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At 716C. All our 36 inch 20c new style fancy cotton suitings tomorrow 7;c per yard.

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ALL NEW.

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All our 30 inch black "Jacquard" chevrons,

A Splendid assortment of 25c and 35c Scotch

All our 30 inch French outing flannel cut

At 121.c.

100 different designs in the new 25c French ateens cut down to 12tc per yard.

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## FALCONER'S 20-DAY COST SALE We are still selling at cost, below cost, and many things

different periods to close this great sacrifice sale, but our reductions. This week we open up with practi-

Beyond question Black Silks are back again.

A ladies' wardrobe will not be complete this senson without a black silk dress. In order

that all our lady friends can complete their wardrobes we will offer tomorrow a grand assortment of heavy black Satins, wide black Rhadame, fine quality of black Duchess, fine

quality black Gros Grains, black imported Taf-

These are not dollar silks, they are \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.65 and \$1.75 silks at \$1 per yard.

They are simply wonders. Buy soon, they will

All of Chency Bros.' Silks now down to 68c per yard. All other silks at cost.

50 ladles' imported silk Gloria 26-inch Um-

brellas, always worth \$2.00 each. All you want

Umbrellas at \$1.98.

sortment of German forest wood handles, sold usually at \$4.00 and \$5.00, for this sale your

Umbrellas \$3.95 each

An assortment of 200 ladies' and gents' rain

100 imported Taffeta Umbrellas in fine as

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EACH.

fetas and black Faille Francaise Silks,

CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

below the actual cost of production. We have set three the dry goods market remaining broken we continue cally a complete new stock of Fall and Winter

Novelties secured by us from the importers at positively less than the duties on them cost. At \$1.00 per yard, tomorrow, we will show a splendid assortment of Black Silks, in all the most popular weaves, none worth less than \$1.35 and from that up to \$1.65 per yard, no limit, at \$1.00 per yard. Ladies' Cloaks, Jackets and Wraps we will sell at a fraction of their value. All our new colored

and black Fall Dress Goods go at less than cost of importation. We will sell \$1.50 Black Goods at 78c per yard; \$1.35 Black Goods for 69c per yard. 1,000 yards of 35c Colored Wool Dress Goods at 121c per yard. Linens, Muslins and Sheetings, all go at cost or under. Muslin Underwear, Woolen and Merino

Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, everything below the cost price of production. Never was there a season like this and we hope there will never be another such.

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500 unbloached satin damask 371-20 per yard. yard.
75c cream satin damask now down to 585 per yard.
90c 73-inch blesened satin damask now down to 72c per yard.
5-8 hapkins to match, \$1.85 per dozen,
3-4 napkins to match, \$2.75 per dozen.

Bed Spreads, \$2.48. This is the best \$4.50 Marseilles bed spread in the market. You will have to be on hand early if you want one at \$2.48. They will be picked up rapidly.

Muslin Underwear.

DRAWERS AT 29C. Ludles' drawers, made of the best unbleached mus-lin, all inlessy trimmed, regular price \$60; no limit; now at 25c per pair.

Gowns

All our \$1.25 and \$1.50 night

robes, all nicely trimmed

and made of the best

DRAWERS AT 49C. Tomorrow we get out all our 75c, 85c and 90c drawers, allelaborately trimmed with fine embroidery and lace, and sell them at 49c per pair. DRAWERS AT 59C. The cholcest lot of 75c, 85c and 10c night robes ever exhibited go tomorrow at 59c per gown. 50 pieces of changeable di-

READ THE FULL LIST BELOW:

RARE BARGAINS agonals, 36 inches wide in beautiful combinations, have sold at 35c and never before for 22c less than 25c, Monday..... Have Great Drawing Qualities.

