DOWN WITH CHURCH DIGNITY. A Pastor's Plea For Abolishing Cold

Religious Cordiality.

TOO MUCH STARCHY STIFFNESS.

Christians Must Become Acquainted With Each Other in Order to Accomplish Good-The Duty of the Preacher.

A Revival of Fellowship.

"How to Get Acquainted in Church" was the subject of Rev. C. W. Savidge's Sunday morning sermon at the Seward street M. E. church. Proverbs 18-24, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly," and spoke in substance as follows:

I remark that there is a great need at the present of a revival of christian fellowship. The great majority of the professed followers of Jesus in this city are strangers to each other. This fact is as true as it is singular, for we are the children of a common Father. We contend with like perils acd dangers. We are soldiers standing in the fire and smoke of the same conflict. We expect to live together far all eternity. Is it not wonderful that we do not know each other! We sing "Shall We Know Each Other There!" But earthly recognition surpasses the heavenly. One brother very properly says

heavenly. One brother very properly says he don't care whether they recognize him or not in heaven, for he will be well fixed there, but what he wants is earthly recognition. There are reasons why christians don't know each other in this town. We live in a city instead of a village. We bring our so-ciety training into the church. We stand on our dignity. Many are extremely modest and bashfui, especially in the church. But the great reason is that Christ himself is not permitted to dwell in our hearts. "Where the spirit of Christ is there is liberty." The results of this estrangement in the churches are sad indeed. Many do not prosper religiously be-cause the church is an iceberg and icicles occupy the pews, and many are ultimately lost in the church and to christian work be-cause of the coldness. cause of the coldness.

But I am free to say there are great ad-vantages in christian friendship. It is not possible for the soul to isolate itself but is affected by its surroundings. The Deity in the person of Jesus was manifested in humanity and to-day God teaches men through men. When we are acquainted in the church the home feeling takes possession of us and we realize that we are in our Father's house and that we have a place among his children. Then we get good and give good to others through the friendly word and cordial hand-

shake. But many put the question to us, "How can this be done?" I answer, it is no light task. But it can be done and will be done if you say it shall be. If you want to meet a man in the business world you have no trouble in doing so. If I should offer you to-day \$50 if you would make the acquaintance of a dozen people could you not accompils the task? people, could you not accomplish the task? Most certainly, and it would be quickly done. The only reason why we are not acquainted in the churches is because we do not will to be. Each should help every other one in this

matter. Much depends on the pastor. The said centieman must not have too much dignity. An old lady told me this last week that in her opinion some of the preachers ate ram-rods for breakfast on Sabbath morning. That is a dish that is never served though at our parsonage. Starch alone never helped a our parsonage. soul on to heaven. In Canada the preacher introduces the new member to all who come to prayer meeting. That is a good plan. If there is a man on earth that ought to have a genial, friendly soul it s the preacher of the gospel. A preacher should not be a fawning, fimpering soul, or a cold, heartless wretch, but he should be a man, true and genuine, with a man's heart, ready to help men up-The people-the church members-should

The people-the church members-should nssist the strangers in making friends. A few years ago a yonng man, who has since be-come a prominent business mam, joined the church. He expected that the members would bid him welcome and god speed, but no one spoke to him. Let the church people bid the newcomers a hearty, cordial welcome. But the stranger himself mustomake some effort. Some years and I went from the form to a city. I inded

the K. of L. hall on Wednesday evening, and their conduct in the Third ward during the holding of their own convention to nominate one alderman for that ward, shows that for cool audacity coupled with an unbounded capacity for blackguardism, I doubt if there is a set of men to be found in the worst slums of Chicago or New York deserving even of comparison with these fellows, who assume to lead and guide the democrats of our pro-gressive city. The tactics displayed by them on the above mentioned occasions cannot but bring disgrace on themselves and their cause. I believe, and this opinion is fast spreading, that all law abiding and re-spectable citizens who have the best interests is fast spreading, that all law abiding and re-spectable citizens who have the best interests of our city at heart should rise in their might and squeich that gang by refusing to elect the men put up by them. I, as a democrat, feel in duy bound to do all in my power to help relegate those would-be leaders to obscurity, and will work from now until the polls close on the 3d of April for the election of the can-didates put in nomination by the citizens party headed by John Ennis. K. J.

FORKNER'S FAKE.

