

### Franchise Row Is Renewed at Tram Hearing

Butler Accused of Blocking Minne Lusa Extension at Heated Session of Fare Probe.

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was replaced by the cable car, then came electrified cars, and now we are faced with competition of private automobiles and the motor bus.

**Fare Regulation Hurts.**  
"During recent years traction lines have become subject to regulation of fares. When new price levels occurred during the last few years, other lines of business could adjust their affairs to the conditions, but street railway companies could not follow this plan. Street railway securities have fallen into disfavor with the investing public."

Commissioner H. G. Taylor inquired as to quotation of the bonds of the Omaha traction company and was informed that these bonds are selling at 54. They mature in 1928. Mr. Leussler explained that to sell any of the company's bonds at this time would involve a prohibitive rate of 11 per cent interest.

"In view of the public attitude toward street railway bonds, plus our franchise controversy and a lack of adequate return on our investment, we face a serious situation with reference to the prospective funding of our bonds in 1928," Leussler added.

**Franchise Views Unchanged.**  
"The city's position, as I understand it, is that our franchise expires in 1928, and that is one of the obstacles now in the way of refunding our bonds," the general manager stated.

"We have a program for the removal of some of the bonds. There is a bill before the legislature to enable the voters of Omaha to pass on the question of granting a franchise."

"Is the company satisfied that they have no franchise?" Commissioner Butler inquired.

"The company has not changed its views on the question of its franchise," Leussler replied, "but if the bill at Lincoln is passed and the city council submits a reasonable franchise ordinance to the people, then I do not believe that the company would oppose the submission of such a franchise ordinance."

**Fear Munny Ownership.**  
Mr. Leussler said there is talk of municipal ownership of the street railway system in the air in Omaha and that constitutes another hazard in the sense that it indicates the possibility of public ownership and perhaps the sale of the system at a sacrifice.

"These hazards affect operation," Leussler continued. "Users of the service must pay the cost of the service and in this cost should be included a fair return on the property."

During the morning session, Attorney Webster stated that if the city makes any point of trying to have the company's valuation figures reduced, he will insist that the company shall be reimbursed for a deficit of nearly \$2,000,000 suffered during the last five years, and his method of reimbursement would be to have a fare schedule of 5 cents cash fare, seven adult tickets for 35 cents, children's tickets at 4 cents each and school tickets at 7 cents each.

This schedule would yield \$772,760 more a year, based on estimated receipts for 1925. The company estimates that this schedule would meet the annual deficit now being experienced and also amortize the losses of the last five years during the next five years.

### TORNADO FILM COMING HERE

Harry Watts, manager of the Biato theater, was advised Friday that a special film of the Illinois tornado disaster was being shipped to him from Chicago. The pictures of the Illinois tornado will be added to the Kinograms news reel, which is a regular feature of the Biato program, Mr. Watts said.

### Two Hurt in Car Wreck

Nebraska City, March 20.—Harry Hawthorne was severely injured last night when the car in which he was riding collided with a car driven by William Selby at the intersection of Fifth Corso and Thirteenth street. He was taken to the Community hospital. Mr. Selby's small daughter was also quite badly hurt. Both cars were wrecked.

### WOMAN AVOIDS AN OPERATION

Awful Pains and Misery Relieved by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Lima, Ohio.—"I want to tell you how your medicine has helped me. For weeks I suffered with awful pains from inflammation and I was in such misery that I had to bend double to get relief. I could not be touched or jarred, had awful pain all over my abdomen and could not touch my feet to the floor. It was impossible for me to straighten up and the pains never ceased. I took treatments for some time and finally was told I would have to have an operation. I do not believe in operations and I had read so much about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound that I told my husband I would try it before I gave up. I soon began to feel that it was doing me good. The awful misery began to leave me, also the backache. I have a good appetite and am gaining in weight. Taking this medicine was the best thing I ever did. I feel like it has saved my life and I do not hesitate to say so to my friends. It has saved me from a dreaded operation and I am still taking it."—Mrs. ETHEL TRUSTON, 324 North Pine St., Lima, Ohio.

### Strand Keeps Name of Film Secret



Parachute Saves Pilot.

