

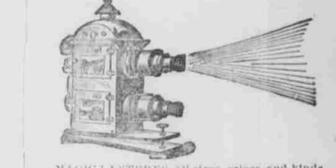
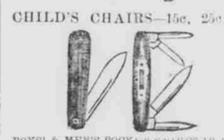
GRAND HOLIDAY OPENING

Santa Claus Has Arrived at the Big Store.

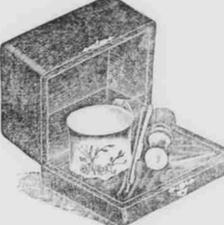
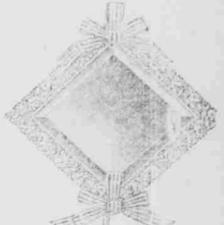
Never in its history did the Big Store make such preparations for the Holiday trade as it has this year. Never did we lay in such a magnificent stock as this year. Never did we get prices down to such a low point.

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 <p>IRON TOYS—5c, 10c, 25c, 50c to \$1.25.</p>	 <p>MONEY BANKS—5c, 10c, 15c, 25c.</p>	 <p>FIRE ENGINES—large, showy Toys 50c up to \$1.25.</p>	 <p>HORSE, SULKY and DRIVER—10c and 25c.</p>	 <p>BOYS' & MEN'S POCKET KNIVES 10, 25, 50c.</p>	 <p>DOLL HEADS TO FIT ANY SIZED BODY.</p>

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 <p>DOLLS, from 1c up to \$5.00.</p>	 <p>GIRLS' TABLES—52c, 50c, 90c.</p>					
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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION
Of any Cass County Paper.

A COLORED evangelist is creating more excitement than a little down in Kansas. Throngs of people go miles to hear him and he wields such influence over them that they frequently swoon or go into hysterics.

The mothers and sweethearts who have sons and lovers in the First Nebraska regiment will be of one accord in praising Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn for his efforts in bringing about the removal of the regiment from Manila to their homes.

McMILLAN, the defeated republican candidate for governor of Nevada, is going to contest the election of the fusion candidate on the ground that enough illegal votes were cast to change the result of the election. The way the fusionists got votes in Nevada last fall was no trouble to them—but it may be later on.

SENATOR THURSTON Tuesday introduced the first bill to pension the widow of a soldier who fell during the war of 1898. It is for the relief of Mrs. Isabel B. Hamilton of Omaha, wife of Lieutenant Colonel John M. Hamilton of the Eighth United States cavalry and is for \$75 per month. Hamilton was killed July 1 while leading his command at San Juan. The senator's efforts are to be commended.

OF ALL the startling industrial revolutions which have been witnessed in the United States, that of our steel makers being able to ship steel ship plates to British shipbuilders and undersell British steel makers from two to three dollars a ton, besides paying the freight, is the greatest of all. This is a condition which the British themselves view apprehensively, even while momentarily benefiting by it. They not only fear that it is a sign of a greater industrial revolution that may transfer to our shores a large share of the world's shipbuilding they have long enjoyed, but they believe it also threatens an eventual readjustment of shipping more equitably distributed among maritime nations.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The president's message is marked by a conservative sentiment all the way through, which extremists will be inclined to criticize but which the sober sense of the country must commend. The document is quite lengthy and discusses the war and the facts which lead up to it in detail. There is no thought of annexing Cuba in the mind of the chief executive, but a stable government is promised until they can govern themselves. The president very wisely refuses to express an opinion or outline the policy of the government with reference to the Philippines until the treaty of peace has been signed when he will send a special message to congress. Every subject mentioned is discussed in a calm, dignified tone which adds weight to the clear and comprehensive document. It is not a great paper in the sense that Harrison's papers were great, but it is in every way creditable to the ability of one of our best chief executives.

THE TREASURY REPORT

The report of Secretary Gage presents with thoroughness of detail the financial operations of the government for the fiscal year ended June 30 last, says the Omaha Bee. The deficiency for the year was nearly \$62,000,000, no account being taken of the proceeds from the war loan which had begun to be received before the close of the year. The information in regard to the gold movement will be found interesting, though to some extent anticipated by the report of the director of the mint. The statement is made that the deposits of gold were greater than in any previous year of our history and it may be added that they have been growing since the close of the year. The stock of gold in the United States is given as \$861,514,780 and of silver \$637,672,743, making the aggregate amount of metallic money larger than the country has ever before had.

Referring to the tariff, the secretary of the treasury says domestic industries have been benefited by the law, while as a revenue measure it has not received a fair test, owing to the heavy anticipatory importations. He shows that for the first four months of the current fiscal year receipts were in excess of the corresponding months of the previous year and it is clear the secretary believes that under normal conditions the law will be vindicated as a revenue measure.

