

Rediscovering Omaha

By T. W. McCULLOUGH.

Police reporters of the present day, with their "press room" at the central police station, typewriters, telephones and other conveniences, may miss their stars when they were not on the job when Omaha was first commencing to enjoy a "metropolitan" police force.

It was the legislature of 1887 that did away with the job of city marshal in Omaha and established in his stead a chief of police. Marshal Tom Cummings was the last of a long line. Webster S. Seavey was Omaha's first chief of police.

Seavey had a stormy reign as chief of police. He could not get along with the newspapers. One or two other, and mostly all of them were in a row with Seavey continually. Seavey issued orders forbidding reporters to ride on the patrol wagon, forbidding the desk sergeant to give out information, forbidding the presence of reporters in the lobby of the old jail on Fourteenth street, forbidding anyone below the captains to give out any information.

Kindly Judge.

But the boys managed to get the news just the same. Judge Berka was in charge of the police court in those days. He left his room open, so the reporters had a place to roost in bad weather. Sergeants Pat Moystn, Tom Ormsby and Mike Whalen were most considerate. Some of the patrolmen, like John Savage, Mike Dempsey, Mike Kissane and a few others did all they could to help. Henry Dunn was just then coming along, and with an eye to the future, he furnished many a bit of information that would have landed him "on the carpet" had the chief ever found him out.

The never calling a friend of the boys was "Patsy" Havey, who was night desk sergeant for many a year. Havey took his job in his hand night after night to give the boys tips when he could not give definite information. He was offset by "Paddy" Cusick, who was patrol conductor on the night shift for many years. Cusick did not like a reporter in any guise. What he did to make things tough for the newspaper bunch was enough to fill a good-sized volume. His greatest achievement was to buy a padlock to fasten the little booth in which Garbage Master Louis M. Goldsmith had a telephone. Goldsmith did not object to the reporters using the phone, but Cusick did. "Paddy" gave several of the boys a ride in the patrol wagon, and saw to it that they stayed in jail until liberated next morning by Judge Berka.

Surgeon's "Jimmies."

Mike Kissane served under Marshal Tom Cummings. One day when the high-wheeled bicycle was in vogue Mike saw one go down Tenth street from Howard and turn the corner on Jones. The next man he met asked him if he had seen a man go by on a bicycle.

"No, I didn't," said Mike, "but be sorry I did see a hoop runner, a wild man down the street."

Tom Cummings' fame rests mainly on his edict against "Mother Hubbard" gowns. He attained a nationwide notoriety because of his crusade against the flowing garment.

One of the older doctors of the city, still in practice, tells of being overwhelmed by Cummings one dark night.

"Who are ye, and where y' goin' this time o'night?" was the marshal's demand.

"I am So-and-so, a physician," was the reply.

"Oh, it's goin' fishin' ye are! Well, this is a hell of a time o'night to be goin' fishin'. What ye got in the bag? Your tools? I t'ot so. Goin' fishin'! It's a burglar ye are!"

The doctor says he never had to talk harder in his life than he did to get the marshal to let him go on his journey.

Reporter's Murder Clue.

But the police and the reporters got together frequently. I recall one very notable instance in which Charles Somers Young, now publisher of the Oakland (Cal.) Post-Inquirer, then night police reporter on The Omaha Bee, did an excellent piece of detective work. A brutal murder had been committed, and the police were searching for the murderer. Young located a little brother of the girl victim, and from him secured a story that led to the arrest of the murderer in a few hours after the crime had been committed. The guilty wretch was convicted and hanged.

A similar incident marked the execution. Just as the doomed man mounted the scaffold in the old county jail yard, a procession swung around the corner of the court house square, the band playing "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." The last earthly sound the condemned culprit heard was the strain of that ribald tune.

How Ball Game Came Out.

One occasion that caused much merriment was the ball game of Reporters versus Policemen, played at the old Miami park in the summer of 1889. It was for the benefit of Mrs. George W. Clark's "Open Door," an institution since supplanted by the Salvation Army Rescue home. The policeman won by a wide margin, no one ever knew just how wide, but three morning papers next day announced the score as 26 to 1 in favor of the reporters. Three afternoon papers followed suit, and the policeman never did get their side of the story to the public. Incidentally, Mrs. Clark's funds were swelled by more than \$400 as a result of the game.

One of the star plays of the afternoon was made by a sporting editor who was then as now famous for his ability as a writer. He played left field for the reporters. A husky copper boosted a ball about a mile high out into left field. The sporting editor tore over to the right spot, got all set, and the spectators were preparing to cheer a beautiful catch. Just as the ball was descending to his hands the sporting editor turned and ran. The cheer turned to laughter, and the policeman brought up on third base.

Mrs. Winterson Ill.