Dayton, O., March 20.—Jumping when his airplane became disabled, 1,000 feet in the air, Lieut. Frank O. Hunter, Selfridge field pilot, escaped injury with his parachute.

Here is another featured player in the feature film offering at the Strand theater for "Taka-Chance" week. Her name as well as the name of the picture is being kept a secret but we will say it's one of the best roles of her career. The "take a chance" idea promulgated by the Strand theater this week, has all the earmarks of originality, but really it's not original at all.

Whenever a motion picture patron plunks down his 25 or 50 cents, which ever it may be, he's taking a chance. Of course in the olden days, it was a little different inasmuch as dance orchestras, "blues" singers and precocious child artists did not appear on the movie stage.

However, the Strand management, having imported its patrons to "take a chance," has provided in its unannounced feature picture, which we witnessed in the projection room last week, as delightful a light comedy as we've seen in months. The element of chance then has been pretty thoroughly eliminated from "Taka-Chance" week as the occasion has been waggishly designated.

### AT THE THEATERS

For the last times, today, matinee and night, Omaha will have a chance to see the novelty revue "Artists and Models" at the Brandeis theater. Some idea of the magnitude of the show may be gained from the fact that the company travels via a nine-car special train, consisting of five Pullman cars, three 70-foot baggage cars, and a diner, carrying stars, dancers, models, musicians, stage crew and wardrobe staff, there being 100 people in the personnel. Hereafter there will be a new "Artists and Models" every year, the same as "The Passing Show," "Ziegfeld Follies," "The Music Box Revue" and other colorful annuals. The company which closes at the Brandeis tonight is the only company on tour.

"The automobile is responsible for many unfortunate occurrences during the present day," Dave Marlon, star of his "Own Show" at the Gayety theater, told a party of friends, the other night, "but the worst thing is responsible for driving the old-time caddy out of existence. Take for example the character of 'Snuffy' which I have played for 20 years, the original of this was so human that I had to accentuate but very little the character to make him the most beloved of all stage persons." Mr. Marlon's company closes its engagement this evening.

"Sliding" Billy Watson is an old timer in showmanship and comedy experience and on his reputation as a crafty provider of amusement he bosses his kid for large attendance starting tomorrow afternoon at the Gayety—the season's closing week. Novelty will abound in the musical numbers, in the vaudeville interludes and in the scenic mountings of the two speedy acts that comprise the framework of the "Fun Show." Watson himself will head the carnival of comedy. Franz Marie Texas, a statuesque prima donna; Little Anna Propp, most diminutive of all sourests in burlesque; Mlle. Babette, a Frenchy "vampire" and sweet singer, will lead the feminine section of Watson's support. There will also be a chorus of 20 singing and dancing girls.

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### Supreme Court Orders Man to Return to First Wife; Remarried Too Soon

And now Mrs. Martha A. Carmony is married again. In reality she has only been married once, and that time many years ago.

But through unusual workings of the courts she has been declared divorced, then married, then divorced and now, to cap the climax, the August supreme court has handed down a decision in Lincoln to the effect that she is just as much married as she was back in 1906, when there wasn't any doubt about the matter at all.

Wedding bells tolled for Mrs. Carmony and her husband, Frank Carmony, railroad engineer, the day after Christmas in the year, 1906. All went well till 1922, when Carmony filed a petition for divorce against her. On October 24, 1922, they were declared divorced and the matter seemed to be closed.

Carmony was not aware of the sixth month clause in the divorce law which prohibits remarrying until that length of time has elapsed, however, and about eight weeks

later he married Mrs. Estelle Kettley, a nurse, in Council Bluffs. Hearing of this, Judge Day promptly canceled the decree divorcing Carmony and his first wife.

The second Mrs. Carmony, it developed later, was to give birth to a child, and rather than to have the child born without a name Judge Day temporarily set aside his order annulling the original divorce. The child was born on March 19, 1924, and a short time later Mrs. Carmony, through legal counsel, carried the case to the supreme court. The result is a decision that she and her husband are still married, because her husband's second marriage was contracted before the necessary six

months time from date of his divorce had passed. On the strength of this decision Mrs. Carmony filed a petition for separate maintenance from her husband in district court late Friday. Should officials see fit Carmony may be prosecuted for second marriage.

