

SENDERS OF CHRISTMAS PACKAGES ARE BEING HELPED AT POSTOFFICE.

MANY PARCELS POORLY TIED

Several Gold Pieces Are Among the Things Sifted Out of Packages and There is No Way of Identifying Them.

Postmaster Wharton has assigned the assistant superintendent of mails to temporary duty in the lobby of the postoffice to assist patrons in getting their Christmas mailings done.

There are people who don't come to this office once a year, said Postmaster Wharton, "unless it is at Christmas time, and many of them are utterly lost to know where to go to get their parcels weighed, where to get stamps and then where to mail the various kinds of parcels and letters.

One of the things that is surprising to a stranger and is expected as a matter of fact by clerks in the mailing department is the extreme carelessness of many people in going up their packages and parcels for Christmas mailing.

Dozens of parcels come into the mail from the city collections with the strings practically off the bundles and the contents already nearly dropping out.

In the "mixie" room are filed letters and parcels which have no address, or from which the address has been lost.

UNIVERSITY SQUAD ENJOY A BANQUET

As a fitting close to the football season, the squad of the university of Omaha was entertained at a banquet last night at the University club.

Captain O. P. Morganthaler was presented with a gold watch chain in appreciation of the splendid work he has done in rounding out a winning team.

Following the banquet, Paul Selby was chosen to lead next year's eleven. Selby played quarterback last season just closed and while small was a fast and heavy player.

CULLS FROM THE WIRES

A fire drill prevented a panic of 40 children at Springfield, Mo., when a blaze was discovered in the auditorium of the Howarth school while Christmas exercises were in progress.

After hearing the testimony of three witnesses for the government, Judge Howard Hollister adjourned the trial of officials of the National Cash Register company until January 8.

Guilty of murder in the first degree was the jury's verdict in the case of William Runge of Wauwatosa, Wis., who last February set fire to his house, in which his wife was burned to death.

Secretary MacVeagh has again suspended the Treasury department order, which was to have become effective today, imposing a sanitary duty on split peas and flour from Germany.

All published estimates of the value of the estate of E. H. Harriman, the financier, are "guess work" and no official appraisal of the estate has yet been made, according to J. W. Lyon, the official appraiser.

Representative Tucker of Colorado, who holds the endorsement of the Colorado delegation in the case of William Bryan and others for appointment to the post of United States minister to Cuba, left for Havana last night.

The Latest Song on Wall Street



(Try this over to the tune of "Didn't He Ramble") By HANK.

Once there was a gambling man, a gambler bold was he— He was the boldest gambling man the world did ever see.

And didn't he gamble, ga-a-amble, Gambled all aroun', in and out of the town, And didn't he gamble, ga-a-amble, He gambled till the brokers cut him down.

Once there was a pious man, a pious man was he— He was the mostest pious man the world did ever see.

And didn't he scramble, scra-a-amble, Scrambled all aroun', in and out of the town, They forced him to scramble, scra-a-amble, Scramble 'till the brokers cut him down.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Water Board Presents Bill that Would Abrogate Contract.

CITY CLERK ON THE QUI VIVE

Discovers Infact in Time and Takes Action that Will Prevent Payment to City Council for Its Decision.

What was probably a carefully planned coup of the Omaha Water board to have the city of South Omaha, abrogate the old agreement between it and the Omaha Water company was defeated yesterday by City Clerk Perry Wheeler's keen eye for the interests of the tax payers.

Investigation of the item showed that the Water board had intentionally ignored the provision of the old contract, which allowed the city certain hydrants free under the annuity clause of the contract.

Old Bargain Bound.

In order to bind the bargain under the old contract, Mayor Hector some months ago under the provisions of the old contract paid some \$434 on this year's account to the Water board.

Now comes the apparently business presentation of the Water board's bill for hydrant rental, with the rental calculated on 35 hydrants instead of 24. Added to this is the deduction of the \$434 paid recently on account by the city.

But City Clerk Wheeler directed that the bill be not authorized. It will now be up to the council and the city treasurer. City Clerk Wheeler says he will hold the bill up and will not issue the warrant, which leaves the Water board just where it was before—having the necessity of going into court to show that it can accept the bonus of the Omaha Water com-

pany without the attendant omnia as the Magic City holds.

