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## ORCHARD & WILHELM CARPET CO.

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# A Great Success

Never did we realize that so many people would visit our store upon such

an occasion as we had the pleasure of receiving yesterday—the first day of our Fall Opening.

Everybody Invited.

Never before have we shown so large an assortment of new, handsome and artistic pieces and patterns in Furniture, Carpets, Rugs and Drapery, Art Goods, at prices that are within the reach of all.

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Do not fail to visit our carpet department this week. Always showing new designs in all

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A very handsome highly polished frame, damask upholstered Divan, has inlaid mahogany panel back, and for this extra choice Divan we make the price

Davenport Bed Sofa Handsome mahogany finish frame, rich carvings and polish. You would never think it a bed, has large box for clothes, upholstered in fine figured velour. This is probably what you have been looking for; this particular one on sale at.....

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Turkish Rugs We guarantee to save you money on these goods-10 to 20 per cent cheaper than Chicago or New York for same goods. We want your Turkish Rug business and are going to get it, we know that the lines of these goods we are showing is the finest on the market for

# Orchard & Wilhelm Carpet Company.

### SHORT STORIES OF THE DAY

Adventures of Sylvester Frank Wilson, Formerly of Nebraska.

NOW AGUINALDO'S AGENT AT HONG KONG judging from the successes he made of his sels on the Atlantic, visiting many

Nebraska Boy's Career in the Navy-Effect of a Trumpet Blast at a Revival Meeting-Colonel Stotsenberg's Early Military Life.

the older residents of Omaha, to whom his at Iloilo. latest fantastic venture will be no surprise. In 1885, when George W. E. Dorsey was be inclined to demand an acknowledgment

laws in sending obscene matter through the mails, most of which matter concerned because I cannot make a living, for I can; Gandy. Wilson was brought by the authorarticles on the freedom of the press and song was, like that of Wilson, the freedom educate your son?"

delphia and repeated there his Omaha exceeded in stirring up quite a sensation.

He claimed there to be a newspaper man of and is discharged before graduation. experience, and, having a rather pleasing Congressman Dorsey gave notice for a and at last Gabriel would sound his trumpet a neighbor to me over there and he bea sheet as he had published in Humboldt five examiners. The son of a worthy widow and Philadelphia. It is said that when he at West Point, Neb., was chosen, and Matt to a grand climax when suddenly the sound was always haranguing upon the evils of started he interested four other persons and as alternate. The West Point boy went to throngs. caused them to lose considerable money in Annapolis in September, but failed to pass his venture. Then, four months after start- the entrance examination. It may sound upon their knees in terror and began to re-in getting their seed corn to grow. They ing the paper, he disappeared from Kansas curious, but it is nevertheless a fact, that pent and pray. Women screamed and planted the corn as usual, but hardly a City, leaving a large number of debts and one of the reasons given why he would not ager of a female base ball team, which the bottom of his feet. played several games there. Hearing that Then came Matt Signor's turn to try for it, long tin horn in his hand. The speaker would grow. As soon as this fact was a warrant was out for his arrest, he again and in May, 1886, he and 120 other boys. left the city suddenly. He was then lost nominated from all parts of the country, sight of until he appeared in New York and endeavored to pass the entrance examina-

war to the insurgents, and if this is the was out for drill. case the Filipinos have a good man for the He served for two years in Pacific waters servant for others.

