

# You Can't Talk Too Much

## ABOUT A GOOD THING

And that's why we keep on talking in our "ads" about those young Men's "Worsted Cheviot" suits in stylish plaids which we show at

**\$10.00 AND \$12.00**

They are from \$2 to \$3 under the lowest price we ever named for similar goods. Besides they are made "right up to the handle" with wide facings to armhole—wide satin piping—hand made satin lined collars—and have all "vitale" necessary to prevent them getting out of shape. The young man who buys one can have the satisfaction of knowing that he is "strictly in it."

## LADIES:

We have just received another shipment of those genuine Dongola Oxfords which we are selling for only

**\$1.00 AND \$1.25**

No shoe store will sell you similar shoes for less than a quarter or half more. Why not let us save you that much? A few of those Misses Oxfords at 50c and 65c still here.



W. L. Kash, one of Johnstown's substantial and well-to-do farmers and good friend to the booming TIMES, renews.

Some of the business men of Clinton were caught a few days ago by a smooth advertising fakir. The fellow did not do much harm, however, as he only caught the fossil merchant who never puts a line in his home paper. The advertising scheme which he worked was called a "Business Men's Lodge Directory."

Cellars and streets were flooded with water at Webb City Saturday night, and the track of the electric street railroad was greatly damaged by the heaviest rain of the season. The creeks near the city rose rapidly and it was feared the crops would be greatly damaged by overflow.

The public schools will close Friday of next week. Commencement exercises will be held at the opera house the same evening. The closing exercises of the schools are always an interesting feature in this city, the people generally being very proud of the management and efficiency of the schools.

The TIMES had a pleasant and substantial call from its esteemed friend and pioneer subscriber, Uncle Wm. Griggs, of Ballard. He is one of the pioneers of Bates and no better man or truer democrat lives in the county. He reported the farmers getting along first rate in his neighborhood, but said the ground was getting dry and rain was needed.

Elijah Haines, the old gentleman who carries the mail from the depot to the post office, found his clothes in the alley back of his residence near the depot Monday morning between 3 and 4 o'clock. Mr. Haines had cashed his pension check a few days before and had about \$37 of the money in his pocket which the sneak-thief got. As he is a poor man the loss was quite heavy to him.

Fleetwood Thomas' residence in the south part of the city was badly scorched by fire between 11 and 12 o'clock Sunday night. The fire originated in the upstairs rooms and it is supposed was caused by a defective flue. The damage to the house is covered by insurance. Most of the household effects were carried out before the fire company turned on the water and flooded the building.

The old settlers of the county will hold a meeting at the court house Saturday, May 22, at 2 o'clock p. m. It is to be hoped the gathering will be a success. Every old timer should make it a point to be present. Nothing would be more pleasant than the organization of an old settler's association for this county. Their memories recorded would make most valuable history and interesting matter for the press.

The residence of R. L. Clark, in Elkhart township, together with the greater portion of the household goods, was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. The fire caught from a flue. Mr. Clark was about a half mile from home looking after some hogs when his dwelling took fire. He had an insurance of \$300 on house and \$150 on contents. The insurance was taken out in a company represented by J. S. Pierce, of this city.

The middle-of-the-road populists over in the first congressional district are in a bad fright. Saturday they were to meet at Macon, Mo., and nominate a congressman. Only six delegates from the district put in appearance. The order by the committee to elect delegates was ignored. The special election to elect a congressman to succeed Mr. Ettis, deceased, will be held June 1st. The Democrats and republicans have made nominations.

Mr. Wm. Scully, who has platted a good big fortune in Bates county real estate, accompanied by his son, Thomas, and general superintendent Fr. C. W. Koehnle, of Lincoln, Ill., spent several days in the city last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crowell. Mr. Scully was here for the purpose of looking over his landed interest. He is a very plain, unassuming, genial old gentleman, and to see him on the streets you would not take him to be a man reputed to be worth many millions.

The improvements which have been under contract at the M. E. church, south, for the past week have been completed and the church is now ready for occupancy again. The interior of the building has been handsomely papered, the floor carpeted and the wood work painted.

Dr. J. W. Morris and wife are moving back to Butler. Their household effects arrived at the depot Saturday. Since leaving Butler a year ago they have been living in Chicago. They are good citizens and the TIMES, with their many friends, will gladly welcome them back.

The fastest work on record in the job printing line in Butler was accomplished by the TIMES Saturday. The work done was a brief for Graves & Clark in the Coleman case now pending in the Kansas City court of appeals. The manuscript was handed in at 3 o'clock in the afternoon by Mr. Graves and in 10 hours the work was completed, bound and delivered. The brief contained eighteen pages. The work had to be accomplished in a given time, and in order to make ends meet, the hands on the clock had to be turned back a little.

