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Special Sale of Holiday Goods

We are now showing a beautiful line of We are now showing a beaution the of Christmas goods, such as choice styles in neckwear, fancy surpenders, fine silk um-brellas, fancy nightgowns, dogskin gloves, lined and unlined white and fancy laun-dered shirts at our usual low prices.

Special for Tomorrow

100 dozen men's fine teck scarfs 25c. worth 50c. 50 dozen men's fine teck scarfs 35c, worth

- 75c. Men's white silk handkorchiefs 25c, worth
- Fancy satin suspenders, embroidered, one
- in a box, at 50c worth \$1.00. 100 dozen ladies' 5-hock kid gloves, come in colors and black, 75c worth \$1.25. Ladles' flerce lined hose 10c, worth 20c.
- EYE OPENERS

At the Big Store FOR SATURDAY

Strictly fresh country eggs, 17c. Fresh country roll butter, 12½c. Very best country roll butter at 15c.

Meats and Lard

Sugar cured No. 1 hams, 9c. Sugar cured No. 1 hams, 9c. Salt pork, 5c. Pickle pork, 6c. Sugar cured No. 1 bacon, 8c. California hams, 734c. 3-pound pails best lard, 24c. 5-pound pails best lard, 40c. 10-pound pails best lard, 78c.

Baumer's Jewelry.

Greater sales on the John Baumer jewelry stock every day. John could have readily stock every day. John could have readily sold his magnificant line at reduced prices. But his creditors would not wait. They wanted an immediate settlement. We got the gems. The goods form one great ar-ray of splendid holiday gifts. Bankrupt prices are one-third jewelers' prices.

Cheese and Crackers

Full cream young America cheese, 10c. Brick, Limberger and Swiss, 121/20 Brick, limberger and Swiss, 121/20. Fancy Wisconsin full cream, 7160 Very best soda and oyster crackers, 4%c.

Fruits and Nuts

Fancy mixed nuts, five kinds, 121/2c. Oranges, 20c; lemons, 15c; dates, 71/2c; figs 10c. Come here for your holiday fruits and nuts.

Special Salk Black Silk

Dress Patterns

AN ELEGANT CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR ANY LADY. 12-yard pattern, elegant black gros grain

12-yard pattern, elegant black gros grain silk for \$5.98. 12-yard pattern elegant extra heavy all silk faille for \$6.98. 15-yard pattern fine quality black gros

grain for \$8.98. 15-yard extra heavy black faille silk, \$8.98.

12-yard pattern black armure, peaude sole or gros grain for \$8.98.

15-yard pattern black peaude sole armure or faille silk for \$10.00. Finer qualities from \$10 to \$45 per

pattern Fancy wals: silks at 59c, 69c, 75c, 98c and

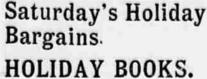
\$1.25 per yard. Silk Crepes for Doll Dresses, 10c yard.

Every morning of this week from 8:30 a. m. till 11:30 a. m. we will sell all silk crepes for 10 c.nts a yard, in blues, pinks, yellow, cream and green only! None sold after 11:30 a. m. at this price

Fancy Goods Dept. Hundreds of fancy Xmas novelties in this

department. Photo frames worth \$1.00 for 25c. Silk catchalls.

Fancy ottomans, etc. HEAD RESTS ON SPECIAL SALE. 25c fancy headrests, only 15c. 50c fancy headrests, only 25c. 60c fancy headrests, only 35c. \$1.00 fancy headrests, only 48c. \$1.50 fancy headrests only 75c.



HOLIDAY BOOKS.



The Omaha people recognize a good thing when they see it. Our book department undoubtedly is a good thing if you want nice, fresh, new goods at 1/2 regular book store prices,

50 different titles of juvenile books at 1c

each. 100 different styles juveniles, 3c.

200 styles juveniles, 5c.

1,000 styles juveniles, 10c, 15c and 25c. Wood's Natural History, 35c.

Padded poets, \$1.25.

Bibles, 75c, \$1.98, \$2.00, \$2.50.

Christmas cards at cost. Prayer books for every denomination.

