

Who said truth was stranger than fiction?



"YOU'RE FIRED," said the editor.
 "UNLESS YOU can dig up.
 A LIVE story today."
 SO THE cub reporter.
 DISAPPEARED FOR hours.
 BUT WHEN he recovered.
 FROM HIS trance, he had.
 A STORY—here it is.
 OUR DEPUTY constable.
 WAS WAKENED by the 'phone.
 AND A shrill voice cried.
 "FOR THE love of Mike.
 BEAT IT here quick.
 AND NAIL a nut.
 WHO'S TALKING wild.
 IN THE cigar store."
 THE LONG arm of the law.
 PUT ON his pants.
 SPED TO the scene.

AND AFTER a brief.
 BUT TERRIFIC struggle.
 MADE THE pinch.
 AND WHEN interviewed.
 BY OUR star reporter.
 GAVE OUT this statement.
 "HE'S A loony, all right.
 THE ASYLUM says, by Heck.
 THE WORST they ever had.
 WHY THE poor nut.
 CLAIMS HE can copy.
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 OF THE cigarettes.
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CENSORSHIP BILL PASSED IN THE HOUSE

CONSTITUTION AND RULES DISREGARDED BY SOLONS FAVORING ARBITRARY BOARD

Lincoln, Neb., March 14.—The house committee of the whole today voted, 58 to 33, for the Green bill establishing a board of three to censor the movies of the state.

Casting aside from the constitution and bolting the rules that govern its own procedure, the house at 7 p. m. ended the two days' battle on the movie censorship proposition and presented to the state an arbitrary board of three censors, who will decide, if their path through the senate is as rosy, the pictures which the people may and may not see.

At the end, after the house had voted, 53 to 28, to throw the Byrum-Gifford bill in the ash heap, and when the motion came to advance House Roll No. 113, the censorship bill, to third reading, Chairman Williams took the bit in his teeth and

refused to allow an amendment which Representative Rodman wished to submit to be considered or even to be read.

Williams made his decision on the ground that a "gentlemen's agreement" had been signed by certain members of the opposition faction in which it was agreed to discuss both bills at the same time and then to vote on them.

The rules of the house specify that amendments may be made at any time in a committee of the whole until the vote is taken. No vote had been taken on House Roll No. 113.

Disregard Constitution.

The constitution specifies that no rules of the house may be suspended by the committee of the whole, which is an unauthoritative body.

Rodman's amendment would have provided for the proposition of a board of three censors going before a vote of the people before it would be in effect. The wrangle lasted nearly an hour. An appeal was taken from the decision of the chair, but the chair was sustained, by a vote of 35 to 52.

Theodore Osterman and William Green, democratic members who voted against sustaining the vote of the chair on the ground, as they explained, that the house has no rights to override the constitution or to deny the right of free speech, while it is considering a bill in the committee of the whole.

Representatives Rodman and Snow appeared on the floor today as cham-

plions of the Byrum-Gifford bill against the censorship bill, House Roll No. 113.

Rodman, one of the ablest orators of the house, attacked the bill as a menace to the right of free speech and to the provision of the constitution guaranteeing this right together with the rights of free assemblage and freedom of the press.

Here are some of the hard things that Rodman had to say: "The bill does away with the fourth great principle of freedom of expression—the film.

"On Level With Russia."

"It does away with the fundamental American principle of trial by jury, inviolate under the constitution of the United States and Nebraska.

"It places Nebraska on a level with Russia and Germany by setting up the bureaucracy which sent Russians to Siberia and prevented the people of Germany from knowing the truth.

"It follows a politically appointed board to play up the politics of one party and squelch the other.

"It shows capital to spread its propaganda and squelch the voice of labor, or vice versa.

"It forces a man into the position of going to him to go before a board of censors after he is married and say: 'Mr. and Mrs. Censor what shall I do next?'"

Snow threw down the gauntlet to those who threatened anyone who did not vote for the censorship bill would not return to the legislature next year from now.

"I want to accept that challenge," he said, after it had been put into words on the floor by Webster of Burt county.

