

# HENRY RAGATZ & CO.

**CLEARANCE SALE OF CROCKERY**



**THE SIGN** which good housekeepers watch for (11) It is to the effect that prices for FINE CROCKERY are down—away down. Our annual stock taking is at hand. We want to reduce our holdings as much as possible. So we throw profits to the winds to induce you to buy liberally. There are some tremendous bargains for early shoppers.

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THIRTEENTH ST., COLUMBUS, NEB.

### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS NOTES.

#### LINDSAY.

From the Opinion.

Eli Mock slipped and fell striking on a broken bottle Tuesday and cut his hand quite badly.

Mat Heck, while hauling ice Wednesday, fell off of the wagon when making a sharp turn and struck on his face, bruising it quite badly.

Frank Johns of St. Bernard sold an acre of land with improvements last week to Edward Seiler, consideration \$1,100. The property was close to the Catholic church.

Elon Swanson was over from Genoa Sunday and Monday packing his household goods, and sent two loads over Monday. Elton has bought out a barber shop in Genoa and has already taken possession. We wish him success in his new location.

Now that we have such an excellent electric light system, the next public improvement Lindsay should have is a waterworks system. Let a public meeting be called to discuss the question and see if something cannot be done to decide the matter one way or the other. We believe our village board is favorably inclined toward the idea. Let us not wait until a fire causes a loss of two or three times the cost of a waterworks system, before something is done. Now is the time to talk waterworks and keep at it until our efforts are realized.

#### HUMPHREY

From the Democrat.

Miss Katie Rollman of this place was taken to Columbus this week where in St. Mary's hospital she submitted to a surgical operation on Wednesday.

Jos. Bender and family have moved to town, and until P. E. McKillip moves out of the Hale residence, which Mr. Bender purchased some time ago, the family will live with Mr. Bender's father.

H. P. Wettengel, of Tarnov, was in town last Friday attending to business. The bank at Tarnov of which Mr. Wettengel has been cashier since it started two or three years ago, has surrendered its charter and ceased to do business. Mr. Wettengel is making an effort to interest local capital to organize a new bank and continue the business.

The restaurant stock of Tony Stroebel was attached this week to satisfy his creditors, and the stock is now in

the hands of a constable awaiting settlement. It appears that Mr. Stroebel left Humphrey a few days ago and it was understood he did not intend to return. He left his mother in charge of the stock and the Democrat is told that the lady was making an effort to dispose of the stock. The creditors in some way got wind of what was going on so an attachment was immediately sworn out. We failed to learn particulars as to the amount of liabilities and assets.

Last Monday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Francis church occurred the marriage of Miss May Simon and Frank Haverland, Rev. Father Kurzer officiating. After the ceremony a reception was tendered the young couple at the home of the bride's parents southwest of town, at which a large number of friends and relatives were present to help celebrate the event. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Simon, prominent and influential farmers living near Humphrey. She has lived here since childhood and her acquaintances are many and her friends are no less. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Haverland, sr., of this place. He is one of the rising young farmers of this section and is a young man of good habits and sterling worth. The Democrat joins in extending congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Haverland left on Wednesday for Iowa to spend their honeymoon with old friends and relatives.

#### CRESTON.

From the Statesman.

The child of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gammel is seriously ill.

Earl Ludwick returned to Omaha on Tuesday, to resume his work at the dental college.

The ice men are busy this week harvesting their crop of ice. The ice is from 10 to 12 inches thick.

Mrs. Mary Wagner has been quite sick this week with congestion of the lungs, but is some better at this writing.

#### GENOA.

(From the Leader.)

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Patterson returned from California, where they went last fall. The trip seems to have agreed with both Mr. and Mrs. Patterson.

Miss Fry of the Indian school has taken charge of the editorial department of Indian News and the Leader predicts that the News will hum from now on.

C. W. Landers departed Monday

night for Norfolk to take charge of the depot at that place. The new agent's name is Biers and he came from Papillion.

Milch cows sold at Robt. C. Anderson's big sale Monday from \$40 to \$60 per head. Buyers were present from all over the country. About twenty of the cows were purchased by Norfolk parties.

Everett McWilliams received news the last of the week announcing the death of a brother in California, who died from the effects of an accidental gun-shot wound. He belonged to the army.

We are glad to be able to announce that Mrs. F. H. Young, who has been very sick the past three weeks, is improving rapidly, and if nothing else complicates it is hoped that she will soon be up and around.

Rev. A. J. McMurtry, acting pastor of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches, has tendered his resignation to take effect the first of February. A meeting will be held Sunday morning to take action on same.

Nearly every citizen seen on our streets the past two weeks has been carrying a can of some sort, but it was a milk can they were rushing. Hereafter, however, if you see Wilber, Smith Many, or any other prohibitionists with a can, watch 'em. There is no more milk at the restaurant.

From the Times.

The vicinity of Genoa is not the only locality where the price of farm land is advancing. The M. B. Thompson farm near Albion was sold last week for \$103 an acre.

Frank Clark purchased the Jess Long farm, one mile south of town a few weeks ago, paying \$70 an acre for the tract. The other day he refused an offer of \$80. He expects to sow the greater portion of the farm to alfalfa, using the balance for feed yards.

Herman Schwerat of Cheektowaga, New York, heard of the Indian school here and came to Genoa last Friday to visit the institution. He was surprised to learn of the extent the Indian is capable of adopting the civilization of the white man. He, like thousands of other eastern people, had a poor opinion of the western Indian, but will return home with advanced ideas as to the capabilities of the Noble Redman.

#### BELLWOOD

From the Gazette.

