

MOTOR OWNERS WANT LAWS WITH TEETH IN THEM

Stringent Legislation to Discourage Auto Thefts Advocated; One Man Asks How Hanging Would Do.

A law with teeth in it that would discourage automobile thefts was advocated at the meeting of the Nebraska Good Roads association at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon.

W. B. Check, president of the committee on public safety organized to check automobile stealing in Omaha, described the condition that had existed here for some time past, and called on former Lieutenant Governor McGilton, attorney for the organization, to give some suggestions.

Attorney McGilton stated that during the first half of the present year there had been stolen in Omaha over 400 automobiles, conservatively valued at \$500,000.

While there is a state law against stealing autos, and the grand larceny statute, most of the criminals engaged in this occupation had gone unwhipped of justice.

Police Handicapped. On account of the apathy of the public, the fact that the loss of an automobile by theft was considered more or less of a joke and because of a certain class of sympathy with criminals of this character the police were handicapped in their efforts, and it was almost impossible to secure conviction.

Mr. McGilton advocated the amendment of the criminal laws of the state so that the possession of a car which had been stolen from the owner would be prima facie evidence of guilt. He related several instances of where persons had been captured in efforts to get away with cars, but where they had fortified themselves with "phony" bills of sale and no jury would convict.

He advocated the passage of a law based on the California automobile statute which provides for the registration of title to a car and the possession of a certificate issued by the secretary of state. Persons without such certificate of registration, in possession of cars, would be deemed guilty of theft because of the fact of possession. He also advocated the amendment of the present Iowa laws so as to make punishable an attempt to steal a car.

"How would hanging do?" queried John G. Willis, a pioneer property owner of the county, who harked back to the days of the Anti-Burglary association.

Dean Ringer, superintendent of police, stated that his department was making all possible efforts to break up the automobile stealing game, and while conditions were not yet ideal, the department was making progress.

Says They've Get Away Too Fast. Commissioner Ringer said his only argument against good roads was that as the roads of the state now are they allowed the auto thieves to get away too fast. Since Marshal Eberstein has been on the job as chief of police there has been a notable reduction in the number of cars stolen, an increase in recoveries, and also in the number of persons apprehended.

During the 25 days of November the record showed 59 cars had been stolen in Omaha, 50 recovered, and 39 thieves put behind the bars.

The department would continue to do effective work to break up this class of crime.

He called attention to the fact that much of this class of crime was

OMAHAN REPORTED MISSING IS WOUNDED.



Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Ph. Handschuh, 3102 Laurel avenue, that their son, Albert W. Handschuh, who is with the American expeditionary forces in France, was severely wounded on September 4 and is in a base hospital in France. He was first reported missing in action, but later advice is to the effect that he was wounded. No word has been received as to his condition since September 4.

committed by juvenile offenders, and when the latter were captured and brought before the bar of justice crocodile tears would be shed by sympathizers, who plead good family connections and the disgrace of conviction would ruin the offenders, and thus got them off. Their easy escape would encourage other young fellows to engage in the game.

The convention put itself on record in favor of such legislation to prohibit automobile stealing as would be recommended.

Man Said to Have Been in Bootlegging Game for Year Finally Fined

Mike Gaughn, 618 South Seventeenth avenue, was fined \$100 and costs in police court Tuesday on a charge of possessing intoxicating liquor.

Police officers found 182 pints of whiskey in a car belonging to Gaughn several weeks ago.

During the hearing Chief of Detectives Briggs, while on the witness stand, stated that he knew Gaughn had been bootlegging for over a year. Attorney Keegan, for Gaughn, asked Briggs how many officers he had in greater Omaha. Briggs answered that he had over 175 men. Keegan then scored Briggs for allowing Gaughn to bootleg for a year without apprehending him.

Mike Gaughn is a son of John J. Gaughn, 4123 South Twenty-fifth, who is on the city police force.

Transcontinental Flight Abandoned After Mishap

Tucson, Ariz., Nov. 26.—The flight of the Loughhead biplane from Santa Barbara to Washington, D. C., was abandoned today following a mishap at Gila Bend, Ariz., in which pilot O. S. T. Myerhoffer was slightly hurt and his mechanic, Leo F. Flint, was severely injured. The machine was badly damaged.

The machine ran about 10,000 yards over the desert at a high rate of speed, when the left engine went dead, permitting the left side to drop down. Into the nose of the machine struck into the ground, the plane standing straight upright with its tail in the air. The propeller and the entire front of the machine were wrecked.

