BLACK SILK

# GRENADINES,

It is a known fact that we carry the largest line of fine black Silk Grenadines carried in the west. Our line at 50c a yard is guaranteed to be strictly all pure silk, and the only reason we have for selling them so much below our competitors is that we buy them right and can afford to sell them at 50c a yard;

same quality. Our black silk iron frame Grenadines at 75c, 85c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50, are a saving to you of at least 20 per cent; in figures, stripes, checks, plaids, etc.

others ask you 75c and 85c for

35 pieces plain China Silks, in light and medium shades, 35c yard.

Cheney Bros' fancy China Silks are still going out at \$1 yard.

We offer Monday and next week 5 pieces Favoretta black gros grain Silks, every yard warranted, at \$1.15 yard, cheap

Monday we offer choice of our entire stock of colored gros grain Silks formerly sold at \$1 and \$1.25, at 79c yard.

10 pieces black China Silks at 48c yard.

We can save you money on any grade of silk; the prices are cut to rock bottom.

### BENNISON BROS

### AFPROACHING GERMANS' DAY.

Sons of the Fatherland Preparing to Appropriately Celebrate It.

REORGAN'ZING THE PIONEER SANGERBUND.

Difference of Opinion as Regards the Advisability of Holding the Next Nebraska Sangerfest in This City.

Germans' day last year was most appropriately celebrated in this city. The occasion will be long remembered by all who took part in it. Exposition hall was beautifully decorated and a large audience deservedly appreclated the magnificent programme of oratory and vocal and instrumental music which had been prepared for their delectation. The gathering seemed like a family reunion on a large scale, children, youths, middle-aged people, grandfathers and great-grandfathers entering with characteristic interest into the spirit of the occasion. Nor were the exercises confined to grown people, one of the principle features being the orchestral performance of a number of boys and girls under the direction of Prof. Dworzak.

Previously to the celebration all the German singing societies in the city had been called together. The response was so gen eral that a suggestion was adopted that a massenchor be formed hereafter to perpetu ate the celebration of the day and eventually to take steps toward the holding of a grand sangerfest in the city the present year. chor is still in existence and will be

called together in the course of another week to decide upon a programme for the due observance of the coming anniversary of the same festival. It is proposed to celebrate it on a scale much larger than it was observed last year and it is thought that one of the features will be an address by some distinguished German orator from the east. The singing, too, will be of a higher order and the efficiency will be of a higher order and the efficiency which will be noticed in the work of the several societies will add greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

The question of holding a sangerfest in this

city in August is now engrossing the atten-tion of all the local German singing societies When the massenchor was formed, it was When the massencor was formed, it was thought it might be able to bring about such a consummation or, at least, aid greatly in making the fest a success. The year, however, has been a hard one in money matters, and many of the German singers appre-ciate this fact. They would not be able to entertain their guests without an appeal for subscription to the leading business men of Omaha. This many of them hesitate to do, while others positively oppose it. So far, therefore, as the massenchor is concerned, it is believed that the majority of the societies composing it will oppose the move. These societies, however, are not members of the Nebraska sangerbund, which has already selected Omaha in which to hold its next fest This selection imposes a great deal of re sponsibility upon the local societies of the bund. It obligates them to procure a hall, supply an orchestra and other accompanists, and provide entertainment free of cost to all visiting societies and the wives and children of members who may come with them. This bers who may come with them. This is a heavy burden to bear. This fact is realized by the non-members of the bund, as it is also by those societies which are included in that by those societies which are included in that organization. The latter are the Liederkranz and the Schweitzer gosang verein. The former of these took part in the last fest of the bund, which was held in Grand Island. The annual meeting was held later at Seward, and the officers elected to manage the proposed fest are as follows, of this city:

President, Peter Kaiser; vice president, Ernest Meyer; secretary, Henry Busekist; treasurer, A. C. Dreibus. Next Sunday, these gentlemen together with the Liederkranz and the Schweitzer gesang verein will meet to discuss the situa-tion. It is feit that they will realize the

### BLACK Brocade Brilliantine,

This is a bargain; a 40-inch black brocaded Brilliantine, usually retailed at \$1, our price next week is 59c yard.

