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A handsome showing of plain man-tailored coats in new mixtures and several different models in a new motor coat of light weight two-tone cloth.

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE OWN STORE

BENSON & THORNE CO

1518-20 Farnam Street.



BONDS FOR PRINTERS' MEN

Three Indicted Officers Furnish Bail in Des Moines.

THREE JUDGES IN WATER CASE

Judge McPherson Intimates These Will Be Called to Hear Des Moines Controversy—Cummins Has District Convention.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Feb. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—D. E. Moon, George W. Dickey and Walter Russell, officers of the Iowa Printers' Credit association, who were indicted by the grand jury on a charge of being members of the so-called "printers' trust," were placed under arrest by deputy sheriffs and all gave bond in the sum of \$500. Evidence of more than a score of other witnesses was taken by the grand jury, but not returned with the indictments reported. It was said this was done to pave the way for more indictments in the future. The additional evidence will be used in the prosecution of the three named men on such a question. The evidence seemed to be especially strong as to efforts made to prevent competition among certain of the printers.

Argue Minnesota Case. Arguments in the Minnesota rate case will be heard before the United States supreme court at Washington, April 1, according to a telegram received at the office of the State Board of Railroad Commissioners. Clifford Thorne will speak for the Iowa and western railroad commission.

Three Judges May Sit. Judge McPherson intimated today that three federal judges may be called to the hearing at Council Bluffs in the injunction suit involving the Des Moines Water company case. The question involved is as to the constitutionality of the Iowa law, and under recent legislation one federal judge cannot pass on such a question. If the attorneys insist upon it he will call in two other judges.

Cummins Wins District. Reports from the republican caucus in this district are that Senator Cummins has been assured of a solid delegation from Polk and Story counties, that Dallas county will be divided and that Warren and Madison counties will be opposed to Cummins. Madison county is in doubt, but Polk and Story alone will control the district convention.

Women Would Debate. From headquarters of the Woman's Suffrage association here today came information that they have issued a challenge to any anti-suffrage advocates for a joint debate in this city. They claim that they cannot find any opponent of suffrage willing to debate the question.

Very quietly work has been done on the construction of an extension of the Muscatine North and South railroad in eastern Iowa so that this week for the first time regular train service was commenced between Muscatine and Burlington. The line was constructed from Davenport thirteen years ago with the intention of going on to Burlington, but not until within the last year was the extension completed.

Will Try County Supervisor. By designation of the chief justice of the supreme court today, Judge W. S. Withrow of Mount Pleasant will take charge of the court in this county when the state undertakes to oust from office County Supervisor J. H. Mathis. The trial is expected to start in about two weeks, or as soon as the defendant has had an opportunity to make answer to the accusations against him.

Complaint to New Organized. The state educational commission appointed by the State Department of Education under a provision of the State Teachers' association, met and organized today for business. All the members were present, but in addition to those already announced there was added the following women: Miss Clara Cowgill, Red Oak; Miss Neal Knowles, Ames; Miss Alice Diller, Council Bluffs; Mrs. C. F. Johnson, Sheffield; Mrs. J. J. Benson, Reno. The state superintendent, Mr. DeJoy, is ex-officio chairman of the commission and the commission itself selected J. M. Joseph as its secretary. Committees were named and preparation made for work of investigation.

Opposes the Extradition. Earl Stitt, Gilbert Reed and E. H. Mitchell, all of Council Bluffs, appeared before Governor Carroll today to resist the application on the part of Illinois authorities for a warrant of extradition to take them to Ottawa for trial on an indictment. Their attorney, Earl Ferguson, made a showing to the effect that the application is not in good faith, but that what is wanted is to force the Iowa people to pay certain alleged debts. The trouble grew out of the transfer to Illinois of a manufacturing plant.

THREE WOMEN ARE NEARLY ASPHYXIATED BY COAL GAS

ST. ANSGAR, Ia., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—News is received from Osga that the Misses Hazel and Marie Titus narrowly escaped death by asphyxiation. They were in the home of Miss Tussenrude. They had been out to a party and came home rather late. Strange but they did not smell coal gas at that time. The next morning when they tried to arise they could not stand on their feet. They thought that it must have been from eating something at the party. They called to Miss Tussenrude but she answered back that she was so sick she could not get to the door. Marie finally got a few clothes on and went to a very close neighbor and fell in a faint at the door. A doctor was summoned and soon as Marie revived she told about the condition at the Tussenrude home. The doctor went there and found that the other two were nearly dead. The back drafts of the stove had all been shut off while the front drafts were opened.

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OXFORD HIGH WINS DEBATE

Unanimous Decision of Judges in Its Favor at Beaver City.

TEAM OPPOSES CLOSED SHOP

First Year in Debating League, and Result of Controversy Received with Commendation by Patrons of the School.

