

**STATE RESTS CASE AGAINST KOHLBERG**

Defense Takes Up Actions of Defendant On Night of the Movie Theater Fire.

**POLICEMAN ON THE STAND**

The case of Joseph Kohlberg, proprietor of "The Farnam," moving picture theater at 1415 Farnam street, on trial in Judge Sears' court on a charge of arson, probably will not go to the jury before next week. The state rested Thursday afternoon, a host of witnesses for the defense testifying Friday morning.

Chief Deputy County Attorney Abbott, who is prosecuting the case, and Benjamin S. Baker, chief counsel for Kohlberg, went to the legal mat for a two hours' argument following a motion by the latter that the court direct the jury to return a verdict for the defendant on the ground that the indictment and the evidence were insufficient.

Mr. Baker argued that whereas the theater property was in the name of Kohlberg, the insurance policies were in both his name and that of his wife, Anna Kohlberg, who has been with her husband throughout the trial.

**Wanted Insurance.**  
The grand jury indictment charges Kohlberg with having attempted to collect \$6,000 in insurance on theater fixtures valued at \$2,000. "The Farnam" was gutted by a fire that broke out on the night of February 1. A more recent blaze for a time threatened a Chinese restaurant upstairs over the theater.

Judge Sears overruled the motion of Kohlberg's attorney.

Witnesses who testified on behalf of the state just before the county attorney's office rested its case were Paul E. Walsh, an insurance man, and E. M. Bowerman and C. F. Scharlow, the latter a moving picture man with whom Kohlberg had dealings.

Testimony was introduced purporting to show Kohlberg's movements on the night of the fire. His wife testified that he came home early because of the fact that her mother was ill at their home. Police Sergeant Russell said that he saw Kohlberg on a street car about 11 o'clock on the night of the fire. Izzy Fielder, a relative of the Kohlbergs, and Jeanette Friedman testified that they rode home with Kohlberg on the street car.

**Livingston Too Weak to Undergo an Operation**

Robert Livingston, 4501 Grant street, who was taken to St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday with badly frozen feet, has not been able to undergo an operation as yet for the removal of his feet. He was attended by Dr. Nelson of Walnut Hill, who said that, besides the frozen feet, Livingston was a very sick man, who received every possible attention, but in spite of this gangrene set in.

**WOMAN TAKES CHARGE AS ADVERTISING MANAGER.**



MISS MARY E. STURGEON.

A new advertising manager, or, rather, manageress, has joined the top ranks in Omaha.

Mary E. Sturgeon, formerly first assistant advertising manager of the Burgess-Nash company, has recently taken charge of the advertising and mail order departments of the Benson-Thorne company.

This is a new phase in the Omaha advertising field, although many women are engaged in this line of work on the Pacific coast. Miss Sturgeon has the advantage of a strong foundation experience gained with one of the largest and most well known stores in the middle west and this will enable her to incorporate many new and distinctive ideas in her written merchandising.

**Patriotic Luncheon is Held at University Club**

No place for slackers, pacifists or peace propagandists was the University club at noon, when a patriotic luncheon was served to some 200 or more of Omaha's prominent business men in whom the fire of patriotism burns intensely.

Nelson H. Loomis was the principal speaker following the luncheon. He pointed out the seriousness of the international situation at the present time and how the existence of the United States depends upon the patriotism of its citizens. Judge William D. McHugh, presiding, emphasized the importance of patriotism and the importance of preparedness.

Following the speaking General George H. Harries submitted resolutions upholding the president in the stand he has taken in the current crisis and assuring him of the support of the people of Nebraska in any further steps he may take. The resolutions were passed and will be dispatched to the president.

**PROPERTY OWNERS FIGHT ORDINANCE**

Fifteen Freeholders Begin Suit Against City to Prevent Condemnation Work.

**NEW BOULEVARD CAUSE**

Fifteen owners of real estate are suing the city in district court on an appeal from the new boulevard ordinance passed by the council a month ago. The case is brought by John Smith et al.

The petitioners allege that on February 7 the city council condemned certain property, adjacent to holdings of the plaintiffs, for boulevard purposes and awarded damages in the sum of \$32,999. Following the assessing of the property by the city council, acting as the board of equalization, the property owners, so they assert, protested against the assessment and a boulevard tax. The protests were overruled and the assessment made.

**Say is Unconstitutional.**

That the levy and assessment is in violation of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States in that, the plaintiffs allege, it would deprive them of their property without due process of law, is asserted.

