

OMAHANS TAKE OVER BASKET STORES

Walter D. Williams Becomes President of Chain of Stores in Half Million Dollar Deal; Headquarters Here.

The Basket Stores, comprising forty provision stores doing business in Nebraska, changed hands in one of the biggest business deals of the year, for which amended articles of incorporation were filed Tuesday. The Basket Stores company, with Walter D. Williams as president and general manager; Frank J. Burkley, vice president, and Edward F. Leary, secretary-treasurer, has taken over the business. The authorized capital is \$600,000.

A large, modern warehouse, to replace the one of the old company at Ninth and Dodge streets, looms first in the plans of the new business heads. The general offices will be moved to Omaha from Lincoln and more stores will be opened.

The idea for the basket stores was originated in Lincoln in 1908 by J. R. Burlingame and C. S. Alvord, the first incorporators. It involves the purchase of commodities in large quantities, distribution to stores through the company's own agents and no deliveries from store to purchaser, thus permitting cut prices.

There are twenty-two basket stores in Omaha and environs and eighteen in Lincoln. The business has grown rapidly since its inception.

There was an increase of over \$500,000 in last year's business over that of the year before," said Mr. Williams. "We plan to branch out with these stores in other states."

Mr. Williams severs a thirty years' association with the Grand Union Tea company to devote his entire time to promoting the new concern. His experience with the tea company, for whom he opened thirty-seven stores in eleven states, makes him well fitted for the campaign of business planned by the Basket Stores company. At present he superintends twenty-eight stores in eight states.

Mr. Burkley is a prominent capitalist of Omaha. E. F. Leary is a well known young attorney, nephew of Mr. Burkley.

No Danger to Corn Crop Now. Declares Northwestern Man

"With the arrival of rains in the nick of time farmers of Nebraska will find that their corn crop was only slightly damaged by the dry and hot weather," said R. W. McGinnis, general agent of the Northwestern railroad, with headquarters in Lincoln, who is in Omaha today. Talking crops, Mr. McGinnis said:

"Last week in order to ascertain the condition of corn I made an inspection trip through all the counties of the southern part of the state, going out into scores of the fields. At the conclusion of the trip I estimated that on the whole the crop had suffered about a 10 per cent damage. Since then the territory visited has been soaked with not only one, but by half a dozen good rains, wetting the ground down several inches. In my judgment the rains have very materially reduced the damage by heat and drought—I should say fully 5 per cent.

"There is an enormous increase in Nebraska corn acreage this year and if the damage to the crop of the South Platte country would be 10 per cent the total yield of the state would far exceed anything during past years.

"Of course, there is still an immense acreage of the Nebraska corn that is small and late and to bring this to maturity we must have lots of hot and dry weather. In fact, what Nebraska corn needs right now is sun. There has been enough rain and in many localities too much, but with the right kind of weather from now on and with a late fall the state will have a corn crop that will be a bumper."

Only Tractor Made in the State is at Fremont Show
Few features of the tractor show at Fremont attracted more attention than the demonstration in square turning given by the drivers of the Albaugh-Dover square-turn tractor. Crowds constantly gathered about the tent to see this monster turn, swing, whirl, waltz and pirouette round and round on a diameter equal to its own length. It was like watching the animals perform at a circus, for the big machine executed the turns with such agility and speed.

The Albaugh-Dover is equipped with a powerful grip drive and will travel forward or back at full speed. It is credited with being the only square-turn machine manufactured. The manufacturers claim for this tractor that the driver can make his complete turn in the field and set his plow in a total of five seconds.

The Albaugh-Dover tractor has the distinction of being the only tractor on exhibition made in Nebraska. It is manufactured at Norfolk, Neb. By some enthusiasts this Albaugh-Dover has been called "Nebraska's Own."

Woman is Shot in Leg; Man Captured by Police

A man, who gave his name as Joselyn, alias John Delgen, was arrested by Officers Shafer, Sloan and Yates of Council Bluffs and held for investigation following a shooting affray at 1017 Avenue E, Council Bluffs, at 1:30 Wednesday morning, in which Mrs. Lulu Porter was shot in the leg.

The man, who later proved to be unarmed, was rounded up in a boxcar by Officers Shafer and Sloan, but he frightened them away by threatening to shoot them and blow up the car if attempts were made to capture him.

Reinforced by Yates, the officers returned with instructions to "do a little blowing up yourselves" and captured Joselyn, alias John Delgen. Police say Mrs. Porter and the man were under the influence of liquor. Mrs. Porter says the man shot her. He says she shot herself, in a tussle, with the gun.

Taken from Jail to Take His New Army Examination
Leo Hall, who has been in the county jail for several weeks awaiting action by the federal authorities on a charge against him for robbing a boxcar at Valley, Neb., was taken before the exemption board by Deputy United States Marshal Quinley. He passed the physical examination and did not claim exemption from army service. He was returned to the county jail to await action of the authorities in the case pending against him.

Omaha Attorneys Now Known as Damon and Pythias of 'Dandy Sixth'



ROBERT WEBB



JESS RATCHFORD

Left to right: Robert Webb and Jess Ratchford, Omaha lawyers, bandmaster and assistant bandmaster of the Sixth Nebraska. For years these two have been associated together in one way or another. Formerly they played in circus bands together, then both decided to practice law in Omaha. Now they will direct the band of the "Dandy Sixth" and—perhaps—die together on French soil.

