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All the new shadings. We have added many new styles for Monday.

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Five great bargains at popular a price. HENRIETTA, 46 inches wide, worth \$1.25. BEDFORD CORD, 40 inches wide, worth \$1.25. SURAH SERGE, 43 inches wide, worth \$1.25, WHIPCORD, 42 inches wide, worth \$1.25. On Monday at one price \$1.00.

SERGE, 46 inches wide, 85c. FANCIES, all the late styles, 85c.

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\$1.00

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We call special attention to our new assortment of Spring and Summer Jackets, Capes and Ulsters at Popular Prices.



Beautiful line of capes, 40 inches long, handsomely embroidered, black and tan, \$7, worth \$10. Black cheviot reefers, 28 inches long,, all sizes, \$5, worth

At \$8 we show finer quality of c'oth and more elaborote embroidery; these are handsome; see them.
Our line of capes at \$10, \$13, \$15, \$18 and \$20 are very choice. All exclusive styles. Must be seen to be appreci-At \$7.50 we show a variety of cloths and shades, including clay, diagonal, cheviots, checks and Vienna cloths; also fine novelty jackets, in black and colors, from \$10 to \$30. Our line of misses' and children's Spring wraps is now complete, from 4 to 16 years. The Box Coat with pearl buttons is the correct style.

Something new for children, vis-A line of pure thread SILK TOQUES. The colorings are beautiful in both the at 12 1-2, 15c and 25c each.

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and 15th Sts.

New and beautiful laces just received and will be placed on special sale Monday.

cings in black, creme and beige, comprising chantilly, Point d' Gene, Point d' Venise, Joan d' Arc, Marquise, Guipure de Irlande, etc., from 40c to \$3 a yard; also edges to match.

New cotton Guipure demilace flouncings, in all the printed dimities at 18c; printed latest designs, from 28c to \$2.50; also edges to match.

Latest novelties in veilings. Entire stock of

#### New Embroideries

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Rich beaded passamenteries, rich hand crochet and applicque passamenteries, rich silk ribbon fringes, rich jet fringes, in fact everything that is new is shown in this dep't at extremely low prices.

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CORNER FARNAM AND 15TH STREETS.

sizes to match.

#### 3 Special Bargains

scolloped border handkerchiefs pers in great variety at

#### New Linens.

We have just received a large assortment of plain linens and embroidery crashes, all widths, suitable for hem-Rich silk demi-lace floun- stitching. Also a beautiful lot of lunch cloths, tray cloths, centers, doylies, scarfs, etc., which we have marked extremely low.

#### New White Goods.

Handsome new dimities at 25c; new striped and checked nainsooks at 15c, 20c and 25c; pongees, in all the new colorings, a beautiful line of goods, at 20c per yard; figured mulls, elegant patterns, in a great variety of shades, at 15c per yard; figured veinette linons, a beautiful new material, with hemstitched effect, at 22c per yard; new apron lawns at 18c and 25c yard; in our assortment of black lawns and organdies we are showing some very choice novelties at 25c, 45c and 55c. New curtain material, such as Swiss, scrims, batistes, pon gees, etc.

#### Shoe Department.

Notice the following bargains: 200 pairs ladies' dongola but→ ton boots at \$1.50, usually sold at \$2.50. One lot of ladies' Latest novelties in pearl, hand turn and welt button shoes, ivory, jet and fancy metals, in all sizes and widths, valued at \$5, now selling for \$3.50. Ladies' and misses' button boots, several kinds in one lot, broken sizes, worth from \$2.50 to \$4; tomorrow and for one week, \$1.75. New in ladies' fine embroidered lines spring Oxford ties and slip-

Popular Prices.

### KELLEY, STIGER & CO.,

THE INVESTIGATIONS RESULT OF

Secretary Rusk's Interesting Communica tion on the Subject - Possibilities of the Industry in the West-Omaha

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.

Complimented.

