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TEST OF OCCUPATION TAX

Judge Sullivan Announces Case Will Be Started Soon.

MANY HAVE NOT PAID UP YET

Two Thousand Registered Corporations Have Gone Out of Business and No Record of it at the State House.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—John I. Sullivan is going to file a suit in the district court of Douglas county to test the legality of the occupation tax act passed by the late democratic legislature. Judge Sullivan called upon Attorney General Thompson this morning and announced to him that the suit would be filed within a short time.

Judge Sullivan said rumor had it that there were still standing some two or three acts passed by the legislature, and in order to get in the game he had to choose between the Sink bed sheet bill and the occupation tax, so he concluded to tackle the occupation tax.

Up to this time 1,195 corporations have paid the occupation tax, the fees amounting to $29,150. Of this sum $2,425 has been paid under protest. This money paid under protest, however, will go into the state treasury with the other, as there is no law by which it can be held out. The fact that it was paid under protest, however, may help the corporation get it back should the law be declared unconstitutional and the matter is taken up with the next legislature.

There are still about 5,000 corporations which have not paid the tax. Of the letters sent out 2,000 have been returned because the corporations have gone out of existence.

Under the law the tax must be paid by September 1, or a penalty of $10 is tacked on. If not paid by November 1, then it is the duty of the state to cancel the license of the corporation and prevent it doing business in Nebraska.

Proposes Change in Law.

Secretary of State Junkin has under consideration an amendment to the revenue law which he believes will be good. His amendment provides that the State Board of Equalization shall have power to equalize values of the various counties solely for state purposes, leaving to the county boards the authority to place a value on the property for county purposes.

Delay, then, on the part of the state board would not affect the counties to any great extent because the officials could go ahead and extend their levies for county and school purposes, while waiting for the state board. The levy for state purposes is always small compared with the levy for county and city purposes, and the secretary believes there would be no objections to the work of the state board, whether the values were high or low. As it is now, he says, persons are vitally interested in the work of the state board because it is on the values fixed by this board that county and city levies are made.

The board has no right to change the assessment of an individual, but merely equalizes values between the counties, so he believes this valuation so fixed should be used solely for realizing taxes for state purposes.

Investigation of Charges.

The State Board of Public Lands and buildings is going to Grand Island to investigate the charges made by Adjutant Joseph McGraw, who has been asked to resign by the governor. The board expects to make its investigation the first of the week. It will take a stenographer and cross-examine all the witnesses whom Mr. McGraw says he will have on hand. McGraw charged that Commander Barnes was not conducting the institution as it should be conducted.

Brian Back at Desk.

State Treasurer Brian and family returned this morning from a six weeks' trip into Colorado, where he learned to snare mountain trout on the run and track deer and bear like a stag hound.

"We certainly got back home at the wrong time," said the treasurer as he geared up the electric fan another notch. "It has been so cool where we have been that we have used blankets at night and frequently had to stay in the sun to keep warm in the mornings. I lost nine pounds walking over the mountains, but can eat just three times as much for a meal as I did before I left and I can enjoy it."

Problem for Excise Board.

The excise board is now up against a proposition. It has passed a rule that a transfer company cannot deliver beer to a purchaser. But this transfer company can bring the beer into town and place it in a warehouse, then notify the purchaser, who is permitted to hire another wagon to haul out his purchase. A local club yesterday had 400 cases of beer shipped in. The steward of the club went down and employed a big moving van and several men to help him unload it. While driving down the street the outfit was stopped by a policeman, who demanded to know what was going on.

"Whose wagon is this?" he inquired.

"It is mine for the day," replied the steward.

"Are these men in the employ of the transfer company?"

"They are in my employ for the day," replied the steward.

The police officer permitted the wagon to move on after this, but just what will happen now when the excise board sits on the case no one knows.

Incidentally, the police are enjoined from interfering with this club insofar as handling drinkables is concerned.

State Fair Athletic Meet.

