Big bargain sales every day at the Big Store. Our immense spot cash buying presents, unequalled assortments for selection and greatest price advantages on useful holiday gifts and necessities, as well as those merely amusing or ornamental. That's why economical people make their headquarters for holiday buying at

Santa Claus Headquarters

Snap Day---Saturday.

5 Gigantic Snaps in Men's and Boys Winter Caps. Snap No. 1.-- Caps for men and boys fully worth 25c at

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Big Sale on Men's and Boys' Clothing. Greatest values in finely tailored clothing ever offered. See clothing ad on page 8.

Toy Department—Santa Claus Headquarters

This department is now the center of attraction and on account of the big crowds we have been compelled to take more room and Saturday you will find table after table loaded down with toys in our hardware department. New toys are applying daily and it will now you to right our hardware department. arriving daily and it will pay you to visit our basement often.

This is Where You See the Crowds.

Prices are so much lower this year that all can afford to buy-

Wooden wheel-barrows, 5c The finest and best line of celluloid goods in collar and cuff, necktie, jewelry, glove and bandkerchief cases.

handkerchief cases.

Dolls each lc, 2c, 3c, 4c The largest line of albums and picture books, iron wagons, skates, blackboards, shoo-flys, hobby-horses, doll buggies.

Games of every discription. Christmas tree ornaments 1c, 3c, 5c and 10c, Christmas tree candles ac and 10c box. Candle holders, the best only 10c dozen. It will pay you to look over our big stock and compare prices.

Santa Claus Headquarters in the Basement of THE BIG STORE.

Watch for the Grand Toy Opening Monday. All the children invited, Open evenings

Men's Furnishings

500 dozen men's Silk line Handkerchiefs, white and fancy borders, silk initials, at 200 dozen men's fine Silk Mufflers, in all the newest patterns, 500 dozen men's Mecha and Kid Gloves and Mittens, with plain and fur tops,; these are the very finest qualities, wool lined ... wool lined

5 cases men's fleece lined Shirts and Drawers, each

10 cases men's wool fleeced lined Drawers, each

200 dozen men's wool and jersey Gloves and Mittens

10 cases men's fine wool Shirts and Drawers, each

	LADIES' FURNISHINGS
	Ladies' Two-Clasp Gloves, reds, whites and all desirable
	shades, regular price \$1.25, at
	andles Wool Mittens 100
	Ladies' Gauntlet Driving Gloves
	500 dozen ladies' fine Wool Mittens, fleeced lined 250
	00 dozen children's c Hose-black
	5 cases ladies' fleece lined Hose
	to cases children's fine fleeced lined Vests and Pants 250
	500 dozen ladies' Combination Sults, fleeced lined 500
	10 cases ladies' fine Cashmere Vests and Pants 500 dozen ladies' Wool Shawls
	500 dozen children's Night Drawers, outling flannel 500
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Sale on Holiday Goods

to be the best in the city for the money.

Silk Handkerch ofs for 25c Silk Handkerch efs for 50c Pure Hand Emb udered Handkerchiefs for Pin Trays, hand printed
Jawel Boxes hand embroidered

75c Jewel Boxes, had painted 10c

Holiday Books 2 Toy Picture Books for Elegant Bound Books 11c
Gilt Top Bound Books 17c
Elegant Padded Books \$1.50 up All styles Bibles, P ayer Books, etc., on sale. DRESS TRIMMINGS-10,000 yards, worth 20c to 25c, on sale

James Whitcomb Riley's Works on Sale \$1.25 Books only 69c

Pipes O'Pan, Green Fields, Flying Island, A Child World, etc. Now is your chance o buy Xmoz gifts. 100 Elegantly Engraved Visiting Cards and Plate, regular

Jewelry Department Sterling Silver Fil., Cuticule and Buttoner, set of 3 pleces, regular price \$1.00, our price 39c set. Sterling Silver Dest Sets, consisting of seal, letter opener and eraser, regular value \$1.25, our special price 49c.

Thousands of Sterling Silver Nail Files and Button Hooks, our special price 19c cach

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25c Gents' Gold n = 4 Hunting Case Watches, with fine American made works, regular value \$12.00, sale price \$6.95.

