

### MARKET OWNERS HELD FOR PROBE OF RECENT FIRE

New Proprietors of Empress Market Undergo Inquisition at Hands of Fire Commissioners.

Simon Epstein, Wolf Jonisch and J. Cohn, owners of the Empress market, in the Bushman block, which was damaged by fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, shortly after midnight, were taken into the office of Sheriff Clark, under escort of Deputy Fire Warden Troutman and Barney McArdle, deputy state fire commissioner.

There they were subjected to an inquisition which lasted for several hours.

State Fire Marshal Morris and Chief Salter of the fire department occupied a number of hours in the store after the fire investigating conditions.

They found that 44 gallons of a mixture of turpentine and lard had been distributed throughout the store and this mixture, exposed in six open buckets, had generated gas. The floor was also saturated with the mixture and oil-soaked rags were found hanging from the buckets.

Started in Basement. According to their investigation the fire officials found the fire had started in the basement near an open register, around which a quantity of paper had been strewn.

On Saturday, it is alleged, the proprietors had employed a negro named James Peoples, twenty-six and Patrick Avenue, and four assistants to paint the interior of the store. During the busiest hours these men put in their time painting a display stand, extending in front of the west frontage of the store and around the north side on the alley. They had covered two-thirds of this stand or bench, which was about five feet wide, with a thin coat of green paint.

The woodwork on the two sides of the narrow show windows had also been painted in white. "The five men accomplished the work which one man could have done in two hours," said Warden Morris.

The proprietors claimed that the men had worked until 11 o'clock Sun-

day morning on the job, besides the time that had been put in Saturday.

**Curtains Are Drawn.** Heavy curtains had been placed over the show windows to obscure the view from the street Sunday morning, while the work was in progress. Simon Epstein said that he had been in the store as late as 8:15 Sunday night and had found everything all right. He gave as his reason for being at the store at the time that he had promised Hugo Bilz some hard-shell crabs, had forgotten them and had gone to the store after having been reminded by Bilz, to make his word good.

Peoples, the colored painter, having charge of the job, was subjected to a police examination lasting for two hours at the central station.

One of the most important items brought out in the investigation was the statement of police of A. Savad, 1445 North Nineteenth street, who claimed that he was passing by the store about an hour before the alarm had been turned in and that he saw men inside moving a heavy object around the windows. Firemen say that this was about the time that the fire started.

**Lives in Jeopardy.** Had the alarm been turned in five minutes later the building would have been doomed and human lives put in jeopardy, is the statement of the firemen. The heat generated would have expanded the gas in the room and there would have been an explosion which would have menaced the lives of firemen and spectators for half a block around.

Deputy Fire Warden Morris took samples of the mixture of turpentine and gasoline to the city chemist to have it analyzed.

The market was purchased June 6 from Rosoff Bros. by Simon Epstein, Wolf Jonisch and J. Cohn. They claim \$350 was paid for each section of the store and \$5,000 for the fixtures. They carried \$10,000 insurance on stock and fixtures, and the damage done by the fire is estimated at \$12,000.

**Boost Wheat Price to Care For Freight Rate Increase**

Food Administrator Wattles of Nebraska is advised by Herbert Hoover that the recent advance of 25 per cent in freight rates will not cut into the profits farmers make on wheat. Freight traffic experts will hold a meeting June 25, when they will work out a scheme by which the selling price of wheat will be increased at terminal points sufficient to absorb the increase per bushel in freight rates.

### IOWA DETECTIVE AND WOMAN ARE HELD BY POLICE

J. N. Wilkerson and Mrs. J. W. Noel Are Held in Connection With Alleged Visit to Ottumwa.

J. N. Wilkerson, private detective, who gained considerable prominence through his connection with the Red Oak trial of Rev. Lyn G. J. Kelly during the Villisca ax murder case, has been arrested at Ottumwa, Ia., with Mrs. J. W. Noel, widow of a Villisca photographer.

It is charged that the detective registered as L. R. Johnson of Centerville and that he registered his companion as Mrs. N. Norton and baby of Albia, Ia.

Wilkerson, admitting the false registrations, obtained bail for himself and Mrs. Noel. He asserted that he and the woman were on business in connection with insurance claims in connection with the death of J. W. Noel at Albia.

Wilkerson and Mrs. Noel will be tried in justice court at Ottumwa next Wednesday.

Noel, Villisca photographer, who was found dead last fall in the railroad yards at Albia, was one of the principal Wilkerson-Kelly supporters at Red Oak. His death was surrounded by mystery, but the indications were that he shot himself.

The detective who is in trouble at Ottumwa was nominated a few weeks ago for county attorney of Montgomery county, of which Red Oak is the county seat. His name was written on the ballots.

**BLAKE SCHOOL FOR BOYS**  
LAKEWOOD, N. J.  
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## Tuesday Thrift Sales

### Affording Excellent Economies

"Thrift" has a double meaning these days—it means no curtailment in buying things you need—but rather getting just what you want at prices that are well below those you could rightly expect to pay. If it were not for the fact that this is a big establishment, and makes its purchases on a scale commensurate with its greatness, we could not offer, IN THESE TIMES, merchandise at the prices quoted here—and a fair warning is this—even this store cannot expect to make announcements like these very long.

## Special Sale "Viko" Aluminum Ware

### Very Excellent Weight---At Lowest Prices

ALUMINUM is so much more satisfactory than any other ware for kitchen and cooking purposes, that when it may be obtained for little, if any more than you would pay for other kinds of ware, no housewife will let an opportunity to profit by this pass by.

"Viko" Ware is made by one of the oldest and largest Aluminum Ware factories in America—FIRST QUALITY in every respect and of good, substantial weight.

