

### Public Library to Stage Children's Annual Book Week

Movement, Originated Three Years Ago by Booksellers' Association, Proposes 'More Books in Homes.'

For a third time the public libraries of Omaha are to observe, with a large exhibit, the now nation-wide Children's Book week. These books of interest to children and to those closely connected with children, such as parents and teachers, will be on display at the Omaha public library, Wednesday, November 9, and will continue through November 19.

"More books in the home" is the slogan of this movement which was started three years ago by the American Booksellers' association. This, the booksellers declare, is not a selfish selling proposition, but a concerted effort to bring more and better books into the home. The most progressive people in the book-selling business are realizing what was pointed to them a number of years ago, that "juvenile reading is an asset, and that if trash is sold to the children of today, that they will kill their trade in real books of tomorrow, because the child brought up on trash does not grow up a reader of books and a builder of a personal library."

Many children have the advantage of well-selected good book collections, but too often the books which chance and not careful selection. This is what the librarian is striving for. She is not attempting to put forth arbitrary titles, as many people feel is her one aim in life, but to bring to the child's notice such books as will train them to appreciate the good, the beautiful and the true in art, literature, and life.

She wants to see books published that will make children happy and build character unconsciously, such tales of valor and chivalry as "King Arthur," "Book of Golden Deeds," "Wonderbook of Old Romance," "Story of Roland" or modern versions such as Parkman's "Heroes of Today," Riis' "Making of an American," or "Widow O'Callaghan's Boys."

Three Factors in Life. The home, school and library are three important factors in child-life today. In the home, the natural environment of the child, the opportunity for guiding the reading and surrounding the child with books which are worth while is very great. In the school, the teacher, if she knows her books, can aid materially, and in the library an effort is being made to help toward this end.

This exhibit is one means toward one common aim. Here will be found wonderful illustrated editions of such old favorites as "Treasure Island," "Kidnapped," "Robinson Crusoe," and "Child's Garden of Verse." These are illustrated by artists in sympathy with children, such as Randall Parrish, N. H. Weyth, and Jessie Wilcox Smith. Here also will be found cheaper editions and titles suggestive to teachers, which will be arranged by grades. There will also be special collections such as fairy tales, tales of chivalry, tales for Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls, tales of humor, introducing Lofting's "Dr. Doolittle," with which many children have not yet become acquainted.

As a special feature of the exhibit, plans will be given for a bookcase just like the one which Thomas Bailey Aldrich had over his bed, in the book "The Story of a Bad Boy." The boy who can carpenter will want one of these plans, and later there may be an exhibit of the finished cases.

### AT THE THEATERS

When an old clay pipe with a dish of soap and water and blown soap bubbles. Then let your imagination run riot and picture these bubbles about 20,000 times their size, distributed all over the stage and each bubble containing in its inside a pretty water nymph and with a myriad of colors being reflected on each of the bubbles. This is just one of the many novelty scenes which occur in "Cuddle Up," burlesque's latest offering, which appears at the Gayety theater for the week beginning this afternoon. "Cuddle Up" is not only a show of surprises, but it contains a lot of fun-makers, headed by Arthur Page and ably supported by Ted Healy, George Snyder, Nat Moran, Bertha Delmonico, Yvette Quinn, Jane May and Romaine and Plunkett. "Cuddle Up" shows some of the many dancing and musical numbers, clad in all the latest fashions of the day. Sunday's matinee at 3.

Rarely is a vaudeville play so effectively acted as in "Five Thousand Dollars," in which Mary Boland is appearing this week at the Orpheum. Her company has been excellently chosen for the presentation of the one-act play, which is characterized by a tense dramatic situation. "Tune of the Hour," the entertaining act of Gladys and Arthur, is another stellar attraction this week. Popular songs, and comedy are the chief elements of this offering. The stars are effectively assisted by the two graceful dancers, the Dale sisters, and also by the amusing comedian, Jack Landauer. A clever skit called "The Avi-cher" is presented by Joe Morris and Flo Campbell.

