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# MANNING GOES AFTER H. S. BOYS WHO PLAN DANCE

## Were Expecting to Stage Hop in Council Bluffs; Dance Halls Must Remain Closed.

Something heavy is going to drop on the heads of Omaha High school students who are arranging to give dances in Council Bluffs if they don't "watch out." So say Health Commissioner Manning and Superintendent Beveridge.

"These youngsters must realize that the spirit as well as the letter of the flu order is to be obeyed," said Dr. Manning. "We have stopped dancing because we believe that it the most common method by which the influenza is spread. And the dance hall in Council Bluffs is just as dangerous as the dance hall in Omaha."

Several of the high school dance promoters have been called on the carpet and have promised to call off all the "hops."

An enterprising but misguided public dance promoter of Council Bluffs who has been parking his automobile at Sixteenth and Douglas streets with a glaring sign of a "Big Dance in Council Bluffs Tonight" on it has "seen the light" since an interview with Chief of Police Eberstein and his propaganda will cease in Omaha.

**Owners Call on Mayor.**

A delegation of dance hall proprietors of Omaha called on Mayor Smith Friday to protest against the continued closing of their places. The mayor gave them no encouragement toward reopening.

Dr. Manning said: "If I had the power I would not only keep the public dance halls closed during the epidemic, but I would close them up permanently. They are at al ltimes a great menace to the public health and morals."

The health commissioner isn't quite so positive about private dances. When told of a "private dance" planned to be given at a hotel next week with 200 guests, he said he thought these people "might be out of luck," but didn't He is allowing the Fort Omaha authorities to act for themselves on the dances which are given out there and to which the girls of the city go.

There were 25 deaths from Spanish influenza reported to the health commissioner in the 24 hours ending Friday morning, one of the largest lists since the epidemic started.

Dr. Manning says there are about 100 new cases a day reported now, but that they are not severe cases.

## J. L. Orkin Buys Stock of Early Spring Apparel

Joseph L. Orkin, of Orkin Bros. who was east attending the opening of their new store in New York City last week returned home Wednesday. While in the eastern market he purshased several thousand dollars' worth of early spring apparel for women and misses. Mr. Orkin reports the outlook very good for increased trading and predicts heavy buying by every one previous to and during the early spring fashion shows. While the cost of materials entering the making of the early spring gowns, suits and coats has increased fully 25 per cent, he states many buyers are already in the market and placing heavy advance orders.

## Five Plumbing Robberies Reported to Police in Week

The fifth plumbing robbery in as many days was reported to police Friday. John P. Dailey, 1324 Capitol avenue, reported that burglars entered his plumbing shop and stole supplies valued at $100. Police believe an organized gang is operating in the city, confining its efforts to removing plumbing from private houses and shops.

## DIPLOMAT ASKS PLACE FOR ALL AMERICAS.

DR. ROMULO NAON.

Dr. Romulo S. Naon, former ambassador to the United States from Argentina, in a recent speech at Boston, suggested that every nation on the western continent ought to have a voice in the discussion of world reconstruction. He endorsed the leadership of the United States in the plan for permanent peace, and said the fulfillment of the policy of pan-Americanism was a political necessity for the republics of the new world.

## Grafonolas Sell as Fast as They Arrive in Omaha

"It isn't a matter of selling them, but the problem is getting enough to meet the demand," said Thomas F. Parker, manager of the Columbia Grafonola department of the Schmoller & Mueller Piano company. December 12 he wired the company to send a carload by express. They reached here on Sunday the 15th, and every one was sold the next day. The Schmoeller & Mueller company supplies the dealers in the states of Iowa and Nebraska and since September, 1918, they have sold 14 carloads, or over 3,000 machines. The price of the machines range from $90 to $240, but the machines most commonly sold are the models from $125 to $175, according to Mr. Parker.

## WAR PUZZLES

FRENCH TROOPS IN ALSACE

Captured German trenches at Hartmannsweilerkopf, three years ago today, December 21, 1915.

Find a German.

