

RINE AFTER TAXI DRIVERS

City Attorney Says the Present Rates Are Exorbitant.

TO MAKE STRINGENT RULES

Many Complaints Have Been Made of Overcharges and Rine Proposes to Head Off Any More Chances.

City Attorney John A. Rine is drafting an ordinance to prohibit the charging of exorbitant fees by taxicab drivers.

"Every time these taxi drivers turn a crank they collect a dollar. And they boast of it. I'm telling you they can't keep up that sort of robbery. I'm going to take this up with the city commission and seek to have their charges regulated."

Under the present ordinance, which was drafted and passed after conference with garage owners, according to Rine, a driver, carrying a stranger as passenger, sometimes drives around a block, collects \$1 and deposits his fare at his destination within a minute's walk of the place from which he started.

City commissioners have frequently sought to regulate taxicab charges, but Rine says all regulations have so far failed. The ordinance he is drafting, he believes, will be so stringent and rock-ribbed that the "cutest driver" cannot evade it.

Many complaints have been made against the "robber charges" of taxicab drivers. A recent case, shortly after the tornado Easter Sunday, investigated one Rine, which on its face was exorbitant. Since then the complaints have been more frequent and they have come especially from strangers who have been "milked."

South Omaha Man Who Resists Officer Forfeits His Bonds

Frank Kinsley of South Omaha was arrested at Twenty-second and Leavenworth streets by Officer Pipkin on a charge of disturbing the peace. Kinsley in the company of three other men was riding in an automobile on the wrong side of the street west of Leavenworth.

New Hudson Light Six Has Arrived

Guy L. Smith has received his first shipment of the Hudson Light Sixes. This car is without a doubt the most widely discussed automobile of the 1912 season. It is a marvelous six cylinder car with the grace and beauty of the highest price motor car, yet selling at a price not in excess of the leading four-cylinder offerings.

GRAFF TO ADDRESS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BIBLE CLASS

Superintendent E. L. Graff of the public schools will address the High School club of the Young Men's Christian Association at a 6 o'clock dinner this evening on "The Choice of a Vocation."

This club, in addition to other things, maintains a Bible study class. It has eighty-two boys enrolled under the leadership of E. R. Burke, R. M. Crossman and J. S. Hedelund. They meet every Friday evening for their Bible study. They vary their program with such features as Mr. Graff's address will be the discussion of the choice of a college or vocation. Thus far the merits of Yale, Harvard and Michigan have been considered as places for higher education.

Dr. F. N. Seely, dean of the Springfield (Mass.) College for Physical Directors is slated for an address to these young fellows on the afternoon of Sunday, December 21, 3 p. m., at the association building.

KILL FANCY BEEVES FOR THE HOLIDAY TRADE

For special holiday trade, the packing houses have killed and dressed a number of prime beeves and now have them on display in their cooling rooms. Seven ribbon takers at a recent show were bought and slaughtered by Swift & Co. and have been especially dressed and appropriately decorated. They are now at the Omaha branch of the company, Thirtieth and Leavenworth streets. When sold at the yards by Sam Glendon, 12th City, Neb., who reared and fattened them, they brought the top figure of \$3.30 per hundred pounds on the hoof.

MISS EDHOLM TO RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION

National recognition of the work of little Miss Camilla Edholm, 12 years of age, is to be given by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, as the result of her Red Cross Christmas seal riddle, printed on the Busy Bee page of The Bee, December 7. Mrs. K. R. J. Edholm, the girl's mother, who is executive secretary of the organization for Nebraska, is in receipt of a letter from the national headquarters, saying that Camilla's article will be used in future literature to be sent out in the anti-tuberculosis campaign.

"The Best I Know of." "I have sold Chamberlain's Tablets for several years. People who have used them will take nothing else. I can recommend them to my customers as the best and sure for constipation that I know of," writes Frank Strouse, Fruitland, Ia. For sale by all dealers—advertisement.

County Dads Have Granted License to Irvington Saloon

A license granting W. M. Williams and sons the privilege of operating a saloon in Irvington was authorized by the Board of County Commissioners Wednesday by a vote of 3 to 2.

A considerable number of the residents of Irvington protested against the license, asserting that the project was divided geographically on the question and counsel was retained to make a fight. It was announced that an appeal would be taken from the decision of the board to the district court.

Commissioners McDonald, Lynch and O'Connor voted for the license and Best and Harte voted against it. There was a question as to the legality of the petition and those who voted in the affirmative did so on the advice of County Attorney Marney that the fact that the petitions were pasted together would not invalidate them if their proper headings were on them when they were signed and the signers knew what they were doing.

"Attorney Brogan gave notice that the matter would be carried to the courts," said Chairman McDonald, "and that in any case there would be no saloon in Irvington. I considered that the proper place to decide the question was, therefore, in the courts."