There is much of interest concerning Al Ritchie, who is entertaining large crowds at the Brandeis this week. This big percentage, by way of introduction to his act, which he gives at every performance in addition to the photo feature, "Tropical Love," bends a length of pipe with his bare hands and breaks lengths of plank over his bare head.

That enduring attraction, "The Bird of Paradise," will be in the Brandeis theater for one week, commencing tomorrow night. It is said this play is again demonstrating its remarkable appeal to that portion of the public not in the habit of going to the theater regularly. Year after year this story, with its wall of Hawaiian music, comes along and assembles the crowd. Ann Brandis, a talented young actress, is playing the title role. Others in the cast include Herbert Charles, Frederick Forrester, Ellen Maher, Rose Watson, Frank L. Carey, James K. Appelbee, Joseph Robinson and Douglas. The Hawaiian singers have added several new melodies and chants to their part of the program.

Manager Sutphen of the Brandeis theater announces that he has received the contracts from Washburn and Kemper which makes it a certainty that local theatergoers will have the opportunity of seeing "The Bat," probably the most discussed play which has been produced in years. "The Bat," Manager Sutphen announces, will be seen here on December 1 and 2 and for a year in Chicago, a record never before equaled by any play. The company to be seen here are Leslie Evans, William L. Thorne, Lucille Moran, Josephine Moran, Joseph M. Hollicky, Arthur Hughes, Edward Pawley, Fay Huber, George A. Brown and Bernard Thorne.

## MOVIES



for an important role in the new Antonio Moreno picture entitled "A Guilty Conscience." It is a dramatic play of English civil service in India.

"Flower of the North," a forthcoming release, introduces no wild animals of the land north of 53—a novelty in a story written by James Oliver Curwood. There are no sled dogs; but a wolf-dog, the companion of the fair Jeanne, plays an important part in the story. There is no snow or ice but the picture play is typical of the great Canadian Northwest.

Ralph Ince, while in San Juan, Porto Rico, producing the feature, "Tropical Love," which will be shown at the Brandeis for the last time tonight, became deeply interested in the history of the romantic spot in the old city of San Juan, founded in 1511 by Ponce de Leon, and he listened to colorful tales of pirates and of attacks by the Dutch, English and Americans. History is a hobby of Ince's, brought about through his intensive study of Abraham Lincoln, of whom he is our greatest impersonator.

Today's Attractions. Rialto—Ethel Clayton in "Beyond." Sun—Bebe Daniels in "The Speed Girl" and Harold Lloyd in "Never Weaken." Strand—Constance Talmadge in "Woman's Place." Moon—Sessue Hayakawa in "Where Lights Are Low." Empire—The Money Maniac. Muse—"The Whistle." Grand—William Russel in "Bare Knuckles." Hamilton—Buck Jones in "Just Pals."

### Mystery of "Heavier-Than-Air Aroma," in County Clerk's Office Is Solved by Dewey

The atmosphere in the office of County Clerk Frank Dewey was redolent yesterday afternoon with heavier-than-air aroma. Mr. Dewey suspected that someone was violating the 18th amendment within the sacred precincts of the court house. He trained his keen proboscis, first through his own office, and then invaded other parts of the building. The baffling feature of the situation was that the aroma was more pungent in Mr. Dewey's own office.

The aggressive county clerk finally rested his case on the theory that the odor could be traced to a cache in the basement, where the sheriff stores confiscated cordials. "The odor is carried to my office through an air shaft," was the sage decision of Mr. Dewey. The employees of the county clerk's office appeared to be relieved when their chief announced his finding.

Girls and Women Ask Aid For St. James Orphanage. Six hundred women and girls of Omaha will dot downtown street corners today for a general solicitation of coins for children of St. James Orphanage in Benson.

