*RENTAL BARONS* 

PREPARE ALIBIS

'Increased Operating Ex-

penses" Is Favorite Excuse

Given When Rates Are

Raised.

Confronted with increased rents

on the one hand and consistently as-

cending food and clothing rates on

the other tenants of Omaha apart-

ment houses and homes are finding

the situation doubly difficult. A

survey of Omaha's rental scale re-

veals the fact that practically every

that an increase will soon become

rental scale for homes is also re-

"Takes More Capital."

dence in the same apartments or

homes because of the scarcity of

nent real estate dealer.

such places in the city.

houses of the city.

vacant for obvious reasons.

A fact:

winter is ended.

FOR BIG BOOSTS

See Jiggs and Maggie in Full Page of Colors in The Sunday Bee.



apartment house in the city has eithby the management of the latter apartment to take effect on Octoer put a 10 to 30 per cent advance in rents into effect in the last three months or has notified its tenants

Here's Record Boost.

effective. A like increase in the The J. L. Hiatt Real Estate company, operating the "Elwood" apartments, Forty-ninth and Dodge In a few instances where no advance is now threatened the rental streets, has declared a 66 2-3 per cent advance in rents to be effective on October 1. Apartments scale was boosted last winter or spring, but even here occupants anticipate another boost before the at the "Elwood" are leased at the present time for \$75 a month. At the increased rate these apartments Real estate men and proprietors in each case protested their inability will rent at \$125 a month.

to continue leasing their properties at the old rates. Increased operat-At the "Helen" apartments, Twenat the old rates. Increased operating expenses are cited as the principal cause for the upward trend of rents for homes and apartments.

ty-tourth and namely streets, and ty-tourth and rarney streets, and ty-tourth and ty-fourth and Harney streets, adcent advance is generally made in "It requires more than double the cach case.

capital now to properly maintain a furnished apartment than it did be effective at the "Coronado" as I have sometimes heard when prior to the war," said one promi-Capitol avenue, on October 1. Advances in the rates at the "Hamilton" apartments, Twenty- feeling of mysterious terror I shiv-In the meantime those tenants who desire to move because of their inability to pay the increased rents are forced to continue resiing put into effect as the tenants'

leases expire. Twenty-fifth and Farnam streets, sudden silence which had followed will be raised October 1.

From reports of real estate men Many hotels are also advancing What had happened at the princithere are but few suites vacant in their rates. The Harvard hotel pal's home?
Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets. I tried to any of the principal apartment Practically every suite or home in the central portion of the city is occupied. Leases are to be had on some homes being forced to pay 25 cents a day or suites in the less desirable sections of the city, but they remain more for each room.

Both at the El Beudor, Eighteenth While Omaha oil dealers are selland Dodge streets, and the Strehlow Terrace apartments, Twen- ing distillate oil at 9 cents a gallon, tieth street and Sherman avenue, it or 2 cents lower than the price last down. was reported that every apartment year, dealers at Lincoln and Counwas occupied. An increase of from cil Bluffs are reported to be selling 10 to 20 per cent has been declared at 734 and 8 cents, respectively.

... and at all six stands

in the Capitol building

The six tobacco stands in the Capitol building

at Washington are patronized both by Govern-

ment officials and employees and by the big

business and professional men from all sections

of the United States, who are constantly coming

At each one of these stands more Fatimas are

sold every day than any other cigarette, regard-

less of price - which seems to show that the

preference for Fatima is really nation-wide.

into and passing out of Washington.

My Heart and My Husband ADELE GARRISON'S New Phase of "Revelations of a Wife"

side myself seemed to be urging me

on. I waited impatiently for the

"But I was just talking on that

"It may be suddenly out of order.

will get a report on it and let you

"Thank you." With a feeling of

despairing impotence I hung up the

receiver, debating what was best to

The Long Wait.

One thing was clear, I must stay

n the office until I had the report

upon the Stockbridge telephone, But

I resolved to get away the moment

that it came. I felt a sudden loath-

ing of the room and the school of

The outer hall door closed with a

bang. In an unreasoning panic I

flew to the outer office door and

locked it, thanking my stars that it

was fastened, so there was no chance

of an intruder disturbing me. Then

which it was the center. I had ex-

came, terse, unsatisfying.
"Bayview 678 does not answer."