Dress Goods. Never in the history of our business have we turned out as many dress goods as this

week, and all owing to the extreme low value we are making on dress patterns. \$1.00 buys an S-yards dress pattern of a dcuble-fold English cashmere in red, brown, navy grain black cardinal etc. \$2.00 buys an S-yard dress pattern of 36-inch novelty suiting, the regular 50c quality goods; over 25 patterns to select from. \$2.73 buys a dress pattern of silk finish

novelty. \$2.73 buys a dress pattern of all wool

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\$2.73 buys a dress pattern of 25-inch all wool serge, navy and black.
\$3.50 gives you the choice of over 200 patterns of this season's 75c, 85c, 98c, \$1.00 monthly of the season's 75c, 85c, 98c, \$1.00 novelties, Navy Blue Serge-Extra Special.

48-inch all wool mohair serge, the \$1.00 quality, 50c. 50-inch dust and storm proof serge, the 89c quality, 50c. 52-inch and 54-inch all wool wide wale

and extra heavy quality goods, worth up to \$1.25. Special 75c.

Black Dress Goods. The only department in Omaha where you

can find all of the up-to-date goods at prices which we guarantee to be lower than the lowest.

chamellions, 36-inch cheviotine, 50-inch blue and black serge. This is an excellent opportunity to buy a Christmas present that will be both ac-

The description of the proprietor of IS FAST DWINDLING AWAY trial. He was convicted of having held up culprit \$5 and costs for his coquettish be-alocn and its location he cannot re-



Chinchilla Cloaks.

Saturday attraction. \$6.95 will be the price for a handsome

chinchilla jacket, 28 inches long, inlaid pearl buttons, new back, storm collar, reduced from \$8.90.

\$5.95 will secure a chinchilla cleak 34 inches long, never sold at less than \$8 to

\$8.50. At this figure we will close out the balance of our chinchilla cloaks, formerly sold \$12.50.

FURS! FURS! CAPES! CAPES! The most elegant and at the same time satisfactory Christmas present on record is our astrachan and electric scal capes, formerly sold at from \$25 to \$30. Christmas price \$19.50.

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A pair of steel skates free with every boys' suit. Boys' long pants suits, sizes 13 to 20

Grand Holiday Clearing Sale of

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Children's Suits and

The Clothing chance of the year

Men's, Boys' and

Overcoats.

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years, formerly \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10,00; fine black and blue imported clay worsted fancy cheviots and cassimeres, made equal to tailor-made, all at one price, \$6.00. Hoys' double-breasted 2-piece suits, sizes 5 to 15 years, not suit worth less than \$3.00 and up to \$8.00. Clearing rules sale \$1.25 to 175. to \$8.00. Clearing price sale \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.75, \$3.50 and \$4.50. A pair of steel skates free with every suit.

Grand cut price in men's suits, overcoats and ulsters. Men's \$7.50 and \$8.50 suits for \$5.00.

Men's \$10.00 and \$12.50 suite for \$7.50. Men's \$15.00 and \$16.50 suits for 10.00. MEN'S \$18.00 to \$22.50 suits for \$15.00. Men's overcoats at half of regular prices-good chinchilla overcoats for \$3.75.

Blue, black and brown beaver and kersey overcoats worth \$8.50 for \$5.00.

-All wool 33-oz. freize ulstere in black and oxford worth \$12.50, for \$7.50 \$15 and \$16.50 overcoats and ulsters for \$10.00

All very fine \$20 and \$22.50 ulsters and overcoate this week for \$15.00.

BARGAINS. THESE READ

16-mo. Handy Classics at cost. 12-mo. elegant bindings, 18c. All titles in novels, 2c. Only one to a customer.

35-inch (actual measure) all wool French serge, extra fine quality. 6-inch (by the yardstick) imported French serge; extra fine quality, 39c. EXTRA SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY. 39c the yard buys a 36-inch wool jacquard. 39c the yard buys a 38-inch all wool courderey. 39c the yard buys a 38-inch figured mohair. 39c the yard buys a 46-inch imported Ger-man henrietta. SPECIAL SATURDAY NIGHT SALE-\$10. 7:30 to 8:30, Dress Pattern \$1.20. This is positively the last sale of 1895. It includes all wool novelties, 42-inch

STREET ALONG SADDLE CREEK

Its Opening of Vast Importance to Western Omaha.

