

### Retailers Will Meet in Omaha February 19-21

Retail Distribution of Products to Be One of Main Discussions at the Convention.

Retail distribution of products will be one of the principal discussions before the 17th annual convention of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers to be held at Hotel Fontenelle, February 19 to 21.

Irving S. Paul, economist, formerly secretary of the joint committee of agricultural inquiry and now employed by the National Retail Dry Goods association, will speak.

"Perhaps no bigger problem confronts the American public today than how to perfect a system of distribution of our abundance of commodities that there may be a continuous flow from producer to consumer, without stagnation at any point, and that there may be a fair and equitable return to every necessary agency engaged in the task," Mr. Paul says.

"The farmer, the laborer, the manufacturer, the carrier, the wholesaler and jobber and the retailer have been accused of exorbitant profits for their services in distribution. When the economic condition of the American farmer became acute, congress ordered a joint investigation by both the senate and the house, and the joint committee of agricultural inquiry was authorized. This committee soon found that the farmers' condition was so inseparably linked to the problem of general distribution that the scope of the investigation was enlarged to include the whole of this problem."

During January, Mr. Paul covered the state of Ohio under auspices of the Ohio State Council of Retail Merchants, speaking to merchants, women's clubs, civic and commercial organizations and to audiences of consumers.

Another speaker on the convention program will be Charles W. Russell, vice president of M. E. Smith & Co. of Omaha, who will appear Monday night, February 19. Mr. Russell has been connected with the local firm for more than 30 years.

Fare and one-half has been granted on every road in the state by the Western Passenger association to every merchant in Nebraska who attends the convention.

Steel possesses elasticity similar to rubber, as may be proved by dropping a number of steel balls on a hard surface and watching them rebound.

### Every Bill Paid 100 Cents on Dollar 52-Year Record of Woman Who Started Business When Townsite Was Founded



Mrs. T. C. Hilton and the millinery shop she still operates today. It is only a block away from the site where she established her business 52 years ago when Blair was just starting out as a townsite.

A town where every man, woman and child is your friend. A little business which provides all the necessities of life and a few of the luxuries.

A record of paying your bills 100 cents on the dollar for 52 years. A happy household with three children, a hearty appetite, a pleasant disposition and an abiding faith in all mankind.

What more could one want? So reasons Mrs. T. C. Hilton of Blair, who holds two records for longevity that are unsurpassed in Nebraska.

In the first place, Mrs. Hilton is the sole owner of the oldest business establishment in Blair.

Secondly, she is the pioneer milliner of the entire state of Nebraska. She has operated her millinery shop in Blair for 52 years, ever since the town was founded. And not once has she been unable to pay a bill 100 cents on the dollar when it came due.

A pleasant, bright-eyed woman, whose alert-looking face and sprightly manner belie her gray hair, is Mrs. Hilton. She is proud of Blair and Blair is proud of her. And why not? Is not a woman with Mrs. Hilton's record something for a town to be proud of? And isn't a town which made such a record possible also something to be proud of?

It was in 1872 that Mrs. Hilton journeyed to Blair with her husband. They were on their way from Boonesborough, Ia. to Lincoln. Lincoln at that time was booming and was attracting many settlers from Iowa and other states to the east.

But the route of the Hiltons took them through Blair. And when they arrived there they found a new town under way. The townsite had just been surveyed and lots and homesteads were being sold.

Settle in Blair. This new little town interested the Hiltons and they decided to pass up Lincoln and stay where they were. They bought a piece of "city property" and erected a little frame home. Mr. Hilton established a newspaper, which he continued to publish until his death a few years ago.

But Mrs. Hilton was like many of the pioneer women who accompanied their husbands into new settlements when the west was young. She wanted to help all she could in establishing the family fortune. So she took up millinery.

"I learned my trade from my step-grandmother who had learned millinery in Pennsylvania," explained Mrs. Hilton. "She and my grandfather came to Iowa in a covered wagon. When I was a little girl I used to like to watch her cutting out flowers, making hat frames of rattan and sewing on silver beads and wings. I thought the hats she made were just beautiful."