The property owners also set forth that the levy and assessment is

in violation of the constitution of Nebraska, in that it is not proportionate to the extent of the benefits. They further declare that the levy is excessive and exorbitant and so prohibitive in many instances as to amount to confiscation of property without compensation.

Smith and the other property owners ask that the levy be set aside and that the court determine whether or not any of the properties will be benefited by the proposed improvements. They also seek to have the levy reduced to the extent of the special benefit, if any.

They would restrain the city from collecting any levy, tax or assessment against their properties until the case is settled.

**Evening "Mess" to Be Held By Citizen-Soldiers Here**

An evening "mess" Saturday at 6:30 at the Hotel Loyal is planned for all Nebraskans who have ever attended a citizens' military training camp. The call which has gone out is designated as a "Military Training Camp Mess Call." Ray Gould is one of the enthusiasts. R. H. Van Kessel is another.

Activities are to be started at once for the 1917 camps. Service uniforms will be worn at the "mess." Lawrence Brinker, Captain McKinley, Major Chandler and Colonel Bingham are to be present to give the men the benefit of their experiences and ideas.

Persistent Advertising Is the Road to Success.

**OFFICER ASKWITH SUSPENDED MONTH**

Policeman Caught Drinking on Duty Laid Off for Thirty Days Without Pay.

**HE BOARDS WATER WAGON**

Pleading guilty before the city council on a charge of drinking intoxicants at 9 p. m. in a place upstairs of 724 South Sixteenth, while on duty and in uniform, Patrolman Harry S. Askwith was penalized thirty days without pay, from March 15.

The charges were filed by Chief of Police Dunn and the penalty imposed was recommended by Superintendent Kugel of the police department. Askwith briefly admitted the charge and promised to refrain from infraction of the rules in the future. The chief attested to his previous good record.

This patrolman has been in the service two years and four months, and on the day before his breach of conduct was recommended by the chief of police for a place on the morals squad.

**Must Control Air as Well as Land.**

New York, March 23—Command of the sea and command of the land are worthless without command of the air, said Rear Admiral Robert E. Perry today in an address here under the auspices of the National Special Aid society.

**A Laxative for Babies Good for Everybody**

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin a Safe and Efficient Family Remedy



Mrs. E. R. Gilbert

Every member of the family is more or less subject to constipation and every home should always be supplied with a dependable remedy to promptly relieve this condition. Whenever the bowels become clogged and the natural process of elimination thereby disturbed, the entire system is affected and readily subject to attack by disease. Constipation is a condition that should never be neglected.

Mrs. E. R. Gilbert of Millbro, Va., says that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a splendid laxative for children because they like its pleasant taste, and it acts so easily and naturally, without griping or strain, and she finds it equally effective for the rest of the family.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that contains no opiate or narcotic drug. It is mild and gentle in its action and does not cause pain or discomfort. Druggists everywhere sell this excellent remedy for fifty cents a bottle.

Give Your Want-Ad a Chance—Run it in The Bee.

**ALL OMAHA IS TALKING ABOUT THIS SALE**  
THE ENTIRE \$150,000.00 BEATON & LAIER HOME-FURNISHING STOCK REDUCED 20% BELOW FORMER PRICE!

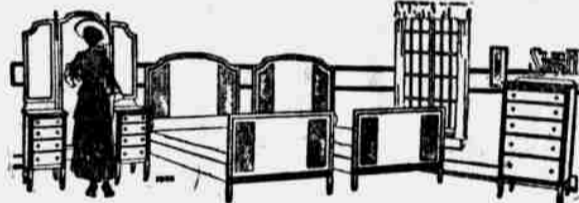
**HARTMAN'S Offer the Chance of a Lifetime to Save Money on Home Furnishings, Positively the Greatest Opportunity to Buy High-Grade Furniture Ever Offered in Omaha--We Must Move This Stock Quickly to Make Room for Our Own New Spring Stock, Which is Now on Its Way to Us--We Urge Early Selection While Stock is Complete--A Small Deposit Secures Goods for Future Delivery**

For Those Who Do Not Care to Pay Cash-- We Offer Our Accommodating, Liberal and Popular Easy Monthly Payment Plan.