Plan of Assessment Proposed by the **Council Committer-Parties In**terested Invited to a Meeting Monday.

Several months ago an ordinance was introduced in the city council by Councilman Mercer, which declared the necessity of appropriating certain lots and parts of lots in the city of Omaha for the purpose of opening a street through what is known as the Saddle creek valley.

The ordinance was passed by the council, appraisers were appointed, whose report was adopted, and the matter referred to the engineering department to prepare a plan of assessment for paying the costs of opening the street. When this ordinance was passed it is probable that very few people of the city realized the magnitude of the proposed improvement.

the city through the main sewerage system of the city proper, for the reason that the high ridgs of ground running along Fortieth street is a barrier which prevents drainage into the main sewerage system. It is also obvious that in a few years the growth of the obvious that in a few years the growth of the city in this section will riquire a distinct sewerage system. In order to prepare for such future nccessity the ordinance referred to was introduced. It proposes the con-demnation of a right of way which will give the city possession of a strip of ground running from the corner of Forty-seventh and Hamilton streets along Saddle creek for about three miles. When the North Omaha main sewer was constructed the city owned no such right of way and the cost of the sewer was therefore greatly increased by the necessity of condemning valuable property.

WHAT IT MEANS TO THE CITY.

The acquisition of such a street in this valley is, in the opinion of the city engineer, of greater moment to the future general interests of the city than any street opening here-tefore sought to be made in the history of the city, and in his annual report for 1894 he lot; Stoepel place, an average of \$2.98 per

connecting link between the roads leading to the city from the west, northwest and south-West.

For its entire length, which is about thre miles, a grade of about one-half foot per 100. Vandercook terrace, an average fro or about the same as Douglas street below Sixteenth, can be developed, thus affording an tax will be about \$23.87 per acre. excillent drive as well as an important street car thoroughfare. It is also planned that the proposed boul-

vard from Fontanelle park will connect with this street at Forty-seventh and Hamilton, thereby forming a continuous driveway from the commencement of the north boulevard through Miller and Fontanelle parks and by

way of these s reets to the new fair grounda. The exact route of the proposed street is as follows: Beginning at the corner of Fortyis consistent of the conter of porty-seventh and Hamilton streets, south on Forty-seventh to Nicholas, east on Nicholas to Forty-sixth, south on Forty-sixth to Cum-ing, east on Cuming to Forty-fifth, south on Forty-fifth to California, east on California to Forty-fifth avenue, thence south to Daven-

port street, east on Davenport to a point about half way between Forty-fifth avenue bill. the saloon and its location he cannot re-member and an investigation of the case will and Forty-fourth street, thence south through Briggs place to Harney street, thence in outhwesterly direction parallel with the Missouri Pacific railroad tracks to Center street. In view of the importance of opening this street as a key to future improvements, the CROSS TOWN WAY AND DRAINAGE COURSE CROSS TOWN WAY AND DRAINAGE COURSE the opinion of property holders in this mat-ter, the committee will hold a meeting on

> vited to be present TAXES ON LOTS.

TAXES ON LOTS. Approximate tax per lot: In Baker place, an average of \$2 to \$5 per lot; in Barkalow place, an average of \$2.50 per lot; in Billings' place, an average of \$2.50 per lot; in Briggs' place, an average of \$3.80 to \$6 per lot; in Brooklyn addition, an average of \$25.87 per lot; in block 16, Clifton place, an average of \$1 to \$2.94 per lot; in Comer addition, an average of \$5.20 per lot; in Donekin's addi-tion, an average of \$5 to \$8 per lot; in Doug-las addition, west of Thirty-seventh street, an average of \$4.50 per lot; in Eldorado addi-tion, an average of \$4.77 per lot; in East Side addition, an average of \$5.13 per lot; block 1, Ekerman place, \$21.49; in Hime-baugh's addition, in block 2, an average of \$20 to \$27 per lot; in Himebaugh's & Pat-terson's addition, an average of \$4.06 per lot; in Harmon's subdivision, an average of \$20 to \$27 per lot; in binekaugh's & Pat-terson's addition, an average of \$4.06 per lot; in Harmon's subdivision, an average of \$4.06 per lot; in Himebaugh's addition, an average of \$50 to \$20 to \$27 per lot; an elderagehaugh's addition, an average of \$4.06 per lot; in Himebaugh's addition, an average of \$20 to \$27 per lot; an average of \$20 to \$20 to \$27 per lot; an average of \$20 to \$27 per lot; an average of \$20 in Harmon's subdivision, an average of \$5.47 per lot; in blocks 15 and 16, Highland

