

ALCOHOL'S GREAT SALE.

Silks, wool dress goods, winter cloaks and ready-made suits, blankets and comforts, Chinese pottery ware and bric-a-brac, will receive our special attention this week. We are over-loaded in these stocks. We must reduce them. The prices we quote below will appeal to every economic buyer. Reduce your expenses for the coming year by buying now, while this great cash saving sale is going on. Send this paper to your out-of-town friends. It will pay them to come hundreds of miles to buy now. Don't neglect this chance. Don't put it off. Read every word of this ad. Not an offer here that is not bona fide.

Dress Goods.

A Grand Final Effort

To close out all fall and winter dress goods regardless of color, quality or COST. We want the space and will have it, even at a terrible sacrifice of our profits.

Our Loss is Your Gain.

40c FOR	At 15c:	40c FOR
15c FOR	At 29c:	15c FOR
60c FOR	At 29c:	60c FOR
29c FOR	At 36c:	29c FOR
85c FOR	At 36c:	85c FOR
36c FOR	At 48c:	36c FOR
95c FOR	At 48c:	95c FOR
48c FOR	At 78c:	48c FOR
\$2.00 FOR	At 78c:	\$2.00 FOR
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Astounding Prices

ALL AT 4c. In order to clear them in a day, under this price we give you the choice of a fine China vase, a pair of China teapots, a tin of powder boxes with 14 fancy soap dishes, fancy China teapots and saucers, and all others at 4 cents each, and worth from 10 to 25 cents.

ALL AT 6c. In order to clear them in a day, under this price we give you the choice of a fine China vase, a pair of China teapots, a tin of powder boxes with 14 fancy soap dishes, fancy China teapots and saucers, and all others at 6 cents each, and worth from 10 to 25 cents.

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I did not know in earlier years. This law of love and kindness. But without hope through bitter years. I mourned in sorrow's blindness.

And ever following each regret. For some departed treasure. My sad regretting heart was not. With unexpected pleasure.

I thought it only happened so. But this truth has taught me: No less thing from my life can go. But something else is given.

If you have pills DeWitt's Witch Hazel will surely cure you.

Silks.

Our silk sale is in full blast. Never before, at this time of year, have our silk sales run as high. The goods and prices must be seen to be appreciated. Next week, and for the balance of the month, we will offer heavy dress silks, in colors and black, at a fraction of their real value. Every lady in Omaha intending to purchase silks cannot afford to miss this opportunity.

24-inch heavy rich faille, in colors, at \$1.25, sold everywhere in the east at \$2.25; 24 pieces to select from. 24-inch lustrous silk bengaline, the choicest dress fabric to be found, at \$1.47; splendid value at \$1.17, worth \$1.75; beautiful line evening shades in this number. Colored bengaline at 42c and 65c, worth \$1 and \$1.25. Silk velvets and plushes at 40c, worth 75c to \$1.50. All our crepe de chene silk in evening tints at 95c, former price \$1.25. great many broken lots of high grade silks, in plain and novelty weaves, to be closed out at 4 for their value. Every yard of goods in the silk department at greatly reduced prices, velvets included.

Back Goods.

Manchester serge, former price 35c, sale price 25c, dress pattern of 7 yards \$1.75. English cashmere, former price 45c, sale price 33c, dress pattern of 7 yards \$2.31. All wool channel, former price 50c, sale price 37c, dress pattern of 7 yards \$2.63. All wool chevot, former price 65c, sale price 47c, dress pattern of 7 yards \$3.20. All wool bedford, former price 75c, sale price 53c, dress pattern of 7 yards \$3.71. All wool diagonal, former price \$1, sale price 73c, dress pattern of 7 yards \$5.11. Silk warp Henrietta, former price \$1.25, sale price 89c, dress pattern of 7 yards \$6.23. All wool surah royale, former price \$1.35, sale price \$1.00, dress pattern of 7 yards \$7.63. Silk warp Henrietta, former price \$1.75, sale price \$1.40, dress pattern of 7 yards \$10.43.

