

BLANK SECURES AN OPTION ON DOUGLAS

Owners of Continental Corner to Build a Twelve-Story Structure.

IS LESSEE OF THE STRAND

A. H. Blank, president of the Strand Amusement company of Omaha, holds an option on the northeast corner of Fifteenth and Douglas streets, 132x132 feet, the site of the Continental block, which was recently destroyed by fire. D. B. Welpton negotiated the deal.

The option calls for an investment of not less than \$250,000 in a modern building. One of the finest motion picture theaters, with a seating capacity of 3,000, will be in the plans for Omaha's new business block. Stores and offices will be included.

Mr. Blank came from his home at Des Moines to confer with E. F. Marcus, R. L. Byers and M. L. Breyfogle of Kansas City, trustees of the property, which is 132x132 feet. One of the stipulations of the option is that a modern building not less than twelve stories shall be erected on the site.

Boost for Douglas Street.

Men who have inside information on this deal state that this is an other indication of the continued development of Douglas street as a substantial business thoroughfare. Mr. Blank owns the property occupied by Orkin Bros. on Douglas street. He took hold of the Strand theater when it was dark and made a paying proposition of the property.

Mr. Blank made this statement: "I consider Omaha to have one of the brightest futures of any city in the United States and have in mind building a theater that will not only be a credit to Omaha, but will be one of the largest and best motion picture theaters of the country. No expense will be spared to attain this end, and with the novelties in theater construction we have in mind, this house will be known from coast to coast. There also will be store rooms fronting on both Douglas and Fifteenth streets."

He announced that the Strand theater will be improved next summer and will be retained as a motion picture theater. Mr. Blank is stockholder and officer of the Triangle Film corporation and vice president of the Continental Security company of Des Moines. He started his business career in Omaha and is now a resident of Des Moines. He is prominently identified with the motion picture industry.

Speeders Fined for the Violation of Speed Laws

Motorcycle Officer Farrant, "the tawny ghost of the highways," who is fast becoming the chief worry of the autoists who break the speed laws, arrested nine men Thursday. He summoned Robert Connell, son of City Physician R. W. Connell, on the charge of speeding past a school house, but the young man did not appear in court. By telephone arrangement his hearing was set for Tuesday.

Speeders arraigned were: N. H. Hatt, 3518 Jones street, fined \$5 and costs; William Durnier, 6305 Fort Crook boulevard, \$5 and costs; Ed Eriena, 701 South Thirty-fourth street, \$7.50 and costs; Ed Sprague, 4338 Franklin street, \$5 and costs; T. Boyle, 1109 South Tenth street, \$7.50 and costs; H. Bando, driver for Guy L. Smith, \$5 and costs.

J. A. Mathieson was fined \$10 and costs for driving past Sixteenth and Douglas streets during the noon rush at the rate of twenty miles an hour. E. C. Bruner, 3522 South Twenty-fourth street, was fined \$1 and costs for operating an auto with bright headlights.

Son of R. B. Howell Enlists in Aviation Section of Army

Sidney J. Cullingham, 20-year-old son of R. Beecher Howell, general manager of the Metropolitan Water district, enlisted in the aviation section of the army signal corps Thursday. He goes in at the bottom, as a private, and will take the regular army training at Fort Logan, Colo., before being assigned to a flying school. He said he hoped to earn a commission.

Vincent M. Shook, son of Charles L. Shook, 111 North Twenty-fifth street, joined the army Friday. He is a chum of young Cullingham, and both had planned for some time to volunteer for the war.

Prof. Thomson Lectures To Audubons Saturday

Another special open meeting of the Audubon society will be held Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the city hall council chamber. Prof. Robert Thomson of Plainview, Neb., will lecture on birds and show many beautiful colored slides of native songsters. He will also talk to junior Audubon members Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Central High school, where his slides also will be shown.

Walter Cassidy Improves; Back May Not Be Broken

Walter Cassidy, 2502 South Eleventh street, has made some improvement since he was injured by falling from the second story window of his home while walking in his sleep. It was thought at the time that his back was broken. He had numerous cuts and bruises besides. Attending physicians now believe he will recover, though at first it was thought his chances were slight.

