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Implement Magnate and Inventor.

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Charles Krug is recipient of a telegram from Phoenix, Ill., stating that his brother, Henry Krug, died there a few days ago. Seven weeks ago Mr. Krug left Omaha and went to the southwest in search of health. He had for a year or so been a sufferer from lung trouble. He was formerly employed as a foreman of the bottling works of the Fred Krug Brewing company. He was a nephew of Fred Krug. The remains will be shipped to Omaha for interment.

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Colored Dress Goods Seasonable attractions

GOLFING PLAIDS—\$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25. Very handsome plaids, best worsted cloth. NEW YORKSHIRE TWEEDS—Flaked and speckled worsted, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75. CHEVIOTS—The most popular of cloths; 50-inch, sponged and shrunk, 90¢; also at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.00. VENEtian CLOTHS—\$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.00. CHALLIS—Best grade, large assortment of new styles just received, 50¢; also full line plaids. PLAIDS FOR CHILDREN—New plaids just arrived—50¢.

Wash Goods, Wash Goods

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