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Another clothing manufacturer's entire stock of Men's and Boys' Fine Suits---all in the latest and best styles---and finest materials---

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With every purchase in our Boys' Clothing Dept. of a dollar or over we will give away free one of the celebrated Rochester Box Kites.

Packages Checked and Taken Care of Free of Charge. Waiting Rooms on Third Floor.



MEN'S \$10.00 SUITS AT \$4.44

All the Men's Suits in this stock, worth \$8, \$9, \$10---The fabrics are of the most sterling grades, the patterns unusually stylish, the trimming and making all thoroughly and consistently elegant; coats have deep French facings and Italian cloth linings. Every garment Absolutely All Wool.

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All the MEN'S SUITS in this purchase, worth up to \$17.00---suits that have the good style, the enduring good shape and good wearing qualities of the best made to order clothing, with lapels and collar hand made, silk, satin and serge linings---yours, no matter what size, we can fit you out of these, for

\$8.88 Worth up to \$17.00



\$2.00 BOYS' SUITS AT 95c

Boys' cassimere and chevot Knee Pants Suits---made in reffer and double breasted styles---ages 4 to 14---worth two dollars, go at

95c

\$2.50 Boys' Suits at \$1.25

Boys' navy blue COMBINATION SUITS, 2 pairs of pants with each suit, ages 4 to 14 years, worth \$2.50---go at

\$1.25

\$3.50 Boys' Suits for \$1.88

Boys' absolutely all wool new stylish Suits, handsomely trimmed, 3 to 8 years, in vestee styles, 6 to 15 years, in double breasted styles---

\$1.88

\$5 and \$6 BOYS' SUITS FOR \$2.50

Some of the highest and finest grade worsted, cassimere and chevot Suits for boys, from 3 to 8 years, in sailor, brownie, reffer and middy styles, 6 to 15 years in double breasted styles, all go at

\$2.50



\$1.25 Men's SHIRTS 50c

Laundered A manufacturer's entire stock of colored Laundered Summer Negligee Shirts, all sizes, 40 of the latest patterns to select from---choice of the lot.....

50c

\$1.50 Men's SHIRTS 75c

Laundered Some of the highest grade men's summer fancy Percale Laundered Shirts, all sizes.....

75c

50c Men's Underwear 25c

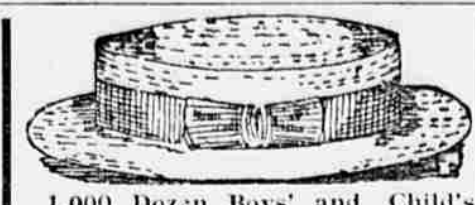
An elegant line of men's plain and ribbed balbriggan, gauze and summer merino underwear---all sizes shirts and drawers.....

25c

\$1.25 Underwear for 50c.

Men's fine French balbriggan Underwear, silk fronts and silk tipped cuffs, double seated drawers, all sizes.....

50c



1,000 Dozen Boys' and Child's Straw Hats from Wilmington, Morris and Mitchell's auction---every new style and shape---on sale today at

5c 10c 15c 25c 35c

200 DOZEN MEN'S STRAW, LINEN AND CRASH HATS

At less than half what they would cost you elsewhere.

25c For 50c Hats. 50c For \$1.00 Hats.

\$53,000 WORTH OF FINE SHOES ON SALE AT HALF PRICE

2 complete stocks---one retail shoe stock, and one Chicago wholesale stock, embracing every well known Rochester and Easton make of men's, women's, boys' and children's shoes, oxfords and slippers---all the newest styles, colors and shapes---all sizes and widths.



Some at Half Price, Some Less Than Half Price, Some Nearly Half Price

All the men's shoes made to retail for up to six dollars, go at 98c, \$1.25, \$1.59, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50. All the ladies' shoes, made to retail for up to six dollars, go at 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.75. All the ladies' oxfords and slippers, made to retail for up to \$5, go at 50c, 75c, 98c, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3. All the misses', child's and infant's shoes and slippers, go at 39c, 50c, 59c, 75c, 89c, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50. All the boys' and youth's and little gent's shoes, go at 75c, 89c, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00.



