#### FOR AN OMAHA BEAUTIFUL

Judge Slabaugh Has Some Suggestions for Consideration by Cit's ma

IMPROVEMENTS THAT MAY BE MADE

Cleaner and Better Streets, More Parks, Public Playgrounds and Brighter Homes Among Possibilities for Omaha.

What of 1904 to Omaha? What our duty? What it's needs? What it's possibilities? Shall it be year of happiness, hope, progress and prosperity, of big effort and achievement, which shall redound to the great and and should be?

How can Omaha be made better to live in and to work in? In a number of ways I am led to believe Omaha can be imwill work. If all our people should be census figures, sometimes by killing off thoroughly interested in the welfare of our those who might be counted in 1910. city, all things necessary would follow, as day follows night. I should like to see a and advertisements if by so removing them week called Omaha Citizens' week, set we should reveal the weeds and tin cans apart by the city and our people, in the late winter or early spring, for the consideration of Omaha's welfare. During that sek, citizens might hold a mass meeting. clubs, orders and organizations, churches and the like, at their regularly appointed weekly meeting or at a time fixed by them, consider and suggest things that make ours the queen city of the west. During that week persons from our own city and other cities and places, skilled in various subjects of improvement and progress, might enlighten us and interest us, that we might not only keep pace with most wide-awake and progressive of cities, but overtake them. The welfare of our own city. I believe, is one of the most vital subjects that we could consider far more than many to which we give much time and means. Is any effort too great looking to the welfare of our city, its people and our homes?

In fact, if every citizen of our city would pend one day out of 35 carefully considerour city, its needs and its possibilities and then doing his duty as he sees it, the result would be marvelous, our Auditorium would be built, Ak-Sar-Ben would be housed and people and capital and transportation would seek us, without invitation or and repaired streets would improve our The stone pavement on Farnam street might be covered with asphalt, as done in some other cities. Some of our broad streets might be parked in the center, a thing of beauty and a joy and saving forever. Bidewalks should be uniform Better walks in certain parks of our city, our city. Such exercises would undoubtedly preventing accident and suffering and causbe as important as many to which time is

which was running wild and moving in the shape of a letter U, and made a waste and unattractive place, one of the

rettiest places in the city. We might, perhaps, have more small parks centrally located like the Curtis Turner park where those that need parks most might enjoy them. They might be designated parks of the present generation as sished from such as Fontanelle park which is to be enjoyed by those who folow after us. Let us turn our unattractive of our ravines, nature's blank verse, our munkipal muses, the park hoard, can bring beautiful poetry and song to cheer

Let us have systematic tree planting, rees uniform in kind, size and location Dundes can give us an example of what such a system would be. The city should do it at the expense of the property owner.

to be planted and no doubt they should And if trees are planted, let us sethat they are protected. A number of cities plant trees and care for them and assess the cost thereof to the property owner. Among them, Minneapolis, which in fifteen years has planted fifty miles of streets to the satisfaction of all concerned. If we do not prefer to do that, let us pro-

vide trees at wholesale rates for the of those who wish to plant them as has

been done in Kansas City, Denver. St. Paul, Buffalo and the like where thousands of trees have thus been planted. It takes time for trees to grow, now is the time. We not only owe a duty to ourselves in regard to our city, but to the future. Future generations will either praise us or curse us for what we have done or left

oulidings, not only should they be made asting good of our beloved city and its strongs, but attractive in appearance. people? Shall we contribute our share Pewer one-story buildings in the heart of toward making our city what it may be our city would not indicate so much a temporary nature of our city or a want of

faith in its future.

Provisions should be made for the health I am led to believe Omaha can be im-proved, a few of which I shall here give. sewers in parts of the city where there In the first place, our people should all be are none and the people are begging for interested in the welfare of our city. They should think, speak and act for its best should keep his premises clear from weeds interests. Work is better than talk, but and debris, things among others that drive if we will not work let us talk until we away the prospective citizen and lower our

> behind them and prevent crime thereby. Advertisement on billboards, waste paper boxes, posts and buildings and fences is municipal betterment in masquerade. city as a corporate entity should not be used as a means of money making to the disregard of the health, happiness and profit of its individual citizen. It is a place for, but not a means of profit.

