The Busy Bees

HE NUMEROUS Bible study classes organized in connection with the "Billy" Sunday meetings have caused a wide awakening of interest in the grand old book. One worker, Miss Alice Miriam Gamlin, devotes her time exclusively to little boys and girls, and no doubt there are many Busy Bees in her classes. Not considering the religious side of it, there is an immense amount of good to be gotten out of reading the Bible. Many of the stories are as engrossingly show. interesting as anything you can pick up on the shelves of the public library.

You will never regret any knowledge of the Bible you may glean, so begin early. When you grow older and read a great deal, there will always be a number of allusions made to biblical stories, which you will miss they never unwrap when the customer is altogether unless you familiarize yourself with it now.

The Busy Bees have been busy establishing themselves in their new class rooms for the last few weeks and so have not been sending many letters to the Busy Bee page. Now that school is in full swing and the days there are jobs. As a result bundle girls are much cooler, we expect to receive many letters from both the Red and do not draw very pretentious salaries.

Phyllis Armstead won the prize book this week and Alice Grantham worth, because as we said before, bundle and Helen Zeplin won honorable mention. All three girls are from the girls are plentiful, the supply is much

Little Stories by Little Folk

(Prize Story.)

The Flood. By Phyllis Armstead, Aged 11 Years, North Bend, Neb. Blue Side.

One morning Mary and James were awakened and told by their father that the house had turned into a Nosh's Ark. They ran to the window to see what he meant and found the house surrounded by water. No green grass to be seen, only the tops of plants, floating buckets, boards and bee hives.

All day the children sat in the doorway salling paper boats, wading in the water and watching the men ride past in boats.

It was great fun the first day, but the children soon wished to see the green grass and flowers again.

Very slowly at first, but going faster and faster the water disappeared, leaving nothing but sticks, muck and boards

(Honorable Mention.) Lincoln and the Pig. By Helen Zeplin, Aged Il Years, West Point, Neb. Blue Side.

One bright morning after a rainy day Lincoln went to the court house. As he was a few miles from home he came to a mudhole. He heard a plg grunting, but he kept on.

When a mile or so from the mudhole he thought he would turn back and help the pig out. So he went back and started to help him out. He had a new suit on, but that did not hinder. He put a log that he could stand on close to the hole. He got his suit dirty.

After the pig was out it grunted. It sounded to Lincoln as though he was saying "Thanks" to him. After that Lincoin went to the court house. Lincoln always was a kind and honest

> (Honorable Mention.) Fun Watching Pigeons.

By Alice Grantham, Aged 10 Years, Lexington, Neb. Blue Side. I am a new Busy Bee. I would like to join the Blue Side, as it is my favorite color. I am in the sixth grade at school. My teacher's name is Miss Edwards. like her very well. I read the children's inday and like it very much. I think I will tell you of some pigeons I nest in it and one egg. A few days later he looked into it and there were two eggs in it. The mother pigeon sits on the I hope to see my letter in print and that

Aunt Ruth's Story. By Leota Higgins, Aged 12 Years, Ne-braska City, Neb. Blue Side.

when my letter gets there.

'Alright," was the reply. Bessie sat wren have flown south long ago. down beside Aunt Ruth. Here is the story:

NATIONAL COSTUME.



have. My father put a can in the chicken "Take your seat Amy and remain after pen on a shelf, and the other day when school." There I stood with my proudsomething. I heard the teacher say, steps of Amy. I heard the pit-spat of vided without cost and \$3.75 a week, one-Mr. Waste Basket has gone to the war gratefully.

As an old woman sat by the fireside dest days of the year. And all the auwatching the twinkle in the fire, a tumn leaves are falling fast and thick. footstep was heard. A little girl came in The fields and meadows are brown. And at the door. "Have a good time sliding?" all the flowers are gone except the yelasked Aunt Ruth. "Oh, splendid." was low goldenrod along the readside and the the answer. "Now tell me a story." aster in the wood. The robins and the

hear the big black crow with his caw, One day at school we had a spelling caw, caw. The little brook moves slow match. Amy Wolf always was at the as it chatters over its stony way, and head. All of us envied her. I was sec- the fields look rich with golden grain. ond. It was my turn. "B-e-l-e-l-v-e." The little squirrel in the woods croeps spelled Amy. "What was it?" asked the slighly down and gets a nut or two for teacher. "I spelled 'b-e-i-i-e-v-e,' " said his winter's store. And the widawake "What was it," asked the teacher. owl complains to the harvest moon. "Tou understood, Ruth?" Amy said, And after dusk in autumn no more we "B-e-1-i-e-v-e," said I, for I was lying. hear but the faint tinkle of the cowbell

BUSY LITTLE BEE IN BOHEMIAN

Autumn.

