# The Bennett Company
OMAHA'S GREAT STYLE STORE

**FANCY RIBBONS** 5-inch plain, all silk taffeta ribbon, in white, light blue, pink, red, cardinal, brown, navy and black, worth 29c, for, yard ..... **15c**
1½ inch all silk, finest quality satin taffeta Ribbon, worth 18c, for yard ..... **6c**

**Neckwear** 18-inch fine, soft quality chiffon Veiling, full assortment of colors, worth 25c yard, at, yard ..... **15c**
500 dozen Swiss embroidered Turnover Collars, worth up to 10c each, for, each ..... **4c**

**SHEET MUSIC** Dozens of copies of the very newest issues of 50c and 60c music, both vocal and instrumental, at this ridiculously low price. The publishers of this music will not allow us to print the names in the newspapers, as it affects the business of other dealers ..... **10c**

**Men's and Boys' Clothing**
QUALITY IS WHAT COUNTS TO THE KEEN BUYERS
We Always Deliver the Goods. To Prove We Are Right Look These Over

All our Men's Suits, values to $18.00, **$10.00**
All our Men's Suits, values to $12.50, **$7.50**
One lot of Men's All Wool Suits, sold for $10, for Saturday ..... **$5.85**
One lot of Men's All Wool Overcoats, in grey and black, sold for $10.00, Saturday, **$5.85**

Men's Trousers, $1.50 values ..... **95c**
Men's Trousers, $2.50 values ..... **$1.45**
Men's Trousers, $3.00 values ..... **$1.95**
Boys' Knee Trousers, 50c value ..... **33c**
Boys' Knee Trousers, $1.00 value ..... **48c**

Boys' Suits and Overcoats, value to $6.00, now **$3.75**
Boys' Suits and Overcoats, also Reefers, value to $5.00, now ..... **$2.75**
Boys' Suits and Overcoats, also Reefers, values to $3.50, now ..... **$1.75**

**Men's and Boys' Hats and Furnishings**

Men's and Boys' **Winter Caps Half Price**
You may select any winter cap in our stock Saturday, and pay exactly one-half the marked price:—$2.50, $2.00, $1.50, 75c, 50c and 25c values—Saturday at $1.25, $1, 75c, 38c, 25c and **13c**

**Stiff Hats**
25 dozen fine fur felt Stiff Hats, best imported silk band and bindings, on sale in two lots, Saturday:—
Values to $2.00, on sale at ..... **$1.19**
Values to $2.50, on sale at ..... **$1.69**
Choice of any $2.50 soft hat in the house Saturday ..... **$1.69**

**Shirts** All our fine shirts sacrificed Saturday; cost not considered. Must make room for spring goods. Buy several Manhattan and Columbia shirts; large assortment of patterns and styles. Values to $2.00, Saturday ..... **$1.15**
Manhattan and Columbia shirts, beautiful assortment of styles and imported shirtings—values up to $3.00, Saturday, at ..... **$1.69**
All heavy and medium weight two-piece Underwear, greatly reduced, values up to $3.50 garment—Saturday, 39c, 59c, 89c and to ..... **$1.98**
Men's Winter Union Suits—Values to $6.00—Saturday, 79c, $1.00, $1.50 and to ..... **$3.50**

# CORSETS
**At a Penny an Inch**
Corsets that sold up to $1.50, all styles and colors, a record-breaking opportunity for making a selection because of the limitless quantities on display. One inch ..... **1c**

**GLOVES**
Broken lots of ladies' Kid Gloves $1.00 value ..... 39c
Ladies' one-clasp Cape Gloves, $1.25 value ..... 98c
Ladies' two-clasp French Kid Gloves, $1.50 value ..... $1.19
Ladies' 12-button Cape Gloves, $4.00 value ..... $2.98
Ladies' 16-button Cape Gloves, $4.50 value ..... $3.49
And Double Green Trading Stamps.

**UNDERWEAR**
Ladies' heavy cotton Vests and Pants, 35c value ..... 19c
Ladies' extra heavy fleeced Vests and Pants, 50c value ..... 33c
Ladies' wool Union Suits, small sizes, $2.50 value ..... 29c
Children's ribbed Union Suits, 25c value ..... 10c
Boys' fleeced Shirts and Drawers, 25c value, at ..... 17c
And Double Green Trading Stamps.

**HOSIERY**
Ladies' fast black seamless Hose, 17c value ..... 12½c
Ladies' imported fashioned Hose, 35c value ..... 23c
Ladies' hand embroidered linle Hose, 50c value ..... 33c
Boys' heavy Bicycle Hose, 19c value, at ..... 12½c
No Mend Linen Knee Hose, 25c value, at ..... 17c
And Double Green Trading Stamps.

