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1 Lamb Lined coat, regular price	15.00, now 12.50
2 Rat Trimmed coats, regular price	27.50, now 20.00
2 Brown Astrican coats, regular price	20.00, now 14.50
4 Black Beaver Astrican Trimmed Coats, regular price	25.00, now 17.50
11 fine dress overcoats, regular price	27.50, now 17.50
14 fine dress overcoats, regular price	25.00, now 15.00
30 fine dress overcoats, regular price	22.50, now 13.50
27 fine dress overcoats, regular price	20.00, now 12.50
16 fine dress overcoats, regular price	16.50, now 10.75
26 fine dress overcoats, regular price	15.00, now 9.00
20 overcoats, odd lot, priced from	12.50 to 20.00, now 6.75
10 men's mackinaws, regular price	12.50, now 7.75
15 men's mackinaws, regular price	10.00, now 6.75
10 men's mackinaws, regular price	8.00, now 4.95
12 boys' mackinaws, regular price	7.50, now 4.75
12 boys' mackinaws, regular price	6.50, now 3.95
8 men's heavy coat sweaters, regular price	10.00, now 6.75
4 boys' heavy coat sweaters, regular price	5.00, now 2.95
15 boys' heavy coat sweaters, 2.50 to 3.00	now 1.95
20 boys' and child's heavy coat sweaters, up to 2.50	choice 5.00
4 bath robes, values up to 10.00	choice 9.50
25 men's heavy caps, 1.50 to 2.00	choice 95c
50 men's heavy caps, 50c to 75c	choice 45c
40 skating caps, 50c to 75c	choice 45c
40 men's heavy wool shirts, 1.50 to 2.00	choice \$1.15
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Rural School Manual Training—A Limited Equipment Necessary at Once.

Attention has been called in the papers of the county to the need and progress of industrial subjects in our rural schools. The law has been quoted which requires that instruction be given in every school in manual training, domestic science, and agriculture. Decatur county occupies a position well to the front among Iowa counties in the effort made to comply with the law and to give our boys and girls the superior advantages of the best that education can offer. Especially is this true with regard to manual training.

The state has made generous provision for the training of teachers through the extension department of Ames college and each Saturday a group of teachers are given instruction at some one convenient point as per the schedule published recently. These teachers are receiving instruction in the theory of manual training and its place among our school studies. They work directly with tools and wood and are instructed as to their use and care. Each Saturday some one or more sample articles are made by each teacher which she takes out to her school and which serves as a model and inspiration for the work of her boys. Other drawings, designs, models and suggestions are also given out to furnish a wide range of possibility for every school of the county. Careful attention and study has been given to the conditions in our schools and the possibilities of them. Because few schools had any manual training equipment at the opening of the year the training of the teachers was of the most elementary kind using pocket knife, a simple clip carving knife and the cooking saw.

These tools are not expensive and can be used with no inconvenience in the ordinary school room. The articles made are useful and of interest to the young. In some schools splendiferous work has been accomplished, the pupils have received good training and a great variety of useful and pretty articles testify to their ingenuity and skill.

But not all schools are doing as well. In some cases the teacher lacks the ambition necessary for the effort to take the training and her school runs on in the old time manner. In other cases the teacher is making full preparation for her work but local school officers are either indifferent or refuse to encourage or encourage the teaching of industrial subjects. Strange that in a wholly industrial community, where practically every boy and girl is expected to gain a livelihood by industrial use of their hands and brains, we should be so slow in recognizing the need and importance of industrial training in our schools! But it will surely come. There was a time when the ox-cart answered the need of the early settler—but not for us today. The old time school performed a good work in its day—but that day is also past.

The school today and tomorrow will not fail to train pupils in arithmetic, grammar, geography and history and the other "fundamentals" but it will teach them less as formal separate subjects and more as they touch the life of the boy and girl every day. We are teaching less arithmetic and are learning to teach boys and girls. It is training for life and life's problems with which they are concerned. It is wholly in their mind that the industrial subjects have been introduced. They are not to take the place of the old time subjects so far as these subjects are

needed, but through the industrial subjects the work of the school is to open up the problems of industrial life to the youth and to prepare him to live his life most happily and efficiently.