15c Boys' 14 kt. gold filled open face Watches, warranted to wear 21 years, with fine American made works, regular value \$15.00, our special price, \$6.95.

Storling Silver Chat laine Watches, \$2.98.

Sterling Silver Chat laine Watches, \$2.98. Gents' 14 kt. U. S. assay solid gold Hunting Case Watches, with a full jeweled Elgin movement, regular value \$65.00, our

with a full jeweled Eigin movement, regular value \$05.00, our special price \$29.50.

Rogers' 12 dwt. Knives or Forks, \$1.19 for set of six.

Rogers' A1 Tea Spons, 69c per set of six.

Rogers' A1 Table S cons, \$1.38 per set of six.

The best quadrupte plated 4-piece Tea Set, hand engraved and gold lined, consisting of teapot, creamer, spooner and sugar, regular value \$8.00, our sp cial price \$3.48.

50 Musical Instruments

Everything at cut p ices except Washburn. Mandelins and Guiters, of which we have a complete stock: Violins from \$1.50 u) to \$75.00. Mandolins as low as \$3.50. Guitars as low as \$4.50.

Autoharps as low as \$1.50. All Banjos at one-half price. All the latest in Sh et Music. Pianos-A Few Holiday Bargains

One new Unright E person, \$175.00. One new Upri mandolin attachment, \$185.00. One new Upright, Vose & Sons, \$195.00.

Aside from the abo e we are making special prices on all our fine selected stock o' Steinways, Knabes, Fischer and every other Piano in the house except CHICKERINGS, which admit of no reduction in price. NEW PIANOS FOR RENT.

A Money Saving Sale

garments must be sold between now and Christmas-Silk Dress Skirts,

Ladies' Black Kersey Boucle and Caterpiller Jackets, silk lined, strap-ped seams, were \$1.50, now

Ladies' Separate Dress Skirts, brocade satin 7.50
Children's Elderdown Closks, ages to 6, in

all shades, trimmed with fur, worth \$3.00, dozen Breakfast Shawis that were 35c, 19c Ladies' Separate Dress Skirts, in pure cilk. 3.98 Transmississippi Headquarters. Knotted in large or small figures, worth \$7.00, at., 3.98

Another Deep Cut on in full tlast in our Cleak Spring Chickens at Hayden Bros. Department, 3,500 ladies For Their Great Saturday Sale.

Re d All the Specials.

Cheese and Crackers-Full Cream Cheese 9c | Fine Swiss ... | 11c | 61 in. German Silver Bleached Table Linen, worth | Neufchatel | 70c, at, yard ... | 49c | 58-in extra heavy Cream Table Linen, worth 39c at, yard 25c | 54-in full Bleached Table Linen, worth 39c, at, yard ... | 174c | Finest Edams | 75c | Handkerchief Linen, 36-in, wide, at, yard ... | 59c, 60c, 65c, and 75c | 175c | 1 Great Cracker Department-Finest in the West.

Read this ad

Come today-we can save you money-

big bargains in every line at Hayden's mas—Silk Dress Skirts,
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Ladies' Jackets, in plain melton and rough effects, half silk lined, that were \$6.50, now the first Presh Butter—

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Finest Fresh Dressed Spring Chickens, only, pound 6c 3-pound cans Standard Tomators, new pack 6c 3-pound cans Golden Pumpkin, makes delicious ples 6c 3-pound cans Golden Pumpkin, makes delicious pl We have the finest Butter in Omaha and guarantee our prices cheaper than any house in the city. Our sale on Separator Creamery surpasses all. Come here for the finest always.

**Emas Nuts-*

Almonds, Walnuts, Brazils, Pecans 71/2C and Filberts, all mixed, all new... 71/2C and Filberts, all mixed, all new... 72 and Filberts.

Special Sale on Linens.

