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HAYDEN'S Agents for Butterick Patterns

Letting Down the Prices Just When You Need the Goods

HAYDEN'S Santa Claus Headq'rs

The Big Store is determined to close out its vast holiday stock before Christmas. Only six more selling days to do it in. Every department has adopted the letting down the prices motto, and there will be big special sales every day at cut prices on useful, seasonable goods of all kinds, and holiday goods of every description. Come early to Hayden's Big Store for startling bargains and bring the children to see Santa Claus in his headquarters.

Cap Sale Saturday.

Specialties for the 18th.

No. 1—Boys' and Men's Caps, worth 25c, at **9c**

No. 2—Boys' and Men's Caps, worth 50c, at **25c**

No. 3—Boys' Plush Polo Caps to pull over the ears, sold elsewhere for 50c at **37½c**

No. 4—A full and complete line of Winter Caps, good and warm, sold elsewhere for 75c and $1.00, at **45c**

P. S.—We can show you a complete line and save you money.

Big Jewelry Sale

We have just purchased 5,000 pieces of Sterling Silver Novelties of the leading manufacturers of the east and Saturday place them on sale at one-third regular value. We name a few prices:

Sterling Silver, every article guaranteed .925 fine.

Files 49c
Cuticles 49c
Seals 49c
Combs 49c
Tooth Brushes 49c
3,000 3-piece child's Sets, from 10c up.
Quadruple plated Butter Dishes, Pickle Castors, Berry Dishes, Nut Bowls, Syrups, Dinner Castors, etc., etc., positively worth $3.00 each; choice.. $1.48
The best quadruple plated 4-piece gold-lined engraved Tea Set, regular value $8.00, for Saturday 3.48
Ladies' Sterling Silver Chatelaine Watches 2.50
Hundreds of ladies' and gents' solid gold and gold-filled Watches with all the best make of movements. $4.95 up. The celebrated P. S. Bartlett or G. M. Wheeler, Waltham and Elgin 17-jeweled Watches, nickel movements in a gold-filled hunting case, warranted to wear twenty years, watch complete 16.75

A PIANO

Is the best of all Christmas gifts. At our HOLIDAY SALE you may select an instrument of such world famous makes as the

CHICKERING, STEINWAY OR FISCHER,

or other standard makes at prices usually asked for much inferior instruments. Also cheaper makes at the

LOWEST PRICES EVER QUOTED.

Monthly payments accepted. A cordial invitation is extended to all to inspect our Holiday display on second floor of new building, where will be found everything in Music. NEW EMERSON PIANO AS LOW AS $175.00 NEW VOSE & SONS PIANOS AS LOW AS ..... 195.00 IVERS & POND AND KNABE PIANOS among our offerings.

Sheet Music at Strictly Popular Prices

FURNITURE

Special reduction on all desks and pictures for this week.

Desks in Oak and Mahogany, well made, well finished, latest designs, at $4.25, 5.95, 6.50, 6.95 and 7.50; were $5.95, 6.85, 8.25, 8.85 and 9.50.

Hundreds of medallions, all the most popular subjects, each 15c
Were 25c.
Another lot of fine glass medallions, each 19c
Just in today, another lot with 1-inch gilt frames and fancy corners, each.. 45c
Yard pictures at $1.00 and $1.25
Framed St. Cecelia at 25c
Children's rockers, chairs and tables in unlimited numbers and at our usually low prices.
India seats in oak, mellchite and oxblood at $1.85
Others at $1.25
Down pillows, 18x18 ..... 30c
Down pillows, 20x20 ..... 50c
Down pillows, 22x22 ..... 60c
Down pillows 24x24 ..... 75c

...TOY DEPARTMENT...

CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR. The little folks are more excited now than at any other time waiting for Santa Claus to make his appearance at their respective homes. WHY NOT MAKE THEM HAPPY WHEN YOU CAN? Prices are lower this year than ever known on toys: Iron toys in great variety.

Full trains 25c, 50c, Banks 5c, 10c, 25c, Iron Carts, Donkey Carts, Ox Carts, Brownie Patrols, Hooks and Ladders, Air Guns, Brass Drums, Toy Flat Irons, in such variety that we can please you. The **Largest Stock of Tops**, musical tops, chora tops, fancy painted tops, at **3c, 5c, 10c, 15c** and **25c** each.

