

One-Fifth Off

Beginning December 27th and closing January 12th we will give you a discount of one-fifth from the regular price of every article carried in our Dry Goods, Cloaks, Dresses, Suits, Carpets, Rugs, Linoleum, Notions, Gents Furnishings and Shoe Stock. These goods will be sold to you at regular price and one-fifth deducted from your bill. During this sale we will not open any new goods in these departments, so it will pay you to come early before the assortments are broken.

Wilcox Department Store.

NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

BOSTON LIGHT.

It is Said to Be the Oldest Harbor Beacon in America.

The outer light of Boston harbor is Boston light, eight miles below the city and at the very outer end of the channel that ocean liners follow. It stands on Little Brewster Island, a pile of rocks partly grassed over in its gentle hollow on the sheltered side. Three families live here—those of the head keeper and his two assistants. In all the inhabitants number a dozen souls.

The light itself is said to be the oldest in America, built in 1715 by the government of England. It is of rough bowlder stone, hooped with iron bands, and its lean, whitewashed form is a landmark and searmark far and wide.

A rustic iron railway for carrying coal leads up from the waterside to the engine house, where is an engine and boilers in which steam is kept up continually to operate the siren fog-horns. Their great trumpet-like forms protrude through the wall of the building on the seaward side. In foggy weather one can hear from the open windows the faroff moaning of the fog-horn on the Boston lighthouse, seven miles away, as the keepers on the lighthouse can hear this one at Boston light.

An old cannon lies on the ground near the lighthouse. It was provided by the Cunard Steamship company before the foghorn was installed to give signals. It is unused now. But in addition to the great revolving light in the tower there is a set of red and white range lights that give the location of anchorage for vessels in the channel. If they see red it means that they are out of their proper location, but if white they are safe.—New York Mail.

We thank you for your liberal patronage during the past year and wish you

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

assuring you the same high degree of service for the future it has been our privilege in the past to give.

HARRY DIXON, The Jeweler.

Turkey Supper.

A turkey supper will be served at the Vienna Cafe tonight for those attending the Firemen's Ball.

Frank Turpie returned to Lincoln yesterday.

The twenty-eighth annual ball of the B. of L. F. and E. will be held at the Lloyd opera house this evening. The introductory concert by the orchestra will begin at 8:30 sharp.

E. A. Roberts, living south of town, received a message Saturday announcing the death of his father at Casper, Wyo. Mr. Roberts left on the first train for Rawlins, where the funeral was held.

Wanted to sell—Eight brood mares. Weight 1050 to 1500 pounds. L. E. Ebricht, two miles west of Experimental farm.

At a meeting of the fire department last week Theodore Lowe, Clark Buchanan, J. P. Norton, W. C. Craigie and Charles Sandall were elected as delegates to the state fireman's convention which will be held at Alliance January 17th to 19th inclusive.

Wanted—A woman to do house work and plain sewing by the day. Apply at the weather bureau.

During the year 1910 benefactions amounting to the enormous sum of \$150,000,000 have been bestowed by wealthy people of the United States. Andrew Carnegie heads the list with \$17,816,000, and John D. Rockefeller with \$17,000,000.

For Sale—Four black Langshan cockerels. Inquire at 803 East Fifth street.

Frank Cryderman, of San Francisco, stopped over in town yesterday while enroute to Akron, Ohio, where he goes on business. Mr. Cryderman is with the Diamond Rubber Co., and recently has been promoted to the position of adjuter for the Pacific coast for that company. Mrs. Cryderman accompanied him as far east as Denver.

The campaign for President Taft's renomination was formally opened at Washington a few days ago and will be actively conducted until the 1912 convention. Senator Burkett is in the band wagon and is reported as saying that Nebraska is for Taft and will send a solid delegation for him to the national convention. This statement is probably true—unless Roosevelt should be a candidate, which might alter things. However, it is announced that Roosevelt favors Taft's renomination and will direct his energies to attain that result.

Strayed—From the former Powers ranch south of the city, a salt and pepper Gordon setter dog, had on a collar with name B. A. Voss, Bradshaw, Neb. Reward for return of animal to B. A. Voss, sixteen miles south of town or address same at North Platte.

When Lillian Russell comes to the Keith theatre Monday, Jan 9th, she will be seen at the head of her newest and biggest production which Joseph Brooks has made for use this season. Her vehicle is a charming comedy of fashionable life called "In Search of a Sinner" and was written for her use this season by Charlotte Thompson. The play is a story of how a woman tried to win a husband who she wanted to think was a sinner and having brought him around to her way of thinking changes her mind and wants him to be a saint. All of which happens quite naturally but not until everybody has laughed heartily over the new turns and twists that satirize feminine foibles.

For Rent

Houses, (one furnished), store and unfurnished rooms. Bratt & Goodman.

Miss May Nolan, late of Wood River, has entered the P. & S hospital with a view of becoming a trained nurse.

Fred Weingand came up from Omaha Saturday night and remained until today when he was accompanied home by Mrs. Weingand who had been visiting relatives for ten days.