On the subject of currency and banking reform Secretary Gage presents his views with much elaboration, making what those who take his side of the question will regard as forcible arguments for a reform of our currency system. Indeed it will be generally admitted that he makes out as strong a case as is possible, from the practical point of view, against government issues of paper currency, but it does not carry conviction of the

necessity of retiring the greenbacks and substituting national banknotes for them. The report treats comprehensively all matters under the jurisdiction of the treasury department and is an extremely instructive and valuable state paper.

IN THE last issue of The Spearfish (S. D.) Register F. N. Bator, at one time connected with The Herald of this city, announces that he has severed his connection with the paper and from the tone of the eulogistic it would seem that his relations with the business men of the town had been of a very pleasant nature. This is part of what he says: "It is somewhat of a pleasure to feel that my work of trying to get up a weekly paper in a town that is filled up with people who would be glad to dictate how and what a man should print is over. In a town the size of Spearfish any paper needs all of the patronage and support that it can possibly control, but we never did feel like letting a man or set of men who gave you \$2 or \$3 a month in patronage, run your affairs—either business or private, as a great many in Spearfish would like to do."

IT CANNOT be doubted that the decline of American shipping engaged in foreign carrying, has been restrictive of a larger American foreign trade in imports and exports. With ships of our own running to all the chief ports of the world, larger markets for our products would unquestionably have been found, and, probably uses for foreign products would also have been discovered by our own people, that would have led to larger foreign purchases, with beneficial results to all concerned. Such considerations as these justify the belief that the increase in our foreign trade in the future will only be measured by the increase in our own home-built and home-owned shipping; as the latter increases, so will our foreign commerce.

GOVERNOR-ELECT ROOSEVELT got caught in the snow storm which swept over New York last week while on his way to Boston and could not travel. He had previously been engaged to write a magazine article and embraced this opportunity. He is to receive \$1,000 for the article and he dictated it in three hours. That would have a tendency to take away some of the terrors of being snow-bound.

The United States are recognized by the rest of the world as one of the most progressive and advanced of all nations. In general intelligence, ingenuity, in energy and in accomplishment we have taken first rank, and in material resources we stand unequalled. Because of all of these national characteristics and posses-

sions, the utilization of which at any time to the development of our merchant marine in the foreign carrying trade would have given to our own people the larger part of that carrying, the wonder has been, among our sister nations, why it is that we have failed to do it.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY excels in everything, and is as happy in writing a message as he is in other branches of state-manship, says the Beatrice Express. The message to congress which was made public on Monday is remarkable among state papers, in that it is intensely interesting to general readers. The account of the war contained in it is the best account yet seen, and must be pleasing to every patriotic American. The president does not expend all his gratitude upon the generals and the admirals, but extends his appreciative thanks to the stokers and gunners on the ships and to the soldiers who were compelled to remain behind, as well as to those who went to the front. The ordinary complimentary expressions which are usually bestowed upon presidential messages are entirely inadequate to this one; it is a noble document, breathing patriotism, justice and generosity. Couched in the plainest and most straightforward language it is still more eloquent and inspiring than anything eloquent or grandiose could have been. If you have not read the message, we cordially advise you to read it, from the first word to the last.

INFORMATION AND OPINION.

There is not much probability of a partition of China. Germany, Russia, France and England have seized what they want of the territory of China. They recognize that she is the greatest market on earth for their manufactured goods, and the greatest field for industrial enterprise. They have no interest in dividing her up into hostile camps, in checking production and paralyzing progress. The more the Chinaman is civilized, the greater purchaser of imported goods he becomes. If every man in China wore a shirt, the sale of shirting would keep all the mills in the United States busy; and so with other articles. Nations are governed by self-interest. It is the interest of the world to preserve the autonomy of China. It is particularly to American interest to do so. To carry out this view the United States need only hold the Philippines, which they claim as their own by conquest, and they do not need to take any part of the mainland of China.—Charles Denby and E. P. Allen, in The Engineering Magazine for December.

At the examination of juriesmen for the trial in New York of Mrs. William A. E. Moore, charged, with her husband, of a "badger" game of

blackmailing, the prosecuting attorney insisted that the beautiful young woman should not sit with her counsel, but in a remote corner of the room. He refused to state his reasons for this demand in court, though he won his point, but afterwards to newspaper reporters he said he was afraid of Mrs. Moore's powers of hypnotism on the men who were to try her.

The progress of the United States as a world in manufacture using power is strikingly shown in the following table of exports of manufactory products in the last nine fiscal years:

1887	858,871,449
1888	1,177,853,300
1889	2,287,571,000
1890	1,835,595,000
1891	1,837,288,000
1892	1,842,023,000
1893	1,587,510,000
1894	1,683,927,000
1895	1,511,022,000

The dungeon in which the assassin of the empress Elizabeth is now confined is a windowless, damp, stone chamber, and Lucchini will probably pay for his crime by the loss of his eye-sight and his reason. Only once a fortnight is he permitted to walk in the prison courtyard for half an hour. He does not even see the attendants who bring his daily rations at 6 o'clock every morning.

