

# POLICE ARREST TWO CITIZENS WITHOUT CAUSE

## Foremen of Firm for Quarter of Century Taken Into Custody While Trying to Employ Men.

Another case of abuse of authority by the Omaha police was added to the rapidly growing list of offenses recorded against members of the department Tuesday, when J. R. Callahan and Peter Rosebaugh were arrested at Thirteenth and Douglas streets and charged with vagrancy.

Mr. Callahan and Mr. Rosebaugh have lived in Omaha for more than a quarter of a century. Mr. Callahan has been employed by the Edward Peterson company, one of the largest railroad contracting firms in the west, for the past 25 years. Mr. Rosebaugh has been employed by the same firm for the past 20 years. Neither man was ever arrested before.

### Tried to Hire Help.

Mr. Callahan is foreman on a construction job at Humphrey, Neb. Mr. Rosebaugh is foreman of a gang of men working for his company at Shelby, Neb. They returned to Omaha several days ago upon the instructions of their employer, Edward Peterson, to hire 10 additional men each for the work in which they are engaged.

They were talking to some laborers in front of a soft drink parlor when Patrolman J. D. Burns appeared on the scene.

"What do you fellows mean hanging around this corner?" Officer Burns wanted to know.

Both men tried to explain to the policeman, who refused to listen. "Come on with me. I am going to throw you in, anyway," Burns replied.

### Booked for Vagrancy.

Callahan and Rosebaugh were

booked at the police station for vagrancy. They were released to appear in police court upon furnishing their own cash bonds.

"It is the most outrageous and high-handed affair I ever heard of," said Mr. Peterson. "There was positively no excuse for this policeman to arrest my two men. I have known these men for years. One of them has been foreman for me for a quarter of a century. The other one has worked for me in the same capacity for 20 years. They have been in Omaha all the time except when they have been placed in charge of work out of the city. They are hard-working men and industrious and capable. They are good citizens and there is absolutely no excuse for the actions of this self-important policeman."

"I do not care whether Commissioner Ringer and Chief Eberstein approve of the bone-headed work of their policeman or not. I am not going to put up with it. I shall employ an attorney and instruct him to go the limit after this officer, and if it is possible to do so, I intend to place the responsibility on the high-ups in the department."

"Things have come to a beautiful pass in Omaha recently. It would appear that no one is safe from unlawful attacks by the police, either on the streets or in the homes. Some of us have reached the limit of endurance."

## Iowa Sportsman Flies To Omaha In His Own Plane to Get Films

Larry Longnecker, a prominent Sioux City, Ia., sportsman and theater owner, flew to Omaha yesterday in his own airplane to get some films for one of his picture houses in the Hawkeye city. Longnecker, who in his younger days was one of Iowa's greatest high school athletes, made a good landing on Ak-Sar-Ben field. He was ready to fly to Omaha on a business trip several weeks ago but his mechanic was injured at the start of the flight and the trip was abandoned. He returned to Sioux City by airplane yesterday afternoon.