66-in full Bleached Satin Table Damask, worth 85c,

> Towels. Will place on sale today 200 dozen all linen Satin Damask Knotted Fringe Towels, size 25x 52-in, worth 50c at 25c. Ex-

10WA'S MAIN ARRANGEMENTS

Hawkeye State's Plans for Its Exhibit at Transmississippi Exposition.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER PACKARD

Special Commissioner Gives in Detail to the Commission the Result of His Recent Visit

Ex-Governor Packard, who headed the com mittee of the lowa exposition commissioners which recently came to Omaha and arranged for space at the grounds for an lowa building and for space in the main buildings for an Iowa exhibit, has made his report to the commission. He gives in detail the condroversy that led to the visit of the committee to Omaha and he recounts the experience of the committee while here, telling of the very satisfactory arrangements concluded between the executive committee of the exposition and the lows committee. He describes the sites on which lows has an option for a building and says: "It goes without saying, however, that Iowa will need a \$20,000 building on either site to not look seedy in such company."

His report concludes as follows: Relating to space in the exposition buildngs, we approved the space that has been ald in reserve for Iowa, namely: one of the four corners on the main intersecting aisless or passageways in the center of the Agricultural building. Nebraska has been assigned one corner, lowa one, Illinois one and Wisconsin the other.

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It is expected that the states will have structures in which to install their exhibits—something nof the World's fair plan—in the Agricultural building. No diagram of floor space was ready for the Horticultural building, but 2,000 feet will be held for us, to be located by us when ready. Suitable space will be reserved for our exhibit in the Mines building. Relating to dairy exhibit, it seems to nave been thought that a short time exhibit of dairy produces might be made in September in the interest of economy. We spent the forenoon Saturday in company with the secretary of the Nebraska commission in making a protest to the exposition management against such a plan. We requested the management to provide a competitive dairy exhibit to open June 1 and close with the exposition, with cash prizes for the best exhibits, and with refrigerating space and coll room storage for exhibitors products. Frof. Taylor of the Agricultural department will second our receives though the department is under the Work is being dene on the corner pavilions and the entrance to the Agricultural building. The work on the roof of this structure is going ahead rapidly.

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**Prank Dietz Discusses an Important in the interests of Mme. Nordica, has submitted to the manager of the Department of Ways and Means an informal proposition regarding the public amusements of the exposition. Mr. Dietz urges an early consideration of his proposition. In regard to it, he says: "Public amusements if iegitimately managed, are one of the largest sources of income to any exposition. The proper location of a large out-of-door attraction of the proper location of a large out-of-door attraction of the p

Secretary John A. Wakefield of the ex-

delphia, promised to arrange for a creditable exhibition from the great commercial exchange of Philadelphia at the exposition.

but for the sake of securing an undisturbed and uninterrupted view of a spectacle which in itself is well worth the price of admis-

NO DELAY ON THE BIG BUILDINGS. Work Hustles Right Along at the Exposition Grounds.

It is cold and raw and domp out on the exposition grounds, but the work on the buildings goes on as usual. The workmen failed to shed their coats and many of them wore gloves, but even with this protection the cold northeast wind chilled those on the tops of the big buildings. The one ad vantage of the weather was that the mud and slush on the grounds was frozen tight and it was possible for the few visitors to get about without wading.

Workmen have commenced to put the tar paper upon the roof of the Mines and Mining building. The interior of this structure shows considerable evidence that it is ap proaching completion. There are but few carpetrers at work on the inside and these ing put around the balcony. Almost the entire force is engaged on the big entrance and upon the two towers at the east side The walls have been lathed and are almosready for the plasterers, both on the inside and the outside.

The roof of the Manufactures building, the one nearest completion except the Administration Arch, has also been covered with tar paper. The window casings are being rapidly out in, the painters still being engaged on the few that are left.

A good start has been made on the Gov

gaged on the beams for the flooring. This baif of the building will be well on the way before the piling for the other half is driven. The wings have been laid out and the places on Military avenue. They contend that if where the piles are to be driven marked. they cannot expend the money, which agwhere the plies are to be driven marked. The carpenter work on the interior of the gregates some \$16,000, on Military avenue, Nebraska building is almost completed and they will expend it somewhere else.

The commissioners say that so far as they although some of the cupolas have not been small details and the erectica of the pillars. some of the roof woodwork which will not

be covered with the mica.

