GREAT SALE OF BLACK SILKS! TUESDAY.

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GRAND SPRING OPENING. MONDAY from 7 to 9:30

The combination suits previously advertised, will be a special feature Monday. In nearly every case the price is less than half what they are worth. They come in street and eveing shades.

MONDAY. SILKS. SILKS. SILKS. As we like to have the cleanest as well as the best Silk Department in the city, we concluded to clear out all our Silk Combination Suits at half price and

Next Monday we will sell suits for evening and street we are that have been sold this winter for \$35, \$40, \$45 to \$50, at \$22.50. We can say, and that truthfully, that every society lady in the city should take advantage of this sacrificing sale.

LOOK OUT FOR BLACK SILKS NEXT THESDAY.

COMBINATION SUITS. It requires no word of ours to recommend these goods to our customers. The goods speak for themselves.
6 SUITS......\$ 3.50; worth \$15.00 | 8 SUITS......\$21.00; worth \$30.00
4 SUITS......\$ 7.50; worth 17.50 | 7 SUITS.......22.50; worth 35.00
12 SUITS....... 17.50; worth 25.00 | 6 SUITS........... 26.25; worth 35.00
15 SUITS........ 17.50; worth 27.50 |

Just received a full line of fine mixtures in India Cassimeres, in elegant shades; just the thing for spring wear; only \$1.00 per yard.

52-inch Washington Suitings in plain and stripe for combination, only \$1.25 per yard.

per yard. 42-inch Fancy Flannels, just the thing for combination, only 55c.

BLACK LACES. BLACK LACES.

We have just received a large invoice of Black Chantilly Lace Flouncing, which we will offer Monday at the following VERY low prices.

44-inch Black Chantilly Flouncing, all silk, \$1.50.

44-inch Black Chantilly Flouncing, all silk, \$1.75.

44-inch Black Chantilly Flouncing, all silk, \$2.

44-inch Black Chantilly Flouncing, all silk, \$2.50.

44-inch Black Chantilly Flouncing, all silk, \$2.50.

44-inch Black Chantilly Flouncing, all silk, \$2.75.

44-inch Black Chantilly Flouncing, all silk, \$3.50.

Bo-inch Black Chantilly Flouncing, all silk, \$3.50.

Bo-inch Black Chantilly Flouncing, all silk, \$2.50.

60-inch Black Chantilly Flouncing, all silk, \$2.50.
60-inch Black Chantilly Flouncing, all silk, \$2.50.
60-inch Black Chantilly Flouncing, all silk, \$3.50.
60-inch Black Chantilly Flouncing, all silk, \$4.25.
This is our first Black Lace Sale this season, and all who intend purchasing will do well to take heed as the above are REMARKABLE VALUES.

BUTTONS. BUTTONS.

We have managed to break the price on some staple Pearl Buttons. Mark the following: 6,000 cards Pearl Buttons, 2 dozen on cards, 3c card. 3,000 cards Pearl Buttons, 2 dozen on cards, 7te card. 3,000 cards Pearl Buttons, 2 dozen on

BLACK GOODS DEPARTMENT. SECOND FLOOR-SPECIAL SALE OF SILK WARP HENRIETTAS ON MONDAY.

40-inch Black Sitk Warp Henrietta, \$1.25; regular price \$1.65. 40-inch Silk Warp Henrietta at \$1.50; regular price \$2. 40-inch Silk Warp Henrietta at \$1.75; regular price \$2.25. 40-inch Silk Warp Henrietta at \$2; regular price \$2.50.

HOSIERY UNDERWEAR

We have just opened 12 cases of Hosiery and Underwear, inSilk, Lisle, Balbriggan, Cotton and Merino. In Ladies' and Childrens' Silk and Lisle Hosiery, we have a complete stock, both in Ribbed and plain.

Ladies' Black Silk plaited hose, at 69c, worth \$1.00.

Ladies' Onyx dye cotton hose, warranted stainless Black, at 50c, worth 65c.

