

WHITE FLOUR BEST ON MARKET TODAY

Nebraska Millers Protective Association Now in Session at the Commercial Club.

FLOUR MOST FOR THE MONEY

White flour against the whole wheat, graham and rye propaganda—that in general is the slogan of the Nebraska Millers' Protective association, in session at the Commercial club rooms. This association meets about once a year to take up some of the problems of milling in which the members are mutually interested.

White flour is one of the subjects in which they are mutually interested at present, for they hold that in spite of the fact that much advertising is being done seeking to show that white flour is injurious and that whole wheat and other brands are wholesome, white flour is, nevertheless, as wholesome as any, and it is their business to keep this before the consumers of flour.

Boost White Flour. So, in accordance with this policy, the association has endorsed the "Harris Brothers" advertising campaign, which seeks to advertise white flour, pointing out its merits and its superiority over the other flours that have been boosted in its place.

A. L. Allen of the Western Milling association is to speak on shipping weights during the afternoon session and Frank L. Ringer, commissioner of the State Manufacturers' association, is to talk on community bonding.

N. C. Blackburn of St. Edward is president, J. N. Ashburn of Gibson is vice president and J. E. Burgen is secretary-treasurer. In the talks of the morning it was pointed out that flour has not risen in price in proportion to the other necessities of life in the line of food products. It was pointed out that wherever a table is shown of the vast increases in the price of meats, sugar, butter and any of the staples in the last few years, flour is either not shown at all, or its advance in price is found to be the least in the list. The millers hold that one can get greater food value today by investing a dollar in flour than he can by investing that dollar in any product known.

Ak-Sar-Ben Makes Big Membership Gain Over Last Year

Ak-Sar-Ben has more members at this time than it had at the corresponding period last year and last year was something of a record itself. There are at present 1,000 members for the 1916 season, as against 950 for the 1915 season. Of the 1,000 members who have paid this year, 92 were brought in by the splendid work of the organization's hustling committee, which is working every day. Of the total number of members to date, 712 are new members; that is, men who were not members last year.

The second rehearsal of the season at the Den will be held Monday evening. The first rehearsal was held last Monday evening, when about twenty singers practiced the choral songs. The rehearsal next Monday evening is to be of the entire show and working crew of the Den. There are to be over 100 members in the crew for the big show and initiation at the Den this year.

MRS. REDFIELD, RESIDENT OF OMAHA HALF CENTURY, DIES

Mrs. Margaret B. Redfield, 80 years old, a resident of Omaha for the last fifty years, died at her home, 815 South Thirty-fourth street, Tuesday. She is survived by a son, Joseph Redfield, a daughter, Miss Jennie Redfield, a public school principal. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, with interment in Prospect Hill cemetery.

STREET RAILWAY AND LIGHT COMPANY PAY UP

The Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company remitted to the city \$17,890.15 occupation tax for the first quarter of this year, this being 3 per cent of \$588,204.35, gross earnings in Omaha. The Omaha Electric Light and Power company paid \$10,074.34 for the same period, this tax being 3 per cent of \$335,812.29 gross earnings.

WELL KNOWN MAIL CARRIER DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

John A. Johnson, 240 Pierce street, a mail carrier in the district bounded by Eighteenth and Twentieth and by Dodge and Harney streets, died at the Clarkson hospital early Wednesday morning after a long illness. He was 51 years old and had been a mail carrier for fifteen years. He is survived by his widow, two brothers and a sister.

CRAWFORDITES USE COUNTER MOVE IN "WRITING IN" GAME

The name of Bruce Crawford was the only one printed as candidate for county judge on republican ballots. A movement was launched to write in the name of Joseph L. Kaley. When the friends of Crawford heard of this they launched a movement of their own to write in the name of David Fitch. So the results were kept busy in 1916 campaign.

FREIGHT TRAIN GOES IN THE DITCH NEAR MALVERN

Near Malvern, Ia., thirty-five miles and from Omaha, a freight train was derailed, the engine and one car going into the ditch. The train was slightly out and derailed. There was a passenger train on main line of the road and they were delayed a couple of hours.