80 pieces (2 sorid cases) of heavy Mountain Serges, 36 inches wide, in navy, brown, \$1.50 Black Henrietta for 78c Is a "Rare Bargain."

green, slate and black, sold 25c the world over at 50c per yard, 25c Monday for. \$1.50 Black Storm Serge for 78c 150 pieces fine American Chev-lot Suiting, as to 40 inches wide, in all the rich Fall colorings, a perfect imitation of the \$1.50 Scotch Suitings and just as durable, pro-duced to sell at 75c, Monday Is a "Rare Bargain." \$1.35 Black Crystal Bengaline for 69c Is a "Rare Bargain." \$1.50 Striped Camel's Hair at 78c

Is a "Rare Bargain." 75c New Panama Sultings at 45c Is a "Rare Bargain." Their drawing qualities will be proven by the crowd of appreciative buyers we

25 pieces of imported English
Diagonals, full 50 inches wide,
in all the very newest shades, such
goods as you have been paying \$1.00
per yard, for Monday

20 pieces fine all wool Storm
mills at depression prices fully 54
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These wonderful bargains will be will have at our black goods counter to-

picked off rapidly-DON'T PUT OFF.

Fall and Winter Underwear

FOR THIS WEEK. At 4216c per Garment,

We will place on our counters ladies' all wee jersey ribbed undervects, the real value of each gar

At 421c per Garment, We will place on our counters Children's Dr. War-ner's sanitary underwear worth from 75c to \$1.50 per garment (odd sizes only).

At \$1.48 per Suit, We will sell the balance of our ladies' Ypsilanti wool combination under sults, worth up to \$4.50 per suit. In Small sizes only.

Stockings 25c per Pair.

A magnificent assortment of ladles' only dive sea island cotton hose, every solitary pair guaranteed as to wear and color, a sure 50c stocking, all you want at 25c per pair.

Boys' Stockings 25c.

Boys' heavy seamless ribbed Macco cotton 35c and stockings, all wool, iron in durability, all you want them tomorrow for

25c

pair

\$1.75 white blankets cut to \$1.35. \$2.25 white blankets cut to \$1.55. \$1.35 gray blankets cut to 95c. \$1.75 gray blankets cut to \$1.25. \$3.00 gray blankets cut to \$2.00. Buy now for the winter. Blankets are go-

We did not carry a white blanket over.

Fuil size 10-4 white \$1.35 blankets tomorrow

You will never get another opportunity such as the above on

> New Blankels

or sun guaranteed umbrellas selling in stock now at \$5, \$6.50 and \$7.50 each; one to a cusshown in great profusion. Day opening only. muslin procure-able, tomorrow yourchoice at 90c per GRAND FALL OPENING IN CLOAK DEPARTMENT MONDAY and Aprons 23c Each Over 500 Imported Pattern Garments Will Be Shown for the First Time, No Two Alike.

We have marked every garment at regular price, but for the opening we will give 20 per cent off of every imported garment, We will also offer 50 Ladies' ready made suits, brought out te sell at \$15.00, \$17.50 and \$20.00 per suit for \$5.00 per suit, and 100 Ladies' new fall jackets, every one a gem of the correct style, real value \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00, for the opening \$5.00. Opening closes at 6 p.m. each day

MILLINERY OPENING.

Monday and Tuesday pattern hats, bonnets and imported millinery novelties will be

We will also make a Grand Display in our Drapery Department, that being on second floor with Millinery and Cloaks. Drapery at Cost for the Opening.

## FALCONER'S GREAT 20-DAY Cost Cash Sale

Holt County's Defaulting Treasurer Looking for a Loop Hole in the Law.

ASKED FOR THE WARRANT'S MODIFICATION

He is Now at Paso del Norte, but Will No Cross the Rio Grande Till After a Fight-Ills Peculiar Proposition.

Liscoux, Neb., Sept. 16.—[Special to THE Beg. |-There are some developments in the case of Barrett Scott, the defaulting and absconding treasurer of Holt county, which will make interesting reading for the people of that county. Scott disappeared some two months ago leaving behind him several very disconsolate bondsmen and a few thousand angry taxpayers. He had not been gone two weeks, however, until the authorities heard that he had taken refuge in Mexico. Extradition papers were at once applied for and a few days ago President Cleveland issued his warrant upon the Mexican government. Scott is now under arrest at Paso del Norte, but whether he returns to Holt county is another story.