Starts in Modest Way. "When I came to Nebraska I happened to have about two dozen hats with me, and that was my original stock. I started out in a modest way. I converted part of my frame home into a millinery shop. Later I built a shop with living rooms in the rear. Here I kept shop for many years.

"One time I decided to quit and sold out to a clothing firm. But after a rest, I was ready to go to work again, so I built a larger place and established myself again.

"In the early days we depended Godey's Lady Book, the ingenuity of the seamstress or letters from friends back east for our styles. Pioneer women were just as careful of their appearances as the women of the settled districts and we always tried to be as near the correct mode as possible.

"I used to make all my frames, blocks and trimmings, and instead of steel and wire I used rattan. Until through trains were established we often had to wait for weeks before materials arrived from Pennsylvania or Chicago before a new stock of hats could be made up.

Modern Clothes O. K. "The hats of the present day remind me so much of those made in grandmother's day. In those days grandmother used a great deal of silver cloth in trimmings as well as silver beads and ornaments. Silver was very popular, as it seems today."

Mrs. Hilton has lived to see many extreme changes in women's apparel, yet she finds no fault with modern modes.

"I think the clothing worn now is just as pretty and a lot more comfortable than that of the old days. The dresses then were so tight in the waist and full in the skirt and so long they swept the floor. There was enough material used in the old dresses to make two or three of the modern ones."

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### The Omaha Bee Information Bureau

Through our Washington Information Bureau The Omaha Bee will answer direct to the reader any question of fact, with the exception of medical, legal, love and marriage subjects, or any subject requiring extended research. Simply write your question as plainly and briefly as possible and mail to The Omaha Bee Information Bureau, 4035 New Hampshire Avenue, Washington, D. C., enclosing a 2-cent stamped, addressed envelope for reply. Be sure to write your name and address plainly on the return envelope.

### Falling Hair and Baldness

Is your hair falling? Does it bother you? Would you like to know whether it is advisable to use hair invigorators and restorers?

The Omaha Bee information bureau has inquired into the advisability of hair restorers, invigorators, tonics and washes, their contents, and how to make and use them. If you are losing some of your hair or you are partly or wholly bald, the information which our information bureau has compiled will be of interest to you. A copy of this information will be sent to any reader on receipt of a stamped, addressed envelope and the coupon.

The Omaha Bee Information Bureau, 4035 New Hampshire Avenue, Washington, D. C. Gentlemen: Please send me a copy of the information you have compiled about treatment for falling hair, the use of invigorators and restorers and how to make them. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

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### Do You Know This? Most Popular Profession.

Q—Which profession is more popular—law or medicine? A—Judging from the number of students which are taking these two courses at the colleges, medicine is more popular. From the latest statistics we find that 13,160 men and 613 women are studying medicine and 10,998 men and 822 women are studying law.

Cable Address. Q—How may I get a cable address? A—Select or coin a word symbolical of your name and address and register it with the telegraph and cable companies. There is a small fee for the use of the registration.

Manufacturing Denatured Alcohol. Q—Is a permit necessary to manufacture denatured alcohol? A—Yes. Apply to the collector of internal revenue of the district in which you expect to start the manufacturing.

Paraffin on Cheese. Q—Is the outside of cheese paraffined? A—Most cheese is paraffined on the outside. This is done to keep it from drying out before it is cut and to prevent molding.

Oatmeal Drop Cakes. Q—Could you give me a receipt for oatmeal drop cakes? A—The following receipt is furnished by the Federal States Relations Service: three-fourths cup syrup; one-fourth cup brown sugar; one-half cup shortening, one egg, two cups rolled oats, one cup sifted flour, one-half teaspoon salt, two teaspoons baking powder, three-fourths cup seeded raisins. Mix in the usual way and drop by teaspoonfuls onto a greased baking sheet one inch apart. Bake in a moderate oven about 15 minutes or until delicately browned. This receipt makes about 50 cakes.