And permit me to say that even in

Omaha our city or its people should pro-

vide, at little or perhaps no expense, by

eliciting the interest of people in the locality, as is done elsewhere, play grounds for he children, where they can be taught to play properly and can play away from the streets and from places of danger and near home, where they can be found, But someone says, there are plenty of places now. Yes, places, but where and how? Among the weeds and tin cans and on rough lots some little fellows, without en couragement and against opposition, make poor play ground, and how many there are who will not under the circumstances do it. There are two views generally on such questions. One by the man who i nterested and knows it and another by the man who thinks he is not interested but is and who does not realise that the city of the future will be what the boys and girls other inducements. Better paved streets of today will make it. Read what is being done in other cities to get the full meaning of my words. Good play grounds in summer, skating ponds and coasting places in the winter will keep the boys off of the streets and save the life of many an inno cent little fellow and make him better and he will love his city and its people more. material, width and location and avoid I should like to see a portion of Arbor the pole in the center of the walk, often day set apart for the study in our schools the cause of temporary separation of man of civic betterment, our city, its laws, its and wife, or of those who hop, to be such. needs and its possibilities and our duty to

preventing accident and suffering and causing a saving of money and making a better appearance. If certain territory should be incorporated within the city limits, it should be preserved and its citizens protected, or be left without the limits and with the saving of city taxation.

We should invite people and homes to the vicinity of our now uninhabited and objectionable parts of the more central portions of our city, where ils the ravines, hills and hollows, by placing a small park or a boulsvard there, as has been done in Kansas City, when the city, through its officials, tied together the progress of building which was running wild and movproper and conducive to cleanliness, good health and good morals. Some of our citi-zens who frequently visit Denver and other cities and because of training received there observe the rule when in our city, unconsciously, to the remark by bystanders. Well kept yards and lawns, public and private, front and rear are lessons helpful in attractiveness, health, good morals and systematic business training and in-dustry. In fact the people themselves can do so much in the betterment of our city ses into the beautiful and useful. Out that the city's task is greatly lessened. real estate sign, so placed that it might serve its purpose and might not be too conspicuous might be possible. And as cleanliness is next to godiness, a free public bath house is a necessity in any large offer new clean our results. city, however clean our people may be. Watering troughs high enough for horses with check reins and suitable for those without check reins might be desired.



Turkish Chairs

# MAS SHOPP

We do not claim a monopoly on SANTA, yet the prices we are making on

## Furniture, Carpets and Draperies.

Are prices that put the smile that won't come off on Santa's face

### Miller, Stewart & Beaton Open Evenings this Week

Commencing Monday we will give Omaha buyers a continuous bill of money-saving values and the attractions are the highest class ever exhibited in the city.

..LOOK THEM OVER..



Parlor Chairs

Parlor chairs, with upholatered seats, from \$5.25 to.....

\$125



Morris Chairs

Morris chairs in all the up-to-date finishes with best quality of velour and tapestry frames, hand polished \$9.75 to \$43.75.



INDIA SEATS—India Seats with slat seats, solid seats, and upholstered seats, in differ—\$3.50 \$60.00.



Leather Couches

Very best leather couches, handsomely designed frames, upholstered with nine rows of tufts, \$32.75 to



#### Ladies' Desks

Ladies' desks, in solid mahogany, mauogany finish and oak, \$7.25 to ...

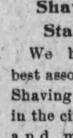
Silk Pillows

Your choice of all our fine down pillows, , best quality choice silk, 6inch ruffle. for ........



Chiffoniers

Chiffoniers \ in curly birch, mahogany, bird's eye maple, Tuna mahogany and oak, \$5.25 to



Shaving Stands

We have the best assortment of Shaving Stands, in the city, in oak and mahogany, 6.75 to



Desk Chairs

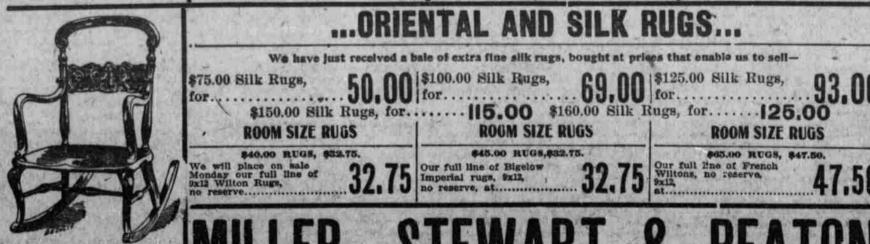
Desk chairs and reception chairs Martin, mahogany, curly birch and golden oak, \$2.75 to

Dressing Tables

Dressing tables and Princess Dressers, in curly birch, mahogany, bird's-eye maple and oak, \$5.75 in gold, Vernis to ..... 60.00

Silk Pillows

Your choice of all our fine hand embroidered pillows, 



Mahogany Rock is

seats, \$9.75 to.

