

NORTH SIDE NEWS

Plan for Systematic Improvement of Property.

Divide First Ward into Blocks for Purpose.

CIVIC CLUB MEMBERS

Should Encourage Residents in Keeping Neat Premises.

C. M. Morrow, Club Member, Explains Excellent Idea.

C. M. Morrow, a member of the old Civic club which is to meet for reorganization February 4, has an excellent plan for a systematic improvement of North side property.

"I am very much interested in the reorganization of the Civic club," said Mr. Morrow today. "I belonged to the old one and will be glad when the club is running again."

"Naturally the Civic club among other things stands for civic improvement, as the cleaning of lawns and other improvements of property. Much of this work will be done with the approach of spring. And perhaps this is the real work of the body instead of trying to change the name of the Kansas river to something Kansas towns as some people thought it was."

"It seems to me that it might be a good plan to divide the first ward into different blocks. Then whatever members of the club who live within these blocks should be asked to encourage the other residents of each block to keep their yards and lawns neat and clean by example and precept. I have noticed that if one person in a block begins to trim the grass, repair the house, or make other improvements, the neighbors follow suit. I believe that if a systematic effort were made along this line, extending to the park, the city would within reason a wonderful betterment would be effected."

Work was begun yesterday on the excavations for straightening the Robinson bend on Soldier creek near the Sam Harper farm. The contract was let to Hamill & Spencer at sixteen cents per cubic foot. The cost will amount to \$1,600, as about 1,000 cubic feet are to be removed. The cut will be about 400 feet in length.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams of 709 West Gordon street announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Nellie May Williams, to Mr. James Lawson of Kansas City, Kan. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride on the evening of February 22. Miss Williams is employed by the Bell Telephone company. She is one of the most popular girls on the North side. Mr. Lawson was formerly employed by the Continental Creamery here. He has a good position in Kansas City and is considered a promising young man.

A party was given last night by Mrs. Henry Williams and daughter, Miss Myrtle Williams, at their home in honor of their daughter and sister, Miss Nellie Williams, whose engagement to Mr. James Lawson of Kansas City, Kan., was announced today. A very enjoyable time is reported. Those present were Miss Pansy Antrim, Miss Trix Antrim, Miss Eva Clamfort, Miss Della O'Hair, Miss Ethel Shinn, Miss Bertha Ferrow, Miss Hazel Cloran, Miss Nona Cowan, Miss Clara Mitchell, Miss Myrtle Williams, Miss Nellie Williams and Miss Lola Williams.

Mrs. Elizabeth Oldham died at 1 o'clock this morning at the Boys' Industrial school from uraemic convulsions after a short illness. She was the wife of T. R. W. Oldham, who has been steward of the school for six years. He came here six years ago from Newton. The funeral will be held there Sunday. Mrs. Oldham had been complaining for some time, but nothing serious was feared until a couple of days ago. Since then her trouble grew worse until she died. She leaves three daughters and one son. Her daughters are Miss Ethel Oldham of Chicago, Miss Ruth Oldham of Chicago, and Miss Nellie Oldham of Chicago.

There is one thing you can depend on when you start for one of the Owl Stores to buy your groceries and supplies, you will get your order filled, and the price will be right! Not a single item too high.

Special for Saturday.

- Fine, white, Jumbo Celery, stalk for... 7c
Fancy, large sweet navel Oranges, (best quality) 2-24c
(Then we have a fairly good quality at 14c, 16c and 18c doz.)
Pure Grains Lard, lb. 15c
Everyday in the Week Prices.
Mother's White or Yellow Corn Meal, (extra fancy) 10c pk. 7c
Fancy 20c Salmon, can... 16c
25c large can, Pineapple, (STANDARD) 20c
12c sack Corn Meal... 10c
Fancy size, large pkg. Oatmeal, 15c for... 10c
No. 1 Bran, 10c
No. 2 Bran, 8c
No. 3 Bran, 7c
A first-class buggy whip at 10c.
10c half Frosted Inverted Globe, each... 3c
One of the best cats in the country, 10c size... 7c
Bulk or Link Sausage, lb. 11c
Lard Compound, lb. 11c
Fancy Colorado Potatoes, pk. for... 23c
Sweet Potatoes, pk. 20c
Fancy Perfect Cans, apples 45c

