

# Wholesalers Are Ready for Big Market Week

## Theater Is Found to Be Fire Trap

State Marshal and City Inspectors Report Ramshackle Building in Flagrant Violation of Law.

### Hearing Monday Morning

State and city officials have started an investigation of the Princess theater, 1317 Douglas street, where a fire occurred Saturday morning at 11 when a film became ignited.

This theater is operated by Harry and Sam Goldberg, who are also identified with the World Realty company in the operation of the World, Moon, Sun, Empress and Muse theaters.

State Fire Marshal John C. Trouton started his investigation Saturday afternoon, accompanied by E. E. Hayduk, one of his deputies, and also John T. Dunn, local fire inspector. R. E. Edgewood, city building inspector and chief engineer of the city building department, directed City Electrician Israel Lovett to examine the film booth and the wiring at the Princess and to report Monday morning at 10, when a hearing will be held as to the circumstances of the Saturday fire.

Film Operator Summoned. Ed Gregory, film operator at the time of the fire, has been summoned by Edgewood to appear at the city hall Monday before the board of examiners of motion picture machine operators.

The inspection of the Princess Saturday afternoon by Fire Marshal Trouton with Hayduk and Dunn disclosed conditions which surprised the officials.

One of the flagrant violations of the city ordinances at this theater is the condition of the floor at the east exit, which leads to the alley. The officials walked through the theater and out of the west exit into the alley, and then returned into the theater through the east exit. While passing over the east exit Dunn nearly went through the floor to the basement.

Potential Tragedy Scene. "Just contemplate what would have occurred if this east exit should have been used before we made this discovery," Inspector Dunn said. "This is one theater that surely is in bad condition. The building should not be used for motion picture theater purposes at all," said Deputy State Fire Marshal Hayduk.

"The film booth is too small and that east exit is in bad condition," asserted Stat Fire Marshal Trouton. Hayduk added that the film booth does not meet the requirements of the state and city laws as to its size, and it also lacks ventilation.

"The place is a fire trap," said Fire Chief M. J. Dineen.

Chief's Report. The following report on the Princess theater was submitted by Fire Inspector Dunn to City Commissioner D. B. Butler last January: "Inspected the Princess theater January 10 and found only one fire extinguisher and that was hanging on west front door. The stage has no fire buckets. Sam Goldberg has charge of the theater and I will say that they have a right kind of fire protection."

The fire inspection officials believe the burning of the reel of film Saturday morning was due to the failure of the operator to close the magazine in which the film travels.

"It is my belief that there is not sufficient inspection of theaters," said Harry Goldberg. "The owners don't do anything." The consensus of opinion of the inspectors was that the place is not suitable for a motion picture theater. They also observed that each of the alley exits has eight steps from the theater floor level to the alley level.

Hundred Thousand New York Women Classified as Illiterate. By International News Service. New York, March 7.—Justices in about 100,000 illiterate women in the city of New York, according to a statement made recently by Mrs. Nathan Straus, Jr., chairman of the committee on immigrant education of the National Council of Jewish Women.

In summing up the work done by the organization during the last year she said 30,000 women and girls had attended classes and clubs conducted by the committee. She added: "We are proud that many of those enrolled in our English class are grandmothers, anxious to keep abreast of the younger generation."

## Golden Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ressler

Auburn, Neb., March 7.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ressler of this city celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on the evening of Tuesday, February 24. A number of relatives and friends were present to make the occasion a memorable one. A program was carried out and Mr. Ressler told of his early experiences in Nemaha county and how he and his bride met and overcame the difficulties that beset their path.

## Governor McMullen and Baggage Are Lost at Coolidge Inaugural; Adam and Cal Exchange Smiles

By JACK LEE, Washington Correspondent, Omaha Bee. Washington, March 7.—Running true to form, the weather man had predicted rain for March 4 and the weather was beautiful. This makes up for the prediction made previous to the inauguration of President Taft, when good weather was predicted, and one of the worst blizzards in its history hit Washington.

