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SCOTT BROS. & CO.

Have opened this week an immense stock of New Cloaks. They do a very large business in Fine Cloaks, and every garment they sell will be found good in quality and perfect in fit.

If you want some Choice Millinery Goods, see the new stock at Scott Bros. & Co.'s Millinery Department.

Sheetings cheaper than ever—63½ and 63¼—now at Scott Bros. & Co.'s.

Fur-lined Circulars, now only \$15.00, at Scott Bros. & Co.'s.

The Season.
No careful buyer will neglect the great winter sale now in progress at H. J. Gillen's. It is a positive fact that so great a stock was never before offered at equally low prices in Ottawa in the midst of this season. Clearing out sales are numerous enough after the season is over, but there the enormous stock is going at reduced rates now, when you need the goods.

Seasonable dress goods,
Seasonable cloaks, shawls,
Seasonable notions,
Holiday goods,
Blankets, flannels, &c.—

All seasonable goods, in the greatest variety, at reduced rates. No one surely will complain of high prices who examines this stock. The sales have indeed been extraordinary considering the general dullness of the season, and it can be accounted for on no other ground than the exceeding low prices, which offer to many an inducement to buy even a little in advance of immediate needs.

The week has been spent by Mr. Gillen on the market, and for next week an elegant line of new light colored circulars, silk goods, and a wealth of holiday goods may be expected; and the holiday stock promises to be more than usually rich and attractive. No one should buy a dollar's worth of dry goods, holiday novelties, a cloak, or shawl until this stock has been examined. Go and see it. If you don't get bargains we shall lose faith in your ability to appreciate one when you see it.

More than fifty different kinds of cologne bottles are displayed among Gehring's holiday stock, at less than half the prices others ask you.

Christmas Cards.
A fine assortment of Christmas cards, both of Franks, and imported, at Hapeman & Graham's.

A choice selection of confectionery at Walther's. The choicest, freshest, and sweetest the profession can produce.

A Pittsburgh telegram, dated the 6th, says: "It was rumored to-night that the sub-committee of the Glassworkers' and Manufacturers' Conference Committee had effected a compromise, but all efforts to confirm the report were unsuccessful. A conference takes place the 18th inst., and it is thought it will result in breaking the lockout. The manufacturers, it is claimed, under the contract, will not start up until Jan. 1, and if the strike is broken the fires will be lighted at once. Eight new window glass factories will begin operation that date and will employ 250 idle workmen. A large number of the strikers left the past two days for work at Ithaca, N. Y., and Barnesville, N. J."

ARTISTS' MATERIALS.—A full assortment, at Hapeman & Graham's.

Mr. Chas. Deenis, of Rutland, has just completed his fine new house and has taken unto himself a wife. Scott Bros. & Co. furnished the house with carpets and curtains.

Scott Bros. & Co. lately had two men in Earlville putting down carpets and hanging curtains in Mr. J. J. Pool's elegant new home.

Buy your husband one of those fine canes at Gehring's drug store. You can have a gold or silver head. Ivory or horn handle on ebony, rosewood, malacca, manilla or bamboo stick. Gehring sells them cheap and guarantees quality the very best in the land.

Call at Spencer's and see his stock of ladies' and gents' fine shoes and slippers.

Fitzgerald's Band, of this city, have formally announced that they will give an open-air concert on New Year's Day at the Court House, at 2 p. m. If the day is pleasant the Band will give an entertainment lasting about two hours, but be the weather what it may the concert will be given, and all are invited to come out and hear it. The Band is one of the main fixtures of the city and deserves the moral and financial support of the citizens. To this end on New Year's night a dance will be given at Turner Hall by the Band, and every person should feel in duty bound to aid the management by the purchase of a ticket. Music for the dance will be furnished by a superb orchestra of eleven pieces.

The Rock Island Road has just given an order for three new chair cars, to be built at once, on the same plan as those now in use. They will be run between here and Omaha.

In the rush for holiday presents no one should forget that Walther, as ever, has the stock to select from. Everything to make the children happy.

The tile works of Williams & Hess, at Brickton, have been shut down for the winter.

ARCHITECT.—Our readers will observe in another column the professional card of Wm. A. Youmans, who has opened an office in this city, and who is well known in the eastern part of the country as a practical constructor of fifteen years' standing. He is a gentleman of considerable experience in his profession, and has just completed, in response to an invitation, plans for the new state house at Atlanta, Georgia, for which one million dollars have been voted for the building. We believe Ottawa to be a good point for a good architect, which has had none since the death of Mr. Furness, and unquestionably Mr. Youmans will have a good patronage.

If your son, your brother, your lover, your father, your husband, or any other male friend does not smoke, or you wish to discourage them from so doing, go to Gehring's drug store and you can find hundreds of articles suitable for a Christmas present, that will delight them. Gehring's is the holiday stock of the city.

11 lbs best extra C sugar for \$1.00 at Shaw's.