CLAIM LIQUOR SOLD TO ENLISTED MEN

Clerk in Cigar Store on South Fifteenth Street Caught by a Marked Five-Dollar Bill.

Dave Friedman, clerk in the cigar and confectionery store of Fred Barnes, 407 South Fifteenth street, is in bad with the government. He has been arrested, charged with selling liquor to soldiers. Officers say that he was caught with the goods on him. Since the mobilization of the Sixth Nebraska has been under way at the Auditorium a number of the boys have been under the influence of liquor. Officers were unable to locate the place from which the liquor came or who was selling to the boys. Private Watkins was something of a detective before he enlisted in the Sixth. The officers learned this fact and Tuesday he was supplied with a marked \$5 bill. Then he commenced to nose around and soon learned that Barnes' store was a popular hang-out with some of the soldiers. To him this looked suspicious and he concluded to give the place a try.

Buying Pint of Whisky.
Going to the Barnes store, Watkins confided to Friedman that he was awfully thirsty, and after some dicker- ing succeeded in buying a pint of whisky, tendering his marked bill in payment. With the pint in his pocket, he notified the police and the place was raided. In the money drawer the marked bill was found and a search of the premises brought to light twelve pint bottles of whisky, stowed away in a neatly arranged little compartment under the floor in a rear room of the store.

Both Barnes and Friedman were in police court on the charge of selling liquor to soldiers and the cases against them continued until Friday morning. In the meantime it is expected that the case will be taken over and prosecuted by the government.

Omaha Boats Unable to Handle All River Freight

There will be no pleasure boating on the steamboat "Elk" on the Missouri river this summer. The Missouri River Navigation league finds there is a constantly increasing demand for the service of the boat to haul freight from Decatur to Omaha and that the boat will have no time to take out pleasure parties. When the boat was purchased the directors believed that a run of a month or six weeks in the spring would clean up the heavy traffic from Decatur, and that after that they would be at liberty to turn the craft into a pleasure boat, since the "Elk" has a passenger license and a number of life belts.

But instead of getting ahead, the boat is falling behind, and the freight is piling up. Recently, it has been carrying cargoes of hogs and other live stock, bringing down two carloads of live stock at a time.

Last week business men of Tekamah sought a means to move their large crops of alfalfa and other produce to Omaha by the "Elk." At Mondamin, Ia., several hundred thousand feet of lumber and several thousand bushels of corn will be ready for shipment within the next two weeks. The Julius F. Silber is also still operating between Omaha and Decatur, but the Missouri River Navigation league directors believe it will soon be necessary to obtain more boats to handle the traffic.

Find Ritchie's Liquor Planted in Near Cellar

When Nebraska went dry, Albert S. Ritchie laid in a stock of liquor for use in case of sickness. While Ritchie has not been using this liquor, he has noted the fact that it has been disappearing. Putting the police onto the fact, warrants have been issued from the police court, implicating two men, Joe Hampton and F. W. Gilbert, in the booze taking. Ritchie lives at 2123 Douglas street.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

United Order Odd Fellows To Have Big Parade Friday

Mayor Dahlman, Victor Rosewater, District Grand Master T. B. Watkins of Kansas City, R. L. Woodard, Grand Lodge Attorney W. Clarence Hueston of Kansas City, Sister Anna Johnson Pervine of Queen City Household No. 2903, and Grand Most Noble Governor Mrs. Grace E. Mulligan of St. Louis, were the principal speakers last evening at a public session of district grand lodge No. 8 and district grand household of Ruth No. 15, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, at Grove Methodist Episcopal church, Twenty-second and Seward streets.

The evening's meeting was called to order by Brother J. C. Belcher of Omaha lodge No. 2226, and chairman of the local committee. Edward S. Lewis, district grand secretary of Kansas City, was introduced as master of ceremonies. Rev. M. H. Wilkinson offered the opening prayer and Rev. W. G. Logan pronounced the benediction.

Business sessions of the grand lodge started yesterday at Grove church and will be continued until Friday. Delegates are here from many towns of Nebraska and Missouri. A

concert and drill will be held this evening at Holmes park, Thirty-first street and Ames avenue. On Thursday evening a Keep's hall, Twenty-fifth and Farnam streets, will be a competitive drill, concert and banquet.

A street parade will be held Friday morning, led by Dan Desdunes' band and participated in by 500 members of uniformed rank of patriarchs. A picnic and drill will be held Friday night at Holmes park.

Marriage of Bride of Two Months Annulled by Court
Judge Leslie, sitting in divorce court, granted a decree of annulment

to Emmett E. Allen from Enid, Okla. Allen, a bride of two months, Allen testified on the day they were married—June 4—he found she was the wife of another man. He says he immediately left her. According to the decree, the evidence offered before Judge Leslie showed she was living with one Ross DeJohn up to the time of her marriage to Allen.

County Lets Contracts For Repairing Bridges

The county board has let a contract aggregating \$60,000 to the Omaha Structural Iron Works for repairs and reconstruction of twenty-seven county bridges.

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