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Now for Great Bargains in Men's Fine Suits and Overcoats

Alfred Benjamin's Suits and Overcoats—In handling the suits and overcoats made by Alfred Benjamin & Co. we are obliged to close out each season's styles—and not carry over any—but show fresh goods each season.

Saturday Morning we begin closing out the Suits and Overcoats bearing the Alfred Benjamin & Co.'s label.

Overcoats



Old price \$35.00—Saturday's price... 25.00
Old price \$30.00—Saturday's price... 20.00
Old price \$28.00—Saturday's price... 18.00
Old price \$25.00—Saturday's price... 17.50
Old price \$22.00—Saturday's price... 16.00
Old price \$20.00—Saturday's price... 14.50
Old price \$18.00—Saturday's price... 12.75
Old price \$15.00—Saturday's price... 10.50
Old price \$12.00—Saturday's price... 8.00
Old price \$10.00—Saturday's price... 7.50

Saturday's Sale Every Winter Overcoat reduced to the above schedule.

The Difference

Conditions are the same with all merchandise at the end of the season. Bargains are sure to be offered, but the difference between a stock of suits of such merchandise as we offer at this sale and a meager selection of cheap trash is very great.

The Prudent Buyer

The attention of the prudent buyer must be attracted to this sale as it appeals to the person who wants the most value for the money, rather than no value for a little outlay. The man who has once worn such a suit as Alfred Benjamin & Co. make, can never be satisfied with any other.

If You Don't

—know great values when you see them—bring some one with you who does. A knowledge of the quality of the cloth, character of workmanship is necessary to fully appreciate the value we will give in this sale Saturday.

Suits



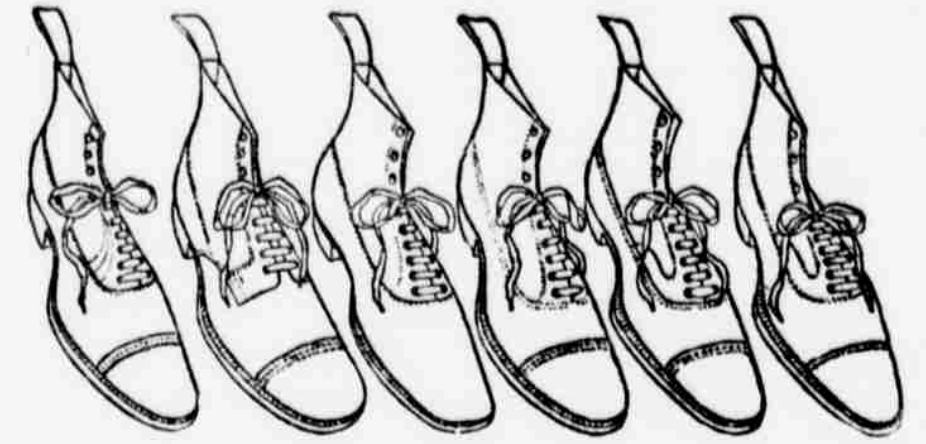
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Shoe Talk

\$2.50—no more—no less.

Much has been said the last few days about shoe values. Saturday we make an offer that beats them all—all our \$3.50, \$4 and \$5 shoes go at

\$2.50



This includes twenty-five cases of new spring lots of high priced, stylish footwear—which can only be found in the high grade stores—They come in black, tan, calf, box calf, vici kid, enamel and patent leathers—single and double soles—with extension or closed edges—bull dog, London and Cornell toes—This will be the sensational shoe sale of Omaha.

Saturday \$2.50—No More—No Less.

We don't carry over Benjamin's Suits—and in this sale, Saturday, no fall or winter Suits or Overcoats will be reserved—they must be closed out—as we are getting in our new spring line and need the room and money. Sale begins Saturday morning.

CONTINENTAL CLOTHING COMPANY, N. E. COR. FIFTEENTH AND DOUGLAS STS.

PLANS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

Paving and Grading Operations Will Be Begun Within a Month.

DECAYED CEDAR BLOCKS WILL BE TORN UP

Many Paving Contracts Await Opening of Spring—North Omaha to be Rendered Immune from Freshets.

