

OUTSIDE COUNSEL REQUIRED

County Attorney and His Staff Neglect Public Business.

COMMISSIONER HARTE'S PLAIN TALK

Shields to See Busy with His Own Affairs to Give Attention to the Interests of the Tax-payers.

In retaining A. W. Jeffers to advise them on legal points pertaining to the proposed franchise of the Omaha & Fremont Electric Railway company the county commissioners have again turned from their regular and official source of legal information—the county attorney's office.

Several months ago the commissioners, instead of accepting the service of County Attorney Shields and his three deputies, engaged special counsel to defend the bond case instituted against them by Faxon Leach & Co. No explanation for that departure from official custom was given and no reason has been volunteered for retaining Mr. Jeffers in the railroad case.

When the two republican commissioners were asked yesterday why the county funds were being disbursed for extra services while the county has four lawyers under salary who are supposed to provide such services, they throw the responsibility upon the popular majority of the board.

Harte's Plain Talk.
"There is no reason why all of the legal business of the county should not be conducted by Mr. Shields and his assistants," declared Commissioner Harte. "The public is entitled to a good salary and it is supposed to devote all of his time, if necessary, to county business, but just now he is giving his entire attention to litigation in which he is privately interested, while the county must retain special counsel to look after its interests. I will not say that the county attorney has refused to handle such matters as the Omaha and Fremont franchise and the Faxon Leach suit, but these matters were given over to outside lawyers because there has been an understanding among the commissioners that the county attorney and his deputies were not disposed to give them proper attention. It looks to me as if the deputy county attorneys regard their positions as sinecures. I can't see what they do to earn the \$1,000 a year the county pays to each of them. I don't think the county attorney and his three deputies have more than two cases a month to try. Four lawyers with only two cases a month to attend to have no right to complain of being overworked." The action of the popular majority of our board in retaining special counsel in civil cases looks to me like an admission that they are unwilling to trust important legal work to the county attorney and his deputies."

Taxpayers' Petition.
"Mr. Jeffers was retained," explained Mr. Ostrom, "because ten freeholders petitioned for his employment in the franchise case. Yes, the board voted unanimously for his engagement, but the votes of the two republicans against it would not have been sufficient to defeat the proposition."

"Why is this work not turned over to the county attorney?"
"I presume it is because the ten freeholders who petitioned for the employment of Mr. Jeffers and the majority of the board considered it wise to get legal advice on this important matter outside of the county attorney's office," answered the commissioner.

"Why?" he was asked.
"Don't ask me," was the evasive reply.
Chairman Connolly was asked why the board had gone outside the county attorney's office for legal service in connection with the Fremont franchise.

"Well," said the chairman, "this is a very important case and the board thought it best to secure the services of a lawyer who could give it his exclusive attention for the time being."

"Don't you think Mr. Shields or one of his three deputies could give the case the proper attention?"
"Not at present," said Mr. Connolly. "You see, Judge Shields is very busy just now with his election cases. He is busy with 'that considered county business'."

"No, but it is something that Shields has to look after anyway."

"Are the deputy county attorneys so busy at this time that they could not find time to devote to the Fremont franchise?"
"I don't know," admitted the chairman of the county board as he escaped through the door and ended the interview abruptly.

J. A. Lambert of Rachel, N. C., writes: "I heartily endorse Foley's Kidney Cure. It does what you claim it will do, and there is nothing equal to it, and I thank you for the good it has done me. Accept no substitute. For sale by Myers-Dillon Drug Co., Omaha; Dillon's drug store, South Omaha."

MAY BE ONE OF THE KIDNAPERS

Telegram Says Charles O'Connor is Under Arrest in Boston.

A dispatch from Boston says that Charles O'Connor, a noted crook, has been arrested there on suspicion of being one of the Cudahy kidnapers. A Pinkerton detective picked him up in a dive and had him locked up on a charge of vagrancy. It is said that the detective has applied for requisition papers and is preparing to bring O'Connor back to Omaha.

O'Connor is well known to the Omaha police, having been mixed up in several shady transactions here. Chief Donahue, however, denies that the man is "wanted" for the Cudahy abduction. He says he did not cause the arrest nor has he applied for a requisition.

Are You Going East?

