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POLICE REPORT TO JUDGES

Document Showing Work of the Year for Grand Jury.

CHIEF DONAHUE PREPARES IT

Sets Forth Enormous Amount of Service Rendered by the Department in the Last Twelve Months.

John J. Donahue, chief of the Omaha police department, in a voluminous report to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, gives a full record of the operations of the department for the last year in relation to all arrests excepting for murder, burglary, grand and petit larceny and vagrants.

The report deals principally with the red-light district and the people who inhabit the district. The chief introduces the lengthy document with this paragraph: "This report will show the efforts of the police department in the regulation of the social evil, the removal of questionable people from the residence district, the arrests of women running disorderly houses, women soliciting from windows and on streets, vagabonds, suspicious characters, fugitives from justice, larceny from the person, gamblers and the regulation of saloons, and the disposition of all cases; also the removal of slot machines. This report does not show the number of persons arrested for murder, burglary, grand and petit larceny and vagrants."

Resolutions of the board are quoted in their entirety and the following of all resolutions and compliance with all orders promulgated by the board are shown, and a long list of arrests is attached. "The first important resolution adopted by the board after its organization April 15, 1907, was that ordering out of all slot machines. This was adopted on July 8, and was immediately acted upon by the department, every machine, there being over 300 of them, being thrown out. The most sweeping action on the part of the department, though not upon any resolution by the board, was the ejecting of prostitutes from residential districts. Soon after this the various clubs were investigated to ascertain if gambling was being carried on, gambling being found in one or two clubs, which was promptly stopped. In August a resolution was passed prohibiting the taking part in elections by any police officer, and this has been rigidly ob-

served. The mayor's order, which was approved by the board, prohibiting screens in saloon windows, was complied with, and strict regulation of saloons has been maintained, the saloons being closed on Sunday. All pawnshops in the city have been investigated together with the proprietors' methods of business and the manner in which the police and detectives have dealt with them. Two weeks ago the board adopted a resolution to instruct the officers how to deal with the pawnshops in the future and personal letters are now being sent out to the policemen. The moving of the "cribs" and the keeping of minors out of resorts was also gone into fully in the report. The total number of arrests for these minor offenses for the year beginning April 15, 1907, is 2,784, 1,045 of these having been convicted.

Summary of Statistics. A summary of statistics showing the causes of arrest and the number of arrests, convictions, discharges, forfeitures of bond and binding over to court is as follows:

Table with columns: Complaint, Arrested, Convicted, Discharged, Forfeiture of bond, Binding over to court, Total.

Conclusions of the Chief. "In conclusion I would state that this report shows that the police department has been very active and efficient during the year," says Chief Donahue. "We had an active working force of about sixty patrolmen, twelve detectives and five sergeants, with the patrolmen divided into three shifts. During the year we have handled some very large crowds in a very successful manner and we have had very few complaints from pickpockets or house bur-

glaries during the time of the largest crowds in the city. We have received some very nice compliments by letters and in a personal way from the different gatherings. We have letters on file from the board of governors of Ak-Sar-Ben and the committees in charge of the laying of the cornerstones of public institutions where large crowds gathered, requiring the efforts of policemen to regulate, which were done in a very successful manner. We have also compliments from the democratic and republican state conventions and the committee in charge of the banquet for Secretary W. H. Taft, giving our department a high commendation for the manner in which it handled the people during his stay in the city, and especially at the banquet. As I stated at the beginning, this report does not show the number of arrests for murder, burglary, grand and petit larceny and vagrancy. I wish to thank your honorable body for the courtesies extended and the kind co-operation with me and the members of the department, and hope that this same co-operation and feeling may continue."

Board's Letter to Judges.

