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Swords 5c Kitchen Stoves5c Tin Kitchens5c Trumpets...........5c Iron Banks......5c Girl's Sad Irons 5c Farm Yards.....18c Doll Bureaus 10c Toy Chairs 10c Doll Hammocks.....24c Doll Heads5c Toy Trains......18c Steel Trains.... 24c Metal Rough Riders .. 48c Toy Pianos 24c Sleds for boys and girls .. 19c

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Create False Impression.

Strong Prejudice Still Exists

Among People of the North.

any number of other trails.

which he is not entitled.

Inoffensive as a Pug.

many miles. He seldom touches his querry

when run to earth, however, and never does

from the English foxhound, in that he never

"After all is said, the bloodhound is not

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Fine China head dolls, 11 in.

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	An endless variety of games.
	Crokinole boards98c
	Shoo Flys 48c
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Į.	With mano and tall200

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An elegant line of sleds, Metalaphones5c artistic and strong, at low

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Celluloid Albums......48c A handsome line of albums in celluloid and plush. Also toilet cases, glove and hand-

In our crockery department for Monday and Tuesday. Real China of new imported Austrian wares, usually sold for 65c. The entire lot of this exquisite ware at

29c each.

These goods will never again be sold at such prices, and there are no duplicates in this city. This fine line comprises Covered Vegetable Dishes, Turkey Dishes, Fancy Platters. Comb and Brush Trays. Celery Trays. Plates all sizes, Open Vegetable Dishes, Cake Plates, Covered Butter Dishes, Oatmeal Dishes, Tea Cups and Saucers, Cuspedore Specials.

Ebony Day at Bennett's.

JEWELRY DEPARTMENT.

A large purchase of solid ebony goods must be closed out Monday we will place on sale the entire stock of these beautiful goods

beautifut goods.	
Military brushes, solid ebony, regular price \$1.50—go Monday at	89c
Ladies' brush and comb set in box, regular price \$2.25—Monday's price	\$1.45
Military Brushes, Ladies' Brushes, Trave	eling Sets, etc.

EBONOID NOVELTIES,

Silver Trimmings.

Consisting of Tooth Brushes, Nail Brushes, Nail Files, Seals, Tooth Powder Boxes, Hair Pin Boxes, all go at ONE HALF WHAT OTHERS ASK FOR SAME GOODS.

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Other stores charge fancy prices for the same quality of goods as are quoted here.

Cigars, 25 in box, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.10, 90c, 80c, **50c** Cigars, 50 in box, \$2.25, \$2, \$1.50, \$1.25, 90c, 50c

Smoker's **Presents**

A beautiful line of pipes Our new Cartridge Pipe, one of the greatest novelties in pipes at25c A nice stock of tobacco pouches, smoker's sets, cigar cases, cigarette

cases, tobacco jars, cigar holders, and snuff boxes,

Glass Perfume

Atomizers

In our drug department. These are highly decorated Bohemian glass, assorted colors, guaranteed perfect. Pale Green, Gold Netted58c Pink Bisque, decorated in gold and blue68c Dark Wine, gold and netted bulb 78:

Cut Glass, highly decorated, blue..... 98c Green Glass, satin finish, gold netted \$1.34 Yellow and Crystal, Cut Glass...... \$1.98 Fancy Perfume Packages

Little Puck, a three-piece package of two bars of soap and a bottle of perfume, An excellent combination box of fine, high ly perfumed soap, triple extract perfume and fine sachet powder, put up

In addition to our large variety of perfume packages, ranging in price from 5c to \$5.00, we also have a most complete line of bulk perfumes of the celebrated Pinaud, Colgate and Eastman manufacturs.

Stationery Dept

In Omaha carrying a complete line of the best and finest goods made in Holiday books, fancy box papers, calendars, Christmas cards and novelties.

