

COMMITTEE SAYS SKINNER BOOKS IN GOOD SHAPE

Stockholders Chosen at Saturday Meeting Report On Examination of Accounts of Company.

Denouncing the so-called "Committee of Nine," the committee of 21 stockholders in the Skinner Packing company, chosen at the stockholders' meeting last Saturday, yesterday gave out a statement that an examination of the books of the company has been made since Saturday and they have been found to be in excellent condition.

Sixteen of these 21 men were present at last Saturday's meeting. They own \$272,100 worth of stock in the company, according to Arah L. Hungerford, Crawford, Neb., land man. He also declared that the 21 men own \$380,600 worth of stock and that the nine men of the "Committee of Nine," opposed to the Skinners, own only \$1,800 worth of stock.

"We have worked day and night for several days checking over the books of the Skinners," said Mr. Hungerford, "and we have discovered that charges that the Skinners took more than \$177,000 out of the company are false. The books are in good condition."

The financial books were gone over by T. F. Newton, banker of Beaver City, Neb., and Thomas G. Bowker, banker of Rulo, Neb., who both stated that they were against the Skinners at the beginning of the controversy, but since checking over the books they have discovered that the charges are not true.

Dr. Cameron of Kearney and O. M. Wiltsey of Falls City, Neb., stockholders, have drawn up resolutions asking the state to withdraw litigation against the Skinners. Attorney William Ritchie, jr., who is counsel for the Skinners, said that Assistant Attorney Generals Dort and Lavery and G. T. Touvelle of the state board of securities were present at the meeting last Saturday.

Mr. Newton stated that 10 of the 16 men present at this morning's meeting were members of the Farmers' union and that they strongly resent the action of their president, Mr. Gustafson, who has been against the Skinners.

Says Wife Loves Bright Lights Better Than Child

Walter G. Bassler, in an answer and cross-petition filed yesterday in district court, to the divorce petition of his wife, Louise C. Bassler, asserts that she loves the bright lights of the great city better than she does their child.

He says she left their home in the country and came to Omaha where she took a job as telephone girl at the Conant hotel. He says she spends much time at amusement parks and automobile rides some times until 2 in the morning.

Recent Storm Was Merely Summer Shower, Says Welsh

From a meteorological standpoint Omaha's blow Monday was merely a good summer shower, according to Forecaster L. A. Welsh.

Only .57 of an inch of rainfall was recorded by the local weather bureau. Wind velocity was 25 miles an hour with twisters and strong currents in spots.

The wind was not alarming, according to Welsh. Rainfall was general in Nebraska and western Iowa.

TWO YOUNG GIRLS NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH FROM BOLT

Lightning Strikes Two Feet From Bed at Home of C. F. Schwager.

Lightning struck the home of C. F. Schwager, president of the American Live Stock Insurance Co., on the West Dodge road at 1:45 a. m. yesterday.

Helen Schwager, 15 years old, and Ellen Frances Bradshaw, 1-year-old daughter of D. E. Bradshaw, chief counsellor of the Woodmen of the World, narrowly escaped death when the bolt struck two feet below the bed in which they were sleeping.

Damage done to the home, "Moon-ket Acres," will amount to about \$1,000, according to Mr. Schwager. Two ragged holes were torn in the wall of the sitting room by the lightning. The Victrola and piano were also damaged.

About 200 feet of telephone wire was torn loose and burned to a crisp. The largest piece of wire to be found after the storm was but two feet long.

Furniture in the parlor and sitting room of the home was damaged by the lightning, which failed to ignite the home, however. "The thunderclap awoke me," said Mr. Schwager. "And I saw the blast of fire leave the house."

"It was an awful realization. I feared the house would either burn down or collapse and we would all be buried in the debris."

Besides the two girls, Mr. and Mrs. Schwager and their 7-year-old son, Charles, were sleeping in the home when the crash came.

