

HOLIDAY OPENING

Every Day Now Counts!

For Christmas is only eleven days off. For your convenience we have on display all kinds of lovely articles particularly suited for Christmas gifts. Items that will serve for gifts to father, mother, sister, brother, sweetheart, or anyone you may happen to have in mind, and the prices are very, very moderate.

Here you will find—

Children's Furs—fur sets in imitation ermine and in grey fur, just the gift to delight a child at \$1.75 to \$3.50

Boudoir Caps, made of dainty Crepe silk, lace trimmed and finished with ribbons and rose buds, at from 35c to 75c.

Camisoles, in white and flesh colored Jap Silk, Crepe de Chine, and net, in lovely designs, at from .75c to \$1.25

Bedroom Slippers, just like the home made ones, in all colors and sizes, one price .75c

Lingerie Clasps, sterling silver, at 50c Pin Sets in two and three combination, at from .15c to 50c

Pearl Necklaces, hat pins, brooches, fans, bracelets, etc.

Mesh Bags, with gate tops, at . \$1.00 Extra Heavy Plated Mesh Bags, with clasp top, at . \$3.00

Arts and Crafts Leather Bags, in various styles at from . \$1.00 to \$5.00

Pin Seal Hand Bags, absolutely genuine, at from . \$2.75 to \$5.00

Visit our Toy Department.

Order your Christmas Tree and Holly NOW!

H. M. SOENNICHSEN,

Call phones 53 or 54.

We like to serve.

WHAT CAUSES CAR SHORTAGE

BOX SOCIAL IN DISTRICT NO. 55. They Tell Us They Are at the Gulf Ports and in the Large Cities of the East Simply Awaiting Freight Coming West.

Editor Journal: The Annual grain car shortage is upon us. We have good times, and more freight for our railroads, and we want good times to continue. It is possible to have good times and plenty of cars to haul our grain. It is the duty of our people to examine the causes and apply a remedy. Some years ago, our railroads were composed of trunk lines, the Burlington, Rock Island, Union Pacific, etc., owned their trunk lines only, and they ran almost in direct lines. We had numerous short lines, and small railroad companies that done the freight and passenger business in their small territory. The long trunk lines soon found that they could buy up the smaller corporations, add them to the trunk lines as branches, and make the trunk line pay larger dividends. The net results now are that our trunk lines each have thousands of miles of branch lines extending like the Rock Island line from St. Paul, Chicago, Oklahoma, Colorado, and to the Gulf, and some to the Pacific coast. This was the fulfillment of a great railroad man's dreams. But where is the man or set of men that can handle such a colossal combination successfully.

We now find no box cars for grain worth mentioning in Nebraska or Kansas. They tell us they are at the Gulf port, at the Terminals in the east loading. When we ask a railroad man if they will be returned to Nebraska or Kansas when emptied, we are told, No. It would be too expensive to haul empty cars from the Gulf ports to Nebraska to haul back a car of grain. They must wait until they are loaded back this way. To haul a train of empty cars from New York, or the Gulf to Nebraska or the far west would be an unheard of proposition, but must the great states of the west be laid prostrate each year when we have good times on account of a scarcity of cars? Is there no remedy? We know there is. Why is it we are seldom short of stock cars? and yet we ship about half as many cars of stock in Nebraska as we do of grain. It is because stock cars are unloaded at Omaha, and are sent back empty for reloading. If we had a very moderate number of box cars for grain in Nebraska, to load for Omaha, our present terminal market, and sent back to be loaded again, we would never know what car shortage was.

A large number of cars come into the state from the east loaded with merchandise, that perhaps would take care of one-half of the grain in the way of loading them back, and if we had one-half the number of box cars kept in this state, that we have of stock cars, they would take care of the shipments of all the grain we raise. Can our railroads be compelled to keep a sufficient number of cars in the state to do the business we offer them, and are willing to pay for? Nobody will say they cannot be compelled to do so. The freight on a car of wheat at present rates from central Nebraska to Omaha, is three times as much as the freight on a car of stock. If it pays the railroads to keep cars for stock, why won't it pay them to keep cars in the state for grain? I bought grain and stock on the St. Joe & Grand Island, and from Stromsburg to Alma, Neb., about 400 miles of railroad. During the ten years I was there, including the enormous crop of 1896, we never lacked for cars, because they kept a sufficient number of cars on their lines to carry the grain to St. Joseph, their terminal market. (Terminal markets have a number of lines that compete, and railroads furnish cars generally sufficient for all terminal markets.) We are not demanding a reduction of rates, but we will demand service sufficient to move our crops.

