HELD UP FOR INSURANCE

Omaha Business Men Speak About the Excessive Rates.

TIME FOR THEM TO BE PULLED DOWN

No Reason Why Charges Should Be Higher Than Elsewhere, Especially Since Improvement in Fire Department.

Yesterday The Bee published an article showing that insurance rates are much higher in Omaha than in other cities similarly situated and having about the same facilities for fighting fires. The publication of this article set Omaha business men to thinking and they are not slow in expressing their opinions upon the subject of insurance matters.

Frank Murphy, President of the Merchants' National Bank—I think the rates in force in this city are outrageously high and something should be done to get them down to a reasonable figure. We pay 84 cents per $100 on this building, when there is no good reason why we should pay more than the rate we paid a few years ago, 60 cents per $100. I can see no reason why the rate should be higher here than it is in the east. In New York and other eastern cities the rate is not to exceed one-fourth of 1 per cent. The business men of this city should combine and force the rates down. If the business men would stand together we could compel the insurance men to reduce rates. With the improvements which have been made in our fire department within the past two years we would have an excellent ground for insisting on a reduction and I have no doubt we would secure it.

Herman Kountze, president of the First National bank—Insurance rates are entirely too high. Seven or eight years ago we paid a rate of 60 cents on our bank building, but when the rate was raised, the agents wanted to put in an 80 per cent clause, to which I objected, and in order to get insurance with that clause omitted they made the rate 85 cents. The rates ought to be reduced, but I don't see just how that is to be accomplished. There might be a concerted move to place insurance with companies outside the pool, but whether the business men of Omaha would stand together on that or any other proposition is a question. It would be an easy matter to force a reduction if business men would stand together, but my experience with them has been that they won't stand together on anything.

MAKING UP ON LOSSES.

Proprietor Kitchen of the Paxton Hotel—We are compelled to pay a rate of $2.20 per $100 for insurance. This is the same rate we paid two years ago when Omaha's facilities for fighting fires were altogether inadequate. Our fire department has been improved immensely since then. On three or four occasions recently I've seen our firemen put out fires that looked pretty formidable, before much damage had been done. It has struck me on these occasions that Omaha had an excellent fire department. The water pressure also has always seemed to be sufficient. It certainly stands to reason that if we paid $2.20 per $100 two years ago, we should not now, when all the conditions are more favorable to the insurance men, be held up for the same rate. I had an insurance man tell me the other day that he had made considerable money in the last two years, and I don't doubt it. I believe they maintain that they lost money previous to two years ago, and that now they are simply making what they then lost."

Dr. S. D. Mercer—I have read the article in The Bee regarding the exorbitant insurance rates charged in Omaha, and considered it very just. There is no doubt about it—the insurance rates are outrageously high. They are driving business from this city. I know business men who would carry a larger stock of goods, but they don't dare increase their stock because of the exorbitant insurance rates charged. This is one of the principal obstacles that is keeping Omaha back today. The 80 per cent clause, which the local insurance men insist on, is a most vicious article. I'm in favor of anything that will bring the rates down to a reasonable figure, but cannot say that I have any remedy to suggest at present.

Thomas Swobe, proprietor of the Mercer hotel—The rate that we are taxed is unjust. This hotel is well built and stands perfectly free from adjoining property, and there is no excuse for such a rate as $1.90 per $100. The insurance rates in Omaha have not been reduced for several years, and the fire and water service has certainly been improved. The exorbitant insurance rates are an injustice and are interfering seriously with the prosperity and progress of Omaha.

PROMISES NOT KEPT.

Charles Karbach—The article on the subject of insurance rates, printed in The Bee, is highly commended. The rate on this building, the Karbach block at Fifteenth and Douglas streets, has not been reduced since the burning of the Farnam Street theater. We have been promised a reduction if the city would secure more fire engines and provide larger water mains. We have three new fire engines and an excellent water supply, and yet the rates are kept up. Chief Redell has shown that he is a great fire fighter, and I think Omaha has one of the best fire departments in the country today. This building stands perfectly clear, with an alley on each of two sides, and broad streets on the other two sides. A fire wall runs from the basement to the roof and divides the entire building. The insurance companies have promised us a reduction in the rate for the last three years, but it is no nearer in sight now than it was in 1893. The companies have had inspectors from the east, who have carefully examined the building and its surroundings, and pronounced it a good risk for any insurance company. But this does not seem to cut any figure. The insurance people are looking out for their own selfish interests and we, with the rest of property owners here, have to suffer in consequence. There is an insurance agent here who has his office in this building. At the beginning of the year he came to us and begged for a reduction in his rent. We told him that we should like a reduction in our insurance rates, which we considered exorbitant. He replied if we would reduce his rent he thought matters could be arranged. He said the entire town was to be rerated at an early date, and that if our building came within the district for which a lower rate was ordered, we would secure a reduction. He got his rent reduced. We haven't heard another word about a lower insurance rate, and I don't presume we ever will. The whole thing in a nutshell is that the insurance people here are looking for the long end of the bargain all the time, and are discriminating against Omaha.