CARPET, RUG and LACE CURTAIN SALE

The greatest opportunity to buy Carpets that ever occurred in Omaha. From the great auction sale of W. J. Sloane, of New York City. You will secure some of the biggest bargains that were ever offered. Those of our out-of-town customers who may be so fortunate as to be present at this time have an opportunity of securing high class carpets at a price which will be of importance and interest second only to the great Transmississippi Exposition.

We will sell 100 rolls of finest quality Wilton Carpet, worth \$1.50 and \$1.75 a yard, at 85c a yard.....

85c

Over 150 rolls Moquette and Axminster and Velvet Carpet, with or without border, new and handsome patterns, at 85c a yard, worth \$1.25.....

85c

250 rolls of extra good quality Brussels Carpet, all new and handsome patterns, at 49c a yard, worth \$1.00.....

Bargains in Straw Matting. At 12 1/2c, 15c, 19c and 25c a yard we offer the biggest bargains in straw matting that was ever known in Omaha. To See them is to buy them.

50c

Very large Axminster Rugs worth \$5 at 2.98

Wilton Rugs, worth \$2.50, at 1.39

Scotch Nottingham Lace Curtains, worth \$1.00 a pair, at 39c

Extra large, full size, very fine Nottingham Lace Curtains worth up to \$2.00 a pair, at 98c

Immense bargains in very fine imitation Brussels Lace Curtains, extra heavy Nottingham Lace Curtains, Fancy Fishnet Lace Curtains---

Irish Point Lace Curtains \$2.50 worth up to \$5 a pair all go today at 2.00

HOW THE BOOKS WERE KEPT

Andy Hunt Tells of Methods Employed in Pacific Express Office.

REFUND CHECKS WERE FREELY USED

Draft Drawn to Keep Balance Straight and Entries Made to Cover Up the Transactions on the Books.

The hearing of the case of the State against William F. Bechel, ex-auditor of the Pacific Express company, was resumed before Judge Baxter of the county court, with Andy J. Hunt, an ex-clerk, on the witness stand. At the hour of the noon recess Hunt's direct examination was concluded and he will be subjected to cross-examination this afternoon. While on the stand for the state Hunt identified vouchers and pay rolls made out by himself, together with drafts that he drew as clerk in the auditing department of the company. One draft for \$1,804.25 was offered and witness testified that he gave Mr. Bechel the money called for by the paper; it was paid in three installments and the first payment was made about three months prior to the date of the draft. The money, witness said, was taken from the auditor's bank. The only record made of the payment was upon a slip of paper. The paper witness could not produce and he could not remember its contents. The next payment was made on the date of the draft. The body of the draft was in the hand writing of the witness and was given on account of "refund," which in the parlance of the office referred to money returned, but in this instance, witness said, there was no money paid to the general or the local offices. When the proceeds of the draft were charged by the treasurer against the auditor, it became a charge against Mr. Bechel. The witness said that he did not know that the money was secured by Mr. Bechel as a loan, but supposed that it was for the purpose of keeping up the account of the office bank, from which running expenses were paid. Witness said that in December, 1897, he

