THE CONTINENTAL'S GREAT ALTERATION SALE

Now going on is the most gigantic clothing sale ever held in Omaha—$50,000 worth of the finest ready-to-wear clothing being sacrificed. Only a few days more till the extensive alterations will begin. There will be no end of dirt and inconvenience then, so we must reduce the immense stock at once and save as much as possible from damage.

Men's Suits

Over 6,000 Men's Suits

TO BE MOVED.

ALL NEW AND UP-TO-DATE.

Not an old suit in the house; you know the grade we always sell, nothing better made. We have put a price on them that ought to sell every suit before the alterations are completed. We are going to keep things moving before the work begins. After it begins it will be the liveliest corner in Omaha, and we will do our best to wait upon the crowds.

$10 AND $12 SUITS— In this sale at..... **7.50**

$15 AND $18 SUITS— In this sale at..... **10.00**

$22 SUITS— In this sale at..... **16.00**

$25 SUITS— In this sale at..... **18.00**

We don't reserve a thing from the front door to the alley wall. It all goes to make room for the workmen.

Men's Overcoats

We are showing the finest line of Overcoats at the cheapest price ever offered in Omaha. Every garment made for this season's trade and worth every cent of **$12 to $25.**

YOUR CHOICE—
$7.50, $10.50, $15.00.

Ulsters—Only a few to sell, but they must go, no matter how great the loss.
$7.50, $10.50, $14.75

Spring Overcoats

$5.00, $7.50, $10.00, $12

A Fine Silk Lined Oxford Cheviot Box Coat, worth $18.00..... **12.75**

CONTINENTAL REBUILDS FRONT.
OVER HALF A BLOCK OF PLATE GLASS.

In place of the dark Fifteenth street side wall there will be a solid glass frontage of show windows one hundred and thirty-two feet in length, with the entrance changed to the corner facing southwest, while the Douglas street side will be changed into two large lights of glass, the largest in Omaha.

Hats.

$6,000 worth of hats to be moved after this week. Our hat department must go to the second floor. We want to move as little as possible, so we will make Saturday the biggest hat day in our history.

Brown and black Derby..... **$1.00**
Brown Tourists..... **75c**
$2.50 and $3 Derbys..... **$1.50**
Black Tourists..... **1.00**

Furnishing Goods.

Men's $1 Fancy Shirts, **50c.**

Men's 75c Fancy Shirts, **38c.**

Men's $1.50 Negligee Shirts, **75c.**

Fancy Hose, at..... **10c**
Fancy 25c Handkerchiefs for..... **5c**
Men's Suspenders for..... **15c**
500 dozen 3-ply Linen Collars at..... **8c**
200 dozen 3-ply Linen Collars at..... **5c**

Underwear.

Half price on every winter garment in the house.

39c, 45c, 85c.

Shoe Dept.

2.50—No More, No Less

Find out what this statement means—to you it means a saving of $1.00 to $1.50 on every pair of shoes you buy.

We sell you just what you pay $3.50 and $4.00 for in other stores for $2.50. Bring back any pair that has not given you as much wear and we will give you your money back.

It's moving and room we're after now—not profit.

Boys' Clothing

Young Men's Suits—Long Trousers.

The stock of light and medium weight suits divided into three lots — cheviots, cassimeres and worsteds—

$3.85 $5.50 $8.50

This is the greatest offer the Continental has ever made; these prices take your choice of everything except a lot of such which have sold all season for $18, $20 and $22—these very fine suits will be closed out at

$12

Boys' Top Coats for Spring Wear—

All Continental clothes are nobby and up-to-date—we expect to close these top coats out without much effort—so if you want one come early.

Lot 4534—sizes 9 to 14—were $4.50—now $2.95
Lot 4535—sizes 9 to 15—were $6.00—now $3.85
Lot 4637—sizes 10 to 15—were $5.50—now $3.95
Lot 4537—sizes 10 to 14—were $8.50—at $4.50

Boys' Reefers—Winter Weight—

There will be no change in styles for next season, but the price will be very much higher.

