

MANY FAVOR CHARITY BALL

Insinuations of Some of the Ministers Are Resented.

TICKETS GO AT A RAPID RATE

Prominent Clergymen Assert that the Character of the Committee in Charge is Sufficient Guarantee.

Opinions at variance with the attitude against the charity ball taken by the Ministerial union Monday, are being freely expressed by some of Omaha's leading preachers, church members and business men.

In the meantime, tickets for the big New Year's affair for the benefit of the City Mission are being sold rapidly. Harry A. Tukey, chairman of the ticket committee, said at noon that he expects that every one of the 3,000 tickets will be sold long before the ball takes place.

Opinion that the Ministerial union took up the question of the charity ball at all, Rev. Frederick T. Rouse of the First Congregational church declared. "I favor a more tolerant attitude, and believe there are plenty of really bad things for us to fight without interfering with charity balls."

"The ministers cannot change the ball, and from the personnel of the ball management, it looks as if the affair will be conducted properly," said Rev. Edwin Hart Jenks of the First Presbyterian church. He and Rev. Dr. Rouse opposed action by the Ministerial union until the ball management was heard. When they failed in this, a compromise was adopted in the appointment of a committee to confer with the ball committee.

Says Action is Foolish.

"The action of the Ministerial union was foolish," Rev. Thomas J. Mackay, rector of All Saints' Episcopal church, said when he learned what the preachers did. He said he got disgusted with the union some time ago and had not attended its meetings recently.

"The money to be raised by giving the ball is for a good cause," Dr. Mackay continued. "I know the ball will be a very proper affair, for Omaha's best citizenship is represented on the committee in charge."

"I do not know why the ministers should oppose the ball," said Dean James A. Hancock of Trinity cathedral. "It is for a very worthy cause. When a boxing and wrestling exhibition was given recently for the same purpose, the ministers did not object. Some of the best people in the city are forwarding the ball, so its high character is assured."

To Raise Large Sum. Between \$4,000 and \$5,000 will be cleared by the ball and will be turned over to the managing board of the City Mission, according to Clement C. Gilmore, chairman of publicity for the ball committee. He says a similar big charity ball was given in Omaha in 1884 and that about \$2,300 was cleared then.

Besides the expression of some ministers who deplore the action of the Ministerial union Monday in questioning the respectability of the ball, other statements by highly respected business men are being made. George F. Gilmore, president of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian association, said: "I know that the people who are giving this ball are high grade people and will make the ball a high grade affair."

Belden Sees No Objection. "I am sure that there can be no well founded objection to the ball," said C. C. Belden, who attends the First Methodist church.

The men whom I understand to be promoting the ball are most excellent fellows," General Secretary E. F. Denison of the Young Men's Christian association states.

Robert Dempster, an elder of the First Presbyterian church and chairman of its benevolence, said: "I think that the ministers should have listened to the representatives of the ball committee before taking any action, instead of refusing to hear them. There will be a charity ball, so there is no need to kick up a fuss over it."

Many Boys and Girls Are at Work in the M. and M. Contest

The boys and girls already nominated in the M. and M. voting contest are setting the pace for the organizations and the grown-ups. Some of them make two or three trips a week to the contest department, so eager are they to get their votes recorded.

The standing of the contestants in each of the four districts and in the outside towns will be published in The Bee December 23. The first bonus prize will be awarded in each district Christmas eve, December 24. The bonus prize to women is a handsome gold filled Elgin watch; to boys and girls, a pedalmobile. This pedalmobile is a beauty. It looks like a real auto.

The contest is only a little more than a week old. No one has a big start. The voting value on the various manufactured products is so great that every one has a chance.

One advantage of the big contest is that contestants can vote as often as they have coupons and labels to turn into the contest department.

Preparing Plans for Fontenelle Hotel Is Not an Easy Task

As the plans and specifications for the new Fontenelle hotel building near completion, the magnitude of the task of erecting the building is becoming known. In addition to the general work of putting up a steel, concrete and brick structure to a height of almost 300 feet above the street, including fourteen full stories above ground, some strange and intricate problems in the detail work are being resorted to by Architect Thomas R. Kimball.

The laundry mangle planned for the hotel will weigh over ten tons, yet it will be operated on the thirteenth floor of the building, which presents a nice problem, both in hoisting it to that position, and reinforcing the floor space where it will stand. The brick oven being considered for the hotel's own bake shop will weigh about 112 tons. Many similar problems in the plans and specifications are facing the men who are planning or will construct the giant building.

William R. Burbank of Syracuse, N. Y., who will be the managing director of the new hotel, has been in the city, conferring with the architect in regard to details in the plans. He left for his home yesterday.

