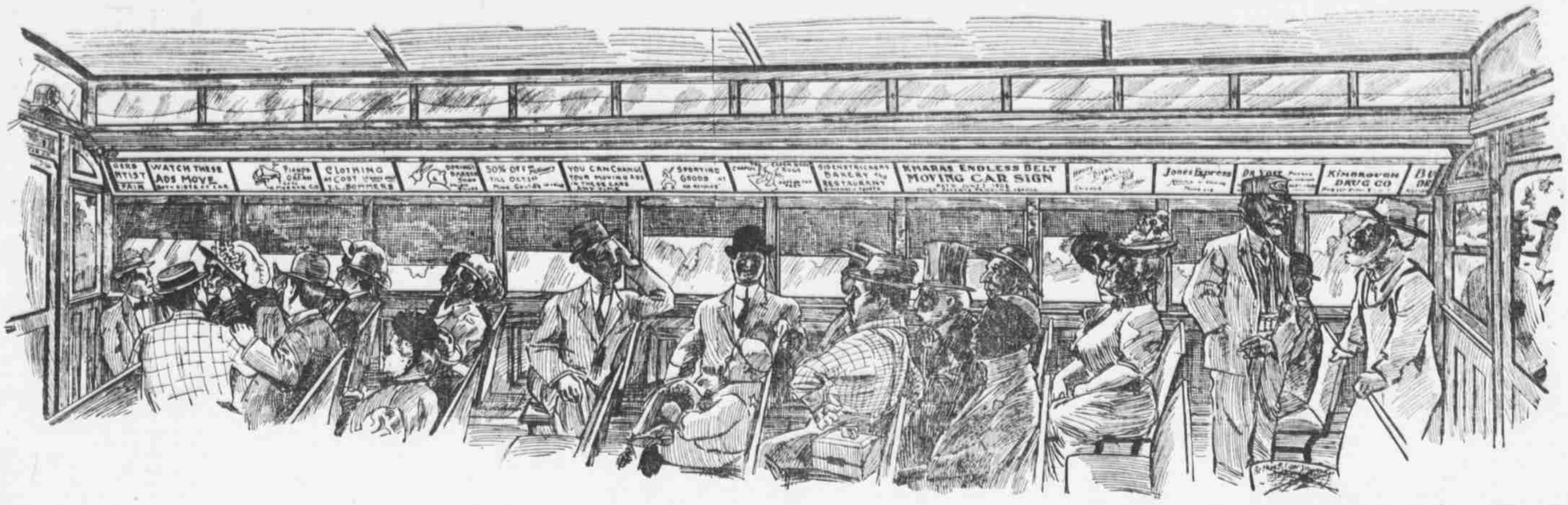
An Omaha Inventor's Dream Comes True

Brain Throbs of a Dreamer Coining Money for Himself and His Friends.

CHANCE IDEA BRINGS FORTUNE

Conceived the Notion While Riding in Omaha's Street Cars.



(Written for The Bee by J. M. Hyland.)

The author of "Gulliver's Travels" said that the man who "made two blades of grass grow where but one grew before was esteemed to be worth more to his country than all the politicians in the land." Omaha has a man who has made two street car advertising signs grow where but one grew before.

About this time last year when Theodore Kharas, formerly a physician, but who chafed under the restrictions of professional ethics because he was not allowed to advertise, and who, for that reason, quit his practice and went into the real estate business, used to sit in his office with a faraway dreamy look in his Alice-blue eyes, his friends that he was contemplating running for office. Not so. He was evolving an idea. He was becoming the fond father of a new wrinkle. He was inventing the moving car sign.

Being by nature an advertiser, it had occurred to him that if there could ever be devised any method of publicity by which the advertiser could have a "sure thing," could really and truly reach any certain class of people without missing any of them; if "preferred position" and some hit-and-miss features of advertising methods might be eliminated in some manner, the man who did that thing would have a sure enough bonanza. He knew that street car advertising must be good, for the advertising spaces in all the cars were continually full of advertising signs. But there was a drawback. The street car advertiser was trying to reach with his attractively printed, cleverly worded advertisement, all the people all the time, when it was a physical impossibility for all of the people to so locate themselves in a street car where they could see all of the advertisements all of the time.

