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If you don't believe it call and see.

Carload of Barb Wire Just Received.

Holiday Reductions.

Where do you buy your shoes? You have heard of the fame of the P. Cox and E. P. Reed & Co. Shoe. They are noted throughout the land and take the lead for style, perfect fit and excellence in quality. The demand for goods of these manufacturers is so great that dealers are obliged to order three months in advance. For the first time in two years our stock in these goods is complete in every size and as an inducement to close buyers make the following extra low offer for one month only:

Hand-sewed Turned Shoe, present price \$6.00; reduced to \$4.85. Hand-sewed shoe, Goodyear welt, present price \$5; reduced to \$3.90. First quality Curacao Kid, present price \$4.00; reduced to \$2.95. Curacao Kid, popular grade, present price \$3.50; reduced to \$2.73.

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The Tribune.

STEVENS & BARE, EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1887.

A few more good steady boards can be accommodated at Mrs. Burdett's boarding house opposite Harrington's grocery.

Work on several new houses was commenced last week, winter weather apparently not cooling the ardor of those who are determined to have a home of their own.

John Neary, as a weather prognosticator, is gaining quite a local reputation, his forecasts generally being correct. He has been dubbed "Old Prob" by common consent of the people.

The Union Pacific will issue round trip tickets between stations not over 200 miles apart at one and one-third rate. Tickets will be issued December 29d, good until January 3d.

Every person who buys two dollars worth of goods for cash at McEroy's receives a ticket entitling the holder to a chance in the drawing for a \$100 music box.

The Herald, published at Wallace in the south part of the county, is growing better, and is liberally patronized by business men. Tom Drummond, formerly of the Telegraph, is one of the editors and publishers.

Joe Morsch has recently added another chair to his barber shop on the corner of Spruce and Fifth, thus lessening the waiting time of his many patrons. We are glad to learn that his rapidly growing trade demanded this move.

Other engagements prevented a Tribune reporter from attending the social held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. Conklin, but from those present we learn the affair was a pleasant one, the gentlemen highly enjoyed the novelty of paying a quarter of a cent a pound for burton ladies. The receipts netted quite a little sum.

A gentleman of the boomer stamp is preparing a series of articles for THE TRIBUNE, describing the advantages North Platte possesses for different industries. The articles will appear shortly after the first of the year.

THE TRIBUNE owes an apology to the "bard of the Palace" for the way in which it mangled his poem last week, only about one-half of the stanzas appearing and as a result the verses printed were almost unrecognizable. The poem appears in full this week.

The weather prophets are getting demoralized, they can't agree as to the kind of weather we are entitled to, in consequence we are at the mercy of them and the largest storm, and the coldest and look pleasant when we can.

It is reported there are a number of deer on the islands opposite the Mang and Hershey ranches. Several nimrods are "lying in wait" for the next "tracking" snow. There will be three hunters for every deer.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold a social and bazaar at the opera house next Tuesday, Dec. 20th. Many articles both useful and ornamental will be placed on sale. We trust the attendance will be large.

A real estate agent calls our attention to the fact that section 3-12-34 is taxed \$118.68, while the tax on section 13-11-30 is taxed equally as good only \$4.20. The former section is also taxed \$16 for school purposes. Our informant thinks there should be a reform in the present mode of assessment, and no doubt he is correct.

McEroy's store this week presents a view of royal beauty, the immense display of diamonds sending forth a lustre more brilliant than the rays of a summer sun. During the evening when the electric lights are burning the glare of these precious stones is so great as to seriously affect the eyes, making it almost necessary to wear blue glasses.

J. Q. Thacker is on hand this year with his usual large stock of goods for the holiday trade and he invites everybody to call and examine his stock. The imported glass and china novelties, the hand-painted plates, salads sauce dishes, cups and saucers, water sets and tumblers, are all new goods of the latest patterns.

It was announced in these columns last week that Bishop Worthington would hold services in the Episcopal church to-morrow, but since then word has been received that the reverend gentleman cannot come. This is to be very much regretted, as the Bishop has a warm place in the hearts of our people.