Scott is a defaulter to the extent of about \$94,000, according to the examination of his books made under direction of the supervisors of Holt county. His friends claim, however, that an old shortage of a former county treasurer was still carried on his books. This shortage, they claim, was settled between the former treasurer and the supervisors for \$3,000. This would reduce Scott's net indebtedness to Holt county to \$84,000. The Holt County bank had, in the meantime, taken advantage of the depository act passed by the legislature three years ago and under the provisions of that iaw held something like \$14,000 of county The Holt County bank failed months ago, and is now in the hands of a receiver. It is not likely that the count will recover more than a small percentage of this amount.

State of Nebraska Interested. In addition to the amount due from Scott

to Holt county he owed the state treasury about \$9,000. State Treasurer Bartley is extremely anxious to collect this claim and as the matters stand now he is likely to succeed. As soon as word was received that Scott had been located in Mexico, several men, attracted by the hope of gaining the \$2,500 reward, started for the republic to the Two attorneys representing Scott's bondsmen also started in that direction The president's warrant was forwarded to the Holt county agent at El Paso and has been served upon the fugitive treasurer. State Treasurer Bartley received a tele gram this morning from Del Aiken, one o the attorneys looking after the state's claim informing him that Scott was under arrest but that there was a prospect of trouble before he could be returned to this state. Scott proposes to resist forcible extradition. but promises to accompany the attorneys back to this country and pay the state's back to this country and pay the state's to pay the state's claim provided he is released from any responsibility for the claim against him held by the county.

Scott's Plan for Escape. It is believed, and there are good reasons for so thinking, that Scott does not propos to return to Nebraska at all if he can avoid it, but that if he can escape by a legal tech-nicality from the custody of the officers now holding the president's warrant he will cross the river into Texas, pay the attorneys the amount of the state's claim and then quit. In order to make this way of escape possible he has, through his attorneys, requested Governor Crounse to analy to Secretary Gresham for a modification of the president's He asks the State department of warrant. He asks the State department to the United States to make a request to

SCOTT HOPES TO ESCAPE President DIDIAZ of Mexico to turn him to this country wi without a warrant. Governor Crounse, however auxious he is to recover the amount of the state's claim, does not care to interfere after he has applied for extradition papers. Consequently Mr. Scott is likely to return to Helt county and face the consequences of his favor, and that is that President Diaz may refuse to recognize President Cleveland's warrant. If he declines to honor the warrant already issued Scott may be in a posi tion to pay the state's claim and give the taxpayers of Holt county the laugh. Bu even this contingency is hardly probable, for it has been intimated that President Duz will return the defaulter to this coun try as an act of courtesy to the United

States government. Failed to Take an Appeal.

The time in which the city council can take an appeal from the award of the appraisers of the property damaged by the construction of the viaduct on West O street expired tonight and no appeal was filed. This places the city council in a posi-tion where it will be compelled to pay the full amount of the award, whether it is deemed excessive or not. A strong effort has been made upon the part of some of the councilmen to authorize the city attorney to appeal the case, but every attempt to bring matter to an issue has frustrated by the lack of a quorum. For two nights past the councilmen who favored the appeal bave spent the time from evening until midnight in a fruitless endeavor to se are a quorum. But on each occasion some of the councilmen have been absent-one to the World's fair, one to Kearney, another in Grand Island.

Mayor Weir and the councilmen who have ill along favored the appeal are not at all backward in expressing their indignation, and there are pretty loud hints that the ab-sence of some of the councilmen from the city has not been entirely accidental. also stated this afternoon that the work on the yiaduct is to be further delayed by an other injunction. The business men of Lin-coln, who have worked for the viaducts with considerable energy for the past three years, are awaiting further developments with interest and expectancy.

Ord Personals, ORD, Sept. 16 - Special to THE BEE. ] Valley county has contributed its quota to swell the crowd of beomers on the edge of the Cherokee Strip. Messrs S. L. Perkins, Frank Mallory, C. C. Coy, Truxton Ramsey and J. V. and E. L. Johnson started for the Strip this week.

