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Of Fine Tailored Suits Commences Thursday Morning at 9 o'clock. Great Reduction in Price. Nearly every desirable color is represented in this great sale of fine suits, dark wine, brown, navy, plum, leather and blonde, all sizes, 34, 36, 38, 40 and a few size 42.

All the \$30.00, \$35.00 and \$40.00 Suits—Thursday's sale price \$25.00. All the \$45.00 and \$50.00 Suits—Thursday's sale price \$30.00

Bargain Square in Basement.

Special sale of men's and boys' heavy leather gloves and mittens. This is a lot of manufacturers' samples and includes all kinds of lined leather gloves and mittens for cold weather wear. A chance for a big saving. Values run up to two dollars. Our prices are 80c, 75c, 60c, 45c and 19c a pair.

Black Kid Gloves.

Black gloves are still the prime favorite. It is worth knowing that the kind we sell are reliable. We have ample stocks of all styles and lengths. 18-button black Glove, in real kid, oversize or plus, per pair \$1.50 and \$2.00. 12-button black Glove of well selected skins, per pair \$1.00. 12-button black Glove Kid Glove of suede, per pair, \$2.00 to \$3.50. Short black Kid Glove, of real kid, either oversize or plus, per pair, \$1.50 and \$2.00. P. & L. Black Kid Gloves with 3 strand of Paris point stitching, per pair \$1.15 and \$1.50. Special offering for black Gloves, to touch up the white spots, 18c a tube. Main floor.

Every One Should See It.

The wonderful piece of embroidery that was executed by the famous artist, Mr. Torano Katow, now on exhibition on our second floor. Holding Bros. & Co's. regular line of "New France" Wash Embroidery Silks were used in this beautiful work of art.

Great Value

Frosty bright plaids for Christmas giving, now 19c a yard. We doubt if any gift at Christmas would more delight the child than material for a pretty plaid waist or dress. Don't you know one whose bright eyes would sparkle at sight of a pretty bright plaid dress? And they cost so little, if you are interested in a plaid of a very large collection 19c a yard.

To Christmas Shoppers.

Do your Christmas shopping early—in the day and early in the morning. That will be your biggest holiday gift to the workers behind the counters.

Wait

For our Great Special Sale of Women's Evening and Opera Coats; all high class goods at greatly reduced prices.

Wooltex Coat Talk, No. 18.

This is the last of our series of talks on Wooltex Coats. We have tried to cover every good point of these superior garments, and if you will take the time to come in and see them for yourself you will agree with every assertion we have put forth for the Wooltex Coats. No. 18, Wooltex styles are made in such variety that there is no type of figure which may not be exactly suited. This season's styles embrace four hundred and ninety-six different models so that perfect satisfaction may be secured for everybody. Wooltex garments are sold in Omaha by Thompson, Belden & Co. only.



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TAFT'S AUDIENCE WITH CZAR

Receives Frank Expression of Russia's Good Will.

GREETINGS TO THE PRESIDENT

Emperor Aides Secretary of War to Convey Them to the Chief Executive—Relations Most Friendly.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 4.—Secretary Taft was received here today by Emperor Nicholas at Tsarskoe Selo and received from his majesty the frank expression of Russia's sentiments of sympathy and regard for the United States. The emperor requested Mr. Taft to convey his greetings to President Roosevelt.

The secretary spent about five hours with the emperor and enjoyed the honor of a long and intimate conversation regarding matters in the United States and the problems confronting the American government. As the emperor is ill, Mr. Taft did not see her, but was presented to the other members of the imperial family. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 4.—Secretary Taft and the members of his suite visited the Duma at a late hour today. Baron Ostenasch met the party at the portico of the palace and conducted them to one of the imperial boxes directly opposite the speaker, Premier Stolypin. Ministers of War, Justice and other members of the cabinet were in the gallery. Several of the members of the press, who formerly had been stationed in Washington, entered the box to pay their respects to the secretary.

