

Brief City News

"Townsend's for Sporting Goods." Have Boat Print in New Beach Press. Electric Fans \$7.50—Burgess-Graden Co. Half Karat White Diamonds \$15—Edholm.

Johnny Get a Girl, mifley fox trot, latest Viennese dance hit. Record No. 35562. Orchard & Wilheim Co.

Good Crops Are Assured—Now is the time to secure office quarters. See the Bee Building—the building that is known to all.

"Today's Movie Program." Classified section today. It appears in The Bee exclusively. Find out what the various moving picture theaters offer.

To Jewelers' Convention—A special car over the Northwestern will carry a party of Omaha jewelers to the national convention at Minneapolis August 28.

Grocer a Bankrupt—Jacob Lieb, groceries and meats, 3113 North Thirtieth street, filed a petition in bankruptcy, with assets of \$1,140 and liabilities of \$2,256.

Files Bankruptcy Petition—Nicholas F. Kriebs, a sheet metal worker, who lives on a farm in Barry county, filed a petition to be adjudged bankrupt. Liabilities, \$10,481; assets, \$6,690.

Improvers Meet—The Northwest Federation of Improvement clubs will hold a regular meeting Friday evening in the auditorium of the Deaf Institute building at Forty-fifth street and Bedford avenue.

Watermelons Cheaper—Last car priced at 1-1-3c lb., guaranteed ripe; 1-1-5c lb. not guaranteed; Mason fruit jars Lacq. caps pts. 40c; qt. 44c; 1/2 gal., 65c; heavy white jar Rubber, doz., 6c; corn flakes, 10c; pkgs. 5c; soda, 10c; pkgs. 5c; sticky fly paper, 4 double sheets, 6c, at any of THE BASKET STORES.

Butler's Ordinance Referred—The city council referred to the committee of the whole Commissioner Butler's resolution, requiring that all conduits laid in the future shall be approved only on condition that the city shall reserve the right to use a portion of such conduits at a reasonable rental price.

Looking for William Rohrbach—City Clerk O'Connor has received from J. H. Rohrbach of New York City a letter of inquiry as to the whereabouts of William Rohrbach, who is said to have left Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1860. It is stated that "valuable information" awaits William Rohrbach.

Go Into Auto Business—Dr. E. I. Thomas, formerly vice president of the City National bank in Omaha, and L. E. Crampton, also formerly with that bank, have gone into the automobile distributing business for the Chalmers company. They have established themselves at Norfolk and expect to serve the territory.

Secures Divorce and Daughter—Ida Olson has been granted a decree of divorce against Adolph J. Olson by District Judge Charles Leslie. She is also awarded the custody of a minor daughter, Lillian. Failure to provide for the child, she says, has led her to file a petition asking divorce from Benjamin F. Hoffner, a locomotive engineer. She also asks custody of the daughter. They were married in Council Bluffs, August 4, 1909.

Watchman Injured By Fall Into Shaft

Employees who were working at the M. E. Smith company plant, at Ninth and Douglas streets, last evening telephoned the police that they heard groans from the bottom of an elevator shaft.

Detectives Dunn and Kennelley investigated and found the watchman, Olaf Johnson, 2527 Rees street, lying at the bottom of the shaft, dazed. He had made a misstep and had fallen twelve feet. A cable that he struck eased his fall. He was sent to St. Joseph's hospital.

Tom Alley Arrives Minus Mechanician

Tom Alley, auto racer, arrived in Omaha last night on his Chicago-to-San Francisco tour for the eastern automobile company. He had bad luck at a little village outside Des Moines, where his car turned over, breaking the wrist of his mechanic, De Vere Barnes.

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BOY KILLED BY AUTO ON FARNAM STREET

Wm. Gorham, Aged 9, Struck by Machine Driven by C. L. Lambert.

SKULL BADLY FRACTURED

Four men walked into the police station soon after 9 o'clock last evening, two of them were dazed and half crying and the others had bloody shirt fronts.