Thousands lined the historic streets of Washington this year and watched the inaugural parade in comfort, cheering the various units as they passed. There were more than 25 governors present and the eastern governors, being near the scene of action, brought along uniformed escorts and companies of military, while the western governors contented themselves with but few of their staff.

At the reception in honor of Governor Adam McMullen of Nebraska and his staff by the members of the Nebraska State association, Governor McMullen made it possible for me to ride in the inaugural parade with his party. Following the ceremonies at the capitol Wednesday morning the parade passed in review. The governor and his staff were separated at the entrance to the senate wing of the capitol. Tickets for the ceremonies in front of the capitol had been supplied to Gen. H. J. Paul and his staff, but, like true soldiers, they had given them to friends, thinking they would go in with the governor. When they became separated from the governor they were without tickets. Every entrance to the capitol was guarded with marines and I couldn't get in to see an S. O. S. signal. Finally I located the face of a Nebraska boy, Joe Lyons, peering out of a window and he sneaked me in through a service door. Calls to the offices of Senator Norris, Senator Howell and Congressman Simmons and McLaughlin brought the needed help and the staff was supplied with tickets.

Following the president's speech McMullen's staff preceded the governor and his lady to New Jersey avenue and D street, where the Nebraska delegation entered the parade. There was a pause.

No one seemed to know where the governor and Mrs. McMullen had gone. I ran into a neighboring house and telephoned the capitol and told various members of the Nebraska delegation where the governor's party was waiting. In a few moments here came the governor and Mrs. McMullen, all smiles, even though they had become engulfed in a typical Washington traffic jam, but they had followed the advice and counsel of J. C. Kinsler, United States district attorney at Omaha, and got into the subway leading from the capitol to the house of ice building and arrived in time to get in the parade.

In the governor's party in the parade were Governor and Mrs. McMullen; General and Mrs. Paul and Colonel Orr. In the second automobile were Major Potent, Major Steff, Captain and Mrs. Grainger and myself, occupying the seat with the chauffeur. Two cars ahead of us was Gov. Nellie Ross of Wyoming. Governors of the west as well as east came to her automobile and doffed their high hats and congratulated her.

Immediately ahead of us was Governor Hammill of Iowa and General Lusher. Washington was decorated for the inauguration and as the parade moved along the streets there was a picture of color and animation. One thing the Washington police know well and that is how to handle a crowd during a parade. No one gets into the streets, the crowd being kept back by wire ropes, and if one gets too ambitious and goes under the ropes, he's apt to find himself in the jail house. As a consequence, there are no accidents during a parade. I never saw so many high hats. Even Governor McMullen wore one, and looked swaggar in it.

McMullen Smiles. In front of the White House a reviewing stand with glass panels, and profusely decorated with flowers from the botanic gardens, contained the president and his party. As we passed in review, Governor McMullen took off his hat, bowed and smiled. The staff pulled a snappy salute, a battery of cameras clicked and we had passed on.

## Referee in Bankruptcy Has Fat Job

Earnings of Once-Despised Post in Federal Court Here Expected to Reach \$100,000 This Year.

### Gets 1 Per Cent of Assets

The once despised job of referee in bankruptcy is this year the "fattest" job in Omaha and will yield its holder, B. H. Dunham, an income of close to \$100,000, according to figures in the federal bankruptcy court.

The law provides that the referee be paid a fee of \$15 for each bankruptcy case and one per cent of the assets of the bankrupt when the case is finally adjudicated.

Most bankrupts have little in assets. But, so far this year, there have been several with large assets. M. E. Smith company had near \$2,000,000; Burgess Nash company, \$1,500,000; Barton Millard close to \$500,000, and nearly 100 other cases in which the assets range from nothing to several hundred thousand dollars.

Dunham has charge of the bankruptcy cases in 12 counties. He was appointed in 1916 by Judge Woodrough.

Besides the fees, the referee is allowed operating expenses for his office.

Herbert S. Daniel preceded him in the position.

