

## GROH SINGS OF RAIN IN ALL ITS BEAUTY

Patter on the Tin Roof is Welcome Sound in the Land of Growing Crops.

### HALF OUR SHARE YEAR AGO

By A. R. GROH.  
Welcome, rain!  
Dear old rain, we haven't seen you for so long. Did you hear it pattering on the roof last night? Wasn't it nice?  
I have looked around quite a bit for some appropriate poetry to celebrate you, rain. But I can't find any that does you justice. So I'll write some myself, as follows:  
Rain, rain, dear old rain!  
That is all our glad refrain.  
We love to hear you on the roof.  
Pitter-patter-swoof-swoof.  
We like to feel you in our face,  
City, country, any place.  
Rain, rain, gentle rain,  
Welcome once again.  
Even that doesn't quite satisfy me. But it will do.  
Last year they cheated us on the pleasant rain. We got only about seventeen inches when we should have had thirty. Think of all the hours of gentle pitter-patter on the tin roof of the porch those thirteen inches would have given!

**They Forget the Rain.**  
Why is it that the poets all sing about the sunshine or about the "beautiful snow" that has to be shoveled off the walks?  
I sing the rain that, falling, kisses the flowers and the cornstalks and the cabbages, that tinkles rhythmically on the roof and against the window, that runs off the streets and cleans them instead of lying around in everybody's way.

We get, on the average, 30.7 inches of rain each year in Omaha. The average for the whole world is 36 inches. North Platte gets only 18.9 inches.

Des Moines gets 32.5 inches; Dubuque, 34 inches; Denver, 14 inches; Kansas City and St. Louis, 37.2 inches; Chicago, 33.3 inches; New York City, 44.6 inches; San Francisco, just half that, 22.3 inches.  
The wettest place in the United States is Mobile, Ala., where they have an annual rainfall of 62 inches. And the driest place is Yuma, Ariz., with only 3.1 inches of rain a year. (Not much "yumidity" in Yuma, eh?)

**Downpours Rare.**  
If you have ever spent a winter in Paris or London you will be surprised to learn that their respective annual rainfalls are only 22 inches and 25 inches. It seems to be always drizzly or foggy there, but the actual downpours are rare.

The wettest place on earth is Cherrapongee, in southwestern Assam, where the annual rainfall is 458 inches, fifteen times as much as we have in Omaha. In 1861 this place had the prodigious rainfall of 901 inches, about two and a half inches a day! It would take a continual downpour the whole year round to produce that.

We get just about the right amount here. We enjoy it when it comes and don't get so much that we tire of it. I speak here purely from the aesthetic standpoint, saying nothing of the great crops that this grain produces for us.

Oh, beautiful, beautiful rain!

### Grace Miner's Mother is Burned to Death at Home

Mrs. Epsim Miner, well known resident of Yankton for the last forty years, died Saturday as the result of burns suffered in an accident in her home Friday. She was the mother of Miss Grace Miner, Omaha school teacher and social worker, and of Dr. Harry R. Miner of Falls City, Neb.

## WAR ORDERS ARE EXECUTED HERE

National Guard Resumes Recruiting and Many Men Join the Navy.

### GUARD STRATEGIC PLACES

What conditions were reflected locally yesterday. Recruiting for the National Guard was resumed at noon under orders from headquarters. Steps were taken to commandeer all wireless stations in this district. Applications to join the army and navy showed marked increases since the war proclamation was issued Friday.  
National Guard recruiting for the Omaha battalion has been ordered to resume until each of the four units companies has a complement of 106 men, Colonel Baehr says. As the companies now average over sixty men each about 150 more guard recruits are needed now, officers say.  
Company B, now above the newly authorized peace strength of 100 men, will have some of its men transferred to smaller companies. Original recruiting orders for the guard were for war strength of 150 men per company, so the new orders for a limit of 100 men per company are taken to indicate that the guard will be kept on as an efficient footing as possible by keeping down the number of green men.

The unofficial conclusion from the order is that the guard is soon going to see active service and will take the field long before the proposed citizen soldiery, still being considered by congress.

While recruiting was resumed at the Sixteenth and Farnam station, practically all available guardsmen were posted on important guard duty, as the result of the condition of actual war. Guarding of strategic communication and transportation points was supplemented with extra protection stores of supplies and similar war goods in transit.

**Cripple Wireless.**  
Following general orders for the navy to commandeer all wireless plants, and put out of commission those which are not needed for official communication, Lieutenant Waddell of the local navy recruiting station began a canvass of the wireless stations in this district. There are a considerable number of these, mostly of the small amateur type.

Leonard W. Trester of Lincoln, secretary of the Nebraska Naval Training association, came to Omaha to secure more wireless operators and conferred with Lieutenant Waddell.

Five men were enlisted out of a rush of thirty-four applicants for the navy, mostly in the afternoon and evening Friday. Seven more were enlisted Saturday up to noon.