Prof. Wilson and wife are feeling happy over the arrival of a new baby girl at their home this week.

On the 7th of this month a young banker pulled up at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bell, and now father and mother are feeling happy.

About thirty young men from Bellwood went out to the T. Loveless residence Wednesday evening and tendered the bride and groom a serenade. On their return they favored the Gazette family with some of their choicest songs. Thanks.

Mr. Virgil Graves and Miss Lucy Loveless were united in marriage Wednesday at high noon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Loveless, the bride's parents. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. H. Zinnecker, pastor of the M. E. church. The bride is one of our most estimable young ladies. The new groom is from Iowa and is said to be highly respected. In a few days he expects to take his new bride to Iowa, where they will make their home.

#### PLATTE CENTER

From the Signal.

Alfred Josi was operated on for hernia at St. Mary's hospital, Columbus, last Saturday. The operation was successful and the patient is recovering rapidly.

Dave Malloy, who has been in St. Mary's hospital at Columbus for the past three months, went to the Soldiers' Home at Grand Island, Wednesday, he being an old soldier.

Beginning with the new year our barbers stopped opening their shops for work on Sunday. This is all right, six days in a week is enough for a barber or any one else to work.

Oscar May went to Columbus Monday, where he remained with his parents for a day or two and then he left for the Pacific coast. He seems to think that about the only place fit to live in.

Zingg completed putting in some three hundred tons of ice in his ice house last Friday evening. A slight rain towards evening made the roads

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very slippery and the work sloppy, so that the finishing of the job was postponed until a more favorable time.

Miss Ilene Kavanaugh of Columbus was here the latter part of last week and the fore part of this week trying to get enough of the young people interested in dancing to form a class for instruction. We understand she abandoned the project and returned home Wednesday, not enough of the people being interested to make the proposition a paying one.

The Hindus Probably Learned the Art From the Chinese. Everything before anybody else heard of it, claim to be the original discoverers of the process of sugar making, and it is said that sugar was used in China as long ago as 3,000 years. This is misty, but the fact is well established that it was manufactured in China under the Tsin dynasty 200 years at least before the Christian era began.

India has put forward a claim for priority of invention, but the probability is that the Hindus learned the art of sugar making from the Chinese and that through them the knowledge finally spread to the western nations. Ne-archus, when sent by Alexander on an exploring voyage on the Indus, brought back reports of "honey" which was made by the Asiatics from cane without the help of bees.

At this time neither the Greeks nor the Jews nor the Babylonians had any knowledge of sugar, but later the art of making the artificial "honey" became known and practiced, though its progress and development were exceedingly slow. It was prescribed as a medicine by Galen in A. D. 150, and up to the seventeenth century it had become nothing more than a costly luxury, to be used only on special occasions. Even as late as the beginning of the eighteenth century the annual consumption of sugar in Great Britain had reached only 20,000,000 pounds, whereas it is now more than 2,000,000,000 pounds.

Refined sugar was not made in England till 1659. The art of refining was learned by a Venetian merchant from the Saracens, who sold the secret to him for 100,000 crowns.

A Church Without Services. There is in London, within a few yards of the beautiful marble arch in Hyde park, a church in which no services are ever held. This Church of the Ascension, as it is called, was built by Mrs. Russell Gurney as a memorial to her husband, and she expressly stated that the edifice was to be used for prayer, rest and meditation solely. A handsome building it is, with its tessellated floors and its numerous fine paintings. Over the door is posted this notice, explaining the true object of the church: "Passengers through the busy streets of London, enter this sanctuary for rest and silence and prayer. Let the pictured walls within speak of the past yet ever continuing ways of God with man."

They Wouldn't Lay. A bashful young woman from a backwoods county in Virginia went into a local store carrying three chickens. She inquired the price of chickens and at the same time put them on the counter. "Will they lay there?" asked the clerk, who did not know that the chickens' legs were tied. She bit her handkerchief in embarrassment a moment and said: "No, sir; they are roosters."—Lippincott's.

There Were Others. "That cornet player on the third floor has remarkable endurance," remarked the casual visitor. "He has," agreed the regular boarder, "but it's nothing compared to the other boarders."—Toledo Blade.

Too Independent. Lady—And you say you have been brought to this by your wife? Tramp—Yuss, lidy; I got 'er three good jobs and 'er bloomin' independence lost 'er the lot.—Punch.

Saving comes too late when you get to the bottom.—Seneca.

Here Positive. "Well," said Cadley scornfully, "I'll bet you didn't do the proposing. It's a safe bet that your wife asked you to marry her." "No," replied Henpeck, "you're wrong." "Oh, come now, be honest." "No, she didn't ask me; she told me to."—Philadelphia Press.

Grindstones Wet and Dry. The strength of a grindstone appears from tests to vary widely with the degree of its wetness or dryness, stones that are dry showing tensile strengths of from 146 to 196 pounds a square inch, but after soaking overnight breaking under stresses of 80 to 116 pounds a square inch.

That's What. "A great deal depends upon the dressing," observed the thoughtful thinker. "Speaking of what?" queried his friend. "Women and salads," answered the T. T.—Exchange.

Those who want fewest things are nearest to the gods.—Socrates.

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Mens Suits and Overcoats that were \$30.00	now	\$14.50
Mens Suits and Overcoats that were \$18.00	now	\$12.50
Mens Suits and Overcoats that were \$15.00	now	\$10.50
Mens Suits and Overcoats that were \$12.50	now	\$8.75
Mens Suits and Overcoats that were \$10.00	now	\$7.50
Mens Suits and Overcoats that were \$8.00	now	\$4.00

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