

KUGEL'S SECRETARY GETS SOME VELVET

Charges Motor License Applicants a Quarter Each for Notary Fee, City Clerk Does It Gratis.

OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION IS ON

A question has been raised in the city hall as to the regularity of Secretary Thomas Bowie, in the office of Secretary A. C. Kugel of the police department, charging motor vehicle operators 25 cents notary fee for subscribing his signature to motor vehicle operators' application blanks. During the last few weeks there have been 496 motor vehicle permits issued under the new ordinance and Mr. Bowie admits that he has served as notary for about 110 of these cases, collecting 25 cents in each instance. Inquiry at the department of public accounts and finance showed that this money was not turned into the city funds by Mr. Bowie.

Serve Without Charge.

The manner in which these applications and permits are handled discloses an unusual procedure in the city hall. The city clerk issues all other licenses and permits and has two notaries—Harry Fylineau and Alvin Patten—who serve the public without charge. The public accounts and finance department also has a notary and no charge is made there for subscribing to documents.

The application blanks for motor vehicle permits contain spaces for applicants to subscribe before a notary, whereas the ordinance itself makes no such requirement. The applications are filled out by Mr. Bowie, who keeps them on file and he also issues the permits. The annual charge for a permit is \$1.

Bowie Explains.

Secretary Bowie was asked to explain this situation and he said: "I do not require any applicant to subscribe his name before me as notary. Any notary is acceptable. I have made about \$25 or \$27 out of this."

The application blank to which the motor vehicle operators subscribe their names contains a list of questions pertaining to the qualifications and personal history of the applicant.

A city official who has investigated this matter, but who will not consent to the use of his name on account of personal reasons, said that the amount involved in Mr. Bowie's notarial collections may not be so large, but he contends that the principle of the thing is all wrong. With three notaries in the city hall ready to serve the public without cost, he says it is unfair for Secretary Bowie to charge 25 cents, or to allow the applicants to go outside of the city hall and pay other notaries 25 cents for each application.

L. A. Keller is Host to Studebaker Men at Sumptuous Feed

If in this war world any automobiles are manufactured other than the Studebaker, you would not have known it had you attended the banquet given at the Paxton Thursday afternoon, when nearly 300 persons interested in the destiny of the Studebaker company were gathered. L. A. Keller, general manager of the western Studebaker branch, was host to over 250 salesmen and branch managers from all over Iowa, and Nebraska, and he also acted as toastmaster. E. H. Benson of Detroit, Mich., vice president and the general manager of the Studebaker company, was the principal speaker. Fred T. Myers, general manager of the commercial car department was another factory representative who was present.

Melrose Struck Over Head With Cuspidor

In an altercation that took place at 415 South Thirteenth street, Owen Porter of that number hit Frank Melrose over the head with a cuspidor inflicting two scalp wounds, each six inches long. Dr. J. A. Tammea attended Melrose and was forced to take numerous stitches in the cuts. Porter was arrested. A hearing of the case has been set for March 4, owing to the injured man's condition.

CAPITOL LODGE BANQUET HAS BEEN POSTPONED

In respect for the late Martin W. Dunham, the banquet that was to have been given by Capitol lodge, No. 3, A. O. U. W., Free and Accepted Masons, on Monday evening, has been postponed until a date to be announced later. Mr. Dunham was to have been the guest of honor on that evening, when it was the intention to award him the Jordan medal, as the oldest active member of the lodge. He was made a Mason in Capitol lodge in 1884. No meeting of the lodge will be held on Monday and all work has been postponed.

