

## Our Christmas Stock IS MOST COMPLETE

You know what UNCLE SAM says:

### SHOP EARLY

By doing this you will save man power for the nation. You will get much better service in the stores and will surely receive a great deal of comfort in performing your duty to your loved ones.

We cordially invite you to come in and inspect our stock which you will agree with us is the most complete.

Our cases are bubbling over with Xmas goods that will sure interest you.

**HARRY DIXON,  
THE JEWELER**

### A Real Treasure

A snappy, blue-white diamond, sparkling with a fire that never dims—worth all its costs today and double that in the future—that describes

A MAHON DIAMOND

Choose today from the excellent stock we're showing and you'll rejoice in the knowledge of a safe and permanent investment.

**\$50 to \$500  
HARRY DIXON,  
The Jeweler and Optometrist  
North Platte, Neb.**

### CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Miss Annie Kramph was a visitor in Omaha the latter part of last week.

Your Drapery and Curtain problems are easily solved in our Drapery Dept. W. R. Maloney Co.

Remnant sale of outing flannels at THE LEADER MERC. CO. saving you from 4c to 10c on the yard. Buy your needs now. Don't put it off. BUY NOW.

The Travel and Study Club met last evening with Mrs. Ray Cummings. One member read from a book while others worked on Red Cross articles.

W. R. Maloney Co. offers Ice Curtains and Over-drapes at prices you can afford to pay.

The Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet Friday afternoon at three o'clock at the church.

This season's best man tailored suits on sale at THE LEADER MERC CO. save from \$4.00 to \$15.00 and buy your suit now.

Harry Lantz, formerly of this city who has been in the restaurant business at Sterling for several years, is in town today visiting friends.

Miss Beatrice Fisher, of Green River, a young lady who has frequently visited relatives and friends in town, is reported critically ill with influenza.

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The local federal labor bureau has received a call for laborers at the Armour Packing Plant at South Omaha. Just at present the local demand for laborers is just about equal to the supply.

If you are not fixed on your winter blankets buy them now at THE LEADER MERC. CO. Last seasons prices. Our big cash purchase of over a year ago enables us to do this.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Conlin and baby, of Omaha, are guests of Mrs. Conlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dixon. Dr. Conlin comes here to recuperate from his recent illness which was very severe.

In underwear for winter we fit them all. Men, women and children. Last season's prices saving you from 20 to 40 per-cent on your underwear at THE LEADER MERC. CO.

### INITIATIVE

By LOUISE PERKINS.

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For the first time since Lurine Williams had left her home to make her way in the business world, she was out of a job. She looked at the matter sensibly, too, remarkably sensibly for so young a girl, for in spite of the fact that she had been a successful and very businesslike stenographer to an important and well-known man for the past five years, she was barely twenty-two. She had worked hard to complete her business course before the small pittance she had saved was exhausted. And it was by sheer perseverance and hard work that she had gained and held her first position.

Now, just as she was becoming sure of herself and her job, her employer had sold out his business interests and had gone West to avoid the breakdown which his physician had said was inevitable.

For the past week Lurine had searched the want "ads" eagerly, but in vain. Today there was one, Mr. Hill, of Loring, Hill & Judson, was in need of a private secretary. It was a position that any stenographer in the city would have been glad to accept, but Lurine knew only too well, as did no doubt a score of other would-be secretaries, that being the best law firm in the city it was the very hardest to gain access to, and Mr. Hill, so rumor said, was the most exacting of the trio. But once a girl was admitted to those sacred precincts her success was assured. Certainly it was worth trying, and Lurine was experienced. Five years should count for something.

An hour later Lurine arrived at the office, very nervous and somewhat breathless, only to be told by a stony-faced middle-aged woman, evidently one of the clerks, that Mr. Hill was busy and if she was an applicant that he wasn't interviewing anyone under twenty-five.

As she was whirled down in the swift elevator a glance into the merciless mirror showed her how hopelessly young and small she looked. However, the luxurious and dignified atmosphere of the office she had just left made her dissatisfied with any other possibilities. "Besides," she told herself as she walked back to her dingy little apartment in the cool spring air, "anything worth having is worth working for."

Early that afternoon Lurine again visited the beautifully furnished office that had become ideal with her. The same clerk admitted her a second time, but surely she saw no resemblance in the cool, self-possessed little gray-haired woman to the extremely young and very nervous girl she had so recently refused admittance to. This time, to Lurine's surprise, she ushered her into Mr. Hill's private sanctum.

Mr. Hill's trained eye appraised her swiftly and she felt from the first that she was making a favorable impression. He asked her a few perfunctory questions, dictated a letter or two and then informed her in his calm, even voice, which she soon learned was habitual with him, that she would do.

Through the hot summer months that followed the little gray-haired, spectacled lady worked diligently in Mr. Hill's employ, always carrying out his wishes, often anticipating them.

Suddenly one day early in the fall Mr. Hill announced that he was to be one of the participants in the Liberty loan campaign, and that he would be obliged to leave her in sole charge of his personal affairs during that time. It was then that her characteristic honesty compelled her to tell him of her ruse and that he was leaving his business in the hands of a girl of twenty-two and not a middle-aged woman.

There was a gleam of amusement in his eyes as he replied: "Did you think so shallow a disguise as yours could deceive us? As a lawyer as your employer has the reputation of being? I knew it from the first. Two of your wrinkles disappeared during your trial dictation. It was your ingenuity and initiative that got you the position, my dear young lady, and it is the same two qualities that assure the safety of my business in your hands."

