

Bellboys Will Clear Ranks of Rum Smugglers

Hotel Employes Making It Their Business to Keep 'Boomers' from Being Hired.

Hotel Fontenelle bellboys have banded themselves into a knightly society, the object of which is to keep their ranks clear of "boomers."

"Boomers" are fly-by-night fellows who "blow into" a town, get jobs as bellboys and then smuggle liquor in and sell it until they are caught."

Recently Bob Samardick, federal booze sleuth, filed information against seven Fontenelle "bellboys," six of whom have been arrested.

"We professional bellboys are now making it our business to see that none of these 'boomers' slip into our ranks," said Earl Corrier, who has been a "bellhop" at the Fontenelle for more than a year, a young man of apparent education.

Honorable Work.

"Our profession is an honorable one, but is peculiarly susceptible to the fellows who want to break the prohibition law," he said. "These 'boomers' make it hard for our married bellmen who are seriously working at our business with ambition to get higher."

"For an untrained man there is nothing better than the job of bellman in a good hotel. Though we get practically no salary, we average \$150 to \$200 a month in winter and \$125 to \$175 a month in summer from tips."

George Malone has been a bellhop at the Fontenelle for three years.

Watching Each Other.

"Wouldn't I be a prize booty if I tried to sell a little liquor here," he said. "Especially when I know and we all know that the management would fire us in a minute if we did it and they found us out."

Charles Keohane and Ralph Nugent made similar statements and declared the bellboys are keeping watch over each other to see that they live up to high ideals.

Lee Palin, captain of the bellmen, declared that liquor is and always has been taboo and that he'd "just like to catch some 'bellhop' trying to smuggle it in to this hotel."

Protests Innocence.

In a little apartment at 114 North Eighteenth street, lives Al Ridenour with his wife. He is one of the six arrested by Samardick. Though he protests his innocence, the Fontenelle

Editor Obliginglly Sends Obituary to Newspapers

Kearney Hub Proprietor, Hale and Hearty at 70, Believes in Preparedness.

Mentor A. Brown, proprietor of The Kearney Daily Hub, believes in preparedness.

On his 70th birthday, February 19, he prepared a carefully compiled obituary, which was sent to Omaha and Lincoln papers, together with his photograph.

"Naturally, I am not expecting anything in the obituary line very soon," he writes, "but the 70th milestone is a proper place to pause and do this little act of courtesy for the press."

Mr. Brown is one of Nebraska's pioneer newspaper men.

Becomes Apprentice.

At the age of 13, he became a printer's apprentice on the New Era at Jefferson, Ia., and came to Nebraska when he was 17. During the summer and fall of 1870, he worked in Nebraska City, Omaha and Council Bluffs. He was recommended for the formanship of the Beatrice Express at Beatrice, Neb., and arrived in Beatrice July 19, 1871. On January 1, 1874, he purchased a half interest in the paper, being associated with Theodore Coleman, another Nebraska newspaper pioneer.

Later he sold his interest in the Express and became private secretary to A. S. Paddock, when Mr. Paddock was elected to the senate. Early in 1877, he bought half interest in the Fairbury Gazette, but resold to his partner, and purchased entire interest in the Beatrice Express. In 1884 the Express was made a daily paper. In 1888 Mr. Brown sold the paper and took over the Central Nebraska Press at Kearney, Neb., later establishing the Daily Hub.

Still Active.

The paper weathered brisk competition from exposure, were huddled on the rock at the bow of the ship.

The wreck was found by the United States coast guard cutter Shobomish.

The Shobomish wireless that in returning after completing rescue of the crew of the Tuscan Prince, it would pick up the crew of the steamship Santa Rita.

The Santa Rita men, said to be short of food, had been camped on Carmanah Point, Vancouver island, since the vessel hit a rock early Thursday, while attempting to go to the aid of the steamer Nika, which burned to the water's edge.

Dog fights are now prohibited in Mexico City.



dition from various quarters, but survived with flying colors, and at present has one of the model printing and newspaper plants in the state.

Mr. Brown, at 70, is still active in the harness. He writes an editorial column daily, supervises all departments of his paper, and keeps an eye on the printing and bookbinding departments.

