

PLAYS A CONFIDENCE GAME

Despicable Methods Resorted to by the World-Herald in Lincense Cases.

HITCHECOCK'S LAST EXTORTION SCHEME

Printing Notices of Lincense Dealers Without Their Orders or Consent - Bold Bluff at a Confidence Game of the Most Audacious Kind.

The publisher of the World-Herald is playing a confidence game upon liquor dealers and druggists who have refused up to this time to be held up by him for a contribution.

For several days past articles have appeared over his name, under scare crow heads, warning the applicants against being prosecuted and hauled up before the courts. These threats have been copied also with the announcement of the names of parties against whom Hitchcock has filed remonstrance and the names of others who have submitted to the imposition and had been released by him from their obligations to comply with the law as set out in his protests.

Yesterday morning the following appeared in Mr. Hitchcock's Compound Inseparable Duplex Edition:

The license board met yesterday afternoon to hear the protest case of the World-Herald against Andrew Nelson for not advertising his notice in the Daily World-Herald.

When the case was called Mr. Hitchcock asked leave to withdraw the protest. The board granted the request.

Mr. Nelson is now advertising his notice in the World-Herald.

The Evening Session.

A 7 p. m. on the board met to hear other protest cases.

Mr. Hitchcock presented the following request, which was granted by the board:

OMAHA, Dec. 28.—To the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, Omaha, Gentlemen: I hereby request your board to permit me to withdraw my protest against the granting of licenses in the manner approved by the following applicants before this board:

Wilke & Sauter, 1046-1048 South Twentieth, Peter Tarkenton, 1113 South Sixth, Frank Frank, 1502 Williams, Thomas Cummings, 382 Sherman avenue, Andrew Nelson, 313 South Thirteenth, Charles H. Johnson, 1047 South Twentieth, Peter Gravert, 2514 Cuming, Christ Jensen, 502 North Fourteenth, A. B. McAndrews, 524 Douglas street, Pat O'Hara, 1029 South Tenth, John Weitzel, 1517 Farnam street, Louis Burmeister, 302 North Fourteenth, Fred Reinlers, 1102 South Sixth, Charles H. Johnson, 1047 South Twentieth, Thomas C. Douglas, 502 North Sixteenth, John A. Jensen, 2101 Cuming, John A. Jensen, northeast corner Fourteenth and Williams, August Wendlandt, 612 South Ninth, William F. Wendhausen, southeast corner Twentieth and Pierce, Frank Deane, 516 North Sixth.

The applicants named above are listed in the World-Herald since the protests were filed.

The inference to be drawn from G. M. Hitchcock's card is that all these parties named had been convinced that they had advertised in the Daily World-Herald, and published their notices in The Bee, and did not think they could get a license until he had advertised in the Daily Conglomerate.

Only a Canny Buff.

In reality, Mr. Hitchcock has only been playing a confidence game and is trying to get money under false pretenses. The withdrawal of his protest before the notices were published for two weeks in this sheet shows that his remonstrance is frivolous and groundless. But that is not the worst of it.

His representations regarding the applicants are absolutely false. Andrew Nelson did not ask him to publish his notice, did not pay him anything for it and did not ask him to withdraw his remonstrance.

Councilman McAndrews expressed surprise that Hitchcock's remonstrance had been withdrawn. He never asked him to withdraw it and did not ask him to publish his notice.

The following affidavit shows conclusively the audacious confidence game Hitchcock has been playing upon liquor dealers and druggists:

STATE OF NEBRASKA, I. S. COUNTY OF DODGIAH, I. S.

Fred Reinlers being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he has never signed, deposited or filed with the board of fire and police commissioners of Omaha, Nebraska, any application for license to sell liquor during the coming year, and that he has never connected with his paper for the purpose of the said advertisement, and that the same was inserted without his knowledge or consent.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, I. S. COUNTY OF DODGIAH, I. S.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affidavit. Witness my hand and official seal this 29th day of December, 1913. WILLIAM STRATTON, Notary Public.

Similar affidavits have been made by August Wendlandt, Peter Gravert and John Johnson, and there is no doubt that Hitchcock has been guilty of using the names of other dealers in the same reckless manner in order to frighten and decoy more victims into his net.

