

It seems that John S. Knight, the Akron-controlled publisher, (whom I attack vigorously every week) has decided that Mrs. Emory Callahan is not going to have five babies, but only one, and Mr. Knight, with that free-handedness that has made Ohio notorious, is still going to pay the hospital bills.

For once, the editor and proprietor of this space finds it in his heart to say a kind word for Mr. Knight, but before he says it he wants to go on record as hoping, beyond the peradventure of a doubt, that Mrs. Callahan's baby occurs and recurs to Mr. Knight ad nauseam. In other words, we hope that the Herald is hooked plenty financially—in its lofty endeavor to promote the welfare of Emory Callahan et ux. (Et Ux means Et Uxoribus).

It being difficult to pin a felony on Mr. Knight, in connection with the Akron-controlled power-trust and Akron-controlled street-cars, Akron-controlled beer joints, Akron-controlled waitresses, etc., (q. v.) it becomes the solemn

duty of MIAMI LIFE to accuse him of at least ulterior motives in re Callahan. Mrs. Callahan, our advisers tell us, thinks still that she is going to have quintuplets, and we can readily understand her apprehension, especially after

Stephen Trumbull and Jeanne Bellamy have waved their combined by-lines under her nose with, undoubtedly, the hidden import of blackmail if she DIDN'T produce quintuplets.

The chronology of the quintuplets is as follows:

March 21—News discovers quintuplets, but can't find doctor to back it up.

March 22—Herald discovers News, and signs up quint, under contract. Also can't find doctor to back it up.

March 22 (p.m.)—Two Herald staff writers discover no quintuplets in offspring and disavow them.

March 22 (p.p.m.)—Daily News enjoys a nice, quiet chuckle at Publisher Knight's sturdy reas-

sertion that he will pay Mrs. Callahan's hospital expenses, anyway.

March 22 (p.p.p.m.)—John Kimble, professional interviewer of MIAMI LIFE, interviews four prominent citizens but finds no trace of quintuplets.

March 22, (midnight)—Whole quintuplet scare collapses.

Akron-controlled quintuplets proved false. Callahan laughs and luffs.

March 23—Quiet.

## OHIO-CONTROLLED QUINTUPLETS

By JOHN KIMBLE



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# ROYAL PALM'S CROOKED GAMBLING SMEARS BOTH CONE AND HOLLAND!

IN THE MAIL TO Miami Life office this week comes a very interesting letter. At the top of it is a clipping from John S. Knight's column in last Sunday's Herald. John S. Knight is the Akron, O., publisher who has assumed control of the Miami Herald and claims to own it—although there are Ohioans in the know who still insist that John S. Knight never has had the kind of money it takes to buy a \$3,000,000 publication like the Herald!

That clipping said:

Why none of his sensitive victims seek legal redress against Reuben Clein, publisher of "Miami Life?"

And the writer of the epistle to MIAMI LIFE puts a heading over this as follows: "CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE FINALLY CAUSED THE MIGHTY JOHN S. KNIGHT IN PERSON TO ASK THIS VERY PERSONAL QUESTION. THE ANSWER IS THAT THEY FEAR ANY PUBLICITY."

And then the letter goes on:

"It is true that Carl Hawkins, executive vice president of the Model Land Company and his assistant, Mr. Gorman, are sensitive and really high class gentlemen.

"Mr. Hawkins has just taken the place of John W. Hoffman as executive head of the Railway (F. E. C.) land and building interests, Mr. Hoffman having died with heart failure.

"Some of the things reflecting on the 'company' have come to his ears where they were printed in the daily papers—such as the P. & O. strike, the Jean Bolton case, the fining of the Royal Palm Club for employing girls 14 and 15 years of age, and the apology made by Judge Wayne Allen wherein he stated that as they had pleaded guilty there was nothing else for him to do and he fined them \$25, but stated that the law should be changed so that these school children could be employed if they were the sole support of their parents; he is also informed on the AP news that an appropriation has been made to investigate the condition of labor and tenant farmers on the vegetable lands.

"However, the local agents do not have any copies of MIAMI LIFE lying around when he makes his weekly inspection trip to this area, generally on Thursdays.

"The position Mr. Hawkins takes is that he is new to the position and that the policies, leases, etc., were the acts of his predecessor.

"He takes great pride in the company name and that of the Ingraham Building and the F. E. C. subsidiaries.

"This is especially true at this time with Walter Fraser of St. Augustine running for governor.

"From certain questions he has asked, and the fact that he has stated that he should not be held responsible for actions taken previous to his assuming control etc., one would gather that there is a probability of a complete change in the local control and set-up in company affairs.

"His address is:

Mr. Carl Hawkins,  
Executive Vice President,  
Model Land Company,  
Drawer 560,  
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.

"From his statements one would gather that he is hurt

The Gambling Mob's web enmeshes more . . . Big-Wigs and the Underworld. . .

Charlie Wall, notorious bolita king of Tampa, the biggest underworld figure there, is interested in Royal Palm Club gambling! . . . He made the deal whereby the Royal Palm Club gambling would run unmolested. That deal is back of the campaigns of Spessard Holland, gubernatorial candidate much favored in certain important quarters locally, and Governor Fred Cone, candidate for U. S. Senator in opposition to Sen. Claude Andrews!

