Woman Who "Did all But Wash Dishes" at C. of C. In 1903 Is Still In Service

Miss Lea Bellman Once Chamber's Only Employe; Old Times Recalled.

If you want to know anything about the Chamber of Commerce just ask Miss Lea Bellman.

That is what Chamber of Commerce members tell their visitors. Miss Bellman has been with the Chamber for 21 years, longer than anyone else in the organization.

When a slip of a girl, a graduate of public schools, she went to work for the old Omaha Commercial club in the Board of Trade building, which stood on the site now occupied by the First National bank.

The commissioner at that time, 21 ears ago, was J. E. Utt. The Commercial club at that time had but 300 members. It had one

room for an office, a small lounge room and a dining room capable of serving 100 persons. There was another room with four pool tables. And as Miss Bellman said, "I did everything at the start. Everything but washing dishes and racking pool Miss Bellman has seen five other

commissioners take the leadership of the chamber. In 1904, the commis sioner was E. J. McVann, now a na tionally known rate expert of Wash ington, D. C. McVann stayed a year U. S. Government Wants and a half and was succeeded by John M. Guild, who remained at the chamber until he resigned in 1914 to take a position with the Kansas City (Mo.) Chamber of Commerce. Bob Manley, Omaha insurance

He remained until 1930, when the chamber secured J. David Larson of sioner; who assumed office May 1. According to Miss Bellman, many Omahans active at the chamber to January 6. day were active nearly a score of

Among them she named Randall K. Frank Johnson, George H. Payne, E.

Two presidents, Woodrow Wilson and William Howard Taft, visited the chamber during the time Miss Bellman has been with the chamber. EOUITABLE RAII When she entered the employ of the chamber the dues were \$5 a year, with no initiation. Now the dues are \$25 for the initiation and \$7.50 every

There are now about 30 employes at the chamber besides the heads of the publicity, traffic, agricultural and industrial bureaus. "And to think that a long time ago I practically did Miss Bellman lives at 3521 Leaven-

TENOR DENIES HE

New York, Dec. 20 .- Rumors that John McCormack had paid \$100,000 to blackmailers in Boston after being uation in the Copley Plaza hotel, are branded as falsahood by branded as falsehood by the singer. The tenor revealed today that fo five years the whispered story had the been going the rounds—so vague that it never could be traced further than that somebody heard from somebody else of the blackmailers' plot. At the trial of William J. Corcoran, former district attorney of Middlesex Organization in the World. county, and others accused of conspiring to extert \$55,000 from Victor F. operated in the U.S. by Marinello Searles, an affidavit referring to the story was introduced in evidence.

gang to lure its victims, made the also assists graduates to estabaffidavits. She said she had learned lish their own Beauty Salons. of the story of the blackmail of "John McCormack," as the affidavit put it through a conversation among mem bers of the blackmailing gang.

STONE TO OPPOSE PACKER GROCERY

General Stone announced today that he would oppose before the United States supreme court the plea of the big packers to have set aside the federal decree prohibiting them from engaging in other lines of business, such as operating grocery stores.

"In view of the way this decree was obtained." said Stone in a letter to the farmers' national council, "I am deeply interested in having it upheld and I think there are valid legal grounds which can be urged for up holding it.

The farmers' council has asked Stone to enlist in the fight against annulling the decree.

FORD TO SLICE NEW YEAR MELON

Detroit, Dec. 20 .- A distribution of \$2,000,000 to 36,000 employes was announced by the Ford Motor company here today when it was stated that Ford investment certificates-available only to employes-would pay 14 per cent interest for the year 1924. Payment of the interest misses being a Christmas gift by a week parasite which is the direct cause of Checks will start going out Jan-

BRITAIN WRITES WAR CLAIM NOTE

has drawn up a note to the United

The note will be submitted to the cabinet and will be forwarded to the United States, probably before Christ-

proceedings of the section of the se T. L. COMBS CUSTOMERS

Are getting better prices,





Delay Asked in Oil Lease Suit

More Time for Teapot Dome Case.