By Grace L. Moore, Aged 13 Years, Silver Creek, Neb. Blue Side. But all through the gloomy day we can



The autumn days have come, the sad-

Committees and Governing Board of Burgess-Nash Welfare Association

the morning until 6 o'clock at night she sits in a little cage and wraps the morchandise, the salesmen and saleswomen sell into neat bundles for the customers. clothes she must wear or sometime spends an evening at a moving picture

bundle girls. She is about 16 or 17 years of age. She is a very skillfull bundle girl and her packages are always heat, caught in the crush of a crowded street car and she is quick at her work. But bundle girls are plentiful. There are always more bundle girls to be had than Mabel receives \$7.50 in her pay envelopeach Saturday night, that is all she is larger than the demand.

Mabel lives with her widowed mother and her older sister, who is a saleagirl in the same store with Mabel. She was moderately happy, sometimes, of course she wished for the things other girls have, but she was only a bundle girl and she realized that was all she was and generally she was content with her It really wasn't so hard to live on \$7.50 a week, living at home.

Mabel Taken Sick. But one day Mabel became sick. She

a mere bundle girl was not even given a Second Row-Miss Edna Galloway, W. thought in the bustling activity of the E. Grout, Ray Coady, Paul Schaye, M. Pfeiffer, E. S. Beale, Mrs. Bertha True. big store sickness would be a serious manage of the hap. A bundle girl in the ordinary big department store is only a very small cog in the immense machinery of the store. If she fails to appear for work at ine Griffith, Mrs. Mabel Gray Smith. the usual hour some day her name is the usual hour some day her name is LOWER PANEL - GOVERNING scratched off of the payroll and that is BOARD, BURGESS-NASH WELFARE all there is to it.

siri. It would mean the less of four weeks' pay, if not her job. It would mean big dector bills, big bills for medican and countless other bills. The could have breath the state of the st mean big doctor bills, big bills for medicine and countless other bills. The ordinary bundle girl would not know from keep the morey to pay these bills would.

Second Row—J. H. Taylor, treasurer; F. L. Johnson, secretary; W. N. Adams, vice president; E. A. Weathers, T. S. Kelley, George C. Adwers. where the money to pay these bills would e forthcoming.

But with Mabel it was different. For Mabel is a bundle girl at the Burgess-Nash store and is a member of the the infinitesimal sum of 10 cents a month Mabel retains a membership in this association. And that 10 cents a nonth and the welfare association protected Mabel in her hour of need.

The Burgess-Nash Welfare association as organized in May of this year, It was organized under the sponsorship and incouragement of Louis Nash, manager of the store, and during its short term of life up to date has proven a great In the constitution of the association

Association a Great Success.

it is stated that "the objects and purposes shall be to assist the members in sickness and distress, to promote a spirit of good fellowship and fraternity."

And that is why Mabel considers herself so fortunate. During her long illness all of her doctor bills were paid. Dr. C. C. Allison is chief of the association's medical staff. And when any member of the association is ill Dr. Allison and his staff provide full and complete medical attention and the association foots

In addition all drugs which may be tion. And again the association pays as an insurance benefit one-half of the he went to get it, there was a pigeon's ness. After school I pretended I lost salary earned during the term of illness. So thus it was that Mabel had all her "Come here, Amy!" I heard the slight doctor bills paid, all her medicine pro-

nest every day. When the eggs hatch the ruler. Amy came along, stubbed her half her salary, paid her. So when sho I will write and tell you about them. toe and dropped her book. I picked up her returned to work, once more healthy and book. "Thank you, Ruth," said she able, she did not owe a person a cent. The case of Mabel, the little bundle girl, is not the only one the Burgess-Nash Welfare association has recorded on its books. Several other similar cases, others which entailed minor operations, others not so bad, others far worse, the

> as the cattle wander off on the pasture land and the waters of the rill.

The Raindrop Fairies. By Leona Walter, Aged 10 Years, Wahoo Neb. Blue Side.

Did you ever watch the raindrops Racing down the window panes? How they chase each other gally While you're cross because it fains? Did you ever stop to wonder Where each sparkling rainfrop goes As it quickly flashes by you And across the sill it goes.

