

### JUDGES CHOSEN FOR ARMY ESSAY SCHOOL CONTEST

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

Maj. W. A. Cavanaugh, in charge of the Omaha recruiting district, announced yesterday Governor McKelvie of Nebraska, Governor Harding of Iowa 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 conducted in schools throughout the nation next Friday. The Omaha district includes Nebraska and western Iowa.

### AMUSEMENTS.

**BRANDEIS** Tonight, 8:25 Last Time  
**THE RAINBOW GIRL**  
With the original and only company, including Billy B. Van, Sidney Greenstreet, George Walsh and the world's most beautiful chorus.  
Tickets, 50c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50  
Three days, starting tomorrow night John Cort's Sensational Musical Comedy Success and her perfect "36" chorus  
**FLO-FLO**  
Matinee Sat. Seats On Sale

Daily Matinee 2:15 Every Evening 8:15  
**Ophelia**  
**PETROVA**  
(HERESELF)  
Grace De Mar; Marshall Montgomery; Howard's Spectacle; Barber & Jackson; Jack Ostrom; Billy; and Must Trio; Topics of the Day; Kingrams.

**HIENSHAW CAFE**  
Special Ladies' and Children's Matinee  
Saturday, February 21  
4 to 5:30  
Skating Exhibition  
Dancing

**LOTHROP** 24th and Lothrop  
GERALDINE FARRAR in "The Stronger Vow" and Comedy

**RIALTO**  
Presenting  
**MARGUERITE CLARK**  
ALL OF A SUDDEN PEGGY  
And a Superstitious Comedy Featuring  
Mr. and Mrs. Carter DeHaven **"HOODOOED"**  
Now Till Saturday.

**MOON**  
PRESENTING  
The World's Best Photographs  
Hold Over by Public Request  
**TOM MIX**  
In "THE FEUD"  
Moon Musical Prelude  
LUA'S HAWAIIAN TRIO  
Moon News 2-Part Comedy

**Stand**  
A Little Show Girl Sure Showed Three Crusty Bachelors Up in "TWO WEEKS"  
And It Is  
**CONSTANCE TALMADGE**



Constance Talmadge in "Two 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 Sergt. A. C. Rogers of the Omaha recruiting station. Hundreds of pupils at other schools also are plying for information, however, he says, and a pile of mail is being received daily from over the state.

**EMPRESS**  
NEW SHOW TODAY  
**JOAN HARDCASTLE & CO**  
Presenting "Dance Ideas"  
**GRINDELL & ESTHER**  
In "A Study in Thinology"  
**ROBINSON & PENNY**  
"Jazz Boys"—Song and Pep  
**THE BRADS**  
"Sunshine Cutups"  
Photoplay Attraction,  
**"The Web of Deceit"**  
Featuring Dolores Casinelli.  
A Woman's Life Drama.  
Mack Sennett Comedy.  
Pathe Weekly.

"OMAHA'S FINE CENTER"  
**Gaiety**  
Daily Mat. 15-25-50c  
Evngs., 25-50-75c, \$1  
**ARTHUR PEARSON'S BRAIN CHILD**  
**"Short Lively, Girls"**  
Musical Burlesque  
RICH "SHORTLY" WALLISTER, HARRY T. SHANNON and the Famous "Stop Lively" Beauty Chorus. EXTRA: Catherine Crawford's Fashion Girls.  
LADIES' DIME MATINEE WEEK DAYS  
Sat. Mat. and Wk., Peter S. Clark's "Oh, Girls!"

**SUN**  
NOW PLAYING  
**Nazimova**  
in  
**STRONGER THAN DEATH**  
Last Times Today at the  
**MUSE**

### DRAW PETITION FOR GAS PLANT REFERENDUM

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

Mayor Smith has directed City Corporation Counsel Lambert to prepare referendum petitions to force a vote of the people on the question of rejecting the proposal to purchase the Omaha gas plant at \$4,500,000.

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 plan have hinted might be possible.

In his statement, yesterday the mayor said: "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 condemnation, composed of Judges Day, Good and Allen, men in whom all of us have full confidence, heard the testimony and fixed the valuation at \$4,500,000. I accept their finding as being the reasonable value of the property.

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 regulation was construed as granting a franchise of indefinite duration.

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 in 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.

### My Heart and My Husband ADELE GARRISON'S New Phase of "Revelations of a Wife"

What Harriet Braithwaite Conveyed to Madge. Harriet Braithwaite pressed my arm significantly when she gave me a welcoming kiss. With Junior still in my arms—for I had no intention of relinquishing him to anybody for awhile—I nodded understandingly, and managed as soon as possible to go up to my room which she was occupying during her visit. Dicky, my father and I were to continue to accept Mrs. Durkee's neighborly hospitality until the departure of our visitors.

