

Council to Hear Plea for Sunday Retail Closing

Scores of Shop-Owners Sign Petition Urging Ordinance to Give Day of Rest.

City council will have before it on Monday a petition signed by a majority of the owners of the smaller retail establishments in Omaha, dealers in jewelry, pawnbrokers and merchandisers of men's furnishings, asking for an ordinance to compel the closing of such establishments on Sundays.

This is a new step in the progress of Omaha business men who seek to bring about a general closing of business establishments on Sunday. It is confidently believed that the city council will act favorably on the petition. Its consideration on Monday will be in committee of the whole, and after being acted upon it will lay over for a week, at which time final consideration will be given to it.

Among the petitioners who have asked that such an ordinance be passed are the following:

- Nebraska Army store, 1405 Douglas street; Hartman Newman, 1489 Douglas street; Berkman Shoe store, 207 South Fifteenth; S. Farber, 214 South Sixteenth; J. E. Oshannon, 174 South Sixteenth; A. P. Johnson, 257 1/2 South Sixteenth; A. F. Lebowitz, 417 1/2 South Twenty-fourth street; M. L. Greenberg, 311 N. Street; H. Greenberg, 494 N. Street; H. J. Rothkopf, 507 South Twenty-fourth street; E. M. Loria, 2418 N. Street; H. K. Harris, 245 N. Street; H. E. Ralston, 497 South Twenty-ninth street; L. Perlman, 4519 South Twenty-ninth street; S. S. Siewicki, 2416 N. Street; Max Jacobs, 422 South Twenty-ninth street; H. A. Van, 2919 Q street; J. Kaplan, 229 Q street; Max Gierach, 414 South Tenth street; A. Rosen, 416 South Tenth street; H. Franklin, 2209 Q street; H. Koloway, 2521 Q street; B. Chait, 1912 South Tenth street; Harry Crounse, 1219 Douglas street; Max Kaplan, 286 North Sixteenth street; Charles Co., 1919 North Twenty-fourth street; Chris Junt, 418 North Twenty-fourth street; Crounse, 1514 North Twenty-fourth street; H. Schwartz, 1416 North Twenty-fourth street; Milton Mayst, 412 North Twenty-fourth street; Ben Morris, 215 Douglas street; M. Cohen, 1213 Douglas street; M. Kirshenbaum, 1211 Douglas street; A. Wolf, 1209 North Twenty-ninth street; Herman Pass, 1583 North Twenty-fourth street; J. Himmelfloam, 1512 North Twenty-fourth street; J. Davies, 1514 North Twenty-fourth street; Fred Jensen & Son, 2224 Cuming street; A. J. Shumaker, 812 North Sixteenth street; Sam Olander, 416 North Sixteenth street; A. Bezman, 698 North Sixteenth street; J. Bernstein, 519 North Sixteenth street; H. Glucken, 412 North Sixteenth street; M. Karmel, 1102 Farnam street; S. P. Peterson, 425 North Sixteenth street; James Parvill, 412 1/2 North Sixteenth street; D. A. Denenberg, 402 North Sixteenth street; Max Jacobson, 187 North Sixteenth street; J. Helldand, 214 North Sixteenth street; D. Cooney, 396 North Sixteenth street; Sol Shultz, 391 North Sixteenth street; H. Osofsky, 322 North Sixteenth street; G. Nelson, 218 North Sixteenth street; G. B. Kline, 208 North Sixteenth street; J. Hennickson, 201 North Sixteenth street; James Garlick, 150 Douglas street; Larsen Jewelry Co., 204 1/2 Douglas street; Schwartz, 197 Douglas street; Morris Fisher, 216 South Tenth street; Mrs. C. G. Gillin, 1109 South Tenth street; Nathan Carp, 1107 Douglas street; Sam Shickel, 622 Douglas street; J. Wietroh, 1211 Douglas street; A. Zelinsky, 1213 Douglas street; Brothers Clothing shop, 1312 Douglas street; Peter's Shoe Co., 1227 Douglas street; Brothers Jewelry, 1461 Douglas street; J. Bell, 1107 Douglas street.

The Sunday closing rule in Omaha has been quite generally extended. At present the members of the Associated Retailers, made up of 54 of the largest retail stores in the city, voluntarily close on Sunday, thus giving a day a week for rest and recreation to some 4,000 employees. There is now a closing ordinance affecting grocers and barber shops. The closing of the grocery stores gives to proprietors and employees in these stores, to the number of about 3,500, one day rest a week. The Sunday closing rule for barbers has been upheld by the state supreme court. The Sunday rule for grocers is now being tested and has been sustained by the lower courts.

Irvin S. Barber, attorney for the petitioners.

petitioners, believes that the proposed ordinance should be passed. "Such a law has been upheld in the courts," he said. "It is right from a moral standpoint and with these as guides I believe the city council will act favorably upon the petition of the smaller retailers of the city."