The Only Low Priced

Teacters' Bibles, with combined Concordance, maps and numerous helps bound in extra grained black leather, overlapping edges—Special	98c
New Testaments, clear print,	
Autograph Albums,	
Writing Companions, with leather covered spring top inkstand, fanctrimmings, compartments for pens, envelopes and paper, and ebony finispenholder—Complete at.	y metal

Bohemian

Department Choice Candies

Candy

Mixed candy per pound. 15c, 12c, 10c9c Chocolate creams, fresh made, Sweet Sixteen, per lb...121c Bar Maple, per lb15c Vanilla Cocoanut Creams per pound 15c Caramels, wrapped, per lb 121c Waffle Mixed, per lb....121c Old Time Mixed, per lb 121c Goobin Waffles, per lb 18c New Figs, per pkg 10c Dates, per lb 10c Mixed Nuts, per lb.....15c Fresh Roasted Peanuts, lb Sc A most delicious line of fine Chocolate Frappes and Creams of all flavors, usually

sold for 60c-one lb fancy box, our price45c

W. R. BENNETT CO. kerchief cases, and a big stock of everything for Christmas presents in beautifully decor-

to\$2.98 ated celluloid.

all have sterling silver trimmings.

was abandoned. Cross Trails Are Confusing. "Bloodhounds are not of much use in Close Observers May Pawn Their Watches

Pierce Animals of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" tracking criminals in a city, or where there is comparatively dense population, as the numerous cross-trails confuse them This was demonstrated last winter when we GREAT DANES TAKE PLACE OF REAL BREED were hunting two negroes named Will Tony and Sam Barnette. The people of Benson had been complaining of chicken thieves. Hounds Won Such a Black Name in Almost every night some hen cop in that Slavery Days, However, that suburb of Omaha would be looted and finally Detective Drummy and I were de tailed to work up the case. We put in several days on it without landing our man, and the aggravating part of it was "It is a peculiar fact," said Detective that the thefts were going right on, even Frank D. Mitchell the other day, "that the while we were hunting for the criminals. general public has an entirely erroneous heroic measures. We had a consultation idea as to the nature and characteristics of with several prominent citizens of Benson the bloodhound. The popular opinion is and the result of the conference was we

that he is a beast of giant frame and unsent to Beatrice for a pack of bloodhounds. usual ferocity, with a penchant for eating "We kept the dogs in hiding until there the criminal whom he has brought to bay. was another foray on a hencoop, and then, Another common error is that he can folbright and early one morning, the hounds low a scent indefinitely, through a thousand were put on a fresh trail. They followed it sinuosities, though it may be intersected by about a quarter of a mile and finally came "I don't know how it came that these ideas house in the outskirts of the village.
"The family that lived in this house bore

are so generally entertained. It may be that the play of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' is ac- a good reputation, but we decided to go in countable for them to some extent. Of anyhow and make an investigation. course all have a vivid recollection of the scarched everywhere, from cellar to garpack of great dogs that chase Eliza across ret, but there was no sign of a stolen the ice-clogged river. Well, these are sup-chicken. Not even a feather could be posed to be the bloodhounds that were used found on the premises. Then we took the in slavery times for tracking runaway dogs back to the starting point and had 'niggers,' but they are not bloodhounds-at them go over the trail again, and again least I never saw a bloodhound put on the they wound up on the front porch of the stage by an Uncle Tom company, and I've same house. Try as we would, we couldn't mastiffs and Great Danes, which are much trail seemed to end there. If the thieves larger than bloodhounds, and, before the had gone up in a balloon at that point footlights, present a much more spectacular they couldn't have obliterated their tracks appearance. This was the introduction of more effectually. So the dogs were dethe 'bloodhound' into the north, so there received Bentrice.

He wonder that the northerner received Bentrice.

"Later we succeeded in catching Tony called with the evi-

'institution.' Another reason may be found and Barnette redhanded, with the eviin the name 'bloodhound,' which is a dence of their guilt upon them, and they misnomer. It sounds ferocious and invests confessed. I never have been able to exthe best with an atmosphere of rapacity to plain to my own satisfaction why the trail left off so abruptly on the porch of that There is a tradition particular house. "The average bloodhound is no more to comes up from the south, a survivor be dreaded so far as his fierceness is con- of the ante-bellum days, that if a fleeing cerned than a pug. He is a gaunt, raw- slave tied sliced onions upon the soles of boned creature, with a head running to a his feet the hounds could not track him. peak, sleepy eyes and long, pendulous ears. Perhaps that is what Barnette and Tony As to disposition, he is lazy. His usefulness did on the plazza of that house-I don't lies chiefly in the keenness of his olfactory knew." nerves, enabling him to follow a fresh scent

For Honraeness.

