

HEAVY PERSONS USE LOCAL SCALES MOST

Public Weighing Machines Tell Their Stories To 1,000 Folk Daily; It Gets To Be A Habit.

How do they get that weigh? Almost a thousand persons tip the beams on public scales in Cedar Rapids every day, according to an estimate of interested observers of a score of machines in this city. One local bank, where weighing privileges are free, estimates that from 100 to 400 persons daily weigh themselves on their machine alone. A count at a rush hour showed thirty-five users in thirty minutes, more than one a minute in another bank in the south part of town, which also provides free scales for its patrons. The tabulator shows that it has been used 102,513 times in the last three years—an average of more than 100 a day.

"It's the fat people who do most of the weighing in public," says one banker who has kept tab on the "weighers."

But are they all fat or do they just think they are? A person has only to "tune in" on the conversations of those grouped around a weighing machine to believe that most folk are trying to reduce.

Fur coated flappers who tip the beam at 110 talk of diet. Modestly plump young maidens, who shyly look about before venturing on the weighing platform, stand agape at 135. Fat little fat patrons who wheeze and puff as they struggle to get aboard the pedestal scale, exclaim happily after one look at the indicator "I've lost a pound this week." And large photo-graphs who send the arrow spinning to a high figure such as 200 talk of "golf" and "girth control."

One woman who is said to be sensitive about her weight has a favorite little fraud she practices when weighing with her friends. She nonchalantly eases her hand against the machine frame and presses down lightening the pressure on the beam five or ten pounds.

Another favorite trick, according to observers is that of the husband who places his foot on the platform unnoticed while the wife wrings her hands in anguish at her total. All of them reducing or dieting seem to make it a serious and regular business to get weighed. To forget that little ceremony is to neglect its duty.

INDEPENDENCE STORES CHANGE OWNERSHIP

Special to The Gazette. INDEPENDENCE Jan 9.—During the last week two business concerns here have made changes in personnel. George Klotzbach, former partner in the Klotzbach and Hinrichs dry goods store, acquired his partner's interest. O. M. Hinrichs in turn purchased the Klotzbach store a few doors east of his old location. This is one of the largest variety stores in this section of the state. J. H. Block, which will operate all the stores in the chain of millinery stores which he now conducts throughout northeastern Iowa.

IN NEW BANK. MONTICELLO, Jan. 9.—F. J. Stebor, who for the last two years has been the assistant cashier in the Monticello State bank has resigned to become cashier in the Security Savings bank at Zwingle, Dubuque county, a new institution. The bank has elected its officers as follows: Daniel Schultz, president, L. E. Treuting, vice-president, F. J. Stebor, cashier.

Neuralgia



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IF YOU HAD A NECK AS LONG AS THIS FELLOW SORE THROAT ALL THE WAY DOWN TONSILINE The National Sore Throat Remedy. SHOULD QUICKLY RELIEVE IT ALL DRUGGISTS

Pay Cash and Pay Less. **Reps** WARREN & KNON. 50 Winter Coats \$5.00, 25 Dress Aprons \$1.25, 25 Plaid Blankets \$2.05, 25 Union Suits \$1.30, 25 Spring Ties \$1.00.

WOMAN WHO CAME WEST IN COVERED WAGON DEAD

Special to The Gazette. MAQUOKETA, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Sarah Shaw, 86, a resident here for the last quarter of a century died yesterday at the Becker home. Death was caused by the infirmities of old age. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wimberly and was born at Indianapolis in 1838. She was married to Philip Shaw in 1854. The same year they came to Iowa in a covered wagon, settling near Oskaloosa where they resided for many years. Twenty-five years ago they moved to this city, which has since been the family home. Surviving are four sons and two daughters, also thirty grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. The funeral will be held Saturday, the Rev. Frank Worcester officiating.

IOWA INAUGURAL PLANS ANNOUNCED

DES MOINES, Jan. 8.—(By Associated Press).—Tentative plans for the ceremonies by which John Hammond of Brit, next Thursday will be inaugurated as governor of Iowa, were announced today by L. G. Lasher, state adjutant general. The inaugural ceremonies will begin at 2 p. m. in the chamber of the house of representatives. There will be orchestra music while the house and senate are assembling in joint session under the direction of the speaker. Following the appointment, by the joint session, of an escorting committee of six legislators, the inaugural procession from the governor's offices to the house chamber will take place. The procession will

be led by the governor's staff, followed by half of the escort committee. Gov. Kendall Governor elect Hammond Lieutenant Governor elect Kimball and Chief Justice Faville. Arrived in the house chamber, Justice Faville will administer the oath of office to the new Lieutenant Governor, who will then preside while the oath is being taken by Gov. Hammond. Hammond's inaugural address will complete the afternoon's ceremonies. In the evening the governor will hold a reception in his offices. Persons who wish to go down the receiving line will assemble in the rotunda of the state house on the first floor, while members of the legislature will gather in the senate chamber. At 7:45 the legislators will proceed to the governor's office, followed by the line of private citizens, which will be formed through the senate chamber. There will be a band concert from 9 o'clock until midnight.

