

COWELL REFUSES POSTOFFICE

Turns Down Offer of Postmastership of City of Omaha.

GUESS AS TO WHO IS NEXT

Announcement Arouses Intense Interest—Postmaster Thomas is Disappointed, as He Expected to Hold Over

The office of postmaster at Omaha has been tendered Robert Cowell, of the firm of Thomas Kilpatrick & Co., and he has declined because of press of other business.

He was tendered the appointment by Senator Brown, who was supported in his choice by Postmaster General Hitchcock. Telegrams were sent to Mr. Cowell Wednesday by these gentlemen asking him if he would accept the appointment. Mr. Cowell has wired Senator Brown that it will be impossible for him to accept the position of postmaster at Omaha. He says that his reasons are purely business.

"The postoffice at Omaha has grown to such proportions that it appears to me that it would require the entire time of the postmaster, and I would not be able to give my entire time," said Mr. Cowell, this morning. "We have been enlarging our business so that it will require too much of my time to divide it with the postmastership, hence I have wired Senator Brown that I cannot accept."

At the postoffice the news that the postmastership had been tendered Robert Cowell excited intense interest. It at once took all the air out of the sails of the people there who had been led to believe by Postmaster Thomas that he was sure of being reappointed, or at least permitted to hold over until after the April primaries, that having been announced as the least he was to have as a vindication of his damaged official record.

The later information that Mr. Cowell had definitely declined to take the place set the clerks and carriers again guessing as to who would be next on the list, all of them getting ready to extend a welcoming hand to the new man, whoever he may be.

"Switch Game" Costs Stranger His Roll

While taking the part of a good Samaritan, Gerrit Fyge of St. Paul, Minn., was swindled out of \$35 in Omaha Wednesday afternoon on the old "switch game." Fyge, while on his way here from St. Paul, took up with a stranger on the train. When he arrived in Omaha his new acquaintance called at his hotel to see him and they went out for a walk.

On the street the two men were approached by another stranger who asked to be directed to the residence of Bishop Scannel. When he was informed that the two men did not know where the bishop lived he confided to them that he had \$3,000, which he exhibited. This he claimed was left him by his father, who had just died, and on his deathbed asked the son to take it to the bishop. With tears in his eyes the stranger bewailed the death of his father and said he did not want to carry the money around with him. Fyge then said he would keep it for the stranger until the latter found the residence of the bishop, and gave the stranger his address. The stranger did not want to do this, without getting something in return. He then suggested that Fyge give him what money he had in order to have something to live on and Fyge could then take the \$3,000 until the stranger called for it. Fyge turned over his \$35 and in return received a roll of supposed bills wrapped up in a handkerchief. The handkerchief turned out to contain one \$1 bill.

Credentials Vote is Now Being Taken

In order to insure complete regularity for the credentials of the delegates from Nebraska to the republican national convention, Chairman John L. Kennedy of the republican state committee is taking a vote of the committee by mail on an order directing the election of delegates according to the provisions of the primary law. The official call for the national convention reads: "That delegates and alternates, both from the state at large and from each congressional district, may be elected in conformity with the laws of the state in which the election occurs, if the state committee or any such congressional committee so direct."

The call also provides for the transmission of copies through the various members of the national committee to the state and congressional chairmen, and in sending them Victor Rosewater, as member of the national committee for Nebraska, after conferring with Mr. Kennedy, suggested that this procedure be followed in order to avoid the necessity of calling the various committees together merely to adopt such a resolution.

Peter Will Publish German Daily Paper

The Omaha Tribune, a German weekly newspaper of thirty years' standing, will become a daily on March 14, the anniversary of its founding, according to announcement made by the publisher, Val J. Peter. New equipment of the latest type is being installed in the office, and it is planned to make the Daily Omaha Tribune one of the greatest German newspapers in the west.

Mr. Peter announced that "in politics the Daily Omaha Tribune will be independent, standing for men and measures that are upholding the rights and freedom of the people against unlawful combinations rather than to blindly follow any particular party for party's sake. It is evident that such a policy will interest all the different factions and classes of the German element and insure it a universal circulation, especially so as arrangements have been made for contributions by famous German writers and correspondents of America and Europe."

