

Lincoln Bureau of The Omaha Bee

RECORD CROWDS AT STATE FAIR FOR THIRD DAY

Better Babies Center of Attraction — Horse Races Start and "Thrillers" Give Exhibition.

From a Staff Correspondent.

ATTENDANCE.

	1919	1918
Sunday	14,211	9,133
Monday	14,752	10,212
Tuesday	18,218	25,277
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	1919	1918
Monday	2,878	1,581

Lincoln, Sept. 2.—The attendance at the state fair Tuesday totalled 18,218, the largest Tuesday attendance of any fair in its history, and 22,971 greater than last year. Last year the third day was "gloom Tuesday," for it started raining in the morning and kept it up most of the day, the attendance falling below any Tuesday for many years, only reaching 25,277. The good attendance today runs the total so far of the fair to 103,277, as against 54,753 for the first three days of last year.

Better babies exhibit was the center of attention and with the improved facilities for looking after the youngsters much interest is manifested. The entries started in Monday with 68. No one but the mothers understood the answer, but

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that did not matter as each baby "was just the sweetest and cutest thing that ever was," and so everybody was happy but some of the babies, who did not relish the examinations.

Show War Battle.

The showing of the Battle of St. Mihiel in front of the grand stand at night was a feature and the stands were crowded to the limit watching the display. An Omaha band furnished music. Discharged soldiers who were in the real battle said it was a good representation of the fight as they are able to remember. Horticulture and agriculture hall is a beauty spot and draws immense crowds. The displays of agriculture are excellent and a large number of counties are represented.

Airplanes Give Lincoln Flying Field Appearance

Lincoln, Sept. 2.—Lincoln appeared to be headquarters for a flying squadron Tuesday when besides the Thrift plane and the two Locklear machines, the Ellington Flying Field circus of six planes arrived in the city from Lexington and made their landing at the aero flying field south of the city.

Many Walk Lincoln Streets Rather Than Ask for Rooms

Lincoln, Sept. 2.—Failure of people visiting the state fair to inquire of the nearest policeman regarding a place to sleep was the cause of many people walking the streets until a late hour searching for lodging. The Commercial club maintains a bureau both at the club and at the intersection of two of the principal streets where, upon simply making the inquiry, rooms could be had for the asking, yet people appear to be afraid to ask for the information necessary.

Treaty Binds Bulgaria.

Paris, Sept. 2.—The peace treaty to be offered Bulgaria, says the Temps, contains an article by which Bulgaria will bind itself to accept future decision by the powers with regard to Thrace and the Aegean sea.

Burlington Shopmen Quit To Enforce Wage Demands

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 2.—A majority of the shopmen employed at the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad company at Havelock, near here, walked out today for higher wages, a report from the Havelock shops received here said.

COUNCIL WILL EXAMINE BOOKS OF LANDLORDS

That Is, Four Commissioners Adopt Another Resolution in an Effort to Satisfy the Public.

City Commissioners Butler, Ringler, Towl and Falconer yesterday voted in the city council meeting for adoption of a resolution, offered by Mr. Butler, authorizing the city council to engage necessary assistance to examine the books of the owners engaged in the rental business.

Mayor Smith and Commissioners Ure and Zimman voted against the resolution.

At two meetings held by the council for the purpose of probing high rents, the rental men, as a rule, did not disclose their figures. They stated that if the council wished to investigate their books, they would not object.

Has Been Mostly Talk.

The council has held two perfunctory meetings on the rent question, engaged in a lot of talk, adopted a lot of resolutions, but as yet has failed to get at the heart of the rent situation. While the council has been investigating, rents have been going upward, and tenants who at first looked toward the city hall in hope of relief, are beginning to look toward the courts of justice across the street from the city hall.

Mr. Butler, who started the rent probe in the city council, believes that if the council will act in good faith upon his resolution some good results may be obtained. His resolution reads:

"Resolved, That a thorough investigation be made of the books of the owners and agents of all apartment houses, flat buildings and detachable houses, as well as an investigation of the tax records in the county assessor's office and the federal building, with a view of determining whether the complaints made by tenants of increase in rents, effective October 1, are justifiable, and, if so, to take such action as may be necessary to assist in making this investigation; that the work be started at once and completed as soon as possible."

Mayor Opposes Resolution.

In opposing the resolution the mayor said:

"The city has no right to spend money for this purpose. We could not get anywhere with such an investigation. Even if the owners and agents are demanding an increase of 40 per cent or more, the city has no authority to take any action. I believe that the city should encourage new construction, rather than discourage it."