I shall tell you if you listen How some raindrops on the pane Help to make the earth more lovely, And how some go home again.

playwrights.

"On Trial" as offered at the Brandels theater four nights beginning Wednesday, October 13, including matinee Saturday, is the same perfect company of players and the identical massive scenic production at the Cohan Grand Opera House, Chicago, for the last six months under personal direction of Messrs. Cohunand Harris.

one corner of the farm, overlooking the leap toward the realization of the idea The law took effect on January homstead entry number one and after- valley and the freighting road, is the of advanced burleaque in his new prograve of Daniel Freeman. It is proposed duction, which will be seen at the population that the United States shall purchase this lar Gayety theater this afternoon at States was taken by Daniel Freeman on rice. Thus Nebruska has the honor of first homestead from the Freeman fam- o'clock. He has a new musical piece onb creek in Gage county. Nebraska, having the first homestead in the United ily and make it a nublic park to com- written expressly for his "Klasing Girl's" company and descriptions that have pre-Daniel Freeman was born in Ohio in 1825, homestoaders have followed Daniel Free- important law passed by the United ceded it indicate that the production is and moved with his parents to Illinois man's example, receiving over 120,000,000 States and the place where that law was complete and beautiful in every detail. The burlesque is called The Kissing

was very ill and for four weeks she was confined to her bed.

To the ordinary bundle girl working in the ordinary big department store where the ordinary big departme

UPPER PANEL — COMMITTEES OF BURGESS-NASH WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

pays the expense of a minor operation Burgess-Nash Welfare association. For just as it does expenses incurred during

bers. Since then practically everybody in the store has become a member and pleased with the success of the organi-mation that it requires each new employe Beale.

FINANCE.

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Finance. to enroll. Everybody belongs, from the general manager to drivers on the wagons, from the big buyers to the bundle girls, from the department managers to the office boys. Dues range from 10 cents a week to 50 cents a week in ratio to the salaries carned.

But the welfare association is not morely a sick benefit association. It has still another purpose. That is to promote

still another purpose. That is to promote a spirit of fellowship and fraternity.

Since its organisation two entertain-qualified success," declared President The second was the big

tainment will be in the nature of a show their fellow employes. ation, a reasonable price of admission when you stop to think of it. It is even more important than the weekly benefit placed in the coffers of the association.

Officers of Association. J. H. Taylor, treasurer, and F. L. John- and the entertainments we give." son, secretary. The following are members of the board of directors: W. N. In co-operation with the Employes' Wel-Adams, G. C. Adwers, Miss M. Butler, fare association, the Burgess-Nash com-A. L. Green, H. T. Jones, F. L. Johnson, pany has itself provided one or two little T. S. Kelly, Mrs. W. E. Marsh, J. H. additions for the benefit of the employes.

association has cared for. The association | Taylor, E. A. Weathers and Mrs. E. P. An emergency hospital has been installed they most need it. In the lunch roo Wright.

Nearly All Are Members.

When the welfare association was organised 95 per cent of the employes of the Eurgess-Nash company became members.

Since Then practically everybody.

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Mrs. E. W. Marsh, Mrs. Mabel Gray Smith, James Nickerson, Mr. Towns.
SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINING.

W. N. Adams, W. R. Lipphold, Hiram Jones, Miss Ruth Eberhard, Miss Nina the Eurgess-Nash company became members.

Since Then practically everybody.

An attendant is always in charge and a word of sympathy or cheer.

In the rest room a plane player is pre-

ADVERTISING, Miss Mary Sturgeon, W. E. Grout, Paul

ments have been held under its auspices. Green. "You will not find an employe The first entertainment was a vaudeville of this store who is not thoroughly satshow and dance held at Metropolitan hall issied that the association is of great as-Those who have faithfully paid necessary are provided by the associa- picnic held this summer at Nashwood, in their dues each month and have not The third, the biggest venture of all, is yet received a single penny in benefits scheduled for production in the near realize their money is doing double duty future at the Boyd theater. This enter- -protecting them, and at the same time

> that is now being written. It will be a "Our association does what only two corker, declare the members of the association who are getting it up, The do. It pays doctor bills and provides free actors will all be members of the associ- medicine. That is a mighty big feature

