



The Golden Eagle's Semi-Annual Dump Sale!

Will Commence Tomorrow Morning, December 30.

On all our surplus stock of FALL AND WINTER SUITS, OVERCOATS, FURNISHING GOODS, HATS, CAPS AND SHOES for men, boys and children. Must be dumped out in the next thirty days. Efforts will be put forth to attain the end; no loop-hole will be left open; no possibility of dissatisfaction can be permitted to exist if we are to accomplish our object, and in our vocabulary there is no such word as "fail." The lustrous brilliance of this DUMPING OUT SALE of our

...Surplus Fall and Winter Stock...

Will outshine all our previous Semi-Annual Clearance Sales, and will continue so until February 1st. Profit time is over; each season must stand its own loss; the Winter Goods must go. This is the final, positive, unalterable decree. During this DUMP SALE our former prices will not be looked at; values not considered. Profits will be but a memory and a dream. Every price will tell a story of economy more forcibly than the most eloquent tongue. Every price during this sale will help to upset all preconceived ideas of the purchasing power of a dollar.

Prices are easily quoted on paper, but to have the values back of those prices is another thing. We never promise anything in our "ads" that we can't perform. Mere prices carry no weight; actual deeds are the only criterion for the public to judge by. This won't be a sale of a few trifling items cheap to catch your attention, but an offering of

Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Worthy Goods All Over the Store...

Therefore we kindly invite you to come to our store, pick out what you want at our DUMP SALE PRICE, and if not perfectly satisfied that it is a genuine bargain, and for less than can be found elsewhere, don't buy it. Notice the goods in our windows at the DUMP SALE PRICES.

All Men's and Children's Suits dumped at the LOWEST PRICE POSSIBLE to move them quickly.

THE GOLDEN EAGLE,

Greatest Money-Saving Store in Wichita.

226-228 E. Douglas, Corner Lawrence.



THEY TALK BUSINESS

County Clerks State Convention a Busy One.

FAULTY ASSESSMENT LAW

Still one of Their Burdens—Today's Program.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the county clerks of Kansas convened in the district court room at the court house yesterday afternoon with about twenty-five of the most enthusiastic county clerks in the state present. S. G. Temple of El Dorado, president, John M. Wright of Topeka, vice president, and W. E. Wood of Wellington, secretary, were present at the opening of the meeting. The morning hours were devoted mostly to social intercourse, in which the clerks swapped yarns and talked about wolf seals and coyote pits until the noon hour. There is said to have been feverish preparation for the meeting during the past year than for any previous year since Kansas became a state. The reason advanced for this is that the Kansas farmer has had too much to sell and too much stock to attend to and is no longer compelled to replenish his larder by chasing the wolf and coyote.

The attendance at this meeting is not as large as common, owing to the fact that this year is an off year, in which little interest comes up for the average county clerk. Their interests are largely centered in legislative enactments, and there is no legislature for them to go before with their demands. The attendance today will probably be larger as there is an interesting program. Of the four important subjects for discussion yesterday only one of those slated for a paper or address was present. The first subject was "Resolved, That railroad property should be protected for taxation among the school districts of the county." This subject was to have been handled by M. E. Pitts of Bourbon county, but he was not present. The subject was discussed and equally divided as to the feasibility of the movement. Some of the clerks thought the idea on the ground that it would be an unconstitutional measure and therefore could not be enforced. They argued that a railroad could not be taxed in a district through which it did not run, more than it could be taxed to Missouri from operating in Kansas. No opinion from the attorney general had been submitted on this question and the discussion ended without any action being taken on the subject.

W. Y. Wilson of Republic county, who was on the program for a paper on "Relation of the County Clerks to the Board of County Commissioners" failed to respond, but the subject was very fully discussed by the county clerks and County Commissioner Wilson of this

county, who was called in to defend the commissioners against any "horse play" on the part of the clerks. The burden of the clerks seemed to be with respect to the allowance of deputy hire, some of them claiming that they had great trouble in getting the commissioners of their county to allow sufficient amounts to pay for what help they were compelled to have in their office. The county clerks failed to get the legislature to pass a law stipulating a certain amount for this purpose and it still rests with the commissioners as to just what they consider proper salary expenditure along this line. The clerks think they know as much or more about the necessities of the office than do the commissioners and some of them complained bitterly of the parsimonious action of their commissioners. Mr. Sweeney of Cherokee county, Mr. Wright of Shawnee, Mr. Brown of Saline and Mr. King of Atchison county spoke at length on the subject, but all blamed the legislators rather than their commissioners for the conditions with respect to their office help. The trend of the discussions showed that there exists between most of the county clerks and the commissioners the best of feeling, and it was argued that the pleasant relations should always be maintained and maintained whenever possible.