Ridgell Urges All to Be Careful With Xmas Decorations

W. S. Ridgell, chief deputy fire commissioner for Nebraska, has issued a Christmas bulletin warning all citizens to protect their stores, homes or places of amusement from fire disasters which generally accompany inflammable Christmas decorations. Mr. Ridgell asks that asbestos and mineral wool and other similar materials be used as much as possible, and that electric wiring and heating apparatus be vigilantly watched because it is through such causes that most fires originate.

Mr. Ridgell also suggests that the fire departments of each city should station one of the department's firemen with a chemical wherever there is a public Christmas tree, and especially in the churches and opera houses. He suggests in addition that the fire departments examine decorations in all business houses and force decorators to take every precaution.

Detective Wounded by Negro Bandits

Joseph Kroulik, police detective at Cedar Rapids, Ia., and cousin of Sergeant Tony Vanous of the local department, was seriously wounded last week in a pistol battle with five armed negroes who attempted to "shoot up" a Northwestern train there, according to news received by Vanous.

FEWER CATTLE SHIPMENTS; RANCHES NEARLY CLEANED

Railroad freight men figure that with the close of the present month the run of cattle from the west will fall off rapidly and the receipts will be light until the grasses come onto the market next summer. Owing to the heavy growth of grass on the range, the shipments from the west have kept up longer this winter than usual, but now the reports come that the ranches have been pretty well cleaned of everything that can be turned into beef.

Considerable stuff is expected on the market from the feeding yards of northern Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa. The animals in these yards were bought as feeders at the South Omaha yards last fall and are rapidly coming into condition. They are expected to begin to arrive in large numbers next week and continue coming until along in February.

ALLEGES INFRINGEMENT OF HIS PATENT RIGHTS

The case of the New York Scaffolding company against Egebert Whitney, 15th and Union streets, occupies the attention of Judge Paul Morris in the United States district court. The New York corporation charges the Omaha man with infringement on a patent for raising and lowering the scaffolding on buildings during construction. A notable feature of the case is the fact that one of the charges has already been dismissed by the plaintiff, William Eddy of Omaha, who is representing the defense, while C. T. Goepel of New York is appearing in the plaintiff's behalf. The device in question was employed in the construction of the Union Pacific building in Omaha.

GIRLS' CLUB DISCUSSES VALUE OF DIFFERENT FOODS

Food and its value were interestingly considered by the members of the Social Culture club of the Omaha High School of Commerce at a meeting of that club. One of the members gave a good paper on the food value of the items on the market and the pure food regulations that have been made by congress. Another member discussed the value of foods and the necessity of having a variety of them. She enumerated the elements which our daily staples should contain and explained where each is to be found. All together this meeting proved to be very satisfactory and showed that the girls are earnest workers.

MRS. WILLIAM S. MICKEN DIES AT COUNCIL BLUFFS

Mrs. William S. Micken, aged 89 years, died early yesterday at Council Bluffs, where she had resided for the last twenty years. Mrs. Micken has been an invalid for some time and lately had been bed ridden. She was of Scotch birth. Surviving her, besides the husband, who is very feeble, are two daughters, Mrs. Ida M. Hancock and Mrs. A. P. Hancock, both of Council Bluffs. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

BOYS ARE PLAYING MARBLES

All Symptoms of Spring Are Apparent Around the Schools.

ONE LAD WITH HIS SHOES OFF

Teachers Fear Fishing Parties May Be Organized if the Present Balmey Weather Continues Much Longer.

This spring weather in the winter time has disrupted and submerged all the concepts of boys in the grades of the public schools and in violation of precedent so long established that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary the usual winter sports have been abandoned and the boys are playing marbles in streets and on playgrounds.

"At Farnam school so many games have been going on this week that the janitor has about decided to forget the furnace room, sharpen his lawn mower and out the few sprigs of green grass which the boys have not yet trampled down.

Also, the more buccolic of the youngsters have insisted on shedding their coats, and one fond mother reports that her son, Bobbie, surreptitiously removed his shoes, turned the hose into the chicken lot, and when a small puddle had been created began to mix mud pies with his feet.

Symptoms of Spring. The usual spring symptoms of unrest has caused the teachers to view the rising mercury with alarm, for they fear that fishing parties to the Missouri river will be the next outbreak in celebration of winter's waning.

However, the school district is content to permit the teachers to do the worrying, for the winter hill bills are growing more emaciated in comparison with other winters and the district has a sufficient deficit to curb any extravagant tendency.

NEGRESS PICKPOCKET GETS FREEBORN'S ROLL

H. E. Freeborn, 2233 Californian street, lost \$30 Wednesday to one of the many clever negro pickpockets who infest the old "line." He became curious while wandering about in the neighborhood.

HOUGH HEAVILY FINED FOR RECKLESS DRIVING

Frank Hough, chauffeur, who ran into Tracy Garlich, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Garlich, 553 South Twenty-sixth street, last Friday, was fined \$5 and costs in police court for reckless driving. The accident happened at Twenty-fourth and Leavenworth streets and the girl's parents appeared against Hough.

