Former Association Secretary Says They Cause High Cost.

PRODUCE ROTS IN WAREHOUSE Man Who Lost Position with Asso-

clation Says It Has No Blacklist and Does Not Fix Prices.

Retail Grocers' association. Becker has black list. not testified before the legislative committee, which is making an investigation in Omaha, but has privately told member Foster some facts regarding the situa-

once introduced in the association a resolater was repealed at his behest. Now, to dissolve the association. directly cause prevailing high prices.

Goods Rot in Warehouse. tacit agreement and consequently are ment by which the brokers prevented not in demand by consumers. If prices the use of "pool" cars by wholesalers

these goods would be greater and they members could not use. that a faction of the association, which time and procuring evidence against simidesired to use its strength in forcing lar organizations. produce and commission merchants to extend them longer credit was respon- MIDDLE MEN GET THE PROPITS sible for his defeat. According to Becker. his tenure of the office resulted in the J. J. Foye Tells Living Cost Commitformation of a credit bureau, which availed members of information concern-Retail grocers cause the high cost of ing "dead beats" and, he admits, virliving in Omaha, according to Joseph tually amounted to a black listing propo-Becker, former secretary of the Omaha sition though there was no iron clad

Not Like Portland.

Becker declares there is no produce

to his shipper that there was no market. | placed the apples on the market. Becker says there are vast quantities Thus produce merchants outside the asof goods such as cabbage and onlons sociation were scarcely able to get goods

Every person suffer-

ingwithaColdorGrippe

should obtain a vial of

my Cold Cure. I guar.

antee that this remedy

will relieve the head,

throat and lungs almost

immediately. It will cure

old colds, new colds and

obstinate colds, and pre-

vent Grippe, Diphtheria

and Pneumonia. Munyon

VIRGINIA DARE

and Southern Scupernong

Wine; we had a whole car-

load of these elegant wines in

our basement, all are water

soaked, otherwise O. K 43c

IMPORTED BARDINES

Sardines; just the outer la-

5e and 10e cans ..... 4¢

15c and 20c cans ..... 8¢

25c and 35c cans ..... 13¢

\$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 qt. 68c bottles, go at:.....

70c, 85c and \$1 qts. 59c

Bottled in bond Whiskies, \$1,

\$1.25 and \$1.50 brands, go at

89¢, 79¢ and 69¢

OLIVES

The fine large ones - also

stuffed—25c, 35c, 40c 19c

We do not carry any cheap

olives and only full size bot-

tles; these are real bargains.

POMPEIAN OLIVE OIL

one of the very best. In cans, hardly touched by water. All must go to make room for new

This Italian Oil is considered

bels soiled.

Nothing wrong with these

Hiller's Hiller's

Two doors east of us caused our basement to be flooded over five feet

deep. Thousands of dollars worth of bottled goods—all in period condition (excepting the labels)—must be sold quickly, regardless of cost or value. We absolutely guarantee the sound and perfect condition of every article. Settlement with the Insurance Companies having been completed, our object is to clear this damaged label stock having been completed, our object is to clear this damaged label stock having been completed.

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Olives—Olive Oil—Sardines—Cherries—Wines of All Kinds—
Whiskies—French Sauternes and Clarets—German Wines and Kummel—Italian Liquors—Swedish and Danish Liquors—Fruit Brandles and Cordials—Imported Gins—and many others.

IMPORTED RHINE WINES

A direct importation recently

arrived of very fine, very old Rhine wines, such as Lauben-

heimer, Niersteiner, Deides-heimer, ets.; \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 bottles; labels soaked— otherwise as good as

FRUIT BRANDIES

The finest line of Cordials,

such as Apricot, Orange,

Raspberry, Cherry, Banana,

etc., \$1.00 and \$1.25 bottles— 626

WINES

75e qts, Cal. Port ..... 48¢

65c qts. Cal. Port. .... 32¢

50e qts. Cal. Port ..... 23¢

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Imported Wines, 

many other fine wines, 75c and 65c grades, go at ...... 32c

95c tra Fine California Port Wine; regular

\$2.00 Grade. This wine is

perfect; the jugs are soiled

from smoke, the labels gone,

BLACKBERRY

A Special Fine Grade. Pure

Blackberry should be in ev-

ery home for medicinal use.

\$1.00 BOTTLES-49¢

This is surely a rare oppor-

If It Comes From HILLER'S It Must Be Good

We will ship direct to consumer for personal use any sale goods, providing the order calls for \$3.00 worth or more.

but the wine is delicious.