The passage of the agricultural deficiency bill assures the continuance of the government beet experiment station at Schuyler, which would have been closed if the fight of Holman against the appropriation had succeeded. Secretary Rusk writes today to Senator Paddeck that the experiments at Schuyler have been extremely satisfactory, resulting in the production of over twenty tons of beets per acre with an average sugar content of 14 per cent. He says that three silos are now filled with carefully selected mother beets which are to be held for seed during

the present spring. Secretary Rusk writes that it is the intention of the department not only to prosecute the work in the cultivation of the beets, but also to produce beet seed of a high order.

The secretary makes an interesting sugges tion also regarding hop growing in Nebraska. He says that it would be well worth while for the farmers to make some experiments in this direction. Ho adds that at the same time he apprehends that in regard to this crop one of the difficulties suggested in regard to tobacco, namely the prevalence of very high winds, would be found.

Possibilities of the Business.

The New York Tribune this morning has an extended interview with Henry T. Oxnard of Grand Island, Neb., on the beet sugar in-dustry. Among other things Mr. Oxnard says: "At each one of our factories we make 60,000 pounds of sugar a day, and in doing this consume fifty tons of sugar beets, fifty tons of coal, forty tons of lime-stone and give employment to 200 men in the stone and give employment to 200 men in the factory proper. The sugar beet can be grown successfully in most any of our northern central states. I consider that Wyoming, Colorado, the Dakotas, Minnesota and Long Island are peculiarly adapted to the successful culture of the beet. Senator W. D. Wasnburn of Minnesota is deeply interested in the subject and has visited our factories in Nebrakas twice within the last few months. braska twice within the last few months. He is now endeavoring to place the matter before the farmers of his state in the favorable light with which he himself regards it. Secretary Rusk and Senators Manderson, Paddeck, Felton, Jones, Stanford, Casey and Pettigrew are all warm supporters of and believers in the future of beet sugar. The yield is fifteen tons of beets to the acre, from average soil with the average amount of tiliage in Nebraska, at \$4.50 a ton. This is \$67.50 an acre. The cost of labor is \$35. So that the returns are higher than for almost any other crop that the farmer can

Something of Home Consumption.

"Two million tons of sugar were consumed in the United States in 1891, and of this amount only 7 per cent was made from the raw material raised in this county, but with the aid of the stimulus given by the last congress, we can easily hope to lead the world in the production of sugar within the next fifteen or twenty years. We expect to manufacture 9,000,000 pounds of fine white granulated sugar at our three factories this year. Several prominent democrats, one in particular, who is the governor of one of the western states, wrote me asking the workings of the sugar clauses of the McKinley law. Constornation would be created in the democratic party if the names of these men were made public. Every country has had to build up its sugar industry by a system of bouncies, and I have it from the highest authority in the Treasury Something of Home Consumption.

Experiments in Sugar Beet Culture at Omaha, who was summoned by the post-master general to attend the conference of forty postmasters from leading cities of the United States, left this evening for Baltimore to visit his sister and will return on Monday. Mr. Clarkson said this afternoon that Omaha had been greatly complimented by Mr. Wanamaker in the prominence given to himself in the conference as it had been previously complimented by the selection of Mr. Rosewater to investigate the postal telegraphy and pneumatic tube system of foreign countries. The conference lasted foreign countries. The conference lasted last evening until midnight, the postmaster general presiding and the chief cierk of the department acting as secretary. The topics discussed were: "Postal Telegraphy and the Pneumatic Tube System," "Postal Notes for Fractions of a Dollar," "Free Delivery in Towns of 1,000 People and Upwards," "Rural Delivery" and "Postal Telephones." The conference had present every head of the Postofice department to answer questions Postoffice department to answer questions relating to their division. Yesterday on invitation of the house committee on postoffices, vitation of the house committee on postenices, a committee of which Mr. Clarkson was one selected by Mr. Wanamaker, called on the committee and presented points upon which legislation is urgently requested. The committee was asked by the house committee to put its ideas in writing in the shape of bills.
Mr. Wanamaker promptly appointed a committee, of which Mr. Clarkson is a member. to take the various matters of legislation up and present them from the standpoint of working officials of the Postoffice of working officials of the Postoffice department, During the conference last night Mr. Wanamaker called on Major Clarkson for remarks and the spoke for ten minutes on "Personal Associations with Employes." He said that the commendation which Mr. Wanamaker had given to the administration of the Omaha postoffice as one of the best under his supervision must be shared by the emhis supervision must be shared by the em-ployes whose faithful work had made it what it was. He then went on to make a plea for closer personal association between the postmasters and the cierks and said that nothing but the fullest confidence between them could secure the best results for the government. Major Clarkson will, by re-quest of Mr. Wanamaker, remain in Wash-