**HANDKERCHIEFS**
Ladies' Cross Bar Swiss Handkerchiefs, at ..... 5c
Ladies' pure linen Initial, 12½c value ..... 7½c
Ladies' pure linen hemstitched, 15c value ..... 10c
Ladies' pure linen fancy border, 25c value ..... 17c
Men's pure linen Cross Bar Initial, 35c value ..... 25c
And Double Green Trading Stamps.

# PLATES
**A Crockery Snap**
All sorts of plates, French China and other plates. One thousand plates on special sale Saturday at **Half Price and Less.**
$1.00 Plates, for ..... **49c**
50c Plates, for ..... **25c**
25c Plates, for ..... **15c**
—Second Floor.

**Valentines** Our line of Valentines comprises so many designs and novelties that everyone can be pleased. Saturday you will have the opportunity of selecting from unbroken line at astoningly low prices.
Postal card valentines, that usually sell for two for 5c, per dozen..10c
Lace Valentines and card novelties, usually sold for 3c to 5c each..1c

# CIGARS
"Grace Kimball" 10c Cigars, Saturday, straight ..... **5c**

**Books for Valentines**
Books for Valentines are exceptionally appropriate.
Riley's Love Lyrics, 50 illustrations; Riley's "Old Sweetheart of Mine" at ..... $1.55 and 95c
Sweethearts Always ..... $1.75
Other beautiful editions, made up for Valentine purposes.

**Children's Coats at One Forty-Nine**
Children's Coats, made of all wool cheviot, Kersey and broadcloth, sizes four to fourteen years, all colors, worth $4.00 and $5.00, for Saturday ..... **1.49**

**Children's Wool Dresses at Forty-Nine Cents**
Children's Wool Dresses, made of all wool cloths, nicely trimmed, sizes four to fourteen years, worth $1.50 and $2.00, Saturday ..... **49c**

**Women's Coats for Five Dollars**
Women's Coats, made of Kersey and Cheviot cloth, 52 inches long, half satin lined, regular $15.00 coats, for ..... **5.00**

**HARDWARE**
Don't miss getting a couple of these Berlin Sauce Pans, with covers, worth 45c, while they last, each. 19c
20% discount on any Coal Heater Saturday.
$4.25 New Process Oil Heater, special, at ..... $3.25
Valentine Day will be here soon, get your Cookie Cutters, come early while supply lasts, extra quality heart shaped cookie cutters, each, 10c
And 10 Green Trading Stamps.
Cookie Cutters, per set—heart, diamond, club and spade ..... 20c
And 10 Green Trading Stamps.
Small Cookie Cutters, each ..... 3c
Wilson Bread Toasters, holds four pieces, special ..... 19c
Asbestos Stove Mats, special ..... 2½c
Boys' Ice Skates, regular 75c value, special ..... 55c
Girls' Ice Skates, regular $1.00 values, special ..... 75c
Extra quality Chamber Pail, regular $1.10 value, special ..... 75c

**SPORTING GOODS**
Big sale of Sidewalk Skates, boys' and girls' steel Roller Skates ..... 69c
Good maple rolls, per set of eight..35c

**SHOES! SHOES!**
Evening slippers and street shoes made to order to match your gown or suit.
100 Green Trading Stamps on all $3.50 to $5.00 Men's and Women's Shoes.

THREE GREAT BARGAIN LOTS IN SHOES
—FOR MEN—
$5.00 and $4.00 box calf, patent colt, vici kid and velour calfskin, hand sewed, cork filled sole shoes, all sizes, all widths, Saturday ..... $2.98
And 100 Green Trading Stamps.
—FOR WOMEN—
$5.00 and $4.00 hand sewed laced and button shoes for women, patent kid, patent colt and gun metal calfskin, not all sizes of every lot but every size is represented ..... $2.98
And 100 Green Trading Stamps.
—FOR CHILDREN—
$2.50 and $2.25 hand sewed cork filled box calf and Amazon kid, laced and button shoes, B, C and D widths, all sizes up to two ..... $1.69
And 100 Green Trading Stamps.
Men's 75c House Slippers, all sizes, 49c
Women's $1.25 fur trimmed Juliets, small sizes only ..... 69c
Children's 75c Felt Slippers, broken sizes ..... 15c