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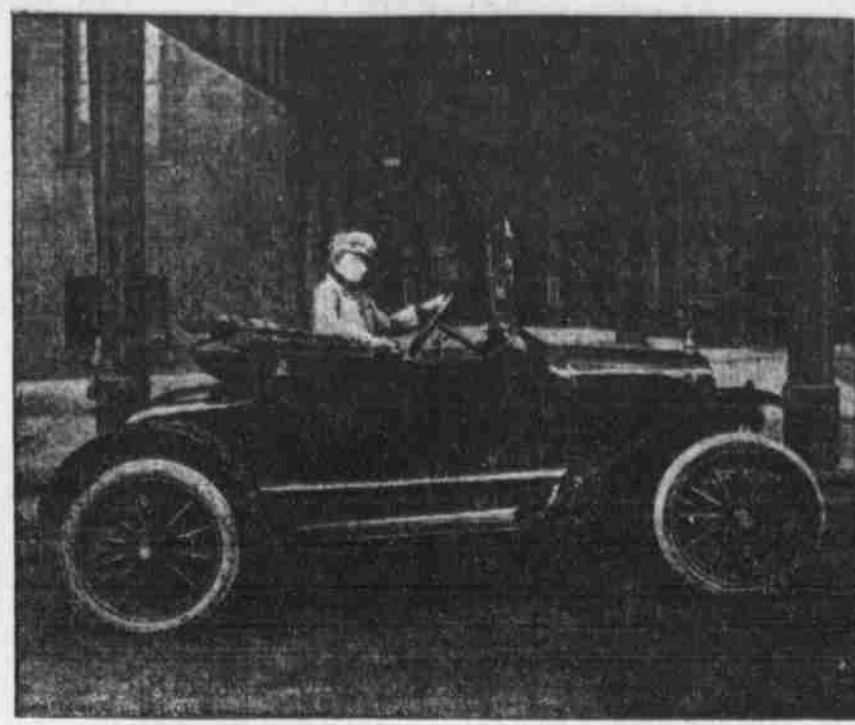
ESCAPES FROM DETENTION HOME. BUT IS RECAPTURED

Ruby Webb, aged 16 years, a runaway colored girl whose home is in Kansas and who escaped from the Detention home after being found in this city by the police, was brought to the station by Police Chauffeurs Buford and Armstrong, who recognized her at Fourteenth and Douglas streets. She has once again been taken to the Detention home to await word from her parents.

Cat This Out Now.

If you don't want it today, you may next week. Send this advertisement and 5 cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You receive in return three trial packages—Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for coughs, colds, croup and grippe; Foley's Kidney Pills, for weak or disordered kidneys or bladder; Foley's Cathartic Tablets, a pleasant, wholesome and cleansing purgative, just the thing for winter's sluggish bowels and torpid liver. These well known standard remedies for sale by all druggists.—Advertisement.

Actress Buys Auto at Omaha Show



Miss Molly Williams, who is appearing in the attraction this week as the Gayety, is now the proud possessor of a Maxwell runabout. Miss Williams was besieged by representatives and salesmen at the Kansas city show a week ago, when it

was learned she contemplated the purchase of a motor car, but she reached her decision until she reached Omaha, when she ordered the Maxwell. H. Williams, from the Maxwell factory in Detroit persuaded Miss Williams to make the choice she did.

SUGAR GOES UP ONCE AGAIN

Relief, However, in Flour Market and Eggs and Beef Are Now Very Reasonable

SOUTHERN GREEN STUFF SCARCE

Southern green stuff on the grocery market is fairly scarce, although lots of rhubarb, celery, cabbage, mushrooms and other vegetables are now coming nicely. California head lettuce is here.

Grape fruit is still so abundant that nice sizes can be had at prices ranging from a nickel to 75 cents. Oranges of excellent quality are selling as low as 12 1/2 cents a dozen. Strawberries are holding up to a half dollar. Hubbard squash are abundant at 3 1/2 cents a pound.

Sugar took another jump of 25 cents per 100 in New York. Seventeen pounds for \$1 is the best one can do in Omaha on the retail market. "There is no cause for alarm on sugar, however, as I see it," says Al King, manager of Hayden's grocery department. "There is so much raw material in Cuba with the good crops there that as soon as ships begin to move surely the price of sugar cannot be maintained at a high level very long. It is only a little speculation from time to time that sends it up, in my judgment."

France bought 200,000 bags of sugar in New York a few days ago, according to local wholesalers, and this is given as one of the reasons for the advance in New York. It is said that a drop in the price of sugar was expected when the big order came from France. Some relief is in sight in the line of

flour. No one can say how long it will last, but there has been a reduction of 20 cents a barrel in the wholesale price in flour in the last few days. This has not yet affected the retail price, as the grocers bought their present stock at the higher figure.