Curtain Stretchers: \$2.50.

### Goods, 50c

The finest line wool Plaids, 58 inches wide, elegant line colors; just the thing, and they are cheap at 5oc yard.

50 pieces fine quality fancy Challis, in stripes and figures, light and dark colors, and the price is only 6c yard.

## Black Henrietta,

50c A 46-inch black Henrietta, just lettting out a few pieces just to boom the business, only 50c yard.

# Polka Dot Muslins,

A very fine fabric, a summer muslin with white ground and colored potka dots in small and medium dots, also in dark grounds with light colored dots, and the price is only 20c yard. Bargains in Fast Black Hose,

### Children's Lisle Hose 25c pair.

ability they will decide that, at this time it

would be ill-advised to attempt the under-taking. Unless the two societies mentioned should receive the hearty support of all the

other singing societies, the project would be

It is understood that some of the latter or-

ganizations are strongly opposed to joining the Nebraska sangerbund, because the clubs

of which it consists belong, in the main, to small cities throughout the state, which

would be unable, in their turn to manage a sangerfest and accommodate all who, as a

consequence, would become their guests.

These societies, however, favor the reestablishment of what was formerly known

as the Pioneer sangerbund. This organizaton comprised sluging clubs in the large cities of the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri. It went out of existence about eight years

ago, through the mability of Kansas City to

undertake the sangerfest which had been awarded to her. The larger towns along the

Missouri in the states mentioned have re-cently considered the advisability of reor-ganizing the bund, and called a meeting

which was to have been held at St. Joseph on Sunday last. The invitation was re-ceived in this city and it was thought that

representatives from all the local societies would attend. Circumstances arose, how

ever, which prevented the local delegates

ever, which prevented the local delegates from attending. Another meeting will doubtless be held before long in which Omaha will be represented. All the local societies will willingly co-operate in the move, because the societies with which they will thus be brought in contact with are of superior ability and the towns to which they belong are in every way able to accommodate a fest on a large scale.

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The number of German singing societies in

this city was recently increased by the organization of the Arion sangerbund. This new

zation of the Arion sangeround. This new candidate is an offshoot from the Lieder-kranz, in which latter, it seems, a division recently arose as regards the advisability of nolding the Nebraska sangerfest in this city in August next. It is under the direction of Prof. Charles Peterson and is possessed of a considerable number of good voices.

considerable number of good voices. It made a most favorable impression last Monday evening in Council Bluffs, where it aided the

mannerchor of that place in a benefit concert.

One of the most prosperous societies in

s strong numerically and in finances. Its numbers are known by a small gold badge

containing within a circle an oak tree with he name of the organization and the motto, Jungs Holt Fast," in black enamel. The

most recent act of the management is the hanging up of large cards advertising the society and for the information of people who

may have business with it. These cards are

gregate and are proving a great accommoda

President, Fred Staker; vice president, J. Heitmann; treasurer, John Baumer; finan-cial secretary, Theodore Heuck; recording secretary, H. Busekist; librarian, Jurgen

They also contain the names of the finan-

cial committee, C. Grotmak, Henry Ander-son and C. Naeve. Also the sick committee, J. Heitman, Theodore Heuck and John

One member has been appointed as a special ick committee in each ward as follows:

First ward, Peter Gravert; Second, Jurgen

Rahn; Third, C. Grotmak; Fourth, H. An-derson; Fifth, A. Altendorf; Sixth, P. Schroeder; Seventh, C. Harmann; Eighth, John Busch; Ninth, W. Stoltenberg.