Veteran of Three Wars Wants to Serve in This

General L. W. Colby of Beatrice, veteran of the civil, Indian and Spanish-American wars, who wants to organize a brigade of his own in Nebraska, has written County Commissioner Bedford from Washington, where he went in the interests of the plan, that his chances are bright for success. Despite his 71 years, General Colby is anxious to see service in the present war. Commissioner Bedford, one of General Colby's old "pals" in the Indian wars, says that he would like a commission in the proposed brigade. The commissioner is well past three score years and ten.

For Booklovers

Fiction.
THE LIGHT IN THE CLEARING. By Irving Bacheller. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Company. \$1.50.
Around the fortunes of a lovable lad revolves this novel of reality and vitality, of humor and honor, of love of woman and love of country, of the simple affections and of fine ideals. The boy has you, heart from the start. He becomes the principal witness to a crime and to a great event. By loyalty and devotion he gains his goal of happiness and his meed of love.

TO THE LAST PENNY. By Edwin Lester. New York: Harper & Bros. \$1.25.
A story of the new ideals of business and of a man who made them work. You will find Tommy a very original and interesting character and his father, his chum Willetts, and Marion, some of the other characters in the story, well worth becoming acquainted with.

ANTONY GRAY, GARDENER. By Leslie Moore. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.50.
Nicholas Denver, a recluse, granted by his doctor a scant twelve-month of life, awakes to a great opportunity for good, and formulates a scheme as wise as it seems eccentric. The prize offered to the man who is asked to co-operate with him is so great that refusal is impossible, though the risk is great. All of Leslie Moore's charm of telling, and all the sympathetic skill with which he weaves a love story are in this tale, the scenes of which are laid in South Africa and on an English estate.

THE EYES OF THE WOODS. By Joseph A. Altshuler. New York: D. Appleton & Co. \$1.25.
This is the story of the five members of a little band of brave young men led by Henry Ware, who make it their business to protect the settlements of Kentucky from the Indians and renegades who infest the country. It is essentially a story of the wilderness steeped in the forest spirit and dealing with wild animals and wilder men.

THE MISSION OF JANICE DAY. By Helen Beecher Long. New York: Sully & Kleinteich. \$1.25.
A book full of humor, love and breathless action, of scenes in quaint old Polktown, on the Rio Grande and in the camps of the Mexican soldiers. Wherever Janice goes she makes friends, and no matter how perilous the situation, the brave, trusting girl invariably finds a way out. A volume that is truly interesting and one that will gain a host of new friends for the "Do Something" heroine.

LOUISBURG SQUARE. By Robert Cutler. New York: The MacMillan Company. \$1.50.
In Louisburg Square Mr. Cutler gives a shrewd and kindly picture of contemporary Boston, a really intimate record of the society in which he has always lived and which he thoroughly knows. Throughout the book dominates the love story of Rosalind Copley. An aristocrat in every fibre, finely human, eager for life and an almost idyllic dove, not at all the "new woman," yet none the less mistress of her time, she is a true, gentle and fascinating heroine.

AGAMENNON. THE PURPLE HILL. By Ethel and Leon Moran. Boston: Sherman, French & Co. \$1.90.

DOUBLOONS AND THE GIRL. By John Maxwell Forbes. New York: Sully and Kleinteich. \$1.25.
A book of up-to-date treasure hunting and love story combined. Opening in New York City with the finding of the seaman's chest containing a map and a mysterious document, the scene is quickly shifted to the bounding ocean and then to a forgotten island of the West Indies. A story that is full of mystery and full of pretty love scenes—with the breath of the salt sea blowing throughout all its pages.

THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. By Sidney L. Nyberg. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. \$1.40.
A novel of men and woman—work and faith. The story is of a brilliant young rabbi, his love for a girl and his belief in ideals, his struggle against forces of materialism and his reaction from them. Those interested in the spiritual life of America will read and talk of this story, as it is the most distinctive work of the year. Labor, capital, orthodox and free thinking, religious belief and religious life are among the forces which appear.