Sir Donald MacKenzie Wallace, the author, who opportunely was present in the palace, joined Secretary Taft's party and acted as interpreter of the speeches. He pointed out also the leading members of the Duma. Secretary Taft was impressed with the spaciousness and magnificence of the chamber, which was brilliantly illuminated. During Mr. Taft's stay M. Shubin, an Octoberist, M. Tymasha, a Pole, and an American socialist, took turns in speaking. The session was not marked by any special incident.

The news of the presence of Secretary Taft in the chamber spread quickly until finally the attention of practically everybody in the house, members of the ministry, senators, diplomatists, newspaper correspondents and deputies was centered on the imperial box.

The secretary and his party stayed for half an hour and then took their departure. A plea for world peace was the topic of a speech delivered at the American banquet here tonight, which was attended by several high Russian officials, in addition to some sixty Americans.

Responding to the speech of welcome delivered by F. M. Corse, who presided, Secretary Taft said that he hoped the traditional friendship between Russia and America would increase and become stronger. The similarity in the development of the two countries, he said, ought to produce a sympathetic feeling and he drew a parallel between Russia and America, with reference to their immense extent and the differences arising therefrom.

Personally the secretary had a strong feeling of affection and regard for Russia, on account of the two years' residence of his father there as an American minister. His present trip, he said, was on his own account, but he was glad to represent a number of his countrymen who were here. He said that he was glad to see that Russia was making progress in various directions to carry out her ultimate policy of the United States and America's only policy was the peace of all nations. His only official function, he said, was that of a diplomat, and he was glad to see that the United States and America were making progress in various directions to carry out their ultimate policy of the United States and America's only policy was the peace of all nations.

Major Downs Has Retired. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Major C. W. Downs, who for some time has acted as United States Indian agent at the Cheyenne River Indian agency, has retired from the position. He has been succeeded by C. W. Rastall, who for some time has been connected with the official affairs of the government on the Cheyenne reservation. The new agent has had considerable experience with the Indians, and is said to be fully competent for the position to which he has been promoted. The trouble with the rebellious Indians on the Cheyenne reservation has been adjusted matters on the reservation have settled down to their accustomed quiet.

Swift Justice at Yankton. YANKTON, S. D., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—At a special term of the circuit court held here, Judge E. G. Smith sentenced Otto Johnson and James Robinson to one and one-half and two and one-half years, respectively, in the state penitentiary at Sioux Falls, for burglary. The charge against both was burglary for robbing the store of S. E. Groom the night before Thanksgiving. In his haste at packing up the stolen clothing, Johnson wrapped up his own hat, which was the clue that eventually forced a confession from him.

Veteran Comrade Suicide. HOT SPRINGS, S. D., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Orson Gage, a member of the State Soldiers Home, committed suicide today about 11 a. m. by shooting himself in the mouth with a revolver. Death was apparently instantaneous, for when the body was found in the ravine some three hours afterward all signs of life had ceased. Mr. Gage was 54 years old and a member of the Masonic lodge, which took charge of the funeral.

Paroled Man Insane. PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Caleb Van Audsall was declared to be insane today and the authorities of the Iowa asylum at Cherokee notified of his condition, he having recently been discharged from that institution as cured.

Fires in South Dakota. PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The reports sent to the state fire marshal for the month of November show thirty-six fires in this state, which were caused by defective chimneys, stoves and stoppages and careless use of hot ashes. Only three are credited to gasoline.

Bonus for Santa Fe Engineers. CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The management of the Santa Fe is establishing a bonus system for the road's engineers and firemen. Under the new plan the crew which run their engines the greatest distance with the least expense in the way of repairs will be given increased pay in the way of a bonus. It is expected that this system will greatly decrease the cost of repairs.