By this letter the police board transmitted the report to the district judges: "The Honorable, the Judges of the District Court, gentlemen: In view of your communication to us on matters relating to the police department, we transmit herewith a copy of the report of the chief of police, made to the board April 27. It contains many matters of public interest, relating to the department, and covers the first year of service of the present board. You will note that the arrests made during the year, for what may be termed social and municipal offenses, numbered 2,784. Convictions were had in 1,045 of these cases, 1,045 were discharged, it appears that it is difficult in such cases to secure a conviction. This makes it all the more necessary that all branches of the government, the judiciary with the enforcement of the law, and the maintenance of order, co-operate along definite lines. While the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners has and exercises broad, general jurisdiction in the shaping of the policy of the police department, yet it has no control over the criminal procedure established for the punishment of crime. That is lodged in the courts, the grand jury, the county attorney and the city prosecutor. We take this opportunity to express to you our earnest desire to contribute to the best of our ability to the movement for better and cleaner city government. To this end we will instruct the chief of police, and all officers of the department, to render to the court and all public officials all possible assistance. Very respectfully yours, J. L. KENNEDY, ROBERT COWELL, E. C. PAGE, W. M. GILLER, L. E. JOHNSON, Acting Mayor.

Guarded in Their Expressions. Chairman Kennedy of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners referred inquiries to E. C. Page, member of the board, who was the committee to deliver the document to the judges. Mr. Page said: "The report is voluminous and covers the work of the police thoroughly. I do not care to make any statement of the matter, as it does not seem within the bounds of propriety for a member of the board to pass judgment on it when it is intended for the ultimate use of the district court and grand jury." "The district judges will not examine or consider the report, but it will go to the grand jury Monday morning intact for it to deal with as it sees fit," says Judge Sears, the district judge to whom the document was delivered Saturday morning. He is the only one of the judges who has made even a cursory examination of the report, Judge Sutton having seen the outside of it, but that is all. "I think the report is very complete and

shows much activity on the part of the police," says Judge Sears. "But having looked at its sixty pages but about one and a half minutes, do not feel in a position to make any statement. It will undoubtedly be of much aid to the grand jury."

TEN GRADUATES AT SEMINARY

Young Men Now Ready for Active Work in the World as Ministers.

The commencement of the Presbyterian Theological seminary of Omaha will be held at the First Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon and evening. The alumni dinner will be given at 5:30, when a program of toasts and responses will be carried out. Rev. A. B. Marshall, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Minneapolis and president of the board of directors of the seminary, will deliver the principal address, his subject being "The Victory of Faith." The commencement exercises will begin at 5 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church. Rev. M. B. Lowrie, president of the seminary, will deliver the address to the class after Dr. Marshall's address. Those who will constitute the graduating class: George Arthur Beith of Emerson, Neb.; William Robert Coventry of Elliot, Ia.; John Young Crothers of Fort Morgan, Colo.; Thomas George Nethery of Ord, Neb.; Ansel Ernest Nutting of Milo, Ia.; Norman Percival Olney of Cedar Rapids, Ia.; James Albert Black of Toronto, Canada; Frank Wesley Liver of Red Oak, Ia.; Douglas Warden of Liverpool, England, and George Hinsdale Winn of Osaka, Japan.

OMAHA BETTER THAN EUROPE

Emil Brandeis Returns from Abroad to Better Appreciate Nebraska.

Emil Brandeis returned home at noon Saturday from a three months' trip through Europe. Mr. Brandeis' appearance indicates that the trip has agreed with him. "I had a splendid visit. Made an extended tour of France and Italy, then went to Egypt and back to Paris. It was my good luck to get a glimpse of the German emperor at Corfu. He came there on his yacht and was received with all sorts of demonstrations. Several battleships of different nations were there and it was a big time. I am glad to get home again. There is no place like Omaha, after all. We have the European hotels beaten to a finish right here in Omaha." When Mr. Brandeis arrived in Omaha an array of flags was unfurled on the great Brandeis building, and many were the inquiries as to the occasion for this gay display.

NEW CHURCH GOODS HOUSE

Wholesale and Retail Store Will Be Opened on Harney Street.

E. J. Bourgeois, formerly of Dubuque and Chicago, has leased the building at 1515-15 and 1517 Harney street and will open a wholesale and retail church goods house. The building, which is controlled by N. P. Dodge & Co., will be remodeled to accommodate the store which Mr. Bourgeois will conduct. For twenty years Mr. Bourgeois has traveled in all parts of the world, selling church goods for the old houses of New York and Chicago, but his friends among the clergy of the west have encouraged him to open an Omaha. At least two traveling men will be employed to sell the goods to the trade. The house will be known as the "Bourgeois company."

