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COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1910.

WHOLE NUMBER 2,036.

## A Seven Room Dwelling

Barn, 66 foot lot, with good shade on all sides, for

**\$2,600**

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### COLUMBUS MARKETS.

Eye	60
Oats	23
Wheat	81
Corn	35
Hogs, top	\$6.20 to \$6.50

### MANY YEARS AGO

Files of the Journal, Nov. 28, 1877.

When cold weather settles down upon us the pork market may be expected to assume a more pleasing phase. Winter packing does not require ice.

The prolonged beautiful weather has enabled many of our mechanics to keep busy building and plastering the mortar beds on so many of our streets, and to convince evidence of our thrift and growth this season.

The continued depression of business in the eastern states is forcing both artisan and agriculturalist to seek the broad acres of Nebraska's fertile soil and growing towns as the only avenues of escape from pauperism.

Boone and Merrick counties, we learn, are contemplating a vote of aid to construct a wagon bridge across the Loup on the Pawnee reservation, the bridge to be built strong enough to be used as a railroad bridge. To us it is very questionable whether aid voted for "internal improvements" of this character, beyond the limits of the county or precinct voting the aid would be legal, under the provision of our constitution regulating the action of counties and precincts. It is a question which concerns us only remotely in this case, but it is well for our readers in those counties to thoroughly consider the subject before acting upon it. It seems evident that the B. & M. R. R. Co., want to make their heavily taxed lands in Boone county valuable and saleable, and they are justified in using all honorable means to accomplish that laudable object. It is likewise to the interest of the citizens of those counties to have their vacant lands settled as well and as rapidly as possible, but it is always advisable to look well to the bearing of such projects in order to avoid serious trouble and useless expenditures.

### Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of unclaimed mail matter remaining in the post office at Columbus, Nebraska, for the period ending November 23, 1910:

Letters—Pete Abots, Miss Anna Griffin, E. J. Hanson, 2, George W. Jones, A. H. Klark, Om Paul, C. L. VanDorn, Otto Wagner.

Cards—Miss Anna Anderson, Miss Helen Brown, L. W. Collins, Miss Anna Griffin, Miss Gladys Holcomb, Earl Holcomb, George Kendall, Mrs. Ed. Mulligan, Mrs. Arta Nelson, Ralph Nisely, Mrs. Chas. Rogers, Miss Edith Walter.

Parties calling for any of the above, will please say, "advertised."

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## WALL PAPER

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**D. C. KAVANAUGH**

Friday evening of last week was the time fixed by the city council for the hearing of the controversy between the citizens and the Columbus Light, Heat and Power company, but a letter from the president of the company, W. C. Ross, was read at the meeting, and after some discussion Tuesday evening, November 29, at 8 p. m., was selected and the clerk instructed to notify the local officials of the company of the change. As that will be the only business of the evening, it is anticipated that the matter will be gone over thoroughly, and the council expect a good delegation of citizens to be present at the meeting. C. Jaeggi and Paul Hagel filed complaints with council, saying that their charges for water rent were excessive, and they were referred to the proper committee. An electric light at the corner of Twelfth and Jackson streets is asked for by P. F. Miller and twelve others, and the request was referred to the light committee for proper consideration. Fred Baker makes complaint that the telephone companies are destroying the trees in front of the Baker residence with their wires and asks that the council takes steps to stop this. F. F. Wilson was refused permission to erect a storm shed at the entrance of the North theatre, but the council suggested as a substitute that there would be no objection to a storm door. The committee, to whom the various monthly reports before the council November 4, had been referred, made their reports at this meeting and they were adopted. The committee appointed to investigate the complaint against Albert Giger for obstructing the alley, reported that there was no cause for action and the matter was dropped.

Is your boy one of the twelve Columbus boys who are going to the Boys State Convention this week at Fremont? Have you inquired as to how and why they are going? Let us tell you. Last year when the Boys Bible classes were started Mr. C. C. Sheldon thought to offer as a reward for real Bible study, the privilege of attending the Boys convention. He agreed to pay all the expenses to the convention this year of all the boys that would complete the course of study presented and satisfactorily pass the examination provided for by the international committee of Young Men's Christian Associations. Twelve boys passed the test and now have the honor of representing Columbus at a state wide gathering where boys and their leaders from every association in Nebraska will consider for three days, plans for better work, the interesting of larger numbers and anything that will lead boys to a better moral and spiritual life. Would you not think it an honor to have your boys name appear among those twelve names printed elsewhere in this paper? The boys gather at the Y. M. C. A. every Friday evening at six o'clock for a 10 cent lunch which is followed by the Bible study and getting the boys away from the building by 7:15. These classes are not limited to members and the management would be glad to talk with you about them or to welcome your boy any Friday evening. A little interest on your part will go a long way toward creating the necessary interest in the boy.

