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The Weather
Weather outlook for the
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Upper Miss. and Lower
Mo. Valleys, considerable
rain indicated during
week; temperature mostly
near or below normal
north and near or above
normal south portion.

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R. R. BROTHERHOODS WILL FIGHT TO KILL POLL TAX

Birmingham, Ala., May 25 (Bob F. Hall for CNA)—The tide against the poll tax is definitely rising throughout the South. In Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Alabama, the American Federation of Labor has gone on record for its repeal. The Congress for Industrial Organization in every Southern state and in its National convention has instructed its affiliates to engage actively in the fight for the abolition of the poll tax.

In Tennessee, the AF of L, the CIO and the railroad brotherhoods are collaborating in the state Conference for Progressive Legislation, initiated a drive for a million signatures calling upon President Roosevelt and the Congress to enact a federal uniform registration law abolishing the poll tax and other restrictions on the right to vote.

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare meeting in Birmingham last November endorsed petition drive and adopted as its own the program put forward by the Tennessee body.

The Southern Policy Committee comprised of leading educators, writers and some representatives of business, last December called for the abolition of the tax. The Southern editors of Scripps-Howard papers, meeting in Memphis last Fall to discuss Southern problems on the basis of the National Emergency Council's report on the economic conditions of the South, reached a similar conclusion.

In Alabama, Governor Dixon was elected on platform calling for poll tax reform, but abandoned the fight under pressure from Black Belt landlords.

A great deal of the poll tax discussion involves the matter of its franchise for Negro citizens. It is a historical fact that the South at the beginning of the poll tax system was established in pretext that it would disfranchise the Negroes, and leave the right to vote intact in the hands of the whites. Many poor whites, victims of the violent Negro-baiting of the period, were taken in by this dangerous demagoguery and acquiesced. But the tax was in fact directed also against the poor whites, especially against the white Populists, and the proportion of poor whites voting has progressively declined.

Today, the poor whites realize they were defrauded and are fighting shoulder with the Negro people for repeal of the discriminatory tax.

ISOM AND POMPEZ GO FREE IN POLICY PROBE

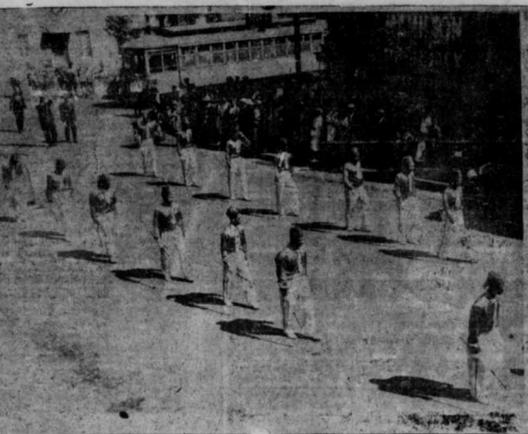
New York, May 25 (C)—"Big Joe" Isom and Alexander Pompez two confessed policy promoters who aided District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey in breaking up the famous Dutch Shultz combine which had a strangle hold on Harlem, went free Tuesday as they received suspended sentences from Justice Ferdinand Pecora, for their turning state's evidence and aiding in convicting James J. Hines former Tammany politician who was said to be political fixer of the Shultz combine.

OMAHA GIRL MAKES FRONT PAGE IN PITTSBURGH COURIER

The former Miss Truehart, who lived about the 1800 block South 16th street for years, and whose parents' home was in Atchinson, Kansas, and who now resides in Minneapolis, Minn., where she was married to a Mr. McCullough a few years ago and held a position as District Secretary of Family Welfare Ass'n. of Minneapolis, has been appointed as Director of the Orphan Asylum at Riverdale N. Y.