The state fair association will hold its third annual track meet at the state fair this fall. The meet will be held on Tuesday, September 7, as follows: Weight events, 4 p. m.; field events, 5 p. m.; track events, 6 p. m. Because of the danger to spectators the weight events will be held at an appointed place outside the fair grounds, the field events will be held in the circle of the race track and the athletic events will be run off the track in front of the grandstand.

The board offers the following inducements to athletes: Gold, silver and bronze medals to the winners of first, second and third places in all events except the relay race and the team winners in this event will be given four gold medals. Contestants are given admission to the fair grounds on the day of the meet and succeeding days of the fair. Out-of-town contestants will be given hotel expenses on the day of the meet.

This meet is held under sanction of the Amateur League of North America and the Amateur Athletic union and is for amateur runners. Men may register for one year for 25 cents and receive one year's membership. The events are 100, 220 and 440-yard dashes, half and mile runs, shot put, hammer throw, discus, high and broad jump and county relay race. The county relay race is one of the most interesting races in the meet and should be contested

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for by a large number of teams. Four men compete on each team and each runs 220 yards. Further information and entry and registration blanks may be had by return mail by writing George M. Pinneo, Young Men's Christian association building, Lincoln, Neb.

Illegal to Deliver Beer.

District Judge Stewart has upheld the decision of Police Judge Risser that it is illegal to deliver beer in Lincoln and the fine levied on Robert Barrett for doing this, he holds, was proper. The case will be taken to the supreme court. The holding of the district judge was that the delivery of the beer constituted a part of the sale, and therefore the excise board has a legal right to prohibit its delivery from Havelock. The chief of police intends to prevent its delivery to the clubs of the city, and those who want beer are looking forward to a long dry spell.

One Death from Heat.

C. S. Adams, while walking with his wife this noon, dropped dead near Tenth and S streets. Physicians who were summoned said the man died of heart disease brought on by the intense heat. Mr. Adams was 67 years old and was a pioneer citizen of Lincoln. He was the father of five children, none of whom reside in Lincoln.

Work on Link to Cheyenne

Believe Burlington and Union Pacific Are Engaged in Contest for Line Out of Bridgeport.

BRIDGEPORT, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—A party of surveyors arrived in Bridgeport on Tuesday, and after supplying themselves with stakes and other essentials started southward. They are proceeding in the direction of Redington, but will give no information as to who their employers are. The object of this movement cannot be learned.

This party began work from a point in the Burlington track between the properties of Henry Dean and H. E. Clark and are going in the direction of Redington. It has been learned that representatives of the Burlington company are in Bridgeport and are authorized to secure right of way for the new line which seems to point in the direction of Cheyenne. This is undoubtedly the link which is to connect the Burlington road with the Clark road at Salt Lake City, this would give the Burlington the shortest and most direct line from the head of the Great Lakes to the Pacific coast.

Another party of surveyors is at work in Pumpkinseed valley. They are running a line from the neighborhood of Greeley, Colo., by way of Kimball, and will meet the Burlington track a short distance south of town. This line is surveyed through Kimball and is believed to be a Union Pacific movement to tap that line at this place, but of course nothing can be said for certain.

It is also believed that the other surveyors are employed by the Burlington company, and the seeming sudden rivalry between the two companies for the possession of the Pumpkinseed region indicates that there will be something doing here in the near future.

ARLINGTON PIONEER IS DEAD

Louis C. Weber, Prominent in Local and State Politics, Passes Away.

ARLINGTON, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Louis C. Weber, pioneer farmer and merchant, died at his home in this city after a long illness. He was born in Louisville, Ky., June 8, 1844. At the beginning of the civil war he enlisted in Company H, Sixty-fifth Indiana volunteers, and served three years, when he was discharged on account of wounds. He came to Washington county in 1869 and engaged in farming for several years, when he moved to this city and engaged in the merchandise and drug business until about two years ago, when he sold out to his two sons, Don and Fred. He always had been prominent in county and state politics. He served as county commissioner for nine years and was a member of the legislature in 1895-6. Mr. Weber was prominent in the Masonic, Eastern Star and Grand Army of the Republic lodges and held prominent offices in all, and was known to almost every person in this section.