One of the men was I. O. Gorham, whose 9-year-old son, William, had been killed by an automobile at Twenty-fifth avenue and Farnam street less than an hour before.

Another member of this strange group was C. L. Lambert, 1813 Capitol avenue, who drove the car that killed the boy.

The third was H. M. Binder, 2501 Farnam street, who saw the boy crushed, picked him up and, in Lambert's car, rushed him to the Wise Memorial hospital. The fourth was a brother of Binder.

Stunned by Grief.

The four men stood in the station until someone asked them what they wanted, and then told their story.

The boy had been struck, taken to the hospital, had died, and the coroner had been notified. Yet the first news the police had was when the principals in the tragedy told their story to Captain Heitfeld.

The Gorham boy was going on an errand with 14-year-old Lenora Burton, who lives with the Gorhams at their home, 2901 1/2 Farnam street.

At Twenty-fifth avenue and Farnam street an automobile was standing. The two children started to cross the street in front of this standing car.

Wheel Goes Over Shoulder.

Half way out they saw a street car coming east. They started back. Lambert was coming east also, nearly abreast of the street car and at about fifteen miles an hour, he said. The boy was struck and one wheel went over his shoulder.

Mr. Binder and his brother picked up the little victim, and Lambert, who had stopped, carried them to Wise Memorial hospital, only two blocks away.

The doctors there said the boy had received a fracture at the base of the brain and other injuries, which rendered death almost instantaneous.

Lambert was held in jail without bond to await the verdict of the coroner.

Omaha Boy Scout Gives President Word From Home

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Washington, Aug. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—John W. Welch and his son Merchon of Omaha, aged 12, who is an enthusiastic boy scout, were introduced to the president today by Congressman Lobeck.

Mr. Welch was pleased at the reception, but Merchon delivered a message that pleased the chief executive not a little.

"The boy scouts will welcome you, Mr. President, when you come to Omaha."

Fifty or more people heard the young lad and everybody smiled, as did Mr. Wilson.

E. H. McManis, delegate from Omaha Typographical union, No. 190, to the International Typographical union convention, now in session in Baltimore, was a Washington visitor today.

Two More Subseas to Start for America

London, Aug. 17.—Two new German submarines of very large size will depart shortly for America, according to a Central News dispatch from The Hague. It is said these submarines have made trial trips off Heligoland.

Huge Muskrat Killed By Detective's Bludgeon

A huge muskrat, evidently lost from the river, was killed by Detective John Dunn in front of central police headquarters at Eleventh and Dodge last night.

Dunn was sitting in front of the station when he saw the rat and yelled: "Hey, Cap! look at the rat. It's as big as a dog!"

Captain Heitfeld advised him to quit drinking, and Dunn, to make good, ran the animal down and killed it with a club. The pelt will be presented to Chief of Detectives Maloney for a winter cap.

Culls From the Wire

The Texas company announced a cut of 10 cents a barrel on Caddo and DeSoto light oil.

The Hawaiian sugar plantations distributed \$491,000 in dividends. Of this amount, plantations on the island of Oahu contributed \$200,000.

Preparation for starting an aviation school at what will be trained for duty in time of war were begun in Chicago by Captains in an English regiment before the outbreak of the war.

The death of Major William Alexander Trotter, a brother of fine Virginia horses, in a trench with an English regiment before Treport, France, while in action, July 12, has been reported.