ington for a week or ten days.

Settled the Syracuse Fight, Settled the Syracuse Fight,
Senator Paddock today sattled the Syracuse postoffice contest by recommending the reappointment of Miss Ballantine as postmistress at that office. The contest has been a triangular one, involving Mr. Dyener, postal cierk; Rev. Mr. Alexander, editor of the Syracuse Journal, and Miss Ballantine. Mr. Dyener, who is an old soldier drawing \$24 per month pension and \$1,000 a year as postal cierk, was quite strongly urged. Mr. Alexander was pushed by many of the most prominent republicans of the state and a number of the patrons of the office. Some time ago Mr. Alexander withdrew in favor of Miss Ballantine, carrying to her his own of Miss Ballantine, carrying to her his own endorsement. Senator Paddock today said that as Miss Ballantine, by general consent, had proved a most efficient and competent postmistress, her efficient service entitled her to reappointment, especially when backed by a majority.

Miscellaneous The War department has notified the post traders at Forts Robinson and Niobrara, traders at Forts Robinson and Niobrara, Neb., that the revocation of their appointments has been extended, to take effect December 1, 1892, to enable them to dispose of their stock and building, and close up their business with the least possible loss. This action was taken upon a petition signed by a large majority of the officers of each military post and endorsements by the department commander and the secretary of war.

Senator Paddock has received a petition numerously signed asking for the establishment of a postoffice of Edhall, Neb.

At the request of Senator Paddock the name of the postoffice at Buckley, Jefferson county, has been Ichanged to Thompson, and John D. Martin has been appointed post-master.

master.

The morning papers print a report that General Thayer proposes to reopen his claim for a governorship for which he was never nominated, and in whose interests not a vote was cast in Nebraska. The report is received here in Washington with unconcealed laugh-ter. Thaver's retention of the office exposed him to universal condemnation east and his departure was hailed with pleasure. It is

WILL CONTINUE THE WORK | department that the bounties this year will aggregate \$6,700,000, and not \$12,000,000, as Mr. McMillian has stated."

Complimented Omaha.

Postmaster Thaddeus S. Clarkson of Omaha, who was summoned by the postlowa, is in the city.

Lieutenant R. F. Ames, Eighth infantry, is in Washington on leave.

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CONSULAR SERVICE. Facts Concerning the Service Brought Forth in Committee. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12 .- The diplo

natic and consular appropriation bill will probably oe reported to the house next week. The sub-committee of the house committee on foreign affairs has completed consideration of the bill and will report it to the whole committee early in the week, A number of changes are proposed in the diplomatic and consular service, and in the former there have been a number of consolidations by which savings in the service have been effected by reducing the salaries of some of the consular agents where more salaries are being paid than the business and importance of the places warrant, this being particuarly true of some places where practically no business is done. The business for the current year amounts to a little more than

The subcommittee's bill makes a saving of some sixty odd thousand dellars in the consular service, while the appropriations asked for the pan-American organizations were not called up, the committee referring them to the regular committee on appropriations of

\$1,600,000.

The consulate to Denmark is consolidated with that to Sweden and Norway, the com-pensation of the minister to be \$7,500, which is the present grade of each mission. One minister, it is proposed, shall represent the United States to both Bolivia and Colombia hereafter in place of a minister to

each country.

The missions to Peru and Ecuador is also proposed to be consolidated. The place of a a minister to Ecuador was only recently recreated, and the United States for a long time has not been represented by a minister to that country, the gentleman appointed about a month ago, under the terms of the diplomatic act for the current fiscal year, not having salled yet.

