BRIEF CITY NEWS

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Thomas W. ..ckburn, congressman.

Rudolph P. Iwoboda, accountant-auditor

Bowman, 117 N. 16, Douglas shoe, $3.50.

Pa Rourke for Quality cigars, 316 S. 15th.

Rinehart, photographer, 18th & Farnam

Equitable Life, Paul Morton, president. Policies sight drafts at maturity. H. D. Neely, manager, Omaha.

Burgess-Granden Co., now in new quarters, 1511 Howard. Gas, electric fixtures and wiring.

For Sale—$10,000 Omaha Home Telephone bonds with 50 per cent stock at 90c. Cohn Bros., 130 1st St., Portland, Ore.

For the safe keeping of money and valuables the American safe deposit vaults in the Bee building afford absolute security. Boxes rent for $4 per year, or $1 for three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Gross, Judge and Mrs. G. W. Shields and four lady and gentlemen friends, were served with a special dinner, Monday evening, at Cafe Lulus, Krug park.

Park Board Meets Saturday—The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Bids for the paving of Ed Creighton avenue, south of Hanscom park, will be opened at this meeting.

Mayor Welcomes Live Stock Men—Mayor Dahlman delivers the address of welcome at South Omaha Thursday morning to the convention of the National Live Stock Exchange association. The mayor leaves Friday evening for Denver and the convention.

First Bankrupt Case in Month—The first bankruptcy case filed in the United States district court for a month was filed Wednesday morning. Dominick J. Brazda, a merchant of Wisner, has filed his voluntary petition in bankruptcy, scheduling at $516.

Fails to Get Damages—Henry Coombs failed to secure damages from Edward LaPage in Judge Troup's court, the jury returning a verdict for LaPage. Coombs sued for $5,000, claiming a team belonging to LaPage had run into his carriage and injured him.

Louisville Over Tornado Effects—"The suffering from the effects of the tornado at Louisville is all over and the people are rapidly getting back into their regular ways," said Charles Ritchie of Louisville. "The people of Louisville and of the state responded most nobly to the call for relief, $1,700 being raised in Louisville and about $1,200 on the outside."

Souvenir of Trade Tour—Among the souvenirs which the business men received while on the "home trade excursion" Tuesday afternoon was a desk tray turned out on the automatic lathes of the Adams & Kelly planing mill and sash and door factory. To give one of the trays to each member of the party required a large amount of work on the part of the wood workers, as each was neatly stained and varnished.

Uncle Sam Cleans Carpets—It is annual carpet cleaning time at the federal building with Custodian Barrows. Nearly 1,800 yards of carpet are being taken up, as usual with every spring, and relaid. The number of yards of carpet grow less with each year, as the rooms are relaid with linoleum when the carpets wear out. The contract has been let this year to N. A. Christenson & Son and they are now doing the work.

Real Estate Men's Picnic—Two hundred real estate dealers, abstracters and fire insurance agents, with their friends, will leave Union station at 9 o'clock Thursday morning by special train for Bennington, where the annual picnic will be held. The picnic was the special order of business at the meeting of the exchange Wednesday noon and it was announced that those who had not made connections with tickets at $1 each could secure them at the depot Thursday morning.

More Pay for Federal Laborers—Colonel Barrows, custodian of the federal building, has been gratified by the receipt of a letter from the Treasury department indicating that it contemplates raising the wages of the laboring force at the Omaha Postoffice building. The general rate of wages of the laborers of the federal buildings is $45 per month, and many of these cases the laborers do the work of janitors and this compensation is regarded by Colonel Barrows as ridiculously small in view of the services exacted and rendered.

Fires Caused by Explosion.—Explosion of gasoline was the cause of two fires Wednesday morning within a block of each other. The first alarm came from the basement under the Gate City Furniture company, 615 North Sixteenth street, where a can of gasoline exploded, singeing the hair of A. Sprekl, who was nearby, but caused no other damage. Shortly afterward a gasoline stove exploded in the rear of the second hand furniture store operated by D. Lund, 711 North Sixteenth street, causing a loss of about $300, fully covered by insurance.

Pet Wolf Steals Things—A full grown pet wolf, owned by Mrs. Cunningham, who lives on Clark street between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, is the cause of numerous complaints. For some days complaints have been made that some sneak thief had been robbing ice boxes and pantries of the choicest eatables, but Tuesday evening one of the neighbors saw "B'rer Wolf" skulking out of her kitchen door with a choice cut of beefsteak in his jaws. Complaint was made to the authorities and Officer Wooldridge was detailed to handle the animal.