Monday of next week the first chapter in the litigation over the new Platte river bridge will be commenced at David City, in the district court. Judge Corcoran of York is the presiding judge and Platte county will be represented by Attorneys Hensley and Lightner of this city. The action brought by Platte county is against both Polk and Butler counties. Polk county seems inclined to pay their share of the cost of the bridge, but Butler county has resisted this from the start. It is doubtful whether the case will be settled by the decision of the district court, as this will establish a precedent for all counties in the state similarly situated, and no doubt the case will go to the highest court before it is settled. Members of the Platte county board of supervisors will be in attendance at the time of the trial. Whatever the decision may be, it will only make it more evident than ever that legislation along this line is badly needed, and the members of the coming legislature, not only from Platte, but from all counties situated along the Platte and Loup rivers should be interested in getting the needed relief.

Furniture for the new home of the Elks, in the Rickert building, arrived this week, and is being put in by Henry Gass, who bought it for the order. The billiard and pool tables are also being placed, and these complete the furnishing of the rooms. In the lodge room the furnishings are fumed oak, while the card and billiard rooms are of the mission finish. The ladies parlor, in the southwest corner of the building, is furnished in mahogany, while the parlor and reading room has a combination of waxed golden oak and early English. Arrangements are being made for the formal opening of the new home, and a reception and ball will be given some time in the early part of December. Members and their friends and families will be the guests of the evening.

Opening of Fontein Bros. new Piano store, Saturday, Nov. 26, 1910, afternoon and evening. Located next to Dr. Voss's office. A souvenir for the ladies.

Dr. Naumann, Dentist 13th St.  
Dr. Morrow, office Luochen building.  
Baled hay for sale—Ernst & Brock.  
Dr. C. A. Allenburger, office in new State Bank building.

Dr. L. P. Carstenson, Veterinarian, Infirmary, 11th and Kummer Sts.  
"Ye Olde Towne Quartette," Wednesday evening, Nov. 30th, at Y. M. C. A.

T. F. Askew of Council Bluffs was a Columbus visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Bessie Anson of Creston was the guest of Miss Mazie Magill last Wednesday.

Misses Mathilda Schneider and Rosa Gass were Duncan visitors Saturday and Sunday.

10c will buy lace curtains Saturday afternoon at the 5c and 10c store.

Don't forget the dance on Friday evening December 2, 1910, given by the Columbus City Band.

Miss Mathilda Lutz who is teaching school north of Columbus, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

**FURS.** Special sample line on sale for a few days at manufacturers prices.—H. H. Stires.

A dime will buy a reversible silk four-in-hand neck tie at the 5c and 10c store Saturday.

The Columbus City band will give a public dance at the Orpheus hall on Friday evening December 2, 1910. Music furnished by the band.

Miss Anna Gurr will leave Thursday for Lincoln, where she will attend the State Teacher's association, which will be held at that place this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Scheidel, Sr., accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Burrows, were Columbus visitors last Thursday, returning to their home at Platte Center, Friday morning.

A new directory is being gotten out for Columbus by the same people who issued the last one in 1908. This one will be much larger than the old one, as it will include the country and other towns in the county.

Do not miss it. The second number of the Y. M. C. A. entertainment course, Wednesday, Nov. 30. The "Ye Olde Towne Quartette" is a first class company having 180 stands this season. Course tickets \$1.00; single admission 35 cents.

Miss Anna Garry of Spalding died at the hospital last Friday, aged 75 years, death being due to old age. She was taken to Spalding Saturday afternoon, where the funeral was held Sunday. Miss Garry had been at the hospital for about six weeks.

Last Saturday Carl Schubert closed a deal with W. E. Rohrich, whereby Rohrich becomes the owner of the second hand store on Olive street, owned by Mr. Schubert, and in exchange for this Mr. Schubert gets the store building in Monroe occupied by J. E. Erskine's general store. Besides the stock of goods there was a cash consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lundy left last Friday to spend the winter in Columbus with their daughter, Mrs. L. A. Gates. Mr. Lundy is where he can have better care for his injuries. They will probably return in the spring as they have not sold their home nor removed their household goods. Silver Creek would look lonely without Henry Lundy knocking around.—Silver Creek Band.

