

BRINGING UP FATHER

Drawn for The Bee by George McManus



INDOOR GOLF AND TENNIS AT CLUB

Directorate of New Omaha Athletic Club Plans for Home De Luxe.

EIGHT STORIES IN HEIGHT

The board of directors and advisory committee of the Omaha Athletic club practically decided on the plans for the new building to be erected on Douglas street. The estimated cost will be \$500,000 and the structure will be eight stories and basement. Frank Latenser of John Latenser and Sons, architects, explained the details of the plans. The architects were directed to include indoor golf links and tennis courts and submit these additional features at another meeting to be held next Wednesday noon. The directors issued a call for \$125,000 on subscriptions to be paid on or before January 10, this amount being sufficient to liquidate the remainder of the debt on the ground and enable the board to negotiate a loan for the building.

For the Ladies.
The first floor of the building will have a frontage of 132 feet and will be divided into six stores, lobby and dressing rooms for women, grill for men and four elevators. Two elevators will be for general use, one for men only and one for women only. The plans show that the women, after entering the club house, may enjoy complete privacy as to elevator service, plunge, gymnasium, Turkish baths, dining rooms and many other features. The gymnasium and plunge will be constructed in a manner which will permit of exclusive use by women at times designated for them.

In the basement will be six bowling alleys, four rifle ranges, storage rooms, quarters for the help and other features.

All Ultra-Modern.
The second floor will have a lounge room for men, with writing and card rooms in connection; billiard room with fourteen tables and a quiet reading room. The third floor, which will be the end of the grand staircase, will have general dining rooms, one for men being 91x55 feet and with capacity of 500 at a banquet. The general dining room for women will have seating capacity of 130. Two private dining rooms for women and dining accommodations for mixed groups will be afforded on the mezzanine of the third floor.

The gymnasium and plunge will be on the fourth floor, the former to be 55x90 and the latter 30x70. Showers, drying rooms and offices of gymnasium and plunge directors will be on this floor. The mezzanine of the fourth floor will provide spectators' balconies for plunge and gymnasium, as well as lockers and Turkish baths.

Seventy Bedrooms.
Five hand ball courts, each 13x38 feet, will be constructed on the fifth floor, and a portion of the same floor will be used as bedrooms. The sixth, seventh and eighth floors will be entirely devoted to bedroom space. The plans show seventy bedrooms.

The elevator for women has been located so as to enable the women to proceed from the first floor to any of the departments provided for their use without intruding into any of the men's departments.

The architects state the building can be erected and equipped within a year from the time the ground is broken.

New Hospital Will Be Built at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Commercial club luncheoners yesterday, the question of erecting a new hospital for the German Lutheran church was discussed. The proposed new building will cost in the neighborhood of \$70,000, the funds for which will be raised by popular subscription. The hospital will be erected in South Beatrice, just north of the present hospital, and work will probably be started on the structure early in the spring.

Want Nebraska Foot Ball Team to Play in Omaha

The University of Nebraska's foot ball eleven should play at least one game a year in Omaha. That is the belief of the local alumni of the university, who will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the University club to discuss plans whereby a Nebraska game will be staged here. They want to have their eleven play some big team from the east and to give all Omahans a chance to watch that battle.

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OMAHANS ON ATHLETIC BOARD AT BELLEVUE



MATTIE CASSEL



GLEN WILLIAMS

At the annual election of freshmen members of the board of control of athletics of Bellevue college, held Tuesday morning in the chapel, two Omaha young people were elected to represent the freshman class. Glen Williams, former assistant physical director of the Young Men's Christian association, was chosen to represent the young men, and among the girls Miss Mattie Cassel, 3008 William street, won in a close battle with Vivian Foley, 536 South Twenty-ninth street.

Iowa Boy Captain Of Yale's Eleven

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 6.—Artemus L. Gates of Clinton, Ia., was elected captain of the Yale foot ball team for next season tonight. He has been on the varsity eleven for two years as an end and tackle. His work in the Princeton and Harvard games this fall was brilliant.

Taxi Driver Convicted Of Highway Robbery

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Guinon was today found guilty in the district court of the charge of highway robbery after a sensational trial in which it was shown by the testimony that a system of fleecing the unwary has been in existence for some time.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty after being out two hours.

Guinon, a taxi driver, the state's testimony indicated, took a party to Harmony Hall, a country club. On the return he swerved off the Lincoln highway, shortly after which tire trouble was affected. The driver dismounted and suddenly held up his patrons with a gun. He secured over \$8. Many other cases of similar nature are reported and the county authorities are vigorously conducting a campaign against this lawlessness.

