

# Brooms Brooms

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GOOD BROOMS.

ON SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 12,  
ONLY,

1 Broom for 10c.

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AUGUSTINE & FUNK.

### ACME CREAMERY BURNED.

Mysterious Fire Destroys \$3,500 Worth of Property.

The Acme creamery, seven miles southwest, burned to the ground during the night. The fire was discovered by Jas. Sexton who lives near by but it was too late to save anything. The building cost \$3,000 and \$500 worth of supplies was contained in it. The origin of the fire is a mystery. It seems to have started in the ice room which had been cleaned out Monday preparatory to refilling it which was to begin tomorrow. About a ton of butter was taken out yesterday so that fortunately only 50 pounds of butter and one day's cream were left. The insurance was \$2,300 in the Springfield. The building was owned by the Acme Creamery association, a co-operative company of farmers and patrons, with C. S. Kraybill as manager. It will be rebuilt.

### SHE WAS BAKING BREAD.

Mrs. Burton Tells How She Received the News.

The K. C. Star quotes Mrs. Burton as saying: "The first thing you are apt to want to know is how I took the news. It wasn't romantic a bit, nor spectacular. I was baking bread. A telephone message came. I shrieked, got downstairs somehow—whether by the steps or the banisters I do not now remember—and then I lost consciousness; and I don't believe I've 'come to' yet."

### STORY OF A WELL.

Halleck & Ellison Exploit Their Mineral Water.

Abilene's mineral water is the attraction at Gleissner's where a real pump is at work lifting the famous water while a generous display of salts and water samples show what it is. The idea is a good one and is very attractive as advertising. Halleck & Ellison have issued a pretty booklet telling "The Story of a Well," being a description of the discovery of the famous mineral well which they now own and from which they are taking Abilene mineral water.

A letter received today from the Coates house, Kansas City, informs them that they can have space there for a display of their water and salts during the meeting of the implement dealers next week and they intend to exploit their discovery to the utmost. Later they will show Omaha and other large cities what they have. There's a fortune ahead for Abilene for everyone who tries it is convinced. A case of the water was ordered today for a leading railroad man of Cleveland, Ohio.

Tomorrow the well and exhibit will be seen in the Palace Drug store windows.

### Church Dedication.

The new German Baptist (Dunkard) church at Holland will be dedicated Jan. 20 at 11 a. m. All are invited.

### Three Constables Resign.

The board of county commissioners is still in session. Only routine business has been transacted.

Wm. Murray of Ridge, J. A. Adams of Logan and Z. T. Schmitz of Fragrant Hill resigned as constables.

### She Is in Luck.

Mrs. W. H. Gatch, who was divorced from W. H. Gatch of Woodbine last fall, has been having good luck since. A former husband from whom she was divorced before marrying Gatch died recently, leaving her \$8,000 in cash and a fine house and lot in South Dakota, her former home.

### DYER IS APPOINTED.

Commissioners Name Him to Fill the Vacancy.

County Superintendent-elect R. V. Dyer was appointed by the county commissioners to fill the vacancy between Jan. 14 and May 1st as county superintendent. Under a new law the beginning of the superintendent's term has been changed to May 1st and there is no one to hold the office between the expiration of the old term and the beginning of the new, except by appointment. Mr. Dyer will thus get two years and four months in his first term.

Supt. Humbarger has been offered several fine positions and has accepted that of state agent for the Central School Supply House of Chicago, at a fine salary. He will continue to reside here. His wide acquaintance with Kansas school men and school work will make him a success in his new place.

### FIRST-CLASS SNOW STORM.

Winter Seems to Mean Business at Last.

Rain and sleet which fell last night turned to heavy snow this morning and the beautiful has been falling steadily all day. The depth at 3 o'clock is covered to a depth of about three inches. The temperature is but little below freezing however and warmer weather is predicted for tomorrow.

### TEDDY WON'T DO IT.

Can't Stop at Abilene Though He Would Like To.