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO HONOR RAILROAD MEN

W. B. Scott, vice president and general manager of the Union Pacific, and James E. Kelly, late solicitor of the Burlington, will be the guests of the public affairs committee and their speakers at a luncheon to be given at the Commercial club. All the members are invited to attend.

If your children are subject to attacks of croup, watch for the first symptoms. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be ward off. For sale by all druggists.

REFUSES TO BE OMAHA'S POSTMASTER AT \$6,000 A YEAR.

R. COWELL.

Judicial College Revises Its Rules

Revision of the rules of practice of the Douglas county district court, announced in The Bee several weeks ago, was formally ratified by the judges of the district court yesterday. New rules were drafted by A. L. Sutton, presiding judge, and will be printed in the regular February term bar docket. The general aim of the revision is to expedite the business of the courts. In brief, the rules are as follows:

Judges of criminal and law courts each to try criminal as well as law cases, doing away with needless waits. Speedy hearing of motions, which heretofore has been slow. Keeping of a separate parole docket, so parole matters may be attended to without going through cumbersome criminal records. Lawyers must file copies of all pleadings, so the other side may secure the copies and not be delayed in preparing their answers. Criminal and civil cases are to be tried in alternating periods of two weeks.

Cattle Freeze to Death in Michigan

Reports coming to the railroad offices indicate that the present cold weather is not confined to the Missouri valley and the inter-mountain country. It is cold elsewhere.

Charles J. Lane, general freight agent of the Union Pacific, is in receipt of a letter from the general freight agent of the Michigan Central. That official tells Mr. Lane that a couple of days ago, on the Michigan Central, just outside of Kalamazoo, a freight train was stalled in the snow and that four car loads of cattle froze to death before they could be gotten out and driven to shelter.

RAILROADS HAVE CLOSE CALL TO SOME WRECKS

On all of the roads in and out of Omaha, passenger trains are in much better condition than at any time during the last week. They are still running late, but as a rule, only from one hour to two behind the regular schedules.

There have been no wrecks on the Omaha roads, but there have been several close calls, two of which have occurred on the Milwaukee. A train out of Omaha, east bound, was running at sixty miles per hour. A rail broke under the rear sleeper and its wheels went off onto the ties. The engineer realized that something was wrong and applying the emergency brakes brought his train to a stop in quick time.

Another passenger train on the Milwaukee, passing through Iowa, contracted a flat wheel. It bumped along, breaking every rail on that side of the train for a distance of about 200 yards. Although the passengers were considerably shaken up, none was injured. The train remained on the track.

HIGH SCHOOL LETTER MEN BUY OWN SWEATERS

The sixteen letter men of the 1911 football squad of the Omaha high school decided to purchase purple and white sweaters for themselves at a meeting held under the direction of the athletic board of control yesterday. Each lad will pay his share of the expense instead of having the athletic management furnish the money.

Ever since the end of the season the members of the squad who were awarded their letters have been set upon having sweaters and since the athletic board at the school refused to purchase them the lads got busy and decided to buy their own sweaters. The new jackets will arrive next week.



The beer behind the triangular label possesses character and quality to a marked degree.

**Steamfitter is Run Over by an Engine at Council Bluffs**

John H. Mitchell, foreman of the steam fitting gang at the Union Pacific shops in Council Bluffs, was instantly killed yesterday morning when a freight engine backed down and ran over him. The engine was being operated by Tom Fleming.

Mitchell was repairing the steam tubes of a car near shop No. 2 about 10 o'clock. After finishing his job he arose from where he had been sitting on the ground and backed onto a nearby track and surveyed his work. He did not see a fat, moving engine which was backing down on him and his car muffs kept him from hearing. The engine could not see Mitchell on the track and the wheels passed over Mitchell's chest. Mitchell resided in Council Bluffs at 108 South Seventh street and was 47 years old. He was an old employee of the company. He is survived by his wife and two children. The coroner took charge of the body.

"BOYS WHO DO THE WORK" TO GIVE JOLLY MUSKETEERS

Tickets will soon be on sale for the Ak-Sar-Ben opera, "The Jolly Musketeers," which will be given at the Brandeis theater, February 23 and 24. The proceeds of the entertainments will be used for the "Don" building expenditures.

PRINTING FIRMS IN BIG WAR

Douglas County Gets the Benefit of Large Cut in Prices.

