

**POLICE JOTTINGS.**

**Cursed Officer, Turned Over to Doctor—Pathetic Letter.**

A young man, well dressed and neat, was found on the streets Wednesday acting queerly and in a disorderly way. Approaching the man, an officer asked him what he was trying to do, whereupon the fellow flew into a rage, cursing policemen in general and praying heaven that he had a gun for those cops who are always wanting information.

At the prison he gave his name as John Ballew. Asked his occupation he said, "Oh, I just walk the streets and curse the policeman. Ask that fellow that brought me in, he got all the information." Ballew, whose home is at 245 Emmet street, formerly worked in the Santa Fe shops. At times he seemed to be weak minded and acted queerly, finally he lost his job and became worse. His mother sent him to a relative in Florida for a time, but he did not improve. After returning to Topeka, he ran away intending to go to Canada, Texas, to work on a Santa Fe construction crew. He dropped off at Higgins, however, where his brother-in-law went and brought him back.

He has been here more than a month and has done nothing worse than keep his neighbors wondering whether or not he is dangerous and what his mother will do with him. His attention, which is not the least of his disturbances.

Upon the arrival of his mother, John was turned over to her to be taken home. Dr. Lindas, the family doctor, is caring for him. Although it was planned several times to take the man to the state hospital, the doctor thinks that it is not now necessary. He has never before shown any signs of violence until this tirade against an officer.

On a warrant sworn by Elizabeth R. Compton, Mrs. Roselee Terry and her daughter Viola, employed by Mrs. Reed at 139 East Fourth street as housekeepers, were arrested charged with disturbing the peace. Elizabeth Compton is a daughter-in-law of Mrs. Terry whose husband has gone to live with this daughter. At the time the husband left her, Mrs. Terry and her daughter went to live with Mrs. Reed and took part of their goods with them. The remainder of the goods were taken away by Mrs. Compton. When the mother and daughter arrived to claim their goods there was a quarrel. Then Mrs. Compton got the warrant. Too poor to pay their bond, Mrs. and Viola Terry were compelled to remain in the prison over night. Their trial will be in police court this evening.

The police have been notified thusly: "A big black dog without collar and proud flesh on sore gets into everything he can please have it looked into and taken away. This is near the south end of Kansas avenue."

Some one, somewhere, may in the following letter find information con-

cerning a lost man or little girl whose surnames are not known to the officer and to which no clue has been found. Officer Wyatt found the letter this morning. It is addressed: "From Tim to dear old mother to be opened when Myrtle delivers it to you." The letter reads: "Dear precious Mother, My heart has been bothering me awful bad for several days, and in case anything happens, I want you to take care of Myrtle for she has been good to me and she wants to live with you and comfort your old age for she knows what trouble is. Dress her nice and take her to church with you and she will get converted, (so she says). You will have \$1,000 insurance and as long as you have kept it up, it would be wrong to change it to her. Myrtle is an orphan and for my sake use some of it on her and it won't be in vain. God bless all. Good bye all. Pray for me, TIM."

A reward of \$25 is offered by Chas. Saylor for the man who tried to break into his barn at 323 Adams street. Mr. Saylor keeps horses, rigs harness, blankets, whips, feed and other things to be covered by horse owners. Some one tried to chisel through the staple which holds the lock on the door. That is about as much information as he has to offer.

**SEAT SALE IS GOOD.**

**Majority of Seats Already Sold for Merry Widow.**

The seat sale for "The Merry Widow" opened Wednesday morning and already the majority of the seats have been sold. Over half the house had been disposed of by press time today. Indications point to one of the biggest houses of the season at the first performance of this great musical drama in Topeka. One unique feature of the seat sale is the fact that all of the higher price seats are going first. This would indicate that the interest in the production here is at fever heat. This is the first season "The Merry Widow" has been on the road. As there are six days remaining until the production appears at the Grand next Wednesday, the seats will undoubtedly all be sold, and the picking left for the night sale at the box office will be very choice. Every effort is being made to prevent jobbing over the seats and not more than ten are being sold to any one person.

**Bad Weather in Sight.**

The weather today is colder than for several days previous. There was a trace of rain last night and more will come tonight. Snow and colder weather is forecasted. The wind today is 10 miles an hour from the west. The following are today's temperatures:

7 o'clock.....	40	11 o'clock.....	40
8 o'clock.....	40	12 o'clock.....	41
9 o'clock.....	40	1 o'clock.....	39
10 o'clock.....	40	2 o'clock.....	39

**Asiatic Fleet on a Cruise.**

Manila, Dec. 17.—The Asiatic fleet, commanded by Rear Admiral Giles B. Harber, sailed today on a cruise among the Southern islands of the Philippine group. The fleet will return to this port January 9th.