A number of Ord's citizens left for the World's fair this week Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hall started Tuesday and Mrs. John Ratliff, Miss Emma Ratliff, Miss Jen nie Reed and Mr. James Milford left Friday Mrs. John H. Carson gave an afternoon tea to a number of her old lady friends Thurs-

Mrs. Long of North Bend is visiting with er daughter, Mrs. C. C. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Everett M. Williams left Monday on their weading tour. They will visit Aurora, Ill., the World's fair, Minne-apolis, Misn., and other places before return-

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Gillespie left Tuesday on a visit to Lincoln and Chicago A number of Ord people were in attendance at the state fair this week. Among thers were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Patty, Miss Hattie Winslow and Mrs. A. J. Smith and

Rev. W. B. Leonard of the Presbyterian thurch attended the meeting of the presby tery at Genoa this week. Dr. F. D. Haldeman has been re-elected secretary of the State Board of Health.

Dawes County Fair. CHADRON, Sept. 16 .- | Special to THE BEE. The eighth annual fair of Dawes county pens September 20 in this place and will ontinue for four days. It bids fair to be one of the most successful in the history of the Dawes County Agricultural society. The crops in this section are fairly good and the farmers propose to get out and show their big potatoes, corn. etc., to the public to the best possible advantage. Secretary B. F Pitman has been unceasing in his efforts to keep the fair in the minds of the public and

re- to obtain a more general interest in the ex- be made to Governor Crounse hibits. The society is most fortunate in that the Chadron Driving Park association holds its fall meeting at the same time and its program will be conducted in connection with the fair. The association will in fact have entire charge of the speed program Owing to the financial stringency only \$2,000 will be offered in the racing contests, but enough good horses from this section and the Black Hills will be on hand to make things interesting.

Two Small Blazes. FREMONT, Neb., Sept. 16.- Special Telegram to The Bre. ]-At about 2 o'clock p. m. the large coal house and office of Fred De lamater, adjoining the Union Pacific track on Main street, took fire and was almost en tirely consumed. The building was valued at \$1,600 and insured at \$1,000, including the insurance on the furniture, which is a total loss. The building contained a large stock of hard coal, which was but slightly injured At the time of the fire there was no wind, and this fact alone saved the Fremont flouring mills, which adjoin the coal house. fire originated from sparks from the switch engine which was working in the vicinity at

CEDAR RAPIDS, Neb., Sept. 16 .- [Special Telegramsto The Ber. | Fire destroyed a barn containing eight head of work horses belonging to A. C. Stowell, fr., proprietor o the Cheonouda ranch, at his farm four miles south of this place, at 11 o'clock last night The cause of the fire is not known and the loss is about \$1,000, with no insurance. SUPRIOR, Neb., Sept. 16.—[Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]—Fire broke out this norming on Central avenue, between G. Carthodel's lewelry store and Martin & Gil-christ's grocery. Nearly the entire stocks of both establishments were saved, but the buildings were left charred ruins. The active work of the fire department prevented the fire from spreading. The loss amounted to several hundred dollars.

West Point Pointers, WEST POINT, Neb., Sept. 16,-(Special to THE BEE. |- Gordon Franse was given a surprise party on Thursday before leaving for the Lincoln university. About fifty friends and schoolmates were present.

Mrs. H. Landas, accompanied by her son William of Reading, Pa., are in this city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson The visitors intend to stay here about six Mrs. Alderman and son, Dahl, returned their home in this city Friday after a long vacation spent with relatives in Michi

gau and Pennsylvania.

About 4 o'clock Friday morning fire broke out in the blacksmith shop of John Eisanger By hard work of the fire engines the barr adjoining was say of from the fire. was entirely destroyed, but there is some ittle insurance on it.
Many of the West Pointers who went to

the World's fair two weeks ago returned Friday noon. Crawford Wants the Land Office,

Caawrone, Neb., Sept. 16.-[Special Tele gram to THE BEE |- The citizens of Crawford held a very enthusiastic mass meeting last evening to consider what steps should be taken to secure the land office of the consolidation land district of Chadron and Atliance for this place. Petitions are being circulated over the entire district. These petitions are to be sent to the secretary of the interior with maps showing the accessi bility of Crawford, its location in the geographical center of the district and its roadway facilities.

