcy" was produced by Jos. M. Schenck from an adaptation by John Emerson and Anita Loos of the famous stage play of the same title by George S. Kaufman and Marc Connelly, Sidney A. Franklin directing, Jack Mulhall, Claude Gillingwater, May Wilson, Johnny Harron, Anne Cornwall, Frederick Esmelton, Andre de Beranger, Gilbert Douglas, Milla Davenport and others have important roles.

"VANITIES" AT GAYETY.

Barney Gerard's Magnificent Companion Production to His "Follies of the Day."

Many theater-goers of this city enjoyed Barney Gerard's "Follies of the Day" when that big revue played the popular Gayety theatre last week. They will, therefore, be interested in the announcement that this same theater will, starting Saturday matinee, offer as its attraction for the week, another big Gerard revue called "Vanities." This latest offering of this astute burlesque producer is said to be a companion piece to "Follies of the Day," as large and magnificent in every way as the former.

"Vanities" is in two acts and 21 magnificent scenes. H. Robert Law, the well known scenic artist, has designed and painted these artistic sets, while a bewildering array of gorgeous costumes have been contributed to the piece from the shops of the Eaves Costume Company and Schneider-Anderson. The ones worn by the feminine portion of the cast were designed by the celebrated Cora McGeachy, who performs similar work for many of the high-class musical comedies and revues.

One of the best companies of the

year will also be found in "Vanities." It is headed by Joe Marks, one of the speediest comedians on the burlesque stage, and includes Elsa aMy, Harry Seymour, Elsie Matthews, Walter Johnson, Harry Kilby, James Traina, Al Marks, Jules Redding, Mae Leonard, Babe Clark and Dawson's Seven Harmonists.

A multitude of charming musical numbers are sprinkled in a generous fashion throughout the piece. George Gershwin, composer of the score of George White's "Scandals" and many other big Broadway musical shows, is the composer of most of them, some additional numbers having been interpolated by Billy Baskette, author of a thousand popular songs.

There will be a ladies' 25c bargain matinee at 2:15 daily all week, starting Monday. The Sunday matinee begins at 3:00. If you prefer the choicest seats you will have to buy them in advance as the demand will be tremendous.

REX ATTRACTIONS

During the coming week the Rex Theatre will offer its patrons a delightful and very diversified program. The pictures are changed daily, and in addition the management has the Wahl Musical Comedy Company, consisting of several high class comedians and six chorus girls, who are extremely versatile, engaged for another week.

AT THE PALM

The Palm Theatre has re-engaged the Hy Berling "Vanity Girls" Company for another week. On Sunday they are to show Franklin Farnam's masterpiece, "The Man Getter." Monday this popular theatre will present "Hearts of the West." The program is changed daily.

ORPHEUM OFFERINGS.

Blossom Seeley, "Aristocrat of Syncopation," whom Omaha theatergoers will remember from last season as the dazzling flash of fashion, melody and dance, will appear at the Orpheum, starting with Sunday matinee, in an entirely new version of "Miss Syncopation."

Miss Seeley, picturesque in her marvelous wardrobe and entertaining always in her numbers, is introducing some of the best songs she ever has had.

The artistic exponent of jazz shares a triple headline bill with Monette, the singing violiniste, and Pearl Regay, supported by Lester Sheehan, in the "Dance Originator." Monette, the singing violiniste, is a pupil of the famous Belgian violinist, Ysaye, and the technique she puts into her music commands respectful attention of the skilled musician and captivates the music lover.

Other attractions this week are the original Jewell's aMnikins in their latest production, "Circus Day in Toyland," presented by Mme. Jewell; Charlie Wilson, "The Loose Nut;" Charles Sargent and John Marvin, in their original triple saw bowing act, and "The Four aCmerons," in "Like Father—Like Son."

GRACE SAYS THAT SHE PAYS HER OWN WAY OUT

Talk about some of the old girls going on high. There is Grace Woods for instance. She holds forth at 1202 Douglas street according to several men that should know. Grace says that she is paying her way an intimates that every one else should get out of her way. The town has been cleaned-out of prostitutes. Yes, no.

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