

ONE OF BIGGEST STATIONS

Quartermaster Depot in Omaha Among Most Important in Country. VAST ARMY STORES ARE KEPT THERE. Uncle Sam Has Series of Twelve or Fifteen Buildings, Covering an Area of Many Acres, in Omaha.

One of the most important establishments connected with the general government located in Omaha is the quartermaster's depot situated between Twentieth and Twenty-second streets and south of Poppleton avenue, terminating in a triangle along the Union Pacific right-of-way. The depot is more popularly known as the government corral and comprises an enclosure of several acres in triangular shape and surrounded by a high wall.

Great quantities of commissary supplies are also stored here, particularly during the quarterly periods when the contracts are made for the quarterly supplies. These supplies are being constantly shipped out, going into every department of the west and as far as Alaska and the Philippines. At present much of the army paraphernalia from the recently abandoned post of Fort Niobrara is stored here, including wagons, harness, tentage, cooking utensils from the abandoned barracks. The depot also is made the storage department for much of the signal service equipment not in actual use at Fort Omaha.

The depot is under charge of Captain Thomas Swobe, quartermaster, United States army, and is garrisoned by about thirty-five men, all civilians, including fifteen clerks employed in the various departments. One of the buildings is devoted to the storage of household furniture belonging to officers of the army who have had recently changed their stations, some of them being now in the Philippines and Cuba. The grounds are kept like a park and in the summer season are very attractive and beautiful. In the busy season the depot presents a scene of the liveliest activity, with the constant shipping and outfitting of army supplies.

The monthly expenditure of money for quartermaster supplies and barrack equipment, the latter including gunnery, stoves, ranges, cooking utensils, typewriters, desks and miscellaneous furniture of all kinds, will reach \$200,000. Most of these articles are bought here in Omaha, and with a little more encouragement the monthly purchase of army supplies at Omaha could be increased to \$300,000 or \$350,000.

One of the most important in the country and by the purchase of four acres or thereabouts just west of the depot, which is much desired by the army officials, the depot could be very materially enlarged, thus making it the largest in the country. One of the civilian employes connected with the depot says:

"Could the government be persuaded to buy this property, which is known as the old boiler works, it would straighten out the grounds and afford room for several additional buildings that could be utilized as an Indian supply house, thus avoiding the necessity of renting quarters for the Indian supply and commissary stores. The railway trackage is the best in the city, and shipments could be loaded directly into the cars for any part of the country. There is no good reason why much of the stuff that is assembled at Jefferson, Ind., quartermaster depot should not be assembled here. We have every facility for handling it and can buy here just as well as in the east, and thus make an immense saving in transportation charges."

Bids will be advertised for miscellaneous

GASSIP OF HOTEL CORRIDORS

Lincoln Stephens Drops into City, but Has His Muck Rake Under Cover.

Lincoln Stephens, newspaper and magazine correspondent of national fame, accompanied by Mrs. Stephens, is a guest at the Paxton. Like Diogenes of old, who went about with a lantern in quest of an honest man, Mr. Stephens is raking American municipalities for an honest city government. He said he is finding much muck to rake, but is an optimist to the extent of believing there are hopeful signs and that the people will try to improve.

"My observations have been that the average municipality of this country is way behind European cities in the matter of good government. We sell ourselves for a mess of pottage—we are bought with our own money," Mr. Stephens said in passing. Mr. Stephens agreed that there is a general awakening throughout the country and a demand that public officials represent the people in fact as well as in fancy. "Do the city officials of Omaha really represent the people? Do the newspapers represent the people? Does the police department do its bounden duty to suppress crime? If you can say 'yes' to those questions then you have a condition that tends toward good city government here," was the way the visitor put it.

The men who are making the muck are such persons as Harriman, Hill, Morgan, Rockefeller, et al. If they would stop making muck it would be out of a job in six months," he said.

