

South Side LARGE CROWD OF PIONEERS MEET ON SOUTH SIDE

Old Times in the Packing Center Are Discussed By Hundreds of Early Settlers.

It was necessary to use the old police court room over the city jail to hold the overflow crowd that gathered at the pioneer reunion of the South Side Historical society in the city hall on the South Side Saturday night.

Old friends and acquaintances of the days of 1884, when the first ground was broken for the establishment of the stock yards, visited with each other and told many reminiscences of those early days.

It was a democratic gathering where bankers and wealthy merchants talked over old times with their less prosperous neighbors.

Joseph J. Breen, president of the society, opened the meeting with a short address in which he outlined the start and growth of South Omaha.

South Omaha was organized as a village October 16, 1886; made a city of the first class, January 8, 1889, and annexed to Omaha June 10, 1915.

South Omaha covers 1,921 acres, has 90 miles of graded streets, 38 miles of paved streets, 18 miles of sewers, 17 miles of double-track street rail.

After a selection by the South High orchestra under the direction of R. H. Johnson, visitors and pioneers were formally greeted by officers of the society, which was followed by a song by Miss Emice Conaway.

An excellent and entertaining program was given, which included a Hawaiian dance by Miss Gallagher; song by James Carley, harp selection by Miss Irma Clow, solo by Miss Lydia Henni, song by Harry Greenway, piano solo by Miss Mildred Mayberry, a folk dance under the direction of Miss Swartzlander and a duet by Messrs Sutherland and Rozelle.

A number of interesting and amusing reflections on scenes and happenings of the early days of

South Omaha were related by Bruce McCulloch and Phillip Krause. Senator J. M. Tanner and E. O. Mayfield gave three-minute talks on "Old Friends."

At 11 p. m. the large gathering was treated to a delicious and wholesome luncheon, after which dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

May Maintain Present Freight Office System At Union Stockyards

One of the problems that is vexing officials at the stock yards is that of whether the return of control of the railroads to private ownership will affect the joint freight office maintained at the yards.

It has been pointed out that the joint office has been a great convenience to the trade and the sentiment among the patrons of the various railroads is most favorable for a continuation of present arrangements.

E. E. Grimes, joint agent, stated Saturday he did not know what steps would be taken. "Stock yards officials and the commission men as a unit say the management of the Omaha office has been a great success, in that it has in reality been a joint office for all the roads and said to be the only complete joint railroad office in the country."

At Kansas City, St. Joe, Oklahoma City and the National Stock Yards, the joint office is said to handle only live stock and does not collect cash or handle the accounts.

At the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, the joint office handles accounts and packers' business.

On the South Side the office handles everything, in and out of bound live stock, packer in and out of business, grain, coal, etc., including the accounts. The joint agent also has jurisdiction over all the railroad yards on the South Side, handling records and tire like and has one of the largest car exchange bureaus in the United States.

The saving in expenses under the joint plan is estimated from \$2,500 to \$5,000 a month and the consensus of opinion in South Omaha is that the various roads would do well to continue the joint agent as now in vogue.

Finced \$15 for Alleged Theft Of Cowhide On South Side

Frank Vick, 3613 Drexel street, was fined \$15 and costs in police court Saturday morning on charge of larceny. Vick was arrested Friday on the charge of having stolen a cowhide from the Cudahy Packing Co. According to the police Vick attempted to sell the hide to the Higgins Packing Co. He told the police that the hide was passed out to him by a man at the Cudahy plant.

Forfeits Bond for Failing to Answer Charge of Abuse

Charles McDonald, salesman, 3715 South Twenty-fourth street, on complaint of his wife, was arrested late Friday night on a charge of being drunk and abusing his family. McDonald was released \$25 bond and when his case was called failed to appear. The bond was forfeited.

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

Pork Trucker Drops Dead While Helping Push Popcorn Wagon

While pushing a popcorn wagon at the rear of 4924 South Twenty-third street at 11:25 p. m. Friday, Otto Tooley, 30 years old, 2512 N. street, dropped dead. Heart trouble was given as cause of death.

