

### MAYOR SCORNS LEGAL HELP IN GAS APPRAISAL

Establishes New Precedent by Proceeding Without Assistance of Corporation Counsel.

Mayor Smith is proceeding with the appraisal of the Omaha Gas company's plant without assistance or cooperation of the corporation counsel, and in this method of procedure he is establishing a new precedent in municipal affairs.

Corporation Counsel Lambert has not been consulted on the steps thus far taken, although he has been giving the gas question years of study for the city.

R. E. McDonnell of Burns & McDonnell, Kansas City, appeared before the city council last week and spent several hours in the mayor's office, but the corporation counsel was not called in for consultation.

The mayor presented to the city council on Tuesday night for approval a contract prepared in his office between the city and Burns & McDonnell.

Legal Aid Ignored. The contract which the council approved was not submitted to the corporation counsel to determine whether the city's interests were fully protected.

During the former gas appraisal by the late W. D. Marks seven years ago there was close cooperation between the appraisers and the city legal department.

In the contract which the mayor has entered into with the Kansas City experts no provision was made for a working arrangement with the city legal department.

The mayor has stated that he is in accordance with the gas plant and, being a lawyer, he has stated that he feels competent to boss this job without a corporation counsel.

The contract prepared by the mayor does not provide for specific methods of valuation in order that the city may be prepared to combat any line of defense which may arise.

On this subject the contract reads: "Upon completion of the inventory and the collection of all data pertaining to the property, the said engineers will make an appraisal showing the cost of reproduction of the entire property, together with the depreciation of the property inventoried."

Lambert Slighted. Corporation Counsel Lambert makes no criticism of the action of the mayor. He made the following statement in response to inquiries:

"I was surprised that the mayor should not have consulted me on this matter with which I am familiar after giving the city years of service on public utility matters. In the contract which has been entered into between Burns & McDonnell no provision was made that they shall cooperate with this department and the fact that I was not even called in to meet Mr. McDonnell last week, or asked to see or approve the contract with this firm, was a slight, although I do not believe the mayor intended it as such."

Mr. Lambert added that the contract as entered into would not have been approved in its present form because the city is not fully protected.

A few weeks ago the mayor stated the Corporation Counsel Lambert would be retained until such time at least as pending public utility matters had been disposed of.

See Lovell's insurance talk on cheap (?) auto insurance on page 12.

### Why We Willingly Shed Blood for American Ideals

Red-blooded, because we willingly give the blood of self or sons to be shed for our ideals; true blue, standing for America first, last and always; fired by the pure, white light of patriotism. Thus we live up to the colors in the banner of freedom. We are true Americans. What does it mean to be a true American? What are the privileges and duties involved?

For the best answer to the question, "What is True Americanism?" The Omaha Bee is offering 12 prizes. For the best answer the prize will be \$5, and for the next 11 best, each a good book.

- Observe these rules:
  - 1. Subject, "True Americanism and What It Means to Be an American."
  - 2. Limit answers to 300 words or less.
  - 3. Contest open to all, but ages of competitors will be taken into consideration, so state your age if you are under 21.
  - 4. Every answer must be signed with full name and address.
  - 5. Address, Americanism Contest, The Omaha Bee, so as to reach this office on or before June 30.
- The judges will be announced later.

### Cheek Pushes Petitions For Single Tax on Autos

W. B. Cheek, president of the Omaha Automobile club, is pushing a drive for signatures to a petition for a constitutional amendment providing for a single tax on automobiles. So far 2,000 signatures have been secured in Douglas county, where 8,000 are required, and the time for getting them expires Saturday. The petition is generally circulated throughout the state and will require 50,000 signatures to become operative.

The amendment asked for will, if adopted, exempt all self-propelled vehicles from ordinary taxes and license fees, but makes them liable for a special tax, to be levied on the legislative body, all proceeds of which will go into the road fund.

### Shoots Off Finger While Cleaning Old Revolver

Mrs. Maude Hardman, 2818 R street, South Side, accidentally shot off the forefinger of her right hand Tuesday morning when she was cleaning an old pistol which had been around the house for some time and which she did not know was loaded. Children in the neighborhood have been using the weapon as a plaything. Mrs. Hardman's finger was so badly shot that it was necessary to amputate it.