Bent, Ingerson of Hutton, Ind., says he unless starved to it. The bloodhound differs had not spoken a word above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey 'gives tongue' or bays while following a and Tar restored his voice. It is used largely by speakers and singers. Take no substitute. Myers-Dillon Drug Co., Omaha: nearly so black as he is painted, but the Dillon's drug store, South Omaha.

prejudice against him in the north is deepseated and crops out every little while. Smalipox at Dawson. remember of reading in the newspapers late last winter of a new pastime invented by some of the society bloods of New York. It was called the 'man hunt.' Wild foxes are few in New York, but as society wanted to be English, you know, and ride horses overland after a pack of hounds, a man was substituted for a fox and bloodhounds for foxhounds. The church people

Without Inconvenience.

OMAHA CITIZENS GOOD CHRONOMETERS

Men of Affairs Bound by Regular Round of Duties Serve as Faithful Indexes of Time-Scenes of the Early Morning.

A keen observer may tell the time of day without the aid of watch or clock if he be a daily patron of the street car. This statement may sound somewhat dubious, yet it is

order to utilize this method of ascertaining the chronological situation one must be somewhat acquainted with the people who patronize the cars-not necessarily a speaking acquaintance, but he must ward bound. Sheriff Power is another South know something as to their business or their station in life.

If the man without a watch boards i Hanscom park car townward bound and sees Judge Ben Baker standing on the rear platform smoking a two-for-a-half-a-dollar cigar, he may know it is 9 o'clock a. m., for Judge Baker is as methodical as any clock, even the old reliable Seth Thomas not excepted, and he seldom varies more than five case of F. E. Sanborn, president of the minutes in reaching Sixteenth and Farnam auditorium committee. He is so busy these streets at 9 o'clock every morning when he has business down town.

If the watchless man is on a Farnam car going toward the city and sees Major D. H. Wheeler board the car at Twenty-eighth street, he may wager Papio pebbles to Kimberly diamonds that it is 8 o'clock a. m. How about evening, you say? Well, Major Wheeler seldom goes out of evenings, so he is not an index to after-dark 6:30 o'clock, one finds laborers on their way

nam street line, and if it be morning and tory girls and others who are required to Mr. Greene is aboard the car, getting on at begin early. About 8 o'clock comes the Thirty-sixth street, it is safe to guess that salesmen and saleswomen in the big stores. ness. it is 9:15 o'clock. If Mr. Greene is on a You may not know the names of these peocar westward bound anywhere in the vicinity ple, but you can register a very close of noontime, the time may be guessed at guess as to their occupation, and after ain't you?" 12:30 o'clock, for that is about his hour you have seen them on the cars day after for starting out to his home on West day for a few weeks, they also become a Harney street. In the afternoon if you see chronological index. Mr. Greene as an east-bound passenger, stake your money that it is 2 o'clock and you will not lose.

Dean is Sign of the Time. Dean Fair of Trinity Cathedral lives at I wenty-fourth street and St. Mary's avenue watch. and is a frequent patron of the Hanscom park line. If you are in doubt as to the o'clock in the forenoon

Dundee. He is a hater of corporations, yet Myers-Dillon Drug Co., Omaha. he prefers to ride in a street car rather than walk from his suburban villa. While he may be somewhat erratic as to speech and political ideas, this John O. Yeiser is as He was accorded a splendid reception. The the rear platform at Forty-first and ment house.

BLOODHOUND A GENTLE BEAST of cruelty so persistently that the new sport TIPS ON TELLING THE TIME Farnam streets, having transferred from the Dundee line.

Judge Vinsonhaler is a Missourian and declares he is proud of it, yet he doesn't have to be shown the time of day when he reaches Twenty-sixth and Farnam streets (that is where he boards his car), for by force of habit he arrives there every morning at 8:20 o'clock. Rather early for a man who is ermined with judicial dignity, eh? The answer is that Judge Vinsonhaler is a hustler and the multiplicity of duties that devolves upon him in his position as county judge renders necessary some early rising. It is a safe guess that the hunds of the clock are dallying very closely around 8 o'cleck a. m. if you see A. Steere, jr., aboard an eastbound Farnam car. He lieves on Twenty-fifth avenue and is as regular as an Elgin movement in striking the 8 o'clock car as it passes his waiting point-except occasionally when he feels the need of a constitutional and walks to the court house, where he is employed as chief deputy in the office of the clerk of the district court. Patrons of the South Omaha line may know it is somewhere bewitchingly near 8 o'clock a. m. if they see Tom Flynn town-Omaha index and his hours are about the same as those of Flynn.

