

ESTABLISHED JUNE 19, 1871.

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 14, 1902.

SINGLE COPY FIVE CENTS.

Fifteenth and Farnam Nebraska Clothing Co. Fifteenth and Farnam CLOTHES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

SPECIAL SALE OF WOMEN'S COATS AND FURS MONDAY.

Women's and Children's fine Furs. Just when you are beginning to feel the need of them most, we offer special inducements on fur coats and scarfs, in the very latest styles. No matter how low the price you pay you can feel absolute confident in the reliability and genuineness of the furs bought here, for the Nebraska guarantee lies back of every piece.



- Stylish cluster scarfs, in American or Siberian marten, brook mink and other stylish furs—long husky tails, at..... 3.90
Real Marten Cluster Scarfs, choice prime skins—6 tails, only..... 4.90
Stylish Long Fur Boa, in best American marten, long, large tails, only..... 5.90
Sable Fox Scarfs, single, very fine quality, 2 large husky tails, sold everywhere for \$10, only..... 9.75
Double Fox Scarfs, in sable or Isabella blend, 2 large tails, regular \$25 value, for..... 18.75
Women's Anstrakhan Capes, best selected skins, 20 inches long, Skinner satin lined, only..... 18.75
Women's Electric Seal Jackets, selected skins, 22-in. long, bouffant, fit and workmanship perfect—best lining, only..... 24.75
Women's Best Near Seal Jackets, 22-in. long made and lined as good as a \$300 jacket, only..... 35.00
Women's Anstrakhan Jackets made of the best selected skins, very curly, Skinner satin lined, only..... 27.50
Women's Genuine Beaver Jackets, the very best quality that money can buy, Skinner satin lined..... 110.00
Women's Genuine Persian Lamb Jackets, made of selected skins, collar and reverse of 1/2 Ermine mink or chinchilla, beautiful, worth \$175, only..... 115.00
Women's Genuine Alaska Seal Jackets, very finest selected skins, made by the best furriers in America, as to fit and workmanship perfect, guaranteed as good as any \$300 sealskin, only..... 190.00

Children's and Misses' Fur Sets

- Child's China Lamb Fur Set..... 75c
Child's Fur Set of China lamb and Angora, with pocketbook..... 1.45
Child's Fur Set of white angora and lamb, with pocketbook and large collar..... 1.90
Misses' Fur Set of natural opossum with cluster of 6 tails, collar, muff..... 2.90
Misses' Fur Set of sable dyed fur, cluster of 6 tails, collar and muff..... 3.90
Misses' Fur Set of imitation stone marten, cluster of 6 tails, collar and muff..... 4.90

Great Reduction on all Our Women's Jackets

- All \$7.00 and \$8.00 Jackets—reduced to..... 5.00
All \$10.00 and \$12.00 Jackets—reduced to..... 7.50
All \$15.00 and \$18.00 Jackets—reduced to..... 10.00
All \$18.75 and \$22.50 Jackets—reduced to..... 15.00
All \$24.75 and \$30.00 Jackets—reduced to..... 18.75

All high class novelties in women's jackets reduced from \$10.00 to \$20.00 on every garment.

DANCES TO CLOSE AT TWELVE

Chief of Police Donahue Issues Order and it Will Be Enforced.

ACTION IS TO PROTECT WAYWARD GIRLS Only Balls Under the Auspices of Reputable Societies Will Be Allowed to Continue After Midnight Hour.

"Hereafter all public dances which are not given under the auspices of any society and which are for pure monetary gain will be closed at 12 o'clock. This is the ruling which I have decided upon and I will instruct my men to enforce the order to the letter," said Chief of Police Donahue. When asked the reason for the issuance of such an order the chief responded that recent disclosures made to him by his men show a growing laxness of morals, especially among young girls whose agents are such that they need the protection of their parents instead of keeping late hours and being in company with strangers.