"Come in, Margaret," she smiled brightly at me and made me comfortable in her dignified, gracious fashion. Harriet Braithwaite is a woman who is the grande dame always. But there is something about her rare smile that one distinctly values.

A Deprecating Request. "Thank you," I said a bit tremulously, for I was still a bit upset emotionally. "She looked at me shrewdly and changed the subject abruptly. "Don't you want to let me take care of Junior while you take your tub?" she said. "You look uncomforably warm."

Katie Brings News. "No!" There was a startled note in her voice, though her face and eyes didn't change their expression. But I knew she was agog with interest.

Mrs. Edith Thomas Magee Is Reported Improving. Mrs. Edith Thomas Magee, 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 a decided improvement. Mrs. Magee is a daughter of the late Joseph W. Thomas, banker, who died January 21.

### THIN, NERVOUS PEOPLE NEED BITRO-PHOSPHATE

What It Is and How It Increases Weight, Strength and Nerve Force in Two Weeks' Time In Many Instances SHOULD BE PRESCRIBED BY EVERY DOCTOR AND USED IN EVERY HOSPITAL Says Editor of "Physicians' Who's Who."

Take plain bitro-phosphate is the advice of physicians to thin, delicate, nervous people who lack will, energy and nerve force, and there seems to be ample proof of the efficacy of this preparation to warrant the recommendation. Moreover, if you judge from the countless preparations and treatments which are continually being advertised for the purpose of making thin people fleshy, developing arms, neck and bust, and replacing ugly hollows and angles by the soft curved lines of health and beauty, there are evidently thousands of men and women who keenly feel their excessive thinness and weakness are usually due to starved nerves. Our bodies need more phosphate than is contained in modern foods. Physicians claim there is nothing that will supply this deficiency so well as the organic phosphate known among druggists as bitro-phosphate, which is inexpensive and is sold by most all druggists under a guarantee of satisfaction or money back. By feeding the nerves directly and by supplying the body cells with the necessary phosphoric food elements, bitro-phosphate quickly produces a welcome transformation in the appearance; the increase in weight frequently being astonishing.

# LOOK then BUY

## Clearance Sale in Full Sway!!

YOU have no time to hesitate—you must make up your mind immediately that you will not miss the wonderful opportunities we are offering for you to save money. A glance through this advertisement will disclose unusual bargains—and the article you need is here and offered to you at very attractive prices COME TOMORROW.



### A True Hartman Value

Loose cushions; velvet or tapestry upholstery. Particular folks—folks who know quality in living room furniture—will instantly appreciate the value we are offering for Thursday and Friday. This suite is but an example of the many remarkable values to be found during this sale. Make your selection now.

## \$335<sup>75</sup>

**Attend This Great Sale**

<b>Solid Oak With Leather Seat</b> \$22.85	<b>A Rocker for Solid Comfort</b> \$5.85	<b>Cane &amp; Mahogany Quality Bargain</b> \$28.50
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**Use Your Credit Freely**

**Try Making Your Own Cough Remedy**  
You can save about \$2, and have a better remedy than the ready-made kind. Ready done.

If you combined the curative properties of every known "ready-made" cough remedy, you probably could not get as much real curative power as there is in this simple home-made cough syrup, which is easily prepared in a few minutes.

<b>Adam Period Bargain at</b> \$48.50	<b>Oval Mirror, Bow Front,</b> \$29.50	<b>The Colonial Period, Now</b> \$24.95	<b>Solid Oak—Sale Price</b> \$27.85	<b>An Exclusive Creation</b> \$97.50
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**Your Chance to Save**

<b>Jacobean Oak Chair Bargains</b> \$9.75	<b>Genuine Leather Seated Chairs</b> \$5.45	<b>Period Design—Big Special for</b> \$9.85
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**All Goods Greatly Reduced**

### Rugs Galore

at Rare Bargain Prices

9x12 Genuine Royal Wilton Rugs, fringed	\$92.50
9x12 Seamless Wilton Rugs	\$69.50
9x12 Axminster Rugs, heavy, seamless	\$57.50
9x12 Seamless Wilton Velvet Rugs	\$52.50
9x12 Seamless Brussels Rugs, all wool	\$31.75
27x54 Rag Rugs, washable	\$1.45

## Hartman's

16th—Between Harney and Howard.

**Usual Easy Terms**  
During this great sale, as at all other great events here, the same Easy Credit Terms make it possible for everybody to take advantage of the bargains offered.