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Never have taffetas been so popular as they have been this season, and forecasts for spring are that taffetas will be worn more than ever before.

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### THE PROPER COURSE

Information of Priceless Value to Every Plattsmouth Citizen

How to act in an emergency is knowledge of inestimable worth, and this is particularly true of the disease and ills of the human body. If you suffer with kidney backache, urinary trouble, the advice contained in the following statement should add a valuable asset to your store of knowledge. What could be more convincing proof of the efficiency of Doan's Kidney Pills than the statement of a Plattsmouth woman who used them and who publicly tells of the benefit derived?

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Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Kuhney had. Foster-Milburn Co., Prop., Buffalo, N. Y.

#### ENTERTAINS FOR FRIENDS.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. George O. Dovey entertained in a very pleasing manner at their home for a number of friends, in honor of "Toby" Allen of Lincoln, the event being in the nature of "Michigan" party. The evening was spent in playing this fascinating game of "Michigan," at which much pleasure and enjoyment was derived by the merry party. At a suitable hour very dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to further heighten the pleasures of the occasion. There were some ten guests in attendance.

#### RESIDENCE NEARING COMPLETION.

The new home of Judge J. T. Begley on North Fifth street is now nearing completion and it is thought it will be ready for occupancy the latter part of the week. The residence has been arranged in a strictly modern manner and has been prepared with a view of comfort to the family. The family of Judge Begley is residing at the Hotel Riley pending the completion of their new home.

#### HOME TALENT PLAY AND BOX SOCIAL.

There will be a home talent play and box social given at the Eight Mile Grove school, district No. 25, on Friday evening, December 15th. Everyone cordially invited to attend. All ladies are requested to bring boxes as there will be no plates of refreshments served. Don't forget to come to see "The New Housekeeper." Admission free.

MAE BARKER, Teacher.

## COMMISSION LAW IS HELD AS VALID

Supreme Court Unanimous in Declaring Law Constitutional With Exception of That Part Referring to Appointments.

The supreme court of Nebraska has upheld the act of the last legislature providing for the appointment of a court commission comprising three members, but declares void that part of the act which limits the court in its choice of commissioners to nominees proposed by the governor. The court says the legislature and the governor cannot thus interfere with a co-ordinate branch of the state government any more than the court could appoint officers or employees for the house of senate.

The last legislature passed an act for the appointment of a court commission to assist the court in disposing of cases. It made no appropriation for the pay of such commissioners. The court selected three commissioners from nominees proposed by the governor, as provided by the act, and appointed Messrs. Parriott, Martin and McGerr, who are serving without pay. The court now says the act is an authorization by the legislature for the appointment of commissioners or referees, and no appropriation having been made, the legislature is under moral obligation to compensate these authorized assistants.

This is the third decision of the supreme court upholding the validity of a court commission. The first decision was in 1893, upholding a commission on the ground that the commissioners are not judges and their opinions were of no force until examined and approved by the court. Later a similar decision was given for a similar reason. The California court has since upheld a similar law.

The holding of the court at this time is by the entire court. The validity of the commission law having been attacked in several cases the court deemed it proper to render an opinion.

It had been alleged that the act was void because litigants were deprived of the right to be heard in the court of last resort. The court now holds that the court exercises its judgment in each case and also in the cases of motions for rehearing, this being done by the court on reports of the commission. It is held that the commission renders no judgments, makes no orders, exercises no judicial functions.

The decision of the court contains the following: "Justice delayed is often justice denied. The serious condition in which the people of the state have been placed by the absence of restriction upon the right of appeal and the consequent delay convinces us that it was for the public welfare that the court be not unduly sensitive as to its clear and undoubted constitutional right to ignore or reject all recommendations for the appointment by whomsoever made, and the names of fit men were suggested to make the appointment from the list. The work of the commission has justified the selection made."

"That portion of the act which attempts to confine the right to appoint two nominees of the governor is clearly void."

Neither the legislature nor the governor has the right to dictate whom the court shall appoint as the referees or assistants. The court might as well assume to appoint the chief clerk or sergeant at arms of each house of the legislature. The court, the legislature, and the executive and co-ordinate branches of the state government and under the constitution neither can exercise powers conferred by the people upon the other.

The act, if strictly and literally construed is, in part, violative of some constitutional provisions, but the void portions may be and have been disregarded as unessential and as construed by the court a valid act is left.

"The report of the findings made by the commission is similar to the report of a referee and is not in any sense a judgment."

The commission renders no judgments, makes no orders, exercises no judicial functions. The act is an authorization by the legislature that the commissioners or referees may be appointed to aid in disposing of the accumulated work, and no appropriation having been made, it imposes a moral obligation to compensate these authorized assistants. Such an act is valid."—Lincoln News.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Foster and children of Union motored to this city Saturday morning and were over Sunday visitors at the Larson home. They motored to Omaha Saturday afternoon.

Letter files at the Journal office.