Gas Bills Being Paid At Office of Water Board Temporarily

Gas bills are being paid at the Metropolitan Water board's office in the City hall until the board shall have installed a cashier in the gas offices on Howard street, beginning Thursday.

R. B. Howell, general manager of the Water board, has advised all employees of the Omaha Gas company that all necessary employees will be retained by the city when the gas plant goes into municipal ownership, July 1.

G. W. Clabaugh, secretary of the Omaha Gas company, will not remain with the Metropolitan Water board when it assumes management of the plant.

"We were unable to find a \$7,500 a year position for Mr. Clabaugh," said Mr. Howell.

Julius A. Sayles will be retained as chief clerk of the office staff of the gas department.

Autos Collide; Driver Arrested; No One Injured

His wife and four children narrowly escaped injury Monday, when an automobile, driven by John McDonald, 4720 North Fourteenth street, collided with a car belonging to Herman Peterson, 3912 North Twentieth street, which was standing at the curb near Eighteenth and Paul streets. McDonald was arrested for intoxication and reckless driving.

Consults Austrian Socialists

Vienna, June 29.—President Sietz of the Austrian republic continues his efforts to solve the ministerial crisis and is consulting with leaders of the socialist and social Christian parties, both of which desire to hold the portfolio of minister of the interior.

ONLY SIX CITIES SURPASS OMAHA IN RAPID GROWTH

Increase In All Others Due to "Mushroom" Industries—Solid, Progressive Advance Here.

Only six cities in the country experienced greater growth than Omaha in the past decade, according to census figures, which, according to Arthur Thomas, manager of the publicity bureau of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, is giving business men considerable consolation for the failure of official figures to reach 200,000.

Akron led all, with a growth of 201.8 per cent. The rubber industry centered there, augmented by the production required by the war and the present inflated demand for automobile tires, is held responsible for this growth. Detroit, with an increase of 113.4 per cent, comes second. The automobile industry alone is responsible for this growth, it is pointed out. Los Angeles, with a large tourist population and the horde attracted by the motion picture industry, had an increase of 80.3 per cent.

Dallas and San Antonio, Tex., concentration points during the war and centers of oil booms, had 72.6 and 67 per cent increases respectively. Youngstown, O., the only other whose growth exceeded that here, experienced an enormous increase in population through boom industries during the war.

Omaha enjoyed none of these mushroom industries, business men are telling each other. Its growth, they insist, is rather the effect of solid, progressive, essential industries, and represents the normal expansion due to a city possessing such a location. The increase accredited by the federal figures is 54.4 per cent.

Pieces of Plymouth Rock in Gavel at Church Conference

Boston, June 29.—Congregationalists from many lands were here today for the fourth decennial international Congregational council. Nearly 3,000 delegates, representing 13,000 Congregational churches in all parts of the world, have registered.

The council, which will continue through Tuesday of next week, will celebrate the Pilgrim tercentenary. Pilgrimages will be made to several communities with whose early history is interwoven the founding of American Congregationalism.

Every phase of the church's activity will be considered and heads of national and international districts will address the delegates. Among the more important questions to be discussed is the church unity movement.

The Rev. R. V. Busfield of the Church of the Pilgrimage, Plymouth, Mass., presented to the council a gavel containing a piece of Plymouth Rock, and the Rev. Charles Harbutt of Portland, Me., also presented a gavel containing a piece of stone from the church in Leyden, Holland, in which John Robinson, first pastor of the Pilgrim church, preached.

Chicago Druggists Will Fight Attempt To Exact License Fee

Chicago, June 28.—The Chicago city council revenues committee today decided that drug stores should pay a license of \$500 a year, after a delegation of druggists had protested a proposal to add to the recommended license of \$30 an additional charge of \$500 for drug stores selling liquor for medicinal purposes. Druggists announced they would fight the recommendation.