The funeral will be held Monday at 2 p. m., and Hiram lodge, No. 52, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, will have charge of the funeral. Interment will be in the Arlington cemetery. He leaves a widow and four children.

RAIN SAVES THE CORN CROP

Hastings and Vicinity Favored by Heavy Shower.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—An inch and a quarter of rain fell this afternoon in time to save a large per cent of the corn crop, which would have been totally destroyed in a few more days of dry weather. Indications now favor a yield in this section considerably above half a crop. Heavy rains Thursday night in the vicinity of Holdrege and Kearney, and today's rain was from that area east into Clay county. The rain ended one of the most severe midsummer droughts ever experienced here.

MORAN ASKS FOR DIVORCE

Nebraska City Man Files Cross Bill to Wife's Petition.

NEBRASKA CITY, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Prior to the filing of the charge of insanity against her by her husband, Mrs. Maud L. Moran had instituted divorce proceedings. Now that she has been declared sane by Judge Dungan, Mr. Moran has filed a cross petition asking for an absolute divorce and the custody of the children. He charges her with cruelty. The case will be one that will take some time to try because Mrs. Moran does not wanf a divorce, but a decree of separation.

YOUTH MANGLED BY TRAIN

Body is Found by Crew Under Wheels at Dix, Neb.

KIMBALL, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The train crew of extra freight No. 202 found the horribly mutilated body of a young man under the wheels of the train at Dix, Neb., last night. The coroner was notified and brought the body to Kimball. It was apparently that of a man aged about 19 years. Nothing was found to identify him except a Northwestern card on which was written Homer Bizly, born 1890, Denver, Colo.

Silica Mine Near Bridgeport.

BRIDGEPORT, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—A. Moline and D. W. Sharp have located a silica mine about eighteen miles from Bridgeport. The deposit is a large one and the samples brought to town show a mineral of excellent quality. An effort will be made to dispose of it to one of the big soap companies, but failing in this, the product will probably be pulverized and placed on the market as a cleanser in bulk and in packa

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Little Child Wanders Away

Vicinity of Humboldt is Greatly Wrought Up Over the Affair.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—People in and about Humboldt are greatly excited over the disappearance of the 3-year old daughter of Gus Boeck, a farmer several miles northwest. The child disappeared from her home towards evening Friday. After a slight search about the yard, the father, who is peculiar, abandoned the search, said nothing of the child's disappearance until Saturday morning, going to sleep as usual, leaving a 12-year-old daughter to watch the house.

Neighbors formed searching parties, and scoured the highways, corn fields, yards, wells, cisterns, etc., without avail. The search continued until noon, the father taking little part, claiming he could see no tracks, no use to hunt.

The mother is dead and the stories told by three other children and the father conflicted so much that Sheriff Fenton was sent for, and with several posses searched the vicinity all afternoon until night fall without result beyond faint tracks supposed to be the child's and a dog's on the road a mile and a half away. A third party left Humboldt at 9 o'clock tonight to continue the search with lanterns. Boeck is a foreigner and talks brokenly. The family of children were found almost destitute of food or clothing, although the father owns a farm. Sheriff Fenton will continue the search Sunday morning backed by hundreds of farmers and towns people, if tonight's search proves unavailing.

Haley Fearful of Plot on Life

Double Mystery Surrounds the Disappearance of His Daughter.

NORFOLK, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—H. A. Haley of Norfolk is tonight trying to figure out whether the mysterious telegram received from Lake Geneva, Wis., and signed apparently by his daughter, who is reported to have disappeared from a boarding school there and for whom the entire countryside is searching, was really from his daughter, or was a decoy to lead him into a trap. A telegram to Lake Geneva to find out who got the answer Haley sent, elicits the statement that the party telephoned the telegraph office and got the reply, so Haley is still at sea.

A. H. Winder, formerly a prominent shoe dealer here and Haley's partner, divorced his own wife and Haley's wife also got a divorce and Winder married her. Afterward Winder's divorce was set aside by the court and he left here swearing vengeance on Haley. Haley had not heard from his daughter for three years till he got a telegram yesterday asking him to come to Williams Bay, Wis., at once. And to answer quick. Suspecting a plot on his life, he replied he couldn't go. Meanwhile the Associated Press reports the girl to have mysteriously disappeared.

