CHARITIES ASK FUNDS FOR HOME **WORK DURING WAR**

Increased Cost of Living Expenses Makes Larger Donations Imperative for Omaha Poor.

Letters are being sent out by J. A. Monroe, chairman of the executive committee of the Associated Charities, asking Omaha business men for funds to continue the work of this organization during the coming winter. "Hunger, cold and sickness will claim their toll," says the letter, "to a greater degree than normal. One rea-son being the high cost of food, fuel and clothing, the actual necessities for bodily health.'

In the last year the Associated Charities made 2,656 visits and took care of 1,857 families, at a cost of \$12,896. Expenses the coming year are expect-ed to be greater. The work of the charities lies largely among women and children. The cost of food alone has advanced about 45 per cent, according to government figures. Clothes have advanced almost as

much, and the quality is poorer. Mrs. George W. Doane, general secretary, states that the purchase of shoes and stockings for the children alone is a staggering item this year, owing to the fact that the cheap grades of shoes are now made of a sort of paste that promptly rolls up when it is wet, and shoes made of real leather are extremely expensive. Second hand clothing and shoes are not being received in nearly as large numbers as in previous years, and when sent in are frequently in such poor condition that they can not be used

"Owing to high prices of fuel, food and clothes," says Mrs. Doane, "we fear a hard winter for the poor of Omaha and hope that in the enthusiasm of winning the war the people of the city will not forget the helpless women and the little ones at their doors.'

Development Plan for South Side Will Cost \$50,000 if Completed

A development plan for 76 acres in the vicinity of Brown Park, South Side, will be considered by the city planning commission on Tuesday at a regular meeting, and on Tuesday, September 17, interested property owners will be given an opportunity to hear and be heard.

The city planners have prepared a series of stereopticon slides which will be shown at both meetings. ,

This tract is of irregular form, extending between W and N streets. from Ninth to Thirteenth streets. It



OH, MONEY! MONEY by Eleanor H. Porter Author of "Pollyanna."

Copyright, 1918, by Eleanor H. Porter and isfactory answer from Miss Maggie's him in whenever it was possible." by The Public Ledger Co. By Permission of Houghton Mifflin Co All Rights Reserved. placid countenance, he turned away and began speaking again.

THE STORY THUS FAR. what I set out to do."

Stanley G. Fulton, multimillionaire, is masquerading in Hillerton as John Smith, genealogist. As a matter of fact, he is busy studying relatives he has suddenly "You-you've already accomplished it?" faltered Miss Maggie. She was gazing at him now with startled, halfmade wealthy. He is most interested in the young peo-ple, sons and daughters of these on whom he bestowed wealth. Mellicent, daughter of Frank Blaisdell, is a favorite of his.

CHAPTER XVII (Continued). "Queer? Nonsense! Why, nothing -nothing at all," laughed Miss' Maggie nervously, but very gayly. "I And there could be no mistake about it. Everybody was saying the same thing. The Martin girls brought may have been a little-surprised, for it home as current gossip. Jane was a moment; but I'm very glad-very."

highly exercised over it, and even "Glad?" Harriet had exclaimed over the "shameful flirtation Mellicent was "Why, yes, for-for you. Isn't one always glad when-when a low affair is-is all settled?" carrying on with that man old enough

"Oh, then you suspected it." Mr. to be her father!" No, there was no mistake. Besides, did she not see with her own eyes that Mr. Smith was gone every day and evening, and that, when he was at home and matter, and of course, only-well, I had hoped it that, when he was at home at meal-

wasn't too conspicuous." "Oh, but you couldn't expect to hide a thing like that Mr. Smith," time, he was silent and preoccupied, and not like himself at all? retorted Miss Maggie, with what was And it was such a pity-she had thought so much of Mr. Smith! It very evidently intended for an arch smile. "I heard it everywherereally made her feel quite ill.

And Miss Maggie looked ill on the everywhere." ast evening of the holiday week "The mischief you did!" frowned last evening of the holiday week when Mr. Smith found her sitting idle Mr. Smith, looking slightly annoyed. "Well, I suppose I couldn't expect handed before the stove in the living to keep a thing like that entirely in

"Why, Miss Maggie, what's the matter with you?" cried the man in parties themselves-quite understand. "You don't Of course, Pennock and Gaylord very evident concern. look like yourself tonight!" Miss Maggie pulled herself up away, but I don't believe they realized hastily.

"Nonsense! I-I'm perfectly well. Of course, Gray understood from the I'm just tired, I guess. You're home first. early, Mr. Smith." In spite of her- "P self Miss Maggie's voice carried a being sorry for him. tinge of something not quite pleasant. "Sorry for him!" tinge of something not quite pleasant.

Mr. Smith, however, did not appear notice it. "Yes, I'm home early for once, ank Heaven!" he half groaned, as "You know how much he cared for to notice it. thank Heaven!" he half groaned, as Mellicent.'

he dropped himself into a chair. "It has been a strenuous week for you, hasn't it?" Again the tinge of chair. something not quite pleasant in Miss "Ca

Maggie's voice.

"Yes, but it's been worth it." "Of course!"