"I take this step because of the influence it will have upon the morals of the young girls who have been making a practice of stealing away from their homes under different excuses and patronizing those dancing places, remaining out all night, telling their parents that they were the guests of girl friends, when in reality they were laying the foundation for a life of wretchedness and shame. The cases have come so frequently to the department's notice that there is no other alternative for me but to enforce this order. I also find that the girls are not wholly at fault in this matter, but there are ample grounds for compelling youths of tender years to remain at home instead of running the street.

"We have a curfew law, which compels young people to stay off the streets, but the department has not been adequate for the enforcement of that law. There are too many young people running the streets of Omaha for their own good, and the condition is a disgrace and an outrage. Parents Can Assist Police.

"I suppose that many will think I am a crank for making this new ruling, but if the people knew the conditions they would take the same course which I am to pursue. The department of wayward young people can assist the parents by keeping their children at home. The influences which surround these young people at some of the cheap dances, which are being operated in this city are none too elevating and have a tendency to demoralize those who engage in the pleasures. "We have a curfew law, which compels young people to stay off the streets, but the department has not been adequate for the enforcement of that law. There are too many young people running the streets of Omaha for their own good, and the condition is a disgrace and an outrage. Parents Can Assist Police.

corrigibility. This is only one of the many we have to deal with and we mean to have a change of conditions or know the reason why."

HIKING ON THE CAR TRACKS

Most Omaha People Temporarily Lose Their Dignity as Motorists.

The "early bird" contingent of Omaha business people came to work yesterday over the street car lines. Some rode in the cars and some rode on what their maker gave them in the beginning, but all were equally on the tracks, as these had been cleaned during the night by the company's electric sweepers, whereas the snow-covered sidewalks were still awaiting the cleaning touch of men who at that hour were still busy in the furnace room with their asbestos mittens or in the nursery with their undressed kids. Thus forced to use the middle of the street, the pedestrians furnished corner spectators with an interesting exhibition as they came trudging down Farnam, Dodge and Harney streets like three battalions of a disorganized army in retreat. There were women, too, in the line and some realized for a first time what deucedly awkward creatures both men and women are when they attempt to tread unaccustomed and slippery paths. A church usher, expert at gliding up and down aisles more noiselessly than the proverbial mouse that at other times occupies the contribution plate, tacked down Farnam yesterday morning like a light yacht in a heavy swell—or a light well in a heavy yacht. Behind him came "Pie," prize lady waltzer at the well diggers' ball, stumbling along like a woman 60 years old and rheumatic. Mr. F. Lora Walker from the dry goods store and Count The Coterino from the bank, two of the smoothest eyed, hiked like farm boys after the cows. Misses Ima Bird and Sheena Winner, famed for their two-step glides, executed a veritable Kicksap mianet in their efforts to be on time. Noah Lott, office manager, and Major Portion, army officer, were as awkward as when in their teens. Miss Yucan Payne, restaurant cashier, and Mrs. H. Price, milliner, walked like—well, never mind, what they walked like. There were plenty of others quite as bad.

OEST AND ELLERS MAKE UP

Reconciliation Takes Place at Star Chamber Session of the County Board.

With all members present except O'Keefe, who is at Excelsior Springs, Mo., the commissioners of Douglas county held a star chamber session with J. Henry Oest and Hans Ellers yesterday morning before the regular meeting of the board. Friday Oest ejected, eliminated and eradicated Ellers from the county hospital pay roll because Hans had reached over Oest's official head to get a vacation permit. Yesterday the board members called the two before them and brought about a reconciliation. It was an immensely solemn occasion. Connolly read the scriptures. Harie read the law. Ostrom read the constitution and Hofeldt read the Staats Zeitung. What else may have happened can only be conjectured, but when the six emerged Commissioner Connolly smiled a deep, dark, knowing smile and stated that they "had kissed and made up." People who are acquainted with the facial adornments of both Mr. Ellers and Mr. Oest will be inclined to take Mr. Con-

nolly's statement as purely figurative and wonder how far his opposition to Oest influenced the latter to "make up."

ON CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY

Four Prominent Nebraska Business Men Brought Before United States Court.