In provement. It is a well known fact that it is a physi-cal impossibility to drain the western half of the city through the main sewerage system of the city through the main sewerage system Lavetta place, an average of \$4 per lot; in Leavenworth terrace, an average of \$5 per lot; in Leavenworth Business place, an average of \$1.20 to \$2.93 per lot; in Liesenring's addition, an average of \$4.76 per lot; in Mcaddition, an average of \$4.76 per lot; in Mc-Cormick's second addition, an average of \$5 per lot; in Patterson's subdivision, an average of \$4.86 per lot; in Poppleton park, west of alley, west of Fortieth street, an average of \$5 per lot; in Potter's addition, lots 2 to 6 and 12 to 24, block 1 and block 2, an average of \$5.37 per lot; Parmenter place, an average of \$6 per lot; Ralph place, an average of \$4.90 per lot; Springdale addition, an average of \$6 per lot; Saunders' & Hime-

baugh's addition, in average of \$6 per lot; Saunders' & Himebaugh's addition to Walnut Hill, an average of from \$2 to \$6.07 per lot; The commended its condemnation as an act that would accomplish two important purposes. First: It would supply the shortest and most economical line of drainage sewer for the terri-tory mentioned. Second: It would be the most convenient connecting link between the roads leading to the city from the west, northwest and souther 54.00 per lot; West Cuming addition, an average from \$4.97 to \$6.31 per lot; West Side, an average from \$4.07 to \$5.32 per lot; Utics place, an average from \$4.07 to \$7.22 per lot; West Cuming addition, an average from \$4.97 to \$6.31 per lot; Second to \$5.93 per lot; First addition to West Side, an average from the city from the west northwest and souther 54 to 55.65 per lot; second addition to \$3.40 to \$5.48 per let; second addition to West Side, an average from \$4.82 to \$6.23 per lot; West Omaha, an average of \$25 per lot; Vandercook terrace, an average from \$2.18 to \$5.29 per lot; on all undivided tracts the

In addition to the above, such lots as front on the new roadway will be taxed about 30 cents per foot front

Tony's Memory at Fault.

Tony Garlow, an Italian, was arrested in the lower part of the city Thursday night by Officer Baldwin, charged with attempting to pass some counterfeit money. Garlow denies the statement that he is a "shover of

be made. Officials Are Now at Work Upon the Details. Members of the committee on buildings and property of the city council, together with THREE ACQUITTED OUT OF FIRST SIX the building inspector, are engaged in preparing plans for the accommodation of the city Monday, December 16, at 10 s. m., in com-mittee room "A" on the second floor of the city hall, where all parties interested are injail and police court in the city hall. As the rooms now used by the chief of the fire

department in the northeast corner, on the first floor of the building. There are now three small rooms, but it is thought that by tearing out the partitions and converting the whole space into one room enough space can be obtained to accommodate the police court under ordinary circumstances. If this plan fancy, which originated in the brains of the is carried out it is proposed to make the trance to the police court room through the alley and up the room through the alley and up the rear stairs and lock the doors that now connect the chief ${\boldsymbol {\varepsilon}}$ office with the rotunda. This is with the idea of keeping the motley crowd of vagrants and criminals out of the rotunda of the building. What is to be done with Chief Redell in case this plan is adopted has not been decided. The entrance to the jall in the basement will also be from the alley. The main room, where the jall headquarters will be located, will be in the east end of the north half of the basement. This room will contain the sergeants' and jailer's desks. main cells will line the north and east sides of the room. In the west end will be the colls for women and other cells will be con-

structed in the east end, on the Farnam street side, for the imprisonment of young boys and others whom it may not be consid ered advisable to throw in contact with the more hardened criminals.

