

# MAYOR-ELECT SMITH PLEDGES TO FIGHT HIGHER STREET CAR FARES; WAR ON BOOTLEGGERS

### Official, With Backing of the New City Administration, to Stand for 5-Cent Rides on Street Cars.

Led by Ed P. Smith, who will become mayor Monday morning, the new city administration is committed to a policy of resisting the application of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company before the State Railway commission, for authority to increase street car fare in Omaha from 5 to 6 cents.

The question whether the state commission has jurisdiction over the regulation of street railway rates, is a mooted one and does not enter seriously into the present controversy, except as it may be brought up at a hearing which will be held in Lincoln after an answer has been filed to the application.

In an interview as mayor-elect, Mr. Smith stated he will resist this application right from the start. He went to Lincoln yesterday to learn when a hearing will be held.

### Rine Makes Explanation.

Explaining his statements that he intended to go to Lincoln as a private citizen to oppose this application, City Attorney Rine said:

"When I said that, I was speaking as city attorney and meant that to go as city attorney would be admitting the jurisdiction of the State Railway commission in a matter of this kind, whereas I dispute the right of the commission to regulate street railway affairs in Omaha.

"The jurisdiction of the Omaha city council to regulate the street railway company was vested by the state legislature. The city was granted this power after the passage of the act dealing with the State Railway commission."

In its application filed May 7 with the state commission, the street railway company alleged that by reason of the war, its operating and maintenance expenses have been increased within the present limits of Omaha, approximately \$600,000 a year, and the total yearly increase in Omaha, including an increase of pay asked by employees, would be \$680,000. The company claims that the total increase of operating and maintenance cost for its entire system, plus the advance of wages asked by the men, would be \$933,000 a year.

### Says No Increase in Income.

"Notwithstanding the said increased cost of operation and maintenance, there has not been any material increase in the income of the company arising from passenger travel," the petition reads.

The company makes this further claim: "If the fare was increased one cent, so as to make 6-cent fare, where a 5-cent fare is now charged, the increased revenue per year for passengers carried in 1917, would produce an increased revenue of \$516,658. It is estimated by experience that such increased fare would diminish the gross amount of travel by 5 per cent, and from which it is just to estimate that the increased revenue on the basis of 6-cent fare would not exceed \$480,815."

The new city administration intends to go into the financial affairs of the street railway company with considerable vigor and the prospect is that a spirited legal battle will follow.

John L. Webster will occupy one corner of the ring for the traction company and it is possible that W. C. Lambert, present corporation counsel, will occupy another, with the new mayor at his side. F. L. Weaver, new city attorney, will be in the fray.

### Nebraskans and Iowans Named Government Clerks

Washington, May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Elizabeth Howard has been appointed clerk in the postoffice at Omaha, Edna B. Wright at Nebraska City, Harry Doyle at Cheyenne, Wyo.

Kate W. Wood of Keokuk, Eleanor J. Pohassey of Cedar Rapids, Kate C. Funk of Jennings, John G. Farnsworth, Blackhawk; Mabel T. Hanley, Davenport; Margaret H. Lowery, Grinnell, Ia.; Samuel Pinnell, Omaha; Karel G. Duncan, Marshalltown, Ia.; Henrietta F. King, Keokuk, Ia.; Gladys M. King, Omaha; Ruth W. Moore, North Platte, Neb.; Virginia Meyers, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mary E. Brossil, Keokuk, Ia.; have been appointed clerks in the War department.

### Allenbach Is Convinced Of Germany's Duplicity

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, May 11.—(Special.)—Rev. George Allenbach, German Lutheran minister of Lincoln, who resigned from his charge a short time ago after he and four other German Lutheran ministers were assailed by Charles E. Matson, Lancaster county Liberty bond chairman, for refusing to attend a patriotic meeting, has issued a statement in which he regrets in the light of present conditions, his pro-German writings published when America was a neutral country. The statement follows a conference with the county Council of Defense.

### Two Cadets Land Safely From Runaway Balloon

San Antonio, Tex., May 11.—Leaping from the basket of a runaway "sausage" balloon which broke its moorings at Camp John A. Wise, near here this morning, two cadets, after a thrilling cross country ride, landed in safety by means of parachutes which were attached to their uniforms.

### Department Orders.

Washington, May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The postoffice at Garth, Clayton county, Iowa, has been discontinued, mail to McGregor.

Rural letter carriers appointed: Nebraska—Blue Hill, Bruce Laird; Creighton, Marlon Scott; Nebraska City, Harvey C. Hall; Verdigris, Willis Stevens.

