Our "Half Yearly" Clearance Sale

Starts Tomorrow (Mon.) Morning! 1-5 to 1-3 off on Everything!

We've a record to beat tomorrow. We must outdo—GREATLY outdo—all of our past "Half Yearly" Clearances. 'Twas a huge jump from our former Douglas Street quarters to THIS immense establishment—we've more goods to rid ourselves of than in the old days. You're going to buy small women's attire necessities; girls' and misses' requisites; infants' requirements; boys' and young men's clothes, etc., for FAR less money than you've EVER before bought them (of course we refer to the "Benson & Thorne" grade). You're going to buy CLEAN merchandise that FITS, at "sale" prices. You're going to get 20% to 33⅓% OFF on a grade and class of goods that seldom sees the light of day in establishments that DON'T cater to special, diminutive, and "youngish" sizes. You're going to deal with SPECIALISTS along these lines. It's a cash discount affair that should bring you here eagerly—quickly—prepared to purchase EVERYTHING you'll need for a season. Of course we haven't listed EVERYTHING here—stock's too large—but you should participate—bent on economy—bent on loading up on wearables.

"Half Yearly" Clearance on Boys' Furnishings at 20% Off

BOYS' BLOUSES TO GO.
Former 50c styles at 40c
Former $1 styles at 80c
BOYS' SHIRTS TO GO.
Former $1 Shirts at.....80c
Former $1.25 Shirts at.....$1
BOYS' GLOVES TO GO.
Former $1.25 Gloves.....$1
Former $1.50 Gloves $1.20
BOYS' NECKWEAR, TOO.
Former 25c Neckwear at 20c
Former 50c Neckwear at.....40c

"Half Yearly" Clearance on All Hats and Caps at 20% Off

HATS AND CAPS IN SALE.
Any 50c Cap goes now at.....40c
Any 75c Cap goes now at.....60c
Any $1 Hat or Cap at.....80c
Any $1.50 Hat or Cap.....$1.20
Any $2 Hat or Cap at.....$1.60
Any $3 Hat or Cap at.....$2.40
Any $4.50 Hat or Cap.....$3.60

The above reductions apply not only to children's headgear, but to the boys and young men's styles, as quoted.

Reductions on Shoes

960 pairs of Shoes have been singled out for "Twice Yearly Sale" underpricing. Ladies', misses', children's and boys' Shoes are included—all priced at the figure that will sell them quickest. Leathers and styles are up to the high standard set by us long ago, and never as yet departed from.

LADIES' SHOES in blacks, tans, bronzes and gray suedes, in positive $5 and $6 grades will go in the "Twice Yearly Clearance Sale" Monday at, per pair $3.50

The $4 styles as per above are in the coming selling at, per pair, only..... $2.50

MISSES' SHOES in black patent, gun metal or fine vici kid as per following scale of reduction. The $3.50 and $3 grades at $2.30, and the $2.50 values at..... $1.80

CHILDREN'S SHOES in black patent or dull leathers and kids, in grades that were $2.50 are to go at $1.80; in grades worth $2.00 at, per pair $1.40

BABY SHOES in patent leather, kid leather or tan leather, in $1.25 and $1.50 grades will entice many buyers into the shoe section when offered at, pair..... 80c

Boys' and Girls' Underwear 20 Per Cent Off

All boys' union suits and all separate garments at 20% off, as follows: The former 50c kinds at 40c; the 75c kinds at 60c; the $1 kinds at 80c; the $1.25 kinds at $1, and the $1.50 kinds at $1.20. Buy for now—for next winter—at a 20% reduction — and every piece dependable.

Boys' & Young Men's Sweaters at 20% Off

Boys $1.25 Sweaters at.....$1
Boys' $1.50 Sweaters at....$1.20
Boys $2 Sweaters at.....$1.60
Boys' $2.50 Sweaters at.....$2

Young Men's Sweaters as follows: The $3 kinds at $2.40; the $3.50 kinds at $2.80; the $4 kinds at $3.20, and the $5 kinds at, each $4.00

Completest showing in Omaha.