had a conversation with President Morsman relative to a shortage in the accounts of the Pacific Express company. After this conversation, the money that had been given to Bechel was covered back into the office bank kept by the witness. Prior to this, however, the \$1,804.25 was charged to Bechel as auditor. How the Books Were Kept. There had been an erroneous entry made on the books relative to the \$1,804.25, said the witness. "Was this to cover up the transaction?" asked the county attorney. The witness replied that this was not the case. Advances were frequently made to Bechel, but what they were for the witness could not say. Sometimes advances were made and not deducted from his salary account. At such times entries were made in the office books to cover up the transactions. The covering up would be by means of a credit latter voucher, used in making refunds as between the departments of the office. These vouchers were made for the purpose of covering up moneys given to Bechel. Such vouchers were made without any specific instructions from Mr. Bechel. "Did Mr. Bechel ever ask you to cover up the moneys given in this way?" "Yes, there was a general instruction to make these credit letter vouchers, which were made when the cash was found short." A \$400 draft on the auditor's office was introduced and identified. Witness was not certain why it was drawn, but thought that it was for the purpose of balancing the office account. When witness went onto the express company books in 1893 he found drafts paid and not charged aggregating between \$17,000 and \$18,000. Later entries were made to cover up these amounts. Early in 1894 the matter was called to the attention of Bechel and Sudborough; a meeting was held and Bechel asked Sudborough what it meant; the two went into the former's private office and remained there a short time, but nothing, the witness added, was said to him about the matter. "Were you directed to make any entries?" "Yes; entries to charge off the amounts; I received my directions from Mr. Bechel. After that credit letters were given to cover entries, so that no shortage appeared." Hunt Cross-Examined. At the afternoon session of court, Andy

J. Hunt was called for cross-examination. As chief of the bookkeeping department of the express company, witness had charge of what was known as the office bank, the funds of which were deposited in his name, it being an account or fund separate from that of the company. This money was drawn out of the office bank to pay salaries and for other purposes. "Did you not draw money out for political purposes?" was asked. "I drew out money for what I supposed was for political purposes." "Do you know about how much you paid out of this fund for legislation or political purposes in the interest of the Pacific Express company?" "I should say, approximately, between \$4,000 and \$5,000. It was vouchered by a draft upon the treasury, the draft being made by me and signed by Bechel, Sudborough or myself. There would be nothing about the draft, showing for what purpose the money was to be used." "Would you, as a rule, make out these drafts and take them to Mr. Bechel for his signature?" "Yes, that was the rule. So far as I know Mr. Bechel never drew a dollar from the treasurer's office on a voucher or a draft. When I paid him his salary, I took his receipt the same as from other employees of the company." "When did you leave the Pacific Express company?" "January 18, 1898; I resigned and arranged to leave the city, preparatory to going into business elsewhere, but was detained by being arrested on an information sworn out by officers of the company, charging me with embezzlement." "How soon after your arrest were you interviewed by any one representing this express company?" "The county attorney fought to keep the answer out, but the court allowed the answer and in reply Mr. Hunt said: "About an hour after my arrest I was interviewed by Mr. Chapin, a Pinkerton detective. Soon after that I was interviewed regarding these shortages by Horace G. Burt, Erastus Young and E. M. Morsman, all officers of the company." "Again the county attorney protested to the line of cross-examination, contending that it was a matter that in no way related to the case at bar. "Chapin told me what I was charged

with," added Hunt, saying "that it was embezzlement." "Was any reference made in the interviews with Chapin and the express officials relative to Bechel?" "Bechel's name was mentioned." "Is it not true that the officers of the Pacific Express company have offered to release you or aid you if you testify against Bechel?" "That is not the situation exactly." "Have you not been promised immunity, aid and protection if you would aid and assist in running down and trying to convict Bechel?" "No; that is not a fact." "Has not Chapin urged you to secure evidence against Bechel?" "Yes, he has." "Is it not true that you have been promised immunity if you would give your testimony?" "No; that is not a fact." "Objected to and the objection sustained. Makes It Easy for Hunt. "Is it not true that this man Chapin has been the active representative of the Pacific Express company in the prosecution of the alleged embezzlement?" "Yes, that is true." "Is it not true that you have had interviews with him in the presence of H. G. Burt and Erastus Young?" "Yes, that is also true." "Did not Burt and Young tell you that Chapin was authorized to represent the company in these cases?" "Yes, that, too, is true." "Is it not true that Mr. Young told you that Chapin had the authority to make arrangements and that he would stand by what Chapin promised?" "No, Young did not tell me that, but he talked with me about giving my testimony and what the result would be if it was given in a satisfactory way. He said that if I would go into the office and check the accounts and then testify in the case against Bechel and Sudborough I would be granted immunity and the prosecution would be dismissed." "You expect that by reason of the course that you have pursued the case against you will be dismissed?" "Yes," answered the witness. "How recently have you talked with Mr. Young about this matter?" "About two or three weeks ago." "In that conversation, in addition to

BARGAINS IN RUGS

From the great New York auction sale we secured some phenomenal bargains in rugs. Moquette Rugs at 1.59 Cheap at \$2.50.

