

# 1 OFF 3 CLOAK SALE

As we have more Cloaks than we want to carry over, we are going to offer them at 1/3 off, which makes

- A \$5.00 coat at \$3.35
  - A \$10.00 coat at \$6.70
  - A \$15.00 coat at \$10.00
- Do not miss this Sale

**BOYS' SUITS.** We have a big line and our price is right. See us first,

A New Line of Ladies' Skirts. Price \$5.00 to \$11.50, they are good ones.



Suit Cases-- We have a big line. Price \$2.00 to \$20.00.

## LOUP CITY MER. CO

### LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Will Taylor returned Monday night from a two weeks' trip up into Platte and Knuckles county.

Plumes cleaned and re-cured. At Loup City Tailor Shop.

Will sell High Grade Esty Piano, Cheap. Payments or cash. H. M. Elsner.

Miss Marie Cooper is home from Kearney over the holiday, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Helen Clark of Fairmont.

All kinds of repair work done at L. B. Hale's hardware store.

Be sure and come in and get a Free Loup City Tailor Shop.

Glen Able and sister of Ord are here spending the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Lou Schwamer and family.

The Misses Julia Siefert and Hilda Von Krosigh of Boelus visited the N. A. Steen family over Monday.

Miss Frances Sweetland went to Oswego, Ills., last week to visit Rev. Ray Kearns and wife during the holidays.

If you want good, prompt draying, call on John McDonall, successor to L. C. McDonall. Phone Red 104

Miss Carrie Cole of the First Trust Co. returned Monday from North Platte, where she had spent a few days of the holiday season.

Wanted--For the Eastern war zone, the best and most marketable horses, sufficient in size and quality for any of the duties required there. See Myrl Warrick.

Public sale at my farm a mile north of Loup City, Nebraska, on Tuesday, Jan. 5th, 1915 at 1 p. m. Three head of horses, 7 head of cattle, 38 head of hogs, farm machinery etc. 8 months time at 10 per cent. Mrs. A. H. Hansel, owner; W. F. Mason, clerk; Col. J. G. Pageler, auctioneer.

I will compete with any catalogue or mail order house. Bring in your catalogue and be convinced I handle nothing but what is stamped by the makers name absolutely the best. Henry M. Elsner, The Reliable Jeweler.

Joe Stecher, the Dodge demon, and George Turner, the South Dakota mat artist, who have previously met three times without definite results, are matched for a wrestle at Hooper tomorrow, New Year's Day. Turner weighs 220 pounds and Stecher 202. It will be some wrestle.

We have good values in all lines. Ladies mesh bags, newest designs \$3.00. Ladies Open Face Elgin 20 year Gold Case \$10.00. Henry M. Elsner, Reliable Jeweler.

Yesterday C. J. Tracy brought to this office samples of oranges and grape fruit from the orchard of his brother-in-law, O. E. Briggs, at Zephyrhills, Florida, which Chet helped to set out two years ago years ago when he and wife visited there. They look fine and are most delicious to the palate.

**The Ravenna creamery has raised the price of cream to 32 1-2 cents, starting Saturday, Dec. 31.**

Some prices of interest at the Travis 5, 10 and 25 cent store.  
Fancy tango cords and pins 10 & 15  
Fancy burntwood boxes 10 & 15  
Fancy cups & saucers 10, 15, 25 & 35  
Fancy salad bowls 15, 25 & 35  
Fancy work baskets 10, 15 & 25  
Good Fresh candy 10, 15 & 20c  
2500 Thanksgiving postcards 1c each.

All accounts owing to Blaska & Woznick have been left at the State Bank for collection. Those owing on same will confer a favor by early settlement.

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Recovering Rapidly. When the doctor came down from seeing her husband he told her that her good man would shortly be on the road to convalescence. "What's that?" she asked. "I mean he will be getting better," said the doctor. "You will know because he will get irritable--extremely so." When he called the next day the doctor found the devoted woman as happy as a sandboy, smiling and singing to herself. "Oh, how are we today?" he asked. "Oh, he's getting better all right," she answered. "He came down to the kitchen this morning and threw a coffee pot at the cook, and shot our old house dog because it wouldn't say 'Please!' So I cooked him a dish of tripe and onions and he has gone back to work. It's wonderful how you doctors know things!"

For Sale--My residence, known as the Enevoldsen building, in northwest part of Loup City. Can give possession at once. L. W. Schlote.

For Sale--Two dozen pure bred Barred Plymouth Rock pullets and six Cockerels. R. L. Arthur.