"The drug stores have taken over the business of saloons," Alderman Michael J. Kenna said. "Those selling liquor are profiting. They should pay a license approximating that paid by the saloons."

To Plan Celebration of Pilgrims' Anniversary

A meeting of the general committee to complete plans for the tercentenary celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims will be held in Howe, Fontenelle, Tuesday afternoon and evening, July 6.

John L. Webster, chairman of the committee, states that a general business meeting will be held at 4 p. m. and that at 6:30 p. m. the attendants will be taken for an automobile drive and will be entertained at dinner at the Omaha Country club.

This committee comprises many prominent business and select representatives of the city, and is directed by Governor McKelvie from various activities and organizations of Nebraska.

Negro's Fast Pedals Give Out; Police Enter Scene

After an exciting chase from the Sanitary bakery, 1609 Cumming street, to Twenty-second and Nicholas streets, Arthur Davis, negro, 908 Capitol avenue, was arrested hiding in a coal shed Monday night and charged with highway robbery.

Davis threatened Mrs. L. Blend, proprietor of the bakery, and looted the cash drawer of small change, police say, but fled when Blend came into the bakery from a rear room.

Organize U. S. Pool to Underwrite Merchant Marine

Washington, June 29.—Organization of a pool of American insurance companies to underwrite the American merchant marine was virtually effected at a conference of officials of leading insurance concerns and members of the shipping board. Contracts will be signed in New York Wednesday. It was announced and the association will start functioning at an early date.

Riots Break Out In Shanghai Due to High Prices of Rice

Shanghai, June 29.—Labor disorders and strikes are spreading with incipient rioting and looting of food shops in the inland districts due to the price of rice having mounted to \$15 for 20 peculs (a pecul approximates 140 pounds). It is estimated that there is only a four-day supply of rice available.

AUTO OWNER WILL HIRE SLEUTHS TO COLLECT EVIDENCE

Will Press Charges Against Tom Kelly and William Maher.

Pinkerton detectives are to be employed by William B. Hughes, secretary of Nebraska Bankers association, in the hope of collecting evidence against Tom Kelly and William Maher who are accused of stealing his Cadillac automobile and transporting it to Denver.

Charges against Kelly and Maher were continued in police court yesterday until July 7.

Kelly and Maher were arrested in Denver two weeks ago by Denver police following the finding of Hughes' machine.

Kelly admitted in police court he had purchased a quantity of blue paint to paint the car but denied he had "camouflaged" it.

Harry B. Fleaharty, attorney for the pair, indicated his defense would attempt to show it was impossible for Kelly and Maher to steal the car, as they were not in Omaha at the time of the theft.

Omaha Climbs Notch Forcing Birmingham Out of 34th Position

Omaha went up a step on the population ladder of the larger cities of the United States yesterday, according to figures compiled by Arthur Thomas, head of the publicity bureau of the Chamber of Commerce.

Figures were given out yesterday whereby Omaha was shown to be the 35th largest city in the country.

These figures estimated the population of Birmingham, Ala., at 197,670, Omaha at 192,000. Official census count from Washington yesterday announced Birmingham as 178,270, which forces that city below Omaha, giving the Nebraska metropolis 34th place in the list.

Family Locked in Room by Woman; Cries Bring Police

A family of three was imprisoned for more than an hour in a room at 2230 Burdette street yesterday morning.

J. H. King, his wife and their 8-month-old baby boy, Rollin, were released by Policeman Joseph Potach after neighbors called police following King's shouts for help from a window.

Miss Minnie Vaughan, who locked the trio in the room, is an aunt of Mrs. King. She came to their room this morning and threatened to "ship them out of town," according to King. "She seized the baby's pocket-book which was lying on the bed and showered the stairway with more than 100 pennies," he said.

