Black's—JULY CLEARING SALES!

Tomorrow--Wash Goods! Wash Goods!

We Do Not Believe that Such Values as We are Now Offering were Ever Sold in an Iowa Store.

Tomorrow—Grenadines, Organdies, Voiles, Embroidered Swisses, mostly 15c, 20c and 25c goods, tomorrow ... **8c**

Tomorrow—Silk mercerized Novelty Wash Goods, worth 50c, tomorrow ... **12½c**

Tomorrow—Imported Madras Cloth, worth 35c, go at, yard ... **10c**

Tomorrow—New Polka Dot Batistes at ... **12½c**

Tomorrow—Madras Cloth, Ginghams, worth up to 25c, go at ... **5c**

Tomorrow—White mercerized Waistings, about one-half, or, per yard ... **25c**

Tomorrow—48-inch fine Sheer White French Batistes; you generally pay 30c, tomorrow ... **15c**

BE ON TIME!

Black's

NINETEEN TO GRADUATE

Large Class Completes Work at Waterloo Business College.

Exercises to be Held in Connection With Chautauqua.

The graduating exercises of the Waterloo Business college will be held beginning with Sunday, July 16, when the baccalaureatt sermon will be preached at 3 p. m. at Cedar River park by Dr. Bristol of Washington, D. C.

On Tuesday, July 18, there will be exhibition work at 1:30 p. m. by members of the graduating class and others and at 2:30 p. m. an address by Gov. LaFollette of Wisconsin.

At 5 p. m. of the same day the old students will hold a re-union and picnic supper.

At 7:30 p. m. there will be an address to the graduates by Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts of Washington, D. C., on the subject, "That Boy and Girl of Mine."

At 8:30 p. m. there will be a grand concert by the Wesleyan quartette and at 10 p. m. the annual banquet will be held at Sans Souci hotel.

Nineteen young people will complete their course at that time, of whom eleven are in the shorthand department, seven in the commercial department and one in the normal preparatory department. The graduates, and where they are working, are as follows:

SHORTHAND DEPARTMENT.

Clara Althouse of Waterloo, at Logan House.

W. A. Bellinger of La Porte, with Iowa Dairy Separator company.

Olive Collins of Waterloo, with Highland Nobles.

Frank Federspiel of Waterloo, with W., C. F. & N. railway.

Bertha Kolp of Waterloo, with Waterloo Business college.

Cora M. Law of Hannah, N. D., with the Bank of Hannah.

Ray McSweeney of Waterloo, with the Kemp Manufacturing company.

Rose L. Selzer of Waterloo, with Litchfield Manufacturing company.

Edith L. Sornberger of Waterloo, with W., C. F. & N. railway.

Carl Stanley of Shell Rock, with Smith, Lichty & Co.

Helane Witharm of Tripoli, with Kemp Manufacturing Co.

Kemp Manufacturing company.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Raimond Aldrich of Carson City, Mich., in school.

L. W. Bolte of Waterloo, with E. A. Boggs.

F. H. Busching of Clarksville, in school.

Laura Daniels of Dunkerton, with Kramer & Bachtel.

Mamie Daniels of Dunkerton, with Ellis & Foster.

Pearl Roberts of Waterloo, in school.

J. H. Whannel of Gladbrook, with First National bank.

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Ethel Fay of Waterloo, teaching at Superior.

CLIMATE AND CROP BULLETIN.

Des Moines, Ia., July 3.—The week ending on the morning of the 3rd brought a large excess of rain in all districts, the amounts reported ranging from 1.50 to over 5.00 inches. The daily average temperature was 6 degrees below normal in the central district, and relatively low in all parts of the state. The prevalent cool weather was beneficial to spring wheat and oats, checking damage by rust.

