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Local...

Underwear low at Woodwards. 24-1f

Ten bars Beat-M-All soap 25c—Woodwards. 24-1f

Big line of useful presents at J. P. Mann's.

Caps, gloves, extra very low price—Woodwards. 24-1f

See these \$2.00 shoes going at 98 cent at J. Pfund's. 23-1

Hez Chambers was down from Atkinson Tuesday.

Ten pounds package coffee \$1.00—Woodwards. 24-1f

Windmill and tower for sale. Call on Mrs. A. J. Meals.

If you care to save dollars go to Woodwards. 24-1f

See our line of ladies' capes and get a bargain, J. Pfund. 23-1

Holiday presents for everybody at P. C. Corrigan's. 23-3

Dr. Flynn is enjoying a visit from his brother, Joe, of Neola, Iowa.

Buy your holiday goods at Mann's. You may get a beautiful piano free.

Come early and buy your Christmas presents, you will get a selection and just as cheap. 24 J. P. Mann.

It might not be out of place to suggest that O'Neill seems to be the grafters paradise.

Those owing us on subscription will confer a favor upon us by calling and paying up.

Don't overlook the carriage when doing your holiday trading. 21-1f P. J. McManus.

Norfolk News: Wes Evans, landlord of a hotel at O'Neill, was a city visitor Saturday.

F. Gallagher has been in Neligh the past two weeks assisting cashier Ryan in the Altas bank.

Call and see toys of all kinds Christmas candies, nuts and hand made mince-meat—at Mrs. Cress.

We have the latest novelties and invite you to call and see them. 23-3 P. C. Corrigan.

Attorney Benedict's horse ran away down town yesterday, and Mr. Benedict had to foot it home.

Carl T. Seely, Madison, deputy revenue collector for this district, was in the city yesterday.

Harry Rood, foreman of the Independent, is at his home at North Loup for the Christmas season.

Mrs. F. M. Raymond left this morning for York, Lincoln and other eastern points, to spend the holidays.

James Gallagher, J. P. Mann's head clerk, is figuring on the purchase of the O'Neill Grocery company's store.

M. J. Roach arrived in the city last Saturday evening from Wisconsin and will spend the holidays with relatives here.

A sewing machine will be given away by P. C. Corrigan on New Years day. Ask him for particulars and see the machine. 23-3

M. H. McCarthy left for his old home in Wisconsin last Wednesday morning in answer to a telegram announcing the death of his father.

Madison Chronicle: Miss Anna Lowrie, of O'Neill, arrived in the city last Saturday on a visit to her brother, Rev. C. W. Lowrie.

Ladies gold watch—value \$25—will be given away Saturday afternoon, December 23. Come and find out about it. F. B. Cole & Son.

The Junior League invite their friends to one of their delightful dime socials at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Snyder the evening of Friday, December 22.

Jerry McCarthy has sold the Mulligan farm, two and one half miles northeast of O'Neill, to John Huirich of Schuyler at a consideration of \$2,500.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harrington arrived in the city last Thursday from Grant City, Mo., and are now comfortably settled in the Sanford Parker residence in the northern part of the city.

Cheap rates for the holidays, F. E. and M. V. railroad. Excursion tickets will be sold on Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and January 1 to all points on this line within 200 miles of O'Neill at one fare for round trip. Tickets good returning until and including January 4.—E. R. Adams, agent.

Merry Xmas.

GILLIGAN & STOUT

Wish a Merry Christmas to All.

OUR splendid stock of holiday goods is now on exhibition and presents an opportunity for satisfactory selection never before offered in O'Neill. Our Christmas stock was purchased this year with the idea of having something for every taste, at prices for every pocketbook.

Merry Xmas.

Jewelry



OUR line of jewelry has been largely increased in anticipation of a good holiday trade. You can find what you want if you come early and make your selection while the stock is fresh. In it you will find the latest novelties in pins and charms, of every description; also an ample line of chains, rings, lockets, etc. We have some nice things in Sterling silver that will interest you on account of their beauty, utility and cheapness.

Fancy China...

In casting about for a suitable present for a lady you can make no mistake in selecting from our line of handsome Chinaware. In...
Haviland
German and
Opal
—we have cups and saucers, sugar and creamers, cracker jars, celery dish, chop plates, mayonnaise, salad dishes, comb and brush trays, toilet combinations for dressers and novelties of all description.
Don't fail to see our line of wedgewood plaques and novelties. Some nice things in cut glass.

TOYS

OUR toy department is complete in every detail. We have doll carriages, boys' tool boxes, toy trunks for girls, work sets, iron trains, toy pianos, doll beds, bureaus, dressers, China sets, chairs, sawbucks and saws, drums, games of every description—from 5c up; child's tea sets, hobby horses, etc. Large size water color paints 5c.

400 DOLLS—all sizes from 1c up. Big line doll heads. Magic lantern, small printing press, blackboards and writing desks. Christmas candies in fancy boxes, chocolates and creams. 5 and 10c cigars in Christmas boxes. A nice assortment of books for the holidays

Celluloid Goods

Albums from 50c to \$7.
Handkerchief and glove boxes 50c and up.

Toilet and manicure sets combined; work boxes; comb, brush and tray sets; collar, cuff and necktie boxes.
Dressing cases 50c and up.

Watches, Clocks

We are always ready to sell you the right kind of a time piece at the right kind of a price. If you want an honest, reliable watch at the lowest possible price, come and see our holiday line, which includes a splendid variety of the latest in ladies' and gentlemen's watches. We have a line of handsome clocks at prices that are right.



\$2.98
We can sell you a good 7-jewel watch for \$2.98.



