

### A Cornhusker In Washington

By JACK LEE.

Senator Robert Beecher Howell of Nebraska told the senate about the difference in charges for electricity in Washington and Nebraska. He declared that congress ought to be ashamed of itself for allowing the Potomac Electric Power company to impose "outrageously high" electric light rates on the citizens of Washington. "It is ridiculous," he said. "We pay 10 cents a kilowatt hour with no discount. Congress ought to be ashamed of itself. For what the private company charges \$2 in Cleveland, in Washington we pay \$4." The senator also cited Lincoln, Neb., where a private company sells 40 kilowatt hours for \$2.10 because a public company lights part of the city. "If you will compare the rate in Lincoln and Washington, you will find that we pay 50 per cent more for 40 kilowatt hours of electricity in a city of 480,000 than the city of Lincoln with only 58,000 inhabitants." He added that in Omaha, the senator's home town, the rate came down to 6 cents a kilowatt hour in January, 1917, and since the war has been reduced again so that the maximum rate is 5 1/2 cents a kilowatt hour.

"Ladies of the Evening," a new Belasco play, which had its premiere here last week under the personal supervision of the Old Master himself, stood the dramatic critics of Washington on their ears and nothing but Thurston, the magician, and Blanche Bates, she of the old safe and same play, prevented them from going entirely coo coo. One critic said of the play, "It's the most obscene thing I have ever seen." Another called it "true realism" but, no matter what the critics said, Washingtonians paid good hard dollars to see it and packed the National theater each of the four evenings it was played. When it reaches Broadway it will cause a greater stir than "What Price Glory" did, and up to its appearance "Glory" was supposed to have been the last word in realism.

I attended the play, seeing it from the highest box in the theater at \$1.10 per head. Every seat was sold in the house. After the third act, unusually well acted, David, with clerical garb and collar on his hind side before, came before the footlights and thanked the audience for its reception of his play. "You have made us very, very happy," he said. As he went off the stage, hand in hand with James Kirkwood, former movie hero, and Beth Merrill, the leads in the play, I could see from my rooster in peanut heaven, the silhouette of somebody going into a clinch with Beth and I haven't been able to determine just who it was, David or James, as it was only a shadow I saw. Anyway, the play is a success.

Its action is around a street walker, Kirkwood, playing the part of an actress, after telling cronies at his club that street walkers have souls and can be reformed, picks up one and is taken to a hotel room. This act, in which everything is plain and unvarnished, and in which words that have never been used in public theatricals before are uttered, brings storms of applause from the audience. Another act, in an Atlantic City hotel, where the two gold diggers owe an immense hotel bill, with no wherewithal to pay except from their potential abilities as gold diggers, is another scene which seems to please the audience. However the artist's plan of redemption succeeds, to this extent. He

painted a picture of her as she was when he first discovers her and then another seven months later as she is being redeemed. There is improvement. Through misunderstandings, the girl flees the studio and returns to her old life, but she did before. Of course, the artist finds that she has become very dear to him. After several weeks of complete disappearance, the two are reunited in a restaurant on Fifth avenue, where the former "cruiser" is waiting table. No matter what the critics say, and one went so far as to say that if such a result continued, it would result in a national censorship for the theater, the public shows its taste for plays in the manner in which it buys tickets. There were no empty seats at the premier showing in Washington and Washington or Podunk are no different than New York. Being of the conventional variety, my opinion of the play would be superfluous.

I have just returned from the regular Tuesday morning conference of newspaper correspondents at the White House. These conferences are held each Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon. All correspondents are ushered into the president's private office. Previously, those who wished, have handed in questions pertaining to current affairs, which the president answers—if he sees it that way. To me, it was quite a thrill to be seated at the head of the high noon conference of the capital city, representing papers from practically every big city in the United States. The president's private office is furnished in green and cream, a nifty background for the chief executive, who is red headed. At the right of his desk is a huge flag. As the correspondents entered the room, the president arose from his desk, holding the questions which had been asked. Most of them dealt with the United States navy. One correspondent has asked the president to compare our navy with those of other powers. This he refused today, saying that it had been covered thoroughly in his message to congress. He answered other questions, but all those pertaining to the navy he passed over.

Newspaper men, and one woman, were busy taking notes as the president spoke. Following the reading and answering of questions, the conference ended. The president remained standing until all the correspondents had filed out. President Coolidge was dressed in a plain blue suit, on the arm of his left sleeve being a band of mourning for the young son he lost last summer. I noticed the pile of documents, papers and data on his desk, all of which he will dispose of in a businesslike manner before the day is through. I am of the opinion that the president's job is no snap.