## Chicago Pastor Seeks to Clear Reputation



Rev. Joseph Lyzell of Chicago, having just learned that he was named correspondent in the suit which won John P. Lindstedt a divorce a year ago, has brought suit to have the decree set aside and a new hearing held, so that he can clear his name.

## Trust Companies Now Beg Farmers to Borrow, Claim Prosperity Seen in Large Number of Farm Mortgages Being Paid Off; Farm Prices Higher.

Trust companies and other farm loan agencies had novel experiences last week.

They were surprised by the number of farm mortgages paid off by farmers from their earnings.

While a large number of farm mortgages are always paid off on March 1, these payments for the last five years were usually in the nature of refinancing.

Several of the farm loan institutions say the chief difficulty now is to place all the available farm mortgage money.

"We are going to the farmers now asking them to take loans a short time ago they were begging for them," declared one trust officer.

The farm loan activity is continuing throughout the state.

### Farm Prices Higher.

Three Douglas county farms were sold last week for a total of \$52,600. The prices range from \$137.50 to \$250 per acre. These sales were: Eighty acres south of Elkhorn, \$250 per acre; 80 acres south of Bennington, \$137.50 per acre; 80 acres north of Bennington, \$220 per acre.

Three Sarpy county farms were sold for a total of \$48,800, the price per acre ranging from \$125 to \$200. One of them was five miles southwest of Gretna and sold for \$125 per acre; another was five miles north-west of Gretna, price \$200 per acre; another was five miles southwest of Millard, price \$166 per acre, according to Frank Graham of Springfield, Neb.

Land continues to bring good prices throughout the state. The sale of a quarter section near Clarkson for \$190 an acre was reported. A 200-acre farm seven miles from Cook, Neb., was sold for \$165 per acre.

Prices generally are somewhat higher than they were a year ago, according to members of the Omaha Real Estate board who are dealing in farm lands.

## Host for Carrier Boys.

Manager Hansen of the Crescent and Empress theaters at Kearney, Neb., was host to the carrier boys for The Omaha Bee in Kearney. Mr. Hansen had the boys as his guests at a showing of the feature film, "A Man Fights Alone."

## Paymaster Robbed.

Paterson, N. J., March 7.—Three men struck John Vreeland, paymaster of the Manhattan Shirt company, over the head with a revolver in front of the company's plant here today, seized a satchel containing \$17,000, and escaped.

## Woman Ready to Die for Murder



Mrs. Ida Hughes.

The appeal of Mrs. Ida Hughes, convicted of the murder of her husband's mother, for a new trial has been refused by the supreme court of Georgia. She is pictured in her cell in the Atlanta (Ga.) jail tower with a Bible and photographs of her stepsons sent to her by her husband, who has been her staunchest supporter. Mrs. Hughes has said that she is "ready to die."

## Big Window Show to Be Rare Treat

Week of Wonderful Windows Elaborate Affairs; Curtains Go Up Monday Night.

### Cash Prizes in Contest

Omaha business district will be in gala attire Monday night at 7:30 when the department and specialty stores will formally open the "Week of Wonderful Windows," with elaborate window displays and lively music rendered by three bands, which will be augmented by several orchestras.

Fred L. Haas, general chairman of the Week of Wonderful Windows committee, returned from New York to take an active part in the Monday night program. Haas is elated with the progress that has been made, and asserts that Omaha merchants will have the opportunity of entertaining the greatest crowds ever assembled in the retail district.

Contest Open to All. Twenty-eight stores will participate in this contest. The plan is to have 23 cards containing the letters which compose the slogan, "Omaha's Week of Wonderful Windows," the cards to be displayed in the show windows of various stores.

Contestants should clip from The Omaha Sunday Bee the contest blank which appears on page 5 of the society section and take it with them Monday evening.