Ladies' Ethopian Black cotton hose, warranted fast Black, at 25c, worth 40c. Childrens' Ribbed cotton hose, extra weight warranted fast Black, at 25c, worth 40c. Ladies' Merino Vests, at 35c, worth 6oc.

Ladies' Jersey Ribbed Vests, at 35c, worth 50c. Ladies' Jersey Ribbed Vests, at 16%c, worth 25c.

We are now in a position to show our numerous customers the largest and best selected stock of White Goods ever shown in the West.

It has come to be an acknowledged fact that our prices, variety and styles compete with any house in New York or Chicago.

Below will give you an idea of the many bargains we are offering.

4inch wide Victoria Lawn just the thing for aprons, price 10c and 12 1/2 c. This is indeed as genuine bargain.

We are showing an elegant assortment of exclusive styles in lace, checks and stripes ranging in price from 18c to 45c. We cannot duplicate many of these patterns when once sold out so secure an early choice while the assorment is complete.

We desire to call special attention to our stock of Paragon, Fast Black Lawn in lace, checks nd stripes, these goodg are warranted not to fade and will not crock price, 20 and 25c. Ask to see our new Tamina Lawn just the thing to go with Nainsook Embroidery, being of

he same weight and finisd, 36 inches wide, 30c. Our India Linens are the best value we have ever shown, ranging in price from 10 to 50c MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED, per yard.

CLOAK DEPARTMENT

Childrens' Cloaks, from 2 to 4 years. Lot 1 at \$2. This cloak is made of all wool Tricots, in brown and blue.

Lot 2 at \$2.98. This line of Cloaks is made of all wool Henriettas, in blue, tan, cream and beige; handsomely embroidered.

Lot 3 at \$5. This line of cloaks is made of Henriettas or French Flannel, in stripes, handsomely trimmed, and have been sold by a stream deal ways many trimmed.

Lot 3 at \$5. This line of cloaks is made of Henricus of French Finance, in scripes, some for a great deal more money.

We also have a small line of beaded wraps which we will place on sale Mouday. We have divided these into 3 different lots. Lot 1 at \$4. This wrap has a beaded sleeve with the double silk 1 etwork and handsome drops.

Lot 2 at \$5.78. Made also with the jet sleeve and cut jet ornaments in the back and front; our regular price is \$7.50. Lot 3 at \$7.50. This wrap has also a jet sleeve and has jet embroidery all over.

Our ready made suits go at half price on Monday. We have too many. We invite you to come early and find a good selection.

FRENCH SATEENS. We are showing an elegant line of these goods. New patterns arriving daily. SPECIAL TO-MORROW:

75 pieces French Sateens, best quality, at 25c; worth 35c and 40c. SCOTCH ZEPHYRS.

Lace Stripes are all the style this season, and we are showing a beautiful assortment at from 25c to 40c.

DRAPERY DEPARTMENT.

THIRD FLOOR.	TAKE ELEVATOR.	- 36
Nottingham Lace Curtains at \$.7.	8 Nail Silk Portieres	2.50
Nottingham Lace Curtains at 1.1	5 Chenille Portieres	10.00
Nottingham Lace Curtains at 1.2	5 Chenille Portieres	14.50
Nottingham Lace Curtains at 1.3		3.00
Nottingham Lace Curtains at 1.7		8.75
Nottingham Lace Curtains at 2.0	0 Madras Curtains	5.00
Nottingham Lace Curtains at 2.5	0 Madras Curtains	7.50
Nottingham Lace Curtains at 3.0		9.00
Nottingham Lace Curtains at 4.0		7.50
Nottingham Lace Curtains at 5.0		10.00
mitation Brussels Curtains at 7.7		12.00
Swiss Tambour Curtains at 10.0	00 Silk Curtains from \$9.50 to	25.00
Swiss Tambour Curtains at 12.5		

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

At 8 1-3c.

5 cases Dress Ginghams at 8tc; worth 10c and 12tc. SEERSUCKER, 10c.

4 cases Seersucker at 10c; would be cheap at 121c. CHALLIES, 71c.

