

BOOZE AGENTS SEARCH PASTORS ON RIVER BRIDGE

Prominent Iowa Ministers Stopped on Iowa Side by Mistake of Federal Officials.

H. G. McGee, Rev. J. E. Cummings of Council Bluffs, Rev. S. R. Ferguson of Cedar Rapids, chairman of the Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas Sunday School association; Rev. Mr. Schrader of Dubuque and Rev. L. E. Koenig of Fairfield, all big men in the Presbyterian church, were mistaken for bootleggers Friday evening and were stopped and searched at the Iowa end of the Douglas street bridge by the federal agents on duty. The clergymen were visiting in Council Bluffs and wished to make a trip to Omaha. Mr. McGee and Rev. Mr. Cummings offered to accompany them and Mr. McGee took the party over in his sedan car.

It was just the sort of car the booze hounds were looking for, and they pointed out it with hungry avidity, giving expression to sundry "Aha's" and "now we've got you," with the advice, "Don't you guys try to ditch any of yer dope?" All were searched without results. Mr. Cummings, sitting in the back seat, was holding, half concealed, a black leather grip belonging to Ferguson. The booze hound seized it with both hands. The result was that he fell backward with the grip tucked under his chin. "It's pretty light," he remarked, recovering his equilibrium. "It's full of Ferguson's sermons," remarked Cummings. The grip was opened; the sermons produced, and the car and its occupants thoroughly searched before the booze hunters realized they were not penetrating real camouflage.

Joe Hurtig Has Bunch of Real Winners at the Gayety This Week

When you see "My Wife Won't Let Me," at the Gayety this week, you will admit the Joe Hurtig has indeed a "Burlesque Wonder Show." George P. Murphy the Swiss tinker, is a riot from start to finish and is supported by a wonderful cast.

Primrose Semon, is a very clever young artist and is certainly a dancer. In her imitations of Al. Johnson, Eddie Foy and Eva Tanguay, she proved her ability as a performer. "Will You Love Me When My Fliver Is a Wreck," was the big song hit of the show and was sung by Murphy.

Lulu Coates and her Three Cracker Jacks are marvels when it comes to dancing. They stopped the show for five minutes and only let it go on when it was explained that the dancers were negligible. After a forceful talk delivered by William Murphy, who takes the part of "The Doctor," the girls of the show took up a collection for the benefit of Omaha's poor. They collected \$39.18.

Whisky Put in Trunk Just to Appease Him for Theft

Dan Droboac and Pete Studen, proprietors of a soft drink parlor at 1401 Webster street, were brought before Judge Britt in police court Saturday morning, charged with unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor. The officers located the whisky in a trunk in their place of business.

Droboac explained that several days ago he had \$1,800 in this very same trunk, expecting to accommodate Union Pacific employees in cashing their pay checks. The money was located by some foul fiend and stolen, and to appease the sorrow of so great a loss, they bought a quantity of whisky, as he explained "to make me and my friends some happiness." Judge Britt handed Droboac and Studen each another \$100 worth of "sadness."

Free Gift Offer by Beddeo Meets With Big Response

All day Saturday a stream of people poured into the Beddeo Clothing company to take advantage of the opportunity to obtain a glass water set free. The success with which the offer met has induced the management to purchase a shipment of fancy hand mirrors which will be given out on the same plan, with each \$15 purchase or over. This offer will be continued until the entire supply of gifts is exhausted.

Held for Peeking Into the Windows of Claremont Inn

Marvin Ord chauffeur, 2329 South Twenty-ninth street, was arrested Friday night on the charge of being drunk and disorderly, and is being held for investigation. It is alleged that Ord was peeking into the windows of the Claremont Inn at Seventeenth and Jackson streets, when he was discovered by Leo Tasco, a guest, who held him until the arrival of an officer to make the arrest.

Mail Christmas Packages Early is Warning of P. O.

R. S. Brauer, superintendent of mails at the Omaha postoffice, says that, despite the fact that forces in all departments are depleted because of the war and the influenza epidemic, all mail will be properly handled if the people will mail their packages early. He urges everyone to mail their Christmas packages at once.

Pioneer Omaha Man Dies at South Bend, Ind.

David Harpster, who was born in Pennsylvania January 31, 1831, died at South Bend, Ind., December 12. He came to Omaha May 8, 1858 and went to South Bend in 1906. He is survived by wife and three daughters, Mrs. Horace M. Kaufman and Mrs. Elmer MacDonald of South Bend, and Mrs. Elsie Tetard of Omaha.

