

MOVE FOR A MORAL CLEANUP

Judge Sears of Juvenile Court Will Ask Assistance.

ONE RESULT OF A CONFERENCE

and Police Commissioner Lichten and Tales Told by Girls and Then Decide on a Plan of Action.

Concerned action by the seven judges of the district court and Police Commissioner Kugel looking toward enforcement of present laws by which places of illrepute may be closed, together with punishment of persons responsible for mistreatment of young girls, and enactment of a new ordinance directed against such practices may result from yesterday's session of juvenile court.

A conference was held between Judge Sears of the juvenile court and Commissioner Kugel, after which the judge said he would ask the other district judges to confer with him on the situation Monday.

Fourteen-year-old Agnes Zimmerman and two other girls told the judge and the police commissioner of their experience.

The Zimmerman girl's case has attracted most attention by reason of the fact that she says she was forcibly abducted by Harry McCloud, a chauffeur, and Anna Smith and taken to numerous hotels and roadhouses. Two other girls told shameful stories and named James Leary, already held in jail on a charge of vagrancy.

Measures to Enforce Law.

Although those who participated in the conference during the juvenile court were reticent as to expected developments, it became known that another part of the program which the judges will be asked to adopt will be a more rigid practice with regard to cases appealed from po-

lice court and a renewed effort to collect forfeited bonds. It has been too easy, it is said, for persons convicted of immoral practices in police court to escape punishment by appealing to district court. Considerable discussion of the case of the Savoy hotel, formerly the Omaha hotel, owned by Charles E. Fanning, was heard at the court house by reason of the fact that as the Omaha hotel it was enjoined from being used as a house of illrepute under the Albert law. It has been raised by the police, but it was said, the injunction was valueless by reason of the fact that the case had been appealed to the supreme court on a supersedeas bond. A road house at Forty-eighth and Redmond avenue, named by Agnes Zimmerman, was visited by the sheriff, but was found to have been vacated.

BOOSTING MOVE TO HIRE OMAHA PLAYGROUND EXPERT

Dr. Harold Gifford, chairman of the local committee on playgrounds and recreation, is beginning to get active with a number of prominent citizens, with a view to starting the project to bring a field secretary here to investigate the possibilities of extending this work in Omaha. Charles F. Weller, associated secretary of the National association, visited Omaha a few days ago, at the request of Dr. Gifford, for organization purposes.

It will be necessary to raise \$2,000 first to bring an experienced field secretary to Omaha that will look over the situation here and make an expert report, and devote his entire time to the project.

COMMITTEE WOULD HIRE CONVICTS FOR ROAD WORK

The good roads committee of the Commercial club is working on the possibility of getting the convicts of the state penitentiary to work on the roads of the

state. The committee has opened correspondence with the State Board of Control at Lincoln in regard to the matter. The suggestion has been made that the convicts be hired out to the various counties to work on the roads under state supervision.

MRS. W. BORTENLANGER, OMAHA PIONEER, IS DEAD

Mrs. Wilhelmina Bortenlanger, aged 61 years, 225 Bancroft street, died Friday night. She was born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to this country thirty years ago, settling in Omaha.

Mrs. Bortenlanger was prominent in the circles of St. Joseph's Catholic church. Surviving her are two sons, Anton J. and Joseph A., and four daughters, Mrs. Francis Legback, Mrs. Annie Merten, Miss Wilhelmina A. and Miss Marie J. Bortenlanger.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the residence and 9 o'clock from St. Joseph's church. Rev. Father Pacificus will officiate and interment will be at the German Catholic cemetery.

EX-GOV. PATTERSON HAS CANCELLED HIS DATES

Ex-Governor M. R. Patterson of Tennessee cannot fill his engagement to speak in the Auditorium in Omaha as he was scheduled to do May 20. He was booked to speak there under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon league on "Why I Changed Front on the Liquor Question."

District Superintendent F. A. High of the Anti-Saloon league has received a telegram from Milo G. Kelsner, in charge of the national speakers, saying: "Baker wires cancel Patterson dates following May 20. This includes Omaha. Letter follows."