Don't Forget the

Owl Grocers

206 E. 4th, 1123 K. 4th, 3 Big Busy Stores, 1505 W. 10th.

Zeus, H. Mrs. F. M. McClintock of New York. Her son is David Oldham, who is with the United States army in the Philippine Islands.

News Notes and Personal. Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts of Lawrence, Mo., who has been visiting at the home of A. D. Green at 1301 Jackson street, has returned home, but expects to arrange to move to Topeka.

Revival Meetings. A series of revival meetings which are being held at the North Side Baptist church will be continued. The last meeting will be held Sunday evening. A special evangelistic effort will be made.

The D. D. girls were entertained last evening by Miss Nellie Oldham at her home, 323 West Gordon street. The evening was spent by playing games and music selections. At a late hour a three-course luncheon was served.

Building for the block signal maintenance is being erected by the Union Pacific just west of the Pacific express office. The batteries of the system which have hitherto been charged at Kansas City have been shipped to where needed, will be charged here when the building is completed.

Word has been received from Della Skinner, who is teaching school at Kayce, Wyo., that she likes the country. She says that there is much snow, but enjoys the climate. Kayce is several miles from a railroad in northwest Wyoming.

H. A. Rice and family of 1415 Jackson street, who own a farm in Osage county in the near future. Mrs. E. C. Baugher of Kansas City returned home yesterday after a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Snedker, of 1623 Quincy street.

Community Comment. There is this for marrying a grass widow: She ought not to expect much from a man.

A Topeka girl was so anxious that her diamond engagement ring be noticed that she purposely cut the ring finger and tied it up with a white rag.

A 3-year-old girl who saw baked apples on the table for the first time called them "rotten apples."

As a matter of fact history is history. A man really appreciates an invitation to a wedding if he is not compelled to attend.

It seems sometimes that all of the really pleasing people were engaged. A Topeka boy who hadn't the nerve to ask a girl to accompany him to a local theater, but knew a secret that the girl wished to know, said to her: "Fair one, if you will take me to the theater tonight I'll tell you all about it." She agreed. Such is feminine curiosity.

From the Topeka State Journal, January 27, 1910. (Perhaps.) A voice preserved on graphophone records at 3124 Jackson street for twenty years, told John L. Smith, secretary of the Topeka Airship Co., this morning how the departed speaker imagined he had invented a telescope powerful enough to bring Mars within a short distance of the earth.

In the reproduced story also was related how the inventor thought he had seen a beautiful girl on the planet, had established telepathic communication with her and had fallen in love with her. This infatuation, the records related, had decided the man to commit suicide. He told how he believed that after death his spirit would pass to Mars where it would be united with that of the fair Martian for all eternity.

Developments showed that the record maker was an E. H. Ransom, a Yale professor of astronomy, who had gone insane. He died in the state asylum here some ten years ago. After his death his relatives moved to Topeka. They bought the house where the graphophone and records were found, and then moved away, leaving these and other possessions of the professor there.

The discovery was as weird as the story reproduced by the machines. Mr. Smith, who lives at 3122 Jackson street, dreamed last night that an old man in a high top hat and a wonderful secret in the garret of an empty house near his home. Mr. Smith is by no means a man who would be easily influenced by such a suggestion, but for some reason, which he can not explain, he was impelled to act upon the dream-prompting.

