



Special Cloak Sale

Commencing Wednesday, December 23, we will give a discount of 20 per cent on Cloaks.

Ladies 42-inch Coat, loose back, Skinner satin lining, military capes, silk strapped, a very handsome garment. Regular \$25; Special, \$20.00.

Ladies' 42-inch Jacket, made of American Woolen Mill Kerseys, in blacks and castor, military cape, loose back, inlaid with velvet, pleated, heavy satin lining, imitation collar. Regular \$18; Special, \$13.50.

Ladies' 42-inch Jacket, wool kersey, satine lining, imitation collar, tan only. Regular \$6.00; Special, \$4.80.

Ladies' 42-inch Jacket, satine lined, black, French Montenac. Price on \$5.00 regular, special \$4.00. Price on \$5.50 regular, special \$4.40.

Ladies' black Zibilene, loose back, military cape, satin piping, satin lining; regular \$12; Special, \$9.60.

Misses' loose back, fancy colored Zibilene, Kersey imitation collar and straps. Regular \$6; Special, \$4.80.

Misses' long Cloak, green Zibilene, fancy stitching, imitation collar with stoles, military cape, regular \$7.50; Special, \$5.50.

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DUTCH FLAT.

On Christmas night about sixty people assembled at the home of F. D. Hutchison to celebrate the occasion by a Christmas tree and music, after which all partook of a supper such as one reads of in fairy lore. Among those present from abroad were Mr. Sutherland and family from Bostwick and Louis Aubushon and family from Womer.

Neighbors and friends to the number of seventy assembled at the home of Grant Christy on Saturday night and helped him celebrate his wooden wedding anniversary, and presented Mr. and Mrs. Christy with a fine extension table, a spice cabinet, a rolling pin, a butter outfit, an easel and an enlarged picture of their boy. A sumptuous supper was served and the guests departed for their homes at a late hour.

Mr. Houghtaling is at present in very poor health, owing to old army wounds and the hardships of army life.

W. W. Hicks and bride and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beardlee spent Sunday afternoon with Ben Gibson and family.

Archie Shannon spent Sunday and Monday in Jewell county.

W. G. Shannon took a flying trip to Smith Center on Tuesday. He reports most of the corn gathered along the way and the surplus piled around ready for the shellers.

Wm. Orebard is busy shelling in this neighborhood for the second time. He shells and stacks the cobs in such a fine way that they cannot get along without him.

Charles B. Ardler, James York and Douglas Davis have shelled this week. Edna Houghtaling is shucking corn in Jewell county for Mr. Gillette.

GUIDE ROCK.

H. C. Manson came so near being caught by the fast train going west the other morning, while going over the west section on Mr. Lambert's little car that he just escaped by jumping, but the little car was badly wrecked.

Jas. Colvin came home for Christmas. He has been away nearly two years.

The new pastor of the Baptist church has arrived with his goods and will occupy the W. J. Harris property.

H. F. Cooper's brother Martin and his little girls, from Oberlin, Kans., are spending the holidays here.

J. Ferguson has rented the Drinkwater farm for the coming year.

D. Columbia has rented the W. H. Barcus farm.

F. Lane was over Sunday from Burr Oak, Kan.

O. J. Buchanan has accepted the office of village marshal.

H. F. Cooper's brother, W. Cooper, is here on a visit.

J. H. Bailey is down from Red Cloud today.

S. D. Wales, S. B. Hockett's son-in-law has rented the old M. E. parsonage. He recently came from Iowa.

STILLWATER.

Fine weather.

Will Hagan shelled corn Monday.

Will Isom, Jr. is husking corn for Fieve Shelton this week.

John Rose of Blue Hill was looking after land deals in these parts Monday.

The Shelding boys are husking corn for Bert Reeve this week.

Samuel Forquabar has moved to his place in Beaver Creek this week.

W. A. Howard is putting up a new windmill.

Will Crozier, John Buster and Dave Fishel were hauling wheat to Amboy Monday.

Ross Hubbard and child of St. Joe are visiting his parents and other relatives this week.

Gilbert Denney, who is attending school at Hastings, is spending the holidays at home.

Carrie and Jennie Higgins of Stella, Nebr., visited with their aunt, Mrs. I. E. Crozier Wednesday.

WILLOW CREEK.

MAN TOBA.

Happy New Year to all. Charley Dickerson and sister Maggie of Hungry creek visited with Fred and Nellie Bon last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters n gave a turkey roast for a few of their near neighbors Christmas day.

