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Farnam and 15th Sts. To Facilitate Intending Purchases of Silks for Christmas Gifts

We have made up Dress Patterns of Various Styles in Black and Colored Silks at INVITING PRICES.

BLACK FRENCH FAILE - A dress pattern of black French faille silk, good quality, for \$12.00

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COLORED FRENCH FAILE - A dress pattern of colored French faille, in all the latest colorings, for \$16.00

COLORED FRENCH FAILE - A dress pattern of our best colored French faille, in 25 different shades, warranted to give satisfactory wear, for \$18.40

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL. An Interesting Instruction Given to a Jury by Judge Field.

IT REFERS TO COMMERCIAL AGENCIES. The Barnes Divorce Case Again Makes Its Appearance—Jealous Rivalry—Charged With Mayhem—Lincoln Dettings.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special to THE BEE.) Judge Field of the district court gave an important charge today to the jury in the case of English & Helges vs. Bradstreet, in which \$5,000 damages are asked for because defendant published plaintiffs as having failed when they had not. The judge instructed the jury to the effect that the reports of a commercial agency are privileged so far as they relate to the standing of traders, when these reports are communicated to subscribers who are directly interested in the reports made, or to persons who make special inquiries, after such care and investigation as an ordinarily prudent man would take in such matters. If, however, such a report is made, not only to subscribers who are interested, but generally to all subscribers, and the report was untrue, even though the agency had reason to suppose that its sources of information were reliable, the agency would be responsible for all damages sustained by the injured party. It appears from the testimony that the information was conveyed in a telegram from Fremont, signed by an Eagle tradesman, and it is pointed out that the Bank of Eagle was the agency's accredited agent.

THE BARNES DIVORCE CASE AGAIN. The Barnes divorce case will not close on the 27th last. June Mrs. Gail L. Barnes secured a divorce from T. P. Barnes, the owner of the Windsor hotel. It was agreed that Barnes should pay her \$800 alimony and \$1 per week for two years, and \$12 per month thereafter for maintenance of her children and her daughter Rosa. This agreement was not embodied in the proceedings of the court, but today Mrs. Barnes filed a petition for a revision of the decree, and that she declares that neither the court nor anybody else can make him pay it. She therefore asks for a revision of the decree, making it imperative on him to pay her \$20 per week as originally prayed for.

JEALOUS RIVALRY. Charlie Hoover, the ex-catcher of the Lincoln baseball club, is a prisoner in the jail on the charge of threatening to kill Joe Scroggin and Hattie Hoover. Hoover has for a long time been the "solid man" of the noted Hattie Hoover, whose place on the bottom has been the scene of several lively rows. From what can be gathered it appears that Hoover has been discarded, a thing which he does not relish and it is said he has been drinking, and that he was a member of the gambling fraternity, of having supplanted him in the same. As Hoover is on the street who has been threatened to end their lives very hurriedly, and as Hoover is on the street who has been drinking, they thought discretion the best part of valor, and had him arrested.

CHARGED WITH MATHEM. A week or so ago a drunken fellow named P. M. Fraser threw a plate at a prostitute known as Lizzie Williams. The missile struck her on the side of the head and inflicted injuries which have caused her to become entirely deaf in one ear. A warrant was sworn out for Fraser's arrest on the charge of mayhem. The fellow meanwhile fled to Nebraska City, but his whereabouts was discovered and he was arrested. He was brought back to Lincoln last night.

DUNCAN ARRESTED. Detective Malone has added further laurels to his record by the capture of Frank Duncan, the fellow who passed a \$1,000 note on Mayer Bros., raised from \$3.50 to \$63.00. Duncan slipped immediately after capture.

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DURING CHRISTMAS TIDE. CASHMERE Dress patterns, any color, for \$4.50. Fine all wool French dress cashmere. HENRIETTA—Rich finish, extra fine Henrietta, 40 shades to select from, entire dress \$6.75. FRENCH TWILL—Your choice of over 50 shades, fine French goods. The dress pattern for \$4.40. SERGE—English serge, splendid cloth, latest shades, full \$6.00. BRAD CLOTH—We will sell you a broad-cloth dress, extra \$7.00. FLANNEL—Dress pattern, fine all wool flannel, quite a bargain at \$4.20. Dress pattern in tweed cloth, chevrot, homespun, fancy robes, amazons cloth, plaids, at special prices for Christmas. \$4.40, \$4.80, \$7.00, \$7.20, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$12.00, Etc.