Huron Pastor Accepts Call to York Church

Huron, S. D., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Rev. L. R. Bobbitt, pastor of the First Baptist church here, has accepted a call to the church at York, Neb., and will leave Huron after December 17 with his family for York. Mr. Bobbitt has been pastor of the local church for the last four years, and has built up the parish to large dimensions, leaving it in prosperous condition.

Chicago Cubs Will Train at Pasadena

Chicago, Dec. 6.—The Chicago National league club will establish its 1917 spring training camp in Pasadena, Cal., it was officially announced today. The players will depart for the coast on a special train February 25.

Miss Morgan and Miss Marbury Interested in Big Boxing Match

New York, Dec. 6.—The proposed ten-round no-decision boxing bout between Georges Carpentier, heavyweight champion of Europe, and Jess Willard, the American champion, has among its sponsors Miss Anne Morgan and Miss Elizabeth Marbury, it was learned today.

Miss Morgan is treasurer of the American fund for the French wounded, under the auspices of which it is hoped to bring Carpentier here. Miss Marbury, who is also actively interested in the French fund, said that her interest in the proposed bout was solely to see that the \$50,000 which she hopes the fund would receive from the proceeds was properly handled.

"Miss Anne Morgan and I willingly consented several weeks ago when approached on the subject to see that

the funds, whether amounting to this sum or more, be forwarded to France for the purpose intended," Miss Marbury is quoted as saying. "Georges Carpentier is badly needed at the front these days, for his duties are such that his place would be hard to fill. It will take much effort if French officials are finally prevailed upon to extend him leave, although they may be told that a few months here would mean much for French women and children."

"If he finally does come over and the bout is held, the public can be assured that the money contributed through the purchase of tickets will be used for the purpose stated. That I wish to repeat is the only reason Miss Morgan and I are interested at all in the proposition."

HARMAN REPORTS FOOD IN STORAGE

Food Commissioner Says Quantity Greatly Reduced Since October 1.

NEAR 3,000,000 POUNDS

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—As a result of the investigation of cold storage plants by the state pure food department, Commissioner Harman makes the following report on the amount of food found in cold storage.

October 1 there was in cold storage 6,358,981 pounds of cured meats, but at the time of the inspection, which was made under the recent order, the amount had dropped down to 2,884,100 pounds.

The list follows:	
Butter (pounds).....	1,569,926
Eggs (cases).....	42,589
Frozen eggs (pounds).....	332,146
Poultry (pounds).....	224,241
(boxes).....	65,284
Beef (pounds).....	68,254
Pork—cured (pounds).....	2,585,262
Cuts (pounds).....	147,811
Trimming (pounds).....	269
Pork—cured (pounds).....	247,846
Cuts (pounds).....	58,173
Trimming (pounds).....	1,277
Cuts (pounds).....	59,023
Veal—cuts (pounds).....	269
Trimming (pounds).....	5,774
Apples—(boxes).....	16,581
(barrels).....	11,721
Other fruits—(barrels).....	15
(boxes).....	9,409
Older (kegs).....	10
Pimento meat (pounds).....	11,231
Chosen (pounds).....	2,135
Vegetables (crates).....	24,713
Cured meats (pounds).....	2,884,100
Wild game (number).....	157
Meat (boxes).....	143
Beer (kegs).....	213
Miscellaneous packages (pounds).....	1,255
	11,241

Edgar Howard Talks To Young Journalists

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Lieutenant Governor-elect Edgar Howard of Columbus, spoke last night before the journalistic association of the University of Nebraska. "In no other profession," said Lieutenant Governor Howard, "do men and women hold their heads higher."

The address was the first of a series to be given before Prof. Fogg's class of journalism.

Mr. Howard will soon move to Lincoln preparatory to presiding over the session of the senate. He has taken apartments at the Lindell hotel and Mrs. Howard and Miss Howard will make Lincoln their home this winter.

More Food Inspections Than During Year Before

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The state food department yesterday filed a case against F. R. Smith of the S. & K. meat market of this city, alleging the sale of impure meat. Mr. Smith, who is manager of the market, pleaded guilty and was assessed a fine of \$10 and costs, which he paid.

Commissioner Harman announces that inspections for the last biennium have been 100 per cent greater in number than during the previous biennium, running up to 52,450.

Omaha Man Gets Place On Pension Honor Roll

Washington, Dec. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—John Mott Mahonals, alias John Mott, of 109 South Tenth street, Omaha, has been placed on the honor roll of the pension office.

