

KELLEY, STIGER & CO.

Positively last week of our Great Annual Clearance Sale, Last Opportunity.

We shall complete our annual inventory the last day of this month—after which these great bargains of new and desirable up-to-date merchandise will be a matter of history—thoroughly appreciated by those who have taken advantage of the unusual low prices—and lasting regret to those who do not

Embrace This the Last Chance

ONLY SIX DAYS MORE OF OUR GREAT DISCOUNT SALE

Only six days more of

20% Discount

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On all our Colored Dress Goods—on all our Novelty Dress Goods. No reserves.

On all our Ladies' Union Suits—On all Ladies' Tights—On all our Vests and Pants—On all our separate pieces—On all our Children's Union Suits—On all our Children's Vests and Pants.

On all our Men's Union Suits—On all our Men's Vests and Drawers—On all our Boys' Suits and Drawers—On all our Lined Gloves and Mittens—On all our Blankets and Flannels—

On all our Black Dress Goods—on all our Black Novelties. No reserves.

OUR GREAT CUT PRICE SALE OF LINENS TO BE CONTINUED ONLY SIX DAYS MORE

New Embroideries New Linen Laces

Marked Down to 35c 3 for \$1.00

All men's neck dressing tecks four-in-hands and Puff Scarfs that were 90c and 70c clearance sale 35 cents—3 for \$1.00.

Muslin Underwear

The throngs that lined these counters the past ten days is proof conclusive that we not only sell the best made underwear, but that the prices are lower for good reliable made goods than any house in the trade.

50% Discount

On our entire line of Ladies' Jackets, Children's long garments and Misses' Jackets—no reserves—all our tailor made jackets, in fact every garment in the cloak department.

Silks! Silks!!

Your opportunities lessen hourly—Be on hand early Monday to secure a wonderful silk bargain—Silks for waists, dresses or petticoats—50c, 69c, 75c—these are our fancy silks cut from \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50,

Corner Farnam and 15th.

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ONLY TAKES CASH ACCOUNT

Legislative Investigating Committee Lets Up on General Inquiry.

EXPERT JEWELL ON HOSPITAL AT LINCOLN

Finds No Shortage in Cash Fund, but is Greatly Bothered by the Unauthorized Expenditures He Discovers.

LINCOLN, Jan. 22.—(Special).—The report of the condition of the cash fund of the Hospital for the Insane at Lincoln was filed with the investigating committee today, the expert Fred Jewell, having completed the work in a marvellously short time, compared with the time spent in looking through the books of institutions that have been entirely under the control of republican officials. It will be noticed from the report that the account was instructed to examine only the cash fund and that no investigation was made of the manner in which the appropriations have been handled, although the most important in the investigation of the other institutions. It will be noticed also that the "unauthorized expenditures" are here regarded as of very little importance, although in other cases the recommendation has always been made that the amounts be collected from the officials who made the expenditures, even though it was shown that "the state has received the benefit of the expenditure." The small scope of the examination and the absolute change of front regarding "unauthorized expenditures" may be due to the fact that during almost one-half of the period covered by the examination the institution has been under republican control. The accountant regrets that he has not been permitted to examine the accounts of

all the expenditures made by the institution. The report of the accountant is as follows: "LINCOLN, Jan. 22, 1898.—To the Legislative Investigating Committee—Doubtless having made an investigation of the receipts and expenditures of the Hospital for the Insane at Lincoln for the period between November 20, 1897, and the 1st of November, 1898, and as per your instructions, having made no examination whatever of the books of the institution, I submit to you my report upon the cash fund as follows: I find that, with but one exception, the disbursements of this institution for said period have been made in conformity with the provisions of the manner in which public funds shall be disposed of, 'drawn out' only in pursuance of its specific appropriation made by law and in accordance with a warrant issued by the auditor thereon," which maxim of law is so well known, by having been referred to in the opinions of Attorney General Churchill and Smyth, as well as affirmed in several supreme court decisions in this state, that I consider further citations unnecessary; and therefore find that all moneys disbursed from the cash fund of this institution are lawful expenditures, which are divided into two classes, those which are paid for the service to the institution and those for which no receipts are found on file. Regarding the former class we may state that while the funds have been used without receipts or satisfactory evidence said expenditures do not recommend its recovery, but regarding the latter class we would recommend that the same be recovered from those whose administrations these expenditures occurred, but the receipt of such a sum of money or satisfactory evidence said expenditures are not recommended.

