Comb Honey

By EDWARD BLACK. School Days.

Years ago somebody flashed across the country this query: "How old is Ann?" There seemed to be a doubt had elapsed since the advent of Ann to this mundane habitat. Just why Ann was averse to being correctly recorded in the vital statistics, is a

unerring certainty.

"Willie is smarter than he looks," was the recommendation of a proud mother, as she presented her male offspring at school headquarters for admission to the kindergarten at the opening of school next Tuesday. Under the rules, Willie should be 5 years ige not later than November 10,

eligible for entrance to the kinarten this semester. He, how-, is only 41/2 years of age, as time ordinarily recorded, but mentally he is al/2 years of age, according to the Binet-Simon test of mental efficiency. There was nothing on Willie's face to indicate that his mind had traveled 51/2 years while his material being had gone but 41/2 years, but he proved to be smarter than he looked.

This reference to Ann and Willie serves to illustrate the advancement in public school methods since you and curiosity, but as far as making and curiosity, but as far as making and I went to school, a few years ago, yes, we will say a few years ago. We did not practice writing to the tune of a Victrola, nor have manual training tools. The Montessori method of kindergarten instruction had not been developed. There was no medical in-

spection at the schools. Next Tuesday morning 25,000 boys and girls of Greater Omaha will re-turn to fifty-five schools. Many will attend for the first time and many will begin their last school year.

Here's hoping that Willie will live up to the recommendation given by that someday he will be a man of affairs. Willie's present ambitions day, why that was silly. It couldn't are to own a grocery store, so he could make his mother lots of things,

But the such as he sees the delivery boy bring to his house.

Young Man Afraid of a Gun.

A member of a local exemption board stated that a man asked to be does not believe this law has been enexempted from military service on the grounds that he was gun-shy. He said he "just went all to pieces" when he saw war tools. This reminds us Points of Interest. of our uncle's old family horse. One of our uncle's old family horse. One day uncle drove into the yard with a new gasoline-propelled vehicle, which Arthur referred to as a flivver, and later he called it a "boat."

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Don't Crowd the Sanctuary.

City Building Inspector Lee Bridges has made a discovery. While perusing the compiled building ordinances of the city he observed a clause which prohibits crowding churches. Part of the law is quoted:
"No person shall be allowed to stand in or occurrent and the common state of the city he observed a "Tuneful Triumvirate"—Three policemen singing "Die Wacht am Rhine" at the German home. in or occupy aisles or passageways during the services." Mr. Bridges

Groh's History of Omaha
All the truth and untruth that's fit to know

Omaha from St. Louis in 1860. The names printed on it. recorded in the vital statistics, is a matter which has not been explained line from Omaha to California was simple instrument as it is now. To finished in 1862, in spite of the oppo- make a call in those days you had to If Ann lived in Omaha today there sition of the Indians, who used to take the receiver off the hook, push a would be little trouble determining her age, that is, her mental age, and it age, that is, her mental age, and it is said that the mental age is the only to the wires and then, riding rapidly when "central" answered you had to kind that is worth while. She would away on their ponies, drag the wires be subjected to the Binet-Simon test down. They thought the wires were state what number you wanted. Then

> in their ignorance. on poles. And when one great chief And then you got your answer if the was told that the Great White Father person you called did everything right in Washington could talk on those wires all the way to the big water at the Pacific ocean, the simple red man simply answered, "White man heap

big liar. Telephones were invented after telegraphs. They were exhibited at first at the Centennial exposition in Philadelphia in 1876 (celebrating the 100th anniversary of the signing of the immortal Declaration of Inde-

pendence). In 1879 a company was started in Omaha to put in telephone service. Of course nearly everybody thought they were crazy. They said the teleuse of it in actually, talking every



Sport of the Aborigines

But the promoters went ahead and and save many a step by this won-put in some telephone lines in the derful invention. People who have who knew him from Canada to New main business district and got about a hundred subscribers. The first tele-

forced, but he intends to get busy at

Governor Neville handed Omaha of-

Heard en Passant.

"Papers from your home city." "This morning I learned something that was a great surprise to me." a "Meet my friend, Mrs. Williams of

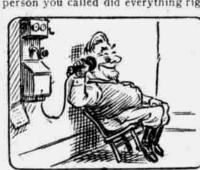
ten to fifteen boys on his list of call-ing or writing acquaintances. He en-"You've only got to carry it half by giving these boys a start in life, by giving them good advice along derives much satisfaction watching with companionship.