Nick Fritz and Mathias Williams of Pender, John McKeegan of Bancroft and A. J. West of Wisner, prominent business men of their respective cities, were brought before the federal court yesterday by Deputy Marshal Allen on the charge of a conspiracy to control the bidders at an auction of government lands held last spring. The men were released on \$500 bonds. The complaint, as submitted by the grand jury, alleges that these four men raised the sum of \$2,100, which was spent in the endeavor to have things their own way at the public land sale which took place at O'Neill May 24, 1902. Of this money, it is stated, \$100 was set aside as the purchase price of each bidder outside of the combine. A. J. West is said to have represented the quarter in the distribution of this money and a short time previous to the sale, it is intimated in this suit, it was worth \$100 to a man to express a determination to be present and bid.

JILTS ONE AND WEDS ANOTHER

Former Soldier from Fort Crook Does Some Quick Matrimonial Work.

Robert Plutz, who was recently discharged from Company F, Twenty-second infantry, was confronted with a matrimonial tangle Friday which ended by his jilting one young woman and wedding another. A few days ago Miss Mabel Nichols of South Omaha informed her parents, it is claimed, that Plutz had promised to wed her. When he refused she threatened to resort to the courts. Realizing that whatever turn he made must be at once, he sought the marriage license clerk and secured a permit to wed his first love, May Warner, foling the South Omaha bride-to-be. The Plutz-Warner nuptials were performed Friday afternoon, but the new bridegroom is still in hot water, as he called at police headquarters yesterday morning to seek advice, claiming that the Nichols girl was determined to have revenge because of his hasty wedding.

SOCIALISTS TO NAME TICKET

Will Nominate for Municipal Officers at Mass Convention on January 5.

The socialist party will be the first in the field with its ticket for the municipal campaign. Yesterday the call, signed by Parker S. Condit, president, and J. Alfred LaBille, secretary, was issued. The call provides for a mass convention to be held at 515 North Sixteenth street, Monday, January 5, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of selecting candidates for the offices of mayor, city clerk, city treasurer, comptroller, tax commissioner and one councilman from each of the nine wards of the city. The socialist party maintains a system of dues which are paid by each member of the organization and only those whose dues are paid in full at the time of the convention is held will be entitled to vote in the nomination of candidates.

HILL HEARS ANVIL CHORUS

Finds Strong Opposition to His Low Rate Transportation Scheme.

MANY INTERESTS NOW IN THE CONTEST

Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Santa Fe Roads and Cities of San Francisco and Portland Join in Opposition.

James J. Hill's novel scheme to transport government troops and freight to the Philippines at astonishingly low rates is at a standstill. It has encountered grave obstacles. In the person of E. H. Harriman, his old-time rival, and other momentous figures of the railroad world, representing Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Santa Fe interests, the cunning promoter of community of interests apparently has run against serious snags. Harriman has sent J. C. Stubbs to Washington; the Santa Fe has its men there, Portland and San Francisco are represented at the national capital and the result is one deafening anvil chorus against Hill. Seattle has delegates there pulling for the Hill proposition. Mr. Hill, as will be remembered, offered to transport army officers from Chicago to Manila for \$100 each; enlisted men for \$25 and freight at 40 cents a hundred. Some of the highest railroad authorities in the country pronounce these figures unprecedented and insist that if Mr. Hill should land the contract and perform the service he will look in vain for his profits. While it is admitted freight has been hauled across the continent and Pacific ocean at \$3 a ton it was done at a loss and it is doubted if even Mr. Hill, with all his sagacity and prowess as a railroad magnate, could do any better with the proposition than any who have before attempted it. It is urged that there is no example for his rates on private, but admittedly that he might come out all right on the officers if there were enough of them.

All the Business or None.