A tall, stern looking young man with a battery of stung cases dashed into the Merchants hotel yesterday afternoon, walked up to the office and registered his name as "Richard Mansfield, Comed. Neb." Clerk Scott immediately recognized the guest as a prominent merchant of Omaha and decided to have some fun with a play of names on the first day of the new year. After a wait of half an hour Richard Mansfield came downstairs and tarried at the cigar counter. Clerk Scott told an unsuspecting guest that Richard Mansfield was at the stand.

It happened that the unsuspecting guest was an admirer of the famous actor and knew no better than that the person at the cigar stand was Richard himself. Approaching the Comed guest with some timidity the unsuspecting one made himself acquainted and started in to tell of the pleasure he had had watching the Comed man act, and such. "Now, my friend, go back to sleep; I am not Richard Mansfield the actor, but Richard Mansfield, the merchant. Should you care to buy anything in my line just drop down to Comed. No trouble to show goods. Visitors are as welcome as customers," replied the Comed guest.

Then Clerk Scott rushed over and separated the two guests.

Denies Being Disorderly. Difference of Opinion, Just the Same, Lands Mrs. Ray in Police Station.

Get your transfer when you pay your fare or you go to jail. The experience of Mrs. Anna Ray, 244 South Twenty-fourth street, colored, on a Hanscom park car late Tuesday night resulted in the jolting down of the above advice on her mind. Mrs. Ray got into a quarrel with the conductor of the car, over whether she had or had not paid her fare, and Patrolman Van Deusen was asked at Sixteenth and Leavenworth streets to take her in charge on a disorderly charge.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Hospital is Formally Dedicated New Year's with Public Reception. BUILDING A MODEL ONE OF ITS KIND.

Poultry Show Opens with Fair Attendance and an Unusually Fine Display of Fowls. None could be prouder, nor with greater reason, than the members of the South Omaha Hospital association over the completion of the new building. The public reception was a most gratifying experience, both to the hospital and to the large number of friends who visited the building during yesterday afternoon and evening. Numbers were coming and going, in the evening especially. Most people who visited brought something in the nature of a donation. Considerable cash was contributed by visitors. The rooms are not completely furnished as yet, but most of the necessities will be supplied from the old hospital. All the doors swing on noiseless hinges.

Entering from the south or front a person steps into the reception room to the right, which is a neatly furnished apartment. From this down the east side one passes into the office, then the sterilizing rooms and in the northeast corner the operating room. This is not completely finished yet. The women men and boys suitly night to nurse punch and refreshments to the guests. In the northwest corner is the emergency room, as near to the operating tables as possible for greater convenience. At the other extremity of the hall, at the southwest corner, is the room furnished for the "Doughnuts" of the largest and best rooms in the building. The women of the organization have it nicely furnished. Upstairs in the same order in the southeast is the head nurse's room, the men's ward, the diet kitchen and other nurses' rooms. On the west side, by the northwest corner, is the Odd Fellows' room. Then a room furnished by Mrs. W. Berry, wife of Dr. Berry. In the southwest corner is the room of the Eastern Star. These rooms are so named because these orders and people have obliged the hospital to furnish and keep in good condition these rooms.

The hospital will accommodate from twenty-four to thirty-two patients. All of the interior is finished in white and the woodwork is of a light natural wood. In the northeast corner is the kitchen, dining room and other compartments for heating and wash rooms. A dumb waiter accommodates all floors from the kitchen. The women took great pleasure in showing the guests through the building. Almost every woman of the association was present. Mesdames Beyer, Byrly, King, Tabot, Westcott, Bents, Haskins, Berry, Wright, Christie, Cheek, Ames, Jones and Lott were each present and helpful in their assistance. Coffee and cakes were served from the kitchen. The efforts of these women have gone far toward making the hospital a great success.

By far the greater measure of praise for the great work so happily completed belongs to W. Scott King, the president of the association. He has been the organizer whose tireless efforts and push have not only redeemed the association from time when he assumed the control of it, but he has found the funds depleted and the association in debt, but he handled the finances in such a way that the hospital made money and when it came time to erect the new building over \$5,000 was available as a starter. He managed the construction largely by the use of his own services and economy in every particular. Before the close of another year the association will have paid the last obligation. Mr. King confessed last night that he had often been in doubt of late whether he was working for the Union Stock Yards company or for the hospital during the greater part of the day and received many congratulations from those who knew of the efforts he had made. He took great pride in the universal praise of the new building, but declared that he was ready to go on the retired list with the feeling of a good work well accomplished.

