

**U. S. Authors on Par With English, Lewis Asserts**

**Well-Known Writer of Middle-west Displays Versatility in Address Here; Praises Nebraska Author.**

Sinclair Lewis, author, journalist and lecturer, proved conclusively Friday afternoon in his lecture at the Fontenelle hotel before the members of the Omaha Society of Fine Arts that one doesn't necessarily have to be fat and come from England to be brainy; that a middle western birth or experience doesn't detract from the accumulation of poise or prevent a broadening of the mentality and artistic vision; and that American authors of fiction needn't further howl their heads in illumination before the literary fish set up in Europe years ago by the fiction-reading public of America.

In his lecture, "The Novel, a Study of Life," Mr. Lewis declared that a demand by the fiction readers for better things would mean a more artistic and better written output by the authors; that the proper support would mean the birth of fiction which would be a true portrayal of American life and experiences.

**Free From Mannerisms.**

Mr. Lewis is free from the usual mannerisms which make most lecturers impossible. He is not ashamed of his middle-western birth and in spite of a Yale education and a residence in the east, he speaks authoritatively of most things south, east, middle-west and far west in a manner which denotes first-hand experiences. He has not allowed himself or his ideas to become anchored to one portion of the nation, but has assimilated ideas and truths in the far corners. His perfect poise and absence of any attempt at appearing "high" made him an entertaining speaker, proven by the attention of his large audience. His bright red hair, which he wears unashingly, parted in the middle, is probably one reason for this.

**Condemns Unreal Fiction.**

Mr. Lewis condemned the reading of fiction in which experiences of life were not truthfully drawn. He declared the old-fashioned cut and dried hero and heroine were out of date, and that the experiences of the characters in the story should be lifelike and natural and the ending, regardless of being happy or tragic, should conform to the experiences of life.

"Authors," the speaker said, "may be in advance of their time, just as many philosophers have. Thus they have suffered by a lack of appreciation."

As an example, he mentioned Willa Sibert Cather, a Nebraska writer, author of "My Antonia," "The Song of the Lark" and other books.

**Cites Nebraska Authors.**

"I wonder if Willa Sibert Cather isn't really one of the biggest things Nebraska has produced. Long after General John J. Pershing and William Jennings Bryan have been forgotten, Willa Sibert Cather will be remembered for the beautiful stories she has written," Mr. Lewis said.

In paying tribute to the younger writers of the present day, Mr. Lewis said they were not excelled by European writers of fiction and that American readers would do well to follow them more carefully.

In the early part of his lecture Mr. Lewis cited the "Tired Business Man" as an example of how bad fiction is encouraged.

**Mistake in Selection.**

"The T. B. M. comes home at night and his wife probably recommends a good book. 'I can't read that kind of stuff, I'm too tired. I must have something more interesting to read,'" he says. Consequently he picks up that sort of literature, usually found in fifteenth-rate magazines, and leaves the better books, which would be really entertaining, unread. To have really good authors there must be readers who demand well written books," Mr. Lewis said.

The audience listening to Mr. Lewis was one of the largest to attend a lecture under the auspices of the society this year.

"I could have listened to him two hours more," one matron said, as she was leaving the room.

Mr. Lewis is the author of "Main Street," a book portraying life in a small town. Critics proclaim it the best book of the year.

**Masons of Plattsmouth To Entertain Grand Lodge**

Plattsmouth, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—Plattsmouth lodge, No. 6, A. F. and A. M., has named a committee to look after the reception of the grand lodge of Masons of Nebraska when it will pay this city a visit during its session in Omaha in June, to inspect the state Masonic home. It is planned to bring the delegation here on a special train, with a several hours stopover.

**Get Acquainted**

THAT "Greater Omaha" page appearing in The Bee every week, and other special pages and sections of advertising that are published from time to time, form the concrete results of this man's efforts.

Who is Whitney Winder, member of The Bee's advertising staff for a year and a half. He is particularly in charge of special "stunts" and always ready to tell the world he likes the game and enjoys dealing with Omaha advertisers.

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**Negro Suspected of K. C. Murder Held**

L. E. Sowell of Kansas City, negro, is being held by Omaha police for investigation into charges by a Burlington special agent that he is wanted in Kansas City for the murder of a policeman. The negro denies the charges.

Detectives Bolter, Anderson, Trapp and Bunch were sent with drawn pistols to the Douglas street bridge yesterday afternoon to capture Sowell, who, the railroad officer telephoned headquarters, was running toward the bridge from the Bluffs side. Sowell told the officers he was merely running after a truck to catch a ride to Omaha.