If you are looking for a comfortable trip, surrounded by most delightful scenery, in going to New York, Philadelphia or sea-shore points, you cannot do better than to take the Lehigh Valley railroad.

REORGANIZATION IS SOUGHT

Men Engaged in Building Trades to Hold a Meeting—Various Phases to Be Discussed.

There will be a meeting at Labor Temple tonight for the purpose of reorganizing the Building Trades council and re-representing of the building trades will be present to discuss ways and means of perpetuating the organization.

The National Building Trades council is a recent creation. It was formed by the carpenters, bricklayers and painters a few years ago and later the plumbers and one or two other organizations were admitted. These organizations attempted to so unite themselves that members of one building trades union would not work on jobs where workers not members of the various unions were employed. This agreement precipitated the Chicago building trades strike which created much trouble in the Windy City last year and which is still declared effective by the council of that city. This strike resulted in a call for funds from all of the councils in the country and Omaha was not behind in its contributions as long as its funds held out.

As a result of an agreement with the contractors of Chicago the Bricklayers' union drew out of the national council, carrying all local unions out of the local council. An attempt on the part of the Omaha council last year to force the carpenters to work on no woodwork not bearing the label of the Woodworkers' union caused the local council to discontinue its support.

The combined force of the employers and the various unions would not respect results in the practical annihilation of the local council. The attempt at reorganization is being made by the officers chosen by the old council at the beginning of the year. There are many building trades unions in Omaha, but the majority of them depend upon the four or five outside building trades unions to carry their demand for improved conditions, and last year the council succeeded in securing advanced wages for many of the trades which could have done nothing without its assistance.

The bricklayers' union is the one necessary to secure these results because they are the members of the stronger unions, who finally refused to stand for such policy, saying that they would no longer imperil the situation of 100 or more men that fifty or less could be benefited. For this reason the prospect of a reorganization of the council upon the former lines is not bright.

Chapped hands, cracked lips and roughness of the skin is cured quickly by Banner Salve, the most healing ointment in the world. For sale by Myers-Dillon Drug Co., Omaha; Dillon's drug store, South Omaha.

WOMAN LOSES POCKETBOOK

Mrs. C. J. Mackus Accuses Colored Boy of Theft.

Mrs. C. J. Mackus, 2575 Cuming street, is minus her pocketbook containing, when she last saw it, \$3.45, as a result of the kindness she was attempting to bestow upon a negro boy who called at her door about 5 o'clock Wednesday night. The boy asked for a woman whose name was strange to Mrs. Mackus. He insisted that she lived in that house.

Not being able to recall such a person in the neighborhood, Mrs. Mackus stepped across the hallway to inquire of another resident of the house if she knew the person asked for. While Mrs. Mackus' attention was thus withdrawn from the lad at the door, she asserts that he picked up her pocketbook which she had left on the hall, and disappeared. The purse contained about \$3.45 in cash.

"My heart was badly affected by an attack of grip and I suffered intense agony until I began taking Dr. Miles' Heart Cure. It made me a well man."—S. D. Holman, Irasburgh, Vt.

Be Sure to Remember that the popular Pan-American Exposition Route this summer will be the Nickel Plate Road, the shortest line between Chicago and intermediate points and Buffalo. No extra fare is charged on any of its "Pan-American" or "Express" trains and American club meals, ranging in price from 25 cents to \$1.00 are served in all its dining cars. Palatial through vestibule sleeping cars, and modern day coaches with uniformed colored porters in attendance on all long distance passengers. The excellence of its service is well recognized by the traveling public, and the reputation of its train employees in their uniform courtesy to passengers is well known. When you go East see that your tickets read via the Nickel Plate Road. Write wire, phone or call on John Y. Calahan, General Agent, 311 Adams street, Chicago, Ill.

Announcements of the Theaters.

"Fads and Follies" is turning away people at the Trocadero at every performance. The performances are excellent, with just enough variety to make them enjoyable. The last performance taken place Saturday evening, followed Sunday matinee by "Miss New York, Jr.," a delightful progeny of Greater New York.