ELKS BUY THE GRANITE BLOCK

Will Remodel Building for Official Home Without Delay.

MAY ADD ONE MORE STORY

Structure Said to Be Strong Enough to Stand Remodeling and Weight of the Proposed Additional Height.

Omaha lodge No. 39, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, has bought the Granite block, the four-story brick building on the east side of Fifteenth street, between Farnam and Harney streets, and will remodel and rent it at once for occupancy as club and lodge rooms. The purchase was ratified by the lodge in session Friday evening, though the price is not made public. The Granite block was built about twenty years ago and has since been known by that name on account of its solid construction. It was built by the Withnells and George L. Fisher, a member of the firm of Fisher & Lawrie, architects, says it is in excellent condition, can easily withstand the tearing out of partitions to make a large lodge room and the walls are of sufficient strength to allow the adding of a fifth story which some of the lodge members are advocating. For a number of years the local lodge of Elks have been endeavoring to secure a home of their own, but all their attempts have met with failure. George P. Moore of Chicago, a member of the Omaha lodge, attended a meeting January 3 and injected some of his enthusiasm into the lodge members in the right direction. As manager

of the traveling salesman for the Carter White Lead Works of Omaha and Chicago Mr. Moore had seen many Elks' homes and told the local wearers of the antlers that they must not be backward, but must secure a home of their own.

Building Committee Named.

At that January meeting a building committee was appointed with T. B. McPierston as chairman, D. E. Welpton vice chairman, E. A. Benson, secretary and Home Charles L. Saunders as the other members. This committee asked for stock subscriptions and \$5,000 was subscribed. Under this procedure, however, progress was made slowly, and three months later a hustling committee was appointed. This committee was composed of H. B. Peters, Gould Dietz, D. B. Butler, G. A. Renze, T. F. Swift, John C. Drexel, G. F. Brucker, Frank A. Furay, John E. O'Hearn, Frank Simpson, C. H. Withnell and A. J. Storz. This committee asked the building committee to secure a definite proposition and it secured from W. A. Paxton for the Paxton Real Estate company a proposition for the sale of the Granite block. This met with the unanimous approval of the members and they promised to raise the entire amount necessary for the purchase if the building committee would recommend that the building be bought by the Elks. This was done.

Present Lease Soon Up.

The lease on the present quarters in the Ware block holds until July 1, and by that time the lodge expects to be in the new quarters, but if remodeling keeps them out Mr. Paxton, who also owns the Ware block, will allow them to remain in their present quarters as long as they wish. The Elks expect to expend \$25,000 in remodeling the building just purchased, spending most of this on the two upper floors. Interior partitions will be torn out, hardwood floors and casings installed, a new elevator put

in, and either the roof raised or a fifth story constructed. The first and second floors will be rented and from the rentals received stockholders will be paid 5 per cent annually on their investment in the building.

The lot, 56x112, on the northwest corner of Seventeenth and Jackson streets, owned by the Elks, will be offered for sale and the proceeds placed in the building fund. The Omaha Elks are twenty-two years old and the lodge has a membership in excess of 800. They have occupied the rooms in the Ware block twelve years.

Everybody is calling Johnson's Branu Bleuet. Get in line at Bennett's.

WIFE OF ADMIRAL THOMAS

Accompanied by Other Members of Family She Goes to Join the Big Fleet.

Mrs. C. N. Thomas, wife of Rear Admiral Thomas, in command of the American fleet, was a passenger on the Overland Limited for the west Saturday morning, being enroute to San Francisco to meet her husband. Mrs. Thomas said that as the admiral was to be retired in five months he would not be able to make the trip with the battleship fleet. She said the rules of the Navy department did not permit of a fleet being in command of a retired officer, so he would not accompany the fleet. Mrs. Thomas was accompanied by her two daughters and granddaughter. Her two daughters are Mrs. John Yarnell, whose husband is chief engineer on the Connecticut, and Miss Ruth Thomas.

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