Of the specific needs of domestic science and agriculture we shall write later. At this time we must emphasize the need of co-operation of school officers, patrons and teachers that a hearty response to the manual training in earnest this year shall not be lost. The state, the county, the teacher, are all awake to the situation in an effort to give Decatur county boys the advantage of this special training. We anticipate a hearty response on the part of school officials into whose trust has been reposed the administration of funds to the best advantage of our youth.

Mr. School Officer, we urge that you discuss this matter with your teacher. Insist that she take the training the state provides free of charge, allow her five or ten dollars for the purchasing of wood and a limited equipment until she can demonstrate the wisdom of the expense. Or better yet, if you have faith in your teacher and she is taking our training, buy her a bench and a few tools, costing not more than twelve or fifteen dollars and we can almost surely guarantee that the money spent will return surprising dividends in added interest and new opportunities for your boys. The amount necessary for equipment is not large, but it is needed AT ONCE, if best results are to be obtained.

Fifteen years' experience in manual training work has placed us in contact with the best that supply houses offer. We shall be glad to advise school officers and teachers in a wholly impartial manner, as a servant of the state, in the selection of benches, tools and other supplies. G. E. S. WOODSTOCK, Instructor of Manual Training.

Mrs. Aaron Cozad.

Elizabeth Gammill, daughter of James and Anne Gammill, was born April 26, 1846, at New Lisbon, Ohio, and moved with her parents to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1850, and to Decatur county in 1853, growing to womanhood at Spring Valley.

She was married to Aaron Cozad, March, 1871. To this union was born one daughter, Hattie A. Cozad of Des Moines. The deceased also has four brothers and one sister who survive her, J. M. of Stockville, Neb., Samuel F. of Dickens, Neb., M. E. of Harrisburg, Colorado, M. A. and Miss Alice of Leon, Iowa.

Her life she united with the Christian church. For the last twenty years she has been in poor health and died at Clarinda, Iowa, on January 13, 1917. Funeral services were conducted from the home of Miss Alice Gammill on Thursday, January 16th, at 10:30 by Henry Esch, pastor of the Leon Christian church. Interment was in the Spring Valley cemetery.

Who Can Beat It?

Mrs. J. J. Moffet reports that for the first seven days of January she gathered 84 eggs from her flock of 12 hens. This is one of the best records we know of and if any of our readers can show a better record we would like to hear from them.—Lamoni Chronicle.

Don't forget the Saturday afternoon matinee at the Idle Hour theatre at 3 o'clock. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

LAST OF FAMOUS SCOUTS GONE.

Col. William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") Died at Denver.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 10.—Col. William F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill," soldier, hunter, scout and showman, the idol of juvenile America, died at 70 today at the home of his sister, Mrs. May Decker.

Colonel Cody fought death as he often opposed it on the plains in the days when the west was young. "You can't kill an old scout," he would tell his physician who advised that his condition was "slight improvement." When the doctor told him his life was ebbing Colonel Cody accepted his fate like a stoic.

"Let us have a game of 'high five,'" he said after he had talked with his family, and everyone joined, the color of laughing and joking because he was winning.

Since Jan. 5th, when he was hurried back to his sister's home in Denver, the colonel has surprised all who knew his real condition by his great powers of resistance and recuperation.

Col. William Frederick Cody, who was known to nearly every man, woman and child in America through his long connection with the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show, was a picturesque type of the pioneer frontiersman, and lived to see large cities built where he once hunted the buffalo and fought the Indians.

Colonel Cody was a native of the Hawkeye state, having been born on a little farm in Scott county, near the present town of LeClaire Feb. 26, 1846. His ancestral stock was Spanish, English and Irish. His parents moved west and took up a claim near Leavenworth, Kansas, where a frontier Indian post, when young Cody was 5 years old.