An invitation to Vice President Roosevelt to stop in Abilene and make an address on his way to Colorado has brought the reply that he cannot do it. He says he has received over 50 such requests and cannot fill them all so will fill none. Besides it is his first vacation he has had in six years and he wants to enjoy it.

### WILL BUILD TO KANSAS CITY.

Telephone Connection With the Metropolis This Year.

The independent telephone companies organized at Salina last evening under the name of the Kansas Independent Telephone association. S. C. Crummer, of Beloit, was elected president, and W. W. Dilworth, of Beloit, was made secretary. Five thousand nine hundred 'phones and over 1,500 miles of toll line were represented at the meeting. Independent telephone magnates from all over central and northern Kansas were present at the meeting. Every part of Kansas except the extreme northeast portion and the southeast was represented. These parts are not connected with central Kansas by independent toll lines.

The object of the meeting was to secure mutual protection and uniform toll line rates. A uniform rate of 25 cents was made for distances not over 40 miles on any line and 10 cents for each additional 40 miles or fraction thereof.

The companies are uniting in building a toll line to Kansas City and say they will do it this year if they have to do the work after dark. Should a franchise for the exchange be denied them, a messenger service will be established which will put Kansas City manufacturers and wholesale merchants in communication with this part of Kansas.

This means a great deal for central northern and western Kansas. Independent toll lines cover this portion of the state, but toll line communication with Kansas City has been persistently denied them by the Bell company. The new exchange and extension of independent telephone lines will direct much of the trade with Chicago and St. Louis from this part of the state to Kansas City.

### Joe Norman Has Gone.

The creditors of Jos. G. Norman are worried over his departure. He has been missing since Saturday and as he owes considerable sums on stock deals there is likely to be trouble. It is reported that he has about \$3,500 in paper out but probably \$2,500 of this is protected by stock, etc.

### Announcement.

Friday night, Jan. 18, a box social will be held at Carry Creek school house for the benefit of the school library. A short program will be given by the school and the Lyons band will furnish music. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors who assisted us during the illness and death of our sister, Mary A. Lauer. Mrs. J. Z. ENIG, Mrs. ADAM GROSS.

## NOW TO CLOSE OUT

# OVERCOATS

With a Quick and Sharp Cut in Prices.

## G. C. STERL & CO.

announce to the public a slaughter sale of Overcoats in Men's, Boys' and Children's. Never will you have such an opportunity to buy an Overcoat cheap as you are having during January and February. We do not propose to carry over an Overcoat. They must go and go quick. Everybody can afford to buy an Overcoat at the prices we are making. Don't pay doctor bills when you can buy an Overcoat for a Man at 3.75 to 5.00 and up. Boys' Overcoats at 2.75, 3.50 and 5.00, and a Child's Overcoat at 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.50 and 5.00. You can't afford to go one minute without an Overcoat bought at Sterl's great slaughter sale of winter Suits and Overcoats. We want to clean up on odds and ends, and it will pay you to come from miles away to buy what you want at our Great

January and February Sale.

Come Now and Get First Choice.

## G. C. STERL & CO.,

RELIABLE CLOTHIERS.

### RECENT REFLECTIONS.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Meek, of Sunnyside, a daughter.

—Mrs. E. Hoyt of Buckeye is ill at her sister's home in Topeka.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Thistler, Jan. 7, a daughter.

—Mrs. Latham, who has been very sick with grip, is able to be around again.

—The Fortnightly club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Giles Friday evening.

—Wanted, at once, a boy about 15 years old, to learn printing trade at this office.

—J. B. Favor has purchased Dan Hart's residence on southside and will move there.

—Mabel Waylan, of Hope, aged 15, was married to A. Treadwell, of Minneapolis, last week.

—R. G. Irely is loading his household goods and will move with his family to Kansas City.

—Miss Gertrude Brenizer is seriously ill with typhoid-pneumonia at her home on North Buckeye.

—District court adjourned at Junction City because the stenographer and several attorneys are sick.

