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STATEMENT BY SUTHERLAND  
 BANKERS AND MERCHANTS.

We, the undersigned, after reading the articles appearing in the different newspapers, feel that in justice to Sutherland and ourselves, the following statement of facts should be given to the public.

After conferring with some of the business men of Sutherland, Geo. C. White, G. O. Gordon, C. A. Lau and W. J. Root went up to Tryon to confer with Mr. Dunn, the editor of the Tryon Graphic, with the idea of trying to get Mr. Dunn to buy out the Sutherland Free Lance.

For some of the following reasons the people felt that a change in the newspaper would be for the benefit of Sutherland. At the time the First Liberty Loan Bonds were offered for sale, one of the above parties who went to Tryon, requested the present editor of the Free Lance to publish on the front page of his paper a cut advertising the Liberty bonds, which was furnished them by the people who furnish their advertising. The editor was not asked to publish it as an advertisement for any bank, but with the name of both banks as the places where the bonds could be purchased, and was even asked to use the cut on the front page without any names attached, and receive full advertising rates for same, but refused to do so.

When the Sutherland high school paper was to be printed it was taken to our local editor who refused to publish it, and it was consequently taken to Hershey and published there. We believe this business should have staid in Sutherland.

Little or no publicity was given to the Red Cross work or the Red Triangle drive, which matter, we understand, was furnished free of charge, to such papers as would print it.

As it was understood that the present newspaper plant was for sale, this fact being brought home to us by the editor himself, and knowing that Mr. Dunn had tried to purchase the plant last summer, we, in our desire to help the editor secure a purchaser, and, at the same time, secure for our town a live newspaper man, went to Tryon to try and get Mr. Dunn interested in the purchase of the Sutherland plant.

No attempt whatever was intended to in any way boycott anybody, or to try to force anybody to sell below the value of their plant, there was no intrigue. Our interest was mutual in trying to secure a purchaser for Mr. Reynolds for his plant at the full value, and to secure for ourselves the kind of a newspaper man that we think Sutherland is entitled to.

A meeting was called and a large number of the business men were present. Nobody present attempted to set a price on Mr. Reynolds plant, nobody had any ill feeling whatever against Mr. Reynolds personally, and the proposition as finally put up to Mr. Dunn was, that if he could purchase the plant from Mr. Reynolds the business men represented there would back him in the proposition.

We, the undersigned, certify the above to be the facts in the case.  
 Signed: W. J. Root, A. B. Yates, G. O. Gordon, M. C. Long, E. W. Coker, G. L. Buddin, G. C. White, Frank Coates, C. G. Lau, P. N. McKinley, W. V. Vanarsdall.

Economy! A big word in war time. Don't waste money on useless trifles. Buy that Player-Piano, the enduring gift. W. R. Maloney Co.

The Right of Forfeiture.

Senator James Hamilton Lewis has presented a bill before Congress, proposing that the citizenship papers be taken away from disloyal naturalized citizens of the United States and for the sending of these people back to the countries from which they came.

If the national legislature enacts this law it will be a fitting occasion to prevent people apparently unable to appreciate citizenship in the United States from gaining such status in this country; and of ridding us of "conscientious objectors," who by their voice and actions endanger the peace and prosperity of the nation, who impede the progress of preparation for this war of democracy, and who try to create public opinion against the government and incite the people against pecuniary responsibility and military necessity which consists in the urgency of those measures which are indispensable for securing the quick termination of the war.

The people of this country collectively and distributively must learn that citizenship is a pearl of too great a price as to be despised, dishonored and treaded upon.

Commends Sammy Girls.

Editor of The Tribune:

I want to say that the Sammy Girls' Club is the most enthusiastic crowd of war relief workers I have met this summer. And now they are going to convert their energy to making surgical supplies to be sent to the hospitals in France, and I know they'll do a great work along this line, as they've

done for the Lincoln county boys. The suffering in France is indescribable and we need the work of every club and society in North Platte at this critical period. Now these girls are going to have an entertainment to raise money for war relief and I am asking that every patriotic citizen in North Platte help the girls that their work may be a real contribution toward lessening

the number of Americans who may be killed in France.