We therefore separate our findings to correspond to the terms of the office of the several superintendents of the institution, giving all the moneys not recommended for recovery not recommended for that can be gathered from the books and vouchers on file as follows:

Cash fund from December 3, 1898, to February 23, 1899, covering the administration of W. M. Knapp as superintendent and J. D. Lauer as steward:	\$10,256.26
Turned into the treasury:	\$ 884.47
Expenditures not recommended for recovery:	\$ 843.58
Total receipts received:	\$11,944.31
Balance on hand:	\$1,100.75
Total expenditures recommended for recovery:	\$10,256.26

For the period covered by the administration of J. T. Hay as superintendent and A. D. Glinore as steward, April 1, 1895, to May 18, 1895, is summarized as follows:

Total receipts received:	\$3,512.96
Total expenditures recommended for recovery:	\$3,512.96

For the period covered by the superintendency of L. J. Abbott and the stewardship of J. L. Lewis, from May 18, 1895, to November 20, 1897, the summary is as follows:

Total receipts, including balance from former administration:	\$41,481.84
Total expenditures recommended for recovery:	\$3,401.39
Balance on hand:	\$38,080.45

General summary:

Total receipts from December 3, 1895, to November 20, 1897:	\$11,827.79
Total expenditures not recommended for recovery:	\$ 884.47
Total expenditures recommended for recovery:	\$12,712.26

We are pleased to be able to report that no shortage exists in the cash fund of this institution for the period covered by our examination. That the books and accounts have been accurately kept, and that with

the exception of the failure in filing receipts for portions of the expenditures, as shown above, and the general disregard of law in using the cash fund for the benefit of the institution, instead of turning it into the state treasury, the accounts of the institution, so far as we have been permitted to examine them, would all be found correct by the most zealous guardian of public funds.

We regret, however, that the investigation of the expenditure of appropriations for the institution could not be made, and would call your attention to the fact that the cash fund examined by us represents but a little over 3 per cent of the entire expenditures of this institution for the period covered by this report.

Very respectfully yours,
FRED JEWELL,
RELIEF FOR CUBA.

The Cuban Relief commission has just issued to the mayors of the cities and towns of Nebraska a copy of the circular letter addressed to the people of Nebraska, in the press of Havana there are now \$342 persons in a single province—Matanzas—who are actually starving. Of these, it is declared by the same authority, that in all the provinces ready died of hunger and an equally large number must miserably perish from the same cause before relief is needed.

In order to bring speedy relief to the suffering, it is recommended that the following local Cuban relief committee and report the names of the same to me, so that I may be able to forward them the contribution of food, clothing and medicine.

Hoping to have an early reply, I am very respectfully yours,
F. H. BARRY, Secretary.

MEET TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURE.

Red Willow County Farmers' Convention and Poultry Show.

McCook, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special).—The southwestern Nebraska farmers' convention will be held in McCook on February 2 and 3. At the same time and place the Republican Valley District Poultry association will give its first annual exhibition. These two meetings will be full of interest to farmers and chicken fanciers. Leading men from all over the state will address the farmers on topics of interest to those engaged in agricultural and stock raising pursuits. Dr. Bessey of the State university, and E. B. Johnson, superintendent of the Department of Agriculture of the Transmississippi and International Exposition, will be among the speakers. The farmers of this section are showing deep interest in the meeting and a great success is anticipated. F. W. Hitchcock of Denver will be judge at the poultry exhibition, which promises to fairly divide with the convention the success of the gathering. Address M. A. Spalding, secretary, for information about the association; or J. S. Lewis, secretary of the poultry association.

Doings at Chadron.

CHADRON, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special).—The new officers of the Daves County Agricultural society have been elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Charles Mann; vice president, Thomas Lockett; treasurer, William Wilson; secretary, B. P. Pitman; general manager, W. W. Wilson; board of directors, Mosie Young, Thomas Earnest, William Green, T. J. Wilson, H. H. Morton, Y. B. Augustine, C. L. Owens, John A. Munkres, Sidney Woodard, C. L. Moore and Owen Evans. The members of the society unanimously passed a resolution that the women of the city and county should hold a meeting and select superintendents for the various departments, presided over by the women, and revise the premium list, submitting their action in the matter to the agricultural board for confirmation. It is the policy of the present officials of the

association to prepare early for the 1898 fair, having premium lists printed and distributed at an early date, so that the agriculturists and stockmen of Daves county may be informed early regarding the annual fair and make arrangements accordingly.

The annual election of officers of the Chadron fire department has been held and the following officers chosen: President, Dr. J. E. Warrick; vice president, Fred Sharrer; secretary, B. P. Pitman; treasurer, Frank Benicke; chief, W. S. Gilliam; first assistant, Ed Eason; James Paul and J. O. Hartzell of Deadwood, an ex-officio of the Chadron firemen, were voted honorary members of the department.