OVERRULED AGAIN.

Board Grants a Number of Licenses in Spite of Hitchcock's Protests.

At yesterday afternoon's session of the license board very little business was done. Mr. Hitchcock addressed the board and alleged that no evidence had been produced proving that the Monitors Bee and the Evening Bee were separate and distinct papers. He intimated that Judge Keyser was laboring under a misunderstanding when he rendered his decision declaring THE OMAHA EVENING BEE one newspaper and THE MORNING BEE another.

Mr. Rosewater spoke for a few moments. He said that he thought that the board should see to it that the applicant displays good faith and that it ought also to look into the good faith of the remonstrator against issuance of a license. In his opinion it was a question of sincerity and a desire to enforce and comply with the laws of the state of Nebraska. "Does this man," referring to the editor of the World-Herald, "show good faith? When articles are brought here this man withdraws his protest if they pay him \$3.25."

Continuing, Mr. Rosewater said that Hitchcock's actions belied his statements and made them ridiculous and absurd. Mr. Rosewater then explained again that his morning and evening papers were separate and distinct and called the board's attention to decisions of the courts in reference to such cases.

The protested case of Henry Pundt was taken up and continued until 7:30 p. m. on account of a technicality.

At the evening session of the board several hours were devoted to an attempt by Hitchcock to show that Mr. Pundt's application had not been published legally, as no edition of THE EVENING BEE had been published on Christmas day.

Mr. Hitchcock then made another attempt to ascertain the circulation of THE MONITOR BEE. Mr. Fell, who sat on the witness stand, stated the circulation of THE EVENING BEE and that the circulation of the morning edition of THE BEE was less than that of THE EVENING BEE in Douglas county.

Mr. Pundt stated that he had published his notice in THE EVENING BEE because he thought it was the paper having the largest circulation. In answer to a question by Mr. Hitchcock Mr. Pundt admitted that he had seen the World-Herald's claim to having the largest circulation in Douglas county, but said that he did not believe it.

After a lengthy discussion the board went into executive session and overruled the remonstrance and granted Mr. Pundt's license.

Similar action was taken in the cases of John Hockhoff, 1210 Douglas street, and Erick & Herbert's, 101 Farnam.

Protests were filed by G. M. Hitchcock against the following applicants: George H. Hayden, Frank W. Egg, Fritz Bloomer, John B. Bohn, Charles F. Bouffler, Merritt & Schank, M. Thomas, R. Wilde, Jacob Landrock, Charles Nebert, Paul Schmidt, Otto West, William Young.

Licenses were granted to the following applicants, the protest having been withdrawn: M. Woolsten & Co., 324 Cuming street; M. Woolsten & Co., 322 North Sixteenth street; M. Woolsten, 322 South Thirtieth street; H. J. Meyer, 307 South Thirtieth street; Frank Franck, 1523 Williams street; Anheuser Busch Brewing association, 705 South Thirtieth street; Matthew J. Monk, 118 South Sixteenth street; Gustav Welbach, 418 South Fourteenth street; Thomas Birmingham, 513 North Sixteenth street; L. J. Johnson, 2401 South Twentieth street; Julius Treitzack, 501 South Thirtieth street; Thomas Cummings, 382 Sherman avenue; Frank Degan, 516 North Sixteenth street; Peter Gravert, 2514 Cuming street; Dominic Hart, 123 North Fifteenth street; Chris Jensen, 502 North Fourteenth street; Charles H. Johnson, 1047 South Twentieth street; B. McAndrews, 524 Douglas street; Patrick O'Hara, 1029 South Tenth street; Adam Sloop, Fourteenth and Williams streets; Fred Reinlers, 1102 South Sixth street; John A. Jensen, 2101 Cuming street; John Johnson, 2101 Cuming street; Frank Ketchmark, 384 North Fourth street; Peter Ketchmark, 1113 South Sixth street; John Weitzel, 1517 Farnam street; Louis Burmeister, 302 North Fourteenth street; Chris Jensen, 502 North Fourteenth street; Charles H. Johnson, 1047 South Twentieth street; Claus Kolner, 734 North Sixteenth street; John Keikenny, 311 South Seventeenth street; Alfred F. Wolf, 2201 Cuming street.

