

Nebraska

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THOUGHT AFTER GOVERNORSHIP

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(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The position of George W. Berge is just now worrying the democrats and the afore-said Mr. Berge is letting them worry while he preserves silence as to his intentions. He is generally credited with a purpose of entering the race for the democratic nomination for governor but he has not filed his papers and is simply keeping his ear close to the ground.

All he will say is that he is "not out" of the race but declines to say that he is "in." If he decides to get in the wisecracks differ as to the result. Some think he will win. Others are confident he cannot land the nomination but this class are widely at variance on the effect his candidacy will have on the other aspirants. On the question of wet or dry, which has disrupted the democracy Mr. Berge has been as communicative as the Egyptian sphinx, and is claimed by both. For this reason the forecasters differ on which of the present entrants will suffer most if Berge gets in.

FARM HOUSE NEAR EXETER DESTROYED BY FIRE

EXETER, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—A house on a farm owned by W. H. Wallace and occupied by A. F. Ingels was burned Tuesday night. A lamp was accidentally knocked from a sewing machine, broken and saturated with kerosene. The flames spread so rapidly that it was with difficulty that Mr. Ingels succeeded in rescuing two of his children, who were in a small bedroom. He finally got to them by breaking through a window from the outside. Both are badly burned about the face and hands. There was no time to save a thing, and all they had left was the clothing they had on. The household goods were insured for \$125. The people of Exeter, who esteem Mr. Ingels and his motherless family highly, made up a purse of \$100 and presented to him.

MERNA MAN IS FOUND DEAD IN GRAND ISLAND

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—E. M. Copenberger, who it has since been ascertained, recently came to this city from Merna, was found dead in a chair in a room over a Greek restaurant yesterday afternoon, and investigation by physicians led to the statement that death was due to acute alcoholism. Copenberger had been in the city for some days, had stated that he was a sufferer of the grippe and had been indulging heavily in spirits. He is said to have formerly lived at Kenesaw, Ill., to have been divorced and to have two children in the Illinois town. The body will be taken thither, accompanied by judge members from Merna.

Beatrice Pays for Water Plant

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—At a meeting of the city council last evening, the Matthews Construction company of Kansas City, produced the necessary bills and invoice of the stock used in the work on the new water works plant as requested by the council last week and the claim of \$7,000 was allowed. The city decided to purchase meters to be used by water consumers when the new plant is put into operation, which will be in a few months.

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It takes certain unvarying ingredients to digest food. After each meal a healthy stomach pours out these ingredients from its lining—food is promptly and thoroughly digested. The unhealthy stomach lacks some or all of these agents—food ferments, sours, lies as a doughy lump in your stomach. If you could supply these lacking ingredients—wouldn't you do it? You can do it! Spruce Pepsin Tablets contain nothing but natural elements necessary to digestion. One tablet will digest an average meal. Dieting won't help. "Healthful" digest itself. What is the difference to you if the elements that your food come by way of your mouth or from the glands of the digestive tract. How much better to let Spruce Pepsin Tablets turn your food into power and force for brains, nerves and muscles than to go on withholding from the stomach the digestive it lacks—with consequent sour stomach, constipation and headaches.

We will send you a free box because Spruce-Pepsin Tablets have had the severest chemical tests. We have proved that they will do what we say, if we hadn't we would try and sell you a box first. We are glad to let you try Spruce Tablet Co., Heron Lake, Ill. If test box is sure of being right. 5c and \$1 sizes can be secured at the following stores in Omaha: SHERMAN & MCCONNELL, 16th and Dodge Sts. OWL DRUG COMPANY, 16th and Harney Sts. HARVARD PHARMACY, 24th and Farnam Sts. LOYAL PHARMACY, 207-9 North 16th St.

Specials Picked at Random At KILPATRICK'S Thursday, January 11, From 8 A.M. Till 6 P.M.

BASEMENT BARGAINS These which should draw a full house. EXTRA HELP to wait on you.

MAIN FLOOR, West Aisle. Please Make an Effort to Come in the Morning. Awfully hard to give prompt service in the afternoons.

Just inklings of general reductions in this department.

- Jaquard baby blankets, Animal figures, Pink and Blue 25c Heavy weight Silkoline covered full sized Comforts, extra, each \$1.69 Cotton Blankets, grey medium size, note please a pair for 59c Heavy Flaid Blankets, 11-4 size, sold freely at \$3.00 will be sold at \$1.95 Buy Sheets and Pillow Cases on Thursday Our famed No. 3098 Sheets 72x99 will be sold at 39c Ironwear Sheets, named because of wearing well quality 49c Harvard, a larger sheet than the foregoing and a good one 59c Hotel, still larger being 81x99 inches, special value at 69c Lockwood, same size, an old and very reliable make, at 75c Pequot, same size as the preceding, 81x99, extra quality 85c Pillow cases, 18c, 16c, 13 1/2c, 11 1/2c and 10c Embroidered scalloped edge cases on sale Thursday at 19c Embroidered flower hemstitched cases on sale Thursday at 34c

WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR Overstocked on the Fine Goods—This great department contains so many special and desirable items, that space admits of emphasizing for Thursday only the STERLING lines—most of these in the medium weight cotton and the mercerized are rarely reduced—especially attractive therefore should be the discount of 20% offered on Thursday—1-5 off the price of all Sterling brands. We do not believe you will want to overlook the great bargain in WOMEN'S HOSIERY—50c fashioned Stockings at 15c Neither words of ours nor argument could be more impressive or expressive—FIFTY CENT HOSIERY THURSDAY AT FIFTEEN CENTS PER PAIR. UNION SUITS FOR MEN—Half fashioned, made from heavy selected cotton, regular \$1.50 quality, on Thursday \$1.15 BOYS' SWEATERS—Regularly sold at \$1.00, will sell at 75c BRADLEY MUFFLERS—Used universally, the 50c kind, at 35c

Lest you overlook let us remind you, we guarantee all silks. Just in—an importation from Nippon of 36 in. Wash Silks for shirts and pyjamas.

23 PATTERN SUITS to be sold Thursday to the first comers—We wish we had better descriptive powers—it would really take the brush of the painter to convey style and colorings— 7 Suits of Messaline Satin, 27 inches wide, bordered, worth \$20.00, at \$10.00 8 Suits of Messaline Satin, 44 inches wide, bordered, worth \$13.75, at \$8.75 8 Suits of Poplin, plain bordered or flowered, 45 inches wide, worth \$15.00, at \$8.75 You may be further encouraged to know that Bordered goods will be especially the fashion this spring of 1912. A Butterick Pattern will be real helpful if in doubt how to make up one of these—We are Sole Agents.

7 Lots of Colored and Black Wool Dress Goods The price reductions convey only an idea of values—Goods themselves must be seen so that you can have a proper conception of the beauty of the fabrics and their mouldings. Lot 1—Formerly up to \$2.25, on sale at 98c Lot 2—Formerly up to \$1.00, on sale at 79c Lot 3—Formerly up to \$1.25, on sale at 69c Lot 4—Formerly up to \$1.00, on sale at 49c Lot 5—Formerly up to 65c and 85c, on sale at 49c Lot 6—Formerly up to 25c, on sale at 39c Lot 7—Formerly up to 50c, on sale at 29c A few pieces are slightly soiled, most of them are new and fresh, many of them this season's purchase.

AS WE CANNOT HAVE YOUR EARS, LEND US YOUR EYES, PLEASE A hurried inventory shows about 1,750 yards on hand from our recent GREAT SILK PURCHASE—After Thursday whatever is left will be withdrawn from sale—No offering of fancy Silks in years has given such general satisfaction, and in our experience we never saw so many pleased purchasers. Because of size of this lot many of the styles were not shown before. Silks of many weaves and most colorings, new and desirable, sold freely previously at \$1.00 and \$1.25. 150 yards of 75-inch Black Messaline on Thursday at 75c—sold by some at \$1.25, well worth \$1.00 245 yards of 78-inch Black Messaline on Thursday at \$1.00—sold by some at \$1.50, well worth \$1.25 178 YARDS of 26-inch Black Chiffon Taffeta at 98c—sold in high grade stores only and then at \$1.25 yard.

