TWO BADLY HURT IN GAS EXPLOSION

Clerk Knox and Proprietor White of Oxford Hotel Are Pehaps Fatally Injured.

IS DETONATION

Concussion Throws One Guest from Bed-Windows Are Blown Out and One Woman Palls Down Steps in the Stampede.

Andy Knox, clerk at the Oxford hotel, southwest corner of Eleventh and Farnam streets, and Anthony White, proprietor of the establishment, are both perhaps fatally injured from the results of an explosion which took place when the former lighted a match to find a gas loak on the second floor of the structure. Both men were informed by a guest of

the hostelry that the gas was leaking. They traced the smell to the end of a hall in a bath room, and when Knox struck a light the escaped vapor ignited and early all the windows on the second and third floors were blown out. The detonation was heard and felt two blocks Guests were frightened and a regular stampede resulted.

Knox, burned all over his body, rushed to the street, closely followed by White. There they collapsed and were taken a few minutes later to St. Joseph's hospi-

Lula Shay fell down a flight of stairs and was painfully, if not seriously, in-

Mrs. Lillian Hughes, who was asleep in where the gas was escaping, was knocked out of bed and suffered a severe scalp but may be appealed.

Fortunately, most of the escaped gas seemed to have been exhausted with the explosion, and the rush in of free air through the buildings ikely saved the structure from a bad blazo. Practically all of the plastering on the

two floors was peeled from the walls, Croup and Cough Remedy. Dr. King's New Discovery gives almost finstant relief; first dose helps; best remedy colds and lung trouble. 50c and \$1. All druggists.—Advertisement.

Read the "For Sale" ads if you want

Omaha Grain Mart Going Back to Its Normal Condition

Following the Christmas holiday. Omaha grain receipts are getting back to the normal, there being eighty-five cars of wheat, 122 of corn and thirteen of oats on sale. Wheat prices were I to 3 cents lower, the sales being around \$1.17 to HAS FEARS FOR HIS FATHER

\$1.18 per bushel. Durum wheat did not experience the slump that hit other varieties of the cereal, but continued to make its daily gains. The high price was \$1.85% per bushel, with the bulk of the sales a ouple of cents under this price. Corn was down one-fourth to threefourths of a cent, the sales being at from 63% to 64% cents per bushel.

New Granite Rate Into Effect Friday

An interlocutory order of the federal district court, asked by New England American citizen, and that in spite of this railroads, to temporarily restrain the In- he has heard that the government at terstate Commerce commission from putting new freight rates on Vermont gran- father there. This is said to be a means ite into effect January 1, was denied some times employed to bring reservists Monday afternoon by United States Cir- back-to abuse the parents of the emicuit Judge Walter I. Smith and Federal grant reservist or to make life a burden District Judges Thomas C. Munger and for some of his close relatives at home. James D. Elliott.

tion leaves the petition of the railroads some years ago and has for many years tal, where not much hope is held out for to be heard later on the pleadings for pursued his daily task, secure in the a permanent injunction. The new rates, In the rush out of the building Miss requeing the tariff on monumental granite, will therefore go into effect Friday, A motion by the government, which was made a defendant in the suit, was filed to dismiss the case. The judges took it to report to the colors. While he has a room adjoining the bathroom, from under advisement. If granted, the case refused and has heard that his father is will be ended in federal district court, in danger of great abuse at home if he

Refusal of the three judges, sitting to-

FIFTY OMAHANS DISCUSS THE HITCHCOCK WAR BILL

sentative of the European nations now at war met at the Paxton hotel Monday to discuss the proposed Witch to prevent exportation of munitions of by birth. With the fatherlands of both war to foreign powers and to plan a those men at each other's throats these many mentles, the Austrian and Servian sentiment relative to the bulk bulk. sentiment relative to that bill. It was decided to call a mass meeting for January 8. Jerry Howard acted as chairman of the meeting and Val J. Peters

RESERVIST HERE IN A PREDICAMENT

Omaha Florist Hruban, Now American Citizen, is Called to Arms of His Fatherland.

Parent in Old Country May Be Maltreated if Son Does Not Return -Observes Neutrality and

Employs a Servias. To be still on the roll of reservists of Austria, to be a naturalized citizen of the United States, to have been notified now to report to the colors to fight for the fatherland, is the predicament of Albert Hruban, florist, and proprietor of the green house at Twenty-ninth and Dorcas streets. Hruban is worried over the situation, as he says he has refused to report on the grounds that he is an home is making life miserable for his

Mr. Hruban came to America a number of years ago, but was a reservist when gether, to grant the temporary injunc- he came. He was naturalized in America sense that he was an American citizen

like those about him. Consul Calls Rim. Then came the call from the Austrian consul at Chicago. Hruban was notified does not report, he is awaiting further developments. He was married in this country and has a family of American-

Hruban Strictly Neutral. His strict neutrality in the whole European conflict is strikingly shown in the fact that he has in his employ as his trusted man a helper who is a Servian have worked side by side, and the Aus- which tries to find the consignee of packtrian has paid his wages regularly to the lages not undeliverable. Edward Boles, Servian. The Servian has brothers in the head of the department, says that many Servian army fighting against Hruban's of them will eventually be delivered to fatherland, but that makes no difference the proper persons.

a letter from his brother at the fra saying he has been wounded by a shrup nel. The soldier tells of the terrible explosions of shrapnel, stating that soldiers nearest to the explosion had heir eyes actually thrown out of the ockets by the concussion. In some cases the surgeons were able to set the eyes back in place and in others this was impossible, and sight was wholly lost.