In the meantime the city attorney will bring suit to mandamus the Water board to install the new hydrants and water mains as provided in the old contract and ordered by the city council some weeks ago.

New Gymnasium Warmed.

The new gymnasium, located at Twenty-fourth and J streets, has just been renovated and equipped for the use of the high school students.

Burglar Frightens Woman.

Scared by a burglar some nights ago, Mrs. R. H. Johnson, wife of Prof. R. H. Johnson of the high school, lies at her home on Twentieth and J streets in a dangerous condition.

Holiday Vacation Begins.

Yesterday marked the close of the school term and the fitting of the school mar's hither and yon for the holidays.

Little Family Entertainments were given by the teachers and children yesterday and presents were made to some of the principals.

United Presbyterian church, Twenty-third street, Rev. W. A. Pollock, pastor.

Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Public worship at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Prince of Peace." Young People's Christian union meets at 6:30 p. m. The Stable or the Inn will be the subject for the evening hour of worship.

First Christian church, Twenty-third and I streets, Rev. W. J. Hattie, pastor.

Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Christian Women's Board of Missions will give an address at the morning hour of worship, Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. At 7:30 p. m. the pastor will give a Christmas sermon. Special music, A cordial invitation is extended to the public. Tuesday evening the Sunday school will give a program and will have a Christmas tree.

St. Luke's Lutheran church, Twenty-fifth and K streets, Rev. S. H. Yerlan, pastor.

Morning worship at 10 o'clock. Confirmation class at 4 p. m. Services at the church club at 7:30 p. m. Special music by the choir. Catechism class at 8 p. m. Parsonage at 8:30 p. m. Letter Memorial church, Fifteenth and Madison streets, Rev. T. A. Bagshaw, pastor.

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Now for an Xmas Gift they'll REMEMBER!

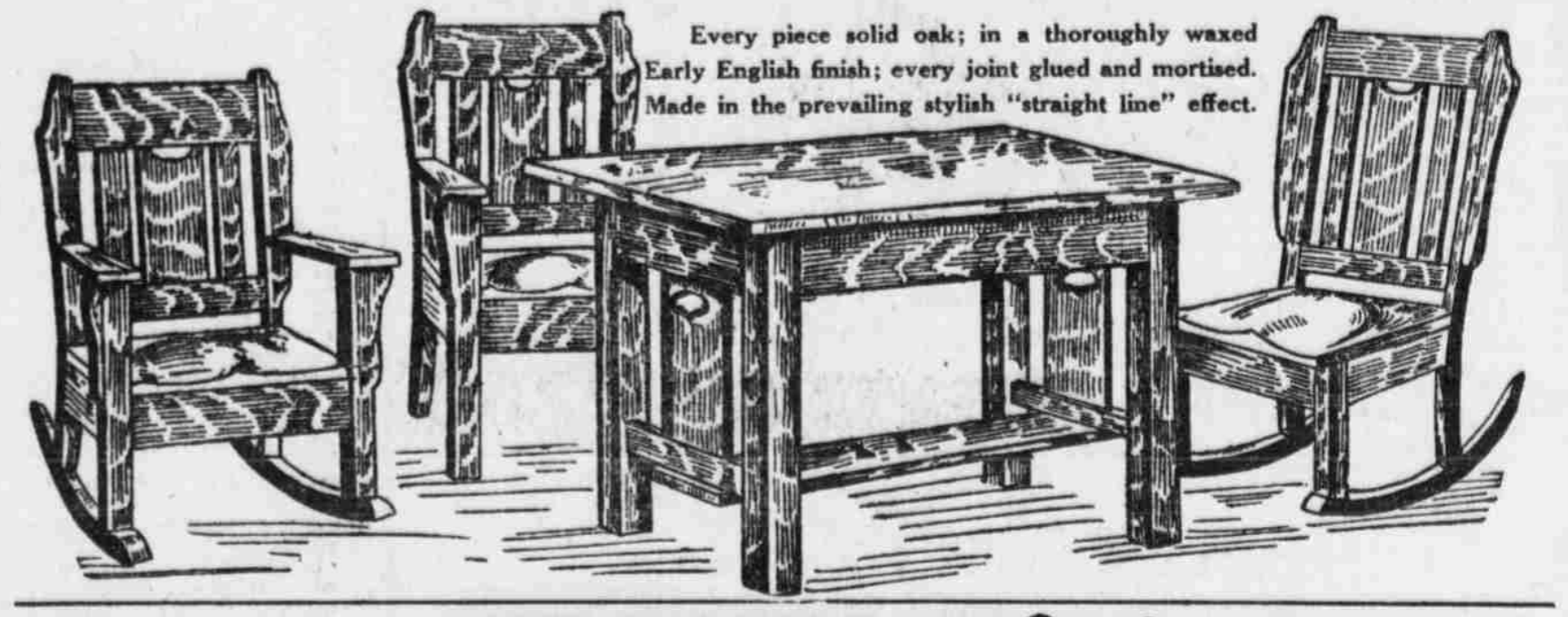
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Secures the very Living Room or Library set pictured here—Four handsome pieces that would sell at \$30.00 in the ordinary way.

