

## NOTHING TO DO BUT WORK, FOR CENTRAL

How Telephone Girl Accurately Handles 2,000 Electric Ears and Mouths.

### A MARVEL OF SYSTEM

By A. R. GROH.  
Did you ever wonder how it is that "central" can connect you almost instantaneously with any one of the 42,000 telephones in Omaha?

You can easily see that it would be a physical impossibility for each girl to reach each of the 42,000 numbers.

Did you ever wonder how she remembers all the numbers that have been changed? There are about 2,000 changes a month in Omaha. I wondered about these things and folks asked me about them. So I pushed my researches and investigations for the dissemination of wisdom into the field of the telephone. And it gives me pleasure to inform you that I have solved this mystery. Listen closely.

#### That Board Light.

The wire from your telephone runs to the central office and when you take off your receiver, a tiny lamp is lighted at "central's" switchboard, a lamp no bigger than a dime. Under this lamp is a hole as big as a lead pencil. "Central" sticks a metal plug in there. The metal is attached to one end of a wire. Another plug is on the other end of this wire.

When you tell her the number you want, she sticks the plug at the other end of the wire into a hole under the number that you ask for. Then she rings.

This is the procedure when the number you ask for is on the same exchange as your own number.

If you ask for a number on some other exchange the procedure is somewhat different. Suppose yours is a Douglas number and you ask for some Webster number.

The little lamp lights and the operator inserts the plug in the hole and asks, "Number, please." Hearing that you want Webster 5696, for instance, she presses a little button marked "Webster exchange" and the operator there tells her to put your call on a certain unbusy trunk line leading from the Douglas to the Webster exchange. This being done, one of the operators at the Webster exchange connects you with your number, as in the first instance.

#### Speed and Intelligence.

And all this is done so quickly by those intelligent, alert girls and that wonderful maze of wires and plugs and little lights that you get your connection in five or ten seconds.

If your phone is taken out, the holes bearing your number on the various switchboards are plugged up. Then when somebody calls for your number, "central" switches the call to other girls in the office, whose business it is to keep track of all the changes.

There are 8,700 numbers on the Douglas exchange. About eighty girls take care of these at the busiest time of the day. They have fifteen minutes rest out of every two hours. Are there any questions you wish to ask? If so, don't hesitate. I spent an hour at Mr. Yost's telephone plant and so I know nearly everything about it.

## Union Pacific Has Heaviest Business Ever, Says Stenger

"Business is very good and the physical condition of the Union Pacific was never better," was the assertion of General Superintendent Stenger, who has returned from an inspection of the railroad property. He was out thirty days and went over every division, traveling on a special train and taking along superintendents and engineers of the several divisions.

The inspection trip of Mr. Stenger was concluded at St. Joseph, after he had passed over all the lines of the St. Joseph & Grand Island road, one of the subsidiary properties.

The banquet at St. Joseph was the concluding feature of the trip and was attended by some fifty railroad officials and as many others, business men of the city.

## Burglars Get Rich Hauls from Homes

Burglars took advantage of the absence of the maid from the home of W. L. Blackett, 2850 Fowler avenue, and entering, made way with a considerable quantity of silverware.

S. C. Johnson's home, 4107 Farnam street, was entered by thieves who opened the front door with a skeleton key and stole jewelry of much value. The family are out of the city, and the exact amount of what was taken cannot be ascertained until they return.

A. Bolker, 853 South Twenty-first street, reports the theft of a child's bank containing \$2.50 and a considerable amount of jewelry from his home.

## Autoist Hits Boy, Then Speeds Away

A little boy lying prostrate on Florence boulevard Wednesday night was mute testimony against some cowardly autoist. After medical treatment the lad said he had been hit by an auto whose driver did not stop.

C. I. Hansen found the boy in his plight. The little victim couldn't remember his name or address at first. But it was finally discovered that he was Cecil Fitch, 11 years old, living at Nineteenth and Miami. He is injured internally, it is feared.

**Sheep Business in Belle Fourche.** Belle Fourche, S. D., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The manager of the dipping tanks at the Middle Creek pens states he has dipped 23,000 head of sheep so far this season and has orders for dipping 20,000 more. It is estimated that 150,000 head of sheep have been delivered to the Middle Creek pens during the last two months.

## Wheat Comes Back, While Corn Drops

Without being sensational, the Omaha grain market was, with the

exception of corn, decidedly strong and higher. Wheat was up 1 to 2 cents and sold at \$1.71@1.79. Receipts were sixty-seven carloads.

Corn was 2 cents off, both old and new. Old sold at 98c@1.00 and new, 91@95c. Receipts were light, there

being but sixteen carloads on sale. Oats were 1/4 to 1/2c higher and sold at 50 1/2@51 1/2c, with offerings at twenty-eight carloads.

**Mike Holds Records.** Mike Charles of the Princeton eleven is a sprinter and a genuine strong man. In his freshman year he broke all the strength records of the university.

## Printed When Convenient Is Slogan of Newspaper

"Printed Whenever Convenient" is the slogan of "The Listening Post," a little six by eight newspaper printed by the Canadian troops in the trenches in Europe. A copy of this

little newspaper published in the zone of shell fire is one of the exhibits of war trophies now on display on the third floor of the Brandeis stores. It is an interesting little paper and well edited, made up and printed. A note underneath the newspaper explains that six members

of its staff have been killed or wounded and that "it has already had three editors."

**Crowd for Big Game.** It is estimated that more than 70,000 foot ball enthusiasts will see the Tad Jones-Percy Haughton contest at New Haven November 21.

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**FRANK DEWEY**  
For County Clerk

Has been in this office in responsible positions since 1897. Twice elected by large majorities, proving his efficiency and ability.



