

Stock Reducing Sale!

Being over stocked in some lines of goods and in order to reduce the same we will give you 15 days of the deepest cut price sale the people of this community ever witnessed. I will sell at net cost, WHOLESALE PRICES my entire stock of

Shoes, Clothing, Overcoats, Blankets, Quilts and Underwear

These are the last 15 days of this and you can save money if you buy at the right place. My store is in the new Golden block, the first door east of Morrison's grocery store, in the Golden block is the place to get BARGAINS.

Sale Begins Friday, December 18, 1908

O'NEILL, NEB.

M. M. SULLIVAN, Prop.

Court in Session.

District court convened last Monday morning for the regular fall term with Judge Westover on the bench and Arthur Barrett and Joseph Schindler bailiffs. The following cases have been disposed of: L. Brackett vs. S. B. Selah et al. Defendant Selah defaulted and a verdict was rendered for the plaintiff in the sum of \$938.91 with 10 per cent interest.

In the case of D. H. Cronin vs. D. J. Cronin and the bond company which bonded him during his last term as treasurer, the defendants demurred to the petition of plaintiff, and the case was argued to the court Monday afternoon. The demurrer was sustained and as plaintiff elected to stand upon the petition the case was dismissed. The case will be appealed to the supreme court.

Laura B. Gladhill was granted a divorce from Evert Gladhill, the custody of the children and the costs were taxed to defendant.

Mary Wilson was granted a divorce from Andrew Wilson and her maiden name, Mary Hershiser, restored.

The case of the State of Nebraska vs. Raleigh Scott was upon motion of the county attorney dismissed. This is the case in which Scott was arrested for bigamy after having married a young girl residing near Page, the complaint having been made by his wife who was a resident of Iowa. At the time of his arrest Scott said he was informed that his wife had secured a divorce from him and was not informed to the contrary until his arrest. As soon as he was released on bail he went to Iowa, secured a divorce, returned here and was again married to wife number two, hence the dismissal of the criminal case against him.

The case of the State of Nebraska vs. Harry Howard was also dismissed at the request of the county attorney.

The case of the State of Nebraska vs. Chris M. Ernst, charged with horse stealing, was continued until the next term of court.

In the case of the State of Nebraska

vs. Frank Coleman of Inman, the defendant plead guilty and he was fined \$100 and costs. Coleman was arrested several months ago on the charge of selling liquor in Inman without a license and at the time of his arrest six cases of beer which were found in his possession were seized by the sheriff. The court instructed the sheriff to destroy the liquor which he had found in the possession of Mr. Coleman.

The case of the State of Nebraska vs. Roy Welch occupied the attention of the court, Tuesday, Wednesday and a few hours this morning, being given to the jury about 10 o'clock, and they had not agreed upon a verdict up to 1:30 this afternoon. Welch is being tried for stealing a horse from his uncle, who lives north of Atkinson, and was arrested in Iowa and brought here to stand trial for the offense.

The Live Stock Market

South Omaha, Neb., Dec. 2.—Special market letter from Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co.

The holiday dullness seems to have struck the live stock market a little ahead of time this year. This is partly due to the heavy receipts on the Chicago market. South Omaha has only moderate supply of all classes of stock but of course is effected by the Eastern prices. Our cattle market is slow and generally a dime lower on killers but the quality is rather common. Desirable fleshy feeders and high grade yearlings are steady to strong, low grade kinds dull and weak. There is still a fair proportion of range cattle, but not a great many desirable killers among them.

We quote:
Choice corn feed beef.....\$6.40@7.25
Fair to good.....4.00@ 6.35
Range steers.....5.50@ 6.00
Others from.....3.50 to 3.60
Cows and heifers.....3.50@ 4.35
Good butcher grades.....2.75@ 3.40
Canners and cutters.....2.00@ 2.65
Veal calves.....3.50@ 5.75
Bulls, stags, etc.....2.25@ 3.75
C. stockers & feeders.....4.75 @ 5.25
Fair to good.....3.75@ 4.20
Stock heifers.....2.50@ 3.40

Hogs receipts are hardly as heavy as predicted for this week and the market is showing a little stronger

tone. Bulk 5.30 to 5.50. The week opens with lambs steady others 10 to 25 off and sheep 10 to 15 lower. Chicago receipts are heavy and the slump is even greater there.

Educational Notes.

By the County Superintendent. The new county school directories will be ready for distribution about the first of the year.

Holt county can boast of thirty-two gentlemen teachers, thirty of whom are teaching at present and two to begin soon.

Forty-five districts have asked for and are entitled to state aid if an appropriation is made for that purpose by the next legislature. The total sum asked for by the forty-five districts is \$4,708 per annum. It seems no appropriation could be made for a more needful purpose.

One drawback to rapid advancement in rural schools is the lack of competition. Very small classes is the rule. The average school contains one, two, or three pupils in each grade. To overcome this lack of strife and to create active interest all over the county we are planning for a county exhibit of work done in the schools this year. This exhibition will be displayed at the last county teachers' association next spring. That all districts may have equal opportunity and like material for making the exhibit, we will send to every district that will use it, a book containing thirty-five sheets of ruled and thirty-five sheets of drawing paper for specimen work. These books when filled will be collected for the exhibition. A circular letter of information and instruction concerning the matter is being sent to teachers and directors.