Just received 6 cases Challies and will place them on sale at 74c. This is a

3 cases Sateen, 8kc; worth 12kc. FLANNELETTE.

A full line of English Flannelette at 121c; regular price 161c.

EMBROIDERY DEPARTMENT.

SECOND FLOOR-SPECIAL SALE OF EMBROIDERIES ON MONDAY. Hamburg Edgings at 3½c, 5c, 6½c, 8½c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c,

Hemstitched and Embroidered 46-inch Flouncings, all marked at bargain we have a full line of French Bands at prices much lower than heretofore.

CORSETS. CORSETS.

All the popular brands will be found in this department. French Woven, 250 bone, at \$1.00. SPECIAL! SPECIAL!! Warner's Double Steel, extra long waisted at 75c;

Mail Orders Filled. Send for Samples.

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PASTOR MINEHART'S TRIAL.

Interesting Developments Expected In the Near Future.

THE DEFENSE STILL CONFIDENT.

A Rather Severe and Altogether Un called-For Arraignment of the Newspaper Fraternity-Lincoln News and Notes.

LINCOLN BUREAU OF THE OMARA BEE, 1029 P STREET, LINCOLN, March 16.

As the trial of the Methodist Episcopa Church vs Rev. James Minehart progresses sharp passages creep into the rulings and examination and the interest deepens and feelings intensify. The investigation for this week closed last night at 10 o'clock, and the end is not yet in sight. It cannot be reached before the middle of next week. The de fense will introduce over forty witnesses many of whom are prominently identified with Grace church, and with them an array of authorities cited as to whether or not the doctrine of sanctification is heresy from the Methodist standpoint. The presiding elder and the erratic preacher had a bout last evening. The accused took exception to a partisan pling, clearly against him, and deliberately took him to task about it. It concerned the admissibility of a class of testimony that Minepart alleged was essential to his cause, and with the index finger of his right hand pointed directly at the chair, coolly and deliberately said: "The time for bulldozing and partisan work has passed, and I now assert my rights as a methodist and christian. Fair play can wrong no man. The testimeny and rulings I seek cannot projudice the prosecu-tion, and may help me." This outbreak was unexpected, and for a moment the audience room was as still as death. Minchart in a

way scored a point.

The investigation is settling down to the dissension and bearing false wit ess, and while the testimony seems to bury the accused deeper and deeper, he continues an unflinehing light and acts as though his time would come in the near future. There is no question but what interesting developments are just ahead. At this time church people are "ferninst" Minchart and the outsiders in his favor. This may be, however, because worldlings generally side with the apparent weaker party. One of the good Catholic priests of the city gets off a hard one on the newspaper fraternity in this connection. He said to a squad of men who were discussing the church trouble on the streets to-day that he had come to the conclusion that Minchart was more sinned against than sinning. "If you investigate him you will find him all right. The newspaper men are all against him, but they so rarely tell the truth that I take it their opposition is equivalent to ul vindication in the eyes of the world." good priest caught the eye of a reporter and evidently took occasion to "cinch" him. The testimony varies very little from that already noted. It is summed up in a word: Witnesses testify that the accused has sowed seeds of dissension by preaching and teaching doctrines hostile to the tenots of Methodiscontrol of the seed of Methodism, and using language unbecoming a minister to those who saw fit to differ from him; that he had not always spoken the truth in and out of the pulpit when referring to the church troubles during the past lif-teen weeks; that he had misrepresented brethren in divers ways. This is the sum and substance of the whole business, and it begins to look a little as though there was a great ado about nothing. Fair names are in the balance, and unless great care is used characters will be smirched beyond repair. The defense gave it out cold that the matter has got to be sifted to the bottom and evildoers brought to reckoning, irregardless of whom. Creighten's testimony is the most damaging yet introduced against the ac-

