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THERE'S SOMETHING DOING

at The Gazette Printing House all
the time, and there'll be something
doing in the city. Read them and
know them. 11 12 13 14 15 16

One Dollar a Year in Advance.

NO. 3.

BIG CUT SALE AT THOMSON CO.

20 PER CENT OFF EVERYTHING IN DRY GOODS DEP'T.

Sale Commences Jan. 12th and Lasts Ten Days Only.

We have just landed a big lot of white goods of every description. Lawns, Dimities, Piques, all new styles in Waistings. This will be a regular trading feast for everybody. ♣ ♣ ♣

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3000 yards short length heavy Sheetings. 10c and 25c bundles. 4 1/2 to 6 yards in bundle.

Everything included in this 20 per cent cut; Clothing, Shoes, Dress Goods, Carpet, Trunks, &c.

THOMSON COMPANY

The People's Store.

Phone 46

KANSAS QUAIL TRAPPING.

A Horse Used When This Man Hunted.

"I was at one of those queer little country stores in Southern Kansas," said a New York man, "and a native came in with a wagon load of quail, a one-horse wagon load, in which there must have been 500 of the little game birds, says the New York Sun. Coming from the East, where a bag of a dozen quail would be considered by the sportsman a sufficient reward for a hard and searching day's hunt, I was naturally surprised to see such a collection of the birds as that, and told the native so.

"Yes," said he. "Oh, them ain't so many when you come to think that I had to take down a week in gettin' 'em together. Quail is gettin' powerful scarce for some reason or other.

"They are so scarce this fall, Captain," said he, turning to the storekeeper, "that I'll have to tax you 50 cents a dozen for these."

After some argument the bargain was made and closed at 50 cents a dozen for the lot—50 cents a dozen for the plumpest, choicest quail I ever looked at. When the native got his money and departed I couldn't help expressing more surprise; and I said to the storekeeper that it didn't seem to me that quail could be very scarce in a country where you could go out and bring down in even a week's hunting, a bag of quail like that.

QUAIL ONCE PLentiful.

"Doesn't seem so, does it?" replied the storekeeper. "Quail are scarce in this country, though, just the same, as you would know if you had ever been through here when they were plentiful.

"But this lot wasn't got by even a week's hunting. They weren't got by any hunting at all. There isn't the mark of a shot on one of those birds.

"That man who sold them to me is a solid and reputable citizen. He says he can't see what in the world is the reason quail are getting so scarce, and he honestly believes what he says. There are hundreds more just like him. They lament the growing scarcity of quail in Southern

Kansas and wonder what can be the reason.

"Five years ago a man like this one didn't think anything at all of going out and getting 200 or 300 quail a day. He didn't have any of his bird dogs in with him to-day, though he has some fine ones, but that horse he had to his wagon is perhaps the best quail stalking horse in Southern Kansas. He stalked the most of those seventy dozen quail I just bought of his owner, and I'll bet on it.

THE HORSE HELPED.

"When he goes after quail he takes a net under his arm, mounts his horse and accompanied by a couple of bird dogs trained for the work, rides to the prairie and slowly out upon it until the dogs have located a covey of quail, which they do without ever flushing a bird. When they come to a stand the quail gather easily calculates the spot where the quail are, and he dismounts and ties up his dogs.

"Selecting the most favorable ground for his purpose, he sets his trap. This trap is a semi-circular net from six to eight feet long, and it is kept in its form by light wire arches placed at intervals along its length.

"The flat side of the net is placed on the ground, the net being drawn straight to its full length. Then from each side of it a wing is extended from the open, flaring out until the outer extremities are four feet apart, the wing nets being six feet long thus forming a three-sided inclosure, with a wide opening narrowing down to the entrance to the trap.

"When the trap is thus set the quail gatherer fixes deftly in the main net about midway of its length, a clump of prairie bushes skillfully arranging about the mouth of the wing net, likewise a similar clump of foliage.

The trapper then remounts his horse which is trained to do the stalking of the quail so that they will be kept moving on but always in the direction of the trap. The horse is guided to the spot where the quail, located by the dogs are lying in the tall grass.

The knowing animal walks slowly, and apparently without any aim, and comes to the place where the little Bob Whites are. The unsuspecting birds don't fear the horse, but they don't

want to be trampled upon so they scurry ahead, the horse moping along behind them, as the keeping of them moving in the direction of the trap makes necessary.

The horse presses them so close that they at last make a dive for what they suppose is a protecting clump of bushes nearby—the convenient clump arranged at the entrance of the wing nets by the quail trapper. The horse trails them to the bushes and the birds go further into them, and find themselves in the inclosure, with another clump of bushes just ahead of them.

They crowd into the entrance of the bag net to get to those bushes. Then they are the trapper's game. As he dismounts and hurries to the net the quail, now alarmed, run on into the net and huddle there helpless—a whole covey taken at a single netting.

The quail are taken from the net alive, and when the birds were plentiful it was no trick at all for a trapper to gather 300 in a day.

