

BAN ON 'FLOATERS'

Topeka Would Keep Out Itinerant Business Firms.

License High Enough to Discourage Them Is Plan.

CHARGE THEM \$100 A DAY

Violation of Any of Terms Would Bring \$500 Fine.

Secretary Kelley of Commercial Club Supports Ordinance.

Merchants have been luring away business that legitimately belongs to local merchants. Mr. Kelley told commissioners this morning. Out of town companies operating here, usually before representatives come to the city. The general practice is to display a stock of samples in a hotel room and solicit orders for future delivery.

Last year a company succeeded in unloading on Topeka customers a big stock of ladies garments. Representatives of the same concern were in the city recently disposing of an immense stock. Practically every line of merchandise is handled by the itinerant salesman, Mr. Kelley asserts.

Several ordinances already have been passed by the city commission with a view to discouraging out of town competition. Under a law passed less than a year ago, concerns that maintain stores in Topeka for several weeks before the holidays are taxed \$25 a day. The ordinance, however, did not cover concerns which take orders for future delivery.

TWELVE NEW MEMBERS

Commercial Club Adds in One Man's Campaign.

Twelve new members have been added to the Topeka Commercial Club since July 1, through the efforts of Richard Wilson, the new membership secretary. In addition thirty-five members have paid the dues, making a total of 537 members. The members are:

E. D. Clithers, life insurance, Central bank building, Tinkham Veale, president Home Builders' association, New England building, P. P. Womer, president Washington college, J. M. Kirkpatrick, president Knights and Ladies of Security, Dr. W. M. Romaine, dentist, 734 Kansas avenue, O. C. Baker, T. R. B. Clothing company, 716 Kansas avenue, E. H. Lowery, Throop hotel, Fourth and Kansas avenues, W. P. Feder, traveling salesman, Crane & Company, E. E. Hoopes, traveling salesman, Crane & Company, A. B. Kirkpatrick, Central City garage, 119 East Seventh street, Charles W. Etlich, shoe dealer, 823 Kansas avenue.

COUNT STRIKE VOTE

Will Know Result by August 8—Then Officials to Act.

Cleveland, O., July 31.—President S. W. Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers today announced that the district chairman of the four railway brotherhoods will meet in New York tomorrow to canvass the "strike vote." This referendum vote of the brotherhood membership, it is predicted, will give officials power to act, in case they are unable to reach an agreement with the railroad managers' committee regarding an eight-hour day at ten-hour pay and time and a half for overtime.

Over 300,000 employees are affected. President Stone said he expected the vote would be counted by August 8. When it is counted, the brotherhoods' committee will meet the railroad managers.

WAITING ON STATE

City Wants Confirmation Assessment Before Passing Budget.

Passing of the city budget is being held up pending approval by the state tax commission. The budget placed on real and personal property by Shawnee county assessors. So far as city officials have been able to learn, no protests have been filed by property owners in the county and it is not considered likely that any substantial change in the assessment will be made.

So far as the commissioners are concerned all differences have been ironed out and the budget is ready to pass the annual budgets as soon as State Tax Commissioner Howe approves the assessment, it was announced this morning.

PLENTY OF OFFERS

No Death of Skin for "Baby Who Never Smiles."

Clerk in Dry Goods Store Offers Flesh to Cause.

There will be no death of skin and flesh for "the baby who never smiles" if county officials and surgeons finally agree upon a series of operations.

A third woman, one who is employed in a dry goods store on Kansas avenue, has written that she will gladly make the sacrifice and she wishes to make it within the next two weeks, during her vacation. She has never seen the baby. She knows of it only through stories about it read in the State Journal. But she has a tender spot in her heart for all babies, and particularly for this unfortunate little foundling, deformed as it is.

One trouble is that the Shawnee county commissioners do not feel that it is up to them to stand any additional expense in this case. The mother of the child came to Crittenton from Dorse City, Ford county, in her home. After giving birth to the deformed child she returned to her home and stayed here. Eventually it reached the county detention home. Ford county should care for it and the county commissioners are trying to get sympathy for an innocent unfortunate. She writes:

"To the Editor of the State Journal: I am a woman in excellent health and employed in one of the dry goods stores on Kansas avenue. I expect to have a vacation in a few days and will be glad, at that time, to part with a little of my flesh and skin for the poor little baby born without an upper lip. I sincerely request that no money be given for the matter. I would rather that my name be withheld.

"My motive is purely an unselfish one. I am a mother of five children, this one especially abandoned without a parent. If surely would suffer many hard knocks in this battle for very few, like ugly things about them. I will permit an examination any time and if my flesh will give sufficient for a little baby's lip, I cheerfully and gladly and thankfully offer myself."

RECRUITS GO THROUGH

Forty of 150 to Join the New York National Guard.