Haley is now living happily here with a second wife, formerly Miss Anna Miller of Norfolk.

Work on Odd Fellows' Home.

YORK, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—C. A. McCloud received a letter from Hon. George L. Loomis of Fremont stating that the Board of Trustees of the Odd Fellows of Nebraska was unanimous in providing for a two-story and basement brick and stone building having a capacity of more than fifty. It is the object of the managers to build several buildings from time to time. The new building will cost about $50,000 and will be most complete, and work will be commenced at once.

Narrow Escape from Lightning.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The intense hot spell was relieved a little yesterday evening by a shower. The storm brought considerable lightning and one bolt struck the large barn of S. S. Smith just west of town, without doing any material damage, however. Three young men who were in the barn at the time narrowly escaped being injured by the lightning.

Wreck is Cleared Up.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The Rock Island track near Rockford, which was blockaded last night by a wreck, was cleared this evening and traffic resumed as usual. Thirteen were hurt in the wreck, only three of them seriously.

Nebraska News Notes.

GENEVA—A large new amphitheater has been built at the fair grounds. An unusually successful fair is expected this year.

YORK—E. H. Smith, Burlington agent here, will resign his position and engage in the nursery business with the Harrison Brothers Nursery company.

BEATRICE—Charles Eaton yesterday instituted suit for divorce against Mary Eaton. Cruelty and desertion are named as the grounds for the action.

FALLS CITY—Ray Schaible had a horse and buggy stolen from the south side of the court house square Wednesday evening. As yet no trace has been found of either.

GENEVA—Geneva and Sutton played two games Friday afternoon at the fair grounds, Geneva winning the first and Sutton the second. Scores: 12 to 6 and 6 to 4.

GENEVA—Last night the veterans of the Spanish-American war celebrated the eleventh anniversary of the capture of Manila with firing of the old Philippine cannon and fireworks.

PLATTSMOUTH—Rev. John H. Steger arrived from West Point and accepted the pastorate of the German Evangelical Lutheran church in this city. His family will arrive next week.

WEST POINT—Lucas Peatrowsky, a young business man of West Point has removed to Wisner where he has purchased a shoe store. He has been for some years the manager of the Oliverius shoe store in West Point.

FALLS CITY—Burglars entered the Stump home this week and got away with a $10 bill. They fortunately overlooked a large sum of money that was in the house. No clue has yet been found as to the identity of the thief or thieves.

UNION—Mrs. C. D. Keltner of Nehawka and Mrs. F. L. Rhoden of this place, both energetic workers for the Royal Neighbors lodge, took a class of six candidates to Plattsmouth Monday evening to initiate them into the mysteries of the lodge.

NEBRASKA CITY—Mrs. Anna Stanbro of Syracuse, has filed a suit in the district court against her husband, William Stanbro, asking for a divorce. Mr. Stanbro is one of the officers of the village of Syracuse and was married some ten years ago.

BEATRICE—Frank Marsh, living eight miles northwest of Beatrice, has an orange tree growing in his yard, which will bear considerable fruit this year. A branch of the tree containing about sixty peaches the size of plums was exhibited here yesterday.

LOUP CITY—During a heavy rain last evening lightning struck and burned the old Henry Leininger home in Washington township. A family by the name of Holcomb was living therein and were only barely able to escape with the loss of everything.

NEBRASKA CITY—The Otoe County Teachers' association meeting closed last evening. It was the largest in attendance held in this county, and was a success in every way. Thursday evening Superintendent H. C. Abbott gave an illustrated lecture on the Philippines at Fairyland theater, and yesterday afternoon the teachers were given an auto ride over the city and visited all of the places of interest as well as the factories.

WEST POINT—Martin Stark, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. August Stark, well known farmers of Elkhorn township, died at the family home of inflammation of the bowels at the age of 31. The funeral services were held under the auspices of the German Lutheran church.