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Yankee Missionary And Wife Disappear Near Tarsus, Turkey

Constantinople, June 29.—A message from the United States Embassy at Messina dated June 24, says that the American missionaries, Paul Nilson and his wife of Wheaton, Ill., who were recently captured by bandits near Tarsus, went into a vineyard beyond the French lines June 18 and have not been heard of since. The French authorities at Tarsus are holding 20 Turks as hostages, pending the return of the missionaries. Communication from Tarsus is interrupted.

Lenine Receives French Socialists for Conference

Paris, June 29.—Marcel Cachin and M. Frossard, French socialists who are visiting Russia, have been received by Nikolai Lenine, Russian bolshevik premier, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Echo de Paris. The message states that Lenine told the Frenchmen that reconciliation between the bolshevik and western European socialists must be conditioned upon the admission of the latter to the third internationale and the recognition of the right of the bolsheviks to carry on their propaganda.

Schooner Crew Reports Vessel Was a Total Loss

New York, June 29.—The steamship Monterey arrived here today from Havana, with five members of the crew of the American schooner Pauline M. Cummins, which went aground in the Bahamas June 5. They reported that the vessel, which was carrying a cargo of logwood from St. Marc, Haiti, to Chester, Pa., was a total loss.

St. Paul Street Carmen Will Accept Mediation

St. Paul, Minn., June 29.—Representatives of the St. Paul street railway men agreed to accept mediation in the strike demands and pending the decision of the board the strike set for Wednesday has been postponed. Minneapolis street car men accepted the arbitration proposal yesterday.

WILL COMPLETE GRANDSTAND FOR RACES NEXT FALL

Saunders County Visitors Enjoy Ak-Sar-Ben Show—Membership Exceeds Last Year's Record.

Visitors from Saunders county to Ak-Sar-Ben were thrilled by the wonders and mysteries of the order and the musical comedy "Sky-Lo" Monday night at the Deu despite ravages of the wind which shattered the ravages of the new steel grandstand on Ak-Sar-Ben field.

The board of governors announced last night they expected the grandstand to be completed in time for the races next September. The old carnival grounds at Fifteenth and Capitol avenue may yet be used for this year's carnival, the governors said Monday night.

Ed. Palmer, acting secretary, announced the paid membership in Ak-Sar-Ben last night as 3,991, or 500 more than last year at this time. W. R. Wood and his hustling committee plan another drive Friday to secure the membership of some 2,000 who were members last year but have not paid their dues this year.

Between the end of the last act of "Sky-Lo" and the refreshment parlors Monday night, Mayor Ralph Hayes of Ashland made a few appropriate remarks, and Everett E. Kingham, governor, made some clever suggestions about each knight present.

M'Kelvie to Attend Directors' Meeting of Omaha Auto Club

The "Compton boulev" on West Center street, may get an airing Thursday, when Governor McKelvie attends a meeting of the directors of the Omaha Automobile club and the public highways committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

It is understood that the road improvement program in Douglas county will be the topic for general discussion. The grading, widening and bridging of the "boulev" that connects the holdings of A. D. Compton, county commissioner in charge of highways, and his relatives, with Omaha is the only road improvement going on in the county, aside from a short strip of pavement being laid on the Lincoln highway.

State Engineer Johnson, who approved the plans and expenditures necessary for this improvement, will accompany the governor.

Revival Meeting In Michigan Concludes In Fatal Gun Fight

Robidoux Corners, Mich., June 29.—A detachment of state police and Attorney General Grosbeck reached here last night to preserve order and investigate a gun fight which resulted Sunday in the death of one man and the wounding of another, the outgrowth, it was reported, of a religious controversy. Rumors that friends of the victims planned to avenge them, brought the state officers here.

According to Sheriff Pupart it appears that a speaker at a revival meeting had been warned to desist from alleged criticism of another church. The service was broken up when the warning went unheeded, it was said, and the pistol fight followed.

Walter Gilday, a former sheriff of Monroe county, was killed and M. M. Drouillard was shot through the chest.