A. Phillip Randolph Scores Again

Elkdom on Parade



SIX THOUSAND LOOK ON

Sunday, May 21, 1939, was Omaha's one big day on N. 24th Street. The second largest Elk and Temple parade in the history of the two organizations was held from the Elks hall on 24th and Lake Street to the Pilgrim Baptist Church, 25th and Hamilton, where a very splendid program was rendered. The Master of Ceremonies was Exalted Ruler Chas. F. Davis. The music furnished by the choir under the able direction of Mrs. Mabel Avant was delightful. The solo by Mr. Earl Jackson was most appropriate. Mr. Jackson has a wonderful voice. Mrs. Alberta Norman sang a lovely solo "Would You Like to go Back to Home Sweet Home."

Rev. F. S. Goodlet delivered the welcome address and Rev. J. S. Williams, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, 30th and Ohio, preached a wonderful sermon, short and to the point in the interest of Christianity.

Going and coming, the cameras were clicking. Motion pictures were taken of the parade by Reuben Taylor. The Ralph Bates Marching Club was an outstanding feature, carrying a banner given to the Marching Club by Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harvey, 117 Happy Hollow, the family with whom Mr. Bates has been employed for years.

The Ladies drill team was also an outstanding feature. Lloyd Hunter's band furnished the music,

directed by Mr. Geo. Bryant. Exalted Ruler Chas. F. Davis, has been receiving congratulations on the showing the Elks made in this parade.

After the sermon, they returned to the Elk's Hall where they had a grand reunion with the Lodge Temple and their friends.

A paper which is printed elsewhere in this paper was read by Mrs. Carwright and was received with great praise.

PRESIDENT OF URBAN LEAGUE BOARD CALLS MEETING

Miss Margaret Fischer, President of the Urban League Board, called a meeting of the Personnel Committee at her office, 1300 First National Bank Bldg., Wednesday, May 24th, and invited the members of the Co-ordinating Committee to be present. Those members of the Personnel Committee are:

Miss G. Lucas
Unable to contact for a statement of the meeting.
Mr. Saybert Hanger,
Absent from the meeting.
Dr. Wiggins,

"The committee of Colored citizens endorsed Mr. Woods from Lincoln, Nebraska, but no conclusions were reached by the Board."

Mr. Crowell
Unable to contact for a statement of the meeting.
Mr. McNeal, Community Chest
"Was present as a guest and can make no statement."

The Co-ordinating Committee, who attended the meeting were:
Mr. A. B. McCaw, President of Tennant Organization at Fontenelle Apts. "Nothing definite was done, and no decisions made."

Mr. R. C. Price, Co-ordinating Committee of Negro Organizations, "The Colored people are trying to impress the idea of employing a Nebraska man for the Secretary of the Urban League. They feel that a Nebraska man will have the welfare of the people of Omaha at heart more so than some out of State man. The out of State Secretaries have often led the Colored people to believe that they were doing one thing, and in many instances they have found to be doing something altogether different. The Colored of Omaha are insisting that a Nebraska man be appointed to that office."

Dr. G. B. Lennox, President of the Commercial Club;

"The Board said that they appreciated the communication from the Colored committee, but they would consider the applicants from the standpoint of efficiency, and the one whom they considered most efficient would be elected. Nothing definite was decided upon at the meeting."

Atty. Charles F. Davis, Exalted Ruler of Elks.

"No decisions were made and no conclusions reached."

Mr. Nat Hunter, Chief Antler of the Past Exalted Rulers Council of Omaha No. 68.

Unable to contact for a statement of the meeting.

Atty. Charles F. Davis, Exalted Ruler of Elks, Mortician.
Miss Margaret Fischer.

"Made no decisions at all. There is no statement to make at this time."

EUGENE GORDON TO TALK ON PUSHKIN

New York, May 25 (CNA)—Eugene Gordon, brilliant young journalist, will give a lecture on the life of Alexander Pushkin, famous Negro blooded Russian,

ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR GIFT TO OMAHA UNIVERSITY

Grant of a thousand dollars from the Carnegie Endowment to the University of Omaha for the establishment of a midwestern Institute of Government in Omaha next Fall has been announced by Dr. Shepherd L. Witman, associate professor of history and government at the University of Omaha.