# MEATS
5,000 pounds strictly fresh dressed Roosters, pound ..... **7½c**
Sirloin Steak, cut from our native steers, per lb. ..... **12½c**
Pig Pork Loins, per pound **8¼c**
Pig Pork Shoulder Roast, per lb., at ..... **6¾c**
Spare Ribs, four lbs. for.. **25c**
Fresh Leaf Lard, 11 lbs. **$1.00**
Choice Pot Roast, per lb. ..**7½c**
Boiling Beef, 6 lbs. for.... **25c**
5,000 pounds Cudahy's Rex Skinned Hams, mild-sugar cured, selected from young corn-fed hogs, skin and fat removed; every one guaranteed, 10 to 14 pound average, at, per pound ..... 11½c
2,000 pounds Morton-Gregson Co. of Nebraska City, Otoe Brand California Hams, their best brand, six to ten pound average, every one guaranteed, per pound ..... 8½c
5,000 pounds No. 1 Bacon, narrow strips, five to seven pound average, special for Saturday by the strip, per pound ..... 10¾c
Imported Holland Herring, keg..75c
And 30 Green Trading Stamps.

**BENNETT'S BIG GROCERY**
Bennett's Best Coffee, three pounds..$1.00
And 125 G. T. Stamps
Bennett's Best Coffee, pound ..... 35c
And 35 G. T. Stamps.
Teas, all kinds, lb. 58c
And 75 G. T. Stamps.
Twenty-two pounds Granulated Sugar $1
Bennett's Capitol Flour, sack ..... $1.50
And 100 G. T. Stamps
Bennett's Capitol Baking Powder five pound can ..... $1.00
And 100 G. T. Stamps
Mixed Nuts, lb 12½c
CANNED GOODS SPECIALS.
Tomatoes, Best We Have, can ..... 10c
Dozen ..... $1.20
Corn, Red Clover, can ..... 6c
Dozen ..... 70c
Peas, American Sweet can ..... 9c
Dozen ..... $1.00
Diamond C Soap, ten bars ..... 25c
Special Sale of Olives from bottle ..... 8c
Jersey Butterine, two pounds ..... 30c
And 10 G. T. Stamps.
Premium Butterine 2 pounds ..... 45c
And 10 G. T. Stamps.
New York Full Cream Cheese, pound ..... 22c
And 20 G. T. Stamps.
Swiss Cheese, finest, pound ..... 25c
And 20 G. T. Stamps.
Santos Coffee, roasted, pound ..... 18c
And 20 G. T. Stamps.
Woodcock's Extra Macaroni, pkg ..... 15c
And 10 G. T. Stamps.
Diamond S Preserves, large jar ..... 25c
And 30 G. T. Stamps.
Bennett's Capitol Rolled Oats, pkg ..... 11c
And 10 G. T. Stamps.
Bennett's Capitol Wheat, package..11c
And 10 G. T. Stamps
Raisins, cooking, pound ..... 10c
Currants, cleaned, pound ..... 10c
Prunes, California, pound ..... 5c
Marshall's Kippered Herring, can ..... 20c
And 10 G. T. Stamps.
Bennett's Capitol Mincemeat, 3 pkgs 25c
And 20 G. T. Stamps.
Tapioca, lb ..... 10c
And 5 G. T. Stamps.
Nickel Soda Crackers, four pkgs ..... 15c
And 10 G. T. Stamps.
Snider's Baked Beans, can ..... 15c
And 10 G. T. Stamps.
SOMETHING NEW
Horseradish Catsup, bottle ..... 15c
And 5 G. T. Stamps.
Bennett's Capitol Pancake, pkg ..... 11c
And 10 G. T. Stamps.
Pickles, Assorted, bottle ..... 5c
Abdell's Laundry Queen, bar ..... 5c
Dill Pickles, doz..12c
And 10 G. T. Stamps.
Dixie Split Sweet Pickles ..... 10c
And 10 G. T. Stamps.
Sweet Pickled Cauliflower, quart ..... 25c
And 20 G. T. Stamps.
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.
Parsnips, peck ..... 20c
Mixed Nuts, lb..12½c
Filberts, lb ..... 12½c
SPECIAL OVER.
Another large lot of Naval Oranges, large size, only 12c to the box, dozen ..... 20c
BUTTER BUTTER
Headquarters for the finest country butter from, pound ..... 23c
Pretzels, pound ..... 5c
Bennett's Candies Grocery Section
Stick Candy, special, fresh made, fancy sticks for ..... 1c
25 Sticks for ..... 5c
Pound ..... 8c
Chocolate Creams, pound box ..... 25c
And 10 G. T. Stamps.
Five Hundred Bon Bon Boxes, each..1c

Roses and Carnations---Fresh Cut and Beautiful---Main Entrance


# COUNCIL BLUFFS
Office 15 Scott Street. Both 'Phones 43.

## MINOR MENTION.

The Woman's Relief corps will meet in regular session this afternoon in Grand Army hall.