"To scrap the bally Mexicans, don't you know," one hundred and fifty recruits for the New York National Guard regiment here today passed through this city Sunday.

The men came through on the Rock Island. They stopped here only long enough to obtain ice and water.

"Goah, it's nice and cool out here," one of the men who confided as was from Buffalo, told a Topekan who happened to walk past the train.

"Some optimist," muttered the Topekan as he mopped his face with a handkerchief that looked like it had already seen considerable service. "I reckon I'd ought to have killed that fellow," he told an acquaintance, "but he had too much to learn."

WIN ON ALL FRONTS

Anglo-French Claim Gains on Six-Mile Sector.

London, July 31.—Further advances for General Hugi's forces on the Somme front in northern France, where a combined attack of the British and French gained ground along a six-mile front yesterday are reported by Landon today.

MAKES SIXTH ESCAPE

Clyde Stratton Out Again—Once Made Get Away From Kan. "Pen."

Chicago, July 31.—Clyde Stratton, noted convict, and two other prisoners escaped from the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet yesterday, according to a telegram received by the Chicago detective bureau last night. It was the sixth time Stratton has broken out of some prison in a comparatively short criminal career.

William A. Hart and William McCloud, this state's most notorious serving life sentences for murder. Stratton is the convict who escaped from the Leavenworth, Kan., prison by crawling a mile through a sewer. Four times before that he had proved the futility of prison bars. This time he was given a fourteen-year sentence for the murder of a banker at Elwin, Ill.

Stratton has had a picturesque career. He was arrested in richly furnished apartments here soon after the Leavenworth escape. He was building several years ago and was turned over to the federal authorities for a postoffice robbery and was sent to Leavenworth. Guns and ammunition and such loot were found in his apartments.

Previous to his Leavenworth escape Stratton twice got out of the Ohio penitentiary.

A hole bored in the roof of the cell corridor in Joliet prison furnished the means of escape for the three convicts who got out last night. It was found today by investigators, directed by Warden Mitchell Zimmer. Warden Zimmer has instituted an investigation of the conduct of the guards whose laxity is blamed for the escape.

TIE UP WHOLE SYSTEM

Only Fifteen Out of 439 New York Cars Are Now Running.

New York, July 31.—Paralysis of New York's surface street car traffic approached nearer and nearer today. Strikers announced that by midnight every car on the Third Avenue system would be stopped.

They predicted motormen and conductors of B. R. T. trains and the I. R. T. system, crossing the Williamsburg bridge, would soon be out on sympathetic strike. Police reports of conditions at noon showed a steadily decreasing number of cars operated by strikebreakers on the Third Avenue company lines in Manhattan borough. So far as police figures went, it appeared that only fifteen cars of the 439 normally operated by the company in Manhattan were in operation at noon.

ALL ATTACKS REPULSED

Berlin Seems Satisfied With the Day's Drift of War.

Berlin, July 31.—Anglo-French attacks through the morning, along the front from Longueval to the Somme, were everywhere repulsed with sanguinary losses, according to the war office statement today.

In the eastern fighting zone also, the war office declared Russian attacks had been repulsed. "Northwest and west of Bucacz," the statement asserted, "the enemy penetrated our front lines, but were driven back. All attacks were victoriously repulsed."

REVERT TO TERRORISM

England Intends to Punish "Murderers" of Captain Fryatt.

London, July 31.—Great Britain proposes to bring to justice all those concerned in the execution of Captain Fryatt, no matter of how high a station, in proper time, Premier Asquith told the Commons today.

"This atrocious murder," he declared, "shows that German high command under the stress of military defeat, have reverted to terrorism."

OFFICES TO TOPEKA

Local Business Men Look for R. I. Move From Herington.

Considerable credence is placed in a report here that the Rock Island will move a part or all of its Herington offices, including the division superintendent's office, to Topeka in substitution for offices moved from Topeka several months ago, by business men and those familiar with recent Rock Island activities today.

The principal office the Rock Island would move is the superintendent's office.

C. S. Elliott, chairman of the committee which is representing this city in negotiations with the railroad for offices here, said today he would not be surprised if the report were true.

"The Herington move," he said, "was one of those discussed some time ago by the committee and the road. However, the Topeka committee has been letting the matter rest pending the reorganization."

Authorities for the report here are closely connected with the workings of the Chicago office of the Rock Island. An official announcement from the road to the effect that the Topeka offices are to be filled is expected any time.

Additional offices to the superintendent's department which would be moved here, the report says, are the division chief dispatcher's department, the roadmaster's office and possibly the master mechanic's department.

8-Quart Gray Granite Pre-serve Kettle

Harvesting Sale on Dishes—Dishes—you never saw so many Dishes. Several counters are stacked full of just the kind of dishes here you need at this time. Plates—dozens of kinds. Priced, 49c, set of six; and down as low as, 19c set of six.