Research into the history of the Fontenelle family, after one of whose members the hotel is named, has been one of Mr. Burbank's hobbies. He plans to use a historic coat of arms in decoration of interiors, china and silverware. The Fontenelle family probably came originally from Marseilles, France, he says, and the name of the Nebraska Fontenelle was really Corbeau until he adopted his mother's family name of Fontenelle because of trouble with relatives at New Orleans in the early days. The original Fontenelle family was of noble lineage, according to Mr. Burbank.

Four Feet of Snow at Denver While Omaha Has Delayed Fall

Assistant General passenger Agent Rubie of the Union Pacific, with headquarters in Denver, is in Omaha and pronounces this the ideal winter resort, asserting that he sees no reason why people should go elsewhere in search for climate and ideal weather.

In Denver, according to Mr. Rubie, real winter holds the city, and for that matter also Colorado. The snow that fell during the early days of the month still covers the ground to a depth of four feet, practically none of it having melted. The snow has been carried out of the business streets of the city, but in the residence sections and in the suburbs it is so deep that it is next to impossible to get about. Street cars succeeded in getting back on their schedules only last week.

The cost situation, Mr. Rubie says, is the most serious in years, not so much on account of a shortage of fuel, but because it is still next to impossible to deliver on account of the outlying streets and the alleys being drifted to a depth of several feet.

While Omaha people have been basking in real spring weather during the last two weeks, those of Denver have been going around in a temperature but a few degrees above zero, not a day having been warm enough to melt the snow.

Ryder Will Have a Larger Traffic Squad After Jan. 1

A traffic sergeant, who will devote his entire time to traffic in congested districts, and an increased squad of traffic policemen will be appointed by Police Commissioner J. J. Ryder to go on duty the first of the year.

Traffic policemen will be placed at the following crossings: Fifteenth and Farnam streets, Fourteenth and Douglas streets, Twenty-fourth and Leavenworth streets, Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets, Twenty-fourth and Cumins streets and Twenty-fourth street and Ames avenue.

Police Commissioner Ryder said: "I think it will be possible to increase the traffic squad after the first of the year. I believe the appointment of a sergeant to have charge of traffic officers and to look after traffic in downtown congested districts will help relieve the situation. We need many more traffic officers, but we can't have as many as we need."

Emil Karsch, German Pioneer is Dead

Emil Karsch, an old German pioneer of Omaha, died at his residence, 1245 Elm street, Monday night at the age of 72 years. Mr. Karsch was born in Germany and came direct to Omaha when he came to this country in 1869. He remained here from that year until the time of his death.

Mr. Karsch was a well-known business man of the city, as he organized the E. Karsch Grocery company at Nineteenth and Vinton streets eighteen years ago and conducted the business of the firm as long as his health permitted. He was a member of the Landverien society. Mr. Karsch was also a German army veteran. He fought with the Prussian army against Austria in 1866, just previous to his departure for Omaha.

He is survived by three sons, William of Sioux City and Henry and Gustave of Omaha, and two daughters, Mrs. Ellinghaus and Mrs. Leyboldt of Omaha. His brother, Jacob, died three years ago and his wife died two years ago.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the residence, Rev. Mr. Baitly of Kountze Memorial church will officiate. Interment will be at Forest Lawn cemetery.

Adventures of the Globe Girdlers

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ROUND UP FREIGHT ROBBERS

Detectives Believe They Have Gang that Stole \$30,000 Merchandise.

Several of the Accused Have Made Statements as to Their Activities in Pilfering Burlington Cars.

That wholesale robberies from Burlington freight cars, covering a period of several years, and which total in the neighborhood of \$30,000, have been brought to a permanent close is the belief of the local detective department and Burlington police officials who have succeeded in rounding up six families who have participated in the work.

George L. German, assistant chief special agent of the Burlington, discovered the identity of the thieves several weeks ago when forty-seven cases of whiskey stolen from a car were traced to the home of one of the families under arrest. The police have secured a number of signed confessions and the net work of evidence is about ready for its presentation in a trial of the accused.

Those who have been arrested and arraigned to appear in police court for their hearing are: Mr. and Mrs. A. Sindelas, Mr. and Mrs. N. Renish, Mr. and Mrs. A. Silage, C. Bolgar, L. Silage and Mr. and Mrs. F. Pitt, all of whom reside in the vicinity of the railroad yards.

Mrs. Cormack Asks for Share of Estate

Mrs. Mary Hay Cormack, formerly a well known Omaha school teacher, widow of the late Thomas Cormack, former police captain and proprietor of a detective agency, has filed a claim in county court for one-half the estate of her husband, in addition to the one-third which is hers by law. Mr. Cormack died intestate.

The widow's claim amounts to \$20,000, nearly all the estate. She alleges she was a partner in the business of the detective agency and is entitled to one-half the amount from that source. Then one-third of the remainder is hers by statute. According to her contention, two brothers of Cormack should share only in the remaining fraction of the estate.

