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CHRISTMAS BUYING OPPORTUNITY.

The largest single shipment of FURNITURE ever received in Red Cloud now on display at Miner Bros.

SOME FEW VALUES:

- Full size Iron Beds \$3.00 each.
- Kitchen Chairs 45c each.
- Full size Kitchen safe, \$4.25. (This is not a small safe.)
- Oak, cane seat dining chairs, \$1.
- Three piece Bed Room Suites \$12.50.
- Large Corduroy or Velour covered couch, \$6.
- Combination Book Cases \$12.50 each.
- Center Tables 60c to \$8 each.
- 42-inch Square extension table, 16-foot, \$4.25.

Our line of Fancy Rockers, Bed Room Suites, Book Cases, Sideboards, Tables, Lounges, Easles, Mirrors, Indian Stools, and Novelties the largest line ever shown in Red Cloud.

SPECIAL VALUES IN PICTURES.

Special Display Christmas Novelties in Imported and American Goods.

See our fine display of novelties in AMERICAN, FRENCH, GERMAN and AUSTRIAN WARE. The largest display of CHINA ever shown in the city.



- 100 piece Dinner set in plain white \$6.50 to \$10.
- 100 piece Diner set, decorated \$8.00 to \$18.00.
- All goods open stock, you can take what you want.
- Toilet Sets \$2.00 to \$7.00.
- Special values in glassware for this sale.
- The largest stock of queensware in the Republican valley. Prices Guaranteed the Lowest.



Special Christmas Candy and Nut Prices.

- Fresh Rorsted Peanuts, 8¢ per pound,
- Pecans, unpolished, large 8¢ per pound.
- Filberts, 10¢ per pound.
- English Walnuts, 12¢ per pound.
- Almonds, fancy, 16¢ per pound.
- Stick Candy 7¢ per pound.
- Regular 12 1-2c mixed candy 8¢ per pound.
- Mixed Candy, 6¢ per pound.
- Cream Bon Bons, 10¢ per pound.

Miner Bros., Red Cloud, Neb.

ALMOST FORGOTTEN.

Little Stuff Which Almost Escaped the Public Through Carelessness.

The snow storm the first of the week furnished plenty of rabbit tracks for the boys to follow.—The wicked and the righteous both stood on slippery places the first of the week.—If you don't like your neighbors dog shoot it.—There are too many worthless curs around town.—The town was full of Christmas shoppers Saturday.—This has been a week of accidents.—Hypnotism is all right in its place, but Uncle Sam's postoffice is a poor place for it.—Garters make nice Christmas presents if you can guess the right size.—A billiard table or a Steinway piano makes a nice present for the baby.—Girls, don't give your best fellow a lock of your hair for a Christmas present, just give him a switch.—There will be a dance at the fireman's hall this evening.—The most of our merchants are busy wrapping up Christmas presents.—A few, however, are still selling firecrackers.—These few are back numbers who don't believe in advertising.—Interesting Christmas exercises will be held at the various churches tomorrow evening.—What galoot started that long distance telephone talk.—Can't even get one to work from this city to the depot.—A number of our farmers are wondering when they will get a chance to slash hunking that corn crop that wasn't going to amount to anything.—The school children will be turned loose for a two week's vacation after today.—A dollar on subscription make a suitable Christmas present for the editor.—Why do some people persist in blocking the sidewalks to listen to a little political tommy-rot and thus force ladies to go out in the street to get by.—The roads throughout the country are in poor condition.—The weather man is getting to be somewhat of a joker himself.—There are a number of window decorations on our streets which reflect credit on the designers.—Don't forget to hang up your stockings.—The small boy has no trouble finding a sliding place these mornings.—There are some "sids in" this town who will bear watching.—Especially when they are looking over a stock of Christmas toys.

Hypnotism in Red Cloud.

Since the Knowles Hypnotic company appeared in this city some time since considerable amusement has been indulged in by a number of our young people by posing in front of each other one as the hypnotist the other as the subject, and amusing are the results. On last Saturday evening while the general public were awaiting the distribution of the evening mail some of our young men were indulging in this hypnotic pleasantry and one of them it appears actually did succumb to a hypnotic state, although none could tell who had placed him in it. He thought he had a lickish spot and laughed until he was removed from the room and for some time could be heard laughing on the street. Another case is reported from two young ladies who were walking on our streets last week. One thought she could hypnotize anything from poor pussy under the stove to the statue of Father Neptune in front of the liberal arts building at the Omaha exposition and the other doubting her powers demanded proof at once, right then and there. The fair hypnotist immediately struck an attitude in front of her subject and the test began. "Stand square, let your arms hang loosely by your side, lips slightly parted, gaze about there, and think steadily of the one thing I tell you to." Then proceeding to the rear of the subject, she said: "Think steadily that you are falling backward, and do not resist the slightest temptation to fall. Think steadily that you are fall—Thud. Whether it was truly hypnotic power or the slippery ice upon which the subject had been standing that caused it had not been figured out at last accounts, as they parted company at the next crossing, and since then the fair hypnotist has been practicing on cats. Numerous other cases could be cited but space forbids.

See the new cases at Taylor's.

ARE YOU SORE AND STIFF

From hard work or outdoor exercise!

ST. JACOBS OIL

Will cure after a few applications, and make the muscles limber and strong.

Plum Hunters Showing Up.

