

FILTH GROWS IN CITY HALL WHILE JANITORS SLEEP

Omaha Efficiency Expert Declares Conditions Are Appalling in Municipal Building.

Filth and dirt have accumulated in the corridors and crevices of the city hall, while the janitors continue to slumber peacefully in the comfortable chairs of the council chamber, according to Murray E. Randall, efficiency expert, in an official report to Commissioner Zimman.

In his survey of the physical conditions that prevail in the city hall submitted Wednesday, Randall says:

"The city hall building, through many years of gross negligence, has degenerated into a state of filthiness that will require many months of extremely hard work and considerable expense to completely overcome."

Explanation of Report.
"This report is made without prejudice or biased opinions of any kind, but with a whole-hearted desire to place the operation of the city hall on a business basis of efficiency and economy."

"Here, indeed, will be some work for the new municipal broom we heard of a few weeks ago," remarked the Oldest Inhabitant when Mr. Zimman showed him the Randall report. A few extracts from the report follow:

"It is amusing to look into the city hall from the second floor of The Bee building and see some of your janitors peacefully slumbering in the comfortable chairs of the council chamber almost every afternoon."

No Pretense of System.
"The janitor equipment apparently is kept on the balcony of the council chamber in an accumulation of dirt and filth that is appalling. The council chamber should be the pride of the city hall and to ornament it with step-ladders and other articles is a sacrilege."

"I was informed that not even a pretense of a system existed and that the superintendent has never been known to check up the work. This is deplorable and it is no wonder that the city hall has the reputation of being an old soldiers' home."
Employment of women elevator conductors is recommended.
An annual saving of at least \$5,000 in city hall maintenance cost is believed to be possible.

Original Buyers Required

To Candle All Eggs Purchased

Drastic changes in the method of handling eggs came as the result of the conference of egg dealers with the food administration and Otto Murschel, pure food inspector.

Hereafter all original buyers of eggs will be required to candle eggs before shipment with the producer and all rejected eggs shall be returned, if possible, to the producers for his examination.

Producers are prohibited from offering for sale any other than edible eggs. In shipping eggs all "checks" and "cracks" must be plainly labeled. The agreement means that all retailers of the state who buy eggs from farmers and sell to others than consumers must candle the eggs.

Brownell Hall Commencement Moved Up to Next Week

On account of the advance in railroad rates the Brownell Hall commencement will be moved up to next week. The baccalaureate sermon will be next Sunday evening at 8. Pupils' musical and reception for the seniors will be Thursday evening, June 6, at 8:30 and the graduation exercises will be Saturday morning, June 8, at 10:30.

Hardware in Rialto Work Of Johnson Hardware Co.

Johnson Hardware company, Thirtieth and Farnam streets, furnished the hardware used in the Rialto, such as locks, fire exit bolts and panic bells on doors. The concern makes a specialty of putting in work for fine residences and office buildings.

Capital City Electric Co. Does Much Work on Rialto

Capital City Electric company, electrical engineers and contractors, with offices in Des Moines, Ia., accomplished the largest electrical feat of any theater in the United States when it put in the work for the Rialto.

Contractor Who Built New Rialto Theater



CALVIN ZEIGLER.

LEASE FOR SALE ON FONTENELLE; DEAL IS PENDING

President Rafferty Here From Syracuse Negotiating With Several Prospective Buyers is Report.

Negotiations are on for the sale of the lease on the Hotel Fontenelle. Officers interested decline to state that the company will be sold, but President Rafferty of Syracuse, N. Y., has been here for several days and has been met by representatives of several interests which are anxious to buy.

The Hotel Fontenelle property is owned by the Douglas Hotel company. It is a stock company and the stock is held chiefly by Omaha people. Gordon W. Wattles is president. This company is merely the landlord of the hotel and receives a yearly rental equal to 6 per cent on its stock.

The company which operates the hotel is the Interstate Hotel company, and it is composed almost entirely of Syracuse, N. Y., people. It is for the sale of this company that the negotiations are going on.

Lincoln People May Buy.

"Nothing definite has been done," said President Rafferty. "We have a paying proposition here. The Hotel Fontenelle, all must admit, is 'some tavern,' but we are too far away. If I could get on the train in the evening and be in Omaha in the morning it would be different. When we leased the hotel at its opening in March, 1915, we had Mr. Burbank here as our representative. He intended to live here and act with full power. When he died we got along by simply hiring managers. It took too much of my time, running out here. Our eastern hotels are enough to take up all our time."

"In the last year I dare say I have had 50 letters containing proposals to buy out our company. It's these other people who want to buy, not we who are anxious to sell. We have passed the experimental stages and the hotel is a big success."