Why Colds Are to Be dreaded.

It is not the cold itself but the serious illness it is often found to, that makes a common cold by the common danger of one of the most common ailments. The cold is a serious disease, the result of a germ, and the germ of the cold is the germ of pneumonia, bronchitis, influenza, and other grave diseases. The cold is a serious disease, the result of a germ, and the germ of the cold is the germ of pneumonia, bronchitis, influenza, and other grave diseases. The cold is a serious disease, the result of a germ, and the germ of the cold is the germ of pneumonia, bronchitis, influenza, and other grave diseases.

Aged Resident of East Omaha Dies Leaving Many Kin

Mrs. Amy Leach, 95 years old, for thirty-five years a resident of East Omaha, died yesterday morning at the home of her son in East Omaha. She is survived by her son, Peter; a daughter, Anna; nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, with interment in Forest Lawn cemetery.

PLAN GALA SEASON FOR MUSIC LOVERS

Brightest Stars of Grand Opera World Have Been Secured by the Retailers' Association.

PRICES WILL BE MODERATE

A galaxy of musical stars that will eclipse even those that were here during the season now closing will come to Omaha next fall and winter through the efforts of Louis Nash, George Brandeis and the Omaha Retailers' association.

Among them will be Geraldine Farrar, Emma Destin, Louise Homer, Helen Stanley, Lucien Muratore and Clarence Whitehill, all members of the Ellis Grand Opera company, which will be here October 23 and 24 in "Carmen" and "Il Trovatore."

Mr. Brandeis and Mr. Nash were in New York recently and were able to secure the engagements of this great opera company. It has a full orchestra and seventy-five in the chorus and ballet and includes some of the highest-salaried artists in opera.

John McCormack, the celebrated tenor, will be one of the other big attractions. Fritz Kreisler will fill the fourth evening and the fifth will be either a big orchestra, a chorus of some famous musical star.

Big Demand for Tickets.

The demand for season tickets has been tremendous and over \$15,000 worth have been sold already, according to the promoters.

This is not remarkable when the very low prices are considered when it is remembered that the people of Omaha will have these musical treats at less than half what the people of Chicago, Philadelphia, New York and Boston pay for them. When Farrar and Muratore, for example, sang "Carmen" with the Chicago Grand Opera company, the prices for first floor seats were raised from \$5 to \$7, and even then the seats were all taken long before the date of the opera.

In New York, when Farrar opened in "Carmen," single seats sold as high as \$9 and were hard to obtain at that price. Never in the history of Omaha has such big musical value been given for the money as was given here during the season just closed. And next season even a higher value will be given through the efforts of the Omaha retailers. The retailers have given their guarantee to bring big attractions here for the people to enjoy.

Most of the State Gets Good Soaking

Another drenching rain visited about all of the grain belt of Nebraska again Tuesday night, and, according to the reports of agents sent to railroad headquarters, the precipitation ranged from one-half to an inch and one-half.

Along the Northwestern, practically all the way across the state, from Blair, on the east line, west and southwest to Hastings, there was an all-night rain, and agents report the precipitation at one and one-half inches to slightly more in a number of places. From Omaha to Fremont and thence up the Missouri valley to Oskaloosa and up the Union branch, there was from one-half to an inch.

The Burlington reports from one-half to an inch and one-half over about all the country south of the Platte river, with one-half inch as far west as Oxford.

In Union Pacific territory there were light to heavy rains all the way from Omaha to beyond North Platte, with generally a "heavy" downpour over the country tributary to the branches north and south of the main line in Nebraska.

APPOINT COMMITTEE FOR PROPOSED PROTESTANT UNION

The following committee has been appointed to represent the Omaha Ministerial union in the matter of a proposed protestant university to be located in this city: Rev. E. H. Jenks, Presbyterian; Rev. C. E. Cobey, Christian; Rev. O. D. Balazs, Lutheran; Rev. T. J. Lowe, Methodist; Rev. A. J. Morris, Baptist; Rev. W. O. Jones, United Brethren; Rev. Thomas Evans, United Evangelists; Rev. H. B. Speer, United Presbyterians; Rev. F. E. Papp, Swedish Mission; Dr. E. Jenkins, University of Omaha; Rev. C. A. Hubert, Congregational.

