# NEVER IN HISTORY of OMAHA

Has the purchasing power of a dollar been so great as you'll find at

# THESE SPECIAL SALES AT

Special Sale of

# Furnishing Goods.

Closing out Winter Underwear at prices! less than can be purchased at the mills. We 25c. are new getting ready for holiday goods. Men's heavy fleeced shirts and drawers, 39c each a regular 50c quality.

160 dozen men's extra tionyy wool fleeced shirts and drawers, only 50c each; worth 75c. 5-cases men's heavy wool shirts and drawers, in brown gray and camel's hair color, worth \$1, at 75c each. Men's heavy wool and camel's buir sox.

worth 25c, at 17c. 5 cases men's heavy merico sox, 1216c. Men's wool mitts, worth 50c, at 25c. Men's heavy wool gloves, 25c.

Men's lined kid gloves, with fur tops or Men's fine mocha kid gloves, wool lined or

dress kid, wool lined, 75c.

500 dozen boys' gloves and mittens, lined

Boys heavy cotton ribbed, fast black, full ceamless, 15c per pair, worth 25c. Children's all wool hose, ribbed, fast black all sizes, 15c per pair, worth 25c. Ladica' extra heavy cotton hose, fleeced full scamless, aplendid values, 12%c and 25c

per pair. Ladies' combination sults 50c, worth 75c. Ladica' combination suits 75c and \$1, spe-

Children's wool mitters, 10c per pair Ladies' wood mittens, 10c, 125gc and 15c. Ladica' two button clasp kid gloves 75c vorth \$1.25.

A Few Specials in

# Wool Dress Goods

At Half the Former Prices for Saturday.

40-inch All Wool with silk mixtures, overshot effects, figured novelties, brocades in dark shades, plaids in the new weaves, 40inch covert cloths, 46-inch all wool serges in colors and black, 52-inch ladios' cloth, all wool, and 46-inch black storm serge, all worth from 75c to 98c for Saturday only 39c

38-inch All Wool Serge in brown, tan, myrtle, olive, wine, cardinal, garnet, four shades of the new blues and black. These goods erre smooth-finished, fine luster and very serviceable, worth 49c per yard Saturday. Price only 29c per yard.

100 dozen men's wool sweaters, 75c.

ciál value.

1,000 pounds zephyr, all colors, 31/2c per

lap.

warranted to wear 25 years, with fine Elgin or Waltham movement, regular value \$20.00, sale price \$12.50. Ladies' 14k solid gold hunting case watch, beautifully engraved, fine Eigin or Waltham works, regular value \$30.00, sale price \$17.75 Sterling silver nail files, cuticles, dressing combs, scals, buiton hooks, paper cutters, tooth brushes, etc., regular \$1.00 articles and guaranteed to be sterling eliver, 925 thossandths fine, sale price, choice, \$49c.

Positively the largest line of sterling silver novelties in the west.

39c

Hundreds of remnants of fancy taffetas, bro-cades, silks, in changeable effects, for trim-

ming or pretty waists, worth up to \$1.25, closing out price.

Gents' gold filled hunting case watch, with fancy dial, Eigin or Waltham movements, regular value \$12.00, sale price \$6.95. Boys' 14k gold filled open face watch, war-

ranted to wear 21 years, with a fine America

made movement, regular value, \$15.00, male price \$6.95.

\$20.00, cale price \$12.50.
Ladies' 14k gold filled hunting case watch,

49c

Opera Glasses

SILKS

Watches-

We have just received our importation order of opera glasses, the largest ever brought to Omaha, and we are now prepared to offer the greatest bargains ever offered to the public. Elegant Oriental pearl opera glasses, with ine morecco leather cases, regular value \$5,

rate price \$1.98.

15-line Le Marie opera glusses, in black morocco, finest quality of aeromatic lenses and morocco leather cases, regular \$10.00 glasses, sale price \$4.95.

Beautiful pearl and gold Le Marie opera glarses, very finest quality of acromatic lenses, regular price \$14.00, sale price \$6.98. Black morocco covered opera glasses, with leather cases, regular \$2.00 glasses, sale price \$1.00.