Black Goods. Black Goods. CASHMERE—We offer you a dress pattern of fine French cashmere, all wool, for \$4.00. HENRIETTA—Perfect dye, silk finished Henrietta. Superior Henrietta for \$6.00. HENRIETTA—Our finest silk finished Henrietta, rich cloth, in the pattern for \$7.00. FRENCH TWILL—Full dress pattern, splendid value all wool, for \$4.00. SILK WAIP HENRIETTA—A dress pattern of fine silk and wool Henrietta for \$8.00. FLANNEL—All wool flannel; fine flannel, a desirable gift, for \$3.50. BILLIANTINE—We will sell during this time a full dress pattern of pure mohair brilliantine for \$4.40.

mitting the deed, but Malone has patiently followed the trail until he located him in Sioux City. Duncan was arrested. With nothing to report.

Corner Holyoke empaneled a jury yesterday noon, and after viewing the body of young Paul Schultz, the victim of Wednesday's railroad accident, adjourned until Monday, when testimony will be taken at the court house.

Dr. Holyoke had not intended holding an inquest, but there was considerable anxiety expressed by neighbors and neighbors to have a thorough investigation, and it was so ordered.

LOOKING FOR HIS WIFE. Ross Caldwell was in the city yesterday afternoon looking for his wife, who was taken to the discovery of the wife who eloped from her home in Omaha with one John Allen, who was for some time a boarder with the family.

According to Mr. Caldwell's story he went to Denver some time ago, expecting to be absent a week. He returned to Omaha a little before the week was up, and found that his wife, a woman of forty-nine years of age, had eloped with Allen, aged thirty-five years, taking \$200 of the money they had saved in keeping a small boarding house. He went on the trail of the pair and has been wandering around the country in search of them.

George W. Donahoe of Elmore, who was in the city today, says that the disappearance of Thomas Donaldson a well-to-do farmer near that place was the result of a deep laid conspiracy. Donaldson has been found in Tacoma but has become demoralized and fears yet that he is pursued.

STATE HOUSE NOTES. The case of the Milwaukee & Wyoming investment company vs. Adolph B. Johnston and R. K. Bush, error from Merrick county, was taken to the supreme court this morning. The plaintiff is endeavoring to get \$200,000 for the unlawful detention of 250 head of cattle for thirty-seven days.

Representatives are being put down in both the senate chamber and the house, representatives preparatory to the coming session of the legislature.

ODDS AND ENDS. Ed M. Webb, the gambler, has republished the polecat and roulette tables and other gambling devices belonging to him, which were confiscated by Marshal Melick several weeks ago.

The Journal declined to pay Jay Burrows \$20,000 for alleged libel, and has filed a demurrer setting forth that the petition does not set up facts sufficient to constitute an action.

Charles A. Johnson filed suit today against the Omaha & Republican Valley railway company for \$10,000 damages. Johnson says that on September 10 he ordered a ticket to a handcar and proceeded from Raymond south four or five miles to inspect the track. No train was due at that time, but a wild creature came along and knocked the handcar off the track and upon him, permanently injuring him and causing him great pain and misery. He has been confined to his bed ever since.

Fred Morrison who escaped from the Kearney reform school some eighteen months ago, was captured last night by Dr. G. W. Martin, the chaplain of the institution.

Sheriff E. T. Worden and his deputy J. H. Morrison of Nuckolls county, brought in John Snyder and William Foster today. The fellows will serve a year in the pen for grand larceny.

It is reported here today that George W. Morrill of this city dropped dead in a New York hotel Tuesday.

"The Finding of Moses." There will be an entertainment at Washington hall tonight under the auspices of the Sabbath school of the congregation. Israel. The main feature of the entertainment will be a two-act drama enacted by members of the bible class. The title of the play is "The Finding of Moses." The children will be treated to refreshments, and a top will close the festivities. All little folks must be accompanied by their parents, who are cordially invited.

Over the Hill to the Poor House. The new county hospital is completed and some time this week Poormaster Mahoney will gather the 175 Douglas county paupers about him and remove from the old building to the new one on the hill, in the southwestern part of the city. The building,

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Farnam and 15th Sts. Linen Department. Napkins. Special Bargains in Fine Napkins.

LOT I.—50 dozen fine satin damask napkins at \$3 per dozen, worth \$4.