All our high grade Blue Chinchilla Reefers—sizes 7 to 16—reduced from $8.00 to..... **5.50**

All our Irish Frieze Reefers—sizes 7 to 16—reduced from $5.00 to..... **3.50**

A bunch of Chinchilla Reefers—all sizes and broken lots—will go at..... **2.50**

Boys' Reefer Suits—

We have taken a big lot of high grade Reefers and matched them with odd trousers. The trousers are thrown in twice over—the jackets cost more than our asking price. Come Saturday morning if you want any of this lot—don't wait for the afternoon rush.

Spring weights—sizes 4 to 8—at..... **2.50**

Boys' Two-Piece Suits—

A thousand Cheviot Suits which have always sold for $4.00 to $6.00—go on Sat'y at

2.50 and 3.50

WILL ENLARGE CIRCULATION

National Banks of Omaha to Take Advantage of New Currency Measure.

FOUR OF THEM HAVE TAKEN SUCH ACTION

Increase of Circulation of These Four Banks Aggregates Nearly Half a Million and Others Will Follow.

Inquiry made some weeks ago among the local national banks disclosed an indisposition on the part of each of them to avail themselves of the opportunity promised by the new currency measure then pending to enlarge their circulations under its provisions. At that time it was stated that the bonds necessary for deposit to cover the increase of circulation were then too high, but while since that time bonds have sustained a material advance, recent inquiry develops the fact that practically all of the Omaha national banks are contemplating or have arranged for a material increase of circulation. Asked as to the steps likely to be taken in that direction, bank officials submitted unhesitatingly the following responses:

Victor B. Caldwell, cashier United States National: "I think we will take out $100,000 additional circulation under the new law. We bought our bonds for that purpose some time ago."

Frank Murphy, president Merchants' National: "I cannot say now positively, but we have such a course under advisement and will probably take out some additional circulation. I cannot say now just how much we shall take out, but we shall call our board together in a day or two and reach a conclusion."

Fred H. Davis, cashier First National: "We haven't taken out any new circulation as yet, but we hope to take out probably $200,000 in addition to the $450,000 we already have."

J. H. Millard, president Omaha National: "We have now $500,000 and expect to take out another $100,000. That will give us $600,000 circulation and we now have $400,000 deposits, so that with our additional $100,000 circulation we will have $1,000,000 in bonds. We bought the bonds yesterday for our additional $100,000."

Henry W. Yates, president Nebraska National: "Yes, we shall probably take out $55,000 additional circulation. You know we have only a small circulation, $45,000, but we are a depository and have a large amount of bonds covering deposits. We will have $100,000 circulation when we carry out our present plans, for which we are now getting the bonds."

J. W. Thomas, cashier Union National: "We are just discussing the advisability of enlarging the circulation under the law, but have not reached a conclusion. We are, however, exchanging all our old bonds for the new 2 per cents authorized under that law."

Alfred Millard, cashier Commercial National: "We do not intend taking out any additional circulation at this time."

TALKS TO SCHOOL TEACHERS

Superintendent Pearse Addresses the General Teachers' Meeting on Friday Afternoon.

About 300 of the teachers employed in the Omaha public schools gathered at the assembly room on the fifth floor of the city hall Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in response to a call issued by Superintendent Pearse for a general teachers' meeting.

The occasion for the call was the desire of the superintendent to give instruction upon points coming up in the daily work of the teachers. The feature of the meeting was an address by Mr. Pearse. He dwelt upon the necessity of the teacher getting into harmony with the pupils and the patrons of the districts in which they teach. Oftentimes much trouble could be saved teacher, principal and superintendent if the teachers would make greater effort to understand patrons when they come to make complaints. If the patron comes with emphatic words he is, generally, inclined to be just and will listen to explanations if the teacher will bear with him until he has explained his position.

The work in the kindergarten is difficult because the teachers do not forget themselves in the work being done, and often think that they are acting foolishly in the games with the children. The superintendent did not know how this trouble could be avoided unless the teacher could forget herself in the work. If any teacher was having trouble with the pupils let her first ask herself if she is not to blame, and correct any mistakes found in her methods before blaming the pupils. If a teacher could not bring herself to love the work she should make arrangements to secure some other employment, as she could do neither the school nor herself justice.