At 10 years of age Cody found himself the head of the family, owing to the death of his father who had killed in an encounter growing out of a dispute over the negro slave question. Young Cody's first employment was as a courier between the Missouri river and the Rocky Mountains. In turn he became wagon master, trapper, hunter, pony express rider and stage coach driver, all giving varied experience in a school, the graduation from which left the scholar an adept in every possible line of frontier activity.

In exciting experience in the union army as a soldier and subsequently as a confidant and scout of his commanders in the desultory and guerilla warfare of the southwest, left him at its finish well known as an all-around frontiersman, competent to advise, to guide and to lead. These qualities soon brought him to the attention of such distinguished commanders as Gen. W. T. Sherman, Lieut.-Gen. Sheridan, and Generals Crook, Custer, Merritt, Carr, Royal, Miles, Dodge and others, and secured his appointment as chief of scouts in the United States army during its numerous Indian campaigns in the west.

His career in this line identified him with the great fighting epoch between the red man and the white man waged by General Sheridan after the civil war that temporarily ended in 1876 and was effectively finished in the "Ghost Dance war" in the decisive battle of Wounded Knee, in 1890-91 campaign with the northern Sioux. On one occasion he led the noted Cheyenne Chief Yellow Hair in the presence of Indians and troops.

During the construction of the Union Pacific railroad Cody attached himself to a camp of United States troops protecting the laborers, and won his soubriquet of "Buffalo Bill" by taking a contract to supply the entire force with fresh buffalo meat for a certain period, killing under one contract 4,280 buffaloes.

He became known to juvenile America in the early western adventures written by E. A. C. Pudson, who wrote under the non de plume of Ned Buntline. With the advance of civilization finding his occupation on the western plains gone, Cody entered the army where he remained several years playing the leading parts in dramas depicting life on the frontier. In 1883, in association with Nate Salsbury he organized his wild west show with which he toured the country for many years and on one occasion for the principal cities of Europe where he was warmly received and entertained by royalty.

In the spring of 1909 Colonel Cody joined forces with Maj. Gordon W. Lillie, "Pawnee Bill," and several years the combined shows were known as the Buffalo Bill Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Far East.

Colonel Cody was elected to the state legislature of Nebraska in 1872, and in April, 1915, was appointed Governor Kendrick judge and advocate general of the military forces of Wyoming. Colonel Cody's home for many years has been at Cody, Wyoming.

Colonel Cody was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Fredrick on March 6, 1866.

Mrs. Eliza J. Stanley.

Eliza J., daughter of Reuben and Mary Carpenter, was born near Crawfordsville, Montgomery county, Indiana, September 29, 1833, and died at her home in Decatur county, Iowa, January 12, 1917, being 83 years, 3 months and 13 days old at the time of her death. Her mother died when she was a small girl. On Nov. 22, 1853, she was united in marriage to Robert French and they moved to Decatur, Iowa, in November of 1853. To this union there was born seven children, five of whom are living, Mrs. Amanda Waller of Leon, Iowa, Mrs. Naoma Wells of Spokane, Washington, Mrs. L. I. Wells of Adena, Colorado, Mrs. Emma Murphy of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and Mrs. J. W. Tinsley of Ames, Iowa. Mrs. French joined the army in 1861 and died in the service of the United States at Helena, Arkansas, Nov. 4, 1864.

On June 26, 1869, she was married to John Stanley and to this union were born four children, three of whom are living, Mrs. H. Stanley of Lamoni, Iowa, Mrs. G. O. Benton of Decatur, and Chas. Stanley of Decatur, who were with their mother when she died.

Mrs. Stanley has four half-brothers living, John Reuben and Henry Carpenter, who live in Kansas, David of Spokane, Washington, and Frank in Oklahoma, and one sister, Mrs. M. E. Cayton, of King City, Mo., who was present at the funeral.

Round Knoll.

Will Burchett, wife and children Edna and Albert were visiting at the Harley Heckathorn home last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fullerton and daughter Cleo spent Wednesday at Tom Fullerton's of Tennessee.

Miss Leta McNichols departed last Thursday to again resume her place as nurse at the Cottage Hospital at Creston.

Homer Burchett visited a few days last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Burchett.