In nearly all parts of the state the soil was too wet for cultivation of corn, and on an average only about one to two days' work in that line was done. In respect to stage of growth corn is quite uneaven, ranging from a few inches to full normal height. In the southwest district a large per cent of the crop has been laid by in fair condition, and in all sections most of the early planted fields show normal growth. As a whole, the corn crop is better that at corresponding date last year. Spring wheat and oats are generally headed out and filling well, with but little indication of heavy damage by rust and blight. Early hay harvest was begun a week or more ago and considerable clover has been ruined by excessive rain. With fair weather in the future, the hay crop will be very good. Pastures are extra good. Potatoes and all garden truck are doing well. The apple crop shows decline in condition.

Reports of crop correspondents for July 1 showed following average condition of staple crops: Winter wheat, 99; spring wheat, 94; corn, 92; oats, 96; rye, 96; barley, 98; flax, 95; hay crop, 101; pastures, 105; potatoes, 93; apples, 65; grapes, 88; plums, 68 per cent.

Last year July 1, spring wheat was rated 91; corn, 90; oats, 91; barley, 93; flax, 89; hay, 90; pastures, 94; potatoes, 101; apples, 85 per cent.

The ladies of the Columbia society will meet Thursday afternoon, July 6th with Mrs. J. Rex Bryant at the eNver Inn cottage, Cedar River park. A good attendance is desired.

Yesterday was remarkably quiet at the north end. Only that number which were actually needed to repair and overhaul were kept on duty at the round house. Master Mechanic's office was closed.

Engineer Alderman on engine 28 with Fireman Whitney took out the Litchfield special yesterday morning.

Engineer Lilly was buried at Fonda Monday morning. The Illinois Central attached a special car for relatives and friends.

The special for Parkersburg left yesterday at 9:15. Engine 963 in charge of Engineer McCune and Fireman Trautman pulled the train. Conductor Meyer handled the punch.

Fireman Frank Wing went out on second sixty-two with Engineer Stanton to Freeport on engine 40.

The Central handled the crowds yesterday without an accident. The traffic was unusually heavy as the towns celebrating were few and far between.

"The most dangerous occupation—the most dangerous of all?" said an insurance agent. "It is the railroad brakeman's, particularly the train shifters.

"One of each 159 of these men is killed each year, and one in each sixteen is injured, losing a leg, an arm, or a finger.

"You'd think that a job so dangerous would pay well, and that, despite its profitableness, few men would apply for it. On the contrary, it is a miserably paid job, and yet there are always fifty or more applicants for every vacant place.

"It is impossible to find any old railroad man—conductor, engineer, fireman—who hasn't been in from two to half a dozen wrecks. Yet these men's lives are as safe and placid as a Methodist minister's along side of the life, red with blood and bristling with horror, of the poor, unfortunate train shifter."—Exchange.

The son of President Fish of the Illinois Central passed through Waterloo Sunday morning on passenger train No. 1. He traveled in the president's private car No. 2. The young man has the same name of his father signing it Stuyvesant Fish, jr. The object of his trip here was to join the special of Secretary of War Taft at Omaha. The young man had his private car attached to the special of the latter and went west on this train to the coast. Secretary Taft is going to the Philippines and his private train was of the finest equipment, being fitted up with electric lights and other modern conveniences. The local officials had orders that in case No. 1 should be late from the east to attach a special engine to car No. 2 and to see that by all means the car was in Omaha in time to be attached to Secretary Taft's special.

THAT HITCHING POST QUESTION

Rev. F. L. Loveland Tells About Some Things of General Interest to the Public.

Editor Courier:—Our attention has been called to a "Protest" in Monday night's "Courier" by an "Interested Party" who gratuitously charges the Chautauqua management with unjust discriminations in favor of the street car company as against horse owners, etc.

If the "Interested Party" had been really "interested" he might have secured information by sending a postal card to the Superintendent that would have saved his worry and mathematical toil in figuring "carefares for five." We would gladly have informed the "Interested Party" that ample provision will be made, before the Chautauqua opens, for hitching places for horses for all who desire to go to the park during the chautauqua.