JOHN MURTEY.

CALL PROVES FUTILE.

Last night Sheriff Quinton was called to Murray by a message over the telephone announcing that a man was raising several varieties of trouble with his wife and other members of the family circle. The sheriff lost no time in getting out the automobile and starting for the neighboring town, but on arriving there found that it was merely a small family quarrel and that the difficulty had been adjusted without the necessity of the intervention of the sheriff and the law, and the peace reigned supreme in the household.

A want ad will bring you a buyer.

SUFFERS SLIGHT INJURIES.

Miss Grace Paxton yesterday met with a slight mishap while descending the steps at the Methodist church, falling and bruising herself considerably and for a short time was slightly stunned as a result of the experience, but is now feeling very well, outside of the shock incident to the accident.

TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. AND MRS. J. P. BECKER

From Peoria, Ill., came the news this morning of the tragic death of John P. Becker, aged 85 and his wife, aged 83, who were found early yesterday morning in their farm home near Mason City, Ill., having apparently been murdered by robbers. The aged couple had been shot down and had evidently been dead some time when the discovery was made of their death. Robbery is believed to have been the motive for the terrible crime. Mr. Becker was one of the wealthiest men in Mason county, owning thousands of acres of land, and it is thought had considerable money concealed around the house that had evidently lured the robbers to making the visit to the Becker home. The bedroom walls where the dead bodies of the aged people were found were shot full of holes. Mr. Becker is the only brother of John H. Becker of this city and in addition to his land holdings in Illinois, was the owner of a large amount of land in this county. The news of the murder came as a great shock to the relatives in this community and the first intimation received was when the report came out in the telegraph dispatches to the daily papers. The murdered man and wife resided some two miles out in the country from Mason City on one of their farms and just across the road one of their sons made his home. The full particulars have not as yet been received by the relatives here who are anxiously awaiting word from the scene of the tragedy.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Why wish and wait? You need the Hoosier!

Kitchen Cabinet now and you ought to have it for Christmas. If men did the cooking there would be a Hoosier in your home already. What man would be content without a handy place for his tools and implements. The kitchen is the most important room in the house and that's why you should have everything handy. Stop at our store and look over these cabinets.

Bestor & Swatek

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PLATTSMOUTH LAUNDRY

The Plattsmouth Steam Laundry has just installed an additional mangle in their establishment, which will greatly aid in caring for the increasing business of the laundry and facilitate the work of the laundry. Hereafter Mr. Harris has had considerable inconvenience in the ironing of large articles, such as table cloths and sheets, but with the new mangle installed this will be overcome to a great extent and the employees in the laundry will find it much easier to look after this line of work. The Plattsmouth Laundry will compare with any in this section of the state and the increasing amount of business since Mr. Harris assumed the management of the laundry is certainly making a big hit with the citizens of Plattsmouth and their support of the institution is increasing.

Don't you think a nice box of stationery would make a handsome gift for most any of your friends. Call at the Journal office and look the line over.

THE NEW "PECK'S BAD BOY," A GREAT LAUGHING SHOW

Catchy music, pretty girls who know how to sing and dance, clever comedians who will make you laugh until you cry, beautiful costumes and appropriate scenery all go to make "Peck's Bad Boy" a new and up-to-the-minute musical farce comedy. This attraction is the underline at the Parmele theater Wednesday night, December 20, and during the engagement popular prices will prevail, which fact alone should crowd our local playhouse to its utmost capacity. The management of this very popular farce have had it entirely rewritten by the well known composer, Irving Berlin, and this season it is all new but the name. Sixteen musical numbers are introduced during the action of the comedy.

View the fine line of fancy stationery at the Journal. We can fill the bill.

Lost—A \$10.00 bill. Reward will be paid for its return to the Journal office. 12-15-tfd

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist, or for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable.

20c gasoline at Dawson's.

The people are wise who buy stationery at the Journal.

A good smoke is a satisfaction to a man and this can be found in the use of "Acorns" the cigar that is the best in the world for 5c. Call for "Acorns" to secure smoke satisfaction.

