



By special arrangement, Mr. Benton, representing The N. K. Fairbank Co., will demonstrate Cottoleone at our store, Saturday.

C. L. DeGROFF & CO.

**MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.**

Everything in drugs. McConnell.  
 McConnell's Balsam cures coughs.  
 Use McMillen's Cough Cure. 25c.  
 Mary Harrison, nurse. Phone black 286.  
 Big Sale now in progress at The Hub Store.  
 McMillen's Cold Cure will break up your cold.  
 McMillen's Sure Corn Cure will remove your corns.  
 Shoes are almost one half less during Viersen's Big Clearing Sale.  
 Of course you know Huber keeps the Wedding Breakfast Office.  
 \$20 overcoats at \$15 at Rozell & Barger's during One Fourth Off Sale.  
 Try our crackers in tin boxes. You will never use any other. HUBER.  
 We have fresh lettuce and celery every Wednesday and Saturday. HUBER.  
 All \$1.00 flannel shirts now 75c. at Rozell & Barger's One Fourth Off Sale.  
 Additional furniture for the Southwestern Nebraska Hospital arrived, this week.  
 Ten per cent below the low blue mark is the present deep cut at the Big Hub Store Sale.  
 McMillen's Cream Lotion will cure chapped hands and make the skin soft and smooth.  
 A 25 per cent discount on all winter underwear at Rozell & Barger's. Plenty cold weather coming.  
 All heavy pants in this One Fourth Off Sale at Rozell & Barger's. \$4 pants at \$3. \$5 at \$3.75 and so on.  
 C. E. Picklum has rented and converted into an auto repair shop and garage the store building at 222 West B street, until recently used as a sample room by the Palmer hotel.  
 The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mr. E. E. DeLong, January 29th, at 3:00 p. m. Subject, "Franchise." Mrs. Howe Smith, leader. A cordial invitation to all.  
 Word was received by friends in the city, this week, of the death at Edgar, Nebraska, January 10, of Helene, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bentley. Little Helene's was one of those rarely beautiful characters which everyone loves, and memories of her short life can only bring up thoughts of sweet forgetfulness of self, and love and patience for others. The sorrowing parents have the tenderest sympathy of many friends in this county, which was their home for so many years. Com.

McConnell for drugs.  
 Girl wanted at Commercial hotel.  
 McConnell's Balsam cures coughs.  
 Use McMillen's Cough Cure. 25c.  
 Picture framing. The Ideal Store.  
 Big Clearing Sale of shoes at Viersen's.  
 Mrs. J. Jackson, nurse. Phone red 251.  
 McConnell's Condensed Smoke 25 cents.  
 McMillen's Cold Cure will break up your cold.  
 Wall paper? Yes—always at McConnell's, Druggist.  
 Only this month can you secure the unparalleled bargains at the Hub Store.  
 All winter caps, gloves and mittens reduced one fourth at Rozell & Barger's. Get yours.  
 Still slaughtering prices regardless at The Hub Store. Only cutting values deeper and deeper.  
 Take advantage of the Big Clearing Shoe Sale at Viersen & Son's. See their big ad. for the figures.  
 McConnell's Concentrated Smoke is put up in 25 cent bottles and is sufficient for 150 to 200 pounds of meat.

If you want a good pickle in sweet, sour or mixed, we have them—a quart jar full for 25 cents. HUBER.  
 We have a full line of California Canned Goods in both the Advo and J. M. brands. Nothing superior. HUBER.  
 We are now agents for the Famous Carhartt Overalls and Jackets—also for their Gloves and Caps. HUBER.  
 Patronize home industry by smoking "Commercial Club", 10 cent cigar and the "Smoke", 5 cent cigar.  
 If your hens are not laying well, give them some Pratt's Egg Producer. It always increases the number of eggs. In 25 cent boxes.  
 L. W. McCONNELL, Druggist.

The Christian Science society of this place will hold a Lincoln Anniversary service at 8 p. m., February 12, using the lesson sermon prepared for the occasion by the publishing society of the Churches of Christ Science. Subject, "Freedom." The G. A. R. Post and Ladies of the G. A. R. have been extended a special invitation to attend. A cordial welcome is extended to the public.

**MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.**

BYRON JONES is invalided with erysipelas in his hands.  
 D. C. MARSH went up to Denver, Sunday, to see the big stock show.  
 MR. AND MRS. LEWIS FLEISCHMAN attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Katherine Collins at Indianola, Friday last.  
 MRS. W. F. PAYE arrived home on No. 3 last night from Illinois, whither she went to attend the funeral of her grandmother.  
 H. H. TARTSCH came up from Plattsmouth, close of last week, to attend to the closing up of some business matters here.  
 MR. AND MRS. J. G. STOKES entertained the Thursday whist club, last evening, Mrs. Walter Stokes capturing the honors.  
 MRS. J. F. UTTERBACK returned, Tuesday morning, to her home in Arapahoe, after a short visit with her daughter Mrs. J. W. Hasty.  
 MR. AND MRS. A. BARNETT went to Omaha, Wednesday, to be absent the rest of the week, to attend the lumbermen's association's session.  
 E. R. BARNETT of Hebron, Neb., a graduate of a school of pharmacy and a registered druggist, has taken the position in McMillen's store recently vacated by T. A. Tucker.  
 MR. AND MRS. A. A. FISH are beneficiaries of a little dereliction on the part of St. Peter, from whose jurisdiction a cherub daughter took a change of venue, last Sunday morning, to assume the absolute dictatorship in the Fish domicile—specially over Tessa and Marie.

**What He Needed.**  
 A sovereign would tempt many men, and when Plinkins, making a few purchases at the stores, saw one lying on the floor just by the counter he quivered with excitement.  
 Glancing around to reassure himself that none was looking, he quite accidentally dropped one of his kid gloves neatly on the coin and then dived. He got the glove all right, but still the sovereign remained.  
 A shopwalker approached him.  
 "Good morning, sir," said the man, rubbing his hands together in the approved style, "and may I show you a bottle of our celebrated liquid glue, which sticks?"  
 —London Mail.

**The Cellar Stairs.**  
 A man who once had a bad fall when going down his cellar stairs now has a broad strip of white painted on the floor at the end of the last step. This is easily seen, even if the cellar be dark, and many a nasty accident is avoided. If the house is rented and you do not like to paint the boards a piece of white oilcloth can be tacked to the floor at the foot of the stairs. See that the tacking is securely done or a worse fall may follow than from a misgauged step.—Philadelphia Press.

**Guarding a Nail.**  
 A gentleman in Jerusalem told me that he found a Turkish soldier on guard in some part of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where it was not usual for a sentry to be, and inquired of him why he was there.  
 He pointed to a nail in the wall and replied, "It is my duty to watch that nail."  
 Asked why, he explained that the Latins or the Greeks—I forget which—had driven the nail with the view of hanging a picture; that a rival sect had furiously objected, saying that it was an interference with their property and wanted to pull out the nail; that thereupon the Turkish government had intervened and set him to watch the nail and see that no picture was hung upon it and that it was not pulled out.  
 To allow the picture to be hung would have been to admit the claims of those who drove in the nail. To allow it to be pulled out would have been to admit the claims of those who objected to the driving in of the nail. Therefore the nail must be preserved and the picture must not be hung, and to see that this was so an armed sentry must watch day and night. For aught I know he may be watching still.—Rider Haggard's "A Winter Pilgrimage."

**Traced by a Bluebottle Fly.**  
 The great objection to the use of poison for rats is that they retire to their homes and die there, to be a nuisance and a menace to health. Friends of the writer were compelled to have the floor and wainscoting of their dining room removed for this reason. A wiser man, knowing that a pair of poisoned rats had got under his floor, summoned not a carpenter, but a naturalist, to his aid. They knew that the rats were under the floor, but the difficulty was to fix the spot. There seemed to the owner of the house no alternative to the removal of the whole floor; hence his appeal to the nature detective. The latter would not hear of the floor coming up. He cried out for a bluebottle fly. One was captured unhurt and turned loose in the room. After a little preliminary hawking the bluebottle darted to the floor and remained on one spot, like a pointer which has found game.  
 "Your rats are under there," said the naturalist. They cut down through that board, and there were the rats.—New York Mail.

**The First Pantomime.**  
 John Rich has the credit of producing the first pantomime ever seen in England. This was performed on Dec. 26, 1717, at the theater in Lincoln's Inn Fields. Rich had found himself unable to compete with the legitimate drama at Drury Lane, so he bet thought himself of the comic masques occasionally performed in London and combined with their scenic and mechanical effects the maneuvers of the pantomime ballet. The result was "Harlequin Executed," which the advertisement of that day described as "a new Italian mimic scene, between a serenade, a harlequin, a country farmer, his wife and others." There were all the business with which we were familiar from childhood, but turned into palaces, shops into gardens, houses into trees. Of course the "earnest student of the drama" protested against this innovation, but Harlequin, Columbine & Co. have maintained their hold on public favor until the present year of grace.