1/3 Off on Our Young Men's Suits and Overcoats

The 1-3 off makes a clean sweep of our young men's stock—the famous "Sampeck" brand included—all sizes up to 39 chest are here—the pertest garments a young fellow can affect. Any garment, mind you, 1-3 LESS.

$12.50 Kinds ...$8.34 $15 Kinds .....$10 $18 Kinds .....$12 $20 Kinds $13.34
$22.50 Kind $15 $25 Kind $16.67 $27.50 Kind $18.34 $30.00 Kind $20 $35 Kind $23.34

1/3 Off on All of Our Boy's Suits and Overcoats

Not a boys' suit or overcoat reserved—buy all the "Sampecks" you want at 1-3 off. And remember that all of the knickerbocker suits are equipped with two pairs of trousers in place of one pair as is usual.

$5.00 Styles at .....$3.34 $6 Styles at .....$4 $7.50 Styles at $5.00
$8.50 Styles at .....$5.67 $10 Styles at .....$6.67 $12.50 Styles at $8.34

1/3 Off Small Women's Suits, Coats and Dresses

Reduction affects EVERY garment. E. J. Wile & Co., "Stratton" and other high class productions. Sizes range up to 38 bust. Styles and fabrics as late as can be. Be fitted and attired as never before, at 1-3 LESS.

$18 Garments .....$12 $20 Garments .....$13.34 $22.50 Kinds $15
$25 Garments .....$16.67 $27.50 Kinds .....$18.34 $30 Kinds $20
$32.50 Garments .....$21.67 $35 Kinds .....$23.35 $40 Kinds $26.67

1/3 Off on All of Our Girl's Coats and Dresses

"Little Major" and other well known models are included in the "Half Yearly Clearance." Not a garment reserved—choose from the spickest and spannest line that ever graced a suit room. Note it, at 1-3 LESS.

$3.95 Kinds ...$2.64 $5 Kinds .....$3.34 $6 Kinds .....$4 $6.50 Kinds $4.34
$7.50 Kinds .....$5 $8.50 Kinds ....$5.67 $10 Kinds .....$6.67 $12 Kinds $8.00
$13.50 Kinds .....$9.00 $15 Kinds .....$10 $18.00 Kinds $12

It must be borne in mind that this is a "Clearance" on regular goods. There isn't a "job" or "close out" lot in the house. Every fabric and style is a fabric and style of NOW. And remember what the "small woman" will attest to: "There is ONLY one concern in Omaha that CAN fit a 'small woman' properly, and that's The Benson & Thorne Co.

"Half Yearly" Clearance on Bath Robes, Etc., 20 Per Cent Off

OUR USUALLY COMPLETE LINE OF GIRLS' AND SMALL WOMEN'S BATH ROBES AND HOUSE ROBES AS PER BELOW LIST.
Former $2.25 kinds at.....$1.80
Former $3 kinds at.....$2.40
Former $3.50 kinds at.....$2.80
Former $4 kinds at.....$3.20

We specialize on the uncommon things in this line—the styles shown here will not be met with elsewhere.

"Half Yearly" Clearance on Girls' Sweaters 20 Per Cent Off

Former $2.25 kinds at.....$1.80
Former $3.00 kinds at.....$2.40
Former $4.00 kinds at.....$3.20
Former $5.00 kinds at.....$4.00

Hundreds upon hundreds have proclaimed this the authoritative Sweater showing of the state. See the garments—note the make up—the perfect sizing—the nobby colors. 20 per cent off is a welcome price concession indeed.

Infants' Wear Cut

Every article of infants' wear, excepting only the "Ruben's" vests and "Arnold" knit goods, are subject to a discount of at least 20%.

Infants' long and short dresses; French and Russian style dresses, long or short hand made dresses; flannel and nainsook skirts and cashmere sacques and wrappers are to go at..... 20% OFF

Go-cart robes in fur, or in the knitted styles, are to go at the same general reduction.... 20% OFF

No completer infants' line than this in the entire west.