E. F. Owens Has Him Arrested For Cheating at Cards.

The arrest of James Forkner at an early hour yesterday morning on the charge of robbery prings to light the existence of a gambling den which has been carried on in the basement of Johnny King's saloon on Thirteenth street. Forkner was arrested on complaint of E. F. Owens, with whom he was gambling. Owens is a man who carries considerable money on his person, and he says that Forkner and his gang have been trying for a week to get him into this place. Last night, after getting him badly intoxicated, they finally lured him down stairs and got him to gambling. His money began to disappear rapidly, and not being quite as drunk as they thought, he decided to watch the three players who were raking in his money. He soon discovered that Forkner had eight cards instead of five, and according to the rules of the game Owens demanded the pot, which amounted to \$175, and pulled in the pile. Forkner jumped up with an oath and snatched the mounted to start for the pile. Forkner jumped up with an oath and snatched the money away from Owens and also steal-thily raked into the pile some \$37 besides of Owen's money that he had piled up to one side to bet with. This enraged Owens, and, pringing up, he demanded his money. The gamblers attempted to bully him into quiet, but he would not be intimidated and declared if the money was not returned he would call in the police. Forkner thereupon ran into a side room and turned the roll over to a con-federate and Owens carried out his threat by federate and Owens carried out his threat by calling in Officer Cullen. When the gamblers saw the policeman coming they showed the white feather and told Owens if he would not betray them they would return his money and also the pile that he claimed. But Owens replied that it was too late to make any over-tures and pointing out Forkner to the officer that gentleman was taken to the central station The affair happened about 3 o'clock

yesterday morning. Forkner is the same fellow who was ar-rested last November for robbing a cattle-man named Wallack, at Plum Creek, of his diamonds. The jewels were found in his possession, but as Wallack was ashamed of the manner in which he had been guiled he quieted the matter up on the return of his jewelry, and to the surprise of everybody Forkner was released.

ROEHRIG'S RAGE.

A Drunken Brute Tries to Brain His Wife With a Poker.

C. A. Roehrig is an abstractor for the Ames real estate company, and lives at 305 North Fifteenth street. He has been on a spree several days and last evening came home crazy drunk and commenced to mistreat his wife. She took his abuse silently, but this seemed to make him all the more furious, as he seized a poker and commenced to beat her with it in the most brutal manner. He is a powerfully built man and she a frail little woman, and his blows told with terrible effect. He beat her fearfully over the head effect. He beat her fearfully over the head and face, and in attempting to ward off one of his blows she threw up her right hand, when the descending blow came down with such force as to break her arm. The little woman gave a shriek of pain and fell faint-ing to the floor. Her brother, who had been an indignant witness of this brutal demon-stration, rushed forward to save his sister from being brained, when the furious hus-band turned his attention to him instead and knocked him to the floor with the poker. The brother managed to get on his feet and The brother managed to get on his feet and escape from the drunken brute and rushed off to the police station for an officer. Two or three policemen hurried back with the brother to the house, but found that Roehrig had smelt a rat and made good his escape. Mrs. Roehrig was found sitting m a chair holding her broken arm and sobbing pitcously. A physician was called and the fractured member was set. The heinousness of the brutal husband's act is heightened by be the fact that Mrs. Rochrig is a sweet-tem-pered little woman and devoted wife, of whom all who know her have naught but praise. Rochrig is still at large and has de-fied all efforts of the police in attempting to tind him.

Continental Clothing House GRAND OPENING SALE OF SPRING AND SUMMER SUITS.

In every department of our store will now be found new and elegant goods made especially for the spring and summer season, at prices extraordinarily low. Commencing this week, close buyers will find it to their advantage to watch the list of attractive bargains which we shall offer and which will be announced in the daily papers each week.

Read the List of Unprecedented Bargains for This Week.

The Slater Woolen Company is now and has been for 30 years known as the most celebrated makers of fine Indigo Blue Cheviots in the United States. Their goods are always thoroughly reliable, and when warranted Indigo Blue will be found precisely as they are represented. The most thoroughly satissactory blue goods made in this country to-day are made by the Slater Woolen

WE OFFER, COMMENCING THURS-

DAY: Lot No. 1-200 pure all wool and full Indigo Blue Slater's Cheviot Suits, new, fresh goods, just made up within 60 days, in single-breasted sack suits; coats all made with lap, doublestitched seams, made and trimmed in the best manner, and in regular men's sizes, from 34 to 42, at the extraordinarily low price of \$10 per suit. Read the price again. Think what the goods are that we are offering you. Genuine Slater Woolen Co.'s all wool full indigo suits, heavy weight, at only \$10. The ordinary retail price is not less than \$16 to \$17 per suit. Price \$10.00.