BEATRICE—A hold-up man made an unsuccessful attempt to relieve Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Campbell of their loose change while driving to their home, four miles west of Beatrice, last night. Mr. Campbell notified the police of the attempted hold-up, but they failed to locate the guilty party.

WEST POINT—The twenty-eighth annual session of the Cuming county teacher's institute was in session at Wisner last week with the county superintendent, Miss Emma R. Miller in charge. The attendance is exceptionally large, seventy-five teachers taking part in the exercises.

PLATTSMOUTH—Charles C. Parmele, Charles D. Grimes, J. P. Falter, H. Wescott and Frank E. Schlater were among those who made about 150 miles through Cass county yesterday in autos to advertise the merchants' carnival, to be held in this city during the first week in September.

NEBRASKA CITY—So far this month there has not been a single arrest by the police of this city and, therefore, not a case has been heard in the police court. The police and the police judge say they will be ashamed to draw their salaries if things do not pick up before the close of the month.

WEST POINT—Ernest Schlecht, a pioneer citizen of Cuming county died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dedleff Ott, at the age of 81 years. He settled in Cuming county taking up a homestead here in the year 1864 and has been closely indentified with the development of this part of Nebraska.

FALLS CITY—The park board and chautauqua management met this week and finished checking up the ticket sales, which amounted to $3,019.15. Of this the park board receives 5 per cent of the first $2,500 and 15 per cent of all over that amount, making a total of $302.87, which has been turned over to the city treasurer for park improvements.

LOUP CITY—Mrs. Fritz Johansen, aged 64 years, a resident of Sherman county for the last twenty-seven years, died in this city Friday morning. She is survived by her husband, five sons and five daughters. Her death was caused by cancer of the liver. The funeral will be held from the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, her five sons acting as pall bearers.

HARVARD—The death of George C. Barthelman was reported from the Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth, Kan., last Thursday morning. Immediately his son William left Lincoln and reached Harvard on the Burlington train at 4 o'clock this morning with the body. Burial will take place from the home in this city tomorrow afternoon, with interment in the local cemetery.

NEBRASKA CITY—E. H. Wilson is home from Kansas, where he has been for the last week pitching horseshoe matches with some of the sports of that state. He came out victorious in every game, and at Topeka defeated the champion of the state. Mr. Wilson is president of the local club and is considered the best horseshoe pitcher in the state, and is willing to meet all comers.

WEST POINT—News has reached the city of the death at Meeker, Okl., of Mrs. Edgar N. Sweet, the wife of Judge E. N. Sweet, formerly of West Point. The deceased was well known here, her husband being a former county judge of Cuming county and the founder of the West Point Republican, the oldest paper in the Elkhorn valley, which he established in 1870.

UNION—Miss Jessie Drest has accepted the position of operator and manager of the Independent Telephone company at this place, the change taking place Tuesday. She succeeded Mrs. Clara Davis, who has been manager here for several years. The change was necessary on account of Mrs. Davis' health, which has been quite poorly of late. Mrs. Davis will still continue to make her home in Union.

YORK—The county board was engaged today in attempting to compel an estate to pay back taxes on property it claims had been hid and not returned for several years. When the estate was probated it was learned that from $50,000 to $100,000 had not been returned for valuation. The county attorney and leading attorneys in York, after investigating and looking up decisions, refused to take the case and advised no good action could be brought and held good.

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Forecast of the weather for Sunday and Monday:

For Nebraska and South Dakota—Generally fair Sunday and Monday.

For Iowa—Generally fair Sunday and Monday.

For Colorado—Generally fair Sunday and Monday.

For Wyoming and Montana—Generally fair Sunday and Monday, showers and cooler.

For Missouri and Kansas—Generally fair and continued warm Sunday and Monday.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	77
6 a. m.	77
7 a. m.	78
8 a. m.	80
9 a. m.	84
10 a. m.	88
11 a. m.	90
12 m.	91
1 p. m.	92
2 p. m.	95
3 p. m.	94
4 p. m.	92
5 p. m.	90
6 p. m.	89
7 p. m.	88

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Aug. 14.—Official record of temperature and precipitation, compared with the corresponding period of the last three years:

	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.
Maximum temperature	95	82	94	88
Minimum temperature	77	60	67	70
Mean temperature	86	76	78	79
Precipitation	.00	.07	.00	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and compared with the last two years:

Normal temperature	78
Normal precipitation	.11 inch
Deficiency for the day	.11 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	18.56 inches
Deficiency since March 1	1.40 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1908	.34 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1907	2.93 inches

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

SUMMER COLDS

Are Considered by Doctors More Dangerous Than Winter Colds.