Sand Storm at Dunbar. DUNBAR, Neb., Sept. 16.-(Special to THE Ben |-This little city was visited yesterday by one of the worst dust storms known here for years. Saud and dust were blown in clouds, stores and dwellings had to be closed and all business was suspended. The storm was so severe that some few farmers who were hauling cereals to town were com-pelled to abandon their loads, as the grain was blown out of the wagons.

For Mrs. Mason's Pardon, HASTINGS, Sept. 16 .- [Special to THE BEE.] Notice was given today that at 9 o'clock on Monday, October 2, an application will

of Mrs. Anna B. Mason, who is now serving a four years term in the penitentiary for manslaughter. Readers of THE BEK will re-member the mysterious death of D. S. Cele a year ago last August, Mrs. Mason's sur-render and confession to the officers last winter, her confession to the court on January 19 last, her plea of guilty to mansiaugh-ter and her sentence. Her husband, Ed-ward W. Mason, was tried for aiding Mrs. Mason, but was acquitted after a lengthy

SUITS INVOLVING A KNOTTY POINT. Claiming Damages for Wages Garnisheed

on an Account Sold Into Iowa. Plattsмогти, Neb., Sept. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The news of the trial of an important suit comes from Elmwood, a small town in the west end of Cass county. J. W. Thomas, an employe of the B. & M. in this city, brought suit before an Elmwood justice against C. M. Wescott, a clothing merchant, also of Plattsmouth, to recover some \$400 for alleged damages done him by the sale of an account into lowa, on which his wages were afterward Several other actions of the same nature

other workingmen against Plattsmouth merchants were commenced at Thomas-Wescott case was tried yesterday before a jury and resulted in a verdict for the merchant. The other suits will be taken up in turn, and their outcome is

Gave Them a Wescome Home. TEKAMAH, Neb., Sept. 16.- [Special Tele gram to The Ber. |-When the passenger train arrived here tonight a delegation of citizens and the Ladies Silver Cornet band were at the depot to welcome the Burt county agricultural committee from the state fair and to congratulate its members on the success of the county in capturing the gold medal and the \$600 cash prize. The band played and Judge Hopewell delivered an address of welcome, which was re sponded to by H. Jeger, president of the

awaited with unusual interest.

agricultural society.

Carroll as Postmaster. FREMONT. Neb., Sept. 16.- Special Tele gram to THE BEE | - The announcement that l'homas J. Carroll has been appointed postmaster at Fremont causes general satisfaction among all classes. He is a general favorite in the city. He has been for the

past four years deputy county treasurer, and as such has made a most painstaking and excellent official. He is receiving enthusiastic congratulations, and is modestly and becomingly bearing his honors. Aft. and eve., tjapeze artists, Courtl'd.

Kehoe Proved an Alibi. HANCOCK, Mich., Sept. 16.-Jack Kehoe one of the men arrested yesterday on suspicton of having been implicated in the Mineral Range express robbery, has been released. He proved an alibi.

Lake Superior for the past few days has been so wrought up that a small boat could not live any length of time upon it. This will preclude the possibility of the robbers escaping to Canada that way. If the men in custody are not the culprits the real robbers will have a hard time evaning justice, for the territory surrounding the scene of the roobery is a dreary waste with no place where anybody could procure food. Nothing is yet known as to the where abouts of the missing money.

Music afternoon and eve at Courtland. "Touched" for a Timepiece.

W. F. Search, of the American Sign Works company on Sixteenth street, had a gold watch stolen yesterday afternoon. The valuable timepiece was taken Mr. Search was busily employed in another part of the room.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Small pill safe pill, best pill. Lorenze and Lotta at Courtland beach.

Fierce Forest Fires Sweep the Black Hills Country.