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1,000 boxes of paper to make your selection from at the Journal office. Call and see them.

WOULD TRY CASE IN CASS COUNTY

Plaintiff in \$95,000 Damage Suits Against Rock Island Want Case Taken Away From the Federal Court.

Plaintiffs in a \$95,000 damage suit against the Rock Island railroad, the outgrowth of the tragedy at the Alvo crossing that cost three lives on January 16 last, have filed pleas in abatement in federal court asking that the cases be remanded to the district court of Cass county for trial. The case was carried to the United States court on motion of defendant and on the usual grounds; that parties to the suit were from separate states.

Jacob Dickinson, receiver of the Rock Island, and Henry A. Bailey, section foreman, are named as defendants. Charles Godbey, father of Alma Godbey, killed when the train crashed into the car in which she was riding, and James H. Foreman, father of Edith and Belle Foreman, killed in the accident, are plaintiffs. Mr. Godbey brought suit as administrator for the estate of the daughter. He sued for \$15,000. Mr. Foreman is plaintiff in a case involving three issues; the death of each of his daughters and his own injuries. He sues for \$80,000 in all.

Plaintiffs claim that the court erred in moving the case to the higher court. They deny most of the allegations made in defendant's petition for removal. They allege further that prior to removal of the case, neither petition, copy nor bond were served on them as required by law. Plaintiffs further claim that the accident was directly caused by clods of dirt, chunks of ice and snow that had been permitted through the joint negligence of defendant receiver and defendant section boss to gather and remain as an obstruction on the crossing. It is claimed that the cause of action against the defendants is joint and concurrent and that it is not separate. —Lincoln News.

You will find several designs of initial stationery at the Journal office this season. The finest that we have ever shown. You will make no mistake on this line for gift goods. The prices are right.

Christmas Suggestions for 6 DAYS!

Do you realize that there are only six days left now before Christmas. We have a wonderful assortment of beautiful gifts on display and the following suggestions will undoubtedly be appreciated by the giver of useful presents.

FRENCH IVORY TRAYS, BRUSHES, COMBS, ETC. LIGGETT'S & JOHNSTON'S CHOCOLATES. MANICURE SETS IN LEATHER CASES. TRAVELING SETS IN LEATHER CASES. BRUSH AND COMB SETS. PALMER'S, HUDNUT'S & COLGATE'S PERFUMES. THERMOS BOTTLES & CARAFES. SAFETY RAZORS AND SHAV-ING SETS. STATIONERY AND FOUNTAIN PENS.

This year, we have for sale a unusually large and beautiful assortment of greeting cards, seals and stickers at 5c and 10c. Come in and look over our stock and be sure to ask us for a WEATHER CALENDAR. They are now ready for distribution.

F. G. Fricke & Co.,

THE REXALL STORE. PHONE

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—CHRISTMAS SALE OF—

Annis Furs 20% DISCOUNT

Never before in the history of Fur selling has there been such an active demand for furs of all kinds as there is this season. Every woman should be enjoying the comfort and style of Annis Furs.

OUR STOCK offers the shapes and styles most in demand.

—SALE PRICE LIST—

SETS.

Coney \$5.00 up
Red Fox \$12.00
Hudson Seal \$24.00
Holland Mink \$32.00
Beaver \$36.00

SEPARATE PIECES.

Coney \$2.00 up
China Lynx \$6.00 up
Russian Mink \$5.50 up
Black Fox \$12.50
Holland Mink \$10.40

NEW ARRIVALS—in Christmas Gift Blouses.

Stunning new blouses in a great variety of new styles—featuring the seasons' best models, prices \$3.95 to \$7.50.

SILK HOSIERY—The Gift that Always Pleases.

We have a splendid assortment of the famous Gordon silk hose in all the new shades and novelty stripe and plaid effects, prices 59c to \$1.50.

MISCELLANEOUS LIST.

Knitted Slippers 59c to \$1.25
French Ivory—single pieces and sets 19c to \$3.50
Japanese Mahogany Trays \$2.50
Unbreakable Dolls 25c to \$1.00
Life Size Cloth Dolls 25 and 50c
Fancy Aprons 25 to 75c
Boudoir Caps 35c to \$2.50
Angora Cap and Scarf Set \$2.00

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