BIDS ARE FAR BELOW COST

Reduction as a Whole is Said to Amount to Twenty-Five Per Cent—Some Enormous Cuts Made.

War to the finish between Omaha printing firms will result in a 25 per cent reduction of Douglas county's bills for printing and blank books this year. This state of facts is revealed by the tabulation of the printing and blank book bids submitted to the county commissioners Tuesday. The tabulation has been practically completed by George Anshen, head of the auditing department of County Clerk Frank Dewey's office.

Never before in recent years has there been such price cutting among the printers in order to get the county's business. Some of the cuts made are so deep as to make it apparent that the successful bidder will lose hundreds of dollars on their contracts.

The Rees Printing company will be awarded practically all the contracts on blank books used in the offices of the treasurer, the register of deeds, the clerk of the district court and others. For books for which the county paid \$13 to \$18 last year it will pay 25 cents to \$10 this year.

Low bids on printing of stationery and

blanks of various sorts are made by other printing companies, among them the Omaha Printing company and Klop & Harriet.

The books which the Rees company will furnish at 25 cents each cannot be produced for less than \$8. Its loss will be at least \$7.25. The books contain 640 ledger pages of the finest grade of ledger paper. The paper alone is worth wholesale at least 13 cents a pound.

Social Settlement House is Frozen Up

The Social Settlement has been frozen out of one of the two houses which it occupies on South Thirteenth street. The water pipes have frozen in the cottage next to the main settlement house, in which the library and the kitchen and dining room of the head resident, Miss Clara Schaefer, is located. These rooms have been abandoned until the weather moderates and they can be heated. All clubs and classes are being held in the main building.

At the meeting of the board of directors Wednesday afternoon at the Young Men's Christian association, the finances of the Settlement association were discussed. Each member of the board of twenty-four women has pledged herself to raise \$5 for the maintenance of the settlement. Each member of the membership committee of fifteen women, of which Mrs. E. A. Benson is chairman, is working to raise \$100 through association memberships, which range from \$1 to \$20. Friday the women of the First Pres-

byterian church will serve chicken dinner at the church for the benefit of the settlement.

Omaha Club Will Elect Directors

The annual meeting of the Omaha club will be held on Saturday evening of next week. Among other matters, three directors will be chosen to succeed Joseph Barker, Jr., F. L. Campbell and L. P. Crofoot, whose terms expire. The by-laws relating to the election of directors have been amended to conform to the wishes of the members, as expressed at the last annual meeting. Other important business will be considered at this meeting and it is the earnest wish of the directors that all members be present. Dinner will be served at 6:30, and those members who intend to be present are requested to notify the office of the club not later than Friday, January 12.

PROF. BERNSTEIN IS NOW A COMPOSER OF MUSIC

Prof. Nathan Bernstein of the Omaha high school has developed into a composer of music and writer of songs. He has had published his latest song, the words and music written by himself. It is called "Talk Song."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Martin L. Sugarman has returned from Pasadena, Cal., where he visited several weeks with his parents.

Packing Company Settles With Mrs. Kelley for \$2,500

The sum of \$2,500 is the price Mrs. Mary Kelley, wife of the late Thomas J. Kelley, superintendent of the hog killing department of the Cudahy Packing company's South Omaha plant, has received from the packing concern for the life of her husband, who was electrocuted in the plant the evening of December 21. The settlement was effected in district court yesterday.

Claim agents for the company and the widow had been negotiating ever since the day after Mr. Kelley's death. When the agreement finally was reached, Mrs. Kelley went into county court and had herself named administratrix of her husband's estate and immediately filed formal suit for damages in district court. The Cudahy company then paid her \$2,500 and she and the company together filed a stipulation of settlement and the case was dismissed with prejudice, which bars the widow from starting any further action.

The coroner's verdict in the case of Kelley and a fellow workman, who were killed within a few minutes of each other, was that they met death by electric shock, caused by defective wiring.

