

# FLAT DWELLERS MAY GO TO COURT FOR LOWER RENT

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

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 ascertain 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 is to file 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-together 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 served until the 11th hour, which has created a situation where many persons will not be able to move and find apartments for rent during the winter.

If the plan meets with the approval of their attorney, an investigation of certain local real estate men and landlords on a charge of forming an illegal combination for profiteering purposes will be instituted with a view to prosecution it was said. The idea also is to enjoin the property owners against ejecting pending the investigation.

In the event their attorney approves this course, it was pointed out the arrangement would lead to a long drawn-out legal battle with the possibility of landlords who are identified with the alleged combination not receiving any rentals for their properties for months, unless they agree to meet their tenants on a reasonable and fair basis.

The opinion was expressed several days ago by one of the Douglas county district judges that there was ample provision in the statutes for the relief of tenants who are being subjected to unfair demands. The judge declared he had not gone into the matter thoroughly, but expressed the firm conviction that relief could be obtained by an appeal to the courts.

Following the publication of this opinion in The Bee scores of tenants in apartment houses all over the city have been holding conference with the purpose of taking the necessary action to thwart the plans of landlords demanding extortionate rents.

A committee representing the tenants of the Drake Court apartments has indicated a purpose of attending one of the meetings held by the city council's investigation of high rents, provided it is not abandoned, like the high cost of food investigation was abandoned before any thing had been accomplished.

**To Attend Hearing.**  
While tenants in the Angelus apartments, Twenty-fifth avenue and Farnam street, refused emphatically to take up the matter with the city attorney, it was decided to send a delegation to the city hall to attend at least one of the gatherings of the council while it is investigating the matter of high rents.

At a number of renters meetings attention has been called to the fact of the council's failure to accomplish anything in the food investigation, and hundreds of occupants of 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 concerted effort to raise the rents all over the city, C. E. Mitchell yesterday 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 Douglas street. Until recently Mr. Mitchell was a tenant in the apartment. He moved out a week ago when his rent on a six-room unfurnished 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. Mitchell. "Mr. Aulabaugh declared that he thought he was getting a 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 combination."

## Brief City News

**Have Root Print It—Beacon Press Electric Washers—Burgess-Grand Co. Omaha Gasoline and Oil—Best in the Long Run—Adv.**  
**"The American State Bank at 18th and Farnam pays interest upon time deposits and savings accounts."**—Adv.

"Your deposits in the American State Bank are protected by the guaranty fund of the state of Nebraska."—Adv.  
**Use Peerless Laundry Tablets—**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 went to inspect the property of investors in the George C. Eselin tract in Montgomery county.  
**Asks for Divorce—**Charles Howley applied to the district court yesterday for a divorce from Nell Howley on the grounds of cruelty. They were married in 1908. He asks for the custody of their three children.

**Dr. Lee W. Edwards announces** that his office will be open from 9 until 12 a. m. only for four days, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday after Tuesday his office hours will be as heretofore, from 9 until 12 a. m., and from 3 until 6:30 p. m.—Adv.

**Sues for \$10,000—**Nathan F. Woodbury has filed suit in district 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, John Woodbury, at Thirty-third street and Ames avenue on August 8.

**Returns From Army—**Private J. E. Thornton, machine gun company, 88th in infantry, who has been overseas 19 months and in the army 23 months, has returned to Omaha. He was discharged at Camp Dodge. He participated in the last battle of Belle, St. Mihiel drive and other battles.

## SWIFTS DENY CHARGE AGAINST LARGE PACKERS

Statistical Analysis of Company's Beef Operations Presented to Committee.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Federal trade commission charges against the five leading packers, on which the Kenyon and Kendrick bills proposing license regulations of the industry are based, were denied before the senate agriculture committee, in behalf of Swift and company, L. D. H. Weld, manager of the department of business research for the Swift company, was the only witness actually on the stand, but his statements were supplemented occasionally by Henry Veeder, as general counsel for the company, and by John Chaplin, its general auditor.

**Statistical Analysis.**  
Statistical analysis of Swift and company's beef operations presented by Mr. Weld fixed the cost price of fresh beef to the company in 1914 at \$7.50 a hundredweight, and the selling price at \$12.09. In 1918 the cost price had jumped 53.1 per cent, or to \$10.81, and the selling price had increased 46 per cent, or to \$17.77. During the four weeks ending August 16, live stock, Mr. Weld's charts showed, cost Swift \$102.86 a head, and were slaughtered and shipped at an expense of \$12.82 a head. The beef in each animal brought an average of \$85.11, and hides and by-products \$31.96. The profit deducted from this was 28 cents a hundredweight.

