

TELEPHONE DOUGLAS 618 REACHES ALL DEPARTMENTS

Give Her a Pretty Black Silk

For elegance, for usefulness, few gifts will outrank pretty black silks as a present. Black is always good. You can make no mistake, for waists, petticoats and full gowns. Haskell's silks are silks of quality—manufactured to give lasting service. Black Taffetas, in three different weaves, Black Messalines, Black Peau de Cygne and Black Peau de Soie are great favorites. We would be pleased to have you examine these silks. Any black silks bought, and are not satisfactory can be returned between Christmas and New Year's and we will refund the money.

Main Floor.

Extraordinary Value

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Novelty Crepe de Chine, 24-in wide, Monday 39c a yard.

The very silk most wanted at holiday time for Christmas giving. Beautiful quality, lustrous, soft and clinging. \$1.00 quality, plain colors, in pink, light blue, reseda, cream, lemon. Also \$1.25 quality with pretty Dresden figures with tiny embossed dots, in choice colors, your choice Monday, 39c a yard.

Main Floor.

Silk Hosiery

Silk Hosiery, the kind that will make a highly acceptable Christmas gift. Embroidered silk hosiery, beautiful, artistic and exclusive designs, all hand work prices \$2.00 to \$10.00 per pair.

Colored Silk Hose, \$1.50 and \$2.50 per pair. Plain Black Silk Hose, the kind that will wear, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.75 per pair. Black Silk Hose with cotton soles, \$1.50 and \$1.75 per pair. Embroidered Lisle Hose, from 50c to \$3.00 per pair.

Main Floor.

Buy Your Christmas Candies Here

We have dozens of different kinds, and they are all very good. People like to buy their candies here, for they can depend upon them being pure. Buy the Christmas candies MONDAY.

Balduff's fine Chocolates and Bon-Bons, 50c a lb.

Vanilla Nut Patties, 30c a pound. Black Walnut Taffy, 30c a pound. Assorted Caramels, 35c a pound. Assorted Cream Wafers, 30c a pound. Assorted Cream Candy, 29c a pound. Balduff's fine Chocolates and Bon-Bons, 50c a pound.

Old fashioned Mixed Candy, 15c a pound. Assorted Nuts, the best in the market at 25c a lb.

NOTE

The Special Sale of High Class Mink and Link Sets Continues.

Our Twenty-Second Christmas in Omaha

For over twenty years has this reliable store served the great buying public with goods at reasonable prices without a sacrifice of quality, and so shall we continue to do each and every year. Stocks are in splendid readiness for these last two busy shopping days before Christmas. Come and ramble through this great Christmas store. You are sure to find the gift you want.

Veilings and Silk Shawls

When looking for a gift for milady, why not select a pretty veil and a veiling pin. We have many choice styles to show you. Face Veiling from 25c to \$1.50 a yard. 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 yards is required for a large hat.

Silk Shawls make an acceptable and useful gift. Head Shawls, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50 and \$3.00 each. Shoulder Shawls at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$10.00 each. In either black or white. Suitable for young, middle aged or elderly women.

Veiling pins 25c and 50c

Main Floor.



Women's Neckwear

A touch of elegance for the costume generally becoming. Do you need to know anything further to realize that they are welcome gifts for women. A fine assortment here of all the fashionable kinds. Linen collars, bows, and ties of all kinds. Wash stocks, fancy stocks, chemisettes, yokes and cuff and collar sets in a great holiday array. Ask to see the Maraboo boas.

ONLY TWO MORE SHOPPING DAYS

Bath Robe Blankets

These Blankets make up into beautiful bath or lounging robes, which are becoming more popular every year. What lady or gentleman would not be glad to accept one of these for a gift. Making a bath robe is so easy and the gift will be more appreciated for being made by your own hands. We still have a pretty assortment of Robe Blankets at \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$6.50 each.

West Basement.