Although much has been written concerning Nebraska's representation in the Philippine campaign, especially since the return of the First Nebraska, but comparatively little is known of the state's repre-Sylvester Frank Wilson, mentioned in the sentation in the navy. One of Nebraska's dispatches from Hong Kong as a member of naval representatives is Senior Lieutenant the Aguinaldo junta there, is well known to Matt H. Signor, now on the gunboat Castine

Any one who knows Wilson, however, will member of congress from the Third district, he was notified by the Navy department from Aguinaldo himself before believing that that he was entitled to the appointment of Wilson is in truth one of his representatives, a cadet to be educated at the Naval acad-wilson flourished in Nebraska eighteen or twenty years ago, when he was publishing a winter C. B. Signor, editor of the republipaper at Humboldt, Richardson county. His can newspaper at Plum Creek, had visited sheet was of the wide-open variety and was sheet was of the wide-open variety and was well qualified to be called the father of yellow journalism. Because of it he became claim of \$10,000 indemnity for the blunder involved in a controversy with a man who called himself "Doctor" Gandy, and the latter had the editor arrested by the United States marshal for violation of the postal civilian. Mr. Signor said to the committee: "I do not ask for this indemnity for the act of the servant of the government ities to Omaha and confined in the county Neb., and I find the burden of his educajail. Here he posed as a martyr by writing tion too much for me, and I have to go to getting them printed in the local papers, of the committee from Stroudsberg, Pa. About this time George Francis Train hap-answered: "If you have a son to educate pened along and being attracted by Wilson's the government has two institutions of fulminations took up his cause, adding much learning, the equals of Yale and Harvard; to the self-styled martyr's notoriety in his if a soldier of the government has wronged own peculiar way. The burden of Train's you, why not try to have the government

Mr. Signor found the limit for entrance After Wilson's release from jall he went to the United States Military academy was out over the state, representing himself as from 16 to 18 years, and at the Naval a correspondent of The Bee, only to be dis- academy from 14 to 17 years. His son was by a warning to the public when about 15. So he took the first train for Anhe was discovered. Then he went to Phila- napolis and put in a full day visiting the academy. After interviews with Super- in Ohio. There was a great number of pany with several others and the talk gradperiences, starting another yellow sheet and intendent Ramsey, Lieutenant Green, Chapgetting into jail for some of his publications, lain and Mrs. McAllister, Lieutenant Rit-He went through the same program of bid- tenhouse and Lieutenant Leutze, he conding for sympathy in oppression and suc-cluded that a naval course keeps a young man busy at drill and study, and is so ex-After that Wilson drifted from one place acting that two-thirds of any class that beto another, finally landing in Kansas City. gins the four-years' course fails to keep up

personality, succeeded in getting control of competitive examination, and ten bright and time would come to an end. He deenough capital to start the Penny Post, boys from as many different towns met in scribed the horrors of the lost and the joys which soon developed into the same kind of Fremont and competed for the honor before of those who were saved. The sermon grew against trusts. He hated the very name of exhausted the funds with which he Howland Signor of Plum Creek was named of a trumpet smote the ears of the anxious monopolies a reputation by no means desirable. The do for a commander in the United States loose for a few minutes. After the terror consternation among them until it was following spring he reappeared as the man- navy was that there was too little arch in had somewhat ceased, the preacher called found that the man who hated trusts so

was imprisoned for a term of years for some tion. There were eighty who succeeded. Of these only thirty-nine were able to keep Now he is heard from as an agent of the the pace and graduate in 1890. Though from sounded the knell of the world. The ser- a few bushels to plant. I had the stuff down!"

convey the impression that his duties con- served during the last year of his academy sist of smuggling arms and munitions of course as cadet lieutenant when the school front and were thoroughly converted.

purpose. Wilson was a handsome man, of on the cruiser Charleston, under Captains good presence and gifted with the power to Remy and Dickins, visiting China, Japan, make men confide in him. While he was Sandwich islands, Mexico and Chili. in Nebraska he always turned up at Lincoln For six years he was a junior to serve as a lobbyist in the legislature, and, officer on various United States vesown schemes, he must have been a valuable ports of the United States, also of England, Portugal, Morocco, South America, West Indies and Central America.

