

## COUNTY BOARD CUTS CLAIMS OF EIGHT FARMERS

Stand of Property Owners Near Waterloo, Neb., May Result in Moving of Lincoln Highway.

The stand of property owners along the Lincoln highway in the vicinity of Waterloo, Neb., may result in the moving of the Lincoln highway to a line two miles north of where it is now. This is a point where the highway at present runs on the Union Pacific railroad right of way.

The county commissioners have bought a new right of way from eight farmers at this point. Friday morning the commissioners accepted the damage awards of the appraisers, W. G. Shriver, E. M. Robinson and S. P. Bostwick.

**Demand Big Amounts.**

The appraisement is \$21,922 less than was demanded by the farmers. Six of the farmers had demanded from three to five times as much as the appraisers awarded them. J. J. Miller asked \$2,500 for the loss of land taken from the edge of his farm and \$5,000 for damages to his trees. He was awarded only \$1,828. W. E. Flynn asked \$7,500 and was given \$1,387. J. C. Robinson asked \$10,000 and was awarded \$3,492. Hanna Lamb asked \$2,500 and was given \$782. Janet Falconer asked \$1,000 and was awarded \$194. Maggie Bretcher asked \$150 and was given nothing.

Two others asked no damages but the appraisers treated them on the same basis as the others and gave M. M. Moon \$70 and C. W. Clark, \$715.

**Change Highway Line.**

The line of the highway is to be changed preparatory to asking the people of the county to vote \$3,000,000 to pave county roads including the Lincoln highway.

Including the amount paid for this right of way it is estimated the cost of the paved highway at this point will be close to \$60,000.

The commissioners say that farmers along whose farms a permanently paved, trans-continental highway is to be constructed ought to be reasonable in their acceptance of damages, as the construction of the road at county expense will enhance the value of their farms.

**Demain Ledwich Retires as Member of Lumber Firm**

After an experience of 32 years in the lumber business in Omaha Demain Ledwich has retired from active duties as a member of the firm of Guio & Ledwich, Nineteenth and Izard streets. He has sold his interests to A. P. Guio and declares he will enjoy a much needed vacation for an indefinite period.

At the age of 17 Mr. Ledwich began his business career as an employee of the Colpetzer & Guio company and 25 years ago absorbed the interests of Frank Colpetzer in the firm. Mr. Ledwich's connection with the business was attended by the rapid expansion of the company.

**Industries Say They Are Without Switching Rates**

Within the last few months a number of new industries have located along the railroad tracks in the manufacturing districts of Omaha and Council Bluffs. While such industries are within the switching district, they are without switching rates. Heads of the concerns have applied to the Omaha district freight traffic committee asking that rates be applied and that they be the same as in effect at other plants located in the same localities.

**Tilden Man Loses Money and Watch Matching Dollars**

Floyd McNally of Tilden, Neb., 26 years old, a guest at the Her Grand hotel, reported to the police that two men engaged him in the game of matching dollars Friday morning, relieving him of \$100, his watch, chain and fountain pen.

One of the men posed as a horse buyer from Montana. He is described as wearing a "green checked cap." The other, McNally said, was "a tall, thin Englishman in a cravenette coat."

**South Side Property Changes Hands for \$10,500**

Contemplating the enlargement of his business and the erection of a modern four story brick business block, A. Herman, of the Western Furniture Co., 2504 N. street, has closed a real estate deal for two lots to the east and one lot west of his store.

The consideration named in the deed to the property is \$10,500. The lots were purchased from C. M. Hunt.

**Miss Nell Peterson With the Red Cross in Germany**

Miss Nell Peterson of Aurora, Neb., was in the first contingent of Red Cross canteen workers sent into Germany with the army of occupation. She is now stationed at Freyes, Miss Peterson is the daughter of Mrs. A. G. Peterson, state chairman for the women's Victory Loan committee.

**Swiss Society for Peace Favor League of Nations**

Geneva, March 7.—The Swiss Peace society at a meeting here last night adopted a resolution in favor of the adoption of Switzerland to the league of nations.

**IN THE DIVORCE COURT**

Eva Billings has applied for a divorce from Henry Billings to whom she was married in Omaha in 1914.

Gertrude Stratton asks divorce from Robert Stratton on the ground of alleged incest and cruelty. They were married in Omaha in 1914. She also asks restoration of her maiden name, Nagle.

Lillian Peters has filed suit for divorce from Fred Peters to whom she was married in 1902. She alleges that he struck her. She asks restoration of her maiden name, Burnett.