79c. Be sure to attend this immense sale.

10 Big Bargains

CLEARING REMNANT SALE. Hundreds of remnants of plain silks in all the light shades for fancy work; spicodid Foncy backet fired Japan tea, worth 39 qualities; some worth up to 75c; sale price .. 29c Extra quality English Breakfast tea for 25c Pure India Ceylon tea, gow 334c. Moyune Gunpowder tea, only 28c. Straight Java and Mocha coffee, only 25c. Hundreds of remnants of figured chinas, fig-ured surahs, in both light and dark shades, worth up to \$1.00; sale orice......

Golden Santos coffee (others ask 29c) for Good fair coffee, whole, only 10c. Cracked Java and M. cha coffee, 10c

XXX broken Java and Mocha coffee, 121/20

Saturday's Bargains

GETTING READY FOR WMAS BARGAINS IN BOOKS.

An elegant 12-mo, book for 11c.

Children's toy books, Ic up.

All the new books at cut orices. \$5.00 Bibles for \$1.80.

Dress Trimming Sale price \$6.95.

Gents' gold filled hunting case watch, warranted to wear 20 years, with fine Elgin or Woltham (nickel) movement, regular value

Santa Clara prunes, 5c. The finest line of black and fancy cole raids, 50 yard. Elegant new jet garnitures, 98c. Fine fancy ruchings, 10c collar. Virginia blocherries, at 7%c. Best quality sewing silk, 300-yard spools 10 BIG BARGAINS.

GRAND RIBBON SALE SATURDAY.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY.

Your Dolls.

Hayden's is the place where you find the best assortment and lowest prices.

Look in our Hollday Department in Base-Look in our Holiany Department in Base-ment, where the new Toys are now arriving daily. See the elegant line and new designs in Albums, now open. Children's Tea Sets in great variety. A B C and Picture Books. The largest line to pick from in Omsha. You will find Santa Claus will make his headquarters at Hayden Bros, as usual.

BIG CAP SALE.
Hundreds of Capo at one-third off the reg ular price.
Boys' Caps, wonderful values, 15c.
Men's and Boys' Caps, at 25c.
Boys' Polo Velvet Caps, to pull over ears
a regular 75c Cap, at 37c.

Grand line at 45c, for Men and Boys, worth

SATURDAY FOR BARGAINS AT THE

Greater Grocery Dept. Imported sardines (with key), at 91/2c.

10 pounds Navy Beans, 25c. 10 pounds best Wheat Graham, at 19c. Fresh Shrimp (ready for lunch), 121/2c per 10 Bars best Laundry Soap, 25c. Large bottle best blueing, 31/2c.

California Apricots, Lusk brand, in heavy syrup, per can, 123/c. King's self-rising buckwheat, per package,

Horse Shoe chewing tobacco, at 38c. Duke's Mixture, at 27%c. Newsboy, at 31c.

### **Dried Fruits** At Lowest Prices

Nice choice prunes, at 5c. New fine raspberries( just in), at 1956c. Choice apricots, new stock, at 81-3c.

Finest Fresh dressed chickens

ONLY 61-2C POUND. Bell and Bugle Cranberries, only

7 1-2c. Solld Meat Baltimore Oysters, quart 25c.

California Celery, finest grown, 5c. Absolutely the finest Separator Creamery Butter made, only 21c. Fresh Roll Butter, 12 1-2c and 14c. Full Cream Cheese, only Sc. Swiss Cheese, only 11c.

Fine new Brick and Limburger, 11c. Best Soda and Oyster Crackers, 5c. Sugar Cured Bacon, fine, 10c. Sugar Cured No. 1 Hams, only 71-2e Finest Brenkfast Sausage, 71-2e. Salt Pork, 4c.

These are the specials for Saturday at the Great Transmississippi Hendquarters.

### Cloaks, Jackets and Skirts

The great, unexpected and welcome December cleaning sale is now in ful blast in our Cloak Department.