Dr. Denton's sleeping garments with feet; infants' Saxony vests and bands; infants white gulmps; infants' sweaters and knit leggings, also at..... 20% OFF

Infants' long or short coats; infants' bonnets in white or colors; and scores upon scores of other items in infants' wearables and accessories, are in the "Twice Yearly Clearance Sale" at the same..... 20% OFF

Bear in mind how thoroughly complete this department is—it's quite alone in its sphere—qualities are superb.

"Cross" Leather Goods at 20% Off

Mark Cross' superb London made leather novelties as follows: $6.75 handbags at $5.40; the $3 kerchief cases at $2.60; the $20 toilet cases at $16; the $16.75 manicure sets at $13.40; the $2.50 bill folds at $2, and several hundred other pieces also at a reduction of 20%.

Children's Fur Sets at 1/3 Off Now

Any $1.75 set at $1.17; any $3.25 set at $2.17; any $4.50 set at $3; any $5 set at $3.34; any $6 set at $4; any $7.50 set at $5; any $9 set at $6; any $10 set at $6.67; any $12 set at $8; any $15 set at $10. All in the most fetching furs brought out this winter.

Mail order Customers are invited to take advantage of this "Half Yearly" Clearance Sale. Money must accompany order. No discount goods will be sent on approval.

BENSON AND THORNE CO.
NEW LOCATION 1518-20 FARNAM STREET

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Half Million in State's Banks

State Treasurer Brian Shows What Institutions Are Holding Funds of Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—State Treasurer Brian has made his monthly report showing the balances on hand and the amounts in the various banks of the state.

The payment of $52,000 into the state treasury by Douglas county swelled the funds in the hands of the treasurer as shown by the December statement. Receipts for the month were $605,954.67 and disbursements $609,404.32. Following are the balances for the month:

Funds.	Dec. 1.	Dec. 31.
General	$ 11,558.26	$ 52,675.74
Temporary school	253,583.75	131,074.52
Temporary university	13,601.40	33,441.75
Redemption	600.21	526.68
Hospital for Insane	423.69	423.69
Permanent school	42,784.77	158,040.15
Permanent university	4,877.99	336.09
Ag. college endowment	31,081.96	14.98
Normal endowment	329.40	413.07
Normal interest	2,059.10	2,167.45
Peru normal library	1,520.99	51.21
State library	707.41	1,561.10
Agr. and mech. arts	30,100.51	19,650.01
U. S. experiment station	6,705.37	2,217.91
University cash	60,693.86	59,571.11
Penitentiary	14.59	14.59
Kearney normal library	241.34	1,134.75
Orthopedic hospital	37.94	37.94
Forest reserve	2,837.34	2,837.34
Institutional cash	20,499.44	23,248.86
University income	15,094.16	7,969.76
Fire commission	5,231.18	4,549.78
Totals	$505,700.07	$502,350.42

Amount of trust funds invested:

Permanent school	$7,078,651.72
Permanent university	195,835.12
Agricultural college endowment	509,721.15
Normal endowment	77,165.96
Total	$8,459,640.15

How invested:

Bonds	$8,243,651.25
General fund warrants	27,039.80
University fund	188,949.10
Total	$8,459,640.15

Banks of the state hold funds as follows:

Citizens' State, Arapahoe	$ 3,000.00
National Bank of Ashland	5,000.00
First National, Albion	3,000.00
Citizens' State, Albion	3,000.00
Citizens' State, Ainsworth	5,000.00
German-American, Auburn	3,000.00
Battle Creek Valley, Battle Creek	3,000.00
German National, Beatrice	4,000.00
Union State, Beatrice	4,000.00
First National, Bazile Mills	1,500.00
Citizens' State, Blair	5,000.00
Beemer State, Beemer	4,000.00
Bloomington State, Bloomington	4,000.00
Custer National, Broken Bow	4,000.00
Security State, Broken Bow	2,000.00
First National, Blue Hill	4,000.00
Farmers and Merchants, Benson	3,000.00
S. S. Hadley Co., Cedar Rapids	5,000.00
First National, Cedar Rapids	3,000.00
Central City Nat'l, Central City	3,000.00
State Bank of Cornlea	3,000.00
Craig State, Craig	2,500.00
Farmers State, Craig	2,500.00
State Bank of Curtis	3,000.00
First National, Campbell	2,000.00
Farmers State, Clarkson	3,000.00
First National, Crawford	2,000.00
Diller State, Diller	2,000.00
Dannebrog State, Dannebrog	2,000.00
First National, Dodge	4,000.00
Elgin State, Elgin	3,000.00
Ericson State, Ericson	2,000.00
Ewing State, Ewing	3,500.00
Pioneer Bank, Ewing	2,000.00
Pioneer Bank, Eustis	2,000.00
Farmers and Merchans National, Fremont	10,000.00
First National, Fremont	7,500.00
Bank of Glenville	1,500.00
City National, Gothenburg	3,000.00
Greeley State, Greeley	5,000.00
First National, Greeley	5,000.00
Union State, Harvard	4,000.00
Harvard State, Harvard	2,500.00
Farmers and Merchants, Havelock	4,500.00
First National, Holdrege	3,000.00
Bank of Commerce, Hastings	9,000.00
State Bank of Jansen	3,000.00
Central National, Kearney	3,000.00
Farmers Bank, Kearney	5,000.00
Lexington Bank, Lexington	2,000.00
City National, Lincoln	25,000.00
Farmers & Merchants, Lincoln	15,000.00
Bank of Commerce, Lincoln	25,000.00
Central National, Lincoln	24,712.32
Commercial Bank, Long Pine	2,000.00
First National, Lawrence	2,000.00
First National, Loomis	2,000.00
Loup City State, Loup City	2,000.00
Security Bank, Meadow Grove	2,000.00
Madrid Exchange, Madrid	3,000.00
McCook National, McCook	2,000.00
Citizens' National, McCook	2,000.00
First National, Newman Grove	4,000.00
Newman Grove State, Newman Grove	4,000.00
Neligh National, Neligh	2,000.00
Norfolk National, Norfolk	5,000.00
Nebraska National, Norfolk	7,000.00
First National, North Bend	3,000.00
Antelope County, Oakdale	2,000.00
Bank of Oshowa	2,000.00
Citizens' State, Ogalalla	3,000.00
Farmers State, Orchard	2,000.00
O'Neill National, O'Neill	2,000.00
Bank of Petersburg	3,000.00
Citizens' State, Petersburg	3,000.00
Pierce State, Pierce	2,000.00
Rising City Bank, Rising City	2,000.00
South Omaha National, South Omaha	98,545.31
Live Stock National, South Omaha	5,000.00
First State, St. Paul	3,000.00
Silver Creek State, Silver Creek	1,500.00
First National, Spalding	3,000.00
Spalding City, Spalding	2,000.00
First National, Scott's Bluff	1,500.00
First National, Superior	3,000.00
Sutton National, Sutton	2,000.00
Bank of Syracuse	1,500.00
First National, Tilden	3,000.00
First National, Valentine	2,000.00
Valentine State, Valentine	4,000.00
First National, Wait Hill	5,000.00
Saunders County National, Wahoo	3,000.00
Farmers & Traders, Wakefield	3,000.00
First National, Wayne	2,000.00
West Point National, West Point	3,000.00
Wisner State, Wisner	3,000.00
First National, Wisner	3,020.45
First National, Wolbach	2,500.00
First National, Weeping Water	3,000.00
City National, York	5,000.00
Total	$405,287.09

Sleighing in Washington.

BLAIR, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The finest sleighing this county has had for years is being used to advantage now, especially by the farmers, and every form of vehicles imaginable is being pressed into service, from a swell body cutter to a store box on two poles. Thousands of bushels of corn are still in the field and many of the farmers are husking what corn they can get at to feed their stock.

