JUDGES CHOSEN FOR ARMY ESSAY SCHOOL CONTEST

Governors McKelvie and Harding, With Iowa College President, to Select Winners.

Maj. W. A. Cavenaugh, in charge of the Omaha recruiting district, announced yesterday Governor Mc-Kelvie of Nebraska, Governor Harding of lowa and President Pearson of Iowa State university, and Chancellor Avery of the University of Nebraska, had agreed to act as judges to decide winners in this district in the army essay contest to be con ducted in schools throughout the nation next Friday. The Omaha dis trict includes Nebraska and western

In addition to the big silver cup offered to the Omaha district win-ner by the War department, business men and manufacturers of Iowa and Nebraska cities are offer ing prizes of a total value of \$1,152. Carroll, Ia., heads the list with prizes valued at \$481.50 and Alliance. Neb., is second with \$225 Des Moines offers \$50 in prizes

AMUSEMENTS.



ckets, 50c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50 Three days, starting tomorrow night FLO-FLO and her perfect "36" chorus tatinee Sat. Seats On Sale



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Special Ladies' and Children's Matinee Saturday, February 21

Skating Exhibition

LOTHROP GERALDINE FARRAR in "The Stronger Vow" and Comedy



Constance Talmadge in Weeks" is proving a popular attraction at the Strand.

Omaha children will compete for cash prizes totaling \$100. Students of Commercial High school continue to show greatest interest in preparing for the competitive essay contest, according to nance to reject will be overwhelm-ingly rejected if it should be neces-recruiting station.

Hundreds of sary to submit it to a referendum pupils at other schools also are applying for information, however, he says, and a pile of mail is being received daily from over the state.

Order Hearing Here.

Washington, Feb. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The Interstate Commerce commission has ordered hearings held at Omaha March 25 in the complaint of the Hord Alkali Products company against the C. B. & Q. Railroad company.

AMUSEMENTS.

NEW SHOW TODAY

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GRINDELL & ESTHER In "A Study in Thinology"

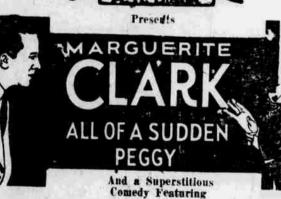
ROBINSON & PENNY "Jazz Boys"-Song and Pep

THE BRADS

Photoplay Attraction "The Web of Deceit" Featuring Dolores Cassinelli. A Woman's Life Drama. Mack Sennett Comedy.

"OMAHA'S FUN CENTER" ARTHUR PEARSON'S BRAIN CHILD "Step Lively, Girls" Musical Burlesque RICH "SHORTY" M'ALLISTER, HARRY T. SHANNON and the Famous "Step Lively" Beauty Chorus. EXTRA: Catherine Crawford's Fashlon Girls

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Mr. and Mrs. 661 **HOODOOED**"

Now Till Saturday.



And It Is CONSTANCE TALMADGE

DRAW PETITION FOR GAS PLANT REFERENDUM

Mayor Believes Rejection of Appraisal Will Not Pass. **But** Anticipates Emergency.

Mayor Smith has directed City force a vote of the people on the question of rejecting the proposal to purchase the Omaha gas plant at

This is the mayor's answer to the action of four city commissioners in declaring for rejection.

"I am convinced that there will not be four votes in the city council in support of the ordinance to reject the appraisal of the court of condemnation in connection with the purchase of the gas plant,"

"I have however, directed Corporation Counsel Lambert to pre-pare referendum petitions which will be circulated if a majority of the council should vote to reject, and I am convinced that the ordisary to submit it to a referendum The mayor insists that it is a

clean-cut issue of whether the city shall approve or reject the appraisal price of \$4,500,000; that the city council is without authority to make any bargain with the gas company as the opponents of the mayor's

City Voted to Buy. In his statement, yesterday the

"The people, by a vote of 18,974 to 3,836, declared in favor of the purchase of the gas plant. The city employed thoroughly competent experts to appraise the plant and the gas company had competent men on their side, the court of condemna-tion, composed of Judges Day, Good and Allen, men in whom all of us have full confidence, heard the testimony and fixed the valua-

tion at \$4,500,000. I accept their

finding as being the reasonable value of the property. "If we refuse to buy, the gas company, having no franchise, cannot be required to pay any royalty, as it did when a franchise existed. The gas company undoubtedly will try to increase the rate of gas if the city does not purchase. If the city then tries to regulate the price of gas we will be granting them a new

franchise." Cites Denver Case.