The Telephone Rings at Last. | I was suddenly disconnected. Will Her voice trailed off into a you please call them back?" startled scream. The next instant get frenzied Milly Stockbridge on it had sounded another note of dis- the wire again. But something out-

"Don't! Oh-h-h!"

Then there was a sudden sever- report of the operator. At last it telephone receiver being replaced line," I protested. An advance of \$5 per month will upon the hook, no slight noise such apartments, Twenty-second and central has severed a connection suddenly.

fourth and Farnam streets, are be-ing put into effect as the tenants' I sat for fully two minutes mechanically holding the telephone re-Rents at the Angelus apartments, ceiver to my ear, wondering at the

Milly Stockbridge's terrified scream.

I tried to gather my scattered wits has increased its rents twice dur-ing the last year and a half. The must do something. There had been worrying since I entered it. last advance came recently, tenants cringing fear in the voice of the principal's wife. Had she been alone in the house, and had some murderous housebreaker come unex-

was an unusually-heavy door. I pectedly upon her? With sudden unreasoning impalhad noticed that the communicattience I joggled the receiver up and ing door between the closet adjoining the office and that of the library

"Operator," quoth central laconically, according to her rules.

"I was talking to Bayview 678, and with a sudden malediction upon my

own absurdity, I flew to the window overlooking the winding walk leadng to the street. Of course, Miss Wines and Miss Pratt were placidly walking down it. It was their de-parture I had heard.

But I didn't unlock the door. The sensation of safety from possible intrusion was too precious as I settled myself to wait for central's re-

It was five minutes in coming. I knew the time to the second, for it seemed hours in duration, and consulted my watch every few seconds to reassure myself as to the shortness of the time.

Mr. Stockbridge's Voice. And despite all my effort at self-

control I jumped like a nervous school girl when the ring finally

"Bayview 678 is out of order," came the report. "Here is a call for you. Will you take it?" "Yes, please," I answered me-

chanically, too worried about what had happened at the Stockbridge home to have any feeling of wonder as to the identity of my new telephone call. "Mrs. Graham?"

Mr. Stockbridge's voice brought my wandering faculties quickly to attention. It was hoarse, strained, as if he were laboring under some mental tension.

"Yes, Mr. Stockbridge." "Is any one else in the building?" "Only the janitor."

"Will you do something for me without question? It is vital for both you and Miss Holcombe that you do it."
"Yes, surely." I fought hard to

ecp my voice from trembling. You have the keys to my private desk there.'

"Please open it and take all my private papers out. Be sure to look over everything. There must not he one thing personal left. Now I will give you instructions how to find a small, secret receptacle in

Through all the nervous tension of the moment the memory of Bess Dean's fanciful assertion swept across my mind. So there was a secret drawer in

Mr. Stockbridge's desk after all. (Continued Tomorrow.)

# South Side

Grapes New Attraction At the South Side Market

Grapes were the attraction at the

South Side city market Wednesday A larger number than last time

were offered for sale and were quickly purchased. Corn, carrots. beets and tomatoes were the chief offerings.

The recent dry spell is said to have harmed the backyard gardens causng less produce than usual to be marketed. Fresh tomatoes selling at 45 and 50 cents a basket were considerably under the retail prices.

### New Sheep Record Is Set At the South Side Yards

A new record for sheep receipts this season was established Wednesday when between 46,000 and 53,000 head were unloaded. Chicago re-ported only 33,000 head and Kansas City, 5,000. Record runs of sheep have been received daily during the last seven days. The trend of the values is slightly upward. About 80 per cent of the receipts is feeder

### South Side Brevities

For sale, modern 8 room home. 3717 o. 24th St. Packers are receiving only 40 cents ound, wholesale. Hogs are selling for \$10 a single pound in the South Side.

For Sale—New 6-room house, very rea-enable; immediate possessien. Call So.

Mrs. John Hughes, Twenty-seventh and R streets, reported the theft of five rings from her home Tuesday.

