

PROMISES LOCAL WAR IN OIL

Standard Company Shows Its Teeth
Promoters of New Scheme.

CO-OPERATIVE CONCERN FINDS TROUBLE

Wagons for Direct Delivery of Oil to
Consumers May Be Placed in
Operation if New Com-
pany Starts.

Representatives of the Standard Oil company are making a fight against the formation of the Co-operative Oil company, which is being organized by J. M. Hendrie, late of the Fidelity Oil company, backed by the National Oil company of Cleveland, O. Yesterday morning the local manager of the Standard company was calling upon the leading merchants of the city with a proposition which was not made public by either party to the conference, but it is understood that the resolution of some of the retail dealers to enter the new company was shaken. The argument advanced by the representative of the Standard company was that the proposed action would precipitate a fight between the rival oil companies which could not be otherwise than disastrous to the merchants.

For some time the Fidelity Oil company has been controlled by the Standard Oil company. It maintained a number of retail wagons on the streets, much to the displeasure of the retail merchants who have been regular patrons of the Standard Oil company. These wagons were taken off a few weeks ago and the bulk of the retail oil trade is now handled by the grocers of the city. When the wagons were taken off, Mr. Hendrie resigned his position as manager of the company and immediately started the new enterprise, in which he hoped to interest all of the merchants of the city.

WAGONS MAY APPEAR AGAIN

While the proposition made by the manager of the Standard Oil company was not made public, it is said that he explained to a dealer that the wagons which he had started are still in the possession of the company, and that company is in the city to sell oil, it will sell it regardless of the action of the grocers. He suggested that as soon as the co-operative company started into business the wagon service would be restored.

There will be a conference between the merchants of the city who have taken action in the matter in a few days and their final determination on the subject will be made. The matter was brought before the officers of the Retail Grocers' association yesterday for the first time in an official capacity. Heretofore the dealing has all been with the individual members and the smaller dealers were not solicited to enter the co-operative company, as the amount of oil handled by the company is so small that it is probable that they would advance the money required for shares of stock. As the matter was one which did not interest all of the merchants alike, it was kept out of the meeting of the association, but as the Standard Oil people have visited the officers in their official capacity it is probable that it will come up at the next meeting of the society.

SALE OF HEREFORD CATTLE

Average Price of \$215 Realized on
Fifty Head Already
Disposed Of.

A combination sale of Hereford cattle, under the management of C. R. Thomas, secretary of the Hereford association, is being held at the stock pavilion at South Omaha. One hundred and twenty-two head are to be sold. Of this number three were sold yesterday at an average of \$215 per head. It is estimated that the price today will go considerably higher. Considerably more than half the cattle sold went to Nebraska and the range country. Mr. Thomas stated that he was the best lot of Hereford cattle ever offered at public auction in South Omaha and the lot sold yesterday bore him out in the statement.

In opening the sale Colonel F. M. Woods stated that as a stock market Omaha now stood third in the United States and that it was getting better every day. He predicted that at no distant day Kansas City would be first and Omaha second, leaving Chicago in third place. He based his prediction on the fact that the country adjacent to those two cities would always be a very heavy stock country and that the finished product would be prepared for shipment here in place of being sent several hundred miles in the live state. He also said that the time would never come when Nebraska farmers would have to sell their live stock to pay their debts, as they were during the last hard times, because they were now well established on their farms and had them nearly or quite paid for.

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CREDITORS' SALE**

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Try one, then notice the fine Aroma of our present Havana
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FROM AN IRRIGATED RANCH

Alfalfa-Fed Cattle Bring Good Prices
on the South Omaha
Market.

F. G. Kiesel of Portland, Ore., is spending a few days in Omaha. On Wednesday he had a string of cattle on the South Omaha market, which attracted more attention than any shipment that has arrived there for some little time. They were raised on an irrigated ranch at Arcadia, Ore., owned by Mr. Kiesel. They were 3 and 4-year-olds, mostly Herefords, and were fattened on alfalfa hay. The fact that the seventy-two head showed an average weight of about 1,270 pounds was considered by cattlemen as good evidence of the theory that cattle can be made fat on that kind of feed. They sold for \$5.35 per 100 pounds, which is close to the average price being paid for the general run of cornfed steers now being marketed.

Mr. Kiesel had a good deal to say in praise of the South Omaha market. He said that for some time past he has been shipping his cattle west to Portland and Seattle, but this experiment has convinced him that Omaha is the place for him to sell his cattle and he thinks other ranchmen will follow his example.

