HELENA MODJESKA IN OMAHA.

Life Story of the Actress as Related By Herself to a Bee Representative.

SHE IS NOW A GRANDMOTHER,

But Nevertheless Will Restore Juliet in Her Repertory - No Farewell Tour in Contemplation-Preparations for Next Season.

Written for the Sunday Bee by J. F. Riley. Recall the pretty stage setting in the third act of Camille, representing the country home and grounds near Paris, chosen by the woman of Armand Duval's love as a place of probation, to prove her worthiness by an abstinence from sin; remember her as she steps lithe and graceful from behind the trees in summer costume, in full view of the audience and you have the picture of the pretty cottage on Burt street near Twenty-third, in Omaha, and of Modjeska as she appeared without ceremony in morning ostume, of summer wrap, one sultry day last week in answer to the visitor's card, needed merit and acknowledged supremacy are ever easy of approach. More time is usually consumed in an endeavor to see the head of a government department than would be required to reach the president of the United States. Strategy would be necessary to reach the third-rate comedienne in her hotel parlor at Saratoga. A tap of the bell alone, followed by an inquiry, brings you face to face with one of the world's famous tragediennes. The first impression produced by Modjeska's appearance in private life, is one of astonishment at her vate life, is one of astonishment at her seeming youth. Stage make-up and stage light easily transform age; the merciless glare of an August sun scorns to aid such deception. One knows that the woman, from her long appearance before the public, cannot be in the flush of youth, which her symmetry of features and exquisite porportions indicate, but while charmed with her easy grace and fluent speech, he forgets to reason but while charmed with her easy grace and fluent speech, he forgets to reason upon the cause of his surprise, accepting appearances uninquiringly; a baby's cries upstairs, the grandchild of Modjeska, born a week ago to her son, twenty-six years old, forces the conviction that careful guarding of a vigorous constitution inherited, has stayed the ravages of time and preserved the freshpass of of time and preserved the freshness of her youth. Hence to-day her age, by her

appearance, could not be guessed.

"The story of my life?" said the actress in response to a desire for the facts in her career. "It has in it many phases of joy and triumph—many of sorrow and defeat."

And in a half dreamy way, as if soothed by old memories, her eyes growing dim and bright by turn, she recounted the record of her life, which is but the illus-tration of patient labor overcoming every obstacle. "There is no secret road to success upon the stage," said she, "its heights of fame are reached upon the stepping-stones of toil. Action, action, action! Demosthenes claimed were the orator's attributes, and toil, toil, toil, must be the head-lines of the actor's precepts."

Helena Benda was born in Cracow, Austrian Poland. The aspirations of her childhood tended towards the stage, but her early efforts mer with such continued discouragements that she was about to abandon all hope of ever attaining recognition and turn er attention to other pursuits. While playing in an amateur performance for a charitable object at Bochna in 1861, the stage manager of the Imperial theater at Warsaw was among the audience, and after the entertainment he stepped upon the stage to congratulate her and ex-

her merit would some day win her fame, "God bless the man's words," she exclaimed, her eyes filing with tears at their recollection; "they were the first of hope I had ever heard, and they fired my ambition to ceaseless labor in the hop of future success."

She was married at this time to he first husband, and he, believing in her ability, became her manager, and the two organizing a theatrical company, began a tour of the villages and smaller towns of Poland. For four years sh

"I was in those days what you Americans call an 'ail round' character," she

thus traveled, meeting with continued

said, smiling. "One night I would appear in songs and drollery, the next in comedy and the third in vaudeville." After a few years of such appearances the concluded that she knew nothing of acting as an art. Her ambition craved wider fields than the provinces of her native country, but she knew that en rance to them without perfection meant

ismal failure, and she at once began preparation by a serious course of study asting five years at Cracow. Jarsinski the supporter of Rachel, was then stage manager of the theater which she se-lected as her school.

"He is dead now," feelingly said the actress, "but to him I owe everything." Her aptitude as a student, the progress she made and the appreciation of her ar-tistic ability in 1869 may be all inferred from her appointment in that year to a position for life in the Imperial theater Varsaw. Her fame was then at its full, but cares came to harass its zenith and family troubles to annoy. Both she her husband had fallen under the icion of the Russian government; the public censorship had become very seher plays, and undercurrent gossip nick-named her the Polish Joan D'Arc. Her life became burdensome in the midst of the nation's plaudits evoked at he.
She knew not what moment would bear nation's plaudits evoked at her acting an order consigning her husband to S beria, and determining to escape for-ever from the cares and fears wearing upon her life, she left Russia with her husband and son for America, obtaining six months' leave of absence from th Russian government, ostensibly to visit the centennial exposition at Philadelphia.