What Morning Papers Featured

NEW YORK—Negotiations were concluded by American bankers for a loan of \$12,000,000 to the August Thyssen-Hütte Iron and Steel works of Germany. MOSCOW—A conference of soviet officials and representatives of the peasantry it was decided to give the peasantry a more active part in Russian elections. WASHINGTON—The Army world flight aviators appraised all-American planes in a hearing before the house committee investigating air craft problems. SACRAMENTO—Resolutions ratifying the child labor amendment to the federal Constitution were adopted by both houses of the California legislature.

Prize Money Proves Curse To Elwell, Is Glad It Is Spent

CLEVELAND, Jan. 9.—(By International News).—Mr. and Mrs. George Elwell, facing poverty, but glad of it, again took up their lives together after seven months of friendless spending of a \$20,000 prize awarded to Elwell, a commercial artist, for painting a popular weekly, which culminated this week in Elwell's arrest on a warrant sworn by his wife, charging neglect of his minor children. Then came a reconciliation in a dingy courtroom, presided over by a judge and probation officer. "There's only \$50 left, but I've still got my health and hands," Elwell explained today. "I wish I'd never seen a penny of that money. It was nothing but a curse." Mrs. Elwell school that sentiment, and the family of four children,

ranging in age from 1 to 9 played contentedly in the little home where love's fire has been re-kindled with the return of poverty and work. When the prize check came Elwell bought an expensive car. Then followed weeks of life in hotels, dinners in restaurants and the purchase of drinks at boozing prices. Mrs. Elwell nagged, Elwell said, and so he left home. The court following Elwell's arrest, ordered the remaining money impounded in court to be used for the children. Elwell was looking for a job to day in place of the one he gave up when fortune rapped at his door.

Girl Was Engaged To Man Who Shot Her, Killed Self

MADISON, Jan. 9.—(By Associated Press).—The engagement of Miss Lora Palmer to Francis X. Barnard, who shot her and killed himself in a girls' dormitory at the University of Wisconsin (Wednesday) was revealed last night in letters seized by Hibbing, Minn., police from Barnard's room there. "There is no possibility of my allowing another man to make love to me as long as I am engaged to you," one of the letters from Miss Palmer to Barnard said. The police found many letters. Barnard had written to Miss Palmer, but had not mailed them. Miss Palmer today had improved sufficiently to warrant belief she would recover.

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THE STORE THAT UNDERSELLS BOSTON STORE 213-15-17 3rd Ave Cedar Rapids, Iowa Commencing A Sizzling Price-Wrecking Drive; Our Annual JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Prices Take A Severe Tumble On Women's Skirts, Silk Blouses, Bloomers and Petticoats. Entire stock of Women's fine Silk Blouses 1/2 OFF. Silk Bloomers, Princess Slips and Petticoats to \$8.50 \$4.95. Entire Stock of Women's Skirts at three low prices \$2.95 \$4.95 \$7.95.



Prices have been wrecked, shattered to clean house of all remaining Fall and Winter stocks. Former prices are beaten down. This is truly a merchandising triumph! Gigantic in scope! Astounding in value-giving! These are not mere idle words. Below is the proof, vividly portrayed in the amazing reductions listed. Tomorrow promises to be one of the busiest days in our history, come share in the values hundreds of which space would not permit mentioning.

A Smashing, Sweeping Spectacular Clearance of COATS The Greatest Price Upheaval This Store Has Ever Staged

Up to \$15.00 Coats Reduced to	\$8.95
Up to \$25.00 Coats Reduced to	\$14.95
Up to \$30.00 Coats Reduced to	\$19.75
Up to \$39.50 Coats Reduced to	\$24.75
Up to \$49.50 Coats Reduced to	\$32.75
Up to \$65.00 Coats Reduced to	\$39.75

We say without hesitancy that this is the greatest coat sale ever held in Cedar Rapids. We have applied every atom of our resources to bring prices down to a level never before reached. The coats are smart, distinctive Winter Models, luxuriously fur trimmed, in soft pile fabrics and suede finished cloths.