"Advantages of a General County Levy for Schools" was the subject of a paper to be presented by L. M. Pugh of Jefferson county, but like his two predecessors on the program he was not present and the subject was discussed without a leader. This is a subject which has been supported by many county superintendents of schools, but it has never gathered much strength from some county opinions were about equally divided on the subject yesterday and the discussions were without interest.

A. M. Denny was on the program for the holiday which he has hidden for four years, entitled "Assessment and Equalization of All Property at Actual Value and Penalty for Failing to Do So." Mr. Denny is considered one of the best paid men in the state on this subject, and although he has given up all hope of the legislature ever enacting a law to remedy the present defect, he advanced many good reasons for the equalization of property values and their proper assessment. The discussion upon the subject was lively and timely. Mr. Denny said that the present law governing the assessment of property was enacted when the state was in its infancy and when the legislators had no conception of the importance of the subject. The law had subsequently been amended, nullified and tacked to until at the present time the laws are inadequate, unequal, full of inconsistencies and absolutely foolish. The trend of the discussion seemed to support Mr. Denny's views of the subject and following the close of the discussions a motion was made and carried to appoint a committee to draft a resolution for the convention to submit to the next legislature relative to the best measures to be adopted to secure equitable state uniformity in the matter of assessment and taxation. The president named Mr. Cornell of Norton county, Mr. Sweeney of Cherokee county and Mr. Sterling of Marion county as the committee. They are to report their resolution at this morning's session.

Before adjournment last night County Clerk Denny extended to the visitors a cordial invitation to examine the books of Sedwick county, and the method of handling such an immense amount of business with such a small force. He also extended thirty-two clerks, through

the mayor, the freedom of the city and assured them that the law would keep its hands off any who desired to jolly. The clerks, escorted by Mr. Denny and County Clerk-elect Chain, attended the Crawford Grand last night.

The program for today's session is as follows: "County Assessors vs. Township Assessors"—W. S. Yeager of Reno county, "Suggestions" for the benefit of the clerks—Hon. George E. Cole, auditor of state. "Official Experiences of Clerks, Transitive or Intransitive"—H. Frankenburg of Bourbon county. "Relation of Clerks and Treasurer; Accounts" etc.—J. A. Davenport of Franklin county. "Resolved, That the assessment of property and the making of the tax roll should be done by a county assessor"—By S. S. King of Atchison county. "Resolved, That all duties now devolving upon clerks in road matters should be performed by the county surveyor"—J. C. Cornell of Norton county. "Resolved, That all township officers should be elected for two years, and should qualify and file bond with the county clerk by December 1"—H. E. Peach of Lyon county. The following clerks had registered up to last night: Brown of Saline county, Near of Cowley county, Sloan of Cowley county, Denny of Jefferson county, Chain of Sedwick county, Teal of Barton county, Fishback of Cowley county, Coppin of Butler county, Damsy of Gaberine county, Skimney of Cherokee county, J. G. Cowell of Clay county, S. S. King of Atchison county, Flanagan of Miami county, Peach of Lyon county, Garsett of Graham county, Sterling of Marion county, Buchal of Wauzara county, Cornell of Norton county, Wood of Sumner county, Wright of Shawnee county, Mawdsley of Pratt county, Newlin of Reno county, Hayes of Rush county, Pate of Butler county.

GLORIOUS NEWS.
Comes from Dr. D. R. Cargile of Wichita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scurvy, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help, but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by G. Gehring, Druggist, Guaranteed.

OTIS' ORDERS TO OPEN PORTS
Civil Marriages Legalized—Funston's Probable Assignment.
Manila, Dec. 28.—The order which has been issued opening to trade the ports of Zamboanga, Cotabato, Davao and Isabela will apply provisionally to the Jolo and Siasi ports. General Bates will appoint the customs officials. The authorities have issued a rule which legalizes marriages performed by judges or the clergy of any religious denomination. Under the Spanish regime only such marriages were recognized as legal as were performed by Roman Catholic priests.

General Frederick Funston will join General MacArthur's command. His brigade has not been designated, but it is thought he will be assigned to General Wheeler's.

WAR OFFICE ANSWERS

Big Debate Stirred Up by Southern Kansas Farmers

OVER HEMP PROBLEM

Letters First Published in Eagle of Dec. 15.