Gould Dietz, Omaha's official greeter and globe trotter, was in to call on Congressman Willis G. Sears last Monday. He was in the city for a short time, after which he was on his way to San Francisco. Later he returns to Washington and will then go on a trip to South America.

T. W. Blackburn and W. R. King, attorneys of Omaha, were in Washington for a short visit last week. Mr. Blackburn, back in the '90s, was a resident of Washington and received most of his law training at one of the schools here.

Walter W. Head, Omaha banker and nationally known financier, was also a Washington visitor last week.

A certain constituent who appealed to Congressman Willis G. Sears for a special bill for his relief, is an Irishman of long standing. The bill was introduced on March 17 of last year. What a glorious day to introduce a

special bill on behalf of an Irish man. The committee considering it reports progress.

Crawford Kennedy is doorkeeper at the main door of the senate and day after day meets and greets the dignified senators, many of them of world fame, by their first names and a slap of his long residence there—almost knows more people in Nebraska than any other living Nebraskan. No matter who it is or where he lives, Crawford knows him. This is by reason of his long residence there—almost half a century. For years Crawford was down in Lincoln. He has also traveled extensively in political meetings, which is the secret of his wide acquaintance. His acquaintance is almost as wide in Washington. Crawford can call almost any department or government official by his first name. Nebraskans visiting Washington will do well to meet Mr. Crawford Kennedy, as he knows the ins and outs of Washington—more so the ins—because he is a republican—than any man here.

### Ex-Nebraskan Holds Nation's Pursestrings



J. W. McIntosh, formerly associated with the Farmers State bank at Eustis, Neb., has been nominated for the office of comptroller of the currency by President Coolidge. McIntosh was born at Macomb, Ill., and came to Nebraska when a young man. He later returned to Macomb, where he was with the Citizens Bank of Macomb. He was given the distinguished service medal when he served as colonel in France during the world war. He was deputy comptroller of the currency before his nomination as comptroller.

### Polk County Cattlemen Refuse Tuberculosis Test

Osceola, Neb., Dec. 20.—President Mark Timm reported at the annual meeting of the Polk county farm bureau that all breeding cattle in the county have been tested for tuberculosis except eight herds owned by men who refused the test, preventing Polk county from being accredited. County Agent W. B. Adair reported that the work during 1924 has been along three lines, boys' and girls' club work, livestock and foods and nutrition. A state championship demonstration team was developed in cooking and a team of boys were winners in pig club demonstration at the state fair. Food selection work was carried out by 14 women's clubs. The following men were re-elected to the farm bureau board: Petrus C. Nelson, Stromsburg; W. A. Lindburg, Polk; and Fred Cokson of Shelby. County Agent W. B. Adair was re-elected agent for the coming year.

If you live in a city of 50,000 and, by co-operating with your health department, you can reduce your death rate two per 1,000, you will have saved 100 of your very valuable citizens for future use.

### ABE MARTIN On Winter Etiquette



Well Intentioned, Maybe, But th' Acme O' Ill Breedin'.

"Now that we've bid good by t' garden parties, lily ponds, mountain climbin', an' such, an' plunged headlong int' th' winter's social season, a wor or two about indoor social etiquette won't be amiss," writes Miss Fawn Lippincott.

"It is th' rankest violation of established social ethics t' ask a hostess where she borrowed a punch bowl. A man who aspires t' be a gentleman must never borrow a cigarette from a lady.

"Money borrowed from a host or hostess, without security, t' tide over an evening should be returned before 10 a. m. th' next mornin'." "It reflects neglected breedin' t' tell how much your dinner suit set you back.

"Never quote or refer t' prominent people like you drilled with 'em.

"Don't say much o' anything is th' best rule.

"Never urge a gentleman or lady t' drink. His or her stomach may be off, or either might possibly be opposed t' drinkin', which is th' inalienable right.

"At luncheons never guarantee or give as your opinion, that this or that (metworst for instance) won't distress a lady or gentleman. They know th'ir stomachs best.

"Where all but one of a party get a start at th' same time, it is not proper t' urge drinks too fast on th' isolated guest.

"In bribin' an orchestra leader never display more than enough money t' answer th' purpose.

"Never tell how your wife cooks this or that.

"In closeup, or Chicago, house-dancin' allus look around before backin' in from one room t' another.

"A born gentleman avoids tooth-picks an' clears his throat on th' veranda.

