THE BEE: OMAHA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1917.

Passing of John B. Mourned by **HITS HOLDUP OVER** Thief Falls Down Many Early Risers Next Morning Stairs in Haste to HEAD WITH BOTTLE **Escape His Victims** FOR M. W. Lee Outwits Masked

WANTS THANKS OF PUBLIC

POWELL HAS SCHEME

TO SAVE COAL BILL

HE INTERESTS A WRITER

By A. R. GROH. Doane Powell, kreator of klever kartoons, came in vesterday morning and, after telling me that the coal situation is grave, whispered that he ha a scheme to save coal.

A scheme to save coal. He took a newspaper, an ordinary rewspaper, 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 dittle 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.

"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 arc. "Why not build a central leating plant in the middle of the vlock and pipg steam to all those nouses? 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." Marvelous1 Marvelous

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I was nonplussed. "Marvelous!" I exclaimed. "Multiply those fifty tons by the immber of blocks in the city," Mr. Powell continued, as he did a nimble withmetical problem on the news-paper margin. "My, my, my!" I ejaculated. "Fifty tons saved in a single block in a sin-gle year. And it would be worth any-way \$10 a ton. That would be a sav-ing of \$500 right in that one block." "That's what it figures out to," said Doane.

Doane. "It's simply astonishing," I said. Why, it's almost astounding. And hink of all the city blocks in these Younited States of ours. Think of

so we both thought about it for

bit. "This central heating plant," I re-marked after a little thought, "could be built, I should say, for about \$10,-000, including the piping to the ten

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. "That would be an investment of \$10,000 and an annual expense of only \$1,400. But think of the coal you would save-\$500 worth. The thing \$1,400. But think of the coal you would save—\$500 worth. The thing that strikes me is that nobody ever thought of it before. That's what I can't understand. I'll have to tell our readers about it." And I picked up my typewriter and did it.

did it. I understand Mr. Powell will make

no claim for royalties from his scheme. He wishes to give it freely to his fellow citizens,

Say Call is Imminent

For Fourth Nebraska Guard 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 Adjutant General Hall and a rail-road man looked over trackage at the fort Monday. Twenty carloads of equipment have been sent there from the Lincoln arsenal. General Hall announced from Lin-coln Monday night that the Fifth regiment, not yet in federal service, had been ordered to be ready for fed-eral eall by Saturday. This is be-lieved to be preliminary to the Fourth regiment assembly at Fort Crook, its guard duty in the state to be taken



He hopped abcard a Wattles chariot away out in the brush somewhere and squirmed until he got off down in the wet-and-wooly district. He was come at the corner drug store-pro-viding they spent a few nickels occa-sionally. 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. He was the one who sat on a beer keg in the "whatchamacallit" place on lower Douglas street all day and reat the corner drug store-pro

the wet-and-wooly distr'ct. He was one of those chaps who never eat breakfast—he drank it. Quickly he rushed over to the near-est ginnery, moistening his lips with his tongue as he hastened. There he halted. A look of dis-may spread over his face. It was a look of exerministing nain

look of excruciating pain. On the door of The Demon's Parlor lower Douglas street all day and re-galed his "fellow club" members with

was a sign: "This place for rent," Suitable for

ice cream parlor or drug store." He had forgotten that May the Worst had arrived.

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galed his 'fellow club' members with stories of other days, when he was a jockey, with a roll of bills in his pocket all the time. Scores of the veteran saloon loafers -loafers who had grown gray in the service of their respective loafing places-spent their first day as exiles in the corridors of public buildings. The court house proved a favoite re-A funeral wreath hung on the doors of the bar at the Fontenelle hotel Monday evening. Before the wreath two candles burned. The court house proved a favorite re treat. "Closed on account of election.

rreat. 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?" A large canvas streamer with the above was struing across the front of the Mickey Gibson thirst ampoflum, 322 South Fifteenth street, yesterday afternoon and caused considerable

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 drunks will hereafter be booked under the charge of "intoxication" and fined not less than \$10 or more A lot of former barroom boys are finding aluminum checks "good for 2½ cents at the bar." They wish they had cashed them in.

and fined not less than \$10 or more than \$50 for the first offense. At the discretion of the court the arrested man may have his fine remitted if he tells where he purchased or got the An old window card that has done duty on many an election day hangs in the window of the Luxus bar, op-posite the postoffice. It reads, "Closed on Account of Election Day." From twenty to thirty men have

been arrested each day in the past but no charge preferred against them They were given their freedom after 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 su'thin'." 'sobering up.