Mrs. G. C. Winterson, former state president of the Daughters of 1812, is seriously ill at her home, 2738 Newport avenue. She has been in bed for 14 weeks. Mrs. Winterson is also a member of Maj. Leasie Sadler chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and a Colonial Dame.

Garrulities of a Grouch

By O. O. MINTYRE.

Some one has said the two biggest events in married lives are the coming of the first baby and buying a home. This may be true but the happiness is individual and it should not be expected that the whole world should join in the paeon of joy.

Babies are a blessing. I love them. I love them when they are cooing and I love them when they cry. Yet some day I would like to meet a brand new father who did not maneuver around to show you a picture of his baby in his pocket. Babies look pretty much alike. Some have a little more fuzz on their heads than others but that is about all.

The picture of any baby could be presented with: "That's my baby." And no one could dispute it. Yet you are supposed to gurgle praise. Now in the same measure homes are in-



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teresting yet I don't believe the average man is interested in all the details.

He doesn't care what they have ordinarily these days—except a well-stocked cellar. Yet the new home owner can talk of nothing else. He will drag you from attic to basement, peer into closets, may inspect the grain of the wood and feel the polish on the floor. Still perhaps I'm cynical. I don't own a home or a baby. And I'd like to have both.

I have always believed I have been miscast in life. (Shouts of "Who Cares?"). It seems to me the ideal existence would be to be the husband of a lady who conducted a boarding house. I have in mind a house with a wide front porch and a comfortable chair. There I would enjoy day dreaming through life being interrupted only by being called to my meals. Of course, I wouldn't mind collecting board from the boarders. For this work I would be willing to retain only 10 per cent and this with my keep would make me perfectly content.

One thing about big business is its lack of humor. Things are always taut. It seems to me that it would

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struck lean days and there came a day when it looked as though the sheriff would soon arrive to seal the safe. His employees heard of it and every one, to a man, pooled his assets to save the firm. They did and it is still prospering. He intends finally to retire and turn it over to them.

It is the old bromide, but it is true. Kindness pays dividends. I have never found much courtesy among street car conductors. In New York especially they regard the passengers as so many dumb cattle, to be shifted and shunted about. And most street car conductors don't go very far. Perhaps this may be the reason. As an example of what they can do on the job there is—rather was—a young Irishman on a Fifth avenue bus. He was absolutely amusing in his cheeriness. He had a happy word for everyone. He helped old ladies and old men on and off the stages and chucked the babies under the chin. He never lost his temper and when a passenger suddenly discovered he didn't have the price of the ride he wasn't put off. The conductor loomed him the time. He is not a bus conductor today. He was on the job just two years and today he is the head of a big business in the Bronx and is drawing a salary of \$12,000 a year. He had been watched for

some time by a man who was looking for just the sort of optimist he appeared to be, and so he got the job. Kindness does pay.

On the other hand, I like several grouchies. One in especial appeals to me. He is an animal keeper at one of the New York zoos. If any one asks him a question he turns and walks away without answering. He does not associate with his fellows. He snarls at them. But he is a capable worker, understands animals and is kind to them. The more he sees of animals the better he appears to like animals. Perhaps he is right.

There is another perennial grouch in a building where I have an office that I rarely visit. When I do go there I usually ride on the elevator he operates. One day the car stuck between floors. I was the only passenger.

"How long do you think we will have to stay here?" I asked.

"If I was a mind reader I wouldn't be running this damn elevator," he snapped, and that closed the conversation. Still, I rather like him.

After all, it is quite easy to be agreeable, no matter how high or low the calling. Just the other day I ran into Dr. Sigmund Spaeth. He is a professor of music and his book, "The

Common Sense of Music," is considered one of the most humanizing influences ever produced about music. Somehow, you think of Dr. Sigmund Spaeth as a professional person with heavy concave glasses, to which is attached a big black ribbon. He lectures before high brow audiences and he writes weighty articles. Yet the night I met him we dropped into one of those stool lunchrooms and had an onion sandwich and he told me one about an East Side peddler and a poll parrot that is what we know in our best gnostical circles as a well or woe. A man may be learned, yet human.

MASONIC SCHOOL HELD IN AUBURN

Auburn, Neb., Feb. 21.—A school of Masonry was held in this city Thursday and Friday of this week which was attended by a large number of Masons from southeastern Nebraska.

It was conducted by Grand Junior Deacon Orville A. Andrews of Lincoln. There was also present Grand Master Robert R. Dixon of O'Neill and Deputy Grand Master John Wright of Lincoln. The meeting closed with a banquet at the Auburn hotel Friday evening.

HARLAN ACCEPTS FREE PARK OFFER

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Harlan, Ia., Feb. 21.—The late H. H. Papp, bequeathed to the city of Harlan 10 acres of ground in the northwest part of the city, conditionally.

