

MONDAY WILL BE HOLIDAY

Set Aside by Most Business and Official Men for Celebrating Christmas.

TWO BIG STORES WILL REMAIN OPEN

City and County and Federal Offices Will Keep Their Doors Closed and Do Not Work.

Omaha will be a closed city Monday. That is, with a few notable exceptions the business houses of the metropolis will keep their doors closed during the day which has been appointed as the substitute for the Sunday Christmas.

Among the big retail houses, Thomas Kilpatrick & Co., Thompson, Seiden & Co., the Bennett stores and most of the others will be closed for the entire day.

On the other hand, J. L. Brandeis & Sons, and Hayden Bros. will be open the whole day. We have had an exceptional holiday trade," said Robert Cowell of Kilpatrick's.

"Several days ago we passed the mark of our total for December trade in preceding years—the rest is all velvet. The weather has been so exceptionally fine shopping have been able to be out every day, and the shops are getting the advantage. We feel we can afford to close."

All the jobbing houses practically have signified their intention of closing for Monday. They have no particular incentive for keeping open, as no related Christmas shopper will be wanting to rush in and buy a hurried gift to mail to some one who had unexpectedly sent a present.

The county treasurer, with the exception of the county offices, and all the city offices will be closed. The offices in the headquarters of the Union Pacific and the Burlington will be closed the entire day and the city ticket offices will be shut up at noon.

While there is no federal statute that recognizes a holiday, the federal offices will generally be closed Monday and no public business will be transacted.

There will be but two carrier deliveries from the postoffice Monday morning and one delivery in the residence district. The office will close at 10:30 a. m. for the day.

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To accommodate out-of-town trade taking advantage of Excursion Rates to Omaha we will be open Monday.

Following is a Communication from the Commercial Club of Omaha:

Railroad Rates for Teacher's Meeting

Referring to the coming meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers' Association in Omaha December 28, 29 and 30, following are the railroad rates:

One Fare for Round Trip (plus 50c) From All Points in State of Nebraska

Tickets will be sold Dec. 25, 26, 27 and 28—good to return to January 4, inclusive.

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We Close All Day Monday

We want our sales-people to rest up after their arduous week. They have done nobly. No corps of sales-people ever showed more eagerness to please the buying public. They deserve their holiday. We believe our customers will willingly support us in letting them have it.

Tuesday Morning We Open Up Bright and Early for Business

The cleaning-up sales at sacrificed prices will then begin. Odds and ends from Christmas stocks must be cut out preparatory to inventory.

NEBRASKA STATE TEACHERS' CONVENTION will then be in session. We are sure the teachers and their friends will appreciate our inability to entertain them Monday because of our desire to give our army of employees the needed rest which they have so HONESTLY EARNED.

We give all the teachers and their friends a very special invitation to visit us.

And Again—Wednesday is Red Letter Day

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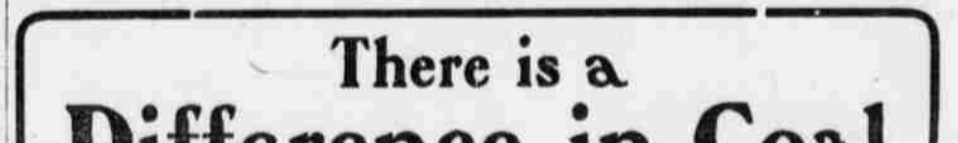
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