Army recruiting brought in a total of fourteen certain enlistments and four more probable ones Saturday morning. Sixty men had previously been enlisted in the Omaha district during the week. Des Moines furnished more of these than any other substation.

Marine corps recruiting is being pushed to the limit by Sergeant Carpenter, who is alone in the work here. With expected increases to be authorized for the marine corps, its total complement will be more than double what it was a week ago, so many more "soldiers of the sea" are badly needed now.

That war conditions now exist here was forcibly brought to the attention of Night Captain Schaffer of the Council Bluffs police, when he attempted unwittingly to pass the Guardsmen's line at one of the bridges. He was brought up short with a command to halt, which was emphasized by a loaded rifle being leveled at his head. He promptly halted and wildly grabbed the air above his head.

## County and City at War Over Feed Bills of the City Prisoners

Eruption Follows Issuance of Ultimatum from Douglas to Omaha—Quote Ancient Law.

### CITY MUST FOOT THE BILLS

Comes now the county with an ultimatum to the city to pay for the feeding and lodging of city prisoners in the county jail. If the city does not pay for the care of its prisoners the county can refuse admittance to those prisoners. County Attorney Magney has advised county officials.  
It is the breaking out of an old controversy. The county comptroller has looked up the law which the county attorney says will hold good in case the city does not "kick in." This state law—section 3548, revised statutes of 1913—provides that where there are separate city and county jails and the city wishes to care for its prisoners in the county bastille, a charge of 15 cents for feeding and 15 cents for lodging shall be made.

In a communication to county officials County Attorney Magney advises them that if demand is made on the city and it refuses to pay its share of the jail expenses, as provided by law, the county has the

right to refuse to accept the prisoners.  
"The city hasn't paid the keep of city prisoners in years," declared County Clerk Dewey. "The city has always attempted to evade payment by threatening to counteract our claims. But now the county should refuse to accept city prisoners if their feeding and lodging is not paid for."

### Columbus Will Have New Summer Resort

Columbus, Neb., April 7.—(Special.)—The people of Columbus and surrounding territory are to enjoy the privileges of a sea summer and fishing resort, to be called Shady Lake. It is an inviting body of water north-west of the city, formerly known both as Stevens' and Smith's lake. The promoters, Otto Walter, county attorney, and Harold Kramer, have started the improvements with the erection of a dance hall, pavilion, bath house, boat house, cottage and camp-facilities. The Union company of Omaha expects to extend its electric lines to the park so as to provide ample lighting. Row boats, canoes and motor boats will be provided. An investment of several thousand dollars is being made and everything will be in full swing by June 1.

See Want Ads Produce Results.

## REEL FELLOWS' CLUB HONORS L. A. OCHS

Campaigner for Clean Pictures Gets Royal Reception from Omaha Movie Men.

### OFFER TO THE PRESIDENT

Members of the Reel Fellows' club of Omaha gave a luncheon at Hotel Rome at noon in honor of Lee A. Ochs, president of the Motion Picture Exhibitors' League of America, who is in Omaha. He is making a tour of the country that takes him into practically every state in the Union. He is preaching the gospel of clean pictures.

C. W. Taylor, president of the Reel club of Omaha, presided at the luncheon. Mr. Ochs was the principal speaker.  
"I believe the days of wildcat schemes, and of the exploitation of photoplays of questionable character are over," said Mr. Ochs.

### Fleeting Success.

"Don't think for a moment that I mean that the so-called sensational film, setting forth the life of the underworld in various forms, is not a money-maker—for a time. It is, and its strength lies in the fact that the exhibitor who sees the crowds lining up in front of his rival's house finds it hard to resist the temptation to go

and do likewise. But if these pictures draw crowds, they also drive them away. I don't believe you can tell me of a single case where a motion picture theater has thrived on continued exploitation of them. Nor can you show me a house that has not suffered severely from the after-effects of these films. The weeks succeeding the showing of one of them are mighty lean.

"And so we have been able gradually to wean the exhibitor away from them until today all of our members are pledged to keep them out of their houses. Even better than that, there is a growing disposition on the part of the film producers to stop manufacturing them and it will be a matter of a very short time when they are completely eliminated."

### Recruiting By Movies.

Mr. Ochs has just telegraphed Joseph Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, offering to put at the disposal of the government the movie screens all over the United States for any kind of the government might find valuable in the present international crisis. Mr. Ochs says the movies even now are already aiding recruiting a great deal by the pictures being displayed of troops drilling and of the recruiting activities in various places.

### Woman Has Hip Fractured When Struck by Automobile

Mrs. Marie Webster, 5319 Walnut street, received a compound fracture of the right hip Friday evening when she was struck by an automobile at

Fifty-third and Center streets, driven by Cyril Sheehy, 815 South Thirty-fifth street, son of P. J. Sheehy, superintendent of the Cudahy Packing company.  
Cyril Sheehy lost control of his machine when it ran into a depression in the road, the car running into Mrs. Webster, who was just about to cross. The car was going at a moderate rate of speed, it is said, when the accident occurred.