There has also been some rearrangemen of the Central American mission and some reclassifications made in the service. One of the interesting features of the new arrangements was a proposition to reduce the grade of the Chilian mission from \$10,000 to \$5,000 or \$7,000. This is the place at present \$5,000 or \$7,000. This is the place at present held by Mr. Patrick Egan. After due consultation it was decided, is view of the recent troubles between the United States and Chili, and of the fact that the Chilian mission is of more than ordinary importance, not to recommend any change in grade. Members of the minority side of the committee believe that the saving effected by the bill will not affect the service unfavorably.

The diplomatic and consular bill has grown The diplomatic and consular bill has grown in the last naif dozen years almost 20 per cent more than the growth of the business interests of the United States abroad in that period, so it is thought the appropriations can

be safely reduced.

Democrats Caucus. Washington, D. C., March 12.-The democratic caucus this evening was poorly attended. When the hour announced for its assemblage (7:30) arrived there were not one dozen members present, and when Chairman Holman assumed the gavel at 8 o'clock he confronted not more than forty of his colleagues. A resolution was adopted for the appointment of a congressional campaign committee, consisting of one democratic member from each state, to be selected by the state delegations. There was no division in the caucus and an adjournment was reached early in the evening. early in the evening.

Arizona's Admission Bill. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.-The house committee on territories today finished the consideration of the Arizona statehood bill and has decided to report it favorably to the house in an amended form. The territory, like New Mexico, has received very liberal treatment by the committee and is given one-ninth of the public lands for school pur-poses. The amounts allowed for public poses. The amounts allowed buildings, etc., are about the same as granted to New Mexico, making a total of 765,000

#### ABSENT MEMBERS ARRESTED

Ludicrous Situation in Which Members of Congress Were Placed

BROUGHT BEFORE THE BAR OF THE HOUSE

Arraigned for Contempt-Some of the Excuses Given-Members Want the Journal Corrected-Yesterday's Proceedings in the House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.-The ludicrous situation that may sometimes develop from the rule that requires members to attend the sessions of the house under pain of arrest and arraignment for contempt, was fully illustrated in the attempt to amend the journal this morning. The usual Friday night session for the consideration of private pension bills found the house without a quorum last evening, and someone having raised the point of no quorum, a call or the house was ordered and the sergeant-at-arms was sent out to get the delinquent members.

Under the rules, the sergeant-at-arms in these emergencies may be directed by the house to arrest every absent member whom he can find in any part of the city and conduct him before the bar of the house. Here he is cited for contempt of the house in absenting himself without leave and required to give the reason or excuse for his direliction. The house is usually quite indulgent to the cuiprits on these occasions, and excuses so flimsy that even a truant school boy would not dare invent them for his pro-tection are usually accepted with much gravity as satisfactory to the house and the mantle of charity east over the erring mem-ber by a unanimous vote of his colleagues purging him of contempt.

Arraigned Before the Bar of the House. When the point of no quorum was made last night by Messrs. Kingore and Bailey of last night by Messrs. Kilgore and Bailey of Texas and the sergeant-at-arms ordered to bring in the absent members, he succeeded in arresting four or five of the absentees and bringing them before the bar of the house. According to the journal this morning it appears that Mr. Coombs of New York was last night, during a call of the house brought to the bar of the house in custody of the sergeant-at-arms. This Mr. Coombs denied. He said he had been notified by a page that his presence was required in order to help make a quorum and he had come to the house voluntarily and not under arrest.

Mr. Bynum inquired whether the person to whom the gentleman alluded as "a page"

to whom the gentleman alluded as "a page" was not a deputy serficant at arms. Mr. Coombs did not know whether he was

or not.

Mr. Bynum inquired further, whether the "page" had not come with him to the capitol.

Mr. Coomba replied that the young man came on the car with him and that he (Mr. came on the car with him and that he (Mr. Coombs) paid the car fare. [Laughter.] He moved that there he stricken from the journal those words which showed that he was brought to the house under arrest.