The letters published in the Eagle of December 15 and yesterday which were sent to congress in bales in the last two weeks from farmers of the Seventh district, have not only caused the secretary of the war department to open the Philippine ports for the exportation of manila fiber, but have brought out a long letter from Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn defining the government's policy in this matter.

The following Associated Press dispatch from Washington gives Secretary Meiklejohn's letter, which is directed to Congressman Long, and answers a letter written by Dr. Haines of Pratt to Mr. Long.

The Washington dispatch follows: Washington, Dec. 28.—Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn, of the war department, has written a letter to Representative Long of Kansas, defining the policy of the department regarding the commerce of the Philippines with special reference to the opening of ports for the exportation of hemp. Mr. Long had transmitted a letter of a constituent stating that there was a little hemp in the country now that the price was 14 to 15 cents a pound, as against a normal price of 5 or 6 cents, while only 2,000 bales a week have been shipped to this country since the war began. Instead of 25,000 bales a week, as formerly.

Premising his explanation with the statement that General Otis has been instructed to open the hemp port as soon as he had proper provisions, which should be early in January, Mr. Meiklejohn goes on to show that the correspondent, Dr. W. Haines of Pratt, has an erroneous idea as to the effect of the war on the hemp shipments. He says that the largest hemp exportation from the islands in any one year was in 1887, when exports averaged 150 bales per month. During the ten months of 1898 the exports of hemp into the United States amounted to 475 tons, which shows, he adds, that there never has been a year when so much entered the United States as in this year 1899, while its value has been \$1 per ton less than in 1898 or 1891.

Mr. Meiklejohn indicates that the correspondent picked out certain years of agricultural depression in the wheat states as the basis of his exceedingly low quotations of past prices of hemp. He declares that the communications received by the department from manufacturers and brokers indicate that there is no trust or combine controlling the hemp market as feared by the farmers, and he concludes his letter as follows: "The war department is doing everything compatible with the requirements of the military situation to develop the

trade of the islands and is confident that the so-called hemp ports will be open to trade in ample time for any accumulation of hemp therein contained to reach this country and be manufactured before the next wheat harvest. Inasmuch as the combination of low freight rates and high prices of fiber will tend to bring the shipments by steamer in lieu of sailing vessels, as they require only three months for the trip and an additional month will suffice to place the article in the hands of farmers, shipments leaving Manila in March would be available for the harvest of Iowa, Nebraska and other western states."

THE APPETITE OF A GOAT.
It is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose Stomach and Liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful Stomach and Liver Remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion, and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c at G. Gehring's drug store.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN
Mr. Ben Eaton of the Carey, left yesterday for a business trip to Illinois. He will be gone several days. The Carey is under the management of Lee Steele during Mr. Eaton's absence.

Fort Scott Monitor: Henry Bates of Wichita and Miss Bertha Talbot of near Hesper were married at the home of the groom's brother, Deputy Sheriff Bates, Tuesday evening by Probate Judge Scoville. Mr. Bates is foreman of the stock yards at Wichita, and they have gone there to reside.

The Golden Eagle "Dump Sale" will commence tomorrow morning. Many of their yearly patrons have been waiting for this sale to secure overcoats, suits and furnishing goods at "dump sale" prices. The Golden Eagle's rule has been for years never to carry over goods from one season to another.

An effort is being made to get Robert McClelland out of the county jail, so his wife, Cora McClelland, who has assaulted a few days ago, can get a divorce. It seems to be the understanding that if McClelland will consent to the divorce, his wife will relinquish her charge against him and the county commission will give McClelland his release. The divorce suit was brought immediately after McClelland was put in jail.

MUSIC AND DRAMA
GRAND ORGAN RECITAL.
A grand organ recital will be given tonight at the First Methodist church by Prof. Geo. R. Penny of Kansas State university, assisted by the high school chorus, under the leadership of Miss Jessie Clark. Prof. Penny is well known to those who are lovers of pipe organ music, and never fails to please his audience.

HOYT'S "A STRANGER IN NEW YORK."
When Hoyt's "A Stranger in New York" is presented here it is safe to say that the large audience that witnessed this amusing comedy will be the best pleased that has emerged from the opera house in a long time. "A Stranger in New York" has been unanimously pronounced the best Hoyt comedy that has ever visited us.