The Chautauqua management is making every effort within the limit of their ability to care for all the necessities of the people who may visit the park during the sessions of the Chautauqua and Bible Institute. We will gladly do all in our power to minister to the welfare and comfort of all. We do no expect to comply with all the selfish demands of selfish people whose personal whims take precedence in their own minds of the general welfare of the public.

We will welcome any suggestions that may assist us in perfecting the program at the park if given in proper manner.

Of course we would not deprive anybody of the exquisite pleasure of voicing their faultfindings in the market place or rushing into print to "protest" against an imaginary wrong, as did the "Interested Party" whenever they are seized with an irresistible desire to do so, but we cannot promise that this method of procedure will be most influential with the management in causing them to change their methods or plans.

We desire here to acknowledge our great appreciation of the hundreds of kindly expressions of sympathy and cordial endorsement of the improvements made at the park and of the program which will open next Tuesday.

FRANK L. LOVELAND, Supt.

WAS WITH PERRY.

(From Baltimore News.)

Cambridge, Md.—Dr. Thomas Buchanan Steele, one of the seven known surviving officers of Commodore Perry's expedition to Japan in 1853, is passing his declining days in his pretty little Eastern Shore town. He is now 83 years old, and his once vigorous form shows the signs of time.

Dr. Steele is much interested in the Japanese-Russian war, and he frequently discusses the outcome with friends. This led upon a recent occasion to his referring to his own visit to Japan. He said:

"Though over fifty years have passed since I sailed with Perry into Yeddo bay and bore an humble part in opening Japan to the civilization of the West, the events of those days, so long ago, come vividly before me as our talk recalls them.

"Time has gathered most of us in his relentless harvest, and I am one of the six or seven surviving officers of the whole squadron—the last of my own ship—and I must soon in the course of nature follow them. I was married in June, 1860, and in August of the same year received orders to the United States sloop Saratoga, then at Norfolk fitting out for the China station.

"Shortly after joining her we sailed for the East via Rio and Cape Town. Of course, the Suez canal was unthought of in those days, and all cruises to China were by way of the capes—Cape of Good Hope or Cape Horn. The Saratoga was a sloop of war of twenty-two guns, commanded by Captain W. S. Walker—Old West-Sou'-West the sailors used to call him from his initials, 'W. S. W.,' on each piece of his numerous baggage. John R. Goldsborough, William S. Maury and William Wayne were lieutenants, Dr. Thomas L. Smith was surgeon, 1st assistant surgeon, and J. George Harris was purser. Our cruise out was long, though not without pleasant incident. Especially do I remember our pleasant sojourn at Cape Town and our bear and ostrich hunt into the interior of Cape Colony while there.

"In the spring of 1853 the fleet rendezvoused at the Loo Chow islands, and thence sailed direct for Yeddo bay. It consisted of the Mississippi (flagship) and Susquehanna, side-wheel steamers, and the sloops of war Saratoga and Plymouth, and in three or four days we cast anchor in the bay off Sagami Point. As we sailed up the bay we could only speculate and wonder what our reception would be, but we knew that the Japanese were a brave and warlike people, intensely patriotic, and ready to defend their country from what was to them an unwelcome visit. Our mission was peaceful, and we were instructed to carefully avoid giving offense, and use all our arts and wiles to win their favor, still we took no chances of attack, and sailed in with officers and men at their stations and ships cleared for action."

Dr. Steele in a letter written in May, 1853, to his bride of a short time gave his impressions of the new country in the following interesting manner:

"May 10—The fleet is lying about one and a half to two miles from the shore, in good range for our great guns. The coast, or shore, for some distance is skirted with houses which make one continuous town. In the way of boats they can beat any people, save at Canton, that I ever saw. None of them, however, appear armed.

"From on deck the country looks very pretty. The high hills are covered with trees and shrubbery, and every available spot seems to be cultivated. But everything, so far as I have seen, is much below my expectations. Of course an opinion cannot be formed from what is seen from the decks.

