### STORY OF THE YELLOW CAT

Ill-Peeling Engendered Petween Two Omaha Families Because of "Tabby."

Maltese Cat Robbed of Its Young Purloins the Pride of a Neighboring Family and Thereby Hangs the Tale.

Kidnaping cases have been frequent in all parts of the world whice time began. In its comparatively brief existence Omaha even has had experience in that line. The records, however, have never contained a parallel to the case which was carried to police court Saturday, for the being that is charged with being kidnaped is a cat.

"Who stole the cat?" is the paramount question in the case. The owner, Mrs. Nellie Brandon, says that the members of the family of Charles Sidney had considerable to do with it. Mrs. Carrie Sidney, who is the wife of Charles Sidney and the mother of the family, is willing to concede that her own cat might have had something to do with the kidnaping of the missing feline, but she denies that either she or any member of her family should be held responsible for the acts of the family cat. The Sid-ney family and the Brandon family live in close proximity to each other on Sixteenth street south of Vinton.

The kidnaping kitty, so far as known, is a The kidnaping kitty, so tar as known, is a common yellow and white specimen of the feline tribe. It had no particular points of beauty, except that it was a cute little thing, but was a great pet in the Brandon family. Mrs. Brandon highly prized it because it was given to her by an old school-mate, who has since removed from the city. She is a trifle anxious to get it back, because she does not want the Sidney family to have it, for the reason that there is some standing between the two

The kidnaping occurred last Friday. Mrs. Brandon was out in her back yard, when she noticed a big maltese cat, belonging to the Sidney tribe, enter the premises. Mrs. Bran-don's kitty at the time was playing about its owner's feet. The maltese meandered in an aimless way about the yard for awhile and then suddenly pounced upon the poor little Brandon puss. Seizing it in its mouth, the Sidney tabby scooted out of the yard and into the Sidney premises. For a moment Mrs. Brandon was dumbstricken, but then she recovered and with screams rushed after her stolen pet. The cat ran around the Sidney house, but when Mrs. Brandon rounded the same corner it was out of sight.

MAKES A FORMAL DEMAND. Mrs. Brandon at once made a call upon Mrs. Sidney and demanded the return of the kitten forthwith. Mrs. Sidney took the posl tion that she did not have the stolen property and was therefore not compelled to give back what she did not have. What her cat did was not her concern. She maintained that if Mrs. Brandon wanted the kitten she should go to the maltese for it. But the maltese kept very discreetly out of Mrs. Brandon's reach the rest of the day.

The action of the Sidney cat is explained

thus by its owners. They say that some couple of weeks ago it gave birth to a lit-ter of kittens. The family could not get rid of the little ones and did not want any more cats about the premises. Therefore the entire brood were taken into the back yard one day and were drowned in a tub of water. Since that lamentable occasion the maltese has been very downcast and the Sidney family has come to the conclusion that she stole the Brandon kitten in order to

lavish its affection upon it.

Mrs. Brandon is confident that the Sidneys know where the missing kitten is. This belief was strengthened Saturday when Wil-lie, a young scion of the Sidney family, made a decidedly insulting gesture toward her, in which his nose and his fingers played a prominent part. The Sidneys, however, maintain stoutly that they do not know what the

maltese did with the tabby.

Mrs. Brandon wanted the whole Sidney ing when she applied to the city prosecutor The latter, however, positively refused to file any compleint in the case unless Mrs. Brandon guaranteed the costs of the prose Mrs. Brandon refused to do this and walked out of police court with the statement that she would compel the authorities to give her justice.

#### NEBRASKA HONORED BY WOODMEN Several Citizens of This State Given Places of Trust.

Dr. E. Holovtchiner returned yesterday from St. Louis, where he attended the national convention of the Woodmen of the World. The Nebraska delegates were emphatically in it during the convention. Not only did they succeed in retaining the headstate secured a flattering portion of the important offices of the supreme body. Holovtchiner was elected supreme physician of the Woodmen's Circle. Other Omaha people were complimented with official positions. Mrs. Ruby Root was elected su preme clerk; Mrs. Huse, supreme guardian; Dr. Dorwald, chairman of the board of managers, and John G. Kuhn, supreme manager. Mrs. Manchester of Lincoln was elected STRUCK BY A BURLINGTON TRAIN.