A Viper in the Stomach is dyspepsia, complicated with liver and kidney troubles. Electric Bitters help all such cases or no pay. Try them. 50c. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

Yearly disposal of rugs at specially low prices

Selling high grade floor coverings with consideration of home-furnishers' desires for creating new and more pleasing home atmospheres

MANY are the regrets expressed after the flight of time has driven Opportunity back into the Never-to-Come-Again Land. All have such moments when they realize how much they lost through neglect to accept chance or failure to see the gains to be made. This annual January sale is still young, but time is moving fast, and these rare bargains in rugs are to last only until the close of the month. They are priced below our usual modest figures—an opportunity you surely will regret if you do not now grasp it.

ROYAL WILTON RUGS

The choicest designs of the best and most reliable manufacturers. Many of these patterns are new Spring designs and but only sample rugs of each pattern. For this reason we are offering them with the balance of our goods at clearance prices.

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| Royal Wilton \$76.00—11-3x15 | \$60.00 |
| Royal Wilton \$68.00—10-6x13-6 | \$52.00 |
| Royal Wilton \$60.00—10-6x12 | \$45.00 |
| Royal Wilton \$60.00—9x15 | \$50.00 |
| Royal Wilton \$60.00—9x13-6 | \$45.00 |
| Royal Wilton \$42.00—9x12 | \$35.00 |
| Royal Wilton \$40.00—8-3x10-6 | \$32.50 |
| Royal Wilton \$28.00—6x9 | \$22.50 |
| Royal Wilton \$16.00—4-6x7-6 | \$15.00 |

WILTON VELVET RUGS

There are hundreds of different patterns to select from in this assortment, both Oriental and Floral designs.

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| Wilton Velvet \$32.00—9x12 | \$25.00 |
| Wilton Velvet \$25.00—9x12 | \$18.00 |
| Wilton Velvet \$18.00—7-6x9 | \$14.50 |
| Wilton Velvet \$15.00—6x9 | \$12.50 |
| Wilton Velvet \$22.50—9x12 | \$15.00 |
| Wilton Velvet \$24.00—8-3x10-6 | \$15.00 |

GERMAN SAXONY RUGS

A large assortment of these choice imported rugs is shown and we are offering them at great reductions in price. These rugs are made without seams and of chenille fabric, being a very soft, rich, durable rug and coming in a variety of colorings and exclusive designs.

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| German Saxony \$95.00—9-10x13-1 | \$75.00 |
| German Saxony \$80.00—9-10x13-1 | \$65.00 |
| German Saxony \$75.00—8-3x11-6 | \$57.50 |

AXMINSTER RUGS

We show several different qualities of these goods; among which are only the newest styles of the best manufacturers. There is such a variety of sizes that it will not be difficult to fit any room.

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| Axminster \$45.00—12x15 | \$35.00 |
| Axminster \$40.00—10-6x13-6 | \$30.00 |
| Axminster \$35.00—11-3x12 | \$27.50 |
| Axminster \$24.75—9x12 | \$18.00 |
| Axminster \$21.75—8-3x10-6 | \$16.50 |
| Axminster \$18.00—7-6x9 | \$14.50 |
| Axminster \$15.00—6x9 | \$12.50 |
| Axminster \$21.75—9x12 | \$16.00 |
| Axminster \$18.50—8-3x10-6 | \$15.50 |

TAPESTRY BRUSSELS RUGS

It is quite important if you are contemplating the purchase of a rug of this character, to take advantage of the present prices. The assortment is very complete, with a full showing of Medallion and Oriental designs.

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| Tapestry Brussels \$21.00—11-3x12 | \$17.50 |
| Tapestry Brussels \$17.50—9x12 | \$14.00 |
| Tapestry Brussels \$15.00—8-3x10-6 | \$12.00 |
| Tapestry Brussels \$10.00—7-6x9 | \$8.50 |
| Tapestry Brussels \$8.00—6x9 | \$6.00 |

CRAFTSMAN RUGS

These rugs are especially adapted for rooms in which Craftsman or similar furniture is used. They are reversible, and come in a variety of colorings suited for various rooms in the home.