Tooley was a trucker in the pork-packing department at the Armour packing house and, on his way home, was assisting Charles Swatlow in pushing his popcorn wagon.

According to Swatlow, Tooley threw up his hands and dropper to the ground with a moan.

Dr. Albert H. Koenig was called and after an examination pronounced Tooley dead. The body was removed to the Korisko undertaking parlors. Tooley is thought to have a wife and son, Walter, and parents at Hastings.

It is thought probable the coroner's physician will hold an autopsy. The relatives at Hastings have been notified of the death.

South Side Brevities

Selegria wanted. Apply Willig Brothers, Twenty-fourth and N streets.

Light housekeeping rooms for rent. Steam heat. Phone South 212.

Frank A. Agnew, lawyer, Backs block, 4910 South Twenty-fourth.

Quick change and repairs also moving. The South Side Merry-makers will give their first grand ball at Eagle's hall, Twenty-third and S streets, December 26.

The women of the South Side Christian church will hold a year-end supper at the church, Wednesday evening, December 24.

E. E. Hydock and son, Robert, 6412 South Forty-first street, have gone to St. Catherine hospital for the past five weeks, is reported improving and has returned to his home, 3908 South Twenty-fifth street.

Yerona Cappellato, Leonard O'Des, O. L. Teachers, Newton Kohonky and H. R. Holcourt, all arrested by Motorcycle Officers Downs Friday night, were fined \$5 and costs each Saturday morning on a charge of speeding.

Announcement was made Saturday of the death of James Monroe and Miss May Henningson, both of Bellevue. The ceremony was performed at Papillon Saturday morning in the presence of a number of friends. The young couple will make their home at Bellevue.

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Voting Will Be Compulsory In Hungarian Elections

Basel, Nov. 22.—Voting is compulsory in the Hungarian elections on December 20, at which members of the new national assembly will be chosen. The decree fixing the date for the election stipulates that those who abstain from voting may be punished by imprisonment.

Chinese Embroideries Scarce

Washington, Nov. 22.—Madam, of some merchant attempts to sell you Chinese embroidery or art work you had better look twice. Consular reports declare that the expert embroideries almost disappeared during the past year.

MARCH WANTS STANDING ARMY OF 260,000 MEN

Chief of Staff Forecasts Recommendations to Be Made By War Department When Congress Reconvenes.

Washington, Nov. 22.—A standing army of about 260,000 men, backed by a universal military training system to supply reserves, would meet the peace time requirements of the United States, Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff, declared in his annual report, made public today, and which probably forecasts recommendations to be made by the War department when congress reconvenes.

General March founded his judgment on lessons of the world war. That proved conclusively, he said, that ability to be self-sustaining for an indefinite period, provided the army was adequately prepared, was the nation's greatest military asset.

Nothing to Fear. So far as purely naval operations are concerned, he added, the United States has nothing to fear from "any conceivable combination of naval powers, but must be prepared to prevent seizure of bases by an enemy controlling the sea and intending landing troops."

"Without the possession of such bases in France," the report said, "we could not have landed our army, irrespective of the fact that the allies had control of the sea."

General March recommended fixing the strength of the regular army at five army corps, maintained at high strength in peace time. The proposals, the department presented tentatively to congress during the special session staff for 1919 and the statement of the chief of staff was taken to indicate that this would be scaled down to 260,000.

Defends Staff System. The report defended the present staff system with authority centralized in the chief of staff. Proof of its efficiency could be found, it said, in the fact that the United States had sent more than 2,000,000 men and vast supplies overseas, thus becoming "a positive factor in the military actions of the war."

"I am convinced," Gen. March said, "that without a properly organized and efficient general staff with authority to formulate and execute the army program in all future wars as in this and every other war of our history be impossible for the activities of the various agencies, services and bureaus of the war department to be controlled and directed to the attainment of the common end."

"Under the terms of the treaty of peace," Gen. March added, "the German general staff is abolished. Had the Germans won the war, they would in all probability have prescribed somewhat similar terms for the United States."