"No thoroughbred gentleman or lady 'll ask a host or hostess where they got it. If you are skeptical, which is your right, wait 30 or 40 minutes after you've seen some other

### BOOSTING FOR OMAHA Report of the Advertising Committee of the Associated Insurance Companies.

The insurance committee met yesterday noon to hear reports of progress made by the several subcommittees. P. K. Walsh, chairman of the committee on newspaper advertising, stated what had been done by the Association of Omaha Insurance Companies in efforts to boost for a Greater Omaha, and outlined plans for future work. He reported that his committee had received expressions of opinion by leading citizens, which he quoted briefly as follows:

Frank W. Judson, chairman of the Greater Omaha Committee, said: "There is no one in Omaha who is a greater believer in patronizing home industry than myself, and in this connection I am pleased to advise you that at the last meeting of the Greater Omaha Committee, we appointed a special committee to handle the matter of home patronage of which Mr. W. A. Fraser of the W. O. W. was made chairman."

W. C. Fraser, President of the Omaha Bar Association, made the following statement, personally, and not as an officer of the Bar Association: "Omaha is coming into its own as an insurance center. We have several fine buildings erected by insurance organizations or societies. We have many excellent conservative men at the head of our institutions. They have established new industries in our midst and it certainly should be to the interest of every citizen of Omaha and Nebraska to encourage the growth of these institutions. By them millions of dollars are brought into the city and largely invested in city and state. The public revenues are increased by the taxes paid by the insurance companies themselves, and by their employees. They distribute much money in the community. There is no reason why Omaha should not equal or surpass Des Moines in fostering insurance companies chartered in the state."

Dr. Stuart B. MacDiarmid, president of the Advertising Selling League of Omaha, made the following expression of his personal views. He said: "I heartily endorse the work being carried on by your committee. I have most with considerable interest read of the advertisements that have appeared in the Interest of Omaha insurance companies. The facts therein stated were entirely new to me and in a sense rather astounding. I was pleased to know of the magnitude of our local institutions. I know of no reason why Nebraska insurance institutions cannot give the same good service and protection accorded by those of any other state, and it strikes me that our home insurance institutions are entitled to our patronage."

Mark Martin, president of the Omaha Real Estate Board, said: "If there is a good reason why Omahans ought not carry their insurance in Omaha companies, I cannot think of it. Our local protective institutions are as substantial and as ably managed as any in the country, and they spend much money here. Omaha insurance companies are entitled to our patronage."

C. M. Robinson, of the Byrne & Hammer Dry Goods company, Omaha, said: "We should show and prove our loyalty to Omaha and her solid institutions. By building up Omaha companies and associations we are benefiting our own. By doing so, we are making Omaha a bigger and better place in which to live, and in which to do business."—Adv.

### \$1,000 for You! A Practical Christmas Gift for Your Family.

By making a small monthly deposit you can make sure a saving of \$1,000 and at the same time provide your family with the guarantee of this amount in addition to your savings in the event of your death.

Should you not live to complete your deposits, your heirs will receive \$1,000 (\$2,000 in case of death by accident) together with the full amount that has accumulated in your savings account. Should permanent disability befall you, you will receive \$10 per month for the remainder of your life.

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You cannot lose.