All these names are accompanied with the

This evening at Germania ball, under the

auspices of the Deutsche Gesell-schaft, a most interesting melo-drama, "Papageno," will be produced with a great cast, it will introduce to the people after an absence of several years those

old German comedy artists Jean Baureis Elise Baureis, Otto Puis and Emilie Puis

Ahl. These, for years, were lights of the German stage in this city. They have recently been playing in New York and New Jersey, where they are also favorites. They will be warmly welcomed by their old friends, Today at Ruser's park, the Omaha schutzen verein will hold a grand prize shoot for a number of prizes and the charmicashin

for a number of prizes and the championship of the state. The organization is in excellent

condition, and a number of contestants will take part in the shoot. Fred Fuller, the great sharpshooter, will act as first schutzen-

on to many people. On then mes of the officers as follows:

displayed where Germans are wont to con-

On them appear the

this city is the plattsdeutscher vereen

a very difficult one indeed.

## Damask Towels, Balbriggan Underwear 10c

Monday we offer 200 dozen fine bleached damask knottedringe towels, an elegant quality in plain and fancy borders, cheap at 25c, but they go Mon-day only at 10c each.

Bargains in Wall Paper.

### MARSEILLES Bed Spreads \$1.25.

Monday you can buy a fine Marseilles white bed spread at \$1.25 each that would cost you anywhere else at least \$2.50. They are full size and beautiful pattern, and only \$1.25 each.

## FINE 16<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub>C

Monday only, 100 dozen very fine knotted-fringe bleached damask towels with fancy satin borders. This towel is cheap at 39c, and we will let out 100 dozen Monday at 16 ceach.

## Ladies' Vassar Shirt Waists, \$1.35.

The most complete line ever brought out in ladies' Vassar shirt-waists in standing and turn-down collars in plain white plaited front; also, with fancy dots and figures, at \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$1.75. We sell them without sleeves at 75c each. Mail orders filled.

# Black Silk Umbrellas

Ladies' 26-inch black silk umbrellas, warranted in every way, with fancy oxidized and gold handles, only \$2.78 each,

St. Patrick's Pills give entire satisfaction

I have used them in my family. They are the best I ever used for the purpose. Frank

Cornelious, Purcell, Indian, Ter. For sale

Difference Between Women.

fashion of letting a woman bustle for herself in public places, says that this is entirely due

to the demeanor of the northern woman her

self. When he is south he always resigns

his seat in a public vehicle to a woman, and

makes it his business to secure her comfort whenever possible, regarding the welfare of

she will not, and when she looks at him long-

not—appear sick. They must have a fine color, bright eyes, glossy hair, round elbows

and a long swinging gait that is half a dog-trot, or some one may be led to think that they are not marvels of strength and

An Offensive Breath

And dry throat are promptly relieved by a

drink of Sulpho-Satine, bottled at Excelsion

The Latest Trousseau. The latest trousseau which attracted atten-

tention in Paris was made for a wealthy young Englishwoman. The latest illustration

shows one of these gowns, an evening toilet of brocade, velvet, and mousseline chiffon, made as follows: Trained skirt with princess

front of brocade; a draped flounce of chiffon is set across the front and sides of the skirt at the hem; a very long coat body of velvet has open fronts over the bro-cade, and is filled in at the neck with drapery

of lace; the high flaring collar and the fronts

of the body are of passementerie; shoulder caps of velvet, with puffed sleeves of chiffon. The number of different sleeves worn this

year is marvelous. They are almost as var-ed as the dress materials, yet when studied

they are found to be outgrowths of the Valois

sleeve familiarized to us by portraits of Catharine de Medici, and seen also quite as

often in masculine as in feminine portraits of

that effeminate epoch. This style of sleeve, close on the lower arm and wide and high at

the top, is used on any and all costumes, and for jackets, wraps, tea-gowns and even night dresses. This is the outline of the ruling

model, but the adjustment and manipulation

numbering even.

by druggists.

of stuffs and trimmings forming it are past

St. Patrick's Pills have given me better satisfaction than any other.—M. H. Proud-foot, druggist, Granada, Colorado. For sale

Mr. E. H. Cummings, banjoist, late of the Chicago college of music, intends to locate in Omaha and form a class for instruction on the banjo. Mr. Cummings has taken up headquarters at Moyer's music store.

Johnstone Bennet, who made a hit as the "slavey" in "All the Comforts of Home," is going to be a bright and particular star next season in "Jane," under Charles Frohman's

robustness.

