

# PETE SAYS JAIL FOOD IS NOT FIT FOR A REAL KING

### He Also Declares to Federal Officers That Germany Will Win the War.

"Germany will win the war," Pete Klatich told United States Commissioner Neely and Chief Eberstein of the bureau of investigation at his hearing Wednesday morning on the charge of failure to register.

"I am king of a country over in Europe."

"I have no mother. Water is my mother."

"I am 300 years old."

He was arrested on the charge of failure to register. But, according to his statement, he is far above the draft age. "Probably between 250 and 300 years," said the commissioner.

### No Pussy-Footing Here.

Pete looks to be about 30 years old. Big, black, flashing eyes, a growth of black beard and a contemptuous smile are features of Pete. None of your pussy-footing aliens is Pete. He talked right up to the officers. Nobody could understand his rapid-fire conversation until John Bazar of the county treasurer's office was called.

John talks Russian, Polish, Lithuanian, Croatian, Hungarian, Austrian, Bohemian, German, Roumanian, Bulgarian and nine or ten other languages, and he found that Pete is a Croatian. He learned from Pete that his mother is the water, that Pete is a European king, owns all the ships and holds the land and the sea. Whenever they could shut off the flood of Pete's conversation they asked him whether he had ever been in a "crazy house." Pete said he hadn't, but the officers that arrested him and kept him in jail ought to be.

He said he has been in this country ten years. Commissioner Neely ordered him held for examination by the board of insanity and Deputy Marshal Quinley escorted the still-voicable Pete back to the county jail, although Pete protested that the food there is by no means "fit for a king."

### Falconer First in Race To Announce Platform

The Falconer Commissioner club, a volunteer organization supporting Thomas Falconer for city commissioner, met Tuesday night in the Loyal hotel and received from their candidate a signed declaration of platform principles.

Mr. Falconer, the first candidate to announce a platform, says he is in favor of municipal ownership of public utilities, elimination of railroad grade crossings without unnecessary delay, practical efficiency in the administration of public affairs and funds, one board of control for various welfare activities now managed by several boards, better enforcement of speed regulations, technical men for technical positions and other features.

### Freight Cars Arriving To Haul Out State Grain

The freight cars released from the east last week and ordered sent into the central west to be loaded out with wheat, corn and oats for eastern shipments and for the allies are arriving in Omaha territory. A long string of them arrived Wednesday and more are expected daily until there are enough to clean the elevators of the grain bought for export.

While there is considerable hustling among freight soliciting agents to get the haul of the grain, the competition is nothing like as keen as it was prior to the government taking over the railroads and apportioning the business.

### Ray Sutton to Enter Army; Withdraws From Primaries

Chief Clerk Ray J. Sutton of the First district exemption board has received notice that his application for admittance to the nonflying division of the aviation section of the army has been approved and that he will be ordered to report to some training camp March 9.

"This will force me to withdraw from the primary for city commissioner," he said, "and I will at once discontinue obtaining signatures to my petitions. Mr. Furay will succeed me on the board and I will get the work of the office ready to turn over to him as rapidly as possible."

### Dies on Eve of Golden Wedding Anniversary

John A. Skankey died Tuesday night at his home, 2724 Meredith avenue, of heart disease. He and Mrs. Skankey had planned to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary next Saturday.

He came to this country from Norway in 1868 and has worked for the Union Pacific many years. He is survived by his widow and three sons, Richard J. Skankey and John Cornelius Skankey of Omaha and Albert Skankey of Salt Lake City.

### School Board Member Probes Alleged Acts of Vandalism

C. V. Warfield of the Board of Education is investigating a report that vandalism on the grounds of the Miller Park school Monday night was committed by Dundee boys who attended a community center basketball game. Furrows more than a foot deep were cut in the lawn by automobile wheels and the terraces were marred.

### Lincoln Girls Yearn for Bright Lights of Metropolis

Desire to see the bright lights of the metropolis prompted Nettie Broadwater, 15 years old, and Viola Vincent, 16 years old, to leave their homes in Lincoln and journey to Omaha. The police were notified and arrested the pair as they stepped from the train at the Burlington station.