Gift Suggestions from Our Bedding Department

St. Mary's Blankets at \$5.50 to \$25.00. Merritt's Wool Health Comforts, \$3.50 and \$5.00. Indian Robes at \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 each. Down Comforts at \$5.50 to \$30.00. Beacon Blankets at \$1.75 to \$5.00. Baby Crib Blankets 25c pair to \$5.50 a pair.

Plaid Blankets \$3.50 to \$9.00 a pair. West Basement.

Bargain Square---Monday

Handkerchiefs at 3c, 3c, 4c, 5c. Women's unlaundered initial all linen Handkerchiefs at 6 for 45c. Children's Knit Mittens 5c a pair. Women's Knit Mittens 15c a pair. Men's heavy leather working Gloves and Mittens at 29c, 49c, 69c, 75c, 98c a pair. Every pair a bargain.

Christmas Sale of Hand Cochet Slippers--Monday, Commencing at 9 A. M.

Instead of waiting until after Christmas to close out the balance of our line of bed-room slippers, we are going to offer them to you Monday at greatly reduced prices just when you will be wanting them for gift purposes. These slippers are knit from Lion Brand Yarns, the best there is. Included are slippers for Women, Men, Misses' and Children.

For Women--Knit Slippers, sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, in colors pink, light blue, red, garnet, gray, brown, black and white mixed, regular \$1.25 and \$1.35; Monday, per pair..... 89c

For Men--Knit Slippers, sizes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, in colors garnet, red, black and brown, regular price \$1.50; Monday, per pair..... 1.10

For Children--Knit Slippers, sizes 3 to 11; Misses, sizes 12, 13 and 1, 2, 3, in colors red, light blue and pink, regular price 90c and \$1.00; Monday, per pair..... 69c

A pair of these, neatly boxed, makes a very useful gift.

Second Floor.



Fans for Christmas

There never was a time when fans were not considered good Christmas presents. For the woman who attends opera they make a fine gift or they will appeal to the heart of most any young girl who has a busy season of dances ahead. You must see these fans to know their delicate beauty. In the daintiest, most delicate windings of gauze, silk, lace, spangles, hand-painted, carved ivory and lovely mother-of-pearl. A very small sum will buy a very pretty fan. Don't miss seeing them.

Prices from 50c to \$35.00 each. Main Floor.

Glove Certificates

In the restricted lists of articles of apparel appropriate for Christmas gifts, Gloves rank first. You may not be sure of size or style desired. Purchase one of our glove certificates, a method we have used for years. This certificate can be presented by the giver and redeemed by the receiver at any time during the year. Glove certificates are issued for any style or price.

Main Floor.

A Great Holiday Convenience

If you desire to give a present to a distant relative or friend, why not save the trouble of packing and shipping by allowing us to send it for you. We have opened a special department for this purpose where you can pay mail or express charges. Suitable cards to enclose in package may be had here also. We will be glad to do this for you free of charge.

Combs Belts Bags

New Beauty in Combs. All the latest novelties are shown in our great holiday line. Plain combs, gold mounted combs, pretty shell combs, studded with Rhinestones. Prices from \$1.25 to \$12.00 each. A pleasing gift. Belts, styles that win praise at the first glance. All the newest effects, steel studded belts in brown, navy, black and white. Plain black elastic belts with novelty buckles, plain tailored belts in black only. Prices from 50c to \$4.50 each. A belt put up in one of our pretty Christmas boxes is a welcome gift. Bags, fine choosing from our great Christmas assortment. Carriage bags in black and brown seal. Vanity bags, fancy calf and real alligator bags. Prices from \$1.00 to \$18.00.



Christmas Gloves

Every requirement of your handwear will be fully met, if you place your dependence upon Thompson, Belden & Co. for gloves. We have persistently "made good" for years, and the gloves we sell have never been better than now. We can please your friends as well.

Long Kid Gloves--In glace, suede, cape or mocha, in black and all shades, any style and price.

Short Kid Gloves--In glace, suede, cape or mocha, any style, any price.

Children's Short Gloves, in glace or cape, best makes, per pair \$1.00 and \$1.25. Main Floor.