Second Divorce Suit in Four Months—For the second time this year Hilma Nelson Salestrom is in divorce court asking for a decree against Peter Salestrom. She says he has given her $1.50 since they were married, December 11, 1907, and has furnished her neither clothing nor a home. March 17 she started suit for separate maintenance, but dismissed it, as a reconciliation was effected. After they went to living together she says he circulated false and humiliating reports about her among her friends and keeps a mysterious room all to himself, locking it whenever he leaves it.

Government Contractors Accepted—The following contracts for service and supplies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, forwarded by Custodian Barrows, have been accepted by the Treasury department, all contracts begining on July 1, 1908. The gas, water and electric supply remain at the usual fixed rates, there being no competition: Omaha Ice and Cold Storage company, 125,000 pounds of ice; City Garbage company, removing ashes and rubbish; City Steam laundry, washing towels; Omaha Street Sprinkling company, sprinkling streets; winding and repairing clock; Coal Hill Company, 1,700 tons of coal.

Millionaire Y. M. C. A. Worker—T. S. Lippy, a former Young Men's Christian association secretary and at present president of the Young Men's Christian association at Seattle and one of the rich men of that city who has made his money in the Klondike, was in Omaha Wednesday enroute from Baltimore to Denver in an automobile. Mr. Lippy is an enthusiast with the auto and also at golf and is making a leisurely trip across the country, playing golf at each town where they have good courses. After a spin around Omaha to see the city he went to the Field club for a few holes at his favorite game.

Auto Delegates Arrive Saturday—The Roger C. Sullivan automobile party from Chicago is expected to reach Omaha some time Saturday, enroute to Denver to attend the convention, the twenty men composing the party being delegates. The automobiles left Chicago on Tuesday and Mayor Dahlman says that local democrats will be advised of their arrival at Missouri Valley, when they will go to Council Bluffs and meet them. Arrangements have been made for the entertainment of the party at the Rome for Saturday and Saturday night. Sunday the party will go to Lincoln and spend the day at Fairview and proceed on Monday to Denver.

Jury Allows $1,000 Verdict—Crushed between two freight cars with broken drawheads, allowing the ends of the car to come together, George Langenfeld, a dining car cook, secured a verdict for $1,000 against the Union Pacific Wednesday in Judge Day's court. Langenfeld was on his way to work in the yards, when an Illinois Central train came along and he stepped between two freight cars to avoid it. While he was between the cars a switch engine bumped some more cars against them and, owing to the absence of drawheads, the cars came together, with Langenfeld between them. He asserted his collar bone and shoulder were dislocated, several ribs fractured and his right lung crushed. He sued for $2,000.

S. P. MORRIS GETS NEW JOB

Resigns as Secretary of Associated Charities for that of Child Labor Association.

S. P. Morris, secretary of the Associated Charities, has resigned the position he has held for three years to accept the duties of secretary of child labor work in four states. His resignation was acted upon at a meeting in Lincoln of the Child Labor association, though his successor has not as yet been appointed.

At the same time a meeting of the Nebraska Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis was held and Mrs. Albert Edholm of Omaha was elected secretary, vice Mr. Morris. Judge Howard Kennedy and Dr. S. R. Towne of Omaha and Frank Hall of Lincoln were also elected members of a legislative committee to examine the state laws and possibly recommend some changes.

The association decided to publish a state bulletin and to issue 10,000 folders containing important suggestions on the proper care of persons exposed in homes where tuberculosis exists. It was also decided to have a lecture on tuberculosis as a part of the program on social service day at the Bellevue Chautauqua, July 29. The national exhibits of miniature model homes, of disinfectants and the development of germs will be brought to Omaha in the fall and taken from here to the State fair.

The State Child Labor association appointed a legislative committee composed of Judge Kennedy of Omaha and Judge Frost of Lincoln, and the executive committee of the state conference of Charities and Corrections perfected plans for the publishing of the proceedings of the association of the last two years and partially outlined the program for next year.

DIAZ IS IN ON THE CORN SHOW

Mexico Will Exhibit Grain at the National Exposition at Omaha.

The colonization department of the Union PacificR ailroad company has applied for space at the National Corn exposition to display the grains of Old Mexico.

Two agents of the department have gone to Mexico for the purpose of preparing this exhibit and it promises to be one of the most interesting which will be shown in Omaha next December.

Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson has written to the management of the corn exposition giving the first official information regarding the display, which the government will make at the exposition. The secretary says the government will need 1,250 square feet to exhibit the denatured alcohol plant, which is now being erected in Washington. The plant will be moved to Omaha in early December for the corn show. The secretary says he is having a set of building plans prepared, which will be forwarded to the managers of the exposition within a short time.