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BELLEVUE MEN ARE AWARDED LETTERS

Coach Announces He Has Some Basket Ball and Foot Ball Games in Sight.

SOME GET "B" SOME "R"

At the first meeting of the Bellevue college athletic board of control with the new freshman members present, fifteen foot ball official "B"s were awarded, six official "R"s. Coach Benjamin was given a free hand in arranging for basket ball games for this year and for foot ball games next fall, and routine business was transacted.

The following men received the official "B": Captain Racely, Gustafson, Samuel Kinner, Johns, Erwin, Stewart, Allen, Caryl, Picotte, Charles Evans, Ebersole, Williams, Daugherty, Minor, Shainholtz, Diehl. The following men were awarded the official "R" for meritorious work on the reserves this season: Rule, Day, John Kinner, Primrose, Redfern, Pierre Picotte, Harold Shainholtz and Glen Williams, who won the "B," and Walker Rule, who won the "R," are Omaha lads.

The following men were declared eligible to vote for a basket ball captain, as having won their letters either last year or in previous years and as being in school now: Allen, Racely, Evans, Kinner, Erwin, Johns, Picotte, Stewart. A basket ball captain for the season will shortly be elected.

Athletic Director Benjamin announced that he is at work arranging a schedule for basket ball and will make it public within a few days. He already has some foot ball games for next year arranged, he says.

Community Center Basket Ball Loop Formed by Moore

A community center basket ball league has been formed.

Six of the community centers have entered the loop. They are Dundee, South Side, Central Park, School for the Deaf, Miller Park and Castelar. The first four have already organized their teams.

Verne Moore is the organizer of the community center circuit. He will handle the schedule, coach the teams and referee the games. It is planned to stage one game each week, alternate games at each center, playing after the community center meeting is over.

French Gunboat Is Sunk by Submarine

London, Dec. 6.—The French gunboat Surprise has been sunk by German submarines at Funchal, Madeira, according to an announcement by the Portuguese minister of marine in Lisbon. Thirty-four of the crew of the gunboat perished.

A few Portuguese also were killed aboard the steamers Kangaroo and Dacia, which were torpedoed, according to the dispatch.

Creighton Grid Team To Be Banqueted Friday

Creighton foot ball players will hold their annual banquet Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Loyal hotel. Letters will be awarded.

Los Angeles Man to Wed Young Woman of Wayne

Chicago, Dec. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Arthur J. Cochran, Los Angeles, was licensed here this afternoon to wed Miss Laura Fitch of Wayne, Neb.

FOXHALL P. KEENE SLIGHTLY BETTER

Sportsman Hurt by Fall from Horse Tuesday Partly Recovers Consciousness.

INJURED DURING HUNT

Baltimore, Dec. 6.—The condition of Foxhall P. Keene, the widely-known sportsman of New York, who was seriously injured yesterday while riding in the annual joint hunt meeting at the Harford Hunt club, near Farmington, Md., was reported to be unchanged this morning. He rallied early today long enough to ask for something to eat and after being given some milk again lapsed into the semi-consciousness in which he had lain all night.

Mr. Keene's physician today declined to state the exact extent or nature of his patient's injuries or talk about the case. He said last night that Mr. Keene was shaken up and injured about the head, but that no bones were broken.

The clubman was said to have been alone at the time of the accident. It was learned, however, that his horse fell while taking a fence. It is thought

that when his mount went down Keene was thrown heavily, landing on his head. He was not discovered until some time later, when he was missed from the large field participating in the hunt. He was found unconscious in a clump of bushes and taken to the clubhouse.

This accident is not the first which Mr. Keene has met in his career as a horseman. In April, 1902, he was severely injured while riding with the Melton-Mowbray pack, when his mount stumbled at an awkward fence with a ditch in front. Before that, in January, 1892, Mr. Keene fell from his horse while riding to hounds in Ireland and the cables at first reported him killed. He has been in several minor accidents. He is the son of the late James R. Keene, the millionaire financier of New York.

Scottbluff Commercial Club Discusses Live Topics

Scottbluff, Neb., Dec. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Joseph Oberfield of Sidney and Division Superintendent W. G. Duncan of Sterling, Colo., were the principal speakers last night at a banquet given by the Commercial club. The members also discussed a number of interesting subjects, such as the issuance of bonds for a new city hall to cost \$35,000, a city cemetery and other important subjects for the advancement of this section of the state. There was a large attendance and the speakers were accorded hearty receptions.