Mr. Bynum thought the journal should be an accurate account of the proceedings of the house. It was a fact that Mr. Coombs had been brought to the bar under arrest and the journal should record that fact.

On Mr. Coombs motion the vote stood 72 to 51.

Mr. Bynum raised the point of no quorum. Mr. O'Neill's Excuse.

Mr. O'Neill of Pennsylvania took exception to the journal. Last night he had been ex-cused from attending on account of sickness, the had not been sick or infirm: ne had stayed away because he had no pension bills on the calendar. During his twenty-seven years of scrylce in the house he had, by the blessing of God, been detained from the house but one day and a half on account of sickness, and ne wanted the Lord to continue that blessing. [Laughter.]

The senate amendments to the urgent deficiency bill were nonconcurred in and Messrs. Sayres, Holman, and Dingley were appointed conferees.

Private business was then taken up, the first bill being for the relief of the First

passage the vote stood 81 to 23.

Mr. Dungan of Ohio said that in the absence of some of the gentlemen from Texas, Messrs. Kilgore and Bailey, he would make the point of no quorum. |Laughter.| On Mr. Bailey's putting in an appearance, Mr. Dungan withdrew t

promptly renewed by the gentleman from The till was finally passed, yeas, 47 The next bill was one for the relief of the estate of Andrew J. Diemen, and it was also passed, but a roll call was again necessary

order to obtain a quorum. Public business was then suspended and he house proceeded to the consideration of resolutions in respect to the memory of the lateJohn R. Gamble of South Dakota. After eulogies by Mr. Pickler of South Dakota, Mr. Perkins of Iowa, Mr. Johnson of North Dakota, Mr. Lind of Minnesota, Mr. Bryan of Nebraska and Mr. Jolley of South Dakota the house, as a mark of respect to the deceased, adjourned.

POACHERS AT WORK.

Canadian Vessels Already Committing Depredations in Alaskan Waters. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12 .- United States Consul Meyers has furnished the Department of State with a list of sailing ves els which have cleared from Victoria up to March 2, and says that a fleet of sealers has been operating during the past few weeks along the coast between the mouth of the Columbia river and Cape Flattery, meeting Columbia river and Cape Flattery, meeting the herd of seals as they come north. Passing vessels report that as a rule the weather has been fine and the number of seals taken very satisfactory to the fleet, one report saying: "The hunters are busy shooting seals. For instance, from October 20 the catch of six vessels was reported to be 573, that of six other vessels f25 and February 29 of six vessels 337. 337, and February 29, of six vessels 337. Among the vessels the most successful are the W. S. Sayward and the E. B. Marvin, both of which have in past years been pur-sued and are notorious poachers. The consul reports that the scalers have gone out this season earlier than usual, fearing a renewal odus vivendi and hastened to sea to avoid official notice of it.

NEWS FOR THE ARMY,

Complete List of Changes in the Regular

Service. Washington, D. C., March 12.—[Special to assignments to regiments of officers recently promoted and transfers of officers are or iered:

George C. Vausickles, hospital corps, now awaiting orders at Fort Logae, Colo., is assigned to duty at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo. The leave of absence granted Captain Thadeus W. Jones, Tenth cavalry, February 9, 1852, is extended four months. Western Pensions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12 .- Special Pelegram to THE BEE. ]-The following list of pensions granted is reported by THE BEE and Examiner Bureau of Claims:

Nebraska: Original—James Darley, Sanford Hill, B. C. Jones, William D. Collins, John Wise, George Colpin, William H. Coleman, Mason Hungerford, C. Owings, Jithro Warner, Henry C. Casford, Additional—Isaac Allen, S. McCall, William Perkey, Increase—William H. Thompson, Original Riches, Mark E. Benn, Sarah Design widow-Mary E. Brown, Sarah Romin, widew—Mary E. Brown, Sarah Romin, Mary Warner.

