

KELLEY, STIGER & COMPANY.

A Chance for Christmas Shoppers Without a Precedent in Retail History.

Owing to the continued warm weather which has interfered with the sale of winter goods, we have decided to commence our Annual Winter Clearance Sale, Monday morning, December 17th, and continue same until Christmas, giving our customers an opportunity to make their Christmas purchases at prices which usually prevail after the New Year. When stocks are badly broken. To make this sale thoroughly understood, we shall give a discount of twenty per cent on all the following departments.

20 PER CENT DISCOUNT 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT

We guarantee that not in a single instance has the price been changed on a piece of goods in this sale. Discount to be taken from present low prices. Everything marked in plain figures.

Ladies', Misses', Children's, Boys' Shoes

These shoes are not marked up for this special sale—but are all marked in plain figures at such prices as we sell them for every day. Our shoe stock comprises the latest designs and patterns received this fall and will all be included in this—

Big Discount Sale.

- All Ladies' Extension Sole Shoes—at 20 per cent off. All Ladies' Hand-Turned Shoes—at 20 per cent off. All Ladies' Patent Leather Southern Ties—at 20 per cent off. All Ladies' Vici Kid Slippers or Oxfords—at 20 per cent off. All Ladies', Misses' or Children's Rubbers—at 20 per cent off. All Misses Shoes and Slippers—at 20 per cent off. All Boys' Shoes and Rubbers—at 20 per cent off. All Children's Shoes and Moccasins—at 20 per cent off. NOTHING RESERVED—EVERYTHING GOES—Our entire stock of up-to-date shoes and rubbers.

20 Per Cent Off the Regular Price.

On our entire stock of Blankets

- On all White Blankets. On all Brown Blankets. On all Gray Blankets. On all Red Blankets. Slumber Robe Blankets. Lounging Blankets.

Furs! Furs!

- On all Fur Collars. On all Fur Collarettas. On all Fur Muffs. On all Fur Capes. French Flannel Waists. On all Plain French Flannel. On all Novelty French Flannel.

Silk Waists.

- On all Black Silk. On all Colored Silk. On all Novelty Silk.

Black Dress Goods Dept.

- Zibelines—Cheviots—Poplins—Venetians—Broadcloths—Mohairs—Serges—Silk Warp Henriettas—Imported Henriettas—Cashmeres—India Twills—Mountain Serges—Nun'sveiling—Grenadines—Bareges—Novelty Weaves—Half Mourning—Dress Goods, Etc.

Colored Dress Goods Dept.

- All Tailor Cloths—Venetians—Broadcloths—Tweeds—Cheviots—Poplins—Golf Plaids—French Serges—Henriettas—Cashmeres—Camel's Hair Cloth—Mohair—Plaids for Children—Panne Cloth Plaids—Habit Cloths—Amazons—Wool Grenadines—Wool Crepons. All high class dress patterns—both black and colored. All Cloakings, Astrakhans. All Evening Shades—Cashmere—Lansdowne—Nun'sveiling—Challis, etc. All Goods in Lining Department—skirtings of moreen—mercerized satin, etc. Our entire stock of Dress Trimmings.

Silk Department

COLORED TAFFETA 19-inch—COLORED TAFFETA, 27-inch, (Winslow)—SATIN DUCHESSE, all colors—PARTY SILKS, plain and fancy—CREPE DE CHINE, all colors.

JAPANESE SILKS—FOULARD SILKS, plain and fancy. —FANCY WAIST SILKS, all this season styles—ALL SILK GRENADINES.

LYONS VELVETS—All our high grade silk velvets—all cheaper colored velvets, velveteens and plushes—all black velvets.

TAFFETA SILK, all black silks.

BLACK DRESS SILKS—every weave—Peau de Soie, Faille, Duchesse, Armure, Gros Grain, Pure Dye, Taffeta Dress Silks

BLACK CREPE DE CHINE—all fancy weaves.

Announcement Extraordinary

33 1/3 PER CENT DISCOUNT 33 1/3 PER CENT DISCOUNT 33 1/3 PER CENT DISCOUNT 33 1/3 PER CENT DISCOUNT 33 1/3 PER CENT DISCOUNT 33 1/3 PER CENT DISCOUNT

On our entire stock of Ladies', Misses' and children's Jackets, Automobiles and Long Coats, Rainy Day, Golf and Walking Skirts, Ladies' Man-Tailored Suits, made from the most correct and fashionable materials. It's an acknowledged fact our line has been the most distinct and up-to-date line shown this season. Goods from this department will not be sent on approval.