The contest blank contains all the rules. Three cash prizes will be awarded by the retailers: first prize \$75, second \$50 and third \$25. Visit the various stores, fill in the store's name after the proper letter on the blank, when complete take it to the lobby of the City National bank building Monday evening, where the staff of the Associate-Retailers' office will stamp them in the order received and award the prizes to the first three correct answers filed. This contest is open to everyone.

Living Models. Nebraska Clothing Co., Haas Brothers, Brandeis, Haydens, Thompson-Belden, Barker Clothes Shop, Orkin Brothers, Schmoller and Mueller, Mickles, Hospe, Goldstein-Chapman, Orchard and Wilhelm, Harris-Gage, and many other stores will have living models in the windows.

Herzberg will introduce in their show windows the new vogue in wax figures which are made to the likeness of famous movie stars. Barker Clothes shop will have a lively jazz orchestra and feature singers in front of their place of business. The Union Outfitting company will stage a novel contest in their windows.

Three Bands to Play. Dan Dusigne's famous players, the Central High and Tech High bands will play on the streets from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Police and retailers request motorists to assist in keeping the downtown district free from parking Monday evening. Great crowds are anticipated, and parking will prove a serious handicap.

## PRIZES OFFERED FOR BIGGEST FISH

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Columbus, Neb., March 7.—The Columbus chapter of the Isaak Walton league, organized recently with 200 charter members, will give prizes to the members who catch the biggest bass and the biggest pike in waters in this vicinity this year.

As the prizes are being given for the biggest fish, and not the biggest fish stories, it is required that members competing for the trophies must submit the actual evidence to the committee for weighing and measuring before the evidence goes into the frying pan.

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## Doane College Notes.

Much interest is being shown on the campus in the organization of a student church. Rev. Harold Cooper, student pastor, is assisting the college students in their project.

There was a stag banquet at Gaylord hall Friday night under the auspices of the college students in their project.

President Dean spoke to a large audience at the Congressional church last Sunday evening. The service was in charge of the college Y. M. C. A.

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Several members of the faculty and students attended the Ross Postville concert at Lincoln Friday night.

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## State Irrigation Bill Dies in Rush of Adjournment

Nebraska Reclamation Project for 500,000 Acres Must Now Wait for Next Session.

By JACK LEE, Washington Correspondent, The Omaha Bee. Washington, D. C., March 7.—After passing the senate without a dissenting vote and getting to the speaker's table in the house, the bill which provided for the reclamation of 500,000 acres of semi-arid and arid lands in Nebraska was smothered in the last minute rush of legislation.

This bill had been introduced in the senate several weeks ago by Senator Norris. Later it was introduced in the house by Congressman Shallenberger. After it had been reported out favorably by the house committee on irrigation and reclamation it soon got on the calendar.

During a night session of the senate last week, when Senator Norris was absent, the bill, which had been previously passed by the senate, was recalled. Efforts were made to get the bill re-established by Senator Norris in the senate while action was taken to get the bill before the speaker.

Last Minute Rush. After several days of hard work the bill was in satisfactory position for passage when the last-minute rush stopped the progress of everything. C. W. McConaughy, president of the central Nebraska Supplemental Water association of Holdrege, and J. M. Kingsley, Minden, vice president of the association, had been in Washington since the first of December, working for the bill.

During their stay here they have interviewed many high government officials and have described the project to them and have shown the need of supplementing the scanty rainfall of central Nebraska in order to prevent crop failures. They have made many friends both in the house and senate side of the capitol. They expect to return to Washington for the next congress and start activities again for the bill.

No Appropriation Asked. The bill did not ask for an appropriation of funds such as is required by many irrigation projects. The bill asked that the government do the necessary building of dams, ditches, etc., and then those who took water, by paying a small fee each year, could pay the interest of 4 per cent on the money invested.

Scattered over a long period from 40 to 60 years, the expense incurred by the government would have been wiped out and the project owned by the state. There was also a provision for legislation by the state legislature for final settlement of the project.

The bill carried so many new features and was so far from the beaten path of irrigation activities that those who came in contact with it had to be convinced thoroughly, and needless to say they were and there is every reason to believe now that when the bill is presented in the house and senate during the next session, it will have a host of hearty supporters.

