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WALTER B. BOWMAN IS GONE

Broker and Distillers' Agent Missing Since Last Thursday.

MERCHANTS HOLD SOME UNPAID CHECKS

Learn Affer His Departure that His Deposit is Shy-Sloux City May Be His Present Whereabouts.

business pursuits, such as salesmen, in-

Walter B. Bowman has not been at his office in the Omaha National bank building tainly a well dressed man, this purveyor of since last Thursday and creditors who were insurance, and like his prototype in real refused payment of checks he gave them life evidently earns enough to stand well for various small sums are now making inwith his tailor. quiries to ascertain his whereabouts. Pend-

ing the success or abandonment of this hunt, the firm of Orchard & Wilhelm has sent teamsters to bring back to the store the handsome office furniture Bowman bought a month ago on the installment plan.

The letter heads Mr. Bowman had printed when he came here announced that the firm of Walter B. Bowman & Co., proposed to do insurance underwriting and serve the public as executor of estates and as com mercial broker. But on the doors of suite \$14 of the bank building, which apartment he rented the middle of April, paying a month in advance, he made the further announcement that he was district agent for the United States Distillers' Distributing company of Chicago.

His Story Seems Contradictory.

To L. D. Spalding, the rental agent of the building, he showed proper credentials purporting to be from the distributing company, and showed also other letters of entime that he had been in the company's time told the same gentleman, the latter avers, that he had just taken a position with It.

By making a partial cash payment he immediately secured from Orchard & Wilhelm several fine desks, chairs, carpets and other office furniture. Last week he employed a to become a life insurance policy holder, girl as stenographer and prepared to make and in the rare cases in which he does of prospective customers. To get business he began issuing a large number of circu-

lar letters, but most of these were only to bill posters in various towns, asking for rates on posting a certain whisky company's lithograph he had on exhibition in his office. So far as known he didn't get much business, though it is understood form remnants of his correspondence that he was instrumental in establishing a joint distillery at some point in South Dakota.

Bear Sloux City Name.

In his office after his departure were found two unaddressed letters to prospective agents, drafted on the back of a blank form bearing the same of D. H. Talbot, officing in the Masonlo building at Sloux City.

Another letter found in his office was from T. J. Flegenbaum, a lincoln druggist, but all it said was: "Please send particulars." Circular letters found advertise everything from gold mines to bank stocks. Thursday he bought a hat at Fredericks, \$3 worth of furnishings at Pease Brothers and a \$6 bill of goods at Mrs. J. Benson's. In each instance he had the purchase delivfor the same. Saturday all the checks were returned after having reached the Omaha National bank through the clearing house and been thrown out for lack of deposit. Vice President McGrew of that institution stated yesterday that Bowman never had a large deposit there.

Mentioned a Destination.

HIS GOOD CLOTHES. The Life Insurance Solicitor is Generally a Well Dressed Man, but that is Not All He Is. The current issue of a popular monthly has an illustrated article showing the correct style for dressing for men in standard

surance solicitors, traveling men, etc. It is worthy of note that the insurance agent is pictured first. He is a natural leader anyway, and perhaps the artist meant also to imply the probable fact that he will promptly secure applications for policies from all the others portrayed. He is cer-

But the actual life insurance man has no regulation attire and asks for none with his customres. He usually gets the man he is after, no mater how either of them may be appareled. Insurance solicitors have successfully found the men they desire whether the latter were in the

smart attire of the banking house or the neglige of the home dressing room. They have gone down into mines to secure insurants, and one instance is known of an agent mounting a ladder to obtain the application of a man who was shingling a roof. It is hardly probable that good clothes won in either of these cases, The men to be insured are sought everywhere-at the desk, the counter, the work

bench or the plough, on the street, at their avocations or in their homes, and are nowadays more glad to see the cheery

insurance man than otherwise even if not yet quite ready to accept his invaluable wares; that is something bound to come a little later. The visitor is pretty sure to dorsement. He told Mr. Spaiding at the be fittingly garbed for his call, if not employ fifteen years, but at a subsequent quite as nattily attired as in the picture noted. He is a business hypnotist, but depends quite as much on the value of the contracts he has for sale as on his good clothes, ready arguments or engaging address. His mission is to confer almost

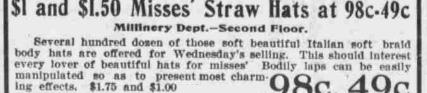
as great a business favor as can well be conceived, to give a man the opportunity quite an imposing showing for the benefit not succeed in making the person on whom he calls accept that fact the latter is the main loser.

