

BOY SCOUT HEAD PLEADS FOR AID FOR U. S. YOUTHS

Intelligent Consideration of Boyhood Needs Should Precede Radical Legislation, Says James E. West.

"There is an awakening on the part of America, in fact, on the part of the whole world, to the value of the youth of the land," declared James E. West, chief executive of the Boy Scouts of America, at a dinner given in his honor by Boy Scout officials at the University club last night.

"The boy is now recognized as an asset of the most valuable type," continued Mr. West. "The reformatories and jails of this country are largely used for boys under 22 years of age. It is necessary to take steps for prevention rather than for reformation."

Stop Written Exams. Mr. West urged that written examinations be done away with in the scout world. It makes the scout work seem too much like school work, he said.

J. P. Freeman, deputy field scout executive of the middle west district, was also present at the dinner last night. He said the Boy Scout organization stands for control in a period of unrest. There are 700 councils in the middle west district, he said, and Omaha is one of the leading centers.

Dr. E. C. Henry read a welcome from the Boy Scouts to Mr. West. The dining room of the University club was decorated to resemble a scout camp with subdued lighting effects and other decorations.

University Club Talk. "The time has come when we should be more vitally interested in the youth of our country," said James E. West to members of the University club at luncheon yesterday.

"That which has happened in this country since the war has caused more concern than anything that happened during the period of the war, so far as this particular country is concerned. Changes in our immigration laws are all right, but we will not have approached this subject unless we care for the youth of our country. Let us remember that 1,000,000 boys reach the age of 12 every year and a similar number reach 13, 14, 15 and 16 years and nearly 1,000,000 attain their majority. How many of these boys are in the country according to the principles of right living?"

"The Boy Scouts learn by doing. They are given opportunities to feel the responsibility of going in the right direction."

400,000 Members. Chief West is on a tour in connection with the 10th anniversary week of the establishment of his organization, which has 2,590 branch headquarters in the United States and numbers nearly 400,000 members.

Yesterday afternoon at 2, in the auditorium of Central high school, Chief West presented Herbert Lichtenberger of Omaha with an Eagle Scout medal, the highest rank in scouting. This medal indicates that the wearer has passed 21 or more scouting tests.

The leader of the Scouts will attend the first Presbyterian church this morning. From the church he will be escorted to Camp Gifford where he will make an inspection and join the Scouts in luncheon served at the scout. Mr. West will leave this evening at 6:45 for St. Paul, Minn.

Old Favorites Play To Big Audiences At Gayety Theater

From "Tiny" Anna Propp to "Lenthy" Harry Shannon, the Step Lively Girls in "Stand at Ease" at the Gayety theater is a galaxy of stars. Every member of the company can sing and dance and they carry a laugh in every line. They present a musical mess in two divisions, one of which is set in an army camp overseas. Contrary to the usual military settings the production is not humorous and is highly entertaining.

Three big favorites of the burlesque stage were greeted by overflow audiences here and continuous applause greeted "Tiny" Propp, "Lenthy" Shannon and "Shorty" McAllister in their all new production. Which of the trio is the most popular will be a topic of discussion for theatergoers for several weeks.

Old Man Johnson has been invited to furnish microscopes for the audience to watch the nimble antics and dances of "Tiny" unless she grows before next season. Near-sighted men are being given a preference this week.

The difference in size alone is good for a hearty laugh at Shannon and McAllister. In addition to their physical assets as comics, both men have developed a wonderful ability to bring a laugh from their every movement.

Margie Wilson, Margaret Taylor and Catherine Crawford lead a gal chorus of beauty and pep. "Not a bird in the flock" was the brief comment of a bald-headed regular.

The wardrobe and scenery is exceptionally elaborate. The minor roles are not overlooked and the settings afford ample opportunity for the various members of the company to please the whims of every patron at the show house.

The Sunday matinee will start at 3.

Double Funeral Planned For Pneumonia Victims

A double funeral service will be held in the German Lutheran church at Papillion Monday for Albert Weiss, 51 years old, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Julia Schmeling, 72 years old, both victims of pneumonia. Mr. Weiss died at the Ford hospital Friday night, and Mrs. Schmeling died Saturday morning at the farm house of Mr. Weiss, five miles west of Papillion. Mr. Weiss is survived by his wife and six children.

National Chief of Boy Scouts and Escort That Greeted Him On Arrival In Omaha



James E. West and Omaha Boy Scouts who met him when he arrived here.

Hitchcock and Edwards Rival Campaigns Split Omaha Democratic Ranks

Hitchcock Men Claim Much Support and Edwards' Following Assert "Prairie's Afire" for Their Man—Meanwhile There Is Much Speculation as to Whom Bryan Is "Afire" For—Hitchcock Men Called "Federal Brigade."

