

# GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

## Nix! Nine! No!

We are now daily receiving our line of Toys for Xmas merchandise. By the 6th day of December we will have on display the largest and most complete line of Holiday Merchandise ever shown under one roof in the history of Plattsmouth. The prices will be lower than the same merchandise can be purchased anywhere else, regardless of close out sales, special sales, fake or misleading sales, we are here to stay. We own the building we occupy as well as the merchandise therein and its all paid for. We can and do undersell. Come and purchase any article you wish, take it home or take it into any other store, COMPARE IT, then if you are not more than satisfied return it, and your money will be returned to you just as fast as it can be counted. We will quote prices in this space just as soon as the merchandise is displayed for your inspection.

# The Variety Store

Plattsmouth, Neb., 3rd Door East of Bank of Cass County.

## THIEVES GET \$50,000

MAIL BAG RIFLED OF EXPRESS AND POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS.

## SCORES HUNT THE ROBBERS

Post Office Inspectors Try to Clear Up Mystery of Robbery Committed at Tolono, Ill.—Try to Conceal the Crime.

Chicago, Nov. 6.—Theft of a mail pouch, which it is estimated contained between \$25,000 and \$50,000 in express and postoffice orders, was revealed through the cashing of several of the stolen orders in Chicago.

The rifled bag was discovered by a farmer boy in a cornfield near Tolono, Ill. Scores of secret service men and postoffice inspectors are searching for the robbers.

The mail bag is thought to have been taken off a mail truck which was standing on the depot platform at Tolono during the transfer of mail from a Wabash train to an Illinois Central fast train, bound for Chicago.

How many of the money orders have been converted into cash by the thieves is not known, but in banking circles it was learned that about \$10,000 had been paid on them in Chicago and other large cities.

Try to Conceal the Robbery.

Every effort is being made to keep secret the theft of the mail bag. Although stolen September 9, the postoffice inspectors did not find the pouch until October 29. It had contained 2,000 letters, but was empty when discovered by a farmer boy while he was passing through a cornfield two miles south of Tolono. City Marshal L. L. Dossett of Tolono was notified of the find. He informed Postoffice Inspector Stuart.

Inspector Stuart denied at first that a mail pouch had been stolen, but when told a few details of the Tolono robbery, the government official admitted that the theft had occurred.

"It has always been the policy of this department not to give the press news of mail-pouch robberies," said the inspector.

When told that nearly every large bank and mercantile house in Chicago had suffered as a result of the robbery, and that it was rumored that one house had reported a money order of \$10,000 was missing, Mr. Stuart said:

"I will not discuss the robbery in any form. We are making investigations and hope soon to apprehend the robbers and those who passed the stolen money orders."

That a mail pouch had been stolen from the government did not become known in Chicago until complaints were received by Chicago business houses and banks that money orders, checks and drafts had been mailed, but no acknowledgment of receipt had been received by the senders.

The stolen mail bag contained letters from nearly all the states along the Atlantic coast.

## AEROPLANE TAKES A FALL

Machine with Which Army Officers Are Making Experiments Is Badly Damaged.

College Park, Md., Nov. 6.—The Wright aeroplane, in which Lieuts. Lahm and Humphreys of the United States signal corps were making an experimental flight, struck the ground and was badly damaged, but the occupants escaped injury.

The machine was about eight feet from the ground when Lieut. Lahm tried to make a turn into the west course, parallel with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. The magneto "missed" and the machine dipped, the left wing striking the ground.

The airship careened to the right, and the other wing dragged along the ground for a few feet until the machine stopped.

The officers alighted unhurt, but an examination of the aeroplane showed that not only were the blades cracked, but the main part of the machine was badly broken.

It will be several days at least before repairs can be made.

Wilbur Wright may come from New York to determine the extent of the damage.

## ANGRY JUDGES STOP JURY-TAMPERING QUIZ

Smarting Under Criticism They Abruptly Suspend Inquiry—Causes Big Sensation.

Chicago, Nov. 6.—Investigation into the jury commissioners' office, being made by Judges Barnes, Honore and Rinaker, was abruptly suspended by the judges. Smarting under instructions made by State's Attorney Wayman that they were half-hearted in their hearing of his charges, the judges, after a conference of an hour and a half, suddenly stopped the proceedings until ten o'clock next Tuesday morning.

Judge Barnes, alone, not accompanied by the other two judges, entered the courtroom where the jury investigation was being held and read the following announcement:

"For reasons which this committee deem eminently proper and of great public importance, and which will be given to the public later, we have decided to adjourn this hearing."