Reception at Reception given by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Young Men's Christian association was fairly well attended last night. The gymnasium was neatly decorated with holiday evergreens, pines and sprays. A booth for refreshments was set up and supplied by the members of the women with abundance of good things. The juniors in the afternoon did not attend in large numbers and the women were a little disappointed. The evening was much more satisfactory. A program of entertainment was provided by the committee and this was well received and enjoyed by the ladies. Refreshments were served several musical numbers and some short addresses by the older patrons of the association.

First Day of Poultry Show. The attendance during the first day of the Poultry show was very good during the afternoon. There were many counter attractions for the evening. The exhibits are now all complete. The number of entries is about twice as great as in the first exhibit. Many more of the rarer and more elegant breeds are represented. The range of the competition is much wider in this respect and in the number of different dealers as well. The show is well represented by a large array of the finest. A novelty not seen often is two pens of white China geese, exhibited by E. E. Smith of Lincoln. They are very large birds with a big, bald, yellow bump over the eyes, giving them an odd appearance. Their voices are very noisy, much like an array of Mongolian minstrels. In one corner of the room the most epicurean chicken fancier of the plains is on exhibition. He is a full grown coyote. He peers out at the fine array of toothsome fowls with an eye sparkling with greedy anticipation and his ears are pecked up to the sound of the mocking crowing of the big Barred Plymouth Rocks.

There is a cote of Belgian hares above him and a cote of pigeons. Among the rare birds are the Black Langshans of A. W. Covalt of Council Bluffs and C. H. Isard of Omaha. There are several pens of Houdans, a variety not often seen. The exhibitors are J. G. Gourlay of Lincoln, Meyers, also of Lincoln, and Henning of Wahoo. A fine pen of Blue Andalusian fowls are exhibited by Mrs. Robert Bellevue. Silver and Golden Spangled Hamburgs are represented by eight fine coops. The Buff Laced Polish, the Bearded and Unbearded and White Polish are also to be seen. Their heads are almost completely hidden by feathers. It is well worth the time to visit the poultry exhibits, which continue three days longer.

Meale City Gossip. Bridal Rose Silver, Godfrey's, Pecher, Sheldahl and O streets, died yesterday. The funeral arrangements have not been made. The city treasury received \$1,000 during the month of December. The city will be a record-breaker. The social society of the English Lutheran church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. H. L. and T. Streets, Thursday afternoon, 7:30 o'clock. The Special Council of the Y. M. C. A. will meet at the Y. M. C. A. building, Friday afternoon, 7:30 o'clock.

ROOSEVELT OBSERVES REFORM

President Sticks to System in Important Order on Purchase of Naval Discharges. In his order recently issued touching upon the matter of enlisted men in the navy, President Roosevelt indicates that, regardless of what congress and other bodies and individuals may think of the reform in spelling, he claims for himself the right to make use of it. He observes the reform in his order, a copy of which has been received at the local recruiting station. This order, which is regarded as one of great importance, reads:

In time of peace any enlisted man of the navy, serving in his first enlistment, who is not a member of the navy, shall be given the privilege of purchasing his discharge. The application must be made to the Navy department through the commanding officer in full and will state that the applicant waives all claims for transportation at government expense and all claims for place of enlistment if the discharge is granted. In general, the discharge shall be granted if the price of outfit furnished on enlistment plus two months' pay at the rating the applicant desires will compare favorably with the price of outfit furnished on enlistment plus one month's pay if in the third year of enlistment. The price of outfit of enlistment the price of discharge will be the price of outfit furnished on enlistment, less the amount of the pay received therefor, and the amount of the pay received therefor, that he has to the extent of his option to purchase his discharge. The price of outfit shall be the price of outfit furnished on enlistment, less the amount of the pay received therefor, and the amount of the pay received therefor, that he has to the extent of his option to purchase his discharge.