"I naturally infer that you wasted no love on the national customs and laws of sin, and I gather, too, that your de parture from the country in 1876 meant your farewell to it," was the comment. I love America with my heart and I; I am an American, likewise my husband and my son," exclaimed Modjeska with passionate warmth. "I have paid the Russian government 25,000 rubles, exacted ment at Warsaw, and I have left Russia forever," and the black eyes snapped fire, the bosom heaved violently and the ids clinched, tragedy for a momen was the play, the cottage was the stage but the bitter vengeful feeling vanishes suddenly as produced, and the actress with a smile as if apologetic for her outsurst at recollections of wrongs inflicted resumed her story.

ount Bozenta, the husband of Modjeska, brought with him to America an ample fortune. As a means for its investment he established a colony for Poles at Anahelm, near Los Anahelm s at Anaheim, near Los Angelos. "I bade farewell to the stage," said Modjeska sadly, "and with my husband roughed it in a new country. The change from civilization to the desert was a severe one to me. I naturally contrasted my nights of triumph in War-isw, where I had won fame in 'Marie Stuart,' 'Adriene Lecouvreur,' 'Julie'.' tuart,' 'Adriene Lecouvreur.' 'Julie'.' loneliness in lower California and the

months' honest effort to make the Call-fornia colony successful, we realized in the wreck of my husband's fortune, that the scheme was founded on impulse and philanthrophy, rather than upon good sense and judgment. Neither of us spoke a word of English and our ignorance of the laws and language of the country rendered us an easy prey for speculative men, while the colonists themselves did not fulfill our hopes of their industry did not fulfill our hopes of their industry and united action. The Anaheim venture proved a ruin and we began life again, poor. I had saved not a ruble of my salary from Warsaw, for realizing that my engagement was for life rendering my old age secure, I lived in a style belitting my position. It was pleasant but exhaustive of my resources. In January, 1877, I stood in San Francisco with few friends, without influence, without means, a woman no longer young, and few friends, without influence, without mesns, a woman no longer young, and ignorant of the first rudiments of the language of the country, and with all these drawbacks I proposed to learn English and win once more on the stage the wealth and fame I had lost, In the following August I appeared at the California theatre in San Francisco, playing 'Lecouvreur' in English, and winning the applause of the big-hearted, noble, generous American people, who knew my erous American people, who knew my sad story and appreciated my trials. Oh, the days and nights of weary study and toil preceding my first American appear-ance! My preceptress in English was Joe Tucholsky, a girl of Polish descent, whom I met by the merest chance, but whom I love devotedly and will cherish for life. Her efforts in my behalf were ceaseless. She was in my company last season under the name of Hayes and is an actress of much merit. In those days of my early American struggles for the atrical recognition I owe, oh, how much to many friends, that can never be repaid but by an ever grateful memory John McCullough was at that time stag manager of the California theater. was my best friend; to him I was in-debted for my San Francisco appear-ance. His words were always full of cheer, and often when despair was clouding hope, his bright words of assuring promise came to me like a God-speed, redoubling my efforts and ardor. speed, redoubling my efforts and ardor. The stage lost an ornament and the world a friend in his melancholy death. Poor John McCullough!

And the actress' eyes grew dim as her memory melted into tenderness over the memory melted into tenderness over the fate of her dead actor friend. You say true, oh, Helen Modjeska. Poor John! One kind act vitalizes a thousand fold. It may be said of him as was written of a famous English wit: "If every man, if every woman, if every child to whom he ever spoke a kind word or did a kind act, were to drop a rose into his grave, a mountain of flowers would crush the mountain of flowers would crush the breast of the dead man."

The public knows too well the public career of Modjeska since 1877 to need its repetition here. Harry Sargent assumed her New York management, and her "awful hit," as she playfully terms it, was made at the Fifth Avenue theater, rendering her name ever since a house-hold word. Scorning the meretricious aid of cheap advertising like pet tigers poodles, lost diamonds and hair-preadth escapes from fire and flood, she has made her art her study, and depended on the intelligence of the people for a recognition of the faithfulness of her delineations. Her entire repertoire for the coming season comprises eleven plays, rehearsals for which will begin at Colorado Springs in the middle of September, by her own company, for their appearance in Denver on the 1st of Oc-

Modjeska's domestic relations are of perfect union, perfect happiness and love; her maternal instincts may be best appreciated from the fact that her chosen pot during these Omaha dog-days is by the bedside of her son's sick wife instead of amid the recreations of sea-side or mountain resort. The fam-ily in the cottage on Burt street comprises herself, her son Ralph, a civil engineer in the Union Pacific railway company; his wite, Filicie, nee Benda, and their child, Felix, and the Count Charles Bozenta. The great actiess is an artist of much merit, and devotes her spare time at present in sketching and superintending the renovation of her cos-tumes, upon which two seamstresses work in an adjoining house, used mostly as a sto reroom for huge Saratoga trunks. She is a woman of strong religious be-lief; in form of worship, like Mary Anderson and Mrs. Florence, a Catholic, and

like them, a firm observer of the Sunday services of that church. A crucitix of gold and ivory on her dressing case is her constant traveling companion.

Count Bozenta, in flannel shirt with olling cotlar and blue flannel suit, looks

like a youthful amateur yachtsman off on shore for a frolic, or a Heidelberg stu-dent on vacation. He has a thorough contempt for European institutions, retaining his foreign nature alone in his accent and deft inhalation of a cigarette, out American in everything else his investment in a cattle ranch in Cali

fornia to his love for the circus.
"I don't care how bad it is," he said, "I enjoy the hoop-la of the girl spinning through paper balloons, the chestnuts of the clown and the children enjoying

everything else."
"Which do you consider your best act
the greatest climaxes in all your plays?" ted of Modjeska.