Magic Lanterns, Steam Engines, Tin Kitchens, Toy Whips, each **5c**

Tool chests, doll trunks 25c and 50c. Doll buggies, hobby horses, velocipedes, laundry sets, iron wagons, wheelbarrows, shoo-flys, toy carpet sweepers and thousands of articles. Too many. Space will not permit.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS—are a show by themselves—1c, 3c and 5c.

We are selling more dolls this year than ever. Prices talk loudest at the Big Store.

See our line of albums. Look at the picture books, games, etc. Come early this morning and make your selections. Time is short. Your money will go farther at Hayden's Big Store and you have a larger stock to look from than anywhere else in Omaha.

BIG BARGAINS IN HOLIDAY GOODS IN

Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings

500 dozen Men's Colored Bosom Shirts, in all the latest patterns 39c
Men's fine Satin Suspenders, black, blue, white, pink and drab, at 50c
Men's extra fine Embroidered Suspenders, in all the latest patterns, at 75c
500 dozen Men's Fine Teck Ties, all the newest patterns, at 15c
1,000 dozen Men's Fine Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 25c
1,000 dozen Men's Fine Tecks, Bows and Four-in-Hand Ties, worth 50c, at 25c
1,000 dozen Men's Fine White and Colored Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs at. 10c
500 dozen Men's Wool Lined Mocha Gloves, worth $1.25, at 75c
500 dozen Boys' and Men's Sweaters at $1.00 and 75c
100 dozen Colored Fascinators, worth 50c, at 15c
1,000 pounds fine Imported Zephyr, assorted colors, per lap 3½c
500 dozen Ladies' 2-clasp and 4-button Kid Gloves, embroidered backs, at 75c
500 dozen Ladies' Fine Wool Mittens 25c
10 cases Ladies' Fleece Lined Hose 12½c
10 cases Ladies' Fine Wool and Cashmere Hose 25c
10 cases Boys' Bicycle Hose, worth 25c, at 15c
500 dozen Ladies' Combination Suits, fleece lined, at 75c
500 dozen Ladies' Vests and Pants, fleece lined, at 25c
500 dozen Ladies' Feather Boas at 35c

THE GREATEST BOOK SALE ON RECORD

1000 Elegant 12mo Books, regular price 25 to 35c, only 11c
1000 Elegant 12mo Books, regular price 35 to 57c, only 18c
The New Oxford 12mo, only 17c
James Whitcomb Riley's Works, regular price $1.25, only 69c
25c-15mo Classics, only 15c
The Chicago Record Cook Book, regular price $1.00, on sale 69c
Chamber's Encyclopedia, complete in 12 vols., regular price $12.00, on sale only 5.75
Dumas' Complete Works in 8 vols., regular price $5.00, on sale 2.50
A full line of sets on sale.
Bibles ..... 50c, 90c, 1.00 and 1.50
Prayer Books ..... 25c, 50c, 75c up
Beautiful Line Padded Poets only 98c

HOLIDAY BARGAINS

25c Garters per pair ..... 10 and 15c
50c Fancy Garters in glass box 25c
New Opal Ware ..... 10 and 15c
Ladies Satin Belt Hose Supts 25c
Ladies Side Supts., Silk Elast 10c

SATURDAY LINEN SALE

Hemstitched Lunch Cloths $1.25
Fine Satin Damask Tray Cloths 25c
4-4 Damask Tea Cloths at 50c
36 in. Art Linen at 45c
36 in. Handkerchief Linen at 49c
Bleached Napkins, all linen, doz 98c
69 in. Extra Hvy. Bleched Irish Table Damask, worth 1.00, at 69c
Bargain Scarfs at 35c, 50c, 75c
Bedspreads, Marseilles pattern, at 49c
All our 15c and 17c Towels on one table at 10c
We carry the largest assortment of Tapestry and Chenille Table Covers in the city at prices within the reach of all.

Santa Claus' He'dq'rs. **HAYDEN BROTHERS** Santa Claus' He'dq'rs.

Cloaks, Skirts, Waists.

Omaha's Christmas sale. Most marvelous merchandising of fashionable garments for less money than you will have to pay for inferior garments in February and March.