Important Local Enterprises. The articles of incorporation of the Goth-eaburg Land and Investment company were

of state this morning. Kearney, Buffale county, is fixed upon as the principal place for the transaction of business, and the authorized capital stock is \$1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$100 each. The indicated purpose of the corporation is to buy, sell, lease and deal in real estate; lay out, plat improve and develop village. plat, improve and develop village, town and city sites and lots; build, operate and run mills of all kinds—especially flour, grist, oil flax, plaining, woolen, paper and saw mills: buy, sell and deal in grains and general hor-ticultural and farm products; buy, sell and deal in horses, mules, hogs, sheep and other live stock; manufacture and deal in brick, lime, agricultural machines, tools, imple-ments and other utensils; build, lease or rent abattoir and packing beef, pork or any kind of vegetables; railways to be operated by steam, electricity, horse or water power. The following gentlemen were the incorporators and attest the sol-

vency of the concern: B. H. Bicknell, Robert J. Beathi, A. H. McGregor, J. C. Currie and C. H. Elinendorf. Articles were also filed incorporating the Enterprise Ditch company. This company is made up of citizens and business men of Scotts Bluffs county, one of the new set Scotts Bluffs county, one of the newest counties in the state, and the principal place of business is fixed at the residence of W. H. Barbour. A capital stock of \$50,000 is authorized. The purpose of the company is to dig a ditch or canal to convey water from the Platte river through the county n which the corporation originates, and t keep it supplied with water for the use o farmers and stock men at all times, and such ther purposes as may be found necessary Following are the incorporators: D. D. Johnson, W. M. Barbour, Edward Scriven, Charles H. Simmons, C. A. Bonton and D. H. Halley

H. Honley.

St. Patrick's Day.

The Irish National league, of America, will celebrate St. Patrick's day, Monday, March 18, at Funke's opera house. Governor Thayer will preside and distinguished speakers will deliver addresses. General invita-tions have been issued and the attendance will doubtless be very large. Messrs. John Fitzgerald, James Kelly and John P. Sutton committee on invitation, insure a cordia greeting and a memorable occasion. The 17th falls on Sunday. The programme of the day will be interspersed by vocal and in strumental music by prominent artists. There will be the usual street parades, and every preparation possible to insure a pleas ant and profitable time. The Emerald isla citizens, of Lincoln, have a right to expecgeneral attendance, and it goes without saying that they will not be disappointed.

District Court Matters.

The grist of motions in the district court to-day was unusually large. They occupied the attention of Judge Field most of the As usual, however, they were unin portant and without interest to any one save o such as were joined in the cases disposed

of in this way.

The jury in the case of Lee, Freid & Co., of Omaha, vs. Henry Burgmann et al found for the plaintiff, but released Jacob Rocke, who was held as a joint maker of the notes in controversy. Rocke claimed to have signed notes as surety and sustained his claim, stated by The Bee this morning. Burguiann was held for the full amount, \$2,200, three of which were for \$300 each and one for \$1,300.

City News and Nates.

Traveling men who chance to spend Sun-day in Lincoln will remember that there will be a meeting in the parlors of the Capital hotel to further consider the "outing" t be held in Cusuman's park during the last week in June. All are invited whethe members of the committee or not. The West Lincoln packing houses have commenced operations. Beginning Monday they will run at full capacity. Large ship-

ments of hogs are coming in, and it is proposed that markets shall be kept at a dead lovel with the best in the west. The Lincoln woollen mills are in financial trouble. It is rumored to day that they wil go into the hands of a receiver. Since the commenced operations they have been doing a losing business, and the management gives it out that the company does not propose to stand it any longer. The mills will suspend for a time at least.

The Alabama legislature which has just adjourned increased the public school appro-priations \$100,000 and provided funds for new buildings for the state agricultural and me-chanical college. Nearly one-third of the revenues of Alabama is now devoted to edu;

WHAT PEOPLE TALK ABOUT

Also What Some of Them Are Doing in Realty.

A BIG DEAL CLOSED YESTERDAY.

The Circus Business Not Particularly Adapted to Australia According to a Gentleman Who Knows.