### City Clerk Reads Name of Stecher; Council Sits Up

City Clerk Hunter aroused the interest of the city council when he read the name of "Joe Stecher" in a list of city engineering department appointments. The name in fact was "Joe Steiger," but the mispronunciation caused a ripple of laughter to enliven the proceedings.

### Police Driver Succumbs to Lure of Army Service

"Back to the army again, sergeant, back to the army again."

Quoting Rudyard Kipling's Barrack Room Ballad about the British Tommy who couldn't resist the lure of the service, "Joe" Baughman, Spanish war veteran and chauffeur in the police department, walked into the army recruiting office at Fifteenth and Dodge streets and enlisted.

"I've held out as long as I could," explained Baughman. "I always knew

### Body of Veteran Street Car Man is Taken to Wisconsin

Captain E. Newhouse of the Omaha fire department has gone to Chelsea, Wis., to accompany the body of Ole Jepsen, a conductor on the Farnam street car line for many years and with the street railway company for more than 20 years.

Ole Jepsen died Tuesday at the home of C. L. Chester, 2734 South Tenth street, after an illness of one day. He was 62 years old. He was born in Denmark and came to this country when a young man. He leaves a nephew at Camp Dodge, a niece at St. Louis and sisters, nieces and nephews in Denmark. He is also survived by a sister at Chelsea, Wis., where his body is sent for burial. He was a member of the order of Odd Fellows.

### Two Omaha Men Reach France at Same Time

Cards have been received by Mrs. F. S. Spence and Mrs. L. R. Carrico of the Co-operative Reference company, saying that their husbands have arrived safely across the water. Mr. Spence, manager of the Co-operative Reference company, and Mr. Carrico, who was employed by the Merritt Drug company, left for Funston September 19. They are both members of the 13th infantry corps.

### Papillion Man Draws Double Dose of Fines

Harry Hunter, Papillion, Neb., was fined \$10 and costs on a charge of drunkenness. He was also fined \$5 and costs on a charge of breaking a whisky bottle on the street, Wednesday morning in police court. Hunter and three friends were arrested while taking a joy ride in his automobile late Tuesday night.

I'd have to come back some day, and here I am!"

Baughman has driven the police automobile so long on the South Side and downtown that he has become a familiar figure about the streets of the city. He passed his examination with flying colors and has been assigned to recruiting service in Omaha. He is 37 and has three children.

Baughman saw two and one-half years' service in the Philippines during the Spanish war. He was a member of the Sixth United States infantry.

### GIRL ELEVATOR OPERATORS GO OUT ON STRIKE

Four women in First National Walk Out When Demand for Increased Wages is Refused.

Four women elevator operators in the First National bank building went out on strike Wednesday morning.

The girls, it is reported, demanded increased wages, and when these were refused walked out. They had been receiving \$50 a month, it is said, and they wanted \$60.

The strike of the four girls threw elevator service in the building into a chaos and janitors and other employees were placed on emergency service in order to carry passengers up to the upper floors of the 14-story structure.

The strike is confined to the First National building at present, but it is rumored girl operators in other buildings are threatening to walk out.

### In the Silent Drama

Empress—For the last half of the week the Empress is offering their patrons a treat in vaudeville and photoplays. Headlining the program is a comedy comedy, "Campfire Girls," a miniature musical comedy with two young chaps and seven girls, who sing and dance most entertainingly. Sena and her troupe present a comedy comedy, "The Delimitators of singing, talking and music, promise some real entertainment. Arthur Headline the play program is a Metro photoplay, featuring Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in "Cyclone Higgins, D. D." In this picture Francis X. Bushman plays the part of a preacher of a rural community, frankly a "character" part. "Cyclone Higgins" will give his name by his whirling methods in a fight.

Strand—The power of fear to dwarf ambition and kill the hopes and lives of those in its grasp is vividly portrayed by Dorothy Dalton in her new play, "Tyrant Fear," appearing here. Thrown into the midst of life in a gambling den, she resists the advances of the dice-keeper, finally shooting him in a struggle. She is befriended by the pianist, a gentleman of better times, who has been betrothed to drink and they flee together. The development of character as depicted on the screen by the star shows the effect of fear and the growth of a strong character out of it into independence and even bringing the life of Dane, the pianist, up to a higher level, where he is able to resist temptation and become a man again.