In the first place, a person is quite as apt to catch cold in the summer as in the winter. It is harder to cure a cold in summer than in winter. The bracing air of winter assists the remedy in overcoming the cold. The sultry, depressing and changeable weather of summer greatly retards and sometimes prevents the cure of colds in the summer. Probably more cases of chronic disease have resulted from summer colds than winter colds. The doctors are beginning to wake up to this fact, which has been largely overlooked by them in the past.

Miss Ivy Gray, Fairview, Ky., says: "I have taken Peruna, and would say that it is the best medicine for coughs and colds I ever saw. I find that it always cures a cold in a short while. It also strengthens and builds up the system."

Mr. Charles V. Daniels, 105 East Third Ave., Beloit, Kas., says: "I am very susceptible to colds. Peruna rid me of my trouble. I am well and strong now, and I shall certainly know what to take when I contract another cold."

George W. Anderson, care Fire Department, Galesburg, Ills., says: "I caught a bad cold. A druggist advised me to try Peruna, and I did. I soon forgot that I ever had a cold, and I shall always have Peruna on hand, for it certainly does the business."

WOMEN MAKE A STIFF FIGHT

Caught Lifting Goods and Then Start a Rough House in Spite of Heat.

FIGHT ALL THE WAY TO JAIL

Then Tell the Officers a Few Things in a Language Too Strong for the Hardened Turnkeys to Listen To.

Pugilistic celebrities now are these two women.

The hot weather did not reduce their fighting propensities and it took the auto patrol, the regular police wagon, four officers, a detective and several innocent bystanders to quell the rioting of Mrs. Carrie Tracy and Jessie Hart, who were caught in the act of shop-lifting at the drug store of Sherman & McConnell, Sixteenth and Dodge, Saturday afternoon.

This was accomplished only after the belligerent feminine had laid out one clerk, Miss Nellie Kelly, who works at the drug store; kicked Detective Walker in the abdomen with a foot that wore larger than a No. 6; tore the suspenders from a non-participant in the affair and collected a crowd of several hundred people to witness the uncivilities.

Even after they had been deposited in the cage behind the sergeant's desk at the police station the impolite pair threatened to knock out a few of the officers. They called the turnkey at the jail all the bad names devised since Eve and Adam met in the garden where the fruit was an evil temptation. Their pugnacious proclivities were somewhat dampened when they reached the jail and they did not attempt to use their fists. Their language, though, will be remembered by the station officers until the last day they are on the force.

The interesting little disturbance started shortly before 3 p. m., when Mrs. Tracy and her pal, Jessie Hart, started out to do some of Omaha's friendly merchants out of a few dollars worth of goods. The girls evidently were out for a big afternoon, for with them was a man who made a clean getaway when the feminine portion of the trio attracted undue attention.

Starts in Drug Store.

As the first place for action the women selected the Sherman & McConnell drug store and made a gallant entrance there just as the town clock struck a quarter to three. Mrs. Tracy carried in her left hand a brown hand satchel. She was to carry the goods. Miss Hart attracted Mr. Sherman's attention with pretense of a purchase.

Just then the sly Tracy girl began filling her satchel with many things that cost the drug firm money and which were on the counters for the purpose of being sold. She had not collected more than five or six bottles of perfume and several trinkets until the keen eyes of Miss Kelly espied her. The alarm was given and the women started to get away.

Miss Kelly planted herself in front of the Tracy woman, who raised up her strong right arm and deftly planted a neat blow on the clerk's pretty mouth. By that time Mr. Sherman and Mrs. C. Davidson, another clerk, were conscious of the interesting doings and rolled up their sleeves to get into the fray.