OXFORD, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Friday evening, February 23, the Oxford High school debating team debated with the Beaver City team the league question. "Resolved, That the Movement of Organized Labor for the Closed Shop Should Receive the Support of Public Opinion." Oxford having the negative. The judges rendered a unanimous decision for Oxford. The debate was held in the Christian church at Beaver City. Debaters were: Oxford, Cora Ayer, Miles Cadwallader and Alfred Nissen; Beaver City, Edith Ellis, Cloy Hobson and Gertrude Moore. Judges were: Superintendent P. P. Bentley of Alma, Principal A. L. Gash of Wilcoxville and Principal R. D. Cress of Edgemoor. The decision was especially gratifying to the winning team and their instructor, Superintendent Anderson, as this is Oxford's first year in the state debating league, the debate was attended by two auto loads of Oxford people.

DEBATING SCHEDULE PREPARED

Many Changes Made in District Contests Over the State.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—In the schedule, as announced a week ago, of the first series of district debates among the seventy schools in the Nebraska High School Debating league, a number of changes have been made. The program has been completed in two districts and rearranged in others. The South Omaha-Fremont "battle" set for last Friday evening at South Omaha has been postponed until March 1. In the Central district, Stromburg finds itself unable to proceed with the work, and therefore Oescola, which was paired with it, will meet Friday. In the North Central district, Superintendent L. B. Oberkotter of Madison, the

More Litigation in Prospect Over Big Estate at Ida Grove

IDA GROVE, Ia., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The estate of the late Mrs. Alex McHugh, who died of pneumonia last Saturday and was buried here Tuesday, will amount to upwards of \$600,000, and while no will has yet been filed there are rumors here that the estate will not be closed without at least one big lawsuit. Robert Leroy Hoover, a son by her first husband, attended the funeral and will remain here until the estate is settled. Mr. Hoover, who comes from Cadillac, Mich., is the nearest relative. Mr. McHugh died July 4, 1907, and following his death there was much litigation over his will, which left everything to Mrs. McHugh. This will was made on his deathbed and was signed by McHugh by making a cross-mark in place of the signature he was too weak to sign. The will was sustained in the courts here, but the litigation was ended by the estate settling with a number of heirs from Indiana, New York and California. Later on two more heirs sued to set aside the will and this case was also settled. Since her husband's death Mrs. McHugh had been living with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hedrick of Battle Creek. Mr. Hedrick and Mrs. McHugh were special administrators of the McHugh estate. The estate includes many sections of fine land and gilt-edge bonds and securities, besides a large amount in cash and is one of the largest ever recorded in north-west Iowa.

Director, has paired Hooper and Fullerton, Madison and Newman Grove and Abilene and Tilden.

In the Southeastern district, Superintendent George E. Martin of Nebraska City has arranged the schedule of five debates. The full program completed to date is as follows:

Central District—Geneva (affirmative)—York at Geneva, February 23. Friends, Oescola, Exeter. Eastern District—South Omaha-Fremont at South Omaha, March 1. Weeping Water-Plattsmouth at Weeping Water, March 1. East-Central District—University Place-Ashtabud at University Place, February 24. Cook-Ashtabud. Northern District—Atkinson-Valentine at Atkinson, February 23. O'Neill (winner of Atkinson-Valentine debate). North-Central District—Hooper-Fullerton at Hooper, Madison-Newman Grove at Madison, Allgöb-Tilden. Northeastern District—Randolph-Hartington at Randolph, March 4. Creighton-Pierce at Creighton, March 5. Wayne (winner of Randolph-Hartington debate). Northwestern District—Cadron-Crawford at Cadron, February 23. Alliance-Sidney at Alliance, February 23. Scottsbluff-Minutaur at Scottsbluff, March 1. Gordon-Bushville, at Gordon. Southern District—Oklawa-Western at Oklawaha, February 23. Edgar-Blue Hill, at Edgar, February 23. Hardy-Diller, at Hardy, March 1. Hastings-Fairfield, won by Hastings by default. Southeastern District—Auburn-Nebraska City, at Nebraska City, March 1. Beatrice-Wymore, at Wymore, March 1. Pals City-Stella, Tecumseh-Humboldt, Pawnee City-Table Rock. Southwestern District—Beaver City-Oxford, at Beaver City, February 23. McCook-Trenton, at McCook, March 1. Minden-Franklin, at Minden. Western District—North Platte-Keary, at North Platte. West-Central District—St. Paul-Ord, at St. Paul, March 1. Broken Bow-Merna.

Three Hundred Persons Frozen to Death in Russia

OMSK, Russia, Feb. 24.—One hundred and sixty-eight persons are known to have frozen to death during a snow storm in this district today. In Omsk itself, thirty-one fatalities were reported, while in Koktopatavak, the death roll totaled thirty-two and in Petropavlovsk it reaches 105.