OPPOSE INSURANCE RATES

Omaha Citizens May Decide to Adopt a Co-operative Scheme.

BUSINESS MEN TALK OF ADVANCING A POOL

Plan Proposed by Which Merchants and Property Owners to Carry Their Own Fire Insurance and Reject the Rate in Rates.

The business men of Omaha are preparing to put on four-ounce gloves with the fire insurance agents and knock them clear out of the ring, unless time is called by a discontinuance of any further advance in insurance rates.

For the past five months the insurance agents and men in the mercantile walks of life have been sparring over rates. The trouble commenced in September when an advance in rates ruffled the usual amiability of the business men. This was followed by a second advance not many weeks ago which aroused a slumbering leopard in the breast of a prominent property owner, who at once took several friends in his confidence and whispered a scheme of resentment. The recent threat to boost the rates, for the third time has revived the suggestion, which it was to form a mutual protection company and cut loose from the old fire insurance agencies, which raise the rates on the slightest provocation, to the evident disgust of business men in general.

Meets with Approval.

The idea as proposed, which has been discussed quite freely among the merchants of Omaha for the past week, seems to meet with popular approval, although it is not greeted with the unanimity of sentiment anticipated. The plan is to have 100 representative business men, including owners of unquestionable financial solidity, form an insurance pool. Each member to put in \$200 to maintain a protective "jack pot" as an endowment. The pool will be perfected by the election of a president and other officers, including an experienced insurance adjuster. The advocates of the scheme claim that if the membership of the company is composed of the right material as anticipated, there will be no doubt of its success. All losses promptly and with less profusion of red tape and delay than now exists to some extent among fire insurance companies. It is claimed that it will be cheaper in the end for merchants to form this pool than to submit to repeated advances in rates, as they do now. The excuses for increasing the rates as offered by the insurance men, are pool-pooled by business men. The howls over inadequate fire protection have been authorized by the purpose of drowning the sons of heavy losses incurred during the past year, which have occurred all over the country, including cities which have the best fire departments in the United States. They say that in reaching for Chief Galligan's scalp the insurance men have stirred up an old hornet's nest, with a political light as the chief stinger. This is denied by the insurance men, but they admit that they have stirred up a "hack" being placed in Galligan's shoes in case he is retired.

Caused Much Private Talk.

The result of agitation over insurance rates has caused an enormous number of private discussions across the cities at Commercial club and elsewhere. The general plan of business men has been to remove the insurance men from the business and agents, and to encourage an increase in equipment for fighting fire, as well as better inspection. Then, if rates are raised in the face of these efforts, the organization will be all the gods and the sacred whisks of the prophet that they will form the mutual protection pool, and the insurance men in the old companies as soon as possible and "kick" being placed in Galligan's shoes in case he is retired.

San Francisco's Winter Fair

will be one of the attractions on the Pacific coast during the coming winter. It will be held from January 1st to June 30th, 1914, and might be aptly termed the World's fair in miniature.

It will equal if not surpass the great Centennial.

The Union Pacific is offering unusually low round trip rates to all California points and Portland, Ore. Send 2 cents for our California Sights and Scenes.

H. P. Ducl, 1392 Farnam St. E. L. Larson, general passenger and ticket agent, Omaha, Neb.

One Way to Cross the Country

is the high speed recently given by the New York Sun to an article on "Tourist Parties" to the far west. The one way is via the Great Central Route Weekly California excursions via the Union Pacific.

Solid comfort, jolly times, cleanliness and cheapness exemplified.

Send for folder giving details. F. E. Shearer, manager, 191 So. Clark street, Chicago. E. L. Lomax, Gen'l. Pass. and Ticket Agt., Omaha, Neb.

PROTESTS AGAINST BONDS

General Master Workman Sovereign Issues Circular to the Knights of Labor.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—General Master Workman Sovereign of the Knights of Labor before he left here for his home in Des Moines, issued an address to the Knights throughout the country appealing to them to protest against the proposed bond issue.