It is a well-known fact in the business circles of that city that Mr. Hill's secretary is a treasure, but nevertheless it is still something of a mystery to them that he ever came to trust his affairs to so young a girl.

### First Airplane Fatality.

The first man to lose his life in an airplane accident was Lieut. Thomas H. Selfridge of the United States signal corps, who was killed in September, 1908, while flying as a passenger with Orville Wright at Ft. Myer, Va. The next fatal airplane accident occurred a year later in France, when Eugene Lefebvre was enrolled as one of the martyrs to the conquest of the air. Since the outbreak of the war, of course, brave flyers without number have given their lives to their respective countries, and a list of them would fill pages. The first woman to be killed in an airplane accident was Mme. D. Moor, who lost her life at Etampes, France, in 1911.

### Have Always Carried Mirrors.

Woman's up-to-date fashion of carrying around a mirror in her handbag is by no means so modern as might be supposed. In the middle ages, from the twelfth to the end of the fifteenth century, every lady carried around with her a tiny mirror in her reticule or hanging from her girdle, mirrors being considered a necessary part of every lady's toilette.



### Dine Thanksgiving Day on Home Products. U. S. Asks

Washington, D. C., Nov. 5.—Home products only on the Thanksgiving dinner table this year is the program of the food administration. Hotels, restaurants, and other eating places have been asked to save transportation by using only food produced locally, and the administration issued an appeal to households today to observe the same rule.



### Three Months Needed to Settle Peace Problems.

The peace conference will be in session for two or three months, according to authoritative opinion expressed in Paris Monday. The delegates will meet in France, but it is not yet decided whether the conference will be held at Versailles, on account of its heroic associations, or in Paris, which is the more convenient for the transaction of business.

That the parley will last for some time is made evident by the complexity of the problems involved.

At the present time informal conferences are being held daily, but the allied chieftains are generally marking time, meanwhile watching closely the internal developments in Germany and waiting to see that Germany care fully carries out the conditions of the armistice. It seems probable that the next session of the inter-allied council at Versailles will examine the internal situation in Germany carefully.

### Socialists Laud Bolsheviki.

Chicago Socialists, together with their country political organization were delivered Sunday to forces of bolshevism by their accredited party leaders. The socialist party's new step was taken at a mass meeting held in the Colliseum. Socialist leaders, who since the war started have protested their loyalty to the American government and the strong prosecution of the war, threw aside their government support and openly boasted of their sympathy and support of the Russian revolutionists, and declared it their determination to help forward an American movement to make the United States a unit of a world socialist international. The mass meeting, which had been called for the announced purpose of celebrating the overthrow of the German kaiser, was in reality no less than a public toast making to bolshevism and denunciation of all militarism. Speakers actually spoke against this nation.

Of the 8,000 to 10,000 persons in attendance fully 75 per-cent indicated Russian or German descent.

Miss Esther Sims was called to Cheyenne last evening by the illness of a friend.

### HOOVER SAYS WE MUST CONTINUE TO CONSERVE.

The nation's obligation to serve stricken humanity in war-torn Europe by helping to provide sustenance until the next harvest will demand further sacrifices from the American people, Food Administrator Hoover declared in an address at a conference of state food administrators.

Conditions of famine exist in Europe, Mr. Hoover said, that will be "beyond our powers to remedy," even with the carrying out of the plan to ship from America 20,000,000 tons of foodstuffs during the next year. In northern Russia alone, he declared, there are 40,000,000 people who have but little chance of obtaining food this winter. Millions of others throughout Europe, he said, who can be reached must be fed.

"This being the new world situation, created by the collapse of the war," Mr. Hoover continued, "the prime changes in our policies on today's outlook can be summarized:

"That we may now advantageously abandon the use substitutes in our wheat bread; that we will still require economy and elimination of waste in its consumption; that for the present we need conservation in butter and condensed milk; that ultimately we must extend this to all fats.

"We can contemplate at most, maintaining fully three pounds per month of sugar per person of household sugar on the present outlook, and we can by availability of Java sugars to Europe, begin at once to relax more restraints on sugar, pending some changes in European policies."

### Crown Heads Dropping

More of the smaller German principalities have followed the example of their larger neighbors and have taken steps toward establishing republican forms of government. Saxemeyningen has been proclaimed a republic and all estates owned by princes are made public property. A special dispatch from Karlsruhe says that the provincial government has announced that Grand Duke Friedrich II has abdicated and that Baden is a free republic. A constituent assembly will later determine the form of government to be established.

French troops Saturday entered Colmar and Mulhausen, two of Germany's great fortresses in Alsace.



### The Hostess Who Entertains

will find in our stock of Table Silver any article she may be short of in the way of Knives, Forks, Spoons,

Sets and Special Services. Sterling and Triple Plated Silverware shown.

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**C. M. AUSTIN, Jeweler**

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Will Make Garments in Our Shop if Desired.

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Over Keen's Gun Shop

## If You Owned the Telephone Company?

Suppose you bought the telephone company today, how would you run it?

How would you decide what the standards of service should be, what rates to charge and what wages to pay, and how much money to lay aside for rebuilding the plant as parts of it wear out?

You would, no doubt, try to give the best service you could under existing war-time conditions.

You would want to charge enough for service to pay your employees fair wages, to keep the property in good repair and earn as much on your money as you would receive if it were invested in any other business involving equal risk.

In these times of high prices and scarcity of labor and materials, and in the face of other war-time conditions, don't you think you would have "some job" on your hands?

When you feel provoked if there are occasional defects in the telephone service or feel that our policies or practices are wrong, we'll appreciate it if you will tell us about it and let us talk things over.



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