Lot. No. 2-We offer 200 Suits in single-breasted sack coats, the very best Sawyer Woolon Co.'s Double and Twist Spring Suitings, new, light grey and brown mixture, just made up in our very best manner, suits that we have sold regularly for the past 12 years, and in no instance have they ever been shown on our counters at less than \$18 per suit. For our present season's open-

ing and until this lot is closed, we shall offer them at the UNAPPROACH-ABLE PRICE OF \$12 PER SUIT. The old and long established Sawyer Woolen Co., of Dover, N. H. needs no word of commendation from us. We unhesitatingly pronounce this company the best manufacturers of fine all wool suitings in New England. No shoddy, flocks or cotton is ever used in any of their fabrics. Send for samples of the cloth, or a sample suit, and if you wish to examine and prove the value of the suits as they are represented in this advertise. Price \$12.00.

Lot No. 3. We offer 100 of the well known Velour cloth finish Sawyer Woolen Co's Suits, in very dark Oxford Mixtures, a small, neat check pattern, one of the most popular styles that the mill has ever made, suitable for either business or dress purposes. Single breasted sacks, regular sizes in fall weight at the same extraordinarily low price of \$12 per suit. REMEMBER these are all new suits made in the present style, within the past 60 days, and we guarantee that the ordinary retail price usually asked for these suits is \$18. Sample suits will be sent, and they may be returned at our expense, if, upon examination, they do not bear out all the statements made in regard to their value

Lot. No. 4. We offer 250 spring overoats; made of a pure worsted in a light

grey color, with silk facings and trimmed equal to any \$15 overcoat in our stock. New goods just made up in our own workroom, and cut with as much care as any overcoat in our stock. The extraordinarily low price of this overcoat in regular sizes from 34 to 42 is \$10. We do not hesitate to recommend this as ONE OF THE BEST VALUES ever offered by the Continental. If not considered to be just as represented in this advertisement, every garment purchased may be returned and money refund-ed. Price \$10.

Lot No. 5. We offer 150 All Wool Spring Overcoats, made from the celebrated PUTNAM ALL WOOL TWILL COATINGS, made by the famous PUT-NAM WOOLEN CO., of Putnam, Conn., a mill that is pre-eminent and famous for its thoroughly honest, all wool fabrics, certainly the most popular goods manufactured. Our prices on them in regular sizes from 34 to 42, will be \$7. They are all new goods, made up within the past 60 days, in the very latest styles, and we state an undisputed fact when we say that up to the present time \$12 is the lowest retail price that is quoted for these overcoats. There are of a very handsome brown mixture. Send in your orders at once. REMEM-BER the price is \$7, and the same privilege is granted on this lot as on lot 4, if not satisfactory they can be returned.

Lot No. 6. We ask SPECIAL ATTEN-TION to this lot of Young Men's Over-

coats, cut only from 33 to 38 sizes. Made f a fine diagonal twill in light brown tan color, with handsome silk facings, dressy and just right for the present season. Placed on our counters this week at \$12.

Lot No. 7. We offer 250 Boys' Strictly GREY MIXED CASSIMERE SUITS a small neat basket pattern, medium color, neither very light nor very dark in sizes for boys 4 to 12 years old. We

manufactured these goods in Feb. of the present year and have sold hundreds of them and the average price has been \$6 a suit. During the present week or until they are closed, we shall offer them for \$3.50 a suit. READ THE PRICE ONCE MORE, \$3.50 and remem. ber they are strictly all wool, no cotton or shoddy in them. Only \$3.50. Every suit is worth \$6 to-day.

Lot No. 8-150 BOYS' PLAIN BLOUSE SUITS, strictly all wool, made from a medium color Cheviot, one of the best suits in our stock at any price, and a beautiful color for spring and summer for boys 5 to 12 years, only \$8 a. suit. Every suit is worth \$5.