"Undoubtedly the third act of 'Ca mille' and the last scene of 'Mary Stuart,' ' she replied. "The former is emotional in its most intense sense, representing a woman who all her life trailing love in the dust, feels for the first time its true influence and loving all the intensity of a noble soul, feeling that her love is equally reciprocated and that she is to become an honest woman by becoming an honorable man's wife, is called upon in the first days of her called upon in the first days of new-found happiness to sacrifice her love her happiness, nay, her life at the bidding of the father of the man she loves to save his family's honor. The latter scene is a queen without a crown on the scaffold so near the throne, baring ner neck on the block and dying like a queen. One is intensely emotional; the other equally as tragical, and to reach perfection in either scene requires the study of a lifetime."

asked. "lasten," said Modjeska, "I once dropped the character from my roles, during the season when every hamlet was a Verona producing its own Juliet, and vowed I would never play it again until I became a grandmother. Hark!" as the baby's voice up stairs suggested the throes of colic, "Do you hear those cries?" They proclaim I am a grand-mother. I will keep my vow and play Juliet during the next season. The novelty of a grandmother sighing her loves as Capulet's daughter to a slender Romeo will be sure to cause any defect of merit to be overlooked. I think that is an advertisement for an actress never utilized

"Will you ever play Juliet again?" wa

"And your farewell tour-is that in

"My farewell tour—ah! what a 'gag' that is," she replied. "I was fooled on it once myself. My farewell tour? No, it will not be for many days, for years-not until the American people have tired of me—tired of my acting, and shall pro-claim that my day is done, not until the American press shall warn me that my ove of my art survives my power of acting, and then I will receive its advice kindly, even as I enjoy a visit of one of its representatives to-day.

a severe one to me. I naturally carriage and killed. The report proved to be entirely without foundation, and was evidently started to depress the real ness in lower California and the gence of memory was my chief ation and delight. After several A report was circulated last night that

same we will continue to sell our gro
ceries at rock bottom prices as follows:
Q loaves of broad
9 loaves of bread
100 tos best atian, patent nour
4 lbs good coffee 1.
5 lbs good tea 1.
4 lbs good prunes
8 lbs full cream cheese 1.
5 lbs Akron crushed oats
6 lbs box gloss starch
3 lbs can salmon
8 tumblers jelly
27 bars laundry soap 1.
Ham per 1b
2 good brooms
1 doz Mason's fruit jars, qt 1.
1 doz Mason's fruit jars, 2 qts 1.
Grapes, melons, fruit, sweet potato
and everything in the grocery line
lowest cash prices.
COOVER & WATTS.

N. E. cor. St. Mary's ave. and 19th st.

A KETTLE OF FISH.

The City Hall Question in Something of a Pretty Mess.

The session of the board of public works called yesterday to consider the city hall contract question was attended

with some lively debate. There was a lively scene during the afternoon session of the board of public works in connection with the city hall works in connection with the city hall bids. Among the bids offered for the work the one of Brennan Bros. & Co., of \$203,649.15 was the lowest; that of J. J. Nichol, for \$229,793, was the next, followed by the next lowest, of \$270,000. The award consequently would fall to the share of Brennan Bros. & Co., and while action was pending one of the Brennans present claimed that there was a mistake in the addition of the schedule. mistake in the addition of the schedule figures accompanying the bid amounting to \$39,000 and claimed that that amount should be added as his contract figures. These figures of course would exceed Nichol's bid course would exceed Nichol's bid and naturally secure the award for him, when to everybody's surprise he found a discrepancy in his figures of \$75,000, thus leaving Brennan Bros. & Co. still the lowest bidder, with the increased figures resulting from mistakes in addition resulting from mistakes in addition. Considerable discussion of a spirited na-ture ensued. The chairman characterized the proceeding in no complimentary terms, intimating its similarity to a delusion and a snare and a conspiracy between the Brennan Bros. & Co. and Nichol. He evidenced his belief further by exhibiting the certified checks of the Brennans and Nichol deposited as required by law, which were both drawn by the Brennaus. At the insinuation one of the Brennaus present very excitedly demanded an explanation, but the board seemed too disgusted to listen, and he was silenced, remarking: "I can give \$1,000 to any one I please, and if I'm not heard here I will be elsewhere."

The president said the award should be made to the lowest bidder as his bid announced his figures; that the board had nothing to do with examination of sched-ules and corrections in addition, and that the same business principles conducted by men in private affairs should influence their action as public officers. Mr. Brennan still claimed a hearing explanator of the whys and wherefores of the mis take, but was again quashed by the motion of Mr. Mayne to award the contract at the figures bid, \$203,640,15, which was seconded by Mr. Heimrod with some home-thrust remarks, and was unanimously carried. Consequently, as fas as the board is concerned, the Brennan Bros, & Co. are the contractors. The action of the board as provided by law, will be reported to the council and when approved by them the contractors wil have ten days in which to file their bone and begin work as specified. Should they neglect such compliance, a forfeiture of the \$1,000 deposit will result.

The outside bidders are very indignant over the affair, and claim collusion be-tween Brennan Bros. & Co. and Nichol. They say that each intended to play into the other's hands and secure the contract at all hazzards, the mistakes in addition having been intended to be sprung only after the bids were opened and made

"No man," said one bidder from a distance, "can afford to do the work for Brennan's figures as bid. He would be ruined in the attempt. It would be cheaper for the Brennans to forfeit their \$1,000 deposit than attempt to go on. Another outsider said that the whole affair was intended to involve the

matter in windy litigation of some kind, contemplating delay for the purpose of driving off all contractors from other places. The settlement of the question, in

whole or part, must abide next Tuesday night's meeting of the city council.