Girl Thrown from the Track, but Not Seriously Injured.

Christine Swingholm, aged 15 years, had a narrow escape from death yesterday after- Hotel Blk.) or write. She was walking along the main street and Poppleton avenue, about 4 o'clock, in ignorance that eastbound passenger train No. 2 was but a short distance in her rear The train struck the girl and landed her several feet to one side of the track. Strange to relate, she was uninjured, with the exception of a bruised back and a general shaking up.
The train was stopped and the girl brought

to this city, but as it was found that the services of a physician will be unnecessary, she was allowed to depart for her hon near the scene of the encounter, with the injunction to keep off the tracks in the

Over the Precipice

Hosts of it valids tumble to destruction simply because they will exercise no discretion in the matters of eating, drinking and the avoidance of exciting causes, and, above all in the item of medication. They persist in dosing themselves in season and out of season with drastic and violent remedies, opiates and mineral poisons. The best, the safest, the pleasantest substitutes for such hurtful no-remedies is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, potent for malarial, rheumatic, dyspeptic, nervous and bilious complaints

At a meeting of the Board of Governors, the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, held at the

Den March 14, 1897, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the signature of "Samson Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben" appearing in the press notices and upon postal cards relative to a water meeting to be held at the Board of Trade rooms on the evening of March 15, 1897, was affixed to said notices without any authority whatever and without the knowledge of the Board of Governors or Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben. Be it further Resolved, That it is not within the province of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben to part as Knights in any political or other

our organization R. S. WILCOX, President. VANCE LAND, Secretary.

business outside the legitimate functions

"The Overland Limited." To Utah in 291/2 hours, California in 601/4 bours via the UNION PACIFIC. This is the fastest and finest train in the west. Tickets can be obtained at city ticket office. 1302 Farnam street.

\$25 Reward.

The above reward will be paid and no questions asked for information concerning the pocketbook containing rings, keys and money lost on 26th and Harney. Address F 56, Bee. The Neb. Seed Co., 520 N. 16th, sells sieds of higher grade than eastern houses.

STOOD NOT ON THE OLDER OF GOING Door of a Lion's Cage Opens and the

The large crowd that gathered around to witness the unloading of some performing lions yesterday afternoon was accorded a speciacle which was not down on the program. The heavy wagon upon which was MATERNAL INSTINCTS LEADS TO THEFT loaded the cages of the three animals was on its way to the hall, when, upon striking the heavy grade near the corner of Fifteenth and Harney streets, a stick of wook flew up and frightened the team of horses. Thor-oughly startled the horses dashed down the street with the driver and Frank Hall holding on like grim death. In front of the Granite block the horses dashed into the display signs of a local photographer and mashed them into atoms. The collision nowever, served to stop the team, but not until the cage containing the lioness "Trilby" was tossed upon the sidewalk. The heavy fastening of the cage was broken and the crouching animal sprang part way

through the opening.
At this moment Mr. Hall, acting upon the impulse of the moment, Jammed the lid of the cage down upon the animal's body and with a roar of pain the Honess withdrew to the interior of the fron-strapped box. Those who stood around had important business in other sections of the city about this time and a wild scramble for places of safety was in vogue for a few minutes. The wreck was gathered up and the animals at length taken to the Creighton Music hall, where they were placed temporarily in a section iron cage, which was constructed in the rear of

CHRISTIAN HOME ANNIVERSARY. Entertainment in Celebraton of Its

Fourteenth Year. Arrangements have been made for a musical and reception to be given in the Young Men's Christian association parlors March 17 from 3 to 6 p. m. It is proposed at this meeting to effect a permanent organization for the promotion of sympathy and united effort along all lines of work for children—parental, enducational and charitable. Each guest is requested to bring a small donation to aid the erection of a fireproof building for he Christian home. The Christian Home orphanage completes

he fourteenth year of its work on March 16. During its existence it has sheltered 158 eserted and orphaned little once from

The first part of the program will consist of an address on the work of the home by Rev. John Wilson, recitations, vocal and violin solos and duets by Secretary Gillan, members of Miss Terry's class and others. At 4:30 o'clock Mrs. Frances Ford will speak on "Mothers and Schools." Many of

he most prominent educators and teachers will give five minute talks. Mrs. Towne has cindly consented to act as chairman of the

Others have found health, vigor and ritality in Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it surely has power to help you also. Why not try it? Po the Citizens and Taxpayers of Omnha.

