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The Auditorium—hotel and theater—show place of Chicago and pride of Chicagoans in the world's fair days, will be torn down as obsolete and as a financial failure. Its place on Michigan avenue will be taken by a towering structure for similar purposes, to cost between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

Hiring a band to play "Hall to the Chief" may cost R. M. Johnson his seat in the house of commons in Canada. Filing election expenses he failed to mention the band. The supreme court of Canada dismissed his appeal from a ruling of a Saskatchewan election court and voided the election.

Last summer the friend of a monument maker in Kansas City told him of the Exposition of Industry held annually at Milan, Italy, in October and November. He hurried his drawings and sent them. That was the last he heard until last week when two gold medals and a large diploma arrived, informing him he had won first prize and a grand prize.

Addressing business women in Indianapolis, Dr. William L. Bryant, president of Indiana university, recently cautioned his audience to beware of fakirs flooding the country with various phases of psychology, including mental hypnotism, psychology of suggestion and scores of artificial schemes to extract money from the public.

A hotel for dogs is to be erected in Los Angeles by William Gottlieb at a cost of \$50,000. It will cater to the "tourist trade" in dogdom, and its patrons may have rooms "with bath" or "without," as their owners decide. If owners "with bath" are chosen the occupants will be bathed, massaged and brushed by uniformed attendants every day of their stay.

When the Parisian police are sent to arrest dangerous criminals they will hereafter be equipped with a rectangular sheet of steel to protect the face and with armor in the form of overlapping sheets of chrome steel over heavy cloth. This garment covers the front of the body and is capable of deflecting a revolver bullet.

The New York Federation of Churches has launched a concerted effort to reach "drifters"—Protestant church members who have come to New York from smaller places without affiliating in the city's churches. In Manhattan alone 150 churches are co-operating.

To show his mother he was not killed in battle, a man has resigned his position in a hospital in Middle town, N. Y., and will return to Armenia. He came to America 15 years ago. His mother insists that letters he has sent her were not written by him but by his brother.

A \$5,000,000 improvement and betterment program is being started by the Cumberland Telephone company, in New Orleans. The company expects to spend \$1,250,000 this year. Its plans are on the basis that population, at present 400,000, will be 530,000 in 1920, and 670,000 in 1940.

Chauffeurs in New York will have their own exclusive club. There are 4,000 auto drivers in private employment but have organized the Society of Professional Automobile Engineers, and have opened a \$400,000 club house. Taxicab drivers are not admitted to membership.

More than 10,000 people, or a tenth of the population of York, at present are unemployed. It is almost impossible to transport articles because of the Bandon and South Coast line's inability to move freight. Two of the largest factories in the city have been forced to close.

A portrait of Professor A. A. Michelson, one of the world's leading physical scientists and the man who measured the light speed, has just been added to the portrait collection of the University of Chicago.

The first radio service of the new Siemens system has been opened between Berlin and Budapest and is working most satisfactorily. The Siemens invention makes it possible for other stations to pick up the messages.

A cat found a diamond ring for its mistress at Tusculum, Pa. "Jackie, I've lost my ring," she said. "You go and find it." The cat went downstairs and returned immediately, dropping the ring at the feet of the mistress.

While cutting down a tree a Michigan man saw a flying squirrel. It leaped and soared through the air to another tree 75 feet away. Such squirrels once were common in that vicinity, but are now almost extinct, it is said.

The Western Union will organize its messengers into a cadet corps in New York. Two West Point students have been obtained to train and drill the corps.

There are 500 juvenile users of drugs, 10 to 15 years of age, among 16,500 drug addicts in Chicago, according to a physician's report to the council health committee.

Rheba Crawford, Salvation Army lass, will enact that role on a Broadway stage. She resigned as captain of the Salvation Army because of publicity given her career.

The fiery of a fight which brought two women to court in New York was indicated in the mass of hair one brought in, declaring the other had snatched it in handkerchief from her head.