Zanzig, the medium, gave a private seance at the residence of a prominent spiritualist last night. The manifestaions were of a convincing nature, and several skeptics present were thoroughly converted. The slate-writing test was especially remarkable. Two slates, tied together, were placed on the table in full view of the spectators, and the spirit full view of the spectators, and the spirit of the Irish giant called upon to express his opinion of Omaha. A scratching noise was heard for a few moments. When the slates were opened the following words were inscribed thereon:

"Omaha will double in the next three years. So will South Omaha. Invest in

syndicate lots in South Omaha, double your money in a year. C. E, Mayne is sold agent, and he has bargains in all desirable additions. Briggs' place in all desirable additions. Briggs place is bound to be the fashionable residence quarter of Omaha, Orchard Hill next, and Benson will continue to be the mechanics' paradise. It's fearful hot down

Pleasure on Cut-Off Lake. Captain Van Norman, the genial pro-prietor of the line of row boats on Cut-Oft Captain Van Norman, the genial ake, is making a grand success. fleet of fifty ellipper built row boats are in great demand. Pleasure parties or single individuals can be supplied with safe boats on short notice and at reasonable rates. The Captain has added re-cently some tine sail boats. These boats were built by Mr. Kihlberg, a thoroughly competent boat builder, and are safe an swift. Mr. Kihlberg is now engaged upon a steamboat for the government surveyors to be used upon the Missouri He has been for a long term of years in the government employ of Sw den and other foreign countries, and thoroughly competent to build any kind of steam or other water craft. His residence is 1716 South Twelfth street, where he can be consulted as to the building of new boats of any kind. Refreshments are served at the boat houses.

A Cold Day Coming.

Coal dealers state that there are not as many people laying in their winter's supply of coal as usual during the summer. People who bought good hard coal at 6 per ton last summer are completely scared out when the coal dealers as them \$10, and they go away saying that they will wait until it is cheaper. It looks now, however, as if they would be compelled to wait some time, at least until next summer. If prices in the east are advanced as much as those who are in position to know say they will be, coal will retail here at \$12 before spring. It is a very difficult matter to predict any thing in regard to the future price of any commodity, as there are so many unfor seen events which frequently step in and change the whole tide of events, but it is safe to say that all the present indica-tions point toward higher prices on hard coal, while there is not the least indica-tion of any lower prices for this season. At the present time coal is retailing here at 50 cents a ton less than in Kansas City, although the freight rates from the east re the same to both places.

Grocerymen Take Notice! Choice butter and eggs at lowest whole-sale prices. Omaha Creamery and Dairy Butter Company, 1611 Howard street-

THE OMAHA FAIR. Mammoth Preparations for the Great

Event. Secretary McShane when asked yesterday about the next fair, which begins September 5 and continues through the week, said that nothing was being neglected which would add to the interest and merit of the exhibit. He was daily in receipt of many applications for space and for booths. The number was far in excess of that of other years, and among the applicants were many from Iowa—a large number from points in that state heretofore not represented in this city. The liberality of the management, he thought, in opening competition to the world in all matters, except trials of speed, would result very beneficially in the present instance. This was shown as before stated in the unprecedentedly large number of prospective exhibitors and again in the representation from new territory. As to speed, there was much to be said. In a few words he could say that with upwards of fifty flyers already on the track and with daily additional entries

there was every reason to look forward to a good season of enjoyable sport. The association has expended a great deal of money this year in well-directed improvements and it is doubtful if there is another fair ground anywhere in the western country that can compare favorably with this in Omaha. Every building has been repaired, rejuvenated and put in perfect order. The stock stalls and pens are proof against wind and water, the grounds are tile drained, city water mains are on tap in the inclosure the street cars run to the gates and the ampitheatre is commodious, comfortable and metal-roofed. The track has been greatly improved, so that it is more than ever entitled to the name of one of the fastest in the country. The management looks forward to a successful season and an attendance greater by thousands than in any previous year. The manifold at-tractions are being duly considered and will be announced when definitely arranged.

"ANOTHER FIRM GONE UP."

"M. F. Martin Busted." For several days there has been quite an exciting time on South 13th street, where M. F. Martin, the furniture man, has been paralyzing people with low prices, and just as expected he is busted and is closing out to quit business, and from the large crowd there every day it is plain to see there is something wrong, or if there is not, at the prices and terms he is closing out his store at, he will certainly be bursted. The idea of selling at wool carpets at 65c and bedsteads at \$1.50, bedroom suits at \$10, kitchen safes \$4, wardrobes \$7, chairs 50c, and every-thing else at people's own prices. It is reported Martin has gone to Canada, but if he has not he will have to if he persists in selling goods on weekly and monthly payments. His competitors will run him out of town.

Our reporter to-day met Mr. George W. Frank, of Kearney, who is at the Paxton to spend the Sabbath and see our ast growing city.

Mr. Frank speaks with confidence of Kearney as the coming central and manifacturing city of the state. He is to have a sale of 200 choice residence lots on August 25, of which due notice will appear in the advertising columns of the

Hold On!

You can buy choice butter and fresh eggs direct from the country, of Omaha Cr. & Dairy Butter Co., 1611 Howard st. Omaha Commercial College.

Write Rohrbough Bros, for circulars and specimens of penmanship. Over 500 students last year

NEW SAVINGS BANK. Nebraska and Iowa Capitalists in a New Enterprise.

morning articles of ration were filed for a new savings The leading mover in the bank. L. Miles, enterprise is J. banker of Davenport, Ia, The capital stock is \$400,000, divided into 4,000 shares of \$100 each. The incorporators are John L. Miles, Dexter L. Thomas, Samuel Cotner, James Thompson, Alvin Saunders, John Rush, Andrew Rosewater, Samuel D. Mercer, J. H.