-A bank. (Approved by George Creel.)

By A. R. GROH.

regarding the period of time which Chapter XXIX - Telephones and phone directory was not a large book such as we have at present, but was The first telegraph line came into just one sheet of paper with the

Neither was the telephone such a which appraises one's mental age with "bad medicine," as they expressed it you would hang up the receiver and wait until central called you. Then The simple red men of the plain the receiver had to be taken off again couldn't see any sense in these wires and the little thing pushed to the left.



on the telephone at his end of the phone was all right as a sort of freak line. Sometimes a connection could be secured in ten minutes. It was a common thing to hear people brag? ging and saying, "I talked over a telephone today.

> Recently the present historian sat in a room in Omaha and heard a man in San Francisco and another one in New York talking over the long distance telephone. It was indeed an whether with the oar, the sail, or impressive sight, or rather hearing. But it is expensive, the telephone arm, charges being about twenty dollars (\$20) for three minutes, which is more than the historian's income for the same period of time.

every home and business house: Chil- keenest delight in spare moments. dren can use them as well as adults. We call up the butcher and grocer to what the other parties on the line are talking about. We could not get along in our modern complex life without the telephone.

Questions on Chapter XXIX. 1. What did the Indians think of

the telegraph? 2. What did the knockers say about the telephone.

His Hobby! What's Yours?

Serving as a "big brother" to a McCague keeps in touch with them

group of boys is the hobby of John through Uncle Sam's mail service. He has one boy at present in Los An-

find their places in distant cities Mr. ling, according to Mr. McCague.

But lecturing was not exciting enough for Harries. He must manipulate a railway or public service corporation, or he must chase redskins or Filipinos: He must command soldiers in the field or he must wrestle and box with President Roosevelt. Something must be doing every min-

Restless Spirit Touches
Here for Moment in Its
Energetic Course.

For General George H. Harries was ever an outdoor lad and an outdoor man. To swim, to box, to wrestle, to row-to engage in any manly sport Today the telephone is in nearly that becomes a man, was always his

By A. EDWIN LONG.

He was a fine upstanding Welsh

lad when he used to swim in the mad

foam of St. George's channel off the

coast of Wales. Born at Haverford-

west, South Wales, in 1860, he early

learned the mastery of the waves,

the broad overstroke of the manly

As a lad he was "George" or "Herbert," for his name is George Heras General Harries.

The grammar schools of Wales gave him his schooling, and then he just read and absorbed things as the desert absorbs water. Howard university at Washington, D. C., conferred the degree of master of arts upon him just because he showed in a series of lectures that he knew he telephone.

3. What can you say regarding body else that had ever lectured arty lines?

How Omaha Got Him

The big corporations found he was about the best corporation fixer in the United States, so they kept him busy jumping from coast to coast reorganizing and running corporations. Harries has probably held the presidency of more public service corporations than any other man in the United States. He was president of railway, gas, interurban, electric light and street railway companies in Chicago, Washington, Louisville, Omaha. Council Bluffs, Minneapolis, and a lot of other places recorded on the map of the Western Hemisphere. Eastern capitalist syndicates positively stood in line waiting to get this man and send him out where one of their big public service plants needed fixing. Wherever stiff backbone and masterly diplomacy were needed they

That kind of work would do all right during times of peace, but when any real excitement was promised Harries would pack his kit and make commotion.

and chased Indians, Eskimos horse- denly burst into the room. thieves and gamblers over the great white waste. Thus he also times and plunged into the Indian campaigns of the west, scouting and now." trooping with the soldiers on these hard desert marches and desert

Every inch a soldier, he received "You can't just inject a lot of cold joys receiving letters from them. He the presidential commission as brigfacts into a boy and expect to get avers that one never realizes how in-results. It is necessary to reach the teresting boys are until he studies adier general, commanding the militia and naval forces of the District of heart of the boy and then plant the seed of friendly counsel," said J. L. Even when his boys leave Omaha to studied. Girls are not half as interest-Columbia in 1897.

When it was found that Spain had to be licked by somebody, General Harries wanted to be at the licking, so

District of Columbia infantry, and was one of those who drew the net of siege about Santiago de Cuba.

The war didn't last long enough to make a good fight, so the general had to go back to corporation bossing again.

