IMPERIAL THEATRE

TONIGHT
GEORGE BEBAN, in—
"ONE MAN IN A MILLION"
USUAL SHORT SUBJECTS
ADMISSION—10 and 30c

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
MARIE PREVOST, in—
"A PARISIAN SCANDAL"
4——ACTS VAUDEVILLE—4
Usual Comedies ADM.—20 and 50c

SUNDAY, MARCH 12
CONSTANCE TALMADGE
"WOMAN'S PLACE"
Usual Short Subjects ADM—13 and 40c

MONDAY, MARCH 13
MAY McAVOY, in—
"EVERYTHING FOR SALE"
—ALSO—
BAND CONCERT
ADMISSION—13 and 40c.

THE PARSON'S CORNER

By Rev. B. J. Minort, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Alliance

Those Percentages and Fool Reforms

May I convey my appreciation for the editorial eppearing in the last issue of the Herald concerning "Perils That Aren't." The Outlook magazine also carried a splendid editorial upon the ignorance of the average preacher reformers. The Century magazine carried an excellent article that all public men should study and profit thereby. Its title is, "The Dictatorship of the Dull."

There is one thing I notice about all of these so-called reformers, and that is their percentages of girls who go wrong. Recently three percentages were given out by different men who are in the game of reforming the rest of us. One said that 67 per cent of the girls go wrong through picture shows, another said that 60 per cent went wrong through the dance; still another said that 57 per cent went wrong through the automoblies. These statements would be real funny if the makers were not so earnest about them.

The writer knows the evangelistic game from the inside and intends to end his ministerial life in that work when his children have grown up, and we can understand how some of those fellows make these percentage statements. They are the fruits of a temptation to say something striking, knowing that the statement of an outsider is not apt to be looked into as the local man's statement would be. Many yield to this wicked trick and if one will take the trouble to look up the source of these "percentages" he will likely find that some over-heated public speaker said that "some one said," that "some one else told him," that "his friend told him," that "he heard the wife of some evangelist known for his enthusiasim say," that he "read from some professor," or "heard a professor when he was in college," say "that steen per cent of the girls go wrong through the auto," or by eating green pickles after a dish of ice cream, etc., etc.

Another strange thing about it all is that the great American people here in Alliance, a town that ought to know better, will "fall" for it, and swallow these statements whole. Last spring an evangelist made a serious statement in a neighboring church about a cerpercentage of our young people in school afflicted with venereal diseases, and when the writer asked for proof, he said that a local man said, etc. The local man evidently did not have much proof, for he covered his tracks promptly. An investigation resulted, with no proof of the statement.

Another strange thing is, as a young girl speaker said in our pulpit last Sunday evening. "These men would lead you to believe that if the girls kept straight, the boys would remain straight. Why all this percentage of girls? Why not boys?" I have known these men to say that if we save the girls that the boys will take care of themselves. Well, that may be so in the life of these men, but as far as we are concerned, we found that as a boy we were tempted to tempt the girls long before the girls ever tempted us. In fact, we fail to remember one instance where the girl took the initiative in any line of wrong action.

One of two things is sure: If the average reformer is right, the girls lead the boys wrong or they are weaker and more easily led than the boys. We believe the opposite is true, that a girl will hold to the straight and pure life much longer than the average boy. We would like someone to try to convince us to the contrary. Next time you hear a reformer, be he your pastor or an outsider, make these "percentage" statements, ask him for the proof. Thell him that you don't believe it and won't until he comes across with the evidence.

A lawyer friend said to the writer the other day, "I never was so much disgusted in my life as I was the other evening when I went to hear that reformer speak." And while he did not say what it was that disgusted him we are not far from wrong when we say it was some "percentage," for lawyers are not in the habit of taking for granted statements without proof or reasonable foundation.