Canned goods are all tending toward a cheaper level. While there is yet no strikingly marked reduction in this line the tendency is right from the consumer's viewpoint. The packers and canners are all loaded down with a heavy supply and spring is on the way when fresh produce will be on the market and throw canned goods into ill demand.

The storage houses are also loaded with apples, and a decided drop in the price of that fruit is looked for.

Coffee is tending toward a higher level. Potatoes are off a trifle, so that those selling at 20 cents a peck a week ago are now selling at 17 1/2 cents.

Navy beans are selling at 7 1/2 cents a pound retail, or 8 1/2 a bushel.

Eggs Are Down. Eggs have come down to a quarter a dozen and sales are increasing, especially since strictly fresh eggs are plentiful.

Butter maintains its steady price of 33 cents for the best creamery.

All cheese has jumped up a cent a pound.

Lamb is a hundred higher. Hams are steady. Lard is steady. Beef is reasonably cheap compared with the prices during the last year or two. Pot roasts can be had at 10 1/2 cents a pound.

Boiling beef can be had at 9 cents and spare ribs at 8 cents.

With Lent here the dealers have put in a supply of fish and fresh halibut can be had at 12 1/2 cents, salmon at 10 cents, catfish at 15 cents, fresh herring at 7 1/2 cents and oysters at 40 cents a quart.

Chickens are somewhat high, selling at 17 1/2 cents a pound.

TRIALS OF 'PHONE LINEMAN

Repair Crews Encounter Many Difficulties After Bad Snow and Wind Storms.

R. A. GRIM HAS SORROWFUL PLEA

"People absolutely don't grasp the enormous amount of work involved for the telephone linemen following a storm like that which we had here on February 1," said R. Allan Grim, district plant chief of the Nebraska Telephone company. Mr. Allan has charge of the lines in eastern Nebraska between the Missouri river and a line running, roughly like a semi-circle, from Sioux City through Schuyler to Plattsmouth.

Yet in this comparatively small district he and his men had to replace 33 telephone poles which were knocked down by the storm.

"There were 1,815 stations out of service in this district," said Mr. Grim. "To add to the difficulties of the situation the trains were almost stopped, and when we got our gangs of men to the station to send them out looking for trouble they couldn't get out. Some who did get away found other difficulties starting them in the face when they arrived at the places they were sent to. The livery men refused to rent teams and they were compelled to walk, being greatly handicapped because they could carry no materials and but few tools.

"We brought ten gangs of men from St. Paul and Minneapolis and one came from Kansas City by the very fastest train."

"When we finally did get to the scenes of trouble we found in many instances poles down by the dozen in a row. In such cases we made temporary repairs by means of insulated cables, which we laid along on top of the snow, or where possible, fastened to fence posts, thus serving until we were able to replace the poles and string the wires.

"The company spent over \$10,000 in express bills alone to transport materials with dispatch.

"We had 400 men out repairing trouble, this including linemen, ground men, general trouble hunters and foremen.

"It was a much larger job than disentangling the mess made by the Omaha tornado. That time we had our work cut out for us. This time we had to hunt for destroyed places all along hundreds of miles of line with the ground covered with snow that in some places was drifted to a depth of ten feet."

Genoa Defeats St. Edwards. GENOA, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special).—Genoa High school team defeated the St. Edwards team in two games here Wednesday night. Scores: Boys' game—Genoa 29; St. Edwards, 16. Girls' game—Genoa, 34; St. Edwards, 4.

WHY HAIR FALLS OUT

Dandruff causes a feverish irritation of the scalp, the hair roots shrink, loosen and then the hair comes out fast. To stop falling hair at once and rid the scalp of every particle of dandruff, get a 2-cent bottle of Danderine at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub well into the scalp. After a few applications all dandruff disappears and the hair stops coming out.—Advertisement.

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Women's and Misses' Suits and Coats, formerly sold up to \$25.00, Saturday . . . **\$4.75**

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7 WINTER DRESSES \$2.75

SILK PETTICOATS WORTH \$3.50 \$1.98

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