Springs, Mo.

would not offer her a seat anyway.

A Kentuckian, speaking of the northern

## CO dozen gents' fine gauge
French balbriggan underwear,
French neck, regular made. This

Children's Muslin Drawers 15c pr

## Ladies' Lisle Yests,

50 dozen ladies' jersey ribbed li-le vests, with silk ribbon drawn through neck and arms; a regular beauty, only 89c each.

### CHILDREN'S YESTS, 20c

1 case children's jersey ribbed vests, no sleeves, choice of any style 20c each.

Now on sale, ladies' warranted fast black silk hose, a very su-perior quality, only \$1 pair.

LADIES'

### Opera Length Hose, \$1.00

Bargains in Baby Carriages

68 c

is a lot we imported direct, and know when we offer them at 68c each that no one in Omaha or the west can offer you so good value. Remember the price, 68c each

## 39 c

### Ladies' Silk Hose, \$1.00

Bargains in Wall Paper,

Ladies' warranted fast black opera length hose, a very fine guage, sold last season at \$1.48. You can buy them now while prices are cut at only \$1 pair.

Cheviot shirtings, 5c yard, worth 10 c 36-inch solid black batiste cloth, al

36-inch solid black batiste cloth, al-ways sells at 15c, our price 7½c yard. 20 pieces pink chambrays, worth 12½c, go Monday at 6c yard. 100 pieces Scotch zephyr and ging-hams, elegant line of patterns, 18c yard,

50 pieces of fine French satines, 25c Utica 36-inch bleached muslin, 910 I bale 36-inch unbleached muslin, 4c

200 feather pillows, 31 pounds, 59c each. 50 pieces polka dot foulords, 7c yard. 25 pieces 36-inch figured percales, 71c

Polka dot zephyr flannels, 15c yard. New outing flannels, 121c yard, very

### LADIES'

\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

Monday morning we will place on sale three lots of indies' white lawn dressing sacques, blouse style, embroidered collar and cuffs, and belt, pleated front and back. They are beautiful goods. We bought them away below regular value and will give you the benefit of our pur-chase Monday at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 each, and they are cheap.

# Shirt Waists.

50 dozen ladies' French percale shirtwaists in light and dark colors; also, plain black; all in one lot Monday, 850

BLACK

### Summer Corsets,

Monday we offer a lot of fast black imported summer corsets that always retail at \$1.75. We offer the lot Monday

We are offering the greatest inducements to carpet and curtain buyers ever offered in the west. Our stock is too large and must be cut down at once, and will say right here we will beat any price offered on carpets in the west. We control a great many patterns in ingrains, brussels, velvets, moquettes, etc., and do all work promptly and by experienced workmen, and guarantee the prices to be the lowest.

We are closing out a great many lines in Nottingham and Irish point curtains at ridiculously low prices. Do you need curtain shades? We are closing out all odds and ends in shades at away-down low prices. Elegant line chenille portieres going out at cut

Come in and see us and we will convince you that you can buy carpets and curtains of us at right prices.

### Children's Hats. 50c and 75c

Just arrived, another lot of children's white, also, black lawn hats, at the low price, Monday, of 50c and 75c, worth 75c and \$1.25; they are nobby goods; ask to see them.

We are headquarters on baby carriages-67 styles to select from. We save you at least 40 per cent. Come and

3.000 rolls of wall paper at 3c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 10c

a.do rolls of wall paper at 3c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 10c, roll.

Elegant line gilt wall paper at 6 c, 8c, 10c, paper, are not half usual retail prices.

Brass ford cage springs, 1c.

Coat hangers, 1c.

Wardrobe hooks 1c,

Tea Spoons, 1c.

Cake patties, 1c.

Nutney graters, 1c.

Harness Snaps, 1c.

Individual Salts, 1c.

Pepper Dredges, 1c. 3

Carpet tacks, 1c.

Lamp wicks, 1c.

Key rings with tablet, 1c.

Cake cutters, 1c.