In speaking of what irrigation has done for the country around Arcadia, Mr. Kiesel said that six years ago Owyhee canal was opened with a capacity of 20,000 inches of water. This is sufficient to serve 20,000 acres, which previous to that time was only a desert, where nothing but sagebrush and jack rabbits prospered. Last season, within a radius of one and one-half miles of Arcadia, 5,000 tons of alfalfa hay was cut, which was worth \$5 per ton in the stock.

When the breath is foul and the appetite disordered, Prickly Ash Bitters is the remedy needed. It purifies the stomach, liver and bowels, sweetens the breath, promotes vigor and cheerfulness.

WEDDING PARTY MAKES HIT

Interested Strangers Follow Bride
and Groom Down Farnam
Street.

Judge Vinsonhaler had another wedding party yesterday, the principals being Christ Steen and Mary Glasshof of Millard precinct. Mary had on white stockings, white flippers and ample black rubbers. Christ had a wedding suit that was the real thing and a hat that was hot stuff, and he carried his certificate in his hand that nobody might suppose that he was ashamed of what he was up to. When the judge was through with his contribution to the world's history of notable events the pair started downtown with their best man and bridesmaid and a lot of other folks who didn't know them, but who took an interest in trailing in their wake.

No foreign substance enters into Cook's Imperial Extra Dry Champagne. It's the pure juice of the grapes naturally fermented.

Announcements of the Theater.

The bill at the Orpheum this week is keeping up the popular standard of entertainment as well as the run of big attendance that has obtained at this house recently. Auer's "Rag Pictures" afford something entirely new in the vaudeville line and are scoring big. They consist of pictures of a ragman who has invaded the studio. It is an artistic bit of work, when completed the pictures being very pretty. The women are wondering how Eva Mudge manages to change her costume so quickly. She sings half a dozen songs, appearing in different and appropriate costumes for each.

"The Heart of Maryland," David Belasco's war drama, will be the attraction at the Boyd tonight and the balance of the week. The play tells a story of heart interest, interwoven with the stern and melodramatic incidents of war in the dramatic style of which Mr. Belasco is a past master. It tells the story of a southern woman, Maryland Calvert, and of her heroism and self-sacrifice in the attempt to prevent the capture of her northern lover.

The Trocadero, with its attraction, "In Gay Paris" Burlesques, is having a succession of good houses this week, pleasing its patrons with a good bill, the engagement closing Saturday night, with daily matinees. Commencing with the Sunday matinee the management promises its patrons a burlesque company without fail. "The Brigadiers" coming direct from St. Paul, after a triumphal tour of the northwest.

If you live in the country or in a small town and have a good acquaintance among the farmers and stockraisers in the neighborhood, you can make \$5 easily by four or five hours' work. Write us and we will send you our proposition. The Bee Publishing company, Solicitors' Dept., Omaha, Neb.

DONAHOO TELLS HIS STORY

Explains Why He Objected to Wife Attending
Figgie Service.

COULD NEVER ENTER INTO SPIRIT OF IT

Witness Admits Having Locked Wife
in House, but Explains It Was on
Account of "Rantankeroo"
Weather.

Things spiritual and things temporal continue to be the principal topics in the hearing of the suit of Mrs. Sarah C. Figg against three citizens of Gretna for \$2,000 damages for malicious prosecution. On the witness stand yesterday Albert Donahoo, one of the defendants, testified that Mrs. Figg had declared that his wife should not leave the Figgie to return home with him, "because the Holy Ghost was in her and the devil in him, and the Holy Ghost and the devil couldn't get along together."

Donahoo also testified that his wife had said at that time that she liked him and she knew he liked her, and he added: "I guess she would have hugged him if I had let her." Later, however, there seems to have been some discord in the Donahoo family, for the husband admitted, on cross-examination, that he had struck Mrs. Donahoo in the face with his hat for calling him an objectionable name. He said, too, that she wanted the privilege of not only attending the Figgie service when she chose, but of "running the home" and that he had rebelled against that as intruding too far upon his rights as lord of the manor.

"Rantankeroo" Zephyrs. Donahoo admitted that he had locked the door while his wife was inside her home, but he explained that that was because the Nebraska zephyrs were so "rantankeroo" at the time that he feared to have her undertake the trip to the Figg farm. He charged that when he did let her go to the Figg's she was not content with attending the meetings there, but would "go chasing around over the country spilling other people's meetings," which was the one thing to which he most seriously objected. He admitted putting his wife into a lumber wagon by force and compelling her to ride from their farm into Sarpy county to be examined by the insanity commission, which examination, however, was never made.

