

PROCLAMATION

The laying aside of the swaddling clothes of a territorial existence and assuming the habiliments of a state is a period worthy of definite registration in history. It is an event that should be remembered at all proper intervals ever after. Nebraska came to the inheritance of statehood and was the first to enter the Union soon after the close of the Civil War. She was fortunate in that tens of thousands of the young men who had rendered service to the government in the capacity of soldiers during the war and were inured to the fatigue on the field, came to this territory prepared to undergo the hardship incident to the life of a pioneer.

With them came thousands of others from the several states and from homes across the sea, all for the purpose of establishing and reclaiming the soil from a state of nature and making it respond to the demands of civilization.

These hardy sons of toil, unwilling to longer remain in the relation of dependents on the general government and preferring to take upon themselves the obligation of a free and independent state, asked for and received admission to the Union on the first day of March, 1867, adopting as a motto "Equality before the law," and engraving the same on the Great Seal of the state.

Two score and five years have passed, since by the will of the people and the authority of law, we became an independent factor in the galaxy of

states that constitute the strongest and the freest republic on earth. Such has been our progress that we stand second to none in point of general intelligence, and the peer of any in agricultural and other industrial achievements wherein the soil is the principal factor.

In view of these facts and in order that our people may be reminded of the near approach of our forty-fifth anniversary, I have thought it wise, as chief executive of the state, to suggest that as citizens of the commonwealth, we in some manner observe this occasion; for example, that the schools take up the subject and ask one or more of each school to prepare and read a paper involving the growth of the state in population, churches, schools, railroads, number of farms and amount produced, instituting comparisons between certain dates as to numbers and values. As instance the fact that up to the 10th day of July, 1865, there was not one rail of railroad iron laid in Nebraska. Now we have 6,135 miles of direct line in the state. In 1867 only 48,800 people, now 1,192,214.

On March 1st next, write a letter to some one or more of your friends in other states, telling them something of what you know of the state's development. Thus, in this modest way, we can observe the day and help spread important facts touching the resources and progress of our beloved state.

CHESTER H. ALDRICH,
Governor.

FIVE DAY SILK SALE

\$1.00 Values for 59 Cents

Later on you are quite likely to pay much more for exactly the same silks. They are such extraordinary values that even this immense quantity cannot last. Beautiful new colorings at a very special price.

- 1,000 Yards of Fancy Silks and Silk Foulards, all \$1.00 values, sale price this week, at per yard **59c**
- Spring Gingham**
Just received a beautiful new line of Dress Gingham in all the new plaids, stripes and colors, absolutely fast colors, at, per yard..... **12 1-2c**
- Table Linen**
A pure Linen Table Damask, 64 inches wide, choice patterns, special price, per yard..... **49c**
- Waistings**
A choice assortment of Waistings and Madras Cloth, all neat black figures and stripes, regular 25c value, now priced, at per yard..... **19c**
- Turkish Towels**
A fine quality Turkish Towel, double twisted thread, 18x36, a good 18c value, priced at each..... **13c**

- Dress Gingham**
One Lot of Red Seal Dress Gingham, mostly plain colors, at, per yard..... **9 1-2c**
- \$1.00 Corsets 69c**
One Lot of Medium Length Corsets, sizes 18, 19, 26, 27, regular \$1.00 values, to close out at..... **69c**
- All Over Lace**
One Lot of All Over Lace, in colors, cream, white and black, regular \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values now **1-2 Off**
- Kid Gloves**
One Lot of Kid Gloves, in sizes 6, 7 1-4, 7 1-2, 7 3-4, in colors tan and grey, regular \$1 vals. to close, pair **69c**
- Ladies' Hand Bags**
A special offer of Ladies' Hand Bags, in solid leather, leather lined, suedes and embroidered linen, long leather or cord handles; this is a splendid good value at \$1.25, your choice this week at, each..... **98c**

IN THE CLOAKROOM

Announcement of New Arrivals of Apparel for Spring and Summer Use

- Waists**
In Lawn, Linon, Percale and Madras, correctly made in the new mannish, Dutch, Quaker and other dainty effects. Prices from \$1.25 up to \$2.50.
- Skirts**
Great variety of chic designs, in attractive patterns of woolen mixtures, plain colored serges and fancy worsteds. They are built to fit perfect in high and straight belted effects. Prices range from \$3.95 to \$9.95
- Long Coats**
Navy and Black Serge and Nobby Woolen Mixtures, the newest graceful hanging straight line styles, low priced at..... **\$12.50**

Bargain List

- Take a glance over the following list of genuine bargains. They are worthy of picking.
- \$17.50-\$22.50 values, Mixture Coats, go now at... **\$ 7.50**
 - 22.50- 25.00 values, Black Kersey Coats, go at **10.00**
 - 14.50 value, Mixture Coats, go now at..... **5.00**
 - 19.50-\$17.50 values, Assortment of Suits, go at **7.50**
 - 22.50- 25.50 values, Assortment of Suits, go at **9.75**
 - 9.95 value, Panama Dresses, go now at..... **1.50**
 - 14.50 value, Serge Dresses, go now at..... **6.75**
 - 22.50 value, Silk Velvet Dresses, go now at..... **9.95**
 - 1 Lot of Waists, \$1.50-\$1.95 values, choice..... **69c**
 - 1 Lot of Silk Waists, \$3.95-\$5.95 values, choice... **1.95**
 - 1 Lot of Fur Scarfs, \$7.50 values, choice..... **1.95**
 - 150 pr. White and Ecru Lace Curtains, choice 1-2 Price **\$1.25** values, Fringed Mesh Curtains, only..... **49c** Pair

Spring Shoes
We are showing advanced styles in Low Cut Shoes for Spring 1912.