In that connection, the mayor showed an opinion of the supreme court of the United States in the Denver water case, this finding being that when the Denver city council sought to regulate the water rates at a time when the company did not have a franchise, that regu-"If we undertake to regulate the

price of gas by ordinance," the mayor continued, "it will be equivaa franchise of indefinite duration. I pany a new franchise and believe terest. we should either purchase the gas

to "drive a bargain" with the gas to an amount approximately \$500,000 less than the appraisal. To that contention the better.' mayor replied:

Cannot Buy Outright.

"There is no authority given to the city council to buy any public utility by negotiations; the only way fixed by statute for ascertaining the value of these public utilities is through a court of condemnation. Any bonds we might seek to issue based on a bargain and sale between the council and the gas company would be illegal. The legislature has never vested the city council with the power to agree with a public utility on its value, but the law has committed that function to some

outside agency." The mayor explained that the legislature believed that to grant this authority to any city council would leave "too much room for jobbery. He also believed that it is probable that the court of condemnation may be required to reconvene to determine the valuation of the gas company's extensions since May, 1918, he time of the appraisal, and also o fix the value of materials the company may have on hand at the time of actual purchase.

ADELE GARRISON'S New Phase of "Revelations of a Wife"

to Madge.

Harriet Braithwaite pressed my joost now queeck."
rm significantly when she gave me "Thank you, Katie," I said sedatearm significantly when she gave me hospitality until the departure of our

values.

you that I fully appreciate the suc- us." cessful effort you made to keep your is one of the best women in the world, but tact is a word that isn't veins stood out like whipcords. in her vocabulary. The good fairy who had that quality to give must have been forcibly detained by some wicked sprite at the time of her christening. I must confess I had my misgivings about the ultimate consequences of having you two in the same house, but you have managed her beautifully, my dear, and as her daughter, I'm very rateful to

A Deprecating Request. "Thank you," I said a bit tremuously, for I was still a bit upset

emotionally.

She looked at me shrewdly and hanged the subject abruptly. "Don't you want to let me take

are of Junior while you take your tub?" she said. "You look uncomfortably warm."
"If you add 'horribly dusty' you will describe me better," I replied.

But I have a weakness for a leisurely bath, and perhaps you can imagine how much chance I would have of that with Dicky waiting for a shower. I have told both Dicky and my father that I will wait until they are clothed and in their right minds before I appropriate the bathroom. Mrs. Underwood and Marion have, of course, gone to their rooms at the Durkees. "Then I need have no compune tions about keeping you for a little

"That is what I am here for," smiled, then, without further sparing went straight to the thing knew was on her mind. "I wrote to Katherine four days

be forwarded here. She is always lation was construed as granting a Dicky mention having seen Jack in it without fear. Mother! You

Katie Brings News.

"No!" There was a startled note lent to granting the gas company in her voice, though her face and eyes didn't change their expression. am opposed to granting this com- But I knew she was agog with in-

"They are going west within plant now, or forever cease talking very short time." I purposely made about municipal ownership of this my news as concise as possible. "Katherine isn't well, and Jack has a The mayor's opponents in the wonderful opportunity to take up council have stated that they hope his old work out there." "He is better then?" Mrs. Braith-

waite asked. "Dicky said he was looking much

"Going away!" she repeated the

words half to herself. "I wonder whether after all-" I had no chance to speculate upon her meaning, for Katie's unmistakable knock sounded on the door. Mrs. Braithwaite called, "Come in," and my little maid appeared, rosy,

Mrs. Edith Thomas Magee Is Reported Improving

beaming, with a letter in her hand,

Mrs. Edith Thomas Magec, wife of Weyland Magee, appeared to be much improved last night. She has been at the University of Nebraska hospital since last Saturday. Her condition on Tuesday was reported as serious, but members of her family yesterday stated there had been decided improvement. Magee is a daughter of the late Joseph W. Thomas, banker, who

Bee Want Ads are the Best Busi-

died January 21.