Mr. Smith turned deliberately and Of course, it kept him away from her, looked at Miss Maggie. There was a too, just as it did Penpock and Gaylooked at Miss Maggie. There was a too, just as it did Penpock and Gay-vague questioning in his eyes. Ob-lord; but he understood. Besides, Donald have her. That's all. I saw taining, apparently, however, no sathe had her part of the time. I let very soon that she couldn't cope with

"Let him in!" Miss Maggie was sitting erect now. "Whatever in the

"Well, anyway, I've accomplished world are you talking about? Do you mean to say you were doing this for Mr. Gray, all the time?" "Why, of course! Whom else should

-you didn't think-I was doing that

-for myself?" "Well, of course, I-I-" Miss Maggie was laughing and blushing painfully, but there was a new light in her eyes. "Weil, anyway, everybody said you were!" she defended herself stoutly.

"Oh, good Heavens!" Mr. Smith leaped to his feet and thrust his hands into his pockets, as he took a nervous turn about the room. "For

myself, indeed! as if, in my position, I'd— How perfectly absurd!" He wheeled and faced her irritably. "And you believed that? Why, I'm not a you believed that? Why, I'm hot a marrying man. I don't like— I never saw the woman yet that I—" With his eyes on Miss Maggie's flushed,

half-averted face, he stopped again abruptly. "Well, ful be-" Even un-der his breath he did not finish his sentence; but, with a new, quite different expression on his face, he rethe dark. Still, I don't believe the sumed his nervous pacing of the room, throwing now and then a quick glance at Miss Maggie's still averted

"It was absurd, of course, wasn't it?" Miss Maggie stirred and spoke lightly, with the obvious intention of putting matters back into usual conlitions again. "But come, tell me, just what did you do, and how? I'm so

interested-indeed I am!" "Eh? What?" Mr. Smith spoke as if he was thinking of something else entirely. "Oh-that," Mr. Smith sat down, but he did not go on speaking at once. His eyes frowningly re-Mr. Smith sat suddenly erect in his garded the stove.

chair. "Cared for her! Sympathy! "Why, what in the world are you asking about? Wasn't I doing the the time? "You said—you kept Pennock and Gaylord away," Miss Maggie hope-fully reminded him. "Er-yes. Oh, I-it was really

very simple-I just monopolized Mel-



just how systematically it was done.

"Poor Mr. Gray! I-I can't help

"Certainly; and I should think you

RUCK investments depend on the aggregate tonnage and mileage obtained-and her mother alone. And Gaylordwell, I've no use for that young genme tleman."

"But you like-Donald?" "Very much. I've been looking

him up for some time. He's all right." "I'm glad."

"Yes." Mr. Smith spoke abstract-edly, without enthusiasm. Plainly Mr. Smith was still thinking of something else. Miss Maggie asked other questions

-Miss Maggie was manifestly interested-and Mr. Smith answered them, but still without enthusiasm. Very soon he said good night and went to his own room.

I do it for? You didn't suppose it For some days after this Mr. Smith was for Pennock or Gaylord, did you? did not appear at all like himself. rightened eyes. "Yes. Why, Miss Maggie, what's the matter? What makes you look so—so queer?" was for Pennock or Gaylord, did you? Nor for—" He stopped short and stared at Miss Maggie in growing amazement and dismay. "You didn't and embarrassed over her misconception of his attentions to Mellicent. was more talkative than usual in her nervous attempt to appear natural. The fact that she often found his eyes fixed thoughtfully upon her, and felt them following her as she moved about the room, did not tend to make her more at ease. At such times she talked faster than ever-usually, if possible, about some member of the Blaisdell family. Miss Maggie had learned that Mr. Smith was always interested in any bit of news about the

> Blaisdells. It was on such an occasion that she told him about Miss Flora and the

new house. "I don't know really what I am going to do with her," she said: "I

wonder-if perhaps you could help was a curious note of almost despair in Mr. Smith's voice. "Hasn't she a new house, and everything nice to go "Help you?-about Miss Flora?" "Help you?-about Miss Flora? "Yes. Can you think of any way to. With it?" Miss Maggie laughed. Then she make her contented?" "Contented! Why, I thought- sighed. Don't tell me she isn't happy!" There (To Be Continued.)

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is proposed to develop this land for park and playground purposes. Most of the property is unimproved and it embraces two ravines, which have unusual development possibilities, according to Superintendent Kvenild of the planning commission.

The estimated cost of improving this tract, according to plans, would be nearly \$50,000, which includes the acquirement of property. If the plan goes through the cost would be spread over an extensive assessment district

Burgess-Nash Give Booster Dinner to Department Heads

A booster dinner was given Saturday evening by the Burgess-Nash company to their executives, buyers, department managers and assistants. The dinner, which was a real booster planning for the coming season, was given at the Rome hotel and between 90 and 100 covers were laid. Papers were read by several of the managers and discussed by the entire assemblage thereby getting all the good out of them.

Negress, Aged TO4 Years,

Dies, Oldest of Race Here Charlotte Drumpool, negress, died at her home, 50231/2 South Twentysixth street, at the age of 104 years. She was born in Tennessee and her death was caused by senility. She is survived by children and grandchildren, who reside in Omaha and South Omaha.

Mrs. Drumpool was a widow and the oldest member of her race in Omaha.

"Winsome Widow" Faker.ls Taken to Ft. Leavenworth

John F. Lockwood, who obtained money falsely by advertising himself as a "winsome widow," was taken to Leavenworth, Kan. Monday by Deputy United States Marshal Yates, where he will serve a year and a day, in federal prison, as sentenced last week by Judge Woodrough.

Soft Drink Bartender Held Third Time on Booze Charge

Dick Kimball, bartender at a soft drink parlor at 607 North Seventeenth street, appeared in police court Monday for the third time on the charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor. He was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$750.

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