

### JOKER ON HIDES TO SPOIL TRADE

Small Dealers of State Would Be Forced Out of Business if Rate Revision Goes Through.

#### DEALERS FILE A PROTEST

Dealers in hides and furs have uncovered a little joker buried in the revision of classification No. 1 freight rates, which is pending before the Nebraska Railway commission, and on which a hearing is to be had next Monday. In one section of this schedule is hidden an item relating to less than carload shipments, which reads "hides, green and salted, including bog skins, cured and salted, in tight barrels only—if not so packed not accepted."

It is discovered that this would establish a new rule applicable in Nebraska only, by which the shipment of hides in sales or packages would be completely prohibited, although still prevailing in interstate shipments. Most of these hides come from farmers, consigned in small numbers, on which a requirement of inclosure in tight barrels would stop shipping altogether, or divert the shipments to dealers outside of Nebraska.

Statistics hastily compiled by Duane Arnold of the National Fur and Tanning company, indicate that during the last year seventeen concerns at different Nebraska points, including five at Omaha, received 114,000 bundles of hides, valued at \$687,000, and to put them in barrels would have cost the shipper a tremendous amount of money.

#### Will Spoil Business.

"One day last week," says Mr. Arnold, "W. S. Adams of Fremont received 200 bundles of hides consigned to him from the farmers in Nebraska and nearby territory. Mr. Adams' facilities are not such that he could handle these hides should they have been shipped to him in barrels and I doubt much if the railroad company could have taken care of that many barrels with promptness and dispatch."

"Yesterday the National Fur & Tanning Co. received for tanning and manufacturing into leather and fur goods 150 bundles, two loads from the depot, not more than two of the hides were boxed and none of them arrived in barrels; the balance came in bundles. If the hides had reached up in barrels there would have been many more loads and our facilities for handling them here at the tannery would have been inadequate. When this inadequacy of facilities for receiving, storing and caring for barrel shipments is applied to the numerous drafters scattered over the state of Nebraska you get something of an idea of what the new classification would mean

to the Nebraska hide and tanning industry."

#### Skins All Animals.

"Owing to keen competition on the part of dealers and tanners the farmer is not receiving enough for his hides so that he skins each horse that he loses and each cow that he butchers. These hides find their way to the Nebraska dealer who is willing to pay the highest price for them, in turn they are tanned into leather or furs and go to make up the material that goes into shoes, fur goods, harness and other leather products. Already there is a big scarcity of hides in the United States and for this reason, shoes and other leather products are on the advance. If the farmer must purchase a tight barrel in order to ship a horse hide or a cow hide his net profits will be materially reduced and the result will be that many hides will go to waste, the hide supply will further diminish, leather will be higher and shoes and leather products cannot help but cost the consumer more."

The hide dealers and tanners have put in a protest at Lincoln against the proposed change, which they hope to block.

### Hotel Clerk Who Mysteriously Left Omaha is Located

Charles W. Teeten, former clerk at the Schiltz hotel, who disappeared recently for the second time in two years, has just been located in Chicago by Joseph McCaffrey, head clerk at the Schiltz and secretary of the Nebraska-Iowa Hotel Clerks' association.

About the same time Teeten was located, McCaffrey says, the missing clerk's wife, Mrs. Ella Teeten, and little boy, Carl William, disappeared from Omaha and are said to be trying to elude Teeten, who wants to return to Omaha, but has no funds and no position open. Mrs. Teeten is said to fear that her husband will seek to gain custody of the boy, who is the child of his first wife. Mrs. Teeten is said to be working in a nearby town.

Mysterious disappearances of Teeten on two occasions are said to be due to temporary loss of memory and wanderlust. McCaffrey states that Teeten wants to re-enter hotel work now, and he has been placed on the waiting list of the local clerks' association.

#### CLUB NOMINATIONS MAY BE ANNOUNCED TODAY

Nominations for the sixty places on the board of directors of the Commercial club will probably be announced today. The nominating committee has been working on this for some time, but the process is somewhat cumbersome this year, owing to the change which requires the nominating committee to obtain lists of eligibles from the various commercial organizations of the city.

### OMAHA GIRL gets letter from Ireland acknowledging receipt of present sent to Europe on Santa Claus ship Jason



Miss Libbie Louise Wood

### OMAHA GIRL GETS LETTER OF THANKS

Recipients of Presents Sent on Jason to Ireland Send Back Words of Appreciation.

#### CHILDREN ARE ALL DELIGHTED

Louise Wood, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wood, 222 Myrtle avenue, is the first in this vicinity to receive a letter of thanks from recipients of Christmas presents sent over to Europe by the American people.

The initiative is written by Miss Irene A. Ball-Aston of Killybegs, Rathfriland, Ireland, one of the volunteer workers who distributed the presents gathered by The Bee and other papers for the war stricken homes of Europe. Miss Ball-Aston was the representative of a society which is engaged in looking after families of British soldiers and sailors. There were eight children in the small rural district assigned to her and eight gifts were turned over to her, including a pretty bonnet, in which little Miss Wood had placed her letter and picture. The children who received the gifts were highly pleased, says Miss Ball-Aston, and she continues: "They thought it so kind of all you American children. I am enclosing two extracts from a newspaper, which will show you all how much everybody is touched by your and the other children's thoughts for their brothers and sisters in Europe."