250 Jackets, in all-wool materials, at $1.98
200 Ladies' Jackets, in plain kersey and rough effects, that were $6.50, at $3.75
Ladies' Jackets, in boucle, caterpillar and kersey, silk lined and strapped seams; worth $10 and $12, at $5.75
200 Jackets, all those swell tailored London box coats, in all the new winter shades of brown, red, green, black and blue. All the new fabrics, worth $15 to $25, at $9.98
All our Fine Silk Waists, in two lots, at ..... $3.75 and $5.75
Ladies' fleece lined wrappers, worth $1.50 and $2.00, at 98c
150 black brocaded satin skirts at $3.48
Children's Eiderdown Cloaks at 98c

More Bargains

At Hayden's Pure Food Grocery

New raisins, per pound 3½c
New prunes, per pound 3½c
New corn starch, per package 3½c
New oatmeal, per package 4½c
New Cocoanut, per package 3½c
Ivory soap, per bar 3⅞c
White Cloud floating soap 3⅞c
Two-pound cans marrowfat peas 4⅞c
Three-pound cans golden pumpkin 6½c
Pancake flour, self raising 5c
Assorted preserves, 2-pound cans 9c
Evaporated cream 7½c
One-pound can German baking powder.. 12½c
Star, Horseshoe or any other brand of tobacco per pound 37c
You don't have to pay 40c to 45c for it.

We don't belong to the Trust—The Pure Food Grocery.

Prices Cut Deeper than Ever for Saturday.

Read these prices, they are Money Savers from the Great Trans-Mississippi Headquarters.

Spring Chickens 5 1-2c.
Remember they are fresh dressed—not a frozen chicken among them.
Cranberries 7 1-2c
Solid meat oysters, 25c.
A lot of fresh celery on hand.

Read About our Butter.
Fancy roll Butter 12 1-2c, 14c and 16c—and the finest separator creamery only—

21c.
Don't forget that it is impossible to buy a finer butter, no matter what price you pay.

A few Prices on Meats.
Salt pork 5c, California hams 5 1-2c, good bacon 7 1-2c Swift Premium breakfast sausage in package, only 7 1-2c; sugar cured No. 1 hams 7 1-2c Bologna head cheese and liver sausage 4 1-2c, Frankforts, 7 1-2c

Our Fruit and Candies.
Nice oranges, per dozen, 8c; fancy lemons, 15c; new dates, 7 1-2c; new figs, 10c.

New Nuts
Almonds, Brazils, Pecans, Filberts and Walnuts all mixed only 7 1-2c. Remember it, we have all kinds of fruits for Christmas trade.

Xmas Candies.
Bear in mind that our candy is made right here and is all pure sugar—come in and see for yourself—here are some prices—
Christmas mixed, 12 1-2c, fancy mixed candy 10c, chocolate drops and bon bon mixed, only 25c; broken mixed 15c, fancy one pound boxes hand made creams 25c, two pound boxes fancy creams 48c. Special prices to schools.

OUTLINES FOR CONGRESSES

Meetings of Representatives of Various Arts Arranged for Exposition.

MAIN PLANS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD

Committee Maps Out the Principal Features of Its Work and Waits for the Details to Develop.

The congress committee of the Woman's Board of Managers is actively engaged in formulating plans for the congresses which are contemplated in connection with the exposition. The committee has begun holding weekly meetings and laying out various plans of action which are pursued during the intervals between meetings. It is seriously hampered in its work, however, by the cumbersome machinery which limits its action and controls its movements. The committee is the creature of the Woman's Board of Managers and its actions are subject to review by that body. The Woman's Board, in turn, is subject, in the matter of congresses, to the Department of Promotion, and this department is compelled to refer all matters of expenditure to the executive committee of the exposition. As the item of expense is an important factor in the organization of any congress, the congress committee is compelled to wait until its acts are approved by these various authorities before anything can be done. As a result, the work of organizing the several movements which are expected to bring about the congresses on the many subjects under consideration is delayed in a manner which threatens to defeat the object entirely. The committee is proceeding as rapidly as possible, however, and has outlined a general plan which is being worked out with all the speed compatible with a scheme of this magnitude.

All work thus far done by the committee lacks the aproval of the various reviewing authorities heretofore referred to. With these restrictions the committee has decided that there shall b congresses under three general heads, viz: Music, art and literature. Other general heads will be provided for as the work progresses, but the committee has started out with these three grand divisions as a beginning. Each of these will be subdivided into subjects pertinent to the general head. Under the division of art, for instance, will be organized a congress on architecture, one on ceramics, and so on to the limit of the resources of the committee.