Installation of Officers.

MILFORD, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special).—Winslow post, No. 58, Grand Army of the Republic, held public installation of officers last night, after which the Women's Relief society served lunch for the officers and members of both organizations. The officers installed were: W. C. W. Patterson, C. C. S. H. Rice, S. V. C. J. A. Rayner, J. V. C. G. W. Hagaman, Q. M. J. Swearingen, O. D. J. Miller, W. L. S. and M. F. A. Graham, M. E. James Deward, P. J. F. Whetstone, M. A. George, Falshead, I. G. D. R. Dehaven, D. G.

Chicory Output.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special).—The Nebraska Chicory company finished the work of drying last year's crop of 500 tons of chicory Wednesday night of this week, having been delayed two months by failure of the contractor to finish the building on time because of nonarrival of materials used in construction of plant and by the falling of the steel floors of the drying kiln, which it took one month to repair. The chicory produced by the farmers was of excellent quality, but the yield of the acres actually harvested was only two and three-fourths tons per acre, some seventy-five acres having been abandoned because of failure on account of drought. While the success of last year's crop was not at all halting, it was demonstrated that in ordinary years chicory can be grown to advantage. There are a number of similar cases commenced by the company who are not dismayed and will try again this year. The company's warehouse stores 125 tons of dried chicory that is being reloaded and packed for market.

Crooked Transactions.

HELMAN, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special).—The fact has recently come to light that William Dorsey has been engaged in crooked transactions among the farmers west of Herman. Last week he bought some cattle from a German farmer named Krohn, residing near Adams. He gave him a bogus check on the Plateau bank of Herman for \$30. The cattle were driven across Belle creek and sold to Vital Coupal for \$25 cash. Those who came to Herman and went to Bill, where he took the train for Iowa. The party he swindled is looking for him. He also left a \$30 board bill in Herman.

Insurance Company's Annual.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special).—The second annual meeting of the Town Mutual Insurance company of Falls City was held at the court house last Wednesday evening. Following is the report of the company: Assets, \$5,644.23; liabilities, none;

premiums in 1897, \$885.95; expenditures in 1897, \$43,115; cash on hand, \$552; number of members, 338; amount of insurance, \$75,695. Secretary Cleaver then read a paper, after which an address was delivered by State Auditor Cornell of Lincoln. The following officers were then elected: W. E. Dorrington, president; E. S. Towle, vice president; J. L. Cleaver, secretary; J. M. Miles, treasurer; directors, J. P. Cornell of Lincoln, A. H. Fellers of Humboldt, J. R. Spivey of Stella, G. W. Carpenter of Holo, W. E. Dorrington, L. A. Ryan, J. L. Cleaver, J. H. Miles and E. H. Jussen of Falls City.

Frontier County Warrants at Par.

FRONTIER COUNTY, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special).—Frontier county warrants are again at par. Commencing next Monday morning the treasurer will pay all warrants on the general fund on presentation. For over two

years the funds have not been enough to keep the county on a cash basis. At the suggestion of the newly elected county treasurer, R. D. Logan, the county commissioners authorized him to use a sufficient amount of the sinking fund to take up all warrants and pay same in cash as presented in the future.

Humboldt News.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special).—Lynn Strunk was arrested and taken to Falls City, charged with assault and battery on the person of Will James, a farm hand employed by the former's father south of this city. He was given a nominal fine.

Why Cultivate the Poetic Instincts?

On January 14 the current literature department of the club held its meeting, with Mrs. Strubens presiding. The program opened with a piano solo by Mrs. Hansen. Then followed a general discussion of the authors for the day, F. W. Dunsalus, Ella B. Aldrich, Mrs. Turner read a sketch of Margaret Sanister and Mrs. Andrews read one of her poems. Mrs. McCoy followed with "When Polly Played," by the same author. Mrs. Weidner gave a review of "Judith and Holfernes." The paper on "Gunsalus as Poet and Preacher" by Miss Keester was very much appreciated. Mrs. Andrews' essay on "Moral Responsibility of the Poet" and Mrs. Griffin's paper, "How and Why Cultivate the Poetic Instincts," were both very complete, pleasing and instructive.

Wants a Writ of Ouster.

WILBERT, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special).—John Barton, republican ex-county treasurer, today brought court against his successor, Millard Frazit, fusionist, who had a plurality of

forty-four votes on the face of the returns at the election last fall, alleging that by reason of carelessness, negligence and fraud on the part of election boards he (Barton) was illegally deprived of the office. He claims on a coroner's count he had a plurality of 713 votes and asks that the ballots be counted by the court and if his allegations are found to be correct that a writ of ouster issue against Frazit.