Describing the Figg meetings witness said that no two attendants shared alike, and that he couldn't enter into the spirit of the occasion, although he had attended several times. Other witnesses of the morning were J. W. Peterson, John Warren, Frank N. Ryberg, John R. Woods, Harry Hardin and W. W. Browning, none of whom added particularly new feature, except, perhaps, the veteran Wood, who said that five of his seven children had accepted the Figg faith and that he, therefore, considered all five of them crazy.

In the afternoon the old grain was threshed over again in rebuttal, both Mr. and Mrs. Figg denying the testimony to the effect that their exhortations were violent and their demonstrations disturbing to the peace and dignity of the community. At 4:30 the arguments were reached, but the jury groaned audibly at the prospect of listening longer, and the arguments, after a conference between the judge and the attorneys, were deferred until 9 o'clock this morning.

COLONIST EXCURSIONS.

Via Rock Island Route.

Every day during March and April.
One-way tickets from Council Bluffs and Omaha to
Salt Lake and Ogden.....\$20.00
San Francisco.....25.00
Los Angeles.....25.00
San Diego.....25.00
Helena and Butte.....25.00
Spokane.....22.50
Portland and Ashland.....25.00
Tacoma and Seattle.....25.00
City ticket office 1323 Farnam street.

Send articles or incorporation, notices of stockholders' meetings, etc., to The Bee. We will give them proper legal insertion. Bee telephone, 223.

Shampooing and hair dressing, 25c, at The Bathery, 216-220 Bee Building, Tel. 1718.

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DON'T FORGET OUR CUT PRICES.
\$1.00 Kilmor's Swamp Root, this week.....50c
\$1.00 Kilmor's Dandelion Cures, this week.....50c
\$1.00 Dandelion, this week.....50c
\$1.00 Omega Oil, this week.....50c
\$1.00 Malted Cream, this week.....50c
\$1.00 Temptation Tonic, this week.....50c
\$1.00 Warranted 2-yr. Wagon, this week.....50c
\$1.00 Bulb Syringe, 3 pipes, this week.....50c
\$1.00 Vin Mariani, this week.....50c
\$1.00 Wink Cardui, this week.....50c
\$1.00 Castoria, this week.....50c
\$1.00 Bromo Seltzer, this week.....50c
\$1.00 Orangeade, this week.....50c
\$1.00 Warner's Safe Cure, this week.....50c
\$1.00 St. Jacob's, this week.....50c

Sherman & McConnell Drug Co.,
The Drug Store on the Corner,
SIXTH and DOUGLAS STREETS.

Starting a New Year

This month we begin our new year. The past year has been a very satisfactory one in business. Evidently the public does not think all the druggists in town are dishonest except one. We have furnished the best goods for the least money, which is all any store can do. For the coming year we will be the exclusive agents for the MOUND CITY PAINT AND COLOR for this section. These paints need no introduction to the people of this city. Having been used here for the last years, they have established a reputation second to none. For spring painting be sure and call for sample card. We will gladly furnish all information you may need, as we keep a practical painter, who attends to all such requests.

FULLER DRUG AND PAINT CO.
14th and Douglas Sts.

TAFT'S PHILADELPHIA DENTAL ROOMS,
1517 Douglas Street

Our vitalized air brings us new patients daily, simply because you felt no pain when teeth are extracted.

BRANDEIS BOSTON STORE & SONS

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS
FOR THURSDAY
IN WOMEN'S SKIRTS, JACKETS
TAILOR-MADE SUITS & FURS.

Women's \$6.50 Golf Skirts, \$2.98.
Women's all wool golf skirts made of beautiful golding material, flounced, stitched and striped, in the new shades of gray, etc., positively \$6.50 values—
on sale at 2.98



Women's \$15.00 Silk Skirts, \$7.50
A manufacturer's entire sample line of fine taffeta and peau de sole dress skirts will be placed on sale tomorrow, many have drop skirts and triple flounce, trimmed with fancy ribbon, applique, etc. There are no two alike, all on sale at 7.50

Women's \$5.00 Jackets at 75c
To clear out all the women's jackets that we sold for up to \$5, we will place them on bargain at 75c

Women's \$7.50 Tailor Made Suits at \$2.98
These come in eon, blouse and refter styles, made of novelty cloth, coats, homespun. The jackets are silk lined throughout, the skirts have the new flare and are well lined—
\$7.50 values, at 2.98