MUCH WORK AHEAD.

A large amount of correspondence is necessary in arranging for these congresses, it being necessary to advise with people prominent in the several branches who live at different points in the country, asking their assistance and co-operation in the matter. This requires time, and replies have not yet been received to the letters of this character which have been sent out since the committee organized. Until these details are arranged there is little that can be said about the matter, as it may become necessary to entirely change the plans after investigation along these lines.

Three congresses have been practically determined upon, aside from those heretofore referred to. The first is a History congress, having reference especially to the development of the history of the transmissisippi region. The committee believes that this will furnish an almost inexhaustible mine of interesting topics, such as many important but little known details regarding the "Louisiana purchase," the investigations of the history of the cliff dwellers and a host of other subjects of this nature. Another subject for a congress will be "Child Study," and it is the hope of the committee that many prominent people may be induced to take part in this congress. A "Mother's congress" will be another gathering which will be arranged for if the fates are propitious.

The committee having the arrangement of these congresses in charge is the regular committee of the Woman's Board of Managers known as the congress committee, consisting of Mrs. Wincoa S. Sawyer of Lincoln, president of the board; Mrs. N. P. Fell of Omaha and Mrs. J. R. Reed of Council Bluffs. This committee has been augmented by the addition of Mrs. T. K. Sudborough and Mrs. W. H. Hanchett of Omaha, both of whom are prominent members of the Woman's club and active workers in that organization.

This committee holds weekly meetings and portions of the work are assigned to the members which occupy their time in the intervals between meetings. An extensive correspondence is being carried on and the committee expects to have the details worked out sufficiently within a short time to make them public.

IOWA MUST DO ITS PART.

Commissioner Packard is Very Emphatic on This Score.

Ex-Governor S. B. Packard of Marshalltown, Ia., chairman of the executive committee of the Iowa Exposition commission, is stirring up the people of his state to a realization of the importance to Iowa of the exposition to be held at Omaha next year. He and Secretary Chase are engaged in making plans for Iowa's participation in the exposition and the governor insists that the state cannot be represented in a creditable manner without an additional appropriation of $50,000. He says the state will be forever disgraced if the preliminary appropriation of $10,000 is not followed up by an appropriation large enough to place Iowa at the front in the active competition between the states in this exposition.

Ex-Governor Packard is quoted at some length in the Marshalltown Times-Republican on this matter and expresses himself in the most emphatic manner. "If we don't get more than the $10,000 we have now, we would better shut up and do nothing," he said, "for it would make every Iowan ashamed of his state. We ought to beat all the states in this competition and it will pay us to do it. We can do it as less expense than Illinois, because it will cost us less for transportation and we can keep our exhibits fresher. Besides we have had experience in this work and can do it cheaper than we could before we went through the World's fair. We are going to present two sets of plans to the legislature, one showing what we can do with $10,000, and the other showing what we ought to do to maintain our standing as a state. Then the legislature can take its choice. Whatever is done must be done promptly, for we must know what we can depend upon so we can make our plans accordingly. The other states have their buildings already up. The exposition opens June 1, and we want to be getting our exhibits in readiness."

Mr. Packard says further that the exposition would be a great success, because Douglas county had appropriated $100,000 to help it, and with its other resources of revenue it has "money to burn," and will complete all its buildings as originally contemplated, and open on time in grand style. The architecture of the exposition is as harmonious and of as high a grade, he says, as that of the World's fair, and the famous Court of Honor will be equaled. "It will be the greatest exposition the country has seen, aside from the World's fair," said Mr. Packard. "No newspaper man ought to criticise until he has seen the work that is now being done. I wish every Iowa daily could send a man to report on it. It is our great opportunity, even better for us than the World's fair, because we have so much better opportunity to make our displays and to get our exhibits to the exposition in good shape, with less to compete against after we get there."

MISSOURI AND THE EXPOSITION.

State Will Have a Building and an Exhibit.

W. R. Richardson, who has been visiting numerous points in Missouri as a special commissioner in the interest of the exposition, has returned home and reports that he met with flattering success. He had a number of interviews with Governor Stephens at Jefferson City and says that the governor is now at work selecting a commission to take charge of the work of seeing that Missouri is properly represented, both by a state building and an exhibit. The appointment of this commission has been delayed by the determination of the governor to appoint only men who will act and take hold of the matter at once. Mr. Richardson says that so far as the commission has been formed, it is composed of very strong men, who will see that the state is properly represented.