The object of the appeal is in the address leaves no doubt as to the master workman's opinion in this matter. He says:

"The sixteenth plank in the preamble of the Knights of Labor reads as follows: 'That interest bearing bonds, bills of credit or notes shall never be issued by the government, but when needed arises the emergency shall be met by the issue of legal, non-interest bearing money.'"

"I wish every local assembly of our order in the United States to read the plank above quoted and discuss it at their first regular meeting in January. The reason for asking new agitation on this subject at this time is obvious. The secret of this nation into which \$300,000,000 in interest bearing bonds. I am also in receipt of letters from the cotton regions of the south and agricultural districts in the west, declaring this issuance of interest bearing bonds by the national government to be the worst financial provision to justify a call to arms. God forbid that we should ever again be justified in using bullets in a country where ballots are so freely suggested. That upon the first attempt of congress to grant the authority asked by the secretary, the members of the order, from Maine to California, should dignify meetings and send an unequivocal protest to their respective members of congress.

"The issuing of bonds is an outrage upon a liberty-loving people, and should brand with eternal infamy every name connected with the insupportable transaction.

"Recent authentic statistics prove that a sum of money equal to the entire circulating medium of this nation must pass from the hands of the people of this nation into the hands of the interest takers with new securities—thus, the national debt will grow, and if not checked it will absorb all wealth and leave the laborer in abject servitude. Although through this process more than any other, the rich are becoming richer and the poor poorer, no laboring man thinks for a moment that he escapes the burden. Interest never paid a penny of debt. Labor produces the wealth, beautifies the earth and pays all interest, debts and taxes and it is the laborer who bears the length and breadth of this nation to put his foot down so hard on the present scheme to increase the national debt that the very capital at Washington will tremble from its ignominious position."

Sweet breath, sweet stomach, sweet temper. Then use DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

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Special Sale.

THE MORSE DRY GOODS CO.

Our great January clearing and mark down sale will commence Tuesday, January 2. We are now going through all the different departments and making extraordinary cuts in order to make January a big month in merchandising.

Our new mullin underwear has arrived and our special January sale of this line of goods will commence next Tuesday. Our goods and prices will interest everybody.

SATURDAY.

We have marked all of our winter cloaks cheap, much under cost, and buyers of cloaks will do well to see what we have to offer. Our entire stock of cloaks and jackets goes on sale Saturday at prices which will sell the goods.

Clearing sale of underwear, yarns, knit goods, etc.

Saturday we will sell:

Children's \$2.25 wool night dresses, 98c.

Children's Jaeger sleeping suits, \$4.25 goods, for \$1.50.

Children's merino drawers, 13c.

Fleece lined underwear at 45c.

66c camel's hair underwear for 42c.

\$2.00 saxony wool undersuits, 73c.

\$2.50 combination suits, \$1.77.

\$3.00 combination suits, \$2.47.

\$5.00 combination suits, \$3.00.

A lot of children's and misses' hoods and caps, considered cheap at 50c, for 19c.

Children's \$1.00 hand knit hoods and caps, 35c.

\$1.50 surah silk hoods for 75c.

German town yarn, 13c skein.

Saxony worsted, 7c.

German town knitting yarn, 25c for quarter pound.

Remember our big sale commences next week.

THE MORSE DRY GOODS CO.

Holiday Rates.

Cheap rates between points within 200 miles have been authorized by the F. E. & M. V. and S. C. & P. R. Ry. for the holidays. Tickets on sale December 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1913, and January 1st 1914, all tickets good returning up to an including January 3rd, 1914.

Do not miss this opportunity to visit the old folks or your friends.

J. R. BUCHANAN, General Passenger Agent, Omaha.

TIME CHANGES.

The Northwestern Line.

The eastbound local, No. 8, now leaves Omaha daily at 11:05 a. m. The "Chicago Limited," No. 6, leaves at 4:05 p. m., arriving at Chicago, 8:15 a. m., and the "Eastern Flyer," No. 2, leaves at 6:30 p. m., and arrives at Chicago 9:30 a. m. —by all odds the most convenient train from Omaha to Chicago. The equipment remains unchanged, because people expect something "above the average" on "Northwestern" trains. City ticket office, 1401 Farnam street.

There Has Not.