Then the idea occurred to him that if an advertising sign could be made to travel the full length of the car, all the passengers could see it because it would pass the entire congregation over and over, and because of its behaving so unseemly as to never stand quite still like its sedate and insipid predecessor, but kept slowly sliding along, the passengers would naturally read it and watch it in its perambulations, for it would be made not only possible but easy for them to see it, and the advertiser would at last get his money's worth and a little bit more.

In devising the ways and means by which an advertising sign might be made to travel in the car, he conceived the idea which is now almost universally known as the "Kharas Endless Belt System of Street Car Advertising." He figured that by the belt taking the [illegible] the stationary rack, there would [illegible] as many spaces to offer [illegible] advertisers as there [illegible] Not only would the [illegible] be just doubled, but each space would reach from three to five times as many people as it would before it began its peregrinations, it ought to be worth at least twice as much money to the advertiser. So he figured some.

An ordinary street car has sixteen advertising cards on each side, or thirty-two to the car. These sell for 50 cents per month each, or a car brings in the sale of advertising space $16 per month the old way. By introducing the endless belt system, there would be sixty-four spaces, the same size, in a car of the same length, and actual experience has since shown that the advertiser would rather pay $1 per month for an advertisement which moves on the belt along the entire length of the car than to pay 50 cents a month for the standing-still kind. The inventor ascertained that expense for rental to the street railway company, for soliciting, collecting, printing, etc., the cost of operating under the old system was about $4 per car per month, leaving a net profit to the concern handling the street car advertising of $12 per car per month. Even if the expenses under the new method were doubled and figured at $8 per car per month, that sum substracted from $64 per month left a right smart profit, especially when he found there were upwards of 80,000 street cars in the United States besides a considerable number in foreign countries, all carrying advertising.

So Kharas pinched himself a few times to see if it could be true, then applied for a patent on his device, and while awaiting the slow grinding of the patent mill, set about promoting companies to handle the enormous street car advertising business of this and other countries. By working nineteen hours a day for a year he has organized and incorporated sixteen car sign companies in different parts of the country, these having a total caitalization of $6,000,000. These companies now own the street car advertising concessions on thirty-eight electric railway systems in the United States and are rapidly installing the new device and putting it into practical use, reducing it to a profit paying basis. Stock in two of these companies is now selling at par, and that of the others rapidly nearing that desirable point.

At first glance there might appear to be some "water" in this apparently large capitalization, but figure the number of cars in the country, the cost of equipping them with the new device, the men and money required to do this great work, and then figure the earning power of the stock this way: There are now from thirty-two to thirty-eight advertising spaces in each car, depending upon the length of the car, but with the endless belt the number of spaces is just doubled; the old way the spaces brought 50 cents a month, per car, but the new way they will sell readily for $1 per car per month, and then when you consider the number of cars in the country and that Kharas and his companies are guaranteed a monopoly under his patent for the next seventeen years—Oh, well, what's the use? Just let the fortunate investors in car sign stocks figure their own profits.

The inventor has just retuned to Omaha from a four months' trip east, where he has visited several large cities, formed several strong companies who are putting the new advertising device into actual operation, and in some instances he has personally superintended the installation work himself.

He has, of course, met with all the usual trials, troubles and tribulations which fall to the lot of the inventor. Quite early in the game he met a number of moneyed men who evinced an unusual willingness to separate him from his invention, leaving him nothing but the glory of having dreamed it out. He demurred, smiled at them his sad, sweet smile, and said that as he had invented the moving car sign, he would also invent a way of getting it into use without the painful ordeal of giving it away to someone who did not appear, according to his lights, to need it, so he called his friends into council and began his organization work. Some of them cautioned him not to make any advance steps until his patent was issued. But he knew what he was doing, apparently, and knew that the lessees of street car advertising concessions all over the United States would soon learn that he had discovered a means by which he could outbid them for advertising privileges, and that they would try to secure long-time leases on concessions, and that he should get into the field as quickly as possible. He knew, too, that the jungle animals would soon awake—the monkey with his imitation to attract attention, the anvil bird with its hammer chorus, the hooting owl and the prowling hyena, so he preferred active aggressive work instead of waiting; wanted to fortify himself in his new position—and he has. Corporations of his organising, formed under his direction, control the street car advertising situation of the western hemisphere. He does not in any instance hold a controlling interest in any of these companies, but he is a stockholder and director in all of them. No one man can control any car sign company. A majority of the stockholders direct the business at all times. Loyal car sign people lovingly call him "father," for he is making them shamefully rich, and it serves them right! Their loyalty to him has made possible the great work he has undertaken and completed.