MRS. J. S. SIMMS.

Grocers Between Millstones.

Retail dealers in flour are being ground between the millstones of food regulations. One regulation requires that all cars loaded with flour must be filled to capacity, 60,000 pounds. This

requires utilizing nearly every available inch of space. Another regulation provides that they must not keep flour on hand over thirty days. This means that they must, if they buy flour on hand by the carload, get rid of it at the rate of about fifty 50-pound sacks a day, and that is a big selling record either for flour or bread.

The result of the conflict is that the

larger number of bakers and retailers will have to buy their flour in less than carload lots. This means that the freight rate will be higher and the cost of bread and flour to the consumer increased.

Player-piano, the enduring Christmas gift. See them at W. R. Maloney Co.



# The Store for Practical Gifts

Christmas Day this year, with our country actively engaged in the world war, assumes deeper significance than ever. Christmas cheer will be more necessary to all of us and in many homes there will be absent ones. This store is splendidly ready with its great stocks of carefully selected merchandise ready for distribution which will greatly help to spread Christmas cheer throughout the homes of this vicinity.

Practicability is the keynote of Christmas merchandise this year. Even the toys assume more serious duties with their instructive and educative features. Thus your Christmas gift expenditures will not be wasted for so many interesting and useful things can be found in our varied stocks and all your purchases will be worth while. Your choice will bring to each recipient real Christmas cheer, real comfort, real use. We give here many suggestions of specially selected merchandise suited for Christmas giving—and all most reasonably priced as you will find.

## Handkerchiefs--of course

And thousands to choose from too, singly or by the box, large size or small size, plain or elaborate, lace trimmed or embroidered, in colors or beautifully plain white—and, Oh, so moderate in price.

- Children's Fancy Handkerchiefs in cotton or silk, novel designs that are sure to please, per box **10c to 25c**
- Ladies Initial Handkerchiefs made of a fine sheer cloth with beautifully designed colored embroidered corners, packed three in a fancy box **50c**
- Ladies' Fancy Handkerchiefs, neat colored designs in the corners, three in fancy box **25c**
- Ladies Handkerchiefs, finer qualities, beautifully worked corners, packed three and six in a fancy box for **\$1.00**
- Men's Cotton Handkerchiefs nicely worked initials, packed six in a fancy box for **\$1.00**
- Men's and Ladies Handkerchiefs in linen or cotton, sold without boxes. The largest and handsome stock we have ever had.

## Fine Furs

Mr. Man, why don't you give "Her" Furs this year? You'll be the finest Santa Claus ever, if you do—and she will have cause to remember you long after Christmas is past and gone.

- Fine Jap Cross Fox set, round muff, animal scarf, a very handsome set **\$40.00**
- Argentina Grey Fox Set, round muff, trimmed with head and tail, animal scarf, per set **\$20.00**
- Black Yorkford Lynx Set, large animal scarf, muff to match; a beautiful soft fur, per set **\$45.00**
- Separate Muffs of Hudson Seal, Skunk, Mink, Fox, Raccoon, Wolf from \$5.00 to **\$40.00** each.

## Apparel Notes

- Ladies' Coats, a large variety of cloth and plush coats, prices each from **\$7.50 to \$100.00**
- Handsome Dresses of Serge or Silk from **\$13.50 to \$35.00**
- Ladies' Skirts in almost endless variety, priced from **\$4.95 to \$15.00**
- Men's and ladies' Bath Robes, well made from good blankets at **\$4.00 and \$5.00**
- Silk Petticoats, Taffetas and Silk Jersey, all colors, some plain, some fancy, priced from **\$2.98 to \$8.50**

## Furnishings

Smart Ties, good looking Shoes, quality Hose, splendid Gloves, etc.