PROPERTY CHIEF NOTE FOR FUTURE

(Continued From Page One.) of the company discussing sales and merchandising plans for the coming year. The conference has been conducted by Percy Powell, sales manager; Charles Betts, advertising manager; and Ben Warren, general manager. Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa were represented. "Business has been very satisfactory with us during the last year," says Charles Betts in an interview, "but from all indications we will make a steady, substantial gain during the next 12 months." Ben Warren declared: "We believe that there is more business in the Omaha territory than any other territory on earth and we are directing our plans accordingly. We are making no other plans on expanding the territorial limits of this company over the next year but we are making extensive plans on covering the Omaha territory more thoroughly." This opinion is not an isolated judgment. The Omaha Bee will call attention to others from time to time. Everywhere there is the spirit of advancement.

When the slogan of The Omaha Bee—Greater Nebraska, Straight Ahead—was called to the attention of an Omaha business man, he laughingly replied: "I've found that the shortest distance between two points is a bee-line. Well said—straight ahead."

Medical Major to Talk

Major John W. Meehan of the medical corps, Seventh Corps area, will talk on "Civil Statistics," at the noon meeting of the Professional Men's club Monday at Hotel Fontenelle.

Supreme Court Opinions

Following are opinions of the Nebraska supreme court filed at Lincoln, Tuesday, September 30: Creighton Real Estate company against City of Omaha. Affirmed. White against White. Affirmed. White against Leyden. Reversed and remanded. Fels against United States Insurance company. Affirmed. Riddick against Riddick. Affirmed. Madura against McKillip. Reversed. Anderson against East Stocking Threshing Co. Affirmed. Stutzman against Gearhart. Affirmed. Cooper against Kostick. Reversed and action dismissed. State against Farmers' State bank. Reversed. State against Kilgore State bank. Reversed. Thomas, guardian, against First National bank of Bayard. Reversed. State against Wayne County bank. Reversed. Parmele against State. Reversed and action dismissed. Hicke against State. Reversed. State against American Exchange bank of Bristol. Modified judgment affirmed. Nelson against State. Affirmed. Sherlock against Sherlock. Affirmed. Sawyer against Sovereign camp, W. O. W. Affirmed. Drainage District No. 2, Dakota County against County of Dakota. Affirmed. State against Homer State bank. Affirmed. Boras against State. Affirmed. Krull against Armstrong. Affirmed. In re Equalization of Property, C. R. I. & P. railway against Board of Equalization and Assessment. Affirmed. State against Homer State bank. Affirmed.

Girl Bride, 18, Charges Mate Seeks to Flee

Young Wife, Laundry Worker, Asks Arrest of Jobless Husband Who Threatened to Leave.

When Frederick Langenback, 19, told his bride of three months, Madeleine, 18, that he was going to Alliance, Neb., with his mother, and that after Saturday night she would have no home, the girl-wife appealed to the county attorney's office. Her parents live at 2816 Decatur street, she said. Since her marriage the young wife has been living with her husband and his mother at 2118 Davenport street. She blames the loss of her husband's affection upon her mother-in-law. "He has grown cold and indifferent," she declared.

Work Wanted in Laundry.

Langenback has been out of work since his marriage, but his child-wife has been employed by the Omaha Flat Work laundry.

Nicholson issued the complaint in an effort to detain Langenback from moving to Alliance Saturday night with his mother. "It is necessary we will bring him back from Alliance," he said. Langenback is a friend of Ray Bacon, 27, actor and piano player, whose wife, Eva, is sought a complaint for nonsupport Friday.

Three-Day Courtship.

"I do not know whether his treatment with me has been influenced by what he has seen," Mrs. Bacon got away with or not," declared Mrs. Langenback.

Eva Bacon said Friday that she met her husband December 17 in a local movie house and married him after three days' courtship. Her home is in Wisconsin and she was employed as a waitress in Omaha.

She asked the arrest of her husband, claiming that she spent the day before Christmas without food and that he has failed to provide for her. A divorce is impossible at present because Mrs. Bacon has not been in Omaha long enough to establish residence.

High Prices for Horses.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 3.—Horses brought the highest prices of the winter at the W. Seikora sale, east of Virginia. One team sold for \$325 and another for \$236. Cows sold for from \$41 to \$85 a head.

Bobbed Hair Craze Started With Grandmothers of 1924 Flappers

There is nothing new in this craze for bobbed hair, declares L. M. Cooper, veteran barber of Los Angeles, who formerly worked in Omaha. Cooper, in an interview in his shop on the western coast, says that 85 years ago when he was a barber in the Merchants hotel in Omaha, he cut the hair of many women who are now grandmothers and perhaps great-grandmothers in Nebraska. During the pioneer days of Omaha when William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) was one of his customers in the barber shop here, Cooper learned the art of bobbing women's hair. He tells how amused he was when the present-day barbers first started to clip

women's long hair and cut in even for bobbed hair, declares L. M. Cooper. In 1889 in Omaha the women wore "tomboy bobs," the hair being cut short all over the head and parted on the left side, Cooper says. "Before the popularity of bobbed hair in those days began to decline I bobbed the hair of some of the best women of Nebraska and nearby states," Cooper is quoted as saying. Although Cooper lived in Nebraska many years, he began his work as barber in Iowa. Carl Shropp of the Woodmen of the World barber shop knew Cooper when he was here and says he only left Omaha two years ago. "The girls today are having the hair cut boy fashion just as Cooper says they did many years ago," said Shropp.