CHURCH LEAGUE MEETING TO BE HELD IN COURT HOUSE

The Omaha Church League Hall league will hold a meeting Friday evening in the office of the probate officer, on the second floor of the court house. All churches that want a team in the league this year must have a representative at this meeting.

RUPTURE

We have a successful treatment for ruptures without resorting to a painful and uncertain surgical operation. We are the only treatment known to give permanent results. We have treated more than twenty years in the case of men and women. We have treated all kinds of ruptures, from the smallest to the largest. We have treated all kinds of ruptures, from the smallest to the largest. We have treated all kinds of ruptures, from the smallest to the largest.

A Few of Our Satisfied Patients. Mr. John Smith, 1234 Main St., Omaha, Neb. I was troubled with a rupture for many years and was unable to do any work. I tried many treatments but nothing helped. I then came to your office and was treated by your method. I am now well and able to do my work. I am very grateful to you for what you have done for me. J. Smith.

CIVIL SERVICE JOBS ABROAD WILL OPEN

Examinations for Positions as Clerks to Foreign Commercial Attaches to Be Given.

SERVICE IS LARGELY EXTENDED

Some nice positions for clerks, who would like to live abroad and draw good salaries, are about to be open in the United States civil service. These are positions as clerks to commercial attaches in foreign countries. The positions pay \$1,500 per year.

Such attaches are now located in London, Lima, Peru; Paris, Petrograd, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Ayres, Melbourne, Berlin, Peking and Santiago, Chile. It is likely that the service will be largely extended during the coming fiscal year by the appointment of new attaches, and therefore the necessity arose for additional clerks.

Examinations for the positions will be given May 17 at the following points in Nebraska: Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, Alliance, Beatrice, Broken Bow, North Platte, Fremont, Holdrege, McCook and Norfolk.

Civil service examinations will also be given at the same places on the same date for the following positions: Market station assistant, woman head nurse, oil gauger, clerk qualified in modern languages, entomological inspector, shop apprentice, instructor in pattern-making and foundry work, assistant alloy chemist and heating and ventilating engineer and draftsman.

Information regarding any of these examinations may be obtained by application to the secretary of the United States Civil Service board—Miss Viola Coffin, federal building, Omaha—or by writing to the United States Civil Service commission, Washington, D. C.

RAINFALL VARIES IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF CITY

The rain last night varied greatly in different parts of the city. Some districts reported a heavy downpour, but in the government rain gauge only .95 of an inch was recorded.

Rains were general throughout the state, except in the extreme western part. Hartington had 1.35 inches; Oskaloosa, .70 of an inch; Culbertson, .52; Broken Bow, .50; Holdrege, .40; and Lincoln, .30. "Unsettled and cooler tonight. Fair tomorrow," is the forecast.

GREAT WESTERN R. R. MADE DEFENDANT IN FED. COURT

The Chicago Great Western railroad has been sued by the federal government on a charge of violating the twenty-eight hour act on a shipment of cattle from Buffalo Center, Ia., to Omaha. The government asks that a fine of \$500 be imposed.

Phone Your Want Ads to The Bee.

ROURKE GETS NEW SECOND BASEMAN FROM YORK STATE

Pa. Rourke has secured Private of Rochester, N. Y., to play second base. He will join the club in Des Moines Thursday. Private is said to be not only a good man on second base, but a strong batter and all round good man.

SUIT AGAINST MILWAUKEE FILED IN FEDERAL COURT

Suit was filed by the federal government against the Milwaukee railroad, charging it with violation of the twenty-eight-hour law on shipments of cattle from Mitchell, S. D., to Omaha. A fine of \$1,000 is asked.

U. P. Officials Plan to Prevent Shortage of Cars Next Fall

After the experience of the past, Union Pacific officials are figuring on a plan to prevent a car shortage next fall when the grain commences to move from Nebraska to market.

