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14th Semi-Annual Half Price Sale Dollars Waiting For You.



Men's, Young Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing

There are dollars waiting for you here—come and get them—we are going to do things. Saturday we hold our 14th Semi-Annual HALF PRICE SALE and we challenge the whole clothing fraternity of Nebraska to offer better clothing at lower prices.

Men's and Young Men's Suits

Table with 5 columns of suit prices: \$40.00 Suits \$20, \$35.00 Suits \$17.50, \$30.00 Suits \$15, \$25.00 Suits \$12.50, \$22.50 Suits \$11.25.

"No Alterations During This Sale"



Boy's and Children's Suits

Table with 5 columns of children's suit prices: \$6.50 Suits \$4.75, \$5.50 Suits \$4.25, \$7.50 Suits \$3.75, \$6.00 Suits \$3, \$5.00 Suits \$2.50.

STRAW HATS AT HALF PRICE

PANAMA HATS AT HALF PRICE

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WESTERN UNION REPORTS

Telegraph Company Finally Recognizes Laws of Iowa.

BOARD OF HEALTH REORGANIZES

Dr. Thomas Will Serve as Secretary Until First of Year, When He Will Be Succeeded by Dr. Sumner.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, July 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The Western Union Telegraph company today for the first time recognized the laws of Iowa by sending in the annual report required of corporations.

As a move for harmony the State Board of Health today re-elected Dr. Thomas of Red Oak as secretary of the board, with the understanding that he resign to take effect January 1 next, when it is expected that Dr. G. H. Sumner of Waterloo will be elected to the place.

THE NICOLL PLAN

to gather together—at the end of each season's trade—the surplus stock—and then to reduce same quickly by selling.

AN EXTRA PAIR OF TROUSERS to your suit order—without extra cost. SUIT AND EXTRA TROUSERS \$25 to \$45

STOCK REDUCING SPECIAL Full Black or Blue Serge Suit—with extra Trousers of same \$25 or striped material \$25

Nicoll TAILOR WILLIAM JEREMIAS' SONS, 209-11 No. 15th St.

jected to letting Dr. Thomas out without some notice. Many members of the board thought Dr. Thomas ruined his usefulness by antagonizing the public, the legislature and the newspapers and for the good of the board it was thought that a change should be made, all recognizing that he had been very efficient in his office management.

Change in Quarantine Laws. Radical changes in the quarantine laws have been decided upon by the State Board of Health. Smallpox patients will be released as soon as the skin peels off instead of in forty days. Vaccinated persons will be released once from infected premises instead of being retained there forty days.

Charge for Extra Cans. Creameries today complained to the Railroad commission that railroads have given notice that after August 1 a charge of 10 cents will be made for the return of empty cream cans.

Congressman McKinley of Illinois, who has bought the Des Moines Electric company, has opened negotiations for the purchase of the Des Moines street railway.

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George Chichis, a Greek interpreter in the cement works at Mason City, has been arrested at the instigation of State Labor Commissioner Van Duhn charged with conducting an employment agency without authority or license.

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The deal that has been acknowledged to be pending between Congressman William R. McKinley of Illinois and the Des Moines Electric company for the purchase of the Des Moines plant was closed yesterday.

the state of Iowa. This fact is taken as particularly important to the state. The purchase of the Des Moines Electric company, which furnishes electric light to Des Moines, is the biggest deal in the state for many days, the purchase price being \$1,000,000, but would be purely local if it remained there.

Push Good Roads. A committee of five has been selected by the Greater Iowa club to serve as a good roads committee, and it is proposed to offer a bill at the next session of the legislature that will facilitate the building of good roads in the state.

Byers Funeral. The funeral of Lawrence Marshall Byers, son of Major S. H. Byers and one of the professors on the faculty of the State university of Iowa, who died under an operation in London, will be held from the home of the parents in this city at 4 p. m. Sunday, July 18. The body will reach New York on the steamer Majestic, July 21.

Police Chiefs Organize. At the meeting of the chiefs of police of twenty-two cities of Iowa, held here, an organization was perfected by the election of Chief Miller of Des Moines as president.

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But the relatives never came and neither did the relatives appear in person. Instead, Sheriff Anderson Thursday received a letter from Charles Victor in which he intimated that the fix in which his brother finds himself does not concern him very much. He asked whether Emil has been convicted of the crime or merely charged with it, and says that if he is convicted he will have to pay the penalty, but if he is only accused and is proven innocent he leaves the matter to the sheriff. "As I know you will take care of him, I have no word for him." No letter has yet arrived for Victor, either from his mother or brother.

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day from a stay of some months in Oklahoma, where he is interested in the marketing of land.

Bell Companies to Be Merged in Single Concern

Move Said to Be On to Form Telephone Corporation with Capital of \$970,000,000.