The immediate cause of this sensational announcement was an editorial in a morning newspaper in which it was charged the judges did not understand the nature of the inquiry they were making.

Ever since the investigation began there have been constant clashes between the state's attorney and the committee of judges. These all arose from questions on the part of the jurists as to the relevancy of evidence being introduced. The judges would say in effect:

"What does all of this tend to prove? We do not understand, Mr. Wayman, what all this investigation is leading to."

"You introduce evidence and you say you will prove certain things, but we do not understand that you are now proving them."

State's Attorney Wayman appeared to take these questions as an effort on the part of the judges to impede his investigation and whitewash the jury commission. He responded hotly to the judges on several occasions. At one time he said:

"Do not get afraid of this thing at this time."

## Civil Service.

Having twice failed to pass an exceptionally simple civil service examination to qualify for the public service, an illiterate worker of "The Organization" in one of the large cities visited his ward boss to explain. In the course of his explanation the man complained of the "hardships" of the merit system.

After listening for ten minutes, the boss arose, and thumping his fist on a desk by way of emphasis, he said angrily:

"You don't deserve to pass. Now, see here, Dennis, didn't I do everything that I could for ye? Didn't I git ye the questions and didn't ye have sense enough to git yer daughter or somebody to answer them? Why, Dennis, I'm ashamed that one of my men hasn't the intelligence to know how to take that examination with credit to me and to the great Republican party. Ye ought to 'ave passed with flying colors."

## Defined.

The pessimist stands beneath the tree of prosperity, and grows when the fruit falls on his head.—Success Magazine.

Production Poorly Distributed. Germany, Great Britain and the United States produce four-fifths of the world's supply of pig iron.

## Best Seal for Envelope.

When you seal an envelope with white of an egg it is impossible to steam it open.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 6.—Edward H. Crump, at present a member of the fire and police commission, was elected mayor of Memphis by a narrow majority of 79 votes over former Mayor J. J. Williams.

## Seaboard Receivership Ends.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 6.—The Seaboard Air Line railway, which on January 1, 1908, was placed in the hands of receivers, has settled with its creditors, and the property will be returned to the directors of the company.

## BRIEF LOCAL HAPPENINGS

G. A. Berggren returned to Omaha Tuesday.

Mrs. A. W. Dawson has gone to Columbus to visit friends.

John Janda, for several years the street commissioner in this city, arrived Monday to visit his two daughters and other friends.

George Shoeman was a passenger to Omaha Tuesday.

Mrs. V. Zucker returned to her home in Omaha Tuesday.

Mrs. V. E. Sherwood departed this morning for Beatrice.

Mrs. N. H. Isabell spent Tuesday in Omaha.

Miss Lillian Yelinek visited friends in Omaha Tuesday.

Miss Florence McElroy departed Tuesday morning for Lincoln, being accompanied as far as Omaha by her father.

T. H. Pollock departed Tuesday morning for Ashland where he expects to catch a few sacks of ducks.

Mrs. Mitton arrived Tuesday from Kewanee, Ill., and is the guest of Mr. Regnier.

Edwin Jeary, the Elmwood banker, is attending district court in this city.

Mrs. M. A. Dickson was a passenger to Omaha Tuesday morning.

W. A. Fight of Colorado, who is visiting his parents in this city, spent Tuesday in Omaha.

Mrs. T. P. Livingston visited friend in Omaha Tuesday.

The many friends of Judge Archer will be pleased to learn that he is improving, though still confined to his home.

Herman Leutheims of Wabash was in the city today and called at this office.

Mrs. Hartwick returned home from Chicago Tuesday morning.

## HORROR NOT BAD AS AT FIRST REPORTED

Not as Much Loss of Life as was at First Reported When Explosion took Place.

## EXPERTS MAKE DESCENT INTO DANGEROUS MINE.

Volunteers With Safety Appliances Descend 300 feet but Find no Bodies.

CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 15.—Though reported at first that 400 men had perished in the explosion at the St. Paul coal mine here yesterday, an examination of the mine by experts and volunteers who went down 300 feet and claim that they could hear signals from below.

This leads the owners of the mine to believe that there is hope of saving the men and this morning the main shaft will be opened and a descent made to find out just the conditions under ground.

For more than thirty hours the men have been cut off from fresh air and many believe that there is no hope of saving any of them. This morning a farmer who lives over one of the mine claims to have felt several concussions and believes that the men have gone to that end of the mine and with explosives are signalling to the top in the hope that they may be heard and assistance rendered.