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NECESSITY OF PUBLIC AMUSEMENT. PUSHING WORK ON THE NEW DEPOT

evening, well pleased with the outlook for shall there be? The vast majority of visithe Transmississippi Exposition here pext tors would willingly pay a small extra year. Mr. Jones, before leaving for Phila-charge, not necessarily as an admission fee, charge, not necessarily as an admission fee, but for the sake of securing an undisturbed in itself is well worth the price of admis-sion to the exposition grounds. The financial success of any exposition depends upon pleasing and satisfying the people who come to see it. The best and most effective ad vertisement of the exposition is given when the doors are open to the public. If the visitors are impressed and delighted there is no further occasion to appeal to local interests, sectional pride, or even patriotism."

RATES FOR EXPOSITION EXHIBITS. Joint Traffic Association Adopts Lib-

eral Measures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The Joint Traffic association managers have recommended a number of regulations to govern the transportation of exhibits to and from the Transmississippi and International Exposition, to be held at Omaha, June 1, 1898. The regulations affect every road of prominence in the country. They are comprehensive and are generally regarded as liberal in their

Notes of the Exposition. It is learned that the Presbyterian general assembly will meet at Winona, Ind., next year. It was the meeting of 1899 that Rev. Dr. Roberts of Philadelphia thought could be secured for some live western city with

ROAD FUND WILL YET BE USED.

aged by the Injunction. The county commissioners are not annoyed ernment building. The wall girders for the over the decision of Judge Scott, holding north half are up and the workmen are enof the county road improvement bonds cannot be expended in extending the pavement

After tonight all that the money originally voted should be completely roofed. After tonight all that the money originally voted should be that will be left to be done will be some divided equally between Military avenue. was voted as a general road improvemen fund, and that they happened to select the ing is all ready for the mica roofing, which three roads in question. They say that will make it shine like silver in the sun they decided to extend the Military avenue. This material is now on the way. The plasterers will be at work next week if the doing they considered that they would thus weather permits. Patisters have started upon benefit the greatest number of people, resloing they considered that they would thus dents of the county. Since the issuing of the injunction by

considering the expenditure of the balance in this particular road fund. They say, how-ever, that it is possible the money may be used in building a north and south road, connecting the Dodge and the Center street No action will be taken, however until the new board comes into power.

has a force of thirty masons at work and has a force of thirty masons at work and the water company is willing to offer, Others the walls are moving upward at a rapid maintain that the city is still in a position rate. Several carloads of iron girders have arrived from St. Louis and are belor placed in position. As soon as the floor of the more days in very hot weather bey were placed in the cold room, and
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LITTLE LEFT FOR THE CITY

Grasping at Shadow and Losing Substanc Again Exemplified

OUTCOME OF THE DISPUTE OVER WATER

Compromise Refused Last Winter Looks Big in Comparison with What May Now Be Obtoined in Settlement.

So for there is no indication of the probable action of the city council in reference to the request of the exposition association to take up the matter of a settlement with the Omaha Water company with a view to effecting an arrangement by which the company will furnish water at the exposition grounds The matter is in the hands of the committee on fire, water and police, of which Councilman Burmester is chairman. There has been no conference on the subject and none of the members are willing to hazard

a guess as to its disposition. Chairman Burmester soid this morning that he had taken no action and would consult with other members of the council before doing so. He remarked that on the READY TO REPAIR THE VIADUCT. face of the proposition as autimitted by the exposition people he was not entirely clear as to what was desired. The communication was merely a request that something should be done, but contained no definite suggestion in regard to the course to be pursued. In a general way he took it for granted that the water company wanted the city to waive its right of purchase of the plant, but he had what, if any, terms they were willing to

The councilmen are now ready to agree on the proposition that the city made a huge blunder when it refused to accept the com-promise offered by the water company last February. At that time the water company offered to waive the charge for water at the city hall and jail, which then amounted to \$11,000, put in seventy-five additional hydranis at a nominal rent of \$1 each, pay the city an amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city an amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city an amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important the city and amount royalty of \$4,500 and important royalty of \$4,500 and importan mediately invest \$450,000 in improvements in addition to furnishing free water for the exposition. As the matter stands now, the ompany is willing to furnish the water for the exposition in return for the same concessions, but there is nothing to indicate whether it is willing to make any additional concessions or not. CONDITION OF THE CITY.