This is the general plan upon which the building inspector is working, but one or two members of the committee are understood to be in favor of putting the entire department members of the committee are understood to be in favor of putting the entire department in the basement. They say that there is sufficient room to accommodate the police court with much more commodious quarters than it would have in the chief's office and that as the entire basement is above ground no objection can be raised from a sanitary point of view. If the court room goes into the rooms now occupied by Chief Redeil the small room between the chief's office and the operating department, which is now used as office by Superintendent Coulter of the fire and police alarm department, will be turned over to the police judge for his private

Closes Up a Real Estate Deal. The case of J. I. Redick against Max Meyer and Adolph Meyer was taken up yesterday morning before Judge Blair. The suit is to recover \$3,000 paid for an acre of land, which was sold by the difendants to the plaintiff. It appears that a patent to the land was given in 1873 to J. Gees, and that the land was recorded as Gees' subdivision to the city. In course of time it was transferred to vari-ous parties, until it reached a man named Engerbert. It was then bequeathed to a son. Francis Leon Engerbert, who sold it when he was under age to George E. Pritchett. By blum it was transferred to the Mayara

office

By him it was transferred to the Meyers, the latter sold it to Redick, he to a man named Troxel, and the latter, after sub-dividing it into lots, sold to various parties. Some time ago, when Engerbert attained his majority he disaffirmed the conveyance to Pritchett, because it was given before he was of age, and a decree was given before he was of age, and a decree was rendred, re-storing the tille to him. The process of getting back to the origin of the error was then begun, this being permissible, as the property was sold under warranty deads. Judg-marks here been conducted actions Torond ments have been rendered against Troxell, Troxell settled with Redick, and new Redick wants a judgment against the Meyers.

One Minute Cough Cure is harmless, pro-

way company. Since the verdict in the case a motion for PLANS FOR THE NEW CITY JAIL. Bruton Gang Not So Formidable as at First a new trial has been made and it is expected that it will be granted. Glassco presents the names of a number of witnesses who will swear to his good character. Moreover, his wife, when she is able to leave her sick bed. Thought.

Bruton, who is charged with receiving stolen property to the value of about \$200. The

Its Roster Thought to Have Beer . Much Lengthened by Police Imagination-Robert Bruton Now on Trial.

The so-called Bruton gang seems to b police, to judge from the swiftness with which the alleged members succeed in estab-

lishing their innocence in the district court. Thirteen men were arrested six weeks ago and dubbed the Bruton gang. With a considerable amount of flourish it was announced

that the gang was composed of desperate men who had been preying upon the public for some time. Against them were charged up all the robberies and burglaries which had occurred within the past year, the perp trators of which had not been discovered. With an equal display, the men were bound over on one or more charges of grand larceny, burglary, robbery, or the receiving of stolen property.

So far six of these men have appeared in the criminal court. Of this number three have been discharged, the verdict in two of these cases being returned without the jurors leaving their scats, one has pleaded with possibly one other man under arrest, appears to have been implicated in all the crimes committed by the "gang," which, by the way, seem to consist of only a small portion of those charged up against them. The testimony in the cases which have been tried appears to show that the other members of the "gang" who were arrested were arrested on the say-so of Hall Some goods may have been found in their houses, but their statement and that of other witnesses to the effect that the goods were left there by Hall without their knowledge was considered of less worth than the accurations of Hall.

The fact that the goods were found in the houses was also considered of such weight that the men were even charged with highway robbery without any other evidence to connect them with the crime.

Hail has pleaded guilty to the charge of burgiary, confeming to a number of such crimes which he committed last spring. He appears to have been in the hibit of living at various places and leaving behind such parts of the property stolen by him as he could not conveniently carry off. When he was arrested he told where considerable of the stolen property had been left, and, moreover, implicated his boarding house keepen in the theft. When these men were tried it was shown that the property was left bahind without their knowledge and that while they may have suspected it, they did

while they may have suspected it, they did not know that the goods were stolen. Even one man convicted, William Glassco, may not go to the penitentiary. His case was called last Monday. At the time hesesked for a confinuance, saying that he was not ready for trial. He said that he had been away from the city with his sick wife on the promise of the courty atterney whe told the promise of the county attorney, who told him that if his case was not called last week it was not to be called at this term. He relied on this promise when he came into court, and, expecting a continuance, did not