No wonder the Royal Palm Club has been running, wide-open or on the sneak, nearly all winter, painfully immune from attorney general injunctions that have hit many a less-fortunate "spot," and immune from molestation by local law enforcement officials over whom Gov. Cone holds the whip-hand! . . . (His presence this week failed to close gambling there!)

It is even reported that Scott Loftin—his law firm represents F. E. C., Model Land Company, Florida Power & Light Company—intervened at the attorney general's office to protect the Royal Palm Club!

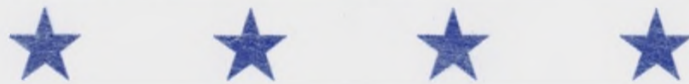
IF the new head of the Model Land Company, Carl Hawkins is honest and is not actually part of this gambling conspiracy—

And if Milo Coffrin, agent for the Model Land Company—a man honored by Masonry as few Floridians have ever been honored—is honest and is not actually a part of this gambling conspiracy (the same goes, of course, for his partner, Frank Pepper, whose son-in-law is Art Childers, operator of the Royal Palm Club)—

then—  
The two of them—immediately—without waiting for the blow to hit them as hit it must some day!—should immediately cancel the lease of the Royal Palm Club, tear down that structure, and try as quickly as possible to live down and make people forget the memory of this festering sore on our bayfront, corrupting our city, our country, our state!

We firmly believe the city of Miami has a right to take this land away from the Model Land Company—in view of what has happened this winter!

WATCH AND SEE WHAT PAPERS SUPPORT HOLLAND AND CONE!



to see the 'company' dynasty in Dade County affairs so rapidly crumbling just after he has assumed control and that blame is heaped on him in his first few months as titular head.

"I am looking for a grand local shake-up any day now and there may be some vacant chairs.

"The local agents can hand it out with extreme cruelty but they become sensitive victims and just cannot take it when it is dished out to them.

"Send Hawkins the back copies so he may see what the true situation is; he is the only man who can change local conditions with one penstroke."

Very good! Write us some more along the same line.

## Shots In The Dark

Our favorite hernia, Mr. Hugh Hough, the Herald huff-puff, says he hasn't got a nose for snoods, as snooze-papermen ought to have. (Last pun is ours). All right, Hough, if you want to pun, we'll take you on. Round One—"We down here are quite used now to Minsky's snoods." Hee, hee, and hee! Better that one!

The Daily News was grinding its teeth Thursday, after slipping ever a swell news beat on the prospect of Miami-made quintup-

lets. In its enthusiasm to sell papers with the story of the quints, it forgot to sign up Mama and Papa Callahan, while the Herald, getting wind of the yarn late, went out and tied them, apparently, tighter than twine. If Mama Callahan comes up to expectations, and delivers five living youngsters, the News' face will be red, but it is the Herald that will be READ.

Our sympathy goes out to the Callahans, and all Miami should be grateful to them for furnishing a concrete case in which our social-mindedness can be put to work. According to the Herald, which ought to know, Callahan makes a small wage and he and

his wife live in one room, which might, by courtesy, be called an apartment. MIAMI LIFE maintains that people about to bring other people into the world, either singly or by the gross, and start them on a life-time of three-score-and-ten ought to have decent surroundings for the launching, and that poor Mrs. Callahan, who may give her life in payment for some biological quirk of herself or her husband, should not be forced to sign a newspaper contract to publicize her misery so that her babies may have a chance in the world. Where a husband is earning \$15 a week and the wife is faced with childbirth, it is up to a decent society to have some provision for them

beyond what the poor devil's word of honor can get. We hope, devoutly, that Mamma and Papa Callahan collect big on this quintuplet scare, but we suspect that Herald feature writers will spend time in bars and night clubs lots and lots of quintuplets dough before the thing is over.

Why couldn't WE have some luck like that!

For years the harrassed street-car motormen of our city have battled zealously for their right of way against careless motorists and truck drivers at light-controlled corners where car tracks turn. Let a motorist halt on the track to wait for the go-

signal, and the motorman, obeying either a rule of the company or some inscrutable law of a motorman's being, will crowd his car as far around the turn as he can without actually touching the bumper of the offending driver's machine. The next move is then the poor motorist's—with anywhere from one to three automobiles backed up behind him, frequently another automobile alongside him, and a great big street-car so close in front of him that he can smell its amperes.

But it is a long lane that has no turning, and the other day an unidentified truck

driver had a mild revenge, which may bring some comfort to hundreds of others who have watched a poker-faced motorman edge his street-car jerkily, little by little, right up to within a couple of inches of their radiators, and then sit back to see the auto driver squirm. It happened at the embarrassing corner of N. W. Fifth street and Third avenue, where the outbound Seventh avenue street-cars turn west into Fifth street. The trolley on the street-car slipped the wire, leaving the vehicle stalled halfway around the turn, thus blocking effective-

ly the whole west side of Third avenue and peremptorily holding up a heavy truck that was southbound across Fifth street. While the irritated motorman got out and jockeyed the trolley-pole back into position, the driver of the truck began racing his engine and every so often he would let the truck ease just a wee bit closer to the street-car. Passengers in the street-car had to grin and the motorman's face got pretty red—especially when the trolley promptly slipped again and he had to repeat the performance.