*YESTERDAY'S ANSWER*

*Upper left corner down, eye at right shoulder.*

# MANUFACTURING SHOWS INCREASE DURING THE WAR

## Survey Shows Ninety Per Cent of Men Back in Factories in Omaha; More to Report.

J. M. Gillan, manager of the industrial bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, has completed a survey of Omaha manufacturing industries and finds about 90 per cent of the employes have been returned. At a meeting of the industrial committee Thursday Mr. Gillan submitted some very interesting figures with regard to Omaha manufacturing establishments. About 300 factories and manufacturing concerns are included in his report, and this shows that these manufacturing concerns employ 15,560 men, 4,200 women, or a total of 19,760. The annual payroll for this army of workers amounts to $25,245,171. The normal output of the factories which have reported amounts in money to $404,418,611.

**Twenty-Two Thousand Employes.**

Mr. Gillan estimates that when the few missing factories which have not yet reported have been rounded up the number of employes will be in the neighborhood of 22,000; the annual payroll will run close to $27,000,000 and the normal output about $412,000,000.

The manufacturing output for last year as compiled by the bureau of publicity was about $327,721,546, and in all probability the output of Omaha factories for the present year will show an increase of $80,000,000. The lines of industry which have made the greatest increase are the packing houses, tents and awnings, sheet metal, structural iron and steel, flour and cornmeal and truck body building. Mr. Gillan's report showed that while retail trade and building operations and some other lines had been undoubtedly held back by war conditions, manufacturing in Omaha has received a decided boost during the year.

## Opals Becoming the Most Popular of American Gems

"Opals since the beginning of the war have become one of the most popular native American gems used in jewelry," said C. B. Brown, the jeweler. "So many low-grade, cheap opals are placed on the market, that the public has become inclined in small esteem.

recent years to hold all opals in

"The fact is a fine opal is a very valuable stone as well as one of the most beautiful of gems. Perhaps the world's most valuable opal was found in Hungary. It is about as large as a saucer and is numbered among the resplendent jewels of the Hapsburgs, the ancient imperial family whose reign over the Austrian empire the war has just brought to an end.

"Opals of fine quality are found in the southwestern states, Mexico, Honduras, South America, Hungary, Saxony and Australia. Black opals that flash colored fires are found exclusively in Australia. Opals are of many colors in combination but usually have a dominant color tone. This dominant color may be white, green, blue, red or yellow. The value and beauty of an opal depends upon its apparent quality of flashing its colors from inner fires. Opals of the finest quality are among the most brilliant gems known."

## Want Names Men Entering Service in Second District

J. J. Breen of the Second district exemption board is making an effort to secure the names of all soldiers, sailors and marines going into the service from that district. The governor has requested the draft boards to send in these names Many boys under draft age have enlisted and the state has no way of securing their names except by this plan.

# Cards in Rooms of Hotel Express Goodfellowship

## Management Has Unique Way of Making Guests Feel at Home; Makes Hit With Patrons.

Manager J. F. Egan of the Sanford hotel recently received a letter which shows the potency of putting a little touch of the personal element into ones business. The letter is from George H. Hartman, engineer of the Douglas Motors corporation, who made his headquarters at the Sanford while in Omaha, and is written to Manager Egan asking for some cards which he has posted in the rooms of his hotel. The letter and card are as follows:

"Please send me by return mail three copies of that card on Good Fellowship and Welfare of Guests that you have in each of your rooms.

"While staying at the Gibbons at Dayton, I told Mr. Gibbons about it and how it appealed to me, and as I am going back there next week, I want to take him one.

"The thoughts are so beautiful that more people ought to be benefitted by them than merely the ones who stay at the Sanford."

The card is as follows:

To You.—

To you who enter this room as a guest, we who manage this hotel give a hearty greeting.

We may never see you, never get to know you, but just the same, we want you to feel that this is a human house and not a soulless institution.

This is your home, be it for a day or a night only.

Whatever rules are made here are made for the purpose of protecting you and insuring your comfort, not to annoy you.

May you rest well, "full of sweet sleep and dreams from head to feet!"

May you be healthy under this roof, and no evil befall you, body or mind. May your day be full of success, so that your experience in this hotel may be a happy memory.

Here may you get good news from those who love you. May every letter, telegram or telephone call you receive be of a kind to make you happier.

We are all travelers from the port of birth to the port of death; wanderers between the two eternities—for a little space you lodge with us—we wish to put these good thoughts with you—so God keep you, stranger, and bring you to our heart's desire.