Mrs. B. Baker and Mrs. Jackson went to Valley county last Thursday to visit relatives.

A beautiful Christmas at Mt. Hope school house was highly enjoyed by both old and young.

Mrs. McPacters of Pawnee county is visiting her father, Mr. Brubaker.

Fred Bon is shucking corn for Mr. Norris.

Mrs. John Hogan and children of North county, Kansas, are visiting at the home of her father, Rev. Blackwell.

Clyce Jackson has returned to Webster county after a sojourn of two years in Missouri.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Blackwell have both built new houses this fall, which add greatly to the appearance of the neighborhood.

WALNUT CREEK.

Most of the the farmers are ready and anxious to have their corn shelled while this weather lasts.

A crowd gathered at No. 10, with the Christmas tree exercises. The young folks did well with their speaking and singing. Santa Claus made a good deal of fun.

Mr. E. Mer Sutton of Norman is visiting his uncle, Oliver Sutton.

Mr. Fred Gray, who has been visiting his cousin, Mrs. Arason, left for Hardy Monday morning.

Bessie and Minnie Whitley have been home for a few days.

Mrs. Siebert has been the guest of Mrs. Arason.

Wallace Jones will leave for Lincoln Sunday morning. He intends taking a course at the Agricultural college.

A number of friends and relatives spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton.

Miss Oia D. Witt and Mr. Henry Meyers of Nelson have been visiting with Mr. Tom Whitley and family.

GARFIELD.

Mrs. N. L. D. Smith was the guest of Mrs. Currie King this week.

Will Smith butchered a beef last week.

The Christmas tree at Ash Creek church Thursday night was a success. Santa Claus came through the chimney and scattered good cheer quite profusely. Everyone present had a good time.

G. andma Perry, formerly of this place, was buried in the Martam cemetery last Tuesday.

The little child of Will Fisher is quite sick.

Ed White is home on a visit and we are glad to see him.

Setting Bounds to America.

Whitelaw Reid of New York stands a chance to find himself among the prophets who are denied honors in their own country. Said Mr. Reid, at a dinner of the New England society: "I venture to predict that the time will come within the lives of many who now hear me when the man who shall propose the incorporation of a state into this government of any island of the sea—the Philippines, the Sandwich islands or Porto Rico or Cuba—will be hunted from public life, whether he may be animated by merely lingering reminiscences of the filibusters and the slavery propaganda, or whether he represent a sugar trust in Wall street or a sage brush trust in the United States Senate." Of course, neither the "slavery propaganda" nor the sugar or sage brush trusts will have any influence in any way on this issue of the possible creation of new states from America's insular possessions. Slavery is dead. The sugar trust will not care whether the sugar producing islands enter the

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Union as states or not. Territories are good enough for the trusts, for sooner or later they can get the free entry of their products into the United States, as in the case of Porto Rico now, which has not yet reached the full territorial stage. The talk about a "sage brush trust in the United States Senate" is a flourish which means nothing. There is no such trust.

The prophets who have hitherto attempted to assign bounds to the United States' expansion or sphere of influence have fared badly at history's hands. Said a very great and very wise American, in recounting some of the things which he had seen and in attempting to take a glance prospectively at some of the things which some other persons would like to have come pass: "The Union already embraces discordant elements enough without adding others. If my life is prolonged I shall do all I can to add to the strength and prosperity of the United States, but nothing to extend its limits or to add new dangers by acquisitions of foreign territory." The author of those words was John Sherman. The words were uttered in 1895. Now see what tricks events have played with that sentiment! The John Sherman who, as a senator of the United States in 1895, was opposed to all further "acquisitions of foreign territory," was the same John Sherman who, in 1897, aided in framing a treaty for the annexation of Hawaii, and annexation took place just afterward.

