

PRACTICAL JOKER IS ABROAD
Residents of West Harney Street
Are Continually Stirred Up.

CALL ON POLICE FOR HELP
Trouble of Morris Meyer, Recounted
Before, is Only Part of the Grief
Which Comes to Those Who
Bear Blunt of Jokes.

Morris Meyer is really and truly mad now. The other day, when several cases of beer and a few less freezers of ice cream, which he did not order, were left on his porch he was surprised. The next day, when several dry cleaning establishments sent a wagon to collect some clothes of which he knew nothing, he was peevish, but when he was routed out of bed to answer a telephone call Sunday night about 11 o'clock, he became irate.

Now he is on the warpath. He has put the matter in the hands of detectives and is backed by about six other neighbors who have been annoyed in the same manner.

Early yesterday morning Mr. Meyer was awakened by the incessant ringing of his door bell. He answered it. "I'm from Drescher's; where's that clothing you wanted cleaned?"

Mr. Meyer thought for a while and then counted ten and managed to squeeze out a near-polite retort such as this: "You get out of here in a hurry or I will."

Mr. Meyer is not the brunt of all those jokes, however.

Early last week W. H. Platter of the Platter Lumber company received a telephone call.

"Is this Mr. Platter?"

"Yes."

Calls for Minister.
"Well, you are a member of the First Methodist church and this is Mrs. J. J. Davey. Will you call the minister from your church and tell him to hurry over to my place, as a friend of mine is dying?"

"Well, the minister of my church is out of town, but call up the minister of the Hancock Park church, and he may come over."

In a short while Mrs. Davey met a clergyman coming up her front steps and when she heard his mission, to say she was surprised would not explain it. "I guess you have the wrong number," was her explanation.

Saturday the telephone in Mrs. N. S. Durkee's home at 3203 Howard street was disconnected. She could not get an out wire and inquired over a neighboring phone what the reason was. Her answer was this:

"Why Frank J. Norton of 2245 street ordered it taken out."

Mrs. Durkee immediately hid herself to Norton's home. A stormy session was averted when Mr. Norton replied that he had not called the telephone company and knew nothing about the matter. It then dawned on both parties simultaneously what was up.

Mr. Norton and his wife called on Charles Israel and his wife at 342 Dewey avenue Sunday night and about 9 a taxi stopped in front of the latter's home. "Here's your taxi, Mr. Israel," sung out the driver.

"I never ordered a taxi," came the reply from the recesses of a dark piazza.

President Mohler
Orders Extension
of Union Pacific

President Mohler of the Union Pacific has returned from the west, having accompanied Judge Lovett, chairman of the executive committee of the Harriman roads, as far as Yellowstone park. The judge is making a tour of the park for the first time.

All over the Union Pacific country, says President Mohler, conditions are ideal and crops are immense. At no point is there a failure, or even a shortage.

With the return of President Mohler comes the authorization of an extension of ten miles on the Kearney and Northport line up the North Platte valley. The extension will be from Gering to Mitchell, an inland town in Scott's Bluff county, south of Scott's Bluff. It is probable that the extension will be completed in operation this fall. It passes through a rich agricultural section, all under irrigation.

COUNTY TAX LEVY REDUCED
Economy is Watchword Promulgated
by Douglas Commissioners.

ALL EXPENSES TO BE TRIMMED
State Levy is Reduced One Mill and with Other Economical Measures Tax Will Be Reduced Three Mills.

Reduction of at least 2 mills in the county tax levy, to be made Saturday, was agreed upon by the Board of County Commissioners in committee meeting yesterday.

A greater reduction will be made if possible, but the board is determined upon cutting down the levy at least 2 mills from last year.

The state tax levy this year is reduced 1 mill, from 6.2 mills to 5.2 mills. This, with the county's reduction of 2 mills, will make a total reduction for county and state of 3 mills and the Board of Education and the city council may increase the cut.

Last year's county levy was 17 mills. It produced \$84,259.29. If this year's levy is an even 2 mills lower it will produce approximately \$75,000, only about \$10,000 less than was produced last year by a levy 2 mills higher. The explanation of this is that the actual valuation of property in the county was increased \$3,000,000 and the assessed valuation \$5,000,000 by the county equalization board.

Practice Rigid Economy.
The commissioners believe that by practicing rigid economy they will be able to manage the county's business and take care of the large expense of maintenance of the new county building with \$10,000 less money than is being used this year.

The reduction will be made principally in the road and bridge funds. Last year the total levy for the roads, bridges and emergency bridge fund was 4.06 mills; this year it will be about 2.69 mills.