> URE IS MUCH DISAPPOINTED Secretary of Tax Committee Not Satisfied with State Board's Railroad Assessment.

At the Wednesday noon meeting of the Real Eestate exchange, for which President C. F. Harrison hopes to have a large attendance, A. L. Reed is to discuss "Rentals" and W. G. Ure is to relate his and others' experience before the State Board of Equalization. In speaking of the results of the board's sitting, Mr. Ure, in an

interview yesterday, said: "We had hoped that the state board would see its way clear to increase the railroad assessments to a point much nearer the proper value than it has done. At the meeting of the board recently I said that the figures returned by the state board at this assessment would be the basis upon which the assessments would ered at his office and there gave a check be made by the township assessors for 1993. Members of the board took exceptions to this statement, and when I repeated it they went up into the air, and said that the assessments as returned by the assessors formed the basis for their figures. But I maintain my position. The assessment of the State Board of Equalization is the first to be published. When it goes, out that the roads have been so glaringly un-









THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1908.

Bowman's departure appears to have been dervalued every assessor made Thursday night or Friday morning. he was going to Sloux City on a business Though not certain that Bowman means the railroads. to be absent permanently, the agent for the building began an investigation Monture company sent after its goods and now

UNCLE SAM TAKES YOUNG MAN Will Prosecute Him on Charge of Having Wrongfully Opened Registered Letter.

and his unpaid checks.

Louis E. Rogers, who has been in the employ of the Western Engineering company, was arrested Tuesday morning on the charge of rifling a registered letter while he was in the postoffice at Ainsworth last January. In February he came to Omaha and began to work for the engineering company. Upon his arrest he way taken before United States Commissioner Anderson and pleaded guilty and held under \$500 bond. The case was worked up by Postoffice Inspector Smith.

WHAT CAUSES DANDRUFF.

Greatest European Authority on Skin Diseases, Says It's a Germ.

The old idea was that dandruff is scales of skin thrown off through a feverish condition of the scalp. Prof. Unna of Hamburg, Germany, European authority on skin diseases, says dandruff is a germ disease. The germ burrows under the scalp, throwing up little scales of cuticle and sapping the vitality of the hair at the root. The only hair preparation that kills dandruff germs is Newbro's Herpleide. "Destroy the cause, you remove the effect." Not only cures dandruff, but stops falling hair and causes a luxuriant growth. Delightful hair dressing. Send 10c in stamps for free sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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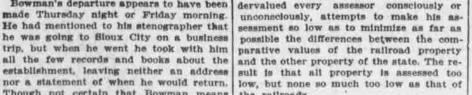


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"Our great objection before the board recently was to the assessments of the day and the stenographer quit the office. Union Pacific and Burlington main lines. declining to give Mr. Spalding either her The former should have been at least name or address "for fear the reporters doubled over its last year's assessment if would be after her." Yesterday the furni- it was intended to have it approximate equality with the county assessments nothing remains of Bowman but a memory while if the assessment of city and village property be taken into consideration the assessment of last year should have been multiplied by three at least. The Burlington main line is assessed at about onethirtieth, and should have been multiplied

by three at least to approximate an equalization with other property. "If the officers of the state are to favor

those interests which employ men to represent them before state boards and let the interests of the average citizen be disregarded, our present system of government is not highly successful. It is possible that the taxpayers of the state will have to unite to employ some man to represent them, and then may be they will receive some consideration at the hands of the men who are elected to office upon the supposition that they will care for all of the interests of the state without fear or favor.'

Sam'l Burns-lawn and cemetery vasesow prices this week.

Announcements of the Theaters. This afternoon the much talked of contest for the prettiest baby in Omaha will be held at the Boyd. The contest will he held under the auspices of the Ferris Stock company. Competent judges have been selected to handle the contest. The prizes are \$10 for the prettiest baby \$3 for the second and \$2 for the third

Costume does not cut any figure in the contest nor does the nationality, or color. A colored child will be given as much onsideration as a white one.

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