"Yes," said the storekeeper, with a sorrowful shake of the head, "quail are getting scarce, and no mistake, in Southern Kansas, and you can't make the quail gatherers see the reason for it. And the serious part of it is that it's putting the price of 'em way up to 50 cents a dozen, when I used to get the pick of the prairie for 35 cents!"

"We Are Not Idiots."

Louisville Courier-Journal.

"We are not idiots," says Representative Williams, the leader of the House Democrats. "When it comes to recognizing a fact, a man ought to have sense enough to do that, whether he likes the blessed act or not, no matter how it came about or how it was accomplished, how vilely it was born or how horribly it was brought forth." That is the situation, forcibly stated. The president, by disobeying the mandate of Congress, has brought about a situation where, as he admitted in his message, the question now is not whether we shall take the Panama route, but whether we shall have a canal at all. We are not going to deny ourselves the canal because we disapprove the administration's method of getting it.

JAPANS' FIGHTING FORCE.

Half a Million Men and One Hundred Thousand Horses the Present Programme.

London Standard.

In a paper in the Journal of the United Service of India on the growth of the military power of Japan, Capt. H. W. R. Senior traces the origin of the present Japanese army to the action of the Mikado, when a "commission was sent out from Japan to all foreign countries in 1869 to inquire into the best system of national defence, the best system of education and the best religion." On its return the commission reported the French military system, the British naval system, and the American system of education to be the best. They stated, however, that they found no civilized religion to be worth adopting.

In 1867 the Mikado undertook the reorganization of his land forces on Prussian lines, with the assistance of a German military mission. The issue was seen in the triumph of Japan in the war with China in 1894, a brief account of which is given by Capt. Senior. The principal results were the complete unification of the various clans into the Japanese nation with a strong national feeling, and the receipt of the indemnity of £34,500,000.

This sum was partly applied to the further reorganization of the army, and reforms were instituted which were to be completed in April, 1902, and to be in full working order by 1905, when the Japanese army will have a peace strength of 150,000 men and 50,000 horses, capable of expansion by trained men to an army of 500,000 men with 100,000 horses, for war, with a supernumerary reserve of about another 500,000 men.

The Mikado, as head of the Empire, is assisted by an advisory board of generals and admirals.

The cavalry are armed with sword and carbine, those of the Imperial Guard alone carrying a lance for escort duties. The cavalry is the weakest portion of their army, the Japanese being indifferent riders. The artillery and engineers are well organized and equipped. Their medical arrangements are excellent, and

a foreign surgeon wrote in 1900:

"It was the general impression among medical men with the expedition that the Japanese medical service was most efficient and complete, removing their wounded promptly to the base. This was not due to superiority of equipment, but to a better organization of personnel for field service, and to the numbers they have at their disposal."

"SANDWICH" MEN IN THE LINE

Walking Advertisements Attend President's Reception at White House.

New York Times.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Something happened at the White House reception to-day that was never allowed to happen before. Two "sandwich" men, who for several days have been walking the streets dressed in bright red, with the advertisement of the brand of goods they represent printed on them, presented themselves with the crowd of citizens in the reception room, and, notwithstanding everybody expected to see them turned out by the guards, they were permitted to enter. The guards laughed and kept still.

Col. Symons, in his instructions about the citizens' part of the reception, had said that every one who came was to be allowed to see the Chief Magistrate of the land at this one great function of the year, and so in went the "sandwich" men.

When they appeared before the President it gave him a surprise, but he caught his breath and with the same smile that he had worn for all who had presented themselves he shook hands with the men in red and they strolled out.

The Shamrock Hosiery Mills Company of Winston was incorporated at Raleigh Monday with an authorized capital stock of \$100,000.

Two hangings are slated to take place in the State on February 25th. Jabel Reegater, white, will be hanged at Whiteville, Columbus county, and Will Bogan will be hanged at Wadesboro. The crime in both cases was murder.

SOME GOOD THINGS AT HALF PRICE

If you get a good thing and pay full value you still have a good thing and are to be congratulated. But when you buy a good thing at half price you have the good thing and also half your money, which is the same as having two good things. That is just what we offer you. It takes but a few words to tell the story. We are closing out our season's stock of

COATS AND FURS AT HALF PRICE!

Enough said for this. Again: we are also making a CLEAN SWEEP OF READY-TRIMMED HATS AT HALF PRICE, STRAIGHT THROUGH.

Buy now. It is the same as doubling your money: : : : NEW EMBROIDERIES AND LACES.

We have several big lots just arrived. They are not in our half-price sale. They are high value, almost double value—for the price we charge. However come see for yourself.

New Embroideries, clean and new designs, yard 5, 10 and 15c. Imitation Torchon laces, yard 5 and 10c. Greatest values ever shown here at these prices. Pecc. Festivals. 50c, \$1. \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3.50, \$5. Matchless garments at the price.

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LADIES' FURNISHINGS A SPECIALTY.

Take Your Savings to the Bank



Don't take chances with them at home. The safest place there is easily rifled by the enterprising burglar.

The Gastonia Savings Bank receives deposits in a sum from one dollar upward.

Interest paid on savings accounts.

The Gastonia Savings Bank is incorporated under the State banking laws and its books are examined periodically.

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