One Month Ahead of All Others. 200 Jackets in Beaver, Boucle and Kersey, brailed and hal silk lined, worth \$8.00, at

\$4.48

300 Jackets in fine imported Kersey, Persian Wool and Cater pillar, silk lined throughout, worth \$12.00, at

\$6.98

500 Jackets in finest imported materials, one of the grandest collections of Jackets ever placed on sale, man-tailored, all high grade garments, taffeta and satin lining, worth from \$15.00 to \$25.00, on sale at

\$9.98

Ladies' Silk Plush Cape, embroidered all over with jet and braid, edged with fur, satin lined, worth \$8.50, at

\$3.48

Ladies' Cloth Cape. 30 inches long, fur trimming around collar and down fronts, embroidered with jet and braid, worth \$6.00, at

\$3.00 Ladies' Fast Black Sateen Underskirts. flannelette lined, worth

75c. All our \$12,00 and \$15.00 Dress Skirts, in brocaded satin,

\$7.50 50 dozen Wrappers on sale Saturday made of fleece lined

material, belted back, full front, separate waist lining, braid trimming a \$1.50, wrapper for 75c.

### Santa Claus Headquarters

### Agents Butterick Patterns.

Bolln's Defense Frings Up a Novel Point Pefore Slabaugh.

QUESTION CONCERNS A SURETY'S LIABILITY

In Signing a Bond Does a Man Assume More Than a Pro Rata. Share of Responsibility for His Principal?

Yesterday morning a heavy drag was thrown about the progress of the trial of the case of the city against the bondsmen of Henry nearly a year ago. Assording to the peti-Bolle, ex-city treasurer, and most of the time of the court was consumed by the law- the plaintiff in 1892 O'Conner made a loan yers in arguing for and against a legal of \$7,000 upon his homestead, situated in this proposition called almost immediately after the morning session began.

and one of the defendants, was the first witness called. Bolin's official bond for the first term as city treasurer was handed to the witness, who identified the document and also his signature affixed to both the body of the instrument and the justification. In the body of the bond opposite his name the witness had upon signing placed the words and figures, \$50,000, and in the justification there had been written the figures, \$100,000, followed by the words, "Double the amount for which he becomes responsible." After interrogating the witness upon whether or not he had signed his name in two places upon the bond, and after receiving an affirmative answer, Attorney Mahoney asked what sum the witness consid-

ered himself liable for in the event of a shortage in the office. The question propounded by Attorney Ma-oney was not answered, for Attorney Connell for the city at once interposed an objection and then the arguments commenced, Attorney Mahoney contending that the wit-sess was liable only for such proportion of the shortage as the amount set opposite his name bore to the whole amount of the bond, \$1,400,000. He argued that it was good law that a bondeman should pay but his share of a shortage and that it was poor law that would provide that the gross amount should the charged, the amount of the bond for which he had signed.

position taken by the defense, declaring that the plan suggested was an attempt to modify the terms of the bond. He urged that when Mr. Paxton signed for \$50,000 it was with the understanding that he would pay that amount if the chortage reached a figure making it recessiry. He also contended that if Mr. Mahoney's position was tenable, in this instance, Mr. Paxton would have to pay but about \$1,200, as that was the amount that about \$1,200, as that was the amount that his share would bear in relation to the full

ncon the arguments had been comconsiderable consideration and after looking the question, Judge Slabaugh said that the 5 o'clock in the morning and worked until 11 question was: "Mr. Puxton, what was your o'clock at thight. understanding when you signed the bond?"
The court stated that in his opinion the bond carried on its face the amount for bond carried on its face the amount for which the bondsmen were jointly and severally liable. There was no claim of fraud, mistake or of a misunderstanding. The bond was a written contract on which parcole evidence could not be admissible and consequently the understanding or intent of Mr. Paxton when he signed the bond could not be introduced in evidence.

In the matter of the payment of jurors, Judgo Baker has upset the calculations of the members of the Board of County Commissioners and at the same time to he has overturned a long established custom.

