

Title Fans Flood Mail With Letters, Chatting, Praising, Slamming; That Shows They're Interested



Title sleuths to the fore! The individual to clap the best title onto the nose couple in the picture above, will receive the usual first prize of \$5. Five second prizes of \$1 each are offered to the next in line. The new scheme of conducting the title contest has proved so popular and brought such an increase of titles that it will be continued from now on. The present rules are as follows: Regulations. Write your title, your name and address on a piece of paper on a postcard, and mail it to the Title Contest Editor of The Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb. Each contestant may submit as many titles as he chooses, but each should be written upon a separate piece of paper, with his name and address. No title may contain more than 12 words. The contest closes at midnight Wednesday. A New Broom. A new broom sweeps clean. And the new way of handling the contest swept up plenty of material for consideration. We faced the array of mail on our desk with a sinking heart, but found it so interesting, especially the letters, that we were well repaid, as we think our readers will be. Can't we have some more of those good letters from other Title Contest fans or friends in next week's issue? The count, by states, of titles submitted this week is as follows: Nebraska 22 Iowa 65 Missouri 17 Colorado 2 Kansas 9 Total 325 What has happened to the Dakotas and Wyoming? Page Atlantic, Ia. Where, too, are the rest of our old friends from Atlantic, Ia? Our old standbys there seem to have deserted us. We think some of our readers might well follow the example of the tramp in last week's picture and seek an acquaintance with the Atlantic Monthly. But we warn them to ship a stout anchor and a deep-sea sounding wire if they go cruising in that literary ocean. Here goes, however, for what you are waiting for: FIRST PRIZE. "A Recent Issue Arresting Labor Activities," Jennie M. Johnson, Ord, Neb. SECOND PRIZES. "A Periodical Excuse," R. W. Powell, 607 West Twenty-fifth street, Kearney, Neb. "Putting the Stall in Installment," Mrs. W. E. Fugenaum, Geneva, Neb. "So 'Small Feet,' Soaking Up the Atlantic," Charles Seebe, Council Bluffs, Ia. "Irritating a Boston Bean," C. L. Stewart, Geneva, Neb. "He Gleans as He Cleans," Mrs. E. J. Connor, 5108 California street, Omaha, Neb. Mention-Honorable and Otherwise. "Hire Learning," M. Radlog, Omaha. "The Pen Is Mightier Than the Brush," E. Pinske, Bayard, Neb. (Not to mention the linotype.) "Vacation or Vacation?" Harry Ratekin, Council Bluffs, Ia. (If you can't answer the question, we'll put it to a vote of the fans.) "A Russian Soldiering on the Steppes," J. K. Kerr, Central City, Neb. (Good answer, but what signs of ruffin' do you see in this gentleman?) "A Corner in Literature," P. Prince. (But no signs of a rise in prizes.) "Cleaner Reading," Mrs. E. May, Omaha. (Yes, the inside of the cup and platter may be all right, but the outside—oh, my!) "Dazed by an Upper (class) Cut Illustration," M. B. Pedersen, Omaha. "Adrift in the Atlantic, Not a Sale in Sight," C. E. Bump, Council Bluffs. (What a notion!) "A Clean Sweep for Hayward," Mrs. J. E. Morgan, Hamburg, Ia. (Madam, did you say clean?) "Literacy Versus Litter," Mrs. C. V. B. Buxton, Kearney, Neb. (Which one do you bet on?) "Read 'Em and Sweep," D. P.