Corner Farnam and Fifteenth Streets.

FUSION DEBTS ARE UNPAID

Obligations Contracted During the Campaign Are Still Outstanding.

PATHEPIC ATTEMPT TO SECURE FUNDS

Independent Threatens to Publish a List of Delinquent Donors, but Will Wait in Hope of Some Settling.

LINCOLN, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The creditors of the populist state central committee have announced officially through the columns of the Nebraska Independent, the state organ of the fusion parties, that if their claims are not soon paid they will publish a list of the state officers and employees who refused to contribute to the campaign fund. It is estimated that this list, if published, would occupy considerable space in the newspaper. The independent is one of the anxious creditors and it is said that several other newspapers, who have large claims against the committee, will also publish the list.

The finance committee of the populist party filed its report last Monday. It is a business-like document and the list is entitled to its publication. The list of contributors is given in full and the amounts paid. There is also a pretty long list of those holding office who refused to contribute a single cent and others not anywhere near their proportion. The independent delays the publication of the list this week, as without a doubt a number of those who have failed to forward their contributions will do so in the next few days. When the final report comes in the full statement will be published, and it is believed that the list will appear on the books, were printed under a strong moral obligation to pay in and in some matter they will not. That certain men who long have enjoyed the honors and emoluments of office should positively refuse to bear any share in the expenses necessary to maintain the party and distributed to and without any expectation of ever holding an office. Yet there are a few such men, and to maintain the party's integrity it is necessary that those who have worked and voted to put them in office should know who they are.

List of Unpaid Claims.

The unpaid bills named in Treasurer Mah's statement amounted to \$1,894.33. They were enumerated as follows: L. L. Alberts, expense and speaker, \$11.50; H. G. Carson, hotel and railroad fare, \$10; G.

G. Martin, hotel and railroad fare, \$13; D. A. Gell, railroad fare, \$13.50; J. T. Smith, expense of speakers, \$41; C. P. Anderson, expense of speakers, \$24.74; J. L. Galtby, expense of speakers, \$47.50; George F. Corcoran, expense as organizer, \$18.10; A. K. Goudy, organizer, \$12.50; P. H. Barry, organizer, \$12.50; M. G. MacLeod, organizer, \$28.50; C. B. Scott, organizer, \$23.20; Smith Printing Typewriter company, rent of machines, \$25.50; the New Era, 10,000 extra copies of newspaper, \$100; the Nonconformist, 10,000 extra copies of paper, balance, \$100; J. A. Hodspodsky, 2,000 extra copies of paper, \$20; Independent Publishing company, stationery, \$20.25; Independent Publishing company, stationery, \$21.75; Harry Porter, stationery, \$22.20; P. W. Hendee, work for committee, \$20.55; J. A. Edmisten, cash paid out for committee, \$152; O. D. Wilson, balance due on salary, \$113.50; Miss Rotruck, salary, \$35; Independent Publishing company, stationery, \$21.75; Harry Porter, stationery, \$22.20; P. W. Hendee, work for committee, \$20.55; J. A. Edmisten, cash paid out for committee, \$152; O. D. Wilson, balance due on salary, \$113.50; Miss Rotruck, salary, \$35; Miss Higgins, salary, \$22.50; Miss Fitzgerald, salary, \$17.50; Miss Henning, salary, \$23; Miss Morris, salary, \$15; Miss Wilson, salary, \$7.50; Charles Stockman, salary, \$12.50; Chris Robinson, salary, \$20; J. F. Farris, work, \$2; Miss Henning, postage furnished, \$2.50; T. J. Thorp, for manufacturing rubber stamps to order, \$4.10; W. B. Price, transportation, \$25; Postal Telegraph company, \$25.50; Lindell hotel, board and rooms, \$120; American District Telegraph company, \$1.25; Western Union Telegraph company, \$1.94; Nebraska Telephone company, \$151.95.

Lucie Jake Wolfe's Report.