For a Gallon of Ex-

ever-all go

Thousands of dollars worth of bottled goods-all in perfect

BECKER BLAMES RETAILERS were placed by the grocers at a fair outside the association, and sent out profit. Becker says, the demand for of the city, such "tramp" cars as the

rould be moved out of the warehouses. The Portland case was the first of Becker was beaten for the secretary- its kind to be handled by the governship of the association at the election ment authorities, who are said to be in November by Fred Hansen. He avers working through the west at the present

tee Producers Are Sufferers.

Producers and consumers of life necentiles both are victims of the middle men, according to testimony given yesterday afternoon before the state legislative committee investigating the high cost of living.

An interesting situation developed when men's organization in Omaha such as J. J. Foye, a fruit broker, was called as the one recently indicted and fined in a witness. He attempted to shield the Becker asserts that although one Portland. Fifteen members of the Port- commission men by declaring that not grocer testified before the committee that land Produce Merchants' association one of them ever made large profits, and the Retail Grocers' association had never were indicted by a federal grand jury to prove his statement cited the sale of indulged in fixing prices that very grocer on February 5, and fines aggregating two cars of apples made during the morn-\$8,450 were imposed by the judge on ing. These apples were grown by a ution to the effect that no member March 1. The produce men pleaded farmer in lowa and were sold to a specshould pay more than 85 cents a dozen guilty to violation of the Sherman anti- ulator, who took the entire oreliard at for goods selling at 10 cents apiece. He trust law. No jail sentences were im- around \$1.75 a barrel of three bushels. declared the resolution was adopted, but posed because the produce men promised The speculator furnished the barrels at a cost of 40 cents each, paid for the packso far as he knows, there is no price. The produce men of Portland had an ing and shipped to Omaha, where they fixing, but grocers by pushing up prices agreement with brokers, whereby cars of went into storage, the storage house for goods they can get cheaply from goods which could not be used by associ- owner getting 50 cents per barrel. He produce merchants and commission men, ation members were diverted to other had paid freight of 18 cents and insurance cities and towns, the broker reporting and interest charges of 5 cents. Then he

Not being able to sell, Mr. Speculator applied to Foye, who disposed of the literally rotting away in warehouses and those within it kept down the quant- fruit at \$2.40, charging a commission of about Omaha, because the prices on ity of goods on the market and were a cents a barrel. This was a loss to the them are kept high by the grocers on able to hold up prices. It was an agree- speculator, bin several persons had gotten bites out of the apples.

> The commission man who bought the apples, willing to take a small profit, priced them to the retailer at \$5.75, who sold them to the ultimate consumer at 40 cents a peck, \$4.80 per barrel, three times what the grower received for them.

Sam Joe, proprietor of a restaurant, threw a little light on what happens to the ultimate consumer of butter. Two days ago Marsh & Marsh, commission men, testifled as to the price of Cloverdale butter, which at the stores is priced to the consumer at around 38 cents a pound. Joe uses more butter than the average family and he buys of the Marsh & Marsh firm. He made a purchase of ten pounds yesterday and paid 31 cents a pound.

John Smith, a south side retail grocer, proved to be something of a rate man on the property value and wealth of com mission men. He explained that he had been in business here twenty years and had made a close study of what the comormation to the committee.

and Charles, Mr. Smith told the committee that fifteen years ago they were drivers for J. R. Snyder, working at \$50 a month. Then they became salesmen at \$75 a month, and five years ago they were taken into the company. Now they are the sole owners and the concern is one of the richest of its kind west of

tatoes in a little coop of a building at Tenth and Howard streets a poor man: now he is worth not less than \$100,000, made in a commission business that has been testified to as being without profit. H. Gilinsky of the Gilinsky Fruit company was the next man given a rating of the Black Hills.

ousiness other than selling fruit and

that there were no profits in the commission business. Smith informed the ommittee Kirschbraun is now one of the vealthy men of the city; he is the principal owner of a creamery and storage plant, has a large bank account, and is

that not to exceed ten per cent of the 400 in the city are making more than a bare living.

C. N. Ball, a restaurant proprietor. twelve years in business, said prices of food products have increased fifty to 200 per cent during the last seven years. He would not attempt to state the cause, but thought perhaps commission men and brokers had been responsible for some of the increase. He told of paying 17 cents a pound for roosters last week. Right here Member Gustofson, of the committee, volunteered the information that on the same day out forty miles from Omaha chickens of the same kind and weight were retailing at nine

equalizers of 'prices.