"A Poor Relation" will be presented to Boyd theater patrons tonight and tomorrow afternoon and night by the best company that ever essayed its production, the leading role of Noah Vale, once so attractive in the hands of Sol Smith Russell, being borne by Mr. Frank Keenan, who has been portraying with gratifying success. Sunday night "The Girl from Maxim's" opens at the Boyd.

The Popular Buffalo Route this summer on account of the 1901 Pan-American Exposition will be the Nickel Plate Road. Countless thousands will visit this one of the greatest exhibitions of modern times. The Nickel Plate Road will be the popular line. The excellence of its service is well recognized by the traveling public, and the reputation of its train employees in their uniform courtesy to passengers is well known. When you go East see that your tickets read via the Nickel Plate Road. Write wire, phone or call on John Y. Calahan, General Agent, 311 Adams street, Chicago, Ill.

BOSTON STORE REMNANT SALE

Unusual Money Saving Opportunities Await the Shopper Today.

BSC NEW CHALLIS AT 39¢ A YARD

New Dress Fabrics and Silks in Short Lengths Priced Phenomenally Low—Immense Bargains in Remnants on Sale in Basement.

AT BOSTON STORE, OMAHA.
Greatest bargains ever offered in remnants of silks, all new, clean, desirable goods.
\$1.00 silks at 40¢ yard, including taffetas, plain, checks and brocades, in lengths from 3 to 8 yards.
75¢ silks at 25¢ yard, exceptional values, long remnants.
\$1.50 silks at 60¢ yard, including pea de sole, wide black satin duchesse, heavy brocades, 27-in. wide taffetas, all colors, fancy trimming silks, waist silks, etc.
A new lot of remnants of silk, all imported novelties, go according to length of remnant at 25¢, 10¢, 5¢ and 20¢ each.
35¢ CHALLIS, 39¢ YARD.

An immense assortment of new, this season's challis, all of them strictly all wool, including many satin-striped challis, light and dark greens, polka dots, fleur de lis, floral designs, etc., go on one bargain square at 35¢ yard.

In this lot we include all of our French remnant silks, short and long lengths, that we have been selling up to 75¢ yard, on sale at 39¢ yard.
\$1 AND \$1.50 DRESS GOODS, 25¢ AND 50¢.
The greatest bargain in dress goods remnants that we have ever offered. In order to clear out every yard of remnants that have accumulated during the past weeks, in black goods, plain brocades, brilliantines, extra wide storm serge, 1 1/2-yard wide chevrons, black and blue worsteds, for skirts, fancy novelty dress goods in black and colors, many designs in silk and wool mixtures, your choice on bargain square at 25¢ and 50¢ yard.
DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, 5¢, 10¢, 15¢.
New lot of remnants of dress goods to lengths from 1/2 to 3/4 yard, but many pieces to match, go at 5¢, 10¢ and 15¢ for entire piece.

25¢ DIMITIES AT 10¢ YARD.
Five cases of new dimities, including embroidered dot dimities and other new wash fabrics, in all the light tints, with floral designs, polka dots and other new patterns, in lengths from 2 to 6 yards, but many pieces to match, go on front bargain square at 10¢ yard.

REMnants IN BASEMENT.
2,000 yards prints, silklines, etc. in short remnants, 1¢ yard.
5,000 sample pieces of blankets, worth 15¢, at 2¢ each.
Drapery serim, worth 25¢, at 2 1/2¢ yard.
100 cases standard prints, in black and white, blue and white and fancy colors, worth 75¢, at 3 1/2¢ yard.
75¢ unbleached muslin at 1 1/2¢ yard.
Big lot of art denim, ticking and art sateen, worth up to 25¢ yard, go at 5¢ yard.
40-linc dotted drapery swiss, worth up to 25¢, at 10¢ yard.
36-linc French percale, worth 15¢, in long remnants, 10¢ yard.
5,000 yards new spring corded ginghams, worth 25¢, at 8¢ yard.
Immense lot India linen, worth up to 25¢, at 10¢ yard.
5,000 yards white goods, lace striped and open-work effect, worth 25¢, at 10¢ yard.
Evert's Classic and chambray gingham, worth 15¢, at 5¢ yard.
3,000 yards mercerized sateen, worth 40¢, at 15¢ yard.
Big lot dress ducks, worth 15¢, at 5 1/2¢ yard.