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HOW MUCH IS HE HELD FOR ing counsel for the defense, was ill and could an election day and also for a holiday, prowas called for cross-examination, but he did

> feel justified in going on with the case, after which court adjourned until next Monday morning. O'CONNER'S FIGHT FOR PROPERTY.

> Tells a Sensational Story Concerning the Giving of a Mortgage. In Judge Keysor's court the trial of the case of Thomas O'Conner against Allan Bourne is on trial and is attracting consider able attention on account of some of the sensational features that it contains.

Suit is brought to set aside a mortgage

foreclosure, the decree in which was entered city, the money being secured through the Mutual Investment company, of which con-cern W. C. Russell was at that time the William A. Paxton, one of the bondsmen the purpose of securing a loan. Russell, so he says, agreed to accommodate him and the terms were agreed upon. Then O'Conner went home and conferred with his wife, who he was thrown to the ground, a distance of objected to encumbering the property. This fifteen feet. He says that the fall resulted stopped all negotiations for the time, but later on, O'Conner, so he avers, visited Russell again, at which time it was agreed that a daughter, Theresa O'Conner, should sign the name of her mother, Anna O'Conner, to

> mortgage was so signed and that he the \$7,000, less the commissions and expenses attending the closing up of the loan, The daughter, Theresa O'Conner, testifies the same state of facts alleged by her and alleges that she signed her mother's name without her knowledge or consent. The daughter now asks to have the mortgage declared void. The father, however, has other troubles, for in his petition he charges that the foreclosu e proceedings were instituted and that his home was sold and the final decree entered without his knowledge. He says that notice of the suit was never served upon him and that he knew nothing of the litigation until some

the mortgage. O'Conner alleges that the

Mrs. Kerr's Cross-Petition.

Another chapter in the divorce case of John Kerr against Margaret Kerr has reached the resisting the decree asked by her husband. She not only resists, but she asks a decree cupied the land one-half of the property, the value of corporations. which she places at \$8,500.

time ago. He asks that the decree be set

In the cross-petition filed by Margaret Kerr she alleges that she has always been an obedient, chaste and loving wife, while he husband has been quite the contrary. She charges that she was married to the plaintiff at the age of 16. A short time after the mar-riage, she says that she and her husband removed to a farm near Valley, this county, and that while the husband was working as and at 2 o'clock Judge Sla-and at 2 o'clock Judge Sla-asid that he had given the question at home and worked upon the farm, plowing erable consideration and after looking barvesting and having, doing a man's work up the authorities would sustain the objection of Atterney Connell. In passing upon tency. She says that frequently she grows at

Jurors Get Pay for Holidays. In the matter of the payment of jurors,

not be in attendance at the trial at the afternoon session.

Harry Tibke, ex-clerk in the Citizens bank. Ho says that it makes no difference whether the juror is locked in a room or is walking upon the street the pay must go on. Notice not respond. Attorney Browne, assistant upon the street the pay must go on. Notice to Mr. Mahoney, stated that he did not to this effect has been served upon the county

Notes from the Courts. The courts have granted a decree in the case of James H. against Hattle Gertrude

Allen. Otto L. Beindorff has asked for a divorce from his wife, Nellie Beindorff, alleging desertion. George Ellis is on trial in the criminal

court, charged with the larceny of a quantity of silk from Benett's store. The jury has returned a verdict of no guilty in the case of the State against Matt Milburne, charged with stealing a quantity of muchinery from a factory at Mascot.

For falling to attend as a witness in the

case of the State against the bondsmen of Henry Bolln, Harry Tibke was brought into court yesterday afternoon and fined \$10 and Olof Strom has commenced a damage suit president. The plaintiff alleges that he was against Abraham Rosenberry, asking the in need of money and went to Russell for court to award him the sum of \$3,194. He alleges that while in the employ of the de fendant he was ordered to work upon a defective scaffold, by the breaking of which I did not take proper official action. These

> NOTES FROM THE FEDERAL COURT. Jury Withdrawn in the Case of Stubbe Against Union Pacific.

in a fractured ankle.