**ROOM SIZE RUGS ROOM SIZE RUGS ROOM SIZE RUGS** 

...ORIENTAL AND SILK RUGS...

We have just received a bale of extra fine slik rugs, bought at prices that enable us to sell-

\$65.00 RUGS, \$47.50

1315 Dodge St.

Library Tables

Library tables, made of the best material, polish and dull different woods, \$7.75 to.....

#### SAKER FURNITURE CO. OMAHA CARPET CO Old Stand 1315-17-19 Farnam St.

Prizes offered for improving school grounds, public and private yards and the like, as is done every year in many of our cittee would be the cause of greater results than

any one thing that I could suggest. Joint monthly meetings of all organisations whose object is Omaha's welfare would be the means of an interminging of views and bring about harmonious and systematic action which would be bene ficial. Water power, providing us with power, heat and light, beautifying our omes for our own good and that of our children and for others would improve ou city. The contagion of reform and im-provement will spread through a neighbor-hood, though starting from one humble but neat home. Watch it about our parks and boulevards. Whereas slovenlineas and fifth, by death or emigration will depopu-

These are some of the many improvenents which would be of benefit, I believe, to our city, of which we are all so justly proud. I love my city, its people and its intutions, but if we wish to compete with ther cities and be what we should be and nay be, we must be active, vigilant and us for our own city's welfare. The city whose citizens think that it needs no improvement, or that the necessary work for its future greatness has been done, is dead or dying and will soon sleep with the fathers who alone made it what it is. One of our good citizens recently in paying a tribute to our pioneers uttered a sentiment which, though beautiful and deserving, as intended, would be serious if the rule by days, which the generations yet to come were to be governed, generations whose duties and "All the hard fighting to build a it was legitimately such. great city has been done. Omnha will be-come a great city in spite of us." A splen-

tiot is and will be fiercer in the complex environment and swift and merciless procuses of commercial life today and in the future. Never in the history of Omaha has there been a time when united effort could there been a time when united effort could legal aspects of the case, adding that if be fruitful of such mighty results as of the recital should prove a severe reflection

ch splendid efforts as are being made rathy, encouragement and aid of all our citizens. These persons in their efforts are contributing perhaps more to the welfare of those who little appreciate their work than to their own. Cities cannot progress through the efforts of a few. All must work, as it is for the good of all. The renaiscence of civic improvement is

perwading our country, and the weakling of civic indifference is being inoculated with aesthetic, moral and industrial virus Let us work together for Omaha. W. W. SLABAUGH. Kitchener is at Work Agata.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Lord Kitchener, commander of the British forces in India, who had one of his legs broken recently while neasing through a tunnel on horse-back is much improved in health, says a Calcutta dispatch to the Times. Aithough he will be contined to his house for some time, he is now ahis to carry on his official

TO RESCIND CONFIRMATION

Senators Morgan and Bacon Want No Minister to Panama Now.

SHOULD PAY PART OF COLOMBIAN DEBT

Senator Pettus Thinks United States Ought to Assume Some Obligation if it Takes Land for Panama Canal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-When the ser ate met today Mr. Gorman asked for the onsideration of the resolution directing the stmaster general to send to the senate a report of Pourth Assistant Postmaster Gen-eral Bristow, and Holmes, Conrad- and Charles J. Bonaparte, special commissioner for the government.

He said the reports for which the resolu tion calls had already been sent to the house and had been printed. Mr. Lodge suggested that the house documen be rerinted, but Mr. Gorman said that the cument had only been published by a use committee and he preferred to have the information direct from the head of the Postoffice department. An objection and request for the postponement of the resoution for a day had the effect of postoning consideration until after the holf-

The Morgan resolution offered yesterday was then laid before the senate. Mr. Pettus lities are not lessened, but en- said that if Panama was an indep arged by the achievements of the fathers. nation it was important to know whether He said it was important to know whether

the participation of the United States did tribute to the past, but devoid of duty the birth of the nation had been of a character to tarnish the honor of this country "God forbid," he exclaimed, "that this glant republic of ours should ever become too great to maintain its honor."

Mr. Pettus announced it to be the purpose to corfine his consideration to the us pail together, our slogan being, "Make facto governments should only be recognized when established, and declared that such law was a severe commentary upon and have been made by the members of the what the United States has been doing in Grain exchange, Real Estate exchange.