Wm. Englehart of Creston was the complainant in a case in police court last week, and Robert Austin and wife of Creston were the defendants. Austin is a barber in that town and Englehart wanted him bound over to keep the peace. After listening to the evidence the better part of one afternoon, Judge O'Brien dismissed the case. Mr. Austin appeared on his own behalf for the defense.

Last Friday as Fireman Oblinger was oiling the bell on his engine, one of the 1000 class, he lost his footing and fell to the ground. His train was going east and when he fell he rolled away from the engine and almost to the west bound track. The engine was going about four miles an hour, and this no doubt accounts for the fact that he escaped with some bad bruises and being unconscious for quite awhile.

Saturday of last week Peter Schmitt filed a complaint in Police Judge O'Brien's court, charging Judge L. L. Albert with assault and battery. This was the outcome of the attack made upon Mr. Schmitt by Judge Albert after election, on account of the former's activity for the republican candidates. The hearing was set for Monday of this week, but a continuance was granted until Monday, November 28.

Thanksgiving day the Columbus High school football team will play the David City High school team, at that place. The boys have succeeded in securing special train for the occasion which will leave Columbus at 1:45, and return the same afternoon, leaving David City at 5 p. m. This will enable the Columbus boys and their friends to partake of Thanksgiving dinner at home before making the trip.

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Dr. Paul and Matzen, Dentists

Dr. Vallier, Osteopath, Barber block.

Wanted—Boy to learn candy making trade.—Wm. Poesch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Drake were Lincoln visitors Saturday.

Dr. Chas. H. Campbell, oculist, and aurist, 1215 Olive street.

Ned James spent Sunday and Monday with friends at Lincoln.

Dr. W. R. Neumarker, office with Dr. C. D. Evans, west side of Park.

Mrs. Leopold Jaeggi was visiting with her daughters in Lincoln last week, who are attending school there.

10c will buy a 16 qt. blue mottled enamel dish pan at the 5c and 10c store Saturday.

Miss Agnes Bohds who underwent an operation for appendicitis Tuesday last week, at St. Mary's hospital is slowly recovering.

Are you going to attend the dance at the Orpheus hall on December 2, 1910, given by the Columbus City Band. Music by the band.

Mrs. W. N. Zensley left last Thursday for Los Angeles, California, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Brown.

Editor E. A. Harms and wife returned Monday evening from Barnes, Kansas, where they were called to attend the funeral of Mr. Harms' cousin.

**FURS.** If you want to buy a set of furs we can offer you special bargains for a few days. H. H. Stires.

While helping at the Abts fire Sunday morning Arthur Schack had his ankle badly sprained, caused by slipping, and he will be compelled to use crutches for several days.

Miss Sadie Fouch, who is clerking in the Gray Mercantile store, will leave tonight for her home in Fremont, where she will spend Thanksgiving at the home of her parents.

Manager Jack Corbett of the Columbus base ball team, returned last Saturday evening from Olivia, Minnesota, where he has been visiting relatives and also enjoying a hunting trip.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held at 7:30 p. m., Thursday of this week, in the Congregational church, and Rev. C. W. Ray, pastor of the Methodist church, will preach the sermon.

Guy Foster was before Police Judge O'Brien Tuesday for being drunk and fighting Monday afternoon. He had been employed by Fred Hempelman to do some work at his home, and during the afternoon became intoxicated and was found on Olive street by Sam McFarland, who proceeded to take the horse he was driving to the bakery. Foster objected to this and trouble ensued, and the outcome was a fine and costs amounting to \$8, which was paid.

Route No. 4.

Cyrus Bray of New York, an Uncle of Chas. and Dan Bray, and their brother Charles Bray of Syracuse, Neb., are visiting them.

Route No. 5.

The Independent Telephone company are replacing poles and rebuilding their lines on this route.

Farmers are generally through husking. Cribes are all filled and some are piling the corn on the ground.

Route No. 1.

Peter Weber is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ed. Webb, at the county poor farm.

Nearly all of the farmers on the route have finished husking and are now sitting in the easy chair.

Monday morning Geo. Heengler, Sr., put on his husking peg and went to Lindale to show the boys on his farm how to husk corn.

Route No. 3.

Thursday, besides being Thanksgiving is also a holiday for the rural carriers, this being one of the six holidays they are given by Uncle Sam.

Substitute Carrier Patterson has been carrying mail on this route while Carrier Reed has been taking his annual vacation. But in order that the substitute's team could get a short rest, the regular carrier made the route in his auto Tuesday and Wednesday.