Land Commissioner Wolfe has prepared several recommendations for the consideration of the legislature. They relate to the work of his department and are outlined by him as follows: In reference to the employees of the office I think that my successor will need as much help as I have had during the last two bienniums, with the possible exception of the two or three months which would be recommended that no appropriation be made for the law giving the lessee the privilege of the school lands, so that all fees so received, therefore, there is no longer any work for that particular office. I strongly urge the enforcement of the law relating to the forfeiture of all delinquent contracts and the law requires that services shall be given by registered letter it will take considerable time to the school lands and the law requires that certified copies of lease and sale contracts. During my term of office I have made no charge for this work and I find that it is quite an imposition on the office.

Meeting State Federation of Labor.

Representatives of labor organizations will meet in this city December 20 for the purpose of organizing a state federation. A call for the meeting has been issued by Deputy Labor Commissioner Kent, under whose direction all arrangements for the gathering have been made. Our principal object in holding the state convention is to perfect a thorough state organization or federation and to unite so far as possible the labor interests of the state, said Mr. Kent. "I think this a matter in which the department should take an active interest. We want to bring the various labor organizations into closer touch with each other so that the brotherhood men and the city union men may work together for mutual benefit. Nebraska is the only state in the west where the various unions are not represented in some sort of a state federation or council. With a harmonious organization it would be possible to secure much

Officers \$500 to the Finder.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Wood River searching party which went to the Loup river country in the northwestern part of this county in search of Curt Stevens, the man who went thither in search of a stray cow, who did not return, and whose horse, saddle and bridle have been discovered, returned yesterday, having discovered no trace of the missing man. His father-in-law has offered

needed legislation, but it would be practically impossible for independent unions, working independently, to cause the enactment of any measures which would benefit the laboring men. We expect to have quite a large representation at the convention and all indications point to the organization of a powerful federation. It will be impossible to notify every union in the state to send delegates, but I want it understood that all laboring men will be entitled to a voice and a vote in the meeting and we want as many of them to come as can possibly do so."

Fate of a Kansas Man.

Alva Arnold of Reserve, Kan., was assaulted and robbed of \$35 near the center of the city last night. He was lured into an alley by two men who professed to be his friends and there slugged into insensibility. The men removed a pocketbook containing \$25, but overlooked another containing an even \$100. Arnold was under the influence of liquor when robbed. He reported his loss to Fireman Naps and was afterward arrested on the charge of being a suspicious character. Members of the sophomore and junior classes of the Lincoln Medical college engaged in a fight for class honors yesterday and as a result four students have been suspended. The under classes have been in the habit of sitting in the front rows of seats during lectures. The juniors objected to the trespass and attempted to eject the intruders. After some of the furniture was broken the faculty, headed by Dean Latta, interfered and stopped the fight. The students suspended are: Dogney, Morrow, Emery and Lawrence.

The State Banking Board has approved articles of incorporation of the State bank of Descher. The paid-up capital stock of the new bank is \$10,000 and the incorporators are: J. F. Walker, R. Tweed, J. O. Walker and E. M. Berkley.

The State Barbers' Examining board will meet in this city December 18 for examination of applicants for barber's licenses.

Smallpox at Tekamah.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Dec. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: In order that the truth may prevail regarding smallpox in Tekamah we append a statement over the signatures of our Board of Health. These gentlemen are of high repute and are any men in the state of Nebraska. We, the undersigned, members of the Board of Health, do hereby certify that the only cases of smallpox in Tekamah are those contracted from a mild case in one of our school rooms. This includes eight families, who are closely quarantined. All are convalescing rapidly. There has been no new cases from that exposure in ten days, so the limit is passed. The quarantine is only kept up until ultimate recovery and disinfection is had. We also certify that there is not a case of smallpox in the county within five miles of Tekamah. There are four families about twelve miles north of here infected with the disease. They are under medical treatment and remain on their own premises, isolated from their neighbors, and will remain there until their physician declares them fully recovered; then their homes will be thoroughly disinfected by a special agent of our board. Most respectfully, W. G. SEARS, Mayor.

W. W. Latta, President of Council.

L. LUKENS, Physician and Secretary.

Unfortunate Domestic Affair.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Last week there was filed in district court a petition for divorce by Louisa K. Webb against her husband, Dr. J. L. Webb, in which many allegations are made. Dr. Webb was then served with a notice to appear before district court and show cause, if any, why temporary alimony should not be granted. Following this notice the doctor filed a plea from Dr. Webb in which he stated that the wife was insane and had been for ten years last past. Today Dr. Webb filed an information in district court alleging that his wife is insane and Mrs. Webb will be brought before the commissioners of insanity Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Following this, affidavits were filed from Dr. George H. Brash and W. J. Harris, in which they give it as their opinion that Mrs. Webb is of sound mind. The family has lived in this city over thirty years. The case is exciting deep interest and much comment. In the petition for alimony Dr. Webb's estate is scheduled at over \$40,000.

