

NO WEDDED BLISS, SAYS "BABY BRIDE"

Husbands Are Disappointment, Declares Girl-Wife Arrested for Forgery.

TELLS OF MOTOR JOY RIDES

"Oh, yes, husbands are a disappointment," said Mrs. J. H. Hughes, "baby bride," as she perched on the edge of a table in the police matron's room.

Mrs. Hughes is 16 years old and was married three months ago at Fort Dodge, Ia. She is charged with forgery of checks on the Omaha National bank. Detectives say she cashed the "scraps of paper" at the Brandeis and Burgess-Nash stores, getting in return some of the fine toggery which adorned her when arrested by Detectives Finn and Tagle, sleuths for the stores she is said to have victimized.

"I tell you," she confided as she maneuvered an attractive display of silk hosiery, "that marriage disillusioned me. Young girls get the notion the man they love is endowed with all the virtues and none of the faults possessed by other human beings. That is all wrong, as any woman can prove by any husband's record."

"Fidelity? Well, I have been faithful after a fashion," said the prisoner, assuming another pretty pose.

"I have been auto riding with married men while in Omaha and my escorts were sometimes much older than I. But they didn't seem to care about the difference in our ages, so why should I? No, I shan't tell the men's names. It might embarrass them at home. Their wives might object." (This last comment was punctuated with a knowing smile and a wink.)

Pleased with Arrest.

"You know," said the child-wife, shifting her body with due care not to wrinkle her natty spring suit. "I am kind of glad I have been arrested. It puts a stop to the life I was leading and I was growing tired of that sort of existence anyway. There's not much happiness in joy rides and gay parties and sometimes they lead to a lot of misery. Don't you think so, too?"

There's not a cop at the station who doubts her statement that she is an actress. Every move she makes seems to be studied, even to the rolling of her big, blue eyes.

Mrs. Hughes said she was on the vaudeville stage last year. Her husband has been notified of her detention here.

Two German Ships at Pago Pago, Samoa, Seized

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

Pago Pago, American Samoa, April 16.—Information that a state of war had been declared between the United States and Germany was made public here by Commander John M. Poyer, the governor of American Samoa, Saturday, April 17, after the two German ships in the harbor had been seized by naval detachments.

The vessels are the steamships Elsass, 6,591 tons, and the Sofl, 340 tons. The machinery of the boats was practically undamaged. Eleven officers and thirty-five men of the crews of the two vessels were at breakfast when the blue jackets boarded them without warning. They were removed to the shore, where the interrupted breakfast was continued.

The officers have been given quarters in the station barracks and the sailors confined in the building used by the island government as a jail.

Commercial Club Delays Trade Tour Through West

The trade trip planned by the Commercial club for May 20 has been indefinitely postponed. Plans had been made for a special train to take 150 business men of Omaha into Wyoming and Montana. The committee members on reconsidering the plan decided that on account of the war the sentiment and spirit would not be right for a trade trip, and that the business men in the towns visited would be too much concerned with other eventualities to have a real interest in the visiting delegation. At the same time it was pointed out that jobbers here have as many orders as they can fill at present without going out to solicit more.

French Commission Not Able to Come to Omaha

Mayor Dahlman received the following telegram from Robert Lansing, secretary of state:

"Your very kind invitation has been extended to the members of the French commission. They have requested that I acknowledge for them its receipt and express their extreme regrets at their inability to accept the invitation because of the necessarily limited time they can be absent from Washington."

Bertha White is Elected Treasurer of the Creche

Miss Bertha White, daughter of F. E. White of Plattsmouth, has accepted the position of treasurer of the Creche, made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. James C. Dahlman. Miss Arabell Kimball has been acting chairman.

Plans for the annual Creche card party were made at a meeting held at the home of the president, Mrs. T. L. Kimball. The event will be given at the Fontenelle May 22.

Bad Time for Dogs in Several City Districts

Residents in the neighborhood of Twenty-seventh street and Camden avenue have asked the police to investigate poisoning of dogs.

Miss Bessie Wilson lost a blue ribbon Spitz and George Rich lost a pet dog. Strychnine was used by the culprits.

Several dogs were also poisoned on north Sherman avenue.

Former Senator Clark of Montana is Critically Ill

New York, May 1.—William A. Clark, former senator from Montana, is in a critical condition at his home here as a result of an accident Monday, which resulted in a broken hip, it was announced today.

At the Forks of the Road!



Underground Vault Found When Center Street Road Gives Way

A mysterious underground vault of unknown origin, which is believed to have been used as a hiding place from Indians in the early days, was brought to light when a section of the macadamized road at Fifty-fifth and Center street gave way, precipitating a team of horses, a driver and a wagon into the chamber.

A report of the cavern was made to County Engineer Adams, who examined the vault and admitted that its existence prior to its discovery was a surprise to him and all oldtime Omahans. The cavern will be repaired by the city engineer's department, to which it was referred by Mr. Adams.

A story of early settlers' struggles in the territorial days of Nebraska is believed by oldtimers to be woven about the mysterious vault.

Though filled with lebrish and the musty decay of at least a half century, the walls of the vault are in good condition. The underground chamber is twenty feet long, twelve feet wide and ten feet high, with an arch-shaped roof. The bricks used in its construction are hard as flint. Where they came from perplexes those who have inspected the vault.