The Omaha Philosophical society will meet Sunday at 3 in Lyric building, Nineteenth and Farnam streets. Dr. D. E. Jenkins, president University of Omaha, will speak on "Infinite Personality & Contradiction in Terms."

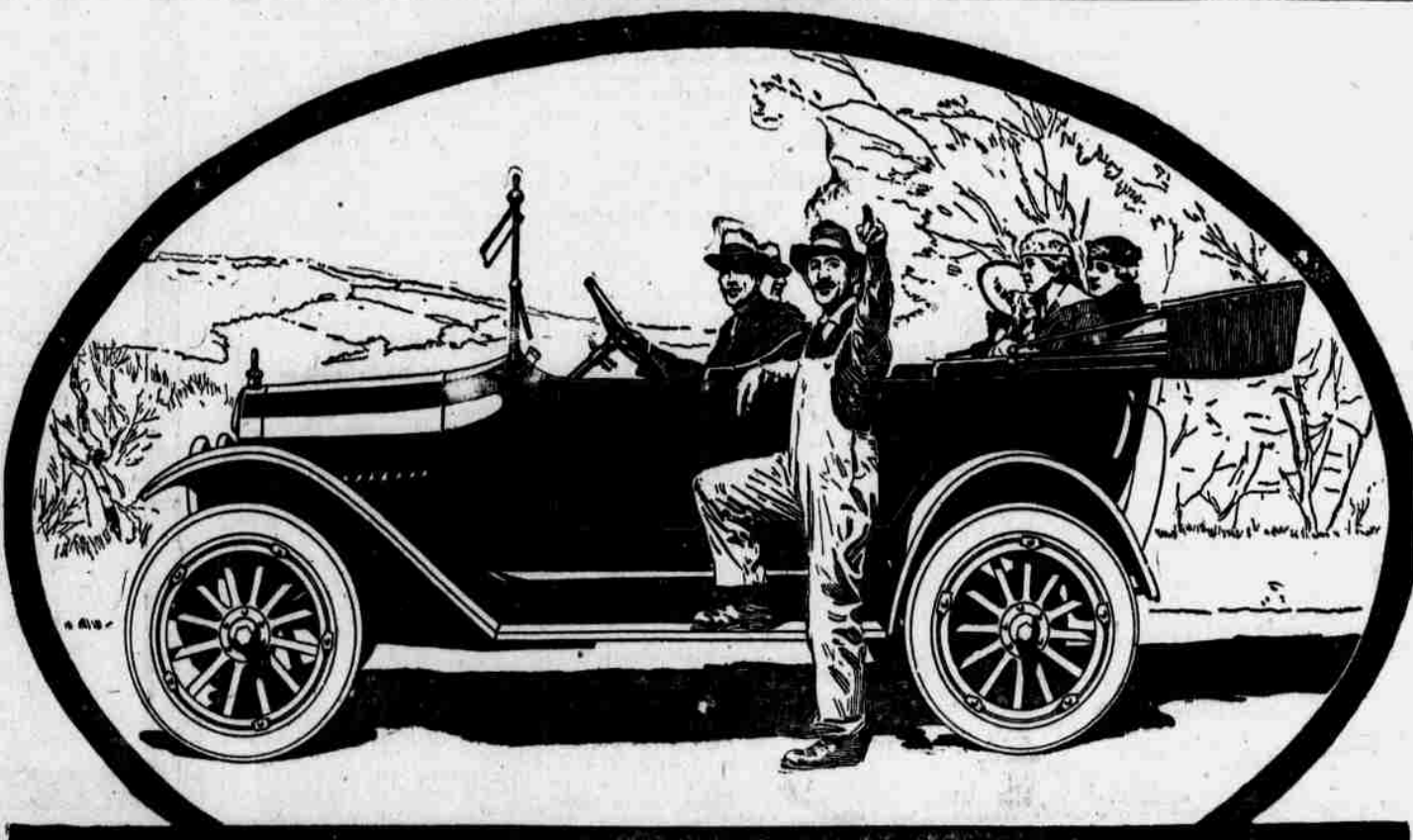
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### Why did he lose the contract?

**A.** The bids were closed when he arrived to submit his own, which, by the way, would have landed the bacon.

**Q.** Surely he knew the closing time and the strictness of the conditions?

**A.** Oh, yes, as well as he knew how to figure, but his trouble is that, like a lot of shrewd business men, he leaves certain important details to incompetents.

**Q.** In what respect?

**A.** He depends upon his chauffeur buying just ordinary tires for his car. With an equipment of Lee Puncture Proof Tires he could laugh at the troubles of ordinary tires, and, as a keen man of business he should get the safety idea and the full dollars and cents' worth out of his tires from

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