The women shoplifters fled from the store, with Mr. Sherman and Mrs. Davidson in hot pursuit. Sherman was without a hat, and as he sped along Sixteenth street following the thieves toward the Boston store, whence they were making a hotfoot, he looked for all the world like a Marathon racer in the best of condition.

Despite all Mr. Sherman and his clerk could do, the women made the Boston store in safety, but with a hundred people then joined in their pursuit.

Luckily for Mr. Sherman, but rather unfortunate for the women, Detective Walker appeared on the scene and ran into the store after the women. Both of them he caught, but they made his life one miserable time for a few minutes until outsiders gave him assistance. The Tracy woman kicked him in the abdomen and the Hart girl pulled his hair and tried to get at his eyes.

Two Patrol Wagons.

In the meantime, while the chase was going on, the police station had been told that a small riot was in progress at Sixteenth and Douglas streets, and both the auto and wagon patrols were hustled to the scene. These arrived just in time to relieve Detective Walker of his burden and give him a chance to breath.

The two women were first taken back to the drug store to be identified. There they grew boisterous again and Mrs. Tracy grabbed the suspenders of a bystander and yanked them from his pants.

At the station they did not like the way they were handled and they caused more commotion than has been occasioned there for several months.

The male pal of the women made good his escape and the police have no idea as to who he is. The women, they say, are tough characters, and both have been in jail before. The Tracy woman has lived in Omaha all her life and frequently gets into bad straits. The pair live at Twentieth and Center streets.

Caught in the Act

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Midsummer Specials in Lace Curtains and Curtain Nets

Three patterns 45-inch two-tone fancy net, made from high grade Egyptian yarn. This sells regularly at 85c per yard; special for this week, per yard.... **49c**

Four patterns 48-inch, in white and ecru, fancy nets. The newest in net squares and art noveau designs. We offer them special for this week at, yard.. **37½c**

42-inch scrim, in square designs, colors white, ivory and Arabian. A complete assortment at, yard, **25c**

Scrim Curtains

The new scrim curtain with drawn work and insertion and edge.

Scrim curtain with insertion and three-inch hem, 2½ yards long, per pair **$1.95**

Imported scrim curtain, with hemstitching and drawn work; regular $5.00 curtains; special for this week, per pair **$3.75**

CROPS BETTER IN EUROPE

Yield Will Be Larger Than Two Years, but Below Average.

CENTRAL PART IS HARDEST HIT

Germany and Austria-Hungary Will Have a Decline in Wheat Yield —Candian Reports Are Encouraging.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—With mid-harvest reached in Europe, the Department of Agriculture today issued a report showing the conditions of the crops in foreign countries. The conditions are the least promising in central Europe. As to this section the report says:

"There was little improvement last month, because of the weather. In Germany and Austria-Hungary, a considerable decline in this year's wheat crop and a moderate decrease in rye seemed assured. The reduction in wheat in central Europe will be 50,000,000 bushels below last year, when a bare average crop was reaped.

"Western and southwestern Europe," the report adds, "are reaping crops much more satisfactory. In Great Britain, on an increased acreage the condition of wheat is placed at 4 per cent above average. In Spain a yield is expected to be sufficient to supply the domestic demands. In Italy the crop yield generally seems satisfactory, but the quality is poor. An official estimate places the probable harvest 10 per cent or about 15,000,000 bushels above last year. The latest official crop report of France is unfavorable as regards conditions, but an average wheat harvest is still possible, owing to the increased area.

"Throughout eastern and southern Europe good crops condition have been maintained. In Roumania, in spite of a smaller area of wheat, a crop much larger than yast year is expected. In Bulgaria and Servia the promise is favorable, while in Russia the crops are rated good. In the latter country the acreage of winter wheat is undoubtedly less than last year, but spring wheat is the crop much more largely grown.

Old Stocks Are Low.

"The stocks left over from last year have run low and the lateness of this year's harvest in importing countries will cause a further drain. While the European harvest, as a whole, will undoubtedly be larger than those of the last two years when there was a serious crop shortage, it is unlikely to come up to that of 1906 or even of 1905.