### What the Railroads Do With Their Income

(Continued from Fourth Page)

Burning the Candle at Both Ends. As a matter of fact, if every railroad in the country had charged off a proper percentage for depreciation, instead of having had a surplus of \$153,000,000 left in 1913, they would have had an actual deficit running into the millions. Some of the larger systems have a fixed yearly depreciation charge--but scores of the weaker lines, in their frantic endeavor to pay the interest on their debts and maintain the standing of their securities, use every dollar of their income to this end, and hence one of the most alarming phrases of the present railroad situation is that this process of "burning the candle at both ends" means a deterioration of rolling stock and roadbeds which will render the continuance of adequate and safe service for the public impossible in the very near future. In a recent article, James J. Hill, the great "Empire Builder of the North," points out that American railroads should spend at least \$500,000,000 annually in improvements and betterment--and it is therefore no exaggeration to say that rapidly deteriorating equipment is one of the ghosts which haunts hundreds of railroad managers throughout the country at the present hour.

As was stated in last week's article, the operating income of the railroads for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, was \$120,000,000 less than for 1913, while expenses and taxes were \$76,000,000 greater. It can therefore be seen at a glance that unless the railroads are given some increase in rates in the very near future the time when many of them will go upon the rocks of financial ruin is not far off--and yet the slight increase necessary to save them is so small that the average citizen would not be conscious of it after it had gone into effect.

A Barometer of Prosperity. It is an old saying that when the railroads are prosperous everybody is prosperous, and the manner in which their income is disbursed, as above explained, tells the reason why. In short, for years they have been regarded as the great business barometer of the nation. No other industry in the country employs so many men as do the railroads, and, furthermore, it is a high grade of labor employed upon as lucrative a basis as obtains in any other large industry. When times are good nearly two million people, first and last, are employed by the railroads, and when this vast army is working full time and is contented the millions they pay out for merchandise and for the living necessities produced on the farm cannot help but have a tremendous effect upon the commerce and agriculture of the country.

But this is only half the story. Aside from the nearly two million operatives directly employed by the railroads in normal times, the hundreds of thousands of men who work in the great steel mills, the coal mines, the lumber industry and in the big car and locomotive shops are equally vitally affected, for when the railroads are making extensive improvements and buying heavily of these supplies it means that these great industries are running full shift, while when the railroads are subsisting only upon absolute necessities it means that many of them are only working half shift while scores are shut down altogether.

That the farmer has a very vital and personal interest in this situation should be apparent at a glance. When the millions of laboring men in the United States are profitably employed and when all our great industrial enterprises are running full shift it means that he will have a larger demand and receive a higher price for the things he produces on his farm--for his corn, wheat, pork, beef, mutton, cotton, wool and other farm products. In other words, so closely allied is the transportation problem to all the other great industries of the nation that the general welfare of the railroads has become a fundamental concern of every other interest.

(Paid Adv. To be continued next next week.)

#### Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors who so kindly aided us during the illness and at the time of death of our beloved wife, daughter and sister.

George H. Zahn,  
R. D. Adams and Family,  
Mr. and Mrs. Russel Adams,  
Adam Zahn and Family,  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zahn,  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burk.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends who by their aid and sympathy in the loss of husband and father meant so much to us in our hours of sorrow.

Mrs. R. M. Jackson,  
Eva Jackson,  
George Jackson,  
Bob Jackson,  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Waggoner,  
Guy Fowler,  
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Fowler,  
Mr. and Mrs. M. Silvia.

### Deer-Creek Items

The pupils of Deer Creek school presented their teacher with a lot of Christmas presents.

Anton and Sophia Wiess and Mary Rasmussen visited the Deer Creek school last Thursday.

Miss Agnes Mogeson was a passenger to Grand Island Monday to have an operation on her eyes.

Aug-Mascka lost some 15 hogs from cholera.

Harry Maciejewski and wife and Ignas Haremza and family visited F. J. Maciejewski Sunday last.

Ignas Haremza and wife were guests of Walter Kochnowski at Ashton last Friday.

Mrs. Frank Bydalek was called to the bedside of her mother last Saturday, who was very low.

Marry Maciejewski and wife were guests at the home of Aug. Zochol, Sr., last Friday.

Clemens Maciejewski was a passenger to Loup City last Monday to attend the Miller-Rief wrestling match and to visit with relatives.

MAKE  
A GOOD RESOLUTION  
and trade with  
R. L. ARTHUR  
During 1915

## OPERA HOUSE

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY  
January 4th, 5th and 6th.