In far-away New England Arthur Vernon, formerly an Omaha newspaper man, but at present president of the New York Mobile Car Sign company, is putting the Kharas endless belt street car advertising system into use in that section. L. B. Kinne of Council Bluffs, formerly for years with the Western Union Telegraph company, leased from the inventor the rights on the Pacific coast, organized and incorporated under the direction of the inventor the Pacific Coast Mobile Car Sign company. This company recently sent their Mr. D. H. Kimberley to Fresno, Cal., where they have leased the advertising concession on the street cars, and he will attend to the installation of the device there and in other western cities at once. So it goes on. Several other companies are now actually at work putting the device into operation east, west, north and south. All the territory in the western hemisphere has been leased by the inventor either on a stock or royalty basis, and some foreign territory has been optioned from him.

But to some people success always hints of something darkly criminal. Members of the anvil chorus said months ago, "Kharas will never get his patent," but on the 2d day of June, 1908, a broad, sweeping and comprehensive patent was issued to him by the United States government, and others in this and foreign countries are now pending. Imitators tried to get in their work and failed. Men in his employ as machinists in different parts of the country changed his plans against his instructions, for he could not be in several places at once, and tried to make his device impractical, but were fired for their pains. Later on, they tried to steal his idea and get patents rushed through before his was issued, but in all this they failed, for he had carefully covered every part of his invention and is fully protected. These commercial hyenas, of course, were acting under the advice and in the pay of the moneyed men back of them, and to make their piratical employers believe they were doing their best, and in order to distract attention from their ignominious failures, they raised the cry of "wolf! wolf!" but there was nothing doing. Kharas smiled as serenely as ever and kept right on working day and night. The knockers called for more help to down him, as they had lost their support. Loud and long they called for succor, but no more suckers came. So, at last, like the Arab, they folded their tents and silently stole away, there being nothing else to steal.

The inventor has written and published several attractive booklets describing his invention, the two most popular being, "The Evolution of an Idea," and, "Two Blades of Grass." These have run through several editions and are well worth reading by anyone interested in any part of the car-sign business.

So Theodore Kharas, dreamer, who delights to be called "The Car-Sign Man," sits in his office in the United States National bank building, Omaha, and watches the ever-growing value of his car-sign holdings, modestly receiving the congratulations of his many friends who have seen his invention evolve from a dream into a great money-making machine, all because he made two advertising signs grow where but one grew before, and at the same time made both of these signs get up and hustle for business instead of standing still while the busy world moved.

DR. THEODORE KHARAS, Inventor.

JUNKIN S. [illegible] PERS

List of Those Who Will Publish the Constitutional Amendments.

AT LEAST ONE IN EACH COUNTY

Has Not Been Able to Make His Selection Yet in Fillmore, Gosper and Sherman Counties, But All Others Designated.

LINCOLN, July 13.—(Special.)—Secretary of State Junkin has selected the republican papers in which will be published the proposed constitutional amendments. The law requires the proposed amendments shall be published in at least one newspaper in every county in the state thirteen weeks before the election. The proposed amendments will be voted upon at the state primary and if either party casts a majority of its votes for the amendments, a straight party vote of that party cast at the general election will be counted as a vote for the amendment. It will cost the state $14,000 for publishing the amendments. The short amendment providing that the permanent school fund may be invested in school district bonds and other securities will cost $63 for each paper and the long one referring to the increase in the number of supreme judges and the increase in salaries will cost $98 for each paper. No papers have yet been selected in Fillmore, Gosper and Sherman counties.

The papers selected are as follows:

