

POWELL HAS SCHEME TO SAVE COAL BILL WANTS THANKS OF PUBLIC Works Out Community Heating Plant Scheme to Burn Half the Coal. HE INTERESTS A WRITER

By A. R. GROH. Doane Powell, creator of clever cartoons, came in yesterday morning and, after telling me that the coal situation is grave, whispered that he has a scheme to save coal. He took a newspaper, an ordinary newspaper, and began making a little sketch on the margin with a pencil about three inches long or maybe three and a half. First he drew a square. Then he made five little squares along one side of this square and five little squares along the other side, and a little square all by itself in the middle of the big square. "This is a block with ten houses in it," said he. "Yes, yes, go on," I urged. "Now each of these houses has its separate heating plant," continued the man of art. "Why not build a central heating plant in the middle of the block and pipe steam to all those houses? By that means each house could be heated with just about half the coal that it is using now. Fifty tons a year ought to heat all ten houses where now it probably takes 100 tons, a clear saving of fifty tons."

Marvelous! "Marvelous!" I exclaimed. "Multiply those fifty tons by the number of blocks in the city," Mr. Powell continued, as he did a nimble arithmetical problem on the newspaper margin. "My, my, my!" I ejaculated. "Fifty tons saved in a single block in a single year. And it would be worth any way \$10 a ton. That would be a saving of \$500 right in that one block."

Cost is Easy. "Well," the inventor replied, "that could be worked out." "A mere detail," I agreed. "And the wages of two firemen, working eight hours each, from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m., at \$75 each for eight months in the year would come to only \$1,200. Repairs and incidentals oughtn't to come to more than \$200 a year."

Say Call is Imminent For Fourth Nebraska Guard Assembly of the Fourth Nebraska National Guard at Fort Crook, orders for which have been expected at any time, is now believed to be imminent.

Building Operations Show Large Increase Building operations in April were 13 per cent more than same month of last year. The figures: April, 1917, \$460,350; 1916, \$406,835.

Skinner Buys Quarter Block To Enlarge His Factory The Skinner Manufacturing company has completed the purchase of the Lange hotel property, Thirteenth and Jackson streets, the consideration being \$60,000, and the deed was filed Monday.

City Council Receives Annexation Ordinances City council received ordinances providing for annexation of Florence and Benson into Greater Omaha territory, according to recent legislative enactment.

Smashed Windows for Fun; Is Fined a Five-Case Note "For amuse-ent he smashed every window he came to," reads Patrolman Burchard's report against Bernard Leslie, whom he arrested Monday night near the Skinner Macaroni company.

Passing of John B. Mourned by Many Early Risers Next Morning



He hopped aboard a Wettes chariot away out in the brush somewhere and squirmed until he got off down in the wet-and-wooly district. He was one of those chaps who never eat breakfast—he drank it. Quickly he rushed over to the nearest ginny, moistening his lips with his tongue as he hastened.

A funeral wreath hung on the doors of the bar at the Fontenelle hotel Monday evening. Before the wreath two candles burned. "Closed on account of election."

A lot of former barroom boys are finding aluminum checks "good for 2 1/2 cents at the bar." They wish they had cashed them in.

An old window card that has done duty on many an election day hangs in the window of the Luxus bar, opposite the postoffice. It reads, "Closed on Account of Election Day."

The original hard-boiled egg, best described as the bird who always gets a telephone call just as his turn to buy comes around was jesting his acquaintances with invitations to "c'mon have s'uthin'."

A young doctor who got pretty well organized before eight bells, and then suffered from bulging-hip afterward, appeared on the streets in the wee hours, lugging a complete human skeleton, which he insisted was his old friend, Mr. Corn.

In and out of every place where there was a sign of life he went, lugging "his old friend" with him. "Zish ish M'fren Missher Zhon B'tey-corn," he insisted, shaking and rattling his gruesome burden.

Early in the morning some other enthusiast was seen carrying one of John's legs and another had the torso. The doctor still clung to the skull.

They were of like lost souls, these hundreds of other men, who wandered the streets on the morning after the fateful day. The younger men— younger saloon loafers—didn't feel so bad about it. They could find other places to settle world problems and concoct their little schemes "for the good of their fellow men."

Men from Twenty States At Pensioners' Meeting One hundred and fifty men, representing the Union Pacific Mutual Pensioners' association, coming from twenty states of the west and central west met in annual convention in the headquarters building.

Manila, Ia., Boys to Grow Crops While Learning War Citizens of Manila, Ia., who were active in boosting equipments for military service, have become somewhat alarmed over the fact that young men needed to grow crops on the farms are preferring to go away to war.

JULIUS ORKIN APPLIES KNIFE TO SUIT PRICES Groups Hundreds of High Priced Suits in One Great Lot for Wednesday— ONLY \$15.00

This sale is launched for the purpose of reducing a heavy stock to normal size. It differs from the average sale at this time of year because of the fact that no special purchases of job lot merchandise plays a part in this sale.



But the older men—men who had made the saloon their club for years and years—where did they go. Some of them didn't "go." One stayed in his shack on the river front all day, mumbling to himself and cursing the day that sent prohibition to Omaha.

A well-known county official was walking past a group of them. The loafers recognized him. "Say," they yelled in chorus, "can we still vote?"

No longer will the tipsy wayfarer under the influence of the weather be hauled to the hoos gow and given lodging until he has "sobered up." All drinks will hereafter be booked under the charge of "intoxication" and fined not less than \$10 or more than \$50 for the first offense.

Frank Murphy, the barrister inclined patrol conductor, has read the dry law through so many times that he can repeat verbatim many of its sections. Murphy spent nearly a month studying the subject and defies even the men who drafted the bill to ask him questions that he cannot answer.

