

Management Negligent in Theater Fire Blamed for Inadequate Film Booth; Death of Fire Extinguishers; Failure to Heed Complaints.

The management of the Princess theater, 1317 Douglas street, was negligent in taking the proper precautions against fire hazards and had failed to comply with state and city laws...

The board of examiners, making inquiry into Saturday morning's fire at the Princess, found the management had been lax in the following points: 1. Inadequate film booth. 2. No fire extinguishers in film booth.

Over Several Years. City Electrician Lovett said that most of the matter complained of against the Princess theater have been referred to the management during a period of several years. He also said the building was old.

Intolerable Floor Conditions. At the conclusion of the hearing Chief Engineer Edgcomb stated: "I agree that the building is not suited for the purpose of a motion picture theater, but you must understand that the ordinance is not retroactive against old buildings."

Minatire Deeply Stirred by Evangelical Meetings. Bridgeport, March 9.—More than 1500 converts in two weeks, religious fervor in Minatire, where Rev. Charles F. Robel is holding a series of revival meetings, is at white heat.

Fight in Real Estate Office Results in Arrest of Pair. Beatrice, March 9.—After attacking H. S. Tommensen, real estate dealer, in his office Saturday afternoon, Lil Smith and Tom Brooks, were lodged in jail. Several blows were exchanged but none of the participants was injured.

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Editor Who Found "Floyd Collins" at Haddam, Kan., Is Out Just \$50

Too much enterprise in the newspaper business has left Samuel R. B. Clarke, editor, \$50 out of pocket. Clarke, who owns the Washington (Kan.) Palladium, discovered "Floyd Collins" of Haddam, Kan. He was lamenting the fact Monday while he visited Omaha.

Will Sue City. Clarke says he "isn't going to let the city council get away with that." He is entering a suit against the city to get his \$50 back. He feels that it belongs to him more than to the "fake 'Collins'" or the city.

Movie Star Sues Manager of Tour

Bryant Washburn Seeks \$150,000 as Result of Hotel Bill Tangle at Omaha. Des Moines, Ia., March 9.—Three damage suits aggregating \$158,000 were filed in district court today by Bryant Washburn, screen star from Hollywood, Calif. Mrs. Elsie Schueb of San Francisco and Raymond Morgan of Fort Worth, Tex., against the Cosmic Production company and H. A. Devaux, under whose sponsorship 10 motion picture actors left Hollywood on a personal appearance tour of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Washburn seeks \$150,000 because of the appearance of his name in newspaper articles relating the arrest here of six of his colleagues on Omaha warrants charging them with defrauding the Hotel Fontenelle of that city. He also seeks \$3,000 as four weeks' salary. Mrs. Schueb requests \$6,000 loaned to Devaux and \$200 for salary. Morgan alleges he received only \$2,000 from Devaux and seeks a \$60 judgment.

Devaux checked out of a local hotel after notice of the suits had been filed, and is said to have told his assistants he was going to St. Louis and Chicago. Devaux recently gave notice here that he would sue Washburn for alleged defamation of character and conspiracy to induce movie stars to breach their contracts with him.

Washburn's petition alleges that Devaux represented prior to commencement of the tour that he had arranged a bank credit of \$10,000 and that transportation had been arranged, but that these statements were untrue. He further charges that all of the stars, including Cullen Landis and Anna May Wong, have yet to receive their pay and that at Omaha Devaux said he would take care of the hotel bills, leaving the actors with the impression that the bills had been paid.

Sidney Couple Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary. Sidney, March 9.—Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Johnson, long-time residents of this city, celebrated their 50th anniversary by the retaking of the marriage vows at the Methodist church. After the ceremony the ladies of the Methodist church served a delicious dinner to 53 guests.

Randolph Farmer Turns Hogs Into Corn Fields. Randolph, March 9.—Hogging down corn at the close of the winter season, although out of the ordinary, is a plan being carried out by J. W. Stageman, a farmer near here, who has 25 acres of standing corn which was not gathered last fall. Mr. Stageman has shipped in two lots of hogs from the vicinity of Chadron, one shipment of several carloads consisting of 300 hogs and another shipment of 180 hogs. After these 480 hogs have hogged down the 25 acres of corn Mr. Stageman will feed them for the market.

Distress Warrants Issued to Enforce Tax Payments. York, March 9.—Distress warrants for back taxes are being issued by the York county treasurer and turned over to the sheriff for serving. Several hundred warrants have already been issued. In some cases the taxes run back for several years.