Musee People Out of Court.

The case of the Eden Musee company against the Commercial National bank, which has occupied the time of the district court for several days, was decided in favor of the bank. The judge practically threw the musee company out of court, refusing to allow the case to go to the jury.

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Pongee silks, 8:30 to 10:30 a. m., 10c yd. $2.00 black brocaded silks, 98c yd.

All day Monday we will have on sale forty pieces of large figured satin and gros grain silks, the latest styles, actually worth $2.00 per yard. One pattern to a customer at 98c per yard.

Black brocaded satins and gros grains, worth $2.00, all day Monday 98c.

We have the largest line of plaids in Omaha; prices 15c to $1.75 yard.

48-inch extra fine quality French serge, 50c.

50-inch storm serge, $1.00 quality, 50c.

50-inch storm serge, 75c quality, 48c.

The goods come in blue and black.

See our line of novelties in black dress goods. The largest line in the west. All prices, from 10c to $5.00 a yard.

SHEETING SALE.

Lawrence L. L. muslin, 3¾c; Lonsdale muslin, 6½c; Fruit of Loom, 6½c; 8-4 sheeting, 14c; 9-4 at 15c; 9-4 bleached sheeting, 17c; 10-4 bleached sheeting, 18c; 4-4 cheese cloth, 3c.

SPECIALS IN FLANNELS.

Cotton flannels at 3½c, 5c, 8c, 10c. Shaker flannel, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c. Special sale of 200 pcs. of outing flannels at 7½c yd. These are regular 10c goods. Remnants of calico at 3½c yd. White flannels at prices that will sell them quickly, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c and up. Gray blankets at 49c, 75c, $1.00. Good warm gray blankets at $1.25, $1.50, $1.75. Extra heavy 11-4 blankets at $1.50 per pr. 500 pairs of all wool blankets on sale Monday and during this week at half regular prices.

NOTION DEPARTMENT.

Special sale on new Windsor ties Monday.

Big job ribbons, Nos. 2 to 22, on sale.

Elegant new Dresden ribbons, dress trimmings on sale. Dress buttons, 1c doz; laces, 1c per yd.; King's best machine thread, 2c spool; new silk and leather belts, 25c and 50c; new bordered veils, 25c; jet trimmings, 10c per yd.; new miniature buttons, 40c each; new laces, new embroideries.

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Mortgagee's Sale.

Remember the sale of hardware and house-furnishing goods at 410 North Sixteenth street still continues at cost and half cost, or any way to get rid of the goods.

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Agent for the Mortgagee.

George Taylor, formerly with Norris, has accepted a position with Cartwright & Co., 16th and Douglas sts., where he would be pleased to see his old friends.

Back to New York in Irons.

Sheriff Henry Sigel of Olean, N. Y., started for home yesterday with a prisoner whom he had come after. The prisoner is Ed Traver, a man about 26 years old, who is wanted for forging checks. He was captured by the sheriff of Sarpy county on February 11, and had been in the Douglas county jail awaiting the arrival of Sheriff Sigel. The sheriff didn't propose to take any chances of his man getting away and put on handcuffs and leg chains, fastening one handcuff and one chain on his own right arm and leg and the other ends of each on the arm and leg of his prisoner.

Miss Smith Before the Woman's Club.

The regular meeting of the musical department of the Woman's club will be held in the club rooms next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Miss Enid M. Smith will speak on "Verdi and His Influence on Dramatic Music." The lecture will be illustrated with vocal and instrumental selections from the works of the veteran composer. Miss Smith has recently completed a four years' course of study at the National Conservatory of Music in New York City. She comes to Omaha from Chicago, where she sang before the Woman's club and delivered a course of lectures on dramatic music.

Meeting of Stock Yards Directors.

