

Muslin Underwear and Pre-Inventory Clearance Sale

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Sale Begins Thursday, Jan. 5th; Sale Closes Saturday, Jan. 14th

Half Price

A table in the center of our dry goods section will be self explanatory. All short lengths and remnants of wool goods, cotton goods, linens and many other desirable items, quick clearance

Half Price

Shoes
Pre-Inventory Clearance.
One lot Men's and Women's shoes worth up to \$3.50 a pair. If your size is here you get them at

\$1.00

Beginning tomorrow morning we inaugurate our first January sale of Ladies' and Children's Undermuslins. And at the same time will make a speedy clearance of all desirable winter merchandise at a great saving to you. Hundreds of spic-span NEW and most desirable undermuslins just received from the manufacturer and especially for this sale. It would be impossible for us to describe all the beauty of these undermuslins therefore below we only mention the different garments at their regular price and the prices we expect to make for this sale.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

Muslin Gowns, Muslin Skirts, Muslin Drawers, Corset Covers, Princess Slips and Children's Garments regularly priced at 25, 35, 50, 75c, \$1.00, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.25, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50 and 4.00, in this sale:

25c Garment at	-	.19	2.00 Garment at	-	1.59
35c Garment at	-	.23	2.25 Garment at	-	1.79
50c Garment at	-	.43	2.50 Garment at	-	1.98
75c Garment at	-	.59	3.00 Garment at	-	2.48
1.00 Garment at	-	.83	3.50 Garment at	-	2.79
1.25 Garment at	-	.98	4.00 Garment at	-	3.25
1.50 Garment at	-	1.18			

One lot of Children's and Misses' muslin pants all sizes 13 cents per pair.

Cloaks

HALF PRICE

Ladies' and children's cloaks only a few left but not a garment reserved. All must be sold in this sale at

One Half Price

Blankets

Ten pairs absolutely all wool, eleven-quarter blankets in plain grays and tans, pink and blue plaids, regular price \$5.00. Clearance sale

\$3.65

All Kinds of
Produce
Taken

THE ABILENE MERCANTILE CO.

Prendergast's Old Stand, Abilene, Kansas

We Sell
Everything

ABOUT PEOPLE.

A. La Schroeder was in from Elmo.
S. H. Gugler was up from Woodbine.
Guy Hall of Chapman was in the city.
L. D. Arnold was up from Enterprise.
H. H. Koch was up from Enterprise.
A. E. Reynolds was up from Navarre.
J. J. Sellin of Woodbine was in the city.
H. H. Koch of Enterprise was in the city.
P. F. Lempke of Navarre was in the city.
C. S. Byers of Talmage was in the city.
J. G. Burt was in from Garfield township.
A. H. Fair of Lawrence was in the city.
W. H. Verbrugge was up from Chapman.
A. F. Ziebell of Herington came up on business.
W. H. Walker of Navarre was an Abilene visitor.
F. F. Linden of Navarre was an Abilene visitor.
Samuel McElbenny was in from Sherman township.
G. W. Pitts of Baldwin is visiting relatives in the country.
Mrs. Marietta Collins of Sunnyside was in Abilene on business.
A. Grimm, one of Garfield's well known farmers, was in the city.
Mrs. H. R. Bryan of Galatia is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. D. Focht.
C. E. Vickers and Coit Flora left for a three weeks' trip to Oklahoma.
Mrs. F. A. Talpey of Kansas City who has been visiting her sister Mrs. J. A. Hopkins went to Salina.
Mrs. A. J. Hill and son, Clyde, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rowe, returned to Dilson.
E. T. Motley left for his home in Manchester, New Hampshire. Mrs. Motley will visit here for a few months.
Miss Gertrude Blayney of Westport, N. Y. came in today for a visit with her uncle and aunt, Roy, and Miss Blayney.
Leslie Wagaman who spent New Years with his parents here, has returned to Manhattan.
Mrs. R. Orice left for Mineral Wells Texas, where she will join her husband who is there for his health.
J. R. Lusk of Solomon was in the city. He is moving to Seneca,

