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See page 4 Kelley-Stiger's Stock at One-Half Price.

any suit **1/2 off** marked price

JUST ONE-HALF PRICE FOR All Men's Suits in Stock.

Tomorrow we offer you any suit in the house—Rogers-Peet make excepted—at exactly one-half the regular selling price. This sale demonstrates the superiority of Brandeis' values. This year the stock offers greater inducements than ever before in the history of our annual half-price sales. Even our regular price was far below the real value of the garments. In reality the values are the most extraordinary ever quoted on really good clothing.

\$2.50 BUYS ANY MAN'S FIVE DOLLAR SUIT

\$3.75 BUYS ANY MAN'S SEVEN FIFTY SUIT

\$7.50 BUYS ANY MAN'S FIFTEEN DOLLAR SUIT

\$10.00 BUYS ANY MAN'S TWENTY DOLLAR SUIT

\$12.50 BUYS ANY MAN'S Twenty-five Dollar SUIT

Every suit that will be sold is reliable, stylish clothing from our regular stock—You run no risk in buying.

Half Off on Boys' and Young Men's Suits

\$2.50 Buys any boys' five dollar suit. Ages, 12 to 20.
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\$5.00 Buys any boys' finest ten dollar all wool suit. Ages, 12 to 20.

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\$1 Buys any boys' and children's knee pants suits that have been selling at \$2.00.
\$1.50 Buys any boys' and children's knee pants suits that have been selling at \$3.00.
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Boys' and Children's Wash Suits—Latest styles— at just half price.

Your Choice of All Odds and Ends Rogers-Peet Suits at FIFTEEN DOLLARS

This is a most important announcement for every man with good taste in dress. Never have these matchless suits from the renowned Rogers-Peet factory sold for such a bargain price. The high grade of this clothing is known the country over. These suits are the finest ready-to-wear garments that money can buy—worth up to \$27.50—your choice of all odds and ends, at..... **\$15**

Half Price and Less ON ALL MEN'S STRAW HATS

ALL THE FINE STRAW HATS in sailors, set brims, Fedoras, Milan, Jap braid and rice straws, worth up to \$1.50, go at..... **49c**
 ALL THE HIGH GRADE STRAW HATS that have sold up to \$4—in split straws, Milans, Mackinaws, etc., go at..... **98c @ 1.50**
 ALL THE BANGKOK STRAW HATS—worth \$6, go at..... **2.98**
 ALL THE \$10 QUALITY PANAMA HATS go at..... **3.98**
 All Our Men's, Boys' and Children's Straw Hats worth up to 75c, go at, each..... **15c**



MONEY NOT ALL REPORTED

Bank Reports and Figures of the Assessors Do Not Tally.

SAME CONDITION ALL OVER THE STATE

Some Sensational Developments Are Likely in Effort to Have Divorce of Chicago Man Set Aside.

LINCOLN, July 8.—(Special.)—Nearly two thirds of the money and deposits of the counties which have reported to the State Board of Equalization so far will escape taxation. The reports from the various counties on the item of money on hand, on deposits, etc., shows that the values listed under this item range from one-third to one-tenth of the actual figures shown by the consolidated banking reports prepared by the State Bureau of Labor from the last returns of the state and national banks for 1903.

Nemaha county reports the actual amount of money and deposits actually assessed at \$266,915, although the banks had deposits of \$992,307.89 the first of the year. Washington county reports an actual assessment of money and deposits at \$207,990, while according to the figures of the consolidated banking reports the banks of that county had \$1,181,536.17 in deposits. The showing of Butler county is on a par with it. Butler county assessors found \$218,815 but the banking report shows that the aggregate amount of deposits was more than four times as great viz: \$1,294,330.57.

In Cheyenne county, situated in the extreme western section of the state, \$23,552 of this species of property was listed for assessment, although the bank statement credits its banks with \$255,294.24 in deposits.

All the returns received so far at the office of the secretary of the State Board of Equalization indicate that the discrepancies between the returns of money and deposits to the assessors, and the showing made by the banks in their statements to the banking board and the comptroller, will be found to be general throughout the state.

