Investigation of Real Estate Men for Forming Illegal Combine May Be Instituted.

FLAT DWELLERS

MAY GO TO COURT

FOR LOWER RENT

Tenants in the Drake court apartments, South Twenty-second and Jones streets, who with the occupants of a score of other Omaha apartment houses, are formulating definite plans to resist the extortionate demands of profiteering landlords, yesterday began the circulation of a petition among the 216 flats in the court calling on the women to lend their concerted support to the movement launched last week.

A committee of women Saturday consulted with an attorney to as-certain the proper course to pursue. The attorney is looking up the law and, it is said, will advise the committee within a few days.

## Hint at Combine.

A plan which has been suggested to the committee contemplates the flat refusal to meet the alleged unfair increased rates in rent and also refuse to vacate. It has been suggested that the general raise in rents recently all over the city of from 15 to 50 per cent is the result of a get-to-gether agreement between local real estate men and landlords.

The point is made that this is an illegal combination formed with a purpose to take advantage of the limited number of apartments and houses for rent in Omaha to bleed thousands of those who will be compelled to comply with the demands of property owners and rent

agents. It is said also that notices of raises in rents were not served until the 11th hour, which has cre ated a situation where many persons will not be able to move and find apartments for rent during the winter.

rade commission charges against If the plan meets with the approvthe five leading packers, on which al of their attorney, an investigation the Kenyon and Kendrick bills proof certain local real estate men and posing license regulations of the inlandlords on a charge of forming dustry are based, were denied before an illegal combination for profiteerthe senate agriculture committee, in ing purposes will be instituted with behalf of Swift and company. L a view to prosecution it was said. D. H. Weld, manager of the depart-The idea also is to enjoin the propment of business research for the erty owners against ejection pend Swift company, was the only witness ing the investigation. actually on the stand, but his state-

In the event, their attorney apments were supplemented occasionproves this course, it was pointed ally by Henry Veeder, as general out the arrangement would lead to counsel for the company, and by a long drawn out legal battle with John Chaplin, its general auditor. the possibility of landlords who are Statistical Analysis identified with the alleged combina-Statistical analysis of Swift and tion not receiving any rentals for ompany's beef operations presenttheir properties for months, unless

ed by Mr. Weld fixed the cost price they agree to meet their tenants on of fresh beef to the company in a reasonable and fair basis. The opinion was expressed sev-1914 at \$7.06 a hundredweight, and eral days ago by one of the Dougthe cost price had jumped 53.1 per las county district judges that there was ample provision in the statutes

OMAHA TO Brief City News Have Root Print It—Beacon Press Electric Washers—Burgess-Grandes Co. Omaha Gasoline and Oils—"Best n the Long Run."—Adv. tП OF BIRTH OF U. S "The American State Bank at 18th and Farnam pays interest upon time deposits and savings accounts."-

"Your deposits in the American State Bank are protected by the guaranty fund of the state of Ne-braska."—Adv. Suggestion of National Se-Use Peerless Laundry Tablets-

Carried Out Here on Washes clothes without rubbing; 16 tablets to the box; per box, 25 cts For sale at all grocers .- Adv. Inspects Oil Lands-E. W. Kerr has returned from Kansas, where he

Omaha will join in a national obwent to inspect the property of investors in the George C. Eselin ervance of the birthday of the United States constitution, as has tract in Montgomery county. Asks for Divorce-Charles Howibeen suggested by the National Sesev applied to the district court yescurity league, on September 17. terday for a divorce from Nell How-This was decided at a meeting of isey on the grounds of cruelty. They were married in 1908. He asks for the Chamber of Commerce committhe custody of their three children. tee on post war activities yesterday. Dr. Lee W. Edwards announces The Municipal auditorium has that his office will be open from 9 been secured for the evening of Sepuntil 12 a. m. only for four days, tember 17, and a speaker of national

terday.

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**OBSERVANCE** 

curity League Will Be

September 17.