Frank Gallup, jailer at the county jail, is enjoying a visit from his son, who lives at Beaumont, Tex.

Annual 20% discount sale on picture mouldings this week at Alexander's, 333 B'way. Don't miss it.

Lumber and building materials. Prompt deliveries and best values. C. Hafer Lumber Company, Council Bluffs, Ia.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Carsten Johnson, aged 23, of Council Bluffs, and Cecilia M. A. Rasmussen, aged 23, of Omaha.

Jacob Broyles, 2400 Fifth street, and Hattie Stever, 2412 South Sixth street, were quarantined at their respective homes yesterday for smallpox.

We can fill your orders promptly. Have the coal, the new, the desire to please. Call either 'phone 72. The Council Bluffs Coal and Ice company.

Mayor Macrae went to Des Moines Wednesday night to attend a meeting of the Iowa Clinical society, which recently held a session in this city.

City Auditor McAneney expects to have the sample ballots for the primary election ready for distribution in a few days. The copy has already been sent to the printer.

Rev. Edgar Price, pastor of the First Christian church, is expected home this evening from Beatrice, Neb., where he has been attending the revival meetings conducted by Charles Reign Scoville.

Our flower beds are new and well fertilized, thus producing rich and healthy flowers. Very choice red, white and pink carnations and choice American Beauty roses and Boston ferns. Herman Bros., 10 Pearl street. Ind. 624. Bell 523.

The burning of a heap of rubbish in the alley between First and Second avenues and Eighth and Ninth streets alarmed some resident of that neighborhood, who sent in a telephone call for the fire department at 8 o'clock last evening.

The trial of the suit of James Burns against the city for $500 damages for an injury to his son, William S. Burns, was commenced before Judge Snyder in the superior court yesterday. The plaintiff claims that on January 28 of last year his son fell into a hole in the sidewalk on East Pierce street and fractured his right arm.

### Gypsies Arrested for Theft.

Mello Marino, Joseph Mann and Demitro Owuno, three members of the gypsy camp in the western part of the city, were taken into custody yesterday on the charge of being implicated with the theft of $1,500 from Marino Mitchell, the father of Marie Mitchell, the young girl who was alleged to have been kidnaped by Ducien Marino and who was brought back from Alexandria, Va., a few days ago by her uncle, George Mitchell.

The $1,500 is alleged to have been stolen the day that the girl disappeared from the camp. The story told by the girl since being brought back is that four men belonging to the gypsy band induced her to reveal the hiding place of her father's money and further induced her to leave the camp with them by promising to give her some gold, jewelry and a silk cloak. The girl says that the four men divided the money before the street railway bridge, two taking $500 each and the others $250 each. She received nothing, so she declares.

The fourth gypsy said to be implicated in the theft is believed to be with the band of gypsies with which the girl was found at Alexandria, Va.


**Omega Oil for Bronchitis**
When a cold settles on the chest, it should be treated at once. Delay may lead to Chronic Bronchitis or Consumption. Get a bottle of Omega Oil as soon as you can and stop the trouble before it goes too far.


# TROUBLE FOR CANDIDATES

## Improvement Clubs Insist They Come Out and Be Quizzed.

## PREVIOUS DEMANDS IGNORED

### Leaders of Movement Confident Candidates Will Come Forward at Request of Federation of City Clubs.

The Central organization of the Federated Improvement clubs, which apparently is a new name for the Federation of Improvement clubs of the city, has issued an invitation through its secretary, Thomas Q. Harrison, to every candidate for nomination at the coming primary election to appear before the organization at a meeting to be held Saturday night at the city hall and "proclaim" his position on the questions of municipal ownership of the water works plant, and other public utilities, a reform and progressive government in the city of Council Bluffs for the next two years. Dr. L. L. Poston, a dentist, is president of the Central Organization of Federated Improvement clubs.

The following is a copy of the "invitation" sent out by Secretary Harrison to the candidates:

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Feb. 6.—Sir: You are hereby notified that on the evening of the 8th day of February, A. D. 1908, at the city hall council chamber, there will be an executive session of the Central Organization of the Federated Improvement clubs of the city of Council Bluffs, Ia., to which there has been a cordial invitation extended by the central organization to the electors of the city of Council Bluffs and to the public at large.

