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CHAMPAGNE, LEATHER BROWN, COPENHAGEN BLUE and GRAY are the prominent shades with navy and black and white checks and plaids following closely in favor. These we are showing in all the weaves of WOOL and COTTON SUITINGS.

We are again to enter a big "White" season and our stock of white dress goods, embroideries, etc., was never more complete.

Our full stock of Dress Skirts and Waists

is now in and our beautiful assortment of SUITS and SPRING JACKETS will be here within the coming week. We will furnish you the best garments from our

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THE two-cent railroad fare bill has been passed by both houses of the legislature, signed by Speaker Nettleton and Lieutenant Governor Hopewell, and is now in the hands of Governor Sheldon, who is expected to sign the measure after he has had time to give it the careful perusal it demands. The house passed the measure by a vote of 91 to 0, and the senate by a vote of 26 to 4.

RED WILLOW.

Mrs. Owens Longnecker visited at Mr. Calvin's on Monday.

Mrs. Sheridan and Mrs. Charley Allen called to see Nellie Longnecker on Monday.

Laura Ruggles is at Mrs. McNeil's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Byfield were to see Mrs. John Longnecker on Sunday.

Walter Stirk, the Watkins' man, was in the neighborhood this week.

Mrs. L. J. Burtless visited friends at Red Willow a day or two this week.

Arthur Hoagland and family started to drive through to their new home on Tuesday morning.

Gabrilla Longnecker returned home with Mrs. Burtless to stay several days.

There was a quiet wedding at John Longnecker on Feb. 24, when Owens Longnecker was united in marriage to Nellie A. Shields, of Springfield, Ill., Dr. Finch performing the ceremony. Only the immediate friends present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Randel had a silver wedding on Saturday. A number were present, and there were many presents, and such a dinner as Mrs. Randel can give.

BARTLEY.

Mr. McKnight is moving his restaurant and grocery into the Rouse building, and will be much better located than formerly.

Mr. Stark and family and Mr. Wilson and family are moving into their new homes in the south part of town.

Harry Brown and his children are on the sick list.

We had an all-around mix-up here last week with George Chandler, Jack DeArmond, Will Staats and Lente Bush. A trial was held Monday before his honor Squire Matthews. No attorney appeared for the state. S. R. Smith, from Indianola, appeared for the defense. The result was that Lente Bush was bound over to court next term.

Miss Gertrude Clement is very seriously sick with what the doctor diagnosed appendicitis.

Perry Ginther has moved to town, and takes possession of the Bartley mill. Everyone wishes him success in the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Athey have moved into Mr. Theobald's house.

A. F. McCord is over near Cambridge moving a building for Mrs. Joakun—formerly Mrs. Yontz.

Henry Burton of Wauneta, visited in Bartley, and took back a span of bronchos. Floyd Hodgkin went with him for a visit.

The doctors are very busy now. Several parties sick with gripe.

Rev. Heggeman is holding a revival meeting at the Dry Creek M. E. church. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hunt Work will move into their property in Bartley, first of next week.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Guy Ritchie and Miss Daisy Bush, at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. William Bush Jr., next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ford will return to McCook next week. We regret their going. They have been conducting the Bartley hotel for the past year, and have given satisfaction to the traveling public and home boarders. We are informed they would remain here if the hotel could be rented for a fair living price. We hope Dr. Hathorn will soon put up a new hotel and accommodate the public.

Mrs. C. E. Matthews and Mrs. Will Finch are each on the sick list.

The Nebraska Telephone Co., have, this week, put on cross arms and two extra wires from McCook to Bartley.

COCHINEAL.

The Way the Tiny Insects Live and How They Are Gathered.