Iowa: Original—Levy Gamble, Freder-ick W. Horn, Timothy D. Brown, Lewis Voulnt, John Brockway, Collins W. Un-thank, Plyn Brown, James Hoon, Robert Helly, Robert Turney, William V. Griswold, George W. Cate, William J. Webber (de-ceased), William B. Golden, Frederick Kukuk Lewis S. Kennedy, Josiah R. Mar-

coased), William B. Golden, Frederick Kukuk, Lewis S. Kennedy, Josiah R. Mar-tin, William Good, Josiah Stutler, Joseph Brush, William M. Hatlery, Delos B. Cosey, William White. Additional—George W. Smith, William H. Weltch, Jonah D. Hart, Jacob Bettikofer, James McKiernan. Re-newal and increase—Peter Romines. In-crease—Charles Bentner. Reissuc—Thomas Gochran, Original widow—Mary Durkin. Cochran. Original widow—Mary Durkin.
South Dakota: Original—Harvey Gallos
ter, John Moran, Frank A. Vanflost, E. T.
Cook, Lawrence Dwyer, Aden E. Chering
ton. Additional—Lafayette Brigham.

Blaine Feeling Well. Washington, D. C., March 12.-It was

Methodist church of Jackson, Tenn. On its | stated at Mr. Blaine's house tonight that the stated at Mr. Blaine's house tonight that the secretary was feeling very well and would probably be able to leave the house early next week. In response to a question whether Mr. Blaine contemplated a trip to the south, it was said that he had made no plans for the future.

FOR THE EXPOSITION. Manufacturers Association Secures the Cotiscum Building and Other Facilities.

The Manufacturers and Consumers association completed the arrangements yesterday for the lease of the Coliseum building for the coming manufacturers' exposition. They are to have the use of the building from June 1 to June 28, which will enable them to extend the time of the exposition beyond the date originally decided upon, pro-vided it is thought desirable to do vided it is thought desirable to do
so. The street railway company will
put in a loop from the Sixteenth street and
Twenty-fourth street lines to the building,

thus bringing three car lines by its doors. This will make the Coliseum readily accessible from any part of the city.

President Page of the association will make a trip through the state to consuit with members regarding the exhibition. He will be in Nebreta City on Tuesday, at Heatrica on Nebraska City on Tuesday, at Beatrice on Wednesday, at Hastings on Thursday and at Kearney on Friday. Secretary Bradley will visit Lincoln and Fremont the middle of the

coming week. Omaha manufacturers are becoming very enthusiastic over the exposition and are pro-dicting great things for it. One manufacturer has promised to spend \$1,000 in making in exhibit of his goods and the method of

#### manufacture. WANT THE VIADUCT BADLY.

Fifteenth Street People Will Assail the Council Vin Petition. There was a meeting of South Fifteenth street property owners last night at 1520 Williams street. The subject under discussion was the demand for a Fifteenth street viaduct.

Mr. Auton Kuuda was chosen chairman of

the meeting. He spose at some length upon the subject, helding that a Fifteenth street viaquet was a necessity and that a united effort should be made to secure it. Mr. R. E. Copson also spoke in favor of the Fifteenth street viaduct. He said that the property owners on South Fifteenth had helped to build the Sixteenth street via-duct and it was now time that Fifteenth street should be given a viaduct, not for the purpose of defeating the new viaduct on Six-teenth street, but for the accommodation of the people both north and south of the rail-

A committee was appointed to solicit signatures to a petition favoring a Fifteenth street viaduct, which will be presented to the coun-cil. Auton Knuda, Vencil Semina and R. E. Copson constitute the committee, Another meeting of property owners will be called soon

The opening gun of the approaching polit ical campaign will be fired at Exposition hall, corner Fourteenth and Capitol avenue, Saturday evening, March 19. Every republican in the city is cordially invited to attend and citizens generally will be welcome to take part in the exercises. The great national issues of the day on which the presidential campaign will be fought out, and which are now the all-absorbing questions of debate in both houses of congress will be most ably and thoroughly discussed. Under the auspices of the Lincoln club Hon. John M. Thurston will be the orator of the occasion, and a masterly presentation of the tariff in all its bearings will take place. It is expected that many prominent republicans through the state will be present to add in-terest to the address. Seats will be reserved for ladies, and the rally promises to be a memorable event on the exciting issues of the national campaign

CHARLES S. ELGUTTER. Secretary. H. C. Brome, President.