Caleb, a monkey belonging to a fashionable family in Paris, trapped a burglar and held him until police could be summoned. When the burglar opened a clothes closet, Caleb closed the door.

A tax of one cent a gallon on all gasoline used by motor vehicles in Kansas has been proposed in the state legislature. The fund thus collected would be used in maintaining and oiling roads.

UNUSUAL DAMAGE CASE ON TRIAL

Young Woman Sues Company For Injury Caused by Its Car Driven by Her Father.

Omaha, Neb., March 12.—An unusual case started in district court Saturday before District Judge Leslie, in which Rosa C. Peterson, 22 years old, is suing the Troy Laundry for \$5,000 damages, alleged to have been received when she was struck by the laundry's truck, driven by her father.

The father, S. L. Peterson, still in the employ of the laundry, testified for and against the company, and for and against his own daughter.

According to the young woman's petition, the truck at the time of the accident, July 28, 1922, was driven at an excessive rate of speed and in a careless and negligent manner.

The father testified that he had cut a corner in making the turn at Eighteenth and Cuming streets, and has been affected greatly since the accident.

"I couldn't sleep or think," he said, as he described his condition following the accident, in which he climbed down from the seat of his truck to find that the woman he struck and lying in the street unconscious was his daughter.

Immediately after finishing his testimony in behalf of his daughter, Peterson was questioned regarding previous statements he had made in behalf of the laundry company.

Her petition alleges she has been permanently injured by the accident. Judge Leslie continued the trial until this morning.

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF REVOLVER KILLS GIRL

Allance, Neb., March 12.—Miss Naomi Hooper, 21 years old, was almost instantly killed on the Hooper ranch, 15 miles north of Lakeside, when a revolver which she was handling was accidentally discharged.

The bullet entered near her heart.

The young woman, alone with a niece, Dixie Merrick, 12 years old, had taken the revolver from a trunk at the ranch house, loaded it and told her niece she intended to shoot a bird. The cartridge stuck and in attempting to extract it the accident happened.

The niece, Dixie Merrick, asked, "What's the matter, Auntie?" "I don't know," Miss Hooper answered, and fell unconscious.

FAIL TO IDENTIFY MYSTERIOUS AUTOMOBILE

Fremont, Neb., March 12 (Special).—Efforts were made by Omaha detectives yesterday to identify the mysterious small coupe that has been in possession of the Fremont police now for six weeks, as property of the Hanlon-O'Neil company, in Omaha, but they were said to be unsuccessful.

RANDOLPH SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS NEW TEACHERS

Randolph, Neb., March 12 (Special). The Randolph school board has elected teachers for the coming year with the exception of a domestic science and science teachers. R. A. Duwson, science teacher and athletic coach, was elected superintendent. C. T. Boone was elected as Smith-Hughes agriculture instructor, while Miss Southwell and Miss Gishpert were elected high school and junior high principals.

LAND SELLS AT \$104 AN ACRE AT AUCTION

Gordon, Neb., March 12 (Special).—At sheriff's sale here last week 100 acres of land owned by Joseph Ruddy was sold at \$104 per acre. The land is unimproved but lays adjoining the city. It was purchased by Frank Breese, a retired rancher, who gave it to a daughter as a gift.

CITY SETTLES DAMAGE SUIT FOR SMALL SUM

Gordon, Neb., March 12 (Special).—The city of Gordon, Thursday, settled a damage suit when Mrs. Chris Rossmel accepted \$300 in full settlement for an injury alleged to have been sustained on a defective sidewalk last October. She had filed a claim for \$1,000.

GERMANS LAUGH AT CHARLIE CHAPLIN

Berlin—Charlie Chaplin is rapidly assuming the role of Germany's national hero.

MASKED BANDITS MAKE BIG HAUL

Believe Omaha Merchant of \$5,000 in Cash and Escape, Leaving No Trail Behind.