ZOROASTER, HIS LIFE'S WORK

Subject of a Lecture in Harney Street Temple Friday Night by Rabbi Simon.

"Zoroaster" was the subject of Rabbi Simon's lecture, delivered Friday night in Harney street temple. He began with a reference to the Oriental realization of the Jew and Persian and to the influence of Persian thought on the world in general. He spoke of the resurrection of Persian literature and philosophy, and said:

"Our information concerning the Persians comes first from Parsis, a small but intelligent colony in India, which still retains many of the practices and rites of the Persians, of which they are the direct descendants. Chief credit for the resurrection of Persian philosophy is due to a young Frenchman named Duperron who, after many years of hard labor, learned to read their writings and gave us the Zenda Vesta, or Persian bible."

On the subject of Zoroaster, his life and message, the speaker said: "His message came as a protest against the dream philosophy of the Brahmin. Evil exists and exists in God, he held. God is represented by two principles, that of good and that of evil, called Ormuzd and Ahriman, which two are in conflict with one another. These ideas elaborated the foundation of Zoroaster's philosophy and of the new religion called Parsism."

MIRTH AND MUSIC FOR ELKS

Speculative Stag Social Enjoyed by Local Elks and Large Number of Visiting Brothers.

At the conclusion of the regular business session of the Omaha Elks Friday night one of the most successful social sessions of the season was enjoyed by the members and visiting brothers. Delegations were present from Hastings, Council Bluffs and Atlantic, Ia. For the benefit of these visitors an exemplification of the initiatory proceedings was given at the business session, three candidates being received into membership. The members of the Hastings delegation were the honored guests. The banquet tables were arranged in the shape of a huge letter "H," as a compliment to the visiting Nebraskans. Following the dinner, which was an elegant one in every respect, the Elks enjoyed what was termed a "speculative social," so-called because each succeeding feature of entertainment was entirely a matter of speculation.

The program was entirely impromptu. Its enjoyment was added to largely by the presence of a number of theatrical people who are appearing at the local play houses this week. Mirth and music were furnished in unlimited quantities. Among the theatrical contingent assisting were: Mr. and Mrs. Perkins Fisher, Kelley and Violetto, the Leonards, Buckley and O'Brien, from the Orpheum, and several of the cast of the "Sowing the Wind" company. Local talent prevailed upon to assist in the entertainment were: Harry Cockrell, Jo Barton, George P. Cronk and others. The banquet and subsequent social ceremonies were presided over by W. W. Cole as toastmaster and lord high entertainer. The success of the affair was largely due to the committee of arrangements, consisting of W. W. Cole, chairman; James Ainscow, T. J. O'Brien, Goodley Brucker, H. F. Broadwell and L. D. Touzalin.

CLUB ENDORSES FAVORITES

Fifth Ward Republican Club Designates Its Preferences for Appointive Positions.

Because of the cold weather and the resultant small attendance of members at the regular meeting of the Fifth Ward Republican club Friday night, discussion of the Porto Rican tariff question was postponed for one week. At that time addresses will be made by Hugh A. Myers, Neil Farrell, C. Kennedy and E. J. Cornish and a general discussion of the question will follow. In order to enliven political interest on the part of Fifth ward republicans the club will discuss various national questions of importance at its weekly meetings in the future.

At Friday night's meeting the club endorsed W. B. Christie for assistant building inspector, George H. Parker for engineer at the city jail and George W. Holbrook for deputy city clerk. The plan of the county central committee for the selection of delegates to the state and congressional conventions was taken up for discussion. Hugh A. Myers made a speech in opposition to the plan proposed by the committee.

GROCER AND COFFEE.

Helped Out of Trouble by Postum Cereal Coffee.

"The daily use of coffee caused indigestion to both myself and family, my husband being the worst affected; an hour or so after using coffee the form of indigestion called belching or gas rising was shown, often accompanied by pain and sick stomach. We had heard of the merits of Postum Food Coffee and concluded to try it. We were much pleased with the results and are now using postum in preference to any other hot drink. The sick feelings that used to come from coffee drinking have disappeared.