**Plattsmouth Woman Held On "Moonshining" Charge**

Plattsmouth, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. Delia Travis, arrested by Federal Officer William Hanks on the Iowa side of the river, makes the second one of her household to be held for dispensing "moonshine." Some months ago a carefully concealed dugout, still and many gallons of mash were unearthed on this side of the river, Mrs. Travis' husband pleading guilty to charges. Now the wife has been bound over to federal court, following the raid of her home on the Iowa side and discovery of a quantity of liquor.

**Man Accused of Forgery Year Ago Captured Here**

**Victim in Alleged Bad Check Deal Spots Him on Street and Causes Arrest.**

Charged with the forgery of a check a year ago to secure funds with which to go to Germany to see his dying father, Waldo Wink, formerly of Omaha, now of Syracuse, N. Y., was arrested yesterday when recognized on the street by Henry Dolgoff, his alleged victim, 212 South Twelfth street.

A year ago, Dolgoff told the police, Wink entered his store with a check for \$105.

He had known Wink, and when asked to cash the check so Wink could get to Germany to see his father, reported dying, he did so. The check was returned as a forgery, he said.

Meantime, Wink went direct to New York on the money he got from Dolgoff, he told the police yesterday, but was stopped there from embarking because of an \$85 tax which he could not pay.

**Large Crowd Attends Benefit Matinee Here**

The Orpheum theater was filled almost to capacity at the testimonial matinee given yesterday afternoon for the benefit of members of the National Vaudeville artists.

Proceeds from the performance and from over 600 other matinees which were given simultaneously in theaters of the United States and Canada will go to a foundation fund to provide insurance for the 12,000 members of the actors' association.

Immediately preceding the performance at the Orpheum yesterday, Manager W. P. Byrne spoke a few words in behalf of the movement, telling of the necessary part that vaudeville actors play in life. Their work in entertaining the public is as essential as food and clothing, Mr. Byrne said.

**Deal to Reinsure Lion Bonding Co. Encounters Snag**

**Firm May Go Into Receivers' Hands; President Will Attempt Sale to Chicago Syndicate.**

The deal to reinsure the Lion Bonding and Surety company facilities with a Kansas City office has struck a snag, and state officials arrive yesterday to consider what further action may be necessary.

Dennis Hudson and R. E. McKinney, officials of the Employers' Indemnity company of Kansas City, who spent the week negotiating with officers of the Omaha company and auditing its books, returned home Thursday night without completing the deal.

E. R. Gurney, president of the Lion Bonding company, told The Bee Thursday the company would go into the hands of a receiver if the pending deal was not closed.

He has gone to Chicago in an effort to make a sale of the company to a Chicago syndicate.

Officers say there is hope either the Kansas City or Chicago deal will go through.

J. E. Hart, secretary of the state banking board, said a decision in the company's affairs would be reached soon.

Clarence Davis of Lincoln, attorney general for Nebraska, will come to Omaha to decide what action the state will take in the company's affairs.

The state of Minnesota yesterday denied the Lion Bonding company permission to do further business in that state.

The company's affairs have also been under fire of Maj. William Herndon, insurance commissioner of Kansas, as well as William B. Young, Nebraska commissioner.

The latter recently notified the Lion officials they must raise \$400,000 to fill legal requirements. The reinsurance plan was proposed to obviate this necessity.

**Transfer Involved.**

The transfer of \$1,250,000 was involved in the proposed reinsurance deal, Gurney said yesterday.

He intimated affairs were not satisfactory when he said:

"They want us to practically give them everything and of course we can't do that. There will have to be readjustments."

Local agents, who stand to lose \$100,000, according to reports, favored the reinsurance plan, even at a loss, rather than go into receivers' hands.

Twelve or 15 out-of-town directors were summoned to a meeting in the Omaha offices yesterday.

The Lion Bonding company is one of the largest bonding companies west of Chicago and employs over 150 people in Omaha. Its business trebled in the last two years and this growth is responsible for its present difficulties Gurney said.

**Soldier Pawns Medal, Then Drowns Himself**

New York, April 8.—The man is dead, his clothing soaked with water from Peck's slip, in the East river, and his body lies on a gray slab down in the Manhattan morgue; but the pawn ticket found in his pocket—that speaks for him and tells a story that makes one think of the days of 1917.

"Pawn ticket No. 84415. Medal—\$5."

That was all the ticket said. There was something else in the old black overcoat or the blue overalls, citizenship papers of one John Hendrickson, taken out in October, 1900. Nobody has yet called for the man at the morgue. But it must be that Uncle Sam called for him in 1917, that he responded to the call and that he was proud enough of his being an American to carry in his pocket his papers of citizenship.

It's a sad end—the river—for a

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