Some of the councilmen are disposed to believe that since the suit in the United States court has been decided in favor of the water company the city is no longer in a position to dictate terms. They say that the bills now pending for hydrant rent-Burlington's Passenger Station is all must be paid anyway and that all talk of the acquirement of the plant by the city in 1903 is foolish. Consequently they fear that the city will have to make the best of the situation and make any compromise that to enforce its demands. They assert that the improvements which the water company declares are necessary in order to supply the exposition are necessary anyway. They contend that with only one main from Florence the city is in danger any time an acci-dend occurs to that men and that the water company can be compelled to put in an addi-tional main and the new engine that would be required under the terms of its contract. They suggest that the city can also order the water company to locate as many by-drants on the exposition grounds as may be

considered necessary and that it would be what they are. When Mr. Karr was asked exposition company at meter rates than to accept a compromise that would entirely e in favor of the water company. The matter will probably be considere

at more or less length at the general comold fight over again.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR MOORES Friends Pleased with the Outcome of the Broatch Quo Warranto Suit.

Mayor Moores was kept busy yesterday receiving congratulations on the result of the quo warrinto proceedings brought by W. J. Broatch to ouet him from his office. The terms of the decision practically establish was absent the report could not be every contention made by Mayor Moores under the rules. and are accepted as effectually disposing of the case. Considerable amusement was caused by the ridiculous attempt of the contract, the bid is a very low one and he Broatch organ to assume that the decision was fevorable to him, and its apparent pleasure is not shared either by Broatch or his attorneys. In discussing the matter this morning Broatch told one of his friends: see why the World-Herald wanted print such a lot of foolishness. It is a victory for Moores, and that is all there is of also stated that if the demurrer was overruled they had no case, and it is pretty definitely understood that the decision will

end the litigation. Railroad Companies and City Agree

on Terms and Cost. Since the return of President Frank Murphy of the street railway company, after final action has been taken by the board. an absence of several weeks, the negotiations relative to the repair of the Sixteenth street viaduct have been completed and active work can be begun as soon as Councilman Stuht, who has the matter in hand, gets has formally agreed to the proposition by which it is bound to pay one-fifth of the cost of the repairs, and as the railroad companies accepted the terms some time ago, the under the supervision of the Board of Pub-lic Works and that the cost shall not excoed \$5 000. City Engineer Rosewater says that the board is ready to go ahead as soon as the council gets the matter in shape. he wants to see the money in sight before he begine active operations.

KARR AND LIGHTING CONTRACT. Councilman Answers a Query Pro-

Bee: Will you kindly publish in your valuable paper a question which I desire to ask Mr. Myron D. Karr, the chairman of the city council committee on street lightingnamely: Why did he refuse to report on the gasoline contract at the last council meeting when he was instructed to do so by the council in general committee meeting? It is a well known fact that the city will rave over \$6,000 a year by reason of the new contract and I want to ask Mr. Karr if he withholds

posts and now Mr. Karr holds his contract and security company bond, for some unknown reason. I would like to see Mr. Karr publish his reasons so the public may know many thousands and will cure you.

cheaper to pay for the water used by the in open council meeting why he did not re-exposition company at meter rates than to port, he said that he had thirty days in which o do so, but that doesn't seem like much of reason, when a company is required to set next month, and cannot find out what the mittee meeting next Monday afternoon, and city proposes to do in the matter. Does Mr. the indications are that it will be the same Karr represent the people or some lighting

company? Yours respectfully. A TAXPAYER. Councilman Karr states that he is in no way responsible for the failure of the council to act on the contract last Tuesday night He says that he had the committee report ready to submit on that occasion, but Councliman Bechel refused to sign it, and as the only other member of the committee

disposition on his part to delay action

thority of the Advisory Board to let the

He says that there is no

s in favor of approving the contract in this The Board of Review is holding a sees!oo with the officers of the gas and street rail way companies on the assessments of these corporations. The returns of the assessor it. It would be useless to try to push the corporations. The returns of the assessor case any farther." Broatch's attorneys have placed the valuation of the gas company's plant at \$200,000 and that of the street rallway company at the same figure. The members of the board took the position that the street railway company should be assessed at \$500,000 and the gas company at \$600,000. Notices to this effect were serve and for the last few days they have been before the board showing cause why their assessments should not be increased.