Remnants of all grades of fabric damask, in lengths from 1 1/2 to 3 yards, all go at a mere fraction of their real value.
N. B.—Our great January sale of linens and white goods now going on.
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Building Permits.
The following permits were issued by the building inspector—Hamilton Bros., Thirty-fourth and Douglas, three frame dwellings, \$2,500 each; Charles Wilson, 149 Ohio, frame addition; G. S. Sawyer, 2933 South Twenty-eighth avenue, addition, \$150.

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List Price \$28.00. Our Price \$20.00.
All other makes of kodaks and cameras at specially reduced prices.

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J. L. Brandeis & Sons Purchase the Bankrupt Stock of H. REINHARDT'S SONS CO. AT 40¢ ON THE DOLLAR. CONSISTING OF BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING AND MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS.

This entire stock will go on sale SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH.

Here is another instance where the Boston Store's ready cash serves you to good advantage. This splendid stock of boys' fine suits, overcoats and men's and boys' hats, will be offered to the public of Omaha for less than one-half of what these same goods were sold for in New York.

H. Reinhardt's Sons Co. (86th street and 3rd avenue) were noted for the excellence of the merchandise they sold. We buy goods at this time of the year, when we are clearing out winter goods, that they must have been offered to us very cheap, and when we buy cheap you buy cheap. By all means DON'T MISS THIS SALE.

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Interested in California?

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If you are going to California, call at the city ticket office and secure on of these books. Burlington excursions, Omaha to California, three times a week. Forty dollars buys a ticket. Five dollars buys a berth.

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Friday's Grand Remnant Sales In Bargain Room.

China Department
A few bargains from our 10¢ table—there is not an article on this table worth less than 25¢ up to \$1.00.
Crystal Silver Plated Sugar and Creams. Fine decorated stippled gold edge B. & B. Plates, Fruit Plates, Jelly Trays, Preserve Dishes, Soup or Oat Meal Bowls.
Royal Teapots, Figures.
Decorated Cups and Saucers.
Real Bone Creams and Egg Cups.
Crystal Jelly Stands.
Imported cut Vinegar Crevets, Spoon Trays and Vases.
Fine crystal 8-inch Berry Dishes.
GoldHandled Churn M. & M. Jugs.
Crystal and plated tops condiments sets.
Fine Easter Plates.
Sponge Tea and Coffee Cups and Saucers
Crystal Celery Trays.

All the above 10c items at, each 10c

COFFEE SALE—
Broken Java and Mocha, only 10¢.
Fresh Roasted Santo Coffee, 15¢.
Try our Family Java and Mocha, only 25¢.
FRESH COUNTRY ROLL BUTTER, 12 1/2¢
A ton of roll butter just as we received it from the country, your choice 12 1/2¢.
FISH SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY—
A nice family mackerel, 5¢ each.
New Irish Mackerel, lb., 12 1/2¢.
New genuine Spanish Blue Back mackerel—very fat, 15¢ pound.
New Norway Boaster Herring, extra fat, 17 1/2¢ pound.
Finnish Haddies, "Neal Brand," 19¢.

CHEESE SALE—
Virginia Swiss, 16¢.
Chandler & Rudd's American Club House, 10¢.
Fancy Western Reserve, full cream, 12 1/2¢.
McLaren's Imperial, 15¢ per jar.
SPECIAL DRIED FRUIT SALE—
San Jose Prunes, per pound, \$1-3¢.
Santa Clara Prunes, per pound, 6¢.
4 pounds California Prunes, 79¢ to 89¢ for 25¢.

Imported French Plums, 12 1/2¢.
Evaporated Blackberries, \$1-3¢.
2 dozen Seedling Oranges, 25¢.

HAYDEN BROS.

ONLY A HOUSE ACROSS TRACK

But it Blocked the Street Cars and Stampeded the Passengers.

There was a house across the track. It was one of those story-and-a-half cottages, modern except furnace, that rent for \$20 a month, and was in course of transit from a point on Dodge street to another site out near Twenty-sixth and Harney streets. Drawn along at spasmodic jerks by means of a rope twisted about a capstan. It reached the street car tracks on Farnam at the intersection of Twenty-fourth street about 9 o'clock yesterday morning and there it stuck.