**He Knew Them.**  
 This was overheard in the lobby of a big hotel in Cincinnati when a bus load of traveling salesmen came from the station. Every man of them as he signed the register paused to shake hands with the hotel clerk—fatherly old fellow who had been there many years. "Ah," said one of them to the clerk, "it's a good thing you're still on deck, Uncle Dave. I don't think the house could run without you." "Couldn't it, though?" said Uncle Dave. "You fellows would come in here, and if there was a strange clerk you'd say, 'Where's Uncle Dave?' And the clerk would say: 'Why, didn't you hear? He died a month ago.' And then you'd say: 'Well, I'll be darned! That's too bad. Say, when 'll dinner be ready?'"

**Dressing the Sponge.**  
 When sponges are first torn from the sea bed they are of a dark color and living. By tramping and pressing them with the feet a milky substance oozes out, whereupon the sponge dies. They are then immersed in the sea for a space of eight or ten hours. The dark, skiny substance is then removed by scraping, and gradually, through cleaning, drying and bleaching, they take on the fine yellow color which characterizes many of them.

**The Office Boy Instructs.**  
 Contributor—I should like to leave these poems with your editor. What is the usual procedure? I haven't done any magazine work before. Office Boy—Well, the usual custom is to leave 'em an' call back in a day or so—an' git 'em.—Exchange.

**In the Dark.**  
 Uncle Joe—Yes, Teddy, it is quite possible that there are people in the moon.  
 Little Teddy—Well, what becomes of them when there isn't any moon?

**Savage.**  
 Caller—Sir, I am collecting for the poets' hospital. Will you contribute anything? Editor—With pleasure, Cal tonight with the ambulance, and I will have some poets ready.—Judge.

It is great cleverness to know how to conceal our cleverness.—La Rochefoucauld.

**Origin of Old Glory.**  
 In the reminiscences of Lord Ronald Gower is found a story of the origin of the stars and stripes.  
 The "star spangled banner" of the American republic had its origin from an old brass on the floor of an ancient church in Northamptonshire. The brass covers the tomb of one Robert Washington and is dated 1622. On it appears the Washington coat of arms, consisting of three stars, with bars or stripes beneath them. On the first day of the new year, 1776, the thirteen united colonies raised a standard at Washington's headquarters.  
 This introduced the stripes of the present, but retained the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew on a blue ground in the corner. In 1777 the crosses were replaced by stars, as the Declaration of Independence rendered the retention of the English element unnecessary and inconvenient. In thus adopting the arms of his ancestors as his own distinctive badge Washington no doubt intended the flag merely as a private signal for his own personal following, but it was at once adopted as a national emblem. Probably there is not another case in the world's history in which the private arms of an obscure family have attained such worldwide eminence and repute.

**The Bank Could Stand It.**  
 A western lawyer tells of a remarkable instance of the convincing power of feminine logic as evidenced by an occurrence which he once witnessed while standing on the edge of a crowd that was besieging the doors of a bank supposed to be on the point of suspending payment.  
 A conversation between a rosy cheeked Irishwoman and her husband, who were near the lawyer, at once attracted his attention.  
 "Mary," said the man, "we must push up, so ye can draw your money at once!"  
 "But I don't want to draw it out Roger," replied Mary placidly.  
 "Don't ye know, Mary," persisted the husband, "that they'll lose your money for ye if ye don't hurry t' draw it out?"  
 "An' shure, Roger," retorted Mary, "ain't they better able to lose it than we are?"  
 Roger was stunned by this unanswerable logic, and after a few more words the two withdrew. Fortunately the bank survived its difficulties and no depositor lost a cent.—Harper's

**A Purse For the Bride.**  
 Some brides may be inclined to regret that the old marriage custom of the dowry purse has fallen into disuse. It was the custom of the bridegroom to fill a purse with a goodly sum of money and present it to the bride on the wedding day as the price of the purchase of her person. It sounds like slavery, yet the buying of goods and chattels, yet the bride had a nice little sum of money for her own use. Some of the oldest inhabitants of Cumberland may remember a similar custom in that county. The bridegroom provided himself with a number of gold and silver pieces, and in the words "with all my worldly goods I thee endow" he handed the clergyman his fee and poured the other coins into a handkerchief held out for that purpose by the bride. In other places, again, the bride had the right to ask her husband for a gift of money or property on the day after the wedding, and he was bound in honor to grant the request.—London Answers.