Iowa—Des Moines, Sydney L. Harvey; Lemars, Howard L. Smith; Lincoln, Preston C. Wahn; Stanley, Harry A. Wootson; Belmond, Clyde E. Hammond; Boone, Frederick L. Abel; Linden, William C. Wright; Prole, James F. Bland; Remsen, Harm R. Dicks; and Herman S. Wilberding; Iowa Falls, Erwin L. Dow.

The postoffice department has accepted the proposal of the Security bank to lease the present quarters for postoffice at Creighton, Neb., for a term of five years.

Leo M. Buckmaster has been appointed postmaster at Aradale, Butler county, Iowa, vice Millard H. Bailey, resigned.

The charter of First National bank of Trezor, Ia., has been extended to May 2, 1918.

### Says, in Lincoln, He Believes It Possible to Put Bootleggers Out of Business; Co-operate With State.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, May 11.—(Special.)—Mayor-elect Ed P. Smith of Omaha promised full support to Governor Neville in the enforcement of prohibition and the other state laws, during a visit at the governor's office today.

Mr. Smith made the following statement to newspaper representatives following his talk with Neville:

"The incoming city administration and the state government are going to co-operate with each other in every way to put bootleggers out of business. I think it can be done. There is room for more vigorous enforcement of laws generally in Omaha than has been the case heretofore, and we purpose to do our best along that line."

### Dennison to California.

In reply to a query about Tom Dennison, Mr. Smith said he packed his grip and left for California right after election. "He told me he did not see any use of hanging around Omaha," Smith said.

Following the visit, Governor Neville announced that the two had discussed the subject of Smith's retention on the North Platte appellate board. Unless Smith's colleagues on the board ask him to resign, he will continue to act in that capacity, Neville announced.

"We are going to try to put the municipal administration on a little higher plane of efficiency, to practice greater economy, and especially reorganize the police force and make it more active and vigilant," Smith told reporters.

The mayor-elect said the new commission would take every step to see that the interests of the public are protected in the application of the Omaha Street Railway company for an increase in fare.

Mr. Smith held a conference with Commissioners Wilson and Hall and Attorney Lanster during his visit at the state house.

## HOFFLAND BUYS 15 TIMES QUOTA OF LIBERTY BONDS

The village of Hoffland, Neb., with a population of less than 350 has over-subscribed its Liberty loan quota 14 times. The quota was \$1,000.

The town of Hoffland is situated among the sandhills of western Nebraska and is the home of the Potash Reduction company. Of the total population 160 are employees of the Potash company.

Out of 160 wage earners, 155 purchased Liberty bonds to the total of \$15,000. The largest subscription was \$500 and the average subscription \$96.77. Cash paid in as first payments was \$3,826.

The above figures represent subscriptions by the employes only and do not include subscriptions made by the company or stockholders, the latter having been made in Omaha and credited to this city.

## A. F. Smith, Omaha, Honored By National Jewelers' Body

Philadelphia, May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Arthur F. Smith, president of the A. F. Smith company, Harney and Sixteenth streets, Omaha, Neb., today was elected unanimously as a member of the executive committee of the National Wholesale Jewelers' association in annual convention here.

The national organization includes 200 leading wholesale and manufacturing jewelers. The election of Mr. Smith is a recognition of Omaha's growing progress and importance as a distributing center for jewelry.

## Omaha Pastor Is Called to Service in France



Rev. John Calvert

Rev. John Calvert, pastor of the Benson Methodist church, who resides at 2910 North Sixty-third street, will leave next Thursday for New York, where he has been called by the international headquarters, Young Men's Christian association, for assignment "somewhere" in France as general secretary and religious director in war service.

Pastor Calvert's successor will not be named until conference meets in September, but a supply pastor will be appointed temporarily to fill the pulpit.

While Rev. Mr. Calvert is in France, his family will reside in Omaha. For three years he was pastor in Crete, five years in Sutton, four years in Humboldt and this is his third year in Omaha.

## Canadian Officer Used Cane to Slay Hun Rats in French Trenches

When Lieutenant C. W. Heming of the British-Canadian recruiting mission came to Omaha, he brought with him a cane on the end of which is fastened the copper driving band of a German shell which he picked up at Neuville-St. Vaast.

Lieutenant Heming carried the stick with him during his 18 months' experience with the Canadian forces. He has been in many big battles along Vimy Ridge and until two months ago when he was returned to Canada because he had passed the draft age for married men.