All citizens and taxpayers of Omaha who are opposed to the proposition of settlement with the Omaha Water company passed by the Omaha city council Tuesday, March 9. 1897, and now in the hands of the mayor, are hereby called upon to attend a mass meeting to be held at 8 o'clock p. m. on Monday, March 15, 1897, at the Board of frade rooms, Sixteenth and Farnam, for the purpose of protesting against the action of the city council in that regard.

The proposition as passed is hostile to the nterests of the city. It means a continuaion of the present excessive hydrant rentals present exorbitant water rates harged to private consumers.

It is a deadly blow to the cause of munici-cal ownership.

It grants to the Omaha Water company concessions worth millions of dollars with-out exacting in return anything worthy the name of a consideration.

If carried out it would be in no proper

sense a compromise of existing difference between the water company and the city, but a mere bald surrender of the rights of our people.

At the meeting above referred to a full

exposition of all the features of the proposi-tion will be made, and all citizens and taxpayers who are interested in the welfare of Omaha should make it a point to be present DAN FARRELL, JR., President Board of Trade. J. E. BAUM,

Chairman Ex. Com. Commercial Club. A. HOSPE, JR.,
President Omaha Retailers' Association. W. R. BENNETT, Pres. Omaha Fair and Speed Association. WILLIAM H. BELL President Central Labor Union.

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Cheapest way there is. Comfortable too No change of cars. Finest scenery on earth. Call at ticket office, 1502 Farnam street, and get folder giving full information. J. B. REYNOLDS, City Passenger Agent.

Six-Thirty P. M. Train. of the CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RY. ELECTRIC LIGHTS, Dining car. City office: 1504 Farnam. Cheap Excursion South

VIA THE WABASH. On Tuesday, March 16th, round tickets to Hot Springs, Ark., and all points outh will be sold at one fare, with \$2 dded. For tickets and full information call at Wabash office, 1415 Farnam st. (Paxton G. N. CLAYTON, Agt.

For beautiful sweet peas and other flower seeds go to Neb. Seed Co., 529 N. 16th, PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

R. D. Fouts, Valley, is at the Mercer. Mrs. M. McElroy of Wakefield is in the

W. O. Jonec, Cheyenne, is a guest at the a visitor in the city.

Dr. Franklin R. Carpenter of Deadwood is John C. Watson and wife of Nebraska City arrived in Omaha last night.

Frank Tierney of Broken Bow, one of Cus er county's stockmen, is in the city. H. R. Mantz has gone to Chicago, where he expects to remain for a fortnight. John A. McShane, accompanied by his wife, left yesterday for a short eastern trip. G. F. Crandell of the Union Pacific has gone to Chicago to be absent a few days. F. A. Anderson has gone to Denver, where he will visit friends for a short period. Twenty-five members of the Mandarin Opera company are registered at the Mercer.

Gould Dietz left for Sheridan, Wvo. last where he goes on a business trip of bree days. Miss Jessie Millard, who has been in Chicago on a short visit with friends, returned home last night.

Miss Alice Andreesen, in company with several friends, left for an eastern trip last

W. H. Colby, manager of the shoe department for Appel & Co., Denver, Colo., stopping at the Mercer.

J. A. Kuhn, local superintendent of the Northwestern, left last evening on a short pusiness trip to Chicago. C. H. Venner of Boston, who arrived in last Friday, is still in the city, but says he expects to leave today.

Harry T. McCormick, accompanied by his wife and son, returned home last night from a coast trip, which included visits to Portland, Ore., and San Francisco W. Cameron of Buffalo, Wvo., brought twenty cars of cattle to the local market yes-terday. He was accompanied by his wife.

who will go to Kansas City on a visit. Mrs. T. M. Our, accompanied by Mrs. Hofflast night from Chicago, where they have been attending the season of grand opera. Nebraskans at the hotels: F. C. Page, Fairmont: Thomas Beck. Alliance: Jarvis Richards, Chadron: O. B. Manville. Tilden: W. R. Alexander, Wahoo: W. J. Orchard, Exeter: William Charlton, Rulo; C. J. Mitch-ell, Sprague; H. J. Ellis, Alliance,

FLORENCE

Long Desired Roadway Seems to Be Near Possibility.