When the Maine was blown up and sunk

Ensign Signor was in charge of a section of the fifty-five gunners having a two-months' drill with cannon and targets in Port Royal Sound, S. C. These gunners belonged to the North Atlantic squadron, five of them to the Maine, and Ensign Signor then wrote his friends in Nebraska that his section of the gun school did some fine work on the monitor Amphitrite. In convoying Shafter's army to Cuba, Ensign Signor was second in ommand of the torpedo boat Rodgers, whose 2,000 horse power engines were continually shaking the little boat into disrepair. the summer of 1898 he was ordered to the gunboat Castine, then lying in Boston harbor, with hundreds of men at work improving it. Here he enjoyed access to the Boston public libraries. When ready the Castine was sent to Havana, thence in the winter to Manila. In May and June of this year the vessel scouted down along the Philippine coast, capturing and turning back many vessels carrying provisions to the Fillpinos, and on down to Sydney, Australia. It then returned to Manila,

The effect of the navy personnel bill passed by congress last spring was to promote young Signor to senior lieutenant upon his passing a professional and physical examination, which he has done since arriving in

Last Sunday morning four trumpeters The sound of the four instruments had a peculiar effect, coming as it did from a balone of the Methodist brethren the story told died of over-exertion or same such cause. of old Peter Cartwright, the famous He seldom brings them in." preacher and circuit-rider of many years

The exhorter was holding a camp-meeting speaker addressed vast concourses at every so he prepared a strong sermon on the sec- smiled a little, and then said: world would go on in its sin and wickedness in intensity, and he brought his people up trusts worse than a tramp hates work, and

There was a great sensation and many fell strong men groaned; pandemonium was let that if a man with a tin horn up a tree some seed corn.
could frighten them so, how would it be in "Of course I was in the same boat with the the last great end when Gabriel's trumpet | rest of them and I went over one day to get

during a number of campaigns in the south- sider that a little steep. 'Well,' replied the west in the early '80s either directly under trust hater, 'this is all the corn in the the late Colonel Stotsenburg, then a second neighborhood that will grow and I can get lieutenant, or in the same command. Stot- \$1 per bushel for it.' I hauled out the senburg's services as the head of the corps money and paid it over, but as I did so I of Apache scouts and as an officer of his slyly asked him if he did not consider that troop were invaluable, and even at that time he was operating a monopoly. He looked he showed himself the thorough soldier.

other day, "I was in a scouting party which terested in this trust myself, and it makes Lieutenant Stotsenburg commanded and a difference.' He never preached against which included a number of Apache scouts. Stotsenburg dressed just like the men under him-a pair of blue trousers, dark blue army shirt and a red handkerchief about his neck. Whenever the men were moving on clear days out of twenty on that trip; most of the time it was raining day and night. "Stotsenburg was one of three or four officers who came out from the Point to our regiment in the same year. Most young flowers each week upon the grave. officers curse their men about as badly as they can, but these lieutenants did not.

Stotsenburg, especially, never swore at a from Louisville, where Manuel Corsico, a man. In camp he was a very strict disciplinarian, but on the trail he was always treated them the best he could. Often, when we would come to town and some of the boys were out of money, they would go to Stotsenburg and borrow a dollar or two and he always let them have it.

"We went with an expedition of 300 men that chased the Indians 400 miles into Old Mexico. The treaty allows this country to send an armed force 500 miles across the line M it is on the trail of Indians. Stotsenburg, Toucy and Bird were the three young lientenants we had with us. We got within sight of the savages, but a band of Mexican soldiers got to them before we did and made good Indians of them. That is one played a part in the grand anthem "Unfold peculiarity of Mexican soldiers; they never Ye Portals," at the First Methodist church. take prisoners if they can help it. The officers in charge of an expedition will report to his superiors that the captives were cony high up, and it brought to the mind o' killed while trying to escape, or that they

A man was sitting in an easy chair at the Her Grand the other evening in comcampers on the field and the eccentric ually drifted around to the trust conference that has been in session in Chicago. After service, but he thought too few were being the matter had been aired thoroughly from converted. He felt that something should all view points, this man settled back in his be done to stir the sinners to repentance. chair, took two or three puffs at his cigar,