BLAZING SWATHS SEVEN MILES WIDE

Marvelous Escape of Cities and Towns-Citizens Fight Back the Flames-Probable Amount of Damages-

Cause of the Fires.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Sept. 16.- [Special to THE BEE | - The past week has been a restless one for the many settlements of the Black Hills. During the month of August and this month scarcely a drop of rain has tailen, with the result that the timber and underbrush all over the Hills has become as nflammable as matches. Small fires starting n various localities spread with such rapid ity and gained so much in extent as to make the country a veritable sea of flame. These fires have started in a large number of places, and, being allowed to go unchecked for a time, soon assumed proportions that made them practically inextinguishable Nearly every mining camp in the northern Hills has been threatened during the past week from forest fires, and the inhabitants have been out in force fighting the flames. The most serious of the fires were three The first extended along Annie creek, finally making its way to Portland, where it was only by the most strenuous exertions of the inhabitants that the town was saved. This fire destroyed a large amount of growing timeer, besides great quantities of cord wood and some buildings and cabins, entailing a cas of probably \$30,000.

Blazing Swath Seven Miles Wide. East of Deadwood about six miles another fire of large proportions is raging and has

fone immeasurable damage to growing tim-ber. It started on the head of West Strawberry guich, burning a swath varying from one to seven miles wide and six miles long. Along this line were many houses and settle ments, the inhabitants of which did all in their power to extinguish the flames, but without avail. It is still burning and whether or not it will create much further damage depends upon the wind. In the flames track were the mill and noisting works of the famous Two Bears

mine, and at one time the flames became a threatening that all the miners were called out of the mine and set to work lighting back the fire. All hope of saving the works seemed gone, when suddenly the wind veered and the fire went off in another direc But the most threatening and destructive

fire of all was one started by a miner to burn out a nest of hornets. The hornets were ourned out all right and so was the miner Then the flames began to spread, and in less than a day they had become a seething mass of flames two miles wide, burning every-thing in their track. It burned along the head of Blacktail divide, threatening Central City, and all of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the people of that town remained in a state of dread. Preparations had been made for rapid flight, every citizen of the city for the time being believing that ts destruction was only the matter of a few hours. Deadwood in Dread.

The fire, however, wafted by a strong breeze, swept by the city, and, leaving it but a few hundred yards to the east, came roar ing toward Deadwood. The heavens were aglow with the fire's reflection, and its progress Deadwoodward was watched and noted by every citizen. For a time great alarm was felt, for it seemed almost certain that the fire in its progress would sweet over the town. The fire alarm was sounded and in a short time almost every able-bodies man in the city had assembled at the half. The danger was implicant and b The danger was imminent and but lit tie time was spent in preliminaries. Men were loaded into vehicles and sent to meet the advancing flames. It was a hard fight, and but little could Hope had been almost given over by the fire fighters, who, driven from point to point by the flerce flames, searched and blistered and burned, were about to give up, when the wind, veering, carried the flames away from

the town. The respite was a brief one, however, for the flames again shot cityward, but the time gained was valuable, for in those few short ninutes almost superhuman efforts had been put forth, and the dried brush and the dead timber had been removed from the fire's track, leaving it nothing to feed upon. Checked in its movevent toward this city the fire continued to burn in the thick timber to the west, and all night Friday raged furiously. The scene was a magnificent one, but its awful destructiveness was fully realized by the people of Deadwood, watching and fearing it.

Danger Past.

The worst is over now and the community s beginning to breathe more freely. A suffivient force to hold control over the flames is kept on the hills, confining the fire to the ircles it has already made and there is no onger apprehension that any of the towns or cities will be swept in the track of the ingry elements.

Whether or not the desired effect has been produced a little time will develop, but the experiences of the last few days should teach experiences of the last lew days should teach the good people of these Black Hills a valuable lesson. About all of the quaint and pretty little cities are grea; quantities of tall timber and a growth of underbrush, thick enough to make it a difficult job for even a lack rabbit to penetrate. Had this timber been cut and this underbrush reloved there would have been none of the dangers of the past ten days. The expense would have been a mere bagatelle to the amount the taxpayers of this city will now have to disgorge for the services of 200 men at \$2.50 each per day fighting the flames for

the last week. The resson is a costly one, but the people in the first flush of thankful-ness that their homes are not destroyed are not counting it. Cause of the Fires.