It Will Be Necessary, However, for the Wheelmen to Raise a Few

Hundred Dollars by Subscrip-

tion to Complete the Work.

The prospects for the bicycle path to Florace are at present the brighest since the has been fostered and advocated by Hal Mc-Cord, has been brought to such a point that it rests entirely with the wheelmen and wheelwomen of the city whether or not the path shall be built. If they will subscribe a few hundred dollars to assist in the work

a-jack of a track to the pumping station.

The plan has been brought into its present favorable condition by the recent passage of the resolution through the city council, providing that the city will pay the expence of grading a path from the end of limits if the county will continue the work from that point through the country to Florence. The county has already prepared to do a portion of this. At a meeting of the county commissioners some months ago an appropriation of \$150 was passed for the construction of a path from the city limits to Florence. This money is available at any

The \$150 is only a portion of the expense that would necessarily have to be employed to they are able. It has not yet been accurately determined just what amount of money will be needed, but it is estimated that \$500 must be raised in this or some other familion to build a first-class path.

TO BE USED IN GRADING. he path and in leveling the ground. The topping, which will consist of cinders, will practically cost nothing. The water works company, to whose pumping station the path will extend, has agreed to furnish gratis all the cinders it has to spare. It is believed that whatever more is needed can be obtained free from other concerns. The only expense incurred will be in the hauling. path will be built on the east side of the road and will be eight feet in width.

There is no doubt that the path will be hailed with considerable enthusiasm by the wheel riders of the city. In bad or muddy weather there is not a road outside the city which can be enjoyed, and the pavements inside the city limits are not always in such condition as to make wheeling particularly enjoyable. The path which is proposed will furnish an excellent ride of several miles whatever the condition of the weather. It is estimated that the round trip to the pumping house from the postoffice is about fifteer

The subscription idea does not propose any soliciting. The sheet will be opened at some prominent place in the city and the wheelmen will be called upon to make only volun tary subscriptions. It is believed that the bicycle dealers will bear some considerable portion of the burden, inasmuch as everbenefit to wheelmen and wheeling redound to them in increased business. It is though that the remainder of the money needed car easily raised from wheelmen themselves If the Associated Cycling Clubs should admoney is raised in that fashion, the construction of the path will be begun as soon a

#### AMUSEMENTS.

The Andrews Opera company opened a with a matinee and evening performance. it was greeted with a fair sized audience which was generous with its applause, if somewhat erratic in its bestowal, for some of the most meritorious numbers were given was the "Pirates of Penzance," with its many catchy airs, and like several other ompanies which have rendered opera in Omaha this season they took some liberties with the text, but as the parts interjected were among the best rendered the audience had no cause for complaint on that scor-The company contains a number of excellent voices, both male and female, and presents withal a very pleasing performance. The leading roles were all well sustained and the chorus acquitted itself in such manner as to win the favor of the audience "Fra Diavolo," the evening bill, was also pleasing performance and met with a gener

The audience which greeted the first ap-pearance of "The Mandarin" at the Creighton last night, was not all that might have been desired from a box office standpoint. Nothing seems to suit the American taste light opera so well as the productions of meritorious American composers. The most successful operatic ventures of recent times have been those which have presented the works of Americans. Of these the successful, both from a musical and a finan cial standpoint, have been the production of those young Americans, Messrs. De Koven and Smith, who seem to have struck the chord of popular taste in just the right manner. The librettos of Mr. Smith are light and graceful without being handi-capped with humor which is heavy and ull; the music of Mr. DeKoven is melodious and tuneful and the orchestration is usually

all that could be desired. In "The Mandarin" these collaborators have surpassed all their former efforts. The libretto is deliciously humorous and is entirely free from "horse play." The music is pretty and graceful. There is just enough Oriental coloring in it to harmonize most delightfully with the sentimental portion of the libretto, while the distinctively Chinese flavor imparted by the drums and othe ear splitting instruments forms a pleasing setting for the fun making. There is a profusion of tuneful choruses and pretty songs, not particularly haunting, but pleas-ing to the ear and of enough intrinsic worth to make them popular. The orchestration is excellent and the finales are carried to

climax in a very effective fashion. The production is elaborately caparisoned the stage settings being remarkable even in this day of stage realism. The costuming is gorgeous to the point of magnificence. Added to these is a wealth of pretty girls with singing voices far above the average even in the best of traveling companies. The male portion of the chorus is the only apparent weak point in the entire production.
The cast, collectively, is a strong one.
George Boniface, jr., was the droll FanTan, and his Chinese tricks furnished a
deal of amusement throughout the performance. His "double," the mandarin, wa impersonated by George Honey in a man ner which suffered somewhat by comparison with Boniface. Joseph Sheean, the tenor was rather stiff and colorless as Hop-Sing but he has a pleasing voice. Henry Norman, as the emperor, was warmly welcomed and his conception of his part was most acceptable to the audience.

