

# A THOUSAND MEN

Might visit the stores of Alliance and if they were posted on values they would tell you to a man that Rumer will save you 20 to 35 per cent on all kinds of merchandise. They might add it takes cash but the prices justify the inconvenience. From this date until December 25, we will make the greatest slaughtering of prices ever known in Alliance. The price on every ladies tailor made suit, all our ladies' and children's cloaks and every man's suit and overcoat is going to be slashed and slashed again. We don't want a garment to carry over the season

We have 300 ladies, and children's jackets to sell at \$1.25, \$2.00, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$7.50 and 10.00, worth \$2.50 to \$20.00. We have 200 ladies tailored made suits to sell at \$3.50, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10 and \$12.50, worth from \$7.50 to \$25.00. We have 1,000 men's suits and overcoats, all kinds and all prices but they have got to go and you will get them at half to two-thirds the price credit stores will ask you. Children's overshoes 35, 45 and 50c. Mens overshoes \$1.00 and \$1.25. We ask you again to simply get our prices—the goods will sell themselves

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## HEMINGFORD.

(Keith L. Pierce is fully authorized to solicit subscriptions and job work and collect and receipt for same, and transact all other business in connection with his position as an accredited representative of this paper.)

Isaac Rockey is on the sick list this week.

Miss Ina Osborn went to Alliance Friday evening.

Mary Herncall departed for her home at Hecla Sunday evening after closing a very successful term of school in the Phillips district.

The Ladies' P. C. gave a reception at the home of Mrs. A. M. Miller for Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Rustin, and on Saturday afternoon Mrs. Johnson entertained the club in their honor.

G. W. Hatch has bought a barber shop in Lead, S. D., but will not take possession until March. Up to that time he will work at his trade in one of the shops there.

We have made arrangements whereby we can send money in any amount to any point in the world. For large amounts we issue drafts and for small amounts we send money direct.—First State Bank.

Eugene Frances Leaver and Mrs. Cora B. Miller were married at Casper, Wyo., at 11 o'clock on December 19. They have gone on a short wedding trip and will be at home at Casper after Christmas.

There being in the neighborhood of 30 keys which have not been presented and as one of these keys will surely unlock the cabinet containing \$20, I am very anxious to have them brought in and tried and the matter off my hands. H. L. Bushnell.

Miss Lafferty of Alma, Neb., after trying school teaching on the plains for two months, has decided to return to her home during Christmas week and will not return to finish out her term.

BUGGIES! I have just received a car load of buggies, spring wagons, road wagons, lumber wagons, feed grinders, sulky plows and harrows. By shipping goods in car lots, I am in a position to make customers the lowest possible prices. Call and see me. B. E. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Funk departed for his old home at Funk, Neb., to spend Christmas with his folks. Master Funk accompanied them, of course, and Harry was full of the anticipation of showing him to his old friends. They will return by way of Lincoln where they will visit with Mrs. Funk's sister.

Mr. Allie Mabin and Miss Almada Vaughn were married at the M. E. parsonage at 11 o'clock on Wednesday,

December 23. Beth of the contracting parties grew up here and are favorably known in the community. Mr. Mabin has resided on the Kicken or lower ranch as it is called ever since it was acquired from Mr. Kicken and no doubt concluded there was not much joy in the bachelor manner of life. And more than this he found the one girl for him so Wednesday's transaction at the parsonage is the sequel to it all. The newly married folks went home at once and we wish joy, and a long and happy married life. Who'll be next?

Mrs. J. W. Christy was found dead in her room at 2020 Burt street, Omaha, presumably murdered, though in the light of the facts as brought out at the coroner's inquest a verdict of suicide was returned. H. F. and G. M. Goodenough of Mullen went to Omaha immediately upon receipt of the telegram announcing her death and returned with the remains on Sunday, burial taking place here on Tuesday. A large concourse of people gathered at the Congregational church and listened to the sermon which was delivered by Rev. J. H. Embree, the Congregational minister. Mrs. Christy was a member of the Congregational church. Beginning with married life the deceased had more, perhaps, than her share of trouble. She and her husband were uncongenial and lived very unhappy. The details are quite well known and their repetition would serve no good purpose. During the summer she made a move to get a divorce but her husband finding this out persuaded her to live with him again. He then made a sale of all his personal property and his real estate inducing her to sign the papers. He then gave her \$262 and deserted her. He wrote a letter from Omaha asking her to come there and bring the two oldest children. She complied but he had left and could not be found. At the rooming house at Nineteenth and Farnam, where she stopped, she became acquainted with two young men from Iowa, McElvery and Dan McGann. McElvery was from Woodbine and McGann from Dunlap, both little towns near Logan, where Mrs. Christy was brought up. McElvery was 17 and McGann 20 or 21. Mrs. Christy made up her mind when she became satisfied that Christy could not be found that she would go into the rooming business, and accordingly began to look around and finally decided on 2020 Burt street. She gave Mrs. Smith, whom she bought out, \$150 in cash and notes amounting to