In St. Louis, Mr. Richardson met with encouraging success. The merchants and manufacturers of the city have taken hold of the matter with vigor and have organized a St. Louis Exposition commission. This commission will visit Omaha about the first week in January and inspect the progress which has been made by the exposition management and look over the grounds with a view to reporting to the people of St. Louis and giving them the proper idea of the magnitude of the undertaking.

St. Joseph was also visited by Mr. Richardson and he reports that that city is thoroughly aroused. President Clayton of the Commercial club will call a meeting early in January to take steps to co-operate with the commission to be appointed by the governor and secure proper representation in the state exhibit.

Mr. Richardson will return to Missouri after the holidays and complete the work thus favorably started and to attend the meeting in St. Joseph, as well as those to be held at other points.

Shoveling Snow.

All the workmen on the exposition grounds were shoveling snow yesterday morning, the gentle deposit of "the beautiful" having covered everything with a glistening mantle three or more inches in depth. The rafters and completed roofs of the buildings were covered completely and nothing could be done until this had been swept away. Brooms and scrapers were in demand and the air was filled with the fine particles thrown from the lofty buildings. Work was resumed as soon as the lofty perches of the workmen had been cleared and the sun soon made the air as pleasant and bearable as an ideal winter day could well be.

Notes of the Exposition.

R. E. Sherman of Chicago, the inventor of the Sherman Umbrella, has arrived to confer with the Department of Concessions regarding the erection of his mechanical novelty on the grounds.

J. H. Robbins of Chicago is conferring with the Concessions department regarding a concession for a miniature railway. He represents the International Construction and Amusement company.

The Department of Concessions has closed a contract with E. H. Sprague and A. J. Love of this city for the concession for Hagenbeck's trained animal show. This will be installed on the Midway and it is promised that the exhibition will be the genuine thing.

Bids for the construction of the Horticultural building will be received at the office of the Department of Buildings and Grounds on the exposition grounds until 10 o'clock a. m. today. These bids will be laid before the executive committee at its regular meeting at noon by Manager Kirkendall.

Mayor Charles F. Warwick of Philadelphia has written to President Wattles to acknowledge the receipt of the invitation to the city of Philadelphia to participate in the exposition by making an exhibit, and also by erecting a fac-simile of Independence hall. The mayor says he has transmitted the invitation to the select and common councils of the city government, and he expresses the hope that these bodies will take favorable action in the matter.

J. E. Saint of Albuquerque, N. M., is in the city in consultation with the Concessions department regarding his concession for an Indian village showing four tribes of the Pueblo Indians, including the Moqui tribe. Mr. Saint brought with him a water color sketch showing the village he proposes to install. The houses are the characteristic structures erected by these Indians, including the many-storied village which is peculiar to certain of the southwestern tribes.

Directors Arthur C. Smith, Dudley Smith and C. M. Wilhelm have been appointed by President Wattles as the representatives of the exposition on the committee to devise ways and means for providing accommodations for the large numbers of strangers who will visit Omaha during the exposition. As has been stated heretofore, this committee will consist of twelve members, three having been appointed by the Commercial club, three by the Woman's club and three by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben.

LOSES HIS WIFE AND MONEY BOTH.

Painter Wilbur Reveals a Singular State of Domestic Life.

W. F. Wilbur, a painter at 606 South Sixteenth street, has just passed through an experience which he says he does not care to repeat.

Thirteen years ago Wilbur, according to his story, met his wife in Deadwood. After a short courtship they were married and moved to this city. Everything went along smoothly and by dint of hard labor Wilbur saved up $200, which he placed together with $200 more in his wife's name in a bank. He was figuring upon going into business. About a month ago the wife wrote for her mother and a few days later she arrived and installed herself in the Wilbur domicile. The mother-in-law could talk no English and Wilbur could talk no German. When he spoke to his relative she would hurry to her daughter and report that he had used language most foul. Things went from bad to worse, and finally Wilbur told his wife her mother must go.