Rosewater, Samuel D. Mercer, J. H. Evans, Erastus A. Beuson, Morris Morrison and George E. Barker. Until the second Monday of January, 1888, the following shall constitute the board of directors: George E. Barker, Samuel Cotner, J.H. Evans, John Rush, D.L. Thomas, S. D. Mercer, Morriso Morrison, Alvin Saunders, James Thompson, F. B. Johnson, Peter Glantt and J. L. Miles, City Treasurer Rush being asked if he was going to take an active part in the mangoing to take an active part in the management of the bank, replied that he cer-

"Will it be in any way a depository of the city funds or have anything to do

'No, sir, not as long as I am a city official. I have a right to invest my private means as I please and I will take no aclive management in the affairs of the The location of the bank is not yet de-

It costs 20 cents a line to inform you that elegant residence sites can be had at Benson for \$250 to \$500; that the motor cars will start in a few days; that acre lots can still be had there at a nominal price, only one-tenth cash, balance in three years. Call and investigate the lists of the C. E. Mayne R. E. & T. Co. Bargains in all directions. Special attention called to Orchard Hill and Briggs Place for choice residence sites and South Omaha (syndicate lots) for business and residence purposes.

Even the hot weather cannot keep Omaha down. The reaction has set in in earnest and real estate has assumed a decidedly healthy tone during the last few days. Eastern capitalists are showing their confidence in the city by invest-

ing heavily in business property.
The C. E. Mayne Real Estate & Trust Co. have just closed several large sales to eastern men, among them being the Dr. Mercer property on the northwest corner of 18th and Farnam sts. for \$50,000. The firm reports a steady demand for both business and residence sites and say the prospects in the im-mediate future is decidedly bright. Their sales in South Omaha for the past week have been greater than for any week during the past three months, and the demand for desirable business lots there is steadily increasing.

Public Electric Lighting.

The managers of the Thompson-Hous ten Electric company are indignant that no report has as yet been made by the city council to the offer of the company, proposing to light the city with electric lamps at 20 per cent less than is paid for gas, and guaranteeing 20 per cent stronger light than is now furnished. They say that to their repeated inquiries from the council regarding the delay of action in the matter, they have received the invincible reply, "too much business of other kind to attend to."

\$25.00 Reward. Lost, stolen or strayed-The brains of one of our neighbor grocerymen, who is fulfilling the old adage (when you have nothing to do yourself annoy your neigh-bor who has), because we are selling groceries at a reasonable profit. All the

Special mid-summer clearance sale of boots, shoes and slippers at Hayward Bros., Ramge block, Monday. N. B. FALCONER.

Madras Curtain, Children's Dresses and Children's Caps

At Less Than Half Price-These Prices Are Only for Monday, Monday, Monday, Monday Monday, Monday.

MADRAS CURTAINS, 200 PAIRS OF FINE MADRAS CURTAINS AT \$3.00. WORTH \$7.50. 100 PAIRS FINE MAD-RAS CURTAINS, NEW COLORINGS AT \$5.00, WORTH \$12.50, MADRAS CURTAINS AT \$7.50, WORTH \$15.00. ODD PAIRS OF SILK MIKADO CUR-TAINS AT \$10.00, WORTH \$25.00.

ALL THE CHILDREN'S WHITE DRESSES THAT WE HAVE BEEN SELLING AT FROM \$1.15 TO \$2.25-ON MONDAY ONLY-75C.

THESE DRESSES WILL BE SHOWN ON THE EMBROIDERY COUNTER.

CHILDREN'S FINE LACE AND MULL CAPS ..

TO CLOSE OUT ALL OF OUR MULL AND SWISS CAPS WE MAKE OUR PRICES ON ALL CAPS THAT WE HAVE BEEN SELLING AT \$2.25 TO \$3.50 ON MONDAY OUR PRICE-AND THAT IS \$1.50 EACH.

N . B. FALCONER.

A Celestial Visitor. A remarkable areolite fell in Orchard Hill last night. It is about eight feet in diameter and composed of a dark glossy substance, the surface of which is covered with curious inscriptions. The faculty of the C. E. Mayne Astronomical institute the C. E. Mayne Astronomical institute visited it this morning but were unable to agree as to the exact meaning of the writings. Prof. Border maintained that they were Hebrew and translated them: "This stone falls on a lot that will double in value in 1888. C. E. Mayne has it for sale and has a large list of desirable property in all quarters."

Prof. Patrick. (who, by the way, un-

Prof. Patrick, (who, by the way, un-derstands no language but English and Irish) coincided in this view.

Prof. Jones, however, insisted that they were Cheyenne hieroglyphics intended to convey the idea that South Omaha syndicate lots, of which Mayne is agent, are snaps, and prophesying that Briggs Place is destined shortly to be the bon ton residence section of Omaha, and Benson to become a thriving city as soon as the Motor line starts. The faculty will visit Orenard Hill again to morrow and endeavor to ascertain whether the stone is a genuine arcolite or only an adver-tising dodge of Mayne's. Whatever tising dodge of Mayne's. Whatever their conclusion may be, it is an undis-puted fact that the C. E. Mayne Real Estate and Trust company offer superior inducements to invest either in residence or business property, and always have gentlemanly salesmen and free carriages

Mrs. Ish's Guardian Sale.

On the 3d day of September Mrs. Mar-tha M. Ish will sell at guardian sale an acre of ground on 20th and Locust st., joining the Kountze property on the south. The highest bidder takes it. The terms of sale are one-third cash, balance in one and two years, or all cash.