LOT II.—50 dozen extra fine double damask napkins—4 napkins—at \$5.50; these napkins are worth \$7 per dozen.

LOT III.—50 dozen fine satin damask napkins—at \$3.75 per dozen; these napkins, if we had to buy them today, would retail at \$5; our price, while the lot lasts, is \$3.75 per dozen.

Remnants of Table Linen. Special prices made on all short lengths of table linen.

Novelties in Towels for the Holiday Trade. 200 dozen fine damask towels with knotted fringe and fancy borders; also, hemstitched huck towels, worth from 85c to 40c; our price 25c.

Fine huck towels, hemstitched and with knotted fringe, at 50c.

Fine satin damask towels, hemstitched and fancy drawn work, beautiful patterns, at 65c and 75c, worth 90c and \$1.

Choice novelties in fine satin damask towels in all the new drawn work effects; also hemstitched, at 85c, 95c, \$1.15, \$1.25 and \$1.50 each.

Tray Cloths. Fine satin damask tray cloths, new patterns, 50c; well worth 65c.

Hemstitched satin damask tray cloths, 70c, worth 85c.

Hemstitched satin damask tray cloths, new designs, at 75c, 90c, \$1.25 and \$1.40.

Don't fail to see our assortment of fine damask sets—nothing like them can be found in the city.

which has accommodations for 175 persons, has been erected at a cost of \$120,000. The contract was let in 1887, but owing to a series of delays, work progressed very slowly. A new hospital or poor house is complete in every respect, having a demand for help very pressing. Hundreds of comrades and their families are suffering for food, fuel, clothing and money, and I call upon all the posts, lodges, societies, fraternal orders, and all the women's relief corps and the Sons of Veterans to aid us in this great work of charity. Any sums of money sent to these committees will be judiciously distributed among our comrades and accounted for; and the department commander will furnish the names of posts and their officers to whom contributions of food, fuel or clothing, all so greatly needed, may be shipped, and the railway companies have kindly agreed to carry free.

Gather together the clothing that you and your families or your friends have laid aside, and send it along—it will keep some poor comrades from suffering.

Comrades! Remember that these people are your brothers; they stand side by side with you when you need them. Don't forget them. Send to them. Send to me for names and localities. One post and its Women's relief corps handed me \$127.50 last evening. How many of you will duplicate this?

Major Clarkson stated that Friday he sent three carloads of coal to the old soldiers in the western part of the state, which had been contributed by local dealers. He has also received a large amount of clothing, etc., which will be forwarded soon.

WILL NOT BE EXPELLED. The Court Interferes Between the National and Local Moulders Unions. Judge Waisley handed down his decision in the labor suit of James Dow et al. against James Young as president of the Master Moulders' union.

Dow and Young are members of the local moulders' union. Dow and a few other members also hold a card in the National moulders' union, which in a degree is a rival to the local association.

The latter passed a resolution which in substance demanded the resignation of its members from either the national association under pain of expulsion.

Dow and his friends then asked for an injunction to restrain the local union from enforcing the resolution.

Judge Waisley sustained the injunction.

Last of Joseph Gibbs. The funeral of the late Joseph Gibbs, the well known Missouri Pacific passenger agent who died on Friday, will take place today in Kansas City. A delegation of railroad men left last night to attend the obsequies, consisting of the following gentlemen: George N. Clayton of the Washburn, Joe Teahon, the traveling passenger agent of the same road; George W. Hines of the Union Pacific, and William Shall, an old-time railroadier. They carried with them a beautiful floral offering consisting of a cross three and a half feet high with a broken sickle and an inscription in violets, "Our Old Pard."

SPECIAL SALE OF Xmas HANDKERCHIEFS

We are prepared to show the largest stock of handkerchiefs for LADIES, CHILDREN and GENTLEMEN in both linen and silk fabrics, that has been shown in this city.

At the lowest prices ever quoted.

Real Duchesse lace border handkerchiefs, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.25 and \$3 up.

Real handkerchiefs, hand embroidered initial linen cambric handkerchiefs, only 12c, worth 20c.

Real handkerchiefs, hand embroidered fine silk mill handkerchiefs, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50 and \$6.50 each.

Real handkerchiefs, hand embroidered linen lawn handkerchiefs, choice designs, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.25.

4 Very Special Bargains. FINE EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS in an endless variety of beautiful designs, at the following low prices, and are decided bargains.