The time set was Thursday. When Wilbur returned home that night he was confronted with an officer who arrested him for assaulting his wife. Wilbur went to jail. Yesterday morning he learned that his wife had sent $15 to pay his fine and also that she had departed bag and baggage together with the bank account and her mother for Deadwood, S. D. Wilbur says he does not mind the loss of the money so much, but thinks his better half might at least have left him some winter clothing with which to start life anew. Wilbur was discharged by Judge Gordon.

After the Homeseekers.

Secretary Utt of the Commercial club is getting ready to secure the next year's meeting of the Homeseekers' association, the object of which is to induce people of the east to move into and populate the western country. The first meeting was held in Chicago last year. The convention will bring between 500 and 1,000 delegates to the city.

Secretary Utt is proposing to correspond at once with James Gunn, representative in congress from Idaho, who is the president of the association. Representative Gunn is in favor of the selection of Omaha, and, therefore, this city stands a good show of capturing the meeting.

POWE ALMOST SUFFOCATES

Aid Came Just in Time to Save Him from Flames.

HELPLESS IN A BURNING BUILDING

Firemen Rescue an Invalid Photographer from Fast Disappearing Saloon Structure—Property Damage Almost Total.

Fire took possession of the saloon of Simanek & Sonka, 1402 and 1404 South Thirteenth street, shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday morning and before it was under control caused about $3,000 damages. T. H. Powe, a photographer rooming upon the second floor of the building, barely escaped with his life.

Albert Burno, who has been taking care of Mr. Powe, thought he detected the smell of smoke in his room. He jumped out of bed and ran to Mr. Powe, who is in a helpless condition. Burno said he thought the place was on fire and as he spoke a burst of smoke came through the door. "Turn in an alarm to the department," said the invalid quietly. "The firemen can carry me out if they get here in time." Powe then pulled the bed coverings over his head and waited for help while Burno made a hasty exit down the hall, which by this time was filled with smoke which almost suffocated him.

By the time the firemen arrived the whole lower portion of the building was throwing out volumes of smoke and flames flashed through the windows here and there. A ladder was raised to a rear window and Lieutenant Cogan of No. 3 hooks went after the imprisoned man. He was forced back a couple of times by the smoke, but finally with the help of a blanket which he threw over his head he forced his way into the room, and in a moment had Powe in his arms. Groping his way back to the window, the invalid was handed out to Firemen Miller and Rissi, also of No. 3 company, and between the two Powe was lowered to the ground. He was carried across the street and given temporary shelter in the flat of some friends. This morning Powe appeared little the worse for his experience.

Hard work by the firemen for over an hour resulted in putting out the flames, but not until they had traveled from the basement clear through the roof. The contents of the structure will prove almost a total loss and the building is a wreck, although it is thought possible to rebuild it. The first floor was occupied by Simanek & Sonka as a saloon and restaurant. The contents and fixtures were valued at about $600 with insurance for about half this amount. The second story was used as a photographic gallery by T. H. Powe, which, according to his statements contained apparatus valued at $1,000. He carried insurance for $500. The building belongs to the Omaha Brewing association and is insured for $1,600.

Just how the fire originated is a mystery. From the holes burned in the floor it would appear the flames first sprung from the cellar in the southwest corner of the building. The barkeeper, Karl Chleborad, says that when he closed up he noticed nothing unusual. Neither of the proprietors were at the saloon Thursday night, Mr. Simanek being sick at his home, 1228 South Fourteenth street. It is thought the fire was caused by an attempt to thaw out some pipes in the basement, although it is possible is occurred through the explosion of a lamp, one having been left lighted when the place was closed Thursday night.

A small building at 1406 South Thirteenth street, also belonging to the brewing company, was flooded by water, but no damage done.

FIRES STORE FOR VENGEANCE.

Mrs. Donahue Takes Burning Revenge on Mrs. Robinson.

A fire due to the work of incendiary broke out in the grocery store of S. Robinson, 416 North Sixteenth street, shortly before 1 o'clock. The flames were extinguished with a loss to the building of about $75 and to its contents of $130. A few days ago Mrs. Robinson took into her household an aged woman who gave the name of Mrs. Ellen Donahue. She claimed to be destitute and was anxious to work. Yesterday the woman was seen by Mrs. Robinson to strike one of her children and she told her that she must leave the place and look for other employment. Mrs. Donahue swore vengeance, but failed to move.