Mrs. Ish will also place on sale at public auction the same day her beautiful residence and ten lots in Ambler place.

This portion of the property to be sold will be put on sale in two lots, the residence and four lots surrounding it as one lot and the remaining six lots as another lot. These lots are at the northeast corner, the very best part, of Ambler Place, face the street railway, which is now in opera-tion, and are only half a mile from where farm for as much as \$4,000 for a single lot. Some one will surely get a bargain on this property. The auction takes place at the court house at 10 a. m., Saturday, September 3.

WHOLESALE AUCTION.

Kohn & Wells Open a Wholesale Auction House in this City. A wholesale auction house has been established in this city and the opening sale is set for Wednesday, August 31, 1887, at 10 o'clock prompt and after that date there will be auction sales every l'uesday and Wednesday. Messrs Kohn & Wells are the gentlemen in charge and by all appearances they have come to stay. They have rented for a term of years Nos. 208, 210 and 212 South Eleventh street in the Paddock building and already have a large stock of clothing consigned to them to sell at auction. This wholesale auction house will be of great advantage to the jobbers and re-New York has a large number of whole-sale auction houses, Chicago four, St. Louis four, Kansas City three, and now Omaha has one.

Their opening trade sale promises to be well attended, as every lot put up at auction must positively be sold, bring

Another issue of 10,000 copies of the "True History of the Office Boy" just out. Sold by news boys at one cent. Read it; it's funny.

Don't fail to attend the Bricklayers' picnic to be held at Calhoun, August 21. A good time is anticipated. Tickets can be had at the depot and of members. R. H. HOLMES,

LEE FROST, TOM PATTON, GEO. OSBORN. NAT LENORD, MAT PARKER, Committee.

Teachers Wanted.

Any teacher desiring a situation in the public schools of West Point, Neb., would do well to attend the examination of teachers to be held in that place August 19th and 20th. Only good teachers need apply. Address D. S. DUSENBERY, apply. Address D. S. DUSENBERY, Chairman Examining Committee Board of Education, West Point, Neb.

For Sale-Ice, car lots. Booge Packing Co., Sioux City lowa., The Summer

Is not over. Buy a "Perfection" gaso-line stove and take comfort, Be sure and examine the "Perfection" before buying, as the best is the cheapest. Jno. Hussie, 2407 Cuming street, agent for Omaha Call on Fleming & Overholt for a good

driving or business horse. Constantly new arrivals, among which are horses to Cor. 20th and Miami streets, next to base pall grounds. Fruits in quantities. Lightning pre-

serving jars. Best pickling cider vine-gar. Hammond & Co., grocers, 121 N. Henney Buggies at Armstrong, Pettis & Co.'s 1308 Izard st.

Sulphur Springs.

Have a customer for a good lot in Sul-phur Springs at reasonable price. D. W. PARKER, 1521 Farnam st. For Sale—Ice, car lots. Booge Packing Co., Sioux City, Iowa. Omhaa Commercial College. Write Rohrbough Bros for circulars and specimen of pennmanship. Over 500 students last year.

DOUGLAS PROBIBITIONISTS, Opening of the Fall Campaign in the County Yesterday.

A meeting of Douglas county prohibitionists to choose delegates for the annual convention to be held at Lincoln on August 16 and 17 was held yesterday August 16 and 17 was held yesterday afternoon in the Omaha business college, corner of Sixteenth and Capitol avenue. G. G. Wallace presided and D. W. Parker acted as secretary. The meeting was largely attended, among the assembly being Revs. J. B. Hilton, pastor of the First M. E. church, South Omaha, and E. B. Graham, of the First United Presbyterian church, North Eighteenth street. Upwards of forty delegates were chosen and resolutions delegates were chosen and resolutions denunciatory of the liquor traffic, coupled with an appeal for the co-operation of all christian people in the city and state,

were adopted.
These resolutions comprise in their "whereas" clauses these two sentiments not always found in similar arraignments of "the rum power" and more closely calculated to define a local issue than the average manifesto of prohibition: Whereas, High license is wrong in prin-ciple and fails to reduce the consumption of liquor and the evils resulting therefrom,

whereas, Both of the old parties are controlled by the liquor power, and all men who vote with either of them thereby give comfort and aid to the enemies of prohibition.

A committee was appointed to nominate candidates for the county offices in the fall election, and a subscription list generously signed to furnish money for campaign purposes.

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One Price Shoe Store, Norris, Wilcox & Ribbel, 1517 Douglas Street.

Full line of Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, Norris, Wilcox & Ribbel, 1517 Douglas Street.

Gents' Wigwam Slippers at Hayward

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

C. A. Melcher will move his stock of drugs into one of Mr. Hunt's new store rooms as soon as they are completed. The men engaged in grading Twenty-fourth street to the limits of Omaha have their work almost done.

The Presbyterian society, Rev. G. M. Lodge pastor, will hold services in the school house this morning.

Mr. W. Esterfield, the commission man, was thrown from his horse yesterday and

received a severe injury.

The opening of bids for the construction of the new high school building was postponed until Monday.

D. B. Waugh has added to his hennery

ome fine breed fowl from Canada.

The subject of Rev. Mr. Hilton's lecture this morning will be "A Demonstration that High License is a Failure."

R. T. Maxwell and W. T. Whittlesy are building new store rooms on the West Side.

Good sidewalks are being put down on the west side.

