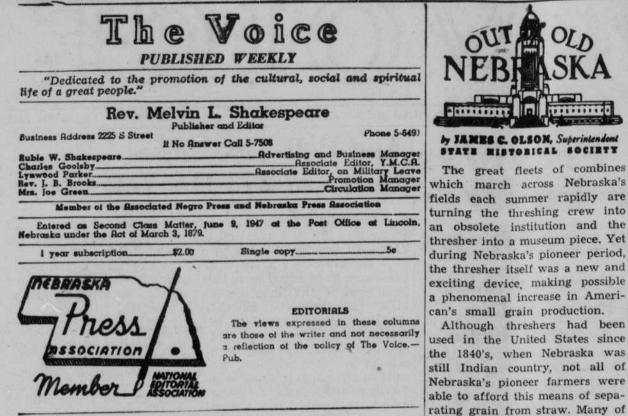
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## **Co-operation** Converted a Bar

By Herman Spruit, Jr., in The | with the state board of equaliza-Christian Advocate.

The late Al Capone was once asked to what one factor he attributed his rise to success in gangdom. His answer was simple and direct: "The bad people stick together, and the good people don't." Anyone who has had anything to do with reforms will admit that the gang leader was right. But, occasionally the good people do get together as they did at South Gate.

One day citizens picked up their morning-papers to find on the front page the architect's drawing of an attractive building for which the ground was to be broken within a few days. The accompanying description pointed out that this establishment was to house a wrestling and boxing arena seating 1,000 spectators. It was also to provide an 85-foot cocktail bar, the longest in that part of Los Angeles. On the arena floor itself there was to be another refreshment counter serving beer and soft drinks. And worst of all, of these limiting conditions the this new sports arena was to rise across the street from one of the city's largest elementary schools and adjacent to South Gate's 90acre city park.

citizens The conscientious could imagine what would happen. They saw hundreds, sometimes thousands of boys and this group was not sufficiently girls and adults finding wholesome recreation on the many lighted athletic and play areas in the opposition sought to pervert the nearby park every night of the offered testimony. the year. They saw the school with its many day and night surprise when, a few days after functions, the attractive working- the hearing, the board of equali-

tion, which is charged with alcoholic beverage control, making the request that the board reject the application for liquor licenses requested by the arena owners.

True of Capone's dictum, the liquor people were on the job to protect their interests. They poured lavish sums into the fight. They summoned a highly impressive battery of legal talent. The Chamber of Commerce was represented through its executive who defended the combination of alcohol and wrestling as a factor for community betterment. Solicitors were employed who combed large sections of the community systematically garnering signatures that favored the wet cauese. While they were able to place their fight on a highly professional basis because of the ready availability of cash, the co-ordinating council's fight was forced to proceed on a simple volunteer basis because of the absence of funds. In the light struggle for decency seemed doomed from the start.

The board of equalization conducted a series of hearings. A

large delegation spoke on behalf of the co-ordinating council in an endeavor to make the protest effective. Unfortunately more schooled in legal technicalities to side-step the pitfalls by which

The community was taken by class homes in this section of the zation refused to grant the lithem had to rely on main strength

Another early technique was to

drive horses or oxen over grain

the grain from the straw. The

straw was removed with a fork.

Grain and chaff were separated

by throwing into the air and de-

pending on the wind. If there was

no wind, one or two men swung

By the early seventies, however,

threshers began to appear in Ne-

braska. The first ones knocked

the grain from the straw but did

not separate. Later separators

were developed. A further refine-

ment was the winnowing device

which separated the chaff from

The early separators were horse

powered, with the most common

type being the sweep power drawn

by five teams of horses. Three

men composed the machine crew:

the driver, the separator tender,

and the man who fed the machine.

Threshing was done from a stack

or bundles were brought to the

machine in racks, as they later,

although the early separators had

to be hand-fed, one bundle at a

time. Two men were kept busy

Threshing under these condi-

tions was hard work at best. To

the joy of the hired hands, and

the discomfiture of the owners,

however, the pace was broken by

By the middle eighties, steam

began replacing horses as the mo-

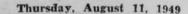
sacking the grain.

frequent break-downs.

the grain.

a sheet to create a breeze.

applied to home made flails.



## News from Elwood. Kans. By Wilberta Brady.

Mrs. Mary Wynn is visiting her relatives in Kansas City.

York Adams received a leg injury while working with some machinery at work.

Willa Mae Hayes is confined to her home with the measles and a cold, we hope she improves quickly.

Mrs. Charles V. Scott took her piano pupils, of Elwood, on a picnic at Krug Park last Thursday. Sandwiches, ice cream and pop, were served. Games were played on the playground.

The Scout house was opened Sunday afternoon. Mr. Frank Brown also opened his restaurant Sunday afternoon. When you have nothing to do, here are some places to go and spend time and money and really enjoy vourself.

economic and social life and a prime example of the cooperation that has developed the American West into the world's breadbasket.

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tive power for threshing. An even greater improvement was the de-



PLAN LIBERIAN TRIP-David N. How ell, associate executive of the Southern Area council of Y.M.C.A.'s, will leave for Liberia in September as the representative of the International committee of the National Council of Y.M.C.A. Shown with him are his wife, Mrs. Maye Howell, and their two sons, Pedro, 4, on the left, and David, 7, right. Howell, who will be ac companied by his family to Liberia, is the first Negro to be appointed under American auspices to Africa to do asso ciation work.

velopment of the traction engine which could move the separator from place to place as well as power its threshing operations.

Steady improvements in both placed in a circle with the heads separator and power enabled the in the center, thereby separating threshing process to keep pace with Nebraska's expanding grain production. The threshing "ring"



city, and the cocktail bar going full blast.

The community leaders immediately banded together for action on a basis of broadest interdenominational co-operation. Among them were the Roman Catholic chief of police, the minister of the Presbyterian church, the Methodist "Y" secretary, a school principal whose alert social consciousness dated back to the days when he was an active Epworth Leaguer, a park superintendent who was a member of the Disciples of Christ, a Methodist preacher, and the executive of a state temperance organization, a Seventh-day Adventist. This team of leaders geared into the co-ordinating council.

This council was originated by the probation department of the county years ago, in the belief that crime prevention is more desirable than crime. There is a council in every high school district, and it combines into one effective striking force representatives of all character-building groups in town.

censes. This decision was immediately appealed and the appeal turned down. This factor may have been entirely coincidental, but both of these refusals were handed down by the state board on the eve of its election in which that board was seeking to be returned to office with the help of the church vote.

With the election passed and the officials safe for another four-year term, and contrary to established precedent, another appeal was made and granted The owners of the arena were so certain of victory that they did not stop for a moment in their determination to establish a saloon. All through these legal maneuvers cabinetmakers, plumbers, painters and decorators were busy equpiping this swank cocktail lounge to be one of the show places of town.

But it seemed that their enthusiasm and determination were misplaced. Through the co-operation of the good people what was destined to become a saloon 

