

# -What Shall I Give?-

That is now the supreme question and one that is uppermost in the mind of all. We have tried to help you simplify matters by putting on display our most attractive items at the most reasonable prices.



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## INTERESTING ARTICLE ON EARLY PIONEER LIFE

Aged Nebraska Woman Tells of Crossing the Plains in Very Early Pioneer Days.

(World-Herald.)

Omaha was only a little village of fifty log and sod shacks and Lincoln was a mere stopping place with a well that contained salty drinking water, when Mrs. Dina Nutter, aged 91, now living at Gibbon, in Buffalo county, crossed Nebraska for the first time, in 1858, en route to Salt Lake City with a party of Mormons.

In company with her husband and children Mrs. Nutter came to the United States in 1855 from England with a company of Mormons. Three years the family resided in Philadelphia when they decided to join a colony headed for the Mormon metropolis, Salt Lake City.

The trip from Pennsylvania to St. Joseph, Mo., was made by train, but the railroad stopped at the Missouri river. An old-fashioned water boat was used to take the party up the river to Omaha.

Ready to leave Omaha the Nutter family purchased a yoke of oxen for \$85 and a "schooner" for \$100, also a supply of provisions. Seventy-five wagons, with oxen teams, and about a half dozen lighter vehicles, composed the colony which left Omaha to cross the "Great American Desert." On account of the loaded condition of their wagon (they having shared with another family with four small children) the Nutters walked most of the way to Utah.

Mrs. Nutter, in spite of her 90 years, is hale and hearty and takes an active part in many of the village entertainments and society events. Her husband is dead, but her son, John, lives on a farm east of Gibbon and will be a resident of Kearney. Mrs. Nutter is a pleasing conversationalist and her tales of adventure in Nebraska's bygone days are listened to with interest. Of her trip across the plains she says:

**Crossing the Plains.**  
"The first day after we left Omaha we went about twenty miles. Tired? Why I never was so tired in all my life. After a few days we got used to walking and would just about as leave walk as ride. John Smith was the captain of our company, and he usually rode ahead on a fast horse and found places for us to camp.

"We followed a trail south of the Platte river to Fort Kearney. We passed near where the present city of Lincoln now is, for I remember stopping at a creek to get a drink, and it was salty.

"We saw plenty of game, more especially the great herds of buffalo. When the buffalo started to a pond or river to drink they went single-file, probably 500 or more in number. We also saw a great number of deer, elk and antelope.

"When we arrived at Fort Kearney not many soldiers were stationed there, for President Buchanan had called for men, as we were threatened with war. We saw a great many Indians in this section, but they did not molest us.

"One day a couple of ladies from our colony did some trading with the Indians and cheated them. This made the Indians quite angry and the captain hearing the Indians were planning revenge, told the ladies that the must make it right with the redskins or we might all have to suffer, which they did, and the Indians let the matter drop.

"At one place near Fort Laramie, we had to ford the Platte river and my husband and myself had to wade on each side of the oxen, waist deep in the water, to keep them moving, because in case the wagon stopped it would sink in quicksand. There was only one bridge over the Platte in its entire length, and as they charged an exorbitant toll, we had to ford.

"We had a great deal of sickness, especially among our children. We had eleven deaths in our party, most of them due to whooping cough. There was one family with us who lost four children, and then the mother took sick with mountain fever and died. We had nothing with which to make a coffin, as the children's coffins had used up all our boards. So the men dug a cave in the bank of a creek and made a platform in it of trees and I gave them the lid off my clothes-box to lay her on. Then we covered the body with a sheet and left it there. The husband took sick about this time and was very ill the remainder of the trip.

"One day the captain got drunk and could not ride until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. We were compelled to make up lost time by driving at night. After supper the same evening one of the men lighted his pipe. This frightened the oxen and they began to run.

## The Most Useful Gifts

are ones most appreciated—

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They ran about five minutes, upset wagons and scattered provisions. The captain was very angry at this delay and swore continually. He had procured his whisky from a stage that went every ten days between Omaha and San Francisco. It took us twelve weeks to make the trip from Omaha to Salt Lake City.

"There was a colony of poor people who left Omaha two days before we did, walking the entire distance, pushing their provisions as well as little children. We got to Salt Lake City a week before they did.