Again he was in command of the District of Columbia troops when Roosevelt was president. He and Roosevelt were warm friends-pals, in fact, for they wrestled, rode, hiked, and boxed together constantly. Roosevelt loved companionship in his search for the strenuous life, and in General Harries he found a roughand-ready and congenial pal.

Yes, Harries was so close a pal that he used to hang around the White a pilgrimage in the direction of the House, and loiter in the executive office with President Roosevelt. One Thus he mounted a horse with the day he was loafing in the executive instead of a senator," General Harries Northwest Mounted Police of Canada offices when President Roosevelt sud-once said, "I would probably have "General," said the president,

found a way to break that throat hold dropped his corporation cloak several you brag so much about. You got eastern stockholders and directors me once or twice, but I can beat it "No, you can't," said the general.

"It is impossible to beat that hold." President Roosevelt. "Oh, surely we don't want to wres-tle in here," General Harries parried.

"Come on, I tell you," shouted Roosevelt. "I want to try it out here and now. Get your throat hold and I'll show you how to break it."

(Next in This Series—How Omaha Got

jumped in as colonel of the First | word, clutched at the throat of the president of the United States right in the executive office of the White House, and backed the president un against the wall.

Roosevelt struggled mightily, and round and round the room scuffled the general and president. Chairs were knocked bottom up and just when the general was crowding Roosevelt against the wall, the president struggling and writhing to wrench loose from the grip, there came a knock at the door, the door was pushed open by a page, and a United States senator was ushered into the room.

The wrestlers dropped their hands, rearranged their hair and shook hands with the senator.

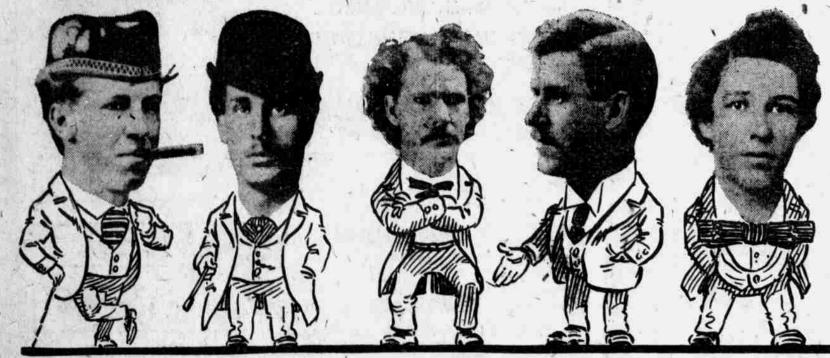
"If it had been a secret service man been shot on the spot as an assassin.' When the Omaha Electric Light

and Power company needed fixing, sent General Harries to Omaha. He immediately became a part of Omaha life, a club man, a corporation presit is impossible to beat that hold." dent, and prominent in all public ac-"Come on and I'll show you," urged tivities here. Omaha had him for three or more years, and then along comes this war with Germany to take him from us again. Again the call of

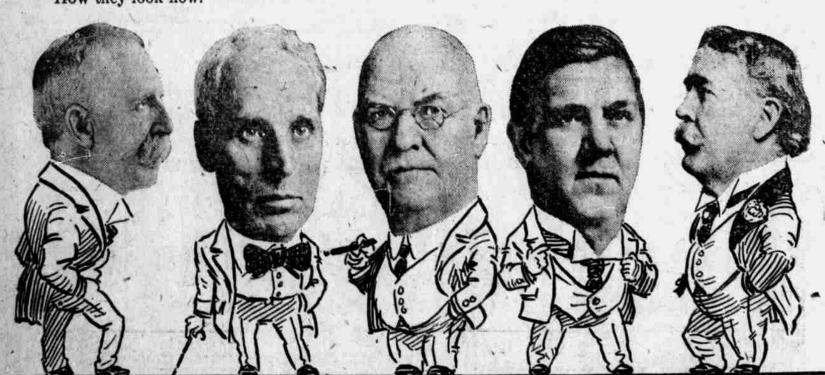
General Harries took him at his M. F. Shafer.) (Next in This Series-How Omaha Got

This Was a Hard Bunch to Guess. These Leading Omaha Attorneys Were Surely Something for Looks In Their Early Days

How they looked then.



How they look now.



Genj. S. Baker

A.W.Jefferis

J.C. Cowin

THE WEEKLY BUMBLE BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 2, 1917.

THE BUMBLE BEE. A. STINGER, EDITOR. Communications on any topic received, without postage or signature. None returned, NO ADS AT ANY PRICE.