IN OUR Musical department we have an ample line of guitars, mandolines, banjos, violins, harmonics and accordions, at prices that cannot be beaten by catalogue houses. MEDALLIONS—An excellent line, ranging in price from 50c up. Small line of Louwelsa Weller ware, similar to rookwood. Jardinieres and decorations for mantels.

Of Course You are

going to buy more or less Christmas presents, and it is a puzzle to know what to select. It may be for a young lady, married lady or a gentleman. You may want something pretty and useful that won't cost too much. We have it; and if you want something better you can go as high as you want to. Our Christmas goods, while very desirable are mostly useful, huc as...

Rugs, furs, dress goods, fine table linens, fancy China, slippers, gloves, handkerchiefs, purses, manicure and toilet sets, smoker's sets, pictures and brie-abac, bracelets, charms, rings, cuff buttons and scarf pins.

You will have no trouble in finding what you want if you will call and look our stock over.

Some one will get a New Years present from us—a nice piano worth \$250—it may be you if you buy your goods in the right place.

Yours truly,

J. P. MANN

Charles McManus fell from an elevated road in Chicago last Saturday afternoon about 1:30 and received injuries which resulted in his death at 6:10. He was working with a party of men on the road and had just placed a rail in position when he fell forward through the ties and struck the pavement 25 feet below on his head and shoulders, sustaining a fractured skull and arm, besides internal injuries. He was taken at once to the hospital and every thing done to save his life but the injuries were fatal and he passed away about five hours after the accident, his brother James, being with him when he died. Charles McManus was born in Benton, Wis., August 14, 1868, and was thirty-one years old on August 14, last. In March 1890, the family moved to O'Neill, Charles coming with them and he lived in this city and Spencer until the spring of '93 when he went to Chicago, where he lived until the time of his death. Charley was one of those happy, joyous young fellows, always free from care or trouble and with a cheering word and a pleasant smile for all. Good hearted, generous and jovial, he was the life of all parties and seemed at all times to carry sunshine with him. He was a loving son and brother and his sad death is deeply mourned not only by his relatives but by all who knew him, and his aged mother, brothers and sisters have the sympathy of the community. P. J. McManus left for Chicago Sunday morning and returned with the remains Tuesday night, the funeral being held Wednesday morning. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

To the many kind friends who assisted us during our recent bereavement we desire to extend our heartfelt thanks and assure you that your kind offices will never be forgotten.

Mrs. Ellen McManus and Family

When you want candies, gum, nuts or cigars, best in the city, go to Hall's.

WE HAVE the largest and best assortdte and cleanest line of Christmas goods that O'Neill has ever had the pleasure of seeing.

Prices are right. We invite all to look and buy after comparing our prices with others. We don't aim to give you something for nothing or make you a present—only a little more for your money. Try Uneeda flour, all say its the best.

O'Neill Grocery Co.

SMOOTH SWINDLERS CATCH A NICE STRING OF SUCKERS

A little the boldest game of swindle ever pleyed by "gentleman of the profession" was perpetrated on about a dozen of our tender citizens this week. J. C. Craig, Claud Frederick and two others not named, very active gentlemen representing the "New York Soap Advertising company," dropped anchor in O'Neill last Saturday and began the operation of getting next to the peoples' pocket books, which seems to have been a very easy matter to do. Their work was not so fine but that less dull men than those who were caught ought to have seen that it was a steal. Their game was to sell you an article, collect full payment and never deliver the goods. The bait that caught the suckers was the sensational prices of goods they "sold." A \$75 wagon was priced at \$10; \$300 piano at \$40; \$30 harness at \$5. And so on. Some of our citizens invested \$10, others \$15 and one is said to have gone as high as \$40. The chaps put up at the Dewey hotel and thither led their victims.

A young and verdant fellow living ten miles north was walking up the streets of the city when he was approached by a neatly dressed, refined appearing gentleman carrying a cane. The gentleman of refinement, with winning speech and graceful gestures, induced the rugged country lad to enter the "soap company's" employment at a salary of \$50 per month and expenses paid. The young man from the country put up \$5 with the agent for a traveling outfit, but he never entered upon the duties of representative of the "soap company."

Buoyant with high anticipations, he made known his newly acquired position to a friend from his neighborhood and recommended the "company" to him. The young man's neighbor, who is a man of many years, then contracted with the agents for a harness, saddle and wagon, putting up \$10 and was to pay \$10 more when the goods came. After making the deal he suspected that it was a swindle and again went to the chaps, this time demanding his \$10 back and threatening arrest. He got \$3 and a ring back and departed in a somewhat irate mood, but without thankful he had lost no more.

By this time things were getting a little warm for the swindlers all around. City officers began to press them for license money. They had been "selling" lots of stuff and it is the custom of the city to collect license from transient salesmen. Wednesday afternoon they thought it about time to depart and at 8 o'clock that evening disappeared, having gathered a golden harvest of coin in O'Neill. They also left an unpaid board bill at the Dewey, and Landlord Lapham is in hot pursuit of the rascals in the vicinity of Atkinson.

Later—As we go to press Deputy Sheriff Blackmer and Landlord Lapham arrive from Atkinson with the chaps in custody, and they are now incarcerated in the county jail.

Our stock of fancy china for Christmas has been carefully selected and is larger than ever before. We carry the largest and best stock of confectionery. Our grocery stock is complete. We will give you good goods at moderate prices. Try us. 23-3 J. Bentley.

FREE—Saturday evening, December 23, we give to some fortunate gentleman an elegant silver tea set. Spend a dollar with us and you may get it. F. B. Cole & Son.

Remember the grand mask ball at the rink New Years night.

Fresh oysters at Hall's, day or night.