A prominent real estate man was heard yesterday to suggest that the city authorities should compel those who are laying out in lots, additions to the city, to make their streets and alleys conform with those of the city proper, and thus avoid expense and trouble when the city becomes larger. The plat of ground on N street between the livery stable and the Stockman office.

which was owned by Mr. Whitney, of Atlantic, Ia., was bought yesterday by McMillan & Richards for \$80,000. The real estate transfers yesterday amounted to \$8,365.

A large attendance is expected at the K. of L. picnic to-day.

John R. Reynolds, Mayor, and W. A. Wilkin, city clerk, of Atlantic, Ia., were in the city yesterday.

Friday evening, as two carriage loads of South Omaha people were returning from the funeral of John W. Erd, the team attached to the rear buggy ran down the hill at a break-neck speed, and reaching Belview road the four on wheels of the carriage collapsed and uncermoniously dislodged the occupants. No one was hurt.

Mr. Hilton and the editor of Rev. the Stockman had a meeting yes-terday at which they amicably set-tled a difference of opinion on a question that had troubled both, but was of little consequence. Mr. Hilton has been giving a series of lectures on the evils of intemperance and the Stockman re-marked that Mr. Hilton had solicited and received a contribution from a saloon man. Mr. Hilton yesterday said that he was not aware of the man's profession when he received the money and as soon as he ascertained the fact he returned the amount. After this explanation the ties of friendship between the Stockman and the minister were renewed

Personal Paragraphs J. C. Reagan leaves for Des Moines this evening.

Miss Elsa Kolbenheyer, from St, Louis, Mo., is visiting Mrs. E. Koenig. J. H. Millard, president of the Omaha National bank, leaves this evening for Chicago.

Rev. C. A. Shirley, pastor of the First Christian church of Chicago, is at the Planters hotel. L. A. Rowley, of Galena, Ill., is in Omaha looking over the city with a view

to locating here. George Dickinson, brother of the general superintendent of the Union Pacific, is in the city on a short visit.

Adolph Meyer left last night for Spirit Lake, and will return on Tuesday next with his wife, who has been sojourning there for the last several weeks. They will reside at the Millard. . Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Foy, of Omaha, lately delivered an address at Drake uni

versity commencement before the literary societies of the institution. It is spoken of as a masterly effort. Count Reynand de Chambrere and family were in the city yesterday. He is on his way to succeed Count Le Bruein

as minister plenipotentiary and envoy extraordinary for the republic of France in the Central American states. Joe Needham, for many years the cierk and manager of the Cozzens house in this city, and previously one of the most accommodating clerks of the Pax-ton, has become clerk of the Grand Mis-

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souri hotel in Kansas City.

The total clearance of internal revenue taxes for the week, ending August 13, 1887, amounted to \$35,482.83. A building belonging to S. T. Peterson

and occupied as a boarding house by H. W. Miller on Webster street near Sixteenth, was damaged to the amount of \$200 by fire last night. The insurance covers the loss.

The attraction at the German theatre, Metz's garden, to-night, will be the en-tertaining comedy-drama with song, en-titled, "Der Onkel aus Amerika." It is a very interesting piece in four acts, and will be produced by all the members of Bauries and Puls' comedy company. The play will be followed by a ball.

Fairchild and the Reunion. Charles E. Burmeister, of the local

committee of arrangements for the coming soldiers' reunion, says that General Lucius Fairchild, commander of the G. A. R., has written him that he will be present at the state reunion on either september 4 or 5. He also received notification that Burnet, in this state, would be represented by 250 people, Lyons 175, Arlington 50, Clarks 300, Fairmount and Seward 100.

BENNISON

Once More to the Front with Bargains for Monday.

A Great Benefit Sale-Five Thousand Yards of Dress Goods in All Desirable Shades-Remember Bennison's Monday Bargains

o,000 yards of goods in all desirable shades, consisting of Nun's Veilings, Buntings, Canvas Cloths, Ettimine Brocades, Boucle Cloths, all nice and desirable goods. We will close the entire lot Monday at the ridiculous price of 5 cents per yard.

Ladies, this is the greatest bargain ever offered in Omaha. Come early and avoid the rush. These goods will be on sale at prompt 8 o'clock.

Monday-100 pieces Satteens, Foullards, Cambrics, Cretones, Seersuckers, etc., all at 10c per yard, worth double. 1 bale unbleached muslin, 16 yards for

25 pieces Foullards and Plain Silks, 35g per yard, worth 75c.

2 cases full size white Bed Spreads at 85c and \$1 each. 500 ladies' White Aprons, at 25c each.

800 fancy Baby Bibbs, 10c each. BENNISON BROS. AIMING AT THE BULLS-EYE.

Information Regarding the Next

Meeting of the Sharpshooters. The seventh annual rifle competition of the Department of the Platte will take place at Bellevue, a few miles south of this city, commencing on Monday next, August 15. All competitors reported yesterday. The officer in charge will be Major Guy V. Henry, Ninth cavalry, inspector of rifle practice. This offices is one of the most painstaking riflemen in the service. The success of many of the rifle meetings, which have taken place under his direction has been largely due to earnest and well directed efforts.

He will be assisted by the following: Captain Cyrus A. Earnest, Eighth infantry, commanding rifle camp; Second Lieutenant Edward N. Jones, jr., Eignth Lieutenant Edward N. Jones, jr., Eighth infantry, adjutant and signal officer; Second Lieutenant Lewis D. Greene, Seventh infantry, A. A. Q. M. and ordnance officer; Second Lieutenant George W. Mclver, Seventh infantry, commissary officer; Second Lieutenant Charles H. Cochran, Seventh infantry, statistical and tinancial officer.

and financial officer.