Banquet Held at Blue Hill. Blue Hill, March 9.—Ninety persons attended the first annual banquet of the Blue Hill Commerce club, held in the high school auditorium. The home economics class of the high school prepared and served the banquet under the direction of their instructor, Miss Marjorie Ault. Lloyd C. Thomas, secretary of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, was the main speaker. Frank Britton, president of the Commerce club, was toastmaster.

Early Hill Settler Dead. Cozad, March 9.—John Matz, 64, a Dawson county pioneer, was buried here last week. Mr. Matz came to Nebraska 40 years ago and settled in the hill country north of Cozad and began a cattle business that has made him one of the leading ranchmen of the state. He owned several sections of land in the grazing country and had big feed yards about his home place.

Omaha Girl Is Killed in Iowa by Interurban

Blanche Altman Dies on Way to Hospital After Crossing Crash Near Fort Dodge. Blanche Altman, 19, 2340 South Thirty-second avenue, was killed instantly early Monday near Fort Dodge, Ia., when the automobile in which she was riding was struck by a freight interurban locomotive.

Don't Blame Youth. "I don't hold anything against the boy for telling a lie," said Clark Monday. "They kept him in jail until last Wednesday, when he began protesting vigorously. Then they let him out and he was broke. I gave him another dollar. But it was worth it. I got enough subscriptions to pay more than the \$50 I gave him."

Smith Employes Given Positions. Salesmen Are Hired by Dry Goods Houses From Other Cities. Any proposed nucleus for a new organization to take the place of the defunct M. E. Smith company was practically broken up during the last two days, according to employes of M. E. Smith company.

Former Columbus Men Successful in Oil Business. Columbus, March 9.—The Home-stake Oil company, with headquarters at Great Falls, Mont., organized several years ago by Ed Cozad, former Columbus man, who is now its president, paid 20 per cent dividends during the last year, has \$350,000 of stock outstanding and has \$1,641,000 of oil lands and leases as appraised for federal taxation.

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Camp Sheldon Booster Program Broadcast by Radio. Columbus, March 9.—A 30-minute boost program for Camp Sheldon, the Y. M. C. A.'s state camp for boys, located at Columbus, was broadcast by Columbus talent from Station WQAW, Omaha, Monday night.

Barbers Raise Prices at Columbus Shops. Columbus, March 9.—Thirty-five-cent haircuts are soon to pass into history in Columbus barber shops. Along with them will go the 8 o'clock closing hour. A new scale of prices effective Monday, March 16, has been adopted.

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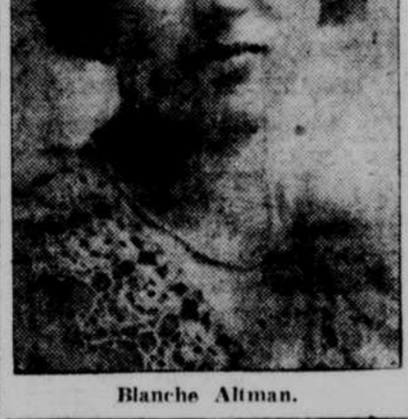
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Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS. Who struggles on and won't give in Triumphantly at last will win. Plunger the Osprey.



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My, my, my, such a splashing as there was on the sandbar that ran out from one bank of the Big river. How the water did fly! Plunger the Osprey had succeeded in getting the big fish he couldn't let go of out of the deep water into the shallow water that covered the sandbar. Now he was no longer frightened. The water wasn't deep enough for him to be drowned. If he could just keep that big fish from getting back into deep water he knew that he would win the battle for his life.

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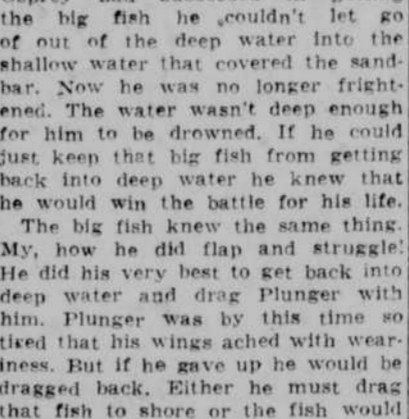
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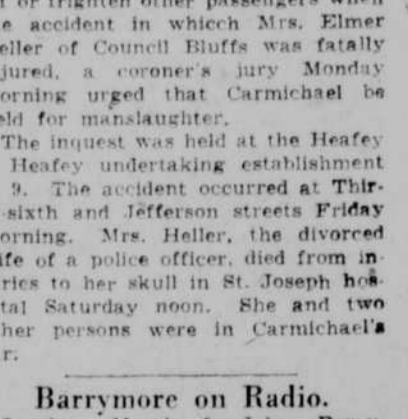
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