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## "Cabbages and Kings"

The time has come, the Walrus said,  
To speak of many things;  
Of ships and shoes and sealing wax,  
And cabbages and kings.

—The Walrus and the Carpenter.

A MAJORITY of readers probably labor under the impression that Margaret Mitchell's, "Gone With The Wind" was the best seller of 1938 and 1939. . . . But they are mistaken. . . . Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People", sold more than 1,000,000 copies and is still a best seller. . . . Publishers of "Grapes of Wrath" have refused to divulge the number of copies sold. . . . Daphne Du Maurier's, "Rebecca," has passed the half million mark since 1938. . . . The Motion Picture Academy Award was started in 1927. . . . Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor were the first winners, Jannings for his work in "The Way of All Flesh" and Miss Gaynor for her "Seventh Heaven". . . . Warner Baxter and Mary Pickford were next to win the prize, Baxter for "In Old Arizona" and Mary Pickford for "Coquette". . . . George Arliss in "Disraeli" and Norma Shearer in "Divorcee", came next. . . . They were followed by Lionel Barrymore in, "A Free Soul" and Marie Dressler in "Min and Bill". . . . The next year brought out Frederic March in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" and Helen Hayes in "The Sin of Madelon Claudet". . . . Then came Charles Laughton in "The Private Life of Henry VIII" and Katherine Hepburn in "Morning Glory". . . . Clarke Gable and Claudette Colbert copped the award the next year in "It Happened One Night" making it a clean sweep and marking the first time both winners gained the award for their work in the same picture. . . . Victor McLaglen won the next year with "The Informer" and Bette Davis took the feminine award for "Dangerous". . . . Paul Muni's, "The Life of Louis Pasteur", first of the biographical films, won the next award and Luise Rainer in "The Great Ziegfeld" was the woman winner. . . . Spencer Tracy won the next two years in a row with "Captains Courageous" and "Boy's Town" with Luise Rainer repeating again in "The Good Earth" and Bette Davis scoring her second triumph in "Jezebel". . . . Of course we all know how Clarke Gable and Vivien Leigh swept the last contest with "Gone With The Wind."

With exception of "It Happened One Night", "The Life of Louis Pasteur" and "Gone With The Wind" none of the pictures in which award winners did their best work were adjudged best pictures of the year. . . . The first year the Academy Award was started the best film was declared to be, "Wings". . . . It was followed by "Broadway Melody", "All Quiet on the Western Front", "Cimmarron", "Grand Hotel", "Cavalcade", "It Happened One Night", "Mutiny On The Bounty", "The Life of Louis Pasteur", "The Life of Emil Zola", "You Can't Take It With You" and last, but not least, GWTW. . . . The first special award was given to Walt Disney for "Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs" and the second special award to Hattie McDaniel, a negress, for her supporting role in "The Wind". . . . Approximately 230,000,000 persons attended motion picture shows in 1939. . . . Average general admission to picture theaters in the United States is 23 cents. . . . There are 282,000 persons engaged in picture making and the of films last year was \$165,000,000. . . . A total of 534 actors and actresses are held under term contracts by the major studios and approximately 276 different industries are involved in the making of a single motion picture. . . . Seventy percent of the world's movies emanate from Hollywood and studio investments in that city are appraised at \$112,000,000. . . . Twenty-five percent of the movie dollar goes to the cast and the director averages 10 percent. . . . The rest is divided among hair-dressers, makeup artists, stage hands, costumers, cutters, teachers, writers, script girls, stand-ins, etc. . . . On January 1, 1940 there were 18,182 movie theaters in the United States with a seating capacity of 10,823,740 not including those two impossible seats behind the organ at the Olympia.

A list of things to do in case of accidents tells what to do for a person struck by lightning. . . . If you can find the person. . . . The Dionne quintuplets were born May 28, 1934. . . . The youngsters weighed less than two pounds each when they were a week old. . . . On their fifth birthday they weighed approximately 30 percent more than the average child. . . . According to the U. S. Bureau of Weights, girls 5 years old should weigh 37½ pounds. . . . The Quints averaged 49 pounds on their fifth anniversary. . . . Their tonsils and adenoids were removed in 1936. . . . Whenever one of the little girls contracts a cold, or

## GREEBY HUNTS BIG BUTCH

Says he had him spotted once on a Walgreen hamburger; Says Butch dangerous if cornered.

R. HAMEMRHEAD GREEBY, who claims to be one of a set of quintuplets, born on the installment plan, was found this week hiding behind Mrs. Woodson as she carried her banner in front of the courthouse.

"I do not desire no publicity," yiddled Greeby squirming in such a manner as to cause Mrs. Woodson to crack him over the head with the pole of her banner.