The following table shows not the one-fifth of assessable value but the value reported multiplied by five, to give the actual value. The second column of figures gives the aggregate of deposits for each county as shown in the compilation made for 1903.

| County | Returns to Assessors | Bank Deposits |
|------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Butler | \$218,815.00 | \$1,181,536.17 |
| Lincoln | \$266,915.00 | \$992,307.89 |
| Cheyenne | \$23,552.00 | \$255,294.24 |
| Dawson | \$74,210.00 | \$1,135,912.48 |
| Dodge | \$62,380.00 | \$1,062,891.21 |
| Franklin | \$8,575.00 | \$82,519.00 |
| Dundy | \$20,900.00 | \$78,809.49 |
| Fillmore | \$57,400.00 | \$60,828.00 |
| Seward | \$60,775.00 | \$56,775.00 |
| Rock | \$2,717.00 | \$5,331.03 |
| Red Willow | \$46,753.00 | \$62,100.42 |
| Sherman | \$2,079.00 | \$2,344.43 |
| Madison | \$35,250.00 | \$1,872,500.00 |
| Furnas | \$109,730.00 | \$24,922.70 |
| Greene | \$4,583.00 | \$97,387.33 |
| Nemaha | \$266,915.00 | \$992,307.89 |
| Washington | \$207,990.00 | \$1,294,330.57 |
| Thomas | \$3,235.45 | \$14,191.62 |

The abstract of assessments filed with the state board today for Washington county shows that its valuation has risen from \$2,013,887.17 in 1903 to \$4,992,462.52 this year. The main item of increase is land, which last year was valued at an average of \$1.36 per acre, while this year it is put down at \$10.524. The acreage has grown from 219,757 to 240,433.35.

This year 9,130 horses are down at \$11 a head, as compared with 4,888 at \$10.25 last year. In 1903 21,228 cattle of all ages were listed at \$4.07, while this year 27,556 are listed at \$3.44. Last year 31,096 hogs were listed at an average of \$1.05, while this year 35,737 are assessed at an average of \$1.14.

Nemaha county reports an increase in its valuation from \$2,790,963.94 to \$4,672,331.02 for 1904. The larger part of the increase is due to the addition to land values, the average assessment per acre last year being \$5.60, as compared with \$10.52 this year.

Question Validity of Divorce.
 Action will be brought in the district court of this county within a few days to annul the divorce of John F. Decker, a prominent Chicago business man, from his wife, Addie M. Decker, on the ground that the action of the court was secured through misrepresentations by the plaintiff as to his residence in the state.

An attorney for the former wife is in the city and papers are being prepared for filing in the district court, in which it is alleged the wife will show that she had no notice of the divorce until her relatives caused his arrest for bigamy on the ground that he was married to his stenographer, Miss Pauline Wilkinson, a sister of Dr. A. D. Wilkinson of this city. All the time it was claimed by the former wife's sisters that the man had been living with Mrs. Decker No. 1 and supporting the family, leaving each evening about 8 or 9 o'clock for the home of wife No. 2, where he spent the nights.

Charles Erbstein, the Chicago attorney who is looking after the interests of the first wife, insists that his client never knew of the action for a divorce, and that Decker had never been a resident of Lancaster county at the time of filing his suit for a divorce, but on the contrary had maintained his residence in Chicago.

Judge Allen W. Field of this city appeared for the woman to contest the husband's application. He had received a letter purporting to come from her, asking him to accept the retainer. He had some correspondence with his supposed client, in which an agreement was made to accept alimony in excess of \$100 a month in alimony, with custody of the three children.

The wife's denial of any knowledge concerning the latter leaves the authorship in certain at present. The husband in his petition for a divorce alleged that his wife was unconsoling and failed to treat his relatives, especially his mother, with respect when they came to visit him, and that she had caused him to move from Nashville, Tenn., to Chicago, without rea-

son and at a considerable financial loss. Decker is business manager and secretary of Sweet, Wallace & Co. of Chicago. He claims that his former wife's sisters are responsible for the suit to reopen the case.

Alarming Reports in Wheat Crop.
 Alarming reports are reaching the government experiment station at the state farm concerning the development of wheat rust and the injury promised from that source. The stories of damage came from several sections of the state, and in some cases almost total loss is reported. W. B. Holden and E. A. Holden of Burr, two of the largest wheat farmers in the state, having over 1,000 acres at Burr, have lost practically their entire crop. The field looks good at a distance, but a closer examination shows that there is no grain in the heads. Many farmers around Burr are plowing up their wheat and seeding the fields to millet. Reports from Normal and Pleasantdale are to the same effect.

Prof. Lyons of the state farm states that the trouble is due to a scab or fungus growth, which appears both on the stalk and on the head. It is a little white or reddish growth. There was some complaint last year, but nothing comparable to the damage done this season.

Although the smoother varieties are most affected the Turkey red wheat grown in this section is not immune from the fungus and the loss is a little white or reddish growth. There was some complaint last year, but nothing comparable to the damage done this season.

Find Body of an Infant.
 The dead body of a baby girl was found in a shoe box at the Burlington depot this morning. The police believe that it is a case of murder.