> Repaying on Wirt Street. City Engineer Rosewater has examined the petition for the Wirt street repaving, which was filed with the city clerk the other day, and states that it represents a clear majority of the frontage. Herman Kountze signed for all his property on the street and that makes it pretty nearly unanimous. Mr. Rosewater wil have the final ordinance ready to introduce at the council meeting next Tuesday night and the Board of Public Works will advertise for bids as as the preliminary red tape is reeled off.

New Owls for the Park Councilman Stuht has contributed a pair of monkey-faced owls to the live animal collection at Riverview park. which was recently purchased by the Board of Park Commissioners, is attracting a good deal of attention and persons who pounded by "A Taxpayer." that this is one of the finest specimens OMAHA, Dec. 7.—To the Edwar of The they have ever seen. seen the spaces in its rative woods assert

Commercial Club Reciprocity.

Secretary Utt is sending out letters to commercial clubs and board of trade reciprocal relations with them. He is do-ing this under instructions from the last meeting of the executive committee of the Commercial club. The scheme gives to visiting members of the clubs the privileges of the club rooms and conveniences in the

\$6,000 a year by reason of the new contract and I want to sak Mr. Karr if he withholds his report in the interest of the company of the purpose of shutting out gasoline street lighting altagether in the interest of the campany?

The representative of the company which was awarded the contract for gasoline street lighting was instructed by the council to go shead and ship his material and set his posts and now Mr. Karr holds his contract

NEITHER SIDE IS WORKING

Double-End Force of Thief Takers Lat Thev s spane.

POLICE ABANDON THEIR VOCATION

Clash Between Detectives and Captains Results in a Good Thing for the Epperson Robbers and Other Criminals.

There is a fight between the detective force and the police department of the city in correction with the robbery of Mrs. Mary Epperson of \$2,000. As a consequence nothing is being done to trace down those who

are responsible for the theft. The robbery of the house at 602 Hickory was turned in to Jailer Dolley about 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. He at once notified Captain Mostyo, who in turn informed Chief of Detectives Cox. After considerable time had elipsed Chief Cox rounded up a couple of his men and about 3:30 struck the trail in the direction of the widow's house. Here the matter dropped. Captain Mostyn waited patiently for some report so that the patrol-men at roll call could be given descriptions of men suspected and instructions as to makting arrests. When the day shift departed for home at 7 o'clock no: a wheel had been turned. Captain Mostyn, upon giving place to Captain Haze of the night shift, told him that a robbery had been committed at Sixth and Hickory streets, but so far as he knew no hing had been done on the case. When Captain Haze gave up his worth at 7 o'clock Thursday morning he was as much in the dark as regards the robbery of Mrs. Epperson as he had been when he took charge the night previous. No report was handed in Thursday until a reporter on one of the daily papers gave Jailer Dooley on outline of the

The officers of the police force were loud in their denunciation yesterday of the methods employed in handling the case. One of them said: "So far as the detectives and the police working together is concerned, the whole thing may be termed a farce. Omaha at the present time is guarded by two police forces who work in opposite ditwo police forces who work in opposite di-rections, and whose methods frequently conflict. Information about crimes and crim-inals gleaned by the police department is usually turned over to the detective force but it in turn makes no report to the police captains. Chief of Detectives Cox says that Scott that he has absolute control over his men, and that he is not obliged to make any report to the captairs. He says that the rules governing the police department require that he need report only to the chief, and although under the old regime the chief of detectives reported to the captains. chief of detectives reported to the cap-tains, he thinks this custom superfluous, and has consequently abolished it."

Chief of Detectives Cox admits that nothing has been accomplished toward apprehending the men who robbed Mrs. Epperson's house. When saked if his men were working on the case he said: "Oh, yes, they still have the case in mind, and yes, they still have the case in mind, and may run across their men. I sent Detective Dunn to Kanses City last evening to bring back James Taylor, who is wanted here for stealing some furniture. He has instructions from me to keep his eyes open for suspicious characters, and he may incidentally strike the men we want."

When asked why the police force was not working on the robbery Child Gaillaber.

working on the robbery, Chief Gallagher said he guessed the detective force was strong enough to cope with the matter and there the matter resta.