dealer, was chosen to succeed Guild Pomerene, special counsel for the annulment of the lease on the Teapot Salt Lake City. Larson resigned Dome naval oil reserve held by the early in 1924. He was succeeded by Mammoth Oil company, this morning Clarke G. Powell, present commis-filed in the United States court here a motion for continuance of the hearing on the suit scheduled for

The motion is made on the ground that the government requires addi I Brown, C. C. Belden, F. H. Davis, tional time to obtain certain evidence based upon the alleged passage of A. Benson, T. C. Byrne and Gould Liberty bonds between Harry F. Sinclair and Albert B. Fall, who, as sec retary of the interior, granted the Teapot Dome lease to Sinclair.

Washington, Dec. 20.-General com mendation of plans for the expenditure of \$5,000,000 for the improvement of water transportation on the Mississippi and Warrior rivers and recommendations that proceedings be initiated before the interstate com and equitable rail, water-rail rates through St. Louis, Memphis, Vicksburg, Birmingham and New Orleans to points in north Texas are contained in a report submitted to the War department today by the advisory board of the Inland Waterways

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graduates give profitable em-Mrs. Abraham Levy, who admitted having been used by the blackmail soon as they qualify. Marinello

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cranberry juices have been combined London, Dec. 20.—Great Britain with soothing, cooling, healing oils. speedily restores the skin to its nat-States suggesting a settlement of America's war claims, it was learned today.

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Special

Tea Room Menu

5 to 7:30 P. M.

65c Dinner

duck, or a choice of other meats, with vegetables, salad,

Also a Special

Shopper's Dinner

50c

Steak dinner with potatoes,

Seventh Floor

not rolls, tea, coffee and milk

-pie, pudding or ice cream.

Christmas

Candy Specials

Decorated Cream Wafers

Delicious patty wafers with ap-

propriate Christmas toppings— Xmas bells, holly, holly wreath

Fruit Cake

Fruit cakes, exceptionally fine,

put up in three sizes... \$2, \$4, \$6

Gift Packages

The best of checolates in these

Shaker knit all wool sweat-

ers, in plain colors, or two-

Stationery

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High grade stationery in a beautiful gift box — white

and colored correspondence cards with gold bevel edges.

At this price also - white

Women's Linen

Handkerchiefs

In white and colors,

with hand-embroidered

corners, 1-16 to 1/2-in. hems, 35c 3 for \$1.00

Women's

Colored and

White Linen

Handkerchiefs

With hand - embroid- hems, 50c

\$1.35 Values

ered corners 50c value 35c

"Jackie Coogan" Handkerchiefs for

All-Wool Felt Slippers

deed, for these wintry days. Included at this low price are styles for women, astrakhan-trimmed bootees for chil-

dren and ribbed trimmed slippers for misses. In twenty

Silk Umbrellas

tone combinations.

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Linen Neckwear

A large assortment of

linen neckwear trimmed with

hand embroidery and real laces. Vest sets, Peter Pan

collar sets, tuxedo collar sets

umbrella with 11/2-inch satin

border, fancy sport handles with amber tips and stubs. In

black, purple, brown, green,

Men's Sheer

Linen

Handkerchiefs

With white cord bor-

hems; regularly \$1.00 .. 75c

3 for \$2.00

Men's

Handkerchiefs

With colored woven borders and 4-inch

value 35c

14-inch sheer

The Gift Ideal --

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rolls and dessert.