A meeting of the directors of the Union Stock Yards company was held in the office of W. A. Paxton yesterday afternoon, when the main topic of discussion was the switching rate. While there is no doubt, say the directors, that the rate will be abolished March 1, some details of the arrangement between the Stock Yards company and the railroads remain to be perfected and the matter has been left in the hands of President Paxton and Manager Babcock.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

J. D. Foy, Neligh, Neb., is stoping at the Barker.

D. A. Reidy and wife of Kansas City are in the city.

A. B. Crary, New York, is registered at the Barker.

George H. Russell, St. Joseph, Mo., is a Barker guest.

H. D. James and Mrs. James of Denver are hotel guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heller of Nebraska City are among the hotel arrivals.

E. L. Lomax of the Union Pacific left for Chicago and eastern points yesterday.

Bod Mack, advance representative for Si Plunkard company, is stopping at the Barker.

T. G. Sanborn arrived in the city yesterday from San Francisco and will be the guest while here of A. W. Kinsman.

Harry Sweatman, one of the old time advance agents, now ahead of Morrison's Faust company, is a Barker guest.

Arthur Rose, formerly of this city, now of Chicago, was visiting here for several days and left for home last evening.

Mrs. M. J. Dowling returned from a Pacific coast tour yesterday, embracing San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and points in British Columbia. The trip consumed a month.

Nebraskans at the hotels are: W. D. Cameron, Schuyler; F. A. Cameron, Tekamah; E. P. King, Lincoln, T. A. Durrie, Lyons; M. C. Keith, North Platte; P. H. Bender, Humphrey; John L. Patterson, Nebraska City.

At the Murray—F. B. Crosby, Toledo, O.; F. L. Borwell, Chicago; George L. Pain, Boston; J. B. Hamilton, Chicago; E. H. Andrews, Kansas City; W. D. Evans, Chicago; W. R. Alexander, Wahoo, Neb.; W. H. Smith, Chicago; W. F. Gouty, Toledo; Charles Mantz, Chicago; H. D. Pettibone, Minneapolis; D. Marks, New York; J. W. Fox, Chicago; H. E. Hackman, Kansas City; W. F. Pardee, Syracuse; A. H. Henfeldh, New York.

RESCUE WORK IN LONDON

Mrs. Chant Tells of What Has Been Accomplished.

CHURCH OF TODAY NEEDS ACTIVE WORKERS

Labors Should Be Devoted to Fashionable Quarters, as Well as to the Slums of Great Cities.

Mrs. Ormiston Chant, the English reformer, whose work has attracted no little attention in this country, spoke before a good-sized audience last evening at Unity church on "Rescue Work in London." Before the lecture Mrs. B. H. Whitney sang a beautiful solo, "Emmanuel," in a most pleasing manner.

In her introductory remarks, Mrs. Chant said that it might be asked what relation there could possibly be between rescue work in London and affairs in Omaha. In answer, the lecturer said that she had observed a most cordial interest throughout this country, no less in Omaha than elsewhere, in the work of England, and especially in whatever concerned truth and righteousness. "I believe there is more interest taken in the work among the slums in London in this country than there is in many parts of England itself," added the speaker.

Mrs. Chant declared that as prevention was better than cure, so the responsibility of Christian people became greater. She asserted that vice was by no means confined to the slums, and that there was dire need of rescue work in the more fashionable quarters of London. She thought that too many churches were sleeping along the road to heaven, while the worshippers slept in comfortable pews. The church of today, she urged, needed to take a more active work in rescue of the fallen. The church stood for refuge for all men and women, as a protest against vice, and as a turning point in the lives of men and women away from the dark shadows of their own lives to the truer and nobler life, as found in the example of Christ.

A SOCIETY OF ONE MEMBER.

Mrs. Chant said she represented a society which had for twenty-seven years consisted of one member. That one member had been president, secretary, treasurer and committee and general membership. She had never had any experience in rescue work, never read a book or heard a sermon on the subject. But one night she was going home, in London, when she saw a policeman shaking a girl roughly. She had been president of the London Peace society, but her peace had always been of a very aggressive kind. When she saw any one oppressed her peace was apt to rise in arms. She and the policeman had a scuffle, and in the end she had the girl and the policeman was gone. She had the girl, but she didn't know what to do with her, for she herself was in lodgings, not in her own home. Together they walked down the street, searching for a lodging for the night; and the only one they could find to take the girl in was a blind woman.