Oh, why do sick people continually roam in search of their health when they lost it at home?

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**New Spring Coats**  
Appealing Values for Saturday—Wonderful Variety  
**\$49.50**      **\$59.50**  
Choose this most essential garment for your spring wardrobe. Here with the advantage of immense selections and truly remarkable values.  
Every smart new spring silhouette, every new color and the fashionable materials are represented. Majorities are fur-trimmed or elaborately embroidered.  
Every coat is silk lined throughout, beautifully made. There are coats for dressy as well as street and sports wear.



Saturday in "Girlie Nook"  
A Great Sale of 300 Chic New Girls' Spring Coats  
Just such a sale as Omaha mothers have awaited—values that overshadow anything to be offered this season. Coats in every color, every wanted fabric. Bring your daughter down Saturday.  
Well made, splendidly styled coats, some have fur trimmings, some are embroidered, others are strictly tailored.  
**\$9.85**  
Sizes 7 to 16  
These coats were secured in a great special purchase and are shown for the first time Saturday.  
An early attendance will have many advantages  
Fifth Floor



Beautiful Coats as Saturday's Feature Offer  
Stunning new coats developed from coatings of exceptional quality—many are fur trimmed.  
Rarely will you encounter the equal of these coat values. The assortment at \$24.50 is exceptionally broad.  
**\$24.50**  
Fourth Floor

Girls' New Gingham DRESSES  
7 to 12 Yrs.  
Some with bloomers to match. Plain and fancy gingham. Fast colors, very daintily trimmed.  
**\$1.95**  
Fifth Floor

Herzberg Sponsors The Vogue for Sheer Straws Saturday  
**Real Hair HATS \$10**  
Delightfully crisp hats to wear with the smart Easter frock. Many lovely models are flower-adorned with large single blooms or sparkling cluster effects. Others are embroidery trimmed with silk and novelty straw.  
A complete color range, including the season's most successful hues—Pablo, Mamora, Bluet, Castilian, Terrapin, Gray, Wood, Rust—colors that are radiant of springtime.  
Millinery Salon—Third Floor



Layette Special From "Babyland"  
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**\$15**  
Our experienced assistants in Babyland will delight in helping expectant mothers make up their layettes. Expert advice is yours, when in doubt about what to buy for the wee mite.  
Babyland—Fifth Floor

Continuing for Saturday Sale of **KASHA FROCKS \$14**  
Offering smart new frocks at a price that is quite irresistible. Every new color is included. Dresses which sold to \$24.50.  
Kasha Cloth Chalk Tint Flannels Novelty Flannels Smart Combinations  
The woman or miss in need of a new wool frock should attend this sale Saturday.  
Dresses—Sixth Floor

Pantie Dresses **95c**  
Chambray and Kindergarten cloth, pique trimmed, embroidered.  
All colors, sizes 2 to 6 years. An unusual value.  
Fifth Floor

An Unusual Value in Jumper Dresses  
Values to **\$7.95** Sizes 16 to 36  
Smart suspender effects, bindings of braid. Colors—Goblin, Titian, Monterey, Beige, Tan and others.  
Jumper dresses are very popular. Every Omaha miss will surely want one.  
Other Jumper Dresses Priced to \$12.50

New Peasant Blouses To Be Worn With Summer Dresses  
Dainty French-voile dresses, tailored effects. Just what you need to complete your jumper outfit.  
**\$1.95**  
Canton Crepes at \$5.95 Up

Saturday Close-Out of Para-Silk Reducing C-O-R-S-E-T-S  
Values to **\$3.95** Sizes 8 to 36  
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Mezzanine Floor

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**\$29.50**    **\$39.50**    **\$49.50**  
The costume that is at once a smart coat or a lovely frock and is suited to every occasion. Our showings are resplendent with all that is new and in favor.  
Ensembles—Fourth Floor

A Handbag Special  
Colors to match your coat or gown. Underarm, gate shape and novelty handle bags, envelope styles.  
Two Feature Groups  
**\$1.95** - **\$2.95**  
Entrance Floor