Persistent Advertising is the Road to Big Returns.

FREDERICKSON OFFERS BIG REWARD FOR FILES

A liberal reward has been offered by H. E. Frederickson for the return of some files on the Lincoln Highway which were lost while some of the organization's property was being moved from the Commercial club to the Paxton block. The files are of no value excepting to the Highway association. They disappeared from a freight elevator.

See Want Ads Produce Results.

PARENTS CONTEST FOR THREE CHILDREN

Hearing of the contest between Henry J. White, a policeman, and Mrs. Ida H. Freeland, his divorced wife, over the custody of three minor children was begun in Judge English's district court. Testimony was introduced by White in an attempt to prove that Mrs. Freeland had been intimately associated with an Omaha man, Register of the Schlichts hotel and of a rooming house were introduced in evidence.

Be Sure and Wait Until Saturday Morning if you Want to Have Money on

Goals, Suits and Dresses

Friday evening's paper will give you full particulars on one of the greatest sales of Goals, Suits and Dresses ever held in Omaha. We place on sale over 1,500 high grade garments made in the newest and prettiest styles and fabrics, and worth regularly from \$10.00 to \$25.00. They go on sale Saturday morning at 8 o'clock in two lots, at \$5.00 and \$5.00.

Saturday will also be a big day in our fur department, when we will place on sale our entire stock of fur sets for nearly half price. See our window display, watch our Friday night and be here Saturday morning for your share of the good things.

The Novelty Co. 214-16-18 N. 16th St.

Double the Life of Your Suit

You'll get almost twice the usual wear out of your suit, by having

An Extra Pair of Trousers

Slightly worn coats and badly worn trousers are an unnecessary waste. We include an EXTRA PAIR OF TROUSERS with each suit—without extra cost.

Suit and Extra Trousers \$25, \$30, \$35 and up.

OUR SPECIAL OFFER Full Black, Blue or Gray Cheviot, Thibet or Worsted Suit With Extra Pair of Trousers \$25

NICOLL THE TAILOR

Karbach Block. WILLIAM JERREMS' SONS 209-211 So. 15th St.

SAVE EVERY LABEL LISTED. DEMAND YOUR VOTING COUPONS. \$6,000.00 CASH AND PREMIUMS. It Costs Nothing To Start—It Costs Nothing To Finish. \$1,000 CASH TO ORGANIZATIONS.

First Premium, \$750—Second Premium, \$250—The Third Premium, A Handsome Upright Piano. To the woman or to the child under 15 years of age, residing in any of the four districts or any of the outside towns receiving the largest number of votes at the end of the contest, 12 o'clock, noon, March 28.

A DETROIT ROADSTER AUTOMOBILE

To the boy or girl under 15 years of age receiving the largest number of votes in all the districts and the outside towns.

A PONY, CART AND HARNESS

Second Premium in the Four Districts—(Omaha, 1 and 2; South Omaha, 3; Council Bluffs, 4)—A Pedalmobile. Third Premium, A Gold Filled Elgin Watch. In each of the four districts will be given to women exclusively the following premiums:—First Premium, An Upright Piano; Second Premium, A Diamond Ring; Third Premium, A Handsome Toilet Set. Fourth Premium, A Dainty Lavalliere.

A FREE TRIP TO CHICAGO

Including railroad fare, diner, pullman and all hotel expenses while in Chicago. If you don't want them you have friends who do. Save every label and voting coupon you can get hold of. Vote them for your favorite organization or for a friend who is out for one of the prizes.

DEALERS WHO WILL ISSUE M. & M. VOTING COUPONS ON ALL CASH SALES

- OMAHA DEALERS: Automobiles, Bakers, Coal, Dancing Academy, Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Millinery, Photographers, Tailors, Theaters, Upholsterers, etc.

- SOUTH OMAHA: Bakers, Cleaners and Dyers, Coal, Druggists, Groceries, Hardware, Millinery, Photographers, Tailors, Theaters, Upholsterers, etc.

Out-of-Town Dealers

- ARLINGTON: Automobiles and Farm Machinery, Groceries, Hardware, Millinery, Photographers, Tailors, Theaters, Upholsterers, etc.

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Don't pay more than \$3 for a pair of shoes until you see our large assortment of beautiful footwear in every conceivable style, different kinds of leathers, Spanish heel effects, English lasts and reeding toe; just like the kind you have been paying \$5.00 and \$6.00 for; our assortment of Christmas slippers for both men, women and children will meet with your approval, 50c to \$1.79. Alexander Co. Open to 10 evenings until Xmas.

THE BEE INVITES YOU TO ENTER THE BIG CONTEST. BUTTER, FLOUR, EGGS, etc. List of prizes and participating businesses.