Fur Scarfs and Collars, worth \$15, at \$3.98
In this lot we include all the odds and ends of high grade furs such as marten, fox, krimer, near seal and beaver, also collars and collarettes and streamer scarfs, many are odd numbers, all go at 3.98

Women's \$5.00 Crepon Skirts, \$1.98.
A big lot of mohair and crepon skirts will be placed on sale tomorrow. They have full sweep, cut with the new flare, lined with extra quality Glace lining, special 1.98

Wrecked Curtains

20 cases (about 2500 pairs) were purchased by us from railroad claim agent.
Will Be Placed on Sale Monday.

These curtains were consigned to a well known Chicago wholesale house, who let owing to the fact that some of the cases went into a ditch, wetting the curtains. We bought the whole lot at a figure that enables us to offer you lace curtain values that will establish a new record. Remember the sale begins Monday, Feb. 24th.

PART 4 The Living Animals of the World NOW READY

At The Bee Office
Price 10 cents—By mail 15 cents

It Did the Business

That Parisian Hair Tonic is more than we claim for it is testified to from hundreds of Omaha people. Here's one from a man you all know.
"For years I have been annoyed with dandruff and have tried about all the preparations I saw advertised. None seemed to give satisfaction until the Deutscher Apotheker recommended Parisian Hair Tonic. I have now used less than one bottle and there is not a particle of dandruff on my head. I am more than satisfied with the results—as I was somewhat skeptical before I used it."
J. D. WEAVER.
TOOTH BRUSH SALE SATURDAY.
50c Liebig Extract Beef 10c
10c ARTHUR'S 10c PILLS (for men) 75c
10c Prickly Ash Bitters 75c
10c French Kimmel Bitters 75c
10c Temptation Tonic 25c, 1 bottle, 1.00
10c Ferrus, one to a customer 25c
50c Gem Catarrh Powder 25c
50c Syrup Flax (California) 30c

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WE HAVE FRESH ALEXANDER POINTS AND TUBES.
SPECIAL RATES TO PHYSICIANS, DRUGGISTS AND IN QUANTITIES.

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Mail orders promptly filled. City orders delivered.

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Business to buy beer uncertain as to quality of ingredients and process of making. Better, far better, to drink only a beer the merits of which are beyond cavil. Such a beer is the celebrated Metz. Long known for its high grade and all around excellence, no danger lurks in quaffing it; indeed, on the contrary, it's a digestion-aider and a builder-up of health.

Metz Bros. Brewing Co.,
Tel. 139, Omaha.
Dr. Jacob Neumayer, Agt., care Neumayer Hotel, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

HAYDEN'S ASTONISHING MUSLIN UNDERWEAR SALE

Several big purchases direct from the best known manufacturers of muslin underwear in America, will be put on sale beginning tomorrow morning, at the lowest prices ever made in Omaha.

The garments are all exquisitely made up in the newest and handsomest designs and this grand showing of dainty and most attractive garments in the best cambrics, linens, lawns, silks, etc., has never been equalled. It will be an interesting and profitable event to every lady in Omaha and vicinity.

Children's muslin night gowns, in all sizes, worth \$5c, at 25c.
Children's muslin drawers, in plain and hemstitched, all sizes, worth 25c, at 12 1/2c.
Ladies' umbrella drawers, in tucked and hemstitched, at 25c.
Ladies' embroidered and lace trimmed corset covers, at 25c.
Ladies' fancy trimmed corset covers, 39c.
Ladies' lace trimmed umbrella drawers, at 39c.
Ladies' fancy gowns, worth 75c, at 49c.
Ladies' fancy trimmed corset covers, worth 75c, at 49c.
Ladies' fancy trimmed skirt chemise, worth 75c, at 49c.
Ladies' fine cambric gowns, trimmed with embroidery, lace and hemstitched effects, worth \$1.00, at 75c.
Ladies' fine umbrella drawers, trimmed with lace edge and insertions, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, at 75c.
Ladies' fine fancy trimmed corset covers and skirt chemise, worth \$1.00 and up, at 75c.
A line of ladies' fine fancy trimmed gowns, corset covers, chemise, skirts and

drawers, worth \$1.00 and \$2.00, at 95c.
All our ladies' outing flannel gowns, worth \$2.00 and \$2.50, closing out at 95c.
All our children's outing flannel gowns, worth 50c and 75c, closing out at 25c.
Ladies' complete suits, consisting of gowns, skirts, corset covers, chemise and

drawers, in fine cambric, elaborately trimmed with fine lawn ruffles and duchesse Valenciennes lace, complete for \$7.95, worth \$12.00.
Ladies' straight front corsets, in all sizes and all colors, worth 75c, at 49c.
All the new up-to-date styles in batiste corsets for spring, in W. B. Kabo, H. G. Warner and Royal Worcester corsets, at \$1.00 and up. The Nemo self reducing corset for stout figures, at \$2.50.
H. W. Top Girdles, in all colors at \$1.00.