A Sherman Avenue Deal. For six weeks the writer of these views and interviews has known of a deal in Omaha property which was closed yesterday, but will not be announced in the transfers until probably the middle of next week. It has been talked about numerous times, and very remarkable, as it may be seen, the party of the first part came within an ace of losing his life immediately after arriving here last last Tuesday to consummate the transaction in that collision at the Tenth street. of the cable car with an engine. He knocked over the dashboard, sustained a se verely bruised knee, which has kept him confined to his room ever since at the Millard hotel, and awoke from the shock to discover that had the engine moved two feet further the wheels would have passed over and crushe

You, who have often enjoyed the fascinat ing pleasures of a 2:40 spin on Sherman ave-nue have doubtless admired the charming beauties of two or three big, snaded lawns, with inviting old mansions nestling away back among the trees, just beyond where Sixteenth street ends, to the right going out and wished it was your happy lot to live there. The best known of those places prob ably is that owned and occupied by J. J. Brown, president of the Omaha Savings bank. Including Mr. Brown's estate and others adjoining it, sufficient to comprise a tract ten acres in extent, facing the avenue. extending back over the biuff and across the Missouri Pacific tracks, is the principa portion of the property involved. The monied consideration of the entire transac tion amounts to nearly, if not quite \$200,000 there is no longer any particularly important reason for keeping secret the factiant J. Wood Smith, of Callaway, Custe county, is the purchaser. He has been car rying on the negotiations for several months so quietly that not more than three persons besides those directly interested knew of it. Mr. Smith expects to plat his purchase into residence sites and call it Wood addition. Along the avenue he proposes to lay out a park, bordered on the inside by a circula driveway, running from one corner to the other of the addition. The building sites are so arranged as to front on the drive, while between as to front on the drive, while between them and the street will be the park, filled, as it already is, with shade trees, fountains, flower beds and statuary. The plans also contemplate a handsome wall built of arched stores, next to the sidewalk. Sewerage, gas and water privileges are to be put in and no expense spared to make it the most at tractive place in the city. The deal also takes in three lots and buildings on Thircouth street, at the rear of the First Na

Colonel C. F. Sivells, one of the oldest jolliest and best known circus men an earth is sojourning with his wife at the Millard for a few days, and negotiating with several rail roads on rate matters in behalf of Solis Brothers', who will be through here with their show during the month of August. Last summer the colonel spent three months in Australia investigating matters with a view to taking their circus there for a tour, but he found things so unsettled on account of strikes in the big coal mines that the enterprise was abandoned, and the firm wintered in California. The colonel's impressions of Australia are not such that he desires to go there permantly but some things about it are more attractive and pleasing than can be found any place else. The coun-try has reached a high stage of civilization and is improving very rapidly. "Melbourn

is the largest single transaction of the

kind that has ever been made in Omaha.

the chief city," says Colonel Sivells, "Is up to Chicago and New York so far as prom nent features are concerned and I think the tony society there is ahead of ours. No gen-tleman goes to the theatre without being ac companied by a lady; they always appear in full evening dress, and it is the established custom for ladies occupying seats in the dress circle to doff their hats and wraps before entering. Melbourne is the finest paved and cleanest city I ever saw, but the people are very slow-going and lazy. No man gets to business before 9 o'clock and they quit about 3. It is also the greatest country on earth for holidays. In the large cities all business houses, shops and public works shut down at 12 o'clock on every Saturda; so that the employes can have a half holiday to play cricket and foot-ball which are their great games, and in other ways enjoy themselves. This custom has become an established one, more so for the reason that their Sunday laws are so strictly enforced that no sort of field or other out door sports are permitted. The colonel traveled all through Australia nine years ago with W. W. Cole's show. Sells Bros, have entirely abandoned the no tion now of ever going there. The ship that would have carried them last fall had they

