

## ARCHBISHOP PAYS TRIBUTE TO DEAD

Says T. J. Mahoney Was a Just Man Whose Memory Will Benefit Omaha Citizens.

### PRESIDES AT HIGH MASS

Hundreds of friends and business associates of the late Timothy J. Mahoney paid their respects to the memory of the prominent Omaha lawyer and citizen at the funeral services, which were held at St. John's Catholic church, Twenty-fifth and California streets, at 10 o'clock this morning. The church was crowded.

Archbishop Harty presided at a pontifical requiem high mass and preached the funeral sermon. He paid a beautiful tribute to the life and achievements of Mr. Mahoney, who died suddenly in the national capital last Thursday.

"Above all things, he was a just man," Archbishop Harty said. "Memory a Benefit. He declared that Mr. Mahoney's memory will always be a benefit to the citizens of Omaha, adding that the distinguished lawyer's thirty-two years' residence here was an inspiration for others. The archbishop referred to Mr. Mahoney as a just man and a man of large capabilities."

The archbishop said that the three strong pillars of the state are intelligence, integrity and courage. Mr. Mahoney, he said, possessed all three of these in an eminent degree. The archbishop referred to the immortality of the soul, and urged his hearers to learn something from the life and works of the late prominent member of the bar.

The following acted as pallbearers: C. J. Smyth, T. P. Redmond, Luther Drake, Robert C. Howe, John Rosh, Frank J. Burkle, James Estelle, F. H. Gains.

Burial was in Holy Sepulcher cemetery.

## Women Worry Over What to Wear at War Auto School

Society women will discard their frills and white kid gloves for their first lesson in motor mechanics Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. E. S. Westbrook's class of promising ambulance drivers in the war will then begin instruction at the Nebraska Auto school. Services of a mechanic were volunteered to the women.

David Sherman has given an old car for the women to dissect. What to wear for the motor mechanics lesson is a weighty subject not yet decided by Mrs. Louis Clarke, captain of the motor-driving section of the National League for Woman Service, and her commandants. Bloomers, overalls and khaki suits are all being considered, a decision to be reached when the emergency of crawling under a recalcitrant car arises, say the women.

## Austrian Regarded Wife Only as Personal Slave

"He's going to be a good man now," said Mrs. Rose Ohaus of the domestic relations department of the Board of Public Welfare, after she had administered a severe rebuke to Nicholas Zech, an Austrian, admitted that he had not even applied for naturalization. Through an interpreter he made it known that he regarded his wife as personal property.

"In this country the wife has rights and we intend to protect your wife. We will place you on ninety days' probation. You may see your baby every Sunday afternoon if you are sober. You are to pay 20 per cent of your wages for the support of the baby. If you do not observe these terms we will prosecute you on the complaint which has been filed," said Mrs. Ohaus.

Zech agreed to the terms.

## Soldier, Hit by Civilian, Suffers Loss of His Eye

Ered Holton dashed up to Patrolman Aboud Sunday with a story that Private Peter J. Balsar of the United States army had just threatened his life with an automatic pistol. "He's down the street," gasped Holton, "and he's swinging the pistol carelessly around."

The policeman and Holton advanced toward the soldier, with Holton well in the rear. After Patrolman Aboud had pinion Balsar's arms behind him, Holton came forward, the policeman says, and hit Balsar in the eye.

Police Surgeon Connelly says Balsar is in danger of losing the eye as a result of the wallop.

Holton will be arraigned Tuesday in police court.

## Feast Day of the Good Shepherd Celebrated

The annual feast day of the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd was celebrated Sunday in the new chapel of the convent, Fortieth and Jackson streets. Friends of the institution filled the south wing of the chapel and overflowed into the west wing, while the inmates and sisters filled the north and east wings and the galleries.

The festal services began at 10 a. m. with solemn high mass, at which Archbishop Harty presided. Rev. D. P. Harrington, pastor of St. Cecilia's cathedral, celebrated the mass and

## To Remarry Since State Is to Be Dry After May 1

J. H. Ritcher obtained a marriage license Monday morning to remarry Mrs. Carrie Ritcher, who divorced him a year ago. He said that the state going dry was responsible for their determination to make another try.

## GRAPE VINEYARDS ALL NEARLY BARREN

Drouth is Given as the Cause of Loss Rather than Winter Freezing.

### STRAWBERRY CROP SHORT

Grape vineyards in and around Omaha will be almost entirely barren this year, prominent grape growers fear, because of the dry winter and spring.

There are a number of extensive grape vineyards in Douglas county and ordinarily large crops of the fruit are successfully raised. This year, however, it is said the crop will not be 25 per cent or less of an average crop. E. H. Walker of Florence, one of the largest and most successful grape growers in the state, says he will lose his entire crop of fifteen acres. "The sprouts on which the grapes grow," said Mr. Walker, "have no sap in them and the young fibers are black. The vines seem to have lost all their vitality."