**Denies Profits Concealed.**  
Mr. Weld denied that any profits not shown were concealed in the by-products distribution and when committee members pressed the point, Mr. Veeder declared that the books of the company and all its subsidiaries were open to its examination for verification. Denial was also made by Weld that combined profits of the packers during 1918 under food administration control were \$178,000,000, as stated by Federal Trade Commissioner Colver.

"The facts," said Mr. Weld, "are that in 1918 the five companies earned \$68,160,000 and that after federal taxes were deducted they earned \$51,600,000 net. Under the food commission regulation, the profits were much lower than they were in 1917. In 1915 the packers' profits were equivalent to 15.27 per cent on capital and surplus; in 1917 they were 18.28 per cent and in 1918, 10.42 per cent."

## Omaha Theatrical Managers to Aid In Big Memorial Day

Omaha theatrical managers will join in paying tribute to the actors and actresses who aided the country in winning the war on Friday, December 5, which has been designated as "Actors' Memorial Day" over the entire country.  
The plan for the day was originated by showmen of New York City. Committees are in the process of being appointed or have been appointed in every city to further plans for the day.  
It is pointed out that many actors laid down their lives on the field of battle for their country. Others aided in winning the war by entertaining the men in the trenches. Those who remained at home raised more than \$250,000,000 in the various financial drives through their own efforts.  
It is planned to stage an extra show in every theater in the city on that day, the proceeds to go to the actors' fund.

**Canon, Relic of War, Here.**  
A relic of the war, a cannon which has seen service on the western front, arrived in Omaha yesterday. It was presented to the city by Ben Gallagher, and will probably be mounted in the rotunda of the city hall.

The apartments are owned and rented by George & Co., real estate dealers.  
One woman occupant of the building declared the renters were compelled to furnish their own light and while the contract called for janitor service, this clause of the agreement was ignored by the landlord. She also declared that each tenant was forced to spend \$2 and \$3 a week to fight the bed bugs and rats in the building.

# OMAHA TO JOIN IN OBSERVANCE OF BIRTH OF U. S.

Suggestion of National Security League Will Be Carried Out Here on September 17.

Omaha will join in a national observance of the birthday of the United States constitution, as has been suggested by the National Security league, on September 17. This was decided at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce committee on post war activities yesterday.

The Municipal auditorium has been secured for the evening of September 17, and a speaker of national importance will speak on the constitution at that time, it was announced at the meeting yesterday.

Stanley M. Rosewater has been selected as chairman of the Omaha organization work, and Maj. Clinton Brome as chairman for the organization work in the state of Nebraska.

The celebration, as outlined yesterday, is to be a great nation-wide patriotic demonstration. Its purpose is to combat the spread of un-American influences in this country. The American Bar association will co-operate in the movement. William Fraser, William Ramsey, Joseph Votava, George Tunison, Judge George Slabough, Clinton Brome and Stanley M. Rosewater form a committee which will represent the local bar association.

Other societies aiding the movement are the Sons of the American Revolution, American Defense Society, American Rights League, Boy Scouts of America, Sons of the Revolution, National Association for the Constitutional Government, and the National Association of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## Police Take Women to Detention Home Despite Protests

Seven women, sentenced to serve terms 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. Three of the women, Nell Clayton and Mary Holmes, 708 North Sixteenth street, and Mrs. Minnie Holman, 406 North Fourteenth street, were arrested early Sunday morning by Detective Paul Sutton, when he broke into their rooms in a search for certain named men who had entered the rooming parties, 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 drug rendezvous.

A crowd, attracted by the girls' screams of remonstrance, gathered about the jail and watched the police carry them into the Detention home.  
The women were: Mrs. Minnie Holman, 406 North Fourteenth street; Nell Clayton and Mary Holmes, 708 North Sixteenth street; "Bobbie" Gladstone and Julia Davis, 1502 Burt street; Clara Monroe, 1405 Jackson street, and Mrs. George Rigby, who gave her address as 2825 Parker street.

**EAT SKINNER'S THE BEST MACARONI**  
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**Itching Rashes Soothed With Cuticura**  
All drug stores, Soap Co., Ointment 16¢, 32¢, 64¢, 128¢. Sample each free of "Cuticura," Soap, Ointment.