n Francisco, and they will not take the risk any more. The Hon. Joseph H. Millard returned yesterday morning from the east where he had been for four weeks on business, but declines to talk very mych, especially for publication In reply to an inquiry he said: "I believe A. U. Wyman will be tendered his old position as treasurer of the United States, but hardly believe he can be induced to accept it. However, I am not pre pared to state positively what he will do. I was in the treasury building while at Washing-ton, saw a great many of the old employes who were there under Wyman's administra tion, and they are all very anxious to have him come back." Mr. Millard says he was not in Boston this time, and knows nothing new regarding Union Pacific affairs, though he expressed himself as confident that the

gone was wrecked in a storm two days ou

Colonel Nason, the board of trade secre tary, is arranging for a fine excursion of Omaha business men to the Black Hills. The number is limited to 100, and all who pledge themselves to go agree that they will put up \$30 apiece to pay the expense. Murch 22 has been fixed on as the day for starting, and they estimate that the trip will consume from six to nine days. The Frement & Elk-horn road is to furnish them a fine and well stocked train. Colonel Nason said yesterday: "Deadwood is our objective point. are going out to get acquainted with the merchants, and do what we can to advance Omaha's commercial interests.

NOT WORTH A GLASS OF BEER. This is How the German Historian. Mommsen, Describes Samoa.

The New York World's Paris corres pondent recently discovered Prof. Theodore Mommsen, the famous German his torian and member of the imperial reichstag, turning over the musty manuscripts of the National library. He was culling notes for his forthcoming work, which is to be entitled "Corpus Inscriptionum Latinorum.' "What do you think of the Samoar

affair?" asked the World correspondent, There was a pause for a few minutes during which Prof. Mommsen's brain was emerging from before the Christian era and getting down to the present "It is a dispute unworthy of men." he

replied. "I think that both sides acted childishly. Why should great nations like Germany and America call each other hard names for that miserable set of 'Kafer' (German for cockroaches) that inhabit Samoa? It seems simply absurd But inefficient diplomacy has allowed the two countries to be brought into a measurable distance of war. part, I would not give a glass of Bavar ian beer for all the islands in the Pa-

Pears' is the purest and best soap

The Old City Hall in Its Grandeur and Decay.

WHERE POOR ED ADMAS PLAYED.

Where Councils Wrangled, Agitators Jangled, and Convicted Scoundrels Went Forth to

Their Doom.

Almost the Last Day. Redick's opera house, the city hall, the cookery and several other names of more or ess popularity and appropriateness have, at various times, been applied to the yellow, non-descript structure, which, for years, has occupied the northwest corner of Sixteenth and Farnam streets. Like the building itself, these pseudonyms will soon be forgotten, because the old relic is soon to be removed to be put to comparatively ignoble purposes in another part of the city. It moves out of deference to the march of improvement, and is to be followed by a magnificent structure of stone, iron and marble in which the Commercial National bank will here-

after transact its business, In this motley and dilapidated structure the old resident of Omaha will miss an insti-tution which has been identified with many interesting episodes. It was built in 1871 by John I. Redick, now of Los Angeles, Cal., and was intended to increase the value of property in the neighborhood which be cost \$15,000 and to contain about as much umber as one may find in a good sized lum-ber yard. It consisted of three stories; the first of which was intended for mercantile purposes; the second floor was designed for offices, while the top story was offices, while the top story was laid out for a theater. It was from was the last feature that the institution derived its right to be styled an opera house.

Unknown to thousands of people who pass t every day and have passed it for fifteen years, it has removed from view the first Congregational church erected in this city. The latter was built by Rev. Reuben Gay-lord, whose widow and son survive him, the latter being Raiph Gaylord of this city. The church was of brick and still stands extendng about forty feet west of the middle of the rookery. For a time after its abandonment it was used as a meeting place for the engine companies of the city. Later, two partitions were built in it extending from west to east, thus forming a hall from which doors opened into compartments which have been, for years, devoted to a variety of purposes. The successor to eer little church, around which cluster nany social and sacred memories, was the Congregational edifics on Eighteenth and Davenport streets, but recently abandoned for the still more modern sanctuary, one block further west. The first church Mr. Redick left standing in remembrance of the fact that in it he had attended divine worship for the first time in Omaha. But its facade, the high front steps, the quadrangu-lar base upon the gable roof and the little four-sided, white, country church spire have ong since disappeared and now live but in the memory of those who love the past.