NEW YEAR'S AT THE THEATERS. Krag Offers Only New Bill, but All Get Large Houses at Afternoon and Evening Performances. New Year's was a good day at the Omaha theaters. The people seemed more in the mood for the play than on Christmas, and the houses were filled at both afternoon and evening performances. The Krag offered the only change in bill, a "musical comedy" which is neither musical nor comical, sailing under the name of "Fanny's Works But Father's" being the attraction. Some of its features afforded great delight to the people who had paid their money to see it, but for the most part it was received in polite silence. Miss Kathryn Roberts, who heads the company, has a strong, sweet voice, which she uses well on the few songs she has to sing. Her partner, Will H. West, who is the star of the show, works very hard with a German dialect part to afford amusement, and cause considerable merriment by his antics. The stay includes a matinee this afternoon and closes with this evening's performance.

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Mails Weighed East of River. The quadrennial weighing of the mails east of the Missouri river will be undertaken with a big force immediately. This work will require the assistance of a large number of special weighers and will occupy sixty or ninety days. The appointments of weighers will be made from applicants living east of the river and most of these appointments have already been made. No mails will be weighed west of the river, this work having been done in the transmissour districts last spring. This weighing of mails takes place every four years in the several districts of the country and is a highly important matter for all handling the mails.

GUESTS HELD FOR THE BILL. J. J. Lenahan and Frank Straub Discover Their Supposed Snag is a Delusion. Two kind, genial and philanthropic citizens met J. J. Lenahan, 323 Mason street, and Frank Straub, 1729 Dorcas street, Tuesday night, and their hearts overflowing with good cheer and best wishes for all mankind on the New Year day, invited the latter pair to be their guests at a restaurant spread. Lenahan and Straub had never seen the pair before, but that made no difference. They wanted something to eat, and here was an opportunity stumbled onto with blind luck not to be passed up under any circumstances.

YOUTHFUL MAYOR AND PERHAPS SHELTON AND BROWN WILL ATTEND McKinley Club Banquet. The committee on the McKinley club banquet, to be held January 23, met Wednesday at the club headquarters for the new headquarters building. This is for the purpose of learning the nature of the ground, on which will depend the depth to which the foundation will have to go. Solid ground and a very heavy foundation will be necessary to hold a superstructure of twelve stories.

TESTS TO LOCATE THE SITE. Union Pacific Sinks Holes to Determine Solidity of Earth for New Building. The Union Pacific is sinking test holes in the earth at the site bought for the new headquarters building. This is for the purpose of learning the nature of the ground, on which will depend the depth to which the foundation will have to go. Solid ground and a very heavy foundation will be necessary to hold a superstructure of twelve stories.

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VIGILS KEEP THEIR POSTS. Men Stand in Front of Two Places Robbed in Wee Small Hours. An evening or two ago a resident of West Farman street who happened to miss his last car walked out home. Being a circumspect man he took the middle of the street rather than the sidewalk. He observed as he reached a point in front of the Puritan laundry, Twenty-eighth and Farman, a man standing behind a telephone or telegraph pole on the opposite side of the street. And then he reflected that just the night before burglars blew open the safe and wrecked two windows of the Puritan laundry. He proceeded on his way without being molested or without molesting anyone until he reached Thirty-sixth street on the northeast corner of which stands Butts Brothers' grocery store. Here he observed two men standing behind a telegraph pole immediately opposite the store. One of the men left his station and walked across the street as the tardy westender approached. The other one kept his moorings and also his gaze on the mid-road pedestrian. The mid-roader reflected again and his mind recalled the fact that but a few evenings before robbers had tried to hand at the Butts' store two nights in succession. As the westender was somewhat in a hurry to get home, and being a man who believes in attending strictly to his own affairs, particularly at such hours of the night, he did not stop to inquire of the men behind the posts whether they were awaiting another chance or were guards of these institutions, but he thought the incidents quite singular.

RAILWAY MAILING EXPANDS. Service of Omaha Branch of Sixth Division Shows Big Growth. THIRTY NEW CLERKS DURING YEAR. Headquarters as Well as Boundaries Have Been Extended and Depot Facilities Also Materially Increased.