The only vacant house near was at 311 E. Jackson. Here Mr. Smith secretly went as soon as he was awake and dressed. Entering the building through a broken window he repaired to the garret. There in a corner he found a large dry box. The lid was partly off, revealing an old-fashioned talking machine, and a quantity of old style Edison records. A brush for cleaning the records, and a bottle of machine oil were also in the box. Near the bottle was a note in pencil which read: "Put records on machine in order of numbers on end of boxes, after oiling talking machine. A wonderful story of an invention will be heard."

Mr. Smith complied with instructions. For two hours he sat and listened to the probable wanderings of a brilliant but disordered mind. Then he went back to his home pleased a morning walk across for his early rising and at first said nothing of his strange experience. When asked why he did not go to work he said he was sick. Then he threw himself down on the lounge and soon fell asleep. Talking in his slumber he told of his morning's find. A servant girl overheard him and gossiped to others of her employer's talk. Thus the news leaked out.

When seen this noon Mr. Smith with much reluctance admitted the facts mentioned. Later, accompanied by a State Journal reporter he went to the garret of the vacant house. The graphophone was set in operation and the strange accounts were again reproduced. The State Journal has acquired the exclusive right to use the story contained in the records and installments of the same will be published in the paper word for word as reproduced by the records until the story is completed. While it is widely

Toilet Preparations including Lavender Face Cream, Munyon's Face Cream, Munyon's Soap, Riker's Violet Talcum and Powder Puffs, regular 15c and 20c values—choice, each... 10c

Small Lots and Broken Assortments Discovered at Stock-Taking Time—All Thrown Out—Marked at Cut Prices for Quick Clearance Beginning Saturday Morning.

Linen Torchon Laces—In good patterns for all kinds of trimmings—such as underwear, wash dresses, etc., worth 12c, 15c and 20c a yard— 5c yd. for

Point de Paris Laces—Wide and medium, elegant patterns, suitable for trimming all kinds of summer wash dresses, fine undermuslins, etc., worth 12c, 15c and 20c, in this sale... 7c yd.

Lace All-Over Remnants—to close out at greatly reduced prices. Lace Edges, Bands—nice qualities...

One Lot Dress Trimmings 5c yd.—About 50 pieces in the lot, of braids, bands, both fancy and plain—not all the colors, but may be just the color you need. The regular prices of these have been 10c, 12c and 15c— Sale price... Five Cents

Regular 25c Dutch Collars—2 for 25c—You can buy these laundered, embroidered collars for half what you are accustomed to paying. They come in a good assortment of sizes and patterns.

Initial Linen Handkerchiefs Cheap! Ladies' Handkerchiefs of pure linen—in these letters only: D, F, K, and T—regular price of these was 85c per box of 6—on account of broken assortments you can buy box of 6 for 65c.

Men's Handkerchiefs of pure linen—in these letters only: A, D, F, H, P, and W—usual price of these was \$1.25 for box of 6—if you just care for the 'kerchief regardless of the initial, you can buy box of 6 for 75c.

Shoes for Boys and Girls at prices which compel attention

The very cream of our children's shoes included in this sale, comprising the best shoemaking to be found anywhere. When we say best shoemaking we mean correct style, perfect fit, satisfactory wear.



We have divided them into six groups according to prices: Misses' and boys' \$2.50 and \$3.00 Shoes, sizes 1 1/2 to 2 pr. \$2.50 Misses' \$2.50 Shoes, sizes 1 1/2 to 2 pr. \$1.95 Children's \$2.50 and \$2.75 Shoes, sizes 1 1/2 to 11, pair... \$1.75 In three groups on center counter, values 50c to \$3.00—pair 25c, 50c and \$1.00

Table Padding 90c Table Pads for... 75c \$1.00 Table Pads for... 85c \$1.25 Table Pads for... \$1.00 \$1.50 Table Pads for... \$1.25

Pattern Cloths—"Samples" \$2.50 Sample Cloths, for... \$1.85 3.00 Sample Cloths, for... 2.25 3.50 Sample Cloths, for... 2.75 4.50 Sample Cloths, for... 3.50 5.00 Sample Cloths, for... 4.00

Lunch Cloths 36x36 inches—hemstitched union cloth—special, ea... 50c

Scarfs and Squares 75c Lace-edged Scarfs, for, ea... 59c 75c Lace-edged Squares, for, ea... 59c

Soiled Fancy Linens At 1/2 to 1/3 off—These prices for Saturday and Monday only.