The theater was opened after the stock company at the Academy of Music had ceased to exist. Such theatrical and operatic companies as traveled bither in those days, appeared upon its boards. Among these were the combinations of John Templeton, John Dillon, Edwin Adams and several oth-

greatest favorite.

The house had not been popular, and one ight during Adams' appearance in the 'Marble Heart,' its doom was sealed. The Marble Heart," its doom was scaled. The audience was a large one. During one of the strongest scenes the interest of the audience was most intense. There was a sharp cracking sound as of the breaking of a dried timber. "The house is falling!" shouted an auditor. Immediately a panic ensued, and a mad rush was made toward the exit. The latter, as it is to-day, opened into two small stairways, which turned into a small hall on the second floor. Nobody

ers, of whom, however, Adams was the

was seriously injured in the cr reputation of the house for safety had been blasted forever. An extra flight of stairs, leading to a balcony on the west side of the building, which may still be seen, was then erected to afford ready egress in case of danger, but without the desired effect. The gallery in the south end of the structure, the dropping of which had occasioned the alarm, was removed, and the auditorium, with its plain chairs, dipping floor, crude and still cruder

curtain and scenery, vainly welcomed at-tractions from abroad. The theater was abandoned, the stage was removed and the auditorium was divided into two parts. This partition still exists, the space north of it being devoted to lodge purposes, that south of it being rented by the city council. The former part three years ago was reuted by the Salvation army, and on Tuesday evenings, when the latter and the council met there was a generous rivalry between them to determine who could make the more noise. In 1872, Redick sold the opera house to John M. Pattee, now dead, and who, at that time was managing a lottery, and in this The drawing took place but who it was won the home of the muses is not known. The structure, however, soon found itself again in the hands of Pattee. He held it until about three years ago when, with ground upon which it stands, it was sole Dr. Mercer for \$35,000. The doctor sold it ater at a greatly advanced price, and finally the property came into the possession of the present owners, who paid for it the magnifi-cent sum of \$92,000.

The old building has been made useful in a

great variety of ways. On the authority of Mr. Redick, it paid 13 per cent on the investment. At times part of this income was derived from the rental of the United States cirtuit court, which held its sessions in the old church in part above referred to, and which it doned when the present government build ing was completed on the southwest corner of Fifteenth and Dodge streets. When the court business of Douglas county

became so large as to require a second judge the criminal cases were heard by Judge Ne ville, who ascended the bench about five old court house in which cases could be tried and that was generally occupied by Judge Wakeley. Judge Neville was thus forced to seek another place, and seto seek another place, and se lected the council chamber. There, some important cases were tried, and many a criminal under the judge's sentence found imself consigned to a well deserved of incarceration in the penitentiary. most no able of these was City Marshal Guthrie, who was convicted of bribery, and who was led thence to serve a period of eighteen months in the prison at Lincoln. In the same chamber when it was used by the council, articles of impeachment were presented against the then mayor, Champion S. Chase. There also, the finding of the court of impeachment was read. There also Chase's successor, Acting Mayor Mar phy assumed the duties of his office, and also Mayors Boyd, Chase and Wilbur before

him.

The chamber was also the scene of many warm political struggles among democratic republican and workingmen delegates in convention assembled. There, also, were held a denounce the trickery of councilmen, the schemes of ringsters and the steals of un-principled adventurers whose aim was to enrich themselves at the expense of the people There, too, in meetings of the city board, the jealousies, rivalries and intense hatreds of members brought about discussions, which stopped but a little short of bloodshed. To these meetings, the city clerks Jim McCartney, Zach Taylor, his assistant and brother. Robert and Jewett went armed to be able to protect themselves and their records in the event of danger. In that hall also, a long line of councilment