\$200, for the furniture. She rented the building. Fearing that her husband would find out her whereabouts and make her trouble she put the bill of sale in Dan McCann's name. At the same time these transactions were going forward she was working to get a divorce through her attorney, F. A. Fitch, of Omaha. Becoming displeased with her bargain she made a deal whereby Mrs. Smith took the furniture back at \$100. In the meantime Attorney Fitch had warned her that McCann was a rascal, having looked him up. Mrs. Smith's money was in Council Bluffs and Mrs. Smith and Mr. McCann went there to settle up. McCann acting as agent for Mrs. Christy. The money was paid and McCann returned, got his belongings and skipped. During the time these things were transpiring in the Bluffs Mrs. Christy called on her lawyer and receiving additional warnings returned to find her trusted friend gone. She and her lawyer went to the police station and swore out a warrant and the reporters finding it out spun their first sensational stories. That evening she wrote the letter, a certified copy of which appears below. Her whole mind according to her attorney was taken up with her divorce and while the loss of the money left her with but little cash she seemed to regard it as an incident and not as a calamity. The letter:

OMAHA, NEB., DEC. 17, 1905.  
DEAR HARRY:  
I write this in a hurry and trust you can read it. I have lost everything I had. The business run behind awful, so I thought best to sell and sold Tuesday. You know I told you everything was in Dan McCann's name, so when the deal was made Mrs. Smith and I went and made out the deed, sold for \$100.00 and four notes back she paid Dan and he came right home. I did not see him—got his wheel and skipped. I was down town and he was to meet me. When he did not come, put the police onto him but cannot find a trace of him. I have lost it all; am staying with Mrs. Smith. I am coming home to stay at present. Will you send me \$15.00 by return mail? How is baby and kiss him for me. Do you or mother want me to bring anything back? Katie.

Mrs. J. W. Christy,  
2020 Burt St., Omaha, Neb.  
I certify that the foregoing letter is a true copy of a letter exhibited to me by George M. Goodenough, brother of Mrs. J. W. Christy.  
KEITH L. PIERCE,  
Notary Public.

It was brought out at the inquest that the letter was written by the testimony of Mrs. Smith who furnished the paper and stamps. She mailed it at the nearest letter box and complaining of being tired went to bed. The letter was received here Saturday morning. Mrs. Smith awakening at about 10:30 the next morning, according to her testimony found the door to Mrs. Christy's room fastened. She says she feared

something was wrong and phoned to attorney Fitch. He and a detective came and found the door so fixed that they could insert an arm and remove a chair, which was against it and enter. They found the quilts spread smoothly over the body like one would cover another and the body beneath rolled in a night dress with a towel saturated with chloroform bound round her head. A search of the room developed that her rings and best dresses were all gone. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of suicide but they were not in possession of the letter above published nor of other very material facts which may not now be given out. Her brothers have a theory that McCann and Mrs. Smith, wishing to remove the complaining witness against McCann for embezzlement and to get her clothes, committed the crime. It is known that Mrs. Smith was drunk during the early part of the evening. The evidence looking toward murder is:

1st—Lack of taking to heart her loss of the money.  
2nd—Her letter home for money to return with.  
3rd—The robbery of her dresses, etc.  
4th—Bruises on her head and face which could be made only by a club or blunt instrument.  
5th—Her hands being under her and the bed clothes smooth.

Every effort will be made to clear up the mystery and some startling developments may come within a few days. A letter from Attorney Fitch stating that new facts discovered sustain the theory of murder was received Wednesday morning.

HEMINGFORD, NEB., DEC. 23.  
We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors who assisted us during our late bereavement.—MR. AND MRS. M. H. GOODENOUGH AND FAMILY.

At the regular meeting of the Ladies' Progressive club December 19 the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, As our sister, Mrs. Catherine Christy, has departed from our midst, the club has lost one of its loved members;

Resolved, That while we are filled with sadness at her death, we as a club will hold in grateful remembrance all the pleasant associations we have enjoyed with her in the past.

Resolved, That we unite in extending our sympathy to the bereaved family in this dark hour of trial.

## DUNLAP.

Will and Fred Lichte made a trip to Chadron.

Simon Ivers came home from Chadron intending to remain.

Fred Lichte will go to Chadron to attend the academy after New Years.

Miss Elsie Neeland came from Chadron to spend the holidays with brother, Fred.

H. A. Peters from Moormaw was in Dunlap this week.

Miss Alice Whiting will begin to teach in the Miller district after New years.

William Fendrich passed through Dunlap after a visit with his mother.

If you want to have a good time attend the Dunlap dance on New Year's eve.

W. A. HAMPTON, President  
A. S. REED, Vice President

Potmesil Bros. were dipping their cattle this week; also B. L. Fenner, T. Katen, W. Bame and T. Morrissey had their cattle dipped at the Potmesil tank.

Rye chop for sale at the Dunlap mill 75 cents per hundred. We also carry a full line of groceries, shoes and stationery at lowest prices. Custom grinding done every day in the week give us a trial.—B. Fendrich Co.

In giving an account of a dance that recently occurred in the Dunlap neighborhood THE HERALD stated that the music was furnished by Messrs. Brennan, Urbanosky and Blondell. This was a mistake due to wrong information. It should have read music was furnished by Messrs. Fendrich, Brennan and Urbanosky.—[Ed.]

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