France Wants Slow Payment

Ambassador Herrick Discusses Debt Settlement With Finance Minister Clement.

Paris, Jan. 3.—Pressed from all sides for further information as to the step taken by Finance Minister Clementel to open up informal exchanges of views on the funding of the French debt, American Ambassador Herrick today said that he had not yet forwarded to Washington the memorandum which the minister of finance had handed him. He said he had been engaged in the most informal and personal discussions with various officials of the government concerning the contents of the memorandum. "The document which M. Clementel handed the ambassador was entitled to an official memorandum concerning French public opinion on the payment of France's debt to the United States," Ambassador Herrick said he could

make no statement regarding the memorandum further than that it contained an unofficial suggestion regarding the manner of payment of the French debt. The ambassador stated he had declined to give out this further information because he felt there was likely to arise a great deal of misunderstanding if nothing at all were said. He would not, however, discuss certain details which were supposed to be among M. Clementel's suggestions, such as small nominal interest for the moratorium period, to be increased as the payments began.

This moratorium period suggested is given variously as between 10 years and 15 years, while the period over which repayment is to run is given all the way from 65 years to 100 years. The American ambassador declined to confirm or deny the accuracy of any of these suggestions. It is understood Mr. Herrick had promised the French government to keep the matter secret and that his reason for making a brief statement regarding it was that leaks from French sources seemed likely to cause misunderstanding if he continued to remain silent.

Poor indeed is an invalid million.

Bride Denies Mate's Story of Kidnaping

"I'm Here Because I Want to Be," She Tells Police When Found With "Other Man."

"Ho hum! Love's a funny thing. At 11 p. m. December 31, 1924, Earl Fleege, 3624 Farnam street, stammered "I do" to a Council Bluffs parson and everything was just dandy. At 1:30 a. m. January 2, 1925, the same young man put in 15 minutes at Central police station in a vain plea to Mildred Bivens Fleege, 21, for her return. Fearfully he urged his case and at last she said, "Cupid Snaps a Wing. "All right, I'll come back—to get my things."

And a hitherto perplexed Cupid snapped a wing pinion in a mad flight to Louis Earl, Chatham hotel, victor in this eternal triangle. Police first learned of Fleege's troubles when he called to tell them that two men had driven up in a taxicab, had snatched his wife who was walking beside him, and had disappeared in a mad flurry of snow. Fleege gave them the number of the cab. "That's a laugh." To the station they went. To Earl's plea she lent a deaf ear. But Earl was a sportsman. "Well, Louis, you win," he said trusting forth a right hand of friendship. And in his sleep a divorce court judge tossed and tumbled uneasily. Ho, hum! Love's a funny thing.

Civil War Veteran Dies.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Jan. 3.—Charles Young, 71, a veteran of the civil war and a resident of Cedar Rapids for many years, died at his home here December 30. He is survived by his wife and three married daughters.

And here's the tale as Mildred tells it: Late Friday afternoon she met Louis Earl in downtown store. "Have a Look." "Let's go places," Louis suggested. "I can't. I'm married," Mildred countered brightly. "Awgwan," said Louis, an apparent scholar in the school of skepticism. "But I've got a license and everything," Mildred insisted. "Gather in a taxi and I'll go out home and give you a look." Up to the "love nest" they rolled, as one Louis, like Barlow, was willing, but scrambled Mildred and returned her license in her hand. Her husband watched her go. As suspicious as Louis is skeptical, he jotted down the number—and called, adding to his story various figments of his imagination. "Now let's talk this over," Louis urged, as he unrolled the Iowa certificate of "love, honor and obey."

Louis talked. Then he talked some more. In fact his discourse was still rolling on and was registering when police called at the Chatham hotel. Mildred realized that she could never be happy with Earl when Louis was still counted in the census figures of Omaha. To the station they went. To Earl's plea she lent a deaf ear. But Earl was a sportsman. "Well, Louis, you win," he said trusting forth a right hand of friendship. And in his sleep a divorce court judge tossed and tumbled uneasily. Ho, hum! Love's a funny thing.

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ALCOHOL MIXTURE IN GAS EXPLODES

Adams, Neb., Jan. 3.—While Garrett E. Coleman of this place was running the engine of his auto in the shed here, the car took fire in some unknown manner and the radiator, caught fire and exploded. The top of the auto, a new sedan, was burned off, the insulation was burned from all of the electric wiring and the shed was damaged before the fire was put out.

Roads Are Rough.

Missouri Valley, Ia., Jan. 3.—Road conditions between here and Council Bluffs are still very rough and bad while the Lincoln highway east is said to be in fair condition.

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