WOMEN'S RAINY-DAY SKIRTS, in heavy golfing cloths, with 18-inch flounce, in all wool and in all colors, worth \$6.00, for \$2.50.
200 women's dress skirts, in heavy and medium lamb's wool chevilles, serges and peltie chevilles, worth up to \$4.00, for \$5.00.
200 women's rainy-day skirts, with 5 rows of stitching and 2 satin bands, for \$1.90.
Misses' skirts in this lot at \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

EXTRA SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY
200 women's suits, made in all wool, jackets taffeta lined, skirts trimmed with stitched bands of taffeta, made to sell for \$18.50, opening price \$12.00.
100 suits, all wool materials, new spring styles, for \$3.98.
The big wrapper sale is still on. 20 dozen women's wrappers on sale at 25c.
15 dozen women's undershirts at 25c.

THURSDAY IN THE BARGAIN ROOM
Thursday will exceed all others in the bargain room. We will have a grand sale on silks, dress goods, wash goods, furnishings goods, domestics, challis, French flannels, and thousands of other goods. Besides these, we will have 5c and the counters of China ware, glassware, kitchen utensils, etc. We will give four special sales of 30 minutes each, which you must be sure and attend. No dealers, peddlers or manufacturers sold to in this room.

From 8:30 to 9 a. m.
We will sell the 10c heavy, wide German calico, only 5c yard. Only 10 yards to a customer.
For all day we will sell 75c French flannel at 25c yard.
75c all wool challis, at 25c yard.
French and all wool challis, silk stripes, 75c yard, at 49c yard.
75c black novelties will go at 39c yard.
75c all wool granite cloth will go at 49c yd.
64, 66, 68-inch suitings, worth \$1.00 to \$1.50, will go at 49c yard.
Be sure and visit our cheap dress goods department.
60-inch brilliantine, in black, navy and gray, the \$1.00 grade, will go at 49c yard.
Examine our black brilliantines, worth 49c, at 25c yard.

From 11 to 11:30 a. m.
We will sell English long cloth, the 10c and 12 1/2c grades, only 10 yards to customer, at 5c yard.
All day we will sell 50c and 75c printed Liberty satin, at 19c yard.
Extra heavy black silk chinas at 19c yard.
Yard wide black silk skirting, worth 50c yard, at 29c yard.
We will sell embossed silk, in the evening shades, worth 75c, at 39c yard.
We will sell a full line of lousine silk, worth 75c, at 49c yard.

From 4:30 to 5 p. m.
We will sell printed satin Liberty checks, stripes and other silks, worth up to 75c at 15c yard.
For all day we will sell yard wide 15c percales, at 5c.
Simpson's 5c prints at 4c.
American shirting prints at 2 1/2c.
15c fancy satens at 7 1/2c.
And a thousand other articles too numerous to mention.

HAYDEN'S CUT GROCERY PRICES
Large sacks pure buckwheat flour for 25c.
8 1/2 lbs. breakfast rolled oats for 25c.
Large sacks granulated cornmeal for 15c.
Fancy pearl tapioca, per lb., 5c.
Fancy German sago, lb., 5c.
Fancy Akron Farina, lb., 5c.
Fancy pearl hominy, lb., 5c.
Fancy imported lentils, lb., 7 1/2c.
Fancy pearl barley, lb., 4c.

Fancy Scotch green peas, lb., 3 1/2c.
Fancy Scotch split peas, lb., 4 1/2c.
4-lb. fancy Japan best rice, 50c.
Fancy California prunes, lb., 4 1/2c.
Large Italian prunes, lb., 8 1/2c.
Choice Virginia raspberries, lb., 25c.
Choice Rio coffee, lb., 12 1/2c.
Fancy Golden Santos, lb., 15c.
Choice tea siftings, lb., 30c.
Fancy navel oranges, doz., 11c.

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