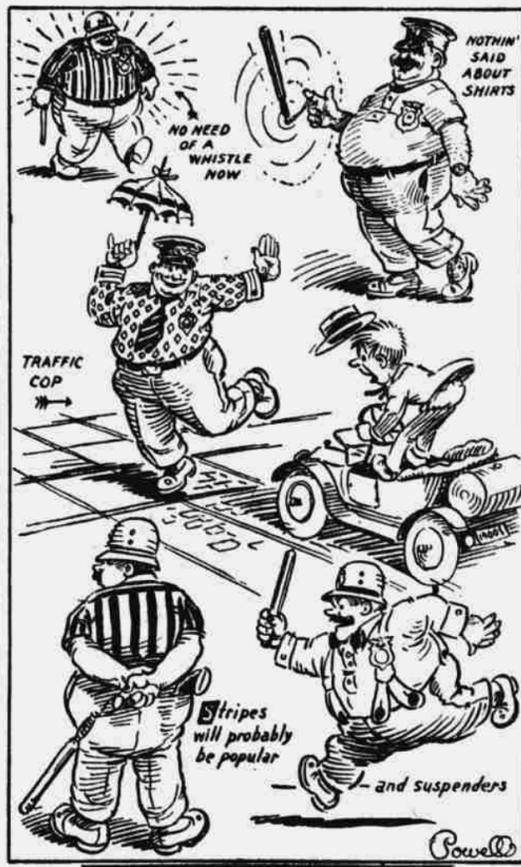
Forty-five provincial regiments, including approximately 20,000 men, have been organized among the veterans of foreign wars of the United States since the sending of state troops to the border.

American Minister Jeffery at Montevideo notified the State department that the Uruguayan cabinet had resigned as the result of defeat of the government in the recent elections for constitutional reforms.

President Wilson has nominated P. J. H. von Engelken of East Palestine, Pa., to be director of the mint, succeeding R. W. Wootley, who entered the democratic campaign.

Frank Wylie, 25 years old, a carpenter of Idaho Falls, Idaho, developed a case of infantile paralysis in Salt Lake City, the first there since the present epidemic began in the country. There is much speculation as to where the man contracted the disease.

When the Coats Come Off



BRITISH GAINS OF GROUND ARE SLIGHT

Correspondent in the German Trenches Near Somme Describes Artillery Duels.

TRENCHES MADE USELESS

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) German Trenches, Opposite the British Position at Gommecourt, Monday, Aug. 14.—(Via Berlin and Saviell Wireless, Aug. 17.)—Half a million British have been engaged in the effort to break the German lines on the Somme front. Often, as in the fighting between Gommecourt and Hebuterne, the British outnumbered the Germans six to one. They have gained ground to a depth of from three to five miles over a front of about eighteen miles, but nowhere have been able to break through.

Shells Widen Trenches.

More than ever, death has become commonplace in this most murderous battle of all times. The Germans in the first line know that they probably will be killed if their positions are attacked. Trenches are virtually useless, for the heavy British shells widen them into broad channels, affording no cover of any sort.

The advancing British foot troops are no better off, because the Germans reverse the process when part of their positions have been captured. After the British artillery has leveled the trenches, the infantry rushes in, often to be thrown out again as soon as the British artillery ceases fire, which it has to do owing to the proximity of the opposing lines. Thus the battle has been going on for weeks, the opposing forces now gaining, at terrific cost, and then losing at even greater cost, a few yards of trenches. At present all the fighting by the British is carried on from their positions in the rear.

German Fire Terrific.

The German fire, too, is terrific. An idea of its intensity may be gained from the fact that on certain British troops, German guns threw 1,600 shells in one minute and forty-five seconds, resulting in great slaughter.

After the British assault dies away before the German second line, from which machine guns pour out streams of bullets which literally cut the men into fragments. At one point the men in the Press correspondent stood within 800 yards of the British trenches near Delville wood. Nearby the Germans had buried 1,600 British as Julia in the firing permitted.

Some 500 British prisoners, whom the correspondent saw behind the firing line, were still dazed from the shock. They were a sorry spectacle, glad they had escaped from "hell," as they termed it.

Each Man His Own Leader.

The correspondent visited the entire front of the present offensive and everywhere found from talks with Germans, that they were more determined than ever to stand their ground. The men are in capital shape physically and of easy mind, although they are looking upon death each time. An officer said each man is his own leader, as it is often impossible under the present battle conditions to transmit commands. While the generals might still plan the actions, the officer said, it was plain that the infantryman, acting on his own initiative in the presence of death, must save the day.