And, whereas, on the first day of February, 1908, the following resolution was duly passed and adopted by the central organization of the Federated Improvement clubs of the city of Council Bluffs, Ia., in executive session assembled, to-wit:

That the secretary of this organization be, and is authorized and directed to formally notify each and all candidates for office at the coming city election that this central organization extends to each and all of such candidates a cordial invitation to attend its next executive session, to be held on the evening of February 8, 1908, at the council chamber, city hall of the city of Council Bluffs, Ia., and that each and all of said candidates be and are respectfully requested, upon such occasion, to state each and all of their respective views and platforms upon the following subjects:

Municipal ownership of a city water works system and other public utilities, a reform and progressive government for the city of Council Bluffs for the next two years.

Therefore, in compliance with instructions, as disclosed by the resolution, I herewith respectfully request your presence at such meeting, that you may have an opportunity to proclaim your position and the platform upon which you propose to stand at the coming city election, to the electors of the city of Council Bluffs and to the public at large, upon the subjects of municipal ownership of a water works system, and other public utilities a reform and progressive government in the city of Council Bluffs for the next two years.

The central organization hopes that no previous engagement will prevent your attendance at such meeting and that you may deem it expedient to enlighten the Federated Improvement clubs of the city of Council Bluffs as to your views upon the subjects stated, so that they may derive special benefit therefrom.

Heretofore the efforts of the Federated clubs to induce the candidates to appear before it and be quizzed by G. H. Scott, former judge of the superior court, and at present a candidate for the republican nomination for city solicitor; Dr. Poston, Attorney Thomas Q. Harrison, Prof. O. J. McManus, former county superintendent of schools and others, have failed, but the officers of the organization declare their belief that the "invitation" now being sent out will "fetch 'em to time." "I hardly believe any candidate will be so bold or foolhardy as to entirely ignore this invitation," declared a leading member of the Federation yesterday.

### Church Calls Pastor.

At the meeting of the congregation of the Second Presbyterian church last evening it was decided to extend a call to Rev. George A. Ray of St. Paul, Neb. Rev. Mr. Ray occupied the pulpit of the church here on January 26 as an announced candidate for the pastorate. The church has been without a pastor since the sudden resignation of Rev. Grant B. Wilder several months ago.

## MACY IS TO HELP THORNELL OUT

### Two Judges to Grind Away on District Court Docket.

Judge N. W. Macy will come to Council Bluffs Monday to assist Judge Thornell in disposing of the business of the January term of district court. Judge Macy will preside in the south court room and at first will take up the criminal cases now on the calendar.

The following extra venire of petit jurors was drawn yesterday for service in Judge Macy's court:

William Trede, Keg Creek; W. L. Sperling, J. G. Moss, Silver Creek; Charles Coster, John Damitz, Norwalk; George H. Darrington, John Anderson, Boomer; D. H. Peck, T. W. Phillips, Neola; J. S. Fitcher, W. B. Liddell, Washington; Elmo W. Kleef, Hardin; F. M. Crowl, Garner; E. Parish, A. M. Bonham, A. E. Schluter, G. F. Cutton, J. S. Smith, J. H. Kintz, S. S. Shepard, C. J. Skipton, J. A. Killins, J. D. Johnson, Fritz Bernhardt, Council Bluffs.

The first case on the criminal calendar assigned for trial before Judge Macy is that of August Carlson, charged with passing a forged check on Saloonkeeper Smith. Carlson was tried this week but the jury failed to agree. The failure of the jury to reach a verdict, it is said, was due to the failure of the state to produce any testimony beyond that of Smith, that Carlson was the man for whom he had cashed the check. Yesterday County Attorney Hess served notice on the defense that he would produce at the second trial Thomas A Weldon of 1020 West Broadway, who, it is alleged, will testify that he was present during the transaction and saw Carlson receive the money from Smith for the check.

Other criminal cases to be taken up in their order at the conclusion of the trial of Carlson are Roy Stevens, charged with attempted criminal assault on 11-year-old Christina Christensen; W. J. Jackson, Marion Hedgepeth's alleged accomplice in blowing the safe of the Council Bluffs Transfer & Stove Storage company; James M. Knapp, charged with shooting his son.

Judge Thornell yesterday made a reassignment of the jury cases to be tried before him the remainder of this week and next. The whole of next week has been given for the trial of the personal injury damage suit of L. H. Weber, a railway mail clerk, against the Rock Island Railroad company.