My Heart and My Husband

What Harriet Braithwaite Conveyed here," she explained. "Special. Jim he sign dot ting for it. I forget when you downstairs, so I run oop

a welcoming kiss. With Junior still ly, with the laudable ambition of quieting the girl's volatile spirits. I knew that she was much elated over of relinquishing him to anybody for the success of her little ruse with awhile-I nodded understandingly, the baby, knew that she was apt to and managed as soon as possible to come to grief because of her high go up to my room which she was spirits, which were apt to border Mayor Smith has directed City occupying during her visit. Dicky, dangerously upon impertinence. Corporation Counsel Lambert to my father and I were to continue "Will you take Junior now? It's prepare referendum petitions to to accept Mrs. Durkee's neighborly time for his nap, isn't it? "In feefteen minutes.

babee, go bye-bye Katie. "Come in, Margaret," she smiled To my great delight Junior rightly at me and made me com- evinced great satisfaction with his fortable in her dignified, gracious place in my arms, and it was only fashion. Harriet Braithwaite is a by dint of much coaxing that he woman who is the grande dame al-ways. But there is something about his small body to her willing arms. her rare smile that one distinctly When she had borne him triumphantly away I looked at the letter she "Before we speak of anything had brought to me.

else," she said when she had settled Junior and me upon the chaise claimed. "Addressed here. Now we lounge by the window, "let me tell shall know when they will be with

My sister-in-law made no compoise when mother precipitated that ment, but a glance at her showed unfortunate incident about the me that her clasped hands lying ap-baby's recognition of you. Mother parently listless in her lap were clenched so tightly that the blue (Continued Tomorrow.)

Look at tongue! Remove poisons from stomach, liver and bowels.



only-look for the name California on the package, then you are sure go and expected an answer out at your child is having the best and the camp before I left. But it didn't for the little stomach, liver and be forwarded here. She is always bowels. Children love its delicious very prompt, and I am sure I will fruity taste. Full directions for hear from her by tomorrow. Did child's dose on each bottle. Give

Mother! You must say "Califor-

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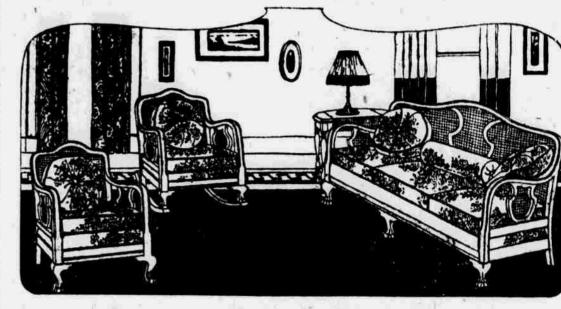
This increase in weight as carries with it a general improvement in the soft curved lines of health and beauty, there are evidently thousands of men and women who keenly feel their excessive thinness.

This increase in weight also carries with it a general improvement in the health. Nervousness, sleeplessness and loss phase to starved nerves. Our bodies need more phosphate than is contained in moderne foods. Physicians and hospitals everywhere foods. Physicians and hospitals everywhere foods. Physicians and hospitals everywhere for the propose of making thin people fleshy, developing arms, neck and bust, and replacing ugly hollows and angles by the loss of the placing ugly hollows and angles by the loss of the placing ugly hollows and angles by the loss of the placing ugly hollows and angles by the loss of the placing ugly hollows and angles by the loss of the placing ugly hollows and angles by the loss of the placing ugly hollows and angles by the loss of the placing ugly hollows and angles by the loss of the placing ugly hollows and angles by the loss of the placing ugly hollows and angles by the loss of the placing ugly hollows and angles by the loss of the placing ugly hollows and angles by the loss of the placing ugly hollows and angles by the placing ugly hollows and angles by the loss of the placing ugly hollows and angle

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