Exceptions to the Rule. and the wider the keen observer extends his acquaintance just so does his ability to much of meeting with public approval. rockon the time of day improve. There is one exception, however, and that is in the exception includes Secretary G. W. Hoobler, Secretary Utt of the Commercial club, Charles S. Elgutter, counsel for the auditorium committee; Alfred Millard, who is supposed to round up the capitalists, and several other auditorium enthusiasts. On the real early morning cars, say about Charles J. Greene is a patron of the Far- o'clock, there is a cl. of shop tollers, fac-

to work. A little later, along about 7

time by the faces in the street cars, because got a right to know." there is less regularity in this old world after the sun goes down. But then, you can ask the conductor, for he always has a

The Best Salve in the World.

hour and you see the venerable dean board is Panner Salve. It is made from a prea car at Twenty-fourth and Leavenworth scription by a widely known skin specialist streets for the city, it is not far from 10 and positively is the most healing salve for piles, burns, scalds, ulcers, running sores of John O. Yeiser. This man lives in good. Dillon's drug store, South Omaha;

Roberts Received at Port Elizabeth. arrived here today from Port Elizabeth. regular as sound money when it comes to mayor, councillors, the citizens' committee catching a car, and of forenoons, it is al- and thousands of sightseers met him at ways exactly 9:25 o'clock when he climbs the docks and escorted him to the govern-

GILLIS BORE MARK OF CAIN

Iowans Flee from Tekamah Man in Dread of Smallpox Infection.

NEBRASKAN FINDS EXPLANATIONS USELESS

Mere Fact that Disease Has Existed on His Side of the River Brands Him as Enemy of Mankind and He is Cast Forth.

For the last ten months portions of

northeastern Nebraska have been afflicted

with an epidemic of a mild form of smallpox. No deaths have resulted, but the very name of the dread disease has been sufficient to strike terror to the hearts of inhabitants of nearby towns, especially those on the Iowa side of the Big Muddy, lest they, too, become afflicted. Many of these towns have taken extraordinary measures to prevent the disease from coming within their limits. Hence, when H. Wade Gillis of Tekamah, Neb., went to Blencoe, Ia., last Tuesday, he was not received Dozens of others might be enumerated, with open arms. In fact, according to the story of a friend, his coming lacked Mr. Gillis crossed on the ferry operated between the Nebraska shore and the Iowa village. The ferryman had been ordered by the Blencoe authorities to cease operadays looking for subscriptions that he is tions, as they did not want the smallpox liable to go anywhere at any time, and this on their side of the river and were afraid it would come via the ferry if they did not exercise due caution. But Mr. Gillis was a particular friend of the ferryman, and the latter braved the townspeople's wrath in order to oblige him. Gillis put his rig in a livery stable and had been seated in the hotel office but a few minutes when the village marshal arrived. Well aware of the fact that he was upholding the law and au-

> No Nebraskans Wanted "Say, mister, you air from Newbrasky,

thority of the great state of Iowa, the

marshal rather pompously approached Mr.

Gillis and lost no time in getting to busi-

"Perhaps I am. Why do you ask?" replied Gillis. "But you air, ain't you?" persisted the Of nights it is not so easy to tell the marshal. "I'm the chief of police and I've "Yes, I reside in Nebraska. But what's that to you?"

> "Well, it's jest this much-you've got to git out o' town right away. We ain't a goin' to hev you here no longer." marshal said this decisively, as if he were delivering an ultimatum. "Is that so?" gasped the almost speech-

less Gillis. "What in the world have I done to Blencoe? I am not a criminal and There is a man in this town by the name and all skin diseases. There is nothing so I haven't the slightest idea of robbing the bank or carrying away the postoffice. I just as long as I blankety blank please."

right out of here at onet, if not sooner Them's my orders from the town council, and, by gosh, I perpose to inforce 'em without fear ner favor."

Exposure is Immaterial. "Why, man, I haven't got the smallpox and have never been exposed to it to my knowledge.'

"That don't make no difference," broke in the marshal. "That don't cut no ice. You're from Newbrasky, where they've got the smallpox and you can't stay here. When you goin' to git?"