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Tea strainers, 1e,
1 bounds packages bird seed 5c,
Frying pans, 1e, 12%c, Le,
Lanou culmners, 3c and 5c,
Toliet paper, 5c,
Kolling pins 5c,
6 dozen clothes pins 5c,
Flour sifters, 10c
Pot covers 5c,
8-hole gen pans 10c,
Copper bottom tea kettles 25c,
Solid copper tea kettles \$1.25,
Large size dish pans 25c,
190 wash boards 1c,
Rest clothes wringers \$1.75,
Western washing muchines \$4,50,
Decorated chamber palis 30c,
Lamp shades 5c,

amp shades 5c. lover ezg beaters 10c. lee picks 5c and 10c. Hanging lamps \$1.0s. 5-foot stepladder 50c Decorated chamber sets 6 pieces, \$1.00. Glass fruit dishes lie and lie, worth 25c and

Plain glass tumblers 2½ each, Blown glass tumbers 40c set, Glass water pitchers 10c. Sugar sifters 15c. Glass water pitchers Be.

Glass cream sets 19c.
2-hoop palls 10c.
Buckeye lawn mowers \$4.98.
1,000 foot lawn hose 19c foot.
Covered lunch baskets 10c and 25c.
Mexican hammocks \$4.00 and \$1.23.
Base balls 5c, sc, 10c, 15c, 25c e.ch.
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Base ball bats, 5c, 10c, 25c e.ch.
Garden spades and shovers, 49c each,
Steel garden rakes 25c and 48c.
Garden hoes 25c and 48c.
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Folding clothes bars 30c.
Copper bottom wash bollers, 50c, 48c.
Just arrived: a large line of plenic lunch baskets, Infants' toilet baskets, Ladies, world baskets, etc.
Great bargains in wall paper.

## BENNISON BROS BENNISON BROS BENNISON BROS BENNISON BROS BENNISON BROS BENNISON BROS

THEY FOLLOWED THE OLD FLAG year is established a memorial day so observed by the members of the Grand army in commemoration fallen comrades. Grizzled Veterans of a Hundred Battles

and Sieges. THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Nebraska Members of the Great 'rmy of Veterans who Followed the Stars and Stripes

to Victory.

every woman as the special care of every man. In the south the women are dependent, confiding and helpless. In the north they know what they want Of the thousands who turned out Omaha Wednesday to welcome President startles the average man. The northern woman buys her own car ticket, checks her Harrison, none were more enthusiastic and baggage, gets aboard, buys a newspaper, looks around for a seat and waits her turn loyal in their patriotic greetings than the looks around for a seat and waits her tern for one with all the independence and cour-age of any man that can be produced. She wants no favors and she asks for none. This is so plainly apparent that, as the Ken-tuckian says, he is half afraid to offer her any favors for fear she may resent his interference; and even when he is sure that old veterans, who, long since mustered out of active service, still retain their membership in that grandest of all military organizations-the Grand Army of the Republic. The president himself is a member of that body and the remembrance that the hero of Resaca and Lookout Mountain was one of ingly, he himself is half provoked at the gen-eral swing of the sex here in the north and the men who like themselves followed the old cheers of welcome. For, above all else, the When she is north she must hustle as northern women hustle. And when he is north he will do as northern men do. Not the slightest grain of softness is found in his veteran's heart warms at the sight of the old flag—the flag that led Grant in his impetuous charges at Henry and Donaldson-that waved defiance at the rebel hosts at the early Sunday morning attack at Shilonmake-up for the northern woman unac-companied by her escort. Not the slightest grain of sternness is felt for the southern that followed him triumphantly into Vicksburg-mounted above the clouds at Lookout mountain-sustained the storm of leaden woman when he sees her alone. The former may do the best she can. The latter may revel in all the luxury which the chance man death at Chickamagua-went proudly Sherman "from Atlanta to the sea"may be able to provide for her.
All the girls are going in for health and athletics. They must not—they simply must nessed Lee's surrender at Appomattox—and then followed the boys home at the end of the war-not a star missing from its field nor a

stripe from its folds.