Handkerchiefs for Everybody

Monday will be one of our greatest Handkerchief days. You are sure to find the best assortments here. This is handkerchief headquarters. We have sold thousands. But there's never a scarcity here. Every kind 5c to \$25.00. Main Floor.

Gifts for Men

New Holiday Neckwear, the kind he would buy, 50c to \$1.00 each. Suspenders, the good kinds, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 a pair.

Handkerchiefs, plain or initial, 25c to 50c each. Half Hose, plain or fancy, 25c and 50c a pair.

Shirts, the newest effects, in plain white or fancies, \$1.00 and up. Main Floor.



Why Not An Umbrella?

An exquisite showing of Christmas Umbrellas. The handles are selected with great care and are the finest we have ever had. The coverings were also carefully selected. They are mounted on strong, durable frames.

With the tendency of giving useful gifts growing stronger each year, why not select an umbrella—a gift that will recall the giver on gloomy, rainy days as well as on the days of bright sunshine. Buy it here. Prices from \$1.00 to \$20.00.



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THOMPSON BELDEN & CO.

Bee, 12-22-'07.

HARRIMAN TO CUT FORCES

Southern Pacific Posts Notice of Reduction in Shop Crews.

NO ORDER YET FROM OVERLAND

Union Pacific Officials Say Such Action Will Depend on Volume of Business After First of Year.

WOMEN IN DIFFERENT LIGHT

Marriage Contract Over Two Thousand Years Old Deciphered by Egyptologists.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 21.—A marriage contract over 2,000 years old discovered in a tomb near Cairo, Egypt, and now in the collection of the Museum of Art, Toledo, O., has, it is announced today, been deciphered by the Egyptologists at the University of Strasbourg, Germany, and found to be from a historic standpoint one of the most important documents brought to light in recent years. George W. Stevens, director of the Toledo museum, says: "The papyrus determines two matters of great importance, it establishes the period of an Egyptian Pharaoh, whose time of reign has been hitherto unknown, and gives us documentary evidence of the exalted position accorded to married women in Egypt three centuries before Christ—a position almost undreamed of and unlooked for by the most enthusiastic new woman of the present day. It is established in Khambasha, and the time is B. C. From the translation it is established that in case the wife repudiated the husband she was allowed to take back half his dowry. This is the reverse of modern customs, especially in European countries, where the wife is expected to contribute the dot or dowry. The Egyptian husband not only received nothing from the bride, but had to put up a bond to make himself a matrimonial possibility. The document shows that in case of a separation he was allowed by the wife to take but one-third of the money they should have acquired together during the time they were married."

PROGRESS IN PETTIBONE CASE

Sate Will Rest with Testimony of Two Witnesses Which Will Take Less Than an Hour.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 21.—With the exception of the examination of two Colorado witnesses, which Senator Bowen announced would not consume more than an hour, the state today concluded the presentation of its evidence in the trial of George A. Pettibone for the murder of ex-Governor Frank Steiensenberg.

Mrs. Ida Toney, Harry Orchard's Colorado wife, was on the witness stand all morning and part of the afternoon under cross-examination. Her son, Mark Toney, was the only other witness of the day, and his testimony was practically the same as that given by his mother.

James H. Hawley and Senator W. E. Borah, leading counsel for the state, today stated that they were well satisfied with the case and regarded it as much stronger than that presented against Hayward. The same testimony as in the former trial was given and in addition Mrs. Toney and her son and Charles Neville, whose evidence the state regards as damaging, see were witnesses for the prosecution.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 21.—Orders from the general offices of the Southern Pacific in San Francisco were posted yesterday in the local railroad shops to the effect that the shops will close with the exception of enough men to handle round-house work next Tuesday and remain closed until January 1. It is stated unofficially that after the first of the year the force in each of the shops will be reduced, or the men will be given from three to four days a week. It also said that a similar reduction will be made all over the Harriman system in the west. Two thousand men will be affected in this city.