The case of J. C. Stubbs against the Union Pacific Railroad company to recover some \$13,000 on a contract for furnishing road ballast, which has been on trial for a couple of days in the federal court, was brought to a sudden termination yesterday afternoon But little evidence had been introduced when a number of legal questions were raised. Judge Munger's decisions had so much bear ing that the attorneys for the railroad com-

pany asked, and were given, permission to withdraw a jury, and thus continue the case over the term. A suit was begun yesterday in the fed eject the smelting works from a lot and a portion of another which it is now occupying He claims ownership and so does the Union Pucific, which leased the land to the smelter. Cook wants to get possession of the property hich he had signed.

Kerr against Margaret Kerr has reached the and also some \$1,000 domages on vental for a disturbance in Goldsmith's saloon. The courts, the defendant filing a cross-petition, the four years in which the Union Pacific cases came up a number of times, but were

> Strechenson have been sold by United States men brought before me a second time and the water main on this street is left twenty-ment of \$40,288.88 held by Harold Brown. total property for \$29,826. The homestead brought \$18.900, although it was appraised at alias Lizzie Myers, a notorious ponel thier \$25,334.69. The judgment was secured under of St. Louis, together with Tom Sullivan foreclosure proceedings after a hard fight had been made by Stephenson, who tried to save the property under the homestead law.
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> It is said that in the case of May Knight, and recommendation of the promises to wash away a big section of the fill unless it is repaired. The water comforming the property is being drunk and disorderly, and with being suspicious characters, that I did not act in Each declares that it is in the main. Locomotive Botler Explades

LIMA, O., Dec. 3,-The boiler of a loco-metive of an eastbound freight on the

east of here this morning. Engineer Doo-little, Fireman Beaver and Brakeman Blank of Huntington, Ind., were injured. The engine was blown from the track and a number of cars were wrecked.

Customs of His Court.

EXPLAINS SOME POLICE COURT PRACTICE Insists He Has Power to Remit Fines

and Suspend Sentences\_Tells

How Prisoners Secure Their Liberty. "I shall reply to Mayor Moores' letter at nce," said Judge Gordon yesterday morning. "In his communication he says he his been told that the police court is not being con-

ducted according to law, and that criminals

vide. I defy anyone to prove such allega-

tions. I shall mail my letter to the mayor tomorrow. "I understand that a number of cases or cited against me in which it is charged that are in connection with the remitting of fines imposed. Although it is stated that I have no power for the remission of such fines, I hold to the reverse, and think the law will him over a quarter of a century ago. In the support me. It is said that in the case of early '60s Mr. Belden was one of the most Matt Reuland, u caloon keeper near Thirteenth and Harney streets, charged with selling liquor after hours, and on whom I imposed a fine of \$100, which was afterwards and although more than a third of a century suspended, that I did not act legally. It was has since lapsed, the news of his death is shown in the testimony that Reuland had received with sincere regret by scores of merely been treating some friends, and after I had imposed the fine I reconsidered my action and suspended the same. It is true this fine has never been collected, but it may still be done at the option of the mayor.

Tomaks people. In speaking of Mr. Belden's life in Omaha. Dr. George L. Miller said that he gave the tity one of its strongest characters. "Mr. still be done at the option of the mayor.

MOREARTY GETS 'EM OFF.

"W. M. Myers and Jim Dwyer were arrested November 11, charged with creating a disturbance in Goldsmith's saloen. The company and the smelting company have occupled the land. The suit is against both
corporations.

The homestead and other prenerty of James
Costs, but on request of the attorney had the purchaser was Brown, who bid in the of good behavior in the future.

property for \$29.826. The homestead "It is said that in the case of May Knight

the interests of the police in maintaining law and order. This quartet had a large amount LIMA, O., Dec. 3.—The boiler of a loco-metive of an eastbound freight on the Chicago & Erie road exploded eight miles ever, there was no proof of this, and on motion of E. F. Morearty, who was defending gether, for Major Miller, I dismissed the prisoners Cuptain Mostyn took exceptions to this pro-