Then, too, the nature of these reforms is real laughable. Take that preacher who recently started out in Massachusetts to put over the law to compel people to attend church. When the bill came up for reading its sponsor "took sick." It seems to me that he was sick before, but didn't know it. There are many more sick folks abroad in the land who would compel people to attend church. We laughingly remember the statements of an enthusiastic reformer during the wet and dry fight, that when the saloon would be out our churches would be full of people. Well, this preacher preaches to a well-filled house twice each Sunday, and oftentimes people are turned away, but we do not see any difference in the "percentage" of people who attend church now and before the saloons went out of business.

To hear some talk, you would think that if Sunday theaters were done away with that the churches would be crowded to capacity all the time. Now, we know better than that, for we were in towns where there are no Sunday theaters and the percentage of people attending church was much less than here in Alliance. Now, this is not saying that we favor Sunday pictures, for we do not. But it is a statement that we do not believe that people who go there on Sunday would attend church if it was closed.

Again, we make the statement that ocal people could better use their time in doing bigger things than "reform people." Christ was not a reformer. He never asked his disciples to become reformers. Most of the professional reformers are men who left the ministry for one cause and another. Drs. Dixon and Hanson, who spoke so eloquently at one of the local churches in a "union" service, are both former Baptist preachers. The latter at one time was the pastor of the same church that licensed the writer to preach. The former used to be pastor of the East Side Lincoln Baptist church. It is significant that most of these leaders are ex-preachers. Of course their salaries in their present work perhaps are larger, and perhaps they think that they can do more good as reformers than Christ did as Regenerator. We repeat that Christ's preachers were never called to reform the world. We would go further and say that we were never asked to "make" people better, but to persuade them by example and precept to follow the Master's steps.

People may be educated into better citizens, but you can not legislate them into better men and women. But someone will say, "How about the eighteenth amendment? Wasn't that legislation?" Yes, but where would that act be today, were it not for the fifty years of education as to the economic evils of the traffic? Where would it be if public sentiment had not been created in its favor? I sometimes believe that the country went dry about twenty years too soon. Public sentiment is certainly not in its favor yet. Some of the so-called best citizens are breaking the law daily.

Now, do not misunderstand me, I would not for the world approve of its return, but simply point to this as an example that the only way to secure changed economic and social conditions is by changing the people's ideas and that is a slow work of education by precept and example. If we church members, and preachers in particular, set the example, we would need to worry less about drinking, dancing, theaters, etc.

Take another "fool reform"—the effort to compel pupils to read the Bible in the public schools. Now we would like to see it read without comment, but we would emphatically oppose the "compelling" part. Let us win people to Christianity and we will soon find a changed order of things. If we put forth less time reforming and more at performing, if we were as preachers and churches more practical and less theoretical we would be worried less with these so-called "immoralities." Let us make the christian life more attractive, and the dance and all these imaginary evils will have less attraction for the young.

Suppose it were possible to get all the young folks to stop dancing, theater going and joy-riding, suppose all of these activities would cease immediately and these young folks would all turn to the church to satisfy their so-called instinct, what would the churches have to offer them? There is not a church in Alliance that would be able to give these young folks what their restless natures call for. It is not, therefore, folly to ask them to give up this or that and not be able to give them something in exchange for what they gave up?

Let us talk of reform less and perform more, so that when any of these young people see that Christ died for them we will be able to offer them sometimes in return for the old pleasures.

Most of these men who are everlastingly crying for reform this and that, are usually men who know little or nothing of what they talk about. Instead of abolishing these things, we will find that some of them at least should be improved and not abolished. It would be well if these reformers would leave their study cots and take a little exercise and look into some of these supposedly evil things. Perhaps they would learn that the professional reformers have been making statements upon hearsay evidence. Again, we repeat, that when the church will perform more, there will be less of this reform talk and noise.

NONPAREIL

Miss Vera Miller spent the week-end with home folks.

The Nonpareil club met Thursday with Mrs. Emory Abley.

Tom Osborn was a caller at George Young's Thursday.

Mrs. George Young spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Emory Abley.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hennings visited with Jake Elsea and family Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Abley were callers at Rosenberger's Friday.