—Sam Barber has moved his blacksmith shop to east room of the building on Fourth street east of Upshaw's.

—The many friends of Mrs. Frank Strother will be sorry to learn that she is seriously ill at her home in Chicago.

—Emporia Gazette: Ed Howe should at least take this comfort out of Mrs. Burton: She has never had her picture taken.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Jennings have gone to Kansas City to be with their daughter Grace who is receiving hospital treatment.

—Mrs. J. B. Jones of south of town won first prize on barred Plymouth Rock chickens at the Salina poultry show; also prizes on other fowls.

—Nat Fields, the negro arrested for stealing another negro's pay check, pleaded guilty in justice's court, paid his fine and costs and was discharged.

—The county officers elect will take their offices Monday, Jan. 14, an unusually late date. The time is fixed by law as the second Monday in January.

—The Union Pacific has a new folder out, in which Abilene gets a fine description with a bird's-eye view taken from John's mill, looking northeast.

Cash paid for poultry and eggs at Howard's meat market. 18-1f

—On Monday the cavalry and light artillery schools at Fort Riley received a powerful search light that was used in Cuba. This will be used in school work.

—Swipe from Salina Union: Not satisfied with a United States senator, Abilene has a scheme on foot for an ice plant. Maybe it is needed to cool off the overheated blood of the village.

—Lyman Martin, spoken of in the dispatches as having been charged with election frauds formerly lived here. He married a daughter of Col. Swigart but was cruel to her and she left him, returning to her parents.

### ABOUT PEOPLE.

F. G. Pulver returned from Topeka. Jas. A. Gillett was here from Woodbine.

W. G. Wyandt left for Wilmot, Ohio.

Miss Elsie Southworth returned to studies at Bethany.

C. H. Koepke, of Shady Brook, was a visitor to the city.

Misses Rea Wilson and Anna Warfield returned to K. S. U.

W. H. Staatz, of Enterprise, left for Washington state to remain at least a year.

Charles Ball and family moved to Enterprise today. Abilene is sorry to lose them.

A. W. Hiner returned from Oklahoma and Mrs. Hiner from Holton where she visited her parents.

W. H. Nelson, of the Smith Center Pioneer and H. H. Welty and Col. Noel, of Downs, were in the city.

Walter Meek, Hiland G. Southworth, Ethel Giles and Bruce Gleissner returned to K. S. U. at Lawrence.

Arthur Andrews and Eugene Stauffer of Hope were the guests of Misses Ruth Frits and Rhoda Forney over Monday.

Dr. C. Hewett, of Wakefield, came down to attend the meeting of the Golden Belt Medical association, returning home at noon today.

Robt. Barnes, an old Abilene boy, now advance agent of the Southern Stock Co., is in town. His company will be here in about three weeks. Mac Barnes is with the "Dairy Farm."

Wm. McInerney left on the morning train for St. Louis to resume his studies in the dental department of Washington University where he graduates next spring. He has been honored by being elected president of the senior class.

Durno-Emmett Thursday evening. School children 25 cents.

### THE KIDNAPING AT OMAHA.

Young Cudahy Failed to Identify J. J. Crowe as One of His Abductors. Pat Crowe Spirited Away.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 3.—Edward A. Cudahy, Jr., failed yesterday to identify J. J. Crowe as one of the men who kidnaped him. Shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon the Cudahy youth appeared at the city jail and confronted Crowe in the Bertillon room. After looking at the suspect five minutes or more young Cudahy remarked: "I never saw that man before. He is not the one who stood guard over me, and if he had anything at all to do with the kidnaping I did not see him." After making this declaration the lad was taken before Chief Donahue for a private conference. Crowe was released from custody at three o'clock. He was taken before Judge Learn for a hearing and as no charge was preferred the court dismissed the case.

Pat Crowe Spirited Away.