**Long Journey to Doctor.**

"When we reached Bear river a man took sick and could go no farther. The captain's nephew was helping to unload his wagon and when in the act of taking a gun out the trigger caught and his arm was shot off. The captain took a team of mustangs and a light rig and drove with him to Salt Lake City, a distance of 250 miles, so we were compelled to make the last part of the journey without a captain.

"We arrived at our destination about the last of August, and bought a three-acre ranch ten miles west of Scossions. We lived there for twenty months. One day when I was alone an old squaw and a young buck came while I was getting dinner. I was boiling sweet corn on the ear. They intimated that they would like some, so I gave a part of it to them. They asked for more and I accommodated them, but when they asked a third time I refused, telling them I needed it for my children. Then the squaw went out to the field and began to help herself. The buck stayed at the house with me and tapping on a piece of log, said: 'This is my wood, my country, my corn; white man go back.' This made me mad and I went into the house, tore the cap off our drinking cup, which resembled a revolver, and with this and a dirk knife I started after the squaw and buck.

There is more Canada in the section of the country than all other diseases put together, and still the last few years we happened to be in it. For a great many years' doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by some-why failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Canada to be a constitutional disease, and therefore require a constitutional treatment. My father's father, manufactured by P. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They cost one hundred dollars for one case. It fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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"We left Salt Lake because we could not get work and during the winter it took everything we had to live. Prices were very high. We had to pay as high as 25 cents for a box of matches. Our trip back was not nearly as exciting as the previous one, but we encountered several thrilling experiences that time, too.

"We found Fort Kearney deserted, as the soldiers had gone to war. The country near Shelton impressed us and we decided to stop there. We built a home and have lived in the community ever since."

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## FAIR SPECIMENS OF THE AMERICAN OPOSSUM

William Hinrichsen of the Famous bar, has on exhibition in the west window of his place of business three very cute little specimens of the American opossum, which have attracted a great deal of attention. The little animals are very clever and greatly resemble a cross between a large rat and the other members of the rodent family, both in looks and action. W. J. Hicks, who resides in the

vicinity of Cedar Creek, caught the mother and the little ones on his farm and brought them in to show those who have never saw a 'possum just what they looked like. The little ones are very tame and can be handled without danger, as they do not offer to bite, but in the older 'possums it is best to keep away from them, as they are very prone to bite and scratch.

Can't look well, eat well, or feel well with impure blood. Keep the blood pure with Burdock Blood Bitters. Eat simply, take exercise, keep clean, and good health is pretty sure to follow \$1.00 a bottle.

## Degree of Honor, Notice!

There will be a special meeting of the Degree of Honor lodge Friday afternoon, December 24th, at 2:30 for the purpose of taking in and obligating a new member.

By Order of Chief of Honor,  
Mrs. Bullin.

Masquerade at K. S. Hall.

There will be a mask ball given at the K. S. Hall on Saturday evening, January 8th. A good time is in store for everyone and cash prizes will be offered for costumes.

## "IT IS TIME THE PEOPLE KNEW THE TRUTH"

Is General Wood's Endorsement of Official Motion Pictures of Army and Navy.

"Guarding Old Glory," a comprehensive moving picture of the United States army and navy, was shown at the war department before Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Secretary of War Garrison, Major General Scott, Major General Wood and other government officials. This five-reel feature was taken with the sanction of these men and met with their hearty approval. Secretary of the Navy Daniels says in part:

"It is a splendid, realistic exhibition and I trust that thousands will see these pictures." Secretary of War Garrison, in remarking upon them, says: "They are extremely interesting and instructive and I wished that every citizen could see them."

A call to arms could not demonstrate better the deplorable unpreparedness of our country than these official pictures showing all branches of our national defense. Every red-blooded American should see this feature and decide for himself whether or not President Wilson's defense program should have his support.

"Guarding Old Glory" was shown for weeks in New York and Chicago to ever-increasing attendance, and patrons of the Grand theater will be given an opportunity on Monday, December 27th, to decide for themselves whether or not our country is prepared to resist foreign attack.

Read the want ads in the Journal.

## BIG CLOSING OUT SALE OF

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