CAUGHT AT HIS OWN GAME

Crook is Trapped by Girl Who Was One of His Victims.

PLAYS HER HAND SKILLFULLY

Man Who Works Young Women for Their Hard Earned Money Is Finally Ensnared by One of Them.

WANTED—Bright educated lady as secretary to business man touring northwest states and Alaska; give references, ability, age, description. Address E-640, care Bee. (7)—680 19x

The above innocent appearing want ad in The Bee, although alluring in its prospects to a young woman desiring a summer vacation, is the principal factor in the arrest of one M. W. Williams, and the exposing of that person's novel method of swindling young women of hard earned savings they may have. Unknowingly Williams tried to make the same girl a victim of his scheme a second time, which led to his arrest.

About three weeks ago a similar ad appeared in a leading paper of Denver, Colo., the only difference in the two ads being that the Denver ad stated that the author was to tour Europe for the summer. At that time Miss Fannie Weise was employed in a hot office in Denver putting in several hours a day over a typewriter and seeing the advertisement decided that the trip to Europe would benefit her immensely.

Meets the Author.

She met the author, arrangements were hurriedly made for a departure, but not before Miss Weise had secured drafts for some $280 which she had on deposit in one of the Denver banks, at the instigation of her new employer. The couple left for Kansas City, where a stop was made, each going to a different hotel. The morning after their arrival, her employer visited her at the hotel where she was stopping and inquired if she had secured her money from the bank at Denver and in what form she had it. When he learned that she had the amount in several certificates of deposit he induced her to turn the certificates into cash and entrust the money to him. The same afternoon he gave her $35, salary as she supposed, and told her to buy herself a dress, stating that he would attend to some business and meet her at the hotel on her return from shopping.

She bought a dress, paying $22.50 for the same, but upon returning to the hotel she found a note in her room from her employer, which informed her that he had been suddenly called to Sedalia, Mo., on business. A railroad ticket and sleeping car reservation were left with the note, with instructions for her to go on to St. Louis and register at the Planter's hotel and await his arrival the next day.

Waiting at the Hotel a Week.

She followed the instructions and waited at the Planter's hotel for one week, but her employer did not put in an appearance. Realizing that she was swindled out of her money and that the European trip was myth and being out of funds, she was a myth and being out of funds, she was compelled to wire relatives in Lincoln to enable her to leave St. Louis.

Miss Weise came to Omaha last Friday to visit friends and in looking through The Bee want ads her eye happened to fall on the above little advertisement. The similarity of the Denver ad and the one in The Bee led her to the conclusion that the author was the same for both. She notified the police and related her experience and a detective was detailed to watch The Bee office for the purpose of arresting the advertiser when he should call for his replies. In the meantime Miss Weise answered the advertisement, signing a fictitious name and giving a telephone number. The advertiser failed to put in an appearance for his replies until Wednesday morning, when he received about twenty applications for the Northwestern tour. The detective had been called off the evening before and the schemer was at liberty to leave the city, but unfortunately for him one of the first replies he opened was the one written by Miss Weise and he called her up over the telephone and made an engagement to meet her in a parlor of the Paxton hotel.

She Notified the Police.

The young woman notified the police station and Emergency Officer Lahey accompanied her to the meeting place. When Williams appeared and recognized Miss Weise as his Denver victim he endeavored to leave, but was arrested by Lahey.

When taken to the police station Williams gave his residence as Fairbanks, Alaska, but the authorities believe he is wanted at several places on the charge of swindling. It is thought he might be the smooth stranger who secured $10 from Miss Annan Oleson, 210 South Thirty-fourth street, and $5 from Miss Clara Howell, 324 Worthington Place. The man who secured the money from these two women, alleged he was in the picture enlarging business and charged $1 for the enlargement of a picture. He secured orders from Miss Howell and Miss Oleson and neither having any change, gave him a bill to get changed, he leaving a number of worthless pictures as security for his return.

In the pockets of Williams were found letters from several young women of other cities, notably Kansas City, where his harvest of "show me" victims evidently was abundant. Letters also indicate his intention to open up headquarters on the Pacific coast and exploit that section were found.

CRIME TO MALIGN BANKS

Law Punishing Gossip as to Their Solvency Advocated by Bankers.

The Nebraska Bankers' association will ask the next legislature to enact a law making it a crime punishable by heavy fine and imprisonment for any person to transmit or circulate a rumor reflecting on the solvency of any state or national bank.