### Caused by Drouth.

Drouth is the cause advanced by Mr. Walker. Some attribute the lost crop to winter freezing, but Mr. Walker insists lack of moisture is the only possible reason.

N. H. Nelson, manager of the Douglas County Fruit Growers' association, has found Mr. Walker's complaint a common one in investigations among members of the association. Almost all of them report their entire grape crops gone and that other fruits have suffered too. Strawberries have been hurt severely and the crop of this fruit will be less than 50 per cent of normal. J. J. Smith, secretary of the Douglas County Fruit Growers' association, confirms Mr. Nelson's report of the poor condition of fruit in Douglas county. He has not found a grower so optimistic as to even expect half a crop.

## Licensed Electrical Contractor's Statement of Facts Pertaining to the Present Labor Difficulties.

In making answer to the published statement by representative of the Electrical Workers' Union the following licensed electrical contractors:

- AMERICAN ELECTRIC CO.
- E. C. BENNETT ELECTRIC COMPANY.
- BURGESS-GRANDEN COMPANY.
- JAMES CORR ELECTRIC CO.
- THOS. DURKIN.
- JOHNSTON ELECTRIC CO.
- LUHR & LUHR.
- LE BRON ELECTRIC COMPANY.
- OMAHA ELECTRICAL WORKS.
- W. W. SHERWOOD.
- WOLFE ELECTRIC COMPANY.

make the following statement of facts concerning their present difficulties: For the year 1916 to January, 1917, the scale of 57 1/2c per hour, with the usual working conditions, with the understanding that the scale was to be readjusted in January, 1917.

About January 1, 1917, the committee from the union notified some of the shops that they wanted \$5.50 per day Closed Shop Union helpers only

No agreement to extend beyond August 1, 1917.

to which counter proposition was made by the contractors to pay 60c per hour and the same working rules as prevailed during 1916 for a period of one year only from date.

to which the committee from the union declined to agree, but both committees agreeing to report back to their associates and to give notice of decision after their next regular meeting. These committees met again, the Union Committee stating that their association had declined to accept the Contractors' proposition. The Contractors then made another proposition as follows:

That they would pay journeymen 60c per hour to August 1, 1917, and 62 1/2c per hour from August 1, 1917, to January 1, 1918, with the same working rules as prevailed during 1916. To this second proposition made by the Contractors the Union Committee notified the Contractors by a letter dated February 1 to the effect that all negotiations had been dropped for the present and that the Union deemed it advisable on and after that date that Contractors should figure all contracts on a basis of 68 1/2c per hour. This was the last communication received from the Electrical Workers' Union either by Committee or letter.

No further effort was made by their representatives or by their Committee to arbitrate the differences and without notice or warning of any kind they reported for work April 2, but were called to a special meeting of their Union early that morning and have not returned to work since.

Since these men, without warning, have left our employ the Contractors have endeavored to carry on their work to a successful completion, but have been harassed and handicapped in the successful completion of their jobs by the intimidation of our workmen and the stealing of our tools and the destruction of our work, and the following of our men to their homes.

As to any written communication from the Contractors' Association agreeing to pay 62 1/2c per hour, beginning January 1, 1917, it is entirely incorrect. Verbal agreements only were made for 1916 to end January 1, 1917. After that date wage scale was to be adjusted.

Further, none of the above named Contractors are now employing any of the members of Local No. 22 except those who have come back of their own accord, and no agreement has been made to employ them by any of the aforesaid licensed Electrical Contractors. We are now employing competent men without regard to affiliations, paying them a just compensation for labor performed.

This is a true statement of the controversy and conditions of the labor trouble existing between the licensed Electrical Contractors and the journeymen Electricians' Union.—Advertisement.

## Children of Schools Are Told of Arbor Day

School children Monday were reminded that the first Arbor day proclamation was issued by Governor Furnas of Nebraska, setting aside the third Wednesday of April. In 1885

the legislature designated April 22, birthday of J. Sterling Morton, as Arbor day and declared it to be one of the legal holidays of the state.

The children were told that Arbor day has been referred to as "Nebraska's gift to the states of the union," and the late Mr. Morton is known and referred to as "originator of Arbor day." During Mr. Morton's life forty states and territories adopted and observed Arbor day.

The teachers imparted object lessons of the value of trees.

"The best verses I have produced are the trees I have planted," was a line from Holmes read by some teachers to their children.

## To Get Full School Credit For Summer Work on Farm

Harry Williams and Mason Verbe of South High school have been granted full credits to close of school in June on account of their intentions to engage in farm work at once. Their standings in school are satis-

factory and they will be admitted to advanced classes next September upon evidence that they "did their bit" toward raising the food crop of Nebraska this season.

Boys and girls of the public high schools will be given extended credits for service in army or navy or in agricultural pursuits.



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