The Grand Army of the Republic is truly one of the organizations of which a grateful country may look upon sith pride and admiration. It is a fraternal, charitable and loyal association composed exclusively of soldiers and sailors of the army, navy or marine corps, who served during the late civil war, and those having been honorably discharged therefrom after such service. No person is eligible to membership who has ut any time borne arms against t United States. The motto of the order "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty." Its o jects are to preserve and strengthen the kind and fraternal feelings which bind together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to maintain the union, and to perpetuate the memory of the dend, to assist such former comrades in arms as used help and protection and to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans of the fallen; to maintain true allegiume to the nation—and in the second reports of the Grand in the records and reports of the Grand Army the work mation is always written with a big capital N-based upon a paramount respect for and fidelity to the national constitution and lasts; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken lovalty, incites to insurrection, treason or rebellion, or in any way impairs the efficiency and permanency the free institutions which so many fought to uphoid; and to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights spread of universal inserty, equal rights and justice to all men. So much for the objects of the Grand Army. No other nation on the globe can point to a simi-liar organization devoted to the maintainance of loyalty, liberty, republicanism and free

institutions.

The constituted bodies of the order consist of: lst. Local organizations known as posts, which are generally named in honor of some distinguished soldier or patriot; 2d. State organization known as departments; 3d. A national organization known as the National encampment of the Grand Army of the Re-public. The supreme power is lodged in the national encampment, and the rules and reg-ulations for the government of the order tmanate from it. The constitution forbids tmanate from it. The constitution forbids any officer or comrade to use, in any manner, the organization for partisan purposes, and rigidly prohibits the discussion of parcisan questions at any of its meetings. Each post is required to establish a permanent relief fund for the assistance of needy soldiers, sailors or marines, and their widows and orphans, and all donations to this fund are held sacred for

The Grand Army of the Republic was rganized one year after Lee's army urrendered at Appomattox. The first post was organized at Decatur, Illinois, on April 6, 1866, by Dr. B. F. Stevenson, the twelve original charter members being as follows: M. F. Karoan, G. R. Steele, Geo. H. Dun-ning, I. C. Pugh, J. H. Nale, J. F. Bishop, C. Reibsame, J. W. Roath, B. B. Sibley, J. N. Colton, Jas. Privor and A. Toland. From that original post at Decatur the order spread rapidly until today nearly every locality in the loyal states of the north basts of its post of the Grand Army of the Republic. The member ship forms at mighty army, superior in strength and numbers to the great stand-ing armies of Europe; and when it is re membered that this great organization is governed by quasi-military laws, and regu-lations; that all the officers are designated by minitary titles; and that all the meetings, reunions and encampments are conducted according to military form and usage, it may indeed be said that the Grand Army Republic is a mighty standing army of veterans—as mighty in peace as in war, because it is the conservator of peace and loyalty and a living monument to the supremacy of the

law and of the union. The history of the Grand Army of the Republic in Nebraska dates from December 1st, 1870, at which time the first post organized at Kearney, receiving its charter. It was not until January 1, 1876, that a second post was organized. Post No. 2 being formed at Fort Omaha. Since 1876 the growth of the order in Nebraska has been rapid. The last published report of the department commander of the state reveals the fact that there are 301 posts in Nebraska with a total membership of 7,442 comrades in good standing the state reveals the fact that ing, while on the last Memorial day the mem-ory of 1,345 comrades who have been laid to rest on "fame's eternal camping ground" was solemnly and appropriately honored.