Adams Omaha. (Sweep no more; might fit the facts better.) "Time and a Half for Overtime After Eight Hours," Johnny Cardwell, 10, Fremont. (Good for you, Johnny! Can you show your union card?) "Neck Deep in the Middle of the Atlantic," Alex McKie, Omaha. (Man, man! Why, even the ocean is deeper than that, and as for the Atlantic Monthly—) "Count Downanoutsky Finds an Old Friend," T. C. Mullen, Omaha. (Page Madam Ponafidine! We think you must have read the "Atlantic" some time.) "Labor and the Fruits," Mrs. John H. Winfield. (And stolen fruit is always the sweetest.) "A Jim Doll Man," C. D. Clements, Wynmore, Neb. (Oh, naut! naut! Don't you know you shouldn't speak disrespectfully of those who have been called to high office?) "Studying Bathing Beauties," W. H. Bonnes, Underwood, Ia. (They don't allow those things in the Atlantic Monthly, however, they may be in the ocean.) "Intellectually, Idleness Won't Work," P. H. Heurmann, Council Bluffs. (That, we believe, has usually been its reputation.) "Labor Temporarily Suspended," A. J. McKay, Omaha. (The suspension might become permanent if the boss should happen along.) "Where a Loaf on the Job is Acceptable to a Poor Fish," M. C.

Weaver, Denver, Colo. (The poor fish seems to be deep in his element.) "A Pest Between Obstruction and Instruction," E. Adams, Benson, Neb. (And the end thereof is destruction—if that boss turns up.) "The Street Sleeper," Richard E. Hoye, Omaha. (And dreaming pie dreams, too.) The Side Lines. We are happy to introduce to the rest of the title contest lovers the writers of the following letters. He Won \$7 in Prizes. Dear Mr. Contest Editor: Your kind invitation to contestants to write to you gives me the much desired opportunity to "fess up and say that through the kind indulgence of my friends I have been able to get one of my brain children recognized for nine consecutive Sundays, most frequently by honorable mention. However, I have had the privilege of seeing checks to the amount of \$7 come in my general direction and that helps some. But last Sunday I ran in on a blind siding where there wasn't a darn "tie" in sight. However, I shall not "rail" at this one failure, but will continue to bombard you as usual with my customary batch of select and fancy titles. Washing the Title Contest a continuation of past success in boosting circulation, cutting the postal deficit,

and tying a can to Old Man Gloom in general, I am expecting. WALT ADAMS, Omaha, Neb. How did the friends help out, Mr. Adams, by lending their names? Kindred Spirits. Dear Editor: In this case it looks as if education were a detriment to labor, but one should never begin something till the job on hand is finished. I have a great sympathy for this man. I belong to the laboring class myself and know how hard it is lay aside an interesting article before it is finished. E. PINSKE, Bayard, Neb. Put her there, brother! We think we are a laborer too, and we have suffered from that same difficulty. A Sympathetic School Ma'am. Dear Title Editor: How glad I am you are giving us a chance to talk! There is nothing I miss more, since taking my holiday from school teaching, than the opportunity to talk, with no one to stop me. I think title contests are great fun. It is easier and more kind to use my gift of sarcasm on the weekly pictures than it used to be on my poor patient pupils. I like to take the picture for the week downstairs while I iron. As a happy thought strikes me, I scribble it down and go on ironing. The check I won may not have bought me a baby grand but it brought me a thrill. Yours gratefully, DORIS JAMIESON, Omaha. A Puzzled Reader. Dear Sir: I am enclosing my first list to your contest, as I am a recent subscriber to The Bee. The picture for Sunday's contest I do not just understand, whether the old street cleaner is really interested in the book, or whether he is killing time. I think my list will cover either or both ideas. Respectfully, MRS. ELLA BROWN, Hopkins, Mo. Either or both ideas are all right so far as we know. We haven't anything more to judge by than you. But we hope he enjoyed the magazine, for we are afraid that if he read it as an excuse to kill time, his excuse won't make much of a hit with the boss. Come back again! It often takes several attempts to land a prize. An Appreciative Shut-In. Title Contest Editor: To a "shut-in" like myself, your pictures are very interesting and provide a pleasant pastime, taking, for the time being, one's mind off one's troubles. When I first saw this week's offering, I thought it was too deep for me, but as I looked at it and studied it, ideas came flocking to my mind like flies to the sugar bowl, and here I am. MRS. CHARLES SNYDER. One of the nicest things about the contest is that it does bring pleasure to many persons like yourself. You will greatly increase your chances of winning if you will write each title on a separate piece of paper, with your name and address upon it. Do come again! Likes Bright Ideas. Title Editor, Omaha Bee: A good idea. I try to have one each week. Your new arrangement is one. For some time I have wanted to pass a remark with my titles, but feared in doing so I would outlast my stuff. I have noted with keen pleasure the different titles submitted weekly. Quite frequently the authors printed are acquaintances. Really, it is the best department in the paper, aside from the real news section, which tells of the doings of the outside world. Although I do not win every time, I have had my share of luck and thoroughly enjoy others' wins. As for the disposition of the money won, the time limit of 60 days on the face of the checks gives me ample time to show them to some of my friends and inject pep into them be-