Back of the German lines, within artillery range, hardly a single house was standing. Embers were still burning in the ruins of two villages as the correspondent passed through. Officers said there were no German troops in such places and that the victims were mostly French civilians. Of these the correspondent saw scores of wounded. Whenever possible, the Germans removed the civilians, as at Buquoy. The population of this town was sent out at 2 o'clock in the morning and the bombardment began at 1 o'clock. By noon the entire village was razed. The village of Ran-court met with a similar fate. The

correspondent saw part of the population rushing for safety, and a few hours later looked on the burning debris of the town.

Girls Killed by Bombs.

British aviators have made attempts to burn the grain, but apparently mindful of the fact that it belongs to French peasants. One aviator, descending to 800 yards from a harvesting party, killing two French girls and wounding others.

There is no safety anywhere in the zone behind the front. While the artillery does not reach is exposed constantly to the bombs of aviators. While the correspondent was at Bugny, eight civilians were killed. Eighteen others were wounded, of whom four died in the German hospital the same day. At Cambrai four persons were killed and two wounded on the same night. A French civilian pointed out that, while the German soldiers have built bomb-proofs in which to seek refuge, the civilians have only cellars. He begged that this be brought to the attention of the British military authorities.

County Fathers Will Fix Tax Levy Friday

Douglas county commissioners will fix the county tax levy at a special meeting Friday morning, at which time figures supplied by the state and announced at Lincoln, Wednesday, will be checked with records of the assessor. The state levy has been fixed at 6.1 mills, divided as follows: State general fund (mills).....1.00 University fund.....1.00 Special university building fund......75 Normal school fund.....1.00 State aid bridge fund......1.00

The 1916 levy has been reduced 7 mill from the levy of 1915, the only change being the amount assessed for the state general fund. In 1915 it was 4.1 mills.

On a valuation of \$51,514,445, as placed by the assessor, Douglas county's actual valuation is more than \$257,000,000, or five times the assessed valuation.

On this basis the state will derive the following amounts in taxes: General fund.....\$178,148.00 University.....187,181.44 Special university.....3,663.58 Normal school.....4,374.72 Bridge aid fund.....6,171.44 Total.....\$374,239.09

Eagles Name Officers and Go to Buffalo Next Year

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 17.—Selection of Buffalo for the 1917 grand aerie, of the Protectors of Eagles, became practically assured today when that city was the only one offered the annual meeting here. These officers were nominated: Grand worthy president, Rex B. Goodell, San Bernardino, Cal.; grand worthy vice president, Frederick Hughes, Yonkers, N. Y.; grand secretary, J. S. Perry, Kansas City, Mo.; grand treasurer, Joseph Dowling, Dayton, O.; grand worthy chaplain, Henry J. Lemcke, Saginaw, Mich.; grand worthy conductor, J. W. Helder, Jr., New York; grand inside guard, C. T. Laird, Brockton, Mass.

Police Make Trips With St. Louis Milk Wagons

St. Louis, Aug. 17.—Attempts by three of the large dairies affected by the strike and lockout of union milk wagon drivers to break the strike today, resulted in the sending out of nine wagons to make household deliveries. Each wagon was guarded by a policeman.

NATION BOUND TO DISCHARGE DUTY

Hughes in His Portland Speech Attacks the Policies That Democrats Adopted.

REFERS TO PHILIPPINES

Portland, Ore., Aug. 17.—Charles E. Hughes, before a large audience in the ice rink here tonight, assailed the democratic party for its policy toward the Philippines.

"We cannot afford in this country to lose sight of national obligations," Mr. Hughes said. "Our friends on the other side were almost ready to say that we should abandon the Philippines. That was a matter of national honor. We assumed obligations there which we are bound to discharge.