Randazzi Tells of Trust. Vincent Randazzi, head of the Omaha Fruit company, an extensive dealer in bananas, told of his experience with the Smaha Produce exchange. Thinking that membership would help him in his business he joined, but when he found that the corporation proposed to run his business, he dropped out, he said. Then committee after committee visited him

change man said:

a a stock of bananas." According to Randazzi, his answer was: "You go and put in your baranas." Randazzi told the committee the sananas have never been added to the

WILLIAM AVERILL HARRIMAN

NEW YORK, March 7 .- William Averill. Harriman, son of the late E. H. Harriman, entered the financial world today when he was elected a director of the Harriman National bank here. Mr. Harriman was elected a few days ago a director of the Union Pacific railroad, in the development of which his father played so great a part.

Young Harriman, who became 21 years of age last November, is a senior at Yaie, where he has been largely interted in the training of the crew. Before entering the university he worked at railroading for several months, carrying a chain for a surveying party on the Oregon Short Line.



"Omaha's Greatest Clothing House

## Berg's Final Clean-Up Sale

Saturday is the last day of our final clean-up sale in the men's young men's and children's departments—we offer suits, overcoats, trousers, hats and furnishing goods at prices below one-half original price. Our spring stock is here. In order to make a little more room we give you this last opportunity. We call your particular attention to our one day hat sale. Note the reductions. Our spring display of the highest and most reputable makes of wearing apparel for men and boys made in the world is open for your inspection now,



MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS

Discount on Regular Lines of Underwear. \$4.50 and \$5 Vassar sile and wool Swiss ribbed union suits American Hosiery Co. Au-stralian wool underwear, reguler \$3 values, at the garment \$1.79 regular to garment \$3.50 worsted, closed crotch, union suits, al. \$2.49 Men's \$1.50 Vassar union suits \$3.50 vassar union suits
Men's \$1 union suits...390
Men's Derby ribbed underwear, up to 75c values, at.
35c Men's silkateen underwear, \$2.00 values, at, the gar-ment \$1.19

Several thousand hats worth up to \$4.00, on sale

SHIRTS.

Broken lines of Suits that formerly sold up to \$16.50, on sale now at ... \$7.50 Broken lines of suits that formerly sold up to \$25, on sale now ... \$9 to \$12.50 Broken lines of Kuppenhelmer, Schloss Bros., Stein-Bloch and Society Brand suits and overcoats, that sold up to \$40, on sale now at ..... \$15.00 All overcoats at prices that will amaze you - some overcoats that sold up to \$25, on sale now

at ..... \$9 to \$12.50

MEN'S SUITS AND IN THE BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S DEPARTMEN

FLANNEL SHIRTS. Regular \$1, at ..... 59c slightly soiled, regular 750 Fleece Lined Union Suits. regular 50c, at .... 35c Boys' Waists, regular 75c, Muslin Pajamas, regular \$1, 

lar 50c, at ..... 29¢ 

25c and 35c, at .... 10c

Two-Piece Underwear, regu-

Boys' Golf Gloves, regular Shirts, collar detacheu, Boys' Scout Gloves, regular ..... 19¢ Children's Seamless Ribbed Waists, regular 50c. 19¢ Boys' Knee Pants, that sold at \$1.50, \$1 and 75c, are divided into three lots, at ... 39c. 59e and 79e

MEN'S HOSIERY.

Night Shirts, regular 50c Fancy and plain silk lisie hose, 50c value, at .. 25¢ Boys' Sweaters, regular \$1, Silk lisle hose, 25c values, Boys' Windsor Ties, regular Everwear silk liste hose, 6 pairs, guaranteed six months, sold for \$3, now 

> Let us show you our new models in spring suits for men and

MUNYON'S

Taking up the Trimble brothers, Bob

Smith said that ten years ago B.

Wednesday Louis Kirschbraun testified he owner of an \$18,000 home.

To disprove testimony that the retail grocers are all growing rich, Smith said

cents a pound.

R. C. Howe, manager for Armour & Co., at South Omaha, testified as to cold storage plants. He looked upon them as

Mr. Howe thought that without the storage plants, produce would go begging. especially at the season of the year when most plentiful and during the cold nonths, could not be had at any price He added that the Armours rent storage to customers, but handle goods only for their customers and the branch houses.

and tried to get him back.

As a last resort, one called and pleaded with him. He still refused, and the ex-"If you do not get back in, we will put

stock of the threatener.

ELECTED DIRECTOR OF BANK

Key to the Situation-Bee Advertising.