"The men are better looking in every respect than the Loo Chows and Chinese. The officers and gentlemen are extremely well built and gentlemanly looking. They dress for their style beautifully, and wear, as history says, one, two or more swords, according to their rank.

"The women of the upper ranks are, as the writers say, very pretty. In the family circles of the rich there is no doubt much elegance and style. For two centuries they have been nearly shut off from the rest of the world, and alone and unaided they have developed and progressed to a high state of Oriental civilization. They may have, and doubtless did, learn a good deal from the missionaries who lived among them in the Seventeenth century. A good many of them, their interpreters especially, speak Dutch, and through that language we can get along with them without any difficulty, as the commodore's clerk is a Dutchman. By their knowledge of one European language they are much better informed about geography and the affairs of the world generally than the Chinese. A globe was placed before them to show where the United States were, when the head man immediately said 'Oh! yes,' and pointed out to New York, Boston and Washington, calling them by name in the most familiar manner."

Continuing his narrative, Dr. Steele said: "It was known to all that the Japs were averse to having any intercourse with us of any kind, but finally the firm, though polite, insistence of Commodore Perry induced them to receive the President's letter, and to promise an answer if we would go away then and come back next spring. On the day after our arrival we had a surprise and a hearty laugh. The shore, which the night before had been barren of fortifications, seemed as if by magic to have changed into an immense fortifier almost as far as the eye could reach there appeared as if by magic bristling with bamboo [illegible] frowning down upon us. But it required no minute inspection to discover that these were made of cloth, or some species of canvas, with black portholes painted upon them! So this mode of terrifying us availed as little as the many thousands of their soldiers who swarmed upon the shores. Though our force was so small in comparison, it was disciplined and well armed, and we felt equal to any number of Japanese who carried, some of them old flintlock muskets, and more of them matchlocks, but the great majority only spears and battle axes."

JEAN VAL JEAN I NIOWA.

Topeka Herald:—John Nelson of Des Moines has been sentenced to two years in prison for stealing 117 pennies. At Council Bluffs a chicken thief was recently given the extreme limit of the law, ten years in prison.

These would seem severe punishments for slight crimes under any circumstances, but they are magnified by comparison with other sentences recently imposed in Iowa for other thefts in which the property stolen was hundreds of times as great in value as 117 pennies or a few chickens. For instance: A recent get-rich-quick grafter in Iowa was sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment for fraudulently securing $235,000; a bank cashier in the same state got thirty days for confessing to the theft of $25,000; another cashier stole $40,000 and was given eighteen months in which to think it over; a bank president who misappropriated $100,000 was sentenced to two years and a half in prison. And so on and on.

Iowa newspapers are going after the courts of that state for permitting such glaring discrepancies in punishments meted out. Jean Val Jean stole a loaf of bread to feed his sister's starving children and was sentenced to twenty years in the galleys. The cloud darkened all his subsequent life. We thought all Americans had learned the lesson of Hugo's wonderful story of Jean Val Jean, but it seems there are some judges up in Iowa who have not.

Willard Hall Open.

Willard hall will be kept open from this time on so that any wishing rooms can apply there and select rooms. Lodging for one person is $2 a week. Rooms are cared for and everything is furnished.

The ladies are working every day making bed linen and comforters and are glad of all the help available.

Articles that are much needed are mirrors, pillows and mattresses. Any who have these or other articles which they will give or loan are requested to inform Mrs. Dr. Ferris, Mrs. Dr. Chase, Mrs. L. E. Park, Mrs. Bailey or and other member of the W. C. T. U. Articles loaned should be plainly marked by the owner.

It has been suggested that different clubs in town furnish either a bed entire or a pair of blankets. The hall is a much needed and very convenient place. Now, it is hoped that the public will generously contribute to making the arrangement perfect.

SPEAKER REED'S JOKE.

One on H. H. Rogers and Mark Twain That He Could Not Pass By.

(Boston Transcript.)