**Sixty Kinds of Bananas.**  
 To most persons in the temperate zones a banana is a banana. But the truth is that there are over sixty known varieties of the fruit, with a great or greater variation in character as in the different kinds of apples. Hawaii is said to have something over forty distinct varieties of the fruit most of which have been introduced by the whites. Some of these are of extremely delicate and delicious flavor while other kinds are used, if at all only when cooked in various ways. There is scarcely a city house lot of country "kuleana" or homestead which does not have a clump or two of bananas, which grow with practically no care, new plants or suckers shooting up to replace the ones which have fruited and been removed.—Los Angeles Times.

**The Bee's Market Basket.**  
 Every bee carries his market basket around his hind legs. Any one examining the body of the bee through a microscope will observe that on the hind legs of the creature there is a fringe of stiff hairs on the surface, the hairs approaching each other at the tips, so as to form a sort of cage. This is the bee's basket, and into it after a successful journey he will cram enough pollen to last him for two or three days.

**Sleight of Hand.**  
 Hyler—I attended a successful sleight of hand performance last night. Hyler—So? Hyler—Yes, I lent a coin just a commonish dollar, and he gave me back a good one.—Exchange.

**Trying to Explain.**  
 Howell—What did you mean by saying that I would never set the world on fire? Powell—I meant that you were too much of a gentleman to do it.—Exchange.

**First, Forgive.**  
 When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any, that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.—St. Mark xi, 25.

In friendship we see only those faults which may be prejudicial to our friends. In love we see no faults but those by which we suffer ourselves.—De la Bruyere.

# WINTER SHOE BARGAINS

WE have a large stock of women's warm lined shoes, with or without tips, cloth or leather tops, \$1.75 values at \$1.45. Women's leather warm lined Juliettes, fur lined, \$1.75 values at \$1.35. Women's warm lined leather house slippers, \$1.25 values at 85c. Ladies' felt slippers, \$2.00 values at \$1.65. Ladies' felt slippers, \$1.50 values at \$1.30. Ladies' felt slippers, \$1.25 values at 85c. Ladies' felt slippers, 85c values at 70c.

We have left a few pairs of men's hair lined shoes. These are excellent \$3.00 values, but will go at \$1.95. A 20 per cent discount on all men's house slippers, while they last. We still have all our work shoes on sale at a full 20 per cent discount. This sale only lasts through this month, so get your spring work shoes now while you can save money.

All broken lines in ladies' and children's shoes at a 20 to 30 per cent discount. These lines are all new and up-to-date.

Come in and see these shoes. Salesmen Sidney Viersen and John Danbar will be pleased to show you this entire stock and make you feel at home.

Bring in your repair work.

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WEST B STREET

# BIG RED TAG SALE

Friday, January 15th to Saturday, January 30th

**China, Glassware, Lamps, Etc. AT EXTREMELY CUT PRICES**

NOTICE:—A beautiful piece of Photo China absolutely free of any cost to every lady visiting this sale Monday, January 18.

**The Ideal Cash Store** Below Postoffice

**FOR SALE, FOR RENT, ETC.**

FOR SALE—Household goods at 611 2nd street east.  
 FOR SALE OR RENT—House at once, 301 east 6th st. See Will Neill at house in evenings.  
 FOR SALE—A \$325 piano—cheap. Inquire at this office.  
 FOR RENT—5-room house, modern except furnace; close in; good neighborhood; bargain to right party. J. R. STANBERRY.  
 FOR RENT—Four room cottage. Mrs. J. I. Lee. Phone 43.  
 FOR RENT—Suite of four steam-heated room with private stairs and hall. Inquire of McCook Hardware Co.  
 FOR RENT—3 furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Mrs. J. I. Lee, phone 43.  
 FOR RENT—5-room house at 910 west 2nd street. Phone red 329.—1-15-2\*

**COURT HOUSE NEWS.**  
 COUNTY COURT.  
 Licenses to marry issued by the county judge since our last report:  
 Joseph F. Powers (21) and Agnes Jane Donnelly (20), both of Indianola.  
 Chris J. Strauser (25), McCook, and Nellie Young (25), Republican. Married Jan. 18th by county judge.  
 Tribune Is All Printed in McCook  
 You will find local or county news of interest on each of the eight pages of this paper every week. It is all printed at home. No patent print. Read all.  
 Fresh fruit always in season at Huter's.

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**Horse Owners are interested in 5A Blankets, because they are long of wear. When you buy, insist on the famous 5A.**

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