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ROYAL BAKING POWDER
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AN EXPLOSION OF MEAL DUST.

Its Force Sufficient to Shake the Earth for Nearly a Mile.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Three men are known to have been killed, one fatally injured and a number of persons badly bruised and shaken up early this morning by an explosion of meal dust which completely wrecked the three story brick building on North Halsted street, occupied by David Oliver as an oatmeal mill. Several adjoining buildings were also shattered. The explosion occurred shortly after 2 o'clock and was terrific, shaking buildings a mile away. Buildings in the immediate vicinity were bombarded with flying bricks and stones, and nearly every pane of glass within a radius of six blocks was smashed. Almost before the rumble of the explosion had died away flames sprang from the wrecked mill and the whole place was ablaze in a few minutes. The fire spread with incredible rapidity, and when the first fire companies reached the scene they found a block of roaring flames to contend with. Engines were stationed at every available point around the blazing patch, and buildings that did not take fire at the on-

set were saved after a hard fight. Sparks that were carried by the wind ignited buildings two blocks away, and for half an hour the firemen had all they could do to prevent half a dozen serious conflagrations. In two hours the flames were controlled.

Persons who were asleep in buildings adjacent to the wrecked mill were thrown clear out of their beds by the force of the explosion. The loss will aggregate \$150,000.

The proprietor and manager of the mill were on the ground early this morning, but have been unable to learn positively the cause of the explosion. Each thinks that oat meal dust may have caused it, but the terrific force is unprecedented if this theory be accepted. No other reasonable explanation is offered, however, and an explosion of dust is accepted until a better reason can be found.

The boilers have been uncovered and are intact, which disposes of the theory that they had exploded. The police say there is no evidence of the use of dynamite. John Holmes was found lying in an alley across the street, and will die. No trace could be found of the other three men—Charles Miller, Charles Cooper and John Smith—and it is believed their bodies are buried in the debris.

THE ELECTRIC AGE.

Prof. Elisha Gray remarks that electrical science has made a greater advance in the last twenty years than in all the 6,000 historic years preceding. More is discovered in one day now than in a thousand years of the middle ages. We find all sorts of work for electricity to do. We make it carry our messages, drive our engine, ring our door bell, and scare the burglar; we take it as a medicine, light our gas with it, see by it, hear from it, talk with it, and now we are beginning to teach it to write.

HAYTI has illegally seized one of our merchant ships. Canada has illegally seized about 200. Hayti is a poor little waif of a country. Canada is a great empire with the greatest of empires behind her. Four American men-o-war are going down to Hayti to blow her up or do something similarly dreadful. But as to Canada and the empire behind her we are not going to be so vicious. This is an Administration which looks before it leaps, and if the leap looks bad it doesn't take it. But if there is nothing to leap over, why, then, it makes a brave, old, resolute dash.—N. Y. Trib.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

DECEMBER 4, 1888.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present: A. B. Todd, A. B. Dickson, Louis Foltz, commissioners; Bird Critchfield, county clerk. Minutes of November meeting were read and approved.

The following claims were allowed on the general fund:

W H Malick, boarding prisoners	\$168 25
J M Schnellbacher	3 25
Jos Fitzer, mdse to jail	3 00
F S White, mdse to poor	10 00
Lincoln News Co, books	35 00
Gazette-Journal Co, assignee	23 35
T Clark, coal	16 75
E W Cook, salary	42 50
D Woodard, special work	4 00
J M Cole, boarding paupers	15 00
S W Orton, canvassing elections	12 00
M Spink, salary and exp	109 00
J F Melchours, caring for paup	38 00
David Miller, bailiff dist crt	24 00
D Woodard, same	20 00
W H Malick, same	24 00
C J Ford, janitor	24 00
E T Eikenbary, bailiff	24 00
J C Eikenbary, sheriff fees	25 75
Eli Sampsin, boarding poor	120 31
Terra Cotta Co, brick	5 25
Louis Foltz, sal and exp	20 55
A B Todd, same	27 00
A B Dickson, same	30 00
J E Hall, med service	1 50
J E Eikenbary, summoning jury	24 00
H Boeck, chair for sheriff	12 50
C J Ford, labor	2 50
N R Hobbs, sal and exp	25 00
B Elson, mdse	13 00
L O'Neals labor	8 75
J C Eikenbary, guarding pris	8 00
W C Showalter, canvassing elec	9 00
T E Williams, gasoline	3 00
Johnson Bros, mdse	13 00
M D Polk, gas	6 00
F A Bates, labor	32 75
Knotts Bros, printing	7 20
J M Woodson, boarding pauper	7 20
J B Murphy, mdse	9 00
H C Ritchie, canvassing board	63 25
Johns & Jones, drain for jail lot	1 00
W F Morrison, spect	68 49
H A Waterman, lumber	4 50
G Berrie & Emmons	35 00
J E Hall, mdse	10 00
E Palmer, mdse	2 00
B Fox, rent	1 70
A H Weckbach, mdse	37 47
P D Bates, work	21 00
Chase & Churchill, mdse	95 35
T H Barnum, care of sick man	35 00
R B Wallace, mdse	129 23
B Critchfield, sal and exp	4 75
L F Korrell, labor	3 20
T Kahne & Co	16 00
Nebraska Telephone Co	75 00
H C Ritchie, ins	
Bills refused:	
G Berrie & Emmons, goods to pauper;	
M M Butler, med aid to Ered Lerenson;	
J W Thomas, aid to Laffy.	