## ARE AFTER FLOUR AND EGG BARONS

Learn That Two Sets of Books Kept By Them—Wetz and Three Others Possess 180,000,000 Eggs in Storage.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Special grand jury investigations into the high cost of living will be begun in Detroit, Chicago and New York the middle of next week, Special Assistant Attorney General Anderson, in charge of the probe, announced today.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Acting on their last discoveries that four men control the egg supply of Chicago, and the middle west perhaps, and that two sets of books have been kept by the cold storage men, United States District Attorney Clyne and his assistants today set about arranging their evidence for the grand jury Monday.

Railroad embargoes on foodstuffs and added vigor in the federal food probe are expected to push prices lower again today, although the storm sweeping the Mississippi valley may check the decline temporarily.

The "big four" supposed to control the egg situation are Meyer H. Eihengreen, Charles B. Ford, Louis Reichert and James E. Wetz, who recently admitted he was the "egg king" of America. One of these admitted to assistant district attorneys that he "guessed the four of 'em had around 180,000,000 eggs."

With this admission the government officials dropped their probe of packers' activities temporarily and will go after the speculators to the limit.

The allegation that the speculators kept two sets of books, one for exhibition in the event of such an inquiry as is now on, and the other set, radically different, officials believe, for their own accounts, will be probed immediately.

#### Grand Jury Activity.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Attorney General Gregory gave official approval of the grand jury probe of high food prices today. It is highly probable that grand juries also will be called in the immediate future at Cleveland, Kansas City and Minneapolis.

Following the "go ahead" orders of Gregory, telegrams were dispatched immediately to those points where grand juries will be summoned, ordering the work to be started at once. Anderson said today the grand jury work in New York probably will be directed by Assistant Attorney General Frank M. Swacker, principally against alleged coal price conspiracies.

Anderson will confer this afternoon with Secretary of Agriculture Houston regarding corn and food product outputs for the year.

President Wilson is scheduled to pass personally upon Anderson's plan Monday. It was anticipated he will O. K. them.

The food crisis is bringing forth a large number of threatening letters from cranks in different parts of the country, it was disclosed today. Several senators and representatives have received through the mail threats of bodily harm if they fail to support an embargo measure or any other legislation designed to curb soaring prices.

The most rabid letters have come from the south.

#### Boycott Butter and Eggs.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 10.—It developed here today that Kansas Cityans are boycotting butter as well as eggs. Grocery stores in the residence sections reported selling only ten one-pound cartons of butter in a day where formerly fifty were sold. The "official" egg boycott by the restaurant men's association begins here tomorrow.

#### Servants in On Graft.

New York, Dec. 10.—Here's what New Yorkers pay for every time they buy a bottle of milk, according to evidence brought before a state investigating committee:

- Bonus to janitors who allow companies to deliver milk.
- Free milk daily to janitors and their families.
- Boxes of cigars to real estate agents for lists of tenants.
- Cash annual retainers to apartment house managers.
- Cash gifts to servants of apartment occupants.
- Cash for ball and outing tickets sold to milk company managers by anybody soliciting money.
- Money for tickets to servants' entertainments.
- Taxicab hire to take same servants to and from these affairs.
- One Brooklyn milk company alone pays \$30,000 a year for these things and admits the \$30,000 eventually is paid by the consumer.

#### Detroit Boycott Effective.

Detroit, Dec. 10.—Retail price of eggs in Detroit dropped 10 cents per dozen this week as the result of the housewives' boycott. Butter and vege-

## What to Get the Best Lady of the House for Christmas!

- Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet
- Set of Pure Aluminum Ware
- Community Silver Ware
- Keystone Knives and Forks
- Pyrex Cooking Dishes
- Self Basting Roasters
- Fine Carving Sets
- Shears of all kinds
- Electric or Power Washing Machines.

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tables also show slight declines.

Prices 10 Per Cent Higher.

New York, Dec. 10.—Wholesale commodity prices are 40 per cent higher than before the war, R. G. Dun's weekly financial review declared today.

Dun's table of prices shows that eggs, western firsts, have yielded but 1 cent to 43 cents a dozen during the past week of boycotts and probes. Creamery extra butter, on the other hand, is quoted at 38½ cents, against 42 cents a week ago.

#### STORY HOUR NOTICE.

Miss Crete Briggs will have charge of the Story Hour at the Carnegie library Wednesday afternoon of this week after school. The doors will be open at 3:30. This Story Hour is for the children of the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th grades but the other children are also welcome. 12-11-2td

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- BRUSH AND COMB SETS.
- PALMER'S, HUDNUT'S & COLGATE'S PERFUMES.
- THERMOS BOTTLES & CARAFES.
- SAFETY RAZORS AND SHAVING SETS.
- STATIONERY AND FOUNTAIN PENS.

This year, we have for sale a unusually large and beautiful assortment of greeting cards, seals and stickers at 5c and 10c. Come in and look over our stock and be sure to ask us for a WEATHER CALENDAR. They are now ready for distribution.

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