Myerhoffer and Flint, strapped in, were unable to escape the burning gasoline that spread over them.

E. F. DENISON GIVEN FAREWELL RECEPTION IN 'Y'

Members Present Him With Gold Watch and Give Mrs. Denison Cameo Brooch as Remembrances.

Members and friends of the Young Men's Christian association greeted E. F. Denison, former secretary, and Mrs. Denison, with their presence and presents last night, when a reception was given in the association rooms.

With words which were expressed in the tenderest terms, they wished Mr. Denison God-speed in his new field of usefulness, and as a token of the esteem in which he has been held in Omaha, they presented him with a costly watch. Mrs. Denison received a cameo brooch.

Bert A. Wilson, member of the board of directors, made the presentation talks, in the absence of G. W. Noble, president of the board, who was detained on account of illness in his home. Mr. Wilcox voiced the sentiments of hosts of friends who appreciated the services rendered by Mr. Denison during 14 years as secretary of the Omaha 'Y'.

Mr. Denison was somewhat overcome at first, but he was equal to the occasion and responded graciously to the kind words which had been uttered and for the substantial remembrance which had been given him.

Mr. Denison, after 14 years in charge of the Omaha association, has been rewarded by an advancement which takes him to Chicago, where he will be secretary of the personal work of the general department of the Young Men's Christian association, embracing seven states.

His work will be the selection and placing of secretaries. R. S. Flower succeeds him here.

In connection with the reception G. W. Campbell and H. E. Wallace sang and the West sisters appeared as instrumentalists. J. H. Dumont, Paul W. Kuhns and J. H. Beveridge were on the committee which had charge of the farewell exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Denison will leave Omaha on Thursday night.

"Which is Which?" is Question That Arises in the Police Court

"Which was Joe, and which was Jake?" was the burning question in the police court.

Joe Botterman, originally from Des Moines, was arraigned for larceny from person, and bound over to the district court on a bond of \$1,000. That part was very simple.

The controversy arose when the prosecuting attorney insisted that Joe had been arrested several weeks ago on the same charge. Attorney O'Keefe wasn't quite sure, but he thought it was Joe's twin brother who was arrested. Joe was very sure it was his brother.

"You can't tell us apart," he explained. "Why, it was you up and got Mr. O'Keefe to defend my brother when he was arrested."

Questionnaires Must All Be in by Dec. 9th, Is Crowder's Ruling

Every man between 18 and 46 who has not filed a questionnaire with his local draft board is a slacker according to General Crowder's ruling, and more than 100 Omahans have not filed questionnaires.

The men will be given until December 9 to fill out and file their questionnaires and draft boards urge them to attend to this at once. Most of the men who have been listed as slackers are not intentional draft evaders but are neglecting their duty.

AT THE THEATERS

WILLIAM HODGE will renew acquaintance with his Omaha following at Boyd's Theater next week. He brings a new comedy entitled "A Cure for Curables," written by Earl Derr Biggers and Mr. Hodge himself, suggested by a short story from the pen of Corra Harris.

One of the "curables" in the play is a young and beautiful dame who is the heroine of the story, and in this role a new leading lady, Clara Moores, reveals a gracious and winning personality. Brigham Royce, Charles E. Vernon, Jerry Hart, Arthur Sprague, George Barr, Edith Shayne and others equally well known, are in the supporting company. Seats tomorrow.

Hilarious comedy of the current Orpheum bill is contributed by El Brendel, with his Swedish impersonation. His clowning is extremely laughable. The popular song writers, Gilbert and Friedland, offer some of their latest successes. One headline feature is the charming skit, "A Ray of Sunshine," presented by Gladys Clark and Henry Bergman. The other is the miniature musical comedy, "The Girl on the Magazine," with Florrie Millership as the prima donna and Charles O'Connor as the comedian. The offering requires a cast of eight people.

"Leave It to Jane" swings along its merry way at the Boyd, where a matinee will be played this afternoon. One of the high spots in this is the song about Cleopatra and her personal record, by Miss Bowdin, and you'll hear nothing better in its line in Omaha this winter.

David W. Griffith's supreme triumph, "Hearts of the World," now playing at the Brandeis, theater twice daily, might easily be understood without titles as some of the music, to which every one knows the words, describes the scenes exactly.

Omaha will be one of the first cities to see the latest Cohan and Harris comedy success, "A Tailor-Made Man," which on August 10 concluded a solid year's run at the Cohan and Harris theater, New York city. It is underlined for presentation at the Brandeis theater for five performances, starting Sunday night, December 1, with one of the largest and best casts ever sent out from New York by this enterprising theatrical firm.