"All this talk about trusts reminds me of a man I used to know over in Iowa. He lived longed to the Grange, the forerunner of the populist party. This man was dead set

"Now it happened that one spring all the farmers in that neighborhood had trouble kernel of it would come up. There was to a man up a tree and he descended with a savagely had a peculiar sort of corn that the people. He cried out in stentorian tones this man's farm, and everybody bought

Filipinos in Hong Kong. The dispatches an inland, non-maritime state, young Signor men had a great effect upon the vast audi- loaded into the wagon and asked him the

ence, and many hundreds flocked to the price. He replied that it was \$1 per bushel. As corn was selling in the market at 20 cents at that time my eyes flew open in sur-Charles H Bruserman of this city served prise, and I asked him if he did not con-

down his nose a little and then glanced up "At one time," said Mr. Bruegman the with the remark: 'Mebbe eo, but I am intrusts to me after that."

#### QUAINT FEATURES OF LIFE

An old soldier in a Michigan town, who foot he walked, too. We had only three had a leg amputated ten years ago, had it rental agent who managed many estates or ghosts that were said to dance in the back buried in a coffin in the cemetery and funeral services held over it, at which he or less knotty problem. The majority of casions that he didn't believe in them. wept profusely. Ever since then, all through the summer months he has placed

A new idea for the bill collector comes retired organ grinder, being unable to collect three months' rent due on a house he looking out for the welfare of the men and owned and had leased, took his instrument to the house and played it steadily until the tenant, assisted by suffering neighbors, raised the money owed and paid it. This new method in the case in point required only three hours.

> A young man in Buffalo, from some impulsive freak, took it into his head to save all his cents. He wearied after two years when he got 1.200 of them and tried to sell them, but nobody would buy even at 80 cents on the dollar. Some shopkeepers inimated that he might have been robbing poor boxes, and the agony of the young man is not to be measured by a cigar box-

complain bitterly of the injury done to and the children afterwards, was any owner of them I could complain in every cornfield in the state."

Almon West and son, Ernest West, of cently. They were over Mariborough way, was being negotiated, and before the year viously, who said it were a tall, peaked in pursuit of honey, and had released the bees several times from the lining box when they saw to their amazement the last one released enter an old lager beer keg which lay on its side. Coming nearer they discovered the keg to be full of bees.

"One of the chief attractions of the place"

"I started toward them. As I approached they discovered the keg to be full of bees was a fine well. It was some fifty feet deep they gradually became more indistinct and and noney. The little workers had entered and the water drawn from it even on the hot- finally melted entirely into the atmosphere and honey. The little workers had entered their comb around the inside of the keg. Mr. West captured the bccs, honey and peculiar hive, all at once, and took them and yet in one short year superstition made and the whole thing flashed across me. The

Chicago Tribune: "Feathers! Feathers!" derisively shouted the toughs and hoodlums in the audience, alluding in this unseemly in the audience, alluding in this unseemly move out again in periods varying from one the ground was frozen the shoemaker had way to the former occupation of the orator, to five weeks. None cared to remain in the been unable to dig far below the surface. which was that of a pillow and mattress house longer than a month, and the real Of course my explanation was never ac maker.

ooking defiantly at his termenters, "you was not good, others declared the house was how the ghosts got into the house, and may call me feathers, but you can't call me too small, but for all that the true cause neither can I unless Jackson got to think-down!" was that the house had the reputation of ing of the Germans in his sleep and

#### HAUNTED HOUSE NOT WANTED

Odd Tale of a Dwelling in Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

GHOSTS DANCE OVER GRAVES OF DEPARTED subject would have been questioned, but

Inquisitive Real Estate Agent Makes Queer Discovery, Solving Mystery Which Perplexed Restdents of the Town.