Mrs. Alice Barnett, as the chaperon of the mandarin, was massive physically and dramatically, but was not required to dis-play a great deal of musical ability. Bertha Waltzinger, as the wife of Fan-Tan, looked and acted the part of the reigning beauty to perfection. She has a tuneful voice of rich quality and purity of tone. Beile Har per, as the winsome and vivacious Tin-Ling, the favorite wife of the mandarin, quickly won her way into the good graces of the audience. Helen Redmond had but a brief opportunity to show her ability, but she acquitted herself most satisfactorily. Claudia Carlstedt, as the valet of the mandarin, was one of a bevy of pretty girls and the little she had to do was well done.

One of the most pleasing divertisements in the performance was the umbrells dance in

young women.

The performance will be repeated tonight

Opera company.

COUNTY AND CITY WILL DO THEIR SHARE Friend from India," by H. A. Du Souchet, will be produced at the Creighton for two nights commencing Sunday, March 21. It is founded upon theosophy and is plotted on the famous order of learned Indian savants known as "The Order of the Yellow Robe." A barber gets into the house of a retire pork packer through a scapegrace son, introduces the tensorial artist as Friend from India." The old man shoves the barber into society as a distinguished the-csophist, and the whole family ultimately get the fever and go to wearing yellow project was broached. The scheme, which robes. There are numerous funny complications before the fraud is exposed, during which some young lovers get things fixed

"Shore Acres," James A. Hernes' success ful American play, will be given an elaborate stage production at the Creighton for fous nights, commencing Wednesday, March 17. Mr. McCord says that they will have a crack-The play, which is most popular with Omaha amurement lovers, will be presented by a capable company, which will include such well known etage folk as George M. Wilson, Atkins Lawrence, Ed J. Connelly, Jeanne Otis and others. Seats will be placed on sale this morning for the entire engage ment. But one matinee performance will be the North Thirtieth street paving to the city given-Saturday. Notwithstanding the expensiveness of the attraction, it has been decided not to advance prices, which will be the ordinary house scale.

Adgie the oriental dancer and animal tamer, with her three savage pets, the lions Black Prince, Victoria and Trilby, the last erty yesterday, thoroughly frightening a large crowd of onlookers, will open a week's engagement at Creighton music hall tonight where they will be the leading attractions. Other features will be the Ryeford sisters. proposes that a popular subscription list shall be opened, to which the wheelmen of the city will be called to subscribe such a manufacture of the Ryeford sisters, the Carmens, Emery and Russell, Mand Dayton and Plymondon. Adgie's act which is a decidedly dangerous one will be subscribe such a manufacture of the Ryeford sisters, the Carmens, Emery and Russell, Mand Dayton and Plymondon. feat at Hagenback's menagerie at the World's fair, Chicago, where she created a decided furore by her absolute fearlessness.

During Mr. O'Neill's visit, as an invited guest to the Woman's exposition in Atlanta last year, Mrs. Hugh Hagan, secretary of This money will be used chiefly in grading the Woman's Board of Managers, said in introducing Mr. O'Neill: "It is with great appreciation of the honor conferred upon me that I introduce to you Mr. James O'Neill, than whom no greater actor lives. Truly has drama its exponent in our honored guest. That Mr. O'Neill's career has been one in reasing effort in the maintenance of art in its purest type is the verdict of the world While Mr. Irving, a worthy compeer of Mr. O'Neill's, was created sir knight by her majesty, Queen Victoria, Dame Nature knighted Mr. O'Neill. Were the Woman's Board of Managers visited with the powers of queens, he would go forth from us today prince." Mr. O'Neill is announced at Boyd's for the 24th and 25th of this month.