Panama. He contended that the United States should not be actuated by selfish improvement clubs should have the symmetries and urged that national honor should always be consuited rather than

> Should Assume Some Debt. Mr. Pettus contended that if the United tates should take the canal property in Panama we should assume part of Colola's public debt. He feared this would not be done even though demanded by common law and ordinary decency. He also de-clared that Colombia had a right to reject the treaty with the United States if it so

He asserted that one brigade of regular United States troops would be sufficient to cope with the entire force of Colembia. but surely, he said, the great power given us by the Master was not to be used by us like a bully. He declared that war against Colombia had already practically been w god, but urged that no other au-ther but congress could assume this

Opposes Buchanan's Confirmation. Senators Morgan and Bacon both said they had intended to oppose confirmation of Mr. Buchanan's nomination, but had not observed when it was taken up by the senate and had, therefore, been unprepared for the announcement of his confirmation. Both Senator Morgan and Senator Baco stated that so far as they are now advised there is no personal objection to Mr. Bu-chanan, and both based their opposition to the act of sending any representative to Panama at this time. They did not ente into a discussion of conditions on the inth-mus beyond saying that everyone knows what those conditions are and that the

situation is still a matter of congressional Senator Cullom, chairman of the commit-tee on foreign relations, replied that there had been no intention, either in committee or in the senate, of getting the nomination through surreptitiously, and said that it had been taken up as a matter of routine

No vote was taken on Mr. Morgan's mo tion, but it has the effect of tying the matter up, as notice of the senate's action had not been sent to the president before the motion was entered.

HOUSE HAS TO BACK UP Wanger Resolution is Dropped for a Substitute Offered by Demo-

eratic Leader.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-When the house convened today the Wanger res- Ore Purchasing company and Albert Frank olution, owing to an error is yesterday's of the Johnstown Mining company have vote, was before the house subject to furleader, offered as a substitute the resolu tion he proposed yesterday, which provided spection and survey granted on November today. The time is ripe, the duty is clear; upon the administration, the fault must be that the postmaster general be requested. I directing that the Butte & Boston comthe sentiment is spreading, patriotic citical attributed to the law and not to himself, to transmit to the house all papers and pany be allowed to inspect the workings sens are unselfishly leading the way. Let ularities in the postoffice department and postal service excepting such as in the opinion of the attorney general might deteat the ends of justice.

Mr. Payne said he saw no objection to the adoption of the resolution, and suggested that if the minority had no more remarks to make on the subject he thought it would Mr. Cowherd, dem. (Mo.), a member of

the postoffice committee, spoke for that committee, saying the chairman, Mr. Overstreet, had suggested the widest publicity to the papers received from the depart-Mr. Williams, addressing Mr. Cowherd,

"I went to suggest to the gentleman that it has been reported as shown by portions of the report of Mesars. Bohaparte and Conrad, that certain things had been covered up, and especially in connection with Mr. Heath.

Mr. Cowherd replied:

thing in regard to Mr. Heath. I do not understand that report to say that the report of the Senate adjourned until January 4, 1804. In an executive session of the senate Mr. Morgan moved to reconsider the motion by which the nomination of W. I. Buchanan, to be minister to Panama, was confirmed on Thursday last and the motion was discussed for half an hour without being acted upon.

Opposes Buchanan's Confirmation.

thing in regard to Mr. Heath. I do not understand that report to say that the report of the Sourch Assistant Postmaster general about the covering about the gentleman, to be minister to Panama, was confirmed on Thursday last and the motion was discussed for half an hour without being acted upon.

Opposes Buchanan's Confirmation. The resolution offered by Mr. Williams

as a substitute for the Wanger resolution was then agreed to without division by practically a unanimous vote, thus displacing the resolution authorizing the com-mittee on expenditures of the Postoffice department to request the information. Adjourned until January 4

THREE NEBRASKANS NAMED Hall of Ashland, Jewett of Broker Bow and Jones of Clay Center Are Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 .- The president today sent to the senate the following minations for postmasters: -Nebraska-Samuel B. Hall, Ashland; Leander H. Jewett, Broken Bow; John M. Jones, Clay Center. California-Laura J. Hannen, Redondo, Colorado-Orange W. Richardson, Long-

illinois—Hugh Bennett, Coal City.
Iowa—Frank V. D. Hogert, Paulina/
Kansas—W. S. Baxter. Baxter Springs;
L. Taft, Parsons; Harvey J. Penney, Haya.

Missouri-Edward W. Flentge, Cape
Girardeau.