Thieves Take Cash from Woman as She Appears on Scene

Mrs. Sarah Mangolin, 1813 North Twenty-first street, heard a noise in the kitchen of her home early Tuesday morning and, grabbing her purse containing \$100, rushed toward the sound. Two men were quarreling over some jewelry which they had just helped themselves to in the other rooms.

When Mrs. Mangolin appeared, they took her purse from her, extracted the \$100, handed the empty article back to her and left the house. Mrs. Mangolin has furnished the police with a good description of the men.

In a tussel that ensued between Mrs Mangolin and the intruders, they threw a lighted oil lamp against the wall and set the room on fire. Several neighbors answered the woman's call for help and extinguished the blaze

Nearly Thousand Gifts by Parcel Post Await Owners

The number of Omahans who expected certain Christmas gifts by mail and did not get any, is certainly large, according to Foreman Edward Hoag at the postoffice. office. He says that since The Bee published the fact than many packages in the hands of the local postal authorities were undeliverable, because the address tags or labels had been lost, he has been awamped with phone calls from people who wanted to know if such-andsuch a package intended for them might

Nearly 1,000 such parcels are awaiting the attention of the "Nixie" department

We are first to show every-thing new. During the season we carry the largest stocks and most complete assortments. At the end of the year we clear out all the small lots left.

People know, by over 30 years of experience, that after Christ-mas we sacrifice all lines of fall and early winter merchandise. They wait for these sales and take advantage of them. Get your share. Come early.

It will pay you to shop all over the store, to look carefully in every department, because there are thousands of small lots here and there that we are sacrificing at the most extremely low These lots are too small to advertise, but it is all good, fresh and desirable merchandise, representing what is left of the immense assortments we had at the height of the season. You couldn't put a day to better use right now than to shop carefully all over our stores—both in the old and in the new building—and take advantage of the merchandise offered in our Year-End Clearing Sale.

Fancy Goods

THIRD PLOOR Stamped Lunch Cloths—On pure Irish linen, 54-inch size, neat de-signs, French or eyelet embroid-ery, actual \$2 values; offered in the clearing sale \$1.00

the clearing sale \$1.00

Japanese Print Scarts—54 inches
long, two-tone blues; 19c

Brainard & Armstrong's Best Wash Embroidery Silk All the good colors. Regularly priced 3 skeins for 19c. Clearing sale price—

3 Skeins for 5c

Blankets, Comforters Robes and Pillows

Full Wool-Filled Double Blankete Large size. White, gray and tan. Sell regularly up to \$4 \$1.98 pair. Clearing sale....\$1.98 Fine Three-Quarter Wool Blankets -Good, heavy, soft wool blankets for large beds. Sell regularly up to \$4.50 a pair. Clear \$2.69 Cotton Blankets - Double blankets for % and single beds. White, gray and tan. Generally priced up to 75c a pair. Clear-imported Italian Raw Slik Blumber Robes - Beautiful colorings and

patterns for couch throws and table covers. Worth up to 98c \$3.50 each. Clearing sale... 98c Silkoline Covered Comforters— Large size for double beds. Pure hand-carded cotton filling. Regular \$2 values. Clearing \$1.15

Bed Pillows-Size 18x25. Weight 214 pounds each. Fancy tick covering and filled with all clean feathers. Worth up to \$1. 39c

Women's and Misses' Smart Apparel

Reduced to Prices That Seem Almost Unreasonable

- Gowns	Fur Coats
888.00 Gown, Clearing \$35	\$125.00 Long Maline \$45
869.00 Gown, Clearing \$29	\$125.00 Fancy Malino \$39
\$75.00 Gown, Clearing \$25	Coat, at
\$59.00 Gown, Clearing \$25	\$89.00 White Coney \$25
Beautiful Silk Dresses Worth to \$39.00	

Very handsome garments, in Velvets, Silks and Laces, at about half actual value. Year-End Clearing Sale Price.....

Fur Muffs \$1.89 Fur Scarfs \$2.50 Volvet Blousse-Values \$5.00 Children's Bearskin Coats to \$10, at..... \$5.00 -\$2 and \$2.50 val., at.... \$1 and \$1.50 values, at.... 79c to \$5 values, apecial \$1.79 at to \$1.25 values, 69c Silk and Serge Dresses—\$5 Children's Serge and Cordurey Dresses—\$5 values, \$1.79 College and Sport Coats—\$10 to \$15 values, at ... \$5

AFTER XMAS CLEARANCE SALE

At GREATLY REDUCED PRICES

Many books become more or less soiled and damaged by the enormous crowds that handle and look at them during our Christmas book sale. These and many others that we wish to close out quickly have been gathered up and placed on tables—

Some 1/4 off Some 1/3 off Some 1/2 off All CALENDARS at 1/2 PRICE. NEW YEAR CARDS now on sale. Large assortment.