Society had used more common sense toward the man sinner than the woman. Society had given him a chance to right himself. That was the best way to help redeem any person. But society had always banded itself to keep down the woman who had once fallen down. She felt like a hypocrite to make such an address, because she stood before the audience as if the only sinners were among women. Sometime when society came to a realizing sense that sin on the side of sex was just as debasing and degrading to men as to women; just as lowering to the character, just as great a drag on growth and progress, then society would cease to be obliged to fight the terrible dual standard of morals. But for nineteen years, since her married life, her door had always stood open for the outcast. There was a "prophet's chamber" in that house which was seldom without its occupant.

"I offer wonder why men do not see," said she, "what they can do for their wives. They can make them so noble, or they can keep them in such a little, narrow rut. I'm not much in favor of men setting out to do rescue work among women. They had better address themselves to the rescue of their own sex, who, in truth, need it greatly."

Mrs. Chant then gave a description of the London slums. "Remember," said she, "that the people who go there to live don't make the slums. The people who own them and who take the rents for them are the people who make the slums. If you want to keep Omaha free from slums, you must keep out the people who make them; and they are the people who care for nothing but money, no matter where it comes from."

Mrs. Chant then told of the long fight over the raising of the age of consent.

"It has been the deepest disgrace to England that, until 1872, the age of consent was no higher than 13. If Stead did nothing else, he roused the whole of England with his passionate pen, so that the criminal law amendment was passed.

WORK OF PREVENTION.

"It is not rescue work that counts; it is prevention work. And while I am doing rescue work, and the women of Omaha are doing their work we have a right to demand that the law shall not be manufacturing fresh victims for our efforts. Shame on the one who says that women who are doing rescue work have nothing to do with politics. When I am engaged in such work is the time when I should be in the closest and most intimate connection with the political life of my country."

After the passage of the new law in regard to the age of consent England formed a national vigilance committee to see that the law was executed. The first case, Mrs. Chant took in charge, and going to one of the gilded and high-toned dens of vice of London, with the copy of the new law in her hand, she rescued a child of 15, who had been inveigled into the place. The law made retention in such a house a crime punishable with two years at hard labor.

"London is much improved," said Mrs. Chant. "It is bad enough, but there has been an honest, earnest effort to minimize the temptations which draw the girls to the streets."

She spoke of the sweat shops, where girls work from 8 in the morning till 8 at night, without fire in winter, for $2.25 a week. The girls had walked miles, perhaps, to reach the place of work, probably in pouring rain and snow, and then had to sit all day in the cold. These poor girls sewed all day, and they looked at the other girls each making perhaps £9 a week in that other life. Was there any wonder that their strength failed?

"I will not say that girls are driven to sin by low wages," said the speaker, "because it would be a libel and an insult to the thousands of girls who meet their poverty like heroines—the mute, suffering martyrs of civilization. But if a girl has any weakness in her nature, God must be pitiful indeed to keep her from falling. Sometimes they slip because of the temptations met in their places of amusement. And it is a most abominable shame that young men and women must be dragged to their death at the places where they go to seek amusement. For amusement is such a necessity to the young. They must have it, and they will have it.

SINS OF THE FLESH.

"This sin is no worse than any other," the speaker continued. "It is no more sinful to sin in the flesh than to sin in the intellect, and be mean and dishonest, and cheat and rob, and injure your fellow men, your community and your country. This sin is no worse in the individual, but it is worse in its effects on the race, for it poisons the very font of life itself, and harms generations living and to come. The individual is no more sinful, but the danger of society is greater, and society must in self-preservation combat this evil. You have here a larger, freer, purer social atmosphere than we have in London. I know it, I acknowledge it. Do not, for heaven's sake, allow the conditions to arise which will make such things possible as I have told you."

Mrs. Chant will preach at Creighton theater this morning at 10:30 o'clock, the subject of her sermon being "A New Heaven and a New Earth."

At 4 o'clock this afternoon she will address the members of the Women's Christian Temperance union at the First Presbyterian church.

She will again speak before the Unity club at 8 o'clock this evening. The public is invited to attend all the services.

Greatest Butter Sale Ever Held in Omaha.

At Haydens' you can buy fresh country roll butter at 8c and 10c; very best roll butter, 12½c and 15c. We have it in tubs also at 8c, 10c, 12½c and 15c. Creamery, 15c, 17c, 19c.

Strictly fresh eggs, 10c.

Wonderful salt meat and lard sold also.

Nice large sweet oranges, 7c dozen.

HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS.

A few more sterling bargains just in; car of screen and poultry wire. Screen wire 1c per square foot. Poultry wire 34c per 100 square feet.