Cups and Saucers—Priced, 59c set of 6; and some slightly defective down as low as, 19c set of 6.

Platters—One lot of Platters are marked HALF OFF.

Sauce Boats—25c to 35c values on sale, choice. 19c

Regular 5c Roll Toilet Paper on sale this week only 2c.

Crocks—Milk Crocks, etc., gallon size, price is reduced to 6c.

Don't Want Your Vote

We want your \$5 Grocery Orders

We can do more than any candidate toward cutting the cost of eating. We will start with

16 lbs. of Fine Granulated Sugar with 24 Order of other Groceries. \$1.00

48 lb. Sack of Flour or Best Beans with 24 Order of other Groceries. \$1.40

Watermelons, weight about 20 lbs. 25c

SMOKED HAM—About 10 lbs. Per lb. 20c

TOMATOES—Fresh, lb. 3c

PEACHES—Small basket, each. 50c

PRIME CHUCK ROAST—lb. 12c

DRY SALT PORK—lb. 14c

COMPOUND—Special, 2 lbs. for. 25c

COFFEE—1-lb. bricks, each. 25c

PEANUT BUTTER—Extra good quality, lb. 5c

CANTALOUPE—Nice ones, each. 10c

BACON BISKETS—24c value, lb. 15c

COOKING APPLES—"Beat on the market," peck. 10c

HAM SAUSAGE and Lunch Ham, are good meat items this warm weather. Ready to serve, lb. 17c

WATERMELONS—Fresh lot, lb. 25c

GREEN CORN—Home grown, doz. 45c

CABBAGE—Large heads, each. 4c

JAM—Pure fruit, 10c jars. 2 for. 15c

VANILLA EXTRACT—Dr. Price's 25c size 20c

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses were issued today from the office of the probate judge to the following persons:

- Delbert P. Talley, Burlingame, age 21, and Hazel P. Kimble, Burlingame, age 18.
- Austin J. Workman, Topeka, age 20, and Dora L. Shafer, Topeka, age 16.
- Charles A. McCarron, Topeka, age 21, and Mary M. Smith, Topeka, age 19.
- Adam J. Sadler, Topeka, age 22, and Elizabeth M. Artzer, Topeka, age 18.

The Fair

THE STORES THAT SELL EVERYTHING
618 Kans. Ave. 837 No. Kans. Ave.

Aluminum Ware—Guaranteed 10 years, is now on sale less 10%.

Mason Jar Taps are now on sale, per dozen, 17c

10c Jar Rubbers, per dozen 5c

Mixing Bowls—Pretty ware, smooth and good shape. Priced special: The ones measuring 12 inches across the top, 25c; the 11-inch, 20c; the 10-inch, 15c; the 9-inch 10c; the 8-inch 8c; the 7-inch 5c; the 6-inch 4c

STONE WARE at Cut Prices—A full car load on sale this week at handsome savings. Jugs are, 5c each 10c and 15c

Churns are, per gallon, 10c

Jars, Large and Small—We have all the sizes. Priced special, 9c per gallon

Brown and White Baking Ware at about Half for the Cost to Manufacture. We bought one factory close out and got it at our own price. To create a little stir we will sell this week only this \$2.50 outfit, like shown in picture, ten pieces of Fireproof Brown and White Baking Ware and Nickel Plated Casserole Frame—for the complete set, this week only, 98c



Miss M'Edna Corbet

Republican Candidate for Supt. of Public Instruction

Miss M'Edna Corbet has been a member of the Seabrook Congregational church for the past thirteen years; she is a teacher in the Primary Department of the Sunday school; vice president of the committee of the Playground Committee of the Y. P. S. C. E. She is principal of Seabrook school.

Miss Corbet is well fitted by training and experience and sympathy to see the needs and help the rural public schools of this county. I recommend her and shall vote for her for the office of County Superintendent of Schools.

ROBT. D. BUSSEY, Pastor, Parsonage, Seabrook Congregational church, Topeka, July 30th, 1916. (Advertisement.)

VOTE FOR

Fred M. Stonestreet

Candidate for Marshal of the Court of Topeka

Having served as the first Marshal of the Court of Topeka 14 years ago, and having the experience, I stand on my past record. I will greatly appreciate your vote. Resident of Topeka 16 years. (Advertisement.)

MONTGOMERY FOR

County Attorney

(Political Advertisement.)

YOU DON'T BUY A CAT IN A BAG IN THIS STORE

WE KNOW WE OFFER VALUES, AND YOU'LL KNOW IT TOO—MODERATE PRICES ALWAYS

Bowman's
Men's Apparel
611 Kansas Ave.

A. A. GRAHAM

Attorney at Law

Candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court

28 Years a Resident of Kansas, 20 Years a Practising Lawyer.

—PLATFORM— INTEGRITY OF BENCH AND PURITY OF BAR Asking a FIRST and not a THIRD Term. (Advertisement.)