The utter disregard of a United States law by the citizens of the Hills alone is re-responsible for the immense amount of damage that has been done within the past few days. Wood choppers and timber hewers, after taking from the trees the valuable and useful parts, have invariably neglected to gather and pile, as required by the law in question, the tops and small branches which have been rejected as useless. As dry as tinder, this inflamable stuff has been allowed to remain where it has fallen. Campers are numerous in the hills, and careless. A little fire left burning after a party has taken its eparture from camp, a slight wind, and the lamage has been done. It is the intention hereafter to prosecute every violator of the law, and it is thought that a few convic-tions will have the effect of compelling a oser observance of it.

The timber fires have been confined to no have been raging throughout its length and readth. Pennington, Butte and Custer conties have suffered most, and the damage e growing timber will amount to many to growing timeer will amount to many mil-lions of dollars. A day or two ago the sol-diers of Fort Meade were ordered out to fight the flames on Elk creek, and through their efforts very much valuable mill property was saved from destruction. Hardly a hamiet or town in the Hills has escaped a visitation from the flames, and it seems wonderful indeed that any of them have escaped destruction.

Aft. and eve., trapeze artists, Courtl'd,

Major Halford's Bible Class. Every one who does not attend Sunday school is invited to come to the First Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Major Halford's bible class, the largest in Omaha, meets at that hour, and a special invitation is extended to adults to take part in the exercises. Major Halford is an interesting speaker and all who will spend an hour in the class will surely be enter-

Building Permits. Building permits to the amount of \$1,620 were issued yesterday by the inspector of

tained.

HIS MENTAL TROLLEY'S OFF

Sad Case of a Man From Cuming County Who Went Crazy.

AFFLICTED WITH POVERTY AND DISEASE Insanity Follows Medical Trea ment-

on Douglas County as a Pauper-Before the County missioners-Protest of the Board. When the Board of County Commissioners

convened yesterday afternoon the Sisters of Mercy in charge of St. Joseph's hospital served notice that they had an insane man from Cuming county on their hands and that he was without money. They asked that he be taken into the custo is of the county and be removed from the hospital. The request resulted in the making of an

investigation, at which it was learned that the man came to this city some weeks ago for the purpose of being doctored and that since his arrival had become insane. Chairman Stenberg opined that it was

another case where outside counties were trying to foist their insane and paupers upon Douglas county and that the commissioners might as well begin adopting severe remedies in order to stop the imposition.

Commissioner Livesey stated that during the past year at least six paupers from other counties had been shipped into Omaha and gained their residence before being located. All of them were young people, he said, and would continue to be county charges for years.

The result of the discussion was that the committee on charity was instructed to take charge of the Caming county insane man and send him back to West Point, the town from whence he came, but the matter did not end there. The committee was given additional instructions to the effect that after the man was sent away, if he should again be found here as a public charge the officials of Cuming county should be prose-cuted under the provisions of the pauper migration laws.

Grading contracts for the removal of 8,000 ubic yards of earth in Umon and Jefferson procincts were awarded. Lamreaux Bros. got the contract for 2,000 yards at 8 9-10 cents, while James Etinger got 2,000 yards at 13 2-10, and 4,000 yards at 10 \( \) cents. Bids Referred to Committees.

Bids for furnishing the coal for the court house, the jail, the county hospital and the outside poor were presented, opened and rethe respective committees. The owest bid on hard coal was at the \$9.25 per ton delivered, and was from the Nebraska Fuel company. The bids on soft and steam coal varied, as they were submitted upon a dozen different kinds and grades of the article.

The request of J. H. McShane to have the suits against the contractors of the hospital and their bondsmen dismissed was refused, the county attorney maintaining that the time might come when the county could col-lect from the bondsmen some of the money which the county had been compelled to pay on account of the contractors, Ryan & Walch, having failed to live up to the terms of the contract.

By the adoption of a resolution the Pokrok Zapadu and the Swedish Journal Tribues were designated as official papers for the publication of the delinquest tax list and the treasurer was instructed to furnish each

with a copy of the list.

In response to an invitation to submit a bid, John Kemerling offered to bushinammer the granite steps leading to the court house at the rate of \$5 per step. The committee on court house and jail will decide upon the necessity of having the granite bushham-

Sheriff Bennett was instructed to invite bids for the furnishing of fifty pairs of woolen blankets and 100 suits of clothes at the jail, for the use of the prisoners.

Fine boating, Courtland beach