"I presume the question all depends upon conditions at the first of the year," said T. M. Orr, assistant to Vice President Moulder of the Union Pacific. "If business drops off to any great extent I presume they will not need the present large force which is maintained at the local shops. It may not be necessary to reduce the force or to cut the working time of the men, but it is a matter which will have to be determined after the first of the year."

Mr. Mohler, himself, was out of the city when the press dispatch came. The Bee was given to understand that no orders had been issued to W. H. McKen, superintendent of motive power and machinery, and therefore head of all the shops of the Union Pacific, corresponding with the report from Sacramento. Such an order, it is said, would come from General Manager Mohler. He left Friday for Salt Lake.

Mr. Orr Saturday morning confirmed the report published in The Bee that orders had been given for a week's layoff of shop forces for the holidays for the reasons stated, but he said no orders for a reduction in the force had gone out.

Outside of official circles there is a belief in the credibility of the Sacramento report and the order for a week's holiday is taken as merely a forerunner of a second order for a shorter force.

ENGLISH HAVE NO DESIGNS

Admiralty Puts Quietness on Rumor of Establishment of Pacific Fleet.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Associated Press is in a position to state on the authority of the British admiralty that there is no truth in the assertion, published in the Standard today, that the admiralty has decided to establish next May a Pacific North American squadron, the base of which probably will be at Esquimaux. "There is no shadow of foundation for this story; it is the very veriest bombastic. It must be obvious to anyone who gives the subject a moment's

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thought that such a move would be the last thing we would think of at the present moment," was the statement made by one of the highest officials of the admiralty. The emphasis of this denial indicated that the admiralty was anxious that the report should be promptly put at rest, with the view of allaying any suspicion that might be entertained in America concerning the alleged formation of a British Pacific fleet with the sailing of the American battleship fleet.

Richard Arendse has been appointed postmaster at St. Herbert, Edmunds county, South Dakota, vice Theodore Arendse, resigned.

The following Iowa national banks have been authorized to begin business: First National bank of Hubbard, with \$25,000 capital; George R. Long, president; W. E. Long, vice president; H. R. Long, cashier. Commercial National bank of Shenandoah, with \$50,000 capital; H. I. Foskett, president; A. W. Murphy, vice president; J. F. Lake, cashier.

Miss Myrtle of Edmond, Okl., has been appointed teacher in the Genoa Indian school in Nebraska. Mrs. Mary Lawrence of Ypsilanti, Mich., at Cheyenne River, S. D.; F. M. Foxworthy of Wingate, Ind., at Sisseton, S. D.; and J. L. Hourey of Hobbs, Ind., at Rosebud, S. D.

Congressman Hall of South Dakota left for home tonight for the holidays. He will be joined by his wife at Chicago.

At the instance of Senator Teller the senate today passed a bill suspending for the year 1907 the requirement that 100 worth of labor shall be done on mining claims in the course of being perfected in the states of Colorado, California, Oregon, South Dakota and Idaho.

CALDWELL HELD BY POLICE

American Who Fingerprinted in London Druce Mystery May Be Sent Back.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Robert Caldwell, who has been one of the central figures in the famous Druce case in London, was arrested upon his arrival from England today on a charge of perjury. The warrant was sworn out by the British consular general here.

When Caldwell was taken before a United States court commissioner his counsel declared he was a very sick man. He offered to furnish bail in any amount. Two physicians appointed by the commissioner reported him desperately ill and bail of \$5,000 was furnished for the prisoner's appearance January 7.

Five Tons of Gold Bullion

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Packages of bullion weighing five tons and representing \$250,000 were dispatched this morning to Liverpool for shipment to New York on the Campania, which sails today.

Sixteen Years for Ellington

FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Clyde Ellington was taken to Lincoln yesterday to serve his sixteen-year sentence for the murder of Theresa Wilson.

Rural routes ordered established March 1.

RECESSES OF MINE EXPLORED

Death List in Darr Mine May Reach Three Hundred.

MUCH DISTRESS AMONG PEOPLE

Bodies Recovered Terribly Mutilated—Total Death List at Monongah Mines So Far Three Hundred and Forty.