DEFENDS HIMSELF are continued until an opportunity is presented by their absence and that then they are dismissed. This is not true. The case

of a man named Williamson, who was ar-rested by Officer Baldwin for fast and reck-Answers Mayor Moores' Letter on the less driving on North Sixteenth street, came up before me six times and was in each in-stance continued. The officer, although notified of the hour of trial, failed to appear, and as there was no evidence produced to show that Williamson was guilty, I dis-

missed the case, 'In the case of a man named Holmes, charged with breaking into the storehouse of the Omaha and Grant smelting works and of stealing lead there-from, there was no case made. Holmes was

and also had a revolver upon his person, but he was not discovered in the actual theft of any of the material, so I dismissed him defy the mayor or any other city official to show wherein the police court has not been conducted according to the best inter-

are not being punished as the statutes pro- DEATH OF OMAHA'S FOURTH MAYOR.

Hon. D. D. Belden, a Pioneer Citizen of the West, Dies in Denver. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Belden have been called to Denver by the death of Mr. Belden's uncle, D. D. Belden, which occurred settlement of all claims. early yesterday. Mr. Belden was one of the early settlers of Omaha and many of the older citizens of this city recall grateful memories of their pleasant associations with influential citizens of Omaha. He was a prominent member of the Sixth territorial

"On November 1 John Snyder and Jack Norton, saloon keepers, were arrested, influence in both the social and official life charged with selling liqupr on Sunday. In some manner the complaints became mixed, and the Norton complaints was laid in my drawer and forgotten. Neither case has come a very bitter campaign and carried into the lotter land to trial, but I am ready as any time to have to trial, but I am ready at any time to have them brought before me.

MOREARTY GETS EM OFF.

deficial life the same qualities that had won him influence and friends in other circles. He was one of the best men we ever had and his death carries with it a serious loss Break in a Water Pipe.

A rather delicate question has come up in reference to a bad break in a water pipe at Twenty-fourth and Leavenworth streets, and the Board of Public Works department is rather at a loss where to place the blame. consequently difficult and expensive. The water is bubbling up through the street and Each declares that it is the business of the other to make the repairs, and as there is no definite indication which of them is right, the board has simply ordered the washout fenced up until the parties get

Suffering from Starvation.

An old man named Smith went into A. J. Anderson's saloon, 112 North Fifteenth ceeding, so in the afternoon the prisoners were brought before me a second time, and I dealt out sentences of ten days each in the county fail, which I afterward suspended on condition that they leave the city.

BLAMES THE POLICE.

"The police also contend that cases in which officers appear against the prisoners which officers appear against the prisoners.

Anderson's saloon, 112 North Fifteenth for through street yesterday and fell to the floor through street yesterday and fell to the flo

BONDSMEN WILLING TO SETTLE. Offer to Compromise Various Short-

during this sale at

ages of County Officials for Cash. Just at this time the county commission ers are flooded with propositions from bondsmen of ex-county officials who are anxious to settle the claims against the men whom they guaranteed would keep their accounts straight and turn over all funds at the termination of their respective terms of office. The latest proposition along this line comes from William A. Paxton for the late John F. Boyd, who at one time was sheriff of Douglas

county. When Boyd went out of office the county caught in the house where the lead was kept | had a claim of some \$2,000 against him for fees collected and not accounted for. When Boyd died it was found that the estate was insolvent and the claim was never paid. William A. Paxton, the solvent bondsman, through his attorney, his submitted a proposition to the commissioners effering to pay ests of the city and to the best of my abil- \$500 if the county will accept that amount

in full. At this time the county has a indement for some \$8,000 against Adam Snyder, an excounty treasurer, and his bondsmen. The case is in the supreme court, awaiting a fical decision, but notwithstanding this fact. two of the bondsmen, Fred Krug and Gote-leib Storz, have offered to pay \$4,500 in full J. W. Eiler, ex-county judge, offers to settle with the county if the commissioners

will accept \$600 in full payment. The county claims that Eller owes about \$2,000. When

Eller went out of office three years ago he claimed that the county owed him, but now he acknowledges the county's claim to the The commissioners are not clear as to what they will do with the propositions. They will submit them to the county attornev and be guided to some extent by opinion. If he thinks that more can be recovered by legal proceedings the claims will inclined to believe that the offers will be

Department of Oratory.