"The Bunaway Wife."

That excellent character actor. Mr. Henry Lee, with his strong comany of players will present the society drama "The Runaway Wife," at Farnam Street theater, beginning Thursday night next. The story is full of poetry, humor and pathos. There

is either a laugh or a cry in every lin absorbing in its interest. Arthur Eastman has married a lady of high rank who has been society loved by Talbot Vane. The husband overhears Vane make a declaration of love to his sufficient of love to of love to his wife. Eastman, unknown to his wife, has put his name to notes which he cannot meet and when Vane is confronted, he retorts by producing those papers and destroying them. One day while at work as his easel Eastman is stricken blind. From he at the scane changes to the form of Heahere the scene changes to the farm of Hea-ter Eastman, Arthur's sister, where hus-band, wife and child seek refuge after the loss of their property. Prompted by his sister the blind artist becomes jealous of Vane, and unable to bear the persecutions of her husband's sister, Mrs. Eastman leaves the place to find employment. Fifteen years clapse and Mrs. Eastman had become the wife of Talbot Vane, who meanwhile had become Lord Charnleigh. In the third act at a musicale at Lord Charnleigh's, Mrs. Eastman is presented to her son and his-band, who have assumed the name of Vere. In the last act husband and wife are re-

#### AMUSEMENTS,

united.

Omaha has contributed to many amusement successes, but Manager Boyd is authority for the statement that the Bostonians have just done the banner business of all similar engagements in the history of the city. That was the most grateful tribute to the excellence of the Bostonians that could have been asked. This remarkable engagement closed last

evening with a charming work of the lamented Cellier, the comic opera "Dorothy." The score is made up of bright but simple music admirably adapted for popular taste and in the plot and lines is a rich, refined vein of humor.

The cast included Messrs. Barnabee, Mac-The cast included Messrs. Barnabee, Mac-Donald, Hoff and Cowles, Mesdames Hamil-ton and Davis and Misses Bartlett and Ulmer, and it is scarcely necessary to add that they presented a spirited and thoroughly artistic production.

The sudience was the most enthusiastic of the engagement, and the Bostonians will be remembered as the ideal opera, company, for

remembered as the ideal opera company for popular favor. At the Farnam Street theater the Carleton

Opera company also closed an exceptional engagement last evening. The opera was "Erminie," which has already been noticed in these columns. The Carletons also broke all previous records for similar engagements under the present management, and the attendance at the matinees was considered

United States Marine Band. The celebrated Marine band of Washingon, under the directorship of M. John Sousa, will give two concerts in Omahaon March 26, Saturday afternoon and evening. These concerts were announced to be given in the Grand opera house, but owing to the fact that it will be occupied by the proprictors of the Eden Musee at that time, a change has been made in favor of the exposition hall in the same building. From an acoustic standpoint this will be preferable, as it will give the audience a better oppor-tunity to hear the successful prima donna, Mile Marie Decca. The Apollo club man-agement has received the programs for the concerts and they augur well for a delightful

Honor to an Omaha Musical Amateur. Miss Myrtle Coon, whose sweet and pleasing soprano voice has often surprised and charmed Omaha audiences, was highly bonored vesterday afternoon. She was requested to sing before the Bostonians, and Mr. Kari and Mr. Barnabee personally ex-pressed great satisfaction at the quality of ner voice and the natural musical talent which she displayed. As a result she will probably be ere long a member of this cele-brated company, to undertake minor parts.

Building Permits. The following parmits were issued yesterday by the superintendent of buildings:

Eden Musee company, alterations on Grand opera house, Fifteenth street and Capitol avenue A. J. Poppiston, repairs on Exposition hall, Fourteenth street and Capitol

Three minor permits, . . . . . . 1,500