WANTED.—500 pounds beeswax. E. Y. GRIFFIN.

Don't Like It.

Those fellows who have been industriously circulating the reports that Fiske & Beem's prices on clothing are high prices, don't like the solid facts that have been told—that they have but one price and that is the lowest ever seen in Ottawa. Yes, reader, Fiske & Beem have the best and biggest stock of clothing, &c., in this vicinity; they don't play "second fiddle" to either Ottawa, Chicago, or any other place. Their goods are bought low of the manufacturer, or are imported by themselves and consequently, for good honest goods, all-wool and a-yard-wide-warranted-never-to-rip-tear-ravel-or-run-down-at-the-heel, the purchaser will find Fiske & Beem's stock to select from. But if you want shoddy, for which you are willing to pay nearly or quite as much as for a good article, you can't find it there. Go somewhere else where they do have two or three prices and they will finally make you think you have a bonanza of a bargain, and have palmed off on your innocent hand some old shell-worn, moth-eaten article not worth a farthing.

A large lot of overcoats, men's suits and all kinds of ready made clothing for youths, boys and children.

Ladies always welcome. The children's department will interest them.

Fiske & Beem are selling agents for the Goodyear rubber goods—cheap.

Examine the one price store before you invest one dollar.

Good goods cheap at Fiske & Beem's.

The Degen Bros., who recently purchased the fair grounds, are converting Floral Hall into a mammoth horse barn. Already several fine animals are stalled there.

100 best matches in the world for a cent at C. M. Shaw's.

The Holiday stock at Hapeman & Graham's is now open, and we believe no more complete and elegant line can be found in this county. So many lines are carried that the variety of goods is practically unlimited. Seekers after pretty things will do well to call, for here they will find more kinds of useful and ornamental goods than they can possibly find anywhere else in this part of the country.

On Sunday afternoon as Major T. C. Gibson and family were out riding in the vicinity of the fair grounds the horse became frightened and, turning suddenly, the buggy was overturned. Fortunately no one was seriously injured, although Mr. and Mrs. Gibson felt the effects of the shock for several days.

Never has there been such a display of odor caskets, filled with the most exquisite perfumes, as can be seen among Gehring's holiday stock. You cannot fail to please your lady love or your sister, your cousin and your aunts, if you get them a present from Gehring's—the finest, best and cheapest stock of Christmas goods.

Go to Spencer's for holiday slippers. See his embroidered slipper for \$1.00.

Solutions to Scott Bros. & Co.'s puzzle, recently advertised in the Ottawa papers, are arriving from nearly every town in Illinois, as well as from distant states and the "Far Northwest." A FREE TRADER reader way up in the cold regions of Dakota is among the latest contributors. Already a large box full of letters containing answers have been received. Should any person desire the puzzle they can get one by calling on or addressing the firm. These puzzles are a source of much amusement, and a correct solution will be the means of profit to the person solving it under rules.

Photo and autograph albums in all sizes and styles, at Hapeman & Graham's.

Several fine meters have been observed of late, particularly one on Saturday evening.

11½ lbs. C sugar for \$1.00 at Shaw's.

Tea Store Biz.

Full of teas. Bins of coffees, wholesale for winter. Larger display of presents. Be on hand next Saturday, a rush and special inducements. The Tea Store is Ottawa's attraction, and Dec. 15th will prove it.

A new firm has taken part of Rugg's shops and will engage in the wood-turning business.

Walther, the popular confectioner, will furnish parties, festivals, &c., with the best of refreshments at the most reasonable rates.

Tax Receipts

of all sizes, printed on good paper, at Hapeman & Graham's. Orders by mail promptly filled.

Based upon the estimates for October and November the earnings of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad for the year, it is stated, will show a net gain for the year of about \$3,000,000.

The FREE TRADER was a little "off" last week in saying that the attendance at the Union Service at the Baptist church on Thanksgiving Day, where the sermon of the occasion was preached by the Rev. Mr. Day, of the Congregational church, was "only fair." The truth is that the house was completely filled, many being troubled to get seats. Our informant had evidently not been there himself.

10½ lbs standard A sugar for \$1.00 at Shaw's.

Fine variety of fur goods and other novelties for the holidays at French's hat store.

Farm Ridge.

Geo. Cole, late with Manley & Jordan, of this city, will, on Monday, Dec. 3d, open a blacksmith shop at Farm Ridge Village, where he will be prepared to do horse shoeing and blacksmith jobbing generally, and invites the people of the neighborhood to call on him.

Money to Loan.

We have a large amount of money in our hands which we will loan on farm property at low rates of interest.

GENTLEMAN & FOWLER, Attorneys at Law.

1883. FALL STYLES. 1883.

M. STIEFEL,

Leading Clothier, Gents' Furnisher & Hatter,

FALL STOCK,

And his display of Latest Novelties of the Finest, Best Made and Most Perfect Fitting Garments for Men, Youths, Boys and Children's wear excels anything ever shown in this city. Every department in our Mammoth Store is filled to the utmost most capacity with the best and noblest goods money can procure in the Eastern market.