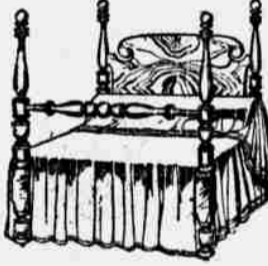
**Bargains in Library Tables**

ARTICLE	Price	Sale Price
Antique Brown Mahogany 60-inch 14-heavy Table	\$ 85.00	\$ 68.00
Antique Mahogany William & Mary Period Library Table	\$ 80.00	\$ 64.00
Dull Mahogany Library Table	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00
Golden Oak Library Table	\$ 16.00	\$ 12.80
Fumed Solid Oak Library Table	\$ 18.00	\$ 14.40
Imitation Quartered Oak Lib. Table	\$ 18.00	\$ 14.40
Imitation Quartered Oak Lib. Table	\$ 15.00	\$ 12.00



**SPLENDID VALUES IN PERIOD BEDROOM FURNITURE**

ARTICLE	Price	Sale Price
7-Piece American Walnut Bedroom Suite	\$325.00	\$260.00
6-Piece Antique Birdseye Maple Bedroom Suite	\$207.00	\$165.60
6-Piece Solid Oak Bedroom Set	\$138.00	\$110.40
4-Piece Old Ivory Bedroom Suite	\$128.75	\$102.99
Solid Oak Dresser	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00
Solid Oak Dresser	\$ 17.50	\$ 14.00
Solid Oak Dresser	\$ 12.00	\$ 9.60



**Wonderful Bed Values**

ARTICLE	Price	Sale Price
Four-Poster Mahogany Bed	\$ 30.00	\$ 24.00
Four-Poster Mahogany Bed	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00
Four-Poster Mahogany Bed	\$ 24.50	\$ 19.60
Satin Finish Brass Bed	\$ 20.00	\$ 16.00
Satin Finish Brass Bed	\$ 17.50	\$ 14.00
Versala Martha Iron Bed	\$ 12.50	\$ 10.00
Versala Martha Iron Bed	\$ 8.65	\$ 6.92

**See These Rocker Bargains**

ARTICLE	Price	Sale Price
Brown Mahogany high back cane seat chair, Beaton & Laler's price \$30.24.00	\$36.00	\$28.80
Velour Rocker, Beaton & Laler's price \$28.00	\$32.00	\$25.60
Tapestry Upholstered Rocker, Beaton & Laler's price \$25.00	\$28.00	\$22.40
Fumed Oak Leather Rocker, Beaton & Laler's price \$14.40	\$16.00	\$12.80
Fumed Oak Spanish Leather Rocker, Beaton & Laler's price \$12.00	\$13.60	\$10.88



**Our Up-to-the Minute Rug Department**

In this department we offer an unequalled opportunity to save money. The entire Beaton & Laler stock has been reduced 20% with the exception of the Waitfall-Wilton Velvet Rugs, which we have reduced 10%. Offers a large variety of patterns and color combinations in foreign and domestic rugs. JUST SELECT YOUR RUG & SUBTRACT 20 PER CENT FROM THE BEATON & LAIER PRICE.

**ENTIRE DRAPERY DEPARTMENT REDUCED 20%**

ARTICLE	Price	Sale Price
10 patterns in colored serims, dainty color combinations, Beaton & Laler's price 36c	36c	28.8c
20 Patterns in cretonne, all colors, Beaton & Laler price 40c-45c	40c-45c	32c-36c
20 Patterns in Colored Silkalens, Beaton & Laler price 20c	20c	16c
500 Tapestry Velours and Damask Pillow Tops, values from 75c to \$2.00. Your choice	75c to \$2.00	60c to \$1.60



**Upholstered Davenport and Suites**

ARTICLE	Price	Sale Price
Dull Mah. Velour Karpen Davenport	\$145.00	\$116.00
Tapestry over-stuffed Davenport	\$ 75.00	\$ 60.00
Chair to match	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00
3-Piece Dufield Set	\$ 85.50	\$ 68.40
5-Piece Dufield Set	\$ 62.50	\$ 50.00
Dufield Davenport, imitation leather	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00
Reed Davenport, imitation leather	\$ 42.50	\$ 34.00



**Specials in Dining Room Furniture**

ARTICLE	Price	Sale Price
6-Pc. American Walnut Dining Suite	\$205.00	\$164.00
10-Pc. Wm. & Mary Oak Dining Suite	\$405.00	\$324.00
5-Pc. Top Fumed Oak Exten. Table	\$ 95.00	\$ 76.00
48-In. Top Fumed Oak Exten. Table	\$ 37.50	\$ 30.00
42-Inch Top Solid Oak Table	\$ 15.50	\$ 12.40
Quartered Oak Buffet	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00
Golden Oak Buffet	\$ 21.50	\$ 17.20
Oak Leather Seat Dining Chair	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.40