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Commercial Club Body Opposed to the Mail Weight Limit

Military and postal affairs committee of the Commercial club, in declaring against the increase of the parcel post weight limit from fifty to 100 pounds, prepared the following resolutions to be forwarded to the Postoffice department at Washington:

Whereas, the parcel post weight limit is now fifty pounds and great difficulty is being experienced in giving satisfactory service as to parcels of the larger weights and as to parcels of perishable foods, and

Whereas, so far as this committee is advised, it is the unanimous judgment of shippers that adequate transportation for all character of shipments can obtain only through the continued existence of express company service and that the express company service would be eliminated by the proposed extension of the parcel post weight limit from fifty to 100 pounds.

Resolved, therefore, that present conditions do not warrant extension in weight limit of the parcel post service from fifty to 100 pounds.

MURRAY EXPECTS HEAVY TRAVEL TO PACIFIC EXPOS

W. H. Murray, assistant general passenger agent of the Union Pacific in back from the annual spring visit among the company's eastern agencies. Among the large cities on his itinerary this time were New York, Baltimore and Washington.

As a general rule, in the cities he found business quiet and little prospect of a heavy travel west this season, people preferring to wait until next year and then go to the exposition on the Pacific coast.

In the smaller cities of the east Mr. Murray found the business conditions much better than in the large ones. Everywhere, however, people are hopeful and there is a feeling that as soon as a crop is assured through the agri-

cultural section of the west there will be a pronounced business revival.

CHARLES LIGHTNER DIES AT LOCAL POLICE STATION

Charles Lightner, cigar maker, from Ableton, Kan., died at the police station Friday night. He was found suffering from severe cramps at Fourteenth and Douglas streets by a policeman and then taken to headquarters in an ambulance. After receiving treatment from Dr. C. M. Fols he was placed on a cot in a cell. He fell asleep in a little while and when an attempt was made to arouse him for breakfast he was dead.

Coroner Crosby has taken charge of the body and a post-mortem examination will be held.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ENDORSES THE CHARITIES CONVENTION

The Nebraska Conference of Charities and Correction has the endorsement of the Omaha Commercial club. The executive committee of the club at its last meeting endorsed the following resolution:

We heartily endorse the work and purposes of the Nebraska Conference of Charities and Correction and bespeak the interest of the members of the Commercial club in the coming session in this city on April 28 to 29.

REV. TITUS LOWE TO GIVE SERIES OF PICTURE-TALKS

"God's Thoughts" is the title of a series of illustrated lectures that will be given weekly at the First Methodist Episcopal church by Rev. Titus Lowe. The first lecture will be next Sunday evening and the respective topics and the part they take in the plays are as follows: Jealousy, Othello; April 29, Ambition, Richard III.; May 2, Retribution, Macbeth; May 19, Passion, Antony and

Venice. The lectures will start at 7 o'clock.

BABY CONTEST ASSOCIATION TO HOLD MEETING IN OMAHA

The American Baby Health Contest association is to hold a meeting in Omaha, April 14. The meeting was arranged by E. V. Parrish, manager of the public health bureau, with Miss Mary T. Watts of Aldubron, Ill., who is president of the association. About fifty members of the association are expected to attend. Miss Watts is expected to arrive in Omaha on Saturday to make preliminary arrangements.

ALL-STEEL CARS NOW ARE USED BY ILLINOIS CENTRAL

All wood equipment on the Omaha-Chicago passenger trains of the Illinois Central has gone to the discard, or to the short branch lines. The last of the all-steel trains of the Omaha-Chicago line came in from the east Friday night and returned in the morning. The all-steel coaches are much larger than the wood ones formerly in service, being long enough to seat seventy-two people. Everything is new, even to the mail, baggage and express cars.

CONGRATULATE OMAHA JOBBERS ON MARKET WEEK

Words of praise and congratulation are being received by the jobbers of Omaha from merchants in this trade territory for the way visitors were handled during merchant's marketing week. All who attended are talking of it in their respective communities and are promising Omaha business men that a similar market week in the future will be well patronized.

Capt. Henry P. Haze Will Run for Sheriff

Captain Henry P. Haze, deputy United States marshal, has announced his intention of running in the primaries for the republican candidacy for sheriff. He has accordingly filed his papers with the county clerk and agrees as part of his campaign to take the office for its usual compensation and to handle, with the exception of one chief, the county prison feeding contract with labor that is serving sentence.

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