A young doctor, who got pretty well organized before eight bells, and then suffered from bulging-hip after-ward, appeared on the streets in the ward, 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, lug-ging "his old friend" with him. "Zish ish M'fren Missher Zhon B'ley-corn," he insisted, shaking and rattling his grue: ome burden. Early in the morning some other enthusiast was seen carrying one of answer.

A few minutes before 8 bells Mon

They were like lost souls, these hundreds of old men, who wandered 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." These younger men, with their natty clothes and overly-loud shirts, would be wel-

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

Widdicombe, a country gentleman; Meyer Beber, Sir Brian Ballywrote, an Irish baronet; Ben Stern, Mr. Isaac Isaacson, a London financier; Thomas

Masque; To Be Presented 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 glade near the crest of a hill on her coun-try place, "Walden." The characters of the play are the Spirit, three fairies, the Youth, the Bluebird, the Robin, the Cardinal and He of the for-est. Three little dances are included in the masque, the dance of the fairies, of the vegetables and of the for-est birds. Orcheatral music accom-panies a great deal of the play.

est birds. Orchestral music accom-panies a great deal of the play. Miss Lida Wilson has received word from the editor of the accept-ance of a short article which she has written for the Poster Magazine. This is the official organ of the large post-ing service companies. Miss Wilson was so much interested in the poster boards of Omaha that she wrote this short article on "Poster Board Art." Both Mrs. Learned and Miss Wilson are members of the Omaha Woman's Press club.

Ars. August Radden, 1317 William street, awoke at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning to see a man's hand sil-houetted 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 shot-gun. He saw the intruder pick him-self 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 hom, had been ran-sacked by the burglar before the thief was discovered by Mrs. Radden. A gold stickpin set with two dia-monds, a diamend lavalliere, a gold locket and chain, a man's watch, chain and fob were stollen from the Larsen's home. 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

He broke the bottles over the head of a stickup man who shoved a gun under his nose at Thirty-first ave-nue 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." The bandit was masked and appar-ently middle-aged. home. Mrs. Radden, who is Mrs. Larsen's sister, reports the loss of \$3 in cash from her home.

The bandit was masked and appar-ently middle-aged. "I was not frightened." Mr. Lee says, "even when I was looking into the barrel of his gun. Somehow the whole thing seemed to strike me as a ludicrous situation. The stickup man was hiding behind a post and only ex-tended his arm at me when he or-dered me to throw up my hands. For fully thirty seconds I did not raise my hands at all. Then I laughed heartily and swung the empty bottles to the fellow's neck. He shrieked and ran." hearthy and show's neck. He shrieked and ran." Mr. Lee had \$100 with him when the holdup occurred.

Mrs. "Bob" Evans Wants

Kits Made for Sailors

speaking parts except that of a butter to the leading character have been chosen. This will be settled upon within a few days. The names of those chosen and the parts they will play follows: Leonard Woolen, Sir Guy DeVerr of Beech-wood Towers; Sidney Robinson, Wit-tle, his valet; Richard Brady, Charles Widdcombe a country couldenant A letter has just been received from A letter has just been received from Mrs. Robert Evans, wile 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. Mrs. Evans, who is now with her son, a naval officer in Newport, R. I., is enthusiastic over the work be-ing done in the east by the Navy league, of which she is a charter member. "The sailors are so exposed while laying mines, picketing and while or

laying mines, picketing and while on-duty in small boats that they need many warm garments which are not furnished by the government," said Mrs. Evans, The comfort committee, whose beddenstrained by Wachington D.C.

Mrs. Evans. 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 mutter and a sleeveless jacket of error wool of gray wool,

Bad Weather Checks Work

Commissioner Parks of the street cleaning and maintenance department explains that weather conditions have interfered with completion of the cleanup hauling work. "We will get around to every alley and street in time. Some districts have not been covered, but no place has been favored and none will be neglected."

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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 den this year to take the place of the beer given to the guests there for over

twenty years. They soon reached the decision. The drinks are to be buttermilk, coffee, lemonade and cider. Gus Renze, artificer of the den. is constructing a cider mill in the den which will be grinding out cider from fresh apples at the very moment the candidates are being initiated every Monday evening throughout the summer and fall. **Gardner Parish Home Turned Over to Trinity**

Trinity cathedral now owns Gardner parish house, litigation arising out oi its construction and loans to complete it having been settled. Mrs. Maul, who donated Jacobs Memorial hall, has joined in deeding the parish house to the cathedral.