OMAHA, Dec. 28, 1913.—The Editor of THE BEE: To decide a bet please state whether a new state has been admitted into the union in the past year.

OLD SUBSCRIBER.

NEWS FOR THE ARMY.

Recently Promoted Officers Given Their Regimental Assignments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The following assignments to regiments of officers recently promoted are ordered:

Cavalry Arm—Captain Eben Swift, promoted from first lieutenant, Fifth cavalry, to the Fifth cavalry, troop C, to date from December 11, vice Hall, appointed assistant adjutant general; First Lieutenant J. Y. Mason Blunt, promoted from second lieutenant, Fifth cavalry, to the Fifth cavalry, troop C, to date from December 11, vice Swift, promoted.

Artillery Arm—First Lieutenant George W. Gatchell, promoted from second lieutenant, Fourth artillery, to the Fifth artillery, light battery D, to date from December 11, vice Sawyer, appointed assistant quartermaster.

Infantry Arm—Captain Palmer G. Wood, promoted from first lieutenant and quartermaster, Twelfth infantry, to the Twelfth infantry, company K, to date from December 11, vice Gatchell, appointed assistant adjutant general; First Lieutenant Odon Gueroit, promoted from second lieutenant, Eleventh infantry, to the Twelfth infantry, company K, to date from December 11, vice McCarty, appointed regimental quartermaster. Lieutenant Gueroit will remain with the Eleventh infantry until further orders.

Additional Second Lieutenant Robertson Honey, Third artillery, is assigned to a vacancy of second lieutenant in the Fourth artillery, battery D, December 12, vice McCarty, promoted.

The following transfers in the Twelfth infantry are ordered: Captain Robert K. Evans, from company A to company K; Captain Palmer G. Wood, from company K to company A, to date from December 12, vice McCarty, promoted.

The superintendent of the recruiting service will cause twenty recruits at David's Island, New York harbor, to be assigned to the Third infantry and forwarded to Fort Snelling, Minn., for distribution among the companies of the regiment stationed at that post.

Captain William B. Gordon, ordnance department, will proceed from Cold Spring, N. Y., to Wilmington, Del., and Birdsboro, Penn., on public business pertaining to the ordnance department.

Good Sale of Real Estate.

F. H. Davis sold three lots, 10x130 feet, at Twenty-fifth and Farnam streets yesterday for \$20,000. A. J. Hausoom was the purchaser. Mr. Davis bought this property ten years ago for \$2,400. The sale at such an advance over the original purchase price, especially during the present monetary depression, is regarded by real estate men as a sure indication of Omaha's stability.

The "No. 9" Wheeler & Wilson, with its perfect tensions, upper and lower, is the only lock-stitch machine that makes an elastic, neat and strong seam, and is made to that account. Sold by Geo. W. Lancaster & Co., 514 South Sixteenth street.

Mortgages Like Possession.

Donnelly & Slatery, grocers at 3704 Cuming street, have given mortgages upon their stock. The mortgagors, who are the creditors, are in possession.

Awarded Highest Honors World's Fair.

Saturday, December 30, I will run a special low rate excursion to Houston and Galveston, Texas, and return on short or long time tickets as you may wish. Train leaves Omaha at 10:30 p. m. For tickets and full information refer to the trip on or address R. C. Patterson, 425 Range block, Omaha.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Globe Elevator Company for the purpose of electing seven directors and such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the office of John M. Thurston, Union Pacific building, Omaha, Neb., on Monday, the 1st day of January, 1914, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m.

J. M. THURSTON, Secretary, Boston, December 30, 1913. D1342240

Enjoyed Xmas—Eh?

Had a merry time? Glad to hear it. Well—your overcome the effects of the plum pudding with wine sauce, remove your head bandage, and get ready for a New Year's call.

WE ARE STILL HAMMERING AWAY ON THE XMAS PLAN

THE REMAININGS OF OUR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AT OUTRAGEOUSLY LOW QUOTATIONS.

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There Has Not.

OMAHA, Dec. 28, 1913.—The Editor of THE BEE: To decide a bet please state whether a new state has been admitted into the union in the past year.

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Old Time Methods

of treating Colds and Coughs were based on the idea of suppression. We now know that "feeding a cold" is good doctrine.

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