Omaha, Neb., March 12.—Two masked bandits held up Michael Kulakofsky, 65, while he was preparing to count the money in his safe at the Central Market, 1608 Harney street, at 7:45 Sunday morning, and robbed him of approximately \$5,000 in silver and currency.

No definite trace of either bandit has been discovered by police.

Kulakofsky is proprietor of the Central Market. It has been his custom to come to the store every Sunday morning about 6:30 to figure up Saturday's receipts.

RURAL MAIL MAN HAS CLOSE CALL

Car Goes Over Bunk Into Icey Water of River—One Pouch of Mail Lost.

Burwell, Neb., March 12 (Special).—Rural Mail Carrier Graham, accompanied by Will Matley, overturned his car into the river at Calamus bridge, both occupants being plunged into the icy water. The car was badly wrecked and one sack of mail disappeared beneath the ice.

KILLS MAN WHO BROKE UP HIS HOME

Omaha, Neb., March 12.—Charles Foley was shot and killed here by Russell Rector, who, after surrendering himself to the police, told the officers that Foley had broken up his home.

Rector went to the rooming house where Foley was staying and when Foley came in opened fire on him in the hallway. Two bullets hit Foley.

The wounded man ran out of the house and sought aid at the home of E. T. Cullen. It was some time before police found him there.

"He got me and I am going to die," Foley gasped as the officers entered the room. "Call my wife."

The police took Foley to a hospital. Rector has two sons, 7 and 9 years old, respectively, who witnessed the shooting.

CHARGES EFFORT MADE TO KILL THE SCHOOL

Scottsbluff, Neb., March 12.—Declaring its belief that the regents of the University of Nebraska "have deliberately planned to kill the school of irrigation since its inception," the Scottsbluff Chamber of Commerce has passed resolutions urging Governor Bryan and the legislature to include in appropriation bills funds for the continuance of the school and its enlargement.

The school is the only one of its kind in the country. It was opened in 1920, and is provided with only the narrowest kind of curriculum, insufficient to fit the students for good citizenship, the chamber charges.

DEAD OMAHA MAN HAD MUCH INSURANCE

Omaha, Neb., March 12.—Arthur Crittenden Smith, 60 years old, prominent Omaha merchant and head of M. E. Smith & company, who died here Friday, was insured for \$1,750,000, according to an announcement made by local insurance officials.

With one exception, Mr. Smith carried more insurance than anybody else in Nebraska.

Funeral services for Mr. Smith will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at All Saints Episcopal church and interment will be in Forest Lawn.

TEACHER DISCOVERS FIRE, BUILDING SAVED

Theftford, Neb., March 12 (Special).—The prompt action of Miss Pauline Beckhoff in spreading the alarm of fire, saved the high school here from destruction. Miss Beckhoff, instructor in the seventh and eighth grades, discovered the blaze at 6 a. m. from her home and notified the janitor who was at work in the building.

CHILD OF 8 YEARS DIES OF SLEEPING SICKNESS

Ravenna, Neb., March 12 (Special).—The first case of sleeping sickness here resulted in the death of Thelma Gilpin, 8 years old.

POULTRY RAISERS ARE GETTING GOOD PRICES

Sargent, Neb., March 12 (Special).—Poultry raisers in this section have been making good money lately. J. E. Grint sold 50 hens averaging 7.3-10 pounds each. At 20 cents a pound he received \$73 for the lot. Harry Bentley marketed 31 hens for \$45.50 and Sidney Vore received \$34.20 for 73 hens.

GRAIN RATES TO BE OVERHAULED

Nebraska Rail Commission Calls Roads of That State Into Conference on March 26.

Lincoln, Neb., March 12 (Special).—All of the Nebraska railroads have been ordered to appear before the state railway commission March 26th to show cause, if they can, why their grain rates should not be amended.

The commission started action on its own motion some time ago, but postponed the case because the experts on both sides were at interstate commerce commission hearings. Then it proposed a general inquiry.