HEINZE GUILTY OF CONTEMPT Man Who Stopped Work in Montani Must Comply or Go to Jail

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 19.-F. Augustus Heinse und J. H. Treris of the Montana States court by Judge Knowles. The contempt was in disregarding an order of in-

fines of \$2,000, \$300 and \$5, respectively, in addition to being given into the custody of the United States marshal and being confined in the county jail at Helena until the order is complied with. Compliance with the order of November 3, issued by Judge Hiram Knowles, satisfies the judgment, which is stayed until such time as shall be specified by the Butte & P ston company for the inspection to take y se.

LUCRETIA A GOOD DELSSER Inventory of Famous Murderess Wardrobe Discovered by Malian Savant.

(Copyright, 1903, by Press Publishing Co.) ROME, Dec. 19 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-An Italian myant has just discovered in the archives of Modena the complete inventory of the wardrobe of Lucretia Borgia. She had fifty gowns of velvet brocade or satin. One of her cloaks lined with ermine was ornamented with fifty-four rubles, twenty-nine diamonds and 115 pearls, Another closic was embroidered with 1,567 fine pearls, of which five were large and 412 of medium

DEATH BECKONS RED CLOUD Noted Old Sloux Indian Chief is Nearing the Happy Hunting Grounds.

PINE RIDGE, S. D., Dec. 19.—Hed Cloud, the celebrated Sloux chief, is dying in a tepes in a corner of the yard surround ing the little wooden house which the vernment built for him years ago. He is 85 years old, almost blind, scarcely able to hear and so beclouded in mind and feeble his death is likely at any hour.

TRADING STAMP WAR

Green Trading Stamps with all cash sales all the time,

**OUR WORD IS GOOD** Complete line of Fancy Groceries and Meats, specially selected for Holiday wants-

COUPON-CUT THIS OUT. FREE -\$1.00 FREE Present this at our store and upon mak-you H. 90 worth of GREEN TRADING STAMPS FREE, in addition to those with your regular purchase. Not good after December 27th.

Palace Grocery and Meat Market, 2704-2706 Cuming Street

Palace Grocery and fleat firket, 2704-6 Cuming St.

#### Of course we do not handle SPECIAL BRANDS FOR CHRIST-MAS PRESENTS ONLY-but we have the regular WELL KNOWN BRANDS-about the quality of which there can be no doubt-but put up in boxes of suitable size for HOLIDAY PRES-IN OUR CIGAR DEPARTMENT—as in the other branches of our business POPULAR PRICES PREVAIL—and there is a SUBSTANTIAL SAVING BY TRADING WITH US. Tom Keene, Sc. 6 for E.....box 50 BLES

FOR FATHER, BROTHER, HUSBAND OR SWEETHEART

Our stock of cigars is more complete than ever this year.

(K W) 100 4.5)
Henry George, Sc. 7 for 25 ... box 16 81.75
Henry George 25 20
Judge Taft, Sc. 7 for 25 ... 50 1.65
James Blaine, Sc. 7 for 28 ... 55 1.73
First Flag, Sc. 8 for 25 ... 50 1.67
Lillian Russell, Sc. 9 for 25 ... 50 1.67
Nanon, Sc. 6 for 25 ... 50 2.60 hancellor, 10c straight .. meral Jos. Ne straight.

roia (Conchas Especiais) 10c

K W) 3 for 25.

Telegraphio (Puritano) %c

K W) 4 for 25.

Telegraphio (Bandres) 10c

K W) 3 for 25.

Telegraphio (Bandres) 10c

K W) 3 for 25.

Telegraphio (Bandres) 10c

M W) 3 for 25.

Telegraphio (Bandres) 10c

M Joseph Strain 10c

M Moore 10c, 3 for 25.

M Moore 10c, 3 for 25.

M Moore 10c, 3 for 25. Pete Dalley, 5c, 6 for E.... Pete Dalley Portuongo, 5c, 6 for E.... arcia (Kulcherbocker) Be
(K W) 2 for 25.
arcia (Fegalia Rapeciaia) Be
(K W) 2 for 25.
apadura, be, 5 for 25.
remo, 5c, 5 for 25.
co. W. Childa, 5c, 7 for 25.
arcia (Smokers) 5c (K W) 6
for 25. Batchleurs, &c.
Little Tom, &c. 6 for E.
Little Tom (Sports) 5a straight

CICARS BY BOX A SPECIALTY

## Sherman & McConnell Drug Go.

Out Price Braggists. Cor. 16th and Bodge. Omaha, Hab