Inter-Church World Financial Drive Is Halted by Committee

New York, June 29.—The billion dollars campaign of the interchurch world movement has been abandoned, it was announced, following a meeting of the executive committee. The entire project may end July 8, it was said, when the general committee will meet to consider what steps, if any, will be taken to carry on the other aspects of the campaign.

Several reasons were back of the decision, the committee stated, the principal one being the present prevalence of "drives of various kinds" which are being carried on throughout the country.

Spanish King Overcome With Heartiness of Reception

Barcelona, June 29.—King Alfonso, who for the last two days has been the guest of this city, left tonight for Madrid. His appearance everywhere during his stay in Barcelona evoked most enthusiastic demonstrations.

The king was so overcome with the heartiness of his reception during the ceremonies in the afternoon that he virtually broke down.

Nightmare Choking Not Cruel, Judge Opines; Dismissed

Chicago, Ill., June 29.—Judge Jesse Holdom, in dismissing a divorce suit in the circuit court recently, handed down an official opinion of a nightmare.

Mrs. Ellen Harris, in suing her husband, William A. Harris, testified that one night while she was asleep he grabbed her by the throat "and almost killed me."

Other charges were denied by Harris, and the suit was dismissed.



WEDNESDAY Will Be Another Merry Day of Shoe Selling

The heat only stimulates the demand for these Summer Shoes now selling at this way below value price. Just here let us urge you not to confuse the Shoes we offer with the ordinary job lot, because the price is low. No better Shoes are made than these hand-turned, French heel, high vamp, soft kid, fashion formed footwear in whites and blacks.

Low Shoes, Pumps, Oxfords and Slippers that have sold from \$9.00 to \$15.00. A lot of interesting numbers.

Wednesday **\$5.95** a Pair

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A Before-the Fourth Sale of Nile Cloth and Kid Low Shoes of exceptional quality, and the styles you want. All grouped together at—

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Which means that we give you this week late season prices. No time in all the year is so apt for the sale of summer garments as the WEEK BEFORE THE FOURTH. Cut prices are usually deferred until later.

Blouses and Tub Skirts

At \$2.95 At \$7.95

Cool Blouses of plain and fancy batiste, some with lace edging on collar, others high shades in stripes with dainty hemstitched collars and cuffs; also sheer voiles in Buster Brown effects, with touches of colored linen as well as dozens of other styles. Very Special \$2.95

This group is largely composed of fresh new Blouses of Georgette, lace trimmed and with short sleeves; also Voile Overblouses with sash tie in back with lace touches, as well as Sheer Voile Blouses, hand embroidered with filet trimming. Values \$10.75. Sale Price \$7.95

At \$5.95 At \$9.75

Cool Blouses of voile and organdie in light blue, pink and white with touches of lace and embroidery; also Blouses of pongee and georgette. Values to \$14.75. Sale Price..... \$5.95

Blouses of tricolette, crepe de chine in stripes and plain colors; also voiles in tailored and fancy effects. Values to \$19.75. Sale Price..... \$9.75

Extra Large Blouses

Sizes to 52. Beaded Georgettes, both navy and high shades, as well as Blouses of crepe de chine and pussy willow. Values to \$11.75. \$18.50. Sale Price..... \$11.75

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One never has quite enough of these comfortable Skirts for Summer wear and now is the time to buy them, so that you will get a full season's use this year—and remember, the styles are so conservative, yet attractive—that they will be quite as satisfactory next season as they are now.

There are various styles from which to choose; the materials are cotton gaberdine, poret and satin, with tailored, tucked and stick-out pockets. VERY SPECIAL..... \$2.95, \$4.95, \$7.95



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Tuesday, June 29th

This car started from 16th and Farnam Sts. at 12 o'clock and traveled for 2 hours and 20 minutes on 1 gallon of gasoline east and west, north and south from 24th St. to 10th St. and from South Omaha to Florence, pulling against a strong head wind at least 25% of the way.

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