The notable event in each year's history of the grand army in Nebraska is of course the annual reunion. These gatherings have been held at Omaha, Linceln, Beatrice, Fremont, Contral City, Grand Island, Hastings and Kearney, the most successful ones having been held at Grand Island. The reunions are not only attended largely by the veterans of the varie but by the vitters generally of the state, but by the citizens generally, and a crowd of 100,000 people is not an uncommon sights in the annual reunion camps For the coming five years the annual reunions will be held at Grand Island, the citizens of that city giving a bonus of \$50,000 for the privilege of having these important state gatherings. At the annual reunions the "boys" fight anew the battles of the war and renew old army acquaintances and live over again the life of the camp fire, the march and bivouac. Sham battles are fought and som-very creditable "imitation naval conflicts" have been given—the smoth grassy prairie furnishing an admirable substitute for the placid waters of Hampton Roads. The writer believes that a more effective or realistic scene was never witnessed in the west than the sham battle between the "Monitor" and the "Merrimac" at the Grand Island reunion a few years since. The "bat-tle" occurred at twilight, at an bour when the broad grass covered prairie bore a strik-ing resemblance to the waters of old ocean when undisturbed by wind or zephyr. The sham battle ships were startling models of their famous namesakes and in their evolutions over the level prairie they most effectually recalled the great naval battle at Hampton Roads. The flight and explosion of the shells, the heavy roar of artillery, the flash from the mortars and the smoke which surrounded the scene combined to remove all sense of the radiculous and to render the scene a most im-

Here in Omaha the order is represented by two posts, George A. Custer post No. 7 and U. S. Grant post No. 110. The latter post, named in honor of the illustrious com-mander, received its charter on August 18, 1882. General Charles F. Manderson was the first post commander and was re-elected to the same position the year following. While Grant post No. 110 recognized the authority of the state department, it was the authority of the state department, it was the idea of its founders to make it as much of a social club as anything else. Its hall was elegantly furnished, and an initiation fee of \$15 was exacted of all new members. The high mitiation fee naturally secured a of, would be sold at the same rate. They

and for some time it amounted to merely a very agreeable and somewhat exclusive so-cial organization. One of the notable events in the early history of Grant post was a magnificent banquet given in honor of General Manderson to celebrate his election to the United States senate.

It was soon demonstrated, however, that mere social eajoyments could not hold the members of a grand army post together. To quote the words of the present post adjutant, comrade Jeffcoat, it required "the feeling of comradeship in heroic deeds and daring for the sacred principle of liberty and equal rights, and for the maintenance of the union, that unites our hands and hearts as one and makes the poorest veteran the equal of the

Shortly after General Manderson's departure for Washington, the meetings at the hall of Grant post were few and far between until January 7, which time the post was practically reor-ganized, with Marcellus R. Risdon as com-mander and Charies E. Burmester as adjutant. In April, 1886, the admission fee was reduced from \$15 to \$1, thus opening the doors for many veterans who had before been unable to add their names to the muster roll. There are now on the rolls of Grant post 131 names. Of these seven have been transferred to other posts, two have died and three have been honorably discharged, leaving a pres-ent membership of 119. The different arms of the service are represented in the member-ship of the post as follows: Infantry, 93; caraler, 18; artillery, 7; navy, 8. R. cavalry, 18; artillecy, 7; navy, 8.

### Railroad Th eves

One of the great evils with which railroads have to contend is the stealing of goods from cars while in transit. This business is generally pursued by organized gangs who operate at points where freight trains are gener ally detayed for several hours from various causes. The gangs always consist, wholly or in part, of railroad men, switchmen and brakemen and sometimes conductors of

freight crews.

All freight cars containing through freight are scaled at the point where they are loaded When the cars are transferred from one sys tem to another the seals are generally broker and the contents of the car examined, after which the car is scaled with the seal of the system over which it is to pass. These scals are inspected at the various stations where the train stops and if they are intact it is taken for granted that the car has not been opened. When the car arrives at its destination however, it is frequently found that the contents have not only been disturbed but a contents have not only been disturbed greater or less quantity abstracted.

Especially is this is so in the case of a car containing liquors or tobacco. It is a common occurence in the experience of every railroad to find that large quantities liquors or tobacco in various forms, especia cigars, have been abstracted from ca although the seals apparently remain intact The Union Pacific road has passed through several seiges of just such experience several seiges of just such experience, and has suffered heavy losses at the hands of the robbers. The principal points of operation on his system seem to be at Green River, Wyo., and Pocatello, Idaho. At noth these points freight trains west bound are delayed for several hours, generally in the night time, and it is here that the robbers get in their fine work.