witnesses for the state, Sergeant Her, falled to appear, and a capias was issued for him. When he was brought in the court fined him, but the fine was later remitted. Members Ready to Agree with Mayor on a Treasurer Ordinance. The finance committee of the city council s preparing a substitute ordinance to take the place of the city treasurer ordinance which was passed three weeks ago. The ordimembers of the council have concluded that the mayor was right and propose to repeal the

previous ordinance and pass one entirely dif-ferent. The provisions of the new ordinance have not been entirely decided upon, but one of the features contemplated is a system of countersigning by the comptroller of all recelpts for money paid into the treasury. Whin a receipt is issuel for taxes or license money, it is to be signed by the treasurer or his deputy, and then dropped into a pnuematic tube which will carry it to the comptroller's desk. The comptroller countersigns the re-ceipt and makes a record of it in a book to by kept for the purpose. The receipt is then what back to the treasurer and given to the party paying the money. The result is that the comptroller has a separate and distinct record of all money paid to the city treasurer and his account must balance with that of the treasurer at all times

property has been identified as that stolen

This has been practically decided on as the check to be employed on money coming in. It is the system in use in Detroit and other arge cities and meets with the approbation of the most of the members of the council. The check that is to be set on disbursements has not been entirely decided on. It is suggested that it would be a good idea to have two sets of bank books, one to be kept in the office of the treasurer and the other in that of the comptroller, all deposits and drafts be entered on the comptroller's book at the close of each day's business. The effect of this system would be to enable the comp-

troller to tell at a glance at any time the exact amount of money that ought to be in the banks and the amount which should be the hands of the treasurer.

Cripple Creek or Bust.

J. J. Philbin returned from Cripple Creek yesterday. He says the place is a wonder-the busiest spot on earth. Men, in cluding all professions, creads and condiions, are flocking there by the thousands, with an almost incredible number from this city. In a half day's hustle 'round the magic city Mr. Philbin encountered no less than nineteen Omahans, and he says they are straggling in almost every day and every hour

He Paid for the Dance.

William Stanner was brought before Judge Berka yesterday, charged with being frunk and indulging in a skirt dance at the corner of Sixteenth and Webster streets. William said that he had been celebrating during the earlier part of the evening and that in the exuberance of the moment he had forgotten that he wore bloomers and had summon witnesses. The court, however, re-fused the continuance and forced Giassop to agted real dizzy. Judge Berka fined the parents.

Assured that the Next State Fair Will Sample Piece for that Purpose Comes Over Be a Success. The State Board of Agriculture, which has been in session at the Millard hotel for two will testify that on the evening when the robbery occurred, Glassco was at home. The case on trial is that agains! Robert for their respective homes. The only formal and the members took the afternoon trains for their respective homes. The only formal business that was before the board was the auditing of a few bills and closing up some routine matters of no particular interest to

HAS SATISFIED THE STATE BOARD

from the store of Bierling & Kerner. Dur-ing the proceedings yesterday one of the the public. There was another purpose in the meeting however, which was intimately connecte with the success of the next state fair. It is well known that some fault has been found

by a certain element in the state with some of CITY COUNCIL CONCEDES A POINT, the features of the exposition of 1895. It was largely for the purpose of reaching a complet understanding as to the intention of the Omaha Fair and Speed association to supply all that the first year's experience had indi-cated was desirable that the meeting was held. During the session of the members of the board the executive committee of the Fair and Speed association met them in joint nance was vetoed by Mayor Bemis on the session and cutlined the plans which had to fire 600 rounds per minute, or ten shots ground that it was impracticable, but the been decided upon for next year. These were a second. It is intended as a naval place and council passed it over his veto. Now the in the highest degree satisfactory to the membeto of the state board, and, as one of them expressed it, "We will go to the winter meeting of the board prepared to whoop it up for Omuba."

The local organization has explained its arrangements for improved transportation facilities, additional water supply and other con-veniences, which were the only subjects of criticism this year, and convinced the board that there would be no room for criticism at the next exposition. This assurance was desired by the members of the board in order that members might be able to answer any criticisms that might be advanced by interests antagonistic to Omaha at the winter meeting.

