



Special Cloak Sale

Commencing Wednesday, December 23, we will give a discount of 20 per cent on Cloaks.

Ladies 42-inch Coat, loose back, Skinner satin lining, military capes, silk strapped, a very handsome garment. Regular, \$25;

Special, \$20.00.

Ladies' 32-inch Jacket, made of American Woolen Mills Kerseys, in blacks and castor, military cape, loose back, inlaid with velvet, pleated, heavy satin lining, imitation collar with stoles. Actual value, \$18;

Special, \$13.50.

Ladies' jacket, wool kersey, satine lining, imitation collar, tan only. Regular \$6.00;

Special, \$4.80.

Ladies' Jacket, satine lined, black, French Montenac.

Price on \$5.00 regular, special \$4.00. Price on \$5.50 regular, special \$4.40.

Ladies' black Zibilene, loose back, military cape, satin piping, satin lining; regular \$12.

Special, \$9.60.

Misses' loose back, fancy colored Zibilene, Kersey imitation collar and straps. Regular \$6;

Special, \$4.80.

Misses' long Cloak, green Zibilene, fancy stitching, imitation collar with stoles, military cape, regular \$7.50;

Special, \$5.50.

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WOMEN.

Happy New Year to all. Once more we want to let people know that Womer is still on the map. The new school house west of Womer is the finest country school house in the county. The hotel has once more changed hands and Mrs. Armstrong is again in possession. The livery stable has been sold to a Mr. Burr Johnson, but is still managed by Mr. Hilton. Womer has one of the best general stores in the county, operated by Ed Mathes. Five clerks are employed constantly. S. Nutt of Bellaire has established a hardware store here and Ed Supper is in charge. In addition to the hardware stock a complete line of buggies and carriages is carried. Dr. Morrison is still operating his drug store here. He is a practicing physician as well as a competent druggist. Mrs. Ayers has built a fine residence a mile west of Womer. More new buildings have been built during the past year than in the previous five years, and they are all good, substantial buildings. The creamery will be under the same management as last year, and

gives promise of doing a large business. It does not belong to the creamery trust. There are a large number of cattle on feed in this neighborhood and the feeders have kept up the price of corn, to the joy of those who have corn for sale. Miss Effie Williams, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Williams, died on December 29, from an attack of typhoid fever. She was 10 years of age and was a bright and lovable child. W. S. Clark is confined to his home by growth on his hand, something like a cancer. Mrs. Pounds is very much improved in health, after a sojourn at Sulphur Springs, Ark. We expect to be on the list from now on, so watch out for us. **BLADEN.** A light snow fell here Sunday night. Miss Cora Davis returned to Grand Island last Monday. Ernest Reed has moved in the O. A. Wheeland property. Miss Grace Hall returned to Lincoln last Monday. Mrs. Will Bennett returned home from Red Cloud Saturday. John and Mamie O'Neil returned to

their home at Benkleman, Nebr., after a week's visit at the home of H. B. Boyce. Miss Grace Hicks, who has been visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, returned to her home at Lincoln. Mrs. Miller Adams and children have returned to their home in Hastings. Miss Elsie Hoffman and Miss Pearl Hite have returned to Grand Island to attend college. Ernest Spence went to Upland Wednesday evening to visit his brother C. Spence. Mrs. Jno. Crall went to Beatrice Wednesday to visit her son George. Mr. and Mrs. Reed and daughter Grace drove to Blue Hill Saturday. Miss Della McCallum returned to Lincoln last Monday. Dr. Wegman was in Blue Hill last Monday to visit his father, who is quite sick. The young people have been enjoying themselves lately skating on the pond. Dr. Tammen and family moved to Prosser last Thursday. J. Alderson and family left Thursday night for California, where they intend locating.

GARFIELD.