Of the fifteen schools visited during the past two weeks all were doing excellent work with the exception of two or three. The teacher in one of these holds an emergency certificate. For the benefit of the children, we hope the time is not far distant when school boards will not insist on hiring teachers not properly qualified. The fact that this class of teachers may be hired for five or ten dollars less per month, is not good argument nor an economical use of public funds. The teacher of this class is usually an expensive one though she receive only the minimum salary. The teacher who (according to the course of study advances the pupil one grade during the year), causes him to think for himself, and creates in him a desire to be a scholar and hence to continue his study (if that study consist only in home reading), more than earns her salary, even though that salary be the maximum paid in the county.

Great Music Offer.

Send us the names of three or more performers on the piano or organ and twenty-five cents in silver or postage and we will mail you postpaid our latest popular music roll containing 20 pages full sheet music, consisting of popular songs, marches and waltzes arranged for the piano or organ including Rud. Knauer's famous "Flight of the Butterflies," "March Manila" and the latest popular song, "The Girl I've seen."

Popular Music Publishing Co. Indianapolis, Ind.

Blackbird Presbyterian Church Items

Rev. H. Jacobs, Pastor. A special divine service with special music and a special sermon on the birth of Christ will be held on the Sabbath day, December 20, at 11 a. m. sharp. All are invited.

A Junior choir singing class has been organized. All boys aged four-

teen and over are eligible to membership.

Methodist Church Items.

Next Sunday morning, at the Methodist church, the pastor will take for his theme, "Risen with Christ," and in the evening the subject will be, "A Strict Account." To these services we most cordially invite everybody, especially "the strangers within our gates." Morning service at 10:30, evening 7:30.

Sunday school at the close of the morning service, and everybody is invited to tarry with us.

Junior League service Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, to which we invite all of the boys and girls. Miss Cora Meredith is the new president of the Junior League.

The Epworth League service at 6:30 p. m. to which we especially invite all of the young people.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock we have a class meeting led by Mrs. O. O. Snyder. This is always a helpful service and is a splendid way to begin the day. Come out to the class meet-

ing Sunday morning and it will surely do you good.

Prayer meeting and bible study class every Thursday evening at 7:30. We are always glad to welcome our friends or any strangers who care to come in with us.

T. S. Watson, Pastor.

Atkinson Graphic: J. G. Murphy, his wife and son Willis, left for Minneapolis, Minnesota, yesterday morning, where they will reside until they select a new location. Mr. Murphy has been a resident of Atkinson and vicinity for the past twenty-four years and as head of the Atkinson Milling Company has been one of the chief factors in the up building of our city.

In musical circles Willis Murphy will be especially missed as he has been the acknowledged leader of our band for years and no entertainment seemed complete without his presence. The Graphic is joined by their many friends in wishing this estimable family success in their new home and the glad hand of welcome will be extended if they deem it wise to return and make their home among us.

AT O'NEILL CIGAR FACTORY

C. C. REKA

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

For Christmas Presents:

PIPES

Genuine Merham and Amber pipes and fresh roasted peanuts, genuine French Brier and Amber pipes and hot pop corn with genuine A No. 1 butter and salt.

TOBACCOES

All kinds—good, bad and indifferent. Smoking and chewing, plug, fine cut, shave, flake, cube cut, granulated and snuss.

Also a fine Christmas present free.

Mrs. Harriett S. Mac Murphy of Omaha, deputy pure food commissioner, was an O'Neill visitor Tuesday last. As a result of her last visit to O'Neill, a little less than a year ago, Mrs. Mac Murphy had one of our local butchers arrested and fined for selling adulterated sausage. We understand that upon this trip however Mrs. Mac Murphy was merely looking after some private business and there will be no sequel to her visit.

J. P. MANN & CO. Holiday Fancy Goods

A section complete with attractive gift articles at moderate prices

Ladies' Hand Bags

In all the new shapes.....\$1.50 to \$7.00

Fancy Shell Combs

All our back combs are put up in Xmas boxes without extra charge.... 50c to \$6.00

Ladies' Furs

Nothing could please a lady more than a set of furs for Christmas.

Scarf.....\$1.50 to \$6.00

Muff.....\$2.50 to 15.00

Cut Glass & China

You can save at least 20 per cent on this line by buying of us, as we have an advantage in buying that makes at least that difference, and we give it to you. Ask to see our Royal Dresden and Coalport—we have the only line of these high grade chinas in the city.

Suit Cases & Club Bags

The most useful article, also the most appropriate present on earth for a man.

Fancy Sox

Our line of men's sox is very complete. Silk embroidered and stripes, all colors 15c to 50c

Neckties & Suspensers

We have exceptionally large lines of ties and suspensers, in fancy boxes... 65c to 75c

Men's Gloves

All our dress and semi-dressed, silk lined and unlined gloves are made and guaranteed by Keith Bros.....\$1.50 to \$2.25

We have a present for everyone and one that will be appreciated and used every day; we make a specialty of useful gifts.

J. P. MANN & CO.

Xmas. Opening

WEDNESDAY @ THURSDAY

December 17-18

Now listen just a minute: You can buy anything in the line of Jewelry here that you want any day, but on these two days, Dec. 17 and 18, I am going to have an especially attractive display and will give you some very tempting and attractive prices on the newest and most complete stock of Jewelry, Watches, Diamonds and Optical Goods, you ever saw. It will take

A \$20,000 STOCK

to do this, and you can see your opportunity this Christmas season to get just what you want. And if you do not know just what to buy a look through my stock will help you decide. Engraving will be done free of charge.

Hand Painted China, Cut Glass, Toys, Books, Novelties, Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc., at prices to suit all.

\$25 Watch Free—A \$25 Watch given away on January 1. Enquire about it when you come in.

JOHN W. HIBER

At Pixley & Hanley's Drug Store

Jeweler & Optician