The suit of P. S. Kennedy against the Rock Island Railway company for $30,000 for the death of his son, Guy Kennedy, who, while in the employ of the defendant company was killed in a wreck near Horton, Kan., was brought to a sudden close yesterday, the plaintiff agreeing to accept the $1,000 offered by the railroad. The plaintiff, it is understood, preferred to accept the offer rather than dismiss the suit and bring a fresh action, which he would have been forced to do.

Frank Peterson, Nels Peterson, Gus Hinrichs and E. P. Hill, charged with selling imitation butter contrary to the state pure food law, entered pleas of guilty and were each fined $10 and costs. It is understood that the fines were paid by the firms selling the goods.

John Hadfield, who was found guilty of assault and battery on S. V. Downs during the progress of a public dance in Neola, was fined $50 and ordered to pay half the costs of the case, which amount to about $125. As Hadfield was fined $100 and costs by the mayor of Neola for the same assault, it has proven an exceedingly costly affair for him.

### Lecture on Boys.

Rev. Lewis Jay Motschman of Sioux City, who lectured last evening at St. John's English Lutheran church, was greeted by a large audience. "The Evolution of a Boy" was the subject of the lecture, the speaker dividing the evolution into three parts: First, the budding period, from birth to the age of 7 years; second, the flowering period, from 7 to 14 years, and the third, the rising period, from 14 to 21 years. In his portrayal of home life and the evolution of the boy Rev. Motschman was most amusing as well as instructive. He spoke at some length on race suicide. The lecture throughout was a strong plea for the boys.

### Upholstering.

George W. Klein, 19 South Main street. 'Phones: Ind., 719 Black; Bell 543.

# BIRDSALL QUITS THE RACE

## Congressman from Third District to Follow Cousins.

## POLITICAL RUMORS ARE THICK

### One is an Unverified One that Senator Allison Is Soon to Drop Out of the Contest for United States Senator.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—It was learned today from a Third congressional district citizen, who is in a position to know and whose word is unquestioned, that Congressman Benjamin P. Birdsall will not be a candidate for reelection. This man, who will not allow the use of his name, states that he knows that Congressman Birdsall has reached this conclusion and that he will announce his determination in a short time.

Judge Birdsall is serving his third session in congress, having succeeded the late Colonel D. B. Henderson of Dubuque in 1903. Rumors have been current for some time that Congressman Birdsall would not be a candidate for re-election, but not with such foundation as to warrant their publication till now. The withdrawal of Congressman Birdsall from the race is more of a surprise than that of Congressman Cousins. While there was opposition in Birdsall's district, he had a fighting chance and many think would have been renominated, and, futhermore, has served but three terms, while Cousins has served eight.

### Starts Many Rumors.

The withdrawal of Cousins and the reported probable withdrawal of Birdsall, coupled with other political happenings of significance, have started all sorts of political gossip. It is claimed by some that Allison is also about to withdraw from the senatorial race, and coupled with this is the report that negotiations are on for a harmonious campaign wherein Cummins will not be opposed and the state offices will be equally divided between standpatters and progressives. Still another is that Cousins and Birdsall may each be candidates for United States senator against Cummins in case Allison withdrew.

These reports and rumors are, however, thus far at least, without any tangible evidence for support and no person in a position to know can be found to vouch for the truth of any of them. There have been some efforts on both sides in the republican party looking towards harmony, but thus far there have been no actual results, and, furthermore, there is every evidence that the progressives are about to bring out either ex-Speaker George Clark of Dallas county or ex-Senator Berry of Warren county as a candidate for lieutenant governor, a position for which thus far there are no candidates in the field except standpatters, viz., Bernard Murphy and James Wilson. Futhermore, there is no evidence that Frank P. Woods, chairman of the republican state central committee, is to withdraw from the race for congress against Conner in the Tenth district, though Conner's chief newspaper, the Denison Review, has come out openly for Governor Cummins for senator and the other newspapers of the district edited by Conner postmasters are showing a like indication.

In spite of the failure of all efforts at harmony thus far, there is every evidence that the campaign in Iowa this year is to be devoid of the sensational features that accompanied the campaign of 1906. In the matter of delegates to the national convention, there is not a sign of any organization on the part of either faction through which to look after the caucuses and conventions in the districts. Two delegates are to be selected from each congressional district. The first state convention is only six weeks away, but there is no evidence that there is any money with which to organize any campaign for delegates. Secretary Taft has a representative in the state who has visited every section, and who says that everything looks bright for Taft. If there is a fight between the progressives and the standpatters for the selection of delegates to the national convention, as was prophesied by politicians earlier in the year that there would be, it must be by the politicians in the districts without any support from a state organization on either side.