Jury in Second Trial Dismissed.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury in the Drews case was called in at 12 o'clock and asked if it had reached an agreement. Reply being made that there was no probability of their ever reaching a verdict, the jury was dismissed and the case immediately set for a third trial, January 21. Jurors Dill and Robb held out for acquittal. In the two cases twenty of the twenty-four men have been for conviction.

Menonites May Locate There.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Hastings business men are entertaining a proposition just at present which may result in the location of a Menonite college, hospital, publishing house and other home in the city. Mr. J. P. Harris and a committee of Medford, Okla., were in Hastings this week looking for a suitable location for the headquarters of the Menonites and finally decided upon the old

Charged with Brutal Crimes.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—George Gross of Ansley, a married man with several stepchildren, was arrested and brought to this city yesterday evening and lodged in jail, charged with criminal assault upon his 16-year-old stepdaughter, Pearl Morris. It is doubtful whether he can get bail. Some three months ago it is reported, he pounded his wife unmercifully and at the same time whipped the stepdaughter, who interfered in her behalf.

Adjudged Insane.

ST. EDWARD, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Irvin Rhines, who has been acting

Catholic convent building and grounds, north of this city.

They gave the place a thorough inspection and are most favorably impressed with the building and location, and when they departed for their respective homes they left a report acknowledging their good impressions, but calling attention to the building's need of repairs and inquiring the price and the bonus Hastings would be willing to give. The Commercial club will take the matter up at once.

Mayor's Proposed Reforms.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The mayor and city officials completed their work last evening and have an act for the incorporation of cities of the second class ready to be presented to the legislature. Aside from the changes as given in yesterday's Bee, the proposed law makes it the duty of the mayor and city council instead of the district judges to appoint the park commission. The council has authority to establish street sprinkling districts to let the contractor for sprinkling to the lowest bidder and assess the cost of sprinkling upon the abutting property owners. The sections in regard to eminent domain, personal injuries, claims against the city, streets and sidewalks and libraries were principally taken from the Omaha charter. Notice of an injury from defective streets or sidewalks is required to be given within twenty days after the injury occurs and the injured person may be required to submit to a personal examination by the city physicians. The council is also required to each adopt a city seal with design and emblem and date of incorporation engraved thereon. The present law contains no provision in regard to a seal. The polltax may be paid in work or cash, at the option of the city. Provision is made for the laying of temporary sidewalks without regard to the established grade, for the fixing of the pay of the police judge, which may be either fees or a salary, and giving the street rights to have the city clerk make out the tax roll for the city instead of the county clerk. The meeting was a very harmonious one and the proposed law met with the unanimous approval of all present.

Lodge Elections.

BLAIR, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Modern Woodmen camp at the regular meeting Wednesday evening elected the following officers for the coming year: Robert Snook, V. C.; Charles Hoff, W. A.; E. J. Farr, clerk; M. Davies, banker. The members gave almost their entire vote in favor of the motion to establish a reserve fund by the order at large. The camp has work almost every night and a prosperous outlook for the coming year.

MEAD, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mead camp, No. 2011, Modern Woodmen of America, elected the following officers for 1901: W. J. Lehr, consul; W. F. Crinklaw, adviser; T. Osterberg, banker; G. H. Gilchrist, clerk; Herb McElfresh, escort; W. A. Young, watchman; Nels Hansen, sentry; George Hoagland, manager; delegates, Martin Hayes, H. McElfresh, J. H. Smith and C. V. Beaman; alternates, George Byrne, S. P. Crabbe and W. J. Lehr.

Hooper to Have New Waterworks.

HOOVER, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The town having had considerable difficulty of late with its water system, John Hough and Fred F. Helms have been appointed a committee to estimate the cost of moving the present plant, the sinking of a six-inch well and the securing of apparatus for pumping. They are to report at a meeting to be held next Tuesday evening and it is thought that a special election will be called to vote bonds to pay the expense of the work. The water supply is now being furnished by the mill.

Returns to Nebraska.

