

Brief City News

HAPPENINGS IN THE MAGIC CITY
Patriotic Meetings to Be Held to Boost Recruiting in the South Side Company of Sixth Nebraska.

Put in New Track—New steel track for about five blocks on north Twenty-fourth street from Patrick avenue to Lake street is being laid by the local street railway company.

Kiddies Like Merry-Go-Round—Kiddies at Florence are enjoying a new merry-go-round, which has been installed by Commissioner Hummel of the park department. This is further evidence that this suburb is a part of Greater Omaha. Benson will have a similar play place for children.

Seek Old Soldier's Papers—Mayor Dahlman would like to know the name of the Omaha attorney who may have in his desk or files documents in connection with George Thoet's pension or military service. Mrs. Thoet of Pinto, Mont., wrote the mayor that her husband was in Omaha during October of 1911 for an operation and while here he left with an attorney the papers she now needs. Her husband is dead. He was a civil war veteran.

RUSS AMBASSADOR TALKS TO SENATE

Bakhmeteff Renews Pledge That Russia Will Remain in War Until Germany Is Crushed.

Washington, June 27.—In another stirring address today at the capitol, Ambassador Bakhmeteff, head of Russia's diplomatic mission, gave a solemn pledge that the Russian people and army "convinced that a separate peace would mean the triumph of German autocracy," are prepared to fight on beside America until the world has been made safe for democracy.

The ambassador spoke before the senate and was given a reception almost as enthusiastic as that accorded him Saturday in the house. On no previous occasion since the war began, has senatorial reserve been cast so completely aside. At the conclusion of the address, a resolution was adopted by unanimous consent expressing the senate's gratification over the stand of the newest democrat.

Former Chamberlain to Pope Is Convicted of Espionage

Paris, June 27.—The judgment of the Italian court, which tried Monsignor von Gerlach, the Austrian prelate, who was formerly private chamberlain to the pope on a charge of espionage, found him guilty and although he had left Italy long ago, sentenced him to imprisonment for life, now has been published. It shows that the court found that none of the acts of which Monsignor von Gerlach was accused, were committed within the Vatican or other places occupied by the holy see, which was entirely absolved from knowledge of any of the occurrences under examination.

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Serious Food Rioting In Town of Stettin

Gothenburg, Sweden, June 27.—According to further details given in the newspaper *Tidj* by a resident in Gothenburg, who witnessed them, the recent hunger riots in Stettin were of a most serious nature. Several persons were killed.

The outbreak had its origin in rumors that foodstuffs had been exported. The mob plundered shops and broke windows.

PROFESSORS SAVE IMPORTANT PAPERS

Berkeley Teachers Capture Man Leaving College Building With War Department Secrets.

Christening Party Discharged.

Eddie Adams' case was heard in police court this morning. He was charged with the illegal possession of liquor, several bottles of beer being found at his residence two weeks ago. Evidence introduced was to the effect that the persons found at the Adams home were relatives at a family christening party in honor of the arrival of an heir, and the liquor purchased before May 1. The case was in court June 18, but on account of the death of the babe on the table it was postponed. He was discharged.

June Dealers Organize.

E. Vaks, a junk dealer, who was charged with purchasing junk from minors, was discharged when J. W. Jamison, attorney for the junk dealers, explained to the judge that all South Side junk dealers had organized and deposited a forfeit of \$25 to be paid into the association treasury by any member who buys junk from a minor. Besides the forfeit, Judge Fitzgerald informed the men that should they appear in court for the offense he would impose a fine of \$25.

Captain Briggs stated that he had the boys who had been giving the trouble rounded up and eight of them were in the Detention home for taking brass fixtures from empty saloon buildings. Officers of the Junk Peddlers and Dealers' Association are: E. Vaks, president; T. Bernstein, vice president; G. Chasen, secretary; S. Rosinsky, treasurer; S. Karon, and N. Baumer, trustees.

