

# ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1905

Matings better than ever. The Spring line now coming in and at a price always the lowest. We have just received 1,000 yards of Japanese Matings that we will sell as a leader at 25c per yard. This grade always brings 35c in other stores. You will do well to anticipate your needs. The war has shortened the supply and when this is gone we cannot duplicate.

We will carry a fuller line of Carpets this spring than usual. Keep this in mind. We are in a situation to save you money. All Carpets sewed on our own machines. We can give you an Ingrain Carpet sewed in 20 minutes after order. This is a great benefit to farmers, and over others prices costs you nothing.

The Furniture line is to be better stocked than ever and a more varied line to select from. We pay freight anywhere in the county.

Lace Curtains during this spring will be sold at a sacrifice.

Our Inventory discloses we have an overstock. We solicit your continued patronage.

## REAVIS & ABBEY FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA

### Our Lincoln Letter.

Lincoln, Jan. 9. (Special correspondence.)

The legislature, which has just organized for business, shows signs that it will comply with the demand made by the papers of the state in the matter of economy. The first move is to cut out the horde of useless employes. The senate was organized completely by the element favoring this policy, and the limit in the number of helpers was placed very low. In the house the speaker was given the power to select or appoint the employes, and he at once notified the house that the limit should be placed to sixty and that no idle employes would be tolerated. This action on part of the two bodies has been a sad surprise to the grafters who infest the capital every session and work schemes to connect with the pay roll. The house in 1903 had 103 employes on the rolls, and in some sessions in the past the senate has equalled that record. There is certain to be a saving of at least \$15,000 this session on the employe item alone.

One of the important matters to come before the session this year is the direct primary system. A bill is to be introduced this week by Dodge of Douglas,

embodying the best features of the Wisconsin and Minnesota system. It provides that all parties shall hold their primaries on the same day, the ballots to be furnished the same as in general elections, the voting to be on the Australian system, and in cities the primaries to be in effect the registration of the voters also. In full detail the bill proposes to bring all nominations closer to the people, and thus do away with the back-room caucus system. A number of papers in the state are openly advocating the direct primary law, and the State Journal of today publishes the full text of the Dodge bill in order that the people of the state may become familiar with its provisions.

In his message the governor advocated the abolishment of the lobby, making the distinction, however, that there were some "untrammelled counsellors" who were valuable and helpful. It is believed that the governor made this recommendation because he himself was so far imposed upon by a professional lobbyist last session as to send in a message asking for the passage of a special bill, which the supreme court knocked out to keep the state from suffering great damage. It seems therefore, that the state

officials as well as the legislators need protection from the wiles of the lobbyists.

Aside from the direct primary law, the matters which are expected to create the greater stir this winter are as follows:

The contest between mutual, fraternal and old-line insurance.

The usual struggle between the rival telephone interest.

The amendments to the revenue law.

Attacks on some features of the game law.

The interminable row over the Omaha charter.

Struggle between the rival elevator interests.

It is a healthy indication that while these conflicting interests are occupying the foreground, the legislators are quietly getting to work on the theory that the most important thing is public economy and business methods, in order that the state debt may be reduced without adding to the burden of taxpayers. A large number of them openly say that they will favor the abolishment of all useless salaries and put a stop to graft whenever it shows its head.

The people of the state have reason to congratulate themselves that they settled the U. S. senatorial question themselves, leaving the legislature free to go

ahead with regular business at the very start. There is a great contrast between this and some past sessions, and from a financial point of view the taxpayers will be the gainers to an extent almost beyond computation. So far as can be seen the loss falls only upon the hotels and bars of the city of Lincoln.—F. A. Harrison.

What would you think of a business man that would send a letter away without having his return card printed on his envelope? You wouldn't think much of him would you? Well, it is just as essential for the farmer as it is for the merchant. Come in and have us print you some envelopes. It don't cost much.

Mamie Hutchings is reported as materially improved in health under treatment at Dr. Prenton's sanitarium at Kansas City. Miss Hutchings has been a patient sufferer for many years, and her reported improvement is very gratifying to her many friends.

Messrs. Harris and Busby were in the city settling their more or less famous law suit Wednesday.

Ed Houston and J. D. Spragins have opened up a general merchandise store in Shubert.

Mrs. Ed Rieger of Preston was one of Wednesday's business visitors.