Conway & Keith, who are ever on the improve, have added a gallery on the south side of their store on which they display their most handsome pieces of furniture. This gives them an additional space of about 8x50 feet. Their total floorage now is about 100x200 feet and the entire space is well filled. The store is the largest in Nebraska and North Platte may well feel proud of it.

We can imagine why one should steal a bucket of coal or a bucket of the two orphans—Thomas and Jeremiah—this kind of weather, but we can't see the philosophy of stealing an empty bucket and getting caught unless one wanted to bucket the snow in season. This case happened a few days since in town and is another of "man's inhumanity to man."

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The several Sunday schools of the city are making preparations for their usual Christmas tree exercises which always prove so pleasant. Particulars will be given next week.

The singers of Plum Creek, under the direction of A. G. Biker, presented Queen Esther to the theatre-going people of that town Thursday and Friday nights last. Sixty persons took part.

In a shooting tournament between the Curtis and Morefield teams last Tuesday, D. O. Dyer, formerly of this city, made the best individual score. "Dick's" friends here will be glad to learn of his accomplishment.

James Jacobs, of Iroquois, Ill., brother-in-law of H. P. Bishop, of Lincoln county, has bought a farm two miles north of Curtis and will remove there in about two months and commence farming in the spring.—Curtis Courier.

The lot just north of the Herald office has been sold to Hon. T. C. Patterson and John I. Nesbitt, of North Platte, who will shortly erect thereon a fine store building, 30x50 feet dimensions. This building has been leased to John J. Kelly and R. N. Harvey, of St. Joe, Mo., who will put in a large stock of dry goods and clothing.—Wallace Herald.

The Tribune's weather bureau was slightly out of whack Tuesday, the chief of the department being laid up for minor repairs, and as a result the weather was not as pleasant as of other weeks. All weather turned out by this bureau bears THE TRIBUNE brand and none but the most pleasant is furnished.

The initial hop of the Apollo Club at the opera house last Friday night was a very pleasant one, those present unanimously voting it an exceedingly enjoyable affair. It has not yet been determined whether the second dance will be held next Friday evening, many of the members being of the opinion that it comes too near Christmas and are in favor of holding over until the following week.

Hand Painted Plates, J. Q. Thacker has a fine line for the holiday trade.

Since the production of the cantata of Esther in this city, singing of little snatches of the oratorio is all the rage, even the kids on the street rendering tragical portions in admirable style. The other day a lady of the first ward desired the assistance of her young son who was playing in the yard. Opening the door she said in a rapid tone "Perry, come in here quick, I want you right off." The young fellow did not wait for a second, but hurrying but struck a kindly attitude and adapting his voice to the music, said, "What is it, Queen Esther, and what is your request?"

The presentation of "Nordeck" Wednesday evening by Francine Wedderburn was certainly very successful and left no doubt with the audience as to the efficiency of the actors and actresses. The audience which was one of the largest of the season, evinced their appreciation by frequent and enthusiastic applause. Mr. Mayo's conception of Waldemar Nordeck could scarcely be improved; indeed his acting has never been surpassed by any actor visiting this place. Miss Alice Fischer in the role of "Princess Zulliski" and Miss Helen Rand as "Wanda" gave evidence of their fine dramatic ability. The company throughout is one of the best on the road.

By a call of the secretary of the Lincoln County Agricultural Society a number of the leading members and officers met at Mr. John Bratt's office for a re-election of officers and to transact any business of importance that should come up. The meeting was called to order and in the absence of the President and Vice President, J. E. Best was elected president pro tem. The election of officers was next in order. President, C. E. Osgood and Vice President, John Keith being nominated and elected by acclamation. H. E. O'Brien was elected offered for Treasurer and he was elected without a dissenting vote. C. F. Idings was elected Secretary. The last year's Board of Directors was again elected. Some informal business was transacted at the meeting adjourned sine die. Everyone was brimming full of good spirits—not fermented—convinced that the task had been the most pleasant one.