**ROBERT SMITH**  
For Clerk of District Court

Has paid jurors in cash, has paid treasurer mere fees than any predecessor; helped stop jury bribing and election stealing; increased efficiency and lowered expense.



**MICHAEL CLARK**  
For Sheriff

Foreman for street railway company. Will make a real sheriff with the vigor, courage and ability to enforce the law, which he pledges himself to do without fear or favor.



**HENRY C. MURPHY**  
For County Attorney

City attorney of South Omaha for three terms, with no judgments being secured against the city. Will make a progressive, vigorous, economical and law-enforcing official.



**EMMET G. SOLOMON**  
For Treasurer

Has been county commissioner and county comptroller and for past 7 years chief deputy city and county treasurer. Gives strict attention to business.



**W. G. SHRIVER**  
Former County Assessor

Real estate, loans and insurance business. Has been city councilman and was county assessor from 1908 to 1913. Has shown that he's the man for the job.

## For Congress



**BENJ. S. BAKER**

"Ben" Baker, as he is commonly known, is a friend of everybody. He has served two terms as district judge and is qualified in intellect, integrity and patriotism for congress. If you want a real representative, not a "pusy-footer," vote for him.

## To Maintain Republican Doctrines Vote For Republican Candidates

They are experienced, capable, honest. They will run the county's business efficiently and economically. They will treat everyone fairly and courteously.

### HOW TO VOTE

At the top of the first column on the ballot you will find two proposed amendments to the constitution; one of these is the prohibitory amendment. Vote on these amendments as you please.

After you have voted on the amendments, no matter whether you vote wet or dry, then put an X in the REPUBLICAN PARTY CIRCLE, which is the second circle, and then give your ballot to the clerk.

Voting the republican ticket is neither voting for or against prohibition. It is doing your share, however, in securing honest, economic officials and a government that will treat you fairly and protect you always.

## For County Commissioners



**FRANK U. BEST**

Frank Best in his first term as commissioner has made a fine record for fearless efficiency, rejecting claims which saved the people of the county \$25,000. Has had experience in the legislature.



**A. C. HART**

"Gus" Hart has twice been elected county commissioner, and his record in helping run the county's business in a practical, common-sense way justifies his re-election. Is a fruit grower near Benson.



**W. A. YODER** for Supt. of Instruction

A thoroughly trained school man who has brought the county's schools to a high rank.

**LOUIS E. ADAMS** For Surveyor

Mr. Adams has been so capable in his work that he has no one running against him.



## For Police Magistrates

**CHAS. W. FOSTER**

As Omaha police judge has been fair, clean, honest, fearless and efficient. Every man gets a square deal from him.

**HARVEY W. REED**

As police judge for South Omaha has accurately accounted for fees and firmly and impartially administered justice.

## For State Senators



**HARRY J. HACKETT**

In real estate business. Is a member of Douglas County Pioneers and is an improvement club worker.



**BERT C. MINER**

Railroad accountant. Six years chief clerk in treasurer's office. Good record in last legislature.



**J. M. MACFARLAND**

Lawyer. As state senator in 1913, voted for progressive legislation.



**CHAS. L. SAUNDERS**

In real estate business. Has made a fine record during five terms in the state senate.



**FRANKLIN A. SHOTWELL**

Lawyer. Has been deputy county attorney. Is clear-headed, progressive and aggressive.

## Legislative Platform

We, the candidates for the legislature, who are shown on this page, endorse the republican national and state platforms and favor, in addition, the following:

1. A constitution revision convention.
2. Amending the compensation law to increase benefits to workmen, and decrease the rake-off to insurance companies and corporations.
3. An exclusive salary basis for city and county officials.
4. Feeding prisoners humanely by Douglas county without profit to any official, including the sheriff.
5. Consolidation of Benson, Florence and Omaha.
6. A short ballot.

7. Legislation to permit Omaha to vote whether it desires to own and operate an electric light plant, and if so, to vote whether it shall be (1) by purchasing the present electric light plant, or (2) by constructing a new plant, or (3) by giving the Metropolitan Water Board authority to manufacture and sell electricity in connection with the present water plant.

8. Good roads and a state highway commission so that Nebraska may participate in the good roads fund appropriated by congress.

9. Requiring railroads and corporations under the jurisdiction of the state railway commission to have at least two pay days per month for laborers and clerks.

## For House of Representatives



**JAMES ALLAN**

Private detective. Has been deputy U. S. marshal and sheriff and city councilman.



**J. FRANK BURGESS**

On school board 2 terms. Secretary 12 years. In 1915 legislature.



**JOHN W. COOPER**

Lawyer. Has lived in Omaha 24 years and knows the county's needs.



**ROBERT C. DRUESADOW**

Stock and bond broker. Has worked for the people in two terms in the legislature.



**HARRY A. FOSTER**

Dentist. Introduced several important bills during his two terms in the legislature.



**SAM G. HOFF**

Employee of park board. Deputy sheriff 2 years. Made good in 1913 legislature.



**JOHN LARSEN**

Carpenter; 2 terms in city council of South Omaha and is now in legislature.



**NELS A. LUNDGREN**

Insurance business. Deputy sheriff 2 years. Spanish war veteran. In last legislature.



**JOSEPH SHERMAN**

Coal and feed business. Is good business man and good citizen, and knows what people want.



**P. J. TRAINOR**

Cigar and confectionery business. South Omaha city council 2 terms; county commissioner 2 terms; former mayor of South Omaha.



**JAMES WALSH**

Retired farmer. Made excellent record in 1907 legislature. Intelligent and able.



**DR. G. R. YOUNG**

Was city veterinarian and dairy inspector. Is now assistant state veterinarian.