The range officers will comprise the following: First Lieutenant George H. Roach, Seventeenth infantry; Second Lieutenant William M. Wright, Second Infantry; Second Lieutenant Clarence E. Dentler, Sixth infantry; Second Lieuten-ant Grote Hutcheson, Ninth cavalry; Sec-ond Lieutenant William H. Camp, Seventeenth infantry; Second Lieutenant Amos B. Shattuck, Sixth infantry; Second Lieutenant James L. Druein, Seventeenth

infantry.

The following officers will compete: First Lieutenant Joseph Garrard, Ninth cavairy, Fort McKinney; First Lieutenant cavairy, Fort McKinney; First Lieutenant Henry H. Wright, Ninth cavalry, Fort Robinson; Second Lieutenant John S. Mallory, Second Infantry, Fort Omaha; First Lieutenant James B. Jackson, Seventh infantry, Fort McKinney; Second Lieutenant Chauncey B. Baker, Seventh infantry, Fort Robinson; Second Lieutenant William A. Mercer, Eighth infantry, Fort Robinson; Second Lieutenant Colville M. Pettit, Eighth infantry, Fort Niobrara; Second Lieutenant James T. Kerr, Seventeenth infantry, Fort D. A. Russell; Second Lieutenant Charles H. H. Muir, Seventeenth infantry, Fort Russell; Second Lieutenant Charles H. H. Muir. Seventeenth infantry. Fort Russel; Second Lieutenant Pickering, Second infantry, Fort Omaha.

Besides these there will be a number of

enlisted men, making a total of about eighty men. On to morrow there will be preliminary practice. a. m-Known distance 200 and 300 yards; p. m-Known distance 500 and

800 yards. Second Day—Tuesday, August 16, a.m. —Skirmish firing, p. m.—Known distance 500 and 600 vards. Third Day—Wednesday, August 17. a. m.—Skirmish firing, p. m.—Known distance 500 and 600 yards.

On the fourth day competition will be gin; a. m.—Known distance, 200 and 300 yards; p. m.—Known distance 500 and 600 yards.

Fifth Day-Friday, August 9; a. m.—
skirmish firing; p. m.—Bull's-eye firing.
Sixth Day-Saturday, August 20; a. m.

-Skirmish firing; p. m. - Known distance 200 and 300 yards.

Seventh Day—Monday, August 22;
a. m.—Known distance, 500 and 600 yards; p. nr.—Regimental team skirm—

shers' match. The hours of practice will be from 8:45 a. m. to 2:15 p. m.

Trains passing Bellevue stop at the range when requested or flagged. From Omaha 8:40 a. m., 6:00, 6:20 and 8:50 p. m. From Bellevue 6:35, 8:01 and 9:00 a. m.,

6:35 p. m. On Wednesdays, special range at 3:00 p. m., returning on arrival. Time of travel, twenty minutes. Fare one way, 25 cents; round trip, 45 cents. Tickets to be bought before getting on cars: if not, fare, 50 cents, with rebate.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Presbyterian Church, corner Dodge and Seventeenth streets, services at 10:30 a. m. Preaching by Rev. D. M. Ure, D. D. Sunday school at noon. Young peoples meeting at 6:45 p. m. No evening service. First Congregational Tabernacle, Seven-

teenth and Capitol avenue—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Sunday school adjourned until September 4. Beth-Eden Paptist church-Sabbath school at 3 p. m. No preaching service to-day. Week night prayer meeting Thursday even-ing at 8 p. m. Strangers are cordially wei-

coined.

First Baptist. Strangers' Sabbath Home.
Corner Fifteenth and Davenport streets. Rev.
A. W. Lamar, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a.
m. and 8 p. m. Morning theme: "Are
There Few that be Saved?" Evening:
Preaching at Jeiferson square at 7. Subjecti "The Rich Man in Hell; Why Did He
Go There?" After meeting at the church.
Sabbath school at 12 m. Prayer meeting
Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All are
cordially invited. Seats free.
Park avenue United Presbyterian church.

Park avenue United Presbyterian church, Park avenue United Presbyterian church, corner Park evenue and Grant street-Preaching in morning at 10:30. Subject: "Regeneration." Evening, at 8 o'clock. Subject: "The Two Ways." By the pastor, Rev. J. A. Henderson, Friends on the bill are cordially invited. Young People's meeting Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Congregational prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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A Weish Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. will be held at the residence of Mr. James be held at the residence of Mr. James Griffiths, 1712 Dodge street, and also a ser-mon at 7:30 p. m. by the Rev. D. Edwards of

Park avenue Presbyterian church-Services Park avenue Pressylerian charten—Services in Troiel's hall on Leavenworth street, near Phil Sheridan. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. by Rev. D. M. Ure, D.D., of Monmouth, Ill. Sabbath school at 12 m. All are cordially in-

Ambler place Presbyterian church—Services every Sabbath et 3 p. m., conducted by the Rev. C. M. Lodge, paster. Sabbath school at 4 p. m. Park street car line two blocks from the church. German Lutheran church—1005 South Twentieth street. Services every Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. E. J.

rese naster. West Hamilton Street Presbyterian church
Services at 8 o'clock p. u. Preaching by
Rev. T. L. Sexton, D.D.