

MAYOR REPLIES TO DEMANDS OF GOV. M'KELVIE

Mr. Smith Says He Favors "Investigation," But He Doesn't Want It Accompanied by "Brass Band."

"I am more than anxious to learn of any failure to perform his duty, if there was such failure, on the part of any member of the police force, from the highest officer down to the most recently appointed member of the force. You will pardon me for saying I think there is no person who has more reason for being interested in that investigation than I have. I shall be glad to co-operate with you in an effort to determine whether or not any officer—whether state, county or city—who was charged with any degree of responsibility on that night, failed to perform his full duty. I am sure you have no thought of limiting that investigation to any class of officers if there are others who were equally charged with responsibility. I am sure you are not unmindful of the provisions of the statutes of this state, providing that the sheriff shall have charge and custody of the jail and the prisoners of the same and is required to receive those lawfully committed and to keep them himself, or by his deputy jailer, until discharged by law." I have no doubt you are equally familiar with the provision of the statutes which provides that "the sheriff and his deputies are conservators of the peace, and to keep the same, to prevent crime, to arrest any person liable thereto, or to execute process of law, may call any person to their aid; and when necessary the sheriff may summon the power of the county."

"Please do not understand that I am charging the sheriff of Douglas county with failing to perform his full duty in the premises, but if an investigation is to be made—and I quite agree, with you that a thorough investigation should be made—to determine whether or not any officers failed in their duty, then that investigation should include an examination to determine whether or not the sheriff and his force did their full duty as conservators of the peace; whether they did their full duty to prevent crime, and what, if anything, the sheriff did in the way of calling persons to their aid, and whether or not the sheriff did anything in the way of exercising his power to summon the power of the county."

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HEADS OF NEAR EAST RELIEF TO COME SATURDAY

Nebraska Alone Has Contributed \$500,000 to This Work; Expense Money Raised Outside.

C. V. Vickery, secretary; C. P. Burgess, field director, and national leaders of the American committee for near east relief will meet Nebraska county chairmen and prominent workers in an all-day conference Saturday at the Hotel Fontenelle. It is expected that from among the many interested in this relief at least 100 representative Nebraskans will attend.

The American committee has saved the remnants of the stricken peoples of the near east from every conceivable form of persecution, disease and death. Already tens of thousands of adults who have passed through the human clearing gates of aid stations are on their way to the rebuilding of self-sustaining communities. In the case of Armenia the initial stages of national rebirth from the blood-stained dust are taking place.

Nebraska alone has sent in excess of \$500,000 for this relief, which is one of the largest per capita contributions of any state. The money has been raised under great difficulties, it being necessary to conduct drives in many counties during the early spring under most unfavorable climatic conditions, together with the fact that large tracts of country had to be covered. Notwithstanding this, the expense of raising this money has been less than 2 per cent and borne entirely by special contributions, made for this purpose, so that every penny subscribed by sympathizers for relief has gone to the afflicted peoples.

The officers in charge of the state drive were H. H. Baldrige, president; Charles M. Wilhelm, secretary; John C. Wharton, treasurer.

Son Loses to Mother. San Francisco, Nov. 18.—A judgment directing return of \$1,000,000 in cash and 2,500 shares in the Hoteling estate by Richard Hoteling, prominent business and club man, to his mother, Mrs. Lavina J. Hoteling, was handed down by Superior Judge John Hunt here following a court contest between mother and son.

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The Bee's Free Shoe Fund

Eight children in District No. 2 school, Wahoo, Neb., and their teacher, Blanche Hood, have helped the poor children of Omaha with a gift of \$5.

Many of the other gifts to keep the poor children of the city warm come from the generous folks outside of Omaha.

Shoes are a great problem among scores of children whose widowed mothers find it simply an impossibility to provide shoes. It is all they can do to get them bread.

You can't do a greater good with your money than to give it to this cause.

Previously acknowledged \$208.00

Wahoo school children and teacher as follows:

Blanche Hood, teacher, \$5.00
 Ruth Lucas, \$1.00
 Francis Albert, \$1.00
 William Hodley, \$1.00
 LeRoy Luers, \$1.00
 Raymond Simodines, \$1.00
 Blanche Hood, \$1.00
 F. C. Kelley, Alda, Neb., \$5.00
 Ralph Norris, \$1.00
 Barbara Spokes, \$1.00
 E. R. Hanson, Mead, Neb., \$5.00

Total \$221.00

Council Votes to Readvertise For Police Station Bids

The city council yesterday voted to readvertise for new bids for the construction of a city jail and police station, according to revised plans and specifications. All former bids were rejected.

The city will have available for this purpose \$79,000 from a former bond issue, \$100,000 authorized by the voters this month, and the proceeds of the sale of a lot at Fifteenth and Davenport streets, which site was selected for a police station and later abandoned.

GYPSY FORTUNE TELLERS DECIDE TO LEAVE OMAHA

Roundup of "Seeresses" Follows Complaint of Man Who Says He Lost Roll of \$153.

Nine gypsy fortune tellers, all women, each carrying a child, were given preference in Central police court yesterday of paying fines or leaving the city. Through their "queen," May Adams, the seeresses chose to leave Omaha. All were charged with vagrancy.

They were rounded up Monday night in their dingy "spiritualist" quarters when Joe De Stephano, 2309 Martha street, complained to police that he lost \$153 to Rose Thompson, one of the gypsy maidens.

"She said she would make me grow tall and handsome," Mr. Stephano told police. Stephano is four feet in height. He failed to appear in police court yesterday.

Those who appear in court yesterday were: Rose Thompson, May Adams, Lena Stevens, Mary George, Kathryn Ely, all living at 204 South Thirteenth street; Emelia Martha, Mary Thompson, and Pauline Thompson, Thirteenth and Davenport streets.