THE JACK SIMMONS STOCK CO

PRESENTING

EDNA FOY

SUPPORTED BY

Clever Company of Clever Artists  
8 PEOPLE 8

MONDAY NIGHT JANUARY 4th

### "A Woman's Vengeance"

Sensational Comedy Drama in Five Acts.  
FOUR Vaudeville Specialties FOUR

One Lady Admitted Free With 50c Ticket Sold Monday Night.

Reserved Seats now on Sale at Swanson & Lofholm's Special Bargain in Season Tickets, Usual Price \$1.25 now \$1.00. Satisfaction or Money back Beautiful Special Scenery. Tickets 25-35 50 cents

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF VALUE

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Our business for Fall, Early Winter, and the Holidays has been very good. This Sale will be a Profit Sharing Sale to you

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NEXT FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1915  
BEGINS OUR

## JANUARY CLEARING SALE

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We still have a good stock of Ladies' Gent's and Children's Underwear, Dress Goods, Dress Trimmings and a complete stock of new Groceries. Everything fresh and quality good. There will be Bargains in this Sale that you cannot afford to miss.

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Remember our store is a Pony Store Store and you get a pony vote for every cent you buy or pay on account. Help your favorite to get the Pony, Cart and Harness by trading at our store.

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THIS SALE CLOSSES FEBRUARY 1ST 1915

## C. C. Cooper

### Along Rural Route One

Clarence Wilson was hauling corn to town Monday.

They are having a weeks vacation in the Appel district.

W. E. Miller held a big shoot at his place Wednesday.

'Ernest Kroenes' brother arrived last Monday from Sweden.

L. A. Betzer expects to leave for Lincoln in a short time.

Miss Alice Meston spending the holidays in St. Paul.

Mrs. Clarence Wilson's father from St. Paul, is here visiting.

John and Martin Nelson are putting up a new frame building.

Mr. Bell and W. Engle and families spent Christmas day at the J. Bone home.

Miss Zoe Leeper has been visiting at the Douglas home lately.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Curry spent Christmas at the R. W. Curry home in Litchfield.

O. A. Clark, Chas. Hatch and Fred Zwick hauled corn for Ezra Newcomer this week.

Eric Olson, who is attending college in Omaha is spending the holidays at home.

Andrew Franzen and C. S. Morrison have opened up some bad places in the road.

The Misses Pearl Gamer and Blanche Towles are spending the holidays at the Pinckney home.

Miss Thresa Weller spent part of the Christmas holidays at the Parsley home.

Buy your stamps and supplies of the carrier. Do not leave loose change in the mail box.

J. H. Bone and family and also their grandchildren spent Christmas evening at the A. L. Zimmerman home.

The Misses Hal and Esther Olson and John Olson returned Saturday morning to Omaha where they have employment.

Please put your name on your box as soon as convenient, then if a new carrier goes you get your mail, otherwise you may not.

The carrier wishes to thank one and all who remembered him on Christmas and during the past

month for the many good things he received.

Beginning January 2nd and lasting one month rural carriers have to count and weigh all mail handled by them and would appreciate it very much if the patrons would mail all the mail on the route so I may have the count.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to return thanks to all the new and old subscribers to the Northwestern for the help they so cheerfully gave us in winning the Maxwell auto. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Wishing you a prosperous year, we are yours gratefully.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cooper.

#### FOR SALE OR RENT

For Sale--Over 400 Plymouth Rock Chickens. Mrs. D. Domgard.

Two thoroughbred Duroc Jersey boars for sale. S. Iossi; Route 2.

For Sale--Six-horse power gasoline engine. Chris Domgard.

Used Typewriters, all makes, at all prices. O. E. James, Y. M. C. A., Grand Island, Nebr. nov 10

For Sale Right--Lumber mill, fully equipped and in good running order. Inquire of A. M. Lewis.

For Sale--Three Stallions choice \$500.00. Kenneth Kay.

For Cash Rent--My ten-acre tract just west of this city. Inquire of L. W. Schlote.

For Rent--My residence, known as the Enevoldsen building, in northwest part of Loup City. Can give possession at once. L. W. Schlote.

For Sale--1 team of horses, 5 years old wt. 1000; 1 set light work harness; 1 low truck farm wagon; 1 good top buggy; 1 Jennie Lind walking cultivator; 1, 14 inch stirring plow; Deering mower; 5 female thoroughbred Duroc Jersey pigs, wt 150 each. Alfred Andersen.

For Sale or Trade--My residence and three lots, known as the old Judge Hunter property, in first block north of court house square. Price and terms made known upon inquiry. J. W. Burleigh.

For Sale--Two dozen pure bred Barred Plymouth Rock pullets and six Cockerels. R. L. Arthur.