- Women's Imported Wool Hose \$1.49 First Floor.
- Women's Fleeced Union Suits \$1.39 First Floor.
- 32 Inch Novelty Crepes Per Yard 21c First Floor.
- Women's Buckskin Gloves \$1.49 First Floor.
- Nashua Part Wool Blankets Size 66x80 \$5.48 Third Floor.
- Children's Winter Union Suits 69c First Floor.
- Children's Wool Stockings 69c First Floor.

Prices Wrecked Beyond Recognition on all Women's DRESSES Dress Values Always Outstanding—Now Astounding!

Silk and Wool Dresses up to \$12.95	\$6.95
Silk and Wool Dresses up to \$16.95	\$8.95
Silk and Wool Dresses up to \$19.75	\$11.95
Silk and Wool Dresses up to \$29.50	\$16.95
Silk and Wool Dresses up to \$39.50	\$23.95

Every Silk and Wool Dress Involved in this Titanic Sale. Hundreds and hundreds of beautiful silk and wool dresses have been given their final drastic reductions. You will find a magnificent assortment of every imaginable style that the Season calls for. Here are values that exceed your fondest expectations at prices hardly ever dreamed of.



By Their Crowns are They Known Spring Hats A Delightful Showing Just in, Regular \$7.50 Values \$5.00

Crash Go Prices On Men's Furnishings Values As Scarce As Her's Teeth

Men's Heather Silk and Cotton Hose, special	25c
Men's Good Quality 50c Wool Cashmere Hose, special	35c
Men's Muslin Night Shirts in small sizes at	59c
Men's Blue Chambray Shirts of good Quality at	55c
Men's Sturdy Cotton Flannel Mitts, Special per pair	8c
Men's Cutting Flannel Shirts in small sizes	75c

50c & 59c Satinettes 37c Fifteen pieces of plain and shadow striped fine yard satinette. Special for Saturday, per yard 37c. First Floor.

\$5.50 Wool Comfortables \$3.95 American Woolen Mills' Comfortables in Fancy Light Pattern, size - 66x82 Regular \$5.50 values at \$3.95

Large Double Blankets \$2.19 Full bed size, heavy cotton, double blankets in gray and tan special for Saturday, \$2.19

Stamped Bed Spreads \$1.89 Offering for Saturday full size stamped bed spreads on heavy unbleached sheeting. Very special at \$1.89

A Bargain Blizzard of Domestic Specials With Competition Completely Snowed Under

9-4 Pequot bleached Sheeting	per yd 63c
8-4 Pequot bleached Sheeting	per yd 57c
7-4 Pequot bleached Sheeting	per yd 52c
8-1-20 Sheets	per yd \$1.68
8-4 Bridal bleached Sheeting	per yd 63c
8-4 Bridal bleached Sheeting	per yd 57c
7-4 Bridal bleached Sheeting	per yd 52c
36 inch Cambray and Longcloths	per yd 18c
9-4 Pepperell bleached Sheeting	per yd 45c
8-4 Pepperell brown Sheeting	per yd 42c
42 inch Pepperell Tubing	per yd 31c
36 inch heavy Tubing	per yd 28c
9-4 Luna bleached Sheeting	per yd 32c
9-4 Luna brown Sheeting	per yd 36c
39 to 40 inch brown Muslin	per yd 15c
25 inch heavy bleached outing	per yd 15c
27 inch heavy Cotton Flannel	per yd 12c Third Floor.

Surprise Sale of Toilet Goods

46c Jergus Lotion	33c
26c Sydnest Shampoo	18c
82c Incense Burner	59c
26c Incense	18c
Odd Compacts	50c
Every Toilet piece 1/2 price. First Floor.	

Gigantic Clearance of Wool Dress Goods

Space only permits listing three of the many values

All Wool French Serges, per yard	\$1.19
All Wool French Challies, per yard	79c
Up to \$3.00 Novelty Dress Goods, per yd	\$1.88 First Floor.

Drastic Clearance Of Black Silks Values That Are Rich and Rare

Black Satin Messaline per yard	\$1.19
Black Silk and Wool Canton Crepes, per yard	\$1.48
Black Heavy Crepes, per yard	\$1.79
Black Russian Crepes, per yard	\$1.79
Black Satin Crepes, per yard	\$2.48
Black Flat Crepes, per yard	\$2.48