"It is not so much a matter of self-interest. I do not care so much with respect to the argument of self-interest, but when this nation undertakes before the whole world a responsibility, it must discharge it.

"And we ought not to consider the subject of scuttling out of the Philippines, to leave them in the predicament which you know perfectly well without my describing it.

Need High Standards.

"We need more of a sense of obligation, as individuals. If we have the sense of national honor, a dominant consciousness of national unity, a proper upbuilding policy of conserving the opportunities of American enterprise, we shall do well, but we need still more. We need, through our administrative departments, high standards of public work. We need efficiency in every department of American government.

Mr. Hughes, speaking of the tariff, referred to a letter written, he said, by "an eminent democrat," July 28, to the president of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, in which it was said that "Ought to be possible to make the question of duties merely a question of progress and development."

For Protective Tariff.

"I do not care whether this letter is authentic or not," said Mr. Hughes. "If it is not authentic, then the provision of law is little more than a sham. If it is authentic, it does not represent the sentiment of the democratic party."

The nominee reiterated his arguments for a protective tariff, for commercial preparation, for co-operation with Europe, for reasonable, adequate preparedness, and repeated his declaration that the democratic party was opposed to national progress.

"Why, if I were a member of that party—and I speak with all good nature, because we are threshing things out here now—and looked through the platforms of the past, I should feel that I was going through a cemetery richly embellished with monuments."

Mr. Hughes referred to the number of unemployed in 1914, due largely, he said, to the Underwood tariff.

All Tariff Experts.

"They knew why they were unemployed," he said. "Every one of them was a tariff expert. There were 300,000 unemployed tariff experts in the city of New York alone."

"You can't get American workingmen along side of workingmen of other countries who work at less wages and expect the American workmen to survive. You have got to get down to the common basis of cooperation. It is perfectly idle to suppose you can have the American wage scale and the American standard of goods and let in goods made under a lower standard of living without hurting American enterprises and American working men."

In reference to Alaska Mr. Hughes said:

"I would not have much confidence in speaking of a new spirit in American life if I did not believe in the integrity of the business men of America. I believe that we can do things right in this country and develop our resources. You have got an empire in Alaska; I want to see it developed; I want to see it developed right."

Time Has Now Come.

"I think the time has come when we have got to be sure of ourselves, sure of our integrity, confident and equal to our emergencies.

"I have had something to do in my life with correcting and preventing

Rev. Luther Kuhns Resigns as Secretary Of Luther League

Toledo, O., Aug. 17.—Invasion of South American with the organization of a branch of the Luther League of America in British Guiana, was announced in the first business session of that body, in convention here today.

Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, Omaha, general secretary, made the report. He stated that 108 additional local branches have affiliated with the national organization since the Baltimore convention. Rev. Mr. Kuhns tendered his resignation, to take effect at the close of the present convention.

Holbrook Defeats Frontier.

Holbrook, Neb., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Holbrook defeated Frontier here Monday afternoon, 4 to 2. Frontier was spiked up with three Rustis players—Grinn, Mackey and Blight. The features of the game was Mackey's running catch in center field, pulling down a high fly with one hand. Batteries—Holbrook, Stanley and Smith; Frontier, Grinn and Mackey.

Would Take Nine Days to Sign Up The Commissions

Washington, Aug. 17.—Completion of the reorganization measures authorized for the regular army under the bill which became effective July 1, is being delayed by the fact that President Wilson has been unable to find time to sign the thousand or more officers' commissions which have accumulated on his desk. Until the commissions are signed the officers have no authority to exercise the functions of their new rank.

The tax upon the president's time is so great that army officials have recommended passage of a special act, authorizing delegation of the power to sign commissions to some other person. That practice is followed in the land office, and it has been pointed out that if an army of 500,000 volunteers were to be formed, with its 30,000 officers, it would take the president, the secretary of war and the adjutant general, the three officials whose names must appear on commissions, nine full working days each to carry out their part in this purely routine matter.