Allowed on road fund: J K McClurg settlement as overseer, dist No 60, \$56.75.

Bills allowed on bridge fund:

Coleman & McPherson, lumber	\$ 16 00
Tidball & Felter, lumber	69 35
S L Andrews, labor	10 00
Waterman & Co, lumber	113 59
Chase & Churchill, mdse	8 85
Milwaukee Bridge Co	706 65
J G Richey lumber	150 39
A Sturm, lumber	40 64
Boardsley, Clark & Co, lumber	67 20

Allowed on district fund:

T Adams, mdse dist 22	\$ 6 00
Western Wheel Scaper Co dist 58	21 00
Fred Gorder, dist 31	21 00
Wm Pankonine, road overseer	32 00

Board ordered that the road between sec 27 and nw sec 26-12-11 be located so as to take two rods off of the ne 1/4 27-12-11, beginning at the ne corner of said section running thence south 80 rods and that the sum of \$35 be paid to T. A. Hoover for damage.

The following official bonds were approved: W. H. Smith, justice of peace, Rock Bluffs; Amos Kiser, overseer dist. No. 10; Thomas Allen, overseer dist. No. 49; D. J. Pittman, assessor Rock Bluffs; G. A. Stewart, constable Louisville; S. Clark, overseer dist. 4; Jacob Fritsch, Eight Mile Grove; Levi Churchill, overseer dist. 38; W. A. Cleghorn, justice of peace, Louisville; Henry Behrens, overseer dist. 57; John Hart, Assessor Stove Creek precinct; Hans Wolf, overseer dist. 50; Wm. L. Wells, justice of peace, South Bend; J. J. Lynn, assessor Liberty precinct; Joseph Austin, constable Liberty precinct; H. Chilcott, overseer dist. 39; Peter Peters, overseer dist. 56; B. L. Wilcockson, overseer dist. 47; W. Trimble, assessor Tipton precinct; Wm. Pankonine, overseer dist. 32.

Resignation of G. S. Wright, constable of Tipton precinct, accepted.

John Clemons was appointed justice of the peace in Stove Creek precinct.

It was ordered that \$4 per week be paid to the family of Alfred Peterson, of Louisville, until further notice by county board.

The clerk was instructed to allow the judges and clerks of the last general election two days, and the judges and clerks of the county seat election, one and one-half days for their services at said election.

Board adjourned to meet Jan 7, 1889. BIRD CRITCHFIELD, Co. Clerk.

—Mr. John Thomson, the contractor who has pulled through with his work on the sewer here after many trials and tribulations, took his departure for Omaha last night, and as he says, for good. He thanked the newspapers for letting him down as light as they did during his recent troubles. He was apparently well satisfied to leave this city, and he did not say that he would again tender for contracts here.



PRISCILLA spinning, long ago, sighs as she thinks how soon her linen will lose its glossy luster, when she wash it once or twice has been in. She does not know that in the soap the evil lies that makes her suffer. Its great excess of alkali, which cuts the fiber, makes it rougher.

Our modern maidens need not sigh since IVORY SOAP has been invented, containing no free alkali—by which the ruin is prevented. For linen washed with IVORY SOAP in snowy beauty'll ne'er diminish. But always, while it lasts, preserve its pristine gloss and lustrous finish.

A WORD OF WARNING.

There are many white soaps, each represented to be "just as good as the 'Ivory'"; they ARE NOT, but like all counterfeits, lack the peculiar and remarkable qualities of the genuine. Ask for "Ivory" Soap and insist upon getting it.