Overriding a Veto. Q—Can congress pass a bill over the president's veto? A—Yes, but a two-thirds vote is necessary in both houses of congress.

Transportation of Troops. Q—Did the United States pay England for the transportation of our troops to Europe during the world war? A—Yes, a total of \$109,000,000 has been paid for the transportation of troops and supplies to Europe during the world war.

Dr. Bell's Citizenship. Q—Was Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the Bell telephone, a citizen of the United States? A—Yes. He declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States in 1872, took up his first papers in 1874 and final papers in 1882.

Tail Lights for Planes. London, Feb. 3.—All British airplanes, military and civil, will, in future, when flying at night, have to carry white rear lights on each wing tip and on the tail, according to a new British air ministry regulation. "Lighting up time" will be half an hour before sunset.

### Masonic Association Gets Bust of Albert Pike

Presentation Marks Retirement of Dr. John E. Simpson as Venerable Master of Kadosh.

A bust of Albert Pike, who was grand commander of the supreme council of the Scottish Rite for 32 years, was presented to the Scottish Rite Cathedral association Wednesday night, by the four sections of the Albert Pike class.



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SECTION FOUR CLASS 1909-1922

The presentation took place during the affair marking the retirement of Dr. John E. Simpson as venerable master of Kadosh, after serving two years, and the installation of James R. Cain, the new venerable master, and other officers.

The bust is of bronze on a marble pedestal, and is the work of Fred L. Kimball, sculptor, of Lincoln, Neb. Raymond G. Young, orator of the first section of the class under Dr. Simpson, made the presentation speech. He called attention to the note gained by Mr. Pike as a poet, a linguist and as a great lawyer. Mr. Pike was a world famous student of philosophy, an authority on ancient Aryan beliefs, on which he wrote 15 volumes; and was hailed by critics of his day not only in this country but in England as the greatest American poet. Mr. Young said. Among his most famous poems are "Hymns to the Gods" and "Ode to a Mocking Bird," published in 1840 and 1830, respectively, in Blackwood's magazine, according to Mr. Young, who also called attention to how Mr. Pike dropped his other varied interests to devote his entire time to Masonry. He is the author and reviser of rituals, and editor and compiler of the textbook on Masonry. The bust was accepted by W. E. Rhoades in behalf of the Cathedral association. It was unveiled by presidents of the four sections of the Albert Pike class. Following the ceremony, Rev. Frank G. Smith delivered an address and presented Dr. Simpson with a platinum watch. More than 500 were present. A banquet was served.

### Hen Lays "Four-in-One."

Gullford, Conn., Feb. 3.—William Roode, hearing unusual cackling in his henhouse here, hurried out to find a favorite hen walking about her nest proclaiming unusual tidings to all the world. Visions of an otter stolen up from the nearby brood to feast on poultry were dispelled when Roode found a huge egg that was four eggs in one. Roode's hen, a mixture of Brahma, Red Leghorn and Bantam, had laid an egg in which eggs of the three were clearly discernible.

### Iowa Physician Makes Startling Offer to Catarrh Sufferers

Found Treatment Which Healed His Own Catarrh and Now Offers to Send It Free to Sufferers Anywhere.

Davenport, Ia.—Dr. W. O. Coffey, Suite 1302, St. James Hotel Bldg., this city, one of the most widely known physicians and surgeons in the central west, announces that he has found a treatment which completely healed his own catarrh of the head and nose, deafness and head noises after many years of suffering. He then gave the treatment to a number of other sufferers and they state that they also were completely healed. The doctor is so proud of his achievement and so confident that his treatment will bring other sufferers the same freedom it gave him, that he is offering to send a 10 days' supply absolutely free to any reader of this paper who writes him. Dr. Coffey has specialized on eye, ear, nose and throat disease for more than thirty-five years and is honored and respected by countless thousands. If you suffer from nose, head or throat catarrh, catarrh deafness or head noises, send him your name and address today.

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