To company agents of the Union Pacific system, General Manager Ware has addressed a letter cautioning the Union Pacific men to be particular and use foreign cars, whenever they are available, for shipments going off the company lines. He advises that all cars be loaded to 10 per cent above capacity weight, or up to full capacity space. Reports will be required each day on system cars loaded for points off the company lines, and when so loaded, a report on why such loading could not have been avoided, will be required.

It is the opinion of General Manager Ware that if officers and employees follow the rules laid down, they will be able to prevent a serious freight car shortage, so far as the Union Pacific is concerned.

To Discuss Track Elevation at the City Hall Thursday

Citizens interested in the Belt line track elevation are notified to appear in the city council chamber at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, when officials of the Missouri Pacific Railway company and city commissioners will discuss plans submitted by the railway people. The Missouri Pacific proposes to start the general plan of elevation by raising the tracks over Dodge, Douglas and Farnam streets.

Part of Belgrade is Destroyed by Fire

PARIS, April 19.—A destructive fire in Belgrade, formerly the capital of Serbia, is reported in a dispatch to the Mail from Bucharest. It is said the eastern section of the city was almost destroyed. Several hundred houses were burned and thousands of persons are homeless.

GOOD RAIN IN GRAIN BELT LOWERS THE PRICES

A continuation of good rains over a portion of the wheat and corn belt sent grain prices down again on the Omaha market, wheat losing one to two cents; corn, one-half cent, and oats, a quarter of a cent.

Omaha receipts were: Wheat, 59 cars; corn, 1 car, and oats, 13 cars. Wheat sold at \$1.09 1/8; corn, 69c; oats, 49 1/2c per bushel.

SCHOOL DISTRICT ACQUIRES OLD JUDGE LAKE PROPERTY

The deed has just been filed whereby the school district of Omaha acquires the 160 feet west of the Central school. This is the old Judge George H. Lake property. The consideration was \$2,000. The transfer was made some months ago, but the filing of the deed had been delayed. The deed reads, "From A. G. Lake to the school district of Omaha."

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"TIZ" FOR FEET

For Sore, Tired, Swollen Feet; For Aching, Tender, Calloused Feet or Painful Corns—Use "Tiz!"



Good-hye, sore feet, burning feet, swollen feet, tender feet, tired feet. Good-hye, corns, callouses, bunions and raw spots. No more shoe tightness, no more limping with pain or drawing up your face in agony. "Tiz" is magical, acts right off "Tiz" breaks out all the poisonous excretions which guff up the feet. Use "Tiz" and wear smaller shoes. Use "Tiz" and forget your foot misery. Ah! how comfortable your feet feel. Get a 5-cent box of "Tiz" now at any drugstore or department store. Don't suffer. Have good feet, sleep fast, feet that never swell, never hurt, never get tired, beware of foot ailments.



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The Truth About the Cleveland Municipal Electric Light Plant

(CONTINUED)

Some Untruths Told and Implied by F. W. Ballard

We have set before you the TRUTH about Cleveland's municipal electric light plant.

We shall now point out more specifically some of the UNTRUTHS told and implied by F. W. Ballard, the deposed manager of this plant, while in Omaha.

Mr. Ballard came here, as he goes to other cities, seeking employment as an "expert" municipal ownership promoter.

Mr. Ballard directly represented himself as now connected with the management of this Cleveland plant, when as a matter of fact he was ousted from its management last fall at a popular election by the stunning majority of 11,504, he and all his crowd.

He represented himself as the instrument by which the city of Philadelphia recently obtained a reduction in electric light rates, when as a matter of fact the man most conspicuous in this readjustment, outside of the company's own officials, was Morris Llewellyn Cooke, director of utilities for the city of Philadelphia, and next to Mr. Cooke was Dr. E. M. Patterson of the Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania, Ballard's part being but incidental.

By implication he represented himself as signally successful in this line of work, when as a matter of fact in notably two cities where he had been to aid in foisting municipal ownership upon the people, Lorain, O., and Kalamazoo, Mich., he has met with overwhelming defeat.