"Oh, yeah," boomed Mr. s. Woodson, "And you watch out who you are goo—"

"Pardon me," interrupted the reporter, always eager to stop a fight before he becomes an innocent bystander and gets conked with a blunt instrument, "but it is very important that I interview this baboon."

"I resent that," befoed Greeby, "and quit pullin' my arm. Can't you see I've got a load of stuff?"

"That's what I want to interview you about," replied the scribe pulling Greeby into the lobby of the courthouse and in the meanwhile taking an inventory of Greeby's equipment which consisted of a fly-swatter, a flit gun, a dozen sheets of fly paper and a sawed-off shot gun. Greeby was wearing a hunting suit, a plug hat and carried a fish net over his shoulder.

"Will you please explain this get up," wheezed the reporter, "and tell me what caused that riot up at Walgreen's a while ago."

"Aw it wasn't no riot," explained Greeby pausing to search himself for a cigar, which failed to materialize. "I had a hot tip Butch had been seen sizin' up a hamburger at Walgreen's and I just went in there to find out."

"Butch?," echoed the reporter, "Who in the hell is Butch?"

"What?" bellowed Greeby, "Do you mean to tell me you ain't heard about Big Butch?"

"What is he, some kind of a criminal?" queried the reporter, "or maybe he is a midget pick-pocket if he could be hiding behind a hamburger."

"Don't show your ignorance," shouted Greeby, "Big Butch is a fly. They is a reward of \$500 for anyone what brings him in dead or alive. Even unconscious wouldn't make no difference. He—"

"A fly?," screamed the reporter, "What kind of a fly and who in the hell would pay \$500 for a fly, dead, alive or in any other state of being. I think you are nuts."

"I ain't no such thing," defended Greeby stoutly, "Big Butch is a horse fly what the company what makes Flit bring in and turned loose."

"Turned loose?," queried the reporter, "If they had him captured, why did they turn him

other ailment, she is immediately isolated from the others. . . . They ate no meat until they were four years old, except for boiled liver, and they take cod liver oil daily. . . . It is estimated that nearly 2,000,000 visitors have treked to Callander, Ont., to see the famous children. . . . The biggest event of their lives was the visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth in 1939. . . . Dr. Dafoe, who brought the children into the world, acts as their physician and receives \$210 per month for his services. . . . Oliva Dionne, the father, receives \$300 per month pocket money from the Canadian government. . . . It is estimated that it costs \$26,400 annually to raise the children. . . . Income from sightseers in 1939 was \$75,000. . . . It is declared that the New York World Fair offered \$150,000 for a four week visit in 1940 but the offer has been turned down.

loose and then offer \$500 to get him back?"

"They discovered that Mrs. Butch was gonna become the mother of quintuplets and that the Herald would pay them \$15 a week for exclusive use of the little flies," explained Greeby, "Then they is also a advertisin' trick to it. You are supposed to knock Big Butch non compis mentis with Flit."

"Oh," groaned the reporter, "With Flit eh? Then what in the hell are you doing with that fly paper, that net and that sawed-off shot gun?"

"This ain't no ordinary horse fly," explained Greeby, "He is a big feller what has been given a coat of gold paint and accordin' to the circulars he will be very dangerous if cornered. I ain't takin' no chances."

"Have you seen him yet?" asked the reporter.

"Not exactly," replied Greeby, "But I'm on his trail. He has been seen in a lot of downtown restaurants and some of the boys say he was hangin' around the feesh stand last night."

"Have you tried all of the garbage cans," asked the reporter with a sneer.

"They ain't no garbage cans no more," said Greeby.

"Whaddy mean no garbage cans?" jerked the scribe, "People have to get rid of garbage somehow."

"They won't pay no four bucks a year to get it hauled off," said Greeby, "That's why Mrs. Woodson is ankin up and down with that there sign board."

"Just how do people get rid of garbage then?" snorted the reporter.

"It ain't much of a problem," explained Greeby, "When the Republicans was runnin' the country there wasn't no garbage and since the demecrats has taken over they just kick it around until they wear it out. I don't—"

"Shut up," foamed the scribe, "And let's get back to this fly swatting contest. What is your next step toward the apprehension of this Large Butcher?"

"Big Butch," corrected Greeby, "Well I'm gonna go over to my house and take me a nap in the back yard."

"Oh," said the reporter, "Then you are going to abandon the hunt?"

"No," sighed Greeby moving away, "I never took me no nap yet when I didn't get et up by flies. This time I'm gonna sleep with one eye open and if Big Butch come around I'm gonna hit him so hard his undershirt will run up and down his back like a winder curtain in a spitoon."

"You mean typhoon," moaned the reporter pushing Greeby back in front of Mrs. Woodson. "Sock him again," he suggested as he ducked into the nearest man hole.

## Miami's Too-Costly Insurance

SINCE MIAMI Life a few weeks ago started delving into Florida insurance injustices, the subject gets more intriguing. New evidence accumulates. Even some of the big insurance agents admit privately that the price charged locally for both fire and personal insurance is away too high—and should come down a half or possibly more. There's nothing that can be done about it, of course, until the state legislature does something—which is next to impossible because of the power insurance money has at Tallahassee—or until the whole subject is got into the courts through a municipal ordinance directing a lower rate, as MIAMI LIFE suggested recently to be presented in much the same way as was the now-famous Ordinance 1066 whereby we got lower electricity.