**Reed Furniture Specials**

ARTICLE	Price	Sale Price
Upholstered Brown Reed Settee	\$ 65.00	\$ 52.00
Upholstered Ivory Chaise-Loung	\$ 53.50	\$ 42.80
Ivory Reed Table	\$ 21.75	\$ 17.40
Ivory Reed Rocker	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00
Ivory Reed Rocker	\$ 15.00	\$ 12.00
Reed Rocker	\$ 4.50	\$ 3.60
Ivory Reed Lamp	\$ 15.00	\$ 12.00

**THE PALACE STORE'S FIRST SALE OF Spring Suits**

For Men and Young Men This is a Sale of \$10 Suit Wonders! The very newest Spring Suit styles, and guaranteed quality new Spring Fabrics that you'd never expect to see in Suits anywhere near this price. The special Window Display shows some of them.

**\$10**

**NEW BELTED IDEAS**  
The real things in Young Fellows' styles for Spring; also College and Men's perfect new Spring fashions; the values are simply beyond comparison. This great sale starts tomorrow and ends next Friday.

**Hand-Tailored Spring Suits**  
For Men and Young Men  
The pick of the land! Elegant, new Spring styles and pure wool Spring fabrics, in a variety too big and beautiful for any description.  
\$12.50, \$15, \$16.50, \$18, \$20, \$22.50, \$25

**Boy's Spring Suits** \$4.98  
The best kind of Boy's Suits for Spring. All the newest in Spring Norfolk styles in fabrics you'd never expect at this price.

**Children's Top Coats** \$2.48  
The cutest new Spring Topcoat styles for little fellows, sizes 3 to 8. Splendid chevrons, shepherd checks, novelty fabrics, extremely classy.

**See the New Stetsons--\$3.50 and \$4**  
Without question the best hats ever sold. Our spring showings are complete.  
Medium-weight hats for immediate wear and feather-weight for the man who looks into the future. Smooth and French finishes, flat-set brims, curl edges.  
Colors: Ivy, black, slate gray, steel blue, dark brown, beach, pearl, etc.

**For Saturday and Monday Only**

**BOYS' SPRING SUITS**

Look at these Remarkable Money Saving Values. Just think! Made in the new Spring Norfolk styles from Guaranteed for extra wear fabrics. Every Suit is an amazing value. Sizes 6 to 17.

**\$2.48**

**Palace CLOTHING COMPANY**  
COR. 14th & DOUGLAS

**KITCHEN CABINETS, ETC.**

ARTICLE	Price	Sale Price
McDougal Kitchen Cabinet	\$ 42.50	\$ 34.00
Kitchen Maid Kitchen Cabinet	\$ 33.75	\$ 27.00
Kitchen Cabinet Base, porcelain top	\$ 18.50	\$ 14.80
Maple Cabinet Base	\$ 7.50	\$ 6.00
Porcelain Lined Refrigerator	\$ 20.00	\$ 16.00
Refrigerator, hard wood	\$ 11.50	\$ 9.20
Combination Gas and Coal Range	\$ 72.50	\$ 58.00
Combination Gas and Coal Range	\$ 58.00	\$ 46.40

**MISCELLANEOUS HOME FURNISHINGS**

ARTICLE	Price	Sale Price
Perfection Electric Iron, complete	\$3.50	\$2.80
Consumers' Electric Iron, complete	\$2.95	\$2.35
Chinese Sewing Baskets	\$2.00	\$1.60
Pure Aluminum 6-qt. Berlin Kettle	\$1.75	\$1.40
Aluminum Frying Pan	85c	68c
Meat Grinder	95c	75c
Wicker Office Basket	85c	52c
Split Scrap Basket	29c	20c



**Carriages, Go-Carts, Sulkies**

ARTICLE	Price	Sale Price
Natural Reed Baby Carriage	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00
Gray Reed Baby Carriage	\$ 27.00	\$ 21.60
Gray Reed Baby Carriage	\$ 15.00	\$ 12.00
Collapsible Go-Cart	\$ 7.50	\$ 6.00
Collapsible Go-Cart	\$ 13.00	\$ 10.40
Collapsible Go-Cart	\$ 15.00	\$ 12.00
Reed Body Sulkie with hood	\$ 13.00	\$ 10.40
Reed Body Sulkie	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.00

AMERICA'S GREATEST HOME FURNISHERS

**HARTMAN'S**

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