"The cane is not only prized as a relic, but it proved useful in killing rats," Lieutenant Heming explained. "The rats are a veritable scourge, which infest not only the trenches, but the whole war area. They say that the Germans turn them loose on us."



LIEUT. C. W. HEMING.

## IVY DAY UNFURLS U. SERVICE FLAG WITH 1,403 STARS

### Omaha Students Are Honored at Traditional May Festival on Campus in Lincoln With Patriotic Exercises.

### OMAHA GIRLS BLACK MASQUES.

Miss Catherine Newbranch and Miss Ruth Welch.

### OMAHA BOYS INNOCENTS.

Walter C. Johnson, Victor Graham and Wilson Bryans.

Lincoln, May 11.—(Special.)—The traditional Ivy day exercises of the University of Nebraska were given added interest today when a service flag, 15 feet square and bearing 1,403 stars, representing every Husker student in military service, was formally presented.

Ideal weather favored the Ivy day program, including the crowning of the May queen and the planting of the small strip of ivy sent back from France by University of Nebraska men in the service over there, Lieutenant Herb Reese and Lieutenant Marcus Potest.

### Queen of the May Crowned.

Miss Edith Yungblut, Lincoln, was crowned queen of the May. She is president of the University Girls' club and a Black Masque. She was crowned by Miss Elizabeth Frazim, president of the senior class.

The pageant was staged on the green between the gymnasium and the administration building. A bower had been built for the queen. As a prelude, 300 girls in flowing Grecian robes marched in a procession. Twelve May day dancers followed.

Members of the Black Masque and Innocents, senior societies representing 26 most prominent workers in the junior class, were announced.

### Society Members Named.

The Black Masques are: Elinor Bennet, Lincoln; Genevieve Bechter, Pierce; Helen Doty, Beaver Crossing; Gwendolyn Drayton, Orchard; Eliza Gamble, Mead; Catherine Kohl, Hastings; Helen Minor, Lincoln; Hannal, McKorkingdale, Lincoln; Catherine Newbranch, Omaha; Dorothy Pettis, Lincoln; Marian Wyman, Lincoln; Ruth Welch, Omaha.

The Innocents are: Walter Blunk, Grand Island; Harry Reed, Beaver Crossing; Paul Dobson, Lincoln; Lawrence Finney, Lincoln; Ralph Thorpe, Nebraska City; Leonard Kline, Blue Springs; Dwight Kirsch, Lincoln; Walter C. Johnson, Omaha; Victor Graham, Omaha; Alex Krause, West Point; Wilson Bryans, Omaha; Wallace Spear, Genoa, and Robert Wenger, Lincoln.

## Noted Jewish Lecturer Speaks Tonight in Swedish Auditorium

Jewish citizens of Omaha are interested in the address which L. J. Malamuth will give tonight in the Swedish auditorium.

The spirit of the occasion will be to celebrate the British declaration, favoring establishment of a Jewish free state in Palestine, recently taken by British forces after being dominated for centuries by anti-Christian rulers.

Mr. Malamuth is a Jewish writer and lecturer of note. He has studied this subject thoroughly and will bring a message of utmost importance and interest.

Tonight's gathering will be a mass meeting. Several local speakers will refer briefly to the occasion.

## Emil Olsen, Omaha Man, Dies at Camp Merritt, N. J.

Emil Olsen, 30 years old, a member of the 341st machine gun company, stationed at Camp Merritt, N. J., Omaha man, died last Friday, according to advices yesterday to his brother, Nels Olsen, 2217 North Twenty-seventh avenue, Emil Olsen was among the first to enlist here. He formerly was in the grocery business here and resided at 1820 North Twenty-fifth street.

## CHARGE OF FOOD WASTE IS DENIED BY SEED CONCERN

### President Windheim Refutes Allegation by Newspaper That Good Onion Sets Were Thrown in River.

Charged by an afternoon newspaper that the Nebraska Seed company had poured into a sewer many bushels of good onion sets were emphatically denied last night by H. G. Windheim, president of the seed concern, doing business in Omaha for a quarter of a century.

"These statements," Mr. Windheim said, "were printed to place me in the false light of trying to destroy food. It is not only malicious, but it is absolutely false. The fact is, we threw away some spoiled onion sets which we had picked out from our stock. We have more sets left than everybody in Omaha could plant. We recently sent out 5,000 circular letters offering to sell selected onion sets at less than one-half the usual price, but we did not sell enough as a result of those circulars to pay for printing and postage.

### Feast or a Famine.

"It is either a feast or a famine with our stocks of onion sets. This year we had an unusually large stock, and, as I stated, we had more than could be planted if everybody in Omaha used some of them. Onion sets can't be kept over from season to season.