fore I have to "cash in" at the bank and spend the money to keep on living. D. C. CLEMENTS, Wynmore, Neb. We are glad you approve of our idea. We have enjoyed a great many of yours. Wants a Prize. You desire a comment on the pictures, so I would say that, without conceit, I consider my title, "The Bar Sinister," superior to the title you selected for the first prize. The doorway was barred and by a sinister looking individual. You probably know that there is a term in heraldry, "The Bar Sinister." P. PRINCE, Omaha. It is one of a player's inalienable rights to crab the umpire. We can only say in defense, that while no expert in heraldry, we have heard both the term, "The Bar Sinister," and of its significance.

state president of the association; J. H. Beveridge, superintendent of the Omaha public schools, and Miss Lida B. Earhart, professor of elementary education in the Teachers' college of the University of Nebraska. Special features of the convention will be the commercial exhibit at Hotel Fontenelle and the art exhibit

of Omaha schools at the city hall. A special program will be given by students of Omaha high schools at the Auditorium Friday night. Reduced rates for Nebraska teachers will be in effect on all railroads operating in Nebraska. Officers of the association for District No. 2 include A. M. Nelson, Auburn, president; R. R. McGee, Co-

lumbus, vice president; O. L. Webb, David City, secretary and treasurer, and J. H. Beveridge, Omaha member of the state executive committee. Miss Belle M. Ryan of Omaha is chairman of the local committee. H. H. Groves of Falls City is chairman of the resolutions committee and G. E. De Wolf of Plattsmouth, chairman of the nominations committee.

Schools to Close for Meeting of State Teachers

Omaha school children will join in celebrating the third annual convention of the Nebraska State Teachers' association, October 31 to November 3. They will stay away their books and enjoy a royal rest next Thursday and Friday, according to Miss Belle Ryan, assistant superintendent of schools. Pupils at Technical High school will be excused for one day, Friday. Similar observances will be held throughout the state while other districts are meeting in Lincoln, Scottsbluff, Holdrege and Kearney. Members from outside districts as well as from District No. 2 are expected to attend. Officials of the Chamber of Commerce expect an attendance of 4,000 or more. Many nationally known educational figures will be here from other states. Every phase of education will be introduced and discussed. Sectional Meetings. Departmental and sectional meetings will be held in the morning and afternoon at various theaters, hotels, high schools, department stores and other convenient public buildings. All general meetings will be held in the evening. There will be 15 different meeting places. A. M. Nelson of Auburn, president of District No. 2, will open the first session of the convention Wednesday evening at the Municipal auditorium. Governor A. M. Hyde of Missouri, who has attracted national attention by his efforts toward bettering the standard of education in the Missouri schools, will be present. Dr. Elwood P. Cubberly, dean of the school of education at Stanford university, California, also will attend. He is the author of a collection of text books on education and has edited some of the more prominent educational series of modern text books. Others who will attend include J. J. Tigert, United States commissioner of education; William B. Ittner, who has planned half a hundred schools throughout the country; Mrs. Isaac Lea Hillis of Iowa City, Ia., vice president of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations; E. M. Hosman state secretary of the Nebraska State Teachers' association; W. R. Pate,

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