



We'll Welcome You!

Shop Early and get the Benefit of Fresh Stocks



The Early Shoppers are benefiting by the Complete Assortments of Christmas Merchandise Later the assortments are more or less broken. There are no disappointments for Early Shoppers.

Georgette Blouses

There will be no trace of disappointment in her "Thank You" if you send her one of those handsome, stylish, new Blouses, in Navy Belgian-Blue Maise, White, Rose, at from \$4.50, \$5, \$6.50.

Silk Petticoats

Lovely Silk Petticoats at from \$1.50 to \$7.00, and they too make elegant gifts.

Pretty Neckwear

There's a "dainty acknowledgment of her liking for the beautiful combined with the useful in a token selected from our broad neckwear assortments.

Ladies' Purses

The latest Xmas Styles. These also would make very acceptable gifts.



Exclusive Selling Agents for

Gossard Corsets

Ireland Gloves

Korach Skirts

Drew Shoes For Women

Munsing Underwear

"Eiffel" Hosiery

Duck Brand Rubber Footwear



LADIES COATS 1/2 OFF

--and they are going fast. We have many garments that are choice of our stock in these that we offer at this Special Price--\$12.50, 15.00, 18.00, 22.50, 25.00, 28.00, 30.00, 32.50 now figure at 25 per cent off Also CHILDRENS CLOAKS at these REDUCTIONS.

F. G. Turnure & Son

Red Cloud, Nebraska

Why Not Make Slippers

It is not the cost of a gift that counts so much as the time spent on it. Slippers made by you have an evidence of thoughtfulness and comfort. Lamb wool soles for Men, Women and Children, Pair 60c down to 30c. Also a handsome line of Ladies' and Men's felt slippers.

Infant's Wear

Don't forget the babies. We have everything in Infant's wear.

Wool Blankets

A good wool blanket makes a good gift. \$6.00. Just a case of these received in time for Xmas. These were delayed in delivery so for Xmas presents they are par excellence.

For A Man's Christmas

Xmas Neckwear 50c
Xmas Handkerchiefs, pure linen 15 25c
Khaki Handkerchiefs 25c
Men's Half Hose, sensible gifts, mercerized 35c
Fiber Silk 45c. Merino and pure wool at 35 to 55c pair

Wirthmore Waist
Special \$1.00
Value

Wellworth Blouse
Spec'l \$2.00
Value



The Oath of Allegiance.

The State Council of Defense is very earnestly urging upon the foreign born citizens of Nebraska the loyal support of the government of their adoption. The following oath which they took when they were admitted into the family of citizens of the United States places large responsibility upon those who have assumed the obligations

which are covered by it:

"I hereby declare on oath that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty and particularly to that of whom I have heretofore been a subject; that I will support and defend the constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic; and I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same."

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So The People May Know

Following is a copy of a letter I mailed to Rev. F. M. Drulliner, in reply to his criticism regarding my offer to the Red Cross. As the Reverend gentleman does not see fit to even acknowledge the same, personally or otherwise, I am publishing it so that the general public can form their opinion on the subject, either for or against me.

Red Cloud, Neb., Dec. 4th, 1917.
Rev. Drulliner:—

One paragraph of your "mention" in last week's issue of the Argus informs me that I have violated federal laws in advertising the fact that I would give a per cent of the sale price of every South Bend range sold by me prior to Dec. 15th to the Red Cross.

First, I must state that a similar proposition was offered to the buying public through the columns of the local papers some time ago and the proprietor of the business house advertising said percentage donation was not denounced through the columns of the press.

Seeing that we are in the wrong I willingly offer apologies to this worthy organization for my error and do hereby discontinue the offer made. I understand that you are an officer of the Red Cross and in this capacity you have the right to censure my action in this matter, but as a minister of the Gospel your duties are supposed to be that of teaching the word of God and laboring in the behalf of your fellow men and willing at all times to extend the hand of friendship to them. Why did you not quietly step into the store and privately tell me that I had made an error—come to me as a friend—as I had always looked upon you as such? This I think would have been much more Christian-like and in keeping with the teachings of Him whom you profess to follow.