Mildred Sanner is ill with lung trouble. Miss Dora McCartney is suffering from an attack of influenza. Mrs. Emma Smith was stopping in town the first of the week. Mr. Harrington had his arm and shoulder seriously injured one day last week in a runaway. There is a new dishwasher at the home of Llewellyn King. The young stranger is a "star boarder." Mrs. Abbott of Chapman came last Saturday for a visit with her brother, J. C. Taylor. Elva McCartney was the guest of Myrtle Smith last Sunday. Miss Oona Throne was visiting in Garfield the first of the week, saying good-by to old friends and neighbors before her departure for Dodge City, Kansas, where her parents expect to make their future home. The Rev. Crumpacker closed the series of meetings which he has been conducting at the Brethren church last Sunday night, and has gone back to McPherson, Kansas, where he will complete his course of studies. The little son of George Amack had the misfortune to break off a needle in his leg near the knee joint Tuesday. The eye of the needle and some thread were left in the wound. The little fellow was taken to the office of Dr. Creighton in Red Cloud Wednesday, where the piece of metal was located with the X-ray machine.

STATE CREEK.

The finest winter weather we ever saw, and corn husking is about done. Wages for corn-husking range from 2 1/2 to 3 cents per bushel, and hands scarce. There are huskers in this neighborhood who have averaged from 100 to 108 bushels per day. Bert Stevens has returned to the Grand Island business college after spending the holidays here. Jess Sapp of Sheridan county who spent the holidays here, has returned to his home. Prof. J. W. Gaynor, the popular teacher of Mt. Hope, has had two weeks' vacation and has been on the sick list most of the time with neuralgia. Otto Stevens was on the sick list last week. George Mountford's family dinner was attended by the whole family. Chas. Arbuckle's house warming in his new residence was largely attended. All went home happy and wishing the Arbuckle's would have a new house to dedicate every Christmas. Some of the chronic grumblers are complaining of the nice, open winter we are having. There is time enough yet for a lot of cold, disagreeable

weather before the sun crosses the line again.

WILLOW CREEK MAN TOBA.

Elmer Bruner, who has been very ill with inflammatory rheumatism and is under the care of Dr. Creighton of Red Cloud, is fast regaining his usual health. Miss Edith Peterson, who came home to spend the holidays with her parents, returned to her studies at the Lincoln business college Saturday. The Imhof brothers shelled corn for Mr. Caidis and Harry Brubaker the first of the week. Alvin Zachray is visiting on Willow creek. The Misses Mary and Hattie Smith are visiting an aunt in Aurora this week. Miss Dena Peterson, daughter of Charles Peterson, is at home after a stay of two years in Kansas with her grandparents. Joe Brubaker is through shucking his corn crop on Mrs. Boyce's farm. Miss Dollie Lacey received a handsome organ as a Christmas present from her father. Every member of the family of A. C. Bon has been numbered among the sick for the last two weeks. All are better now. Mr. Ben Bruner has been visiting in this vicinity of late, while convalescing from a slight illness. All the old pioneers are happy to give him a hearty handshake.

GUIDE ROCK.

James B. Colvin went to Red Cloud on his bicycle Wednesday. Miss Effie Hagan is on the sick list this week. J. B. Buchanan was in the vicinity of Lincoln during the holidays. He returned Monday. Grandma Shultz died Saturday night at the home of her son, John Shultz. The funeral was from the home Monday. Mrs. Shultz was very old. Mr. Baker of Des Moines, Ia., was here on business with I. B. Colvin the first of the week. Edna and Luella Watt returned to school at Lincoln last Monday. R. Garrison and E. C. Christy have formed a copartnership in the implement and harness business. The Jones farm, south of town, was sold recently for \$3,500. J. G. Parsons has rented Frank Best's farm for the coming season. Skating parties are all the go. Mr. Berge of Lincoln was in town Sunday. The R. S. Proudfit Lumber Company was incorporated the first of year.

LINE.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shoop of Lebanon were the guests of old friends this week. Wm. Van Dyke spent a few days visiting in Guide Rock and North Branch. The Aubushon boys shelled corn for J. E. Fox last week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Dyke spent the holidays with the old folks on Walnut creek. There will be a number of changes in the residents of Line this week. Mrs. W. J. Haskins was the guest of Mrs. S. C. Shuck this week. Fred Wildy made a business trip to Beatrice, Neb., this week. Clark Stevens shipped some fat cows to Kansas City recently. L. A. Haskins was over from Red Cloud this week on business. Mr. Huber shelled corn for Reuben Keagle one day this week. Bert Steven has returned to college at Grand Island. Another Excursion to Florida via Burlington Route. An excellent opportunity for a visit to the Sunny Southland is afforded by the personally conducted excursion

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