12c, 15c, 25c and 30c Each. Worth at least 25 per cent more.

Hemstitched lace veined handkerchiefs, 5 lines veiling, only 12c, actually worth 15c.

Ladies' hemstitched hand embroidered initial linen cambric handkerchiefs, only 12c, worth 20c.

Ladies' hemstitched hand embroidered initial linen cambric handkerchiefs, in fancy perforated boxes, only \$1.75 a box of six handkerchiefs.

White and colored hemstitched Japanese handkerchiefs, hand embroidered, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c and 10c each. All special values.

Ladies' embroidered hemstitched Japanese silk handkerchiefs, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c and \$1.25.

3,500 YARDS ALL SILK FAILE RIBBONS SATIN EDGE. In all the delicate shades for fancy work. At 5 1/2c, 9c and 12c yd. Worth Double the Price.

FANS, FANS, FANS. Choice novelties in hand painted gauze ostrich and fancy feathers, immense assortment, from 4c up to \$1.50 each.

MAKING THE TITLE PERFECT. The Union Pacific Seeking a Quit Claim Deed for its Shop Site.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OFFERED FOR IT. The Special Messenger's Mission to Florida and Speculation as to the Object Sought by the Company.

Some of the lots on which the Union Pacific shops in Omaha now stand were secured by the company by condemnation proceedings, the owner being compelled to part with them under the law which gives a railway company the right to take any property which it wants for its purposes. These proceedings were many years ago. The original owner is now a resident of Florida. A few weeks since he was surprised by being called upon in his southern home by an Omaha gentleman representing the Union Pacific, and who made to him a peculiar proposition. The railway representative had come all this distance to secure from him a quit claim deed for the lots so long ago secured by condemnation. He offered the southern gentleman \$500 for the document.

This aroused the suspicions of the former owner, and he naturally asked why the company wanted the quit claim.

He was informed that while there was no question that the company had legal title to the property, so long as it was used for railway purposes, still it should never be used for other purposes there might be some question as to the title. The question was not a serious one, it was held, but the company was willing to give something rather than have the least shadow of any kind on the title.

The former owner replied that he either had some equity or none in the property, and that if he had none he should receive nothing. If he had any equity it was worth a great deal more than \$500, and he would not accept the offer, at least until he had made some further investigation. The railway representative departed without securing the required deed.

The incident having come to the knowledge of some of the gentleman's friends by reason of his inquiry for information, has caused a little speculation as to what the purpose might be in securing this quit claim. Among some who are versed in the law the opinion prevails that, in case a railway company fails to use the property for railway purposes after having secured it by condemnation, the land reverts to the original owner.

They therefore say that the only object the Union Pacific could have in seeking this quit claim was to provide for some different use of this property at some time in the future. If there is any intention of moving shops and disposing of the property for other purposes, the natural step to take first would be to secure a quit claim from the original owner, thus avoiding any possibility of litigation and rendering the title perfectly clear if used for other than railway purposes, and owned by others than the company which city it is.

Vice President T. L. Kimoal was interviewed concerning the matter and expressed ignorance on the point. He was surprised at the news and said he could imagine no purpose for such a step unless it was because there were some irregularities in the condemnation proceedings which made it necessary to clear the title by securing a quit claim deed. He further stated that the law department had all such matters in charge and had been for some time engaged in looking up the titles to the company's property, with a view to straightening out any complications which might be discovered.

Mr. Thurston, of the law department, is out of town, and Keely, of the same department, was not in his office. Accordingly no light could be shed upon the transaction.

Extending the Motor. The Pacific street extension of the Sixteenth street car line was opened to travel yesterday and the cars on that line now run

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Farnam and 15th Sts. Flannel Shirts. Men's fancy striped flannel shirts, a great bargain, \$1 each; would be cheap at \$1.50.

Men's plain flannel shirts, extra quality, worth \$2; on Monday \$1.50.

Men's black broadcloth shirts at \$3; they are worth \$3.75.

Underwear. Men's shirts and drawers, natural wool, at \$1, worth \$1.35.

Men's fine white lambs' wool shirts and drawers, \$1.50, worth \$2.

Men's very fine natural wool and camels' hair shirts and drawers, at \$1.50, worth \$2.

Men's Neckties. 150 dozen men's fine satin and silk neckties, elegant styles, in light and dark assortment. They are worth \$1.00; we sell them for 50c, or two for 75c.