In acknowledging the gift President Rowland Haynes, of the University of Omaha said, "I am much pleased to accept the grant on behalf of the University of Omaha. We look on this new institute as a real way to help citizens understand problems of local state and national government and of international relations on the basis of facts."

The purpose of the grant is to aid in the establishment of an institute in the midwest for the study of vital problems of government. It will be under the auspices of the University of Omaha.

Dr. Witman has been designated as director of the Institute by the Carnegie Endowment.

He declared that all citizens in Nebraska and Iowa and especially local and state government officials and leaders of civic organizations are invited to attend the Institute.

Tentative dates for the Institute are September 16-23. This one-week session will be followed by a winter session of nine monthly meetings. These meetings will feature addresses by officials in national, state and local government.

Assisting Dr. Witman in the direction of the Institute will be a board of advisers composed of Dr. Frederick W. Coker, Sterling Professor of Government and Director of Graduate Studies in Government at Yale University; Mr. Walter R. Johnson, attorney-general of Nebraska; Mr. Harry Terrell, member of the Economic Policy Committee, Des Moines, Iowa.

Recognized experts in the various fields of governmental problems will be brought to Omaha to conduct the Institute. Citizens, government officials, and faculty members from colleges in the area will be represented on panel discussions which will present the views of these groups.

The lecture is sponsored by the "Gleaners," an association for the study of Negro history and culture as part of its program of popularizing great Negro figures of the past and present.

Gordon spent several years in the Soviet Union where he was given every facility for the study and is an authority on the subject.

MCGILL'S BAR AND BLUE ROOM OPENING GRAND SUCCESS

Mr. McGill's Prop., wishes to extend his thanks to all Omahans and his friends for the appreciation at the grand opening of his new place of business, Wednesday night, May 24.

Mr. McGill did all in his power with the able assistance of his help to make every one welcome and spent an enjoyable evening by the courteous service rendered and by giving everyone all of the drinks that they could comfortably partake absolutely free.

\$150,000 Increase In Pay Contract Signed with Milwaukee R. R. Company

New York City, May 23—The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, through its international representatives, A. Phillip Randolph, International President, and M. P. Webster, 1st International Vice President, negotiated and signed a wage agreement with the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad company in the Co. offices in Chicago, May 17.

Negotiations with the company were broken off in February last, because of inability on the part of the Brotherhood and the Milwaukee Railroad to agree on certain rules of the contract. The services of the National Mediation Board were invoked by the Brotherhood shortly thereafter, and Mr. E. C. Thompson, Mediator, was assigned the case, docketed Case CA-601. As a result of the intervention of the Board, a settlement of the dispute was reached and an agreement signed which has brought to the sleeping car porters and chair car porters something over \$150,000 in increased pay, states Mr. Randolph at the International Offices of the Brotherhood, 217 West 125th Street, New York City.

Gives Paper Talk



AGNES CURTWRIGHT

Who read A Paper at the Elks 34th Annual Program, which was held at the Pilgrim Baptist church last Sunday. The following is the paper which she read.

Exalted Ruler, Daughter Ruler, Officers, Members and visitors:—

The Grand temple of daughter of Elks was organized in Norfolk, Va., June 13, 1907 by Emma V. Kelly with a sole purpose to unite all women of sound bodily health and good moral character. To give moral and material aid, and elevate its members and to put the women in touch one with another. From the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, and extend our borders in the isles of the sea. And if possible join hands with our sisters on the shores of Africa. We believe in working not in weeping. We believe in boasting, not in knocking. And in the pleasure of our work, we believe a man or woman is just what they make themselves. They are not down and out until they have lost all confidence in themselves. We believe a good deed done today is worth in done tomorrow. And with determination we will succeed in Christianizing and civilizing a part of the human family. The Elks are not an insurance or assessment organization. They are the clan whose blood circulates. Their cardinal virtues are to aid the sick, bury the dead and inject sunshine into the dark places. They are not saints. They are simply distributors of Christianity. There are no Elks in potter's field or countably partake absolutely free.

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