Lot No. 9-We offer the balance of several lots of dark mixed cassimere suits, somewhat broken in sizes. Suits that have sold for \$3.50 and \$4. They are in heavy weights and will be closed out at the REMARKABLY LOW PRICE OF \$2.

Self Measurement Blanks sent on application. Mail and Express Orders promptly attended to. Freeland, Loomis & Co. OMAHA BOSTON NEW YORK Proprietors: DES MOINES Corner Fifteenth and Douglas Streets, Omaha, Nebraska. THE LARGEST CLOTHING HOUSE WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER,

ago I went from the farm to a city. I joined the church. I attended class and orayer meeting. I worked in the Sabbath school. I did not have any trouble in getting ac-quainted. You do not expect people to come to you in business. You go out and push your way along. So you must do in religion. Take your place as a christian, begin to work for God, be friendly to all you meet, keep the friends you make, and add to the number. If you are not acquainted, it is your own fault. And above all get the grace of God in your heart, for this is the grace tubricator. Have Jesus in your heart and you will have the Friend, and you will make friends

SOUTH OMAHA POLITICS.

"Tarriers vs Rats" to Be the Warcry of the Campaign.

Saturday afternoon the law and order party met in Hunt's hall, and those present represented the best element of South Omaha citizens. The only trouble was that those having the management in charge had changed the place of meeting from the new school house, as at first proposed, without having duly notified those interested. Judge Reuther was one of the many that had waded through the mud of Twenty-fifth street to the first named place of meeting only to find the school house closed and then retrace their steps. D. Anderson was appointed chairman and J. B. Erion secretary, after which things ran along smoothly. The platform of the party was read, and any one wishing to sign it invited to do so, after which the line was drawn and none others allowed to yote or sneak. vote or speak.

The first to break the ice was Dr. Glasgow, who moved that as W. G. Sloan had refused to identify himself with the party, the nomination of John Ennis be endorsed.

After considerable debate the motion was voted down, only one man responding to the voted down, only one man responding to the call for the "ayes." The motion to endorse the nomination of W. G. Sloan met a similar fate, after City Attorney Grice and others spoke in its favor. Later in the day Mr. Sloan's name was again brought forward, and although it was definitely stated that he didn't want the nomination, as it would lose him the vote of the Third ward "tarriers," he got it. The rest of the ticket was as follows: City treasurer. Third ward "tarriers," he got it. The rest of the ticket was as follows: City treasurer, C. M. Hunt; city clerk, O. E. Shannon. Councilmen: First ward, F. M. Smith and A. J. Baldwin; Second ward, Al Geary; Third ward, John O'Rourke; Fourth ward, Colonel Savage and S. B. Fanno. School directors, F. J. Slate — Freeman, Frank Persons, J. C. Van Acken, J. A. McMurphy and John Carroll. and John Carroll.

AT ALBRIGHT

AT ALBRIGHT twelve sad looking men stepped from the 7 o'clock dummy and faced the storm that howled around Albright Saturday night. The saddest of all was the BEE reporter, who brought up the rear and followed the others to 'the new building next to Mullen's," where a Second ward meeting was to be held in the interests of John Ennis. Although the interests of John Ennis. Although the interests of John Ennis a fair attend-ance, and the meeting was orderly in the ex-treme. Councilman Hascall was down from the city, and advised them to accept the name of "tarriers" and to call the other fel-lows 'rats," and then follow the example of all well bred tarriers and "shake and skin" them. The other speakers were local men, Them. The other speakers were local men, and included M. J. Downs, Thomas Noonan, Will Kincaird, John Ennis and Jerry Dee. They all spoke of the local wants of the ward, and accused the other party of being methodized the state party of being prohibitionists or high license men in dis-guise, and one speaker growing eloquent and stating that he thought "the skeleton that had shown its hybrid head had been con-signed to an ignominous death" some time in "54, but it had come back "from the havor of the dead" in the shape of the other parties. As to being "tarriers," they were the same kind of tarriers that fought the battle of the union. After pledging themselves to summer: prohibitionists or high license men in dis union. After plodging themselves to support the citizens' ticket the meeting adjourned.

A DEMOGRAT'S OPINION. SOUTH OMAHA, March 24.—To the Editor of the BEE: I wish through the medium of your widely circulated and valuable paper to prive publicity to my feelings with regard to the conduct of the so-called democracy during this muncipal campaign. Their actions ous metals, and at one place on the com-the trying to capture the citizen's moeting in pany's land a two-foot vein of coal crops

BOLSTERING UP THE STORM.