The city was to establish and maintain a park and swimming pool thereon and acceptance of the bequest must be made within two years, and work begun. The matter was referred to the park commission, and nothing was done.

At a recent meeting the city council accepted the bequest just as the time limit expired, and as no work has yet been started there is question as to whether the bequest can be held.

Ex-Shelby County Man Dies.

Oscola, Neb., Feb. 21.—Conrad Thelen, 68, died in San Diego, Cal., yesterday. Funeral and burial will be held there Sunday. He lived in this county from 1874 until a few years ago, when he moved to the coast.

He was prominent in business circles of Shelby county and was also active in civic affairs.

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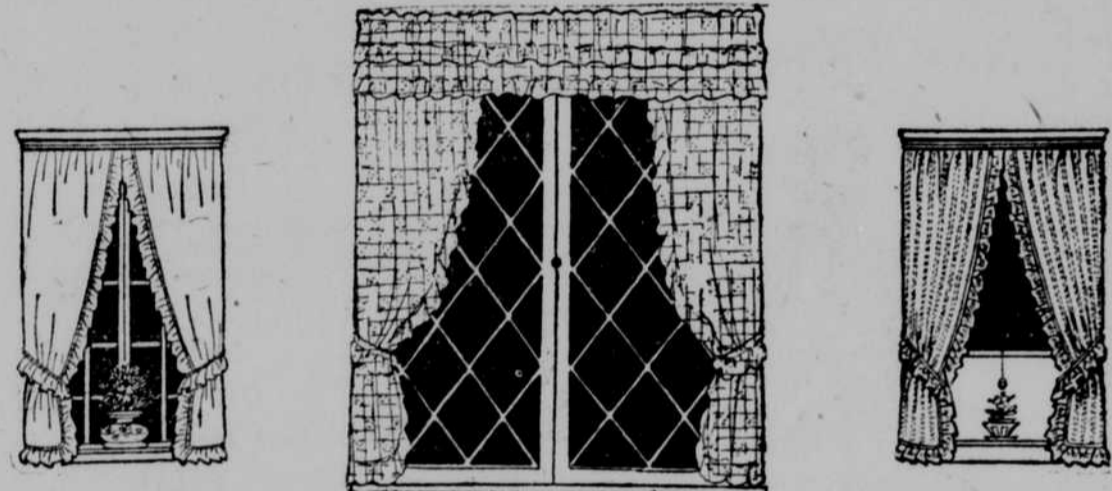
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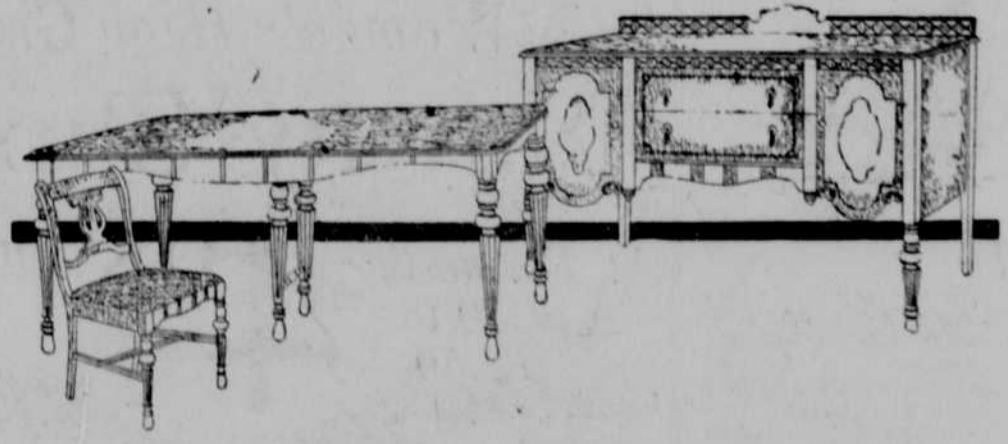
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Regular price on each number is 2.35. Sale price 1⁴⁹

Two Patterns—both with tie-backs
—barred and dotted White Marquisette Curtains.
—fine, sheer, plain White Marquisette Curtains.
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—four patterns in beautiful, fine, sheer Marquisette, including a small dot in Point d'Esprit effect, a medium dot, and two dainty barred effects; all snowy white, with full ruffles and tie-backs.
Regular price is 3.25. Sale price 1⁸⁰

Two Patterns—both with tie-backs
—beautiful blue, rose or gold dotted Marquisette Curtains.
—fine, sheer White Marquisette with blue dotted Marquisette ruffled tie-backs to match blue dotted ruffling.
These two numbers very cheap at 3.95; in the Sale they are "simply wonderful" 2²⁰

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