Screen doors, 48c each.

Copper bottom wash boilers, 39c each.

One quart coffee pots, 5c each.

Covered quart pails, 5c each.

Toothpicks, 2c per box.

Wash tubs, 25c each.

Gallon milk crocks, 3c each.

Wash boards, 7c; brooms, 8½c each.

Best white granite cups and saucers, 2c.

Fine fluted tumblers, 2c each.

Crystal fruit saucers, 1½c each.

Best sperm machine oil, 2½c each.

HAYDEN BROS.,
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SOUTH OMAHA NEWS

Business men were pleased yesterday to learn through the columns of The Bee that $25,000 of the $100,000 appropriated by congress for a public building here was available at once. From private advices from Washington it is learned that a treasury official is expected to leave in a week or so for this city for the purpose of selecting a site for the postoffice. Real estate dealers say that the moment the government selects a site business will pick up.

High School Contest.

The third oratorical contest of the South Omaha High school will be held next Friday evening at the First Methodist church. The program is:

Quartet, Aufforderung Zum Tanze....Weber
Piano, Mr. Landsberg, Miss Condron. Violin, Dr. Baetens Cello, Miss Eiche.
*May Darling—Original oration, "The Woman of the Age".....
Dramatic, The Polish Boy...Ann S. Stevens
Charles Wells.
Dramatic, The Chariot Race (from Ben Hur).....Lew Wallace
Fred Winship.
Vocal solo, Because of Thee.....Hawley
Miss Jeannette B. Mullen.
Dramatic, Spartacus to the Gladiators.....E. Kellogg
Edward Smith.
Humorous, Mrs. McWilliams and the Lightning.....Mark Twain
Grace Newcomb.
Selected oration, The Circumlocution Office.....Charles Dickens
(Containing the whole science of government)
Rowland Smith.
Cello solo.....Selected
Miss Liddie Eiche.
Dramatic, Kate Shelley.....Eugene J. Hall
Myrtle Roberts.
Humorous, Pyramus and Thisbe.....
.....John G. Saxe
Robert Smith.
Humorous, The Quarrel.....Mark Twain
Mable Gray.
Decision of judges.
Vocal solo—
(a) Good Night.....Nevin
(b) Burst Ye Apple Buds.....Emery
Miss Nellie Paris.
Violin solo, Gavotte Elegante.....Baetens
Dr. Baetens.
Judges, Hon Charles A. Goss, Mr. W. Barnes Lower, Miss D. A. Johnson.
Referee, Hon. W. W. Slabaugh.
*Not entering contest.

Meeting of the Pallas League.

Friday evening the Pallas league, a new literary society, met at Pivonka hall and discussed the question "Resolved, That the United States Should Recognize the Cubans as Belligerents." E. J. Seykora and J. F. Fitzgerald spoke in the affirmative and J. J. Breen and Germain Towl in the negative. Following this J. A. Beck read an essay on Benjamin Franklin, Miss Neenan played a piano solo, James Duncannon made an impromptu speech and Frank Whittaker gave a select reading. The club will meet every Friday evening during the winter.

Talks of an Injunction.

The Martin Lumber company has given it out that it will enjoin the city council from turning the warrants for viaduct repairs over to Forsythe, the contractor who did the work. City Attorney Lambert does not see how an injunction could stick in this case, as the city had no dealings with the lumber company except as bondsmen for Forsythe.

Hospital Benefit Entertainment.

Tuesday evening an entertainment will be given at Young Men's Institute hall for the benefit of the South Omaha hospital. The committee in charge of the affair has prepared an excellent program.

Magic City Gossip.

Peter Rockford of Ashland is in the city.

Miss Rosa Whittaker of Albright is sick.

John Flynn has returned from an eastern trip.

E. H. Dewey has gone to Pueblo, Colo., on business.

Joseph M. Murphy is spending Sunday with friends at Neola.

Tom Murphy has gone to Denver for a two weeks' vacation.

L. A. Champlin, a stockman of Phillipsburg, Kan., is in the city.

This afternoon there will be a meeting of laboring men at Strangland hall.

American Federation of Labor, lodge No. 6635, will meet this afternoon at Koutsky's hall.

S. W. Beggs, ex-county clerk of Holyoke, Colo., is the guest of Thomas and Mrs. Hoctor.

R. White of Idaho Falls, Idaho, was at the stock yards yesterday looking after two carloads of horses.

The democratic club, recently formed, will meet Tuesday evening at Tom Geary's store to hear speeches.