The box had been at the depot since Wednesday. It was found back of a stove on a Burlington train between Pacific Junction and Plattsmouth and placed in the depot awaiting the owner. Coroner Graham says the child was alive when placed in the box, and that it died of death. Detectives are seeking the parents.

CORONER'S JURY HOLDS CARR

Finds that Charles Best Came to His Death at Hands of Prisoner.
PAPILLION, Neb., July 8.—(Special.)—The coroner's inquest looking into the cause of the death of Charles Best at Sarpy Mills was continued today from yesterday morning.

It was decided by County Attorney Patrick and Coroner Armstrong not to call further witnesses but let the case go to the jury as it stood as further testimony would but tend to corroborate that already given.

The jury was out over an hour and returned with the following verdict: That the said Charles Best came to his death by a bullet fired from the right hand of the right eye, on the night of July 4 at a picnic given by the Manhattan Social Club at South Omaha, at Sarpy Mills Park, in

Sarpy county, and from the evidence before the jury we find that said wound was made by a bullet fired from a revolver in the hands of Tim Carr and the shooting was done with felonious intent.

Coroner Armstrong received a communication from Malvern, Ia., the former home of Best, with the information that no relatives of Best resided there, and that the man who raised Best from childhood now lived in Omaha.

The time for the arraignment of Carr has not yet been determined upon.

HEAVY RAINS IN NEBRASKA

Crops Are Suffering in Many Parts of State from Water.
GRANT, Neb., July 8.—(Special.)—Grant and the surrounding country continues to be visited by heavy rains almost daily. 2 1/2 to 3 inches of rain have fallen in July. Tuesday evening a severe hailstorm caused much destruction to many farmers about six miles south of Grant, hail stones as large as walnuts falling and the storm lasted nearly half an hour. Crops were badly damaged and screens, windows and shingles mutilated. Three horses and a cow were killed by lightning near Grant the same night. Weather continues very cool and frequently a fire is needed for comfort.

AUBURN, Neb., July 8.—(Special.)—Heavy rains have prevailed for a week. The Little Nemaha river is out of its banks and the entire bottom is inundated, and immense damage has been done to the crops. Thousands of acres of corn and wheat has been totally destroyed. The river is still rising. Much damage has been done to wheat and corn on the up lands. The farmers cannot get into the fields, and the weeds in many places are getting away with the corn.

HUMFOLD, Neb., July 8.—(Special.)—The drizzling rains of the last few days caused the farmers considerable uneasiness with regard to the wheat and oats crop, and from many sections come complaints of ravages from the rust, resulting from long continued wet weather. Today's sunshine is welcomed with the hope that it may check the damage before it becomes widespread.

HARVARD, Neb., July 8.—(Special.)—Little rain has fallen since the 6th inst., but during the week previous to that over five inches of water fell. Winter wheat harvest and that of early oats is progressing as fast as the ground dries out to admit of the use of the harrower. If there is no further rains to interfere with the cutting of grain no serious results will follow and present indications are favorable as today is cool and pleasant.

Gage County Assessment.
BEATRICE, Neb., July 8.—(Special.)—County Clerk Masters has prepared the abstract of assessment of Gage county for the year 1904 for the state board which was taken to Lincoln today by County Assessor Scott.

The abstract shows the assessed valuation of Gage county to be \$3,693,102.50, divided as follows:

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|-------------|----------------|
| Personal | \$2,578,421.20 |
| Real Estate | 1,114,681.30 |
| Land | 4,693,102.50 |

Belong will be found a few items taken from the abstract showing the average assessed valuation on dogs, hogs, cattle, horses, etc.:

Number of dogs in county, 3,222, average assessed valuation, \$1.98; cattle, 40,093, assessed valuation, \$2.44; hogs, 55,311, assessed valuation, \$1.88; miles, 2,084, assessed valuation, \$18.55; horses, 17,828, assessed valuation, \$10.78; pianos, 836, assessed valuation, \$1.38. All taxable property is assessed one-fifth of its actual value.

Condemned Depot Grounds.
BEATRICE, Neb., July 8.—(Special Telegram)—Having been unable to purchase the property desired for its new station in this city, the Burlington company last

evening begun condemnation proceedings in the county court against Gage county, the city of Beatrice, Edna C. Phelps, Oliver Townsend, Helena Jansen and Cornelius Jansen to force the sale of the property desired by the company. Judge Bourne has appointed as commissioners to appraise the property involved F. E. Kimball, W. W. Scott, E. G. Drake, G. H. Johnson, C. L. Reed and H. H. Waite. They are requested to report to the court July 13.