His only public office was that of postmaster at Kearney from 1906 to 1914. He was a presidential elector in 1904, and electoral messenger in 1905. He keeps physically fit by playing golf.

His family includes Mrs. Brown, two daughters, three sons and 11 grandchildren.

Men's prizes are: First, \$20, platinum diamond scarf pin, furnished by C. B. Brown company; second, a suit of tailored clothes, furnished by D. H. Beck; third, a \$20 traveling bag, furnished by Omaha Printing company.

A \$100 ticket represents eight points to each contestant. Each contestant, upon enrolling, is given 1,000 points. These young women already have entered the contest:

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\$600 Prizes in Shrine Circus Ticket Contest

Woman Selling Most Tickets to Receive Platinum Diamond Ring—Scarf Pin First Prize for Men.

More than \$600 in prizes, including a diamond ring, a diamond scarf pin, high priced apparel and traveling bags are to be given away by the Tangier Temple Shrine to men and women in Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity who sell the most tickets for Tangier Temple Shrine circus to be given at the Auditorium the week of March 5. The contest will close Saturday, March 11.

It will be necessary for each contestant to present himself in person at the Shrine circus headquarters on the second floor of the Auditorium and enroll.

The woman selling the most tickets up to midnight, March 11, will receive a platinum diamond ring valued at \$200, furnished by C. B. Brown company. Second prize will be a coat, suit or dress valued at \$75, furnished by Goldstein-Chapman company; third prize, fitted suit case valued at \$40, furnished by Omaha printing company.

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Old Mary is 108 years old and has been the property of practically every big circus in the United States since the civil war. In her early career Mary was owned by John R. Robin-

Harlan County Pioneer Observes 100th Birthday

Charles B. Moore of Alma Made First Brick in County in Year of 1853.



Charles B. Moore.

Alma, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Charles B. Moore celebrated his 100th birthday here Friday.

Mr. Moore came to Nebraska in 1851. In 1853 he made the first brick in what is now Harlan county. During July and August of that year he mortared 60,000 bricks.

For 20 years Mr. Moore lived on a homestead which he took up south of the Republican river near Alma. Then in 1915 during a period of high water the river cut across his land and made an island out of his homestead.

Mr. Moore came to Nebraska when buffalo were still grazing on the prairies in the western part of the state, but they were being driven west rapidly by the Indians and soldiers.

Mr. Moore's first buffalo hunt was in 1851, his last in 1855 when only a scattered few remained.

Mr. Moore has been blind for the last 20 years. His mind, however, is bright and his memory good. His wife died two years ago and he makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Mary Ziegler. He has 12 children, 37 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren and seven great, great grandchildren.

son, who made his start with a wagon show. Mary has walked from Maine to Florida, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast during her many years in the circus world. Other acts on the program are the Clarkons, a thrilling trap and casting act; the Clark family, bear back riders, including Ethel Clark and her beautiful trained Arabian horse, Sultan; Romeo, the only contortionist horse in the world; Gene DeCoe, the French clown heading a corps of funny clowns in side spitting antics, and others.

Each Night Taken.

The circus will open Monday night, March 5, and each night of the week will be devoted to some particular organization or body. Monday night will be Masonic and Shrine night, Wednesday night will be market week and Council Bluffs night. One thousand and merchants in Omaha attending the Omaha market week will visit the circus and several hundred Masons and Shriners headed by a 60-piece band from Council Bluffs will parade from the Douglas street bridge to the auditorium and make merry at the circus with the Omaha Shriners.

Friday and Saturday nights already have been reserved for other organizations and one can attend on any night.

Every day except Monday there will be matinees with reduced admission to children.

Inadequate Transportation Blamed for Coal Shortage

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Inadequate transportation facilities were blamed for the coal shortage by George H. Cushing of Washington, in an address before the Western Society of Engineers.

Mr. Cushing attacked the United States coal commission for its failure to deal adequately with the coal situation. He declared that it had been appointed "to assure plenty of coal for the people," but instead, "it has gone hunting for a scheme by which it can limit the number of mines."

Insurance Inspector to Give Address in Chicago

J. C. Hand, inspector for the Hartford Fire Insurance company with offices in the Omaha National bank building, will deliver an address on "Guarding Against Atmospheric Electricity" before a gathering of insurance engineers at Chicago on February 24.