The engineering department has secured the council's approval to the new paving and grading specifications and as soon as spring offers a promise of good weather, which it bids fair to carry out, contracts will be awarded and a large amount of public work begun. From the petitions which have been passed upon by the council it is assumed that Omaha's eighty-two miles of pavements will be materially increased during the coming season.

HARD TO COMBAT

The Evidence of Our Senses.—What Omaha People Say is Pretty Good Proof for Omaha People.

When we see it ourselves. When our own ears hear it. When our neighbors tell it. Our friends endorse it. No better evidence can be had. It's not what people say it Maine. Or distant mutterings in California. No deceiving echoes here. Omaha people talk about Omaha people. Public opinions published for the public good. There is no proof like home proof. Read this statement made by a citizen. Mr. J. O. Taylor of 112 So. 24th street, motorman for the street railway company's cars: "My back was weak and bothered me more or less ever since a boy, but it never was so bad until the summer of 1898 when the exposition was in operation. My back got so bad that I felt like giving up work, and every time the car jolted or jarred the sharp twinges through my back were almost unbearable. I took different medicines, but received little benefit. When I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised I procured a box at Kuhn & Co.'s drug store. They helped me right away, and two boxes cured me." Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no other.

worth to Poppleton avenue; Thirty-eighth avenue, Farnam to Dewey avenue; Twenty-fourth street, Boyd to Ames avenue; Twenty-fourth street, Dodge to Farnam; Thirty-seventh street, Farnam to Leavenworth; Ames avenue, Twenty-second to Twenty-fifth; Cluming street, Fortieth to Forty-second; Burt street, Thirty-eighth to Fortieth; Cass and Chicago streets, Sixteenth to Twenty-second; Vinton street from Twentieth to Twenty-fourth will also be paved with stone block under a contract let by the Board of Park Commissioners. The street has been turned over to the board for that purpose in return for an increase in the levy for the park fund. When the work is done the street will once more pass to the control of the city.

Only a small amount of grading is contemplated at this time, the principal operations being on Phelps street, from Thirtieth to Sixteenth, and on Eleventh street from William to Lincoln avenue. If \$75,000 is made available by the proposed bond issue, the North Omaha main sewer will be completed at once, and that portion of the city rendered immune from freshets. The main on Thirty-first street, from Sprague to Plinkney, is now almost completed, \$22,000 having been already expended on the work. The main near Fort Omaha will require a further outlay of \$50,000 before the last brick is laid. If the proposed bond issue fails to carry the work will be tied up indefinitely.

THREE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

Protest Against Recent Action of Superintendent of Instruction—Investigation is Demanded.

OMAHA, Feb. 22.—To the Editor of The Bee. Omaha has always prided itself on its excellent schools. We have always tried to select good men on the Board of Education, so that the government of same might receive the proper attention. We, as citizens and voters, therefore, expect our children to receive a fair education. The schools in question are those which have recently been closed in the southwest part of the city, namely, the West Side, Ambler and Eckerman schools.

These schools have been successfully maintained through several years of hard times and now in a time of prosperity and with a prospect of a continuance of the same for the next four years at least, we do not understand why, without notice or investigation, that this should be done. It is not only a gross injustice, but an insult to the law-abiding citizens and patrons of the schools. If it has been done to economize, would it not have been better to divide this burden with all the schools and to continue the schools in West Side, Ambler and Eckerman? And if necessary do without the sunbaths at the High school and other luxuries for the present until such a time as the board thought the financial condition of the treasury would warrant the purchase of the same. We do not ask for phrase in our schools, but an education, however, furnished transportation in the way of street car tickets for children under 10 years of age and expect children 15 years of age to be carried on the same. The children have been annoyed by the conductors threatening to put them off the cars, which they are instructed to do in case a fare is not paid. Opening the schools and putting in all

the grades would do away with this annoyance. The schools were closed about three weeks ago, we understand, by order of the superintendent of instruction. Complaint was made at the first meeting of the school board following the closing of the school, a committee was appointed to investigate and to report at the meeting of the board last Monday evening, but they failed to report. We are not surprised at this, as there would not be much to report, only that the schools were still closed.

If this committee had visited one or two of the houses nearest to the West Side school they would have found pupils who are not attending any school since they have been closed out, owing to ill-health and the distance to schools having their grades. Also at the Eckerman school a number of children could have been found coasting. Some of these children are too small to be hauled in a wagon so far through the cold. Also in Ambler Place several children are not going to school since this change.