and "ornary," complaisant, brusque and blustering, natly, nobby and unclean, each in his own way, left the impress of his venality, honesty or genius upon the people he had been elected to represent. All of them, however, can not be recalled. Barney Shannon's eloquence and pathos have long since been aired, doubtless in supernatural forums; James Stephenson no longer vociferates with steutorian ear-nestness against the jobs of his associates; John D. Jones, mildly obtrusive and perti-nacious under physical infirmity, has fuded out of sight in the unknown land beyond the imperturbable gravity and seeming earnestness and innocence, stuffles no more upon the matting, while a friendly night and a fiving train enabled Fritz Riepen to leave a

fiying train enabled Fritz Riepen to leave a vacant chair to seek liberty and "health" in the recesses of the Rockies.

Besides, there were among the city fathers in those old days Fred W. Gray, James E. Boyd, W. I. Baker, C. F. Labaugh, T. H. Dailey, W. F. Bechel, I. S. Hascall, "School Teacher" Anderson, Owen Slaven, Ed Leader, Pat Ford, J. B. Furay, Martin Dunham J. O. Corny, Fred & Behm, L. J. Kenham ham, J. O. Corby, Fred Behm, L. J. Kon-nard, Mike Lee, and a host of others whose names may not in this sketch be recalled. Some of these still move by their eloquence. others have retired to the more congenia and less harassing duties of private while others still are sleeping their sleep in the neighboring resting places of the

On the floor below were the offices of the mayor and city marshal, each adjoining one of the two box offices which, in the days of Thespis, sheltered the perceprinating ticket fiend. Leading from these offices was a hall as dark as Erebus. the floor of which at intervals of about ter feet dropped about a foot, to conform with the grade on the outside. These steps caused many a stranger to take a "header" tempting to explore a passage in which he had no business, because the apartments on either side were occupied by roomers who seldom got home carlier than the small hours of the morning and then found their way to their quarters with the eyes of owls and the noiselessness of slippered faries.

On the ground floor was the police court, presided over in succession by Porter, Weiss, Hawes, Bencke and Stenberg.

Then came the city treasurer's office, with which Truman Buck had long been identified. This room had previously been used by the engine companies and was vacated by the city when Mr. Buck's safes were removed to J. J. Pedick's cigar box structure on Farnam near Sixteenth.
Adjoining the former stand was the office

of the city clerk, damp, dreary and rheu-matic; then the office of the fire chief, and finally a collection of retail and small manufacturing establishments which terminated

at the alley.

But the city put its offices all on wheels. Most of the latter are in the later rookery and pest house on the corner of Fourteenth and Davenport streets, while the city treas urer, now John Rush; the city clerk, Joe Southard; the city controller, Charles

Goodrich, and the city engineer, George Tillson, occupy underground apartments in the county building.

The last days of this old-time building have been characterized by wretchedness and flith. The walls have been denuded of plaster, the doors have been torn down, and in indescribable mixture of nationalities, numan beings and huckstering merchants

have taken possession of its ill-favored pre-With all that may be said about it, the old shell is grander in its ruins than it was in its prime. For the good it has done let it be harbored, and of which its walls alone may speak, let it be awarded the charity of our

Personal Paragraphs. H. H. Robinson, of Kimball, Neb., is at the

H. Zehany, of Lincoln, was at the Paxton Hon. F. M. Wetherald, of Lincoln, is at the Murray.

E. B. Appleget, of Lincoln, is a guest at the Murray. D. B. Howard, of Lincoln, registered at Charles E. Hanson, of Kearney, is stopping

Samuel Long, of South Bend, is stopping at the Murray. Ed. McCormick, of St. Paul, Neb., is a guest at the Paxton

Hon. Church Howe is in the city and stopping at the Paxton.

D. W. Aidridge, of Schuyler, is among the guests at the Paxton.

T. M. France, of West Point, registered at the Paxton last night.

E. C. Calkins and Norris Brown, of Kear-ney, were at the Paytonias and Norris Brown, of Kear-ney, were a

noy, were at the Paxton last night.
W. H. Frame, J. E. Thomas and W. D. Galbraith, of Hebron, Net., are at the Mur-