The Woman's Relief corps will meet Thursday evening with the Misses Horan, Twenty-fifth and I streets.

Nate Cottrell was taken to the Methodist hospital in Omaha yesterday, where he will undergo an operation.

This afternoon the German Political club will meet at Sanger hall. Jacob Hauck of Omaha will deliver the principal address.

Tuesday evening the republican city central committee will meet at H. C. Murphy's office in the Singer block for the purpose of naming the judges and clerks for the primaries.

J. B. Smiley, a member of the Union Rendering company, has just been granted a patent for a live stock car door, which includes a running board, to be used in both loading and unloading a car. Several of the railroads running in here will test the invention at once.

The committee appointed by the republican city central committee to feel the pulse of the voters regarding the establishing of a campaign paper met last night and reported progress. It is more than probable that one of the several bids read at the last meeting will be accepted.

A. L. DEANE & CO. RECEIVE.

An Afternoon of Sight Seeing at Their Formal Spring Opening.

Yesterday afternoon A. L. Deane & Co. entertained their friends and many who were not, but will be from this on.

The occasion was the grand opening of their bicycle department and in spite of the nasty weather called forth quite a crowd of cyclists that are and to be. It was not a special sale, but one of the neatest and most entertaining "at homes" seen in these parts for some time.

The inspiration for this affair is credited to Mr. Dewright, the manager, and though he blushed like a school girl when accused of it, he did not deny it.

Every lady caller received a handsome card and a box of delicious candy, while the gentlemen were appeased with fine imported cigars, as souvenirs of the event. The ware rooms at 1116 Farnam were handsomely decorated and their three popular wheels, the "National," "Union" and "Czar," were given prominent positions and received many words of praise.

Life Insurance Investments.

OMAHA, Feb. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: At the last meeting of the Manufacturers' and Consumers' association, a statement was made by a representative of a Nebraska life insurance company, which, although uttered with no unfriendly intention, would be liable to leave a false impression in the minds of the insuring public.

It was said that the premiums received by the life insurance companies were loaned out in the east, thus giving eastern states the "advantage of cheap money." If there is any one thing that has helped to make low rates for money in this western country, it is the coming of eastern companies into the state to loan money on bond and mortgage. The amount of money invested in Nebraska by eastern companies in real estate loans, both farm and city, is infinitely more than they have ever taken out, not mentioning city and county bonds, which have been taken freely by these companies, thus rendering ready money available for city and county improvements. What has built the Creighton theater, the Young Men's Christian association building, and scores of our best office blocks in the city, but policy-holders' money returned to this state for investments at cheap rates? Is not the New York Life building an Omaha investment? Are we not looking and praying for eastern panies to come to Omaha and invest their money?

Four eastern companies alone paid death claims in this state last year, amounting to $170,000, and the other companies swelled the list to $100,000 more. This money goes directly into circulation throughout the state, and is always a quick asset at a time when it is most needed. Look, too, at the army of agents and employes, as well as physicians, obtain employment under these companies, and who live and invest their surplus earnings in Nebraska.

It were idle, however, to say more on the subject, on which an intelligent public may draw its own conclusions.

C. Z. GOULD.

Labor Party Organization.

Monday night there will be a labor meeting at National hall on South Thirteenth street. The meeting will be addressed by General Kelly and others. The Labor Congress Glee club and orchestra will furnish the music. After the oratory, the First Ward Labor club will be organized.

Wednesday evening, twenty Omaha speakers will go to Council Bluffs to assist in organizing labor clubs in that city.

During the past two days twenty-five letters have been received at Labor Temple asking for information concerning the new labor party.

Twin City Bicycle Path.

There will be a mass meeting of the Omaha and Council Bluffs wheelmen at the Grand hotel, Council Bluffs, next Tuesday night for the discussion of the Twin City bicycle path. The Retail Merchants' association of Council Bluffs has taken hold of the matter and it now commences to look as though something would come of it. The folks in the Bluffs are anxious to get the Omaha wheelmen interested and hope to see the matter brought to a successful issue, and as quickly as possible.

"The Overland Limited."

Is the fastest train out of Omaha, and carries the fastest equipment of any line in the west. Tickets via the Union Pacific can be secured at

1302 FARNAM STREET.

WILCOX & DRAPER.

1515 Douglas, Innovation in Shoes from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Gilt-edge dressing, 10 cents.

68 pair of infants' soft-sole shoes, worth 75cts, these hours 25cts.

