


**The Drake Hotel** is ready to serve Luncheon, Parties or Banquets at any time. Don't be afraid to talk with the management about the menu or decorations.

**BOWMAN & SON**



**Jolly St. Nicholastown, Where Old Santa Claus Lives**



### Dried Fruits

One of the most noticeable changes in prices of groceries is to be found in this staple line of goods.

Evaporated Apples—fancy rings, were selling 1 year ago for 20c per lb., now **10c**

Apricots, fancy—selling 1 year ago for 25c per lb., now **17c**

Peaches, choice grade, per lb. .... **12c**  
 Peaches, fancy grade, in 10 lb boxes, per box ..... **\$1.30**  
 Prunes, fancy, large size, per lb. .... **12½c**  
 Prunes, fancy, medium size, in 10 lb. boxes, per box ..... **\$1.25**

**RAISINS, BULK**  
 Fancy Loose Muscals, per lb. .... **10c**  
 Fancy Unbleached Sultanas ..... **12c**  
 Fancy Bleached Sultanas ..... **15c**

**RAISINS, IN PACKAGES**  
 12 oz. package Fancy Seeded, per pkg. .... **12c**  
 16 oz. package Fancy Seeded, per pkg. .... **12½c**  
 16 oz. package Seedless, (not a seed) ..... **15c**

When in doubt as to the brand of goods you want ask for GAIETY Canned Fruits and Vegetables, CHASE & SANBORN'S Teas and Coffees, VICTOR Spices, Extracts and Flour.

**YOUR TRADE APPRECIATED**

## Alliance Grocery Co.

**UNCLE BOB.** said Nan as she and Ned took their places, one on each arm of the big rocking chair, in which, as usual, during the children's hour, he was seated before the blazing log fire, "you promised you would take us to St. Nicholastown some time."

"That's so!" exclaimed Ned. "And we're all aboard now. Let's start. Toot, toot! Clang-a-lang-a-lang! Next station—"

"Hold on," said their uncle. "I'm the conductor of this excursion myself. The first station is Maybetown. Then we come to Perhaps. Here we follow the banks of Goose creek, which, as you know, wanders everywhere to get to Noplace, and the first thing you know—why, here we are at the gates of the city which is named after good old St. Nick himself."

"Ah! This is the office of the Wishmaster. He takes the place of a postmaster with us, and a busy man he is too. This is about how he talks to himself as he records the wishes as they come over the wishophone:

"A sled for Billy, skates for Joe;  
 A wish that Christmas will bring us snow;  
 A poor woman wishes it won't be cold;  
 Dick wants a suit for a soldier bold;  
 Dolls for a million or more of girls  
 With go-to-sleep eyes and flaxen curls;  
 Billions of boxes of candies and such;  
 Books in French, English, Spanish and Dutch  
 And every known language under the sun;  
 Wagons and pistols, watches that run.  
 "But here's old St. Nick himself. Listen to him. But I forgot that while he understands all languages he speaks only Fantasmia, so I'll have to translate. He says:  
 "Hello, chicks! So you've come to see your dear old friend, have you? Glad of it! Make yourself at home. Yes, we're busy, very busy, indeed, but never too busy to be polite. We have every kind of factory in the world here, and all rushed with wishes. I tell you it keeps us busy sort'ng them. Why, if we filled every order just as it came the world would be a funny place. Just think of it! Here's a little pickaninny wishes to be painted white, another boy wishes he was a man, and a man wishes he was a boy, and a girl wishes she was a boy, and so on, but we got a funny wish during the dull season last summer. A little boy whose mamma would not let him go in swimming every day wished he would be turned into a fish so he could go swimming all the time. Ha, ha, ha! That reminds me of the saying in Mother Goose:  
 "If wishes were horses, beggars would ride." And a charming lady Mother Goose is. The dear soul writes me every now and then, and I'm glad to hear from her. I'll read you her last letter. It says:  
 "Dear old Santa Claus, I hope you're well. As for me, I'm feeling wellish. With only food and drink enough To give to life a relish. I'm somewhat bothered, though, at times. And more than I care to tell, For Little Boy Blue and Little Bopeep Don't do their duty well, And little Johnny Green and big John Stout Will quarrel about the cat, While the Three Blind Mice eat up the food, Helped by Jack's big rat. The Little Roast Pig is pretty well, And Jack and Jill are better. I cannot write about all the folks; 'Twould make too long a letter. And now I must stop and put on the pot Of porridge for the Man in the Moon. Give my love to all good children Wherever they may be found, And tell them I always think of them When Christmas comes around. With best wishes,  
 "MOTHER GOOSE."

"Good, dear old Mother Goose! She certainly has her hands full, but I was talking about present factories and such things. Look around you. Take that candy factory, for instance. It's built of the finest blocks of candy in the world, surrounded by a grove of chocolate eclair trees. In that hill over yonder is a fine plum pudding mine. That stream is a lemonade river. Its banks and bed are sugar. That cracking sound you hear is from the cracker factory. Ha, ha, ha! We crack crackers and jokes here too!"

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Plum Pudding is a fitting climax to the Christmas dinner.

Ferndell brand Plum Pudding is made of carefully selected materials—the very best obtainable—and in blended proportions as called for by an improved, old and tested English recipe—seasoned by age—a dinner's delicious, final course.

**Mallery Grocery Co.**  
 "Quality Grocers"

## W. R. DRAKE'S City Meat Market

People of Alliance know the kind of Meats sold and service given by W. R. Drake when running a meat market before. With better facilities and better location, he can satisfy all old customers and any number of new customers that may favor him with their trade.

A Full Line Fresh and Cured Meats, Fish, Poultry, etc.

On the corner, Box Butte avenue and Fourth street

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**CASH PRICE LIST**

# COAL

Cash prices in effect at present time are as follows:

**Sunshine Maitland Lump, delivered, 8.75**  
**Sunshine Mait., washed nut, del., 8.50**  
**Monarch (lignite), delivered - - 6.25**

**J. H. VAUGHAN & SON**  
 Wholesale and Retail Feed and Fuel  
 Phone No. 5 213 Box Butte Ave.

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**Coal and Wood Orders**  
 TO  
**No. 22**  
**Dierks Lumber & Coal Co.**

## Tom Stalos' Store

113 BOX BUTTE AVE.

Is a good place to buy Groceries, Flour, Canned Goods, Fruits, Vegetables, etc. We sell the celebrated Loup City Flour.

We have a big line of Workingmen's Pants and Overalls; also Shoes for Men and Women. Gloves, Hats, Caps, etc.

Groceries delivered promptly to any part of the city.


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## Carney and Colorado

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**Both Lump and Nut**

Let us figure on your Winter Supply

Phone orders receive prompt attention

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**E. I. GREGG & SON**

**The Herald's Premium Offer**  
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