Mass City Gossip.

Supper Lodge No. 188, Degree of Honor, will meet at the temple this evening.

Miss Mary McLean will depart the last of the week for a visit at Pine Bluffs, Wyo.

Cook Council No. 182, Knights and Ladies of Security, will give a dance Friday evening at McCrann's hotel.

The heating last night caused a washout on O street between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets.

Pennant Lodge No. 286, Ancient Order of United Workmen, will meet at the temple, Twenty-fifth and M streets, Thursday evening.

Ray Sullivan is home from a marine training school in the Atlantic on his visit of parents. Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan of the South Side. His mother has been ill.

L. R. Howe and family will leave today to join Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Pritchard at North Platte, Neb., from where they will move to Estes Park and other Colorado points.

South Omaha Lodge No. 88, Ancient Order of United Workmen, held a meeting last night and the announcement of the affiliation under the Iowa jurisdiction was received.

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HYDRA-HEADED JINX CANNOT STOP PICNIC

Rain and Other Disasters Fail to Put Damper on the Annual Outing of Brandeis Stores Employees.

Old Jupe Flue, the picnic jinx, was foiled. The electric light company was foiled. The automobile driver, who got stuck in the mud with a car full of "eats," was foiled. The fat girls who refused to admit they were fat and take part in a race specially planned for them were foiled. In fact the dozen or more obstacles that came up which under ordinary circumstances would put the kibosh on any picnic, failed in the least to put a damper on the annual picnic given by the Brandeis Stores for its employees Tuesday evening at Lake Manawa.

Headed by a band playing popular airs, the employees, more than 700 strong, marched in a body to Fourteenth and Douglas streets, where they boarded twelve special cars for the pleasure resort.

Obstacle No. 1 bobbed up once the obstacles reached Manawa. It was learned that one of the automobiles carrying the ice cream, pickles and sandwiches was stuck in the mud "somewhere in the oozy ground" between Council Bluffs and Manawa. The machine was located and finally chugged into the grounds, after the committee in charge of the "eats" had dispatched several cars to its assistance.

Obstacle No. 2 made its appearance in the "fat girls" race. "I ain't fat and I ain't going to run," one young woman declared, upon being urged to enter the contest.

She voiced the feelings of the other young women of corpulent build and the affair was scratched from the list.

Other Athletic Events.

In the other athletic events that followed, Helen Lincreist won first prize in the women's free-for-all race, Helen Penny took first honors in the girls' free-for-all race, Isadore Gossick and A. Harris copped the three-legged sprint for men, Jack Lewis took the sweepstakes in the 100-yard fit for men and boys, and Arma Krupeno was awarded honors in the 200-foot run for women.

After the supper furnished by the Brandeis stores, consisting of sandwiches, oranges, bananas, ice cream, coffee, salad, pickles and other picnic provender, h. l. been served, employees were given free dance tickets and tickets for all the amusements at the resort.

Jupiter Pluvius who literally flooded the place, soon after supper was served, was given the merry ha-ha by the dancers. They returned to Omaha shortly after 10 o'clock, convinced that the affair was the most successful, despite the many obstacles, ever given by the firm.

Accepts Prison Bars in Place of Lightning Rods

Carl Brechtold, who has been stopping at the State hotel, became mentally unbalanced during the severe electrical storm Monday night.

Believing he was about to be struck by lightning, he invented personal lightning rods for himself the first thing Tuesday morning.

He tried desperately to prevent effects from removing his protection, but was finally mollified when told that the bars on the police station windows would prevent the lightning striking him.

Contract Awarded For Windproof Shirts

Washington, June 27.—Contracts for 200,000 windproof shirts at \$2.52 each have been awarded by the Navy department.

Hubert Schrader, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schrader, 4205 South Twentieth street, who has been ill in health, departed for Bertrand, Neb., for a visit before leaving for Colorado, where he will remain at Estes Park and other Colorado points.

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