Henry H. Rogers and the late Thos. B. Reed were close friends, says the World's Work. Often Mr. Rogers took a party, including Mark Twain and Thomas B. Reed, to the West Indies on his steam yacht. On the way back Mr. Reed was compelled to leave the boat at Old Point Comfort to hurry by rail to New York to argue a law case. The yacht struck a storm after Mr. Reed left it. When he heard of it, he wrote Mr. Rogers the following letter (which is now framed and hanging in one of his offices), to which Mark Twain added a characteristic postscript:

New York, April 7, 1902. Dear Mr. Rogers:—I still think we had a most lovely trip and I am still grateful. I am told, however, that you had trouble immediately after I left, which leads me to counsel you not to take the yacht out except when you have on board persons of such weight with the community that they can keep the boat level.

The Colonel, Hilton, Foote, Dr. Rice and Mr. Twain are all well enough in their way—quite interesting people, but—they lack gravity. Very truly yours, —T. B. REED.

This is well meant, but not well reasoned, for a yacht needs virtue as well as ballast.—MARK.

A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

The patient dies,
His widow cries,
His children join the crowd distressful;
But science saith,
Despite the death,
The operation's most successful.

The loss of life
Beneath the knife
Spoils not the doctor's reputation;
Whate'r befalls;
The case he calls
A most successful operation.
—Life.

TRY A COURIER WANT AD.
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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

Lost—One cuff and cuff button, on Commercial street last Sunday. Return to Falsco Clothing store and receive reward. 44-tf

CHICAGO MARKETS

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ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Chicago, July 5.—The following are the estimated receipts of hogs, cattle and sheep for today:

Hogs	33,000
Cattle	27,000
Sheep	18,000

THE HOG MARKET.

Chicago, July 5.—The hog market opened 5 cents lower.

Mixed and butchers	$5.25@5.57
Good to choice heavy	5.15@5.60
Rough heavy	5.15@5.30
Light	5.25@5.55

The hog market closed steady at early decline.

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Good to choice heavy	5.15@5.60
Rough heavy	5.15@5.30
Light	5.25@5.60

Hogs left over from yesterday, 4,300.

THE CATTLE MARKET.

Chicago, July 5.—The cattle market opened 10@15 cents lower and closed fairly active at early decline.

THE SHEEP MARKET.

Chicago, July 5.—The sheep market opened 10 cents lower and closed steady at Monday's market.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Chicago, July 5.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
July	.93¼	.94	.90⅛	.90⅞
Sept.	.90	.91¼	.87⅛	.87½
Dec.	.90	.91⅛	.87⅜	.87⅞
Corn—				
New July	.55⅞	.56⅛	.55½	.55¾
New Sept.	.54⅞	.55½	.54½	.55
New Dec.	.49⅜	.49⅞	.49⅛	.49½
Oats—				
July	.32⅞	.32⅞	.32⅛	.32¼
Sept.	.31⅞	.32⅛	.31⅝	.31½
Dec.	.32¼	.32⅝	.31⅞	.32
Pork				
July	12.60	12.60	12.52	12.57
Sept.	13.00	13.00	12.77	12.82
Lard—				
July	7.25	7.25	7.15	7.15
Sept.	7.45	7.45	7.32	7.32
Ribs—				
July	7.75	7.75	7.60	7.60
Sept.	7.95	7.95	7.80	7.80

MINNEAPOLIS.

Wheat—				
July	1.08	1.08⅝	1.08	1.08⅝
Sept.	.96½	.96⅞	.92⅝	.93¼
Dec.	.92½	.92½	.88½	.89⅛

Waterloo Markets.