Corporal Clement Shot and Killed by Corporal Dunches

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 17.—Corporal James Clement, Company C, Second Virginia regiment, was shot and instantly killed tonight, and Sofia Valdez, a Mexican girl, was probably fatally wounded by Corporal Dunches, assigned to the quartermaster's corps of the regular army.

The Valdez girl had repulsed Dunches' advances, according to members of her family, and when threatened with violence, it is said, called for assistance. Just as Corporal Clement appeared to aid the girl, it is charged, Dunches shot her twice and turned his weapon on Clement, killing him instantly with two bullets in the breast. Dunches was being held in the county jail tonight.

Figures on National Banks.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Resources of the national banks of the United States, June 30, amounted to \$19,927,000,000, an increase over those shown in reports of June, 1915, of about \$2,131,000,000, and a decrease of about \$28,000,000 from May 1, last. Figures made public today by Comptroller Williams show total deposits June 30, of \$19,848,000,000; loans and discounts of \$7,479,000,000; circulation of \$2,745,000,000 and reserves of \$2,078,000,000.

Convicted of Accepting Bribes.

Girard, Ala., Aug. 17.—City Marshal John Oakes, was convicted today of accepting bribes from illegal liquor vendors. Mayor Earl Morgan, Clerk I. A. Weaver of Girard were arrested on similar charges, but released on bond. Oakes, stating that he was instructed by the Girard city council to collect \$25 a month from blind tiger proprietors, and admitted receiving money.

HERE'S A NEW WAY TO MAKE YOUR FEET GLAD

When your feet are sad with the sorrows that come of standing or walking long hours, when they burn and throb, when they perspire excessively and grow tender as balls and you wish that you had wooden legs, then you will remember this little story of how a clerk in a big store found relief from his foot woes. He was a sufferer. None more so. Then one day he heard of a simple, easy method of relieving his agonies. He took this hint and bought a 25-cent package of Wa-Na-Ta at the drug store. Two tablets in a basin of hot water, then a few minutes' immersion of the aching, throbbing feet, and lo! the pain had gone, the aches vanished, the burning sensation had been replaced by a cooling comfort. You can easily try it yourself. Delightful for use in bath. Leaves skin soft and sanitary. If your druggist hasn't Wa-Na-Ta, send us 10 cents for a sample package and we will mail it to you prepaid. You'll thank us for the suggestion. L. C. London Co., South Bend, Ind.—Advertisement.

New, Positive Treatment to Remove Hair or Fuzz

(Beauty Notes) Women are fast learning the value of the use of delatone for removing hair or fuzz from face, neck or arms. Delatone and water spread on the hairy surface. In 2 or 3 minutes it is rubbed off, the skin washed and every bit of hair has disappeared. No failure will result if you are careful to buy genuine delatone. Sold by all druggists.—Advertisement.

Advertisement for Dr. McKenney Dentists. Features include: 4 YEARS AT 1324 FARNAM ST., TEETH WITHOUT PLATES A SPECIALTY, We Please You or Refund Your Money, Dr. McKenney Says: "All work done in my office is personally guaranteed by me—it must be satisfactory—if it isn't, no matter what the cause may be, I'll make the necessary changes absolutely free of charge." Services offered: Best Silver 50c Filling, Best 22-k Gold Crown \$4, Wonder Plates—worth \$15 to \$25... \$5, \$8, \$10, Heaviest Bridge \$4 Work, per tooth. Hours: 8:30 A.M. to 6 P.M., Wednesdays and Saturdays Till 8:00 P.M., Not Open Sunday. 14TH AND FARNAM STS.—1324 FARNAM STREET. Phone Douglas 2572. NOTICE—Out-of-Town Patrons can get Plates, Crowns, Bridges and Fillings Completed in One Day.

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Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. For your cold and bronchial cough, use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It cuts the phlegm, relieves congestion. It cures the phlegm, relieves the stomach, and the abdomen and one lung of his victim.