**TO GIVE TWO PRIZES.**

**Promoters of Oakland Fair Will Present Them Friday Night.**

"How are you feelin' this morning?" said an Oakland lad to his pretty Oakland lass over the phone. "Just like the Oakland exposition," replied the pretty maid. "And how is that?" anxiously inquired her lover. "Oh, just fair," giggled the girl and she rang off in glee.

The Oakland exposition is directly responsible for the condition of the weather today. But from the nature and size of the crowds that have been attending the popular little fair in Topeka's harbor on the east it looks as though the weather would have little to do with blocking the success of the fair.

Last night was the first electric light part of the exposition and the spacious lodge hall of the Fraternal Brotherhood at the corner of Thomas street and Wabash avenue was filled from dark until midnight. The crowd was not there during the whole evening and nothing accidental or detrimental happened during the second night's session of the fair. The crowd was good natured in every respect and it is planned to have an old-fashioned corn carnival on the last night of the exposition.

The fair is open to the public in the afternoons and in spite of the nasty weather there are big crowds around the show room this afternoon. In the evening an admission of 15 cents is charged to cover the minor expenses of the lodge.

Last night the exhibitions given by many of the Topeka business houses made the most prominent attraction. The Palace Clothing company is giving away a \$5 pair of shoes to the most popular young lady of Oakland and the contest is raging fiercely with several young ladies running a tight race for first place. These popular young lady contests have been conducted in Oakland before and they never pass without a close race. In fact there are so many popular young ladies in the little city that one who undertakes to make a choice meets with a stupendous task.

Another Topeka concern that is taking a prominent part in the exposition is the Bell Piano company of Topeka. This firm has a mammoth booth at the end of the exposition hall and they keep a number of their pianos going continually. They have numerous "samples" of the pianos they sell and there are exhibitions on all of them.

The Oakland business houses are well represented. Probably the nearest booth is the one conducted by Dr. G. H. Ensing, the druggist of that city.

The Fraternal Brotherhood is conducting a large prettily decorated booth near the entrance of the fair. They are holding on exhibition two large Morris chairs which will be given away Friday night to the most popular young lady and young man in Oakland. Some hint that an engagement will be announced between the winners of the first prizes the night of the presenting of the prizes. In this case it will mean a good addition to their future home. However, the matter is not "cut and

dried" and probably an engagement will be worked up at the last minute to take advantage of the double offer. All of the contests of the exposition close on Friday night when the fair itself closes.

Professor Saylor's orchestra and the Oakland band furnish music for the afternoon and evening. The orchestra furnished the music last night and will repeat the performance tonight. Many Topeka people have been attending the fair and the street car company may find it necessary to run extra cars during the evenings of the fair. Last night all the cars were crowded both going and coming.

Guy C. Harper and Fred Wilson, two professional actors and theater managers are coaching up a number of playlets presented at the fair by young people of Oakland. The first play, "Mixed Pickles," was presented Tuesday night by a number of the young people. Last night, "Wanted—A Wife," was given by practically the same cast. The cast follows:

- "Don Gillespie," who wants a wife—Guy H. Harper.
- "Johnnie Johnson," who wants a new hoe—Clarence Hooper.
- "Deacon Smith," who wants the truth—Fred Wilson.
- "Mr. and Mrs. Kiro," who wants the thousand—Miss Virginia Morse.
- "Miss Comson," who wants to marry—Miss Ella Stockham.
- "Louisiana," who wants her baby—Ted Morse.

**NORTH TOPEKA NEWS**

(Items for the North Topeka column may be left at A. M. Petro's drug store, 889 North Kansas avenue, or call the North Side reporter at her home. Ind. phone 2831 black.)

Good shoes, prices lowest, Joseph's, 838 Kansas avenue, North Topeka.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson spent Wednesday evening with friends on the East side.

D. C. Neiswender and daughter, Mrs. Graf, of Kiro, spent the day here today on a shopping tour.

Miss Blanche Woodward of Kansas City spent the day here today with friends.

Miss Martha White of Smith Center, Kansas, came here today to spend two weeks visiting Miss Florence Vetter.

Mr. Harry Johnson of Kansas City came here today to spend a few days on a business trip, looking after his property interests here before he leaves for Oberlin, Kansas, where he will make his future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson and little daughter Marjorie came here today from Manhattan to remain until after the holidays visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. Peterson and little son Floyd went to Auburn, Kansas, today to remain until after Sunday the guests of her mother.

Miss Blanche Carter is able to be up and around again after several days' illness. She has been ill with an attack of influenza.

Miss Hazel Miller went to Abilene.