> "We are satisfied the association is a success in regard to the sick benefit end. A. L. Green is the president of the as- It is more of a success when you consociation. W. N. Adams is vice president, sider the promotion of good fellowship Hospital in Store,

in the building. To this emergency bos- "Mother" Griffith is the chief, She is of Additional committees are as follows: pital are realed employes who become a kindly, motherly disposition and everysuddenly ill so that they may be given body calls her "Mother." She carries

auddenly stricken. spirit and making it pleasant for em- adjacent or singing. ployes about the store, the company has warm and stimulating cup of coffee when and we are proud of its success.

complete medicine chest is on hand. In the rest room a plane player is pre-The emergency hospital does much to vided and at almost any hour of the day alleviate the sufferings of an employe you will find a number of the employes enjoying their recreation periods in the In the matter of promoting the fraternal rest room, dancing in the long hallway

"It's a great thing, this association," provided a lunch room and rest room. In declares Louis Nash: "It adds to the efthe lunch room the employes bring their ficiency of the store, it has its direct lunch and the store provides coffee and benefits to the employes, its indirect cream and milk and sugar without cost. benefits to the company and to its Thus are the employes able to get a patrons. We welcomed its organization

The River

I like it best when surface calm Is evident, when not a qualm Disturbs the waters; for 'tis then That warring underneath again The tides pull strongest, and 'tis so With me. My life is turbulent Easy to rouse to full extent And yet my heart not passing light

Is smoldering, buried out of sight. And when at dawn the waters ebb I closer weave my shielding web. That underneath my surface snow I'll cherish safe what none may know.

What Omaha Theaters Offer for the Week

(Continued from Page Five.)

ward from causes to effects. But for actross. Then there is Vera Deamond,

Announcement is made of the coming to this city shortly of Piske O'Hara, the popular Irish actor-singer, in a new play from the pen of Augustus Pitou, sr., entitled "Kilkenny." No living author has contributed more successful Irish plays to the stage than Mr. Pitou, who furnished Scanian and Olcott with most of their successes, and in the new O'Hara play he is said to have surpassed all his previous efforts. The piece is filled with This first homestead is a beautiful farm thrilling dramatic situations, plenty of lively comedy, and several delightful love stories which reach a happy concausion before the final curtain falls. Mr. O'Hara is seen at his best in this new play, and will be heard in a budget of new songs during the course of the play's

Sam Howe has apparently made a long

Maid." It was written by Edward Han- numbers that have been specially ar- and are true examplers of song and dance. ford and was designed to make a ratiling ranged for this production. Starting to- Dolly and Mack will hold up the musical good show. Five elaborate scenes are ines daily. used in its presentation, two of which, at least, are calculated to surprise patrons. The world's greatest mimic actor and equilibristic and hand balancing novelty of the Gayety. Iky Unsky, the part

first half of the week at the Empress. played by Mr. Howe, is full of the sort Willie Zimmerman, who is the celebrated of material that this clever comedian knows how to do. Beautiful Florence impersonator, offers a new and original Mills, the leading woman, will be re- nevelty entitled "Why Worry About the membered for her work last season with War." His impersonations include the by the traditional method of building for- "The College Girls," appears as the kaiser, the car, the king of England, emperor of Austria and king of warthat other type of story that can be set Hal Pierson, Stephanic Anderson, dainty ridden Belgium. The president of France forth most effectively by delving back- Eva Mull. Mildred Gilmore, Harry Pressured from effects to causes, the formula cott, Charles Moran, Toni Cortelli, Coson. His changes are made in full view devised by Mr. Reizenstein should be of lumbla Trio and Botler Mondeville. A of the audience and his impersonations great value and advantage to future chorus of twenty-four sprightly girls are no less than wonderful. Monde and will give zest to the many lively musical Selle offer a singing and dancing skit

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morrow there will be a ladies' dime mat- end of the bill on the violin and banjo. The bill for the first half will be closed impersonator headlines the bill for the entitled "Pastimes in a Billiard Parior." "The Call of the Sea" is a beautiful drama which was taken on the Atlantic sea coast.

> A novel bill is offered for the last halt of the week, with the Cycling McNutter headlining the offer. Jerge and Hamilton offer a singing and comedy talking skit. Delmore and More offer "Behind the It portrays the life of the apparently happy-go-lucky profession. Landry Bros, have a sensational aerial act. A beautiful feaure drama is offered for the last half of the week in "The Red Virgin." The cast includes Helen Eddy, L. C. Shumway, Robert Gray, Jay Morley, Melvin Mayo, George Routh, Ricardo Espino, Florine Garland and Edythe Sterling. An assorted program, including George Ade's latest table in slang. Through Train," completes the offering

"The Stolen Voice," a William A. Brady production, with Robert Warwick, supported by Violet Horner, Bertram Marburgh and Frances Nelson, will be presented at the Hipp theater on Sunday September 26, only.