"When I get - good and ready," was the forcible rejoinder of Gillis, now thoroughly "All right. I'll hey to put you in the cal

lybooze if you don't git. Them's my orders." "Go ahead. This is your funeral, not mine.

"Well, I'll go and see the town concil about it and, by golly gosh, I bet they make you git out in short order."

With this clincher the terror of the evildoer departed. He rounded up the town board and the village wiseacres held a council of war. The chairman of the board was acquainted with Gillis and he gravely informed his associates that the Nebraskan was a bold, bad man and that in this case it would be better to make haste slowly. His advice was accepted after much debate and it was finally decided that they should investigate the case personally before authorizing the marshal to deputize a posse and resort to extreme measures. Town Board Investigates

The town board, with the marshal ahead and followed by half the population of the thoroughly aroused village, proceeded slowly and solemnly down the street to the hotel where the "pesky critter" was quartered. The other half of the population was grouped about the hotel windows, trying to catch a glimpse of the "wild man from Newbrasky" inside. When the consolidated authority of Biencos approached the populace fell back to a respectful distance. A brief but pointed conversation was held through the open door.

"Say, Gillis, we've decided to let you stay until morning," announced the village chairman," but if you don't get right out then, we'll run you into the river. I'm a friend of yours and don't want to be hard on you, but the boys have decided that we can't afford to take any chances.'

What Gillis said would not look well in print. He remained in Blencoe until morning, but it was of no use to stay longer. He was a marked man and could transact no business. Every time he appeared upon the street every Blencoeite in sight would flee precipitately in the opposite direction.

Three Officers Still Aspire. Only three candidates for the adjutant generalship of the state remain in the field and they are all former officers of the First Nebraska volunteers. Colonel J. N. Killian, Captain P. James Cosgrove of Lincoin and Captain A. H. Hollingsworth of Beatrice comprise the trio from which Govwant you to understand that I'll stay here select his adjutant general. The governor ernor-elect Dietrich will in all probability iust as long as I biankety blank please."

"Now, looky here," expostulated the limb of the law, "don't git so ali-fired onreasonable. You Newbrasky fellers hev got the smallpox over there and us fellers don't perpose to hev you a spreadin' of it all over loway, 'specially not in Blencoe. Fil tell you what's what agin—you've got to git 'you what's what agin—you've got to git 'now you's perpose to hev you've got to git 'you what's what agin—you've got to git 'now you've got 'now you've

DEAD FIGURES BURDEN BOOKS

Extra Clerks Demanded to Handle Old and Worthless Tax Lists.

LEGISLATURE MAY WIPE THE DEBTS AWAY

City Treasurer Objects to Having Records Encumbered with Ancient Claims Which Are Impossisible of Collection.

"The tax books of the city of Omaha ara burdened with \$50,000 worth of delinquent taxes, dating from 1860 to 1885, which can never be collected and should, in my opinion, be wiped from the records. Every year these taxes have to be included in the totals and it is necessary to hire a larger clerical force in the treasurer's office than would be necessary otherwise. It would be well to have the coming legislature pass an act remitting these taxes," said City Treasurer A. H. Hennings, "and I hope this will be done.

"In 1897 \$50 was collected on taxes levied previous to 1885 and since that time the amount collected annually has never exseeded \$25. Only a small amount of these taxes can ever be collected, as we have found that the descriptions of much of the property upon which they were levied are incorrect. Some of the lots against which taxes are recorded are now in the middle of the Missouri river and other lots are in

the center of streets." Payment the Cheaper Method. "If persons who owe the city delinquent special taxes would consider the cost of fighting these taxes I believe the city would have much less litigation," continued Mr. Hennings. "In most cases I have found that the lawyers who undertake such cases require a contract giving them from 25 to 50 per cent of the amount of tax they succeed in defeating in the courts. Their contracts usually stipulate that they shall receive their share of the interest the taxes bear until the final settlement is made. Frequently these cases hang fire for several years and even if the tax is defeated the lawyer's fee is nearly as much as the delinquent taxes were when the case

was begun. "People fight these taxes thinking that they will save a large amount of money, but the average man does not care to appear in the light of a tax dodger. If taxpayers will only consider that it will cost them but little more to be honest with the city and pay their share of taxes I am confident that the suits to defeat special taxes will be a thing of the past."

The following deaths and births were re-ported to the city health commissioner for the twenty-four hours ending at noon