"And I want to throw down the gauntlet now to the members here and to this gallery. I'm not afraid to take these two bills and to go out over my district or over the state, explain both of them to the people and stand by their decision. I am not afraid to stand by the fundamental principles of our American government."

Snow declared that under the present law a man is innocent until he is guilty, but under this law a man is made guilty until he proves himself innocent.

Rodman and Snow both charged that this was the first time that an appropriation by the state legislature was used to lobby for a bill at the next session. They charged that of the appropriation that was innocently made by the last legislature a sum of \$15,000 had been used to propagandize the state and lobby the censorship bill through the legislature.

Women Stay Till End.

The women who have been sponsoring the campaign filled the galleries all day and stayed there until after 7 o'clock tonight, when the battle ended. There was a tumult of applause from them when the final vote was announced. They applauded vigorously after each member had finished speaking for the proposition.

The bill provides for the appointment of the board of three censors by the governor, the state superintendent of schools and the attorney general. The members are to receive a salary of \$2,400 a year, to be paid from the fees collected from examining films. There is no appeal from their decision.

MEMBERS OF EASTERN STAR GO VISITING

Home Chapter of This City are Guests at Queen Esther Chapter of Nebraska City Saturday Evening.

From Monday's Daily.

Some fifty members of Home chapter Order of the Eastern Star of this city, were the guests on Saturday evening of the members of Queen Esther chapter of Nebraska City and to enjoy the splendid initiation staged by the ladies of the order here. The members of the order here were conveyed to Nebraska City by auto during the afternoon, Judge A. J. Besson, L. L. Wilson, Glen Perry, Mrs. J. G. Mauzy, Judge J. T. Begley and Mrs. S. S. Chase being among those furnishing cars for the journey to the Ouse county city.

The lodge meeting was one of great interest and Grand Matron Mrs. Anna Davis of Alliance, was present to attend the session and witness the work of conferring the degrees on the various candidates of the order.

There were some 210 visitors present in addition to the members of Queen Esther chapter and the occasion one of the greatest that has been held in the Eastern Star chapter there for a number of years.

The members of the party were entertained at 6:30 at the Grand Hotel at a fine banquet and the occasion one of the greatest of enjoyment to all those participating.

FIRE DOES A GREAT DEAL OF DAMAGE

Residence Property Formerly Occupied by Frank Boyd is Destroyed This Forenoon.

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning the frame residence on Lincoln avenue that was occupied for a great many years by the Frank Boyd family was totally destroyed by fire before the fire department could reach the scene of action and upon arriving there the members were greatly handicapped by the fact that the building was outside the hydrant district.

The house had just been occupied by a family moving here from Weeping Water, who had moved in on Sunday, but last evening returned to their former home to bring over a load of their household goods and it is thought that the new occupants had started a fire in the furnace which was not in the best of condition and which caused the fire.

When discovered the building was in flames and had gained great headway before any assistance could reach the scene of the fire.

When reported the location of the fire was given as being at the Gravit residence in South Park and this caused a great delay to the fire department in locating the real scene of the blaze.

The building and all the contents were an entire loss and whether they were covered by insurance it is impossible to ascertain until the return of the occupant of the house from Weeping Water.

DOCTOR SEEKING A NEW TRIAL

Files Brief in Supreme Court Averring That Jury Was Wrongfully Permitted to Read Letter of Girl

Dr. Leslie S. Fields, Omaha doctor who was convicted of the charge of performing an unlawful operation that resulted in the death of Miss Ruth Ayer, a twenty year old girl from Hayes Center, has had briefs filed in supreme court in support of his claim that he is entitled to a new trial.

The girl sought the aid of the physician as the result of relations with F. W. Alexander, her affianced, and against the latter's advice. She wished to take a trip for nursing and desired that he finish his school. The testimony was that they called on a doctor in Omaha who refused to do what the girl asked, but gave her an office room number in the same building where she might secure the aid she desired.

The doctor insists that he has discovered evidence since the trial that the girl had been operated upon before she came to him. These are affidavits from women who claim to have talked with the girl before she went to the doctor and who were told by her that she had herself sought to relieve her condition.