The above will show you at a glance for what a small amount you can get a really handsome black dress pattern.

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Blankets.

SPECIAL SPECIAL

- A 10-4 white blanket.....worth \$1.00, for 65c
- A 10-4 white blanket.....worth \$1.25, for 85c
- A 10-4 white blanket.....worth \$1.75, for \$1.00
- A 11-4 white blanket.....worth \$3.00, for \$1.75
- A 10-4 white blanket (wool).....worth \$4.50, for \$2.75
- A 11-4 white blanket (wool).....worth \$6.50, for \$4.75
- A 10-4 grey blanket.....worth \$1.00, for 65c
- A 10-4 grey blanket.....worth \$1.25, for 85c
- A 10-4 grey blanket (wool).....worth \$3.50, for \$2.75
- A 11-4 grey blanket (wool).....worth \$4.50, for \$3.25
- A 10-4 scarlet blanket (wool).....worth \$4.50, for \$3.25

A few soiled blankets regardless of cost.

Comforts.

- A full size comfort filled with white cotton.....worth \$1.50, for 98c
- Extra good satine covered.....worth \$1.75, for \$1.00
- Very fine silkaleen covered.....worth \$2.50, for \$1.75

Down Puffs

- Full size fancy figured French satene.....worth \$6.00, for \$4.50
- Full size plain colors French satene.....worth \$12.00, for \$7.50
- Full size fancy colors French satene.....worth \$15.00, for \$8.00
- Full size fancy colors silk.....worth \$25.00, for \$15.00
- Full size fancy colors silk "ruflled".....worth \$45.00, for \$27.50

Third Floor

We have decided to get rid of the remainder of our bric-a-brac and china ware at a price that will clear it in a day. We do this rather than pack it away. We offer nothing but what is useful in any part of the house and all are genuine Japanese or Chinese wares.

Cloaks

One-third Off of Every Winter Cloak in the House.

All Goods Marked in Plain Figures. One-third of the Price Deducted from Each Bill.

- Our \$5.00 Cheviot Roofers now.....\$3.35
- Our \$8.75 Box Coats now.....5.90
- Our \$12.00 Russian Blouses now.....8.00
- Our \$12.00 Fur Trimmed Coats now.....8.00
- Our \$13.00 Long Ulsters now.....10.00
- Our \$18.00 Astrachan Capes now.....12.00
- Our \$55.00 Monkey Capes now.....37.00

All our Muffs one-third less than regular price. All our imported Novelties are included in this clearing sale.

WE ALSO HAVE ABOUT 35

Plush Sacques 1-3 OFF.

- Our \$25.00 Plush Coat now.....\$16.67
- Our \$30.00 Plush Coat now.....20.00
- Our \$45.00 Plush Coat now.....30.00

OUR ENTIRE LINE OF

Ladies' Ready-Made Suits Such as Eaton, Russian Blouse, Toredor and 3-Piece Marlow Suits.

- Our \$12.00 Blouse Suits now.....\$ 8.00
- Our \$15.00 Eaton Suits now.....10.00
- Our \$18.00 3-Piece Marlow Suits now.....12.00
- Our \$25.00 Russian Blouse Suits now.....16.67

FOR THE MURDER OF COLE

Mrs. Anna Mason of Hastings Arrested for a Recent Crime.

DEVELOPMENTS IN A SENSATIONAL CASE

Said to Have Made a Confession in Which She Admits Knowing How the Victim Came to His Death.

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—It is evident that the old proverb, "When thieves fall out honest men get their dues," has received a powerful exemplification in this city of Hastings today. Anna B. Mason this afternoon confessed to Deputy Sheriff A. Boyd and detailed her experience and knowledge of the murder of Delavan S. Cole.

Cole was a wealthy citizen of Hastings and an old settler. On the night of August 1 last he left his home at about 10 o'clock and stated that he would go up to Cole's park, a couple of hundred yards away, to see if the deer defined therein were secure. He did not return.

The next morning he was discovered lying shot in a novel 150 yards away from his home in a totally different direction. The case proved a puzzle. At once Mrs. Mason, a sister of Mrs. Hickman, was suspected, as it was rumored that she had been in illicit communications with Cole.