"Outside of Europe and the United States, Canada is the only important producer which harvests its crops at this season; latest reports thence are decidedly encouraging, indicating for all grains, except winter wheat, a crop much in excess of last year.

"It is still too early to judge of the between-season crops to be furnished by India, Australia and Argentina. The favorable monsoon in India gives promise of a faborable season, but it must be borne in mind that the next wheat crop has not yet been sown there. Seeding in Australia has been favored by plentiful rains. In Argentina serious drouth prevailed for months and at the date of the latest reports had been broken only in part; a large decrease in the area under wheat seem certain."

Chicago Streets Are Flooded

Street Cars Stopped and Wires Are Leveled by Three Inches of Rain.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—An electrical storm which swept over this city early today flooded many basements throughout the city, crippled the telephone and telegraph systems and delayed street car traffic. Several houses were struck by lightning. One family was compelled to move out of its house owing to danger of the building sliding into an excavation filled with water on the adjoining lot which had been dug for a new house.

The storm lasted four hours, during which time the rainfall amounted to 3.30 inches.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Aug. 14.—A cloudburst, officially registered at the United States weather bureau as 3.83 inches, swept this district today, washing out railroads, crippling telephone and telegraph service and doing great damage to farms.

The year-old son of Michael Finney, jr., a janitor living at 1149 Washington boulevard, fell from the bed in his basement home, and before he could be rescued in the darkness was drowned.

TO PURCHASE FALL STOCK

William H. Schmoller and W. W. Turner Leave for the East to Buy Fall Stock of Pianos.

With the express purpose of getting a line of the latest styles of pianos for the coming season, Mr. William H. Schmoller and Mr. W. W. Turner, manager of the Schmoller & Mueller Piano company, left for the east Saturday evening.

One of the underlying principles of this well known firm has always been to keep at the very front by carrying in stock only those pianos with the latest case designs and finishes.

In years past a yearly tour of the eastern factories has been made in advance of placing the season's orders for the Omaha store and the Schmoller & Mueller Piano company's branches.

This year owing to the fact that the Schmoller & Mueller Piano company has entered the wholesale field during the past sixty days, fall stocks for nearly one hundred branches must be arranged for, which makes this purchasing trip one of the greatest importance to all the factories whose instruments are carried by this company.

Before leaving Omaha, Mr. Schmoller stated that as a result of careful investigation extending over a period of several weeks past that he is personally assured that the coming fall will be by far the biggest in the volume of business handled not only for his own company, but that the same thing will hold good with all the wholesalers, retailers and jobbing houses of this western country.

Thompson, Belden & Co.'s Buyers Leave for Eastern Markets.

Mr. Negele, general manager; Miss Rhodes, buyer of neckwear, ribbons, laces and dress trimmings; Mrs. Stork, buyer of art goods; Mr. Nicoll, buyer of women's wearing apparel, and Mr. Horne, buyer of linens, all leave for New York Monday.

SEE THE FALL WINDOW DISPLAYS

King-Swanson Co.

16TH & HOWARD STS.

"THE HOME OF QUALITY CLOTHES."

HALF MINUTE STORE TALK

"These people are 'live ones'," said a window gazer the other night, "and they must have abundant confidence in their fall clothes to show them at this time—all ticketed, too! Great idea—gives a man time to think about what he'll wear and where he'll get it."

That man expressed our ideas as well as we could have done. We have so much confidence in our clothes that we have the first fall show in the U. S.

Guaranteed Patent Leathers for Fall...

Window No. 4 contains a splendid display of Burt and Packard Correct Shape Patent Leather Shoes and Oxfords for fall. Every pair is sold under an unqualified guarantee.

GUARANTEE

We will replace free of charge any pair in which the uppers break through before the first sole wears through.

We first displayed and advertised these shoes on January 24, 1909—since that time over 1,000 Omaha men have, for the first time in their lives, enjoyed patent leather satisfaction. We invite you to be one of them—we've a vast variety of snappy styles and lasts and a modest price that will cause you to regret the high prices you've heretofore paid for patent leathers.

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