"—to make a long tale short"

**Please Come Quick! To August's, of Course!**

- Men's \$3.00 Dress Trousers.....\$1.90
- Shaw Knit Hose, Christmas box, 6 pair, \$1.00
- \$2.50 and \$2.00 Finest Shirts on Earth.....85c
- \$3.00 White and Fancy Dress Vests.....75c
- 55 Bath Robes, worth \$8.00, special.....\$2.50
- 50c and 25c Suspenders.....19c
- Men's \$1.00 and 75c fur band Caps.....50c
- Silk Set Snug Mufflers, worth \$5.00.....19c
- \$3 Umbrellas, best values we ever offered, 85c
- Silk Hose, very fine, very special, 75c values 25c
- Boys, get Watch and Chain free; \$8, \$7, \$6 and \$5 Knickerbocker Suits, very big value...\$2.50
- Men's \$2.50 Stiff or Soft Hats, Xmas special \$1.00
- \$2.00 and \$1.50 Dress Suit Cases, 24 and 25-in. 85c
- \$3.50 and \$3.00 Shoes, patent vici, all sizes...\$1.90
- Men's collar attached Mohair silk front Shirts 25c
- Men's kid finest Gloves Astrachan back Gloves 25c
- Little Tot's \$3 Overcoats, big values, choice. \$1.00

**TONIGHT After 6**

75c and 50c Men's Silk Handkerchiefs; sweeter in Topeka for.....39c  
\$1.00, 75c and 50c Men's Neckwear—choice of the house for.....25c  
\$1.00 Men's Flannel Night Robes 55c



**HELP! HELP! HELP!**

Men's \$1.00, 75c and 50c Silk Hose—Finest on earth 25c a pair

Kansas, today to remain during the holidays with Miss Opal Smith.

Mr. Walter Cox of Omaha, Neb., is spending a few days with relatives in Topeka. He is on his way south, where he will stay for an extended length of time.

Miss Ollie Drake has taken a two weeks' vacation and will go to her home in Springfield, Ill., to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. Arthur Meizker is able to be at work again after being off several weeks with an injured hand.

Mr. Frank Hartman went to Overbrook, Kansas, this morning to remain over Sunday with his parents.

Mr. Arthur Cope of St. Louis came here today to spend a week on a business trip.

Beautiful Christmas souvenirs, 10 cents each, envelopes to match 5c, at Crane's Book room, East Eighth ave.

**PAYING OLD DEBTS.**

**Former Employes of Topeka Herald Get Paid Today.**

The obligations of the Topeka Daily Herald company which went into bankruptcy in July, 1907, are being settled. Charles F. Spencer, who was appointed receiver for the bankrupt company, is paying outstanding obligations. The salaries of the Herald force which have been in arrears are being paid today. Dell Keizer was at the head of the former newspaper.

**Got Off With Light Fine.**

A. H. Ott, of the druggists arrested for a violation of the pure food laws, on complaint made by Dr. Crumbine, entered a plea of guilty to one count in the court of Topeka Wednesday afternoon, and was fined \$5. The low fine was recommended by the county attorney. Ott was charged with keeping for sale some iodine which was not up to standard.

**The "Crown"**

The Scales in "Crown" Pianos are the result of years of study along scientific lines, experiment and labor—they are absolutely the most perfect and evenly balanced of any made. We say this, knowing it to be a strong statement, but it is self-evident to all who will take time to investigate. This does not mean to take the word of some other person, nor to depend upon hearsay. Investigate thoroughly—compare carefully. "CROWN" Pianos are for sale at

EMAHIZER & SPIELMAN FURNITURE COMPANY, 517-519 Kan. Ave. Both Phones 353

**ZANDITOR'S MAMMOTH STOCK REDUCING SALE**

Commencing as it does, right in the holiday season, enables you to buy seasonable merchandise at **ONE-FOURTH, ONE-THIRD AND ONE-HALF LESS THAN OTHER STORES' PRICES**

This sale has been such a big success, we would advise you to shop early in the day and avoid the rush.