Mrs. Edward Burke, who had been a guest at the Shuman residence for ten days, left yesterday for Excelsior Springs, where her husband is taking treatment for rheumatism.

For Sale—Same choice Poland China Boars, also some Red Polled Bulls. Payne's Dairy Farm, one half mile south of North Platte.

The Commercial Club went out of existence yesterday when the parties to whom the furniture was sold removed the same. Some of the articles remain unsold, but will be disposed of as quickly as possible and the final affairs of the club wound up.

Wanted to sell—One three year old black Percheron Stallion. Registered No. 52422. L. E. Ebricht, two miles west of Experimental farm.

Twenty-four locomotives were frozen up at Grand Island Sunday night and Monday morning, thus delaying traffic for hours and tying up eight passenger trains at that terminal. Snow drifted to the depth of six feet in some of the streets of that city.

Conductor Tom Gorham, who has been out of service since last June on account of the wreck at Brady, has been reinstated and made his first trip into town yesterday. His North Platte friends are mighty glad to again see him back on the road.

Wanted—A girl for general housework. Inquire at 417 East Fifth street.

An alarm of fire yesterday afternoon called out the fire department to the home of Mrs. Maude Turpie where a defective flue had resulted in starting a fire between the ceiling and roof in the rear part of the house. By cutting a hole in the roof the flames were reached and quickly extinguished. The damage was light.

Constipation is the cause of many ailments and disorders that make life miserable. Take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, keep your bowels regular and you will avoid these diseases. Sold by all dealers.

For Sale.

Block 3 South Park Addition to North Platte; the southeast quarter section 5-13-31, also 60 acres in section 2-13-31. For price and terms address H. E. Nichols, Sterling, Col.

DR. W. F. CROOK, DENTIST.

Graduate Northwestern University. Office over McDonald State Bank

Alvin Poole Gives Recital.

The Omaha Bee of last Friday contained this item relative to a former North Platte boy: Under the auspices of the Clio Club Alvin E. Poole, violinist, gave a musical Wednesday afternoon at Redick hall, University of Omaha. He was assisted by Miss McEachrow soprano, Miss McAullay reader and the university orchestra. A large audience was most enthusiastic in its appreciation. Mr. Poole's violin numbers showed to advantage his technical skill, and his playing aroused much enthusiasm. The university orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Poole, did excellent work and added greatly to the pleasures of the afternoon.

If Your Idle Money

is not earning good rate of interest in mortgage loans, see Bratt & Goodman.

Year's Railway Statistics.

Development of the physical properties of the railways of the United States during 1910 showed comparatively little advance over 1909, according to statistics compiled by the Railway Age Gazette, issued Thursday.

The new miles of track numbered 4,120, a gain of 372 miles over 1909. The total mileage under the protection of block signals is 69,351, a gain of 5,000 during the year.

Rolling stock ordered is substantially less than in the previous year, 141,204 freight cars, 3,881 passenger cars and 3,787 locomotives being the figures.

CRYSTAL THEATRE

To-Night

MOVING PICTURES:

"Mrs. Livingstone's Pride."
"The Sergeant."

VAUDEVILLE:

Lane and Vance, who talk
sland and dance.

10 and 15 Cents.

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Special attention given diseases of women and emergency surgery.

Gamecocks in Panama.

The color blue is not very distinctly drawn in the Latin republics. The blue Indians are found in and around Panama. Like the Seminoles of Florida, they never were conquered. A curious feature of native life in Panama is the cockfighting, which, like baseball in the United States, is more attractive to the public than any other form of recreation. Even the workmen on the streets have favorite birds tethered near by and seize every opportunity to test their prowess. The click-hiss of steel spurs as the birds strike each other, the spurting of blood and the clamor of men indulging in small wagers seem to supply the mental excitement that Spaniards find in bullfights and that English speaking races derive from less brutal contests. The backer of each gamecock stands behind it, and if his bird shows signs of exhaustion he takes it up and puts its bill into his mouth while he inflates its exhausted lungs. One gamecock in a fight witnessed by the writer, appearing almost dead, was thus revived, went back into the pit and finally killed its opponent.—National Magazine.

What is an Element?

In his little book called "The Elements" Sir William A. Tilden defines an element as "a substance from which by the operation of ordinary chemical processes only one kind of matter can be obtained." This is something quite different from the four elements of Aristotle—fire, water, earth and air—or the salt, sulphur and mercury of the alchemists. Even in modern times the conception of what an element really is has changed somewhat. Sir William adds: "Until quite recently the elements of the inorganic world were supposed to be fixed, immutable with the lapse of ages or under the mighty forces concerned in the making of worlds. But within a few years we have learned that the atoms at least are continually crumbling away. It is impossible to say whether all may not be suffering a slow waste which in the long run may lead back to the primal chaos."

For Rent—Rooms furnished for light housekeeping at \$8 per month, 501 east Sixth street.

