

the native born writers do not lend themselves to the literature of the stage. American people want plays that they can understand—plays that bring before them the people, the customs and the country they know. Foreign plays are built on foreign ideas, conceived in a foreign spirit, are out of sympathetic connection with the American people. It is in this that Mr. Thomas has made his success. He has given the people a play that they understand. "Alabama" does not abound in stirring scenes, melodramatic situations and declamatory lines. It moves along as quietly as the life it reveals. There is a vein of quaint and subtle humor and it is never forced or coarse. It is bright in dialogue, clean in plot, direct in story and interesting in characters. In itself it has the subtle charm of poetry. It brings with it the soft airs and dreamy quietude of the somnolent south. It appeals to the eye with a series of pictures breathing chivalry and sentiment, twin characteristics of the arduous southron; to the ear with the musical dialect whose spell is potent, and to the mind with a harmonious blending of all these mellowing influences. Evening prices, \$1, 75c, 50c, 25c. Matinee prices, 75c, 50c, and 25c.

The following is the cast in full:  
 Captain Davenport, a northern railroad man: Clement Bainbridge.  
 Colonel Preston, an old planter: Fred Mower.  
 Colonel Moberly, a relic of the old confederacy: Harry M. Allen.  
 Squire Tucker, a Talladega justice: L. P. Hicks.  
 Mr. Armstrong, Captain Davenport's agent: Robert Conness.  
 Lathrop Page, a southern boy: W. N. Wadsworth.  
 Raymond Page, a party of business: F. W. Kensil.  
 Decatur, an ante-bellum servant: Francis Nelson.  
 Mrs. Page, a widow who thinks twice: Helen Weathersby.  
 Mrs. Stockton, another widow: Florence Crosby.  
 Carrie Preston, an Alabama "blossom": Ethel Irving.  
 Atlanta, Colonel Moberly's daughter: Kate Dooling.

**NOTICE OF RESOLUTION ORDERING SIDEWALK.**

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 19, 1896.  
 To Baum Iron Company:  
 You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of the city council held December 7, 1896, the following resolution was adopted, to-wit:  
 Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the city of Lincoln, Nebraska: That the owners of lots 3, Wallingford & Shamp's sub-div in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, are hereby required within thirty days from the service hereof to bring the sidewalk space in front of said lots to the grade, and to build a sidewalk four feet in width on such grade along said lots as required by the ordinances of said city. And that the assistant street commissioner serve the owners of said lots with a copy of this resolution, when they or their place of residence or business can be found. In case of non-residents, or absence of those who have no usual residence or place of business that can be found, a copy of these resolutions shall be published, in a newspaper of general circulation in the city of Lincoln.  
 Introduced by Councilman A. H. Hutton.

F. A. Graham, Mayor.  
 Attest: J. W. Bowen, City Clerk.  
 Approved December 11, 1896.

Note—The inner side of all sidewalks in front of residence streets shall be four feet, neither more nor less, from the line of the adjacent lot, unless otherwise ordered by the council. Sidewalks in residence portion of the city shall be constructed of either brick, stone, asphaltum, tar, iron or two inch planks laid crosswise upon three sufficient supports, and shall be of such width as the council may order.

**THE TIME TO SUBSCRIBE.**

The old newspaper saying, "now is the time to subscribe," was never more true than at present. The times are so full of incident, so many important national and state affairs are shaping themselves

for a change, that no one can afford to be without a metropolitan daily or weekly. The St. Louis Republic, the greatest democratic newspaper, is making a special offer of its daily and Sunday paper for three months at \$1.50. It is \$6 a year by mail. The Twice-a-Week Republic is sent two times a week—104 papers—for only \$1 a year. In addition to all the political news, it prints every day a spread of general news and features not equalled by any other paper.

**NORTHWESTERN LINE HOLIDAY RATES.**

Account "Holidays" excursion tickets will be sold December 24, 25 31 and January 1, 1897, at one and one third fare for the round trip to points within 200 miles. Final limit January 4. By this line all northern and northeastern Nebraska points are best reached, also Iowa points through Missouri Valley and Sioux City. Depot corner Eighth and S. city office 117 South Tenth street. A. S. Fielding, city ticket agent. J1

**Second publication December 19. NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**

In the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.  
 In the matter of the estate of William J. Johnson, deceased.  
 To the creditors of said estate:  
 You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the county court room in Lincoln, in said county, on the 1st day of May, 1897, and again on the 2nd day of August, 1897, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months from the 1st day of February, A. D. 1897, and the time limited for the payment of debts is one year from the 1st day of February, A. D. 1897.

Notice of this proceeding is ordered published four weeks successively in The Courier, a weekly newspaper published in this state.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county court of said county court this 5th day of December, 1896.

S. F. COCHRAN,  
 County Judge.  
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**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAY RATES.**

The Burlington will on December 24 and 25, also on December 31 and January 1, 1897, sell round trip tickets to points within 200 miles at one fare and a third. Tickets good to return until January 4, 1897. Take advantage of this and visit your friends.  
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