Wakenfield Votes.

WAKEFIELD, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special).—County Clerk Kerkhot has selected Mr. E. E. Collins of this place as his permanent deputy. Mr. Collins has been attending the State university during the last three years. While engaged in a scuffle Malcolm McCorkindale fell and sustained a triple fracture of his leg near the ankle.

Edgar on Lincoln.

EDGAR, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special).—Rev. C. S. Duddle of Beatrice delivered the second lecture of the course under the auspices of the Epworth league in the Methodist church last evening on the life and character of Abraham Lincoln.

Sheriff After Ehrlich.

SYRACUSE, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special Telegram).—Sheriff Bower left this morning for North Platte with a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Ehrlich, ex-superintendent of the Institute for the Blind at Nebraska City.

On to Stood Trial.

CLARK, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special).—In the case of the State of Nebraska against Colonel Sam Richmond and E. Miller, charged with unlawfully shooting game on the Platte river at this place, the defendant, Miller, pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and costs, amounting to \$30.50. Colonel Sam Richmond pleaded not guilty and upon motion of the county attorney was discharged.

Forecast for Today's Weather.

Sunday to be Partly Cloudy, with Variable Winds.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Forecast for Sunday:
For Nebraska—Partly cloudy weather; variable winds.
For South Dakota—Threatening weather; warmer in western portion; southerly winds.
For Iowa—Generally fair, preceded by light snow in southern portion; northerly winds during the night.
For Missouri—Snow or rain in the early morning, followed by fair; colder in southern portion; northerly winds; light variable winds.
For Kansas—Generally fair; slightly warmer in western portion; variable winds.
For Wyoming—Generally fair; southwesterly winds.

Kidney and Bladder Troubles Quickly Cure

You May Have a Sample Bottle of the Great Discovery!
Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root Sent Free by Mail.

Men and women doctor their troubles so often without benefit that they get discouraged and skeptical. In most such cases serious mistakes are made by doctors, not in not knowing what our trouble is or what makes us sick. The unmistakable evidence of kidney trouble are pain or dull ache in the back, too frequent desire to pass water, scanty supply, smarting irritation. As kidney disease advances the face looks swollen or pale, puts dark circles under the eyes, the feet swell and sometimes the heartaches badly. Should further evidence be needed to find out the cause of sickness, then set urine aside for twenty-four hours; if there is a sediment or settling it is also convincing proof that our kidneys need doctoring. A fact often overlooked is that women suffer as much from kidney and bladder trouble as men do.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is the discovery of the eminent physician and scientist and is not recommended for anything, but will be found just what is needed in cases

COMMON SENSE CURE.

PYRAMID PILE CURE CURES PILES PERMANENTLY BY CURING THE CAUSE.

Remarkable Remedy which is Bringing Comfort to Thousands of Sufferers.

Probably half the people who see this article suffer from piles. This is one of the commonest diseases and one of the most obstinate. People have it for years and just because it is not immediately fatal they neglect it. Carelessness causes no end of suffering. Carelessness about so simple a thing as piles has often caused death. Hemorrhages occur during surgical treatment, often causing death.

Piles are simple in the beginning and easily cured. They can be cured even in the worst stages, without pain or loss of blood, quickly, surely and completely. There is only one remedy that will do it—Pyramid Pile Cure.

It allays the inflammation immediately, heals the irritated surface and continued treatment reduces the swelling and puts the membrane into good, sound, healthy condition. The cure is thorough and permanent.

Here is a voluntary and unsolicited testimonial we have lately received:

Mrs. M. C. Husky, 601 Mississippi St., Indianapolis, Ind., says: "I have been a sufferer from the pain and annoyance of Piles for fifteen years. The Pyramid Pile Cure and Pyramid Pills gave me the most relief and in a short time a complete cure. Druggists sell Pyramid Pile Cure or will get it for you if you ask them. It is but 50 cents per package and is put up only by the Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich."

of kidney and bladder disorders or troubles due to weak kidneys, such as catarrh of the bladder, gravel rheumatism and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble; it cures inability to hold urine and smarting in passing it, and promptly overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night.

The mild and extraordinary effect of this great remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. So universally successful is Swamp-Root in quickly curing even the most distressing case, that to prove its wonderful merit, you may have a sample bottle and a book of valuable information both sent absolutely free by mail, upon receipt of three two-cent stamps to cover cost of postage on the bottle. Mention The Omaha Sunday Bee and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. This generous offer regarding this paper is a guarantee of genuineness.