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Physician and Surgeon.
Office over McDonald Bank.
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"Handsome Baby, Madam."

"You really have a right to be proud of it." Yes, indeed, and could the baby talk it would ask for

A Photograph of Baby?

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Children's Photographs a Specialty
with us. Our photos of young or old are perfect and lifelike.

G. W. ANDERSON
successor to
E. O. Halverstedt

Took the Advice.

The president of one of the prominent railway corporations in America was making a stirring address to an audience of young men and dwelt with particular emphasis on the necessity of making a good appearance.

"When you are looking for work," he said, "be careful that you are presentable. If you have only \$24 in the world, spend \$20 for a suit of clothes, \$3.50 for a pair of shoes, 50 cents for a hair cut and shave. Then walk up to the job wherever it is and ask for it like a man."

This advice was greeted with great applause, and the railway president sat down amid a storm of cheers. The very next morning a dapper looking young fellow walked into the outer office of the orator and, handing a note to the clerk, said, "Please give this to the president." The note read as follows:

"I have paid \$20 for this suit of clothes, \$3.50 for a pair of shoes and 50 cents for a hair cut and a shave. I have walked from Harlem, and I would like a job as conductor on your road."

He got the job.

He Didn't Borrow.

A reference book on Russian history being needed right on the spot, the literary hack said he guessed he would go around to Clarke's to borrow his. He went to Clarke's, but he came back without the book.

"Didn't he have it?" the man's wife asked.

"He did, but I hadn't the nerve to ask for it. Clarke's plan of advertising book borrowers scared me off. Before I had a chance to mention Russian history he steered me past shelves where every few inches a dummy stood sandwiched in between real books. The labels on all the books were conspicuous, black lettering on white, and they set forth some mighty interesting statistics.

"Three Musketeers," borrowed March 25 by John Smith. Not returned. After I had read about a dozen of those dummy labels I said it was a fine day, wasn't it. Clarke said yes, it was, and I came away. To advertise to subsequent visitors that I had borrowed one of Clarke's best books was a little too much notoriety for me."—New York Sun.

French Servants' Characters.

It is an unwritten law in France that you must never say anything bad about a servant or employee in his "character"—that is to say, if you cannot say anything good you must content yourself with a noncommittal statement which will not compromise his prospects. For instance, if you have caught your cook robbing you in such a shameful and impudent fashion that you are obliged to dismiss her you may not state on her "certificate" that you have dispensed with her services because you found she was dishonest. That, it is held, might prevent her obtaining a situation elsewhere, and as every one has to earn his bread the cook must be given the opportunity of recommencing her larceny elsewhere. All that you are entitled to say on her "character" if you will not lie and pay her compliments is that she entered and left your service on certain dates.—Paris Letter to London Globe.

Vacation Part Road No 143.

The commissioner appointed for the purpose of vacating that part of Road No. 143:

Running through S. E. 1 of Section 10, Town 9, Range 30, and divert travel over the new cemetery road No. 225, the distance into town being the same, has reported in favor of the vacation and all objections thereto must be filed in the office of the county clerk on or before noon on the 6th day of March, 1911.

Dated North Platte, Neb., Dec. 31, 1910. F. R. ELLIOTT, County Clerk.

DR. O. H. CRESSLER, Graduate Dentist.

Office over the McDonald State Bank.

For Sale

An extra good quarter section of hay and farra valley land. Creek flows thru it. Only four miles from city. This is a snap at only \$36.00 per acre, part time.

Bratt & Goodman

W. T. Wilcox, who has been suffering from erysipelas, will soon be himself again. He was down at his office for a brief period Saturday.

Plumbers have been having a busy time since Sunday looking after frozen and bursted water pipes. One plumber had eight calls for services this morning before nine o'clock.

H. V. Hilliker, station superintendent at Denver, formerly of this city, passed through to New York this morning, where he was called as a witness in a suit.

A letter received this morning from Omaha, written Sunday, stated that Brakeman Chapman is getting along nicely, though it would be decided today whether an additional amputation would be necessary.

Rev. C. B. Harman has been confined to the house since last Thursday with a severe cold and slight congestion of the bronchial tubes but expects to be out again in a day or so. There will no catechetical classes tomorrow but the regular prayer service tomorrow evening.

Business around the court house is rather quiet at the opening of the New year. Few cases are being filed in the district court, Judge Elder of the county court has nothing on hand but probate matters, instruments for record are not many in the county clerk's office, and at the treasurer's office the receipt of taxes are not as brisk as a month ago. Sheriff Miltonberger is reasonably busy with minor matters, and Co. Supt. Ebricht has enough to do to keep time from hanging heavily on his hands. Next Thursday Geo. Roberts, the new commissioner, will be inducted into office, which is the only change to occur in county officers.

Do you not know that fully nine out of ten cases of rheumatism are simply rheumatism of the muscles due to cold or damp, or chronic rheumatism, and require no internal treatment whatever? Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely and see how quickly it gives relief. Sold by all dealers.