DAKOTA PAMPHLET LAW TAKEN FROM THE STATUTES

Saturday only, at...95c

PIERRE, S. D., March 7 .- (Special Tel- state, was before the committee this aftegram.)-The Curtis publicity pamphlet, ernoon and explained several matters POLICEMAN'S LITTLE SON which was the cause of so much conten- which the committe desired to learn mission men are worth. He gave his in- tion in the last legislative session and about the department. It is génerally all through the campaign of last sum- known the committee will declare irregumer and fall, is no longer a part of the larities of greater or less importance to law of this state, having been repealed have shown up in the matter of attemptthis afternoon, when the house adopted ing to make a sale of a national bank on the senate bill requiring publication of the part of Public Examiner Wingfield, amendments and referred laws through which he admits in his testimony and the newspapers of the state instead of by conversation outside the committee room pamphlet publicity. The fight was a and declares to have been within his warm one by the minority which was rights. opposing, but the bill went through with | While the appointment of George B. an easy majority when the vote was se- McClelland as mine inspector was an-

cured. Blotcky began handling cabbage and po- The house also adopted the senate act ate with the other appointments made at for a state game preserve on the state the same time, and the Black Hills mem- GAYLEY CONTINUES EVIDENCE forest lands near Custer, in the Black bers announce that they will oppose the Hills, and the act carries with it an ap- confirmation, if it comes in. propriation of \$15,000 from the game fund | The appointment of Guy B. Frary as

The general investigation committee the other names.

their report in shape to hand in tonight, amended it to 600 population, allowing | mended the purchase of the Champion the probabilities now are that they will two saloons in towns of any size and re- iron mings by the steel corporation in 1913 A. Platts, former assistant secretary of to \$1,100.

nounced today, it did not go to the sen-

surplus for fencing and stocking the re- pure food commissioner to succeed A. serve of several townships in the heart N. Cook was announced later this evening and did not go to the senate with

KILLS HIS BABY SISTER NE WYORK, March 7.—When Herman Bronze Bust Given Corell, a policeman, opened the top

missing. As he started to look for it he heard a shot in the next room. There he found his 4-year-old son holding the weapon in his hand. In a little heap on the floor lay the boy's sister, aged 18 months. The built had entered her left eye, pierced her brain and killed her in-

IN STEEL CORPORATION SUIT

former vice president of the United States the men and women who have worked Steel corporation, continued his testimony with the retiring secretary in the many today in the government suif to dissolve years he has served the department. "Gllinsky is worth upward of \$100,000," continued taking festimony until late The senate passed the house thousand- the corporation as an illegal combination. this afternoon, and while they may get to one saloon bill this evening and Mr. Gayley testified that he had recom-

not be able to report until tomorrow. E. ducing the maximum of saloon licenses in order that it might not be taken over by competitors. The Union Sharon Steel company, sub-

sequently acquired by the trust, was after

to James Wilson

WASHINGTON, March 7 .- A life-sized bronze bust of himself will serve to remind James Wilson, retiring secretary of agriculture, of his sixteen years of service in that department when he returns to his home in Iowa.

The bust, a replica of which will be placed in the department, was presented to Mr. Wilson tonight in the National Museum building by the employes of the department in the presence of Secretary of State Bryan and Secretary of Agri-NEW YORK, March 7.-James Gayley, culture Houston and several hundred of

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## Two New California Trains

**Overland Limited** 

Effective April 1st (from Omaha April 2d) will be new in every respect but name. It will operate daily between Chicago and San Francisco via the Chicago & North-Western and Union Pacific.

Ar. San Francisco - - - - 9.30 A.M. 2d day

Only exclusively first-class daily extra fare train between Chicago and California. By reduction in time saves a business day. Equipment is all steel, electric lighted, built exclusively for this train, embodying every convenience, luxury and hygienic appliance tending to the comfort, enjoyment and safety of passengers. New library-buffet dining and observation cars, standard sleepers, compartments and drawing room.

Some of the Special Features are:

Barber Shop Baths Ladies' Maid Stenographer

Selected Library All Club Features Telegraphic Bulletins Electric Lights in upper and lower berths Compartments and Drawing Rooms ensuite

Only persons holding first-class passage with extra fare and sleeping car tickets will

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Brand new all-steel electric lighted equipment consisting of standard sleepers, compartments and drawing rooms, tourist sleepers, latest designs. Library observation car, diner. Through standard and tourist sleeping car service to Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, affording high-class service. This represents one of the highest class non-extra fare trains in service.

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All of the above trains are operated daily via

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