The Explorer, William Somerset Maughan's famous novel of Central Africa, will be presented in photo-dramatic form at the Hipp theater on Monday. September 27, for a three-days' engagement by the Jesse L. Lasky Feature Play company, with Lou Tellegen, the celebrated international dramatic star, in the title role. Mr. Tellegen is supported by such well-known artists as James Neill. Dorothy Davenport, Horace B. Carpenter, Tom Forman and other members of the all-star Lasky cast.

More blackened eyes, sandpapered elbows, stiff knees and sore ribs resulted from the single fight of the cave men in the first episode of "Twas Ever Thus" than in all previous productions of Morosco Photoplay company combined, and these had included some strenuous Jack London pieces, too. "Twas Ever Thus" stars Elsie Janis, who plays everything from a phehistoric girl to a Boston bella of the '60s, and a stylish New York novelist of today. It is the coming attrac-tion at the Hipp theater for three days, beginning Thursday, September F.

Stories of Nebraska History: By A. E. Sheldon (By special permission of the author, the free homestead bill from the time it ernment. Of these homesteaders over The Bee will publish chapters from the History of Nebraska, by A. E. Sheldon, from week to week.)

The First Homestead The free homestead law has been called of the people ever passed in the United Under this law any man or wo-

United States history there were no was low, but they were often very poor they had no money to pay for it.

In 1862 a party, called the Free Soil gressman Galusha A. Grow of Pennsyl-The people of the west and poor bill was vetoed by President Buchanan. the office to open the office a few minfree homestead act was finally passed lel Freeman alone.

five miles northwest of Beatrice. States, He was intensely interested in acres of land as a free gift from our gov- first applied

boped for its passage and many times the west as its free lands. One of the to take a homestead. When the free of the homestead act had for its refrain the most important act for the welfare homestead bill was signed Daniel Free- these words: man was a soldler in the Union army. A few months later he was given a brief man 21 years old or the head of a family furioush and came to Nebraska to look can have 160 acres of land by living on over the beautiful country, then lying it five years and paying about \$18\$ in free. For the first eighty years of that suited him and started for the near-us all a farm. est United States land office, which was free homesteads. The settlers were then at Brownsville, Neb., arriving there abliged to buy their land. The price December 31, 1862. The little town was Kivil war, in 1865. Then he brought his thronged with settlers, who had come bride and settled on his Nebraska homeand in many cases lost their land after there to take land. That night there was living upon and improving it because a New Year's Eve party at the hotel, which was attended by all. The new grew to manhood and womanhood and homestead act was to go into effect the here Mrs. Freeman lives with children party, demanded free homesteads for the next day, but as New Year's was a holi- and grandchildren. people. In 1854 the first free homestead day, the land office would not be open bill was introduced in congress by Con- until January 2. Mr. Freeman was under orders to join his regiment and ex- in the valley where the prairie and timber pected to leave the next day. He told land join. The old log cabin with sod people everywhere were in favor of the his story and his great desire to be the There was strong opposition to it. first homesteader in the United States however. The first homestead act re- All the others agreed that he should quired the settler to pay 25 cents an acre have the first chance and with him perfor his land, and was passed in 1860. This sunded a clerk in the land office to open

and signed by President Abraham Lin- Thus it came that Daniel Freeman made wards received homestead patent number The first free homestead in the United one for 160 acres on Cub creek near Beat-

said that he wished to be the first man songs sung everywhere after the passage

Come from every nation, come from

Daniel Freeman served his country in the Union army until the close of the stead. This has remained ever since the family home. Here their seven children here Mrs. Freeman lives with children

Mr. Freeman died December 39, 1908,

roof, which was the first home of the Freeman family, has long since disappeared. There is a brick house and orchard, and an old freighting road, from Missouri river to the mountains runs for nearly a mile through the place, with was not until May 20, 1862, that the utes past midnight on January 1 for Dan- rows of giant cottonwoods planted by Mr. Freeman on either side. On the hill at Since that time over 1,600,000 memorate what is regarded as the most