A month ago County Commissioners Lynch and Elsassar started the movement for a lower levy and the other commissioners accepted the proposition and joined in figuring out ways for reducing expense.

As a result of the reduction in road and bridge funds there will be almost but not quite so much money to expend on roads and bridges next year, while there will be more for other departments.

Nebraska Bankers
to Mix Play with
Work at Convention

The program for the annual convention of the Nebraska State Bankers' association has been made out with a long list of fun features and educational meetings. The convention starts next Monday.

The bankers will be entertained by Samson at the den the first night of the convention and the following night the annual banquet will be given at the Field club with the bankers of Omaha and South Omaha as hosts.

The principal speakers of the meetings will be the famous detective, William J. Burns; D. A. Forgan, president of the City National bank of Chicago, and C. W. Pugley, director of the experiment station at the state farm in Lincoln.

DIETZ CLEARS CHURCH DEBT
Writes Check for Institution That
Bears His Father's Name.

OLD MORTGAGE IS WIPED OUT
John Dale, Who Has Done Much
Toward Putting Memorial on
Its Feet Makes Interesting
Remarks.

Jubilee services were held Sunday night at Dietz Memorial church, Tenth and Pierce streets, in honor of the lifting of the heavy debt under which the church has been burdened for years.

A mortgage of \$10,000 has stood against the church for a number of years. Through the persistent efforts of John Dale, one of the oldest members and hardest workers, \$5,000 of this was raised, when Gould Dietz, whose father's name the church bears, wrote Mr. Dale a check for \$5,000 more in order to complete the amount required to lift the debt.

Dr. C. M. Dawson spoke on the past history of the church. He reviewed its history from the day when it was known as the South Tenth Street church, through the days when it was known as the South Omaha Methodist, and up to the present Dietz Memorial.

Rev. J. Franklin Haas spoke of the present of the church, saying it now had 151 members and that the church records had undergone a thorough house-cleaning, so that these 151 members were actually bonafide members and not merely members in name. If all the members were vigilant and cautious from this on, he said, that the church could go to the last quarterly conference with a clean sheet financially, as there would not be a dollar of debt against it in any way.

John Dale, the man to whom is largely given the credit for the raising of the \$5,000 that prompted the gift of the remaining \$5,000, talked of the work of raising the fund and related some of the early financial struggles of the church. F. M. Fredericksen rendered a violin solo at the opening of the evening services. Little Miss Olga Eitner, who was brought especially to take part in the program, was introduced as a musical prodigy and defended her title creditably in a violin solo. Miss Elizabeth Hamlin rendered a vocal solo.

Sheep and Cattle
Business on Range
Should Be Merged

Merging the cattle and sheep raising industries into one will solve the problem of the warfare between the cattle men and the sheep men, according to Laurie Simms of Torrington, Wyo., who is doing his part along this line. Simms has cattle and sheep in Wyoming and Montana, and he says if every man would run his business as he runs his, the bitterness between cattle and sheep men soon would be ancient history.

"You can't blame cattle men for hating a good many fellows of the class called 'sheep men,'" said Simms, talking to some friends here Sunday. "I despise some of them myself. But you can't make sheep herders any less despicable by kicking them and cutting them and classing the good ones with the bad. I have men working for me with my sheep that are just as good men as ever handed cattle."

"There are just two things to be done to stop the cattle-sheep trouble: Get good men for the sheep work and let every rancher handle sheep and cattle, too. The cattle man hates the sheep man because when sheep get through with a piece of ground there is nothing left for cattle. You let sheep graze a while and then put cattle on that range and they will starve to death. The sheep clean the ground. They get to the very roots unless you keep them moving and get them off before they have gone that far. But after the cattle have been on the range, the sheep can go there and get plenty to eat. The sensible thing to do is get the cattle on first. Now the sheep, and cattle men fight for the range. If every man had sheep and cattle, too, he could keep them moving, first cattle and then sheep, and everything would be all right. He wouldn't get into a fight with himself."

Greenblatt is Unable
to Meet Obligations

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed against Harry Greenblatt of Omaha, a wholesale jeweler. The petitioners are W. and S. Blackington, Cheever-Tweedy company, Peerless Chain company, H. D. Merritt, Richards Manufacturing company, and others, who claim the defendant committed acts of bankruptcy in that he admitted through letter his inability to pay debts and signified his willingness to be adjudged bankrupt. The petitioners allege they have claims against him in excess of securities held by them in the sum of \$1,000.

MOORE FINED BY FOSTER
ON DISORDERLY CHARGE

Charles Moore, of the firm of Wick & Moore, whose saloon was raided Saturday night by the police, was fined \$30 and costs in police court on the charge of conducting a disorderly house. Sixteen inmates were discharged and one forfeited his bond.