Oscar West made a business trip to Eilston Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young returned last week from a visit with the former's brother Roy and family at Davis City.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fullerton spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Munyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Irving and children spent Sunday at the Will Irving home in Van Wert.

Mrs. Will Burchett spent Sunday with Mrs. Ben Elston.

Miss Edna Burchett spent Sunday with Pearl and Edith Hatfield.

Clair, Vern and Flossie Palmer and daughter Eunit spent Sunday at the Sam McMurtry home.

Clair Devore returned home Saturday after a short visit with relatives at Lorimer.

Miss Hettie Eunit went Monday for a short visit with friends near Hopeville.

Clair Palmer called at Marion Sprays' near Hopeville Monday.

Albert Fullerton spent Monday with his father, Tom Fullerton of Tennessee.

Eily Shipp and Elton Coon were visiting at the Robert Palmer home Monday evening.

Mrs. Callie Davis spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Lue Green.

Decatur R. F. D. No. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruner and daughter Mae and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. John spent Wednesday at Isaac Tolly's.

Joe Deemer was a Davis City caller Wednesday.

Warren Sams was a Decatur caller Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bruner called at the Tolly home Thursday afternoon.

Fred Sams was a Leon visitor Friday.

Emil Eunit called on his uncle, Dell Eunit Tuesday.

Tom Maynard called at S. W. Sams' Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sams and children spent Sunday at Charley Orfield's.

Mrs. Isaac Tolly and children spent Sunday at Perry Bruner's.

Oren Eunit called at the McDaniel home Sunday.

Orvie Baker spent Sunday at S. W. Sams'.

Tom Maynard was a Decatur caller Monday.

S. W. Sams called at George Baker's Monday.

Sand Creek No. 2.

Fred Wion sawed wood for CHG Lloyd Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and little daughter called at the S. D. Miller home Sunday evening.

Punch Wells and wife and Mrs. Nexley and son Reuben visited at CHG Lloyd's Monday.

Robert Miller started to school Monday after a week's absence on account of sickness.

Ryan is some better at this writing.

Walter Thompson was a Decatur caller Saturday.

Frank Nofsinger returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

John McKee went to Lamoni Saturday to visit with his sister Mrs. Burnette.

Clara Miller is working for Drue Kelley's, Mrs. Kelley being very low with oneunt.

Teate and Rush Miller are have a siege of the gripe.

Cliff Lloyd was a Lamoni caller Saturday.

Morgan.

Nell Still and wife and Steve Marble and family visited a few days last week in this vicinity.

Several from this vicinity attended "The Birth of a Nation" at Leon the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Griffin were over Sunday visitors with relatives and friends at Leon.

Ed Griffin and wife were Leon visitors Saturday.

Pearl A. Viley is moving to Davis City.

Fletcher Grove moved back to his farm one day last week. We understand the Shriver boys will move to the farm vacated by Grove.

John Hubbard is delivering corn to Otis Deisher.

Gus Baker and sister Myrtle of Lineville visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baker Sunday.

Harry Cox had business at Leon Saturday.

Eugene Carr of Grand River visited over Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Ed Griffin.

White Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pettitcord left Saturday for Osceola and Des Moines to visit a few days.

Mrs. Mack of Kirksville, Mo., came Sunday for a few days visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ira Luce and get acquainted with the new grandson at the Luce home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elva Pettitcord are staying at the Glen Pettitcord home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Myers expect to move Wednesday to the Swope farm south of High Point.

Mr. Reeves, the telephone man, put two new phones in on the Henry Miller farm Monday.

The Sisters' Aid Society met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Henry Coontz. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Keim.

Joe Doze of Humeston was here Monday taking orders for Ford cars. Several called on him to attend "The Birth of a Nation."

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Little River.

(Delayed)

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davis spent Monday at Jesse Dunbar's.

The youngest child of Jacob Cackler is quite sick.

Mrs. Marie Starr who spent several weeks at the home of her son, Calvin Starr, is spending the winter at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rosa Cates at Chattanooga, Tenn. She reports the winter thus far spent as severe for "de land ob cotton."