Adams—Hastings Tribune, Kenesaw Citizen.
Antelope—Nelish Leader, Elgin Review.
Banner—Harrisburg News.
Blaine—Brewster News.
Boone—Albion News, St. Edwards Advance.
Box Butte—Alliance Times.
Boyd—Butte Gazette, Pristow Enterprise, Lynch Journal.
Brown—Ainsworth Star.
Buffalo—Kearney Hub, Shelton Clipper.
Burt—Tekamah Herald, Oakland Independent.
Butler—David City People's Banner.
Cass—Plattsmouth News-Herald, Louisville Courier, Weeping Water Republican.
Cedar—Hartington Herald, Randolph Times.
Chase—Imperial Republican, Wauneta Breeze.
Cherry—Valentine Republican, Cody Cowboy.
Cheyenne—Sidney Telegraph, Lodge Pole Express.
Clay—Clay enter Sun, Harvard Courier.
Colfax—Schuyler Sun, Leigh World.
Cuming—West Point Republican, Bancroft Blade.
Custer—Broken Bow Republican, Ainsley Chronicle-Citizen.
Callaway—Loup Valley Queen.
Dakota—Dakota City Eagle, South Sioux City Record, Dakota County Herald.
Dawes—Crawford Tribune, Chadron Journal.
Dawson—Lexington Pioneer, Gothenberg Independent.
Deuel—Chappel Register.
Dixon—Ponca Journal, Emerson Enterprise.
Dodge—Fremont Tribune.
Douglas—Omaha Bee.
Dundy—Benkleman News-Chronicle.
Franklin—Franklin Advocate, Franklin Sentinel, Bladen Telescope.
Frontier—Stockville Republican, Eustis News, Maywood Eagle, Curtis Courier.
Furnas—Beaver City Times, Wilsonville Review.
Gage—Beatrice Times, Beatrice Express.
Garfield—Burwell Tribune.
Grant—Hyannis Tribune.
Greeley—Greeley Citizen, Scotia Register.
Hall—Grand Island Independent, Wood River Sunbeam.
Hamilton—Aurora Republican.
Harlan—Orleans Chronicle, Alma Record.
Hayes—Hayes Center Republican.
Hitchcock—Trenton Republican Leader, Culbertson Banner.
Holt—O'Neill Frontier, Atkinson Graphic, Hooker—Mullen Tribune.
Howard—St. Paul Republican, Dannebrog News.
Jefferson—Fairbury News, Fairbury Gazette.
Johnson—Tecumseh Chieftain, Elk Creek Herald, Sterling Sun.
Kearney—Minden News, Axtel Times.
Keith—Ogallala News.
Keya Paha—Springview Herald.
Kimball—Kimball Observer.
Knox—Bloomington Monitor, Creighton News.
Lancaster—State Journal, Star.
Lincoln—North Platte Tribune, North Platte Telegraph.
Logan—Gandy Pioneer.
Loup—Taylor Clarion.
McPherson—Tryon Graphic.
Madison—Madison Chronicle, Norfolk News, Norfolk Express.
Merrick—Central City Nonpariel, Central City Republican.
Nance—Fullerton Post, Genoa Leader, Genoa Times.
Nemaha—Johnson News, Auburn Republican.
Nuckolls—Superior Journal, Hardy Herald.
Otoe—Nebraska City Press, Syracuse Journal.
Pawnee—Pawnee Republican, Burchard Times, Table Rock Argus.
Perkins—Grant News.
Phelps—Holdrege Citizen, Bertrand Herald.
Pierce—Pierce County Call, Plainview Republican, Osmand Republican.
Platte—Columbus Tribune, Columbus Journal, Monroe Republican.
Polk—Osceola Record; Stromsburg Journal.
Red Willow—McCook Tribune, McCook Republican.
Richardson—Falls City Journal, Falls City Tribune, Humboldt Leader.
Rock—Bassett eLader, Newport Republican.
Saline—Friend Telegraph, Wilber Republican.
Sarpy—Papillion Republican.
Saunders—Wahoo Wasp, Ashland Gazette, Scott's Bluff—Gering Courier, Scott's Bluff Republican.
Seward—Blue Valley Blade, Beaver Crossing Times, Utica Sun.
Sheridan—Rushville Record, Gordon Journal.
Sioux—Harrison Sun.
Stanton—Stanton Pickett.
Thayer—Hebron Journal, Hebron Champion, Carlton Leader.
Thomas—Thedford Mid-Republican tockman.
Thurston—Pender Republican, Pender Times.
Valley—Ord Quiz, North Loup Loyalist.
Washington—Blair Pilot, Arlington Review-Herald.
Wayne—Wayne Herald, Wnside Tribune.
Webster—Red Cloud Argus, Commercial Advertiser.
Wheeler—Bartlett Independent.
York—York Republican, York Times.

Sheldon Back From Kansas.

Governor Sheldon has returned from his Kansas trip and on July 18 and 19 he will speak at Lawrence and Belleville. The governor reported a pleasant time and good meetings. He filled the dates of Senator Tillman, who could not be present because of poor health.

Northwestern Retains Train.

The Northwestern has agreed to keep on the train from Oakdale to Scribner which it took off some weeks ago. Senator Randall filed a complaint against the action of the company and today the railroad agreed to let the train stay on, and later it will make formal application for permission to take it off.