G. D. Mattison, a Cass county pioneer, visited the county seat Tuesday from his home in South Bend.

G. M. Minford of Murray and H. Carroll of Elmwood, were attending district court here Tuesday.

Mrs. R. W. Harris of Omaha is the guest of Miss Lena Fricke, having arrived Tuesday.

Mrs. T. H. Pollock was a passenger to Omaha Tuesday.

Frank Cox and wife arrived from Nehawka Tuesday. He remained as a juror but she returned home in the evening.

C. R. Rhode, representing the M. Gimble & Sons wholesale hat house of Chicago, was selling hats to the Westcotts today.

H. E. Rand was a passenger to Omaha Tuesday.

Ed Donat visited his wife in Immanuel hospital in Omaha Tuesday.

John Wunderlich, the grand chief of Nehawka democracy, was in the city today.

The formal transfer of the Perkins hotel property was made Monday to the new owner, John Corey.

Frank Baird, once well known here is in the city, but whether he is to remain and become an honored resident has not been made known.

Mrs. Martin Houk of Omaha is visiting old friends in this city for a few days.

Dr. A. P. Barnes made a professional trip to Omaha Monday.

Mrs. H. D. Travis spent Monday in Omaha.

C. R. Rhode of Chicago has been in the city a couple of days.

Miss Mary E. Lynch, expert trimmer at Fanger's department store, and Miss Mabel Smith spent Sunday at Omaha.

Mrs. A. Raessler visited Omaha on Monday.

George Kessler and wife and mother and her mother, who have been visiting friends in this city and vicinity, departed Monday for their home in Pekin, Ill.

Newell Roberts, son of the cashier of the Plattsmouth State Bank, is numbered among the sick.

O. C. Lutz is in the city from Burwell looking for real estate investments.

George Poisall visited his daughter in Immanuel hospital Wednesday.

The Episcopal ladies have decorated Coates hall in a manner so beautiful for the bazaar tonight and tomorrow night that the News will not attempt a description today. Go and see it, but be prepared to be astonished. We will mention, however, that there will be two minstrel shows given both nights by nine young ladies. Don't miss it. Dancing both nights.

Gus Swanson is reported quire ill at his home.

# Down Go Prices

## December 15 We Close Our Store and The Goods Must Go

Commencing today and continuing until December 15th, there will be something doing all the time in the hardware business in Plattsmouth. It is our intention to discontinue business at this place and remove to Dakota, and it is not our desire to take a dollar's worth of our big stock with us. In order to close it out completely we have slashed prices right and left as you will readily see by looking over a few of the quotations we present below. Remember that

### This Sale Will Continue Only 30 Days.

Then all goods remaining unsold will be packed up and shipped. Run your eye over these prices and then get busy. It is your time to buy what you want at prices never before offered:

- Paint, was \$1.65, now per gallon ..... \$1.35
- Paint, was \$1.60, now per gallon ..... 1.25
- Paint brushes, were \$1.40, now ..... 90
- Paint brushes, were \$1.00 now ..... 69
- Carborundrum stones, were \$1.15, now ..... 75
- Carborundrum stones, were \$1.00, now ..... 65
- No. 5 U. S. Cream Separator, was \$90, now ..... 72.00
- No. 7 U. S. Cream Separator, was \$70, now ..... 56.00
- Remington double barrel hammerless shotgun was \$32.50 ..... 25.00
- Stevens double barrel hammerless shotgun, was \$20 ..... 13.50
- German Heater heating stove, was \$32, now ..... 23.00
- 14-inch Splendid heater, was \$14, now ..... 10.00
- Moore's glass oven door range, was \$58, now ..... 46.00

- Quick meal 18-inch oven, was \$50, now ..... 40.50
- Mounted grind stone, was \$6.50, now ..... 4.00
- Snow Ball washer, was \$6.50, now ..... 4.98
- Motor wash machine, was \$10, now ..... 7.50
- Garden hose, was 12 1-2c, now ..... .08
- Rolled rimmed porcelain lined 5 1-2 foot bath tub, was \$19 ..... 13.25

### This is a Cash Sale.

Owing to the fact that we are going out of business, we cannot give credit. We want our friends to take advantage of the big bargains offered. We have quoted but a few articles. We would suggest that you call at our store and select what you want and we will give you prices that will astonish you for their cheapness. Every article in the big stock has been marked down to prices that should appeal to you.

### Do You Want a Furnace?

We have four of the very best made which will be sold almost at your own price. The furnaces are absolutely guaranteed and are fuel savers.

### Farmers, a Chance For You.

to buy wire fencing and anything else you may need on the farm. Come in and look us over and you will find that the trip has made you big money.

# ASEMISSEN & KLINGER

## PLATTSMOUTH, NEBR.