Three packet steamers are icebound in the Missouri a few miles above the mouth of Niobrara river, loaded with lumber and other goods for upper Missouri points. As soon as the ice is sufficiently strong for loaded teams the merchandise will be hauled to the landings and the boats will make the best of their winter quarters.

General Wood has granted the petition of several Spanish merchants for permission to close the Spanish law, they were compelled to keep open. He has also issued a special order directing the saloon to be a "Sunday closing" question in Santiago as long as it has a military governor.

The next regular teachers' meeting of the Plattsmouth district will be held Saturday afternoon, December 10. The following subjects will be discussed:
Language work in the various grades—Mabel Whipple.
Uses and peculiarities of the "participle" and the "infinitive"—Claud Palmer.
Discussion Mrs. E. L. Hartman.
What is being done in your district in the interest of the Public Reading Circles?—Minute report from teachers present.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Brome Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

Only two-sevenths of the people of the United States are church members. Kangaroo bills are exported from Australia to London, and are made the chief ingredient of delicious soup.

There are few ailments so uncomfortable as piles, but they can easily be cured by using Table's Buckeye Pile Ointment. Relief follows its use, and any one suffering from piles cannot afford to neglect to give it a trial. Price, 50 cents in bottles, tubes 75 cts., F. F. Fricke & Co.

A tame wren is one of the pets of a farmer in Otego county, New York, and performs valuable services to its master by keeping his barn free from rats.

For broken limbs, chilblains, burns, scalds, bruised shins, sore throat, and sores of every kind, apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. F. F. Fricke & Co.

Several doctors having failed to cure an aggravated case of hemorrhoids in Chillicothe, O., an old farmer administered two teaspoonful of quinine juice to the sufferer and immediate relief ensued.

The disposition of children largely depends upon health. If they are troubled with worms, they will be irritable, cross, feverish, and perhaps seriously sick. White's Cream Vermifuge is a worm expeller and a tonic to make them healthy and cheerful. Price 25 cts. F. F. Fricke & Co.

Colonel Thomas P. Ochiltree has just ended his fifty-fourth transatlantic trip. When he left for England some time ago he had to be carried on a stretcher from a New York hotel to the steamship. He returned to the same hotel too late for a Thanksgiving dinner, but to fine health and spirits.

Hobson Will go to Manila. NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Assistant Naval Constructor Hobson will go to Manila to superintend the raising of the sunken war vessels. He expects to leave about the 20th of this month. Hobson will shortly visit his home in Alabama, but only expects to stay there three or four days.

He has not yet given up hopes of successfully raising the Colon, but it is doubtful whether the navy department can be induced to go to further expense in this work.

No Humbug. Foley's Honey and Tar does not claim to perform miracles. It does not claim to cure all cases of consumption or asthma, but it does claim to give comfort and relief in advanced stages of these diseases and to usually cure early stages. It is certainly worth trying by those afflicted or threatened with these dread diseases.

A CRITICAL TIME

During the Battle of Santiago.

SICK OR WELL, A RUSH NIGHT AND DAY.

The Packers at the Battle of Santiago de Cuba were all Heroes. Their Heroic Efforts in Getting Ammunition and Rations to the Front Saved the Day.

P. E. Butler, of passenger train No. 3, writing from Santiago de Cuba, on Jan. 23, says: "We had diarrhoea in more or less violent form, and when we needed we had no time to see a doctor, for it was a case of rush and rush night and day to keep the troops supplied with ammunition and rations, but thanks to Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, we were able to keep at work and keep our health; in fact, I sincerely believe that it was the greatest savior of our army, for if the packers had been unable to work there would have been no way of getting supplies to the front. There were no packs that a wagon train could use. My comrade and myself had the good fortune to lay in a supply of this medicine for our pack-train before we left Tampa, and I know in four cases it absolutely saved life." The above letter was written to the manufacturers of this medicine, the Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, for sale by all druggists.

Cassius Biss on St. Joe Bank. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 7.—A run has been made on the Central Savings bank of St. Joseph as the result of the failure of Grant G. Gillett, the Kansas cattle plunger. Depositors drew out \$30,000 in two hours. The bank held about \$10,000 of Gillett's paper. This came out in a lawsuit brought by a Kansas City commission firm to gain possession of some of Gillett's cattle that were attached by the bank. Officers of the bank posted a notice today advising depositors that written notice would be required from those who desire to withdraw funds. The bank's deposits are \$500,000, but it has only \$70,000 cash on hand and this course was taken to prevent more serious trouble.

Notice to Taxpayers. The county commissioners will be in session after November 10 until all delinquent taxes in this county are disposed of. Everyone who is back is requested to call at once and make arrangements for a settlement or else the same will be sold. By order of County Commissioners.

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