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Closing Sale!

Owing to an expected change in business we are going to sell our entire stock of

Clothing, Hats, Caps, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes, Trunks and Valises

AT

Slaughtering Low Prices.

Call and be convinced that what we tell you are facts.

Star Clothing House,

.. Weber & Vollmer. . .

All parties indebted please call and settle.

First National Bank,

NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

CAPITAL, - - \$50,000.
SURPLUS, - - \$22,500.

H. S. White, . . . President.
P. A. White, . . . Vice-Prest.
Arthur McNamara, . . . Cashier.

A general banking business transacted.

There's no Use!



You can't find in these United States the Equal of the Genuine

Beckwith Round Oak.

You may try; you'll get left. Remember, it's the combination of good points that makes the Perfect Stove. That's where we get the IMITATIONS. They can't steal the whole thing. They steal one thing and think they have it all, but it FAILS. They build another. It fails. Still they keep on crying good as the ROUND OAK. Some peculiar merchants say they have them, when IT'S NOT SO.

If you are posted you cannot be deceived. We write this to post you. **SOLD ONLY BY**

A. L. DAVIS, The Great and Only Hardware Man in Lincoln Co. that no one Owe. Full Line of ACORN STOVES AND RANGES, STOVE PIPE, ELBOWS, COAL HOES, ZINC BOARDS, etc., at Lowest Price on Record.

NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA.

GUY'S PLACE

FINEST SAMPLE ROOM IN NORTH PLATTE
Having refitted our rooms in the finest style, the public is invited to call and see us, insuring our courteous treatment.
Finest Wines, Liquors and Cigars at the Bar.
Our billiard hall is supplied with the best make of tables and competent attendants will supply all your wants.
KEITH'S BLOCK, OPPOSITE THE UNION PACIFIC DEPOT

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. C. Rennie was a Maxwell visitor Sunday.

Mrs. Lewis Leonard and children are visiting relatives in Fremont.

Miss Kate Barker is the guest of Grand Island friends this week.

Mrs. F. E. Bullard left yesterday for a visit with friends in Omaha.

D. C. Congdon was a visitor in Omaha the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strahorn left for the east on yesterday morning's train.

Mrs. F. W. Rincker leaves tomorrow for a visit with Omaha friends.

Henry Appleford and "Trot" Roberts, of Maxwell, were in town yesterday.

Miss Nora Kinsman, of Julesburg has been the guest of North Platte friends for a few days past.

W. C. Blackmore, the Sutherlands druggist, was the guest of North Platte friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredk. Baker returned the latter part of the week from a pleasant visit in Omaha.

Mrs. Eva Recce' of this city department inspector of the W. R. C. visited the corps at Gandy last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, of Illinois, were the guests of Mr. and M. Doolittle the latter part of the week.

Peter McGlone, who during the past year has been working at his trade in Illinois, is in town visiting relatives.

Colonel Cody is expected home from the Big Horn country about the 15th inst. and will remain in town until after Christmas.

Dr. Galbraith, of Omaha, arrived in the city last night, and this afternoon started on a trip up between the rivers in company with E. F. Seeberger.

Will Coleman expects to leave this week for Atlantic, Iowa, where Mrs. Coleman has been visiting for several weeks. Mr. Coleman has the offer of two positions in Chicago, and it is likely he will accept one of them.

Christmas

Will Soon be Here.

We have a fine assortment of pretty little gifts suitable for any one.

CLINTON,

The Jeweler.

The Woman's Relief Corps last Saturday afternoon elected the following officers: President, Mrs. J. W. Woodry; senior vice president, Mrs. Dickey; junior vice president, Mrs. Gus Smith; treasurer Mrs. T. C. Patterson; chaplain, Mrs. Mason; guard, Mrs. Jas. McMichael; delegates to the state convention, Mrs. W. W. Birge and Mrs. J. C. Orr; alternates, Mrs. A. S. Baldwin and Mrs. Black. The state convention will meet at Hastings the time of the state encampment of the G. A. R.

The Wilcox Dept. Store, an institution that believes in a liberal use of printer's ink, uses a half page in to-day's paper in order to acquaint the people that it is headquarters for goods suitable for Christmas presents, as well as for other purposes. By visiting the Wilcox store you will be able to select nice presents without much of a strain upon your purse—in other words goods are being sold at very low prices.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS.

December 4th.—Board met pursuant to call of county clerk; present Thomson, Hardin and county clerk.

The board proceeded to examine the new bridge over Fremont slough on road No. 6.

December 5th.—Board met, present Thomson, Hardin and county clerk. Claim of Beach I. Hinman for \$21.70, tax paid under protest, came up and after due investigation the following order was issued: B. Buchanan, county treasurer—you will refund to Beach I. Hinman city tax for the year 1892, \$13.44, paid under protest, and city tax for the year 1893, \$8.26, paid under protest. Signed R. D. Thomson, Geo. E. Hardin, county commissioners.

Claim of Joseph Fillion \$25.85 for ballot boxes, etc., was allowed on general fund.