2-quart Rice Boilers .....	Values to
6-quart Berlin Kettles .....	\$2.25,
8-quart Preserving Kettles .....	Choice at
10-quart Skillet (wood handles) .....	\$1.49
2-quart Coffee Pots .....	
1 1/2-quart Tea Pots .....	
1 1/4-quart Tea Pots, with ball .....	
6-quart Kettles with cover .....	
5-quart Tea Kettles .....	
4-quart Sauce Pans with cover .....	Values to
4 3/4-quart Mixing Bowls .....	\$1.98,
11-inch Colanders .....	Choice at
1 1/2-quart Rice Boilers .....	\$1.19
12-cup Muffin Pans .....	
3-quart Lipped Sauce Pans .....	Values to
3-quart Stew Pans .....	98c,
3-quart Mixing Bowls .....	Choice at
2-quart Sauce Pan with cover .....	\$1.19
9-inch Fluted Cake Moulds .....	
9-cup Muffin Pans .....	59c

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## Soaps and Washing Powders at Remarkably Low Prices

10 Bars Diamond C Soap for 38c	3 Packages Britt's Powdered Ammonia for .....	Old Dutch Cleanser, two cans, for .....	Bon Ami, bar or powder, 2 for 16c
10 Bars Pearl White Soap for 42c	6 bars "Goblin" Soap, superior for toilet and bath for .....	Sunbrite Cleanser, 3 cans for 10c	Large Package Golden Rod Borax Naphtha Washing Powder, for 19c
10 Bars White Borax Naphtha Soap for .....	Steri Foam, cleans toilet bowls, a cleaning brush with each can, the two for .....	1-lb. Package Powdered Borax, for .....	Small Package Golden Rod Borax Naphtha Washing Powder, 3 for .....
10 Bars Fels Naphtha Soap for 57c	Excel Soap, (it floats, a fine white soap for toilet and bath), 7 bars for .....	2 1/2-lb. Package Powdered Borax, for .....	No phone or mail orders accepted. Basement—Brandeis Stores
6 Bars Ivory Soap for .....		5-lb. Package Powdered Borax, for .....	

**Frame That Soldier Boy's Picture**

Here are Standard Frames in beautiful designs, complete with glass and backs, at the very low price of .98c. This is a Third Floor "Thrift" offering.

**Domestics**

Mill Remnants Dress and Wrapper Percale, light and dark colors, in serviceable lengths, a yard .....

Mill Remnants 36-Inch White Voile, very sheer and clingy with tape edge, very desirable for waists and dresses, very special for Tuesday a yard .....

36-Inch Fancy Printed Dress Poplin in a splendid assortment of new printings and color combinations, very desirable for wash/suits and skirts, worth regularly 35c, at .....

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**Lawn Porch Dresses, \$1.29**

Also for House and Street Wear

Fancy Figured and Striped Lawn, several styles. In today's market they are worth \$1.50 to \$2.00. Complete range of sizes, 36 to 44.

**Middy Blouses at 49c**

For Misses and Girls. Several styles and some are fancy trimmed. One-style Coat effect with belt. They are worth 75c to \$1.00.

**Children's White Dresses, 50c**

Sizes 2 to 6 years, and trimmed with fancy laces and embroidery. This price does not pay for the material, let alone the making. Several styles and mighty good dresses.

**Lingerie Blouses at \$1.00**

A lot in white and colors, volles and organdies, many different styles and all sizes in the lot. As good a blouse as you ever bought at \$1.00. Hundreds of them on sale for this Thrift Sale

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**Draperies**

One Big Counter of Odd Curtains, many can be matched in pairs, some worth up to \$3.98 a pair, special each .....

750 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, 2 1/2 and 3 yards long, in white, cream and Beige, worth \$2.00, special, at .....

Curtain Remnants, odds and ends accumulated during the season's business, all on one table at half price.

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**Toilet Needs And Bathing Caps**

Mme Isabell's Face Powder, 50c size, at .....

Palmolive Soap, regularly 2 for 25c, a cake .....

Milk of Magnesia, 8 oz. bottle, special .....

Bathing Caps, assorted Styles and colors, at 29c

Main Floor, Rear—Brandeis Stores

**Basement Shoe Items**

Low prices on Footwear is almost a thing of the past, and if it were not for the fact that fortunate purchases gave the opportunity to obtain these at a concession, we could not quote these prices now.

**TENNIS SLIPPERS**—500 pairs, for men, women, misses and youths—lace styles, with rubber soles.

Men's Tennis Slippers .....

Misses' and Youths' Tennis Slippers .....

Women's and Boys' Tennis Slippers .....

**Barefoot Sandals at 89c**

These are seconds of the \$1.25 quality and sizes range from 8 1/2 to 2—if your size is in this lot buy them.

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**Notions**

Men's and Boys' Collar Bands, each .....

Fast-Colored Darning Cotton, 2 for .....

200-Yard Basting Thread, 8 spools for .....

Elastic Sanitary Belts, each .....

Shell Hair Pins, good quality, each .....

Skirt and Suit Hangers, each .....

Best Dressing Combs .....

Baby Sock Garters, fancy, 2 pairs .....

12-yd. bolts Rick Rack, all sizes, for .....

Rust-Proof Hooks and Eyes, black and white, card .....

Boys' Pants Bands, all ages, each .....

Girls' Ribbon and Bow Holders, each .....

Ocean Pearl Buttons, card .....

Knitting Needles, pair, 10c

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**One-Minute Store Talk**

Greater Nebraska methods in planning a complete stock is so broad in its scope, so thorough in detail that men who know say it is a real revelation.

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WAKE UP, AMERICA—Wake up everyone and go to see the moving picture at the Auditorium Wednesday and Thursday nights—FREE TICKETS IN THIS STORE.