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## THE CLEARANCE SALE!!

### Seely & Tank, Canton, South Dakota.

Still continues for an indefinite time. It isn't simply that you have a chance at this time of the year to buy Clothing, Furnishings, etc., at less money than is usually asked and paid for them; but you have a chance to buy unusually good merchandise at less prices than usual. We advertise a reduction sale and we are going to continue until we have disposed of all our heavy goods: Note some of the prices QUOTED BELOW:

#### MENS' SUITS

THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF SUITS EVER SHOWN IN CANTON AT THE SLAUGHTER PRICES FOLLOWING:—

MENS \$10.00 SUITS NOW	\$6.00
MENS \$12.00 SUITS NOW	\$8.00
MENS \$14.00 SUITS NOW	\$9.50
MENS \$15.00 SUITS NOW	\$11.00
MENS \$17.00 SUITS NOW	\$12.50
MENS \$18.00 SUITS NOW	\$13.50
MENS \$20.00 SUITS NOW	\$15.00
MENS \$22.00 SUITS NOW	\$17.50
MENS \$24.00 SUITS NOW	\$19.00
MENS \$25.00 SUITS NOW	\$20.00
MENS \$30.00 SUITS NOW	\$24.00

ALL SUITS ARE PLAINLY MARKED WITH REGULAR PRICES.

BRING THIS LIST AND GET THIS GREAT REDUCTION.

#### MENS FUR-COATS

We only have a few of them left, but it will pay you to investigate the prices we have on same. These are less than wholesale.

#### Mens Fur-Lined Plush-Lined Coats

Still have a few left and at the prices we are selling them it would pay to buy them for next years use.

LOOK THEM OVER



#### MENS CLOTH OVERCOATS

Look at These PRICES:

Regular \$10.00	NOW \$5.00
Regular \$12.00	NOW \$8.00
Regular \$15.00	NOW \$10.00
Regular \$18.00	NOW \$12.50
Regular \$20.00	NOW \$13.50
Regular \$22.00	NOW \$15.50
Regular \$23.00	NOW \$16.50
Regular \$25.00	NOW \$18.00
Regular \$28.00	NOW \$21.00
Regular \$32.00	NOW \$25.00

These are positively below wholesale prices; the former prices are the regular prices, not fixed up for a sale—but we are determined to close out our heavy goods and are going to do it if low prices will do it—rather than pack them up and carry them over.

#### Boys' suits Below Cost

If you are in need of suits for the boys now is certainly the time and SEELY & TANK is certainly the place to buy good suits for little money. Look at these prices:

All \$1.50 Boys Suits	\$1.00
All \$2.00 Suits now	\$1.37 1-2
All \$3.00 Suits now	\$2.00
All \$4.00 Suits now	\$3.00
All \$5.00 Suits now	\$3.25
All \$7.00 Suits now	\$5.00
All \$9.00 Suits now	\$6.50
All \$10.00 Suits now	\$7.50
All \$11.00 Suits now	\$8.50

#### Boys Overcoats:

We are going to close the balance of our boys overcoats out regardless of cost. Think of what this MEANS TO YOU.

Reg. \$2.75 Coats \$1.50. Reg. \$3 Coats \$1.75. Reg. \$3.50 Coats \$2.25. Reg. \$5 Coats \$3. Reg. \$7 Coats \$4.50. Reg. \$10 Coats 6.50

#### FURNISHINGS:

All of our immense stock of Furnishing Goods at actual cost—impossible to quote prices on the thousands of different articles. Look them over you will be convinced that no such prices were ever offered before.

If you are in need of Underwear it will pay you to lay in a supply of the same. Come in.

#### Editor Schaber Knows What the Trouble is at Hot Springs.

Hudsonite: Good for Col. Linn, he showed some of these pink tea reformers, who are howling because Col. Geddis of the Soldier's Home at Hot Springs, will not let the boozers out there run him, where to head in at. As Col. Linn says it is hard to run the Home when there is a gang down town filling the old chaps up with booze all the time. And it is the boozers who are kicking now, and who always have done the kicking. Col. Geddis was a brave soldier himself, with an honorable record, and he is trying his best to give the Home a good administration but he will not stand for continual drunkenness on the part of the old soldiers, who blow in their pension money for booze the minute they receive it. When we were out at the Home three years ago several of the veterans there told us what a fine home it was for them, and how everything possible was being done for their comfort, and at the same time two old booze fighters, whom we saw on the way back to town stopped us and kicked on everything from the Commandant to the grub, and at the same time they couldn't tell the difference between the rules and regulations of the Home and a last year's bird's nest, they were so completely tanked up. Eliminate booze—fix it so the boys cannot get it anywhere or at any time, and within a month there will not be an inmate of the Home who will not brag on the treatment accorded him. Some of the boys out there were gallant fighters and licked everything that came along during the war, but the scapping they did then is not a circumstance to the way they are scapping now, with John Barleycorn, and no one has ever been known to lick the aforesaid Johnny, no matter how many Johnny Rebs he licked during the late unpleasantness. We believe Col. Geddis to be a man who does his duty conscientiously and well, and we believe he is giving just as honorable service in his present