### German Aliens Must Register In City Hall by 8 Tonight

German aliens may register in the city council chamber up to 8 o'clock tonight. One thousand have been given registration cards.

# COUNCIL GETS Mute Reminder of "Good Old Days" in Izard St. BEER KEG EPIC

An empty beer keg in Izard street, near Sixteenth street, is a mute reminder of the days referred to by some of the villagers as the "good old days." This receptacle of brews of other days is looked upon by some as a hollow mockery, an empty prospect, cheerless and beerless.

This particular keg, which is yielding to the ravages of time, was referred to in a communication addressed by George Smith to the city council and which was read by the city clerk Wednesday morning.

Mr. Smith's words acent the keg are: "A large wagon has been left standing in Izard street, west of Sixteenth street, for six months. A beer keg supports one side of the wagon in lieu of a wheel. They keg must be minus beer, otherwise the city sleuths would arrest the custodian of streets, Commissioner Parks, for illegal possession."

Reference to the wagon and keg was incidental to Mr. Smith's recommendations that unsightly rubbish, junk and other materials be removed from sidewalks and streets. He mentioned Tenth street, depots to Farnam street; East Douglas street, North Sixteenth street and other locations, as horrible examples of the conditions, as he would improve. "There are shabby overhead signs, some supported by wires which are being weakened by rust. There are unsightly accumulations of junk on sidewalks," wrote Mr. Smith.

# SERVICE LEAGUE TO CONVENE IN OMAHA

### State Conference of Women's Organization Will Be Held February 28; National Officers to Attend.

A state conference of the National League for Woman's Service will be held in Omaha Thursday, February 28. Mrs. William Archibald Smith, chairman, announces. National officers, including Miss Grace Parker of New York, commandant; Miss Maud Wetmore of Rhode Island and Mrs. Coffin Van Rensselaer of New York, will attend. Women from 20 chapters in the state are expected to come in for the meeting.

A large luncheon and afternoon meeting at the Hotel Fontenelle, preceded by a business conference in the league's rooms in the court house, are planned. Mrs. J. Langworthy Taylor of Lincoln, state chairman, will come to Omaha shortly to complete arrangements.

Mrs. Smith leaves Thursday night for a brief stay at Excelsior Springs, after which she will attend the Kansas City Service league conference, where the eastern women will also speak. Mrs. Milton Barlow and Mrs. E. M. Syfert will be in charge during her absence. Mrs. L. J. Healey will receive reservations for the luncheon.

Twelve shower baths were installed in the Khaki club by the local Service league. On call from Lieutenant McNally, chaplain at Fort Crook, 100 sweaters, helmets and wristlets were sent to the post today to fill the needs of a regiment of soldiers coming in from guard duty in the mining districts.

Entertainments will be given every two weeks at each post henceforth under direction of the league.

### Farmers Start Spring Work Out in the State

Out in the state there were scattered showers last night and generally cloudy this morning, with temperatures 32 to 48 above zero.

Reports come to the railroads that in a good many localities in the state the ground has thawed sufficiently so that farmers have started in on the spring work. Early gardens are being made and in some instances plowing for corn planting has commenced.



# Our Boys at the Front

Our boys are distinguishing themselves by their cleanliness and jovial spirits while at the front. They believe that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

It is an indisputable fact that people can keep healthy and well in no better way than by keeping their bodies clean, inside and out. Many thousands of people are killed every year by allowing toxic poisons to accumulate within the body, and then they fall victims to fevers and all sorts of maladies with special names. The only way to keep thoroughly well is to drink plenty of water daily, bathe frequently, and take some good laxative like Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Cleanse the system inside as well as outside. These "Pellets" of Doctor Pierce's are made of May-apple,

# ELKS CELEBRATE SEMI-CENTENNIAL

### Golden Jubilee of the Order to Be Observed in Omaha Saturday Evening.

The Order of Elks was established in New York City February 16, 1868. In 50 years it has grown to nearly 1,400 lodges with 500,000 members, with total assets of over \$7,000,000 and disbursements of over \$7,000,000. In the membership list Omaha stands 17th and in the distribution of charity Omaha ranks 22d.