Ernest Landphair and family, Lou Landphair and mother, Mrs. Viola Landphair visited at Geo. Davis' last Tuesday.

King Landphair and family spent Monday evening at C. V. Starr's.

Lear Davis and wife are visiting relatives near Saline.

Mrs. Fern Davis and Mrs. Mattie Hendricks visited Mrs. Kate Landphair one day last week.

After two weeks vacation school work was resumed at Vine Oak with Mrs. Miriam Stover wielding the rod of correction.

Miss Emma Keown of Warren county is visiting her father's home, George Keown.

Ernest McCormick went to the home of his uncle, James Anderson last Tuesday, south of Leon to help with the work and thus permit Mr. Anderson to go to Lamoni to attend the funeral of his father who died suddenly.

Orville Walker of Missouri is enjoying a visit with his cousins, Homer and Chas. Davis.

Lefloy.

Mrs. A. C. Baker visited over Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Bert Wells and family near Cambria.

Pearl Peace and family were Weldon visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Lawrence Stubbs and daughter Leona of Humeston came Saturday to visit with relatives.

Dr. Burbank of Oxford visited the past week with his son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Calhoun visited with relatives at Centerville a few days last week.

Mrs. Coppock and Lizzie Brower were Humeston visitors one day last week.

Lois Hatfield had dental work done in Humeston last week.

Smith of Humeston was a business visitor in our city one day last week.

Charlie Boor was a Weldon visitor Thursday.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church gave a dime social at the home of Mrs. Harry Buffum on last Thursday afternoon.

Will Baker and wife motored to Osceola Tuesday.

The C. E. business meeting and social was held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. McAlister was a Weldon passenger Tuesday.

Dode Stubbs returned from Wyoming last week.

Orphan Ridge.

A. J. Piper of Leon was hauling hay from the Forbes farm Friday.

C. E. Leahy helped the Barlean boys butcher Wednesday.

George Leahy and Roy Blake are clearing up some brush land this winter for Amos Brazleton.

Jim Osborn had business in Leon Friday.

Amos Brazleton and son Raymond spent Thursday evening with the Barlean boys.

Rev. Chas. Hickman of Mercer, Mo., and Rev. Elba Dale of near New Salem closed their meetings Sunday night at Bethel with several additions to the church.

L. Smith and W. M. Barlean helped Amos Brazleton with his wood sawing Monday.

Ike Manchester had legal business at Davis City Sunday evening.

Mrs. C. E. Leahy spent one day the past week with Mrs. Ann Ellis.

Ray Aton spent Sunday at Geo. Cox's.

C. E. Leahy was calling on his friend Art Aton Sunday evening.

Several from Davis City attended meeting at Bethel Sunday night.

Ray Aton was a caller at the Barlean home Tuesday.

R. F. D. No. 3.

C. B. Holahan visited friends on Welcome ridge last week.

Harve Morgan is some better at this writing. He has had lots of trouble with a lame foot.

Charlie Cox was thrown from a root he was breaking Saturday.

Spino Miller and Speed Hill were on the ridge last week buying war horses.

The safe at the Blockley store was broken into last Saturday night, and twelve dozen eggs were taken. A package of stamps were overlooked by Fulton and Cleve Covington hauled corn last week from the Fred Smith farm.

M. D. Smith killed two 8 months old Chester White hogs that weighed 550 pounds. Who can beat it?

Several hogs are moving time. There will be seven changes on farms in 2 miles on the Leon and Davis City road.

Some of the Leon sports want to come down and join us in our famous fox hunts. The Williams and Craig packs of hounds are second to none.

Mrs. Jacob Manchester is on the sick list with something like a stroke of paralysis.

Union No. 1.

Several attended the choir practice at Baker school Thursday night.

Sam Garber of Leon will preach at Baker school Sunday, Jan. 21 at 2:30 o'clock. Everybody come.

Grace Jones called on Mrs. Roy Brown Friday afternoon.

Edward Godfrey called at Ray Ford's Wednesday.

E. M. Jones was a Kellerton caller Tuesday.

Wendell Stanley and family were Lamoni callers one day last week.