The Parisian Cloak Co.

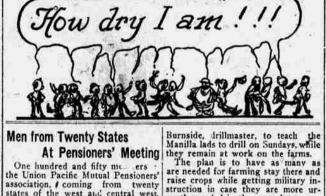
is selling SUITS Wednesday at \$15 that formerly sold as high as \$45-mostly all are navys and blacks. No bright colors. See ad on page 5. Hurry, for

The Wreckers Are Coming



Isaacson, a London financier; Thomas Coll, Rev. Peter Pottleberry, D. D., dean of Beechwood; Charles More-arty, a herald; Charliene Johnston, Hon. Mrs. Waldegrave; Alice Stone, Rowena Eggington, her niece; Dor-othy Balbach, Marjorie Eggington, her niece; Dorothy Hipple, Kate Pot-tleberry; Inzz Westfall, Dorothy Pot-tleberry; Izma Tucker, Miss Isaac-son; Isabel Pearsall, Alice Barber, a housemaid. Frank Murphy, the barrister in-clined 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. Mrs. Learned Writes Nature Masque; To Be Presented

A few minutes before 8 bells Mon-day evening a group of downtown celebrants sang these words to the tune of "O When I Die;" O when I die Don't bury me at all, Just pickle my bones in alcehel. Place a bottle of hongs At my head and feet. The leave me alone, An I guess Fil keep.



guard duty in the state to be taken over by the Fifth. Colonel Bachr of the Fourth says

he does not expect the assembly of his regiment to be ordered at Fort Crook until congress takes final ac-tion on pending bills this week.

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.

\$400,350; 1916, \$406,855. First four months of 1917, \$1,935,-495; 1916, \$1,746,607. Increase Janu-ary to April this year over corre-sponding period of last year, 12 per cent. cent. The city building department con-

siders this showing as substantial evi-dence of Omaha's prosperity,

Skinner Buys Quarter Block **To Enlarge His Factory**

The Skinner Manufacturing com-pany has completed the purchase of the Lange hotel property, Thirteenth and Jackson streets, the consideration being \$60,000, and the deed was filed being \$00,000, and the deed was hied Monday. This is a quarter of a block, joining the Skinner factory on the east, and gives the entire half block to the firm. It is the intention of the company to build on this new-ly acquired property, making the plant eventually an entire half block.

City Council Receives

Annexation Ordinances

City council received ordinances providing for annexation of Florence and Benson into Greater Omaha ter-ritory, according to recent legislative ensember

renorment. These suburbs will become in fact Greater Omaha before June 1. The first map showing Greater Omaha, as it will appear with Benson and Florence annexed, appeared exclu-sively in The Bee last Sunday.

Smashed Windows for Fun; Is Fined a Five-Case Note

"For amuter ent he smashed every window he came to," reads Patrolman Burchard's report against Ber-pard Leslie, whom he arrested Mon-day night near the Skinner Macaroni company, Twelfth and Jackson arreets. Leslie was fined \$5 and costs for malicious destruction of property.

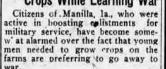
states of the west al. central west, met in annual convention in the head-quarters building. DIAMONDS

One hundred and fifty me ers : the Union Pacific Mutual Pensioners'

enthusiaat was seen carrying one of John's legs and another had the torso. The doctor still clung to the skull.

quarters building. • The pensioners were welcomed by President Calvin of the Union Pacific road, and the response was by An-drew Treynor. The report of the sec-retary showed sixty-four new mem-bers and thirty-two deaths during the last year. Greetings were received from the Pensioners' association of the Southerr. Pacific road. Andrew Treynor was re-elected president and J. W. Maynard, secre-lary. At noon the pensioners were guests of the railroad company at a luncheon at the Hotel Loyal. WATCHE

Manilla, Ia., Boys to Grow **Crops While Learning War**



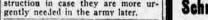
war. C. F. G. Kehr, merchant, and three other Manilla citizens came to Omaha Monday to arrange for Sergeant



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. Every suit involved is a regu-lar stock garment, and as the lowest priced suit this store ever starts the season with is \$25, one is assured of extreme values. The great majority of suits involved in Wednesday's sale are regular \$35 values. Every new color, new fabric and new style will be in-cluded. This is the one all-important suit event of the spring season—the sale it will pay you to attend.

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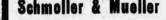
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