Flour—Patent	$3.30
Flour—XXXX	$3.20
Flour—XXX	$3.00
What	90cto$1.00
Oats	29c
Corn	45c
Rye	60c
Barley	40c
Hay—prairie	$5.50 to $6.00
Hay—Timothy	$6.50 to $7.50
Creamery Butter	22c
Rairy Butter	16c
Eggs	12c
Potatoes	25c
Lard	8c
Stoc Cattle	$3.00to$3.50
Butcher cows and helfers	$2.00to$2.75
Veal Calves	$4.50
Steers, Prime Beef	$3.50to$4.00
Hogs—175 to 300	$5.10
Turkeys	12c
Ducks	5c
Geese	4c
Old Hens	7c
Old Roosters	3c
Spring Broilers	15c
Hides—No. 1, country slaughter	8c
Hides—No. 2, country slaughter	7c

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Markets Furnished by Lackland & Wright, Brokers, 216 E. Fourth.

CHICAGO CASH GRAIN MARKETS.

Corn—	
No. 2	56¼@57
No. 2 white	56¼@57
No. 2 yellow	56¼@57
No. 3	56 @56¾
No. 3 white	56 @56¾
No. 3 yellow	56 @56¾
No grade	50¼@50½
Wheat—	
No. 2 red	$ .93@ .94
No. 2 hard	1.05
No. 3 hard	95@1.00
No. 1 northern	1.18@1.20
No. 2 northern	1.10@1.15
No. 3 spring	1.05@1.10

Mr. W. R. Jameson visited the Ellsworth hospital at Iowa Falls yesterday to call on a banker friend of his who is being treated there. Mr. Jameson says that the Iowa Falls hospital is no comparison in size and equipment to the Presbyterian hospital of this city.

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If you have money to deposit
If you wish to borrow money
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J. H. STEWART, Architect
for plans. Lafayette Bldg. 27-tf

Those who wish food and drink that is prepared with pure, fresh well water must call at the Owl Cafe, 105 East Fifth street. exp-July-10.

PICNIC GROUNDS.

Murphy's grove, on the Cedar, one mile below the paper mill, is an ideal picnic spot. I will convey parties to and from the grounds. For terms apply to J. E. Murphey. C. Y. 'phone 1363a. 32-tf

If you are hard to suit and demand full value for your money, see ALBERT JEWETT, ARCHITECT. exp-july-25

I'll brave the storms of Chilkoot Pass,
I'll cross the plains of frozen grass,
I'd leave my wife and cross the sea,
Rather than be without Rocky Mountain Tea.
—H. W. Taggart.

$4.50 TO ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS VIA ROCK ISLAND SYSTEM.

July 3, 4 and 5 the Rock Island system will sell 30-day round trip tickets to St. Poul and Minneapolis for $6.10.

July 3, 4 and 5 10-day round trip tickets will be on sale to the above points for $6.

$4.50 for the round trip to St. Paul and Minneapolis July 6 and 7, tickets limited 5 days from date of sale. For further information call on C. E. McGlasson, Agent. ex-july-5

Swellest line of LEATHER HAND BAGS in town. Closing them out cheap. R. LEE, Diamond merchant.

Dr. Evens went up to Charles City to study the condition of his automobile patients. He found the unfortunate trio in such good condition as to permit of the removal of the chauffeur, Harry Cairns, to Chicago, and to prepare Mr. and Mrs. Meyers for transportation to St. Paul. They are all recovering rapidly, and take the accident in good humor.

Howard Tallerday leaves today for California, where he expects to remain.

Attorney Tuthill returned this morning from a trip in southern Iowa. He passed through Cedar Rapids over the scene of the wreck soon after it occurred. He says that the two cars are completely telescoped, and so well was the work done that an engine attached to the forward car pulled the two onto a side track without any connections other than those produced by the wreck. Mr. Tuthill reports that the motorman reported seriously hurt in the accident died early this morning. He says that he was the most popular motorman employed by the road. He could have jumped and saved himself but remained loyal to his post.

Mrs. S. A. McCleery returned to her home at Clarion, Iowa, after a few days' visit with her son, G. F. McCleery, who is an employe of the Waterloo Loan and Trust Co.

ing again about 3 o'clock this afternoon. All look cheerful now for a pure water drink awaits you once more at the station.

YOUR Watch Can Be Fixed
Dexter Phelps Can Do It