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\$3.00 and \$3.75, in this sale at... \$2.25
\$3.00, in this sale at... \$3.00
\$5.75, in this sale at... \$3.25

Gray Wool Blankets—

- \$2.25, in this sale at... \$1.95 a pair
\$2.25 and \$3.50, in this sale at... \$2.25 a pair
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A large line of new up-to-date Hat Drapes just received. Chiffon Hat Drapes, with hemstitched borders.

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his bill was introduced precisely for the purpose indicated above.

Gregg of Wayne, who has introduced more bills in the house than any other member, is the author of two measures prohibiting youths under the age of 18 from enjoying the delightful privilege of smoking or chewing tobacco in any form and imposing fines upon violators of this act.

As there is a questionable feature about the enrolling of the Howell water works bill in the senate, the Douglas delegation has expressed the desire that when the bill is taken up in the house, Gilbert's house file—the same measure—be substituted as a means of insuring the success of the measure.

The Omaha city election bill, by Saunders in the senate and Gilbert in the house, the measure which seeks to promote the chances of Mr. Saunders for becoming mayor of Omaha, having passed the house and senate, was today signed by the speaker and president of these bodies respectively and is now ready to be presented to the governor for his signature, which will make the bill a law.

ONLY ROUTINE IN SENATE

Petitions Received from Farmers' Grain Organization and Protest from Lumbermen.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Growing out of the Farmers' and Grain Men's association, a petition, signed by Henry Stevers and other, was presented to the senate this morning by Reynolds of Dodge requiring all railroad companies operating lines

of railroads in the state to provide to any and all persons or corporations engaged in the business of dealing in grain or coal necessary sites along the railroad tracks of the respective railroads for the erection of elevators or coal sheds, or both, and to require them to furnish all grain, coal, fuel or chewing tobacco to any form and imposing fines upon violators of this act.

The senate passed S. F. 30, to reduce the rate of interest on county deposits to 2 per cent, instead of 3 per cent, as the present law provides. Should this bill become a law it is claimed by the Douglas senators it would mean much to Douglas county, and instead of getting no interest on county deposits it would realize a large sum.

Sloan of Fillmore wants to repeal the law relating to free school books and introduced a bill to that effect.

The introduction of S. F. 55, to repeal the lien law and substitute a lien for labor only has brought forth objections from the organized lumber dealers of the state, who insist they are entitled to protection against irresponsible and dishonest contractors and people who erect buildings.

Senate Routine. President Harrison called the senate to order at 10 o'clock. The engrossing committee reported the following bills: S. F. 19, to legalize bond issues in cities of the second class; S. F. 27, establishing fees to be charged applicants for dental certificates; S. F. 29, reducing rate of interest on county deposits to 2 per cent.

These bills were later read a third time and passed. Committee reported favorably on the following bills: S. F. 40, elevator conductors to be over 18 years of age; S. F. 34, to memorialize congress to establish the status of the Nebraska militia.

The committee on expenditure and accounts reported two debts missing and were requested to keep hunting for them. At 11 o'clock the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock Monday.

S. F. 106, by Brown of Keya Paha—To prescribe the mode of reviewing findings of fact upon appeal to the supreme court in suits in equity. S. F. 110, by Sloan of Fillmore—To repeal free school book law.

S. F. 110, by Sloan of Fillmore—To amend section 308, article 18, chapter xviii, of compiled Statutes, relating to certificates of satisfaction. S. F. 111, by Sloan of Fillmore—To amend section 10, article xv, chapter xviii, of compiled Statutes, relating to compensation for township officers.

S. F. 112, by Howell of Douglas—To provide for the removal of children in the insane children into the Home of the Friendless. S. F. 113, by Reynolds of Dodge—Granting the right of way to telephone companies along, over, under and across the streets, alleys and public grounds of municipalities and cities of the first class.

S. F. 114, by Hall of Douglas—A joint resolution recommending to the electors of the state to vote at the next election of county officers, the regulars for or against a convention to revise, amend and change the constitution of the state.

H. R. 42, by Jones of Otoe, fixing fees of certain state and county officers, was recommended to pass, as were also H. R. 114, by Gregg of Wayne, relating to reports of superintendents of schools; H. R. 115, by Gregg, relating to the election of officers in school districts; 79, by Loomis of Dodge, relating to school tax; 43, by Burgess of Lancaster, relating to the term of office of school board members, and 22, by Koeltter of Douglas relating to the free use of textbooks.

Gets After Deficiencies. This resolution, introduced by Rouse of

KILLS THE LEASING BILL

Message of Governor Puts Finishing Touches to the Measure.

GIVES FEDERAL COURTS JURISDICTION

Can Hereafter Try Parties Who Violate the Law Within Boundary of Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Mickey's message to the legislature of Nebraska yesterday regarding Senator Dietrich's land lease bill has practically defeated any legislation on the part of congress at this session.