Grandfather Abell, for the past ten or twelve years a resident of this city and one of the town's most esteemed citizens, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Lyde, and Miss May Morgan, took his departure Tuesday for Colorado Springs, where in all probability he will make his future home with his daughters, Misses Maggie and Lyde. Miss Maggie has a position in the public schools of that city and she was anxious to have her father with her. The TIMES with their host of other friends regret very much to lose this most excellent family from our city.

Capt. Tygard, as special agent for the county court, has succeeded in getting an offer to refund the old Mt. Pleasant railroad 5 per cent bonds for 4 1/2 per cent. The court last week made an order empowering Capt. Tygard to refund the bonds at that price. There will be about \$140,000 to refund, and this will be a clear saving of \$700 a year to the township in interest. It will probably take the first two years profits to pay expenses and commission, after which the township gets the benefit of the 1/2 per cent saved. We call that a neat little saving, thanks to the activity and efficiency of the financial agent.

The trial of Nathan Simley, of Pleasant Gap township, came off before Justices Wm. Allen and Burkhardt Saturday. He was charged with willfully, maliciously and feloniously setting fire to the residence of Dr. Bernay E. Lusk, in the town of Lone Oak, on the night of the 20th of April. The trial terminated in the complete vindication of the accused. The state was represented by prosecuting attorney Clark, and the defense by W. O. Jackson. The trial created considerable interest in the immediate vicinity of Lone Oak, and a number of people attended. We understand the matter is not settled, as Mr. Simley's attorney is now drawing up the papers to bring suit against Dr. Lusk for malicious prosecution.

While returning from the C. B. Lewis funeral at Johnstown Thursday evening, the horse driven by Mrs. Paul Bengsch and Mrs. E. E. Sparks took fright and ran away. Mrs. Sparks was driving at the time and held on well and bravely until the buggy collided with a tree when she was thrown out, receiving painful but not serious hurts. Mrs. Bengsch was thrown out and under the buggy earlier, and dragged a short distance when fortunately her clothing became detached, which probably saved her life. The gentlemen who had acted as pall bearers were in front of the ladies and made an effort to catch the horse but it evaded them. The ladies were brought to town and medical aid summoned. Mrs. Sparks' injuries were slight. Mrs. Bengsch was confined to her room for several days by severe bruises and cuts about the head and shoulders. It was the verdict of those who witnessed the runaway that the ladies escaped marvelously well.

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EXACT SIZE.

THIS CARD

Entitles (Mr. ....) the purchaser of a suit of clothes to the privilege of our SPECIAL PRESSING DEPARTMENT to have same pressed as often as he wishes.

SATURDAY EXCEPTED.

This Card Not Transferable.

McKIBBENS  
CLOTHING DEPARTMENT  
RELIABLE RETAILERS OF CLOTHING  
BUTLER, MISSOURI.

## BARGAINS FOR THIS WEEK.

A new lot of those black 3 piece long pants suit for boys this week and the price is still \$4, better buy this time, as it will be the last shipment this spring. Remember the price.

\$4.00

Mens Underwear

We have a big stock and the prices are very low. We sell the best 25c underwear in the market. Come and see if we don't.

An all wool overplaid in the very newest effects, strictly first-class, three piece long pants suits, price each suit.

\$5.00

Shirts.

The fashions newest; colored body, white neckbands and white waistbands, the very swellest shirt in the market. Two qualities.

75c and \$1.00

McKIBBENS  
CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

# SPECIAL

•• SALE OF ••

# MILLINERY

SATURDAY, MAY 15TH, 1897.

Note the day, one day only, and it will pay you to be here. An offer never before equaled in the history of the millinery business. We offer you the biggest bargains, the grandest values, values never before attempted. Values that will startle the oldest inhabitant, cost doesn't enter into this sale, the goods must be sold, hence this unprecedented offer of your free and unrestricted choice of our entire stock of \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, and \$7.00, hats at the nominal price of

**\$1.27**

COME EARLY

CUT RATE MILLINERY STORE, 2d Door South of P. O.

Amos Bowen, 25 years of age, committed suicide at the corner of Fifteenth and Walnut streets, Kansas City, by firing a bullet through his head Monday evening about 8 o'clock. Several persons on the street saw him take the pistol from his pocket and fire the shot that ended his life. His appetite for liquor caused him to commit the act.

District conference, of the M. E. church, south, will convene in the city Wednesday of next week. W. B. Palmore, editor of the Christian Advocate St. Louis, and Dr. Bigham general secretary of the board of education, will be present and make addresses. The conference will be in session three days. The general public is invited to attend the services.