Domestics

BASEMENT

Fine Quality Dress Percales—36 inches wide. Light and dark colors. Neat dots, stripes and Worth 10c per yard. 36-Inch Genuine Amoskeng Fleece Down Flannel—In plain shades and white. Worth 12% 01 yd. Clearing sale price... 82C Fine Dress Zephyre -- In all the leading styles. Neat checks and stripes. Remnants up to 15 yards

long. 10c and 121/2c qual-tty. Wednesday, yard.....62c 36-inch Bleached Muslin, For 5c Per Yard

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Comforter Covering — In all the leading shades. Neat oriental and Persian designs. Values 6c per yard. Clearing sale price.....4c 27-inch Fancy Striped Outing Fian-nel—In a choice assortment of all the wanted shades: pink, light, blue, gray, etc. Values 10c per yard. Clearing sale

Clark's O. N.T. Mercerized Crochet Cotton, 7c Ball

Men's Neck Bands Special. 21c Infants' "Ome" Pants—150 and 19c
35c values, pair.

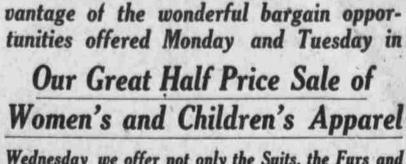
Large-Sized Hair Nets—All shades;
worth up to 50 per dozen. 10c
Clearing sale price, dozen. 10c Sanitary Belts Hade of clas- 10c Large Size Bone Hair Plus Special, dozen..... Linen and Cotton Tape Best 1c

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Wednesday we offer not only the Suits, the Furs and Dresses, but a wonderful line of beautiful Chiffon Waists, Shadow Lace Waists, Crepe de Chine, Silks and

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Pre-Inventory Clearance Specials, Domestic Room

50c 68-inch Mercerized Table Damask 35¢ 38c 68-inch Mercerized Table Damask 25¢ 72x90 Sheet, 59c value, 45¢ 72x90 Sheets, 75c value, 58¢ 81x90, Sheet, 69c value 52 % 6 12 1/2 36-in. Silkoline. . . . 9¢ 85c Stitched Cotton Batt, 3-1b. 65e Unstitched Cotton Batt, 3-

EXTRA SPECIAD 6 %c Pure Indigo Blue Apron Gingham 3%¢ 10e value Bleached Muslin 5¢ Pre-Inventory Specials in the Linen Department Pattern Table Cloths, full

size, bleached, \$1.50 value, Hemstitched Napkins, 17x17 inches, slightly mussed, worth \$4.00 a dozen, six for\$1.00 Dew Bleached Satin Damask Remnants, in 2 and 21/2 yd.

lengths, worth up to \$2.00 a yard \$1.00 Towels, assorted lot in Turkish and Huck, values to 15c-at,

Pre-Inventory Clearance Blankets and Comforters

\$12.50 Wool Blanket or Down Filled Comforts \$9.48 \$10.00 Wool Blankets or Down or Wool Filled Comforts, \$7.50 Wool Blanket or Corded Cotton Comforts \$5.00 \$4.95 Wool Filled Blankets, Comforts \$2.90 \$2.75 11-4 Twill Cotton Blanket or Comfort \$1.98 \$2.00 large Blanket or Comfort \$1.48 \$1.50 large Blanket or Com-

Great Pre-Inventory Grocery Sale - \$20,000 Stock Reducing Sale Before Jan. 1st. Quality Goods and a Sauing of 25 to 50 Per Cent for the People.

Gallon cans Golden Table Syrup 380

THE VEGETABLE MARKET FOR for 10c
7 bars Electric Spark Scap 25c
6 bars Omaha Family Scap 35c
6 bars Fels Naphtha Scap 25c 6 bars Feis Naphtha Scap. 25c 6 cakes Silexo Scouring Scap. 25c 10 bars best brands Laundry Scap 25c Hershey's Breakfast Cocca, lb. 20c Golden Santos Coffee, lb. 20c Old Beets, Carrots, Turnips or Pars-nips, per lb. 20 Fancy Holland Seed Cabbage, lb. 1460 The Best Creamery Butter, carton or

Fancy Holland Seed Cabbage, lb. 1340
Fresh Beets, Carrots, Turnips, Radishes or Shallots, per bunch. 40
3 large Soup Bunches 100
3 large Green Peppers. 100
2 stakes Fresh Celery. 50
2 heads Fresh Leaf Lettuce. 50
Fancy California Cauliflower, lb. 7340
Fancy Cape Cod Cranberriee, qt. 7340
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