J. C. French of the Stock Yards National bank has left for a month's vacation in Lighes, Nova Scotia.

George Hodak and Ray P. Benolken were arrested for assault and battery after a combat in a garage at Twentieth and U streets Tuesday. The case was continued.

Jura Odoc, 5601 South Twenty-ninth street, was fined \$12.50 and costs in police court Wednesday for assault and battery. The complaint was filed by Milavak Mijatovich, 5603 South Twenty-ninth street. Miss Alice Rathsack, daughter of W. A. Rathsack, president of the Security State bank, has returned from Chicago, where she was graduated last week from the kindergarten and primary courses of the National Kindergarten and Elementary college.

Louis Weich, Twenty-seventh and Q streets, employed at the Armour & Co. plant, paid the record price in police court Wednesday, and even at that figure didn't get his two pounds of pork for which he spent \$20, for Armour police testified Weich had been stealing meat daily.

ally.

News of the record transaction musiave reached the Live Stock exchange for prices took a sudden jump of 15 to 55 cents higher, with the best selling a \$22.35 per 100 pounds. This price is nea the high mark which was abandone when the H. C. of L. and profiteers were the suggest a little too much into the limitation.

Mexico Expels Foreigners. El Paso, Tex., Aug. 13.-Twenty

one foreigners, including Americans Spaniards, Cubans and citizens of he Argentine Republic, have been expelled from Mexico- recently by order of the Carranza government officials, according to El Dia Es panol, the Spanish paper in Mexico City, under date of August 6.

Misconduct while in Mexico was given as the reas

# Divorce Courts

Frances Healy charges Frank Healy with cruelty in a petition for divorce filed in district court. They were married on April 5, 1917.

grounds on which Anna Cohen asks the district court for a divorce from

Five divorce decrees were grant- First division. d by Judge Troup in district court. On the grounds of cruelty Nathan a tour of the battlefields and the Fingold was given a divorce from occupied area, were attending a dance given in their honor when the from Isa L. Brundage; Dorma Lathrop from John W. Lathrop; Zu- night. The flames got beyond the dora J. Anderson from August W. control of the German fremen and Anderson and Fred M. Copleland the West Pointers and the doughfrom Winona B. Copeland. Johanna Farnsworth was given a divorce from Sedrick J. Farnsworth on the

Ida Brun was given a divorce rom Henry Brun on grounds of onsupport, Edna Brouillette from William Edward Brouillette, and Mary from Carleton L. Vizzard, on the grounds of cruelty, by Judge Sears in district court.

grounds of desertion.

### Tariff Inspector of U. P. Dies After Long Illness

William R. Pargeter, 41 years old, tariff inspector for the Union Pacific, died at his home, 1829 North Nineteenth street, yesterday, following an illness of more than a year.

He was unmarried. Mr. Pargeter had been in the employ of the Union Pacific 25 years. He was traveling freight agent, later commercial agent at Norfolk and

subsequently tariff inspector for both freight, and passenger depart-Mr. Pargeter was prominent in local Masonic circles and was a mem-

per of the Omaha lodge of Elks He is survived by three sisters, Miss Eva, Miss Frances and Miss Sarah Pargeter, Omaha, and one prother, James Pargeter, who lives in the central part of Nebraska. Funeral services will be held at 2

Thursday afternoon at the home. The body will be taken to Kearney

More Omahans Arrive In

New York From Overseas

The following Omahans arrived ecently in New York from over-

Company 14, First Air Service Mechanics—Corp. Leland L. Shop-shire, 2122 South Thirty-third street; orp. Charles C. Fiala, 2301 South I welfth street. Casuals-Pvt. Tony Scurto, 1515

forth Seventeenth street. Supply Company 334-Pvt. Jimmy iasson, 1114 South Twelfth street. Evacuation Hospital No. 16-Sgt. lifford G. Ashmore, 3223 Cass street; Pvt. Ernest A. Marsh, 1806 North Twenty-fourth street.

Motor Transport Company No. 22-Sgt. Loyd Jensen, 1919 South ifty-third street.