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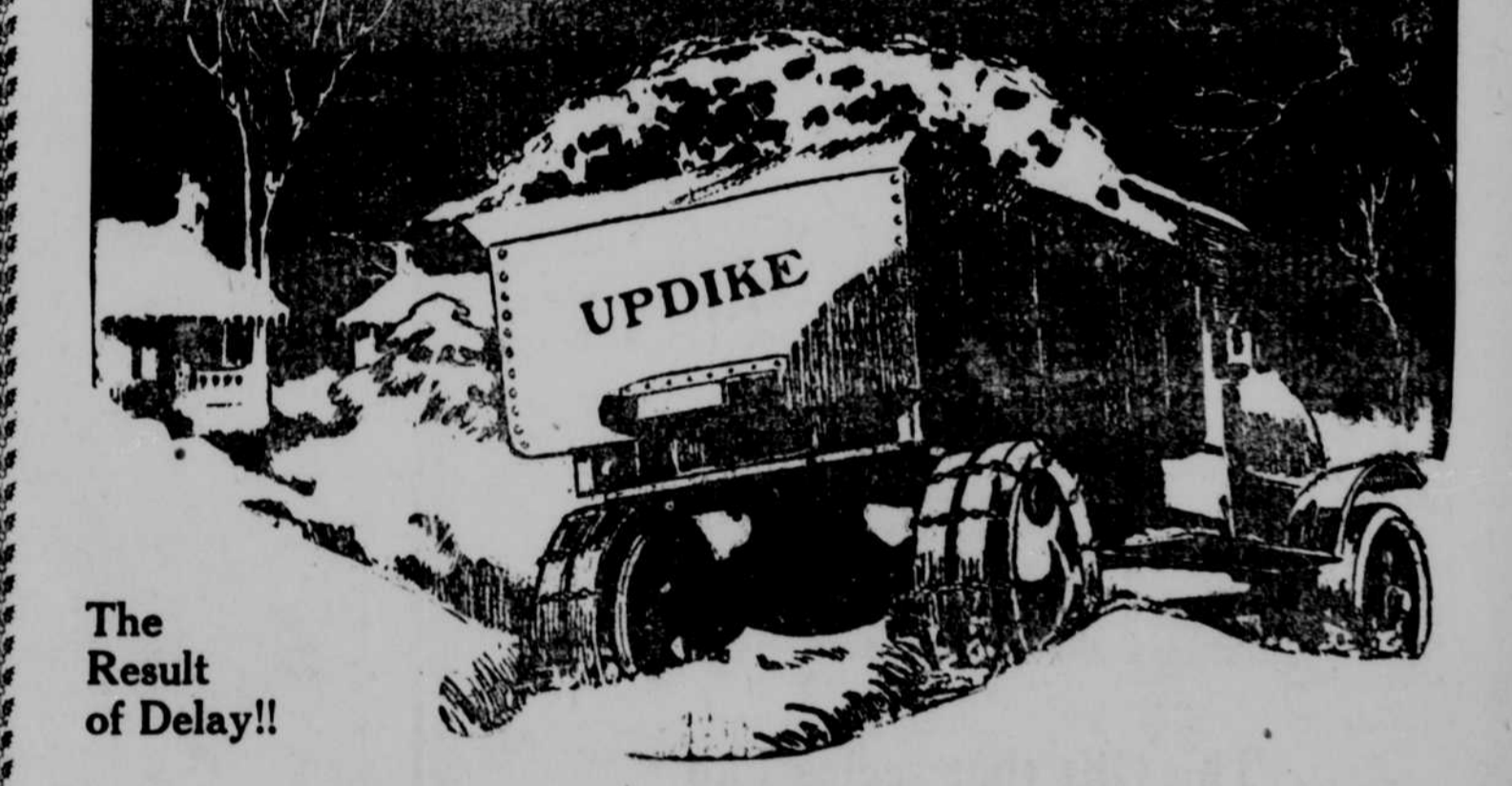
**Occidental Building & Loan Association**  
322 South Eighteenth Street Omaha, Neb.

### ARE YOU PROUD OF OMAHA?

#### Listen to This Statement of Important Facts

- The combined assets of Omaha insurance companies are in excess of \$150,000,000.
- The 24 insurance companies whose headquarters or HOME OFFICES are in Omaha employ about five thousand persons.
- Omaha insurance companies expend nearly three millions annually in pay-rolls, rentals, taxes, and for purchase of supplies.
- Employees of Omaha insurance companies represent about 1,000 families whose annual expenses approximate one million and a half dollars annually, in house rent, food stuffs, dry goods, clothing, etc., etc.
- Officers and employees of Omaha insurance companies contribute large sums to maintain our churches and other moral agencies for social up-lift.
- State insurance departments all over the United States have certified that Omaha Insurance Companies afford absolute protection under their policy contracts.
- Last year Nebraskans paid to insurance companies chartered in other states and foreign states, \$17,081,786. A local authority estimates that Omahans paid about one-fourth of this colossal sum, or \$4,270,461.
- If the most of this money had been paid to Omaha Insurance Companies selling every kind of insurance it would have given them tremendous impetus thus contributing largely to the work of building a Greater Omaha and Nebraska.
- Omaha Insurance Companies with Home Offices in Omaha are entitled to special consideration at the hands of Omaha people.

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| <b>OMAHA LIFE</b><br>Insurance Company                    | <b>NATIONAL SECURITY FIRE</b><br>Insurance Company       |
| <b>GUARANTEED FUND LIFE</b><br>Association                | <b>EQUITY LIFE</b><br>Insurance Company                  |
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"In standin' up when a lady joins you don't try t' stamp your trousers down.

"A perfect gentleman 'll never lengthen or shorten a suspender in polite society.

"Never drum on th' card table.

"One advantage o' perfect polish is that others can't find out t' save ther necks what you're thinkin' about."

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