The writer is personally acquainted with most of the families and their children in the community of these schools who are ready to corroborate any statement made in this communication. We know if the members of the Board of Education were in possession of the real facts of the situation they would, next Monday evening, vote unanimously for the opening of these schools.

BRITTON WANTS TO BE FREE.

South Omaha Horse Buyer Brings Habeas Corpus Proceedings.

Peter Britton, a South Omaha horse buyer, was arrested Thursday afternoon on authority of a telegram from Palmyra, Mo., saying that he was wanted there, but it is alleged that no information was given as to the charge against him. Britton's wife interested herself on behalf of her husband, and residing application for habeas corpus was made in Judge Baker's court. Britton has recently returned from a horse-buying tour through Missouri. He sets forth in his application that he is restrained of his liberty in the county jail without due process of law.

Statements made by the police do not tally with the story told by Britton in his habeas corpus application. The officers say he is charged with embezzlement of \$900, and that there is nothing mysterious about the telegram ordering the arrest. It is further charged that Britton is wanted in Chicago for embezzlement of \$1,100.

Stood Death Off. E. B. Mundry, lawyer of Harbottle, Tex., once fooled a grave digger. He says: "My brother was very low with malaria fever and jaundice. I persuaded him to try Eberle's Bitters and he was soon much better, but continued to use until he was wholly cured. I am sure Eberle's Bitters saved his life." This remedy cures malaria, kills disease germs and purifies the blood; aids digestion, regulates liver, kidneys and bowels, cures constipation, dyspepsia, nervous diseases, kidney troubles, female complaints; gives perfect health. Only 50c at Kuhn & Co's drug store.

Woodruff Visits University. CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Lieutenant Governor Timothy L. Woodruff of New York visited the University of Chicago today as the guest of President Harper and made a short address to the students at Kent hall. This noon he was the guest of the Hamilton club at an informal dinner given in his honor. Late this afternoon a reception will be tendered Lieutenant Governor Woodruff and his wife by the Independent Women's club in the Fine Arts building.

Seventy Talks with Bryan. ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 21.—Hon. Arthur Sewall of New York, president of the democratic ticket four years ago, had a conference today with Mr. Bryan on the train which brought the New York Mr. Sewall declined to give the substance of his talk with Mr. Bryan.

FATE TREMBLES IN BALANCE

Murder Case of Frank Derr Goes to Jury in the Criminal Court.

ATTORNEYS MAKE VIGOROUS ARGUMENTS

Counsel for Defense Springs a Sensation at Morning Session, Charging Infringement Between Witnesses and Jurors.

The fate of Frank Derr, the alleged murderer of Thomas Flaherty, who was shot and mortally wounded in South Omaha Christmas eve, is suspended in the balance, held in the hands of a jury instructed by Judge Baker of the criminal court.

Attorneys concluded their argument late Friday afternoon and when the last word was in Derr heaved a sigh. The faithful wife who has accompanied him through the trial walked with him away from the courthouse. At night a few courthouse loungers appeared to hear the verdict. It was not certain that the jury would reach a conclusion, but the courtroom was held open. At 11 o'clock the hall lights retired and the jury was left for further deliberation.

Derr's lawyers say that Policeman Patrick Rinn of South Omaha, one of the principal witnesses for the state, was in conversation with one of the jurors Thursday while court was not in session. The attorneys did not pretend to have positive information as to the nature of the conversation, but they did assert that there was communication on some subject and they regarded that as enough to warrant an investigation.

The name of the juror was not mentioned, Policeman Rinn was asked what he had to say in answer to the charge. He denied that he had had any conversation whatever with any of the jurors. The members of the jury were interrogated privately and one of them, whose name was not made public, admitted that Rinn had spoken to him with reference to gambling cases in South Omaha, but he declared that no mention was made of the Derr case.

There was no result from the charge made by Derr's attorneys, but it appeared for a few minutes that sensational developments might come. The foreman's position of court was taken up in rebuttal testimony introduced by the prosecution. Several members of the South Omaha police force were questioned as to the statements made by Derr immediately after he shot Flaherty and as to other features of the case brought out in the original examination, but their testimony was of no particular interest.