Special dinner with roast

Brandeis-Surplus Companies, Purchasers of the Stock of the The Christmas Store for Everybody

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Only Three More Days to Do Your Christmas Shopping --- Last Minute Suggestions

Sale of IVORY PIECES

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Hair Receivers Powder Boxes

Mirrors, \$1.59 and \$3.98 Trays . \$1.39 and \$1.98

\$1.85 Service Weight Silk Hose

> Thread silk hose, full fashioned, all first quality; feet; black and



Gift Items

Boots and Booties

with satin \$1.95 Ouilted Pink or

Knitted Bootees ... 35c to 59c Caps

Dainty, hand made silk and wool caps, in tan or blue. **Brushed Wool Sweaters**

\$1.89 ° \$4.50 Novelty sweaters, some crick-

Sweater Suits \$5.95 *** \$7.50 In tan, peacock, white, pink,

Knitted Caps \$1.10 ° \$2.95

Soft knitted caps of zephyr yarn, trimmed with rose wreaths or heavy silk yarn.

Models, \$1.00 to \$13.50

Beautiful embroidery models, including house dresses, aprons, scarfs, towels, lunch sets, infants' dresses, children's dresses, negligees, gowns, combinations, and many other lovely pieces. These are all worked in attractive color combinations.

Silk Taffeta Pillows An assortment of changeable taffeta pillows, in all

the wanted shapes. Black, blue, tan. \$2.98 and rose Second Floor



French and Philippine

Exquisite hand-made French and Philippine gowns and envelope chemise, elaborately embroidered with eyelets and scalloped edges, all ribbon run. While they last at this low price. All regular sizes.

Gifts That Are

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tinctive that they border on the extreme, carry a tremendous appeal to the feminine heart. Bags of French import, with odd frames, novelty trimming of beads; and embroidery. In Gray Black Brown Blue

Silken Pajamas





Tailored pongee styles, for practical wear, made with long sleeves and frog trimming. Others in sleeveless styles, or with very short sleeves, trimmed with hand embroidery. Black, orchid, peach, turquoise, natural. Second Floor

"Chateau" Gloves Make a Welcome Gift

Gloves of the better quality. Many novel styles from which to select, in-Black and White, Beaver, Mode, Brown, Gray



Dainty Perfumes cerise, glazed glass.



Imported Perfumes -Three assorted odors, in a Christmas box, 98c

LUGGAGE REDUCED IN PRICE

\$76.50 Wardrobe Trunk This one of 6-ply fiber, is well re-

inforced at the corners, and complete with hangers, shoe box, laundry bag, and

Gifts Pleasing to the Housewife

Percolators

"Royal Rochester" stove percoators, in nickel and aluminum. Each packed in a neat box with gift card. All nickle plated. 7-cup capacity \$5.50 9-cup capacity \$6.95 9-cup capacity 7-cup capacity \$6.95

Tea Kettles

Wear Ever" alumnium tea ket-

tles, 5-quart capacity, \$3.19

Cereal Sets

Fifteen-piece sets, consisting of 6 cereal jars, 6 spice jars, vinegar and oil bottles, \$5.98 and salt box, in neat design.....

"Pyrexette" Sets For the kiddies-sets of "Pyrex" just like mother uses. Consisting of small casserole, 2 custard cups, bread pan.

Toasters

Electric toasters, "turn-over" styles - in Nickle trimmed, with inlaid decorationsnickle finish—with nichrone wire \$3.95 elements, fully guaranteed.....

Roasters "Wear Ever" aluminum round roasters, \$3.95

Casseroles "Pyrex" casseroles, in heavy nickel frames-

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49c Italian linen crash service cloths-12x18-inch sizes, with lovely open work in the center and around the edges.

96c Hemstitched linen towels, with neat damask borders, 20x36-inch sizes.

Linen Towels

\$1.89 Linen damask lunch cloths, 36x36inch sizes, neatly hemstitched.

Lunch Cloths

Bath Towel Sets \$1.00 Three-piece sets, consisting of large owel and two wash cloths, in colored

Luncheon Napkins 39c

Linen luncheon napkins of very fine Finished with hemstitched Fancy Towels

48c Large size Turkish towels, with col-

ored borders and centers.

Finished Embroidered

Coffee Urn "Royal Rochester" electric urn, loving cup style, full

> Complete with \$16.50 Serving Trays

nickle plated, 8-cup capacity.