West of Pure Food Law. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—It now is known for a certainty that Commissioner Wheaton has had a warrant issued for the arrest of Dr. R. F. Brown of this city, president of a local high school drug company. The suit instituted by the pure food commissioner will be in the nature of a friendly one and will be for the purpose of securing an early decision from the state supreme court as to whether or not the provisions of the new pure food law are unconstitutional and void, as claimed by many of the

druggists and wholesale drug houses, in reference to the matter Commissioner Wheaton said: "If the law is not good I want to know it, but if good it must be enforced until repealed."

MORTON AGAIN A CANDIDATE

Former South Dakota Congressman Enters Race for Nomination Second Time.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Eben W. Martin, former congressman, today announced his candidacy for congress. He declares the pragmatic should be renominated, but in event he declines, Martin supports Taft, and declares the delegation to the national convention should be instructed for Roosevelt first, with Taft a second choice. He declares he always has in the past and will in the future support Roosevelt policies. In his announcement he takes occasion to deal hard blows to so-called reform leaders, whom, he says, secured the reins of administration last year through political error and loud shouting of "reform."

Gamble's Choice Well Liked.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The recommendation by Senator Gamble of Dr. C. B. Alford to succeed Frank A. Morris as surgeon general will meet with favor throughout the state. Dr. Alford has been a leader in South Dakota since 1888, during which time he has been prominently identified with the political affairs of the state, and as a practitioner has won much favor. For more than a score of years he was in active practice here, but discontinued it last year. He is a native of New York and spent his early life as a school teacher in Illinois, devoting what time he could to reading medicine. In 1868 he was married, at Morris, Ill., to Miss Lucinda Carroll, Dr. Alford is a graduate of the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, and during his professional career was much prominent as a physician. General Gamble, who retired from the office, held the position of surgeon general for nine years past. He is a popular and efficient official and favorably known throughout the state. Huron will continue to be his residence.

Mason Elks Memorial.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Huron lodge, No. 4, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, held memorial exercises in the opera house, Sunday afternoon. Fourteen members have died since the organization of the lodge here. The exercises yesterday were well attended and were exceedingly impressive. Eminent Leading Knight Coler Campbell presided. The program opened with a selection by the Huron orchestra, followed with invocation by Rev. T. K. Smith; Arthur Phillips sang "Callist O' This O' Father;" Governor C. C. Crawford responded to the sentiment "To Our Absent Brothers," followed by a violin solo by Vernon Algers, after which Miss Gretchen Bauer sang "Star Side." The sentiment "Our Order—the Living and Dead" was the subject of an eloquent address by George W. Egan of Sioux Falls, followed by a vocal duet, "Come Unto Me," by Rev. and Mrs. Fred W. Long. During the exercises the Mestler singers, who changed to be in the city, gave a number of selections.

South Dakota Church Meeting.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Preparations are rapidly being completed for the third annual meeting of the Church Federation of South Dakota, which will convene in Sioux Falls in the afternoon of December 16 and continue in session until noon of the following day. Rev. W. H. Thrall of Huron is president of the federation. Some of the leading clergymen of South Dakota will attend the meeting and participate in the discussions and deliberations. At one of the sessions Rev. O. F. Gardner of New York City, assistant secretary of the National Federation of Churches, will make an address.

Count Kostin on Trip.

Count Kostin, who is acting as imperial ambassador here, responded with a toast to President Roosevelt, which was drunk amid great enthusiasm and the singing of the national hymn of both countries. His audience with the foreign minister, M. Lwowolsky, in the evening, was of an international character, being touched on in a general way. A special review of the Semenovskiy guards has been arranged for tomorrow at Tsarskoe Selo in honor of the American secretary, Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards and Captain S. L. H. Brown, the American military attaché at St. Petersburg, will accompany him. The luncheon to be given in honor of Mrs. Taft by Mrs. Schuyler, jr., wife of the American charge d'affaires, will be attended by a number of American women and high Russian society leaders, including Princess Beloselsky and Princess Castakuscine (Julia Dent Grant).

Big Truss Goods Purchase.