Products of War. The war produced new practices but not new principles, the report said and "was not won, as some predicted, by a new and terrible development of modern science," but by "men, munitions and morale."

The American military achievement was possible "only because of the assistance of our allies," Gen. March said, and in urging an adequate military policy added: "Surely we can never expect to prepare for defense against the attack of a powerful and determined agency again under such favorable conditions to ourselves."

Military experts are agreed, he said, that the bulk of American power is its ability for self-sustenance. "This involving, as it does our unlimited resources of man power and wealth," he said, "constitutes our greatest national military asset, provided, and only provided, we are prepared to prevent the landing on our shores of an enemy of the size which our own performance has demonstrated to the world can be landed by a first-class power under certain conditions. These conditions are that it shall have control of the sea and control of the proper bases for debarkation."

"It is, accordingly, one of the very important lessons of this war, that reasonable provision and a sound military policy demand that there shall be at all times available for immediate use a sufficient trained and organized force to insure, in connection with our fixed coast defenses, that no probable or possible enemy can ever seize a great strategic base on our coast. With such a base in his possession, it is not conceivable that he could within a short time land a sufficient number of fully equipped troops to seize and hold, by establishing a line of defense not incomparable in length with that held by the Germans on the western front, an area including such an appreciable portion of the resources and wealth of the country as to result in consequence of incalculable moment to the nation."

Mary Pickford Wins Case For Damages Against Her

New York, Nov. 22.—Mrs. Gladys Mary Moore, widely known to moving picture "fans" as Mary Pickford, was awarded a verdict by a jury today in a suit instituted by Mrs. C. C. Wilkening. Mrs. Wilkening, who had obtained a contract for Miss Pickford with the Famous Players corporation at a salary of \$1,080,000, and that a 10 per cent commission was due her. At a previous trial a jury had decided in favor of Mrs. Wilkening, but the appellate division set aside the verdict and ordered a new trial.

5,000 Dogs Killed In Connecticut by Wardens

Washington, Nov. 22.—Dog wardens killed more than 5,000 dogs in Connecticut during the year ending September 30, announces the United States Department of Agriculture. Many were killed while interfering with sheep.

Less anxiety to flocks has resulted than in any previous year, due, perhaps to the so-called roaming-dog law, which went into effect July 1. Sheep industry in Connecticut has increased 33 1-3 per cent in the past two years and is still growing.

Nebraska and Oregon Have Not Yet Named Reclamation Officers

Salt Lake City, Nov. 22.—With the selection of an executive committee and officers for the newly formed Western States Reclamation association and definite adoption of a request that congress appropriate \$250,000,000 for the completion of projects under way and the building of others which have been planned, the irrigation conference, called by Gov. D. W. Davis of Idaho to consider the west's irrigation needs, has been adjourned here. Delegates to the number of 136 from 13 states have been in attendance.

Governor Davis was named the first president of the Western States Reclamation association which was formed to push irrigation legislation before congress, and W. W. McDowell of Butte, lieutenant governor of Montana, first vice president.

Each of the 13 states represented at the conference has selected or will choose from their delegation which attended the conference one man to be a member of the executive committee of the association.

Nebraska has not yet appointed its members.

Forty thousand dollars to be used for the upkeep of the association and carrying forward of work recommended by the conference will be raised at once by popular subscription in the various 13 states. Nebraska will be asked to contribute \$1,000.

Family Expenditure For Food the Same Despite H. C. L. Drive

Washington, Nov. 22.—Despite the government campaign against the cost of living, the average family expenditure for food in fifty cities was approximately the same in October as in September, labor bureau statistics disclosed. A decrease of two-tenths of 1 per cent in the retail price of twenty-two staple food articles is reported, including: Potatoes, 12 per cent; sirloin steak and chops, 8 per cent; lard, 6 per cent; bacon and ham, 5 per cent; pork chops, 4 per cent; round steak, chuck roast, plate beef, beef and onions, 3 per cent; rib roast lamb, corn meal and coffee, 2 per cent each; oleomargarine, cheese, canned corn and peas, 1 per cent each.