We place on our bargain counter a lot of children's $1.25 shoes for 74c.

We have marked three lines of our $3.50 and $4.00 shoes during these hours at $2.10.

A large line of ladies' high grade slippers at this time only 50c.

We have taken full lines, all sizes of $5.00 shoes, new spring goods, from 8 till 2 p. m., $2.98.

We take three lines of Laird Shobert's ladies' shoes, button and lace, latest toes (came in Saturday), our $6.00 shoes, during these hours $5.00.

All our gents' spring tan shoes are in and are now being shown in our window. Select early.

WILCOX & DRAPER.

The Train that Does

make the time it is advertised to make—the BURLINGTON'S "Vestibuled Flyer."

Leaves Omaha—5.00 P. M. EXACTLY.
Arrives Chicago—8:20 A. M. EXACTLY.

Sleepers—chair cars—diner.

Tickets, sleeping car reservations and information about rates at

City Ticket Office—1502 Farnam St.

Flag for the Columbian School.

The teachers and pupils of the Columbian school were presented with a handsome flag yesterday afternoon by the local organization of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. The exercises were held at the school building at Twenty-eighth and Jackson streets and were attended by a large number of pupils and patrons of the school. The presentation was preceded by a short program, which included the singing of "America" and other patriotic songs by the school, a flag drill and recitations by pupils. The flag was presented by Rev. S. Wright Butler, who spoke of the principles of which the flag was emblematic, and urged the children to think of all it represented when they saw it waving from the school house. Secretary Gillan of the Board of Education also delivered a brief address, after which the program ended with singing, "Guard the Flag."

WABASH RAILROAD'S

Homeseekers' Excursions Resumed.

On March 10th we will sell round trip tickets to nearly all points south at one fare, with $2 added. Remember, we have the quickest and best route to all points south. For further information or tickets or a copy of the homeseekers' guide call or write the Wabash office, 1415 Farnam street, Paxton Hotel block, Omaha.

1504 Farnam Street.

The Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway ticket office.

An Hour Apart.

The flying Northwestern Line trains to Chicago.

"No. 2," "The Overland," Omaha 4:45 p. m., Chicago 7:45 a. m.

The "OMAHA-CHICAGO SPECIAL"—Omaha 5:45 p. m., Chicago 8:45 a. m.

Modern art had to stop a while after these trains were built.

City office, 1401 Farnam Street.

If You Don't Sleep Well

take a book and read in the electric lighted berths of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. City ticket office, 1504 Farnam St.

For Sale—Quantity old bricks, lumber, doors, windows, etc. Apply at Associated Charities, 807 Howard street. 'Phone, 1646.

Must Be Sold.

Don't fail to attend the auction sale of the creditors of the Van Cott Jewelry company at Fourteenth and Farnam streets, now being sold every afternoon and evening. The stock must be closed out. Private sale every forenoon.

1302 Farnam st. is the Union Pacific city ticket office.

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The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway ticket office.

THIS COTTAGE is modern in architecture and modern in arrangement; finished in quarter sawed white oak, hard wood floor, fine polished oak mantel and window seats, porcelain bath, marble wash stand, electric gas lighting and stationery laundry tubs.

Placed on Georgia or Virginia Avenue, among the fine trees near Pacific street, it makes a home fit for a queen—worth every cent of $7,000, yet it can be had for about one-half that sum. It is very simple, owing to these depressed times. We sell you the lot at about 40 per cent of the normal value. You can build the house at 60 per cent of the normal value. By investing now you save 100 per cent on the real value, and will have doubled your money on the investment in a few months—when times have again become normal, and will have a home besides—fit for a queen.

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of which bicycle to buy is agitating the minds of a majority of our people. It's easy to decide;

Ride a Pierce—

one of the handsomest, lightest and easiest running machines on the market.

$75 buys one—time payments if you want them. See it and compare with any $100.00 wheel.

The Catalogue tells it all--it's free, ask for it.

The 99-Cent Store. Hardy's 1319 Farnam Street.

MRS. J. BENSON.

SPECIAL LOW PRICES ON

Infants' Wear

We have just received a very large and handsome stock of these goods and will make special low prices for a few days.