Neckties, 50c. 100 dozen extra fine satin and silk neckties, extra fine four-in-hand, new designs, 50c, worth 75c.

Silk Mufflers, \$1. Men's cream silk mufflers, large size, at \$1, worth \$1.35.

Extra large cream silk mufflers at \$1.25, worth \$1.75.

Brocaded black silk mufflers at \$1.75, worth \$2.50.

Handkerchiefs. Men's all linen initial handkerchiefs, hemstitched, 25c each, worth 40c.

Men's silk initial handkerchiefs at 50c, worth 85c.

Men's hemstitched handkerchiefs, colored borders, 12c, worth 20c.

Men's extra fine all linen hemstitched handkerchiefs in plain and colored border at 25c, regular price 35c.

Gloves. Men's dogskin gloves, a splendid wearing, \$1.50.

Men's castor buck gloves in all the new shades at \$1.40, worth \$1.75.

Suspenders. Satin suspenders in all the new shades at \$1.75, \$2 and \$2.50.

Satin suspenders, black with black and colored embroidery at \$3, worth \$4.

Silk Hosiery. Special Bargains in Plain Black and Fancy Silk Hosiery. Ladies' silk hose, black boot, fancy top, \$1.25, worth \$1.75.

Ladies' plain black silk hose, \$1.50; regular \$2 quality.

Ladies' plain black silk hose, extra heavy, \$2.25, worth \$3.

Ladies' extra fine black silk hose, do not stretch, made of pure thread silk, at \$3, worth \$4.

Ladies' silk hose, with black boot and fancy top, at \$3.75; worth \$5.

Special—Ladies' plain and fancy kids hose at \$3; this is a special bargain and worth \$4.50.

to the southwest corner of Hanscom park, a street being run between the corner of Park and Exchange streets to the corner of the line at the northeast corner of the park. The change lengthens the line by 180 feet, and the new street will be put on or required, running in order to give the same service as before.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. Bids for Lighting the New Hospital Opened and Discussed. All of the members and a committee from the council attended the session of the county commissioners yesterday afternoon.

Sheriff Boyd put in a requisition for fifty pairs of blankets, fifty shirts and seventy-five pairs of pants for use of prisoners in the county jail. The requisition was referred.

County Clerk O'Malley asked for two men to prepare a correct tax list. This request was referred.

Owing to the fact that the contracts with the county expire on the 31st day of the present month, the county clerk was instructed to advertise for thirty days for bids for advertising, furnishing bread, milk, shoes, drugs, soap, flour, groceries, meat and lumber. Each bidder will be required to put up a certified check for \$20.

The following official bonds were approved: Schuyler Wakefield, assessor of the fifth precinct of Omaha; L. D. Pickard, justice of the peace of Douglas precinct; Joseph McGuire, road supervisor of Jefferson precinct; William Clark, road supervisor of Elkhorn precinct.

The final estimate of Oliver Davis for grading L street from Twentieth to Twenty-second streets, Twentieth street, from J to N streets, and Missouri street, Thirteenth street, all in South Omaha, amounting to \$1,100, was presented and referred.

The agreement between the county and the board of public works in the county jail was presented and accepted.

William Brady, Elzy Carlin and Edward Woods were ordered sent to the Soldiers' Home.

The county treasurer presented vouchers showing that he had paid the sum of \$2,567.93 on jurors' and witnesses' fees. This report was referred to the general fund, \$1,500; No. 46 of the bridge fund and No. 17 of the road fund, \$1,067.93.

On the 24th of last July the commissioners decided to pave South Twenty-fourth street with Sioux Falls granite. Yesterday all that portion of the petition relating to intersections was reconsidered, and now the fourteen intersections will be paved with sheet asphaltum.

V. G. Lanerty appeared before the board and reported that the grade of State street in Florence is progressing in a satisfactory manner. In this case the bondsmen of J. C. Root have taken the contract out of his hands and are doing the work themselves.

Upon investigation it was ascertained that the county road fund is about exhausted, and in view of this fact the commissioners ordered all work except some needed repairs, discontinued until the next levy is available.