There is little chance of any new bill, should it be introduced, receiving consideration on account of matters of greater importance pressing for consideration. The only possibility of the bill receiving any attention whatever would be through a memorial from the Nebraska legislature asking congress to consider Senator Dietrich's bill favorably.

In the event that the legislature should take kindly to Senator Dietrich's bill it has been suggested by members of the Nebraska delegation that the legislature memorialize congress to create a commission to be appointed by the president to investigate the public land question and report to congress at its next session.

The president evidently anticipates the present condition continuing, for he referred directly to this matter in his last message to congress as follows: "In view of the prime importance of these matters I commend them to the earnest consideration of congress, and I recommend the government to deal with them from lack of thorough knowledge of the subject, I recommend that provision be made for a commission of experts specially to investigate and report upon the complicated questions involved."

If an lease legislation, as provided by the Dietrich bill, introduced as it has been by Secretary Hitchcock, is passed at this session the position of the western settler, it is asserted, will relate into the same condition it was a year ago. The question then arises, What will be the attitude of the government as to the fences which the stock-owners claim is so necessary to their welfare?

The Martin-Gamble Bill Passes. The Martin-Gamble bill, extending jurisdiction to the federal courts over crimes committed upon Indian reservations in South Dakota, has passed both houses of congress and now goes to the president for his signature.

Senator Dietrich, upon the recommendation of Congressman Hinshaw, today presented the name of Fred E. Witt for postmaster at Thompson, Johnson county, Neb. Thompson to Call Monday.

D. E. Thompson has advised the State department that he will be in Washington on Monday. Mr. Thompson will, of course, call upon the president to pay his respects and also upon Secretary Hay to receive his final instructions.

Senator Millard today introduced a bill to refund \$300 to John T. Welts and Walter H. Shupe of Omaha, being the amount of the purchase money they paid into the United States treasury for the purpose of making coal entry No. 43 at Helena, Mont., and which entry was subsequently cancelled by the commissioner of the general land office. The bill was referred to the committee on public lands for consideration.

Extend Railroad Franchise. Senator Millard today secured the passage of his joint resolution to extend the time for the construction of the Alton, Sterling & Northern railroad in Alaska. It is understood that several Nebraska capitalists are interested in this matter and the resolution extends the time within which to complete the contract two years.

Senator Millard today introduced a bill to increase the pension of Louis Webber of Astoria, Neb., to \$25 per month. Representative Mercer today introduced bills to increase the pensions of Peter Henkel and William Arnold.

Rural free delivery carriers were appointed today as follows: Iowa—Calmar, Knut Barlow, regular. South Dakota—Arlington, Albert P. Runner, Wash F. Everts, regular; William Winsor, Mrs. F. L. Allen, substitute. Bruce, Ralph Nelson, regular; Alfred Lindskog, substitute. Lennox, Wilbur F. Little, regular; Alfred Albions, substitute.

The postoffices at Lark, Worth county, Ia., Leroy, Lake county, and Seth, Day county, S. D., have been ordered discontinued. The First National Bank of Buchanan County, St. Joseph, Mo., has been approved as reserve agent for the National bank of Pawnee City, Neb., and the First National bank of Omaha for the Big Timber National bank, Big Timber, Mont.

W. E. Peck of Armour, S. D., was today appointed a railway mail clerk. The postmaster at Sioux City, Ia., has been allowed one additional letter carrier from March 3.

Postmasters appointed: Nebraska, Mrs. Josie A. Beecher, Lancaster county, vice E. L. Davis, resigned. Iowa, Mrs. Anna Buck, Nanite, Adair county, Wyming, John Purdy, Fort Laramie, Laramie county.

NEBRASKA MEN ARE NAMED President Nominates Postmasters for Towns in Various Western States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Postmasters: Nebraska—George A. Eekies, Chadron; James N. Brooks, Rushville; Frank R. Stewart, Randolph; Stephen E. Cobb, Emerson; William T. Owens, Loup. South Dakota—Thomas B. Roberts, Armour; John W. Walsh, Montrose. Iowa—William D. Burk, Muscatine. Kansas—James S. Alexander, Florence. Missouri—Moses M. Adams, Seneca; J. L. Enclas, Shelby; Thomas M. Morrey, Warren.

ROSE MELVILLE IS SICK Noted Actress Brought Low by Pneumonia. Lies Seriously Ill at Detroit.

DETROIT, Jan. 24.—Miss Rose Melville, the actress, who has been playing "Sis Hopkins" for several seasons, is ill in this city with pneumonia. Her condition is said to be serious.

STOPS CARNEGIE LIBRARY Court Holds Springfield Cannot Increase Debt in Order to Get Books.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 24.—The circuit court today held that the tax voted to maintain a Carnegie library is illegal because the levy exceeds the debt-making power of the city.

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Advertisement for 'COOK'S Imperial' brand ketchup, highlighting its quality and availability.

Advertisement for 'COLOMNE' brand ketchup, similar to Cook's, with details on product quality and pricing.

Advertisement for 'ALL WOOL' clothing, featuring a man in a suit and promoting the quality and durability of the garments.