Lock the Door

Before the horse is stolen. Purify, enrich and vitalize your blood and build up your physical system before disease attacks you and serious sickness comes. Hood's Sarsaparilla will make you strong and vigorous and will expel from your blood all impurities and germs of disease. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla now.

Hood's Pills are the favorite family cathartic. Easy to take, gentle and mild. 25 cents.

Mother of D. N. Thompson.

The TIMES has received a copy of the Crawfordville (Iowa), Imprint, which contains a lengthy obituary of the death of Mrs. Nancy A. Thompson, mother of our esteemed fellow citizen, D. N. Thompson, which occurred at the residence of her youngest son, Samuel Thompson, four miles southeast of Washington, Iowa, April 29th, 1897, at 8:15 p. m. The deceased was born in Adams county, Ohio, Feb'y 5th, 1815. At the age of 15 years she united with the Presbyterian church, and on the 15th of January, 1835, was married to Jason Thompson, one of the early pioneers of Kentucky and Ohio. To this union were born seven sons, two dying in infancy and two after growing to manhood. Of her Christian life and sacrifices for the spread of the gospel in distant lands, the Imprint pays her memory a most beautiful tribute.

Her three sons, Benjamin, a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of Unionville, Putnam Co., Mo., Samuel, a prosperous farmer residing near Washington, Io., and D. N. Thompson, banker and farmer who resides just north of the corporate limits of this city, were at her bedside. This pious mother lived to a ripe old age, and died in the faith of the Christian religion. She has gone to reap her reward. What sweet consolation to her honored sons left behind.

J. R. Witt is a new subscriber to the booming TIMES

Judge D. V. Brown has taken out license as city auctioneer.

Mrs. Robt. Deacon is visiting Mrs. L. P. Burnie, of Warsaw, Mo.

M. E. church, South, has been papered and a new carpet put on the floor.

The 4th of July celebration in Butler this year ought to be made a record breaker.

Mr. Hicks gives out the statement that we are to have a warm summer with frequent showers

Coleman Smith was taking an inventory of the personal property of the late C. B. Lewis, Thursday.

Sheriff Mudd has several pet squirrels which range on the trees in the court yard, which he is very proud of.

The death of C. B. Lewis, alderman for the third ward, will necessitate a special election to fill the vacancy.

Notice the half price sale on Ladies, Misses and Childrens fine low shoes and slippers on the BARGAIN COUNTER at Max Weiners.

Mrs. W. G. Shafer entertained a number of her lady friends at her magnificent new home on Ohio street, Friday afternoon.

The city council was called together Friday night to consider the matter of granting a franchise of the city to a local telephone company.

A barn in the east part of town, the property of W. H. Huff, burned Thursday evening last. Two hogs in the stable could not be gotten out and perished.

The TIMES is sorry to say that our venerable citizen, J. J. Ryan, has been under the weather for the past two or three weeks and has been confined to the house.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crowell, and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Percival leave to-day to drive through to Eldorado Springs, Mo., for a few days recreation. Mrs. Crowell will stay there for some time.

G. B. Hickman has gone to St. Louis to attend the state embalmers association.

Dr. and Mrs. Allie, of Danville, Ill., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. T. J. Smith.

W. N. Hardinger, one of the TIMES' oldest subscribers and most esteemed friends, renews.

The pension board at Nevada has been fired and new men appointed to fill the vacancies.

A. B. Owen, county treasurer, is making preparations to get after those delinquents in their personal taxes.

Constable Ed Dalton tells us the crops are magnificent. He says the corn is coming up nicely and planting has about all been done.

Carpenters are putting in the new front to John Ludwick's drug store. It will be up to date and add greatly to the appearance of the room.

Rev. J. McElroy, of Rich Hill, will preach the opening sermon at the district conference meeting of the M. E. church, south, Wednesday next at 11 a. m.

The large dry goods store of A. P. Frowein, at Clinton, Mo., was closed Saturday. This was one of the largest and oldest established firms in the city.

The successful contestants in the Demorest medal contest at the opera house Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights were: Miss Emma Casity and Master Elmer Silvers.

Remember the old settlers of the county, that is, those who have been here 25 years, are invited to meet at the court house Saturday, May 22, at 2 o'clock, the purpose of meeting being to organize an old settler's association.

J. Greenberg, a Ft. Scott clothing, boot and shoe merchant, will have to serve a term in the penitentiary for having systematically bought goods from professional burglars who operated in surrounding towns, and took the goods to Greenberg to be sold at retail.