We announce another shipment of big cases of imported dress goods samples from the United States customs house—a new lot-like the samples that made such a success Friday. J. L. BRANDEIS & SONS.

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G. W. Wattles Knows a Good Thing

The Following Letter Explains Itself: United States National Bank of Omaha, Omaha, Neb., Nov. 26, 1907.

R. L. Metcalf, Esq., Lincoln, Neb.

My Dear Metcalf: I enclose herewith my check for twenty volumes of your book, "Of Such is the Kingdom." It is my intention to send these books as Christmas gifts to friends living outside of the state; first, with the thought that no more appropriate gift could be made at Christmas time than a volume of this excellent gem of literature, and second, with the thought that by thus distributing a product of our state, of which every one is justly proud, it will be a fitting advertisement of the State of Nebraska that will do much good.

Please send me these volumes by express, and oblige, yours very truly, G. W. Wattles.

"Of Such is the Kingdom," handsomely bound in cloth, with seven fine illustrations, for sale by all book dealers in Omaha. Or will be sent, postpaid, for \$1.00 by William B. Metcalf, General Agent, Box 28, Lincoln, Neb.

Advertisement for Hiller's Pure Food Port Wine, featuring a bottle image and text describing its benefits and availability.

Advertisement for Boost for Rivers, featuring a boat image and text about river improvement projects.

Advertisement for Nicoll Tailor, featuring a suit image and text about clothing services.

Advertisement for PA ROURKE'S CIGARS, featuring a pack image and text about cigar quality.

Advertisement for Omaha Merchant Apologizes, featuring text about a business apology.

Advertisement for Boyd's Theater, featuring text about theatrical performances.

Advertisement for The Man of the Hour, featuring text about a featured performance.

Advertisement for Adele Ritchie, featuring text about a musical performance.

Advertisement for Ophium, featuring text about a theatrical production.

Advertisement for Advanced Vaudeville, featuring text about vaudeville acts.

Advertisement for Burwood, featuring text about a theatrical performance.

Advertisement for Krug Theater, featuring text about a theatrical production.

Advertisement for Auditorium, featuring text about a theatrical performance.

Advertisement for The Calumet, featuring text about a theatrical production.

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COMPTROLLER'S CALL ISSUED

Request for Condition of Banks on December Third.

CHICAGO HAS MUCH CURRENCY

New York's Showing Will Be Twenty-Five Per Cent Below Legal Amount of Reserve—Other Cities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition of national banks at the close of business, December 3. The following telegram was today forwarded to the managers of all clearing houses by Mr. Ridgeley, the comptroller of the currency:

Report of conditions called for Tuesday, December 3, instruct all clearing house banks to report clearing house certificates as follows: On face of report, below item 16 under "reserves," or below item 23 under "liabilities," as clearing house accounts of net balance. On back of report, below item X in schedule of "loans and discounts," show the total amount of clearing house certificates taken out by the reporting bank and the total amount on hand.

Chicago in Good Shape.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Cash in the vaults of Chicago banks today approximates \$30,000,000, \$100,000,000 of which is in the savings banks and the remainder in the national institutions. Never in the history of Chicago banks has the actual money in hand been so large as it is at present. Reserves are well above the 25 per cent of deposits as required by the national banking law.

Situation in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The New York banks will show as is well known, an average of reserves below the 25 per cent requirement. It is expected they will show large increases in loans and deposits, with corresponding losses of cash. A great deal of out-of-town money has, however, been reported in New York the last few days, showing that the flow is again setting in this direction.

About Normal at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 4.—The amount of cash now held by the Kansas City banks is about normal, according to the statements of leading bankers here and the reserves are placed at between 40 and 50 per cent of the deposits. Most of the small country banks in Kansas and in this portion of the southwest are said, however, to hold at most double their usual amounts of cash, for the reason that many of the big Kansas City institutions have shipped much currency to their correspondents in these places.

Sent at Denver.