Our Boys' and Children's Clothing Department contains the latest New York designs. The New Styles in Boys' and Children's School and Dress Suits, Overcoats and Ulsterettes are superior to anything to be found elsewhere. Pieces are furnished matching every Boy's Suit purchased in this Department.

Our Gents' Furnishing Goods Department contains the largest and finest line of goods in the Northwest. This department is an Elaborate Establishment in itself, and Novelties are constantly added as fast as they appear in the market.

In our Hat and Cap department will be found the latest styles and lowest prices.

A full line of Trunks and Valises constantly on hand.

Novelties in every department will be constantly introduced by

M. STIEFEL.

We desire to call the attention of all lovers of Good Bread to the "Silver Cloud" and "Hungarian" brands of Flour, manufactured by us. These Flours are made from the choicest wheat that can be procured. By a scientific admixture of No. 1 hard Minnesota spring wheat with the winter wheat, we produce a Flour possessing all the advantages of each kind. The "Silver Cloud" is worthy of its name, and makes the whitest of flaky loaves, though it is especially adapted to pastry, biscuit, rolls, etc. The "Hungarian" is our greatest and best known brand, because it is the great bread-making flour, producing as it does a white, moist, nutty flavored loaf. Ask your grocer for either brand. You will be well pleased.

COTTON, DAWELL & HAMILTON

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HOME Insurance Company of New York

59th SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT.

CASH CAPITAL	\$3,000,000.00
Reserve for Re-Ins. & all other liabilities,	2,421,978.21
Net Surplus,	1,749,292.61
Assets Jan. 1, 1883,	\$7,171,270.82

Losses Paid at Ottawa Agency, \$11 742.13.
Losses Paid at the Great Fire in Chicago, \$3,155,216.12.
Total Losses Paid Since Organization:

\$34,217,219.83.

GEO. W. RAVENS, Agent, - - S. E. corner P. O. Block.

FALL SEASON. GRAND OPENING

AT H. J. GILLEN'S.

NEW ARRIVALS: IMMENSE LINE OF

DOLMANS, RUSSIAN CIRCULARS, PALETOTS, in the Cloak Department, largest line ever shown here, at interesting prices, and fits guaranteed.

TURNER DRESS GOODS, in the new and popular shades. Sole agency for these celebrated goods.

GUINET & CO. SILKS—New and special importation by this House direct.

NEW CARPETS, LAMBREQUINS, Curtains and Lace Goods, &c.

FLANNELS, BLANKETS, &c., at a marked reduction from all former prices.

COMPLETE Boot and Shoe and Grocery DEPARTMENTS.

Call and Examine this Truly Immense New Stock.

FOR SALE.

Sawdust, Kindling-Wood and Shavings, at King's Box Factory, near the Lock. Telephone 149.

Livery & Feed Stable. HACK LINE.

150. TELEPHONE. 150.

PETER EGAN

would respectfully announce to the citizens of Ottawa and vicinity that he has one of the choicest Livery Stables in the city, at the City Stables, such as the Latest Styles of Hacks, Carriages and Buggies, to let at prices to suit the times. Parties, weddings, funerals, picnics, &c., supplied with good rigs on short notice. Funerals in the country or adjoining towns promptly attended to. Persons taken to and from the depot, or to the country night or day. Remember the place—on Main street, east of side cut, one block west of new court house. PETER EGAN.

Of Value to Housekeepers.

We shall after this print every week one or more reasonable receipts, by the use of which a variety can always be had.

QUAKING CUSTARD.

Three cups of milk, yolks of three eggs, using the whites for the meringue, one half package of gelatin, six table spoons full of sugar, juice of one lemon for meringue, flavoring extract for custard.

Soak the gelatin two hours in a cup of milk. Heat the rest of the milk; add that in which the gelatin is and stir over the fire until the gelatin is melted. Take from the fire and pour upon the beaten yolks and sugar. Heat slowly until it thickens well; cool, stirring every fifteen minutes. When cold flavor and pour into a wet mould. Set on ice or in a cold place. When it is firm turn out and surround with a meringue made by whipping the whites stiff with a little powdered sugar and the lemon juice.

It don't pay to use groceries which are not up to the standard quality, and knowing that we don't keep poor goods for sale. SATISFACTION positively guaranteed at THE COFFEE STORE. E. H. CLARK.

Juvenile Books.

Hapeman & Graham have on hand at very low prices the finest line of juvenile books we ever saw in Ottawa. The bindings are beautiful and the contents of a high class.

The Father Matthew Temperance Society has been reorganized at Wenona.

Don't buy a photograph or autograph album, or any fine box of stationery, any smoker's article, until you have seen what Gehring, the druggist, can show in that line or any other fine things for Christmas.