Stanley M. Rosewater has been se-

Brome as chairman for the organiza-

tion work in the state of Nebraska.

patriotic demonstration. Its pur-pose is to combat the spread of un-

American influences in this country. The American Bar association will

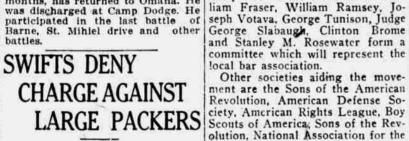
co-operate in the movement. Wil-

The celebration, as outlined yes-

is to be a great nation-wide

Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. After Tuesday his office hours will be as heretofore, from 9 importance will speak on the constitution at that time, it was announced until 12 a. m., and from 3 until 6:30 at the meeting yesterday. p. m.-Adv. Sues for \$10,000-Nathan P. Woodbury has filed suit in district lected as chairman of the Omaha organization work, and Maj. Clinton

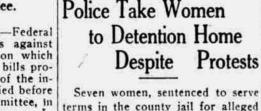
court against Truman S. Day for \$10,000. Mr. Woodbury alleges that an automobile driven by Mr. Day ran over and killed his 7-year-old son, Guy Woodbury, at Thirty-third street and Ames avenue on August 8. Returns From Army-Private J. Thornton, machine gun company, 38th in infantry, who has been over-seas 19 months and in the army 23 months, has returned to Omaha. He



Constitutional Government, and the Statistical Analysis of Com-National Association of the Daughters of the American Revolution pany's Beef Operations Presented to Committee.

Washington, Aug. 25 .- Federal

price had increased 46 per cent, or



erms in the county jail for alleged vagrancy and prostitution, rebelled at the action of police officers yesterday when the policemen sought to escort them to the Detention home for examination, preliminary to being taken to jail.

"We won't go to that damnable place," they cried in unison, led by Miss Bobbie" Gladstone. "You'll carry or drag us if you want us over

there." The women were arrested in various places Saturday night. Three of the women, Nell Clayton and the selling price at \$12.09. In 1918 Mary Holmes, 708 North Sixteenth street, and Mrs. Minnie Holman, 406 cent, or to \$10.81, and the selling North Fourteenth street, were arrested early Sunday morning by Deto \$17.77. During the four weeks ending August 16, live stock, Mr. into their rooms in a search for "certain named men who had endorsed the recall petition," it was said. When the women learned they were to be taken to the Detention home for examination they laid on the floor of the city jail. A squad of policemen was ordered by Captain Haze and Chief of Detectives Dunn to carry the rebels into the

THE BEE: OMAHA, TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1919.

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY. VERYBODY'S STORE"

# OUR PROGRESS SALE

# Do Not Fail to Take Advantage of the Rare Values Here Tuesday in the Downstairs Store in White and Colored Wash Materials

E VERY housewife should be here Tuesday when the store opens to partake of these wonderful values in white and colored dress goods. Here are but a very few of the many specials:





This Sale of Draperies Comes at a Most Opportune Time **Greatly Reduced Prices** 

of the home, and this drapery sale will save you many dollars."

Attractively trimmed.

Burgess-Nash Co .- Downstairs Store



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into the matter thoroughly, but Weld's charts showed, cost Swill expressed the firm conviction that \$102.86 a head, and were slaughtered relief could be obtained by an ap- and shipped at an expense of \$12.82 head. The beef in each animal peal to the courts.

Following the publication of this brought an average of \$85.11, and hides and by-products \$31.96. The opinion in The Bee scores of tenprofit deducted from this was 28 ants in apartment houses all over cents a hundredweight. the city have been holding confer-Denies Profits Concealed.

ence with the purpose of taking the necessary action to thwart the plans of landlords demanding extortionate rents.

for the relief of tenants who are be-

ing subjected to unfair demands

The judge declared he had not gone

A committee representing the tencommittee members pressed the point, Mr .- Veeder declared that ants of the Drake Court apartments has indicated a purpose of attendthe books of the company and all ing one of the meetings held by the its subsidiaries were open to its city council's investigation of high rents, provided it is not abandened, xamination for verification. Denial was also made by Weld like the high cost of food investithat combined profits of the packgation was abandoned before anyers during 1918 under food adminthing had been accomplished. istration control were \$178,000,000