"We need at least 3,000 more homes here right away. This investigation only stirs things up and frightens investors. An agitation without power to act only tends to keep rents up and does not relieve the tenants. A man yesterday told me that he had been contemplating the erection of 15 to 20 new homes, but that he had changed his mind because of the city council's investigation. He said he was afraid he would be classed as a profiteer if he built these homes."

"I believe we may as well try to do something and not allow the people to be bled by real estate bloodsuckers," replied Commissioner Butler, who added that he did not believe that the proposed examination of books would entail any extra expense, because he was confident that competent men could be obtained from the city hall to do the work.

Commissioner Ringler's Reason.

Commissioners Ringler and Falconer voted for the resolution on the grounds that the real estate men had offered to submit their books for examination and they believed that the city should take advantage of that offer.

Mayor Smith, who fought the resolution to investigate the books of owners and agents, did not attend the rent probe hearing in the city council chamber last Friday evening, although he was urged to come by the commissioners who called him by telephone after the meeting had been started.

ESTIMATE VALUE OF CITY GAS PLANT AT \$3,351,743.56

As Company Asks Much Higher Price, Long Legal Fight is Foreseen.

The total value of the Omaha Gas Co.'s property is \$3,351,743.56, according to testimony given yesterday before the court of condemnation, sitting in the court house. The testimony was given by Burns & McDonnell of Kansas City, experts on valuing plants of this kind.

The court was appointed to determine the price to be paid for the gas plant which the people voted to buy at the election of May 7, 1918.

The gas company, it is believed, will submit that the plant is worth about \$10,000,000 plus another \$1,000,000 for "going concern value."

The court of condemnation, composed of ex-United States Senator Allen of Madison, Neb.; Judge Good of Wahoo and Judge Day of Omaha, met today after an adjournment since August 4. Corporation Counsel Lambert conducted the case for the city and W. H. Herdman and Judge McHugh were attorneys for the gas company.

Theories Are Different.

The difference in the figures regarding the value of the plant is due to different theories of estimating. The gas company holds that the city must pay the "top-notch" price, namely, what it would cost to build a duplicate of the gas company's plant at present high prices of labor and materials.

The city's experts estimated the value on the "normal theory." They first took an invoice of all the plant. They then took each item, such as four-inch pipe, six-inch pipe, etc., and found the cost of each item in each year from 1907 to 1916, inclusive. They took the average of these 10 years and made that the cost for each item. Then they subtracted from this cost a small sum for depreciation on each item, depending on the number of years it has been in use.

Sunday Closing As a Sop.

Perhaps the United Cigar Stores company, in starting a Sunday closing movement, is trying to divert the wrath of the W. C. T. U.—Rochester Democrat.

TENANTS WILL RESIST RAISE IN OFFICE RENT

Renters in Brandeis Theater Building Initiating Legal Campaign Against Lease Owners.

Aroused by an increase in rentals effective October 1, which would in many instances approximate from 50 to 60 per cent, tenants of the Brandeis Theater building, Seventeenth and Douglas streets, are initiating a legal campaign to prevent the alleged exorbitant demands from going into effect.

The fight on the proposed increase is led by Roy M. Harrop, tenant of the building and secretary of the Citizens' and Taxpayers' league. Practically every lessee in the building is co-operating in the effort to prevent the proposed advance. Petitions are being circulated among the tenants and money is being subscribed to wage legal war in the courts against the increase. An injunction which will prevent the increase from becoming effective is now under consideration.

To Resist Eviction Processes.

Eviction processes will be resisted by the tenants until a jury can pass upon the legality of the new rates, it was stated by Mr. Harrop. Attorneys in the building have been consulted and, according to their interpretation, a trial of the case before a jury can be forced, further stated Mr. Harrop.

The Brandeis Theater building was leased by the H. A. Wolf company about two weeks ago. Tenants resisting alleged profiteering demands of landlords have been assured aid by the Citizens' and Taxpayers' league, which is composed of about 3,000 Omaha residents, passed resolutions empowering various committees to investigate rent increases and to offer aid to any tenants in opposing unreasonable advances.

Ask Your Grocer!

There has been no raise in the price of Postum as there has been in Coffee

From every standpoint—pocketbook—health—taste—It pays to use—

POSTUM
"There's a Reason"

stances \$35, according to Mr. Harrop.

Officials of the H. A. Wolf company stated that they were willing to have their books checked and the amount of their profit ascertained. Not more than 6 per cent is being realized on the investment, Mr. Randall stated.

Arrest Two Negro Boys.