Music is the outstanding feature of the Empress program. Doc Baker and his "Magazine Girls," are seen in Menlo Moore's latest musical success, while Steve Freda, billed as "A Street Arab," sings, dances and plays the guitar, only an artist can. The Dreon Sisters have an offering of songs and impersonations, and Regan and Renard have a skit on the lines of a musical comedy.

Not one of the fun chances in "Social Maids," now at the Gayety, is lost sight of by the Dancing George Stone and his coworkers. In staging the production Joe Hurlig spent his money with a lavish hand, the costumes and scenery being most adequate. Seats for the holiday performances Thanksgiving day are selling rapidly.

Nat Goodwin was obliged to give up his tour temporarily in "Why Marry?" on account of an accident to his eyes.

Otis Skinner wears the same costume in "The Honor of the Family" he wore when the play was originally produced. As he humorously says, "If it hadn't been for Mr. Hoover, I'd never been able to do it." There used to be an anniversary day of Waterloo at Paris when the surviving Bonapartists of the old guard congregated at an obscure restaurant to drink the health of their idol. Mr. Skinner secured the uniform of one of these old soldiers at a fabulous price.

RED BANNER IS LOWERED FROM HUN BUILDINGS

Bolshevik Movement Said to Be Losing Power in Germany; Returning Soldiers Conservative.

Berlin, Nov. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Reports of tests of strength between the conservative elements and the independent and "bolshevik" socialists in various places in Germany continue to indicate that as far as mere numbers go the extremists are almost negligible.

Fuller reports from Bremen show that the movement in the coast cities already has turned into a more conservative channel.

A meeting of soldiers' workmen's and peasants' councils, representing Bremen, Hanover, Hamburg, Oldenburg, Flensburg, Osnabrueck, Wilhelmshaven and a number of smaller places in the provinces of Hanover and Schleswig-Holstein adopted a resolution declaring that these councils would stand behind the present government and demand the convocation of a national assembly. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 81 to 20. There also was a crushing defeat for the extremists at a meeting representing the Tenth army corps at Hanover, whereby a vote of 140 to 4 a resolution was adopted asking efforts to establish a dictatorship and demanding the summoning of a constituent assembly.

Soldiers Conservative. Soldiers from the front are beginning to arrive in Berlin and men who have conversed with them express themselves optimistically as to the effect of their return. These men declare that the great bulk of the soldiers reject bolshevism in all its phases.

It also may perhaps be considered an indication of the general public's faith in the conservatism of the soldiers that German and Prussian flags are beginning to reappear over all Berlin, after having made way for the red flag since November 10. Only one of the suburbs was any objection raised to the flying of the national flags. Certain elements from the street cars. Elsewhere the emblems were not disturbed.

Mayor Calls Down Citizen Who Criticizes U. S. Administration

Residents of the West Leavenworth street district urged the city council last night to enforce the ordinance ordering the Missouri Pacific railroad to elevate its tracks across Leavenworth street, as they are across Dodge, Douglas and Farnam streets.

This work at Leavenworth street was postponed because of the war and consequent scarcity of steel. This restriction is now removed, residents declare, and there is no excuse for delaying the work.

In the course of the presentation, Hammond drew a spirited rebuke from Mayor Smith. Hammond declared that "the government is controlling the railroads, and it isn't controlling them any too well, either."

"Please do not criticize the government of the United States in this council chamber, sir," Mayor Smith ordered.

The council decided to hold a special meeting next Tuesday evening at which officers of the street railway company will be invited, as well as the general public, to "thrust out" the skip-stop question.

Commissioner Butler is fighting its continuation.

MUSIC

It must have been encouraging to the Music department of the Omaha Woman's club to have had so large an audience manifest its interest in the series of concerts by local artists which are being sponsored by this organization, as that which attended the first concert of the series, which took place at the Young Woman's Christian association auditorium last evening. It must have been encouraging not only to Mrs. W. E. Shafer and her assistants in managing it, but also to all the musicians who will take part in these concerts, and to Mrs. Edith L. Wagoner and Mr. Robert Cuscaden in particular, as they furnished the program last evening.

Both Mrs. Wagoner and Mr. Cuscaden are well known in Omaha for their enthusiasm for and devotion to the cause of music. Both have done much for the development of music as an art in Omaha, and the casual listener might be tempted to think from their performance last evening, that they did little else but practice on their respective instruments, instead of rather giving a large share of their time to teaching and other interests.