A couple of weeks ago MIAMI LIFE readers probably read in the Alsop & Kintner column in the Daily News about Supreme Court Justice Brandeis, now retired, taking a great interest in the TNEC's insurance investigation, which is under a bitter attack as New Deal effort to strike at one of the great citadels of American business.

Brandeis particularly is interested in the work carried on by Gerard Gesell, the SEC special counsel in the insurance section, whom he can't help because of his judicial position but whom he can, however, compliment upon the thoroughness with which the government has prepared its case.

The bitterness appears to come chiefly from the huge Metropolitan Life, one of the biggest corporations in the United States, and which seems to believe that the investigation is directed solely at it. So far, however the commission appears to be chiefly interested in the insurance companies' use of immense economic power conferred on them by their control of billions of capital for investment.

We mention Justice Brandeis, because it was his development of the "over-the-counter" bank insurance in Massachusetts, which led to a sensational fight against the insurance companies in the courts early this century and put Brandeis, through his victory, on his way to the United States Supreme Court. That insurance he provided Massachusetts with is the cheapest and best in the U. S. today!

And Gerhard Gesell, we find this week, has been in correspondence with Attorney Harry Gordon of Miami, who is taking part in the local fight for cheaper insurance of all kinds. Attorney Gordon had written Counsel Gesell about rate fixing activities of fire insurance (which has become a real problem locally because of its excessive cost) and has received assurance from Mr. Gesell that the Securities and Exchange Commission, although its investigation at present is confined to life insurance, anticipates going into fire insurance some time in the near future.

Mr. Gesell wrote that he would appreciate concrete information with respect to the activities of the fire in-

surance companies in Florida.

The most startling news in American business lately has been the reports of the Temporary National Economy Committee in the senate relating to insurance. And when you consider that Floridians are paying top prices of all states for fire, wind, health, and life insurance, MIAMI LIFE's campaign of enlightenment becomes more interesting, of course.

This senate committee, led by Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming published a bulky report called "Operating Results and Investments of the Twenty-six Largest Legal Reserve Life Insurance Companies in the United States, 1929-1938." Last week the startling reading in this report was the basis for committee questioning of the heads of these companies. Among the facts revealed by the report:

Assets of the 26 biggest companies, which are about 87 per cent of total legal reserve assets of all companies, increased 63.1 per cent from 1929 to 1938 (from 14,892 million dollars to 24,892 million dollars to 24,290 million) while the amount of insurance in force increased 9.8 per cent (from 83,987 million to 92,250 million). But the total number of policies in force declined from 100,195,000 in 1929 to 98,050,000 in 1938.

The tremendous influence of insurance companies in the capital market was illustrated by the fact that in the five years from 1934 through 1938 the 26 companies bought 32.8 per cent of the 11,241 million dollar total of new corporate bonds and notes issued during that

period.

During the 10-year period the 26 companies paid 4,500 million dollars in dividends to policy holders, while stockholders received 82 million. Dividends paid in 1938 amounted to 435 millions compared with 501 million in 1929.

One of the figures which brought sharp dispute was the one showing that the 26 companies had gained 3,570 million dollars for surplus from mortality experience. (Meaning that the 60-year-old American Life Expectancy tables, on which life insurance rates are based, show shorter life-spans than actually experienced today. Insurance rates based on the modern life expectancy would be lower).

Another fact which brought sharp dispute was the one showing that the companies derived 1,500 million dollars in income from policy holders. The smallest company earned 5.49 per cent on these loans in 1938, and the largest company, 5.8 per cent. While policy holders borrowing on their insurance were paying better than 5 per cent interest, it was revealed, several companies had millions of dollars in deposit in certain banks which paid no interest to the insurance companies on this money.

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LOOKING BACK Over Files of MIAMI LIFE

Legal Action To Save Water Front To Public

(March 22, 1924) IT DID start something! That rather innocent little editorial in last week's MIAMI LIFE set things simmering...

It came about this way. A disciple of Blackstone from Gotham visiting with a friend on a yacht at anchor in Biscayne Bay observed that various and sundry sections of the waterfront were closed to public freedom...

Having been employed to prosecute certain lordly holders of riparian rights about New York, the lawyer in this instance happened to know the law. "It can't be done," quoth he to one of the lordly landlords of the water front...

The lawyer from Manhattan is filled to the eyes with this stuff about the people's rights. He knows that private rights cease just at that exact point where public rights begin. So, he wrote a communication to the Miami Herald...

The right of the public to go down to the waterfront and gather seaweed for instance, and pick up pink seashells from the glistening sands, and take a bath, if one were so minded. Nobody can divest the public of such rights...

The lawyer from New York saw himself growing famous by having the Herald play up his communication in a conspicuous manner. But he waited for its appearance, and finally, after his dream of fame had faded, he found his letter buried among the Cascade advertisements.