The Warren Crosby Co. ESTABLISHED 1881 THE STORE OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE INCORPORATED 1907

A Sample Line of Stamped Pieces at 1/3 Off Regular Prices

A traveling salesman for a large art house closed out his last season's samples to us. We give you the benefit and advise an early visit, as there are only a few pieces of a kind— Colored Center Pieces—ea. 19c to 50c Stamped Handkerchiefs—each... 15c Pin Cushion Covers—each... 10c & 15c Handkerchief Holders—each... 25c Stamped India Linon Scarfs—each... 25c White Linon Doilies and Centers— Stamped for embroidery—ea. 5c to 67c Pillow Tops—Stamped... 10c to 45c Corset Covers—Stamped... 25c & 39c

Short lengths of Silkolines, Cretonnes, Etamines, Nets, Madras and Satines. You may find just the length you need and save one-half the former price.

Flannelette—Half Price Only a few pieces, good styles and colors 12c Flannelette, clearance price per yard... 6c 18c Flannelette, clearance price per yard... 9c

Colored Wash Silks (Wash Goods Dept.—North Room) 50c "Shantung", "Banzai" and other sheer materials, plains and fancies, desirable for waists, dresses and kimonas; clearance price, per yard... 35c

One Lot of Fancy Dress Gingham Were 12 1/2 and 15c; clearance price a yard... 10c

Percale Remnants 1/2 Off Remnants of extra quality, 36 inch Percales—light waisting and shirting styles—lengths from 1 1/2 to 4 yards. You save one-third on these.

Cut Price Notions Common Black Pins, 5c box for... 2c Bonnet Pins, black and white heads—dozen on card worth 5c for... 1c Shell Hair Pins 10c doz. quality for... 5c "Can't-Slip" wire hair pins 5c box for... 1c Hooks and Eyes, card... 1c Metal Hair Curlers, 5 on card, worth 25c for... 15c Hair Rats, worth up to 35c for... 15c Corset Laces, black or white, regular price, 2 bunches for 5c, sale price, a bunch... 1c Non-Elastic Webbing, 10c quality for yd. 5c Ever-Ready Dress Stays, in colors only, worth 5c doz. for... 2c Taffeta Finishing Braid, all colors—no white—The quality, for bolt... 5c Army Linen Thread 1 oz. spool, 400 yds. No. 70 white only—for... 5c Linen Thread in black—100 yd. spool, worth 5c, for spool... 1c Darners—machine attachable—25c ones for each... 10c Reel Tape Measures, worth 5c, for... 1c Crochet Sets, one bone and two steel needles, worth 5c, for... 1c Wax Candles, worth 3c stick, for... 1c Rubber Ladies' Supporters, 5c numbers for 25c, 25c numbers for... 15c Pin-on-Supporters for ladies' and children, slightly shopworn—worth up to 25c pr. for... 5c Geyserite Soap, for removing stains—5c cake for... 2c

American Soap—regular price 2 cakes for 5c—sale price, per cake... 1c Not more than five cakes to a customer.

Buttons—broken assortments—mostly fancy metal—worth 25c to 50c dozen, to close out, at 5c and 10c dozen.