One eastbound car drew up to the piazza and stopped.
A few minutes later a second arrived upon the scene, and finally a third.
They were full of passengers in a hurry to get down town. There was the clerk, already late, and made still later by the Queen Anne obstruction. A fat man scolded the conductor and a nervous woman with a valise beside her became almost hysterical as she counted the seconds that would elapse before her train left the depot.

There was another strait at the cable and the pile of peagreen ugliness luzzed forward so that the motorman of the front car could study the design of the wall paper in the kitchen. Then the rollers jolted down into the rut made by a rail and the obstruction seemed permanent.

It was the fat man who started the stampede. Followed by the clerk, the nervous woman and several scores of others, he left the blocked car and set out on foot for town, leading a marching column nearly a block long. When they reached Twentieth street they had the pleasure of seeing the three cars pass them.

Save doctors' bills by giving Foley's Hecny and Tar to infants and children in time to prevent pneumonia or croup, which are fatal to so many thousands of babies. For sale by Myers-Dillon Drug Co., Omaha; Dillon's drug store, South Omaha.

Mortality Statistics.

The following deaths and births were reported to the city health commissioner for the twenty-four hours ending at noon Thursday:

Deaths—Richard Anderson, St. Joseph's hospital, aged 67; Maurice Olinger, 419 South Twentieth, aged 55; Martin B. McKenna, Fourth and Emmet, aged 35; Minnie C. Good, 3039 Emmet, aged 8 months.

Births—John Larsen, 161 South Twentieth, girl; Pura Abot, 149 South Thirteenth, girl; H. A. Coppock, 106 North Twenty-sixth, boy; G. A. Surinford, 122 South Twenty-ninth, girl; Paul Murray, 945 North Twenty-eighth avenue, girl.

"Grip robbed me of my sleep and I was nearly craz with neuralgia and headaches. Dr. Miles' Pain Expeller and Serrine cured me."—Mrs. Pearl Bush, Holland, Mich.

Notice to Druggists

We beg to inform the drug trade, (both retail and wholesale), of Iowa, Nebraska and other western states—that we are now in position to supply Muford's Smallpox Vaccine at the lowest market price. WRITE or TELEGRAPH your orders to US and OUR DISCOUNT TO YOU will be satisfactory.

Vaccine not sold may be EXCHANGED or RETURNED FOR CREDIT any time within 30 days after date of purchase. Our store is located just opposite the new post-office, and we can guarantee that Vaccine ordered of us will be mailed or expressed within twenty (20) minutes after receiving order.

Orders from PHYSICIANS, HOSPITALS or PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS will be given prompt attention and SATISFACTORY PRICES.

Sherman & McConnell Drug Co
Cor. 10th and Dodge Sts., Omaha, Neb

Just Such Weather

As this
Is what we have been expecting for some time. We told you that it was sure to come. You expected it, but neglected it.

A Good Warm Ulster
is about the best thing you can slip into this kind of weather, and, you can slip in here and buy a good Vermont gray ulster for **\$4.00**

Irish Frieze Ulsters
Extra high storm collar, fancy plaid lining, warm, wooly and wearable, extremely satisfactory, at **\$5.75**

Another Irish Frieze Ulster
that, we venture to say, will please the most particular ulster-wanting man. It is a very neat, and as dressy as an ulster could be. There's twelve dollar's worth of good, warm service in it—for **\$8.00**

If it should snow or turn extremely cold all at once, we've **MEN'S GOOD WARM LEATHER-FOKED, FELT SHOES**—just the thing for motormen or teamsters—for **\$1.75**



Nebraska Clothing Co

CLOTHES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

HAYDEN'S \$35,000 Clothing Purchase.

Schlestein, Cohn & Co., one of the largest clothing manufacturers in America, obliged to move to larger quarters, accepted our eastern buyer's spot cash offer for their entire heavy weight stock of clothing, at 40¢ on the dollar.

The Goods go on Sale Beginning Friday Morning.

- A FEW OF THE MANY BARGAINS:—**
Boys' double breasted knee pants suits, worth \$2.50 to \$4.00, on sale at 95¢ and \$1.50.
Men's stylish \$15 raglan overcoats, sale price, \$7.50.
Men's \$10 and \$12 over