It was enough to make a perfect lady mad. The Miami Herald has never been strong on advocating or asserting the rights of the people if such conflicted or interfered with private or corporate control.

Nor was it exactly a discovery. The people of Miami have been trading and trafficking in waterfront properties for many years, and the lawyers have sensed the troubles that might come up, and special legislation was enacted quite a while ago touching some of these problems...

A city official who holds the peculiar belief that such rights as vest in the public can not be bartered away, or seized or sold for private benefit, states that although this suit has been handled by several city attorneys that the case has never had a day in court...

So there you are. Because of the carelessness or neglect of some one the question has never been brought to judicial issue. Property owners in the district most concerned have petitioned the City Commissioners to take the matter up afresh.

This offers a mighty fine opportunity for the present attorney to make a name for himself. If he should prosecute this case to ultimate decider, it will have to set up a rule to govern all future action. And something needs to be done.

The confusion resulting from slipshod and careless transfer of riparian property was emphasized during the past week when Fisher sold his electric plant at Miami Beach. When the lawyers began to examine the abstract it was found that the State of Florida had sold the same land to the City of Miami in its right of way across the bay for the causeway as Fisher had title to for his electric light plant—that is, there was an overlap. In this case the matter was straightened out without any trouble...

In the case of the city against the private owners who have encroached upon public rights, the present City Administration has a wonderful opportunity to serve the city well in their day and generation. Let them hop to it.

RALPH DE PALMA presents MIGHTY MIDGET AUTO RACES Every Sunday night at 8:15 Flagger Speedway—at 66th AVE.

... SO YOU SAY ...

MIAMI LIFE: (I sent the following letter to the News, but it wasn't published.)

I have something that I believe is of a vital interest to Miamians who plan to ride the New Florida East Coast Streamliners. If you think this idea important enough I would appreciate seeing an article pertaining to it in your "Express Your Views" column...

As my business connections compel me to travel between Miami and Jacksonville frequently I am very interested in the new trains that the Florida East Coast is putting on.

My question for discussion is whether or not the Florida East Coast should continue to use colored firemen on these new engines. I say they should not. It was bad enough for the Florida East Coast to have the colored firemen on their fast passenger trains but to have them on the Streamliners is something the people of Miami should not tolerate.

Due to the speed of eighty and ninety miles an hour the Seaboard and other railroads have declared the negro incompetent on their Streamliners and have placed two white men on their engines. The Florida East Coast claim that the negro is incompetent but still want to place them on the head end of these new trains.

I will be looking forward to seeing something pertaining to this subject in your column and hope other Miamians will express their opinions.

Yours truly, BUSINESS MAN (P. S. Please do not publish my name.)

MIAMI LIFE: Find enclosed check for sixty cents, (.60) for which please forward to me at 207 Green St., (Norwich) Norfolk, Virginia

six (6) issues of the Miami Life beginning with the March 4th issue. J. E. HARRY Norfolk, Va. enc.

Hotel Windsor, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. MIAMI LIFE PUB. CO.:

Dear Sirs: Kindly mail me a copy of your paper to me here I wish to get the price from it, also will send you half a dozen subscribers for the same from this town. Yours respectfully, W. A. RICHEY

Dear Clein:

Just saw a copy of your rag. You know how to punch in print. Please send it to me for 6 months.

Respectfully, CLEM NORTON, Supt. Commonwealth Pier, Boston, Mass.

A. & P. STORE VICTIM

Mr. Reubin Clein, Publisher Miami, Florida Dear Mr. Clein: Your "two-fisted" attack on the policies of the A. & P. organization deserves plenty of credit. I sincerely hope you continue to expose their foul methods. These price saving "advantages" you are supposed to get, from these stores, are at the expense of the original producers and the store's employes. It is by various methods of deception, manipulation and suppression that they continue to do business—all of which is done at the expense of the consumer. Somebody said (not Confucius), something like this: There is a fool born every minute. The A. & P. organization is depending on that.

W. S. B.

MIAMI LIFE DISAPPEARS! Atlantic City, N. J.

MIAMI LIFE: Some friends of mine just returned from your City and told me of your paper, and said it had quite a bit of interesting facts about people we all knew as quite a lot of my friends spend their winters there and they told me they thought I would enjoy your paper and reading about people I knew there.

They have my curiosity all aroused and if you have a mailing list, kindly start my subscription as of your issue of March 2nd and put me on the list from that time for at least 6 months at which time I will know whether I will want to continue same or discontinue it—but if it is as newsy as my friends say I'll probably wind up being a steady subscriber. They said the news they wanted me to see was in your March 2nd issue, that is, it started in that issue, that is why I am so interested in having that copy and every one since.