Lincoln Gets John Fox.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Lincoln's Western League club today acquired Pitcher John Fox from the Reading, Pa., club of the Tri-State league. President Don Despain completing the purchase today in Chicago and paying a stiff price. Fox won twenty-two games and lost but six last year, being one of the Tri-State's premier pitchers.

For stiff neck there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment.

Bertuca Cleared by Gage Jury

Man Charged with Murder of Wymore Boy Freed of Charge After Trial.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The case of the state against Perico Bertuca, charged with murdering John Preuhs, a boy, at Wymore last April, went to the jury Friday about 4:30 o'clock after the attorneys had consumed the day in making their arguments. The jury was out about an hour and returned a verdict of not guilty. After the verdict was read Bertuca, who appeared least excited of anyone in the court room, stepped forward and in broken language thanked the jury and shook hands with each member and Judge Pemberton, who sat in the case. The case has attracted considerable attention in this county from the fact that no one knew how the boy was killed. The defendant took the stand yesterday and told in detail of the shooting. Bertuca announced this evening that he would remain in Beatrice and make his home with Sheriff Trude.

Holdrege Shooters Busy.

HOLDERGE, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The Holdrege Gun club held its annual business meeting and election of officers last night at H. N. Stilley's barber shop on East avenue.

H. N. Stilley was elected president, Chet Winquist, secretary; Tom Hufford, treasurer, and Fred Nelson, field captain.

New Year's day the trophy shoot is scheduled, the prize being contested for being an elegant $14 three-piece water set.

The following five men will shoot at 100 birds each: Chet Winquist, Thomas Hufford, Fred Nelson, Dave Skoog and George Hufford. A big spring meet is planned.

Ice Men for Once in Box.

BLAIR, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The ice men of this city are undecided as to what to do in regard to filling their ice houses. The two miles of road to the river have been almost impassable from snowdrifts and they claim that the team owners want too much for hauling the ice. Negotiations are under way to get the ice crop from parties at Florence and filling their houses here. W. R. McKeen, the veteran ice man who sold out the business last year, will again take hold of the job and handle one-half of the city customers, the two ice men having divided up the business, each taking one-half of the city.

BLAIR PREPARING FOR SHOW

Washington County Exhibit, Institute and Contest Will Be Run on Broad Lines.

BLAIR, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Mr. A. E. Nelson, a representative from the state university, spent Friday here in the interests of the Washington County Corn Show and Farmers' Institute, which will be held under the auspices of the agricultural branch of the university. He was well pleased with the arrangements that are shaping up for the big event next week. The managers have secured every available building in the city in which to hold their exhibits and class demonstrations. A fine line of corn and other products have already entered for exhibition and competition for the prizes. The week will be one of useful and profitable instruction in the lectures, class demonstrations and also a short course in domestic science which will be in charge of the Women's Monday Afternoon club.

A feature of the week will be the banquet that will be given at the Masonic temple on Thursday evening in honor of Governor Shallenberger. A delegation of Omaha men notified John R. Aye, president of the association, that they were going to bring some corn grown on Omaha city lots and get back some of the prize money that the Washington County Corn breeders won at the National Corn show.

Search for Missing Man.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Although the peace officers and scores of farmers living in the southern part of Hand county and northern portion of Jerauld county have conducted a persistent search during the last week, not the slightest trace can be found of Ivar Lindberg, a plasterer and mason, who disappeared several weeks ago after leaving the little town of Lane on foot, intending to make the journey overland to his home at Wessington Springs, where he has a wife and two children.

Farmers and officers have searched practically every foot of ground for many miles around Lane, but without finding the slightest trace of the missing man. A thick blanket of snow covers the entire region, and may conceal his body. The present thaw may melt the snow sufficiently to reveal his remains if he met the death which his friends suppose he did. His wife is almost distracted by the uncertainty as to his fate. Herself and children were left in a destitute condition.