Key to the Situation—See Advertising.

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Handles All bundles carefully and promptly.

Your Linen is given individual attention. Each garment laundered for your comfort.

Work Is all personally supervised by expert operators.

Satisfactorily Returned. Shirts in covers, collars in hands, soft collars and ties in holders.

Wagons Everywhere. Both Phones.



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Final Price Reductions 1/4 to 1/2 Off

For three weeks THE HARTMAN STORES have felt the swirl of eager crowds. A throb of unusual activity has been pulsating through every section. The quick selling, and pleased faces of delighted customers and the unparalleled values have combined to make this selling event the most extraordinary in the history of our business. Excess stocks have dwindled rapidly until there is hardly enough left for the last week of the sale. Of the thousands who have come believing in our advertisements, not one has gone away disappointed. It's the last opportunity you will have to supply all your home furnishing needs at ONE FOURTH TO ONE-HALF OFF. Come and bring your friends, examine every piece of furniture, see how it is made, test its strength, compare the wood, cabinet work and finish—we want you to know all about these wonderful bargains before you buy. The newly weds will do well to buy their outfit now at these reduced prices. Tomorrow morning at 8:30 we open our doors to the public for the last week of this great February Clearance Sale.

MOST LIBERAL CREDIT TERMS ON ANY PURCHASE YOU MAKE

Advertisement for dining chairs. Six Dining Room Chairs with Leather Seat \$10.75. Set of 6 Dining Chairs Solid Quartered Oak \$10.75. FOR THIS REMARKABLE SET OF GENUINE LEATHER SEAT, QUARTERED OAK DINING CHAIRS. You're saving 33 1/2 per cent on this wonderful bargain. Chairs have wide panel back, broad shapely leather seats, legs are massive, securely braced, carved claw feet. Made entirely of genuine quartered oak; for this sale only at the unbeatable price above.

Advertisement for rugs. \$30.00 Brussels Rug \$10.25. \$22.00 Velvet Rug \$12.55. Seamless Wilton Rugs \$18.25. \$35.00 Axminster Rugs \$19.00. Hand some colonial design, large French plate, beveled edges mirror, two large and two small drawers. You can't duplicate the dresser for \$30 in other stores; sale price \$15.00.

Advertisement for extension tables. \$29.00 Extension Table 6-foot, 45-inch top, solid oak, Colonial base, now \$12.60. \$33.00 Extension Table Quartered oak, 48-in. top 6 ft. extension, claw feet \$16.75. \$25.00 Brass Beds, new design, heavy post and railing \$13.10. \$22 China Cabinet \$11.99.

Advertisement for Hartman's hardware. \$19 Sideboard now \$10.55. Large double door dish compartment, 2 small drawers and large linen drawers. French plate mirror, made of solid oak, beautifully polished \$10.55. \$1198. HARTMAN'S 1414-16-18 DOUGLAS ST. \$1198.

INQUIRY ORDERED IN MONEY TRUST BY 270 TO 8 VOTES

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Thison and Henry, Connecticut and Thistlewood, Illinois, all republicans. "This investigation will be complete, fair and effectual," said Chairman Fujo of the banking and currency committee, in reply to charges by the republican insurgents that the resolution did not give the committee sufficient power. "If it is found that the committee had not sufficient authority we will come back to the house and ask for more. This will not be an investigation for the eyes press not one in the interest of one class of financiers as against another."

DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Hannah Steele. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Hannah Steele died in this city Thursday morning and was buried yesterday afternoon under the supervision of the Grand Army of the Republic post. She was born May 2, 1835, in Mason county, Illinois, and in 1858 was married to William Steele, who died here two years ago. They came to Nebraska City in 1870 and since made it her home. She is survived by seven children, five of whom reside here. The others are Henry of Council Bluffs and Mrs. L. W. Brady of St. Joseph.

DEATH RECORD.

WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Daniel Sile, an aged pioneer, passed away Thursday from senile debility. The deceased was a native of Bohemia and had been in the United States sixty years and in Cuming county thirty. He is survived by nine children and an aged widow. Services were held at the Evangelical association church, Rev. G. H. Hemkin, pastor, officiating.

HYMENEAL

Redfern-Granville. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—A quiet wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Granville, south of the city yesterday, at which time their daughter, Miss Bessie May, was married to William R. Redfern of Danbury, Neb. After a wedding supper the young couple left for their future home on a farm in Red Willow county, owned by the groom.

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removal sale. Our business has increased to such an extent that we are compelled to secure larger quarters. We move to 1297 Howard street about May 1st, and do not intend to remove any of our stock.

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