Casuals-Pvt. Lloyd D. Gilson, 14081/2 Chicago street; Pvt. Clarence A. Allwine, 4537 Charles street.

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Many Other Clean Amusements. FREE! **DE CARNO** 

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 17.

# New Show Today.

BILLY MILLER & CO., ABYSSINIA! TRIO, ZOLA DUO, HUDSONS SISTERS

### BASE BAL ROURKE PARK

Omaha vs. Wichita August 12-13-14 Game Called 3:30 P. M. ats on Sale, Barkalow Bros. Store, 16th and Farnan

## 200 West Pointers Help Germans Fight Big Fire at Coblenz

Coblenz, Aug. 13 .- (By the Associated Press.)-Two hundred officers who recently graduated from West Point military academy joined hands early today with hundreds of Cruelty and nonsupport are the American doughboys and civilians in fighting a fire which threatened Samuel Cohen. They were married to destroy the Moravian colony, in Council Buffs on February 23, ancient order of religious workers, at Neuweid, headquarters of the

> The West Pointers, who are on boys were summoned by Col. Stephen O. Fuqua, chief of staff of the First division, to aid in quenching

The Americans fought the fire until daylight, when it was brought office, say they know nothing of under control. The blaze was control the matter. Keefe was arrested by fined to one block. Several buildings devoted to the industries of the Moravians were destroyed.

### Chance for Young Men to Get Into Movie as "Injuns" The final scenes of the Chamber

f Commerce motion picture, "East Meets West" will be filmed Thursday afternoon at Child's Point near Bellevue. The scenes will represent Omaha at the time of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Twenty young men are needed to play the parts of Indians in this scene. Makeup and costumes will be furnished those who wish to take part. Applicants are requested to meet Lem Kennedy, the director, Thursday noon at 1514 Howard street. Wednesday afternoon, A. R. Mar-

iner, camera man, went up in an airplane and flew over the city 'shooting" scenes.

### Shopmen of Wabash Are Only Ones Still Out On Strike

The strike of shopmen on the Omaha-Chicago and Omaha-Kansas lity and St. Louis roads has ended with the exception of on the Wabash where a considerable number of the men are reported to have refused to

return to work. Shopmen on the Northwestern returned to work Tuesday afternoon and on the lines of that road, conditions are rapidly getting back to normal. Trains run in and out on schedule and the congestion of treight at terminals is being cleared All of the roads are now acepting freight for destinations in all

PHOTOPLAYS.



Mrs. Charlie Chaplin --in---

**FORBIDDEN** A country girl who is cured of her longing for

high life by her husband. but only after thrilling and



"Human Desire"

# **AUTO MEN SEEK END OF OMAHA'S PARKING SNARL**

Dealers Meet to Suggest New Departure From Scheme Approved by City Com-

Omaha automobile dealers seek to have the commissioners remedy the parking evik

missioners.

At a meeting Tuesday of the Auto Trade association recommendations were made and Clark G. Powell selected to present the plan to the council.

The auto men thought the old parking ordinance was negligible and that the commissioners had made bad matters worse. The automobile men did not try to criticize the commissioners, but simply suggested a remedy

The plan suggested is for autos to be parked in the down-town section at an angle of 45 degrees with the curb, and that lines be marked on the pavement seven feet apart. thus giving space for persons to walk between the cars. All cars

are to be kept between these lines. "Under the present system it is practically impossible for women to get into the shopping district at all with their cars," said Mr. Powell. "Cars are run too close together and it takes a most skillful driver to get his car out when someone drives too close behind.

"A repair man told me that his business had more than doubled. under the present plan, as so many cars were bumped into each other, smashing fenders and lights."

### Not Lininger Company

The Lininger Implement company, reported by police to have been the victim of Edward Keefe, Clearwater, Neb., who is said to have passed a check for \$1,600 at that company's the matter. Keefe was arrested by Police Captain Haze Monday.

PROTOPLAYS.



Virtuous Thief\*

For the sake of her brother's honor, she was scorched by a man's unholy love, scorned as a wanton, branded as a thief.

But when the reckoning came - Hurray! You'll be glad you came to see it.





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