In his address, he will recommend the use of air gap protection devices in connection with external grounds.

MUSIC

Barbara Maurel, mezzo-soprano appearing as the fourth attraction of the concert series being presented by the business and professional women's division of the Chamber of Commerce, was greeted by an audience of generous proportions at the Auditorium last evening.

Officially listed as a mezzo, Miss Maurel possesses a range which might almost justify her in laying claim to the attributes and perquisites of a contralto, the low reaches of her voice being unusually full and agreeable in quality. In this regard her lower register does not differ appreciably from the higher ranges, as the entire voice is very evenly developed, and without displaying any surprising volume, it nevertheless comforts the ear by its unflinching sweetness.

Among her chief assets, Miss Maurel includes an excellent control of her mezza voce, or soft tones, which are always rich and of good carrying power. Her diction is likewise very definite and clear, and manifested an even excellence in all the languages represented on her program—and the list included Italian, French, German and English. Her interpretations are brightly temperamental, full of clever contrast, and reveal an occasional pictorial element which greatly heightens their charms. Profundity and passion are not part of Miss Maurel's equipment, and the more recedent phases of her numbers remained untouched.

Indeed, the artist was wise in including few selections which called for such treatment, contenting herself and her hearers by songs of the type of "Villanelle," by Sibella; "The Three Cavaliers," a Russian folk song; the "Song of India," by Rimsky-Korsakoff, and others of similar character. A French group containing well-known numbers by Schubert, Hahn and Bizet was interpreted with much vivacity and revealed the singer's accomplishments in a very favorable light.

Among Miss Maurel's encore numbers were the "Indian Love Song," by Lehar; "From the Land of the Sky-blue Water," "Her Dream," a very delightful "Pickaninny" song by Gulon, and that very serviceable perennial, "The Lilac Tree."

Powell Weaver officiated as accompanist and contributed a rather uneventful solo number.

Sentences Sustained.

Cincinnati, Feb. 17.—The United States circuit court of appeals late yesterday sustained the decision of the lower courts in sentencing Thomas Hammerschmidt, former socialist candidate for mayor of Cincinnati, Lott, Burke and 11 others, charged with obstruction of the selective service law.

Theory of Cone 'Old Stuff,' Says Former Doctor

Auto-Suggestion Is "Old-Fashioned Mesmerism in New Garb," Declares California Man.

Los Angeles, Feb. 17.—The auto-suggestion theory of Dr. Emil Coue is "old stuff," says George B. Kemp, Hawthorne resident. Kemp makes the emphatic assertion that the learned Parisian is presenting nothing less than the old-time mesmerism and self-hypnotism in unfamiliar raiment and that beneath the surface the fundamentals of autosuggestion and mesmerism will be found.

"Auto-suggestion was old stuff when I was engaged as a medical practitioner years ago and I made a deep study of it," says Kemp.

"What Dr. Coue is teaching today was well known to myself and thousands upon thousands of others back as far as 1880.

Uses It Himself.

"Look at me," he said. "I'm 67 years old and never have suffered a slight illness simply because since I was a young man I have practiced auto-suggestion along the same lines as Dr. Coue is now teaching."

Although Kemp attributed his good health to the "day by day in every way I'm getting better and better" formula, he refused to look upon it as being more than old-fashioned mesmerism in new garb.

"Knotted strings, the Coue sort or any other variety, are not necessary at all in mental treatment," he said. "They are used only for the purpose of being something tangible to concentrate the mind on when it shows inclination to wander."

Hypnotized Patient.

Shortly after he graduated from a medical college and returned to his home at Louisville, Ky., Kemp performed a serious operation before 175 physicians and students with the patient hypnotized instead of being placed under an anesthetic, he said.

The art of autosuggestion was known, perhaps unconsciously, years ago to most leading physicians and others, Kemp said. He named former President Roosevelt, Senator Hiram Johnson of California and others as examples.

"Through auto-suggestion I expect to live to be 100 years old," he said. "In fact, I know I feel younger today than I did yesterday, and I know that I felt more youthful than that I did the day before."

Winners and Answers to Bee Slogan Skill Contest

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