Does superstition embarrass investment in to take a nap in the deserted house. Up to real estate? There never was a landlord or that time he had laughed at the stories of properties but had to contend with this more yard, and had asserted on a number of ocreal estate dealers say they would rather be the "poor man with the elephant," whom be Wolf Hopper made famous in song than his way into what had been used as the De Wolf Hopper made famous in song, than his way into what had been used as the kitchen, and, fixing himself as comfortably to undertake to rent or dispose of a house

I remember in particular because of a personal experience. It stood near Twenty-man woman and her children. Their forms fourth and Vinton etreets and could hardly be graced by the name of house when it "Jackson leaped through the window, ca came into my hands. It was rather a hab-rying the glass and sash with him. Then itation-a dilapidated shack.

cottage. Its rooms were as neat as could death knell of the house. As days passed it be desired and the lot—a corner one—was became more dilapidated and really came desirable in every respect. The property to have an uncanny appearance. The window had been owned by an old German, a shoe-panes disappeared one by one, the shutters maker, who, with his family of five, lived fell off and the doors were torn from their in the cottage. During the severe winter hinges by the winds that played havoc of 1869 the people became poverty-stricken, through the house on stormy nights. Twice the shoemaker's ill-health being the cause, it was struck by lightning, and negroes told and one by one they died-the mother first weird stories of headless people that had

their crops by the protected and rapidly funerals, so he buried his family on his I knew I had to destroy the ghost story, own grounds not far from the house. In and as I was convinced that boys of the the spring he also died and was buried in neighborhood had been playing pranks, I deand make him take them off, or pay for one of the cemeteries by some of his reladamage. At this rate it will not be long tives from the east, who claimed the prop- the fraud. My first night's watch was reerty and sold it. The family had no inti- warded by the appearance of the ghosts, mate friends and few acquaintances, so the true to report, above the back yard graves. Almon West and son, Ernest West, of never known, but townspeople believed the the air was apparent in the darkness.

Hartford, Conn., who are experts in lining cause to have been starvation.

test July days was as cool as ice and clear I then went back some distance until they as crystal. There was not a more desirable reappeared like blue streams of fire. Sudpiece of property in Omaha at that time, denly I remembered a former experience of the place a drug on the real estate mar- ghosts were in reality, as I afterward proved, ket. It became branded as a haunted house and in consequence nobody could be in- position of the organic gases thrown off duced to live in it, even rent free.

"Gentlemen," he said, folding his arms and to the same cause. Some said the water the property and they couldn't understand being the abiding place of spirits. People dreamed he saw them."

returning late at nights invariably tool the opposite side of the street in passing.

"The remarkable experience of a negro, named Jackson, was the last straw, and not many months after that the cottage was ordered by the owner to be pulled down, Jackson was a worthless character who did odd jobs for residents of the town. His veracity at any other time or on any other such was the mind of the people that they swallowed his story about this so-called haunted house without a grain of salt.

"According to Jackson he was returning home late one Saturday night after attending a dance down South Omaha way. It used to be the Drexel district. He was feeling unusually tired, he said, and stopped

"He found the front door unlocked and as possible, he fell asleep. He related that reputed to be haunted.

"Omaha has had several so-called haunted houses," said a man grown old in the real estate business, "and the history of any one would make a story of more than ordinary interest. Away back in 1870 there was one interest. Away back in 1870 there was one to the closet, in search of something to eat,

"Jackson leaped through the window, car-"A few years before it was a comfortable leged experience it was like sounding the nd the children afterwards.

"The old German was too poor to afford "When it came into my hands for rental

circumstances of their sudden demise were At first a single white figure hovering in seemed to taper toward the head, answering "The house stood unoccupied while its sale the description of people beholding it pre-

the phosphorescent fumes due to the decomby the bodies, half covered as they were, "Family after family moved in, only to in the still, humid air. In the winter when excuse for leaving could always be traced cepted. People said I was trying to rent