#### Bonnet to Soldier's Daughter.

A little girl, whose last name is Kinsella and who is the daughter of a private in the Irish Guards at the front, is now wearing the bonnet sent by Miss Wood. The little Omaha girl was highly pleased to hear that her gifts were appreciated by the recipients in far-away Ireland.

Sixty-three large cases formed Ireland's share of the Jason's cargo, according to articles from the Irish Times enclosed in the letter. Many of the gifts, says the newspaper, were accompanied by messages of sympathy, especially from children. One newspaper article closes as follows:

"I think that a thousand humble Irish homes will send back across the sea a prayer of pleasure and gratitude—gratitude for useful gifts sent in good season, pleasure of the little ones at their toys and their crackle-jacks—an echo of the thanks of nation to nation for the Santa Claus ship, a token of good will."

#### Don't Let Your Cold Get Worse.

Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey will cure your cough and give you restful sleep. Good for children. Only 25c. All druggists.—Advertisement.

### SUGGEST HUGE BRICK WALL FOR SWITZERLAND ON RHINE

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) GENEVA, Dec. 14.—The Swiss Association of Brick Manufacturers has seriously suggested that the Swiss government erect a wall of bricks along the river Rhine, extending from Basel to Chur, and which would be of sufficient thickness to resist the shells from the famous German howitzers.

### Foot Ball Players Enlist for the War

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 4.—To offset criticism against professional football, which has been charged with hampering recruiting, authority has been granted for the formation of a battalion of athletes and football players, to be known as the Seventeenth foot ball battalion of the Middlesex regiment.

## Announcement

Apollo Week at HOSPE'S

An Opportunity for Player Piano Purchasers



From Monday to Saturday, Jan. 11th to 16th, Mr. Earl Holland, the representative of the APOLLO, will demonstrate the possibilities of the ONLY HUMAN TOUCH PLAYER, the only player playing DOWN ON THE KEYS. The MUSICIAN plays DOWN ON THE KEYS—so does the APOLLO.

We will have some TEMPTING PRICES and TERMS to offer those who wish to purchase NOW or LATER. Don't miss this opportunity.

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# All Eyes on the "I Will" Man Saturday



MR. JOHN A. SWANSON, President Of The Nebraska Clothing Co. Is the Originator of the Half Price Clearance Sale. Mr. Swanson's progressive methods have placed this store in the front rank of America's foremost clothing establishments. Everybody who compares values sees at a glance that our Half Price Sale is Omaha's supreme clearance event, because it offers world's best clothes at Half Price.

Who Says: "Get the stocks down---out with them. Keep the new store New regardless of cost or loss. Smash prices right and left. This is no time to think of profits. Give such sensational bargains that everybody will know that a decisive, determined campaign to clear the store is on" The "I Will" Man's Word Is Law, and--- Thousands of People are Making \$1.00 do the Work of \$2.00 in this Slashing Sale.

Greatest Broadside of Bonafide Bargains Ever Offered A Sale of Vital Importance to Men, Young Men and Boys

## ANY SUIT OR OVERCOAT

Our Entire High Grade Fall and Winter Stock

The Best Selected, Most Comprehensive Collection of World's Best Clothes Go in This Sweeping

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Here's the Way The "I Will Man" Cuts the Heart Out of Prices

You men of Omaha can thank the "I Will" man for such unequalled reductions—make the most of it Saturday.

ALL \$10.00 SUITS AND OVERCOATS, At Half Price.....	<b>\$5.00</b>	ALL \$12.50 SUITS AND OVERCOATS, At Half Price.....	<b>\$6.25</b>	ALL \$15.00 SUITS AND OVERCOATS, At Half Price.....	<b>\$7.50</b>	ALL \$18.00 SUITS AND OVERCOATS, At Half Price.....	<b>\$9.00</b>
ALL \$20.00 SUITS AND OVERCOATS, At Half Price.....	<b>\$10.00</b>	ALL \$25.00 SUITS AND OVERCOATS, At Half Price.....	<b>\$12.50</b>	ALL \$30.00 SUITS AND OVERCOATS, At Half Price.....	<b>\$15.00</b>	ALL \$35.00 SUITS AND OVERCOATS, At Half Price.....	<b>\$17.50</b>
ALL \$40.00 SUITS AND OVERCOATS, HALF PRICE	<b>\$20</b>	FUR AND FUR LINED OVERCOATS AND BLACK SUITS ALONE EXCEPTED		ALL OUR FINEST \$50.00 OVERCOATS, HALF PRICE		<b>\$25</b>	

All Sizes for All Men—We'll fit every man in this great Half Price sale. Stout men, tall or short men, big men. Extra sizes.

All Blue Serge Suits Included at One-Half Price

SPECIAL NOTICE—During this sale—No charges, no C. O. D.'s, no Approvals, and a slight charge for alterations.

Any \$2.50 to \$10.00 Boys' Suit Half Price Now—They go at....

**\$1.25 to \$5.00**

Any \$2.50 to \$10.00 Boys' Overcoat Half Price Now—They go at....

**\$1.25 to \$5.00**

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Manhattan, Excello, Yorke and Bates Street Shirts at Slashing Clearance Sale Prices.

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The "I Will" Man's Greatest SALE OF GLOVES

Hundreds of pairs of Men's Warm Gloves, Gauntlets and Mitts, values 75c to \$5, at 35c to \$3.00

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