Certain local occurrences put temporary attention on the matter of proof of guilt in case of serious crime. Experts disagree as to the officiency of "third degree" methods, while all admit that confessions must all admit that confessions must be supported by corroborating evidence such as might serve to fully establish guilt were confession absent. Circum-stantial evidence is only partly convincing, and it, too, must have some strength not inher-ent, but from the outside. Prob-lems set before the authorities are baffling in their nature, but are baffling in their nature, but may usually be solved by appli-cation of common sense, rules of reason leading to conclusions that may be supported by logic. Confessions extorted from weak-minded in divid usis through application of third degree tests are not good basis for condemnation.

DANGER. An trate individual down at Hastings wants Herb Gooch in-terned because Herb's paper jumped on the Great Commoner. Jeewhiz! If they lock Herb up for what his paper says about the Bryanites, what would they do to some republican editors!

Joe Hummel is another one of the city dads who is losing no sleep over what the future may hold for him.

Our boy governor is showing himself a very capable pro-ducer of proclamations, at any rate. He will soon have es-tablished a record in the num-

"The blinder the pig the wilder the cow" holds good here as well as elsewhere in the dry belt.

The Bumble Bee never stings

Governor Neville Sets Omaha Sleuths to Work a Task of Uprooting the Secret Lairs of Rum Demon Said to Abound

Governor Neville has put a tough nut up to the Omaha police force, but we feel sure that, even though it be not cracked, it will receive the most active attention of the authorities. In fact, the record of the city for a number of years ought to be conclusive proof that the governor's admonition is but redundancy of official exhortation. Since the beginning of the new century our local constabulary has had its mind, jointly and severally, impressed from time to time with the overwhelming importance of seeing that note, native or outlander, be permitted surreptitiously to quaff a foaming stein. To blow the collar off a scuttle of suds after curfew had tolled has been the aem of all offenses hereabouts. Now and then some daring cuss managed to run the gauntlet and get away with his snifter after hours, but his success served only to lure on less wary or

get away with his snifter after hours, but his success served only to lure on less wary or those wanting in craft, and these maladroit adventurers found their way to the presence of the alcalde, who mulcted them accordingly. Since the

BREAD.

Herb Hoover has stuck a stick into the bread-making machine, and the baker man is up in the air almost as high generated in the hird must eat is being assured that must eat is being assured the editorials it was running a year ago, when its owner was seeking votes.

COMFORT.

W. J. Bryan reminds us of the old time blanket Indian, who always commenced making pears sign along about this time of year, so he could get back to reservation comfort and government grub.

DANGER.

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DANGER.

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COURTESY.

We encountered Senator Alphoner. The Sorenson one day last week and from him secured permission to use the word "hebdomedal." This courtesy on part of a brother editor will not soon be forgotten. As soon as occasion arises we shall take advantage of his permission.

TOUCHING.

Ealig, let us restored Major John G. Maher with a silver hitted sabre of special manufacture. That's all right; Johnny won't mind, so long as they don't disturb his battered but trusty old type-writer, companion of many campaigns.

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JOB.

Ellis U. Graff, up Omaha, lands a apois, where recognization of the couching to touching the couching to the couching to

Again, let us repeat, it is most touching to note the devo-tion of Ed Howard to the political interests of Ig Dunn.

HALO. If you notice a strained look on Mayor Jim's face, don't worry. He is only trying to keep his halo on straight.

Omaha will be asked on Monday to again confirm the truism Why, do you think, does not All regarding the birth rate, emitted Kugel take a layoff some time?by the late P. T. Barnum.

devilishly inclined. Like some gogetter when set notion.

RASSLE.



TOUGH.

Some of the state press in commenting on the kissing ex-ploit of an Omaha young woman and a trainload of soldiers over-

look the main point. The of-ficers should be censured for not giving their men better pro-Ellis U. Graff, uprooted in Omaha, lands a job in Indianapois, where the good people recognize ability that seemed at a discount here. A good man doesn't need to worry about a job these days.

Bellis U. Graff, uprooted in tection.

DRESS.

A gown designed for fall wear is called the "silhouette." We'll say it does. Going to be a hard winter on blind men.

Sheriff Clark is looking after We have often wondered why things outside city limits at a somebody doesn't come along rate that doesn't encourage the and build a new theater in

POEM.

Our profiteers are on the run, Their heefs are plainly showing. We've got them started down the hill, Let's try to keep 'em going.