Mr. Reid may live to see history play pranks with his recent prediction. Some of his hearers will be certain to live to see this. No event of the political future is surer to come than is the admission of the Cuban republic as a state of the Union. The same is true of Porto Rico. Hawaii is farther away, and the bulk of its inhabitants belongs to an inferior race. There are still more formidable barriers against the admission of the Philippines to statehood, though nobody can tell just what transformations may take place there in the next century or two. When Josiah Quincy, about ninety years ago, was telling congress and the country that the Union would be dissolved if "the wild men on the Missouri" or the "mixed, though more respectable, race of Anglo-Hispano-Gallo-Americans who bask on the sands in the mouth of the Mississippi" were admitted to a share in the lawmaking powers of the United States, as it ought to have done. But what judgment has history passed on that deliverance? The "wild men on the Missouri" are getting up a celebration to which Quincy's state, the entire Union and all the rest of the world have been bidden, and which all will attend. The predictions which are setting up bounds to United States' absorption in the Mediterranean of the West, and to the political advancement of that region as part of the American commonwealth, will look as foolish as

Quincy's does when viewed in the retrospect.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Another Excursion to Florida via Burlington Route.

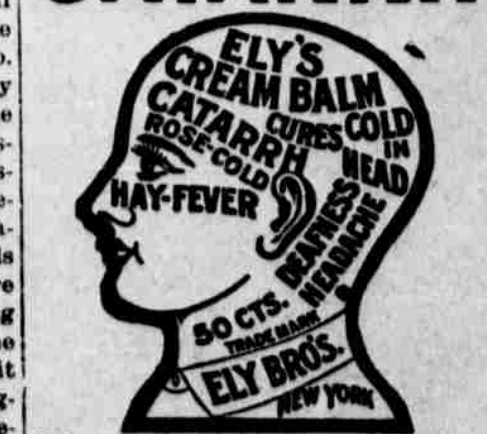
An excellent opportunity for a visit to the Sunny Southland is afforded by the personally conducted excursion leaving Lincoln at 2:10 p. m. and Omaha 5:25 p. m. January 15, 1904. Through standard and tourist sleeping cars will run to Jacksonville, Florida, via the Burlington Route to St. Louis, thence through Nashville, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga., over the route made forever historic by the dramatic incidents of the civil war. You travel in special cars, in fast trains; do not have to worry about sleeping car reservations, baggage or the hundred other little details that detract so much from the perfect enjoyment of a trip; the excursion's manager attends to all these matters. You escape the most unpleasant and expensive part of a winter where Spring is excellent, the orange and lemon trees in bearing, the bathing superb, and the climate as soft and balmy as a Nebraska day in May.

The itinerary provides for a twelve hour stopover at St. Louis for a visit to the World's Fair grounds, which are practically in shape for the opening, with the exception of the installation of exhibits, and a great many exhibits are in place. The party will return individually, and liberal stopover privileges are given on your tickets.

It is especially urged that you give us early advice if you desire to join this excursion, in order that proper reservation may be made for you. For further details ask the Burlington agent or write me, J. Francis, General Passenger Agent, Omaha.

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BLADEN.

Joe Baker and sister returned from Ho-drogo last Saturday.

Mrs. Carrie Adams and children are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Reed of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Best are visiting at the home of R. C. Best south of town.

Mrs. Will Johnson's father and mother, from Saline county, are visiting here this week.

John Oneal and sister Mamie of Benselman, Nebr., are visiting at the home of H. B. Boyd south of town.

Mrs. Riggins of Riverton is visiting her sisters, Mrs. J. C. Hartmann.

Mrs. Will Bennett is visiting in Red Cloud at the home of her brother, George Boyd.

Married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. C. A. Easterly, Miss Mary Soucheck to Mr. John Kropp, December 29.

Miss Ethel Clawson is visiting her parents.

James Egelton and daughter drove to Blue Hill last Wednesday.

Charles Spence and family spent Friday with his brother Ernest at this place.

Miss Martindale, who has been visiting Mrs. Geo. Solomon, returned

to her home in Red Cloud last Thursday.

John, Antonio and Christina Soucheck came up from Dewees to attend their sister's wedding.

E. H. Cox has returned home from Shelton, where he went to attend his father's funeral.

[Delayed Correspondence.]

J. E. Baker is having vacation of a week during holidays.

Mrs. Della McCallum returned home from Lincoln to spend Christmas with her parents.

Franz and Charles Fassler have gone to Ohio on a visit.

John Ray returned home from Peru to spend the holidays.

Mr. Dubbs has rented the Wilson Rice place for the coming year.

Mrs. Hartman's mother is visiting her at this place.

Mellie Williams is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clark, at Campbell.

Eli Cox and son Elmer are visiting friends up at Shelton this week.

Floyd Tooker left Wednesday for Genoa to visit his mother, Mrs. Clark. The entertainment given by the little folks Wednesday afternoon was very nice and the tree they had made it attractive for the little folks.