

Our Great Annual Pre-Inventory Clearing Sale, the Economical Buyers' Greatest Opportunity

CLEARING SALE BARGAINS

IN OUR LADIES' UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT

50c AND 75c VESTS AND PANTS, either ribbed or fleece lined, clearing sale price 39c and... 25c

Clearing Sale Bargains

In Men's Underwear and Furnishings

\$1.25 and \$1.50 quality Men's All Wool Underwear—Clearing Sale price—garment... 75c

Great Half Price Sale of Women's Ready-to-Wear Garments

Is now nearing its close. Despite the unfavorable weather conditions the first of the week our Cloak Department has been thronged daily by crowds of enthusiastic buyers.

HALF PRICE COATS AND SUITS NOT A FEW CHEAP OR SHODDY GARMENTS CULLED FROM OUR STOCK, BUT YOUR UNRESTRICTED CHOICE OF OUR ENTIRE HIGH GRADE STOCK

This is undoubtedly the greatest money-saving opportunity of the season. Improve it. EVERY COAT GOES—HALF PRICE—EVERY SUIT GOES

All our \$5.00 Women's Coats, during this sale... 2.50



ALL OUR STOCK OF CHILDREN'S COATS AT HALF.

Special Sale Saturday—Ladies' Fancy Neckwear

All 35c and 25c fancy neckwear for ladies go at... 19c

Millinery News

We wish to announce that the well known and popular milliner, Miss Belle Knowlton, has assumed complete charge of the immense stock of Millinery at Hayden's and will be pleased to greet and serve all her customers and friends in her new location.

SENSATIONAL SATURDAY SPECIALS \$7.00 and \$8. VELVET HATS—Trimmed with ostrich plumes and ornaments, at... 4.00

Groceries Groceries Groceries

Tomorrow, Saturday, will be the last day of the Big Sale prior to inventory.

45-pound sack High Patent Minnesota Flour... 1.40

Four Hosiery Specials

Ladies' Hose—In wool or heavy fleeced, with white feet, worth 25c and 30c, at... 19c

Pre-Inventory Meat Sale

Where you get your New Year's meats for dinner at less than cost

15 pounds Leaf Lard... 1.00

In Our Corset Department

\$1.00 STRAIGHT FRONT CORSETS with Princess hip hose supporters attached, side and front, come in drab and white, clearing sale price... 49c

THE DOWAGER CORSET, double boned throughout, made specially for stout figures. Velvet grip hose supporters attached, sizes 20 to 36, 2.00

Sheet Music

Karama, Uncle Sam, Field Day, Semolina, Good Bye My Lady Love, She Was From Missouri, A Bit O' Blarney, Don't Cry Katie Dear, If I Should Buy I Love You, Ever Thine, Waltzes, Echoes of the Congo, Please Don't Bother Me, Merry Maidens, Narcissa, Billy, Kate Kearney, Fighting the Flames, Yankee Girl, Good-Bye, Little Girl, Good-Bye, Stuffed, Freshwater, When the Dees Are in the Hive, Undercurrent, Memory's Dream Waltzes, Rambling Mose, Charming Waltzes, Deane to the Moon, Star of the Sea, All of these on Sale Saturday at 14c per copy, by Mail 15c

NAT BROWN DIES AT HOTEL

Proprietor of Murray Succumbs to Congestion of the Brain.

SUSTAINS FATAL STROKE THURSDAY

One of the Old and Prominent Hotel Men of Nebraska—Funeral Plans Have Not Yet Been Made.

Nat Brown, one of Omaha's prominent hotel men and an old resident of the state and city, died yesterday morning in his apartments at the Murray hotel, of which he was proprietor and half owner for the last six years.

GOOD STORY BUT WRONG PARTY

Peter Madsen of 1110 South Tenth Street Enters Disclaimer to Police Court Episode.

Peter Madsen and wife of 1110 South Eighth street enter a disclaimer to being the parties to a pathetic police court episode in which the wife sacrificed the savings of months to secure the release of her husband from jail. The sentiment is all right and the episode is all right, having occurred in the past, but it was not, they state, Peter Madsen and wife of 1110 South Eighth street who were the parties to it.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Holiday Week Brings Customary Quiet Conditions in Business World.