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Nebraska Pensions.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—Pensions granted Nebraskans: Original invalid—John Blair, Gilbison. Increase—(navy) James Birtwistle, Elwood; James W. Fackler, Elva; Samuel Cox, Litchfield; John Towie, Charlestown; John Goodwin, Hastings.

The light running Howe at Robert Sherwood's only \$25.00.

—Reserved seat tickets for "Lost in London," are on sale now at J. P. Young's, both for matinee and night performances. Matinee prices 25 and 50 cents, night prices 75, 50 and 35 cents.

—Regular meeting of W. C. T. U. Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. S. A. Davis, on Pearl street.

The One-Price
ELSON, CLOTHIER.

Clothing.



- \$3.90 buys a good Business Suit Black Diagonal.
- \$5.65 buys a Checked Cass Suit, former price \$8.50.
- \$9.80 is an All Wool Black Worsted suit, reduced from \$13.50.
- \$12.29 Buys a Four Button Cork-screw Worsted, worth \$18.00.
- \$3.85 is a Harrison Cassimer Suit worth \$5.00.
- \$3.65 buys a Boys Corderroy Suit, Elegantly Finished.
- \$1.50 buys a Nice Stripped Suit, worth \$3.50.

Mitts and Gloves.

- 15 cents for a Wool Mit worth 25 cents.
- 40 cents for Men's Lined Gloves.
- 50 cents buys a Lined Kid Glove worth \$1.00.
- 90 cents buys a Buckskin Mitt, reduced from \$1.40.
- 10 cents buys a pair of Boys Wool mitts.
- \$1.10 buys a California Sealskin Glove worth \$1.50.
- 60 cents buys a Large Valise worth \$1.00.
- \$1.20 buys a large well-made Trunk.

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GREATEST SLAUGHTER SALE! **ELSON, CLOTHIER.**

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Hats, Caps, Furnishing Goods,
Trunks, Valises, Boots and Shoes,

EVER SEEN IN CASS COUNTY AT

ELSON
The Old Reliable One Price Clothier.

FURNISHING GOODS!

- 15 cents buys a Heavy Wool Sock.
- 25 cents buys a Shirt and Drawers worth 50 cts.
- 35 cents buys a Good Working Shirt worth 50 cts.
- 75 cents buys an all-wool Scarlet Shirt and Drawers
- 40 cents buys a man's Unlaundered Shirt.
- 15 cents for a good pair of Suspenders.

- 35 cents buys a good Overall worth 60 cents.
- 50 cents for a heavy Cordigan Jacket worth \$1.
- 20 cents for a good Silk Handkerchief worth 50c.
- 5 cents buys a large red Handkerchief.
- 10 cents buys a Box of Paper Collars of any size.

N. B. Don't fail to see this Great Slaughter Sale, as we must RAISE MONEY, and it will save you 33 per cent on every dollar by buying of

ELSON, The Old Reliable One-Price Clothier
AND HARD WORKER FOR YOUR TRADE,
Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

The One-Price
ELSON, CLOTHIER.

Overcoats.

- \$1.85 buys a good Gray Overcoat reduced from \$3.50.
- \$4.85 buys a Heavy Overcoat worth \$8.50.
- \$7.65 buys a Black Worsted Overcoat reduced from \$12.50.
- \$9.80 buys a Mosco Beaver Overcoat worth \$13.50.
- \$1.75 buys a Boy's Heavy Overcoat worth \$1.75.
- \$2.90 buys a Fur Trimmed Overcoat reduced from \$4.50.
- \$12.50 buys a Fur Beaver Trimmed Collar and Cuffs, Overcoat, reduced from \$18.00.
- \$1.40 buys a Heavy Lined Overcoat worth \$2.00.

Boots and Shoes.

- \$1.00 buys a Full Stock Boys' Boots worth \$2.00.
- \$1.40 for a Man's Heavy Winter Boot.
- \$2.35 buys a fine Calf Boot, reduced from \$3.50
- 1.45 buys a good Working Shoe worth \$2.00.
- \$2.50 buys a Fine Calf Butler Shoe worth \$3.00

Hats and Caps.

- 40 cents buys a good Wool Hat.
- \$1.10 buys a fine Fur Hat worth \$1.50.
- \$1.00 buys a fine Fur Hat worth \$2.00.
- 25 cents buys a Heavy Knit Cap worth 75 cts.
- Job Lots of Winter Caps worth 50, 75 and \$1.00 all going for 25 cents.

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