The coroner's jury met in secret session a half dozen times and finally brought in a verdict of murder by parties unknown. The theory of those believing the Mason family to be the murderers was somewhat like this: Mrs. Mason and her husband, Ward Mason, were known to have separated about two years before the tragedy, and it was alleged that Mrs. Mason's infidelity was the cause. It was further alleged that Mason had agreed to return to his wife on condition that she get rid of Cole.

A search warrant issued shortly after the murder resulted in disclosing a revolver of the same size as that which inflicted the fatal wound.

Demanding Hush Money. It was known, or at least suspected, that she had written blackmailing letters to Cole, in fact, the murdered man's attorney, M. A. Hartigan, tonight stated that he had in his possession a letter from Mrs. Mason, dated December, 1891, in which she deliberately demanded hush money. But no evidence was collected which would warrant an arrest, yet the attempt to find the murderer was not abandoned. The governor offered a reward of \$200, to which Cole's family added \$500, to go to the person who succeeded in solving the mystery.

Three officials, Sheriff Crane, Deputy Sheriff Boyd and Chief of Police Wenzler left no stone unturned to find the murderer. About 4 o'clock this afternoon Mrs. Mason was arrested on the charge of murder, and was taken before Justice U. S. Kohrer for examination, she by her attorney pleading not guilty. She was remanded to the county jail without bail, and was bound over to the district court, which assembled in March.

The public officials mentioned are very reticent on the subject. In fact, they frankly say they'd rather keep what information they have to themselves.

Sheriff Crane denied that a confession had been made, but in the very next breath said that through the cell door closed on Mrs. Mason she collapsed and seemed pentitent, quite willing to take the consequences of her act. He further added the information that she had the murderer, and they did not want any one else. Deputy Sheriff Boyd remained up town and Chief Wenzler kept pretty much out of sight.

The concerning the confession there can be no doubt, as the fact of its being made was

dropped before the officers concluded to keep it concealed.

Cause of the Confession.

The principal cause leading up to the confession was doubtless a suit for divorce begun by Edward W. Mason, January 4, in which the Mr. Hartigan mentioned above figured as attorney for the plaintiff. The petition alleges that Mrs. Mason was guilty of infidelity during a period beginning on May 1, 1891, and ending August 1, 1892, the night of the murder. Since such a public exposure of her shame was made, it is alleged that she has been acting in a very embarrassed manner. She was morose and wanted to compel her husband to return to her. She was "tried to get religion," frequenting revivals and manifesting all the symptoms of a sinner with a very troublesome conscience.

An extraordinary effort has been made to bring affairs to a close, advantage being taken of Mrs. Mason's disturbed frame of mind. General A. H. Bowen, who was engaged as her attorney, says that if the confession was made it does not imply anything, but she has been acting as a March hare for more than a year.

This afternoon the confession was made to Deputy Sheriff Boyd. This being the case, the question naturally arises, if anyone does this confession implicate? The confession was not generally known, but there were a large number of rumors afloat.

Name of the Revolver. The most popular one is that Mrs. Mason has admitted that she was present when Cole was murdered and that she accuses her husband of being the slayer. Another story is that she has acknowledged doing the deed alone. Mason was in town this afternoon and could easily have been apprehended had it so been planned, but he left town without restraint.

By many it is believed that the confession secured does not satisfy the officials; that they believe she is holding something back, and are endeavoring to elicit further information from her. This, however, is merely rumor and must be taken for what it is worth.

Mrs. Mason is a woman of about 25 years of age, short in stature, well formed and very prepossessing in appearance. She has innocent blue eyes and a frank, open face that is almost child-like in its simplicity, yet she can put on an indignant expression and make her, shy, blue eyes flash with warning fire. "What she means, she says," is the expression used by everyone who knows her. She certainly has a cold bite on the public, and her nerve only deserted her when she sought to get religion.

Grant News Notes.

GRANT, Neb., Jan. 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The county commissioners last night purchased court house property at Grant. It is regarded as a final settlement of county matters. Grant is the county seat of Perkins county.