Merry millions of little buglets support the vast cochineal industries. Where the tiny cochineal insect comes from is something of a mystery, but he does come wherever the nopal plant grows and for a long time was thought to be a seed or a floweret of the plant. The living female insect is twice as large as the male, weighs one-tenth of a grain and loses much weight in drying, so that 70,000 are needed to make one pound. During the rainy season many millions of the creatures are drowned or washed off the plants, so that when the long dry summer comes there are but a few survivors on each plant. But these multiply so rapidly that before long the plants are covered. The last act of the female's life is to deposit a large number of eggs, on which her dead body rests, protecting them from the burning rays of the sun until the little ones emerge. In about six weeks after the beginning of the dry season comes the first harvest. The plantation laborers make the round of the nopalry and with a brush go over the entire plant, sweeping the creatures into a bag. They then are killed by immersion in hot water, by exposure to steam or by drying in hot ovens. The hot water or steam makes them a dark reddish brown or black cochineal. The hot ovens make them a red gray hue or silver cochineal. The females outnumber the males by at least 200 to 1, a fortunate fact for the planter, since the males are of no use to him whatever.

THE CABS OF NEW YORK.

They Are Not an Integral Part of the Life of the City.

The cab is no integral part of New York life. Venice without the gondola were as unthinkable as a woman without hair. No little of London's compelling charm is in its swift rolling hansoms. These things we know. But one can't think of New York in terms of cabs. Once upon a time I was in exile. Only in memory did the great city rise before me, and what I saw was this: Huge canyons of stone and steel, filled with noise and darkness, through which great yellow worms crawled, one after the other, in mid-air. That is the picture of New York that haunts the exile, even as the outlaw Venetian is obsessed by slim black gondolas cutting across lanes of moonlight. Your true New Yorker is a steam projected, electrically carted person. Only in exceptional moments of gloom or gaiety does he ride "in a carriage and pair." He is carriage ridden to a funeral. He cabs it in winey moments, when the fear of God is not in him. There are only 2,000 licensed cabs and hacks on the island of Manhattan. Others there are, of course, plying piratically in the dark quarters, but even with these thrown in the reckoning is small. No; the New Yorker is not a cabby person.—Vance Thompson in Outing Magazine.

A College in Bokhara.

There lay behind the great arch and the domes and the minarets a retired precinct of ancient trees and shaded walks, a grove in the midst of a city, colonnaded in quadrangle by the pointed arches of the students' cells. Under the trees was a sort of summer house or pavilion. Two or three young men were walking in an avenue against the farther colonnade, and on the stone steps of a wide, shaded pool sat several mollahs on their praying rugs. We visited a number of the students in their cells—monastic little brick walled rooms where they live the year around (there are no vacations in Mussulman colleges) and for years on end. It is not unusual for a student after passing the primary school to spend as much as fifteen or twenty years at his higher studies, though usually in such a long course he will go through several different colleges in the order of advancement. Quiet men, these students, mild eyed, patient, often middle aged.—Minneapolis Bellman.

Girl Slaves in China.

A native writer in a Chinese publication remarks: "When a girl is sold in China she becomes the slave of her owner and a part of his property. She no longer retains her freedom rights, but surrenders them all to the will of those who own her. She receives no compensation for her labor, but is obliged to accept such raiment and food as her owners may be pleased to give her. In cases of tyranny or gross cruelty she cannot appeal for redress. She may be resold, given away or cast off in the streets at the arbitrary will of her master. All freedom is denied her, and she remains a tool and chattel in the hands of her owner until she is sold again or until death releases her from her unwilling fate."

Effects of Deafness.

An ear specialist insists that deafness affects all the senses. He says the reason for this is that the ear is only one servant of the sensory service of the human system. Loss of hearing is really a partial paralysis of the brain, but owing to the sympathetic connection of the various sensory nerve centers of the brain the others indirectly concerned have to combat for their very life the demoralizing influence of the affected center.

Consideration of a Motorist.

We hold no brief for the motorists, says the Bystander, but "honor where honor is due." On a country road the other day we saw a motorist deliberately avoid running over an animal on the highway! To be exact, it was a circus elephant.—St. James' Gazette.

In the capital of Honduras all the houses in the poorer quarter are made of mahogany, which costs less than pine there.

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