Very large Axminster Rugs worth \$5 at 2.98

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IMMENSE SPECIAL SALE ON CURTAINS

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Swiss Lace Curtains, \$1.25

BEATEN AND LEFT FOR DEAD

Murderous Footpads Assault Henry Rothman of Plattsmouth.

HE REFUSED TO BE QUIETLY ROBBED

Two Strangers Decoyed to the Foot of Twelfth Street, Both Searched and One Badly Injured--Three Men Arrested.

Because he refused to accede to the demands of four hold-up men for his money, Henry Rothman of Plattsmouth, Neb., was terribly beaten about the head with a coupling pin yesterday at 2:30 a. m. at the foot of Twelfth street and left for dead. His friend, James Campbell, also of Plattsmouth, to save himself from the fate of his companion surrendered his valuables on demand of the robbers. Eight dollars was taken from Rothman and \$6 from Campbell. The former is now lying on a cot at the central station delirious. Three of the four men were locked up at the station. They were positively identified by Campbell. They gave the names of Edward Porter, Frank Deldridge and William Johnson. Campbell and Rothman, who had just reached the city, were decoyed to the place they were assaulted and robbed by their associates. They met the men on Farnam and Tenth street and asked to be directed to a cheap lodging place. The men took them to the foot of Twelfth street. Arriving there one of the men suddenly demanded of Rothman his money. Instead of complying Rothman started to run away. One of the men picked up a coupling pin and beat him into insensibility and then robbed him. Meanwhile the other three were searching Campbell for valuables. After the robbery the men ran south on Twelfth street. Rothman was removed to the central station in the patrol wagon, where his wounds were dressed. The three prisoners were arrested an hour later. After dining comes S. & H. "VIOLETS"---the real---the aristocratic perfume for the bazaar. All first class dealers.

INCREASE IN STAMP SALES

Waiting for the Exposition Issue Does Not Hold Back the Steady Demand for Postage.

The sale of stamps at the Omaha post-office has increased materially since last year. For May of 1897 the stamps and stamped envelopes sold amounted to \$21,264.71, and for the same month of this year the sale amounted to \$25,892.66, the increase being \$4,627.95. This increase is the more remarkable considering that all persons who desire to make large purchases of stamps and who could possibly wait will buy the exposition stamps.

Orders for the exposition stamps come in daily and much impatience is expressed in the letters concerning the delay. Postmaster Martin has received orders from all parts of Europe. Among the orders of the day was one for \$20 worth of stamps from R. Lemoine, Rue de Greffulhe, Paris.

BRING PILLOW WOMAN BACK

Another of the Alleged Melloy Robbers Extradited from Council Bluffs.

Belle Pillow, whom the police accuse of being one of the five who robbed L. McFloy of Dakota City of \$720 a week ago and who fled to Council Bluffs to evade arrest, was brought to Omaha yesterday by officers. The woman was arrested several days ago and fought her extradition, but without success. Another of the alleged robbers, William Cooper, also held at Council Bluffs, where he sought refuge, will be brought to Omaha. Like the Pillow woman, Cooper is fighting against being brought back. A request for his extradition has been forwarded to the governor of Iowa. All those implicated in the robbery are now under arrest. They are: Ollie Sullivan, Bertha Lewis, and the two mentioned above. None of the money has as yet been recovered.

GENERAL WEATHER EXHIBIT

Local Forecast Official Welsh Has Charge of One Part of the Government Display.

Local Forecast Official Welsh is in charge of the weather bureau's display in the government building. Prof. Marvin of Washington, who had been detailed to be in charge, has turned over the direction of things to the local weather man and returned to Washington. Before the departure of the expert, Fore-