- Men's Neckties, the famous Cheney make, beautiful, heavy silks in wonderful combinations of colors, priced **75c and \$1.00**
- Men's Hosiery, put up in holiday boxes, Interwoven brand, lisle, 3 pair for **\$1.00**
- Silks, 2 pair for **\$1.20**
- Men's Gloves; we are showing a large variety of every style of men's Gloves or Mittens for dress, work or Auto use, at **75c to \$5.00**



## Blouses

FOR GIFTS

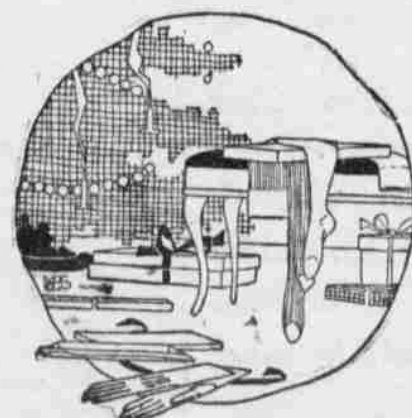
These are days for choosing practical and useful gifts, and if you select blouses here, they will be adorably attractive and beautiful as well. Among the choicest models designed especially for gifts we feature these.

- Crepe De Chine Blouses, fair weight cloth, made in the newest styles **\$3.75**
- Georgette Crepe Blouses, a large variety of styles, some combined with silk, others braided or embroidered, all shades, in prices up to **\$12.00**

## Christmas Slippers

What would add more to the those "quiet winter evenings at home" than a pair of cozy slippers. We feature

- Children's Felt Bootees with soft leather soles, fancy bordered tops, sizes 5 to 11, per pair **\$1.00**
- Misses' Felt Slippers, soft leather soles, ribbon trimmed sizes up to 2 **\$1.00**
- Ladies' Slippers, both leather and felt, made either with soft soles or sole leather, nicely trimmed in contrasting shades, all sizes at **69c to \$1.75**
- Men's Slippers made from fine felts or leather, either regular or Pullman soles **\$1.25 to \$2.00**



## Inexpensive Dress Accessories

FOR GIFTS

Money will go a long ways in this store this Christmas. A splendid demonstration of good values and suitable gifts—let us show you these new things in

### Hosiery, Gloves, Neckwear

- Ladies' Silk Hose, plain colors, thread silk, a full line of plain colors **\$1.00 and \$1.50**
- Ladies' Fancy Hose, a beautiful line to select from at **\$1.00 to \$2.00**
- Ladies' Fiber Silk Hose, colors, black or white, per pair **50c**
- Ladies' Kid Gloves, plain or embroidered backs, black, white or colors at **\$2.00 and \$2.50**
- Fancy Collars, a great variety of styles and materials, just the thing for a dainty present, **50c to \$2.00**
- Ribbon and Lace Camisoles, nicely made from beautiful ribbons and heavy lace **\$1.00**



## Toyland

is overflowing

with every kind of toy young hearts could wish for. And in keeping with the spirit of the times so many of the toys are both instructive and educational; very practical for teaching and amusing young minds. Here you will find

Mechanical Trains with track, well made, durable toys at **\$1.25 \$1.75 \$2.50**

Mechanical Toys, Autos, Fire Engines, Etc.

Japanese Toys, many novel and unique items, well made from wood painted in bright colors.

Blackboards in neat frames to hang on the wall **75c**

Game Boards, well made and durable, a toy that the whole family can use **\$1.75 to \$4.50**

Games of all kinds, several new ones this year, always interesting to the little folks **5c to \$1.00**

Toy Books, all kinds, paper and cloth, clear bright colors **5c to \$1.00**

## Dolls

of every kind

Whole families of them, large and small, dressed and undressed, for big and little girls. Don't let your little girl look in vain for her new doll Christmas morning when there are so many nice ones here. Priced so low.

Blooming Kids, a doll for baby, soft and unbreakable, made from leather and cloth, each **50c**

Dressed Dolls, good size, life like faces, good cloth bodies, each **25c**

Dressed Dolls, better grade heads, painted hair, jointed cloth bodies, good size each **50c**

High Grade Dolls, fully jointed bodies, jointed with steel spring hinges, beautiful heads covered with high grade mohair wigs **\$3.00 \$3.50 \$5.00**



# Wilcox Department Store.