CHICAGO, March 14 .- Messrs. Barnabec nd MacDonald of the Bostonians have conluded arrangements with M. Jean LaSalle or the French rights of Herbert and De Smith's opera, "The Serenade." M. LaSall says he considers the opera the most atand he has bought the rights for France as

RELAND'S RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY

it. Patrick's Day Will Be Quietly Observed in Omaha. Wednesday will bring the anniversary which the Irish flag takes on a deeper shade of green and every patriotic son of the green island pays tribute to the memory of the saint whose labors ended on that day more than 1,400 years vago. While there is still more or less attention paid to St. Patrick's day in Omaha, the elaborate celebrations that were once the rule have been practically abandoned. It has been several years since the day has been made the occasion for a big parade with conspicuous Irish flags and green regalia, and this year, as last, the ob-servance of the day will be confined to private entertainments and religious services.

The solemn high mass will be sung in all reek's engagement at the Boyd yesterday the Catholic churches Wednesday morning and in most cases this will be supplemented by a musical program prepared especially for the occasion. Several informal enter-tainments have been arranged for the evening, the programs of which will be an-nounced later. One of the events of the but scant recognition. The afternoon bill day will be an address by Rev. Father Faber Smith at St. Agnes' church at South Omaha. Father Smith is one of the celebrated di-

vines of the Catholic church and is said to be an eloquent speaker.

In the evening Division No. 4 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will give a liter-ary entertainment at Cosmopolitan hall on South Thirteenth street. Father Foley will deliver an address at the Holy Family church n the evening and the county board of the Hibernian organization is also making ar-rangements for an evening celebration, which will be held in one of the down-town halls.

TWO COUNTERFEITERS ARRESTED

They Had Been Circulating a Number of Bad Quarters. George Myrick and his wife, Ella, were ar rested yesterday by United States officers on a charge of counterfeiting. The arrest was made at the house of Mrs. Lou Scott, 1321 Pacific street. Mrs. Scott is the mother of Mrs. Myrick. Complaints for about a week have been coming to the ears of the author ities of a quantity of counterfeit quarters which were being passed by a man and a woman. One of the victims was brought over from Council Bluffs yesterday and placed where he could get a view of Myrick and his wife as they passed on the street. He at once identified the couple who had windled him. The arrest followed. Upon being taken to the station Myrick and his wife were identified by C. A. Clarke,

a confectioner at 419 East Washington street, Council Bluffs, and by eight other merchants in the Icwa town whom the couple had vis-The quarters are but poor imitations of the genuine article and but one of them was passed at a time. The amount of the spu-

ious coin put into circulation is thought to be small. Nothing used in the manufacture of the coins was found in the Scott residence and the counterfeits are supposed to be an out-of-town production. Drinks Carbolic Acid. ST. JOSEPH, Mos. March 14.-"Eithe

give me the whisky or I'll drink this," exclaimed young Franke Lewis, as he stood before the bar of a saloon this afternoon holding a small phial in his hand and addressing the bartender, who had asked him to pay for a round of drinks. The bartender did not see fit to forgive the account and young Lewis poured the contents of a three ounce bottle of carbolic acid down his throat. The bartender tried to prevent him and some of the acid was spilled on his clands, burning them in a horrible manner. Lewis was carried into the police station, where he died in a few moment in horrible agony. His father resides at King City, Mo., and is one of the wealthy business men of that place. The son was 29 years of age. No reason is assigned for his act. claimed young Frank Lewis, as he stoo

His Parents Complain. Santo Mazza, am Italian youth, was ar-rested last evening at the instance of his parents, who assert that Santo is many parents, who assert that santo a barry parents, who has age in things which tend to depravity. Louis Mazza says that Santo stays out nights and consorts with a tough crowd. They have been unable to make him stay in school for any length of time and he does not take kindly to the banana trade. They want him sent to the reform school, where his juvenile talents will be bent to a trade. The family lives at 1317 Jones street.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

German-American lodge, Woodmen of the World, gave a very enjoyable masquerade ball in Kessler's ball last Saturday night. George Hart got into a fight in the restau-rant near Eleventh and Farnam streets last night over the payment of a small bill. He was arrested and locked up at the station on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. acquitted herself most satisfactorily.
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One of the most pleasing divertisements in the performance was the umbrells dance in ary 11. It is valued at \$10.