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There's a handsome table in the outfit, and a massive arm chair and two rockers, one of the rockers armless, the other with broad and comfortable arms.

50c per week, that's easy.



Every piece solid oak; in a thoroughly waxed Early English finish; every joint glued and mortised. Made in the prevailing stylish "straight line" effect.



Goods Purchased Saturday will be delivered Monday or Tuesday, as requested. "Union" promises an ideal "last minute" Xmas delivery service.

Miniature Wash Boilers 14 in. high, cute Christmas gifts to little ones, and sell here, at each, only... 10c

"Woolly Dogs" 14 inches high, cute kinds, worth \$1 at carnivals, etc., here at... 49c

Boys' Mechanical Train Outfits Outfit consists of Engine, Tender, Coach and four pieces of Circular Track. Has automatic winding attachment, and is identical with the kinds usually selling at \$1.00. It's the VERY gift a boy WANTS, too. Union's price, per outfit, is... 35c

Only 25c For a daintily decorated Toy Tea Set. A set just like it would cost again as much at the toy shops. Buy one as a Christmas gift for your little girl.

Union Outfitting Co. OMAHA S.E. COR. 16th & JACKSON STS. (The People's Furniture and Carpet Co.; Consolidated With the People's Store.)

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Easy to Find Acceptable Gifts at the Sherman & McConnell Drug Stores...

Thermos Bottles at \$1 \$1.50 \$2 \$2.50 \$3.50 and \$5 Waterman's Fountain Pens, and other standard makes— at \$1 \$1.50 \$2 \$2.50 \$3.50 \$5 Travelers' Flasks, covered with wicker, leather and nickel— at 75c 85c \$1 \$1.25 \$1.50 Military Hair Brushes in Rosewood, Cocoa, Ebony, Satinwood and Celluloid, at \$1.25 \$1.50 \$2 \$2.50 \$3 \$3.50 \$4.50 Fine Dressing Hair Brushes for Ladies and Gentlemen, \$1 to \$5 Fine Candles in Sealed Boxes as follows—Woodward's, Liggett's, O'Brien's, Guth's, Voegel & Dinning's, Johnson's, 1/2 lb. to 5-lb. boxes, at 25c to \$4.00 Three-piece Silver Sets, at \$4.39 \$4.89 and \$5.64

Cigars to suit the most fastidious—200 brands to select from. We will sell you the kind of cigar that will suit your friend, because it would suit you if a smoker.

Despite the rush we are giving our usual prompt prescription service, as these departments are quite apart from the sales rooms of our stores.

Sherman & McConnell Drug Co. Corner Sixteenth and Dodge Streets

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Ask about "Seventy-seven," ask your neighbors, ask your friends, ask anyone you meet, in society, in business, at church, at the opera, theater, anywhere, anyone, it makes no difference, the answer will be the same—"If you will take 'Seventy-seven' when you first feel a cold coming on, it will break it up, in short order."

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