FRED SCHMIDT AND BRO.
917-921 O. OPPOSITE POST OFFICE

Shoe Department
10 per cent discount on Over shoes.
20 per cent discount on High Stern Boots.
Big Bargains on Tables in Boys', Girls' and Women's Shoes, \$1.00 and \$1.25 pair.

A WELCOME ARRIVAL.

Ed. H. Clinton who has been connected with the Armstrong-McClennahan Clothing Co. of Cedar Rapids, Ia., for a number of years, arrived in Lincoln last week to take a responsible position with the Armstrong Clothing Co. The press of Cedar Rapids is a unit in expressing regret over Mr. Clinton's departure from that city, and in recommending him to Lincoln as a wideawake, progressive and capable business man. In Cedar Rapids Mr. Clinton was a prominent worker in the Ad Club and Commercial Club, and always depended upon to jump in and help push every good thing along. Speaking of Mr. Clinton the Cedar Rapids Tribune says: "Without intent at flattery, the Tribune can most truthfully voice the opinion of every business man and thousands of working men with whom he is acquainted

A GREAT FRATERNAL ORDER.

On another page of this issue appears a detailed statement of the year's history of the Royal Highlanders, one of the great fraternal organizations of the country, and one that Nebraska should be proud of because it is a Nebraska-born order. It was founded by Nebraska men and maintains its headquarters at Aurora, where it has a splendid building. It long since extended its business beyond the bounds of Nebraska and is now flourishing in other states. It has all the good features of older fraternal insurance orders, with many good features that others do not possess. It is the result of careful study on the part of men who have had wide experience in fraternal insurance.

The maintenance of such an institution in a state or city means much. It adds largely to the business of the state, brings thousands of dollars to the state for investment, and advertises it throughout the length and breadth of the land.

That the Royal Highlanders is a prosperous organization is conclusively shown by its annual statement to the auditor of public accounts. It shows a steady and healthy growth in membership and in finances. It has a right to be proud of the men and women included in its membership, for they represent the best brain and blood and brawn of the central west. Its success shows that its management is in the hands of men at once enterprising and conservative, and thoroughly posted in matters pertaining to fraternal insurance. We commend the readers of Will Maupin's Weekly to the statement of the Royal Highlanders, and heartily recommend this organization to all of them.

A GOOD BILL.

Congressman Maguire has introduced a bill providing that the federal government appropriate \$100,000 for a permanent building in each state where a state fair or exposition is established and supported upon land owned by the state and under the control of a board created by legislative enactment. Twenty per cent of the space in each of said buildings to be reserved to the government for its own display. That is a good bill, and it should be enacted into law. In fact, it is so good, and its purpose is so wise and beneficent, that we greatly fear it will not receive proper consideration. That is usually the fate of bills that really mean something to the people. But Congressman Maguire is something of a pusher, and he has quietly made a lot of friends among the members. This will tend to give him considerable prestige and help him get the proper attention towards his bill.

THEY CAME—THEY SAW.

Last year a gentleman in Nebraska received word from some relatives in the east that they expected to come to Nebraska for a short visit, if he would advise them when was the best time to come. These people lived near the Atlantic coast, and knowing that they had had no opportunity to know of the great resources of Nebraska, the Lincoln man advised them to come during the time of the Nebraska state fair, when they would have a chance to see what Nebraska could do. Following his advice they came at the time when the state fair was in full blast and the result was that they were astonished when they beheld the result of what Nebraska had done and what it could do. These people went back to the Old Bay State filled with enthusiasm and as a result spread the good seed which may bring results. The point which is sought to be made by telling the above incident is that so many Nebraska people can do good work right along this same line if they will make the effort to bring visitors to Nebraska at a time when the best results can be obtained. This same Nebraska man follows up the visit of his relatives by sending them whenever possible agricultural reports and other advertising tending to keep alive the seed sown in the minds of the visitors that Nebraska is one of the greatest of the western states. This costs little and helps a great deal.

***** THE WESTERN TRADER. OMAHA.

Will Maupin's Weekly, Lincoln, Nebr.—Yesterday for the first time we saw a copy of your Nebraska Industries number. It impressed us as being of great value in advertising the various industries of this great state, and also in encouraging the many manufacturing concerns now here to greater efforts in marketing their products in trade territory farther distant from Nebraska. Keep up the good work. Nebraska manufactures are increasing but the many manufacturing institutions located within the borders of this state need more advertisement. You are doing your part in giving wide publicity to them and to their wares.

We are also glad to see the fine write-up articles of both Omaha and Lincoln in the same issue of your paper. Anything that will add to the commercial friendship of these two cities is to be commended, and we are glad that you and your Weekly are taking part in this good work that will redound to your everlasting credit and to the benefit of Omaha, Lincoln and the entire state.

Wishing your Weekly the greatest financial success and extending to you personally the compliments of the season, we remain, Yours very truly,
THE WESTERN TRADER,
ZANE THOMPSON,
Associate Editor.

when we say that Cedar Rapids is losing one of its brightest and most progressive citizens when Ed. H. Clinton leaves us next Thursday for Lincoln, Neb. Ed. Clinton has been for several years one of the big brained and responsible men behind the active management of the Armstrong-McClennahan store in this city. Recognizing real merit, he was made a member of the firm last year, an interest which he will still retain. But the needs of the western store made it imperative that a capable man assume a part of the management. Ed. Clinton was found to be that man and while he will prosper by the change Cedar Rapids as a whole and the booster organization in particular will be the real losers."

Mr. Clinton will be warmly welcomed to Ad Club circles in Lincoln, and as he comes with the right sort of credentials behind him he will be put to work alongside other Ad Club men who are doing things.