The gang is generally well organized and from the very nature of things, they hang together. They provide themselves with seals bearing the stamp of the principal Kansas City Denver, etc., and these are used to replace the ones which are removed from the cars. The cars are opened and such of the contents removed as are desired and then the car is closed and sealed again.

Nothing but a c mparison lading will show the loss and to such com-parison is only made when the cars reach their destination it is a difficult matter to locate the points where the stealing occurs.

The Union Pacific experienced a great deal of trouble in this manner last fail, details of which filled the papers at the time. An immense conspiracy among the trainmen in the mountains was uncarthed and it was found that they had been supplying the whole section with whisky and tobacco. They would remove a barrel of whisky and sell it for \$5. Fine cigars would be sold for a few dollars a

such a way as not to attract suspicion to the party handling them. They had regular "fences" who took everything which came and the business was a profitable one for the fences until the strong arm of the law gathered them in.

The operations of the gang became so exensive that it was a serious drain and annovance and a systematic search was made which resulted in locating all concerned and nearly all were sent to the penitenitary for

a long period. A few turned state's evidence when they found they were caught, avisaved their necks.

Another form which the evil takes is that of ceal stealing, but this is not confined to the mountains or to any other particular locality. It is a common practice in winter for two or three farmers living along the line of a rail-road to board a coal train at one station and ride to the next, throwing off coal as fast as they can. Another party follows the train with wagons, picking up the coal and hauling it away. Numerous cases of this kind have been unearthed along the line of the Union Pacific, and at Julesburg, on that road, the inhabitants did not hesitate to shoot a man on duty guarding a coal chute. The man was seriously wounded and his life still hangs in the balance. He had been placed there to prevent the com-

pany's coal being carried away by the residents of that section.

At certain points on the line this practice was carried to such an extent that the thieves had more coal than they could use and opened up a coal yard, offering coal for \$3 per ton, when the regular price of it was \$6.
Attempts have been made to prosecute these
thieves, but as a rule they have nothing, and nothing would be gained by prosecuting

In every instance of stealing from cars the guilty parties have, sooner or later, been brought to justice and made to pay the peualty of their crimes. As a rule the gang in-creases in size as knowledge of its doings spreads, and it finally becomes unwieldy and foes to pieces by mere force of numbers, A few days ago a couple of saloon men at Cheyenne were arrested and prosecuted for buying and seiling good stolen from the cars. They had purchased about three thousand fine cigars for \$10, but the goods were traced

o them by the brand. Sultan's Favorite Wife.

The favorite wife of the sultan was once a poor girl living in the coal mines of France. She was a beautiful girl, as she is now a beautiful woman, and some coaritable person found her occupation in a famous dressmaking establishment in France, where her superior intelligence soon made her the madame's mest valuable assistant, and she was sent to Constantinople with dresses ordered by the Sultan's mother. Nothing more was heard of her for many years, until a little inheritance was left to her by a relative and notices were published asking for her whereabouts. In answer to these notices a wonderful equipage, escorted by mounted cunuchs, stopped at the door of the Embassy, and the Sultan's only legal wife stepped down to de-lare herself the once Flora Collin and re-lounce the legacy in favor of her kindred, one are still poor. It was the old story of ove at first sight between the sultan and the cautiful modiste.

"Ouida" is Growing Old.

"Ouida" is growing old now, and her works of late lack much of the eloquence and poetic fervor that used to make them so irresistibly from sixty. She cannot at present be far from sixty. She never was a beauty, though a ber prime she possessed her striking points; her "amber hair," of precisely the shade which she used to describe in her earliest novels, and a pair of exquisite little fret of whose small sure and perfect was

A very small pill but a very goodone. De Witt's Little Early Risers.

feet, of whose small size and perfect symmetery she was justly vain. She used to walk down the long dining room of the Langham hotel with her golden locks hanging down her back and with her long skirts held up in one hand so as to show off her pretty feet in the daintiest of Parisian slippers. She immortalized Mr. Sanderson, who was at the time manager of the hotel aforesaid, by making him the hero of her novel of "Tricotrin." She dislikes American people with an intensity of hatred that is altogether surprising, and never misses a chance of caricaturing them and holding them up to ridicule.