The case against Frank Dinuzo, whose place at 211 South Thirteenth street, was also raided, was continued until Tuesday. Eighteen inmates were discharged and thirteen forfeited their bonds.

Gertie Broomfield was fined \$25 and costs. One of the seven inmates arrested when her place at 114 Douglas street was raided, three were discharged and four forfeited their bonds.

NORTHWESTERN REBUILDS
ONE OF ITS IOWA LINES

The Northwestern is about ready to begin the reconstruction of its line from Wall Lake to Sioux City. The grades will be cut down, curves taken out and the distance shortened from ten to fifteen miles, making this the favorite line for freight shipments between Chicago and South Dakota points.

Col. Meek Killed
at Marble Plant

Members of the Board of County Commissioners were shocked to learn of the death of Colonel C. F. Meek, head of the Colorado Yule Marble company, which is furnishing marble for the new county building. Colonel Meek was killed at the works, when a marble car on which he was riding became unmanageable and dashed down the track and the colonel jumped.

Only a few days ago Colonel Meek was in Omaha on his way to his home in Denver from New York City, where he landed a contract for marble in the New York City municipal building. The commissioners felicitated him upon his success with the Colorado-Yule company. He invested millions of dollars in the quarries and devoted himself to the project for years before he received any return.

FILE BRICK YARD ORDINANCE
Council Tables Amendment When
Threat of Referendum is Made.

Commissioners Stop All Proceedings Because of Storm of Protests Which Are Brought Before That Body.

Threat of a referendum forced the city council to table an ordinance amending the old prohibitory ordinance against the establishment of brick yards within the city limits. By unanimous vote the council decided to stop all proceedings and the ordinance was placed on file.

Objections to this ordinance were made by the Craigston First Addition club, which resolved that it was for the purpose of giving a South Omaha opportunity to build a brick yard at Thirty-seventh and Wright streets.

Amendments to the original ordinance had been drafted. One of these compelled brick yards to have chimneys not less than 100 feet high. Another prohibited excavation below the established grade of adjacent streets.

Mike Hogan, representing Craigston's First Addition club, was present at the meeting of the council in committee of the whole to protest. The council heard him and upon motion of Commissioner Ryder made the recommendation to place the ordinance on file.

Private John Smith
is Back in Service

John Smith, the veteran of twenty-nine years of army service who is again to enter the army at 64 in order that he may complete thirty years of service which will put him on the retired list, is to be assigned to one of the companies of infantry at Fort Crook. Private Smith will not shoulder a musket, but will be assigned to the duty of messenger to the adjutant general in the United States Army building in Omaha, a civil service position which he now holds and has held for a number of years. He will not march with the troops nor take part in the maneuvers. The only difference in his service under Uncle Sam as a soldier assigned to a company of infantry, will be that he will draw the pay of a soldier during his enlistment instead of the pay of a messenger, which he has now been drawing for years.

Fall Run of Stock
is Now Under Way

The fall run of range cattle and sheep began on the South Omaha market yesterday. The receipts were 7,000 head of cattle and 22,000 head of sheep, which is considered a fairly large run at this time of the year.

COUNTY COAL CONTRACTS
LET BY COMMISSIONERS

Low bidders for county coal contracts for the year beginning September 1, 1924 were the L. B. McCoun company and the Nebraska Fuel company, and contract were awarded them by the Board of County Commissioners. The successful bids follow:

L. B. McCoun Company—For the River-view home: Cherokee steam, \$3.18; Cherokee nut, \$3.15; Missouri line run, \$4.05.

Nebraska Fuel Company—For the county court house: Radium washed steam, \$3.40; radium washed nut, \$3.20; Cherokee nut, mine screened, \$4.18; Cherokee nut, screened at yards, \$4.28.

COUNTY GETS REDUCTION
IN NEW BRIDGE CONTRACT

The county's general bridge contract for year beginning next month will be let at a reduction of about 10 per cent from the contract now in effect. The Canton Bridge company of Kansas City is the lowest bidder, but the computations which will show exactly the reduction have not yet been made. On the numerous items which go to make up the bid on the general contract the company is from 1 to 10 per cent lower than the lowest bidder last year, the Western Bridge and Construction company, which holds the present contract.



TUESDAY--IN THE BASEMENT
The Final Clean-Up
Women's Wash Suits
Summer Coats, Skirts and Negligees
At Prices Never Before Known in Omaha's History

Women's Wash Coat Suits
Made to Sell Up to \$7.50, at 95c
White and all colors—medium and long length jackets—braid and lace trimmed—also plain tailored. Just 200, in all sizes for women and misses, worth up to \$7.50, Tuesday, in basement, extra special at.....