Edgar C. Smith, 1102 Park avenue, and Thomas Atwood, 2626 Parker street, negro boys, were arrested last night by Detectives Felix Dolan, Pete Hagerman and Special Larry Finn and held for investigation. According to the arresting officers, the two boys have pilfered more than \$300 worth of silk skirts and socks from the Brandeis stores, where they were employed.

No New Thing.

One would think from the stupendous burst of energy suddenly exhibited by the administration that the high cost of living was a problem that had developed over night.—Rochester Democrat.

Civil War Veteran Dies; Moved to Omaha in 1879

John H. Dunn, 1950 South Sixteenth, died at his home yesterday. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the chapel of Cole-McKay. Twenty-seventh and Farnam streets, under the auspices of George Crook post, Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Dunn came to Omaha in 1879 from Pennsylvania, where he was born. He is survived by his wife, Herbert K. Dunn, son, and Elizabeth Dunn, daughter. Mrs. Martha Hall of Chicago is a sister. Mr. Dunn served three years in the civil war with the 19th Ohio Infantry.

Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy is prompt and effectual. Only 35 cents per bottle

THE people of Omaha and vicinity cannot afford to ignore shoe bargains like these. Plan to buy several pairs of shoes, at least, for there is no telling when you will have such an opportunity again.

Brandeis Stores

SETS THE PACE FOR GROWING OMAHA

NO restrictions, buy all you need but come early, for while the quantity is immense the offerings are so desirable and the price so ridiculously low the various lots may go before the last day of the sale.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 3rd, 4th and 5th

About 7,000 Pairs of Shoes

For Men, Women and Children, in

Our Annual September Basement Sale

OF SHOES

An occasion planned for months in advance—briefly stated, we believe it to be the greatest shoe-buying opportunity of the year.

In the face of adverse market conditions and high prices we are going to offer in this sale about 7,000 pairs of good, dependable shoes in the best styles and leathers at a price that falls nothing short of being remarkable.

Extraordinary Values, at 2.85

Only because of the fact that this sale was prepared for months in advance, and we were fortunate in profitably purchasing these shoes, are we able to again announce the recurrence of this event. If you want to buy shoes at the lowest price of the year, this is the one sale you should attend. Following is a partial list of the offerings on sale:

- 9-inch patent colt shoes, black cloth tops.
- Patent gray kid boots, fine serge tops.
- Glazed kid lace boot, very flexible.
- Black gun metal, lace boot, straight foxing.
- 9-inch black calfskin lace boot, gray serge tops.
- Black calfskin boot, castor color, cloth tops.
- All white kid boot, 9-inch lace model, French heels.
- Young ladies' dress boot, mahogany calfskin, white cloth tops.
- Young ladies' patent kid button boot, black cloth tops
- Black patent, 9-inch laced dress boot.
- Young ladies' gun metal boot, high top lace model.
- 9-inch Russia calfskin lace boot, cloth tops to match.
- Patent kid dress boot, straight foxed pattern.
- Young ladies' all-leather button boot, walking heel.

Extra salespeople and additional sales space have been provided for this sale. If you wish to secure the best choice, come early Wednesday morning, for, as you know, early selections are always best.

Choice per Pair

Included in This Sale Are

500 Pairs of Men's Shoes

(Endicott-Johnson Make)

at 2.85

All sizes, 6 to 11.

Sizes and widths complete. 2½ to 8 and A to E.

The Sale of Boy's and Girl's School Shoes

At This Price Parents Should Buy a Plentiful Supply—Even for Future Wear

\$1.98

Big Bargains In The Boy's Shoes

LITTLE GENTS' SCHOOL SHOES MADE OF black gun metal, plain laced style with tip, half double sole, Burt make. Sizes 9 to 13½. Price **\$1.98**

LITTLE GENTS' BLACK GUN METAL SCHOOL SHOES, blucher styles, solid through-out. Brockston made. Sizes, 9 to 13½. Price **\$1.98**

BOYS' SCHOOL SHOES, MADE OF BOX calf blucher style, with tip, two full soles, American welt sewed, will wear like iron. Sizes 1 to 6. Price **\$1.98**

BOYS' SCHOOL SHOES MADE OF BLACK gun metal, button style, half double soles, full toe with tip, solid leather extension soles, broad heels. Sizes 1 to 6. Price **\$1.98**

CHILDREN'S NOVELTY LACE BOOTS, made of fine kid skin in the following combinations: Black kid with brown kid tops, brown kid with light gray kid tops. All Havana brown kid and all black kid extension leather soles. Made on the foot form lasts wedge heel. Sizes 5 to 8. A great value at **\$1.98**

GIRLS' SCHOOL SHOES
Black gun metal, button style, solid bottom, leather back stay foot form. Sizes 11½ to 2 **\$1.98**