Disastrous Blaze for Working People. ST. PAUL, Dec. 13 .- At 2 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the Wann building, occupied by Henry S. Stemberg as a jobbing

dry goods and clothing house, and by Guitterman Bros, manufacturers of shirts, pants, overalis, etc., at Fifth and Sibley streets. The fire spread to the building adjoining, oc-cupied by Price & Robbins' wholesale paper house. After three-quarters of an hour fire was gotten under control. The the The fire fire was gotten man Bros.' factory, where started in Guitterman Bros.' factory, where the hands worked late last night. The loss the hands worked late last night. to this firm, chiefly by water, is estimated at \$65,000, fully covered by insurance. Five hundred employes of the Guitterman Bros. are thrown out of employment by the fire.

Excitement in Porto Rico.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Porto' Rico says: Great exitement has been caused among all classes

by the discovery of a conspiracy to overthrow the Spanish rule on this island. Many per-sons who form a branch of the Marti Revo-lutionary club of New York have been ar-rested and are now in prison at San Juan, awaiting trial. The present affair is the outcome of threatened revolution a year ago, when General Gamir, the Spanish governor general, attempted to dem netize Mexican money, which is the principal currency of the island

Called to the Parental Slipper.

James Cross was reported to the police Thursday as having disappeared from his home at 645 South Seventeenth street. Later n the day the boy was found by Officer Raney at the union depot, where he was attempting to board an outgoing train. James has been reading some "penny dreadful" literature and had concluded to go out west and scalp Indians. He was stopped in his bloodthirsty career and returned to his

WARRANTED TO FIRE A STREAM OF FIRE Six Hundred Shots a Minute and Under the Absolute Easy Control of the One Man Handling-It.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 .- What is claimed o be one of the best rapid fire guns ever invented by Maxim has arrived here from Liverpool on the Majestic and is now on its way to Washington. The gun came in charge of W. Broderick-Cloete, who represents Maxim. The gun is only a trifle over four feet in length and weighs only 127 pounds. The inventors guarantee its ability a second. It is intended as a naval piece and will have to be tested before it can be accepted. According to Mr. Broderick-Cloete no other country in the world owns a gun that for the size can do as much in as short a time as can this gun.

It is technically described as an automatic gun and consists of a barrel surrounded by a water jacket and the requisite mechanism. It is entirely automatic in action, being fed with ammunition by means of a belt. Only one man is required to work it and he can devote his entire attention to pointing it. It is adapted especially for defense against torpedo boats with a high speed. As it is adapted for the use of smokeless powder, a distinct target may be maintained at all times and enable the gun firer to hit any moving object at long range without even using the sights.

Its caliber is large enough for the use of projecilles of sufficient weight to penetrate the sides of lightly protected boats and for carrying a bursting charge, thus increasing the chance of causing damage to the interior of the boats attacked. The gun is so light that when firing at a rapidly moving object it can be trained with the utmost ease. The left shoulder of the gun first being firmly pressed against the shoulder piece and his right hand on the pistol grip he has com-plete control over the movements of the gun. The velocity of the projectile at the muzzle will be about 1,200 feet per second.

No Protests Against the Plans.

The city council met as a board of equalizaion yesterday to consider about a dozen plans of assessment on public improvements. The most important were those on account of the Sherman avenue repaying, representing an aggregate tax of \$53,609.85, and on grading Seventh street, from Cedar to a point ninety-one feet north of Dorcas, involving a tax of \$1,012.06. The other plans of assessment were on small grading and sewer jobs. Coundiman Kment was made chairman, and the when it will make up its report. No pro-tests have been filed in any of the cases under consideration.

If MeGuire Can Come.

If Detective McGuire sends word that he an be in the city at that time the cases against Dogcatcher John Spoerl and Meat Inspector Frank, the men who are charged with obtaining money by false pretenses from the city, will be taken up next Thes-day before Judge Scott. The two men have signified their desire of being tried together. A telegram is expected from McGuire today.

NAVY TRIES THE MAXIM GUN

on the Majestic.