Kan., where a fine business opening awaits him.
A. Gunzelman returned from Kansas City where he underwent an operation in the Wesley hospital. His health is much improved.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fisher and children of Walland, Tenn., who have been visiting Mrs. Fisher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Malott, returned home.
S. H. Gugler, one of the leading farmers near Woodbine was a Reflector caller. "It has been a good year in southeast Dickinson," said he, "and farmers are happy."
A Trip in South Africa.
Levi Doner, one of the Brethren in Christ missionaries in South Africa writes interestingly in a personal letter of a trip which he recently made accompanied by Harvey J. Frey. He says: "We went by bicycle recently to Chibi, one hundred thirty-five miles east of our home. Roads were heavy and required four days. We arrived about "pela-mandhia" (about all in) as it was very hot. We spent several days in this district trying to locate a new mission. Some of the natives were very hostile to our proposed plans while others received us gladly. Our chief food was poka (millet) porridge, peanuts and baked pumpkin. At last we selected a very fine location on a large hill at the bottom of which were good springs. We have filed on the ground asking a twenty-one year lease for two hundred morgen (400 acres) grazing rights for one hundred head of live stock and other privileges. This will become the home of some of our new workers coming out next year. Returning home we stopped one night in a big kraal (town.) The chief was friendly and presented us a fowl as a peace offering. After another day pushing our bikes through the hot sand and nearly tired to death, we caught a train on the "Cape to Cairo" railway late at night and the next day were back to Bulawayo the provincial capital. It was a great trip into a wild and densely populated district and we have high hopes for this point as a missionary field and center."
Should Have Bent Name.
Two interesting reports of social events in southwest Dickinson were received this week but the writer's name did not accompany them. Names must be attached to articles, not for publication but that the paper may know who is responsible.

RECENT REFLECTIONS

—B. F. Nelson is on the sick list.
—Born, Dec. 30, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hogan, a 12 pound boy.
—Mrs. M. E. Brown has purchased the N. Walters property on North Walnut.
—J. H. Banker, formerly of Abilene, was appointed postmaster at Kingfisher, Okla., a few days ago.
Lost, Friday evening, probably on 3rd street, brown muff. Reward for return to this office or Anna Leshar. wit
—J. Denham who is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. C. Towner, Santa Monica, Calif., is seriously ill.
Come to Tufts & Gish's Thursday Friday and Saturday afternoon and see the new hand vacuum cleaner demonstrated. See advertisement. 3d37wit
—All school children will be admitted free to the stereopticon lecture at the Grace Reformed church Friday at 4:30 p. m. Subject, "In Darkest Africa."
—Mrs. M. L. Aumiller who was operated on yesterday is recovering nicely. No serious trouble was found and her complete restoration to health is expected.
—Marriage licenses: Lawrence A. Foulkrod, Fairbury, Neb., and Mary Kimmel, Enterprise; Roger R. Reed, Manchester, and Mabel Sherman, Abilene.
—John and Robert Mark of Garfield leave for Dakota tonight to attend the funeral of their brother, William, who died in Seattle and will be taken home for burial.
—Judge C. C. Hutchison is exhibiting with justifiable pride, a photograph showing four generations in his family—his son, John Hutchison, his granddaughter, and her baby.
—W. Rees Robertson, a Dickinson county boy at Harvard university, writes to the Reflector: "We enjoy reading the home paper. There are three of us from Dickinson county here this year, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Hoffman and myself and news from home we are always glad to get."
C. W. Holt's barber shop, under Abilene National bank, 3 first class

SHE NOW HAS HER PENSION.

Case of Mrs. Mary Dalhammer Is a Peculiar One.
Following an examination by H. W. Morrow, special pension examiner, Mrs. Mary Dalhammer, of Salina may be compelled to pay to the receiver of the Abilene State bank \$468 pension money paid to her by John A. Flack, the defaulting cashier, says the State Journal. The trouble started eight weeks ago when Mrs. Dalhammer failed to receive her November pension.
When Mrs. Dalhammer reported her case to the pension office at Washington, the case was immediately referred to the Topeka office and Mr. Morrow went to Abilene to investigate the matter. Mrs. Dalhammer said that for years Flack had paid her the little pension which she thought was due her from the government. At the time Morrow took the case, the bank officials knew nothing of the transaction. An investigation showed that for several years Flack had paid the woman \$12 a month pension and charged the account to the bank.
It now appears that the pension papers had been in Flack's possession for safe-keeping. In some manner the papers were lost and the bank cashier continued to make payments at the expense of the institution with which he was connected. He was never reimbursed, so far as the pension office was able to learn, and the case proved to be one of the most mysterious the local office ever handled. The government was willing to pay the woman pension, but when no word was received from her the name was dropped from the pension rolls. An effort will now be made to have Mrs. Dalhammer reinstated and to secure the payment of the back pension covering a lapse of more than four years. If this application is approved, the Abilene woman will probably assign the back payments to the creditors of the defunct institution.
Mrs. Dalhammer has received her back pension and the bank has commenced suit to compel her to turn the money back to the bank.
Mt. Pleasant Services.
Divine services will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian church at the following hours next Lord's day: Sunday school at 10 a. m. At the preaching service at 11 a. m. will occur the ordination and install-