Rialto—Sensu Hayakawa, in a play of Japan, "The Bravest Way," will appear here today and the remainder of the week. The theme of the drama is built on the Japanese custom of the nearest relative of a deceased husband being forced to marry the widow. Hayakawa portrays the part of a young Japanese in love with a girl half American and being forced to marry another girl. Only the death of his wife later brings him and the object of his love together, and all ends happily. The dramatic work of the star and his two leading women bring out the best in the three climaxes of the play, the whole being an interesting love drama.

Sun—Clara Williams, in "Carmen of the Klondike," portrays the life of a girl who, deserting the vaudeville stage, goes to Alaska to marry the man she loves. On arriving there she is made to believe by "Slick" McDonald, the proprietor of a dance hall, whom she had repudiated on the trip on the boat, that her lover has been untrue to her. In her helplessness she sinks to the lowest depths and becomes the favorite of the dance halls of the north. Meanwhile her lover is in the midst of a life and death struggle with McDonald and his followers in a battle over gold claims, and in one of the thrilling climaxes of the play he and McDonald fight a fierce battle in the middle of a knee-deep muddy street in Skagway. Sudden with mud the two men fight their way through the mud and the girl, clothes torn off, unrecognizable for mud. Near the end of the fight comes a startling and unexpected end to the fight and the story and the actress finds her lover as a finale to the play.

Muse—Norma Talmadge returns to the Muse today in "By Right of Purchase." Owing to the popular call for this production the management decided to repeat this picture for one day only. How husband and wife go their separate ways to serve France in the war, how they are both reclaimed and finally reunited combine to make a masterful photoplay of metropolitan society life.

Apollo—Charles Ray, in "The Family Skeleton," portrays the part of depicting the imaginary trait of heredity which it is thought a young millionaire must have. The thought that he is expected to become a drunkard leads him into a life of the lowest dives and barrooms and only the efforts of a vaudeville actress in deceiving him into thinking he is protecting her from the results of the persecutions of the gang that hang around one of the dives brings out the real manhood in him. One of his well known rough and tumble stunts wherein he gives an ex-prize fighter the beating of his career is one of the interesting features of the play. Ray's work in the characterization is very good and the play is full of action and the troubles of the young son of the rich bring man's smile to the audience. "The Family Skeleton" will be shown today and tomorrow.

Lothrop—In "An Alien Enemy," with Louise Glau in the lead role, there has been produced a photoplay of dramatic situations and thrilling climaxes, written around the subject of the foreign element in our population. The theme is a striking one and has been well developed by Miss Glau and her supporting company, while through all runs a strong love story. On Friday and Saturday will be seen Norma Talmadge in "Ghosts of Yesterday."

Ideal—"Tyrant of the Apes," one of the feature films of this show, will be shown here today and tomorrow with a special matinee for children on Friday. The play tells of the son of a peer of England, left stranded as a baby, the sole survivor of a steamer wrecked on the African coast. He is adopted by a mother ape and becomes as one of the tribe in his ability to race across tree tops. His superior brain-power asserts itself in the years as he gains strength, and instead of the weakness of the tribe he becomes the leader and meets in contest many of the fiercer animals of the jungle.

Alhambra—William Desmond, appearing in the comedy drama, "Old Hartwell's Club," will be the feature today, a play in which the young man finally proves himself a chip of the old block. Irene Castle, in "The Hilliest Mystery," a tense detective story, will be seen Friday and Saturday comes Gladys Brockwell in "Her One Mistake," a dramatic photoplay of right and moral dilemmas, but the subplot that can occur from one error in the life of a woman.

Ruhlf—Margaretta Fisher, in "The Primitive Woman," has taken the part of woman who has tired of the methods of life in society and going onto a mountain to live in a hut alone, there finds happiness in finding that there is such a thing as a real man left in the world. The story of her love is unique and makes an interesting plot. On Friday will be seen Bryant Washburn in "Kicker and Ko," a comedy drama with plenty of action and humor, and on Saturday will come Peggy Hyland in "Fog of the Pirates," a real drama of the movies, with thrills in every reel.