Shortly before the time stated smoke was discovered coming from the partition in front of the store and running up stairs Mrs. Robinson found the room usually occupied by Mrs. Donahue in flames. During the interim the cause of the fire ran into the street and was intercepted by J. H. Potts of 2435 Emmett street, to whom she admitted having set fire to the building. The woman was handed over to the police, and upon being locked up at the station was charged with arson. She said the fire had been produced by matches dropped through a knot hole in the floor of her room, and that shavings had afterwards been added to make sure of the job.

The saloon of Joe Epps, at 418 South Sixteenth street, was slightly damaged by fire and water, also the store to the north, occupied by S. Marowitz. The building belongs to the Estabrook estate. The loss to both building and contents is covered by insurance.

Oppose the Sewer Tax.

The city council, which has been in session as a board of equalization for the last three days, has adjourned after deciding to approve the plans of assessment as submitted. The principal protest was that of the representatives of the Poppleton estate against the tax to pay for the reconstruction of the Capitol avenue sewer. The property owners contend that the old sewer was sufficient to answer their purpose and that while that was the case the city had no right to tax them for the construction of a new sewer. The complaint was turned down by the council and it is understood that the tax will be resisted in the courts.

Chance for Omaha Architects.

Mayor Moores has received the prospectus of the architectural plans for the new University of California which will largely represent the generosity of Phoebe A. Hearst. The topographical map and the plaster cast of the grounds will follow in a few days, and the mayor is requested to bring them to the attention of the local architects in order that they may compete in the submission of designs. The mayor will probably leave the plans at the public library, where they may be seen by any of the architects who wish to investigate the matter.

Mortality Record.

The following births and deaths were reported at the health office during the twenty-four hours ending at noon yesterday:

Births—Theodore C. Karr, 2115 Ohio street, boy; John Glandt, 2139 South Thirty-fifth avenue, girl; George McCall, 1391 South Tenth street, boy; John Winters, 2023 Pierce street, boy.

Deaths—Libbie Frummer, 26, 3036 South Twenty-eighth avenue, blood poisoning; M. Cordell, 5 months, 318 North Sixteenth street, suffocation.

NO FUNDS TO PAY FOR WORK

Money to Make Repairs Ordered Is Not in Sight.

WHY SIXTEENTH STREET VIADUCT WAITS

Board of Public Works is Without Means and is Uncertain as to How to Proceed Under Orders from Council.

Mayor Moores has not yet attached his signature to the concurrent resolution directing the Board of Public Works to begin repairing the Sixteenth street viaduct, and consequently no progress has been made toward beginning the work. City Engineer Rosewater says that the resolution has no effect until it is signed by the mayor and that as soon as he is notified that it has been approved he will take the matter up. The question that bothers the Board of Public Works is purely a financial one. The council has instructed the board to go ahead and repair the viaduct, but has made no provision for paying for the material and labor. While the railroad companies and the street railway company have agreed to pay four-fifths of the cost, this money is purely prospective and there is no fund now available. Some of the members of the board are inclined to think that it is powerless to do anything until the council makes some definite provision for paying the bills. The general fund is practically exhausted and there is no fund upon which warrants could be drawn to pay for the material and the wages of the men.

City Engineer Rosewater has not entirely decided what the duty of the board is under the circumstances. Whether the board can legally give a blind obedience to the orders of the council and go ahead and contract for labor and material when there is not a dollar in sight to pay for it is a delicate question that will be decided when the time comes.

If the work is done it will be by day labor. The material will be purchased as needed and as many men will be employed as can be worked to advantage. Mr. Rosewater estimates that from thirty to sixty days will be required to do the work, depending somewhat on the weather, and the viaduct will be closed to vehicles while the repairs are going on.

League of Municipalities.

The secretary of the League of American Municipalities has written to Mayor Moores inclosing circular information relative to the organization and a request that Omaha shall become a member. This is one of the most recent organizations of the kind and already includes most of the large cities of the United States. Its object is to discuss new things in municipal government and to provide its members with literature and data bearing on municipal problems. The membership fee for cities of from 100,000 to 200,000 population is $50. The last meeting of the league was held in Cleveland some time ago, but although the Omaha officials received an invitation to attend none of them were able to do so.

Proceeds of Bond Sale.

Yesterday morning City Treasurer Edwards received a cashier's check for $67,557.60 from Kountze Brothers, which represents the proceeds of the $66,000 in street improvement bonds which were sold a couple of weeks ago. The extra $1,557.60 represents the premium and accrued interest.