Charles C. Barrett was granted a divorce from Mae Barrett with custody of their two children on the ground of desertion.

## Italian Husband Is No Match for His Irish Wife in Family Fight

Jack Labuta is an Italian. His wife, Mary, is Irish. Battle scarred faces of husband and wife Friday morning in the South Side police court bespeke the fact that things were not running smoothly in the Labuta home, 5118 South Twenty-third street.

The husband appeared to defend a charge of abusing his wife. The wife, who obtained her arrest, was present to testify against him.

The testimony developed that Labuta received the beating of his life with a bottle in the hands of his wife.

"He got what was coming to him," Judge Foster commented, as he dismissed the charge against the prisoner.

## SUPREME COURT WILL HEAR CITY DETENTION CASE

State High Tribunal to Determine Whether Omaha Has Legal Right to Examine Girls.

City Attorney Weaver will appear before the state supreme court next Monday to defend the city's plan of committing women to the detention hospital for the cure of social diseases.

A test case will be based on an application for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of Margaret Davis, who was sentenced by the police judge to 20 days in jail, examined by the city physician and then ordered sent to the detention hospital.

**Direct to High Court.**

This case has been taken direct to the supreme court, without the usual preliminary hearing in the district court. During the last few months District Judge Redick has denied many applications for writs of habeas corpus in similar cases, and he suggested that a case should be taken to the supreme court, that the city's authority might be definitely established.

Attorneys for Miss Davis contend that the city has no legal right to examine and detain her when she is willing to be treated by her own physician.

**Baptist Victory Team Out for \$6,000,000 Fund on March 20**

A victory team of nationally-prominent Baptists on tour of Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, is scheduled to arrive in Omaha March 20. Lincoln, the day previous, is the only other stop the team will make in this state. The trip is to further the interests of the \$6,000,000 fund to be raised for reconstruction work abroad and spiritual democracy at home.

Dr. Lemuel Call Barnes, field secretary, American Baptist Home Mission society; Mrs. L. K. Barnes of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission society, and the Rev. C. Wallace Petty of New York City, are among the speakers.

**New Soldiers and Sailors Information Bureau Opens**

The old Milwaukee ticket office at Fifteenth and Harney streets, has opened its doors as a soldiers' and sailors' information and lounging room quarters. A corps of Red Cross canteen women, in charge of Mrs. J. C. Dahman, will be in charge of the soldiers' quarters from 8:30 a. m. to 11 p. m.

The joint committee of all war recreational agencies which sponsors the quarters and which is headed by W. B. Tagg, chairman of the Omaha Red Cross chapter, will meet Saturday noon in the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the business concerning it.

**County Commissioners May Build Ice Plant for Own Use**

County commissioners are considering the advisability of building an ice plant to supply ice to the court house, county hospital and Riverfront home. An ice plant can be installed, they said, for about \$5,000. It could be operated at the county hospital without adding to the present force of men. A small truck would have to be bought to deliver daily supplies of ice to the court house and Riverfront home. Last year the ice for these three county institutions cost more than \$2,000.

**Postpone Habeas Corpus Case of Chicago Husband**

Application of Wendell Phillips Herrick of Chicago for a writ of habeas corpus to prevent Chicago police from taking him back to face a charge of wife desertion was postponed in District Judge Redick's court until Monday morning.

Meantime the case will be taken before Governor McKelvie. If he grants extradition papers the habeas corpus proceedings will be held next Monday.

**Francis Brogan to Speak Before Omaha Rotary Club**

Francis Brogan, an Omaha attorney, will address the Omaha Rotary club next Wednesday, at the Hotel Fontenelle on "The Trans-Mississippi Congress." Mr. Brogan as chairman of the "Follow-Up Committee" of the congress will outline the "following-up possibilities" for Omaha.

Robert Manley will preside at the meeting.

**C. of C. Fife and Drum Corps Will Make Its Debut Tuesday**

The Chamber of Commerce fife and drum corps will make its debut Tuesday when state and local workers for the Fifth Victory loan drive meet to organize.

**Don't Change Your Husband—Adv**

## "VIRTUOUS WIVES"

CHAPTER XLVII.