The Department of Oratory, conducted by Mrs, Jessie B. Darward, though one of the youngest sections of the Women's club in point of organization, has acquired a reputation for steady work and interesting programs which is by no means small. One of these programs was given Friday. It being the occasion of the regular monthly recital of the department. Mrs. A. Donaghue, jr., assisted very delightfully by two violin solos. Mr. O. Engle contributed the well known Kammennoi Ostrow-Opus 22, for the piano, and Miss Paris sang "Wers I Gardner". The dialect pieces, "Dot Leedle Yacob Strauss," by Mrs. Coon, and "Bilddy Mahoney." by Mrs. Shields, brought down the house, and "Santa Claus In a Mine," by Mrs. Schneider, was greatly admired. Mrs. Andrews appeared in a new role in a recitation of Sir Edwin Arnold's, "He and She." Mrs. Wagoner presented "The Minister's Sermon," a discourse of great profit to one's neighbors, and the "Sprech at the Trial of His Son," by Victor Hugo, was given by Mrs. Cox. n point of organization, has acquired

five years. He will take possession at once but will not open the house to the public until May I, 1838.

Mr. Coates is a brother of W. W. Coates of the Deilone. He is well known in Omaha, having lived here for fifteen years. For nine years he was with the Megeath Sta-tionery company, although for the last three years he has conducted a botel at Plattsmouth.

P. J. Contes of Flattsmouth has completed

lease on the Mercer hotel for a term of

## GOING THROUGH RED TAPE

Law's Delay Explained for the Benefit of Impatient Feople.

WHY SIDEWALK REPAIRS ARE DELAYED

Official Procedure Necessary to Protect the Rights of Everybody Concerned Takes Time for Its Unwinding.

In explanation of a complaint that the Board of Public Works was guilty of unnecessary delay in acting on complaints of roton sidewalks, which appeared in The Bee vesterday, City Engineer Rosewater says that in all these cases the only delay is that which is necessitated by the charter provisions, which require a certain amount of red tape before action can be taken. Most of these regulations are necessary in order that the interests of all parties may be protected. and a failure to observe any of them would be likely to invalidate the assessment. The case at Twenty-fourth and Decatur streets, which is specified in the complaint, is in point. In that case the compasint was re-ceived October 14. The notice from the Board of Public Works to repair the walk or construct a new one was served the next day. A resolution ordering the construction f a new walk was presented to the city council at the next meeting. October 19. was passed by the council, November 2 and approved by the mayor November 6. The pertified copy of the resolution was not re-selved by the Board of Public Works until November 9, and another week was occupied in serving the notice on the non-resident property owners. The advertisement was made on November 22, and as fifteen days must clapse before further action can be taken the brard cannot proceed to construct the walk until December 6. This shows the procedure that must be followed in each case and the engineer consequently contends that

HAS A DUSTLESS STREET SWEEPER. Works Successfully.

City Engineer Rosewater has been investigating the merits of a street sweeper which has been invented and patented by an Omaha mechanic, and is so well satisfied with what promises to accomplish that if this is borne out by arrual tests he will probably recommend the purchase of one or more of the machines next season. The sweeper is absolutely free from dust, and is a very incenious contrivance from a mechanical standpoint. It is drawn by horse power, but the brush is run by a small engine which is a part of the machine. The diri is loosened by the brush, and is immediately drawn up by suction fans also operated by the engine. The fine dust runs into a box into which a small quantity of steam is also introduced, thus doing away with any exterior dust, and the larger particles of refuse are carried on into covered wagon box that is hitched behind, r. Resewater is in favor of securing enough machines next year to keep the streets abso-lutely clean, as he contends that it is the best advertisement that the city can have,

Hoke Smith Not Going to New York. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 3.-Hoke Smith, exsecretary of the interior, announces in the Atianta Journal today that there is no foundation for the rumor that he intends to remove to New York.