DAUGHTERS AGAINST STEPMOTHER.

Children of Patrick O'Connor Ask for Adjustment of Estate.

Mrs. Ellen Sloan and Mrs. Deborah Burton have filed suit in the district court against Mrs. Catherine O'Connor, asking that the deed to certain Omaha real estate be set aside. The plaintiffs are daughters of the late Patrick O'Connor, who died a month ago in this city. The defendant is the widow of the deceased—his second wife. According to the petition, when Patrick O'Connor took unto himself a new wife, she made herself so disagreeable to the daughters, Ellen and Deborah, that they left home. Subsequently they married. One of them now lives in Colorado, the other in Montana. It is further alleged that the stepmother took advantage of her husband's advanced age and mental debility to the extent that she induced him to cut his children off without a cent. It is alleged that the old man liked his ruin and it was his habit, so the petition states, to stow away large quantities of the seductive beverage every day. This aggravated his mental infirmity and

added to the persuasive power of the stepmother, the petitioners relate, and in January, 1897, Patrick O'Connor deeded to his wife all he owned in Omaha, the value being estimated at \$5,000. It is said that the deed was not recorded until after the death of O'Connor. In conclusion the petitioners set forth that the title to the property was secured by the use of undue influence and the court is prayed to set aside the deed.

SMYTH'S OBJECTIONS TO BAKER.

Attorney General Sets Forth His Reasons for Wanting a Transfer.

Attorney General Smyth has filed his objections to having the state case against the Omaha National Bank and J. H. Millard tried before Judge Baker. Several days ago the attorney general announced that he would not agree to have Judge Baker pass upon the case, since it has been remanded by the supreme court, and now he pleads as his reasons that Judge Baker is on friendly terms with the defendants and with one of the attorneys for the defense to such extent as to warrant the conclusion that he might be biased in his rulings.

This case grows out of the defalcation of ex-Treasurer Bartley, who was a depositor in the defendant bank. In addition to his chief allegation, the attorney general also alleges error on the part of Judge Baker. The case would in the natural course of routine process go to Judge Baker's docket, for the reason that he was the trial judge on the first hearing in the district court. The attorney general asks that the matter be transferred to Judge Estelle's docket. The defendants' attorneys will file answer tomorrow.

DREXEL BRINGS A LIBEL SUIT.

Ernest Stuhl, Independent Populist Council Candidate, is Defendant.

John C. Drexel, fusion nominee for city council from the First ward, has filed suit for \$50,000 against Ernest Stuhl, his independent-populist opponent, charging defamation of character. The petition contains two counts.

The first count is based on a report of a talk made by Stuhl, which appeared in The Bee, February 16, in which he spoke in complimentary terms of Drexel and of his conduct of the office of sheriff a few years ago.

The second count is based on "words of mouth" uttered by Stuhl, in which the allegations are substantially the same. Drexel interprets the utterances made by Stuhl to be seriously damaging, so the language of his petition indicates.

Notes of the Courts. Tena Rooney has filed divorce suit against John P. Rooney, alleging cruelty and other grounds.

Information has been filed against Peter Peterson of Florence, charging him with the murder of a woman named Florence. The action of Anton Vronach against the county commission to prevent the reelection of an unlicensed engineer at the court house was docketed in Judge Keyser's court yesterday, but was continued because the county attorney was engaged in another case. It will be heard tomorrow.

M. M. Conkie, the beamframed member of the school board, has filed a motion in the district court to quash the indictment pending against him on account of alleged technical errors in his arraignment and preliminary examination. Eighteen different counts are set forth, each one being strictly technical.

The Cosmopolitan

Mantles, as manufactured by the Cosmopolitan Incandescent Gas Light Co., of Chicago, have been pronounced by the United States Circuit Court as no infringement upon the Welsbach mantles—the injunction under the Welsbach patents being denied, said patents being declared null and void. The Cosmopolitan Incandescent

Gas Mantles

have now a clear title and dealers and users may now purchase, sell and use the Cosmopolitan Incandescent Gas Light Mantles without interference, and rely upon them to

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best mantle for durability, brilliancy of light and economy of price. 25 cents at all dealers. No part of the Cosmopolitan Mantle can now be construed as infringing upon any patents of the

Welsbach.

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