The car, as though pursued by the consciousness of some guilty deed, turned and twisted through tortuous roads, throwing its searching glare into the sleeping secrets of the woods. Ten minutes, 15 minutes had elapsed, and still they sat silently side by side, each immersed in his own thoughts. He had not bent toward her. He had not put forth his hand to take hers. The silence of the night, the guilty flight away, oppressed him—and ahead was the waking reality of the morning. His mind had been filled with the great events that were impending in the world. France, the country he loved with a crusader's adoration, was on the brink of a shattering war. Men whom he had known and played at life with were turning with hallowed eyes toward the great sacrifice, the final deed of atonement that washes away the selfishness and the sins of the flesh. All these last days of July and the opening of the bleeding month of August he had had before his eyes the spectacle of the titled idlers, the playboys of fortune, leaving their revelries; the simple, faith-borne peasants waiting in the fields, the crowded workmen scanning the bulletin board; the women listening in the night. The leaping moment of heroic regeneration was sounding on the bugle's call, and he, soldier of fortune, was powerless to respond, entangled in the trivialities of an infatuation that had mastered him. It had always been so.

"It's curious," he thought bitterly, "that with all people say against me, it is I who have always yielded

with women. It is I who have followed where they would go."

The woman he loved was there at his side, and yet something inexorable intervened between them. Perhaps it was the man's further vision that could not dwell on the present before the specter of coming consequences. He saw the headlines in the papers, the flaunting colored stories, the apposition of photographs, the whole shrieking clamor of a prying public's satisfaction in a new scandal among those it meanly envied and pitilessly pulled down. Did she realize what was coming?

"We are wounding each other—irreparably," he thought, "and yet how can I tell her?"

For she had done the thing he had believed her incapable of doing. It was mad, it was theatrical—but it was from her heart. She was doing it as a spiritual rebellion, and to show him that in her awakened love she was willing to sacrifice all for him. How could he refuse that? Suddenly he bent over and said resolutely:

"Amy dear—I am a fearful serious moment. You are sure, there is no doubt—you want to do this? Just this way?"

She looked at him in amazement. Had he read her thoughts? Yet, she answered:

"Yes, yes—I do—I'm sure!"

Ever since they had fled from the house she had but one figure before her eyes—Andrew. When would he return? Would he read her letter when it was handed to him by Gregory at the door, mastering his emotion before the servant as only he knew how? Or would he go with it to his room. And then?

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What would be the emotion in his eyes, there alone where no one else would be present to see? His shadow was there in the car, intruding and inexorable; his voice kept crying in her ears.

She felt like seizing the trumpet and crying:

"Faster, faster! Get it done with!"

And then this question from Monte!

What must he think of her silence? Perhaps he too was thinking of the one left behind, of Andrew. Perhaps it was a touch of remorse that held him so silent.

"Listen, Monte," she said suddenly. "There are some things now I must tell you. It is your right to know. You may suspect but I want you to know, so—so you won't feel any responsibility."

She told him of Andrew and Irma Dellabarre, of the new in which which had come to her husband, of his own desire that she should take this step to set him free.

"I tell you all this," she repeated insistently, "so that you won't feel that you or I—that we have anything to reproach ourselves with."

"I am glad that it is so," he said gravely. It was not quite what she had led him to believe of their relations, yet it was a justification.

"I don't think Irma will ever do what you have done," he said slowly, but his mind was on other things.

"Nor I," she said impulsively. "And for Andrew's sake, I hope not!" She explained, "I want to be generous toward him. It was not his fault. I don't blame him—I was not the wife for him—it was a great mistake. Yet I—yet there is nothing petty about him. He has

## Owen Johnson's Sparkling Society Novel, which is making such a hit in the movies.

been very fine in his attitude toward me—that is why I want to see him really happy. You understand, don't you?"

"Yes, of course," he said somberly. This mention of the other have spared him such praise at such a moment.

What sort of a wife would she be to him?

A sudden report, and the car grounded hastily to a stop.

"What's that?" she cried, jumping.

"Only a blow-out,"

He descended and went to consult with the chauffeur. It would be necessary to change a rear tire.

The accident seemed to her something ominous. She got out and walked in the shadow, while the two men hustled themselves with the tires. Would it never end? Surely they would miss the train now! A whirr of motors, and she shrank back into the protection of the wood.

"If it were Andrew!" she thought, with a leap of her pulse.

The searchlight glared, swept the ground, and passed.

"How foolish! What possessed me to imagine that?" she thought.

"All ready now," said Monte Bracken.

She sprang into the car before he could offer her hand, and shrank into a corner.

"Oh, do hurry!"

"Make time," he said, and got in. "I'm horrid, Monte, but don't mind me—it is upsetting!"

"I understand, dear," he said in a quiet voice.

They were on straight roads now, and the speed at which they fled shook the car so that conversation was impossible. She was grateful for this, leaning forward, her chin in her hands, staring out of the window. Above, in the moonlit skies, great banks of clouds were scurrying.