Cambric Slips, with embroidery on neck and sleeves, from 25c up.
Pretty Dresses from..45c up
Cashmere Cloaks " $1.35 up
Crochet and Flannel Sacques from.....25c up
Flannel Skirts from...29c up
Flannel Shawls from.. $1 up
Bootees from..... 8c up
Bibs from..... 5c up

New Ribbons Just In—Persian, Dresden, Plaids and Taffetas. WIDE WIDTHS

Infants' Vests--We have too large a stock of these goods and will sell: $1.75 Silk Vests for $1.15. Non-shrinking Wool Vests worth 75c for 45c. All Wool Vests 19c up. Infants' Toilet Power 10c package. Babeskin Soap 15c, 2 for 25c. Baby Hampers reduced from $6.85 to $3.85. BABY MITTENS 15c up

SHOES

WERE NEVER SO CHEAP.

Sale Begins Monday, February 24, at 10 a. m., at

1415 Douglas St.

This Is No Humbug. 50 Clerks Engaged to Handle the Rush.

Having purchased from the NEBRASKA HOUSE their entire stock of Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes and Rubbers for $10,535. These goods are slightly damaged by water and smoke and must be closed out by March 1st at 33c on the dollar. The store will be closed today to arrange for the sale and mark down goods. The show cases and fixtures also go at a sacrifice.

Here we are to give away the goods, as follows:

250 pairs Men's Shoes, congress and lace, worth $2.00 and $3.00, mostly winter stock, closed out at 28c.

500 pairs Boys' and Misses' heel or spring, sizes 9, 10, 11, worth $1.00, only 33c.

500 pairs Ladies' House Slippers and Oxford Ties, worth $1.00 and $1.25, cheap, 33c.

500 pairs Men's pointed and square toe, tip and plain, worth $3.00 and $4.00, closing $1.68.

150 pairs boys' and misses' calfskin, patent tip, button or bals, worth $2.00, at 98c.

200 pairs men's pointed and plain congress and bal Shoes, worth $2.00, now 75c.

175 pairs boys' congress and bals, sizes 2 to 6, 60c.

200 pairs infants' Shoes, patent tip, small sizes, 8c.

300 pairs ladies' Shoes, bals, button and congress, all sizes, worth $2.00, for 58c.

200 pairs ladies' heavy congress, bals and buttons, cheap, 78c.

300 pairs ladies' Shoes, worth $2, $3, $4, bals, button and congress, 95c.

150 pairs boys' heavy bal Shoes, sizes 11 to 2, worth $1.50, closing out, 55c.

200 pairs men's $3, $4, $5 Shoes, Yale toe, razor toe, new toe, vici kid and cord., $1.95.

150 pairs men's tan bal Shoes, sizes 5 to 11, worth $3.00, 85c.

200 pairs ladies' Storm Rubbers, worth 50c and 60c, for this sale 19c.

200 pairs boys' and misses' Rubbers, worth 35c, only 15c.

200 pairs men's extra wide congress Shoes, worth $3.00, only 98c.

150 pairs ladies' hand turned Oxford Ties, worth $1.50, now 55c.

100 pairs men's calfskin bals and congress, tip and plain, regular $2 and $3, only $1.39.

500 pairs ladies' $2, $3, $4 extension soles, all sizes, bals, button; your choice $1.48.

100 pairs ladies' felt and cloth Slippers at 8c.

Don't miss the chance of a lifetime to buy Shoes at your own price. It will pay you to come a hundred miles to attend the great sale. Mail orders receive our prompt attention.

Jas. Goldgraber,
At Old Stand of
NEBRASKA SHOE HOUSE,
1415 Douglas Street.

Wash Your Windows.

We mean some of those druggists who have been calling on the wholesalers trying to induce them not to sell us goods. For their benefit we will state we can get all the goods we want. If they will devote their spare time to washing their windows and cleaning out their back rooms, they will utilize their time more profitably. Our store is the neatest and cleanest in the city, and we invite the public to inspect our back room, which they would positively refuse you.

Castoria	22c
Paine's Celery Compound	72c
Scott's Emulsion	70c
Cuticura Resolvent	75c
Hostetter's Bitters	70c
Duffy's Malt Whiskey	85c
Chamberlain's Cough Syrup....18c and	35c
Syrup of Figs....35c and	70c
Sulphur Bitters	75c
Vino-Kolafrn	85c
Allcock's Plasters	10c

All others in proportion.

SCHAEFER'S Cut Price Drug Store
16th and Chicago Streets.

Beautiful Teeth.

Made the same day the impression is taken. A convenience for out-of-town people.

A good Set of Teeth on rubber	$5.00
Best Set Teeth	$7.50