Chadron, Neb., Jan. 3.—It was reported yesterday afternoon that the officers who were reported to have captured Pat Crowe, the alleged abductor of young Cudahy at Omaha, while endeavoring to make good his escape across the Pine Ridge country Tuesday, were thrown off their guard by Crowe's friends and sympathizers, many of whom live near the agency. Crowe's friends are said to be splitting him away to the Hole-in-the-Wall country in Wyoming, where he is to join an old-time friend and cattle rustler, and may enter a secluded life out of the reach of officers of the law.

The officers Tuesday ran down a Boston curio hunter named Dennis, but he was released on proving his identity.

### A THREATENED UPRISING.

Lack of Arms Only Prevent Dutch in Cape Colony from Joining the Boers—Kitchener's Dispatch.

Cape Town, Jan. 3.—The British battleship Monarch will land guns to-day as a precautionary measure. The situation is undoubtedly serious. It is true that the Dutch have not joined the invaders in any considerable numbers, but a lack of arms is believed to be the true reason for abstention. In many places horses are freely offered and information readily supplied to the Boers. Many old residents who are by no means alarmists regard a general uprising of the Dutch as quite likely.

Martial law has been proclaimed in the Worcestershire, Ceres, Prince Albert, Fraserburg and Sutherland divisions.

Dispatch from Lord Kitchener.

London, Jan. 3.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener: "Dewet tried to move toward Bethlehem, but he was headed off by Pitcher and retreated toward Lindley or Reitz. One hundred and thirty Boers' horses have been captured near Thaba N'chuz. Williams engaged the Boers south-east of Middelburg, Cape Colony, and the British now occupy Graaf Reinet."

### JUDGE CANTRILL'S OPINION.

He Declares the Standard of Morality is Retrograding and Crime Increasing as Intellectual Development Grows.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 8.—The cases of ex-Gov. W. S. Taylor, ex-Secretary of State Finley, Berry Howard and John L. Powers, charged with being accessories before the fact to the murder of William Goebel, were called in the circuit court yesterday and continued until the spring term, none of them being in custody. The case of W. H. Culton, Green Golden and Wharton Golden was also continued. It is not believed the grand jury empaneled yesterday will return additional indictments in connection with the assassination.

In his charge to the grand jury, Judge Cantrill took occasion to say that he disagreed with the ministers, the educators and the press in their boast of great achievements in the century just closed. He said that while intellectual development had progressed, it had done so at the exclusion of moral education, and as a consequence the standard of morality is constantly retrograding and crime increasing almost in the same degree as intellectual development has progressed.

### A Shooting Scrape Between Doctors.

Alexandria, La., Jan. 8.—Dr. S. D. Beville was shot and killed by Dr. C. J. Gremillion on the streets of this place yesterday. Dr. Beville was attending Louis Sterk and the family asked for a consulting physician, Gremillion being called and being retained after Beville had been dismissed. Dr. Beville claimed that Dr. Gremillion urged the Sterk family to discharge him. Dr. Beville was greatly incensed and when they met yesterday the shooting followed.

### Russia Trying to Secure Special Advantages.

London, Jan. 3.—The Pekin correspondent of the Daily Mail, writing January 1, says: "Russia, by consolidation, is trying to secure special advantages and there is a strong belief that she will receive American support. It is hinted that Russia inspired unfounded charges of barbarity against the German troops, her motive being to sow dissension between Great Britain and Germany."

### Beer and Liquors Seized.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 3.—Frank Raynor, wholesale agent for the Heim Brewing company, of Kansas City, Mo., was arrested Tuesday night on the charge of violating the prohibitory law. His wholesale establishment was raided and the police seized 12 kegs of beer, 12 cases of beer, three barrels of whisky, 28 jugs of whisky and a barrel of brandy.

### Will Not Transmit the Lawabe Report.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The president yesterday sent a message to the senate declining to comply with the resolution requesting the transmittal of the Lawabe report in regard to the irregularities in connection with postal affairs in Cuba, owing to its being a confidential statement to the secretary of war and incompatible with public interests to make it public.