L. MARY MACLANE. By Mary MacLane. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Company. \$1.40.
Here is a curtain drawn aside, disclosing a soul essentially rare and unusual, dwelling apart. Its attributes are lyric beauty, chaotic disregard of the conventionalities, passionate humaneness and a sense of humor which is elusive, creative, delicate. In the modern world the authoress scarcely "belongs." Yet in this fiery, merciless baring of self the reader will discover odd compelling similarities to his own strengths and weaknesses. This is an adventure of the spirit cast in heroic dimensions—an epic of struggle and victory, heights and depths which will hold the reader spellbound.

Juvenile Fiction.
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By Evalene Stein. Boston: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard. \$1.00.

Charming to both the eye and the mind is the story of Rosechen, a little girl in the Tyrol, and a magpie, confined in a cage in a nobleman's castle to atone for the thievish exploit of a magpie of former generations that had a tragic result, this part of the story being historic. Rosechen's good little heart led her to disdain tradition and great trouble seemed likely to follow, but it chanced that the same little girl's kindness led to results of great importance, not only to herself and family, but to those of high station.

HARRY HARDING, MESSENGER '46. By Alfred Raymond. New York: Cupples & Leon Co. 75 Cents.

When Harry Harding bravely decided to leave school in order to help his mother in the fight against poverty, he took his first long step toward successful manhood. How Harry chanced to meet mischievous, red-haired Teddy Burke, who preferred school to work, how Teddy and Harry became messengers in Martin Brothers' department store, and what happened to them there is a story that never flags in interest.

PATSEY CARROLL AT WILDERNESS LODGE. By Grace Gordon. New York: Cupples & Leon Co. \$1.25.

Patsey Carroll succeeds in coaxing her father to lease one of the luxurious camps at Lake Placid, in the Adirondack mountains, for the summer. Chaperoned by an aunt and accompanied by her three dearest friends, they motor into the heart of this delightful forest with Patsey as chauffeur. There they meet Cecil Vance, a young girl whose inheritance has been fished from her by an unscrupulous kinsman. The remarkable manner in which the troublesome document is finally brought to light, restoring to Cecil the inheritance she has despaired of ever regaining, furnishes material for a story of the most absorbing interest. The volume is beautifully bound in blue and gold.

THE GOOD LOVER. By E. Richard Schayer. Philadelphia: David McKay. 50 Cents.

A very interesting and attractive story of a lovable boy and an above the average man. You will find it well worth the reading.

BLUE ROBIN, THE GIRL PIONEER. By Rena I. Halsey. Boston: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard. \$1.25.

Nathalie Page is just such a girl of 16 as one likes to read about. Obligated to exchange affluence in a large city for a modest home in a small one, she develops into capable young womanhood by becoming a member of the Girl Pioneers of America, that sterling patriotic order that seeks to revive the spirit of those who built up this country. Incidentally, Nathalie and her friends have the most enjoyable times imaginable and the book holds one's attention wonderfully.

Miscellaneous.
WHERE GARMENTS AND AMERICANS ARE MADE. By Jessie Howell McCarthy. New York: Writers' Publishing Company.

Story of Sicher system of factory education for Americanization of foreigners, conducted in co-operation

with New York Board of Education—a challenge to hyphenatism.

GRAEFING OPPORTUNITY. By Nathaniel C. Fowler, Jr. Sully & Kleinteich. 75 Cents.

Articles and dialogues presenting the practice of those affirmatives and negatives, which together constitute the elements of success in business and in all other vocations.

SERBIA. By Helen Leah Reed. Norwood, Mass: The Plimpton Press.

This book claims to give the average reader a clear and concise account of Serbian history from the earliest times, with some attention to the present war. It has met the approval of various leading Serbians in this country.

Flodman to Recover, But Will Keep Bullet

Carl Flodman, the receiving teller of the Nebraska National bank, who shot himself accidentally Wednesday night, will carry a .38 calibre bullet in his body for the rest of his life.

Physicians say that the bullet, which entered below his heart and narrowly missed that vital organ, has lodged in such a position in his back that he can carry it there without much inconvenience. It would endanger his life to probe for the bullet. Flodman will recover, hospital reports say.

To Be Brought from Bluffs On Charge of Auto Theft

Ed Swanson is locked in the jail at Council Bluffs awaiting requisition papers which will bring him to Omaha to face the charge of stealing an auto belonging to John Muller, 240 Keeline building. Police say that he drove the machine Wednesday from this city to Glenwood, Ia., where he ran it into a sandbank.