It has been learned from sources that are in touch with the situation that Mr. Hill's proposition is to get all the business or none at all. Other roads will proceed, therefore, on the same basis. Among railroad men in Omaha there is a strong disposition to look with misgivings upon the success of the Hill plan. With the combined influence of the most active business men of Portland and San Francisco, aside from the enormous strength which the opposing forces command from the east and at the very seat of government itself, it is insisted that the man from the North Star state is bucking a formidable foe. While it is admitted his influence at Washington is great, this does not minimize the strength of his opponents. The cities of Portland and San Francisco have eminent men at Washington to look out for their interests and the roads competing with Hill. The fight has spread until it involves statements as well as railroad magnates. Senator Mitchell of Oregon and Senator Perkins of California are working with night and main for the interests of their respective cities, Portland and San Francisco. President Mohler of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company and representatives of the Union Pacific are arrayed on the side of the Southern Pacific naturally. Yet so confident does Mr. Stubbs seem of defeating Hill's plan that he has

wrote from Washington to these men that he will avail himself of their co-operation if it seems necessary. Hill is still at the national capital fighting his scheme.

There is a belief that with so many interests engaged in the competition the result will be that the government will retain the transport business itself.

Beet Sugar Workers.

A party of 400 beet sugar workers came into Omaha Friday afternoon on a Milwaukee special from Milwaukee. The party had been in Michigan at work and was returning to Lincoln and Hastings after a profitable season.

The Milwaukee made a fast run all the way, but attained phenomenal speed for a short distance near the eastern Iowa line. The birth of a child was the cause. The train was held at a station while R. C. Jones, traveling passenger agent for the Milwaukee, who accompanied the party, went for a physician. When the train arrived in Omaha the little one and his mother were as bright as any members of the party. The former was somewhat demonstrative, but this was attributed to pride over the remarkable circumstances attending his advent.

CHURCH ON FARNAM STREET

New Edifice for First Christian Will Go on Lot at Nineteenth Street.

The official board of the First Christian church has purchased the lot at the corner of Nineteenth and Farnam streets as the site for its new church building. It is announced by the pastor of the church, Harry G. Hill, that with the completion of the new building the First Christian church will become institutional, caring for the minds and bodies of the members and attendants as well as their souls. It is the intention to provide in addition to the auditorium and Sunday school rooms a reading room, gymnasium, baths, rooms where games may be played and a domestic science department for the instruction of those who desire enlightenment along those lines.

In order to carry out this plan it is said that the building will occupy the entire lot and will be designed along novel lines of architecture, being one of the first buildings in the west to be erected for the identical purpose. Work will probably begin early in the spring and the building will be completed by fall.

It is expected that the auditorium will have a seating capacity of 1,200 people, the largest of any church in the city. Its central location was the principal reason for the purchase of the lot, it being of easy access from all parts of the city. The nucleus of the building fund has been secured from the sale of the present church building. The fund will be increased by the sale of the lot on which the old building stands and the remainder of the money will be raised by donations of members and other citizens of Omaha.

INITIAL MOVE FOR MILLER

His Attorneys Submit Motion to Quash the Information Against Him.

The attorneys for Alonzo V. Miller, president of the South Omaha school board, were before Judge Baxter yesterday arguing a motion to quash the information filed against him on the charge of accepting a bribe from Cecil Lyon for voting for a raise in her salary as a teacher in the packing house city schools. The county attorney and

Deputy Dunn are arguing for the state. The effort of Miller's attorneys is grounded on the failure of the information to allege that Miller cast his vote to raise salaries at a regular meeting assembled for the purpose of transacting business, also that the information contained only a recital instead of an allegation of fact.

SENTENCE OF ACID THROWER

Ella Tolls Gets Three Years in Prison for Nearly Blinding a Man.

Judge Baxter yesterday sentenced Ella Tolls to three years in the penitentiary. Ella is the dusky belle from the tenderloin convicted of throwing acid in the eye of Charles Stewart and nearly blinding him. The judge asked Ella why she had been such a naughty girl, and Ella said she didn't know the acid would hurt the man. "Well, what did you have acid for?" queried the court. "It was 'luck' medicine what I got to a drug store, you know, and we sprinkled it in front of our booth to make us 'prosper,'" was the answer.