For lighting the county hospital by electricity there were eight bids. The bids were as follows: John T. Burk, 316 sixteen candle power lights, complete, \$4,470; Edison company, 390 sixteen-candle lights, complete, \$3,600; Irish company, 400 sixteen-candle power lights, \$3,110; Westinghouse electric light company, 390 sixteen-candle power lights, on the ground, but not put in, \$1,300; Cook Brothers, 400 sixteen-candle power lights, \$3,840; Cowling, Rutledge & Co., 400 sixteen-candle power lights, \$4,050; Thomson-Houston company, 400 sixteen-candle power lights, \$2,175. W. T. Bonner bid on the work, but separately on each item. The board being unable to decide which was the lowest bid referred the matter to the committee on public works, which will meet at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, when the representatives of the various companies will be present to urge the merits of their respective systems.

The question of the assignment of

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Farnam and 15th Sts. Bargains in Blankets & Comforts. Owing to the very mild weather our stock of blankets and comforts is larger than we care to have it, and to reduce this stock we offer special inducements for this week.

10-4 white blankets, worth \$5.50, now \$3.00.

10-4 white blankets, worth \$4, now \$3.25.

11-4 Fairfield white blankets, worth \$4.75, now \$4.

10-4 all wool white blankets, worth \$5.50, now \$4.75.

10-4 white wool blankets, worth \$6, now \$5.

11-4 white wool blankets, very heavy, worth \$8, now \$6.50.

Special Reductions on Extra Fine White Blankets. Fine blankets, worth \$13, now \$10.

Fine blankets, worth \$18, now \$14.50.

Eiderdown Comforts. \$5.50. We will place on sale Monday 150 Fine Eiderdown Comforts, full size, choice patterns, down perfectly free from dust; at \$5.00, worth \$7.50.

Bargains in the eider-down comforts at \$7.50, \$8.50, 10, up to \$20.

Sateen Comforts. \$2.00. 10 cases Fine Sateen Comforts, new patterns, extra heavy; at \$2, they worth \$2.75.

O'Rourke's contract was discussed and finally referred to the county attorney for an opinion. This is a matter similar to that between Ed Walsh and the city of Omaha. O'Rourke had a contract to do some grading on a county road. One of the bidders furnished the money to carry on the work and in turn took an assignment of the contract. When the grading was completed the laborers and the material men were furnished with the cheering information that there was no money to pay the bills.

SOUTH OMAHA MAILS. How the Business Men of that Town Want Them Handled. The business men of South Omaha are becoming very much interested in their demands for increased mail facilities between the two points. They have prepared and forwarded to the postal authorities at Washington a petition setting forth the present advantages and disadvantages and the increased facilities needed.

The petition shows that between the two cities there are but two trains each way that carry mail, and that very frequently mail deposited in the South Omaha postoffice does not reach South Omaha until the next day, and that the present system is wholly inadequate.

The petitioners ask that if mails are not transported on the trains passing between the two cities, that mail wagons be put on, running between the two postoffices, and that they make a sufficient number of trips daily to facilitate the handling of the mail as fast as it accumulates.

The South Omaha people further set forth the fact that they derive no benefits from the fast mail trains, as they do not stop at their town. The petition also sets forth the fact that Chicago mail destined for South Omaha reaches this city during the afternoon and is not forwarded to South Omaha until 10:30 a. m. of the next day, owing to the fact that the early trains do not carry mail.

IN SECRET COUNCIL. The Union Pacific Engineers Are Holding Their Discussions. The board of adjustment of the Union Pacific engineers continued in session yesterday. Several more delegates arrived Friday night and yesterday morning and all parts of the system are now represented.

Mr. Vroman stated yesterday that nothing had transpired which the board cared to announce to the public, and that the members did not expect to undertake any new questions in view of the recent change in the management of the road.

The sessions of the board are being held in Royal Aramun hall on Douglas street. The following are the delegates who have arrived since Friday: J. W. Manley, Leavenworth, Kan.; E. M. Crowe, Butte, Mont.; James Shaughnessy, Denver; George W. Vroman, North Platte; John H. Shannon and T. P. O'Rourke, Pocatello, Idaho; E. B. Tibbs, North Platte; C. A. Barnhart, Spokane Falls, Wash.; George W. Hansen, La Grande, Ore.; A. E. Curtis, Albina, Mont.; Thomas W. Reed, Cheyenne, Wyo.

THE GUBERNATORIAL CONTEST. Taking of Testimony Will Begin in This City Tomorrow. Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock the taking of testimony in the gubernatorial contest will begin in this city. The sessions will be held in Potter & Waring