The "golden jubilee" of this great order will be observed by every Elks lodge, and Omaha lodge arranged for an open meeting, concert and informal dance for its members and their friends in the lodge and club rooms Saturday evening, February 16.

Retrospectively, members of Omaha lodge who have passed on achieved in their lives national and worldwide reputation, probably the most notable instance being that of Colonel William F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill."

General Charles F. Manderson, who was United States senator for Nebraska and for a brief period vice president of the United States; Count John A. Creighton, noted for his great public charities; George P. Cronk, who was elected in Salt Lake City in 1902 as grand exalted ruler of the order; James E. Boyd, who was governor of Nebraska; Judge Eleazer Wakeley, in his later years Nestor of the Nebraska bar; William A. Paxton, who left a deep impression upon the commercial spirit of this city, and many others almost equally noted throughout the state and locally.

Among the living members of today, Milton Nobles, the veteran actor, who immortalized the phrase, "The villain still pursued her," has been known for many years throughout the length and breadth of this country; United States Senator G. M. Hitchcock, State Food Administrator Gordon W. Wattle, General John C. Cowin, Colonel Thomas Swobe, U. S. A.; George N. Peck of the industrial board, for national defense, and the members of the lodge who are in the United States service, consisting of one major general, one brigadier general, four colonels, six lieutenant colonels, five majors, 13 captains, six first lieutenants, 10 second lieutenants and 51 others, are connected in the present membership of Omaha lodge.

The program for the observance of the anniversary on Saturday evening will include addresses by Rev. T. J. Mackay and Judge Lee S. Estelle; solos by Mrs. A. I. Root and Harry Dishrow, and numbers by Henry Cox's Omaha String orchestra, to be followed by an informal dance.

### Charles S. Leland, Globe Trotter, Arrives in Omaha

Charles S. Leland, globe trotter, was a visitor at central police station Wednesday morning. Leland started on May 4, 1912, to walk 50,000 miles for a prize of \$10,000. Since that time he has traveled 48,172 miles on foot. He is due back in New York May 4, 1919. According to the terms of his agreement, he must accept no alms or personal contributions of any kind, and must arrive in New York penniless.

He has been sent out by the Catholic Protective association, an orphan asylum of that city, of which he was an inmate for 15 years. Since starting on his journey he says he has placed more than 5,000 orphan boys in homes throughout the country.

He is 29 years old and weighs just 102 pounds. He will remain in Omaha one week to adjust his standing with the draft board, during which time he expects to obtain letters of recommendation from the governor and city officials. He arrived here from Fremont Tuesday night.

### Bandmaster Green Leaves Omaha for Kenosha, Wis.

George Green, band leader in Omaha many years, will leave at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon for his new field of effort in Kenosha, Wis. A delegation of friends will be at the depot to wish Mr. Green Godspeed and continued success.

# Speeding Up Deliveries By Motor

## The auto truck or delivery wagon makes possible more business, more profit.

It assures better and quicker service for the customer, whether he be merchant or consumer.

For the merchant or manufacturer it means the opportunity to pay his war tax out of extra profits. It is unnecessary for him to pay out of his regular profits or his capital, when the motor delivery wagon makes more business for him.

For the consumer it means a lightening of the burden of war-time restrictions, through better delivery service afforded by a medium which does the work of several horse-drawn vehicles.

For the nation at large it means a saving in labor, a saving in expense and an efficiency that will help win the war.

In short, in these war times, when conservation is the national watchword, the business which uses the motor truck is but keeping abreast of the times.

And it is imperative, for its own sake, that business keep up with the times. Conditions are changing very rapidly. The necessity for conservation and better methods of doing business is more apparent every day. The business which does not heed the signs of the times must recede—it cannot progress.

Let us speed up deliveries with the motor truck. The result will be—profit for the business man, better service for customers, and a saving of time, energy and money toward the task of whipping autocracy.

The hand of progress seals the fate of the old, time-wasting, energy-wasting method of delivery by horse-drawn vehicles.

As a matter of personal profit, consider the question of motor delivery.

## Analyze the needs of your business under these changed conditions, then go to the automobile show, Feb. 25 to March 2, and study carefully the matter of the motor truck.

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