"Very sorry, Ella, but you got the wrong brand if you wanted something to bring luck. Three years."

The judge was more lenient with Michael McCarthy, Charles McCarthy, Guy Born and Patrick J. Brougham, all boys in their teens and caught making away with four turkeys on Thanksgiving morning, the fowls having been the property of a commission dealer on Eleventh street. He released the lads after lecturing them.

RUBY AND DIAMOND MINES

Newspaper Man Returning from Idaho Has Some Surprising Stories to Tell.

John B. Davis, a newspaper man from New York, is in Omaha, having just returned from a trip through Idaho. He spent much time along the Snake river and was surprised to find the rich deposits of genuine ruby on the banks of that stream. As a token of the wealth of this mineral in which this district abounds Mr. Davis brought with him several valuable specimens, one of which he has had properly trimmed and set in a ring. He says people are at work getting out rubies. "But it may surprise you still more to hear that Idaho has some rich diamond deposits also," said Mr. Davis, at the same time pointing to an unusually large sized diamond which he had set in a stickpin and was wearing in his tie. He said he found it in its rough state in Idaho soil.

TO LOWER RATE OF INTEREST

County Board May Renew and Extend Time of Court House Bonds.

At its meeting yesterday the Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution instructing the county clerk to advertise for bond refunding propositions, the reason for the same being found in the offer of Kelly & Kelly of New York and Topoka to refund at 2 1/2 per cent the present refunding court house 4 1/2 per cent bonds which the county issued in the sum of \$139,000, January 1, 1895, to run twenty years. Kelly & Kelly, while reducing the rate, require an extension of the time, the new bonds to run twenty years from this date, whereas the old ones would have matured January 1, 1915.

CONTEMPT HEARING IS OVER

Judge Munger's Decision in Strikers' Case is Expected Monday.

BALDWIN TALKS ABOUT THE PICKET LINE

Lawyer for the Strikers Argues that the Court's Injunction Does Not Forbid the Maintenance of Pickets.

The testimony and argument in the Union Pacific strikers' contempt case was finished yesterday and awaits the decision of the court, which is expected Monday morning.

The defense yesterday introduced four witnesses with the idea of showing by their testimony that Pirk, the man who testified that William Richelleu and two other strikers had made him the subject of profane epithets, was a man who bore a reputation for being untruthful and a disturber of the peace. William Richelleu testified that since the beginning of this trial Bernard Mechanic, who as a witness for the Union Pacific, stated he had been abused by the strikers, had called at the Labor headquarters and after waiting about there until Richelleu came in had requested the latter to use his influence to do what he could toward getting him once more into the good graces of the union.

Argues Against Pickets.

In the argument for the Union Pacific which followed, Attorney Baldwin called the attention of the court to the numbers and strength of the strikers' picket line, which constantly surrounded the Union Pacific shop grounds from 6 in the morning until 11 o'clock at night. "The picket line," said Baldwin, "is doing the same thing as it was when this court found cause to issue the injunction. It is a continued, uninterrupted demonstration of force by 228 men for the purpose of serving as an intimidation to the workers in the shops."

In his answer on behalf of the strikers Attorney Smyth held that the defense had proven that the order of the court had not been violated in letter or in spirit. The injunction, he declared, had not held that the picket line was illegal and that in bringing up this as a point the attorney for the other side had gone outside of the case before the court. If the picket line was illegal there was cause for another action, but since it was not in violation of the injunction it was legal to do with the case in hand. Attorney Smyth also went briefly over the testimony of the witnesses who had been before the court. The arguments on both sides were short.

ONE KILLED AND ONE HURT

Fate of Two Young Men Beating Their Way on a Northern Pacific Freight.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 12.—A Northern Pacific westbound freight train collided with an eastbound freight at Fridley station last night. James S. Hanson, aged 16, of Benton Lake, Minn., was killed, and William Frits, 16 years old, also of Benton Lake, was fatally injured. The trainmen jumped and were uninjured. Two hundred hogs were killed. Frits and Hanson were in one of the freight cars. They were beating their way.