Furthermore, Governor Cummins in his opening address declared that he proposed to say nothing about Allison, and with the exception of a few newspapers which have gotten in the habit of doing so there is nothing in the nature of attacks being made against Cummins.

The only real promise of factional fights seemed to be against the congressmen in the Third and Fifth districts, and now that the old congressmen have withdrawn there is not much chance for a fight there. The other congressional districts at the best are not very promising for factional fights, as they are either recognizedly progressive or standpat. It is for future events to tell to what extent there is be a factional line up on state officers.

### Would Buy Distillery.

Denver capitalists were in conference today with F. M. Hubbell negotiating for the purchase of the old distillery property near the Agar packing plant. It is stated that terms have not been reached, but some negotiations remain to close the deal. The property has been standing idle for some time.

### Tribute to Given.

At the funeral of the late Judge Josiah Given at 2 o'clock this afternoon public officials and prominent citizens were present to pay tribute to the departed. Rev. A. L. Frisbie of the Plymouth Congregational church delivered the funeral sermon.

### Maxwell Man Lost.

James Banks of Maxwell, Ia., is supposed to be somewhere in Des Moines. His wife has notified the officials that he drew a sum of money out of the home bank and left for Des Moines some days ago and has not been heard from or seen since.

## LINCH'S MARITAL TROUBLES MANY

### Refused License in Two States to Wed His Stepdaughter.

SIOUX CITY, Feb. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—According to a ruling made today by County Attorney U. G. Whitney, a man cannot legally marry his step-daughter under the Iowa statutes. The question arose when Fred Linch and Miss Gertrude Gouvingner, both of Sioux Falls, S. D., asked for a marriage license at the office of the county clerk. Clerk J. A. Johnson consulted with the county attorney, and as a result the Dakota couple were refused a license.

It was learned that Linch and his fiancee immediately left for Dakota City, Neb., where they expected to secure the necessary papers. A week ago Linch was divorced from Mrs. Rose Linch. On the day after the divorce, Linch secured a marriage license in Sioux Falls and was married to Miss Gouvinger, a daughter of Mrs. Linch by a previous marriage. Later the marriage was declared illegal under the statutes of South Dakota.

### Rifles for National Guard.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The militia of the state will be armed with the new Springfield rifles, according to a report received by the officers of the local company. This information was received in Washington from the chief of ordnance by Adjutant General Thrift of the Iowa National Guard. The order is to go into effect May 1.

### Council Bluffs Man Sues.

IOWA FALLS, Ia., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Five thousand dollars for a displaced alimentary canal is the sum that George L. Hill of Council Bluffs thinks the town of Clarion should pay him for an alleged tumble on a sidewalk in Clarion that the plaintiff in the case thinks must have been defective. He is not able to definitely locate the place or the street where the accident took place, but he is sure of the town.

### Western Honey Producers.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The annual convention of the Western Honey Producers' association will be opened in Sioux City today. The leading bee keepers from Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota will attend. Thomas Chantry of Sioux City is president of the association.

### Life Sentence for Negro.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Oscar Hogan was yesterday sentenced to the penitentiary for life for the crime of criminal assault. The crime was one of the most brutal in the history of Wapello county. Hogan is a negro.

# AUDIT SYSTEM ORDERED OUT

## Contract of Public Printer with Accounting Firm Cancelled.

## GOLD BRICK, SAYS MR. LANDIS

### Charge Made that Printing Costs Government Three Times as Much as it Could Be Done by Private Contract.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Concurring in the recommendation of Acting Public Printer Rossiter, the president yesterday cancelled the contract of the government with the Audit System and ordered its ejection from the government printing office at the end of six days. The Audit System is the corporate name of the cost ascertaining method installed more than a year ago by Public Printer Stillings. Under its operation the government has paid it about $120,000 for calculating the cost of government printing and binding. Representative Landis of Indiana, chairman of the joint committee which is investigating the government printing office, says that the audit system, as it has been installed and operated in Washington, is a "gold brick thinly plated with the genuine stuff. We have paid for this brick," said Mr. Landis, "and before we throw it out we are going to extract and retain the modicum of value it is gilded with. I mean that you can't run the government printing office, with all its departments and its 4,500 employes, without using some method of cost ascertainment. So if there are any good features in the audit system we are going to keep them, for we have paid for them many times over."