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| Craftsman \$3.00—30x60 | \$2.40 |
| Craftsman \$3.50—36x72 | \$2.80 |
| Craftsman \$9.75—6x9 | \$7.80 |
| Craftsman \$14.00—7-6x9 | \$11.20 |
| Craftsman \$18.00—9x12 | \$14.60 |

Linoleums offered in big sale

The expensive stock of printed and inlaid linoleums are placed on the bargain counters of this sale at huge reductions. The variety is very large, and the quality is the highest. The prices are meant for the most humble purse.

| PRINTED LINOLEUMS | INLaid LINOLEUMS |
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| 60c Linoleum—6 ft. and 7-6 wide, sq. yd., 45c | \$1.75 Quality, per square yard |
| 65c Linoleum—6 ft. and 7-6 wide, sq. yd., 50c | \$1.65 Quality, per square yard |
| 75c Linoleum—12 feet wide, per sq. yard, 55c | \$1.45 Quality, per square yard |

KASHMIRE RUGS.

These are reversible rugs. They are perfect reproductions of Oriental rugs in design and coloring and are excellent values.

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| Kashmere Rugs \$2.50—36x72 | \$1.50 |
| Kashmere Rugs \$3.75—9x9 | \$8.50 |
| Kashmere Rugs \$12.75—9x12 | \$9.50 |

RAGLAN RUGS

We are showing some very fine patterns in these goods, made in shades of blue, green and browns, with pretty borders at each end.

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| Raglan \$20.00—9x12 | \$15.50 |
| Raglan \$12.00—6x9 | \$9.00 |

INGRAIN CARPETS

We are offering our entire stock of all wool ingrain and three-ply Carpets at a great sacrifice. Bring measurements of rooms.

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| \$1.00 Hartford, 3 ply ingrain, per yard | \$1.00 |
| 85c Hartford, extra ingrain, per yard | .61 1/2c |
| 75c Best Wool Ingrain, per yard | .55c |

Large selection of stock rugs

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| \$30.00 Brussels Rugs—10-6x13-9 | \$17.00 | \$25.50 Brussels Rugs—11-3x13 | \$13.00 | \$24.00 Wilton Velvet Rugs—6x9-6 | \$14.00 |
| \$24.00 Brussels Rugs—10-6x12 | \$12.00 | \$26.00 Brussels Rugs—10-6x10-11 | \$16.00 | \$23.50 Wilton Vel. Rugs—8-10x11-4 | \$14.00 |
| \$16.50 Brussels Rugs—6-9x8-11 | \$10.00 | \$25.50 Brussels Rugs—10-6x10-8 | \$15.00 | \$25.50 Wilton Velvet Rugs—8-3x11-6 | \$16.00 |
| \$10.00 Brussels Rugs—6x7 | \$6.00 | \$22.50 Brussels Rugs—9x11 | \$13.00 | \$15.50 Wilton Velvet Rugs—6-9x9-10 | \$9.60 |
| \$10.00 Brussels Rugs—6x6-9 | \$7.00 | \$35.00 Brussels Rugs—10-6x12-9 | \$20.00 | \$22.50 Wilton Belvet Rugs—8-3x9 | \$14.00 |
| \$18.00 Brussels Rugs—8-3x11-6 | \$9.00 | \$32.50 Brussels Rugs—10-6x11-9 | \$18.00 | \$12.00 Wilton Vel. Rugs—6x6-6 | \$5.00 |
| \$13.00 Brussels Rugs—6x10-9 | \$9.00 | \$24.00 Brussels Rugs—10-6x12-3 | \$12.00 | \$27.00 Wilton Velvet Rugs—10-6x9-4 | \$15.00 |
| \$18.00 Brussels Rugs—8-3x10-4 | \$9.00 | \$25.00 Brussels Rugs—9x12-2 | \$14.00 | \$21.00 Wilton Velvet Rugs—8-3x9-6 | \$11.00 |
| \$11.00 Brussels Rugs—6-9x9-9 | \$7.00 | \$31.50 Brussels Rugs—10-6x12-2 | \$17.00 | \$27.00 Wilton Vel. Rugs—8-3x11-2 | \$17.00 |
| \$17.00 Brussels Rugs—8-3x9-3 | \$9.00 | \$32.50 Brussels Rugs—9x12 | \$22.50 | \$20.00 Wilton Velvet Rugs—8-5x8-3 | \$10.00 |
| \$20.00 Brussels Rugs—8-3x11-6 | \$11.00 | \$20.00 Brussels Rugs—10-6x10-2 | \$11.00 | \$41.50 Wilton Vel. Rugs—10-6x12 | \$28.00 |

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