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Sergt. James Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Watson, 4331 Erskine street, is in Germany with the army of occupation. He has written his parents that the American soldiers are feeling fine and are having a glorious march through Germany. He adds that it feels strange to know you are among the Huns and yet to feel that you are safe. This was the first word the parents have had from their son since the signing of the armistice. He is a member of Battery C, Three Hundred and Fortieth field artillery, of the Eighty-ninth division.

OMAHA MOVIE MAN KILLED ON FRENCH FRONT.



Charles Manfre

Charles Manfre, former manager of the Fox Film corporation here, was killed in action in France two weeks before the armistice was signed. Manfre was drafted and was in training only four weeks before he was sent overseas. He went to France from Camp Funston, Kan., last spring and was in the thick of much of the heavy fighting. He was 27 years old. His parents live in Kansas City.

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M'ADOO URGES OMAHA TO BACK FEDERAL RULE

Interesting Message From Director General Who Wires on Railroad Situation.

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce has received an interesting message from W. G. McAdoo, director-general of the railroad systems of this country, in regard to the waterways situation as it affects Omaha. He urges government control of railroads be continued.

The Omaha business men received word through the Mississippi Valley Waterways association that the government program for the improvement of the Mississippi river from St. Louis to New Orleans had been blocked and that the government had changed its plans for expending \$7,000,000 for improvement on the lower Mississippi they sent a message to Secretary McAdoo, who made the following reply:

McAdoo's Reply. "Telegram received. I don't know where you get your information, but there is no truth in the report that contracts for barges for Mississippi river have been cancelled. Since the railroad administration was committed some time ago to the purchase of these barges, of course, the contract will be carried out. It is proper that I should call your attention to the fact, however, that unless the congress shall extend the period of federal control so that a reasonable opportunity may be afforded for a fair test of the value of unified inland waterways operation along with co-ordination inland waterways operation the experiment on the Mississippi may not hold out much promise.

Fears Railroad Competition. "I doubt if the Mississippi river operation can produce satisfactory results if the railroads should be turned back soon to private control. The old methods of railroad competition with waterways transportation will be revived and it is probable that the waterways experiment may not be able to survive that competition."

I suggest these phases of the problem, because as an American citizen whose earnest interest in proper waterways development has been manifested frequently, I think your business men's organizations in Omaha should consider very seriously the importance of extending the period of federal control of the railroads as I have just proposed, in order that a fair test of unified operation of the railroads may be made and that along with the inland waterways may be developed and a fair opportunity given to demonstrate the usefulness of such development."

Brief City News

Have Root Print It—Beacon Press 25 Per Cent Discount on electric lamps—Burgess-Granden Co. Mrs. John A. Gentlemen... recovering from the "flu" at St. Catherine's hospital. Falconer Has the "Flu"—City Commissioner Falconer has the "flu." His 11-year-old son is convalescing from pneumonia. Inspects Telephone Building—J. F. McCarthy of Minneapolis was a Saturday visitor in Omaha. Mr. McCarthy is chief constructor and engineer of the Bell Telephone system and was in the city looking after the interests of the company in connection with their new building. Visits Ranch—T. J. O'Brien, proprietor of the Henshaw hotel, returned Saturday morning from a visit to his ranch at Sutherland, Neb. McKelvie Here Between Trains—Governor-elect McKelvie was here between trains Saturday afternoon, enroute to Annapolis to attend a meeting of governors. Sheriff Clark Laid Up—Sheriff Clark's latest illness is not serious. He was able to get up Saturday morning, but will not attempt to go to his office for a few days. Wahlstrom Back from Camp—Robert Wahlstrom has returned from the officers' training camp, Fort Riley, and has resumed his work in the county treasurer's office. Seek Owner for Whisky—Six five-gallon kegs of whisky were contacted by agents of the Department of Justice here Saturday morning. Omaha in three trunks. Federal officers are trying to find the owner. Visits New York Store—J. L. Orkin of Orkin Bros. of this city went to New York City recently to pay a visit to the new store which they opened in that city earlier in the season. He will probably remain there during the Christmas holiday season. Visits Omaha Friends—B. W. Edelman of New York City is in Omaha today renewing old acquaintances and calling upon the business men. Mr. Edelman was at one time engaged in the insurance business in this city, but later went to New York. Kansas Governor to Visit Here—Harry S. Byrne has received a letter from Henry J. Allen, governor-elect of Kansas, who promises to visit Omaha during the winter. Funeral of Mrs. Murphy.—Funeral services of Mrs. Johanna Murphy, aged 74 years, will be held Monday morning in the residence of Martin J. Dineen, 938 North Twenty-sixth street at 8:30 and St. Johns church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre cemetery. Fine fireplace goods at Sunderland's.

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