Musical Night. Wednesday evening, March 11, will be known as "Musical Night" for visiting merchants when they will be entertained at the Municipal auditorium by the Omaha Symphony orchestra. Miss Frances Nash, celebrated pianist, and a former Omaha girl, will be the concert soloist. A block of several hundred seats has been reserved for Omaha's guests.

Thursday evening, March 12, the entertainment to be given at Hotel Fontenelle is known as "Gift and Dance Night." At this time upward of \$1,500 worth of valuable gifts will be distributed to the visiting merchants. In addition to the regular list of gifts there are special gifts to be donated by the various houses, making the gift list practically double that of any previous year. This feature is always interesting as every one of the visitors has a chance to take home one of these gifts. In addition, the ballroom of the Fontenelle has been engaged for a dance and entertainment. This closing night's entertainment is the big feature of the week.

Family Has 55 Votes. Answer to Challenge. Boston, March 7.—The family of Mr. and Mrs. John Woods furnished 55 votes at the recent election. It became known when a correspondent replied to the newspaper challenge of I. W. MacArthur, of Cambridge, whose mother claimed 21 votes for President Coolidge.

The Woods have eight daughters and seven sons, six sons-in-law, seven daughters-in-law, and 27 grandchildren, who all voted.

## Omaha to Fete 1,000 Merchants

65 Wholesale Houses to Welcome Buyers Here for Big Market Week Festivities.

### Big Program Planned

With more than 1,000 merchants expected in Omaha from all parts of Omaha territory during this week to attend Merchants Market week, Omaha wholesalers have announced that all arrangements have been completed for the entertainment of the visiting merchants.

The wholesalers and manufacturers contend that the recent purchase of the M. E. Smith company by the Byrne-Hammer company will in no way affect the attendance.

They say the M. E. Smith organization will be asked to meet all the old-time trade in the same old way, the organization has always done business.

The 65 Omaha wholesalers and manufacturers also say the bridges at Plattsmouth, Louisville and at Valley will be ready for the large number of merchants expected to arrive by auto.

Bridges Repaired. The Pollack bridge is completed at Plattsmouth giving entrance into Omaha over the river from the southwest part of the state. The Valley bridge is also completed, according to John Briggs, county commissioner.

Every wholesale and manufacturing house in Omaha will hold open house during the week and special arrangements have been made for the merchants to see the best of the materials at first hand.

While marketing conditions during the last few years were not ideal, present indications are for a steady improvement, those in charge of Market week say. This is reflected in the livestock receipts, bank clearings and in other industries.

Reduced Rail Fare. All visitors to the spring market week can come to Omaha on reduced railroad fares, according to Percer Powell, chairman of the committee. He said the merchant must buy a one-way ticket and ask for a certificate. The certificate is good for a half fare for return to original destination.

Tickets for the visitors will be validated at the Chamber of Commerce by a representative of the Western Passenger association, who will be in Omaha this week.

Visiting merchants can purchase railroad tickets between March 7 and 14, and the reduced fare can be obtained on the tickets presented as late as March 17 for the return trip.

Week's Program. Monday night is "educational night" on the week's entertainment program. Stanley Krebs, one of the greatest salesmanship and merchandising experts of the country, will be the principal speaker at the meeting to be held at the Elks club. His address will be followed by a round table discussion involving all angles of merchandising, salesmanship, etc., giving the visiting merchants a rare opportunity to hear the best of the West.

Those not taking part in the business discussion will be entertained at a dance in the Elks splendid new ball room, with Randall's Royal orchestra furnishing the music.

Tuesday's entertainment will include a dinner at Hotel Rome, early in the evening, followed by an Orpheum theater party for which the entire first floor of the Orpheum has been reserved for the visiting merchants. After the Orpheum performance, the visitors will return to Hotel Rome, where a midnight dance will be given. Hugo Heyn's dance orchestra will furnish the music.

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