Walter L. Payne

Vote For

Walter L. Payne

Burlingame, Kansas

Candidate for

REPUBLICAN NOMINATION

FOR

State Treasurer

I want the job and your vote will be appreciated.

(Advertisement.)

THE ASSOCIATES OF A CANDIDATE

Those who know him personally—are the best judges of his fitness for office. If they are not willing to recommend him as fully qualified and possessed of unquestionable integrity, you will not want him.

You Can Safely Vote for

Ralph H. Gaw

FOR

PROBATE JUDGE

and place him in the position to manage the affairs of your widow and children after you are gone.

There's A REASON

Hundreds of Those Who Know Him Best Recommend Him Voluntarily as Especially Fitted and Faithful to Every Duty

(Advertisement.)

Dr. O. F. Marcotte

CANDIDATE FOR

County Coroner

REPUBLICAN TICKET

It is customary for this office to be held by a physician.

The only candidate for this office who is a physician.

(Advertisement.)

For Sheriff

H. C. ERICSSON

Republican

Station B—Topeka.

Four years with Army during the Spanish-American and Philippine War. Served four years as Sheriff of Wabunsee County.

Occupation—FARMER

To the Taxpayers—If you are interested in the reduction of your taxes, read My Platform, first advertised when I announced my candidacy, now borrowed by my opponents.

MY PLATFORM

I aim to save the taxpayers of Shawnee county approximately \$3,500 a year by having the county pay the actual cost only of boarding the prisoners in the County Jail.

At the present time there are confined in the Shawnee county jail an average of forty-five prisoners throughout the year. The county pays fifty cents a day for feeding these prisoners, while the actual cost of maintaining them is less than twenty-five cents a day.

These figures are easily explained when the taxpayers learn that the sheriff has neither rent, light, water nor heat bills to pay for overhauling or feeding the prisoners. The county meets all the expenses while the trustees do the work.

The difference between fifty cents a day paid the Sheriff for the upkeep of the prisoners and the twenty-five cents a day which the board really costs nets the Sheriff approximately \$11.25 a day—\$227.50 per month, or a grand total aggregating \$4,000 a year. This is all "net" over and above the liberal salary of \$3,500 a year which the county of Shawnee pays in salary to its chief criminal officer.

It costs less than 24 cents a day to feed the soldiers of the United States army at Fort Riley, less than 23 cents per day at the State Reformatory, and less at Lansing.

I am opposed to the idea of any sheriff, be he myself or somebody else, doubling the salary of the office by grabbing the profits of the method of legalized opportunities to gain riches at the expense of the unfortunate confined in the county jail. The prisoners should first be profitably fed, and the profit of keeping these people should not be pocketed by the sheriff, but returned to the county and converted into a fund to be devoted to promoting the health and sanitary surroundings of the prisoners confined in the county jail.

The taxpayers of Shawnee county can rest assured that, should I be elected Sheriff, I will improve the sanitary conditions in the county jail. The first principles of humanity demand that prisoners afflicted with contagious and loathsome diseases shall be segregated in order to conserve the health of the majority. Having this object in mind—as a candidate for Sheriff—I would favor that the profits from feeding the prisoners be converted into a fund which, if properly handled, would very soon defray the expense of installing a hospital ward as an annex to the Shawnee county jail.

The following is quoted from the Kansas Trade Unionist, published at Topeka and represents all labor organizations in Shawnee County:

REDUCE THE TAXES

Now Excessive, Says H. C. Ericsson, Republican Candidate for Sheriff.

The candidacy for Sheriff of H. C. Ericsson should be of great interest to the taxpayers of Shawnee County. He has the only plan which exposes to the public the huge profits made by the Sheriff in boarding county prisoners. Mr. Ericsson is the only one to recommend to the public that the county pay the actual cost, only of feeding the prisoners. The accuracy of Mr. Ericsson's statement can not be doubted, as the United States soldiers are fed three meals per day at an expense to the government of less than 24 cents per day per man.

The records show that it costs the State of Kansas at the State Reformatory at Hutchinson 23 cents per man per day for food, and the State penitentiary it costs less. We are for the people, and if \$3,000 to \$4,000 can be saved to the taxpayers in one item, we ought to reduce our taxes.

The recent bond issue was defeated by the taxpayers, the only reason being to keep down taxes.

Mr. H. C. Ericsson's previous record as an officer and his services as soldier during the Spanish-American and Philippine War makes him especially fitted for the position he seeks, and we are only pleased in favor of giving him a square deal.—Kansas Trades Unionist.

In closing this campaign, I wish to especially thank all my friends and the voters of Shawnee County for their loyal support. I wish to especially thank the newspapers for their fair and impartial treatment accorded me.

(Advertisement.)