Special Sale of Colored Wool Dress Goods In order to clean up the "odds and ends" of our Winter stock and to make room for our Spring goods, we will make the following low prices for a few days. These materials include a great variety of colors and weaves—suitable for ladies' skirts, waists dresses and suits, also children's dresses:

- 20 pieces plain and fancy Dress Goods, values up to 50c, for yard... 25c 15 pieces plain and fancy Dress Goods, values up to 50c, for yard... 35c 20 pieces plain and fancy Dress Goods, values up to 75c, for yard... 50c 35 pieces plain and fancy Dress Goods, values up to 1.00, for yard... 69c 10 pieces plain and fancy Dress Goods, values up to 1.25, for yard... 75c 15 pieces plain and fancy Dress Goods, values up to 1.25, for yard... 85c 25 pieces plain and fancy Dress Goods, values up to 1.50, for yard... 95c 5 pieces plain and fancy Dress Goods, values up to 1.50, for yard... \$1.25

Wool Remnants at Reduced Prices Man-Tailored Skirts \$1.95 for the making.

Silk Department

Lot 1—This lot of Silk is put together for quick clearance at a very low price. There are 35 pieces of Moiré, Pompadour, China Silks, Foulards, plain Taffetas and Corded Silks—values up to 69c—in this... 39c

Lot 2—We have 26 pieces of broken lines of silk—such as Messalines, Pongees, Tulle, fetas and Foulards—which we want to close out this month. The regular values are 85c and 75c—beginning Saturday 59c they will be per yard.

Lot 3—This lot is one of the best assortments for a lady to pick up for spring—the silks are mostly 27-inches wide—such as Messalines and Fancy Taffetas—nearly all shades—and sold regularly at \$1.00 per yard—for quick clearance we have marked them, per yard... 75c

Just See What You Can Buy in Broken Sizes of Knit Underwear Tomorrow! At 15c Each Children's 25c Vests or Pants, medium weight. At 19c Each Children's 35c Vests or Pants, in heavier weight.

At 25c Each Ladies' 50c small Vests, Pants or Undies, brand, "Merode". At 19c Each Boys' heavy fleeced Union Suits.

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Railroad fare refunded in part or in whole to out-of-town customers who trade here. Mail orders sent express paid on all items except heavy domestics.

Read This Hosiery List

Marked 1/2, 1/3 and 1/4 less than regular because lots are small.

Lot 1—Women's fine embroidered laces, black, \$1.00 and 75c qualities, 59c now.

Lot 2—About twenty dozen women's "Onyx" quality, samples—stripes, checks, lace effects and plain colors embroidered—all half dollar qualities, for pr. 29c.

Lot 3—Women's black cotton, fleecy lined, with natural wool foot, sizes 8 1/2 to 9 1/2—reduced from 25c to pair... 25c

Lot 4—Women's out size, black cotton, full fashioned foot—double heel, toe and sole, all sizes to begin with—35c regular for 2 1/2 pair for... 25c

Lot 5—Women's fine black cotton, medium weight, double heel, toe and sole, one of our regular "quarter" numbers 20c for pair.

Lot 6—Women's half seamless, fleecy lined, fast black, reduced from 15c to pair... 10c

Lot 7—Children's black wool, 2x1 rib—seamless, sizes from 7 to 10—quality for 19c, or 2 pair for... 35c

Lot 8—Misses' full fashioned, fine rib, black cotton, double heel, toe and double white sole—"Quarter" quality... 35c

Lot 9—Misses' fine rib seamless, sizes 8, 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2 seconds of "Quarter" quality for 15c or 2 pair for... 25c

Lot 10—Children's 2x1 rib—fast black seamless, sizes 7, 7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2—15c quality for pair... 10c

Lot 11—Men's fine black lisle, double heel, toe and sole, all sizes—An "Onyx" half dollar quality for pair... 39c

Lot 12—Men's "Onyx" lisle, black, double heel, toe and sole—a 35c number 25c for pair.

Lot 13—Men's half dollar, fancy lisle, sizes 9 1/2, 10, 10 1/2, for... 25c

Lot 14—Men's black wool, double heel and toe, seamless, a splendid 19c value for 15c or 2 pair for... 25c

Lot 15—Men's, natural color, (camel hair) wool mixed, size 10 and 10 1/2. 10c 15c quality for pair.