The men who control the Lincoln hotel in Lincoln, Neb., are among those who are anxious to buy the company operating the Fontenelle. H. E. Gregory has been hotel manager for the Interstate Hotel company for the last year.

Chicago Company Installs Many Fixtures in Big Theater

The Newman Manufacturing company of Chicago installed the ornamental brass and bronze work, poster frames, brass railings and other fixtures in the Rialto. The concern in its 36 years of business has equipped more than 10,000 theaters in the United States. The company donated a floral horseshoe for the opening of the Rialto.

John P. Daly Installs All Plumbing in New Playhouse

John P. Daly, Thirteenth street and Capitol avenue, installed all the plumbing fixtures and the drinking fountains in the Rialto theater.

Fontenelle Feature Film Co. Handles Billy West Comedies

The Fontenelle Feature Film company, 1504 Harney street, handles the comedies starring Billy West, "The Funniest Man on Earth."

PRO-HUNS GREET "BILL" HART

Even Fame Has Its Penalties, Tall Movie Actor Learns On Trip to Utah.

ON VISIT TO DETENTION CAMP

"Bill" Hart was the victim of an embarrassing episode not long ago while touring the west in the interest of the third Liberty loan.

While in Utah he was the guest of Colonel Byram, commander at Fort Douglas. The colonel was showing "Bill" around the place before lunch and they took a look through the detention camp in which more than 600 alien enemies of the most undesirable sort are interned for the duration of the war.

Hart's tall figure, in his well known western costume could not be mistaken, and as he passed along outside the barbed wire enclosure he

was immediately recognized. When the first voice spoke out, "Hello, Bill," the film star was naturally somewhat pleased at being recognized, but when it dawned upon him that he was being familiarly hailed by a lot of pro-Huns "Bill" became terribly embarrassed and whispered to Colonel Byram:

"See here, colonel, just because these men seem to know who I am, I don't want you to get the idea that they are particular friends of mine."

The colonel chuckled at the evident embarrassment of the tall actor and remarked that "even fame has its penalties."

Harry M. Binder Had Big Part In Building of New Rialto

Harry M. Binder, 811 South Eighteenth street, was the electrical contractor and engineer for the Rialto. He went into business for himself March 1. He has received contracts for the Rialto, the Home Builders, Eighteenth and Dodge streets, Omaha's largest family hotel; the Douglas Motors Corporation, Thirtieth and Dodge streets; Jones-Opper building, Van Buren building and other structures in Omaha.

Independent Film Exchange Co. Has Francis Ford Picture

The Independent Film Exchange company, 200-201 Bromley building, handles the wonderful picture, just released, "Berlin via America," featuring Francis Ford, supported by Edna Emerson.

Another Novel Idea

In "The Claws of the Hun," the next Paramount picture in which Charles Ray is starred, Thomas I. Ince has conceived a telling effect

which is not only novel, but impressive. A phonograph is shown in close up playing "Over There." As the disc revolves it fades into a circle containing scenes of action at the front.

Jacobs-Lee Drug Company To Open New Store in July

The phenomenal success of the Jacobs Lee Drug company. Seventeenth and Douglas streets, is being materially demonstrated by the addition of their new store in the Rialto theater building, which will be open to take care of the large crowds attending the theater after July 15. The place will be up-to-date in every respect, with fixtures of latest design and the soda fountain will personify cleanliness and sanitation. The drug department will be replete with a line of drugs and chemicals and a tempting stock of candies and cigars.

This firm has done an immense business during the comparatively short time they have been established in Omaha and the new venture will mean success for the firm. The opening announcement will be made in this paper.

SCHOOL CENSUS BEGINS SATURDAY; SCOPE IS BROAD

Persons Must Give Answers to Enumerators Under Oath; Penalty Provided for Failure to Comply.

The questionnaire which will be used by enumerators who will take the annual school census, beginning June 1, will embrace a wide field of information, much of which heretofore has not been attempted in a census of this kind. Information to be tabulated refers not only to persons of legal school age, 5 to 20 years inclusive, but to persons not of school age. The new items of information include authority for date of birth, birthplace of children and of father, residence owned or rented, how employed, classification of defectives, language spoken in the home, citizen-

ship, homes from which none of school age are reported.

The following is part of the instructions issued to the enumerators: "Explain to the parent that the law requires you to administer an oath as follows: 'You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will fully and truthfully answer all questions that the law requires you to answer in the matter of census enumeration, so help you God.'"

"If a parent should absolutely refuse to give the information required, and you cannot obtain it elsewhere, notify the secretary and he will have the offending party arrested." "You will find a number of married people under 21 years of age; these people should be enumerated, reads another instruction. The enumeration must be completed on or before June 30."

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The Management.



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