A few minutes before 8 bells Monday evening a group of downtown celebrants sang these words to the tune of "O When I Die": "O when I die me at all, Just pickle my bones in alcohol. Place a bottle of booze At my head and feet. Then leave me alone. In. I guess I'll keep."

"Do you know what we had left in our liquor department when we closed last night?" asked Al King, manager of Hayden Brothers' grocery department. "We had one bottle of grape juice. That was all that was rejected."

How dry I am!!! Illustration of a man holding a bottle and looking thirsty.

DIAMONDS WATCHES ON CREDIT It's Easy to Wear a Diamond Or Fine Watch or make a handsome Wedding Present, for you can open a charge account with us for anything desired, and pay monthly.

12-SIZE ELGIN \$12 A Month Illustration of an Elgin pocket watch.

LOFTIS The National Credit Jewelers 409 S. 16th St., OMAHA

Thief Falls Down Stairs in Haste to Escape His Victims

Mrs. August Radden, 1317 William street, awoke at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning to see a man's hand slouched on her bedroom door. She screamed. The hand vanished and the burglar who owned it fell down stairs in his race for liberty.

Mr. Radden gave chase with a shotgun. He saw the intruder pick himself up at the bottom of the stairs and later saw him dive through the pantry window, by means of which he had entered the home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Larsen and 9-week-old son, Kenneth, live on the first floor. Their home had been ransacked by the burglar before the thief was discovered by Mrs. Radden.

A gold stickpin set with two diamonds, a diamond lavalier, a gold locket and chain, a man's watch, chain and fob were stolen from the Larsen home.

Mrs. Radden, who is Mrs. Larsen's sister, reports the loss of \$3 in cash from her home.

Parts Assigned for the Annual High School Play Leonard Woolen and Alice Stone have been chosen for the leading roles in the annual play which will be given by the graduating class at Central High school.

The play, "When Knights Were Bold," is of three acts, part of it dealing with the time of Richard the Lion Hearted of England. All the speaking parts except that of a butler to the leading character have been chosen. This will be settled upon within a few days.

Mrs. Myron Learned has completed a delightful nature play or masque, which may be presented in Omaha in the near future. It is entitled "The Spirit of Walden Wood" and has for its setting a scene in a forest near the crest of a hill on her country place, "Walden." The characters of the play are the Spirit, three fairies, the Youth, the Bluebird, the Robin, the Cardinal and He of the forest.

Miss Lida Wilson has received word from the editor of the acceptance of a short article which she has written for the Poster Magazine. This is the official organ of the large posting service companies.

HITS HOLDUP OVER HEAD WITH BOTTLE

M. W. Lee Outwits Masked Highwayman in Novel but Effective Manner. SAVES HUNDRED DOLLARS

Two empty bottles were adequate burglar insurance Monday night for M. W. Lee, 142 North Thirty-first avenue, clerk at the Nebraska Clothing company.

He broke the bottles over the head of a stickup man who shoved a gun under his nose at Thirty-first avenue and Dodge streets. The would-be robber howled with pain, raced across the street and disappeared into a park.

"I swear they were empty bottles," said Mr. Lee. "They had contained extract of vanilla and I'll stick to that story despite the ominous date of the holdup."

Mrs. "Bob" Evans Wants Kits Made for Sailors A letter has just been received from Mrs. Robert Evans, wife of the late Rear Admiral Evans, better known as "Fighting Bob Evans," by Mrs. Guy Purdy of this city, urging that the women of the middle west make comfort kits for the sailors as well as for the soldiers.

The comfort committee, whose headquarters is in Washington, D. C., advise that the kits be filled with a pair of gray woolen mittens, a blue woolen muffler and a sleeveless jacket of gray wool.

Bad Weather Checks Work Of Cleaning the Streets Commissioner Parks of the street cleaning and maintenance department explains that weather conditions have interfered with completion of the cleanup hauling work.

BELL-ANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

GOOD PIANO NEWS One of the Greatest Piano Sales that has ever taken place in Omaha is going on at the warerooms of Schmoller & Mueller. We have been compelled to cut the price of practically every Piano on our five floors to make room for our Spring stock.

ICE MINT Pure Blood You can keep your blood in good condition—have a clear skin, and bright eyes, by taking BEECHAM'S PILLS

Cider to Be Served at King Ak's Den This Year

When 8 o'clock Monday night brought doom to liquor business in Nebraska, the members of the board of governors of Ak-Sar-Ben were in session at the Omaha club deciding what to serve at Ak-Sar-Ben this year to take the place of the beer given to the guests there for over twenty years.

Gardner Parish Home Turned Over to Trinity

Trinity cathedral now owns Gardner parish house, litigation arising out of its construction and loans to complete it having been settled.

The Parisian Cloak Co. is selling SUITS Wednesday at \$15 that formerly sold as high as \$45—mostly all are navys and blacks. No bright colors. See ad on page 5.

BERG SUITS ME With Unabated Interest Our Great Sale Continues Hundreds of fine suits still to be had that were saved from the ruins of our big fire and are now offered you while they last at next to nothing prices— \$15 to \$35 Suits, Slightly Soiled Now \$2.50, \$3.50 \$5.00, \$7.50 Kuppenheimer and Society Brand New Spring Models Berg Clothing Co.

WEDNESDAY Will Be Record Day at the PARISIAN Your choice of ANY SUIT In the House That Sold up to \$45.00 Wednesday, for \$15.00 All Sizes and Mostly All Navy Blues PARISIAN CLOAK CO. 318-320 So. 16th St.