Let me know how much your paper is for 6 months and I'll send you the money by return mail, but if you want to hold up the papers until you get the money that is alright as you will get the money as soon as I hear from you as I have decided to take the paper for 6 months anyway—I will appreciate it very much if you will mail it to me in a plain envelope as I am afraid if it comes like most papers that some of my neighbors who have as much curiosity for news down there as I have may get the paper first as there are others here that get to the mail box before I do and so long as I am paying for it, I would at least like to get first look at it. Hoping to hear from you by return mail, I am

J. O. WHITESIDE, 2 South Hartford Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE MURPHY ACT LANDS DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA Application No. 13—March 21st, 1940. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 18296, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1937, known as the Murphy Act, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash at the South door of the Court House in Miami, Dade County, Florida, beginning at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M., on the 16th day of April, 1940, subject to the approval of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, who reserve the right to reject any or all bids, the following described land, situate, lying and being in Dade County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Certificate No. 3237—August 1, 1927—Tract 59, less that part lying N and E of C-line of Miami Canal less R-W Okeechobee Road, Plat Book 2 at Page 17, Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 40 East.

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The wonderful work which the MIAMI LIFE is doing in behalf of the Independent Merchant is common talk among the organized merchants (butchers, in general) of this state. Keep fighting, don't ever let up. America is desperately in need of more INDEPENDENT PAPERS. I would appreciate your forwarding me future copies of Miami Life dealing with the independent merchant's fight against the chain stores.

I am Very truly yours, Daniel McLaren, Prop. Dan's Market, Asbury Park, N. J.

MIAMI LIFE: I have been reading of the wonderful activities your paper has engaged in. I am wondering if you could help me in my trouble. I own a house at 22nd St. and 2nd Court N. E. and the Biscayne Chemical Co. insist upon putting their trucks across the sidewalk thereby blocking the traffic and compelling pedestrians to walk out into the street to get back on sidewalk, etc. I've lost tenants out of my garage apartment and guests from my home, all because of the blowing of horns, screaming of engines of B. C. trucks. In other words the B. C. Co. own the entire street. I've written to our Safety Director Dan Reynolds. He replies all in favor of this terrible menace and no protection to me as a tax payer. What can I do? Could you send a man from your office to help me?

Yours respectfully, EMILY M. TREYLER 2202 N. E. 2nd Court, Miami

MIAMI LIFE: Herewith I enclose check for \$2.00 subscription which I told you I would send you. Very sincerely yours, W. RALEIGH PETTEWAY Carson, Petteway & Stemplee, MIAMI FLA.

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MIAMI LIFE: I am enclosing check for \$4.00 for one year's subscription of the "Miami Life." Will you also send me six additional copies of your February 5, 1940 issue.

Very truly yours, SAMUEL MANN Laurelton, L. I.

MIAMI LIFE: On Feb. 19, I asked you to send me 6 copies of your Feb. 10th edition and I enclosed \$1. Will you please advise when I will receive these copies.

Sincerely yours, PAULINE PARKER, 330-5th Ave., N. Y. C.

Room 1004

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Local Henry Aldrich



Scott Griffin, who plays the part of Henry Aldrich, in the Miami Players Production, of "What A Life", at the Temple Theatre, April 3rd-4th.

AAA Official Garage Guilty of Gypping

S. S. Millard, 977 S. W. 4th street, has paid American Automobile Association dues and insurance for years—and thinks he should get a better break from this highly touted association than he did early this month when he proved that one of the AAA official service stations, namely Duke's Garage, 427 S. W. 8th street, which furthermore had been recommended to him by the Miami AAA branch gypped him.

Millard took his Chrysler car to Duke's on March 12—and left explicit word to be notified if their estimate ran over a certain amount. Manager Fowler of Duke's said it would run between \$2 and \$3, and promised to call Millard if it should be found costlier. When the car was delivered that afternoon, the bill for \$11.10, which Millard paid under protest. The AAA then investigated, sent him to Smoker's Garage. This and other competent witnesses found that replaced water pump parts were not, as a matter of fact, Chrysler parts, as they were claimed to be, that a whole new water pump could have been put in for \$2 less than Duke's charged for the repair, and that Millard had been outrageously gypped. With the AAA sanction he carried the evidence to Duke's manager—who then refunded him \$5.60. Even so, it cost him \$4 at Smoker's Garage to get the job done satisfactorily.

So Millard is angry. He says Louis J. Mata, assistant manager of the local branch of the AAA, is the official who refused to repudiate Duke's because he has been a member of the AAA for 19 years.

Commission Shuns Cheaper Electricity

COMMISSIONER R. C. GARDNER proposed recently that the city commission order another electric light rate reduction, opining that since 1933 (when Ordinance 1066, the successful rate-cutter, was adopted) electricity doesn't cost nearly as much to manufacture. There was no second. The "Great-I-Am" Sewell, who got back in office because of the fight he is popularly supposed to have made in behalf of lower electricity, was there. He just looked bored.

This week Commissioner Gardner—who was one of the original fighters for cheaper electricity, but had no press-agent—tried a new tack. He proposed that an engineer be ordered to survey the situation to determine what rate should be asked. There was no second.

There will not be a second by Sewell of any such proposition.

As this paper has said many times, Sewell is a Power-Trust man—and always has been—just as he has always been pro-F. E. C. railroad. It has simply been politically expedient for him to pose as anti-Power Trust.