Ernest Osborn and family visited at the Tschacher home Sunday afternoon.

Harold Moranville was a caller at H. A. Strong's Saturday.

Quite a number from this neighborhood attended the farewell dance at L. Roberts' place Saturday evening. Everyone reports a fine time.

Alfred Tschacher was absent from school Friday on account of sickness.

Osborn's are busy sorting potatoes this week.

Fred Strong took a load of wheat to town Tuesday.

Several from this neighborhood attended the Mortensen sale Tuesday.

Herald Want Ads—Results.

Community Club at Bingham Still Working for P-H

At a recent meeting of the Bingham Community club, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. H. Willey, president; J. T. Burton, vice president; Ralph E. Lotspeich, secretary-treasurer; directors, W. W. Bilbaugh, C. H. Anderson, J. E. McCarty, William Welch, William Lotspeich, H. J. Marr.

Plans were discussed and preliminary efforts made to ascertain from the highest county and state sources the possibility of completing this year the gap in the Potash Highway, which exists entirely within Sheridan county between the east line and Lakeside.

A committee will be appointed soon to get in touch with the Omaha officials with the object in view of having them extend their long distance line from Ellsworth, eleven miles west, to Bingham. This is a great need from many angles, for after 5 p. m. each day, when the Burlington closes, communication with the outside world is completely cut off.

It was also decided that meetings in the very near future would be arranged for at Ellsworth, Lakeside and Antioch in order to combine the effort of all of the south end of the county toward the issue of better roads.

POINT OF ROCK CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Essex are home now after helping feed cattle this winter at the Wilkinson ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Staples motored through from Hershey last Saturday and are visiting Mrs. Staples' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Nichols.

Ernie Weinell had the misfortune to have his foot crushed a few days ago, but is now walking with the aid of a cane.

Mr. and Mrs. Cusick were surprised last Tuesday evening by a large crowd of neighbors. Everyone had a fine time.

Mrs. Crawford motored Mrs. Mann and children to Alliance Friday. They stopped on their way and took dinner with Mrs. Dillon. Miss Hutchinson also accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Essex drove to Alliance Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tabor drove out from Alliance Thursday and visited with the Nichols family.

Roy Nichols took a load of corn to the Bliss farm this week.

Chris Robuck is out in this vicinity this week.

Mrs. Cranford, jr., is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Mae is up from Bridgeport, visiting at the Vaughn home.

Mr. Burns and Hale motored out after Miss Burns Friday evening.

Now another doctor comes forward and says handshaking is in no way injurious to the health and tells everybody to go ahead and shake hands. But, doc, what over?

The coroner has decided that the explosion of the ZR-2 was due to accident. This will be a great relief to the people who have been thinking that perhaps the passengers did it on purpose.

Russia is tearing up 700 miles of railroad in order to use the material for repairs on other lines. This reminds one of the hungry snake that devoured its tail.

Still, we aren't being absolutely swamped by immigration. Census figures show a loss in ten years of .5 of 1 per cent in white population of native parentage.

The less nations have to fight for, the more they will have to live for.

In its appeal to women to quit wearing summer furs, the American humane society looks to have the advantage of some very favorable weather for it.

HEAD COLDS

Melt Vicks in a spoon and inhale the medicated vapors. Apply frequently up the nostrils. Use freely before going to bed.

VICKS VAPORUB

Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

NR Tonight Tomorrow Alright

Get a 25c. Box.

Your Druggist

ALLIANCE DRUG CO.

For Your PROTECTION

This bank is organized solely for the protection of its depositors.

Our conservative methods insure stability and warrant confidence. While our trust has been the basis of our success.

The first and paramount consideration of the directors and officers of this bank is the safety of the depositors' money.

This bank is without question the strongest bank in this territory.

Our Surplus and Undivided Profits total $130,000.00.

Such an institution warrants your consideration and confidence.

We pay 5% interest on savings.