"I have known of several who declared that Postum was weak and insipid after the first trial. I always discover that in such cases Postum Food Coffee has been boiled about the same length of time as for coffee, which is not half enough. I have taken pains to explain to such people that if they would use four heaping teaspoons to the pint of water, let it stand on the stove until the real bubbling begins, then note the time by the clock and allow it to boil full 15 minutes from that time, stirring down occasionally, it would produce a rich, clear, deep brown color, with a fine, crisp taste.

"Mr. H. H. Bidwell of Springfield, Mo., who had been a user of coffee for years, concluded that his indigestion was caused by coffee drinking. He tried Postum and is now a great friend and advocate of it, both for young and old. Mr. Dan Trogden, one of Green county's leading farmers, had a somewhat similar experience. My husband is a grocer and says that the sales of Postum are steadily increasing as it becomes more and favorably known. Mrs. Fred Lippman, Springfield, Mo.

WOMAN HAS A FIT IN COURT

But it is a Make-Believe Spasm and Fails of Its Purpose.

MRS. WHEELER'S PLAY FOR CLEMENCY

Tribunal Proceeds with Its Business While Woman Kicks and Screams—Officer Applies Cold Water and They Carry Her Out.

As Bill Hutchinson entered police court Friday afternoon to listen to the reading of a document charging him with burglary, he was compelled to step over the prostrate form of a woman engaged in having a fit of wonderful complexity and vigor. A moment before the judge had said to the woman, Mrs. Fannie Wheeler:

"You will be held to the district court in the sum of $800."

This meant that he considered the evidence against her, on a charge of robbing Ernest Rissi of $85 in a wine room, of sufficient strength to warrant holding her to the superior court, and this, too, was the cause of her voluntary convulsion. It was a palpably artificial spasm, yet executed with such energy and attention to detail as to command attention.

The judge sent out for the police matron and called the next case.

Bill Hutchinson entered. With polite nonchalance he stepped over the writhing form, and came near being bitten in the ankle for his pains.

"Be sworn!" ordered the judge. "Hold up your right hand! Do you solemnly mum mumble-de-mum-mum-mum-m m m m—"

"Wow!" yelled the woman engaged in calisthenics.

Hutchinson sidestepped to avid a contortion of unusual violence, and forgot to answer the court. The judge commenced to read:

"It is charged that on or about the 12th day of March, 1900, W. Hutchinson, whose first name is to this deponent unknown, did ——"

"Er-r-r-raw!" screamed Mrs. Wheeler, kicking the cuspidore at Sergeant Hudson.

"—— Did wrongfully, willfully, maliciously and feloniously enter upon the premises of one ——"

Crash!

The woman in the paroxysm had upset the witness chair.

Judge Gordon pushed up his spectacles and, leaning over his desk, looked down at the struggling woman.

There seemed to be no hope of an early cessation. At least three square yards of floor remained to be mopped and there was no one at hand to make a motion in abatement.

Court Officer Davis arose to the occasion. He watched the woman a moment as she rolled her eyes like one trying to inspect her back hair without the aid of a hand glass, then went over to the water cooler.

A wet fit is a dispiriting thing at best. Like some fits bought at a tailorshop, they cease to be fits after a thorough drenching, and so it was with the custom-made paroxysm of Mrs. Wheeler. Davis held the cup above her and poured water down her neck in a long, thin stream like a man priming a cistern pump.

"Wow!" she yelled with singular lack of originality, and tried to climb up Officer Davis' trousers leg.

Just then the matron arrived with her big bunch of keys. Two or three bystanders offered their services, and in a violent tangle of legs and arms the volunteer ambulance corps disappeared through the hall door.

Instead of fining her for contempt of court the judge, in recognition of her efficiency in the fit, reduced her bond from $800 to $500. He then finished reading the charge against Bill Hutchinson.