SOME LIES ABOUT THE PLANT.

Imposing upon the confidence and credulity of Omaha people, Ballard misrepresented fact after fact in his speeches here.

First he spoke of the \$2,000,000 of bonds issued for the plant, failing to bring out the fact that the bonds had to be increased up to \$2,775,000, an increase of 38 per cent.

He represented the investment as \$3,000,000 instead of more than \$3,500,000.

He said the total load of the plant now was one-half, when official records show it to be more than two-thirds.

He said the plant in 1915 paid all its interest charge, \$120,000, when official records show it paid less than one-half, or \$59,040, capitalizing the remainder, \$60,810, for the total interest charge is \$119,850.

He said the plant was increasing its load and taking on new customers, when, according to the specific statement of the lighting commissioner in charge of the plant, no new customers are being taken on.

He said extensions were being made as fast as possible, when according to the lighting commissioner in charge of the plant, "We have no money to make extensions and have cut down our force by 40 per cent."

He told of laying up a big surplus from earnings, when as a matter of fact expenses have been charged to construction and interest to capital to make a showing.

He represented the plant as "the people's plant," and himself as the man who "gave Cleveland 3-cent electric light," when as a matter of fact, taking the official records of one month as an average, "the people" or the residence consumers, got only 8 per cent of the plant's total output for which they paid 14 per cent of its total revenue, while 161 big wholesalers got 66 per cent of its total output, for which they paid only 44 per cent of the total revenue.

HIS CROWNING FABLE.

Ballard said that in 1915 the plant made a profit, after paying for operation, interest and sinking fund, of \$42,510, when as a matter of fact it lost upwards of \$125,000, as will be seen from the fact that:

Its total revenue was	\$541,495
Its total operation cost	311,135
Its total interest charge	119,850
Its total sinking fund charge	68,062
Its total depreciation charge	105,000
Its total tax allowance	60,047

With one damage claim judgment of \$7,500 paid by the city treasury, with office rents and services from other city departments free, all of which Brother Ballard blissfully ignored in his presumptuous misrepresentations to the people of Omaha.

He represented the gross revenue for January, 1916, \$62,000, with cost of operation, \$24,000, and operating profit, \$38,000, as the average for the year and multiplying this \$38,000 by 12, struck off a total of \$456,000, which he had the effrontery to refer to as the profit for 1916, when as a matter of fact this would be a percentage of profit of 62 per cent, as compared with less than 8 per cent profit for 1915, if his claimed profit of \$42,510 for 1915 were true.

He represented in this \$456,000, a profit for 1916 only \$85,000 less than the whole income of the plant from all sources in 1915, thus presuming upon the intelligence of his Omaha audiences.

Ballard said 3 per cent was the usual depreciation rate for electrical plants, when no state commission will permit so low a rate; when most of them, Nebraska's railroad commission included, refuse to go below 6 per cent for these municipal properties.

THE CRUSHING CLIMAX.

Ballard represented the municipal plant in Cleveland as serving Cleveland, when as matter of fact it serves but 15,000 or 16,000 of the 90,000 electrical consumers, and can serve no more now with no money for extensions and two-thirds loaded.

He represented it as paying its way, when it sloughs off its fixed charges onto the taxpayers each year.

He represented it as having been well-managed under him, when, according to the lighting commissioner, its records are "a jumbled mess" that will require two years of auditing to straighten out.

He represented it as in good physical condition, when according to the lighting commissioner, "the day is not far distant" when its chief machinery will have to go to the scrap pile because of obsolescence and deterioration and a big blunder in the original purchases, with not a penny put away as depreciation charge to buy new machinery when it is gone.

Ballard's big play was to represent this plant as popular, when as a matter of fact there is at this moment and was at the moment he spoke in Omaha, a proposition pending before the city of Cleveland for the closing down of this plant except as a distributing station.

These are a few of the misrepresentations the self-seeking Ballard made in his own behalf to the good people of Omaha, whether he had come hoping later to be engaged as an "expert" adviser.

Omaha Electric Light & Power Co.

GEO. H. HARRIES, President