Fred James, alleged partner of Swanson, is under arrest at Elmo, Mo. He also is fighting his return to Omaha by demanding requisition papers.

Town House of Hope is To Be Closed by Board

Chairman Payne of the board of directors of the House of Hope advised Superintendent Schreiber of the Board of Public Welfare that the town house of Hope at 938 North Twenty-seventh avenue will be closed as soon as proper disposition can be arranged for twenty occupants.

Mr. Payne said his board has not taken action on the resignation of Rev. Charles W. Savidge as superintendent of the House of Hope.

German Playlet Given by Central High Students

A German playlet, "Heinzelmännchen," was given by German students of the Central High school. Every word was spoken in German. The cast was: Morris Margolin as Dr. Leo Schonbach, Elfrida Schafer as Frau Oberst Schonbach, Beulah Kulakofsky as Sidonie Lohner, Helen Wahl as Elsa Lindemann, Margate McWilliams as Kathie Wolkopf, Madalene Cohn as Grete Schuster, and Willard Usher as Martin Deiner.

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Lv. Co. Bluffs... 8:40 p.m. 7:40 a.m. 4:10 p.m.
Ar. Ft. Dodge... 12:37 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 8:37 p.m.
Ar. Mason City... 8:10 a.m. 8:05 p.m.
Ar. St. Paul... 7:30 a.m. 7:50 p.m.
Ar. Minneapolis... 8:05 a.m. 8:25 p.m.

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U. P. FORCES MAY USE ARBOR DAY TO PLANT

Jeffers Orders Headquarters Closed Monday that All May Start Gardens.

MAY MOVE CLOCKS AHEAD

All of the men and women who constitute the official and clerical force in Union Pacific headquarters, in an effort to reduce the high cost of living, will turn their attention to agricultural pursuits.

As a starter of the determination of Union Pacific people to go farming and gardening, General Manager Jeffers has issued an order that the headquarters building will be closed all Arbor day, next Monday.

Heretofore Arbor day has brought with it a half holiday. This year employees will devote their time and energies to starting their gardens and getting them into good growing conditions.

No one is immune from the Union Pacific gardening order and those officials and employees who have not started on the work of tilling the soil, are urged to do so next Monday.

May Move Clock Ahead.

In addition to going into the gardening business next Monday, there is a probability that beginning May 1, for Union Pacific people who are going to crop their back yards and

vacant lots, the clock will be pushed ahead an hour.

Voting slips have been passed through the headquarters offices, giving officials and employees an opportunity to say whether or not they during the summer months desire to report for work at 7:45 in the morning and quit at 4:30 in the afternoon, instead of starting at 8:15 and quitting at 5:30 as now.

The outcome will depend upon the result of the vote. It is understood, however, that in figuring on this extra hour of daylight in the afternoon, that the time is to be devoted to working in gardens, instead of loafing.

Boy Scouts Report Three Thousand Untidy Sites

Scout Executive English announces that the recent survey of the city conducted by Boy Scouts showed 3,258 untidy conditions around Omaha homes and 131 vacant lots that are illegally used as dumping grounds for bottles, cans and ashes.

The Scouts will make another survey of the city Saturday, April 28. Tomorrow the boys will visit the Union Pacific shops, starting from Scout headquarters at 9:30 a. m.

Belgian Wants to Get Even With Kaiser Wilhelm

Julian Vermeidevan, Belgian, was disappointed at noon recruiting headquarters Friday morning when he was rejected because he was not a citizen of the United States.

"Let me join the fleet and get even with the Kaiser," he pleaded with Lieutenant Waddell.

Place Valuation of One Dollar on Foot Strip

Philip Tebbins and W. B. Whitehorn, city appraisers, placed a valuation of \$1 on a one-foot strip, 600 feet long, on Thirty-fourth avenue, Lake street to Patrick avenue. E. A. Smith, the third member of the appraising board, brought in a minority report, with a valuation of \$1,000. The city council will determine which is fair.

This narrow strip has been of record for many years. It separates Wise and Parmelee addition from the street. A real estate firm will plat this addition and seeks to have the foot strip added to the street.

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