Eighteen articles increased, including: Eggs, 14 per cent; butter and raisins, 8 per cent; rice, 5 per cent; salmon, sugar and prunes, 4 per cent; oranges, 3 per cent; fresh milk and bananas, 2 per cent; canned milk, macaroni, navy beans and canned tomatoes, 1 per cent.

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American Actor Is London Hit Because Of Natural Acting

London, Nov. 22.—In a land where comedians score through artificial eyebrows, paint-smeared faces, ludicrous trousers and "adventitious aids" to funniness, Walter Catlett of San Francisco has made a great hit by being his own droll self.

Real comedians have been going their laugh-provoking way in America for years without a single bowing from the box of critics and the public eye. He looks like Wilson. He wears gigantic horn-rimmed glasses, his only "prop." He broke into the stage from a church choir at the age of 8. His mother has been present at every first night until the opening in "Baby Bunting," at the Shaftesbury here. He tries to be funny without vulgarity, another innovation on the British or continental stage.

Co-Operative System Urged in Industrial Reconstruction in U. S.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Oscar McGill, Seattle, representative of the co-operative movement among timber workers in the state of Washington speaking at the second and final day's session of the conference of farm and labor bodies of the country here today, declared a nationwide organization of the co-operative system is the next logical step in industrial reconstruction in the United States.

"Exactly the same thing that is happening in Europe is taking place in this country," said McGill, who recently returned from abroad, where he studied industrial conditions in England and France.

"Workingmen are everywhere demanding the right to be represented in the management of industry," he said.

He explained the system under which 25 timber mills are co-operatively operated successfully in the state of Washington. Contentment exists among workers in these mills and consequently "there is no chance for a strike," he said.

\$50,000 Bull Dies

Middletown, N. Y., Nov. 22.—The famous Holstein Fresian bull, King Segis Pontiac Alcarta, valued at \$50,000, died here today. It was owned by John H. Arlmann of Fairmont farm.

BANDITS TELL OF PLAN TO ROB ANOTHER BANK

LeMars Robbers Confide in Sheriff Groneweg Scheme To Loot Sioux City Banking House.

If the five LeMars bank robbers had not been promptly captured after their sensational escape from jail they would have carried out their plans to rob the First National bank at Sioux City, and might have succeeded, for the plan they had perfected had in it the elements of success. The plan was confidentially detailed to Sheriff W. A. Groneweg while with other officers he was taking the prisoners to Fort Madison, Ia., to begin life terms.

Sheriff Groneweg returned to Council Bluffs yesterday after having been actively engaged since Saturday in the capture and conviction of the bandits. Four sheriffs, Groneweg of Council Bluffs, W. H. Jones of Woodbury county, Henry Harlow of Monona county and M. D. Meyers of Harrison county, and State Agents Jim Risden and P. Van Wagner constituted the squad of officers who conveyed the bandits from LeMars to Fort Madison.

Planned Escape in Auto. The plan had been in process of construction for several weeks and details were completed. Two of the five men, Lee Barrington, W. Cullen, James O'Keefe, Harry Smith and William Convey, were to enter the bank at the opening hour in the morning, make a deposit and stall around until they were sure the vault had been opened. Then they were to sign the check and withdraw money quietly to enter the bank, stick up their two companions and the bank officials, rob the vault and escape to a nearby highpowered car and drive by a circuitous route to a designated place where the other two would meet them in another car and carry them in another direction, while the first car would be driven away and abandoned. The plan provided for several similar relay cars that would leave a baffling trail for officers to follow.

Groneweg Heads Hunt. Sheriff Groneweg was placed in charge of the man hunt by direction of Attorney General Haver's representative, Risden, and he directed the pursuit that led to the capture 18 miles from LeMars Monday noon. It is not true that the bandits robbed a deaf and dumb couple and this left a clue that led to their capture, Sheriff Groneweg says, and he lays the blame of that robbery to hoboes.