Ask Your Wife to have Jell-O for Dessert to-day
You'll be delighted
10c. at grocers

Fine Rain in Southwest.

BENKLEMAN, Neb., July 13.—(Special.)—This entire section of the state and northwestern Kansas was visited by a heavy fall of rain last evening, coming after a week of fine corn growing weather. Corn is now in splendid condition, being above three feet in height on an average, and the laying-by process has begun. Spring small grain of all kinds also looks well.

Nebraska News Notes.

ST. PAUL—Another fine shower visited this section this afternoon. The precipitation was 1.61 and will keep the corn growing.

ARLINGTON—Whiter wheat and some of the early oats are in the shock. Some fields of oats are rather poor, but the average will be good. There are several fields of fine spring wheat near this city.

LINWOOD—One and one-half inches of water fell, a cloud burst four miles southwest of here caused a raise in Skull creek, which overflowed all the bottom lands north of town, causing considerable loss and damage.

TABLE ROCK—Frank Leatherman, who has been in the barber business here for the past twelve years, has sold his shop, business and residence property to W. M. Chanler, who comes here from Orleans, Neb.

BENKLEMAN—C. C. Barr, president of the Barr &Hamilton Lumber company, will go to Omaha Tuesday, where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis, with which he has been troubled for several weeks.

ARLINGTON—The heaviest rain of the season fell Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock. The storm came from the west and a heavy wind accompanied it. Every creek was a raging torrent in five minutes, and in places the water backed out into the fields, which may damage the crops to some extent.

EDGAR—This section was visited last evening by another furious electrical storm. From 6 to 8 p. m. the lightning was intensely vivid and the crashing of thunder was terrific. The rainfall, which was the heaviest ever seen here, continued from 7:30 to 8:30 and seemed more like a cloudburst than anything else. Two and one-half inches of water fell during the hour.

ST. PAUL—Past Grand Master C. J. Phelps of the Royal and Select Masters of Nebraska, assisted by Past Grand Masters Jameson and Carson, came up Saturday night and instituted a council of Royal and Select Masters at St. Paul. The council starts out with a membership of twenty-six and good prospects of a good increase in the near future. After the institution of the council a banquet was served in the temple banuet hall.

FREMONT—Some time yesterday afternoon a wallet containing $95 in cash and some notes was stolen from a cash drawer at Peter Poff's fruit and tobacco store on lower Main street. It is supposed a clerk did not close the drawer tightly and some of the light fingered class happened to see the wallet and sneaked it. Other money in the drawer was not taken. There is no clue to the thief. Aside from the money there were a number of checks aggregating about $30 in the wallet.

Boy's Life Saved.

My little boy, 4 years old had a severe attack of dysentery. We had two physicians; both of them gave him up. We then gave him Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which cured him and believe that saved his life.—William H. Stroling, Carbon Hill, Ala. There is no doubt but this remedy saves the lives of many children each year. Give it with castor oil, according to the plain printed directions and a cure is certain. For sale by all druggists.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Council Meeting Expected to Attract Large Attendance of Taxpayers.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE UP

Under the Law It Must Be Passed Before Fifteenth—Some Knotty Problems for Councilmen to Solve.

The meeting of the city council this evening will be the most important of the year so far as the interest of the taxpayers goes. The judiciary committee must report on the appropriation ordinance. The whole budget of city expenses will be included. For this reason it is anticipated the meeting will attract considerable attention. This meeting is of more than usual interest because the mayor and council, under the advice of the legal department, are wrestling with the proper interpretation of the city charter. Under a certain construction it is advanced that the city can pay the salaries separately from the fund for general expenses, but, on the other hand, this is a radical departure from previous construction placed on the wording of the charter. If it were not for the overlap of $12,000 left in the form of unpaid bills from the extravagancies of the last administration, it is possible that the city might be able to continue under the former construction of the charter, but these old claims must be met in one form or another. It is the difficulties in connection with these problems which have been racking the brains of the city officials during the last week. The charter provides that the appropriation ordinance must be introduced and passed before July 15. This required prompt action at the meeting tonight. There can be no further delays. These considerations will overshadow all other matters before the council tonight.

Making of Character.