The most toothsome morsel of political gossip among the rank and file of local democrats during the last week was the launching of the "Hitchcock for President club," with the attendant effects on the democratic element which already had started a boom for Edward J. Edwards, governor of New Jersey.

When the news of the Hitchcock organization reached the Edwards headquarters, room 1017 City National bank building, T. J. O'Connor, secretary of the Edwards club, asserted with vehemence: "The prairies are on fire for Edwards!"

Democrats Are Dividing. The line of cleavage among Omaha democrats are being spread by this Edwards-Hitchcock situation. Secretary O'Connor of the Edwards club was a protégé of the Dahlan administration. The former mayor is an officer of the Hitchcock for President club.

A feeling of keen rivalry is being engendered between these organizations. "The members of the Hitchcock club compose what is known as the 'Federal Brigade,'" stated John F. Moriarty of the Edwards club. It is rumored that before the Hitchcock club was announced, Mr. Moriarty was asked to abandon the Edwards club in return for promise of support if he should aspire to congressional honors.

Officers of the Edwards club refuse to yield in favor of important ties to rally around the standard of the "favorite son."

"With Edwards as our leader, we are going to make this country safe for democracy, for democrats and for republicans," announced O'Connor yesterday.

Hitchcock Claims Mullen. The Hitchcock club claims advantage in having the support of Arthur F. Mullen, democratic national committeeman; Sophus Nebel and Tom O'Connor, county commissioners; A. E. Agee, superintendent of the county court house; Isaac Konecky, editor of the "Jewish Bulletin," of this city; John A. Rine, former city attorney; W. B. Price of Lincoln, and others.

The Edwards presidential boom was started here on the occasion of W. J. Bryan's recent visit in Omaha. Since then, Mr. Bryan and Governor Edwards have exchanged a series of expressions which have more or less confirmed the popular belief that the democratic party is a debating society.

A feature of the exercises will be the presentation to the next of kind of fallen American soldiers of certificates conveying the appreciation of France for the heroic sacrifice of America's dead. Ministers will be requested by the 8,000 posts of the legion to explain the work of the organization from their pulpits at the Sunday morning services.

Continue Creche Benefit Sale of Fancy Gold Fish

Cold weather yesterday prevented many attending the sale of gold fish raised at the Creche and it was decided to continue the sale every afternoon this week at the home of Miss A. M. Kimball, 2336 St. Mary's avenue. About \$60 worth of fish were sold and a choice selection of fancy fish and bowls still remain. The money raised at the sale will be turned over for use at the Creche.

Something like 84 would-be managers are pestering young Bob Fitzsimmons to hook up with them and they'll make him champion of the world. So far the son of the former champion has done his own piloting.

Generally Fair Weather Is Promised for the Week

Washington, Feb. 14.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are: Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys—Generally fair with frequent alternations of temperature.

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Crisis in City Gas Plant Controversy in Council Is Expected This Week

Mayor and Commissioner Butler Favor Purchase—Commissioners Ure and Zimman Oppose Appraisal Price of \$4,500,000—Ringer, Towl and Falconer Attitude Not Yet Known—Legal Conditions Put First Move Up to Opposition.

A spirited contest is in prospect during this week in the city council chamber over the question of whether the city should buy the gas plant at the appraised valuation of \$4,500,000.

Mayor Smith and Commissioner Butler are avowedly in favor of the purchase; if the gas company will file its promised stipulation to waive all rights to appeal, Commissioners Ure and Zimman are opposed to the city paying what they believe is an excessive price.

The attitudes of Commissioners Ringer, Towl and Falconer have not been put to a test vote.

Decide Next Tuesday. "I will know next Tuesday where I will stand on this matter," Mr. Towl stated yesterday. "I am inclined to believe that Burns and McDonnell, experts for the city, placed the figure high enough when they reported a valuation of \$3,750,000."

"The appraisal is too high," said Mr. Ringer. "The value is not there. I am not ready to commit myself definitely on whether I shall vote to reject the appraisal."

Commissioner Falconer is suffering bereavement and will not be able to give this matter serious consideration for at least a few days.

Opposition's First Move. The legal conditions under which the gas plant was appraised provide that if the city takes no formal negative action within 60 days from the filing of the appraisal, then the city automatically buys the plant at the appraised valuation.

To reject the appraisal, it will be necessary for at least a majority of the city council to pass an ordinance to that effect. Under these circumstances, it is anticipated that the first move in the city council will be made by the commissioners who are opposed to the appraisal price.

Statistics have been flying thick and fast in the city hall during the last week.

Attack Financial Statement. One argument offered by the commissioners who are opposing purchase is that the \$4,500,000 figure, as the company's financial statement recently rendered to the city of last year's operations, does not, in the items of coke and coal, represent the fair market value of these materials.