The approach of the opening of the legislative session seems to give renewed life and old time vigor to the republican party in Nebraska. The law makers elect who have come to the capital to make arrangements for a winter's sojourn seem determined that no mistakes shall be made this winter that will retard the party from achieving a splendid and no uncertain victory in the next election. They all agree the only way this can be done is by laying nothing but wise economic and judicious legislation on Governor Foyuter's table. Just at this time the plum hunters for plums in the senate and house have as yet not become very conspicuous, although by next week this part of the contest will be fairly on. Judging from the several clubs, lodges, societies and associations coming up from the several parts of the state asking for legislation along lines beneficial to each of them respectively there will be much new legislation enacted.

"Prairie Schooners."

There is nothing so desolate looking as prairie schooners passing through town on these bitter cold mornings. Sometimes there is an actual necessity of people moving about the country in this manner, but questioning will reveal many cases where the inhabitants of these covered wagons have been constantly on the go, east and west, for years. The charm of a migratory irresponsible life has captured them, and the hardships of cold, and sometimes of actual want do not spoil the fun for them. The women always have a hard suffering look, however, and we doubt if they ever become reconciled to such a life, as the men do.

Revision of Revenue Laws.

The revenue laws of the state are likely to receive a thorough revision and the law governing elections will also be a point of much attention and some probable changes. It appears almost unanimous consent that the state board of transportation will be struck in several ways that will consign it to a deserving tomb, while the men who are now drawing fat salaries as secretaries will be hunting jobs elsewhere. However it appears at this time that nothing will be accomplished along legislative lines after the electoral election.

The '99

In many Nebraska business men are so against the republican position that they are pledging a boycott if the Exposition is held in Omaha. The time but the seems to justify While we have business men he this subject it tenths of them, holding an expos... and so much of... re all too few... The advertisement... Chier now, but deny one of the bid the ceiling with warm... knock out the... strange things... good thing now... in spite of the... not good the... ple need a... little ap... W... dat... sever... will...

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Circumstances have brought the expansion question very much to the front in Washington. President McKinley's speech at Atlanta, in which he asked, "Who will haul down the flag?" is regarded as committing him in favor of expansion, and of retaining the Philippines, and it has enthused the expansionists in congress, and out of congress. Then came Col. Bryan's visit to Washington for the double purpose of trying to prevent senators of his party opposing the ratification of the treaty of peace, which he says should not figure in the fight against expansion, and of solidifying his party in both branches of congress against expansion. He succeeded so well in the first that it is now generally expected that the treaty will be ratified by the senate before the close of the session of congress, although it cannot be sent to the senate before the first week in January. He wasn't so successful in his other object. He found numerous senators and representatives of his party who told him plainly that they and their constituents believed that it was the proper thing for this government to keep all the territory it acquired in the war with Spain, and that so long as the administration policy was legitimate expansion, and

not imperialism, they expected to cordially support it. Col. Bryan admitted in conversation with a friend that public sentiment at the present time is favorable to expansion, but he argued that it will soon be changed and will support the position he has taken.

The Nicaragua canal bill cannot be said to have made any real progress during the week it has been the unfinished business of the senate. Nearly all the senators claim to favor the canal, but a majority of them appear to have different ideas of the legislation that will best accomplish that result. The consequence is a number of amendments and talk of several brand new bills. Senator Morgan says he doesn't care whose bill is passed or what its exact form is, just so the construction of the canal is authorized at this session of congress.

The sentiment expressed by president McKinley—that the time had come when the United States government ought to share in the care of the confederate dead—found an echo in congress when Representative Rickey of Virginia, introduced a bill that the government should also share in the care of living confederates, who are needy, by opening to them all soldier's

homes and other institutions maintained by the government for ex-soldiers, upon the same terms that United States soldiers and sailors are admitted.

Members of the Anglo-American commission no longer speak hopefully of success in the negotiation of a treaty that will remove all friction between this country and Canada, and establish commercial reciprocity. On the contrary they now regard any satisfactory agreement on reciprocity as improbable, if not actually impossible, and the negotiation of a treaty embracing any points of real importance is very doubtful. The commission has adjourned until January 5th, when a last attempt to agree on something will be made.

Col. Bryan's friends are divided as to whether the New Yorker who was quoted as follows in a local paper, meant to be complimentary or otherwise. "I think Bryan would have made one of the greatest actors that ever trod the boards, and even now, if he would adopt the stage, there is almost the certainty of success. He is a born actor, and had he started in time, would have outshone the greatest we have seen in this generation. His Chicago speech that won him the nom-

ination for president was a masterly bit of acting, so was his going to war. I don't mean by that to accuse him of insincerity, but it is the very nature of the man to play a part. He has a magnificent face, fine voice, and magnetic presence, all of which would have lifted him to the topmost place had fate decreed him to be a Thespian."

The gentlemen who are trying to bring about an extra session of congress for the sole purpose of financial legislation, have not succeeded in getting a promise from President McKinley, but they are still hard at work trying to bring additional power to bear upon him. They have adopted one unique method of influencing the president—a petition from republican members of congress, asking the president to call an extra session of congress in the spring, and to state in the call that the session is called solely to consider financial legislation. This petition is now being circulated for signatures, and is said to have obtained a considerable number, but they do not include the party leaders. Regardless of this petition and other efforts of the same parties, an extra session is generally regarded as among the probabilities, but it will not be confined, if held, to financial legislation.