Secretary William B. Hughes has mailed letters to every banker belonging to the association, asking that each write to representatives and senators urging that congress pass the Dalzell bill, which is designed to protect all national banks from malicious slander. The letter says the bankers are not advised of the fate of the bill at Washington, but they should be on the watch for it and do everything possible to secure favorable action by congress. The Dalzell bill reads:

That any person who shall willfully and maliciously make, circulate or transmit to another or others any statement, rumor or suggestion, written, printed or by word of mouth, which is directly or by inference derogatory to the financial condition or affects the solvency or financial standing of any national bank, or who shall counsel, aid or procure or induce another to start, transmit or circulate any such statement or rumor, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than $5,000 and by imprisonment at hard labor for a term of not more than five years.

MYSTERIOUS BURGLAR SHOT

Criminal Long Sought by Police is Wounded, but is Still at Large.

Detective Hank Elsfelder shot a burglar early Wednesday morning. After the shooting, however, the wounded man escaped by running through the alley and hiding for a time in A. H. Murdock's barn.

The South Omaha police have been baffled by the exploits of this man for two years. He has been so solitary in his habits and so wary of pursuit that no police officer has ever had a glimpse of him. During the last six months nearly twenty houses have been broken into on the north side of the city. Most of the jobs were kept dark by the police, with the hope that the man would become bold enough to grow careless. During the last three weeks the police have been especially vigilant.

Elsfelder was on duty in that neighborhood and was just starting for the station down Twenty-fifth street when he met the man face to face. It was then 3 a. m. and the hour naturally roused suspicion of the officer. The man was about 40 feet away when first seen and he walked up to the front porch of a house as if he lived there. The officer followed to make sure, and the man did not care for a close investigation. He jumped off the porch and ran toward the alley. Elsfelder opened fire instantly and fired five shots. Three bullets were located in the buildings, but two were not discovered. The man ran through the alley and hid in A. H. Murdock's barn, where he left a dozen rings and brooches and a gold watch belonging to J. J. Rumping, who lives in the neighborhood. In the barn and along the alley was plenty of blood staining the course he took. A newspaper was found in the barn which was smeared with blood where the burglar had wiped it off. Elsfelder said he aimed at the man's body, intending to kill him if he could.

The Omaha police have been notified and a fairly good description was given. If the wound is as serious as the blood would indicate the man, it is believed, will be caught.

The fact of his hiding in the barn was discovered by Mr. Murdock, president of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, early in the forenoon Wednesday. He brought the articles of jewelry to the police station.

The trail was taken up by daylight and followed to the city limits near Twenty-fifth and A streets.

COMMISSION PLAN IN OMAHA

Reform of City Government Has Reached Stage of Public Discussion.

John W. Robbins, C. F. Harrison and H. B. Payne discussed the Des Moines commissioner plan of city government before the Real Estate exchange Wednesday.

Mr. Harrison read a carefully prepared letter from Lawrence Minot of Boston, owner of four or five of the largest buildings in the business district of Omaha and a large owner of Boston property. Mr. Minot is a student of municipal governments and has been the power behind several good things which have been done for Boston. While in Omaha recently he looked the city over carefully and wrote the letter giving his ideas of city government in response to a request of Mr. Harrison.

"If I were to be given the responsibility of writing a charter for a city, I would first make up my mind what sort of a man or what sort of men should hold the offices,' said Mr. Minot. "Then when I had picked the highest type of citizenship, I would go to these men and find what it would take as an inducement to get them to enter public office and manage the affairs of the city. When I had learned this I would write the charter and make provisions for getting such men into the offices."

Mr. Harrison agreed with Mr. Minot and believed the salaries of mayor and commissioners, if Omaha ever has the commissioner plan, should be large enough and the powers sufficient to induce the best men to accept the offices.

Mr. Payne wants a city run by one man, who will be as big a man as the general manager of any $100,000,000 corporation and he said he would make that one man's power absolute.

Mr. Robbins described the Des Moines commissioner plan in detail, objecting only to the cumbersome recall measure of the plan, which requires that 25 per cent of the voters at the last city election, must sign a petition requesting a special election before the people are even given an opportunity to vote an inefficient officer out of office.

The Real Estate exchange has not yet determined "what is the matter with the Omaha charter" and will discuss the subject of city government at the next meeting.

CONTRACTS LET FOR PAVING

Awarding of Work is End of Dispute Between County Board and Contractors.

The end of the fight over paving contracts between the county board and the paving contractors came Wednesday morning, when the board adopted a resolution letting contracts for the Briggs road, the Forest Lawn cemetery road and the Center road to Millard, the specifications being changed so the cost of the paving will be somewhat reduced.