Grand—Ethel Clayton, appearing in "The Journey's End," will be the feature for today, in a tense photodrama with a high character of acting and most excellent production of scenes. On Friday will be seen Olive Tell in "Her Sister," depicting the dual character role of two sisters, who appear to be alike, but the one is the opposite of good and evil. There will also be shown on this day a Mutt and Jeff comedy, "The Hunt for the Week, Saturday, will be Mary Pickford, in the patriotic production, "The Little American."

### Yankee Flier Lights In Switzerland; Where Am I? First Question

Berne, June 26.—Lieutenant Ashenden of Chicago, attached to a French flying squadron, who recently landed near Solothurn, arrived here last night. He was elated that he landed in Switzerland instead of Germany. The first question he asked when he landed was "Switzerland?" A bicyclist who happened to be passing answered "yes."

### Omaha Exemption Boards Mail Out Questionnaires

Nearly 1,500 Omaha boys who registered June 5 will learn Thursday their fate in the great national lottery which will decide the order in which they will be called for service. At 9:30 Secretary Baker, blindfolded, will draw the first number from the bowl and the selection will continue until all of the master numbers will be drawn.

Most of the new registrants will be placed in Class 1. Practically all of them are physically fit and only a few are married.

Omaha exemption boards are already mailing out questionnaires to the new registrants. Local board No. 3 is mailing out 60 questionnaires a day. These are to be filled out and returned to the board within five days.

### Conscience-Stricken Man Sends Government Check

Washington, June 26.—A letter from a New York clergyman to Secretary McAdoo enclosed a check for \$8,500 for the treasury conscience fund from an unnamed man who told the clergyman he owed that amount to the government.

### MRS. W. C. STORY ACCUSED OF WAR CHARITY GRAFT

Former Head of D. A. R. and Two Sons Indicted at New York for Alleged Profiteering.

By Associated Press.

New York, June 26.—Mrs. William Cumming Story, former president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was arrested here late today on indictments charging her with grand larceny, petit larceny and conspiracy in connection with the affairs of the National Emergency Relief society, of which she is president.

Mrs. Story was paroled in the custody of her counsel until tomorrow afternoon, when she will be arraigned and bail will be fixed.

Sons Also Indicted. Indicted with Mrs. Story were her sons, Allen, an army lieutenant stationed at Aberdeen, Md., and Sterling, who is now in the government service at Washington. They are charged with having participated with their mother in a profiteering scheme, whereby money contributed for comfort kits for United States soldiers was diverted to the pockets of a solicitor.

The indictments charge that Mrs. Story arranged with William Garland Brown, the solicitor, for him to receive half the funds collected by the society and that he gave Sterling Story one-fifth of his 50 per cent. This

second division, it is alleged, compensated Sterling for his part in negotiating Brown's arrangement with his mother.

Say Method Irregular. Mrs. Story, the authorities declare never was actually elected president of the relief society, but took that office arbitrarily. As a matter of fact they say, the manner in which the society itself was incorporated was "grossly irregular."

Several prominent members have withdrawn and insisted that their names be no longer used on its stationery, it is said. Among them are Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske and Mrs. Simon Baruch, wife of a wealthy New York physician.

Mrs. Story subjected herself to prosecution, it was declared, because she falsely represented that her society paid to commissions to solicitors and thus obtained a small part of the proceeds from the Hero Land bazaar, in which many accredited war relief organizations participated.

Denies All Charges. Through her counsel tonight Mrs. Story termed the charges made against her and her sons the result of "a disgruntlement on the part of the treasurer of the society (Mr. A. T. Baldwin), who was removed from office by vote of the organization."

### Forest Rangers Hunt Bear Cubs To Supply Army With Mascots

Livingston, Mont., June 26.—In response to appeals received from men of various units of the army throughout the west United States forest rangers under the local office have been requested to secure cub bears for use as company mascots. There is considerable rivalry among rangers to see who will be the first to conscript a young bear.

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