A very serious circumstance happened at Mr. W. B. Conklin's while the Presbyterian social of last Friday night was in progress, illustrating the old ad that "murder will out." It seems that each lady who attended had been given a package containing two lunches—the lunch of which deponent saith not—said lunch which was placed on the table and the guests invited to help themselves. The only penalty attached was to have the lady weighed and pay for her weight—in gold or the equivalent. The cent per pound rule was adopted. The Rev. Adam Stum had taken a piece; bitten a small half moon in it and was proceeding with the process of mastication to destroy the finer particles of the lunch when he was swallowed he attempted to repeat the act of demolition and not being successful the denouement took place—commencing to pull the mouthful from among his teeth. The company was pulled for that conveys the meaning—and continued to pull until he had drawn out a pound—more or less—cotton batting and some pie crust. The smile was quite audible and he was laughing at the more than he. It might be said now that we never speak as we pass pie.

Consumers of butter are curious to know what becomes of all the creamy butter. What they do not understand is that with a few exceptions, none has been offered for sale in this city, although purchasers often make inquiries for it. Before the passage of the oleomargarine tax law, there was plenty of "creamy" butter sold here, and some of it was a good article too, so good that few suspected the true character of the stuff. Its sudden disappearance provoked inquiry that revealed the fact that the folks concluded that margarine was not so bad as it was pictured. If properly manufactured it is a wholesome article of food, a good butter for table use. The imposition is in selling it for something that it is not, at a price above its commercial value. But this does not answer the question that has been asked a number of times since the proposition was made to start a creamery here. We understand that as a rule creameries contract with jobbers to take all their butter reserving perhaps a small amount for home demand. The jobbers shipping it to large cities where a much higher price is obtained than can be had in small markets. For instance, in Philadelphia and Washington, it is said not to be an uncommon thing to get 75 cents and even a higher price per pound for guaranteed pure butter. It will thus be seen that the establishment of a creamery in North Platte will not interfere in the least with the market for home made butter. On the contrary it is likely to make the demand better, as there will be a tendency to the production of a better article.

All goods bought at McEroy's are engaged free of charge by an experienced and capable workman.

Children's Tea sets all prices at Thacker's.

Ladies wishing stamping done, also material for fancy work will do well to call and examine our line of etching and embroidery silks, dresser covers, splashes and ties.

CONWAY SISTERS.

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The Returns Are All In

CLEAN SWEEP HAS BEEN MADE!

And that is what we intend to do. Owing to the lateness of the season we will from this date give a discount of 20 per cent to all purchasers of overcoats. For instance

overcoats that sold for \$2 now sell for \$1.60.

5 now sell for 4.00.

10 now sell for 8.

20 now sell for 16.

R. & S. Cash One-Price Clothiers, in OTTENSTEIN BUILDING.

"GOOD STOCK HOGS WANTED." \$50 the up; I will pay all they are worth in cash or goods, delivered at my store in the south of Keeler p. o. N. C. WYERS. Neighbored hogs and cattle.

IF YOU will step into the Vienna Bakery you will be convinced B. F. H. does not propose that the people shall go hungry or want for sweet meats. His stock of nuts, candies, fancy confections, etc., for the holidays is very choice. Call and see.

FOR SALE. Thoroughbred, two-thirds and one-half Gallaway bulls for sale. Also about twenty tons of fine work horse and mare. Hawkins Bros, North Platte Nebraska.

FOR SALE. The W. H. H. Jones land only two miles south of town. One hundred and sixty acres at ten dollars per acre. Inquire of Judge Smalley.

WANTED. Two sewing machines and ironing board at Miss Wad's dressmaking establishment over Reis restaurant.

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Photographs cheaper and better than ever before at the U. P. Photo Car, W. A. Bradley, Prop.

W. A. Bradley with his photo car came up the road Thursday and will remain in the city until Christmas.

We still have some homely, underwear, corsets and buttons left which we offer below cost. All winter millinery reduced in order to make room for our spring stock. Kate Wood & Co.

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Game, Furs & Hides. We want everybody to bring their game, furs and hides to our market and receive the highest cash price. Don't forget it. KLENK & GATWARD.