None of the oldtime Omahans who lived here in the '60s can recall the vault, nor can they give any explanation as to why it was constructed, unless it was for the purpose of insuring against attacks from Indians.

Oscar J. Pickard, whose family came here in 1862, was surprised when told of the vault's existence.

It is known that Mrs. Minerva Johnson, wife of Harrison Johnson, one of the early settlers, homesteaded the land near what is now Fifty-fifth and Center streets in 1857. In the old days the vault must have been under what was known as the Hazelton and Ironbelt trail.

The cavern is on the north side of the street, near the street car tracks.

Miss Elsie Schaeffer Entertains Too Noisily

Miss Elsie Schaeffer smiled in police court Wednesday as angry neighbors told of the "good time" parties which were staged in her house at 607 Marcy street. Miss Rose Hayes, one of the complainants, said that she and her mother and sister had been insulted as they passed the Schaeffer home a few days ago. Another neighbor said that a guest at the Schaeffer home had shot at his dog with such poor marksmanship that the bullet hit the door of his home.

Miss Schaeffer was discharged, but the court admonished her to vacate her house within three days.

Proceeds of Suff Potato Crop to Go to War Relief

Proceeds of the potato crop which the Omaha Equal Franchise society is promoting will go for the benefit of the war relief work.

Mrs. E. M. Fairfield is chairman of the committee in charge of the work. Mrs. Halleck Rose, Mrs. Charles E. Johannes, Mrs. C. W. Russell, Mrs. George Joslyn, Mrs. Arthur English and Mrs. H. B. Fleahy are the other members who have already planted potatoes in vacant lots throughout the city.

Women and Girls Outnumber The Men and Boys Employed

Berlin, April 18.—In the metropolitan area of Berlin there are now twice as many women and girls engaged in industrial plants as men and boys, the number being respectively 275,000 and 119,000. The number of male employes has decreased from 161,000 a year ago.

Bucholz Estate Totals Only Five Thousand Dollars

The late W. H. Bucholz, first vice president of the Omaha National bank and prominent in club and church circles who died April 22, left only a \$5,000 estate, according to a petition for the appointment of an administrator filed in county court.

The petition, filed by the widow, Marian K. Bucholz, 1728 South Thirty-second avenue, asks that W. M. Rainbolt be appointed administrator. Mr. Bucholz left no will. His estate consists of personal property. He owned no real estate, according to the petition. Mrs. Bucholz and two sons, Frederick H. Bucholz, 21 years old, and Arden K. Bucholz, 14 years old, are named as heirs.

Plant Grapes, Advises N. H. Nelson, Fruit Broker

With prohibition in effect in Nebraska, N. H. Nelson, fruit commission man, believes there will be a better market than ever for grapes in Omaha, as grape juice will be more and more in demand.

Mr. Nelson says for certain types of fruits, notably the grape, there is no finer soil anywhere in the world than that on either side of the Missouri river as far north as the South Dakota line, and far south into Missouri. "The varieties of grapes which do the best here are 'Moore's Early' and 'Concords.' They yield well and in quality are equal to those grown anywhere."

Mr. Nelson points out that grape production around Omaha has been increasing very rapidly during the last few years. He then proceeds to show that last year the Omaha Fruit Growers' association marketed ninety cars of grapes, averaging 2,500 to 3,000 baskets to a car.

"Taking the last ten years as a criterion," he continued, "an acre of grapes will net the grower from \$75 to \$100, after making due allowance for all necessary labor and other expense."

Mr. Nelson is co-operating with the fruit marketing and development committee of the Commercial club to induce more grape culture in the hills about Omaha.

Empress Garden Has An Auspicious Opening

A crowd that taxed its capacity was on hand Tuesday night when the Empress Garden, Omaha's newest and up-to-date restaurant, opened.

The place was a veritable bower of flowers. American flags and Japanese decorations added to the pleasing effect.

The ladies were given favors of gold American flags and boxes of chocolates, while the men were tendered American flag stickpins.

An orchestra on a raised platform in the center of the spacious dance floor played national airs. Dancing took up the greater part of the evening.

A \$10,000 pipe organ has been installed and will be used to alternate with the orchestra.

The Empress Garden occupies the floor under the Empress theater.

New Sausage-Shaped Balloon is Given Tryout

Many Omahans saw a new aerial sight today, a long, sausage-shaped balloon, which went up at Fort Omaha. It was a captive observation balloon.

Think They Came Here to Join Uncle Sam's Navy

Burt Miller, business man of Pierce, asked police last night to locate his son, Earl Miller, 15 years old, and Harold Lehmy, 16 years old, son of County Attorney M. H. Lehmy, also of Pierce.

Mr. Miller said the two boys left home three days ago bent on joining the army or navy.

Brick Famine Faces Omaha Contractors and Builders

Omaha building contractors are having difficulty in obtaining supplies of brick. Some building jobs have actually been halted by the lack of brick.

Local brick yards are unable to supply the demand and the shortage in other yards throughout the country, together with the car shortage and consequent slowness of transportation, has made a brick famine in Omaha.

Several causes are assigned. One is that Omaha is doing an exceptional lot of building this spring. Another is that steam coal was very hard to get last winter and that some of the yards had to suspend operations at times because of the delays. Still another reason given is that the weather during the winter was not favorable to brick manufacture and as a result the supply was depleted to such an extent that manufacturers cannot catch up this spring.

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