I do not question your ability to assume the duties of the Red Cross office but I do question the manner in which you were placed in this office. Was it the voice of the people of the entire Webster county that proclaimed you the one for the office? No. From what I can learn it was not the desire of the people of Webster county or the people of Red Cloud. A number of Red Cross enthusiasts, about

twelve, held a meeting one morning at the Methodist church and selected those whom they wished to fill the various offices. I, as many other citizens, am of the opinion that it was the voice of the people of the county, as a whole, that should select the officers. To me the matter looks like a few took it upon themselves to accomplish, at a private meeting, what the entire body of people should accomplish at an open meeting.

No doubt the same desire prompted you to denounce me through the press as did prompt you (we understand) to devote the first thirty minutes of the hour in your pulpit (supposed to be devoted to preaching the word of God) to throwing bouquets at yourself and your family.

Regarding the offer I made I wish to state that since it is contrary to law I have withdrawn the same.

I trust that you will see that you have placed me in a bad light with my customers in this matter, as it will jeopardize my reputation for fair dealing with my customers, and trust you will take the necessary steps to right the wrong you have done me, both in a social and business way.

GEO. W. TRINE.

County food administrators met in Omaha last week for a school of instruction by Gurdon W. Wattles, Federal Food Administrator for Nebraska.

Each county head will immediately appoint an executive committee consisting of representatives from all parts of the county. The first duty of the administrator will be to fix prices on certain food commodities for the county. These prices will be fair prices and will be the householders' guide in determining whether they are paying a fair price for the necessities of life.

Mr. Wattles gave his county administrators wide latitude in carrying out the provisions of the Federal Food Act. He also urged them to hold county-wide meetings and many of them, emphasizing the needs of voluntary cooperation of every true blooded American.

The county administrator will be a busy man this winter and as long as war lasts.

There is nothing to the rumors that home-canned vegetables and fruits are to be inspected or confiscated by the government. Report received by the Agricultural Extension Service of the State University indicate that rumors are being spread abroad in the state, by persons misinformed or pro-German sympathies, that inspectors are going to either take or tax the supply of home products. The government proposes to stop hoarding products in warehouses but this does not apply to products made for home consumption.

Mail Packages to Soldiers Now

In the next three weeks the post office department is going to handle the largest volume of mail ever handled in the history of the department and is going to do it with a serious handicap due to transportation and labor shortage. This is readily understood when we consider that it is now taking 25,000 cars a day hauling supplies to the military cantonments, exclusive of those used in hauling munitions and supplies to the seaboard.

In spite of the difficulties there need be no disappointments if we all do our bit now.

Begin the mailing of Christmas packages now.

Mark the outside of the package "Do not open until Christmas."

Have every package which is intended for military contentment in the mails by not later than eight days before Christmas.

Have every package which is intended for an office in an adjoining state in the mails by December 17th and for distant states by the 11th.

H. C. LITSON, Postmaster.

Advertised Letter List

The following is the list of unclaimed letters at the post office in this city for the week ending Dec. 13th, 1917: If not called for before Dec. 27th, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

Lyle Beeson, Nora Carlson, O. L. Johnson, Geo. W. Mitchler, Mrs. J. L. Mailly, M. L. Putman, Mrs. Byron Stevens and Mrs. Alice Scribner.

H. C. LITSON, P. M.

THE FOLKS AT HOME EXPECT YOU "OMAHA'S FUN TELL 'EM ALL ABOUT CENTRE," THE Gayety VISIT IT!
Exhilarating Burlesque; Vaudeville
Stage Always Filled with Pretty Girls, Funny Clowns, Gorgeous Ensembles, Brilliant Electric Environment
LADIES' DIME MATINEE EVERY WEEKDAY
Everybody Goes! Ask Anybody
ALWAYS THE BIGGEST AND BEST SHOW WEST OF CHICAGO

Christmas Greeting



Is something we all enjoy, especially if we give something useful and worth while. We have in stock a great many things that make useful presents, such as Pianos, Sewing Machines, Rocking Chairs, Davenport, Book Cases, Rugs, Library Tables, Buffas, China Closets, Kitchen Cabinets, Mirrors Pictures, Smoking Stands, Pedistals Magazine Racks, Foot Stools, Etc.

Come in and look over our stock and let us show you these Good Values

ROY SATTLEY

Furniture Dealer

Licensed Embalmer

ELECTRIC

IF you want your home store or garage wired let me furnish you an estimate on the job, complete.

Everything : Electrical

Our prices are right, workmanship the best and material guaranteed. We order any special fixtures you want and install them satisfactorily. Let us figure on your next job.

WIRING