Now it proposes to confine it to these two points: Where specific rates from Nebraska points of origin to Omaha are greater than Nebraska distance grain rates for equivalent distances. Such specific rates to said terminal market shall not exceed the corresponding distance rates. Incidental special adjustments in rates of so-called "fish hook" roads in territory immediately adjacent to Omaha as will properly solve cross-current competitive situations heretofore considered in several cases.

JOY RIDING IN "BORROWED" CAR BROUGHT HIS GRIEF

Grand Island, Neb., March 12.—One boy scout meeting per week and two picture shows per month is to constitute the night life of Ray Streator for the next year, according to the terms under which he was paroled by Judge Clements, at the lad's hearing in district court on the charge of joy riding with another's car.

"On all other nights, Ray, who is 15 years old, must be at home by 9 o'clock. On the two nights per month he chooses to attend a movie, he must go to the first show and be at home by 9:30. Other terms of parole were: He must attend school regularly during the term, in vacation months seek some useful occupation, and report regularly to his Sunday school teacher."

The lad was arrested several days ago after having been caught after a sensational chase by 11a, 10-year-old daughter of William Neifield, owner of the car which he had "borrowed."

SAYS BOOTLEGGER A CARELESS MAN

Otoe County Butcher, Convicted of Violating "Dry" Law, Lays It All to the Dispenser.

Lincoln, Neb., March 12 (Special).—Claus Peterson, butcher at Lorton, Otoe county, told the supreme court when his appeal to that tribunal was presented Thursday, that he ought not to be compelled to serve a year or two in the state penitentiary because he was a third time convicted of breaking the state prohibitory law.

He was found drunk in his butcher shop, partly undressed and with booze close at hand. His story was that a bootlegger came in and tried to sell him some stuff. He refused to buy, but did accept the offer of a couple of drinks. That ended his knowledge of what happened. He said the bootlegger must have left the stuff behind him when he departed after Peterson fell unconscious.

Richard H. Schmidt, convicted in Pierce county of wife and child abandonment, has appealed to the court. He left his wife two months after they were married, and was not permitted by the trial court to testify that the reason was that she had told him that she had gone wrong before her marriage, a child having been born to her six months after the wedding. The court made a number of remarks that, Schmidt says, prejudiced the jury against him. The state introduced in testimony a letter from Schmidt to his wife's father at Plainville, written after he had sent her home, in which he said that he was in trouble and had to skip out. He asked that the news might be broken gently to his loved wife, as she might do herself wrong.

PIERCE DEBATERS WIN FROM CREIGHTON TEAM

Pierce, Neb., March 12 (Special).—On Wednesday night at Creighton the Pierce high school debating team met the Creighton team. The question was "Resolved that Nebraska should adopt the Kansas Industrial Court System." The Pierce team, consisting of Harry Buckendahl, John Kratochvil and Elton Steinkraus, had the affirmative and the Creighton team, consisting of Zelma Bard, Ernest Nicolaisen and Ivan Johnson, had the negative. The decision of the judges was 2 to 1 in favor of Pierce.

PRINCE AS A BOY SCOUT

London.—The Prince of Wales has several closets full of uniforms, but he created a sensation when he appeared recently in a Boy Scout uniform at a Scout function.

WILD QUAIL LODGES IN CITY BUILDING'S HALL

Bucyrus, Ohio.—Charles Aumiller was sitting on a chair in the doorway of his store, on the west side of the public square here when a quail ran across the sidewalk, dodged between Aumiller's feet and scurried to the back of the hallway.

Investigation disclosed that the bird had coddled in a corner, prepared to spend the night. It was not disturbed. Next morning it flew away.

NEBRASKA BONUS BILL PROGRESSES

Measure Appropriating \$10,000,000 Advanced to Third Reading In House—Nurses Fail to Get All Desired.

