

VAST GRADING PROGRAM LAID OUT FOR OMAHA

Commissioner Towl to Urge Law So That "Blighted Districts" Can Be Made Modern.

A vast street grading program will be carried out in Omaha by City Commissioner Towl if he succeeds in getting the next legislature to pass a law regarding new grading.

At present the law provides in certain districts that no grading can be done unless the abutting property owners request it.

There are numerous "neglected districts" in Omaha surrounded on all sides by up-to-date streets and nice homes.

Push Toward Progress. Mr. Towl says graded streets are the first step toward progress and as soon as these are provided the rest follows automatically.

"It is a mistaken idea," he said, "that you always have to have slums in a city. You can have graded paved streets and comfortable homes provided with all sanitary arrangements and still not have higher rents than you have today in slums."

"Grade the street and the next thing is permanent sidewalks which the city can then order laid. Then the water and gas mains follow naturally. Property owners fix up their places to correspond with the street. And when the homes are decent the people who live in them have an actual incentive to be more industrious, thrifty and self-respecting."

"Blighted Districts." One of these "blighted districts" which Mr. Towl has already marked for development is the Kellom school neighborhood, extending from Cumming to Charles streets, and from Twentieth to Twenty-fourth streets.

William Gets Christmas Present Which Makes "Life Worth Living"

William, the sixth floor janitor in the city hall, is showing everybody who will look a letter signed "Board of Education Employees" and reading.

"The enclosed is a gift for you with the wish that you will have many more Merry Christmases, for what would we do without you?"

"The gift is a 12 lb. round, sivalah dollahs in the envelope with that an' it stahd did make me the happiest coll'd man in Omaha," says William. "It suah makes life seem worth livin'."

William was smoking a cob pipe, tied with a bow of ribbon. "That's a Christmas present from one of my kids," he said. William has a super-Roosevelian family.

The Weather

Table with columns for date (1918, 1917, 1916, 1915) and weather conditions (Highest yesterday, Lowest yesterday, Mean temperature, Precipitation, etc.)

Stocks and Bonds

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POULTRY BUTTER EGGS 116-1118 - Douglas St. Tel-Douglas 1521

BRINGING UP FATHER



MR. PERRY SCOPE IS COMING TO SPEND THE EVENING. SEE THAT YOU TREAT HIM NICELY.



SAY IS THIS THE HOSPITAL? WELL HAVE AN AMBULANCE READY TONIGHT. I THINK I'VE GOT A CUSTOMER FOR YOU.



HELLO! MR. JONES BRUGHT ALONG MR. HUGH MAIN.



CHAWMED TO MEET YOU OLD DEATH!

GREAT FALLING OFF IN NUMBER OF "FLU" CASES

But Nine New Cases Are Reported Thursday and All Are Put Under Quarantine.

Only 32 deaths from Spanish influenza in Omaha from Saturday night to Thursday morning were reported to the city health commissioner. This Dr. Manning says is a very encouraging report.

There are 40 homes under quarantine for "flu," a much smaller number than was expected when the absolute quarantine order went into effect last Tuesday morning. Nine new cases were reported Thursday morning. All new cases are now put under immediate and absolute quarantine.

Dr. Manning's quarantine chart of the city show that there are also 37 cases of smallpox under quarantine, nearly all south of Farmer street. There are 18 quarantines for scarlet fever and 18 for diphtheria.

Scott, Veteran Pitcher, Quits Organized Baseball

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PHOTO-PLAYS. SHIRLEY MASON and ERNEST TRUOX

'GOOD BYE BILL' COMEDY DRAMA

BRANDEIS THEATRE

Today FOUR SHOWS Daily at 1, 3, 7 and 9 P. M.

'The Man Without a Country'

Week Beginning Next Sunday 'The Unbeliever.'

AMUSEMENTS PHONE

Superior Vaudeville

OMAHA'S FUN CENTER

Gayety Daily Matinees, 15-25-50c

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TWO SHOWS IN ONE

WURMUELLER Novelty Skating

WILSON AND VAN 'AS YOU LIKE IT'

ROSE MELVILLE'S FAMOUS RURAL COMEDY SUCCESS

Market and Industrial News of the Day

GRAIN MARKET

Omaha, December 26, 1918. Receipts of grain today showed generally light runs over the holiday with 76 cars of wheat, 45 cars of corn, 45 cars of oats, 3 cars of rye and 11 cars of barley.

LIVE STOCK

Omaha, January 25, 1918. Receipts were—Cattle: Hogs: Sheep: Official Monday—6,764 5,210 13,537

SHORT TERM NOTES

Quotations through the National City Bank, First National Bank Building, Omaha:

FINANCIAL

New York, Dec. 26.—With no relief over the holiday from the enormous conditions so long dominant in the financial situation, trading on the stock exchange today was marked by further liquidation.

Chicago Closing Prices

Table with columns for date (1918, 1917, 1916, 1915) and prices for various commodities (Wheat, Corn, Oats, etc.)

Omaha Hay Market

Receipts of both prairie hay and alfalfa have been large, and the demand continues good, causing the market to become firm.

New York Produce

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New York Coffee

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New York Cotton

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"Made in Germany" Not Popular When an Army Present for Christmas

If there is any doubt in your mind as to what effect the label "made in Germany" has on the selling merits of merchandise in Omaha, a certain saleslady in one of the large department stores might make the point clear by her own experience.

Mrs. C. T. Kountze is Named Head Nursing Survey for Nebraska

Mrs. Charles T. Kountze has been appointed to head a nursing survey for the state of Nebraska—the first big peace-time work of the American Red Cross.

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Limited Service Men Have No Place to Be Discharged

W. L. Anderson, acting provost marshal of Nebraska, has received orders to send no more limited service men to Camp Funston to be mustered out of service.

Farewell Luncheon Given in C. of C. for C. O. Hammack

The membership committee of the Chamber of Commerce held a luncheon in the club rooms Thursday noon, as a farewell to C. O. Hammack, who is leaving Omaha Thursday evening for New York.

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