Offers for the old bridge over Fremont slough were examined, and that of L. D. Thoelecke, for \$10.25, being the highest and best offer, the bridge was sold to L. D. Thoelecke, and county clerk ordered to give bill of sale for same on receipt of payment.

NEBRASKA IS OUT OF THE DUMPS.

The executive committee of the Commercial club has had a statement prepared, showing the business conditions existing in the state and drawing comparisons which show the improvements which have been experienced in all lines of business within the past few months. The statement is most conservative in its nature, and was prepared with the greatest care, in order to avoid any suspicion of "booming." It will be sent by the Commercial club to the most prominent eastern papers with a request that it be published. The full text of the document is as follows:

What's the matter with Nebraska? Two years ago the legislature appropriated \$150,000 in aid of the drouth-stricken settlers on the western frontier, a region which prospered when devoted exclusively to stock grazing, and can only be tilled when irrigated.

This year the corn crop was the greatest in the history of the state, 350,000,000 bushels. More than 8,000,000 acres were planted to corn this year, and the average yield was forty-five bushels to the acre and of this vast crop more than 200,000,000 bushels will be exported. Much of it is being shipped to the gulf ports. It is estimated that no less than 100,000,000 bushels will be fed to the herds of cattle and hogs this winter, making a revival of the live stock industry unprecedented in the history of Nebraska. Millions of dollars have been borrowed by stock raisers who are taking advantage of the low price of corn and have bought feeders, which will be ready for the market next spring. In Dodge county alone, over 150,000 sheep are being wintered. There is an enormous increase in the number of cattle being wintered on the ranges. The estimate of the number of Nebraska hogs which will be ready for the market next year is 2,000,000.

Last year the total business of the packing houses was not so great in volume as in preceding years. The drouth cut short the supply of corn and grass, compelling stock-growers to dispose of their stock at a disadvantage. Stock receipts at the South Omaha yards for the six months ending October 31, 1895, reached a total of 20,917 cars, while for the corresponding months this year the total stock receipts amount to 23,360 cars. These figures show the recovery from drouth conditions of two or three years ago. Those who make a business of gathering information on this subject say there is more live stock in Nebraska being fed for the market than ever before in the history of the state. When this stock shall have been turned into money next year, the season of business depression will be at an end.

Figures are at hand showing a steady increase this year in the business of the packing houses. A notable feature of the trade is the increased demand for sheep. One packer, who slaughtered but 9,510 sheep from May to November, 1895, this year has killed 68,708, over 600 per cent increase. Enormous increase is also shown in the number of cattle and hogs slaughtered. From May to November, 1895, this house slaughtered 150,691 hogs, and 68,361 cattle, as against 217,453 hogs and 81,725 cattle this year. During the same period another packer shows a proportion of increase that is most gratifying. Last year he killed 66,000 hogs and 2,000 cattle, while for six months this year he has killed 90,000 hogs, and 2,100 cattle. Another packer gives figures on the value of his product sold during the months ending October 31, 1895, at \$3,350,000, while this year the total is \$3,500,000. This packer purchased during the period named in 1895, 31,856 cattle, 122,318 hogs, and 12,664 sheep; in 1896, 31,309 cattle, 148,682 hogs and 10,195 sheep. He paid for cattle this year \$57,625, more than he paid last year, during the period named. In 1895, he shipped 3,026 cars of product; this year, 3,461 cars. For the period named in 1895, another South Omaha packer killed: Cattle, 56,047 head; sheep, 23,248 head; hogs, 100,385 head; this year, cattle

57,388 head; sheep, 41,941; hogs, 153,178. The shipments last year, exclusive of less than carload lots, amounted to 2,756 cars, this year 3,826.

NEBRASKA NEWS.

Robbers cracked the depot at Ponca and secured thirty copper cents for their trouble.

The mayor of York has ordered the removal of all gambling devices beyond the city limits.

W. C. Page of Scibner will send eight hundred dressed turkeys to San Francisco this week.

The bachelor girls of Wayne have formed an organization for the suppression of matrimony.

A creamery company has been organized at Seward. It expects to start the churn the first of the year.

A tame antelope owned at Ogalalla has the freedom of the town and is everybody's pet. Even the dogs treat it with respect.

Millions of trees were destroyed in the state by the recent sleet storm. The greatest damage occurred north of the Platte river.

The directors of the Dawson and Lincoln county irrigation district are advertising bonds for sale and propose to begin work as soon as possible. The construction of the ditch will afford employment to a great many.

The Burlington railroad has announced that it will subscribe \$30,000 to the Trans-Mississippi exposition and that it will also erect a new depot for its own and the use of another company that will join in the enterprise.

Allen McNeill says that he was offered 60 cents per bushel for his wheat, at North Platte, this week same to be delivered within ten days. He refused the offer believing he will get a higher price.—Gandy Pioneer.