THAYER, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mr. J. W. Bennett, ex-county treasurer of this (York) county, sold his farm near here last spring for \$40 per acre and since then has traveled 8,000 miles seeking a location that would be better than York county and Nebraska. A friend here has just received a letter from Mr. Bennett stating that after traveling 8,000 miles he finds no place equal to Nebraska and that he is going to return and make Nebraska his home for all time.

Horse thief at Waco.

WACO, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Some bold horse thief stole a horse, buggy and harness tied to a hitching post at J. Hutchinson's livery near here last Sunday evening and no trace of the rig or thief since then has been found. York county officials have offered a reward of \$25 for the arrest and conviction of the thief.

Mr. E. C. Webster, for twenty years a resident general agent for Nebraska and Iowa of the Northwestern Life and Saving Co. of Des Moines. He has opened offices in rooms 509 and 510 Paxton block and is selecting local agents in his territory. Mr. Webster is largely acquainted in and about Omaha and extends an invitation to his friends to call.

Doctors Prescribe It.

This statement might seem a little broad, but it is a fact, that many physicians are prescribing Cramer's Kidney Cure today in their practice, and why do they do it; because the Cramer Chemical Company never has refused to send the formula to any physician who will write them. Those prescribing it know it, and experience has taught them that no better remedy is today in use, and they admit this by using it in all cases where the Kidney and Liver is affected. For any of these symptoms Cramer's Kidney Cure will not only bring temporary relief, but will affect a permanent cure. Poor appetite, failure of eyesight, nervousness, frequent desire to urinate during the night, constipation, chronic rheumatic pains, chills. One way of telling if you have kidney trouble is to let your urine stand for twenty-four hours. If it has a brick dust sediment or if it is cloudy, your kidneys are affected. Attend to them at once. Don't delay, it is likely to lead to Bright's disease.

The accompanying picture is of Mr. J. C. Green, a man who, perhaps, is as well known as any man in Omaha, having resided here for the past 21 years. He is an old soldier who enlisted in 1861 and after the war was the manager of a large agricultural implement house in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He is now the proprietor of the Frank Hotel Gordon at 322 North Sixteenth street. This is what he has to say of the wonderful curative powers of Cramer's Kidney Cure:



Not a Single Pain Since.

OMAHA, July 16, 1900. CRAMER CHEMICAL CO. Gentlemen: I have been afflicted for the past two years with kidney trouble and tried every remedy that could be found with no permanent relief. My case was getting serious, I could not get to sleep, was restless and nervous. My strength was leaving me and I had no desire to work. I felt that all the time—in fact was so discouraged to think there was no relief for me whatever I did and I had no faith in medicine; seeing so many good testimonials from Omaha people about Cramer's Kidney Cure, I called on one and asked what he thought. He told me that I should try it. I bought a bottle, and after taking about one-half of it I began to feel better and stronger—and after taking four bottles I am today a well man and I cannot say too strong words for this wonderful medicine, and should for ever again be a sufferer of kidney trouble. I wouldn't be without it if I had to pay \$50 a bottle for it. J. C. GREEN.

Not a Simple Pain Since.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 9, 1900. CRAMER CHEMICAL CO. I shall be only too glad to have you use my name if it will bring a single sufferer under your treatment, as I am sure he will be a thankful and happy man. I was afflicted with a bad attack of kidney trouble for a number of years. I should say from 1896 to 1900. I was told by an old friend that Cramer's Kidney Cure cured him—upon his earnest solicitation I bought a bottle, took about three bottles and I never had an attack since. I take great pleasure in recommending Cramer's Kidney Cure to all persons suffering with that dreadful trouble—kidney disease. ED MEADIMBER.

If you cannot get Cramer's Kidney Cure from your druggist, send \$1.00 to the Western Agent Cramer's Chemical Company, Omaha—who will send you a bottle by express, prepaid. Insist on having Cramer's Kidney Cure. Take no substitute—Send for free sample to

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strangely and making impossible charges against her most respectable neighbors has been taken before the state board, adjudged insane and will be sent at once to the asylum at Norfolk.

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It's You Everybody looks at you and they want you should leave. There's nothing more annoying in a public gathering. Then for the sake of others, to say nothing of yourself, get a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and cure your cough at once. You won't be annoying everybody then.

Three sizes: 25c, enough for an ordinary cold; 50c, just right for asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness, whooping cough, hard colds; 75c, most economical for chronic cases.