The Briggs road contract went to the Katz-Craig Contracting company at $1.60 per lineal foot. The original bid was $2.22 a foot. After the bids were received the board decided to cut the width of the road from sixteen to twelve feet and this caused a reduction of 25 per cent in the bid. A further reduction was made in the cost of tarvia with which the road will be coated, the board specifying that a half gallon should be used to each square yard.

The contract for the Center street road was let to E. D. Van Court at $1.67 a lineal foot on revised specifications similar to those for the Briggs road. Van Court's original bid was $2.31. On this road some cement paving will be laid probably at intersections and this work will be done at the price of the original bid for that kind of paving. Van Court also secured the contract for the Forest Lawn cemetery road at $2.06 a foot, a reduction of 10 cents a foot owing to the change in the tarvia specifications.

The board will continue to advertise for outside bidders for the rest of the paving to be done this summer.

OMAHA MAY GET ENGINEMEN

City Likely to Be Chosen for the National Convention.

HANNAHAN TALKS ON ECONOMICS

Says Laboring Men Will Submit to No Wage Reduction, but Will Stand By Their Employers.

Omaha may be decided upon as the meeting place for the annual convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen in 1909, according to the delegates assembled in Omaha from seven states, including Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, South Dakota, Colorado and Wyoming.

Wednesday morning the 300 delegates and their friends were taken on a trolley ride to Florence and to places of interest in Omaha and Wednesday afternoon another executive session was held in Baright's hall, Nineteenth and Farnam streets.

"These district meetings which are being held in different parts of the country are purely social and for the purpose of discussing brotherhood affairs and the general condition of the organization," said J. J. Hannahan of Peoria, Ill., grand master of the brotherhood. "Meetings of similar nature have been held all over the country. The national organization will meet at Columbus, O., this fall and the meeting next year probably will be held in the west." That was as strong as Mr. Hannahan would go for Omaha, but other officials present said that Omaha has the best chance of any city to get the meetings next year. This brotherhood meeting is quite an extensive affair, as the sessions will last at least three weeks and there will be 1,000 delegates in attendance.

Purely Labor Body.

"This is purely a labor organization with the insurance feature, organized thirty-seven years ago, with a membership at the present time of over 70,000 men. Some idea of the way we are growing may be gained from the statement as to the increase in membership during the last fourteen months. It seems scarcely credible, but the fact remains that during the last fourteen months, from January, 1907, 21,491 men were admitted into membership.

"The organization has $863,239 in its treasury and in the protective fund alone we have $284,064.37, which shows that the protective fund is rather a peace fund and is used more as a guarantee of peace than to fight.

"The laboring men will not submit to any reduction of wages, but on the other hand a condition will be forced which may cause more or less friction to prevent a reduction. We want to stop this interference with the railroads and it will be found that the railroads have no better friends than they have in their employes.

"Railroad employes must realize that they must remain conservative and courageous if these complicated questions would be settled. Some legislation is needed to counteract some of the vicious legislation now in force.

"No force can stop the march of the laboring men, who are certain to get that which justly belongs to them and which for years they have been deprived of. We are trying to solve the complicated question of having peace between employer and employe."

Today a picnic will be held at Manawa, when Robert Cowell and Congressman Hitchcock will speak.

Grocers' and Butchers' Picnic.

If the weather should be favorable tomorrow, as it now promises to be, there will be a marvelously large crowd at Krug park, Omaha's Polite Resort, the occasion being the annual picnic of the retail butchers and grocers of Omaha. From past experience it has become a proverb that it always rains on the day appointed for this annual outing. Possibly the hoodoo will be broken this year by reason of the location of the picnic at Krug park, as it is the first time that it has ever been held there. All the grocers and butchers of this city, with all their employes, their customers and friends, will attend this picnic. Their stores and shops will be closed all day. Unusual attractions are offered at the park in their interest. A special musical program has been prepared by Bandmaster Finn whereon his best instrumental soloists will appear, and Mlle. Pallansch, soprano soloist, will sing for the first time in the city "In the Shadow of the Pines." Manager Cole will send up a big balloon in the evening as a special attraction. Mlle. La Carroll, a high-class aerial artist, who is playing an engagement this week at the park, will make two appearances on the arena. Arrangements have been made to feed several hundred members of the association on the pavilion and a special bill of fare will be served in the Cafe Luxus.

St. James Orphanage Picnic.

Messrs. John E. O'Hearn, E. W. Simmeral and E. D. Geoghegan, a committee from the Knights of Columbus, were at Krug park Monday evening and they arranged with Manager Cole to hold the picnic annually given by the Knights of Columbus to the childern of St. James orphanage, Benson, and to the Catholic sisterhood of Omaha, at Krug park, Monday, July 6.