A great big row seems to be brewing in the Congregational church here. Rev. Mr. Hampton having been elected county judge by the independents, resigned his pastorate and Rev. Mr. Brett was appointed, but Hampton continues to be officious and there are prospects of a church trial.

Burglars entered the store of Kenny & Lyon by the rear window last night. They were surprised by Mr. Lyon and driven off without securing anything.

His His Lip Off.

STANTON, Neb., Jan. 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Robert Barr was arrested yesterday on complaint made by James Kinney, charging mayhem, in hitting off the lip of one Henry Kinney. Mr. Barr is a prosperous, well-to-do farmer of this county, and was unfortunate in getting into an altercation with Kinney.

Funeral of Mrs. A. W. Hall.

LOUISVILLE, Neb., Jan. 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The funeral of the late Mrs. A. W. Hall took place here yesterday. Mrs. Hall was one of the oldest settlers of Louisville. She was highly respected and had many friends in this community.

Papillon's New School Building.

PAPILLON, Neb., Jan. 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The new school building was dedicated yesterday. School will be held in the new building on Monday. The new building, costing \$17,000, is furnished with

two LINCOLN FATALITIES

Suicide at the State Insane Asylum and a Convict Killed.

CRUSHED TO DEATH WHILE AT WORK

Sudden Conclusion of a Four Years' Sentence of a Madison County Burglar—Result of a Desperate Fight—Lincoln News Notes.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—J. E. W. Strong, a patient at the insane asylum, committed suicide by hanging at an early hour this morning. The last seen of him alive was when the watchman passed his room at 12 o'clock this morning, when he was noticed sitting in a chair in his room. Apparently he lowered the window in his room, and attaching one end of the bed clothes he had woven into a rope around the bars outside, placed the other around his neck and stepped off the window sill.

He was sent to the asylum a sufferer from acute melancholia from Nebraska City early last month, but had shown no symptoms of violence previously. He was found shortly after 7 o'clock dead. He has a brother who is postmaster at Darvey, and a sister, Mrs. Lee, living in the same locality.

Richard Ashm, a convict at the penitentiary, was almost instantly killed about 11 o'clock this morning in the yards attached to that institution. Three loaded cars were being pulled into the yard by mule power, when Ashm, who was employed at odd jobs about the yards, was standing on the tracks, and as the cars were being pulled in, he slipped and fell on the icy snow. He lost his head completely and rolled in the wrong direction. The journal of the first car caught him and crushed the life out of him between it and the bank, the space being too narrow to allow of a safe passage. Ashm was sent up from Madison county last August for burglary and had four years to serve.

Coroner Crim held an inquest over the remains of both men and the jury returned verdicts in accordance with the facts.

Result of a Desperate Fight. Jacob Strohaeker, a German living at 225 B street, was held up last night while on his way home by three thugs. He refused their demand and all three piled on him. A desperate battle ensued, and when the police arrived Strohaeker's face was a mass of cuts and blood was flowing from every one. Strohaeker managed to hold on to two of the fellows but the other escaped. They gave their names as Joe Murphy and John Ryan. Strohaeker was unable to appear until afternoon, when a hearing took place. The men were held to the district court, in \$500 bonds each for assault with intent to rob.

State University Notes.

Miss Barton, art instructor, has received a flattering offer from the state university of Dakota to take charge of work in that institution, with an increase in salary and four months' vacation a year. Miss Barton has almost finished a statue representing "Young Nebraska at the World's Fair," a life size representation of a young runner about to take the first leap in a sprinting race.

The cadet battalion has received an entire complement of new uniforms and will give their first dress parade some afternoon during next week. Under the instruction of Lieutenant Bersing the battalion has gained a high degree of efficiency. The company demonstrated the fact that they could entertain all with typhoid malaria, is slowly improving.

Fire at Dunbar.

