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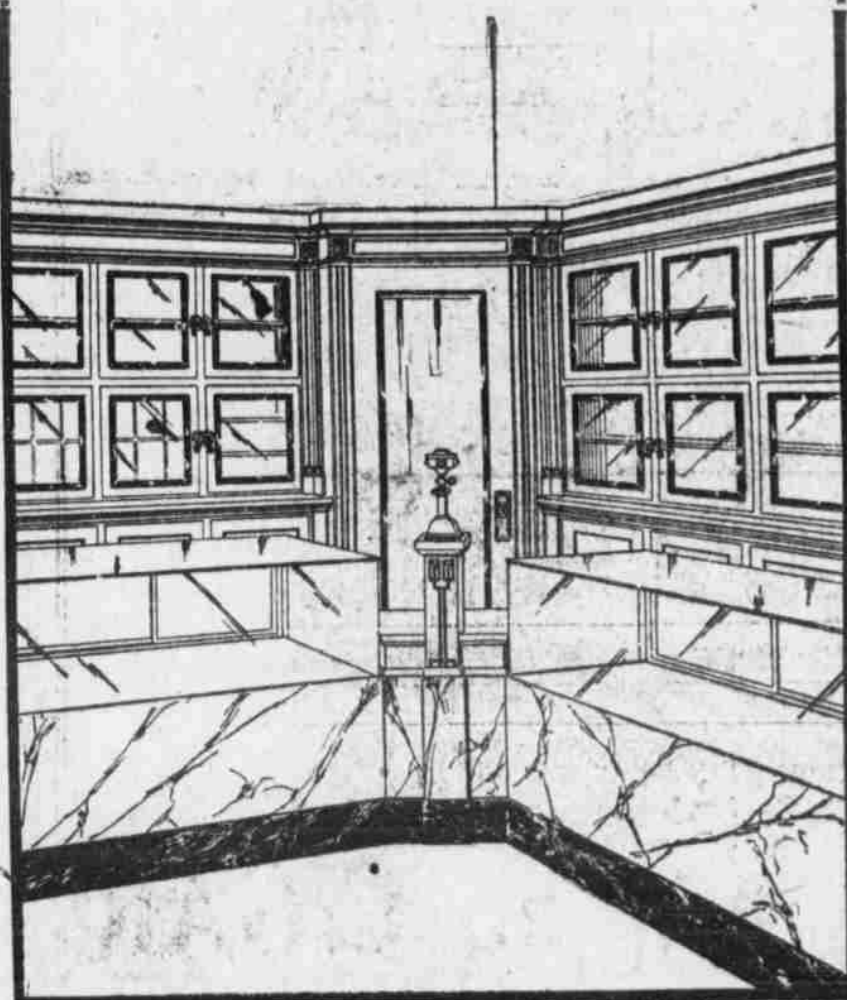
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About a year ago the Barkalows changed the firm name to the "Barkalow Bros. News company," when an incorporation was perfected December 14, 1914. The officers of the company at time of incorporation were: S. D. Barkalow, president; R. V. Barkalow, vice president; Denise Barkalow, secretary-treasurer; George H. Schnell, general manager.

The Barkalows came to Omaha on November 5, 1856, at a time when Omaha

was a mere village. The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin B. Barkalow and five children whose names were, Derrick V., Sidney D., Anna D., Newton E. and Daisy B. They came from Franklin, Warren county, Ohio, traveling by stage coach from St. Joseph to Council Bluffs. Derrick V. and Sidney D. started in business by opening a book store in 1861 in connection with the postoffice which at that time was on the west side of Thirteenth street, in the old Temple block. For a time they took trains sleeping on the counter at night time. The mail usually arrived by stage coach during the early evening hours.

Old settlers recall that S. D. Barkalow attended school under the guidance of the late Howard Kennedy, sr., who was the first superintendent of Omaha's schools, and father of Judge Howard Kennedy of this city, now a member of the state board of control. D. V. Barkalow became telegraph operator at Ogallala on the Union Pacific and N. E. Barkalow worked for a while in a bank started with Union Pacific.

During the year 1865 D. V. and S. D. Barkalow entered into a contract with the Union Pacific company for the sale of news, candies, fruits and other articles on the trains of that line. They were on the first train which went west from Omaha, and as the railroads of the west spread out so did their business expand. In the early days they did a good business selling Indian curios and relics, including polished buffalo hoofs and horns.

D. V. Barkalow went to Cheyenne in 1870 to operate the western division for his company, which extended as far as Ogden. He remained in Cheyenne until 1884, when he returned to Omaha, remaining here for five years. Then he went to Denver, where he died on November 5, 1909. S. D. Barkalow always lived in this city. He died here May 23, 1915.

Operate Depot Stands.

The company once operated over various western railroads and has always been regarded as leaders in their business. They now operate stands in depots at Council Bluffs, Omaha, Columbus, Grand Island, Kearney, North Platte, Cheyenne, Green River, Ogden, Kansas City, Topeka, Junction City, Sterling, Colo., Denver and Colorado Springs.

R. V. Barkalow, vice president of the company, is a son of the late D. V. Barkalow, while Denise Barkalow, secretary-treasurer, is a son of the late S. D. Barkalow. N. E. Barkalow has been with the company since 1880, although he is not a member of the incorporation.

George H. Schnell, general manager of the company, has been with the Barkalows for thirty-two years and he never worked for any other employers. He started in as a boy on the trains and has worked his way up to the general management by dint of application. Some of the other present employees have been with the company for thirty to forty years and it might be said that a number of prominent Omahans at one time were agents on trains for this company.

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