Another ground relied upon is the admission by the lower court of the testimony of Dr. Strickland, Fields' anaesthetic the Ayer girl that he acted in the same capacity for Fields at other curement operations. This is asserted to have been highly prejudicial. Strickland's testimony was instrumental in causing the conviction, as he said he saw the other night the result of an accident while out shooting.

The doctor's counsel also charges as error of the lower court the permission given the jury, after it had been out for a number of hours, to have access to the letter written by the girl to Alexander, telling him of what she was about to do.

Since the trial of the doctor in district court young Alexander has died, the result of an accident while out shooting.



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ELMWOOD Leader-Echo

On Saturday Mrs. Lodge Caygill who was taken very sick with appendicitis was taken to Lincoln, where she underwent an operation Monday. The operation was successful and at the present time she is getting along nicely.

Henry Clapp, Jr., purchased some fine spotted Poland China brood sows at the O. J. May hog sale held at Bennett. He purchased four of them and they are of the very best English breeding strains. Henry has decided to specialize in the spotted Poles and we predict big success for him.

On Tuesday morning Henry Bragg received word from Louisville that he was grandpa again, a fine little daughter having been born on Monday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stehlmann. No wonder Henry had a big smile on his face Tuesday. Mrs. Stehlmann was formerly Lettie Bragg.

The Elmwood mill and elevator will be in operation again March 7, and will handle grain and flour and mill feeds. They will mill the "Golden Gate" and have also adopted a new brand to be known as "The Pride of Elmwood." They will use what is known as tow sack. The new repairs to the big engine are being put in this week and the mill will be in operation at once.

The Kuuz Brothers took charge of the Long garage, which they recently purchased and are ready to look after all business in their line. They will have a complete repair department and aside from this are to handle the excellent Buick line of autos. The garage has been thoroughly completed and is indeed a fine one. Mr. Long will remain in Elmwood, but has not made known what he intends doing.

WEEPING WATER Republican

Lloyd Philpot commenced loading his emigrant car Monday to be shipped to Garden City, Kansas.

Superintendent George V. Oberlander went to Lincoln Friday evening and underwent another operation, which we understand was a very serious one, but he is getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Smoots, of Hamlet, arrived Wednesday morning and accompanied their daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Harmon and husband to Omaha this (Thursday) morning, where Mrs. Harmon will undergo an operation at an Omaha hospital.

Mrs. John W. Carter left Friday

evening for Haxtum, Colorado, to look after some business matters and dispose of some personal property. This will be a difficult trip for Mrs. Carter as it will be hard for her to go back to the home she left some two and a half months ago under such trying circumstances.

Mrs. Hattie Duffield received the sad news Tuesday night of the death of her little granddaughter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wynn of Shelby, Iowa. The little girl was just learning to walk and was pulling the baby buggy walking backwards and backed into a pan of hot water which the mother was going to use to scrub the floor with. The pan of water was in an adjoining room and the child backed right through the door and was so badly scalded she died next day.

Our fire boys have their new fire truck ready for business, that is, it is complete with the exception of a coat of paint. The fellows are certainly deserving of much credit in their efforts to equip themselves with this modern fire fighting apparatus with their limited financial aid. They became tired of pulling the chemical engine and hose cart by hand so they planned the new fire truck and bought a Ford ton truck which they have had overhauled and a body built suitable to carry the chemical engine and the hose reel and necessary tools and equipment. The cost of the truck, body, etc., amounts to approximately

\$245, besides what work and material has been donated by the fire company boys and others. The boys took up a subscription among citizens of the town and raised from this source some \$285, which leaves a balance of \$40 that should be taken care of at once by people of the town and community.

RETURNS TO HER HOME

Miss Lillian Murphy, who has been quite ill at the hospital in Omaha for the past several weeks has shown very satisfactory progress and was able to return home Saturday and will remain here during her recuperation from her illness. The many friends of Miss Murphy will be pleased to know that she is doing so nicely and trust that she may continue to show improvement until fully restored to her former state of health.

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