THE NOTION SECTION has participated in the price cutting—Here are a few items for Thurs day— Rubber Cushion Hair Brushes, value 50c, will go at 39c We mentioned this item previously, but the notice did not attract as many buyers as the merit of the value warrants—GREAT VALUE. Fancy Picture Frames—Sold up to 50c, on Thursday 25c NEW TOILET GOODS SECTION Cold Cream and Glycerine Soap, 10c for box of 3 cakes—usually 25c per box. COINTE DEPARTMENT—On Thursday we will close out a lot of Royal Watercolor, low bust Corsets, worth \$1.50, at 98c The skirt is extra long, 6 hose supporters, fine Coutil, made from a special lot of Cloth, all sizes. Come early if you are interested. HERE IS ANOTHER—Still bigger value—but old sizes, which we had left over—"Irene," "Redfern" and "G. D." users will know what this means—they sold up to \$6.00, on Thursday what's left at each \$1.95 And a new model Kabo, made of very fine fancy striped material low bust, long hips, all sizes, worth \$5.00, at each \$1.95 More ladies have taken to Outing Flannel gowns during the Arctic weather than ever before in our trade experience. Phraps not the daintiest gown imaginable, but oh so comfy—we have great variety and exceptional values. We have ticked for 3 days to get details of stock from our Maslin Un'weaver department—"Impossible, too busy," has met us constantly. Fortunately the stock was vast, so there will be plenty of good values on hand for Thursday's selling. Right here we wish to apologize for delivery delay. Most of our customers understood the condition and gave us credit, for doing the best we could. THANK YOU KINDLY for being so very patient and considerate. We begin to see daylight again—from now on things will go smoother. ALL THAT WE HAVE SAID AND MORE IS TRUE OF OUR GREAT SALE OF LINENS—We have had some remarkable sales before now—this one cutricular, outdone and outrun all past sales, and it is still a running; taken all the time of the manager and his helpers to straighten up at night for the next day's rush. We are in apple pie order in the mornings—do please come then if you can—glad to see you of course at any time. You will still help us if you will kindly take along small packages. THOSE WHO HAVE CHILDREN SHOULD READ THIS PART— \$20.00 Suits, sizes 12 and 14, on Thursday, each \$3.98 Coats which sold as high as \$10.00, on Thursday, each \$3.75 For Children 2, 3, 4 and 5 years of age—Polo coats Thurs, each \$5 Wood dresses, ages 3-12 years, from 1/2 to 1/2 below values, priced at \$17.50, \$12.75, \$9.75, \$7.45 and as low as \$5.00 COATS AND SUITS FOR GROWN UPS ARE SELLING CHEAPLY AND RAPIDLY. We should close out on Thursday all Blanket Robes. Women like these, they are so cozy and useful. Those which were \$6.50 selling at \$3.95. Furriers up to \$10.00 at \$5.00. All Chally Kimonos sold up to \$15.00, Thursday \$5.00 each. Silk Walais, sold up to \$5.00, Thursday \$2.50 each. There are all kinds of Sales, these days—Good Values—Bad Values and Worse Values. Show your approval of the Good, and help build up a bigger and better Omaha.

THOMAS KILPATRICK & CO.

Woodman Company Decides to Retire and Reinsure Risks

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—An sudden ending to the affairs of the Woodman Fire Insurance company came last night, when it developed that at a meeting of directors of the company held during the afternoon it was voted to retire all the Woodman risks in the Phoenix of Brooklyn, N. Y., and instructions were ordered sent to all agents of the company to cease writing new business. This means that the Woodman company retires from business. This is the company which proposed to take over the Union Fire, a mutual company, out of which grew the scandal of the payment of \$20,000 to the old officers of the Union to resign that the officers of the Woodman might take their places. It has developed that the only thing which blocked the merger at the annual meeting of the Union was the threat of Auditor Barton that in case it was pushed through he would immediately apply for a receiver for the Woodman. His examiners had just completed an investigation of the two companies and it was on the strength of the facts thus disclosed that he took this stand. He declined at that time to give out the result of the examination, but intimated that the Woodman showed an unsatisfactory condition, but that the Union was financially all right. The action of the Woodman directors in reinsuring all its risks and going out of business bears out this statement that it was doing an unprofitable business. Auditor Barton announced today that his action of the Woodman would have no effect whatever on his proposed action to recover the \$25,000 involved in the resignation deal. Secretary Wall of the Woodman company issued the following statement concerning the action of the directors. "Our Agents: At noon today the Woodman Fire Insurance company retires from active business and has reinsured its outstanding liabilities under policies now in force with the Fidelity-Phoenia Insurance company of New York. I have written no more business. I desire to give you this notice and place our policies under the protection of one of the largest institutions of its kind in the world. "I wish to acknowledge from the bottom of my heart, my appreciation of the loyalty manifested on the part of our agents during the existence of our company and it is indeed a satisfaction to have all our policyholders so amply protected."

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From Blizzards to Blossoms. Flower gardens are in bloom in the soft sunlight of baimy New Orleans—the lawns wear the green of eternal Summer. The nearby bays and lagoons invite the angler—game of all sort is plentiful. New Orleans has thoroughly modern hotels delightful eating places, parks iridescent with tropical foliage, eight theaters and great public buildings equal to those of any city of like size in America. In addition to its modern attractions, the city is rich in historic interest, with its quaint buildings, old markets, antique stores and spectacular Mardi Gras. Leave all thought of winter and its cares behind you—come to the most favored winter resort in America. The St. Charles and The Grunewald are the pre-eminent hostleries of New Orleans. Each is sumptuously appointed and has every convenience known to modern construction. European Plan. For rates, reservations or literature concerning points of interest about New Orleans, address either hotel. ILLINOIS CENTRAL The through line to the Crescent City, maintaining fast, double daily, electric lighted train service from Omaha to New Orleans. Steel equipment. Observation cars, sleeping cars and coaches. All meals in dining car. Information about winter tourist fares, tickets and reservations, and a beautiful book entitled "New Orleans for the Tourist" can be had by calling at Illinois Central CITY TICKET OFFICE, 409 South Sixteenth Street S. NORTH, District Passenger Agent Phones—Douglas 264; Ind. A-2164.