STORMS INTERRUPT TRANSPORTATION

Buoyant Sentiments Prevail in the Iron and Steel Industry—Increase in Gross Earnings of Railways.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: Holiday week brought the customary quiet conditions in the business world, inventories and preparations for annual settlements monopolizing attention, except in some branches of manufacture where immediate deliveries were required. Several storms also interrupted communication and transportation, particularly at the west, but in the meantime the elements were helpful for drought was broken in the Pittsburgh region by the resumption of a boating stage on the river. Shipments of coal were made possible and the coke output restored to normal volume. Annual reviews indicate that the year has made a much better showing than seemed possible at the outset. The second half century very favorably with the first six months and the amount of business on the books of leading industries promises still further improvement in 1905.

CONREID AND ROLLER SKATES

Opera Company Will Come to Auditorium—Skating Season Opens Tonight.

The Auditorium directors yesterday authorized President Nash to close a contract with the Conroy Opera company and engagement in Omaha, the dates to be fixed in the contract. On the basis of this action provision was made for the purchase of a suitable curtain and the building of dressing rooms at the Auditorium tonight. Manager Gillan has secured J. S. Pitt of Chicago as floor manager for the skating and these local men as assistant instructors: Clinton Huby, J. C. Carpenter, W. C. Davis, H. E. Wood, F. H. Schaffer. Mr. Pitt has arrived and he and the others had an interesting time last night practicing.

RUTH LEAVES STANDARD OIL

Designs Position He Has Held in Omaha for Period of Fourteen Years.

John B. Ruth, who has been local manager for the Standard Oil company for fourteen years, has resigned, his resignation to be effective January 1. Mr. Ruth has been identified with the Standard Oil company for twenty years altogether. He expects to remain in Omaha and possibly will engage in business for himself.

MORTALITY STATISTICS

These births and deaths were reported up to noon December 30 at the city hall: Births—William Smith, 222 1/2 street, girl; John H. Lidington, 1713 Van Camp street, boy; Berion Christie, 2024 Parker street, girl; David Miron, 948 North Twenty-seventh street, girl; Frank Richard, 814 South Thirteenth street, boy.

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STORZ BLUE RIBBONS

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RACE TRACK CHANGES HANDS

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—Receiver John M. Wood today sold the lease and improvements of the Union Jockey club to Jordan Lambert of St. Louis, the highest bidder for \$2,500. Patrick Carmody, a former stockholder in the club, made a bid of \$2,585. Mr. Lambert, who is a cotton broker, says the purchase was an investment, but it is rumored that it was made in behalf of the syndicate owning the fair group and Delmar race tracks. The Union Jockey club holds an eight-year lease on the property, one year of which has expired.

SKAT CONTEST AT GRAND ISLAND

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—A skat contest, in progress among the devotees of the game of the Lincoln Grand Island Skat Club, for the last three months, playing being made each Thursday evening, came to an end last evening, the Japanese winning by a lead of 3,617 points. The standing of the teams is as follows: GRAND ISLAND: H. Viereg... 1,242; O. A. Killam... 1,242; A. Herd... 1,242; F. H. Hyslop... 1,242; A. P. Buchler... 1,242; C. R. Heusinger... 1,242; H. Viereg... 1,242; G. Heusinger... 1,242; R. G. Heusinger... 1,242; F. P. Meyer... 1,242; P. F. Peters... 1,242; L. Volt... 1,242; R. G. Heusinger... 1,242; C. R. Heusinger... 1,242; F. P. Meyer... 1,242; P. F. Peters... 1,242; L. Volt... 1,242.

CENTRAL CITY DEFENDS OLD RIVALS

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The Central City High school basketball fall five defeated their old rivals of the Geneva High school here last night by the score of 35 to 25.

COLONEL LEUTWACH AT HAMBURG

HAMBURG, Dec. 30.—Colonel Leutwach, former governor of German Southwest Africa, who resigned that post some time ago, arrived here this morning.

HAZEN BROS.

Eye trouble instantly relieved by correctly fitted glasses. WE FIT 'EM in our Optical Dept., Main Floor. Money saving prices.

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