Under the present bounty law farmers get \$5 per ton for sugar beets; without the bounty they only receive \$4 per ton. And yet there are those who say the farmers get no benefit from the bounty. At the average yield of twelve tons to the acre, the bounty alone amounts to more than is received per acre for corn.—Minden Gazette.

The board of county commissioners held a special official meeting, last Saturday, approved the official bond of Geo. W. Chappell, county clerk, and authorized the county attorney to confess judgment on about \$400 of 1890 county general fund warrants owned by the Clark-Leonard Investment company, of Lincoln, Nebraska.—Gandy Pioneer.

Some of our farmers report that they are burning ear corn for fuel. They claim that 100 bushels of ear corn will go as far for fuel as two tons of coal, and the two tons of coal costs \$1400 while 100 bushels of corn will only net them \$8.00. We have never tried the experiment but the figures demonstrate very truthfully the price of the two commodities.—Gothenburg News.

A. S. Haden received the contract from the Gothenburg Irrigation and Power Company to put up the ice. He commenced cutting and loading for the Union Pacific Company last Wednesday and will ship 500 cars to North Platte and probably as much more to other places along the U. P. line. The ice is clear as crystal and twelve inches thick and is cut in cakes 44x22 inches, which make them so large that they are hard to handle without breaking, and no broken cakes are shipped. They are cutting on the east side of the lake which will furnish ice enough to fill all the ice houses from Cheyenne to Omaha. About thirty men will be employed. The teamsters will make about \$2.00 per day and the day laborers \$1.25. Every man in town who wants work can get it.—Gothenburg Independent.

It is hard to find any reason why Cubans should pay \$1,000,000,000 for their liberty, which they have already earned, or why Uncle Sam should be called upon to guarantee the payment of their persecutors. Spain owes Cuba five times that amount for money filched from her workshouses.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box.

There are not in the entire south as many as a half a dozen daily papers that advocate any further political experiments with free silver. The silver conspiracy hatched out in the United States Senate was a trap set to catch the entire South, but it only partially successful.—Globe Democrat.

As We Have Said Before

We are well satisfied if this ad simply brings you to this store. The values we shall offer you will sell the goods without argument on our part. Nothing we can say to you in this space, or at the store, would appeal half as strongly to your good judgment as the goods we will show you and the prices we will quote. This ad is therefore only an invitation to the store. If you accept and become acquainted, the result will be mutually beneficial. We will make a fair profit on our goods and you will buy cheaper than you could elsewhere. Yours for business,

THE FAIR.

RICHARDS BROS.

Our Great Dress Goods Sale

For the Next Ten Days.

Handsome novelties in dress patterns in all colors now on sale.

All our fine 75c all-wool novelties 44-inch wide at 50 cts. \$1.00 all-wool black Henriettas at 75 cts. 50 cent Novelties go at 25 cents per yard.

Call and examine these before they are all sold, as they are the greatest bargains ever offered.

RENNIE'S. ♦ RENNIE'S. ♦ RENNIE'S.

According to the official report, the United States troops in Arizona and New Mexico marched 42,457 miles during the past year in pursuit of the Apaches. Thus it appears that of least one Indian tribe was of some use, in the way of furnishing exercise for the army.

Macealine will cure any case of itching piles. It has never failed. It affords instant relief, and a cure in due time. Price 25 and 50 cents. Made by Foste Manufacturing Co. and sold by A. F. Streit.

At Milbitas, Santa Clara County Cal., a palace has been turned into a poorhouse. The palace was built by a millionaire named O'Toole, who lost everything soon after, and he is now living near by, a poor hostler, with the best possible prospect of spending his last as a pauper within a short walk of the beautiful home he built in happier days.

What is a Guarantee?
It is this. If you have a cough or a cold, a tickling in the throat, which keeps you constantly coughing, or if you are troubled with any chest, throat or lung trouble, whooping cough, etc., and you use Ballard's Homebound Syrup as directed giving it a fair trial and no benefit is experienced we authorize our advertised agent to refund your money on return of bottle. It never fails to give satisfaction. It promptly relieves bronchitis. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by North Platte Pharmacy, J. E. Bnab, Mgr.

YOU CAN DEPEND ON "77".
For grip, colds, catarrh, influenza, sore throat; because "77" acts directly through the nerve centres and so swiftly that the cure begins before the pellets are entirely dissolved on the tongue. Because, when the proper Homeopathic Remedy is selected, it works like a miracle. Because "77" is safe, sure and reliable. Because "77" is easy to carry; a small bottle of pleasant pellets, just fits the vest pocket; sold by druggists, or sent on receipt of 25c or five for \$1.00. Dr. Humphreys' Homeopathic Manual of diseases free at druggists, or sent on request. Humphreys' Medicine Co., Cor. William & John Sts., New York.

Boxes of tin soldiers play a most important part in the life of the young Hohenzollerns, and the battles they hear of in their history lessons are all fought over again with great zeal and vigor. Waterloo is their favorite conflict "because" they are told, "England would never have won the day if Blucher and the Prussians had not come up to help."

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Wanted—An Idea
Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their \$1.00 paper and list of two hundred suggestions.