"The sets that were thrown away were spoiled and if kept with the good sets would have spoiled the lot. It is necessary to sort out the bad sets to save the rest.

"I was born in raised in Omaha and the insinuation about trying to destroy food is one of the most unwarranted and malicious charges that I have ever heard of.

"On the contrary, we are in the business of trying to increase the food supply and our aims and efforts are along that line."

## Omaha Structural Steel Works to Help Make Ships

The Omaha Structural Steel works, Forty-eighth and Leavenworth streets, has contracted to furnish fabricated steel for the United States Shipping Board Emergency corporation. The steel will be used in the

construction of ships for the government.

The contract was signed following the calling of General Manager Karl E. Vogel and Contracting Manager Robert L. Hyde to Washington for a conference. A general line of steel work will be built, including ship sides, deck beams, floor girders, keel-

sons, bulkheads and struts. For several months hatch covers and frames have been built by this company.

The Omaha company will probably devote three-fourths of the capacity of the plant to government orders. It is estimated that during the next six months from 3,000 to 6,000 tons of steel will be fabricated each month.

Howard Street **CENTRAL** Between 15th and 16th

### Your Home-Furnishing Problem---

is made easy—just in proportion to your confidence in the

## Values

you are getting for your money. You want to make your selections from styles that suit your own taste, of course. You also like to feel that you have picked up a real bargain in this or that piece of furniture, and that it will prove the value you believe it to be. In safeguarding your purchases is there a better way than to be sure of value, as values are interpreted here? You cannot misjudge the value of any article on our floors because its value is put into its material, construction and style before the price goes on. This advertisement, in illustration and the prices, furnish you the means of judging accurately every one of these big values now shown on our sales floors.



This Spinet Desk, 38 inches in width, of solid mahogany, finished dull **\$29.75**

Household Desks, with let-down fronts, in oak, mahogany and walnut, values, **\$11.75, \$14.00, \$16.75, \$18.50, \$21.75, \$24.50** and up.



A Chair of the most pleasing style and turnery, done in brown mahogany, inset with cane, interpreting an Early Eighteenth Century motif, done in upholstered seat of velour or tapestry covering.

**\$39.50**



### This Beautiful Davenport

matching the Chair and Rocker above, is 86 inches in length, the cushion is done over Superior Springwork. The woodwork is mahogany finished in soft brown tones; it is made in straight or wave line back contour; it is an **\$90** excellent value at.....



**Rocker**

Matching the Suite

**\$39.50**

Many Rockers of this general character in smaller patterns, from **\$13.50** to **\$30.00**.



A Dining Room Marvel of Excellence

This Side Board Shows the Suite Detail

The Side Board, 68-inch length, of Crotch Mahogany. The Table, oblong in shape, 48x60 top. The China Cabinet, high leg elevation. The Arm Chair and 6 Side Chairs, leather seats.

**Price for Suite, \$333**

## Rugs---

Late Arrivals at Ringing Values.



Room-Size Brussels, 6x9..... **\$14.00**

Room-Size Brussels, 8.3x10.6..... **\$20.00**

Room-Size Seamless Fringed Wilton Velvet, 8.3x10.6..... **\$37.50**

Wiltons, 8.3x10.6, in pretty "Jap" and Persian patterns..... **\$56.00**

36x60 Axminsters..... **\$ 3.75**

27x54 Velvets..... **\$ 2.75**

### Housekeeping Essentials---

Values Too Big to Overlook

A 16-in. Lawn Mower for..... **\$3.95**

A Tub Wringer..... **\$2.95**

A Heavy Straw Broom for..... **65c**

A Garden Weeder..... **39c**

A Croquet Set..... **\$1.25**

A Big Clothes Hamper for..... **\$1.25**

A Wire Door Mat..... **80c**

A Flower Stand, fumed oak..... **35c**

A Plant Box of metal, 29 inches long..... **95c**

A Fumed Oak Upholstered Foot Rest..... **65c**

A Dainty Bath Rug 27x54..... **\$1.50**

A good Upholstered Roman Stool, oak and mahogany..... **\$1.25**

A Curtain Stretcher for..... **95c**

WE SAVE YOU MONEY—THERE ARE REASONS

# CENTRAL

H. R. BOWEN, President

## Suits to Order at Cut Prices

Overstocked and must unload. If you want a real high grade, all wool, made-to-order suit at before the war prices come in and say "show me."

Suits to Order Now at \$30, \$35 and \$40

# Tailor Beck

1512½ Dodge Street.