MYSTERY IN DEATH OF WOMAN. After Being Out with Companion Retires and Later is Discovered Dying. Ella King, also known as Ella Monroe, died at 26 North Eleventh street Tuesday afternoon under conditions which will require the attention of the county coroner. The woman rented a room from John Duncan at the number stated and went Monday evening with John McFarland to a party at the home of the next morning before she returned and asked to be called at 6 o'clock, as she would have to go to work.

GRAND CLEARANCE. Ladies' Imported Gowns and Costumes, Ladies' Furs, Cloaks, Suits, Etc. The extremely unpleasant weather of the first day of our clearance sale leads us to continue the great event of the sale. Imported apparel at just a fraction of its cost to land.

Remnants of All Wool DRESS FABRICS, worth 50c to 65c. 15c Yd. Henriettes, Chevots, Cashmeres, Fine Suits, Mohairs, Plids and Silk Mixtures—length 3 1/2 yards, worth from 50c to 65c—all at one price.

Gigantic Unloading Sale. ODONHOE REDMOND AND NORMILE CO. 16th and Howard. Gigantic Unloading Sale. Phone 981 Douglas.

Our gigantic unloading sale yesterday called forth favorable comments from all sections and won the appreciation of thousands. The multitude of people who attended it received sensational values and they profited greatly. There was enthusiastic buying in every department. No wonder! Think of buying merchandise at about half usual prices. The coming days of this sale will witness the giving of values even greater than those of opening day. New merchandise will be added daily. It's money in your pockets. Come quick.

Silks! Silks! Silks! Our entire stock of Radium Peau de Cygne Silk that sold at 75c a yard, in every possible plain shade, both light and dark, including black—all go in this sale at, yard, 37c. Extra Special 200 pieces of fancy silks in checks, stripes, plaids and pretty small designs, these are from broken lines, that we sold at 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard—all go in this sale at, yard, 59c. Colored Dress Goods 44 to 56-inch Tailor Suitings, in irregular plaids and checks, fancy stripes, shadow checks and fancy mixtures, sold at \$1.00 and \$1.25 yard, sale price, only, yard, 59c. 58-inch Melton Cloths, in shades of gray, blues, tans, red, brown and greens—our 85c quality—sale price, only, yard, 35c.

Here is a Chance for the Restaurant Man and Thrifty Housewife. 2,500 yards of Table Linen. Manufacturer's remnants bought by us several months ago for December delivery for this January sale. These goods are perfect in every way. Irish Satin Damask, all pure linen and put up by the maker in three lengths, two yards, two and a half yards, and three yard long, which we place on sale in three different lots at a price that defies competition. Lot No. 1—2 yards for... 98c. Lot No. 1—2 1/2 yards for... 1.23. Lot No. 1—3 yards for... 1.47. Lot No. 2—2 yards for... 1.25. Lot No. 2—2 1/2 yards for... 1.55. Lot No. 2—3 yards for... 1.85. Lot No. 3—2 yards for... 1.45. Lot No. 3—2 1/2 yards for... 1.80. Lot No. 3—3 yards for... 2.15.

Unequaled Suit Values. Ladies' Suits—Prices were \$7.50 to \$15, all now at... 3.95. Ladies' Suits—Prices were \$16.50 to \$22.50—all now at... \$10. Ladies' Suits—Prices \$25 to \$50, all now at... \$20.

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A Child's Life. A child's life, mentally and physically, depends upon proper nutrition, cleanliness of food, water being a great factor. The hands disseminate disease, germs cling to them. A food prepared without the contact of hands must be clean. DR. PRICE'S WHEAT FLAKE CEREAL FOOD. Prepared under strict scientific processes and no contact with hands from the husker to the consumer, and hence germs are an impossibility. A food for old, the young, the feeble and the sedentary. Palatable—Nutritious—Easy of Digestion and Ready to Eat. Can be served hot. Put in a hot one for a few minutes or cook in boiling water. 10c a package. My Signature on every package. Dr. H. C. Price.

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