Lincoln, Neb., March 12 (Special).—By a vote of 89 to 5 the house advanced to third reading a bill submitting to a referendum a soldier bonus bill appropriating \$10,000,000.

After a vigorous debate, the house definitely postponed house rule 248 decreasing by 2 per cent, the butter fat content of ice cream and fruit by a vote of 57 to 33. It also killed one-third treading a bill cutting in half the number of game birds that may be killed in one day.

The house put its approval on 11 bills on third reading Wednesday. One of these had a close call. It provides that the expense of rural school pupils in the high schools of a town or city shall be borne by the entire rural school districts of a county and not by those districts sending them.

The Christian Scientists are now in the senate on a fight to secure exemption of their children from examination for physical defects by school authorities. As the bill passed, only teachers may make examinations. The senate made a moving picture censorship bill a special order for next Wednesday.

The senate debated with some vigor an amendment to the registered nurses law which raises the fee for certificates, and which, as originally drawn gave to the nurses' association of the state the naming of the board of examiners and make an offense for anybody to do any nursing without having a certificate from the state as to their competency. As the bill finally emerged the public welfare department will be free to choose the examiners and anybody who nurses gratuitously as a member of a religious society, a friend or member of a family or who nurses for hire but does not pretend to be a registered nurse may do so.

FLOATING DOCK NEARS FINISH

World's Largest to Cost More Than \$5,000,000—Plan More Improvements at Southampton.

Canton.—Floating churches where religious services are held, floating schools and dispensaries, are features of the missionary work carried on by the South China Boat Mission among the thousands of Chinese who live on house boats in South China.

Canton has perhaps the largest boat population of any city in the world, as there are 84,000 boats of every description registered in the office of the harbor commissioner. This represents approximately 400,000 people.

The South China Boat Mission began its work with the boat people in 1909, and the work has grown until at the present there are eight gospel boats supported by the mission in the Kwangtung province. Five of these boats operate at Canton, one at Kongmoon, one at Shuichow and one at Yingtak. In Canton church services are held every Sunday morning, as well as through the week, on the gospel boats, which weave their way through the labyrinth of boats of every description.

A small boat is used as a dispensary and is under the direction of a Chinese physician, while another boat is converted into a boarding school for boys and another into a school for girls. The boat schools must be boarding schools, as the boat people move about constantly, and the pupils could not attend regularly otherwise. There are 18 boys attending the boys' school and about the same number of girls enrolled in the boarding school for girls. There are also many day pupils.

The boat people are very clanish. They have a dialect of their own which seldom goes on land, do not mingle with the "land people," are very superstitious and are uneducated. Practically the only way in which the missionary can reach them is to secure a boat and go out and live among them.

They include the sampans, which lie close to the water and are approximately 15 feet long; the great junks, with their cargoes of grain, salt and lumber; the fishing boats, with their high sterns and picturesque amber colored patched sails; the boats with great eyes painted on their prows, in order that they may see, which ply between Canton and Ningpo, and the river cargo boats, with small cannons mounted on their sides as a protection against the river pirates. As these boats carry silk they are attacked frequently.

The sampans, which are some 15 feet long and 5 feet wide, are the homes of families of six or seven people. The women, often with babies strapped to their backs, or playing at their feet, row the majority of the boats for the women are the workers in South China.

AMERICAN WOMAN, FASCISTI

Berlin—Bavaria's fascisti have an American spokesman—or rather a spokeslady. She claims to be a Mexican citizen, calls herself Miss Allen, and is one of Hitler's most active propagandists, constantly on the road rushing from one end of Bavaria to the other. Miss Allen is about 30 years old, very handsome—beautiful red hair, dark blue eyes—speaks perfect German with only a very slight touch of foreign accent. Her great success is due quite as much to natural eloquence as to the fascinating appearance of the female fascisti apostle.

BARROWS TO GET HIS PAY FINALLY

Both Houses of Nebraska Legislature Favor Bill But Governor Bryan May Veto It.