position as he did while wearing the uniform in battle. He was appointed Commandant of that home and he should rule it, and he could not do otherwise than he is doing. Eliminate booze and you eliminate all the trouble, but some of those booze dispensers would be cut out of their largest revenue if they could not sell booze to some of the boys, who could bravely conquer every enemy except the greatest enemy of them all—their insatiable appetite for liquor.

#### Work for Legislature.

A correspondent of Sioux City Tribune writing from Pierre says: "The 12th legislature of South Dakota, which will convene at noon on January 3, 1911, will be very strongly republican. Of course, the senate will be presided over by lieutenant Governor Byrne who has had long legislative service, having been a member of the first state legislature and the last two senates. The reapportionment of representatives and senators, following the new census, is likely to cause the most interesting fight of the session. The present house numbers 104 members and the senate 45. The constitutional limit for the two houses is 135 and 45 respectively. The senate has reached its limit having 45 members, and the redistribution will cut out some of the eastern counties and transfer the representation to some of the new counties west of the Missouri. Such reapportionment would demand that the counties east of the river give up about five senators to those of the other side. The hall of representatives can only comfortably seat 99 members and on such a basis the west side get 22. It is likely that no county will give up any part of its representation without a fight. The 1910 census will also give to the state a new congressman. This will cause a districting of the state. Governor Vessey and Congressman Martin are favorable to a proposition to include the region west of the Missouri in one district, and on the east side, to extend the line between

Brookings and Moody counties to the river, and create a new district to the north and the south of this line.

#### KNUTE JACOBSON TO LEAVE.

Hudson Hudsonite:—Hon. K. E. Jacobson, the genial and courteous assistant cashier of the Hudson State Bank, will resign his position on the first of the month, and his place will be taken by Fred Johnson, who will leave college to enter upon his new duties.

Mr. Jacobson will go to California to spend the winter. Four years ago he spent the winter in the balmy California climate, and he has a good friend out there who spends every winter there, and Mr. Jacobson expects to have a very pleasant winter as he says that the finest time he ever had was spent on the coast.

Mr. Jacobson is president of the bank at Baltic, S. D., where he and Claus Hegness have built up a splendid business, and he is also largely interested in land, owning one of the finest half section farms in this vicinity, the old Jacobson homestead in Norway township.

The many patrons of the State Bank will miss Mr. Jacobson, for he is a genial, accommodating chap, who was well liked as a business man, and who will be greatly missed also in social circles in Hudson.

We hope he will see all his anticipations realized, and that this winter will be one of the pleasantest in his experience.

#### BIG YIELD OF CORN.

Hudson Hudsonite:—That five acre piece of corn of Chas. Bergstrom's picked out over a hundred bushels per acre all right, the piece going a trifle over 500 bushels. It was the finest piece of corn hereabouts and people came from far and near to look at it during the season. It took Charley three days to pick out seed corn enough to plant that five acres, but every kernel he planted grew. And that sounds to us as though Charley is an up-to-date farmer all right.

#### Insurgent Democratic Governor.

Governor Woodrow Wilson, the democratic governor elect in New Jersey, is growing in prominence and popularity in his own state, and as a national character, by his fearless course in fighting the old trust machine in his own state now trying to send a standpat democrat to the senate in place of a standpat republican who is retired by the democratic victory in New Jersey. Wilson has drawn the fire of the trust henchmen but it seems he is strong enough to win a victory for the people. Governor Wilson said to a New York correspondent in answer to a question concerning the democratic victory in November: "The people simply turned away in despair from the republican party. The democrats have not so much won a victory as they have obtained an opportunity."

Those who had failed to find a serviceable instrumentality of government in the republican party took the risk of turning to the democratic party. I am sure of it.

Election is not so much a permanent republican defeat as a turning of the people in the direction which holds out most hope of action favorable to the common interests."