Mr. Landis is authority for the statement that the joint investigation committee proposes to take the lid entirely off and delve to the bottom of the many charges, some of them definite and distinct, others of a public rumor character, which eventuated yesterday in the suspension by the president of Public Printer Stillings and his succession by W. S. Rossiter of the census bureau.

### Rossiter Begins Work.

Mr. Rossiter has been directed by the president to make an impartial survey of conditions there and to recommend methods for reducing the office to a business basis. This task, an extremely arduous and complex one, he plunged into today, and his judgment tonight was that in about three weeks he will be enabled to submit an intelligent report to the White House. This afternoon he made a brief preliminary report, commending the discontinuance of the audit system.

Mr. Rossiter tonight made the following statement:

Reports that I have a bee in my bonnet for the place temporarily vacated by Mr. Stillings are unfounded. While I remain in the government service I am prepared to do whatever I am told to do. The president directed me to assume temporary charge of the government printing office for the purpose of making certain inquiries. The census bureau gave me leave of absence. When I have finished the special work laid out for me I fully expect to return to my regular duties. Any assertion that I am shaping my plans in the hope of becoming public printer is without an atom of truth.

### Charges of Extravagance.

Among the charges which the joint investigation committee will inquire into pursuant to the suspension of Public Printer Stillings is that his administration has compassed remarkable extravagances. Chairman Landis, who visited the government printing office today to call on Mr. Rossiter found himself ushered into surroundings which a multimillionaire might fancy. In the public printer's offices are massive furniture, costly pictures, appointments of elegance little in keeping with a printing and binding plant. The committee, with the help of Mr. Rossiter, will endeavor to find out why, roughly speaking, it has cost the government $50 to turn out a job which commercial houses would do for $15.

The committee may inquire into such reports as these:

That 45 cents a pound has been paid for quantities of inks worth less than 20 cents a pound; that the store rooms of the government printing office contain at the present time more paper stock than under other administrations was used up in a half dozen years; that so great was the pomp with which Public Printer Stillings surrounded himself that persons having business with him were frequently required to make appointment a day ahead and never could gain his presence without running the fire of uniformed lackeys and threading a maze of scarlet tape.

Chairman Landis will announce the time of the next meeting of the investigating committee tomorrow.

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# NEBRASKA FROM DAY TO DAY

## Quaint and Curious Features of Life in a Rapidly Growing State.

Henry Failed to Scare—Henry Lohse had quite an accident one day last week. As he was hauling hogs to Blair a hunter was hunting along the road, when a rabbit jumped up, and he shot and frightened Henry's team so that they became unmanageable. They ran about two miles, but no damage was done. When Henry accused the hunter of frightening his team he said that the rabbit was worth more than the team. At this Henry tried to collar the man, but the hunter struck him across the face with his gun, knocking several of Henry's teeth down his throat and also bruising his face badly. The hunter is a stranger to Henry and so he is unable to discover the man or he would probably give him a good warming.—Blair Tribune.

Perhaps He Needed the Gum Shoes—Last evening while Robert Sherwood was lighting the lamps at his store and the snow was rolling down the streets in blinding gusts he perceived an object pause in front of his store, and, reaching up, grab a pair of overshoes and "hike" up the street in the teeth of the gale. No sooner was the act performed than Uncle Robert popped out of the door. The man, a stranger, was then in front of Coates' clothing store, and, running after him, grabbed the thief by the collar with his left hand, and, delivering a full swing with the right on the jaw of the shoe thief, compelled him to drop the articles on the walk, and when he stopped to pick them up the man got away. Now, whoever wants overshoes in the future had better take a different way of getting them, for Uncle Robert is somewhat of a pugilist with his right, and left also, when it comes to a showdown.—Plattsmouth Journal.

Particular—A drummer from "Bosfing" put up at one of our hotels a few days ago, and not liking the preparation and quality of his steak, went to one of the butcher shops and asked for a pound and a half of steak. The butcher proceeded to cut the steak, when our Bosting man ordered him to cut it from another quarter, and told him where and how to cut it. The butcher quietly remarked that he could get such accommodations at the other shop. The "Bosting" man returned to the hotel and proceeded to the kitchen and wanted to superintend the cooking of the steak. We write this to show what fops are sometimes sent out by some eastern firms to solicit the patronage of business men of the west. Such "squirts," who command and demand so much attention, and have so much personal importance attached to themselves, seldom succeed. They should remember that all the people of the west were once natives of the east and can easily distinguish the difference between good sensible men and snobs who come from their native states.—Columbus Journal. Many Years Ago.


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