Thirty Days for Gambler.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 1.—Charles Schwartz, who was convicted of violation of the Walker-Otis anti-betting law by placing a wager on a base ball game, was sentenced today to thirty days in jail.

From 132 to 180 lbs.

Wonderfully Built Up at Small Cost

The number of cases of general debility in which Hood's Sarsaparilla has proved just the medicine that was needed is very great. Mr. E. S. Fry, Ivanhoe, Va., describes his case and tells what this medicine did for him, in the following testimonial: "I was all run down and weighed only 132 pounds. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, and before the first bottle was finished began to improve, and when I had taken six bottles was wonderfully built up and weighed 180 pounds."

Get Hood's Sarsaparilla today. In usual liquid form or tablets called Sarsatabs.

DOG IS BURIED IN PLUSH-LINED CASKET

Scotch Collie of Mrs. W. H. Schaefer of Minneapolis is Given Aristocratic Funeral.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 1.—In a small, plush-lined casket, covered with white velvet and ornate silver handles, Jerry, a Scotch collie dog, belonging to Mrs. W. H. Schafer of this city was buried this morning in a lot across the street from Layman's cemetery and near the burial lot of the Schafer family.

A hearse on runners, drawn by plumed black horses, followed by a closed carriage drew up at the curb in front of the grave. The second vehicle in the funeral cortege opened and from within came three mourners, Mr. and Mrs. Schafer and their 17-year-old son, Herald.

The casket was removed from the hearse and lowered into the grave. Although the newly made grave is now unmarked except by the freshly turned mound, Mrs. Schafer declared that the dog's final resting place would be marked with a stone.

MRS. LEDBETER IS ACQUITTED

Mankato, Minn., Woman Charged with Murder of Husband is Found Not Guilty.

MANKATO, Minn., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Grace Ledbeter was this afternoon acquitted by a jury on the charge of murdering her husband, H. J. Ledbeter. The jury was out one hour. The woman's husband disappeared last winter and in April his body was found buried on the farm.

A Fortunate Texan.

E. W. Goodloe, Dallas, Tex., found a sure cure for malaria and billousness in Dr. King's New Life Pills. 25c. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

Great Clearance Sale
at the Skirt Store
$15,000 Worth of Ladies' Garments at
ONE-HALF PRICE

Great bargain surprises for you each day during the progress of this sale—

50 Per Cent Off

Every ladies' suit in the house, consisting of diagonals, broadcloths, serges, wide wale materials formerly sold from $15.00 to $45.00, will positively go on sale monday at from

$7.50 to $22.50

Every dress in our stock, in all the newest designs and materials, regular price from $12.50 to $40.00, now being offered at from

$6.25 to $20.00

Every coat in the store—plain tailored broadcloth and kerseys, pretty novelty styles, in diagonals—sold regular from $12.00 to $35.00—on sale beginning tomorrow, at

$6.00 to $17.50

Every military and opera cape, in fine imported materials, sold formerly from $10.00 to $25.00—sale price

$5.00 to $12.50

SPECIAL INDUCEMENT

Between the hours of 9 and 11 a. m. Monday, January 3, 1910, we will put on sale 50 dresses, formerly sold up to $15.00, for two hours only..... $3.95

MAIL ORDERS Promptly Filled — The Skirt Store — 322 N. 16th St. — Open Evenings

Stars and Stripes

A beer just suited to quaff at home—a night-cap for the sociable evening—a refreshing draught for the late supper—a delightful glass to sip under the evening lamp. Stars and Stripes is a foaming, sparkling beverage for the keen palate—for the connoisseur.

Have a case delivered to your home.

Green Trading Stamps

$1.50 in Stamps (15) given with each two dozen cases of large bottles, delivered in the city for.. $1.25

$2.00 in Stamps (20) given with each two dozen cases of large bottles, delivered in the city for... $2.25

Out of town customers add $1.15 for case and bottles.

Willow Springs Brewing Co.

Office 118 South 14th St. Phone Doug. 1506. Brewery, 36 and Hickory. Phone Doug. 1635.