ation of the elders, John Smith and A. S. Healley. All members are thus notified and urged to be present. Christian Endeavor at the regular hour.
GRANT GILLETTE INDICTED.
Misuse of the Mails in Los Angeles Oil Concern the Charge.
Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 3—The federal grand jury returned indictments today against Grant G. Gillette, William J. Batchelder, Thomas A. Montgomery, John Montgomery, Jr., W. A. France and Edson France, charged with fraudulent use of the mails in connection with the sale of stock in the Cleveland Oil company of Los Angeles.
The offices of the Cleveland Oil Company in this city were raided two weeks ago on warrants issued at the request of the United States district attorney and the four first named defendants were arrested and released on bail.
All the defendants with the exception of W. A. France, who is reported on his way from Columbus, O., to Los Angeles, were in court when the grand jury returned the bills. At the suggestion of a deputy United States attorney, Judge Wellburn fixed bail for Gillette at \$15,000, Batchelder and W. A. France \$10,000 each and the other defendants at \$5,000 each, and it was given immediately.
A Watch Party.
A jolly crowd of young folks met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cormack on New Year's eve to watch the old year out. The following guests decided that the New Year came in very stormy: Holly, Andrew and Cameron Goldsmith, Henry John and Miss Dora Klover, Misses Nellie and Estelle Amann, Walter McCullough, Abe and Misses Mary, Myrtle and Orla Gunzelman. The evening was spent in playing games and after a delicious lunch they all departed feeling they had spent a very pleasant evening and wishing one and all a happy and prosperous New Year.
A Bachelor Supper.
A very pleasant evening was spent on Dec. 31 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Goldsmith, when their sons, W. H. D. A. and C. S. Goldsmith surveyed a four course bachelor supper to the following guests: Clarence and Edith Flack, Harvey and Lilly

Sexton, Lois Woverton, Della Tompson, Grazella Pullver, Jesse Carpenter, Ethel Harshman, Robert Seaton, James Beck and Edmund Whitley of Acme, Horace, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cormack of Solomon, Abe Gunzelman of Industry. Afterward the evening was spent in playing games and music. All departed feeling they had partaken of a delicious supper and decided that the boys were fine cooks.
MRS. WILSONS FUNERAL HELD.
Last Rites for Former Abilene Woman at Lutheran Church.
The funeral of Mrs. Mary Leshar Wilson, who died at San Diego, Cal., was held in Trinity Lutheran church this afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. W. H. Schrock officiating. Mrs. H. L. Humphrey as organist, and a quartette consisting of Misses Grace Peters and Marie Royer and Messrs. Harvey Kugler and Herb. Howard supplied the musical part of the service. Burial in the Abilene cemetery.
AS OTHERS SEE HIM.
Father Time Had Exhibition of Annual Performances.
Father Time was given an opportunity to see himself as others see him at the Methodist church last night, where a unique entertainment in which each month of the year was cleverly interpreted by a series of tableaux, was presented by members of the men's Brotherhood. In spite of the inclement weather an audience that filled the main auditorium of the church gathered to witness the festivities, which were pronounced an unqualified success.
The scenes typifying the different months were as follows: January, "Old Year in and New Year Out;" February, "Emancipation Proclamation—George Washington and His Little Hatchet;" March, "St. Patrick's Day and the March Wind;" April, "Surrender of Lee to Grant—Arbor Day;" May, "May Baskets;" June, "Betty Ross Making the Flag—Graduation from College;" July, "Fourth of July Celebration—Old Time Picnic;" August, "Augustus Caesar;" September, "Opening Day of Deestrick Skule;" October, "Autumn Leaves;" November, "Thanksgiving Service;" December, "Announcement to the Shepherds and visit of the Wise Men."