Lot 16—Men's fast black, cotton—seamless, only two sizes left—10 1/2 and 11—just half regular price, pr... 5c

Gloves 8-Button length "Trefousse"—French knit quality—in white, black, grey and tan—regular price \$2.50—Special \$1.98

Kayser, black Silk Gloves—fleeced lined—their writer's style—regular \$1.00 gloves—all sizes—in this sale, per pair... 48c

Cloth Gauntlet Gloves—Kayser make—in black and tan—regular 75c values, this sale per pair... 48c

Ribbons Velvet Ribbon, in No. 1 and 1 1/2—Odds and ends—in brown, red, pink, grey and cream—worth up to 10c yd., to close out in this sale, yd... 15c

Satin Ribbon, doubleface, 3 1/2 to 5 inches wide—in cream only—worth up to 35c yard—to close out in this sale, yd... 15c

For this sale you can choose from our entire stock of Ribbon Remnants at 1/2 Price.

Muslin Underwear Broken assortment of Ladies' Gowns, Petticoats, Drawers, Corset Covers and Combination Suits at these reductions:

50c garments... 35c \$1.50 garment \$1.00 75c garments... 59c \$1.75 garment \$1.00 \$1.00 garments 75c \$1.98 garment \$1.50 \$1.25 garments 75c \$2.25 garment \$1.50

LADIES' FLANNELETTE GOWNS REDUCED. \$1.25 and \$1.50 Gowns... 98c \$1.98, \$2.25 and \$2.50 Gowns... \$1.50

CORSETS WORTH UP TO \$5 FOR \$1.00 Consisting of broken lots of "Lynx," "American Lady" and "Warner" Corsets—worth \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$5.00—for \$1.00.

\$1.50 Petticoats for 98c \$2.50 Petticoats for \$1.48

One style of Arbutus cloth—4 bias flounce with 4 bias ruffles. Another style of Arbutus cloth—with deep flounce, with 2 rows of cluster tucks and 3 small ruffles. Another style made of genuine Featherloom, nice fitting and well made.

Every piece of FUR in our stock at a reduced price tomorrow. What a chance to buy Fur Coats, Scarfs, Muffs, etc.!

Broken Assortments of Embroideries AT HALF PRICE Corset Cover Remnants at 1/2 Price—One hundred left from our sale—some slightly soiled—will be closed out during this sale for 1/2 original price.

Short Lengths of All-Overs 1/2 Price go at... You'll find Swiss, Cambrics, and Nainsook—but all are odd lengths left from our recent sale. It's a good time to pick out this useful trimming—especially at Half Price.

White Goods 50c Wash Chiffon, 46 in. wide... 33c 50c French Lawn, 46 in. wide... 33c 39c Wash Chiffon, 46 in. wide... 23c

Baby Irish Embroid'ry for Short lengths in Medium Edges and Insertions and a few quite wide Edges.

AN AMUSING PARALLEL. An Observation From a Citizen on Mr. Copeland's Explanation.

A Topeka lawyer sends in the following from an interview in the morning paper:

"The criticism generally heaped on the committee of fifty to the effect that it is a big political machine is not warranted," said E. L. Copeland. "The committee is primarily an organization to do something. It can have fifty or one hundred members and the club women and other factions can still be represented in that body. The reason no more names were added the night it was appointed was on account of the general breaking up of the meeting."

This suggests the way Peck's Sun once wrote up a stabbing affray. It said:

"In a fight at the Empire saloon last night Jim Johnson stabbed Bill Gil of Nicoma. The other was the Grassie Widow. Surely you know the Nice and Grasse were two entirely different places.—Punch.

It is improbable it is coherently told and is vivid and interesting in the extreme.

Probation System. An effective illustration of the value of the probation system for the treatment of juvenile offenders was presented in Milwaukee the other day when more than