Male relatives of the gypsies were not with their kinswomen at the police station yesterday.

Union Pacific Depot Master Suffers Stroke

John Quinn, an employe of the Union Pacific railroad for nearly 50 years, suffered a stroke of paralysis while attending to his duties as depot master at Union Station. Quinn's entire left side is paralyzed and his sight, hearing and speech, have left him temporarily. Quinn has been living in Council Bluffs. He was to have been retired on a pension next February. Quinn is 69 years old.

Revolution Breaks Out

Washington, Nov. 18.—Revolution has broken out at Vladivostok, according to information received by the State department from Siberia. Thus far only Russians are involved, the advices said.

Hand Sapolio—The Sapolio Toilet Soap

Are you going to the theater or movies tonight? If so, see Amusement page.

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Featuring

Jack O'Leather Suits for Boys

Guaranteed Pure Wool




Come in and see the newest and most economical feature in Boys' Suits. The leather reinforcements give just twice as much wear to the suit and they cost no more than an ordinary suit. Reinforced knees, seat, elbows, with real leather—and, Oh yes! pockets reinforced with leather also. These are suits that will stand more hard usage and wear than any boy's suit ever made; leather at all vital points. Every suit carries a guarantee of another suit if you don't like the wear. Jack O'Leather suits for boys, ages 8 to 17 years—

Priced at 17.50, \$20, 22.50

—SECOND FLOOR—MEN'S STORE—

The Largest Toy Dep't

Omaha Has Ever Had

Just watch the absorbed faces of the children clustered around the mechanical toy booth, and you will find one reason why the children love to come here.

Has Dollie consented to enter the Doll Contest?

She may not be vain, but good looks isn't the only thing necessary to secure one of the many prizes to be given.

—NEW FOURTH FLOOR—

Day & Night Service To Auto Owners--Soon

Early in December our new building at the corner of Farnam street and the Boulevard will be open to the public. It will be run on the 24-hour plan—day and night service. With the opening of this new building we will be able to offer services unsurpassed in this state or the middle west.

Largest in State
 It will be one of the largest auto repair and storage garages in the west. Operating with day and night shifts, auto owners will be able to have repairs made at any hour of the day or night.

Complete Line of Accessories
 We are going to carry a complete line of standard tires and accessories in order to serve our patrons promptly and without delay. Quick, efficient service will be our watchword.

Best Equipped Paint Shop
 An up-to-date paint shop, with every MODERN convenience, superior to any other now in this city, in which only the highest class of experienced painters are to be employed, will be part of our service.

Overhauling Cars
 Auto owners who intend having their car overhauled and repainted this winter will serve their own interest best by consulting us first. They are sure to have their work done in the best equipped and expertly manned shop in the city if we do it.

Live and Dead Storage
 Arrangements for storage space, either dead or alive, should be made at once. Your car will have the best of care and the advantages of an absolutely fireproof building, equipped with a modern sprinkler system. Come in and learn about our open service plans, unequaled in the west.

Truck Storage
 Mr. Truck Owner, think what it means to you to be able to store your truck in a building with a repair shop and have all necessary repairs made at night. Your truck does not have to lose a day on account of repairs.

Western Motor Car Company

Distributor—Motor Trucks—Passenger Cars.

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Beecham's Pills

Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c, 25c.

Featuring for Wednesday—

P. N. Practical Front Corsets

A front lace corset which has grown in popularity these last few years, for the outstanding reason that they not only have the solid back, but also have added a new feature to the art of corsetry—the successful closed front, or, as we call it, the "practical front."

An ingeniously designed inner elastic vest directly under the lacing makes the completely closed front. No flesh to poke through, nothing but solid comfort to the wearer.

Model 603 is a most attractive topless model for the slender to medium figure, made of beautiful pink silk brocade, ideal for the evening gown. Sizes only 21 to 28. Price 12.50

Model 602, designed for the heavier type of figure. This also has a medium low top, with a long skirt line, curved front steels, extra wide elastic abdominal support, made of plain white coutil material. Sizes 23 to 36. Price 6.50

Excellent fitting room service, everything for the comfort of our customers.

—THIRD FLOOR—

One of the Largest

Art Departments

in the Middle West

It has been greatly improved and enlarged. We take much pleasure in asking you to visit this department and inspect the hundreds of attractive and useful items to be found here.

Flowers, baskets, lamps, shades, incense and burners, Plumbridge fruit baskets, filled with daintiest of jellies and candies; candles, candle sticks, Batik, tapestry and velour scarfs and hundreds of other articles unique and different from other shops, and don't forget our large assortment of stamped goods that can be embroidered quickly and easily for that Christmas present.

Prof. Shaw has 38 new stitches in embroidery and lace making that he teaches free of charge when materials are purchased in the Art Department.

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Special for Wednesday—

Infants' Wear

In a Great Assortment

Eiderdown Bunting

A nice line of Jersey backed Eiderdown bunnings that keep baby warm and comfortable without extra blanket. These can be washed without shrinking or stretching; white, trimmed in pink and blue. Special at 6.98

Kimonos for Baby

Made of white flannelette, trimmed in pink and blue shell work—59c

Coats

White cashmere coats, with large collars, machine embroidered, 5.00 values, at— 3.98

Sweaters

All wool white sweaters, trimmed in rose, red and blue. These are slightly soiled, but warm and very good values at— 2.98

—THIRD FLOOR—

On Sale Wednesday—

Leather Traveling Bags

At \$10⁰⁰

About 100 genuine leather traveling bags, mostly leather lined and English plaid lined; protected corners, drop lock, selected stock, brass catches; colors brown and black; sizes 16, 17, 18 and 20 inches long; values to 15.00.