JACOBS CREEK, Pa., Dec. 21.—In the short distance rescuers were able to penetrate the Darr mine, the scene of Thursday's awful explosion, last night and today half a dozen bodies were found and brought to the surface, making the total number that have reached the morgue up to seven.

While a vast amount of work was done during the night, not much progress was made toward the entries in which the great mass of bodies are entombed. The danger of another explosion is imminent far ahead of the forces erecting the temporary brattices. Vast quantities of gas have been encountered and the volume seems to be steadily increasing.

Company officials have ordered that exploring parties shall advance only as fast as the passageway can be cleared of gas, ventilated and otherwise made safe.

While what appears to be the most reliable estimates on the number of victims are near 300, there are many who insist that the final list of dead will contain many more names, possibly 300. Michael Halligan, national organizer for the United Mine Workers of America, who has assumed charge here for the organization, says:

"I have made a house to house canvass among the families here, and am certain that there are 300 dead men in the Darr mine."

Such Suffering Prevails.

Evidence of much suffering and distress among those dependent upon the victims has already been disclosed and steps have been taken to organize relief committees. The Connellsville Board of Trade last night subscribed \$100 and called a meeting for today with ministers of all denominations to organize a permanent relief committee. New Haven took similar action. McCasport has also started a relief movement, while in Pittsburg funds are being raised to be distributed among the suffering from the three recent disasters.

James E. Roderick, chief of the state department of mining, has ordered the nine mine inspectors of the state to meet here today with him to assist in rescue work and to investigate the cause of the explosion.

Rescue work is necessarily slow, but it is believed a number of victims will be brought to the surface before night. Rescuers have penetrated the mine 3,000 feet, but a majority of the dead are expected to be found a distance of three miles back in the pit.

Of the bodies so far recovered all are badly mutilated. One body brought out today was literally torn to pieces by the force of the explosion.

From the canvas made by various

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Among those indicted are William J. Rogers, president of the Borden Condensed Milk company; the Borden company, Charles A. Knight, Chicago manager, and John H. Marsh, superintendent of the Borden company; J. B. Bowman, president of the Bowman Dairy company; C. E. Beck of the same company, the Bowman company; George E. Chappell of the Kee and Chappell Dairy company, the Kee and Chappell company; the Ira J. Mix Dairy company and Ira J. Mix, William B. Wanser, Howard H. Wanser, Edward F. Newman and Thomas F. Yore, local dairymen.

All of the men indicted were said by witnesses before the grand jury to have been present at a meeting of the association immediately preceding the recent advance in the price of milk. The members of the association assert that prices were not discussed and that no action regarding prices was taken.

The Borden company is a New York corporation and is capitalized at \$3,000,000.

All the men indicted waived immunity before they testified and appeared as voluntary witnesses. The offense charged is punishable by a fine of \$2,000 or imprisonment in the penitentiary from one to five years, or both.

FILIPINO BANK ORGANIZED

Secretary Taft Receives Message from Manila Promising Most Faithful Support.

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Deem first duty express our deep sympathy with you in your bereavement and assure you of our gratitude for your earnest and successful support. We shall use our best efforts toward realization of your policy for advancement material welfare of our country.

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Stars and Stripes BEER For Xmas



PHONE AND HAVE US DELIVER A CASE TO YOUR HOME. It is an ideal family beer. All the ingredients are carefully selected—the best Bohemian hops, pure barley malt and water from the pure Willy Springs are used in its making.

AS PURE AS THE BUBBLING SPRING.

Thirty—\$2.00—Green Trading Stamps with every case—3 dozen large bottles—price..... \$2.25
Fifteen—\$1.00—Green Trading Stamps with every case—2 dozen small bottles—price..... \$1.25

Out-of-town customers add \$1.25 for case and bottles, which will be refunded on their return.

Willow Springs Brewing Co. WALTER MOHR, Pres. E. V. KATWARD, Treas. Office 1407 Harsay St. Phone D. 1306. Brewery Third and Hickory Streets, Phone D. 1495.