Dr. R. L. Wheeler's evening sermon at the Presbyterian church on the subject of "The Making of Character" was worthy of more than passing comment. The doctor found in it one of his favorite themes and presented it with his usual address and vigor, although the storm threatening limited the audience. "Character is the white stone of the scriptures within which there is a new name written which no man knows except he that receives it. It is given only to us individually to know exactly what we are. We can be assisted, we may receive inspirations, we may exert our mite of influence; but no one can ever look within us and see this soul of ours. The elements of our character become fixed only by experience. We may be told over and over a hundred times but we will never know until we have had experience. Here is a text which is often overlooked and disregarded, but which ought to be taken for our encouragement. It will add much to our peace of mind: 'Count it all joy that ye be tempted with divers temptations, for it is by the buffet of these that we gain strength.' God weighs the spirit of man and tests it, and He knows what stress it will bear."

Magic City Gossip.

Mrs. P. S. Frawley, 3624 K street, is reported seriously ill.

Jetter's Gold Top Beer delivered to any part of the city. Telephone No. 8.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Young Men's Christian association will give an ice cream social at Highland park Thursday night.

George F. Gibbs and Theodore Petersen left yesterday for Grand Rapids, Mich.

Bee office removed to Live Stock Bank Bldg., Twenty-fourth and N. 'Phone 27.

Misses Beatrice Johnson and Inez Mangan are spending their vacations at Boulder, Colo.

Joe Norris is serving a thirty days' sentence in the county jail for wife abandonment.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Eckman have returned from a vacation trip through Iowa and Illinois.

It is expected that the first run of range cattle will arrive in the South Omaha yards this morning.

Good reports have been received from Miss Martha Campbell, who is on her European tour.

Heyman & Berry, sellers of "quality" meets, 24th and E, telephone 230; 24th and A, telephone 117.

F. E. Bliss, who has been suffering from appendicitis, is said to be recovering gradually at the South Omaha hospital.

The local lodge of the Royal Highlanders will go to Council Bluffs this evening to participate in a joint installation of officers, comprising all the lodges in the cities of Omaha and Council Bluffs as well. This will be the fifth consecutive installation in which all the lodges have combined. Frank Elgan of Council Bluffs and E. E. Ridgeway of South Omaha are each to be installed for their seventh term as presiding officers. Their election has been by acclamation.

TERCENTENNIAL OF QUEBEC

Month of July to Be the Scene of Brilliant Fetes at Canadian City.

QUEBEC, July 12.—Historic Quebec, on the occasion this month of the ter-centenary celebration of its founding, is planning a great historic, military and naval pageant in which the pages of history will be turned back to show to the world in a series of dramatic pictures how history was made in Canada in the days of old. The heir to the throne of the British empire is coming to honor the memory of Canada's founder, Samuel De Champlain, and his official landing will be made a brilliant spectacle.

Side by side through the streets of old Quebec, where once all three were at enmity, will march representatives of America, of England, of France, while in the harbor below the assembled battleships of many nations will boom out a salute to the past, present and future of Canada.

During the celebration, which will begin on July 19 and last throughout the month, equal honor is to be shown to the memory of two distinct historic periods of Canadian history, one marking the beginning and the other the ending of French control in Canada. Pageantry will be the chief feature of the ter-centennial. Over 4,000 men and women will participate in the reproduction. The dedication of the battlefields will be made the occasion for a military display July 24. Thousands of soldiers will be mobilized from all parts of Canada, and a score of battleships and cruisers will be in port representing England, United States, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Japan and the Argentine Republic.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The State department has been advised that the prince of Wales who is aboard the British battleship, Indomitable, will reach Halifax on Wednesday. The prince will attend the ceremonies to be held at Quebec, Canada, from July 22 to 29, in commemoration of the arrival of Champlain at that city 300 years ago.

Vice President Fairbanks will represent the United States and the battleship, New Hampshire, one of the finest in the navy, will be present. Rear Admiral W. S. Cowles, brother-in-law to President Roosevelt, wil be aboard the New Hampshire, as the special representative of the United States navy. His aide will be Lieutenant Commander David F. Sellers, while the New Hampshire will be commanded by Captain C. McR. Winslow.

QUIET ELECTION IN PANAMA

Senor Obaldia Chosen President, the Opposition Refraining from Voting.