Arrest Alleged Kidnaper.
DAKOTA CITY, Neb., July 8.—(Special.)—Deputy Sheriff John Kloster of Sioux City last evening brought to this place and lodged in jail Claude Reeves, a young man who resides on Walker's Island, former of County Judge J. J. Elmer's court, sworn to by William W. Sharp, charging him with kidnaping Mabel Munson, the 15-year-old stepdaughter of Sharp. Reeves was arrested in Sioux City by the officers of that place and turned over to Deputy Kloster. The girl is now in a home for incorrigibles in Sioux City. William Salisbury, who was arrested as an accomplice of Reeves in the crime, was discharged at his preliminary examination. The date of Reeves' preliminary examination has not been set yet. County Attorney McAllister being away, and it is more than likely that the charge against him of kidnaping will be dismissed and one of criminal assault substituted.

Nemaha County Values.
AUBURN, Neb., July 8.—(Special.)—The county commissioners at a board of equalization has adjourned. According to the return of the assessors there are 249,479 acres of land in Nemaha county valued at \$12,183,360, or an average actual value of \$53.48 per acre. The assessed or taxable value has been placed at \$28,670. The town or city lots are placed at \$1,855,578, with a taxable valuation of \$37,525.

The actual value of the personal property as returned by the assessor is placed at \$3,822,455, of which the assessed value is placed at \$464,491. Many complaints were made to the board, but it did not interfere with the returns made by the assessors except where evident mistakes were made; save only it lowered the assessed value of land in Douglas and Bedford precincts, and raised it in Washington precinct.

Body Found in River.
WEST POINT, Neb., July 8.—(Special.)—The body of Dominic Braza, sr., who disappeared on the night of the Fourth of July at the Riverside park, was found this morning on a sandbar in the middle of the river, about half a mile below the park. The body is badly decomposed and it will be very difficult to determine the exact cause of death. Rumors of foul play have been industriously circulated, but the general opinion seems to be that the death was purely accidental and that the deceased being very old and feeble wandered away in the darkness and fell into the river. An inquest will be held this evening by Coroner Summers to ascertain if possible the cause of death.

Organize Oil and Gas Company.
BEATRICE, Neb., July 8.—(Special.)—A stock company to be known as the American Central Oil and Fuel Company, incorporated under the laws of Arizona, has been organized in this city with a capital stock of \$500,000. The company has purchased a tract of 240 acres of land in the oil fields in Kansas, which it proposes to develop. The principal place of doing business will be at Thayer, a small town located not far from the company's property.

Arrests Alleged Thief.
PLATTSBOURGH, Neb., July 8.—(Special.)—G. M. Buck was arrested at Elmwood, a charge of horse stealing was preferred

against him, and he is wanted for taking a team belonging to Frank Bartlett. He drove the team to Eagle and while there imbibed so much liquor that the city marshal put him in the cooler. He had tied the team near a saloon and it was placed in a livery stable. When he was released in the morning he refused to claim the team, as there was a bill for feed against it and started toward Elmwood on the railroad track but was arrested.

News of Nebraska.
FAIRBURY, July 8.—The school census of Fairbury, just completed, shows a population of 1,194, a gain of about 100 during the last year, divided as follows: Boys, 566; girls, 560.

YORK, July 8.—Ed Vining and Ben Fast of Henderson are under \$500 bonds each, signed by Mr. J. Gath of Henderson. These parties are charged with keeping beer and whisky and selling all kinds of liquors.

BEATRICE, July 8.—While Henry Meitz and family, who live eight miles northeast of the city, were away from home the other evening thieves ransacked their smoke-house and stole their summer's meat and lard. There is no clue.

PLATTSBOURGH, July 8.—The little village of Nebawka, situated near the center of Nebraska, has secured a large court. An informal reception was tendered at last succeeded in capturing a genuine real estate exchange and a commercial club.

BEATRICE, July 8.—Armour & Co. have decided to close their butter, egg and poultry house in Beatrice for the present, and Krige Brothers, who have been in charge of the business here for some time, have been transferred to Des Moines, Ia.

HASTINGS, July 8.—The work of putting down a new air lift well at the municipal water works plant was started today. It is to be 80 feet deep and have a capacity of 2,500 gallons per hour. When the well is completed Hastings will have a water plant that can pump 60,000 gallons per hour.

FAIRBURY, July 8.—Sheriff Case yesterday arrested a man who gave the name of Harry Welsh and who had in his possession a large number of conductors checks. He claimed to be on his way to Kansas to work in the harvest fields, but evidently his way was to work the harvest hands with bogus transportation. He was held ten days for vagrancy.

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