Lorimer Whitewash Won't Stick. The United States senate and its membership must be judged by its record on all public questions, and not for many months has a question come before that body for a decision that will be watched closer than its action in the Lorimer case, because men were bribed to vote for him and four have confessed and three more were implicated in corrupting members of the Illinois legislature. Corporation tools—democrats and republicans combined and elected Lorimer to the senate. No honest man doubts that a corrupt combination was formed and that Lorimer was the result of that corrupt deal. If senators refused to recognize the conditions that resulted in his election it will

compel honest men to regard the Lorimer supporters with something more than suspicion. The final action will make the record then we shall know "who's who and why." The Washington Star, a republican organ in good standing, dismisses this petty hagglng over the mathematics of bribery by saying: "But this is all beside the real issue. Is honesty a question of mathematics? Can the purity of elections be juggled with in this crude way? An egg is either rotten or it is good. It can't be both, and an election is either clean or is rotten and illegal. Lorimer was either elected without bribery and should be seated with a clean bill of health, or there was bribery in his election, whether of seven, 10 or 30 members, and he should be turned out. With the awakened conscience of the American people demanding common honesty in politics, there is no middle ground to this question."

#### GOV. STUBBS ON TRUSTS.

Denounces Railroads for Their Attempts to Advance Rates.

Railroads and trusts came in for a scathing denunciation by Gov. Stubbs of Kansas, at a meeting of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association in Chicago last week. He declared the advanced freight rates demanded by the railroads to be unjustifiable and asserted that "the relation of the Federal government to unlawful commercial institutions organized for spoils and plunder is one of the more humiliating and disgraceful chapters in American history. Let us have the courage," he said, "to tell the exact truth about unwholesome commercial conditions that have grown up during the last score years."

"Every student of public affairs and every public official charged with the enforcement of law, knows that the alliance between professional politicians, corporation lawyers and the financial and commercial interests which are concerned in shaping State

and federal legislation to serve their own special interests, is a menace to the welfare and life of our republic.

"In this connection, the transportation question is perhaps the most important issue before the American people today. The Wall Street financiers, through a 'community of interest' scheme, have by indirect methods, formed what practically amounts to a gigantic railroad trust, which controls the rates and policies of the most important railroad systems in the United States.

"The railroad is a government agency, and is, therefore, supposed to be subject to law. It is a creature of government, but the creature has grown to such proportions of wealth and political power that provisions of law and decrees of courts have proven ineffective in so far as they were intended to exercise direct control over the operation of these commercial giants.

"In 1898 the dividends paid by the railroads of the United States amounted to \$97,000,000. In 1908 these dividends amounted to \$386,000,000, an increase of 400 per cent. in 10 years.

"In 1909 the railroads earned \$93,000,000 more net revenue than they did in 1908, and for the first five months of 1910, have earned \$33,000,000 more net revenue than they did in the five corresponding months of the previous year.

"These figures prove that there is no reasonable basis upon which the railroads can demand an advance in freight rates. Upon the contrary, they prove conclusively that railroad rates are already too high. And yet, practically all the railroads in the United States have formed a gigantic combination to increase freight rates, which the shippers who have investigated the matter claim will ultimately enormously increase the cost of freight transportation.

"The amount of tax money collected by the British empire from the American colonists without representation probably would not amount to 1 per cent. of the tribute and extor-

tion which the consuming American public are now compelled to pay to illegal combinations, trusts, and monopolies every year. The honor, manhood and moral character of our republic are involved in the Federal government to this monstrous condition, which offends every sense of justice, decency and morality.

"The plain duty and task set for this generation is to establish once and forever the supremacy of law and its power to control organized corporations, firms or individuals who, directly or indirectly, form combinations in restraint of trade, and thereby deprive free competition and equal opportunity in the commerce of the nation."

#### CHRISTMAS EVE AT LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Christmas celebration at the Lutheran church is an event looked forward to with pleasant anticipation by hundreds of little folks and many of those who passed through Christmas celebrations from boyhood to manhood, but one never gets too old to enjoy a Christmas event. It took two large trees to carry the good things Old Santa Claus had sent in and the trees looked sublime in the eyes of the expectant youths.

J. T. Hansen, superintendent of the Sabbath school, was master of ceremonies, and he conducted the program very successfully.

Little girls delivered presents from one tree and little boys from the other, and the distribution was very successfully accomplished among an audience that numbered between seven and eight hundred. Aside from the trees there was a program arranged for the Sabbath School Scholars consisting of songs, declamations and dialogues, and this was highly enjoyed by that large audience.

Superintendent Hansen is very successful in his Sunday School work and he received many compliments over the interesting program and successful celebration.