DENVER, Dec. 4.—John C. Mitchell, secretary of the Denver Clearing House association, said today:

"The Denver banks will make a good showing. There will be shown a shrinkage in the amounts of deposits, but the statement will show that the banks are in a sound financial condition. After the statements are made it is expected the excess reserve will be retained for circulation, making money plentiful."

Effect Good at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—The call of the comptroller of the currency for national bank statement will, local bankers say, result in a general improvement of conditions, for it is expected that most of the banks are carrying large cash reserves. After the statements are made it is expected the excess reserve will be retained for circulation, making money plentiful. St. Louis bankers, however, will make no announcement as to when each payment will be generally resumed, although each is largely being paid at the present time and clearing house certificates are rapidly being withdrawn. Fearing a sudden rush in the withdrawal of deposits and a financial reaction might be precipitated by such an announcement, it has been deemed best to gradually and quietly resume payment of cash.

Insistence of Drafts Resumed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Homer S. King, president of the San Francisco

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as anyone could wish for. All cooking is done on the premises. No bakery goods are served, and the service is quick, courteous and you will agree most satisfactory, for

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WATERWAYS CONGRESS MEETS

(Continued from First Page.)

providing for an inland waterway commission and for the improvement and development of inland waterways. The bill appropriates \$50,000,000 to an inland waterway fund and provides that whenever the fund is reduced by expenditure below \$20,000,000 the president may make up the deficiency by issue of bonds. The commission is to co-ordinate with the army engineer corps, the reclamation and forestry services of the bureau of soils, of corporations and other branches of the public service related to waterways.

Senator Newlands in Vice Chairman of the Inland Waterways Commission.

Senator Newlands is vice chairman of the Inland Waterways commission, of which Representative Burton is chairman. He states that the commission is not yet prepared to recommend a bill and that he has presented this bill tentatively, with a view to developing criticism and suggestion which will be useful to the commission in making its recommendations to the president.

Senator Bacon Introduced a Bill, Providing a Survey to Determine the Practicality of Building a Canal to Connect the Navigable Waters of the Missouri Valley with the Navigable Waters of the State of Georgia.

This project, he stated, had been considered twelve years ago, but the time was not then ripe for its realization. The canal projected, he said, would be about 100 miles long and would connect the Mississippi river with the Atlantic ocean.

Death Record

Frank Wayland Palmer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Frank Wayland Palmer, who was appointed postmaster of Chicago by President Grant and who served in that capacity, or as public printer, which duties he held until appointed by President Harrison, under the administration of several presidents, died today of pneumonia at the age of 80 years. Mr. Palmer was editor-in-chief of the Chicago Inter-Ocean prior to 1876, when he became postmaster. He retired from active life two years ago.

Henry Lien.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Informa-tion has been received here of the death at Cripple Creek, Colo., of Henry Lien, of just son of ex-Mayor and Mrs. E. H. Lien of this city. Death resulted from typhoid fever. Mr. Lien and his son had been in the Cripple Creek country for some time, where the ex-mayor is heavily interested in mining. The young man was 7 years of age and had a very bright and promising career before him.

Prof. J. G. Hebeck.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 4.—Professor Jeffrey O. Hebeck, professor of Germanic and Slavonic languages at the University of Nebraska, died today of peritonitis, following an illness of several weeks. Professor Hebeck was a native of Bohemia and came to Nebraska from the University of Iowa. He was but 32 years old, but was recognized as one of the leading instructors in Slavonic literature. The remains will be taken to Cedar Rapids, Ia., for burial.

Failing Warship.

Don't let stomach, liver or kidney trouble down you, when you can quickly down them with Electric Bitters. See for sale by Boston Drug Co.

Inheritance Tax Receipts.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The receipts of the state from the inheritance tax law the last month were \$22,252, of which \$733.45 came from the estate of Julius Schatzel of Clay county. The law appears to need strengthening in regard to better details of collection and will probably be looked after by the next legislative session.

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