Alliance National Bank

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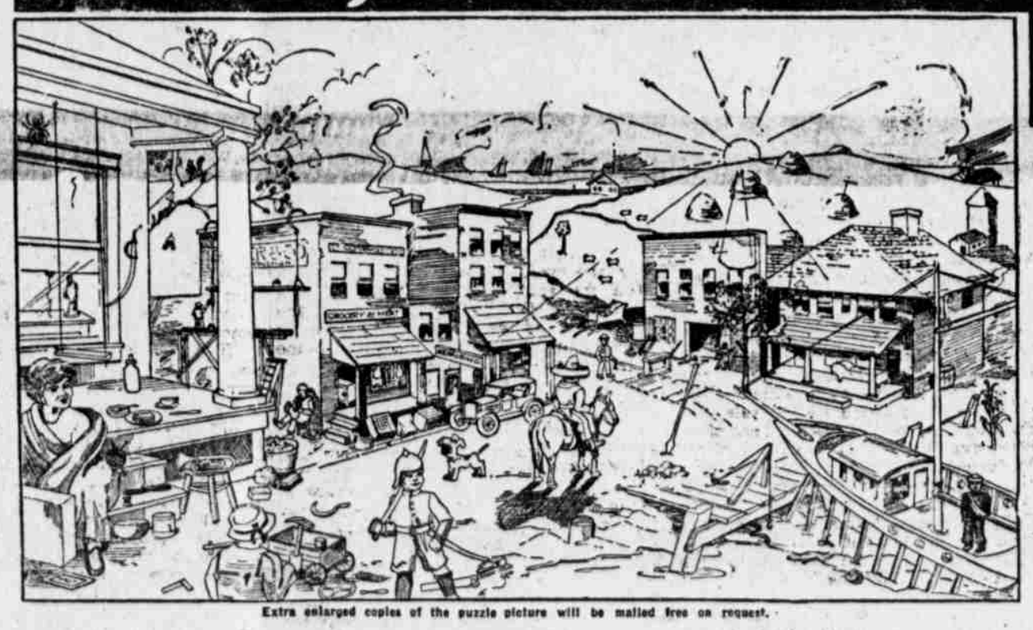
Everybody Wins Something

$2,500.00 in Cash Prizes!



Extra enlarged copies of the puzzle picture will be mailed free on request.

Costs Not One Cent to Try—Lots of Fun

and You May Win One of the Following Prizes:

$2,500 In Cash Prizes!

Winning Answers Will Receive Cash Prizes According to Table Below:

	When No Subscriptions Are Sent	When One Subscription Is Sent	When Two Subscriptions Are Sent
1st Prize...	$20.00	$500.00	$1,000.00
2nd Prize...	10.00	250.00	500.00
3rd Prize...	5.00	125.00	250.00
4th Prize...	5.00	50.00	100.00
5th Prize...	5.00	50.00	100.00
6th Prize...	3.00	40.00	80.00
7th Prize...	3.00	30.00	60.00
8th Prize...	2.00	20.00	40.00
9th Prize...	2.00	10.00	20.00
10th to 30th..	1.00	5.00	10.00

Each person answering this ad will be sent 10 beautiful assorted cards.

How Many Objects In This Picture Begin With S?

In the picture above there are all kinds of objects beginning with the letter "S." Without any trouble whatever you can readily see some of them, as "sailor," "sea," "ship," etc. Simple, isn't it? Well, the other objects are just as plain, but the game is to see who can find the most. Everything in plain view—nothing hidden—no need to turn the picture upside down. Get a paper and pencil. Send your list in QUICK. Largest and nearest correct list takes 1st prize, the 2nd best, 2nd prize, etc.

OPEN TO ALL—GET BUSY NOW! Let the family work together, or else see if one of them can not find a longer list than another one. It is great fun, and educational besides. Everybody wins something. To each person sending in a list, regardless of whether they win or not, will be sent an assortment of 10 beautiful birthday greeting cards. It costs nothing to take part and you do not have to send in a single subscription for the Omaha Daily News to win a prize. But in looking over our prize list you see it will be well worth your while going to a little extra trouble and secure a few subscribers so that you may be qualified for one of the higher and more valuable prizes.