NEW YORK, July 15.—The merging of all the Bell telephone companies of the country into a gigantic corporation representing a capitalization of \$70,000,000 is believed to be foreshadowed in the action taken by the American Telephone and Telegraph company in providing for the absorption of the stock of the New York and New Jersey Telephone company.

Although no official statement could be obtained today, it is believed the New York and New Jersey Telephone company will accept the offer of the American Telephone and Telegraph company to exchange its stock share for share. The plan has the approval of the directors of the New York company.

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LAND SEEKERS LOSE CHANCE

Carelessness in Marking Applications Puts Them Out.

OVERPRUDENCE ALSO HURTS

Government Will Permit Absolutely No Mark Outside of Envelope in Which Application is Made.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 15.—Five seconds of carelessness threatens to cost thousands of homeseekers every chance to win land on the three Indian reservations, for which the drawing occurs August 3.

Some failed to put a postage stamp on the envelopes, some filled the blanks but failed to take the oath; in other cases noaries have neglected to attach their seals to the affidavits, and not a few over prudent applicants are writing their return addresses on envelopes before mailing to Superintendent Witten.

Even an initial marked on the envelope in addition to the printed address is sufficient cause for throwing it out of the drawing. So careful is the government to avoid distinguishing marks on the envelopes that the Spokane postoffice removed the date and hour from the machine when the stamps are cancelled.

The rush to register continues today.

GENIES OIL CONCERN IS TRUST

General Manager of Prairie Oil Company Fights Kansas Ouster Proceedings.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., July 15.—Attorney General Jackson, assisted by former Attorney General Coleman, is here taking testimony in the ouster suit of the state against the Prairie Oil and Gas company.

General Manager J. E. O'Neil of the Prairie company denied his company under his orders had ever disconnected any tanks

of producers from their lines. He said the Prairie was taking 50 per cent of all the oil offered, the capacity of their pipe line. Mr. O'Neil denies any effort to depress the market unnecessarily or any collusion with other companies. He said his company had paid 41 cents a barrel for oil when other companies had paid as low as 35 cents for the same grade and sometimes from the same lease.

HYMENEAL

Sweet Pea Wedding. OGALLALA, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—A pretty wedding took place in the Congregational church in this city today, being the marriage of Miss Beas Welton to Thomas Irwin Dutch. The church was elaborately decorated, every detail carrying out the dainty motif of the chosen flower. The impressive Episcopal service was pronounced by Rev. Edwin F. Wright. The bride was gowned in white silk, with Irish lace and pearl trimmings, and carried lilies of the valley. The bridesmaids were dressed in the sweet pea colors and carried large bunches of the flowers. A reception followed at "Far View Place," the home of the bride's parents. Many out-of-town guests were present.

Halsted-Ford. TECUMSEH, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—Jesse Halsted, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Halsted of this city, and Miss Vera Ford were married in Omaha at 11:30 a. m. Monday, July 12, the ceremony being performed by the county judge. They departed for Tecumseh for a short visit at the home of the bride's father, who is county treasurer of Red Willow county. From there they will go to Denver and other Colorado points on a wedding trip. Returning to Omaha they will go to housekeeping there, the groom being employed as an artist by a sign painting and decorating firm in the state's metropolis.

Kearney-Hamer. KEARNEY, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—The wedding of two of Kearney's prominent young people took place on Thursday afternoon, Miss Grace Hamer was the

bride and Jacob Kanzler was the groom; the wedding taking place at the home of the bride's parents, Judge and Mrs. F. G. Hamer on west Twenty-seventh street.

Osborn-Dimick. LAUREL, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—Wilford F. Osborn of Hartington, deputy county clerk, of Cedar county, and Miss Hazel Dimick were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dimick of this place. They will be at home in Hartington after August 1. Miss Dimick was connected with the Advocate office for several years.

McComber-Burlingame. SUTTON, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—Miss Janette Burlingame was married yesterday at the home of her father, to W. L. McComber of Fairmont. Only relatives and a few intimate friends were present. They left the same evening for Fairmont, where they will be at home after August 1.

Turner-Anderson. ESTHERVILLE, Ia., July 15.—(Special.)—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Anderson, residing at East Lawn, took place yesterday the marriage of their daughter, Myrtle Bell, to Orville L. Turner, son of W. E. Turner, manager of the Estherville Brick and Tile company.

Reed-Leeper. Miss Rachel M. Leeper, daughter of Joseph E. Leeper, and Maister I. Reed, both of Pleasanton, Ia., were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge Thursday at the Windsor hotel.

Advertisement for Gold Medal Flour. Text: "Don't Discharge the Cook Use GOLD MEDAL FLOUR. The better the flour, the better the bread. The better the bread, the better the baker." Includes an illustration of a woman in a kitchen and the Gold Medal Flour logo.