In the four years he was first in office—from 1927 to 1931—he refused to take any part in movements to reduce electric rates. It was only after his defeat in 1931, that he took up MIAMI LIFE'S old fight (for we started it in 1927!) for cheaper electricity. He knew it meant victory—and the plaudits of the crowd swelled his well-known ego.

But you'll never find E. G. Sewell anti-Power Trust again. And you'll never see him running for office again. His vote on every issue yet wherein some branch of Monopoly seeks something that'll cost the public lots of money indicates that. He has consistently voted against the people—and for Monopoly—making it quite obvious that he never intends asking the people for a favor again, but is using this term of office "to get while the gettin' is good."

Richard's, Firetrap!

Sensational disclosures proving, conclusively, that the Richard's store, located in the heart of downtown Miami, is not only a fire trap but a death trap as well, and that Col. Richard Gimbel was flagrantly violating the law without the least regard for the lives of his employees or patrons, were made in Municipal court Thursday morning when Joseph Skinner, superintendent of maintenance of the store, was arraigned before Judge James Dunn on three charges filed by the city electrical department.

Inspector Ellis Walter Morris testified that Skinner had done electrical work without a permit and without having been inspected and told the court THAT AT LEAST FOUR HAZARDS AND ONE POSSIBLE DEATH TRAP EXISTED IN THE STORE.

Although Skinner was represented by an attorney, Col. Gimbel chose to make a spectacle of himself by taking the floor and shouting accusations of "frame-up" and blackmail in a futile attempt to defend himself for the wanton negligence. He claimed that Skinner was dragged into court as a result of information given by a jealous electric company and declared he "intended to get to the bottom of it." The truth of the matter is that the so-called "jealous" electric firm is the highly regarded B. & W. Electric Company, which does some of Miami's biggest and best electrical jobs, and which happens to be suing Gimbel for an unpaid \$1100 electric bill!

Judge Dunn appeared stunned at the testimony of the electrical experts.

It was brought out that a loose plug on the first floor was in such a position that one could be electrocuted by stepping carelessly upon it. Four cases of dangerous conditions in elevator shaft and on the mezzanine floor were cited.

Col. Gimbel yelled "persecution." Judge Dunn retorted: "There is no persecution in protecting life and property. . . WE CANNOT HAVE A FIRETRAP RIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE CITY!"

Col. Gimbel exploded again, claiming that the name of Gimbel had been identified with the trade world for 98 years and enjoyed the lowest insurance rates of any store in the country. . . But it slipped his mind apparently that there is no "Gimbel" store in Miami—his brothers not allowing him to exploit the "good name" they are trying to preserve in Philadelphia and New York!

When Col. Gimbel told Judge Dunn he was never too busy to look out for the safety of his slaves and patrons, he neglected to say how little he paid his help. No mention did he make of the tragedy of last winter during the Christmas period when his elevator girls, underfed as well as underpaid, got to fainting from the inhuman working hours and poor ventilation in the store.

MIAMI LIFE is glad Judge Dunn has guts enough to put this bluffer in his place and insist upon getting the facts of the case.

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MORE SHORTWEIGHTS

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In MIAMI LIFE's office safe we have several affidavits from employees whose jobs have been principally to shortweight their customers.

One, a truck-driver and helper, shortweighted Browning's Market in Ft. Lauderdale on almost every order, because this grocery had no scale capable of weighing a large piece. He swore he also short-weighted Carl Greffe restaurant, the Seaside Market, the Hollywood Kennel Club. "I took bacon to O'Quin's store," says his affidavit, "to exchange for mouldy bacon that we had delivered. He sent both back because they were both mouldy. The Hygrade people always wipe off the mouldy bacon and send it out again. They make a practice of cutting off the mould from hams and bologna and sending it out to their customers."

Another employe signed an affidavit that he had delivered shortweights to Picketts, N. W. 28th avenue; Neals Grocery, NW 12th avenue and 48th st., and Frederick's Market, 7th avenue & 62nd st., NW. Each order cheated the customers from 5 to 10 pounds!

Another swore to shortweights at the W. Flagler Kennel Club and Biscayne Fronton. On each order (griddle frankfurters) the shortweights were as much as 10 pounds! "I know this of my own knowledge," testifies this driver, "because I weighed it on the company scale and compared it with the bill, and called it to the attention of Mobley, shipping clerk, on several occasions, and he generally stated, 'Well, try to get away with it.' When I returned, and delivered the orders, and no squawk was made, Mobley as a rule said, 'Well, that's another run we made money on.'"

Two more truck drivers, who said they worked for the same concern three months last year, signed affidavits that this company makes an invariable practice of shortweighting everyone who does not have a scale to weigh their merchandise on!

Yet, although demanding such cheating on the part of their employes, the Hy-grade Food Products corporation branches are notoriously small pay, giving their truck drivers usually less than 20 cents an hour and insisting upon 85 to 90 hours of work per week!

ery, and we've seen them expand from tiny partnerships into firms employing scores of office lawyers to handle the enormous practice thrown their way by the thousands of concerns and combinations seeking to do business with the state or some of its subdivisions.

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