## "It doesn't look real," she thought. "Just like they put it on in the theaters."

The next moment they had made the station. She sprang out, leaving Monte to bring the bags, and ran up the steps. The platform was deserted. They had missed their train by three minutes. Monte came up valises in hand.

"It's too provoking," she said tearfully. "We've lost it!"

"Never mind. There'll be another soon. I'll go and make sure. I'll keep the car, we can always run in."

"No, no—I don't want to go in the car!" she said hastily. To go in the intimacy of the car seemed to her something indecent, something that couldn't be done. He ought to have understood that!

She went up the platform toward the red, sinister lights. The night was hot and flat. Each moment that kept her from her purpose determined her resolution. Would she be able to go through it? Even now she was seeking the obscurity to avoid a chance encounter, and in a moment they would have to enter the crowded, lighted train together.

Up the platform came a shuffling step—a train hand, with smudged lantern at his feet, smelling of rank tobacco. What was Monte doing all this time? Everything he did irritated her, even to the languid way in which he returned, when he must have known her impatience.

"Well?"

"Ten minutes, that's all."

She drew a breath of relief. But 10 minutes passed and no answering shock of steel.

"I thought you said 10 minutes!" she said fretfully.

"It must be late."

"Go and see—and please don't take forever."

First the accident to the tire, then the missing of the train, and now the third delay! It was intolerable.

## All at once in the distance, a roar, a white belch of steam and along the rails long slivers of light ran down.

She started hastily back to the bags as the train came rocking in. Where was Monte? Why didn't he come? What could he be doing? The passengers were streaming about her as he came up.

"It's not this one; this is a train from New York," he explained hastily.

"Oh."

She turned, took two steps, and face to face with Claire Bracken!

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

## Neal W. Nichols, Head of Motor Company, Is Sued for Divorce

Mrs. May E. Nichols has filed suit in district court, asking a separate maintenance from her husband, Neal W. Nichols, president of the Nichols-Rice Motor company, Twentieth street and Ames avenue. They were married in Council Bluffs in 1901 and have one daughter.

She alleges cruelty and says that the defendant "maintained a menacing and irritating manner toward her and their child."

She also asks two injunctions, one to keep him from entering their home at Twenty-fifth street and Fowler avenue and one to prevent him from turning his interest in the Nichols-Rice Motor company into cash.

The petition states that Mr. Nichols has property worth \$20,000, consisting of his half interest in the Nichols-Rice Motor company. It also states that he has an income of \$500 a month, including a salary of \$250.

## "March Brings Breezes Sharp and Chill!"

A true description of the average March in this section—and it surely has been "sharp and chill" ever since the first day. Indeed we have heard more than one individual characterize it in warmer if not more descriptive language. With Bryant we all feel like saying:

"The stormy March is come at last,  
With wind and cloud, and changing skies;  
I hear the rushing of the blast  
That through the Snowy Valley flies."

But a truce to melancholy, soon SWEET VIOLETS will be peeping forth from fields now covered with snow. Now, therefore, is GET-READY TIME. We will show on Saturday in Ready-to-Wear Section a pleasing array. Labor conditions in the east have made it somewhat difficult to get together complete stocks. Buyers have been compelled to keep after the manufacturers and our New York office has been alert and alive. Our READY condition on Saturday will demonstrate their efficiency and readiness to serve you with such garments as you will take pride in wearing—garments of the KILPATRICK kind.

## DESIRABLE SUITS

Have been as scarce as hen's teeth—but we have some very attractive and many exclusive models to show you—Tricotines, Gabardines, and some late Check Velours. Prices range from \$27.50 to \$110.00.

**COATS ARE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT THIS SEASON**—To be up-to-date necessitates purchasing a new one—Range of prices wide enough for all—\$25 to \$97.50.

**CAPEs**—Reminding us of the days of long ago—and yet "Distinctive" in their new cut, style, grace and charm. Promise great popularity—\$27.12 to \$87.12.

**DRESSES AND BLOUSES** would be mighty scarce had we not provided a fairly complete assortment early. A sprinkling of the very latest will be shown Saturday.

**SKIRT SALES** are very active—And "There's a reason"—as the departed "Post" might put it. Indeed, there are several reasons—two of which are specially prominent. First—Skirt popularity—with one or two changes of Blouse in combination—making a pleasing and useful costume.

**AT \$9.75**—Skirts of serge, trimmed with braid and buttons—tucked girdles, narrow lines, difficulty of duplication—likely to make for higher prices.