Judge Directs Verdict For Uptide Grain Firm. Federal Judge Woodrough yesterday directed a verdict in favor of the Uptide Grain company, whom Ray L. Grosvenor, trustee for Hugh

Farm Bureau Plans to Float Rural Credits Association. Aurora, Neb., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Farm Bureau federation is engaged in taking a referendum of its members on a proposed constitutional amendment to strike out of the state constitution the \$100,000 limit on bonded indebtedness. With this out it is proposed to form a state rural credits system and vote bonds to promote it.



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Congressman More Enthusiastic Than Ever Over Advantages of Canal Through St. Lawrence River.

By E. C. SNYDER. Washington Correspondent of Omaha Bee. Washington, Nov. 4.—Congressman Jefferis returned yesterday from Hamilton, Ont., where on Tuesday evening he delivered an address at the banquet of the Canadian Deep Waterway and Power association convention. "Big Jeff" is more enthusiastic than ever over the project to build an interior waterway from the Great Lakes, through the St. Lawrence to the Atlantic seaboard, as a needed outlet for the grain and other farm products raised by the farmers of the middle west. Mr. Jefferis spoke of the crying need for such a waterway and in-

stated that it was the business of the United States to co-operate in the undertaking. He thought such a waterway under the joint control of the United States and Canada would cement the friendship existing between the two countries for more than a century as nothing else would do.

He believes the electric power to be derived from such a waterway would pay for the construction of the canal.

Gage County Mortgages On Farms Are Paid Off. Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Following is the mortgages report for Gage county for the month of October: Number of farm mortgages filed, 24; amount, \$69,827.50; number of farm mortgages released 14; amount, \$80,000; number of city and town mortgages filed, 38; amount, \$71,050; number of city and town mortgages released, 24; amount, \$29,400.

Farmer Hit by Auto. Litchfield, Neb., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—M. J. Knapp, farmer, was hit by an automobile driven by Carl Halbeisen and suffered a dislocated knee. Mr. Knapp was walking along the road when the accident occurred.

### Ministry Denies Germany Building Up Secret Army

Statement Says Nation in No Condition to Be Danger To Other World Powers.

Berlin, Nov. 4.—The ministry of defense, in a statement to the Associated Press, denied newspaper reports that Germany was fostering a secret army, utilizing her factories for war purposes and evading disarmament clauses of the Versailles treaty, in preparation for another war. "Germany is not threatening the peace of the world; it is in no condition to be a danger," says the statement. "Our military activities are watched by the inter-allied commission, which is in a position to know whether we have a secret army of 750,000 or have complied with the treaty by its reduction to 100,000. Relative to the charges that war

materials, guns and ammunition have been secretly furnished to the civilian population, Germany's internal situation is the best answer." Figures are given in support of the assertion that artillery, rifles, grenades, bombs and ammunition have been destroyed in good faith and that the war army has been demobilized. The new army, says the statement, cannot be used as a nucleus for the training of a greater army in view of the armistice terms. Cantonnments and arsenals have been abandoned and as far as possible are used now to house civilians.

### Squabble Develops Over Paying Paving Warrants

The city department of accounts and finance has refused to deliver to the American Paving corporation warrants for \$1,278 and \$1,500, approved by the council in connection with the paving work on Dodge Street. According to Corporation Counsel W. C. Lambert the warrants were not delivered because they are for work in connection with the lowering of gas and water mains. It is contended that this work should be charged to the publicity utilities, as it is caused by paving improvements.

### Oil Workers Charge Men Not Taken Back Following Strike

Bakersfield, Cal., Nov. 4.—The California district council of the oil workers union sent to Secretary of Labor Davis a telegram informing him that workers who reported for work yesterday morning as a result of the oil fields strike having been called off, were not taken back by the companies. "Complying with your request, striking oil workers in all districts reported for work this morning but were not taken back. A lockout condition therefore exists which is pregnant with grave possibilities, as the men are intensely resentful at the attitude of the companies. Unless companies express an immediate willingness to conform to your request for establishment of former friendly relations, as expressed in your telegram to us, it is beyond the power of this council to further control the situation. (Signed) 'DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 1, 'E. B. DANIEL, Secretary.'

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