Women's Automobile Coats and Linon Duster Coats
All sizes for women and misses—good, practical long coats that will give good service. Made to sell up to \$2.50; Tuesday in basement at.....

75c Long Kimonos 25c
100 dozen long kimonos in floral patterns, black and white dots and figures—made of lawns. 75c values, in basement Tues- day at.....

25c Combing Sacques 9c
200 dozen short kimonos or combing sacques, in floral or dot patterns, 25c values, Tuesday in the basement, extra special at.....

Women's Wash Skirts
White and colored linon wash skirts, good quality, button and self strap trimmed, worth up to \$1.00; Tuesday in basement at.....

Women's Wash Dresses
Good quality midsummer wash dresses in various stylish designs and all sizes, made to sell as high as \$3.00—basement, Tuesday at.....

New Silks Worth up to \$1 yd., 39c-49c yd.
Beautiful new silks in plain and fancy messalines, bordered pongees, Surrahs, Charmeuse, Louisines, foulards and Persians—in all shades—20 to 27 inches wide and worth up to \$1 a yard—Main floor— at, a yard.....

27-inch Swiss and Batiste Embroidered Flouncings, also 17-inch embroidered Corset Coverings, many are worth 60c a yard—Tuesday at, a yard.....

40c Embroidered Insertions and Gallons, up to 4 inches wide—baby Irish and combination effects—Tuesday at, a yard.....

French and German Val Laces and Insertions, also dainty crochet and cluny effects—many to match—Tuesday at, a yard.....

BRANDEIS STORES
DR. BRADBURY, DENTIST
1506 Farnam St. Phone Doug. 1750.

CLouDBURST KILLS CATTLE
Much Damage is Wrought by Rains in South Dakota Sunday.

NEW MOWN HAY SWEEP AWAY
While Precipitation is General West of Missouri River the Heaviest Downpour is Recorded North of Nebraska.

KAISERHOF CHICAGO
HOTELS AND SUMMER RESORTS

KIERSTEADS RETURN FROM TRIP TO SKAGWAY, ALASKA
Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Kiersteads have returned from a 10,000-mile trip to Alaska and up and down the Pacific coast. Mr. Kiersteads says that in all his travels he did not see a spot that looks as well as the state of Nebraska, which he traversed in daylight. They met Frank Crawford in Vancouver, besides many other Omaha people at different points.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Baxter and Mrs. Baxter's mother, who have been summing at Grand View, Thousand Islands park, will return about September 1. They will be in Wilwaukee during the convention of the American Bar association, of which Mr. Baxter is a member.

Drexel's Sale
of Barefoot Sandals



TUESDAY
we place on sale all of our Barefoot Sandals. These are the finest sandals made, genuine Russia calf, welt soles. They will outwear two pairs of ordinary sandals. Children's sizes 5 to 11, regular price \$1.35; sale price \$1.10. Misses' sizes 12 to 2, regular price \$1.50; sale price \$1.25. Boys' and Women's sizes 3 to 6; regular price \$2.00; sale price \$1.60.

BOY SCOUT SHOE SALE
\$2.50 grade \$1.85
\$2.00 grade \$1.55



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via Rock Island Lines

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"If you don't like TRUST BUSTER CIGARS as well as you used to, see a stomach specialist. TRUST BUSTER never changes but you try it to make sure." Pickles and ice cream and watermelon and cheese will make you sore at ANY cigarist."

John's Cigar Store
321 South 16th St.

AMUSEMENTS.
Base Ball
OMAHA vs. WICHITA
Rourke Park
August 20, 21, 22 and 23.
Friday, August 23, Ladies' Day.
Games Called 3:30.

BRANDEIS THEATER
Next Sunday Matinee, 4 Days
DAVE LEWIS in
The Girls Farce
Don't Lie to Your Wife
Seats Wednesday

KRUG THEATER
Mat. Today, 2:30; Night, 8:30.
JARDIN DE PARIS GIRLS
REAL BURLESQUE.
Ladies' Daily Dime Matinee

THE FAMOUS
Patrick Conway's Band of New York
40—ARTISTE—40
LAKE MANAWA
This Week.
Concerts Each Afternoon and Evening, as follows: 2:30 to 3:30; 4:30 to 5:30; 8 to 9 and 9 to 11. Farewell Concerts Friday Evening.
THE GREATEST BAND THAT HAS VISITED THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY FOR YEARS. IN THE CLASS WITH SOUSA'S AND ELLIOTT'S. DON'T FAIL TO HEAR IT!
Admission to Park Free. Reserved seats in front of Band Stand 10 cents for each concert.