Lincoln, Neb., March 12 (Special).—The state senate Wednesday passed the house bill appropriating \$1,300 to pay Former Lieutenant Governor Barrows for time he alleges he was called upon to serve as acting governor during the four year incumbency of Former Governor McKelvie.

The emergency clause was attached, five senators changing their votes when it became apparent that the bill was sure to pass. Payment will be made immediately if Governor Bryan gives approval. He may veto the bill, it is rumored.

Governor Bryan praised the action of the house in calling back the indefinitely postponed bill giving him power to remove officials who have been recalcitrant to their trust. "I am gratified at the action of the house," the governor said. "No one can be charged under the bill except the governor and he would only do so as a last resort. The action of the house is one instance where the special interests—the bootleggers—got the worst of it."

Wards of the state who reside at the boys' industrial school or the industrial school for girls cannot secure freedom in the future by surreptitiously wedding. The house advanced to third reading a bill which provides that marriage on the part of these wards shall not operate to make them of legal majority. It was said by members of the committee on state institutions, which introduced the bill, that a number of these wards had shortened the terms by sneaking out and getting married and then claiming freedom under the law as it now exists.

The house, in committee of the whole, swung the gullotine on H. R. 523, which sought to regulate the practice of optometry. The 10 cent store was largely responsible. Several members proudly declared that the glasses through which they see the world were purchased for the small sum of one dime. Why, therefore, they asked, should the state of Nebraska pass a law that will raise the price of spectacles to the people. The law prohibited persons from prescribing glasses unless they had taken certain courses in schools.

Members of the senate committee on banking, together with Pres. Dan. Reilly, of the State Bankers' Association; Dan V. Stephens, of Fremont, and others met Governor Bryan in a private conference Wednesday afternoon, the purpose being to attempt to harmonize conflicting views on the pending banking bill. The meeting lasted over two hours, and during that time voices in the conference room were lifted to a high pitch.

Chairman Bliss, of the senate committee, discussed the conference following its conclusion. Governor Bryan, he said, stood pat in his objection to many of the features of the bill and was opposed in his stand by the bankers and some of the members of the committee. Others stanchly defended his position.

According to statements of those at the conference, the governor said that not only will he veto the bill if it comes to him in its present form but if it is passed over his veto he will try to suspend it by a referendum petition. Banking legislation, all at the conference admitted, is the most important matter before the legislature.

The house Wednesday afternoon clipped crow eggs from the crow bounty bill. It advanced the bill placing grain commission firms under \$2,000 bond. The Ogara bill reducing the testing fee against cream stations from \$2 to \$1 was advanced to third reading.

STATE RESISTING REPAYING FEES

Asserts Its Right to Charge Above Cost for Inspection of Oils—In High Court.

Lincoln, Neb., March 12.—The suit brought by a number of oil companies to compel the state department of agriculture to pay back to them fees collected for inspection where the money represents an excess above the cost of the work was argued and submitted in supreme court Friday afternoon.

The companies contend that the legislature cannot add to its revenues to be expended for general expenses of government by compelling them to pay more than inspection costs. The state defends on the ground that this is an excise tax and not a revenue measure. It insists that the companies have already collected from customers the full amount of the fees as their books show they add this to the cost of doing business, and that the court ought not to allow them to collect part of it back again from the state.

A recent federal supreme court decision is relied upon by the attorney general.

CLEVELAND'S POPULATION

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Smith, Jones, Johnson, Brown and Miller families continued to lead Cleveland's population with the largest number of members, recent census figures reveal.

Greater Cleveland, which includes suburbs, has a population of 976,920. Of this number the Smiths have 3,445; the Millers 2,426; the Browns 1,780; the Johnsons, 1,500 and the Jones 1,471. Riemenschneider and Ciennozolowski are tied for the longest name record and Ek, Ur and Wy are tied for the shortest.