DR. LOWE TELLS STUDENTS HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL

In an address to the students of the Omaha High School of Commerce on Monday Dr. Titus Lowe of this city characterized the kind of boy or girl that a business man desires to have in his employ. Since Dr. Lowe began work in the shipping department of a wholesale grocery house and worked his way through the business step by step until he became traveling salesman for the firm, he is thoroughly acquainted with business conditions and was able to give some excellent advice to those who are preparing themselves for a commercial career.

Omaha's Public Schools The School Year.

The public school year in Omaha comprises thirty-eight weeks, exclusive of vacations and amounts net to about 183 days.

It begins on the first Monday in September and ends on the first day of the month when it begins on the second Monday. It continues for the thirty-eight weeks of five days a week, divided into two terms of nineteen weeks each, making 190 days. But seven regular holidays are provided for—Labor day, Thanksgiving day and the day following (Christmas, New Year's day, Washington's birthday and Memorial day). In addition to these, fast days may be observed when proclaimed by the state or general government. Any other suspension of school rests entirely with the Board of Education, acting through the superintendent of schools, who will notify each principal.

Two regular vacations are provided, one of two weeks for Christmas and one of a week in April. Experience seems to justify these in the judgment of the school authorities, although there is some objection to the length on the part of some others. Experience is said to teach the wisdom of the present arrangement, however. The child who puts in good looks for 183 days in the year is said to receive all the schooling that he really needs and no less, if he be a normal child.

What amount of instruction is needed for the average child? The amount provided. No exceptions are made on that score. The average child is supposed to complete the entire thirty-eight weeks, with these exceptions, each year and there stands the compulsory education law as a vigilant monitor to help the school folks see that he does.

So strict are the rules of attendance that pupils are promptly reported to the trustee officer for irregular or nonattendance or habitual truancy. Such reports are made, however, only after the principal of the school is convinced that every other available means of securing attendance has been exhausted. The latitude given principals under the rules in force is sufficient in most cases to effect satisfactory results without the aid of the trustee officer, so that it has come to be understood, much to the good of the order, that when the trustee officer is called in the case is one for drastic action. The effect is generally salutary upon Young America, who in the vast majority of cases has a most exalted opinion of the trustee officer.

So rigidly are the rules governing attendance adhered to that pupils are required to bring written excuses from their parents or guardians for tardiness and absence. The teacher has a right to demand such excuses and to subject the child to suspension if they are not presented in due time. Each teacher is also to judge as to the validity of the excuse. Sometimes it may bear very suspicious marks affecting its authenticity. In such instances the teacher may make what inquiry is deemed necessary to satisfy her mind on the subject and if after such inquiry it appears that Young America's dexterous hand hath writ the note, whose existence the folks at home were not that is, if the pupil shall forge, prepare or assist in preparing such excuse illegally, then again he falls under the ban of possible suspension.

MATHIESEN SAYS DAVIS IS LICENSE OFFENDER

Assistant License Inspector John Mathiesen, reporting to Mayor Dahlman, on the complaint of J. A. Davis, that License Inspector Berkovits was not compelling all labor agencies to take out a license, asserts that Davis himself is an offender and has given his office much trouble. He says that out of four years Davis had a license for six months and only once to his knowledge did he have a license for the entire year. Mathiesen says Davis complained of the amount of the license, wanting to have it increased.

Esther McCann to Get Money if She Stays in Omaha

Judge English declined to award the custody of Esther McCann, 15 years old, whose greatest ambition is "to become a great Shakespearean actress," to either her father, Charles E. McCann, a railway mail clerk, or her mother, Ada Sammas, known as a vaudeville singer in Chicago and New York.

At the close of a hearing continued from last week he ordered the father to pay \$40 a month for the support of the girl, but only so long as she is within the jurisdiction of the court. Miss McCann said on the witness stand that if the judge did not allow her to return to Chicago to resume her studies in dramatic art her whole career might be ruined. Judge English left her free to stay with either parent, but refused to compel her father to pay \$60 a month for her maintenance in Chicago, as asked by the mother.

McGovern Would Stop Smoking in All Local Cafes

An ordinance prohibiting the use of the "noxious weed" in cafes, restaurants, boarding houses or any place where transients eat was introduced by Commissioner Thomas McGovern at the meeting of the city council, read twice and referred to the committee of the whole for discussion.

McGovern said he introduced the ordinance because he believed no man should smoke in a room where a woman was eating and that there was no justification of the act of smoking in any public eating house. The ordinance carries a penalty of a fine of from \$1 to \$50 for violation. It provides that there shall be "no smoking at or near a table in any hotel, restaurant, cafe, luncheon, boarding house or other place where meals are served to transients."

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