Marriage Licenses.

John T. Kirkpatrick, Ainsworth, Neb 25

Ida M. Adams, Memphis, Tenn. .... 26

William B. Alexander, Columbus. .... 26

Emma Vonder Leith, Duncan. .... 26

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### A \$25,000 FIRE.

The Wholesale Grocery House of H. W. Abts Co. Burned Out Early Sunday Morning.

As H. W. Abts, the senior member of the wholesale grocery firm of H. W. Abts Co. of this city, was coming down to their building, early Sunday morning he discovered that the store was on fire and immediately turned in an alarm. The first alarm was given from the third district, but this was corrected at once and the proper district given.

Evidently the fire, which was unknown origin, had been burning several hours before being discovered, as when the department arrived the interior of east side of the double building was a mass of smoke and flames. Evidently the fire originated in the center of that portion of the building and worked its way to the elevator shaft, and from there to the second floor and the roof. The contents of this portion of the building were practically destroyed, and also considerable damage done to the walls. The office of the firm was located in the front of the burned portion of the building, and as soon as the doors were broken open the records and desks were carried to a place of safety.

The department succeeded in getting the fire under control by eight o'clock, and during the day a line of hose was kept playing on the burning stock. The west part of the building, which is the same size as the part burned, was not damaged by the flames, but smoke and water ruined much of the stock, except the canned goods. The basement, which was also well filled, was damaged by water, which was about two feet deep in it. As soon as the department had the fire practically out, the water was pumped from the basement.

During the afternoon much of the stock was moved to the Rickert building, across the street, which the firm have made arrangements to occupy for the present.

H. W. Abts Co., was the only wholesale grocery firm in the city—in fact, the only one between Fremont and Grand Island, and have a nice trade from towns adjacent to the city. The firm, which was established about twenty years ago, began business as Abts & Calto, but later Mr. Calto retired, his interest being taken by members of the family of H. W. Abts, who with the father, comprise the firm. They carried a stock valued at \$60,000, and besides this owned the double building they occupy.

The insurance carried was not heavy, amounting in all to \$12,000 on both building and stock. The reason for the small insurance was that the building was isolated, and there seemed no danger from fire.

After securing the Rickert building to store their stock in, the firm made arrangements to open up their office in it, and as soon as the new stock, which was ordered by wire, arrives, they will utilize both their own building, and also the Rickert building, for the present.

The first estimate of the loss on the stock and building was \$10,000, but as soon as the extent of the damage was disclosed it was seen that this figure represented about one-half the amount.

It will probably be some time before the firm can utilize their old building, as the floor and roof on the east side will have to be rebuilt and an examination of the brick wall may result in finding that this is a loss not safe for the heavy load it has to carry.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Boy's Bible classes are growing steadily. All boys are welcome. Is your boy in a Bible class? If not call up the secretary and speak to him about it.

On November 30th comes the second number of the entertainment course. The "Ye Olde Towne Quartette" is second to none in this part of the country, having sung together for several years. Get course or single admission tickets at the building. Course tickets for the remaining four numbers \$1.00, single admission 35c. Get your reserved seats early. They are now on sale.

A big one day membership canvass is being planned for the thirteenth of next month. Draw a ring around that date on your calendar and keep it open for there will be something doing for you. Our slogan is "100 members in one day." Are you ready to make it a success or are you a Thoms? If the work of the association meets with your approval help it along. If not come in and talk it over with us.

On Friday of this week Mr. Whitney will leave for the Boy's State convention at Fremont. Columbus will have fourteen delegates this year as follows: Jas. and Earl Cotton, Harold and Donald Sloan, Everett Welch, Don Faubel, Bert Phillips, Wellington Rathburn, Carl Rusche, Homer Rush, Ed Weaver, Glen Munger. Paul Becker who is secretary of the convention and Fred Babcock will also be present. Everett Welch will represent this city in a speech at the banquet on Saturday evening. We intend that a Columbus boy shall secure the presidency of the next convention.

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### Congregational Church.

Perhaps the most common sin is the stifling of convictions. Many a man arises with the great post, "O, that I might feel what I have once felt, and be what I have once been." The young man starts life under strong impulses, but little by little becomes involved in questionable complications and one by one life's convictions go down under the knife of greed until he will go to any length, socially, commercially or politically to meet a desire. Who has ever seen a great liner towed into a dry dock without a sense of regret? But I trust that the most terrible sight ever to be witnessed by mortal eyes will be the wre