**NUXATED IRON MASTER STRENGTH AND BLOOD BUILDER**  
Don't Accept Substitutes

# BURGESS-NASH COMPANY

"EVERYBODY'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

EVERY 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:

<b>Cambric 29c</b> Beautiful "Golden Star Cambric", 36 inches wide, an excellent quality in handsome designs, 29c a yard.	<b>Ginghams 59c</b> Beautiful ginghams, 32 inches wide, in a beautiful showing of handsome plaid and neat stripes. Special, 59c a yard.	<b>Challie 19c</b> 36-inch challies. These come in light and dark colorings and in many beautiful designs.	<b>Gingham 29½c</b> 27-inch gingham, in plain colors and in handsome plaid designs, splendid quality, 29½c a yard.	<b>Poplin 38c</b> 36-inch white poplin at 38c a yard; beautiful lustrous finish and splendid quality.
<b>Crepe 39c</b> Serpentine crepe. A rare showing of the most beautiful designs in a large assortment of colors, 39c a yard.	<b>Prints 13c</b> American prints in dark colors and in neat designs. Very special, 13c a yard.	<b>Madras 35c</b> 36-inch madras, very fine quality, and in exquisite patterns, fast colors, 35c a yard.	<b>Silkoline 19½c</b> 36-inch silkoline; these come in pretty designs and colorings and make handsome comfort covering; very special, at 19½c a yard.	<b>White Goods 18c</b> Beautiful white striped fabrics of splendid quality, 18c a yard. Very special price.

Burgess-Nash Co.—Downstairs Store

### Beautiful Pussy Willow Silk Dresses Like Illustration, Tuesday \$10.05

THEY are such attractive dresses you will be very enthusiastic about them we are certain.

Made of a heavy quality Pussy Willow silk in a very clever style, like illustration, in combination of white and the following colors,

**King's Blue Navy** **Brown Rose**

Embroidered in yarn in initial bead style.

A very effective touch is a sash which ties in the back.

Burgess-Nash Co.—Downstairs Store

**Men's Union Suits 98c to \$1.49**  
BALBRIGGAN union suits for early fall wear. All splendid quality merchandise priced at about one-half, at 98c to \$1.49.  
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**Men's Corduroy Pants \$3.95**  
WELL-MADE dark corduroy pants, cut full and guaranteed to give splendid satisfaction. All sizes included, at \$3.95 a pair.  
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**Men's Union Suits 53c**  
OUR entire stock of athletic style men's union suits priced for quick clearance at 53c a garment.  
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### This Sale of Draperies Comes at a Most Opportune Time Greatly Reduced Prices

NOW comes the time when thoughts are turning to the rejuvenation of the home, and this drapery sale will save you many dollars. Here are a few items for Tuesday:

**Cretonne, 29c**  
A large assortment of cretonnes of rare beauty, at 29c a yard. An exceptional value.

**Curtain Net, 29c**  
Curtain net of splendid quality and in good range of designs, 29c a yard.

**Window Shades, 73c**  
Window shades of splendid quality, 36 inches wide and 6 feet in length, 73c each.

**Curtains, \$2.95**  
Marquisette curtains at \$2.95 pair, 2¼ yards long and excellent quality.

**Curtain Scrim, 10c**  
Curtain scrim with colored border, very specially priced, at 10c a yard.

**Voile Curtains, \$1.95**  
Voile curtains with valance, these have lace insets and some with lace edge, colors are ivory or ecru, 2¼ yards long, \$1.95 pair.

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### The Value of "A Dollar" Is Greatly Increased Tuesday in Our Housefurnishing Section

**Laundry Outfit \$1.00**  
Consisting of splint clothes basket, large size wash board, 50 feet clothes line; the outfit

**Clothes Hamper \$1.00**  
Splint clothes hamper with hinged cover, good size.

**Clothes Basket \$1.00**  
Elm splint oval clothes basket, wood bottom, good size.

**Complete Mop Outfits \$1.00**  
Consists of triangle shape Cedar Oil mop—triangle shape chemically treated mop and pint can Cedar Oil polish. The set

**9-Piece Baking Sets \$1.00**  
Glazed earthen casserole sets, consisting of 1 covered casserole, 1 small bowl, 1 large bowl, 6 custard cups. The set

**Garbage Cans \$1.00**  
Galvanized iron garbage can with galvanized iron cover. Special

**Step Stools \$1.00**  
Hardwood step stools, well braced—very handy around the home. Price

**Flour Boxes \$1.00**  
Japanned flour boxes, gold lettered; 25 lb. size with cover

**Fruit Jars, Dozen \$1.00**  
Ideal glass top fruit jars, complete with rubber rings; quart size, dozen

**Bread Boxes \$1.00**  
White Japanned bread boxes, gold lettered and trimmed.

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### Another Great Purchase and Sale of Mina Taylor Aprons \$1.45

AN announcement which is sure to create a great amount of interest among Omaha women, as there isn't a housewife that doesn't need a large assortment of aprons.

Once again we were fortunate in securing a large lot of Mina Taylor Aprons, which we are to place on sale Tuesday, at \$1.45.

They are made of splendid quality percale, in a variety of styles, many patterns, light and dark colors.

Attractively trimmed.

Burgess-Nash Co.—Downstairs Store