The concert was of a high order, which would be considered worth while in many a larger city than Omaha, and it not only opened this series auspiciously but it presaged well for those which are to follow Mr. Cuscaden and Mrs. Wagoner played the program with a little played sonata for violin and piano by Gade, in which both made the most of their respective opportunities in musical dialogue.

Mrs. Wagoner contributed two individual groups both noticeable for the excellent judgment in choice of numbers which has come to be associated with Mrs. Wagoner, and also by the breadth of interpretive demand made by them. The first group was made up of numbers by MacDowell, the first two of which were delightful arrangements of musical dances by Rameau. After the "Elfin Dance," a graceful arrangement of an Irish melody, was given as an encore. In the second group a quartet "Minute" by Zampini, an interesting and brilliant "La Source" by Dolmetsch and two Chopin numbers again brought out the range of Mrs. Wagoner's interpretive possibilities. The "Butterfly Etude" was repeated, and other encores were given.

Mr. Cuscaden played a group of charming smaller violin numbers and the Concerto in D minor by Viextemps, as well as encores, with Miss Ruth Flynn accompanist. Mr. Cuscaden's group was also attractively chosen for variety both in subject matter and musical demands.

Of these was a wholesome Gavotte by Gossec, arranged by Mr. Cuscaden, and a Berceuse of graceful melody and played with the utmost restraint, and a brilliant "Wind" by Novacek. The Viextemps concerto again gave Mr. Cuscaden opportunity to show the musicianly qualities of his playing, and to meet the many demands which he had made for himself. Miss Flynn proved a very satisfactory musical accompanist. Upon the whole it was most excellent program. It makes one think that every one was only awaiting the opportunity for some one to start a series of this sort, and that it is very much to the point and only needed some leading organization, such as this department of the club, to start it.

Omahans Interested in Oil Strike in Texas Field

Omahans are interested in a Texas oil well producing 150 barrels. The strike was made recently on Gulf Coast Development company's property. These are Omaha stockholders:

H. H. Baldrige, Nelson S. Mercer, Ben H. Hayden, Fred Brodegaard, Henry W. Wyman, W. J. Gandy, H. E. Albrecht, C. W. McCune, C. W. Martin, T. Horman, J. L. Niederst, Frank L. Weaver, Arthur James, M. J. Morrell, Arthur Laird and Dr. John Nieman.

FLASHES from FILMLAND PHOTO-PLAY OFFERINGS FOR TODAY

MARGUERITE CLARK appearing in "Out of a Clear Sky" will open at the Rialto today in a first run of this picture, remaining for the remainder of the week. They play a story of Belgium in the early days of the war with the theme built about the desire of a German officer to marry Celeste, a Belgian princess. One can hardly blame her for her refusal to have anything to do with a German after the scenes of their devastation of the little country shown. In the end Celeste escapes from Belgium to find love and liberty in the United States.

Helen Keller, the well known blind girl, is to appear in motion pictures under the Robert Brunton banner.

Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne are co-starring in "The Ancient Enemy," a story of the South.

Bert Lytell, who is to appear at the Empress in his "Unexpected Places" on December 9 to 21, has completed another production to be called "The Spender."

Viola Dana's new play, "Diana Ardway," will see the little star in costumes designed by herself for this play. The story is one of a "tomboy" girl.

Supporting Bessie Barriscale in "All of a Sudden Norma," her first production under management of B. Features is a notable company, including such celebrities as Melbourne MacDowell and Joseph Dowling. Others in the cast are: Albert Cody, Frank Leigh, Betty Bruce, R. Henry Grey, Grace Travers, Helen Dunbar, Albert Garcia.

This is the story of a wild, gun-toting, quick-shooting, bad man from the prairies, who knows more law than the law books. He is declared to be the wizard of the coast in matters legal, and the freest, easiest giver of heavy advice that ever came out of a college.

Perfectly respectable bankers and financiers who never did anything worse than squeeze a million out of a deal in stock are declared to be clients of the gun-handling outlaw. He gives his advice without pay.

The wizard in question is Harry Carey, the star of Universal Western dramas. Mr. Carey, way back in the dim and misty past, graduated from a university, with his father's

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best wishes to become a lawyer. Instead of that he became a bronchobusting hero of the screen. But the law still sticks to him. It is declared that out on the coast, among the movie colony and among the upper set of Los Angeles, it has become quite fashionable to call on Mr. Carey for unofficial, legal advice.

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MUSE RETURN SHOWING

Norma Talmadge in "HER ONLY WAY"

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