Others contend that the present peculiar relations of the Omaha Gas Co. to the United Gas Improvement Co., of Philadelphia would be eliminated by the advent of municipal ownership, thereby reducing the expense of operation.

The feature of the Metropolitan Water board management of the gas plant with reduction of high salaries, and consolidation of accounting departments, would yield further material reductions of expense, it is stated.

Mayor Smith has stated that he is confident that the city would be able to "jump off" with \$1 gas, an immediate reduction of 15 cents per thousand feet, followed by other reductions.

Figures Sinking Fund. One side argues: "The price may be excessive, but the figures show that the city can pay the price and even then reduce the price of gas materially."

"The mayor has figured that a sinking fund of \$75,000 each year for 30 years will pay off the bonds. He further states that if there is a

majority in the city council to support an ordinance to reject the appraisal, he has been promised all kinds of support to refer such an ordinance to a referendum vote of the people.

He insists that the people are willing to buy the plant at the appraised valuation of \$4,500,000.

Still another argument is that the city is in a position to drive a bargain with the gas company; that the company is now operating without a franchise and that the city is not required to buy the plant at the appraised figure. A bond proposition to build a municipal plant has been hinted at, but has not taken serious form.

The gas company has orally declared that it will not appeal if the city accepts the appraisal price.

The city council is confronting a big question and lively debate is expected before an agreement is reached between the city commissioners.

Men of Holy Name Society To Give Annual Card Party

Men of the Holy Name society of Sacred Heart parish will give their annual card social, complimentary to the women of the Columbian club, in Lyceum Hall, Twenty-second and Binney streets, Monday evening, February 16. A door prize and two prizes for each game will be given and refreshments will be served by the men.

Sales Promotion Will Be Discussed at Ad League

R. W. Hump, in charge of the larger sales promotion department of M. E. Smith & Co., will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Advertising and Selling League of Omaha in the Hotel Fontenelle Monday night. He will speak on "Modern Sales Promotion." Mr. Hump is known from Chicago to the Pacific coast as one of the foremost experts on advertising and sales promotion in the middle west.

Paul Findlay, retail merchant advisor for the California Fruit Exchange, with offices in Los Angeles, will advise the members of the club on the handling of fresh fruits and the advertising plans adopted by his organization.

Mrs. David Y. Allan Funeral Will Be Held Monday at 2

Funeral services for Mrs. David Y. Allan, 2608 North Twenty-seventh street, wife of the assistant paymaster of the Burlington railroad, who died of influenza Friday, a day after her brother, William Falconer, 2618 North Twenty-seventh street, whom she had been nursing, succumbed to pneumonia, will be held in the North Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 2. Burial will be in the Forest Lawn cemetery.

Mrs. Allan is survived by her husband, her mother, Mrs. Margaret Falconer; three brothers, Thomas, B. Falconer, city commissioner; Allan S. and Arthur Falconer, and one sister, Mrs. E. F. Brown.

Find Son of Ex-Governor With Head Shot Off

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 14.—The body of Dr. J. A. Blanchard, registered from Shreveport, La., believed to have been the son of former Gov. G. C. Blanchard, was discovered at a local hotel with the top of his head blown off by a bullet from a large caliber rifle found in the room.

A letter addressed to "Governor N. C. Blanchard," at Corpus Christi, Tex., was found and the police said it referred to a business transaction. Dr. Blanchard was called last alive Friday night when he was seen at the office of the hotel for the key to his room.

Iowa Girl Arrested Charged With Theft Of Hospital Money

Heartbroken and shaking with sobs, Margaret Dean, 17 years old, 104 North Forty-first street, was arrested last night, charged with taking \$30 from the emergency hospital, where she was employed as a stenographer.

Miss Dean, who is refined in appearance and stylishly dressed, came to Omaha from Creston, Ia., two weeks ago, after her father died and her mother remarried. As a stenographer and clerk in the hospital, according to police, she received the money from a patient who was leaving, and placed it in an envelope. She went to a shoe store and bought a pair of shoes and wrapped the money with the shoes, leaving them in a drug store.

The police were notified of the theft by Mrs. Lillian Myers, superintendent of the hospital. Miss Dean acknowledged the theft of the money when arrested, police say.

C. C. Convention Secretary Quits to Enter New Field

Miss Doris M. Goethe, former convention secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, will assume her new duties with the Lincoln National Life Insurance company of Fort Wayne, Ind., tomorrow. Mrs. Mabel Walker, manager of the Chamber of Commerce employment bureau, will take up the duties of convention secretary.

Miss Goethe, together with W. C. Bronson, will have charge of the district agency for the Lincoln company. She will have direct charge of the women agents of the district.

Miss Goethe has been with the Chamber of Commerce for the past seven years. Previous to that time she was with the state department of education at Lincoln. During the past year she received nationwide mention for her work as convention secretary.

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