WILL MEET IN BELLEVUE

Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society of Omaha Presbytery Closes Its Annual Session.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Presbytery of Omaha closed Friday night after a session of two days at the Westminster Presbyterian church in this city. The second day's session opened with devotional exercises, roll call and reports of delegates. Mrs. Harsha presented a report of the meeting of the Board of the Northwest and reports from the meetings of the Home and Synodical boards were reported by Mrs. Lowry and McDill, respectively. Mrs. Wells of Chicago spoke on the method of conducting the work adopted by the Board of the Northwest and made a strong appeal to the delegates present for more systematic work.

The report of the secretary of literature, by Mrs. Harsha, showed that the society was holding its own in the amount and character of literature circulated. The treasurer's report showed that the society was financially stronger than it was last year and it was decided to increase the contribution of this body for field work from $1,500 to $2,000.

The report of the corresponding secretary at the afternoon session showed that the individual societies composing the presbyterial society were stronger, both in membership and finances, and that there are few churches in this presbytery in which there are no woman's missionary societies. Five-minute papers on the experience of missionaries were read, Mrs. Stout telling how the missionaries keep house, Mrs. McBirney telling how they travel and Mrs. Morrison telling of the missionary ships. Mrs. J. R. Kerr reviewed the foreign work of the society and reported good progress made by the missions supported by the Nebraska societies, which embrace Miss Susan Doty at Seoul, Korea; Mrs. W. A. Briggs at Pra, Laos; Mrs. C. H. Bandy at Fatehpur, India; the San Luis Potosi school in Mexico and the Kanazawa girls' school.

When the reports of the various committees were received it was decided, upon invitation, to hold the next annual meeting at the college at Bellevue.

The evening session opened with the Christian Endeavor conference, led by Mrs. Pingree of New York, who afterwards addressed the meeting on the subject of the home missions supported by Nebraska women, which include Miss Susan Davis at Sitka, Alaska; Miss Ada Welch at Tucson, Ariz.; Miss Cromp at Concord, N. C., and the Asheville Farm school for mountain white girls. At the close of Mrs. Pingree's address Mrs. Gault, missionary at the Omaha agency, delivered an address upon the work among the Indians of that tribe, showing its development and possibilities.

ALBERT BRAUN'S LOST GRIP

Telescope Valise Belonging to the Dewey Hotel Suicide Has Mysteriously Disappeared.

An inquest held in the case of Albert Braun Friday resulted in a verdict to the effect that he came to his death from the effects of an overdose of morphine taken with suicidal intent.

Lewis Henderson, the florist for whom Braun worked, says:

"When he left my employ a week ago he took with him his telescope valise filled with clothes and papers, and this valise has mysteriously disappeared. It was not in his room in the Dewey hotel, where his body was found. It may be that, if this can be located, it will be found to contain a letter or some other clew as to why he killed himself."

Our supply of pictures is being rapidly diminished. If you have not seen "The Defense of Champigny" and "The Balloon," call at the Bee office. Bring your coupons cut from The Bee.

...AMUSEMENTS...

"Sowing the Wind"—

A company of average merit throughout opened an engagement which will include five performances at Boyd's theater, Friday night presenting Sidney Grundy's well known "Sex Against Sex" drama. The play was first produced in this city six years ago by the Empire Theater Stock company, Viola Allen, Henry Miller and William Faversham appearing in the leading roles. Since that time it has been seen here on several different occasions, not with the original cast, but one always capable of giving a creditable performance of the really splendid drama. The present company is an almost entirely new one, but none the less capable. There will be matinees as well as evening performances today and Sunday.

KEMP ACQUITTED OF ARSON

Discharged After a Preliminary Hearing in Police Court—Evidence is Wholly Circumstantial.

After a preliminary hearing that consumed nearly two days in police court, Donald Kemp was acquitted of the charge of arson. Judge Gordon held that the state failed to prove that a crime had been committed. The principal point of evidence introduced by the prosecution was the fact that rags saturated with kerosene had been found among the debris of the burned cottage, but Kemp explained this away by saying that the rags had been used to clean kerosene lamps.

He was charged with burning the frame dwelling at 2789 South Tenth street to obtain the insurance money on the house and furniture, which aggregated $1,250. The property belonged to his wife, formerly Mrs. Jeffries, to whom he had been married one week.

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