EASY TO WIN

By sending in one or two yearly subscriptions (maximum two subscriptions—your own subscription, new or renewal, will count) to The Omaha Daily News at $4.50 a year, you can win as much as $500 or $1,000 in cash. This is a bonus reward for boosters. Here's how:

If your answer to the "S-Word" Picture puzzle is awarded first prize by the judges, and you have sent in one yearly subscription to The Omaha Daily and Sunday News at $4.50, you will receive $500 instead of $20.

Or, if your answer to the "S-Word" Picture puzzle is awarded first prize by the judges and you have sent in two yearly subscriptions to The Omaha Daily News, $9.00 in all, you will receive $1,000 instead of $20.

If your answer is qualified by a $4.50 subscription, new or renewal, and you win second prize, you will receive $250. However, if you have sent in two subscriptions for one year and win second prize, you will receive $500, and so on down the list of prizes.

Furthermore, two six months subscriptions will count the same as one one-year subscription or a two-year subscription will count the same as two one-year subscriptions or four six months subscriptions.

Also, the following club offer counts the same as one one-year subscription:

Omaha Daily and Sunday News (1 year)
People's Popular Monthly (1 year)
Farm and Fireside (1 year)
Farm Journal (1 year)
Woman's World (1 year)
Pictorial Review (8 months)
} ALL FOR $5.00

HERE ARE THE RULES

1—Anyone not a resident of Greater Omaha or Council Bluffs and who is not an employee or a relative of an employee of The Omaha Daily News may submit an answer.

2—All answers must be mailed before your postoffice closing time on March 21st. Only answers mailed between now and the above date will be considered by the judges.

3—Write on one side of the paper only, and number all words (1, 2, 3, etc.). Write your full name and address on each page.

4—Only words that appear in the English dictionary will be counted. Where the plural is used, the singular cannot be counted, and vice versa.

5—Words of the same spelling can be used only once, even though used to designate different objects or articles. An object or article can be named only once, although the object or article itself can be named and the various parts of the object or article can be named.

6—Do not use obsolete, archaic or hyphenated words or any compound words formed by two or more complete words, where each word in itself is an object.

7—The answer having the nearest correct list of names of visible objects or articles shown in the picture that begin with the letter "S" will be awarded first prize, etc. Neatness, style or handwriting have no bearing on the winners.

8—One or more members of a family may compete, but only one prize will be awarded to one household; nor will prizes be awarded to more than one of any group outside the family, where two or more have been working together. If more than one list is sent in by one party, or if they are sent in under different names, both lists will be barred.

9—Dr. H. A. Senter, professor, Central High School, Omaha; Father Hamill, principal, Creighton High School, Omaha, and Professor Dwight E. Porter, principal, Commercial High School, Omaha, have been appointed judges, and both The Omaha Daily News and the participants agree to abide by and accept the decision of the judges as final and conclusive.

10—In case of a tie, prizes of equal amounts will be awarded to the tying contestants. All answers will receive the same consideration whether or not a subscription for The Omaha Daily News is sent in.

11—The announcement of the prize winners and the correct list of words will be published in The Omaha Daily News in the earliest possible edition following the decision of the judges.

13—All lists of words must be mailed before March 21st, although they can be qualified for one of the larger prizes by sending in subscriptions up to and including April 4th, but all subscriptions must be for persons not a resident of Greater Omaha or Council Bluffs.

Fairness Assured!

We have selected three well known men who will act as judges.

DR. H. A. SENTER,
Professor Central High School, Omaha.

REVEREND I. A. HAMILL,
Principal Creighton High School, Omaha.

PROFESSOR DWIGHT E. PORTER,
Principal Commercial High School, Omaha.

All answers must be placed before these men, and they, not the puzzle manager, nor anyone connected with the Omaha Daily News will decide upon the winners. All contestants agree to accept their decision as final.

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