DUNBAR, Neb., Jan. 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A frame dwelling owned by D. Kruse and occupied by the family of H. Shultz caught fire. The house was quickly emptied of its contents, but owing to a lack of help the flames could not be extinguished. The building was valued at about \$1,000, insurance \$600. The loss to Mr. Shultz from breakage is considerable.

City in Brief.

The Wesleyan university uses John Forburger in the district court for \$1,000, the value of two lots which John had promised to deed the university in consideration of its

blowing out the gas.

This was followed with the usual result and the inquest was held at the coroner's office yesterday afternoon. A coroner's jury held an inquest at 4 p. m. and decided that deceased came to his death by his own carelessness. The jury recommended that hereafter the transoms be left open in order that the escaping gas may be detected at once.

MURDERED HIS PARENTS.

Fleehish Work of a Pennsylvania Young Man at Chester.

CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 14.—A tragedy was enacted this afternoon which will result in the loss of two lives and in all probability the conviction of Thomas Rodgers as a double murderer. Rodgers is a youth of 21 and the victims are his father, Thomas Rodgers, 60 years old, his mother, Martha Ann Rodgers, of about the same age, and his married sister, Mrs. William Kilday.

Thomas sat back of the stove in the kitchen of his parents just after the noonday meal, when his father reprimanded him for his laziness, declaring he must go to work.

Thomas answered: "You can't put me out," and going up stairs secured his brother-in-law's revolver.

The wife and daughter attempted to save Mr. Rodgers, but the young villain pushed them aside and deliberately fired two bullets into his father at short range. The first shot entered the thigh and the second lodged in the breast, while the powder burned the old man's clothing. After his father had fallen to the floor young Rodgers kicked him in the face.

The mother attempted to escape by the cellar door, but a bullet from her son's revolver struck her in the back and penetrated her left lung. Her sister fled from the front door, but her brother, whose bloodthirsty nature had been thoroughly aroused, pursued her to the street, and standing on the doorstep shot her while she ran, in almost the same place he had wounded his mother. The bullet glanced on the shoulder blade and thus saved the young woman's life. The revolver now empty the would-be murderer ran up the street to an alderman's office two blocks distant, and entering locked the door against a large crowd which followed. The police were notified and Rodgers was locked up.

The three victims were taken to the hospital where the physicians announced that the wounded father and mother could not live until morning. The mayor took the afternoon statement of the young couple this evening. Mr. Rodgers said that his son had frequently threatened his life when he had pressed the young man to go to work. On several occasions the father had secured his arrest but withdrew the charges on promises of good behavior. Both parents believe that he intended to kill his father and say he had not been drinking.

Young Rodgers said the attack was the result of a family row and that he intended to kill his mother, but gave no reason, however, for the attack on his mother and sister. A hearing will be given the prisoner Monday, in which four children of the sister who were present during the shooting will give evidence against their uncle.

There is much excitement in the community and extra precautions have been taken by the police to guard against lynching.

Destroyed in Its Infancy.

WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 14.—An order was promulgated by the officials of the Santa Fe today that all of the employees of the road must either resign their positions or withdraw from the Order of Brotherhood of Station Men before 6 o'clock this evening. The local lodge is quite strong, but the men realize that the in-antile brotherhood is not so well protected as it once was, and the railroad, so they had no alternative but to withdraw from it. They forwarded their resignations to the brotherhood headquarters this evening.

The Crete Furniture & Undertaking company say that Nebraska furniture can not be best and that there is a considerable saving in freight in handling it. They go on the principle that as the local merchants want the trade that naturally belongs to them, the Crete furniture and jobbers the trade that belongs to them.

After Pay for His Limb.

AMES, E. Kelly has sued the Omaha Street Railway company in an action to recover for the loss of a leg. He demands \$15,000 and alleges carelessness upon the part of the company.

Blew Out the Gas.

Ole Youngstrom, a farmer from Saunders county, came to the city Friday and put up at the Creighton hotel. Upon retiring he

leaving near his land, but which he sold to other parties.

Anna M. Goss, who married William F. at Wehoo, Neb. 1882, asks for a divorce on the ground that he is an habitual drunkard and has furnished no support.

W. B. Swisher, the rain warden, came out