- Prices Slashed--Cut Deeper Than Ever--Read Them**
- Men's Clothing and Furnishing Goods**
- Men's Suits**
- \$25.00 Men's Suits, cut to.....\$12.75
  - \$18.50 Men's Suits, cut to.....\$9.75
  - \$15.00 Men's Suits, cut to.....\$6.75
  - \$10.00 Men's Suits, cut to.....\$4.75
  - \$7.50 Men's Suits, cut to.....\$3.75
- Men's Overcoats**
- \$20 Men's Overcoats, cut to.....\$9.75
  - \$15 Men's Overcoats, cut to.....\$8.75
  - \$10 Men's Overcoats, cut to.....\$5.75
  - \$7 Men's Overcoats, cut to.....\$3.75
  - \$5 Men's Overcoats, cut to.....\$2.75
  - \$15 Men's Cravenettes, cut to.....\$8.75
- Men's Pants**
- \$1.50 Men's Pants.....79c
  - \$2.00 Men's Pants.....\$1.19
  - \$3.00 Men's Pants.....\$1.85
  - \$4.00 Men's Pants.....\$2.45
  - \$5.00 Men's Pants.....\$2.95
- Men's Furnishings at Cut Prices**
- \$1.50 Men's Fountain Brand Shirts.....89c
  - 75c Men's Dress Shirts.....39c
  - \$1.00 Men's Dress Shirts.....69c
  - Men's Fleece Lined Underwear for.....39c
  - \$1.00 Men's fancy new holiday Neckwear for.....49c
  - 50c Men's fancy new holiday Neckwear for.....25c
  - 50c Men's Fancy Hose.....23c
  - 15c Men's Hose.....6c
  - \$3.00 Men's Hats in all shades and shapes.....\$1.95
  - \$3.00 Men's Fancy Vests.....\$1.95
  - \$4.00 Men's Fancy Vests.....\$2.95
  - \$5 and \$6 Men's Fancy Vests for.....\$3.95
  - \$2.00 and \$1.50 Silk Mufflers 95c
  - \$1.00 Fancy Suspenders come in handsome boxes.....49c
  - \$3.50 and \$4 Men's Sweater Coats.....\$2.49
  - \$2.50 Men's Sweater Coats.....95c
  - Little Gents Sweater Coats at 49c and.....95c
- Leather Suit Cases**
- \$6.00 Genuine Cow Hide Suit Cases.....\$3.95
  - \$12.00 Genuine Cow Hide Suit Cases, leather lined.....\$6.95

- Ladies' Suits**
- Ladies' Suits \$9.95**
- With excellence stamped indelibly in every feature of their make-up these Suits, which are marvels of extraordinary value at anything less than \$20.00, are offered tomorrow in all the newest effects at less than one-half their actual worth. The materials embrace every popular fabric, and there is, indeed, no possibility of your ever again being able to choose from such a lot of suits as this for so low a price as our special sale figure of.....\$9.95
- Ladies' Suits \$14.95**
- This lot of Suits includes only such qualities as would ordinarily be priced at \$22.50 and \$25. The fact that so many new effects have been introduced into suit styles since the opening of the season, gives to this line of late models an up-to-dateness that will be appreciated by critical women. If you choose a suit from this collection, there is no limit to the scope of your selection, since every new material as well as every new tailoring idea will be found in the lot. Your choice at.....\$14.95
- Ladies' Suits \$17.50**
- Here is an assemblage of the highest class of Tailored Suits—so fine, in fact, as to include suits that sell regularly for \$27.50, \$30.00 and \$35.00. Such marvelous bargain-giving is an unheard-of thing for this season of the year, and the announcement of them would be incredible were it not for the fact that you are not only asked to confirm it, but are urged to do so. A personal inspection will be more convincing than any array of words. Your choice to-morrow at.....\$17.50

- Sale of Fine Coats**
- These new lines of Coats, elegantly made, handsomely finished, perfectly tailored and of the very finest materials, represent, at their sale prices, the most stupendous bargains that you have ever seen. Consider also that the character of these Coats merits emphatic consideration even at their regular prices. You can see then what momentous values they are at our sale prices.
- \$4.95 For Coat worth up to \$10.00
  - \$12.95 For Coats worth up to \$25.00
  - \$9.95 For Coats worth up to \$17.50
  - \$14.95 For Coats worth up to \$30.00
- Fur Coat Sale**
- We offer tomorrow very handsome Fur Coats worth \$25 to \$40 for near half price. These handsome coats are lined in a heavy satin, have two charming pockets and bear all of the marks of quality that distinguish the finest Fur Coats. Tomorrow's Special Sale Price is reduced to.....\$20
- Special Millinery Sale**
- The newest and most charming productions in a superb variety are offered tomorrow at **One Half the Regular Price**
- Holiday Gifts**
- This store abounds in many of the things dearest to a woman's heart, and therefore most acceptable as Christmas gifts.
- Neckwear Novelties**—Among the smaller articles we show all of the newest effects in Novelty Neckwear, including everything in this line that is pretty and desirable.
- All the latest novelties in Belts.
- We are showing a line of Hand Bags and Purse at remarkably low prices.
- Handkerchiefs**—Our new Handkerchief Department offers you, among other extremely attractive bargains, a beautiful line of handkerchiefs with a cross-bar with embroidered flower in the corner. Worth 25c.....10c



**Furs as Gifts**

Those who contemplate making a pretentious gift will find in our fine line of Furs most unusual values.

**Zanditor's Department Store 612-614 Kansas Avenue Topeka, Kansas**