**AT \$10.95**—A wide range will be displayed at this price. Plaid silk poplins, others self-toned, wool poplins and serges in the new shades. You'll find taupe, sand, French blue, black and navy. Trimmed tastefully. In this lot are sizes up to 36-inch waist measure.

**AT \$14.75**—A wonderful collection—pretty plaids—correct colorings—serges, silks and satins, as well as tricotines.

**AT \$27.50**—Exclusive and elegant—made from the high-class fabrics such as pussy willow, baronet satin, tricolette and Mal-linson's famous fancies.

## Third Floor Art Section

Good Shepherd yarn in balls—certain shades to close out—at 39¢ a ball—regularly 70 cents.

Bedroom Slippers for women, \$1.29, instead of \$1.50. Children, 69¢.

Comfort for these cold March nights and mornings secured at small outlay.

A very complete stock of stamped articles for embroidery—Table cloths, squares, runners, centerpieces and doilies, lingerie for women and children—Crochet threads in all the shades and numbers.

## Rengo Belt

Here is a new discovery welcomed by all stout women who have been properly fitted. Ask our experts about it. They will explain its use and tell you of its merits.

## Toilet Articles

Now for the usual week-end follies of the Philanthropic Cutters—People put off buying during the week, and scan eagerly the ads on Fridays for foolish prices on toilet articles. The majority of our citizens now know that we meet any fool price made by any one—if we have the goods—so it matters not to me how foolish they may be, we will carry on the same old game. Here's a little list of our own. Cut out the others in this paper and bring them with you on Saturday:

Hind's Honey and Almond Cream.....39¢  
Physicians' and Surgeons' Soap.....12¢  
Mentholum.....7¢  
LaPerle Castile Soap.....12¢  
Cuticura Soap.....19¢  
Wright's Silver Cream.....17¢  
Woodbury's Facial Soap.....19¢  
Pinard's Lilac Vegetal.....23¢  
Jergens' Benzoin Lotion.....3 for 25¢  
Jergens' Soap.....16¢  
White Rose Glycerine Soap.....16¢  
Pebeco Paste.....34¢

## Notwithstanding Frigid Weather Wash Dress Goods Business Immense

Rightness of selection counts here. GINGHAMS and VOILES lead in popularity.

Ginghams at 35¢, 49¢, 59¢, 75¢, \$1.00 and \$1.25 yard. Voiles at 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

**SPECIAL SATURDAY BARGAINS**—All our 36-inch colored popline, 69¢ yard, in the newest and most staple shades. Woven tissues in stripes, Saturday, 39¢ yard.

## Several Specials at Glove Section

Just in from LaBelle, France—Some choice kids, in browns and grays, with fancy embroidery—Also black, with white and fancy embroidery—Our guaranteed qualities.

## The House Dress Department

Has become amazingly popular, and yet, when one knows the reasons it is not so strange. So many women like the air of brightness, the atmosphere of cleanliness, the touch of chicness, for morning wear. There is real style in some of the models, and made from beautiful ginghams and pretty percales, they could not be other than popular. We are letting down the prices and reducing the profits to still further increase the sales—\$2.50 to \$5.95 each.

## Corset Section

**LA CAMILLE**—Styled the corset "par excellence"—Front laced, with the Ventillo back, is justly famed—This excellent feature is something unique—No other corset has it—Always up to the moment in models—Prices range from \$4.00 to \$14.00.

## Sale of Odd Lots

Once a month we aim to have a clean-out sale of odd lots of aprons, cotton dresses and nurses' aprons. Saturday is the day for the month of March—\$1.79 price.

## Women's Hosiery

Two very decided bargains—39¢ and 59¢ a pair. Fiber in black—fashioned cotton in white—39¢, the value is 69¢.

Outside Hosiery—fashioned in black only and Nu-fashions, in gray, brown, putty, flesh, etc.—59¢ for a day instead of 75¢.

Children's Hosiery—Fine and coarse ribbed for boys and girls. All sizes, in blacks and whites—29¢—should be 49¢.

## And Now, Sir, Here's a Drawing Card for You.

A sale of men's night shirts—3 different numbers—3 different weights—made from good quality muslin—\$1.39 each, instead of \$1.75. Also our best outing flannel—muslin in collar—attached or without.

## Some Compliments

**FROM OVERSEAS AND NATIVE LAND**—So many nice things have been written and said about that sweet section opposite our elevator that it wouldn't be strange if the "COBBS" had to use a shoe horn to put on their hats. They take it, however, quite modestly, and the encomiums are so numerous and so constant as to be general. Now, this didn't