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Had Outside Aid. The men said the two revolvers used in the attack on Sheriff Maxwell and his son were put into the

MULLEN RANCHER GIVES HIMSELF UP AFTER SHOOTING

Rides Horseback 18 Miles and Tells Sheriff of Neighbor's Death.

Mullen, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—His horse dripping with sweat and completely worn out with hard riding, Louis G. Rolcombe, rancher, living about 18 miles southeast of here, rode into Mullen at a late hour of the night and gave himself up to Sheriff S. L. Dutton for killing Perry N. Kirkpatrick, a neighbor. As nearly as can be learned the tragedy grew out of a dispute over the dead man's cattle getting into the Holcomb cornfield.

Holcomb is being held incommunicado in jail here. The tragedy occurred on a school section leased by Byron Holcomb, brother of the prisoner. No witnesses except Holcomb's brothers and Kirkpatrick were present. The first intimation the Kirkpatrick family received of trouble was when somebody at Holcomb's place phoned them. Holcomb saddled a horse immediately and started to town to give himself up to officials.

He announced that he will plead not guilty and preliminary hearing was set for December 2.

The prisoner does not seem to be in the least worried over the affair. He sleeps regularly and complains if meals are late in getting to him. When his wife called to see him for the first time since the tragedy occurred, accompanied by his brother and wife, he talked calmly about things in general, giving instructions concerning things to be done on the ranch. Several times the prisoner and his visitors laughed heartily at things said by the children.

Officials have several times taken a gun from Holcomb, he having been in the habit of carrying a revolver in plain sight. At one time officials at Seward took his gun away and gave it into keeping of his wife, instructing her to keep it away from him. Charge of first degree murder will be filed against him by District Attorney Humphrey. Kirkpatrick survived by his widow and five children.

Help Red Cross Hit White Plague in Sale of Christmas Seals

New York, Nov. 22.—The Red Cross Christmas seal sale, which will begin all over the country on December 1, and continue until December 10, will mark the beginning of another phase of the race between tuberculosis and the agencies organized to beat this most deadly menace of the American people. In the 14 years during which the National Tuberculosis association has been co-ordinating the work of fighting the white plague in the United States there has been an average increase of 400 per cent in the varied facilities for combating the disease.

But the statistics recently made public at the headquarters of the association indicate that tuberculosis is very nearly keeping pace with the efforts to eliminate it.

For the first time more than 650,000 Red Cross seals must be sold in the first 10 days of December in order to carry out the plans of the National Tuberculosis association and its 1,000 affiliated state and local organizations during 1920.

Each seal has been aplyt termed "a pennyworth of health," so 650,000,000 of them are valued at \$6,500,000.

Billion Feet of Timber Killed by Montana Fires

Missoula, Mont., Nov. 22.—One billion feet of timber killed by 1,445 fires is the estimate given for Montana's tremendous forest fire losses for the season just closed. Half of the fires were started by human agency and were preventable. The fires burned over 370,000 acres of land and were suppressed at a cost of \$1,200,000, according to figures compiled by the forestry office at Missoula.

Yudenitch Is In Reval

Stockholm, Nov. 22.—General Nicholas Yudenitch, anti-bolshevik commander on the northwest Russian front, has arrived at Reval, capital of Estonia, with his staff, according to a dispatch to the Svenska Dagbladet.

Alleged Stolen Oil Portraits Removed From Art Exhibit

The oil paintings which were exhibited at the Fine Arts exhibit as on sale for \$15,000 which Mrs. Margaret Cuts Judson, 5110 California street, recognized as portraits of Samuel Cuts and his wife, her great grandparents, which she claimed were willed to her at the death of her mother, have been removed from the exhibit at the Hotel Fontaine.

W. C. Thompson, in charge of the Vose collection from Boston, would give no statement except that the alleged stolen pictures had been taken from the walls. Hotel authorities admitted they had been shipped from Omaha.

"I am awaiting the return of my attorney who is out of the city," said Mrs. Judson. "When I shall go to Boston to assert my claims."

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