A Fall of Snow Predicted-Hard On the Railroads.

The storm of Saturday and yesterday worked delay and disaster lo the several railroads running out of the city. At all of the depots, "trains late" was bulletined, and travelers were greatly put out in consequene. A wash out on the Missouri Pacific impeded traffic, and no trains were run. Advices received at a late hour last night

indicate a continued lease of life for the storm, as the appended instructions to the weather man show.

St. PAUL, Minn., March 25.-To Observer, Omaha; hoist cold wave signal; temperature will fall from 15° to 25° by Tuesday morn-WOODRUFF, Lieut. WASHINGTON, March 25.—Observer, Oma-ha: Heavy snow is indicated for next twenty-four hours. GREELY.

WILL STRIKE OIL.

Some Sidney Men Who Are Fortunate.

Sidney Telegraph: Mr. Edwin Elmo, president of the Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado Oil and Mining company, is in Sidney spending a few days with his family. This company was organized and is operated by Sidney men. The capital stock is \$500,000 and a majority of the issued stock is owned in and about Sidney. Mr. Elmer is president; Jos. Oberfelder, vice-president; J. J. McIntosh, secretary, and E. M. Mancourt, treasurer. Henry Domer, J. W. Harper and M. H. Tobin, together with the officers of the company, form the board of directors. These men, with the exception of Mr. Harper, who is a farmer, are among the best and shrewdest of the business men of Sid-

The company owns 4,000 acres of oil land in Fremont county, Wyoming, near Lander, which is 135 miles north of Rawlins on the Union Pacific railway. The Chicago & Northwestern railway i completed as far as old Fort Casper and be pushed forward next summer will and pass about twenty miles south of Lander, thus opening up the immense oil fields of that part of Wyoming. The company s lands extend from the Shoshone Indian reservation, two miles east of Lander, twelve miles in a south-eastern direction to the claims of an Omaha oil company. The latter company has three flowing wells and was recently offered a hand some sum by the Standard Oil company for a controlling interest. The Sidney company have a drill-ing machine at work on a well at Laramie, having contracted with the au-thorities of Albany county to sink a well 1,000 feet deep. As soon as this well is completed the drill will be sent to the company's lands and boring for oil commenced.

In the opinion of Mr. Elmer, who has immediate charge of the work, the oil field will be a very rich one. Besides oil there are many indications of preci-ous metals, and at one place on the com-Wall

Captured in the Bluffs. William Downs, who burglarized the house of his employer, William Boquet, 2614 Leavenworth street, last Friday night, was captured in the Bluffs yesterday. A little over a week ago Downs applied for a position as hostler in Mr. Boquet's livery stable, and though that gentleman was not needing help, he gave Downs a job, as he looked needy, and also provided him with a room. Saturday morning Downs had disappeared and Mr. Boquet discovered that a gold watch and some \$115 was also missing. The matter was placed in the hands of the police and it terminated in Down's arrest yesterday afternoon. This morning the officers here go over the river after him.

A surprise, when smoking "Seiden-berg Figaro" for 5c you will find it a 10c cigar. Ask your dealer for them.

Also a Nuisance in Omaha.

By written request of an Omaha lady we produce the following from the Montreal Gazette: A lady friend sends in a request which can best be voiced by using her own language

which is as follows: Mr. Editor: A lady wants to say a few words to the grocery merchants, and really it is a delicate subject to handle. You know it is near the time when our grocerymen set their vegetables outside on the pavement, and do you know there are many tall dogs in town, and—and it operates as though they drank from Saratoga medical springs. Now, Mr. Editor, you must know what I mean to say, and if you will help me out you will do the public a great favor. What we want is the vegetables in boxes, or in other words, "above high water matk." For the good of the women and mankind, the grocers will be a stread to t "These wise screens they please attend to it. Those wire screens they use over baskets and barrels are not "water tight." This is a delicate matter, but, you know when a lady goes shopping for cabbage and beets she doesn't like to be obliged to get peas also. Please put it in shape so as to offend nobody. A HOUSEKEEPER.

Smallpox in The Steerage. NEW YORK, March 25.-The steamship Inization, Gibraltor, is detained at quarantine with four cases of smallpox in the steerage.