Next Thursday evening at the Crawford Grand opera house "A Stranger in New York" will be presented upon a splendid scale than ever, with no end of up-to-date music, a lot of novel vaudeville features and a levy of the next best thing ever seen on the local stage. During the recent visit of this piece

in London, England, where it was presented at the Duke of York's theater, Mr. Hoyt devoted all of his time in addition to its perfection, and giving it a sort of finishing touch. And the cast, which is to present the best of all Hoyt's comedies, has been selected with great care, and among its members are Mr. Paul F. Nicholson, Jr., who was one of the four comedians with the Alice Neilson Opera company, and Douglas Elfin, Tom Martin and Hooker and Davis of the original company.

THE SQUEAK FROM A "PROP."
In Charles Hoyt's new "A Trip to Chinatown," there is occasion to introduce a kitten on the stage during the course of the play.

Loud and pitiful cat-like cries are heard behind the scenes and then one of the performers dashes on the stage holding a cat by the tail and leg, which he whirls through the air frantically.

During a recent engagement in Philadelphia the news of the cruel treatment of the cat was carried to the Woman's branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the following letter was at once sent to Mr. Fred E. Wright, who is Mr. Hoyt's manager. The letter was signed by Miss Caroline Earle White, who is president of the Woman's branch.

"Dear Sir: Having just received a complaint of the cruel treatment of a kitten in the play of 'A Trip to Chinatown' now being performed at the Chestnut Street theater, I write to ask if you will attend to the matter and have the cruelty stopped. We understand that the kitten is brought upon the stage and swung around by the tail and by one paw, and that it cries pitifully. Hoping you will have it stopped immediately I am your truly."

The letter is a flattering tribute to the mimic capacity of Mr. Harry Gilfill, who plays the leading role in the piece, and to the cleverness of the company's property man, for the cruel which attracted the hearts of the ladies are from the throat of Mr. Gilfill and the kitten is nothing but an exceedingly life-like bit of stage property.

The representative of the society who delivered the note was taken behind the scenes and showed the deception and departed satisfied, remarking, "That fellow Gilfill is a wonder."

The Modern Mother
Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy, than by any other. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true Syrup of Figs is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

TIDINGS OF THE TRANSPORTS
Lenox and Siam Reach Manila—Tartar's Return to San Francisco
Washington, Dec. 28.—Quartermaster General Lawton received a cable message this morning from Colonel Miller at Manila saying that the transport Lenox arrived there December 26 and the transport Siam, December 25. These vessels took out a cargo of horses and mules, the Lenox from San Francisco and the Siam from Honolulu.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The transport Tartar arrived today after a run of twenty-nine days from Manila and sixteen and a half days from Nagasaki. She brought a number of discharged soldiers as passengers.

A telephone of a business office is not fit for social messages.—Arthur Gable.

ON BUSINESS PLANS

Pres. F. Dyer Brought Up State Teachers in a Whirl.

PRIN. ALLEN'S ADDRESS

Association Practically Closed Yesterday Noon.

Professor W. H. Dwyer and a number of other teachers returned last night from Topeka, where the State Teachers' association has been in session for the last two days. Reports say that Professor Dwyer of the Wichita city schools, who was president of the state association, made the best presiding officer the association has had in several years. A special to the Eagle from Topeka yesterday says:

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 28.—The thirty-seventh annual teachers' association now in session in this city is fully up to the best in interest, work and attendance. Everything has moved with smoothness and dispatch. The great success attained in this respect is largely due to the efficient administration and remarkable executive ability of the president of the association, Superintendent Frank E. Dyer, of Wichita. By his direction all papers and discussions were limited to the exact time assigned in the printed program—long-winded, non-essential remarks were eliminated; the rule that no teacher should leave or enter representative hall during the presentation of a paper was absolutely enforced. The success thus attained was a source of surprise and congratulation to all members of the association.

The important feature of yesterday's session was first a paper by State Superintendent Frank Nelson, pointing out the lack of high school opportunities in many sections of the state; the necessity of the distribution of the state's educational resources and the glaring defects of the state text book law and the many inferior books contained in the list now in use.

Miss Lucy Arthur of Cawker City, described how she increased the health and interest of her second child in foreign geography by having her school-er carry an correspondence with school children in Scotland, Brazil and elsewhere.

Principal J. N. Allen of Wichita, at the department meeting of colleges and high schools presented a very strong paper on the extent of the electric system in the high schools. He advocated a limited extension of the electric principle.

There were many other papers and addresses of importance presented during the day, the printed program providing for no less than 24 for Wednesday alone, but space will not even permit her mention.

In the evening over 1,000 teachers assembled in the fine high school auditorium to hear a lecture by the eloquent Rev. Jankie Lloyd Jones of Chicago.

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