BICYCLE PATH the last act, executed by two men and six CUTTING OFF ITS TRADE

EXPENSE TOO HEAVY AT PRESENT TIME

Only Helpless and Infirm Can Receive Assistance from the County, and Close Investigation of These is Made.

The volume of business being transacted by the Douglas county store is being rap idly reduced and the patronage of the in stitution is falling off at a rapid rate. This fact is not due to a lack of appreciation of the bargains offered by the store in ques tion, but is chargeable to the commissioner of this county, who have ordered that the output be reduced to the lowest point. The customers are, therefore, forced to trade elsewhere, much against their will, but the depleted condition of the county treasury has caused a retrenchment order to be issued, which affects the county store to a greater extent than any other department of the county government,

The county store is the medium through which the commissioners of Douglas county dispense assistance to those who are de pendent upon the county for food and fuel The demands upon this department have been heavier during the past year than at any similar period in the history of the county, the annual expense of the charity thus dispensed reaching in the neighbor-hood of \$40,000. Six or seven years ago the cost to the taxpayers of the county of charity dispensed by the commissioners averaged about \$6,000 per annum, and those who are in a position to know say most positively that the methods in force during the past year or two in this department have much more economical and stringent than the conditions which obtained during for mer years.

GENERAL FUND TOO LOW. At the beginning of the present month was seen that the balance in the general fund, from which the expenses of the county store are paid, was not sufficient to pa the current expenses of the county for much more than a month and the order was issued that the expense at the county store must be cut down. In accordance with this order those receiving aid were notified that no more assistance would be rendered by the county where it was possible to discon Acting under this notice, the number receiving assistance has been re duced very rapidly and Superintendent Ask with stated the other day that the number receiving aid had been reduced fully 50 per cent and would be still further reduced as

fast as possible.

Mr. Askwith stated that in giving assistance to those applying the closest scruting was made and assistance was being rigidly refused to all except the helpless and in firm. He said he did not know where those thus suddenly cut off would get relief by work or otherwise, but as the supply from the county had been ordered cut off he had no alternative but to comply with orders. He expressed the hope that public work of some kind would be commenced at once, as he said there are hundreds of families in the city that are absolutely help less because there is no work to be found

The old reliable remedy for cough, cold croup and sore throat, Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, should be kept in every home.

SPEND SUNDAY IN CAUCUSING.

sider the New Charter. Douglas county's legislative delegation observed the Sabbath yesterday by a meeting in the office of Senator Howell on Fourteenth street, to talk up the Omaha charter. The prospects of the measure to receive enoug yotes to carry the emergency clause and how to secure that result were discussed Plans were also mapped out for work if the bill becomes a law at once, necessitating a spring election. The members of the dele gation say they will return to Lincoln thi morning confident of their success in re celving the requisite number of votes.

Barber Supply Company Fire. A blaze from a mysterious source visited the store of the F. S. Stanfield Barber Supply company yesterday morning at 7:30 walch resulted in a loss of about \$500 to contents and about \$200 upon the building, a one-story brick structure. The fire was first discovered in the rear of the store near some partitions which had been undergoing alterations at the hands of some carpenters. There was no one in the store at the time and Mr. Stanfield is at a complete loss to know how it started, unless its origin was incendiary. The workmen left the place about 8 o'clock Saturday night and there had been none or the regular attaches of the place there during the night. Both the building and contents are insured. the store of the F. S. Stanfield Barber Sup

Public Library Notes. The book committee will meet today to pass on lists of new books. Assistant Librarian Margaret O'Brien has een confined to the house several days with

Seven applicants for positions as library attendants have taken the civil service ex-amination prepared by Librarian Barrows within the past two weeks, several of them returning remarkably good papers.

The resignation of Miss Tobitt, who has ccepted a position in the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, is expected to make permanent the mployment of the two library attendants fiss Egbert and Miss Pundt, who were added to the force when Miss Tobitt was given leave of absence.

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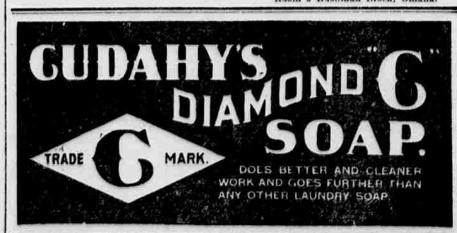


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