# To Attend Hearing.

as stated by Federal Trade Com-While tenants in the Angelus missioner Colver. "The facts," said Mr. Weld, "are that in 1918 the five companies apartments, Twenty-fifth avenue and Farnam street, refused emphatically to take up the matter with earned \$68,516,000 and that after the city attorney, it was decided to federal taxes were deducted they send a delegation to the city hall earned \$51,600,000 net. Under the food commission regulation, the to attend at least one of the gathprofits were much lower than they erings of the council while it is investigating the matter of high rents. were in 1917. In 1915 the packers profits were equivalent to 15.27 per

At a number of renters meetings attention has been called to the fact cent on capital and surplus; in 1917 they were 18.28 per cent and in 1918, 10.42 per cent. of the council's failure to accomplish anything in the food investigation, and hundreds of occupants of **Omaha** Theatrical

apartments have gone on record expressing opinions of doubt as to whether Mayor Smith and members of the city commission would make any headway in their investigation of rents.

As an indication of the fact that real estate men are making a con-

certed effort to raise the rents all over the city, C. E. Mitchell yes-terday cited an example in the case of the apartment house at 554-556 South Twenty-sixth avenue. owned by Calkins company, "real estate and investments" 1712 Down entire country.

estate and investments," 1712 Doug-las street. Until recently Mr Mit-The plan for the day was or ginated by showmen of New York chell was a tenant in the apartment. City. Committees are in the pro-He moved out a week ago when his rent on a six-room unfurnished cess of being appointed or have been apartment was raised from \$30 to \$55 a month. The property lately has been purchased by the Calkins

company from J. A. Aulabaugh. Mr. Aulabaugh told me that while he owned the building scores

of real estate men begged him to increase the rent," said Mr. Mit-"Mr. Aulabaugh declared chell. that he thought he was getting a efforts. fair rate of rent and to each real

estate man who tried to prevail on him to join them in raising rents he replied he was charging his tenants enough and refused to join' the comactors' fund. bination.

Mr. Mitchell declared he was called on by a representative of the Calkins Co. August 5 and told that he would have to pay an additional front, arrived in Omaha yesterday, rental of \$25, the arrangement be- It was presented to the city by Ben coming effective September 1, or move out. He also was told he hall. would be expected to execute an annual lease, which did not contemplate the owners furnishing the heat or keeping up the repairs.

This property, which includes eight partments, recently changed dealers.

hands for a consideration of \$28,000. Tenants of the 12 apartments in the Iler building, North Sixteenth and while the contract called for and Jackson streets, yesterday janitor service, this clause of the held an indignation meeting and an-nounced they would resist a de- lord. She also declared that each nounced they would resist a demand made on them by their land-lord Saturday for an increase in \$3 a week to fight the bed bugs and rept of from \$50 to \$60 a month. rats in the building.

drug rendezvous. Mr. Weld denied that any profits not shown were concealed in the by-products distribution and when A crowd, attracted by the girls' screams of remonstrance, gathered about the jail and watched the poice carry them into the Detention

nome. The women were: Mrs. Minnie Holman, 406 North Fourteenth treet; Nell Clayton and Mary Iolmes, 708 North Sixteenth street; Bobbie" Gladstone and Julia Davis. 502 Burt street; Clara Monroe, 1405 lackson street, and Mrs. George Rigby, who gave her address as 2825 Parker street.

# Alkali in Shampoos **Bad For Washing Hair**

Most soaps and prepared sham-poos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle. The best thing to use is Mulsified cocoanut oil shampoo, for this is

pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap and beats anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for Managers to Aid In Big Memorial Day months:

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a tea-Omaha theatrical managers will spoonful is all that is required. It oin in paying tribute to the actors makes an abundance of rich, and actresses who aided the country creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, n winning the war on Friday, Deand rinses out easily. The hair cember 5, which has been designated dries quickly and evenly, and is as "Actors' Memorial Day" over the soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy and easy to handle. Besides,

it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff. -Adv.



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Burgess-Nash Co.-Downstairs Store

All druggiets: Soap 25, Ointment 25 & 50, Talcum 25 Sample each free of "Cuticura, Days, E. Bestan." The apartments are owned and rented by George & Co., real estate

One woman occupant of the NUXATED IRON building declared the renters were compelled to furnish their own light MASTER STRENGTH BLOOD BUILDER Don't Accept Substitutes