Justice Claiborne Offers Explanation Of Court Costs, Collection Process

Omaha, Dec. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: To persons familiar with the conditions existing in Omaha courts of jurisdiction inferior to the district court, and the proceedings before the last session of the Nebraska legislature the fulminations of Jesse Palmer in this morning's Bee are peculiarly interesting, especially insofar as they demonstrate the power of the individual to contort facts and advance ideas so distinctly contrary to the real truth as to make one wonder if the remarks be made consciously.

The municipal court law was Mr. Palmer's pet measure. He professed to feel sorry for the awful costs of obtaining judgments in the justice courts and this great addition to the burdens of the poor debtor. The result is this: The minimum cost of a lawsuit in justice court, including the fee of the constable is \$2.60. The clerk of the municipal court demands \$3 upon the filing of a suit in justice jurisdiction, and the plaintiff is required to pay the constable's fee in addition. This I was told by the clerk himself. If there is any money remaining after the suit is tried, it is refunded to the person making the advance. In one instance a poor debtor was refused the right to defend himself unless he advanced a fee of \$1, this demand having been made upon John Moriarty, who had volunteered to defend the case. Again, the costs in the municipal court for cases within justice jurisdiction are higher than costs in cases involving amounts beyond the jurisdiction of a justice court, where the same services are performed. So much for the relief of poor debtors by the creation of the municipal court.

The legislature of which Mr. Palmer was a member really materially increased the costs upon the poor debtor by doubling the amount of mileage which a sheriff (and a constable) may charge in serving process of court. Where the fee for a service five miles from the court house was 50 cents before the change in law, it is now \$1. When we know that in cases involving garnishment proceedings the constable serves three papers, it can be seen where the costs increase. Take a case involving a person involving a defendant living in South Omaha and working for a packing house. Under the old law the constable's costs would have been: Summons, \$1.25; execution unsatisfied, \$1.50; garnishment summons, \$1.25; total \$4. Under the present law, the fees are: Summons, \$1.75; execution unsatisfied, \$2; garnishment summons, \$1.75; total \$5.50. So much for the reduction of costs in minor litigation. The bill which increased these costs in this manner was the work of Judge Hunter of the present municipal court. Where the distance is greater, as at Millard or some of the other parts of the county the constable's costs are correspondingly higher, but in any case the costs are 10 cents per mile for each paper served where they were formerly 5 cents.

As to the costs in justice courts, they are outrageous. In the last legislature I introduced a bill which would have reduced the average costs at least 50 per cent, and in case of garnishment much more than that. It was a bill designed to materially reduce costs and to make payment of judgments easier. It had the approval of every organization before whom it was presented fully. A delegation of Omaha people went to Lincoln in the interests of the measure. At a

hearing before the judiciary committee Mr. Palmer opposed the measure and it was lost in the committee, no report having been made on it as far as I could learn. There was no objection to the bill, but it simply "didn't belong" in a legislature which seemed to be bent upon adding to the burdens of the poor, as is shown by the results of its work.

Now I hold no brief for the collection agencies, but I do want to say that no collection agency of whose methods I have any knowledge ever sues an account until at least three letters have been written to the debtor seeking to collect the debt without court action. I have asked lawyers who run collection departments as to their methods and I am assured that no regularly practicing lawyer makes as much effort to collect a bill before suit as does the average collection agent. Neither does the collection agent act independently. He is the agent of the retail merchant who desires to collect his bills. The merchant has generally exhausted all of his powers in endeavoring to collect the bill before he places it in the hands of a collection agency. Then

the agent works for several weeks on it before suit.

Does Mr. Palmer and his friends desire to make it impossible for the merchant to collect his bills? Is the grocer who carries a family on his books during times when the breadwinner is out of work to be denied the right of enforcing payment of his bill after the head of the house obtains employment? Just what do they mean?

I have been informed that a bill is to be introduced in the coming session of the legislature which will compel the plaintiff in all cases against wage-earners to pay all of the costs of suit and have no recourse against the defendant. Just why a merchant must not only lose his merchandise, but also be fined for an attempt to collect its value is one of those things which I cannot understand.

Court costs are just what the legislature makes them. I wanted them reduced, Mr. Palmer and his associates increased them. Let the record speak for itself. As to malfeasance of collection agencies the matter is one wherein if any person has been injured he has an adequate remedy at law, and I now and here offer to take any case of any person unlawfully injured by any collection agency and see that any such wrong be righted, and that without cost to any person so injured.

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