PANAMA, July 13.—The presidential elections throughout the isthmus of Panama passed off today without disturbance. Senor Don Jose Dobingo De Obaldia, formerly minister to the United States and acting president during the absence of Dr. Amador, was elected president. The supporters of Ricardo Arias, who recently withdrew his candidacy, decided not to vote, and as a consequence no opponent to Senor Obaldia was placed in nomination. Notwithstanding this, a large number of voters registered their choice and demonstrated the overwhelming majority of Senor Obaldia's supporters.

From all parts of the republic news has been received here that the elections were carried on in an orderly manner and that Senor Obaldia received all the votes cast. At the conclusion of the ballot enthusiastic crowds, leaded by a band, paraded the streets of Panama, cheering for the newly elected president. There appeared to be an absolute absence of ill-feeling between the former supporters of Senor Arias and the adherents of Senor Obaldia. Never before has such a friendly spirit been shown so quickly after an election.

COLON, July 12.—The election here passed off quietly today. A heavy storm prevailed and the only votes cast were by the supporters of Senor Obaldia. They totalled 304. The police and government factions, with a few exceptions, abstained from voting. Two commissioners representing the United States kept watch on the balloting at each polling station.

SEVERE STORM NEAR NORFOLK

Tracks Are Washed Out and Railroad Traffic Stopped.

NORFOLK, Neb., July 13.—(Special Telegram.)—One of the worst rainstorms which ever visited this section occurred yesterday. It started about noon and before it stopped five and a half inches of water had fallen. There is a washout on the main line of the Northwestern between here and Stanton, on one the Omaha road just east of here and one on the Union Pacific between here and Columbus.

The Bonesteel train from the north and the main line train from the west reached here, but have been unable to proceed on account of the washout and the westbound main line Northwestern train is tied up at Stanton. The afternoon train on the Omaha did not go out and none arrived on the Union Pacific. It will be morning at least before the break in the tracks can be repaired, and possibly not that soon.

The rain extended as far west as Chadron and for some distance east, but so far as known was not heavy enough to do any damage except in this vicinity.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., July 13.—(Special Telegram.)—During the heavy electrical storm here yesterday the big barn on George Walcott's place south of town was struck by lightning and burned. Some stock which was in the barn was gotten out, but the barn and its entire contents, including a large quantity of grain and alfalfa hay, was quickly devoured by the flames. The barn and its contents were valued at $1,500 and were covered by $300 insurance. The residence of Dr. Boyd was also struck, the chimney being demolished and the flue ripped open down through the building clear to the ground, but none of the family was injured, although they were all sitting in the room through which the demolished flue passed. One and ninety-five one hundredths inches of rain fell in a few minutes, the downpour amounting almost to a cloudburst.

Seeks to Wed His Niece.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 13.—(Special.)—A man named Ford, accompanied by his niece, arrived in Beatrice from Kansas Saturday and applied to Judge Spafford for a license to wed. When the judge learned of the relationship existing between them he informed the stranger that a marriage license could not be issued to him. Ford said his home was at Lawrence, Kas., and gave his age as 40. His niece, Miss Ford, was about 19, and stated that she came from Missouri in the Ozark mountain region.

Fullerton's Chautauqua.

FULLERTON, Neb., July 13.—(Special.)—August 7 the Fullerton Chautauqua assembly will open its ninth annual session. It promises to be as successful as the preceding years. Excellent talent has been secured by the management and the grounds are being prepared for the tenters. Concessions are being granted and an excellent dining hall will be conducted.

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Lightning Strikes Trolley Car.

PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—During an electrical storm which passed over this city tonight, lightning struck a trolley car returning from a suburb, partly filled with passengers, and in the panic which ensued five women were thrown to the roadway and badly injured. The lightning blew out the fuses, placing the car in total darkness. The passengers made a rush to escape and in the confusion several of the passengers were trampled upon, but all escaped injury with the exception of the five women.

Edwards Recovers Memory.

ST. LOUIS, July 12.—C. W. Edwards of Chicago, whose strange loss of memory and its recovery have interested physicians, departed from the hospital today with his mother, Mrs. Allen Edwards of Danville, Ill. She came here in company with Edwards' business partner, Daniel Payne.

The days of Edwards' absence from Chicago, from Tuesday to Friday were still a blank to him today, but otherwise his memory seemed clear after his rest at the hospital.

That Satisfying Lingering Taste
HAS PLACED
Post (Formerly called Elijah's Manna)
Toasties
in the mouths of millions.
"The Taste Lingers."
Packages two sizes—10c and 15c
Made from pearly white Corn.
Postum Cereal Company, Limited
Battle Creek, Mich.