

# Today

The Retired Hangman.  
Lincoln's Poem.  
The Strong Woman.  
Bismarck's Birthday.  
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John Ellis, England's hangman, retires from business, giving no reason. He hanged Roger Casement and Edith Thompson, the last woman hanged in Great Britain.

Ellis was paid 50 shillings, about \$12.50, each time he hanged a human being. That was for the hanging. They paid him 50 shillings more "for good conduct."

"Good conduct" meant that he must stay out of drinking saloons at the place of execution before and after the hanging. This made him lose money. In the old days public houses would pay the hangman to stay at the bar and drink drinks offered free by customers.

The presence of the hangman increased trade. There was a rush to see him, hear what he had to say, and to see the hand that had fixed the knot under the left ear of famous criminals.

The more he drank the more the hangman talked, the more he talked the more terrible became his stories of the groaning, begging, pleading or "game indifference" of the men round whose necks he fastened the rope.

If you think hanging or other capital punishment necessary, "to frighten criminals," devote a moment's thought to Ellis, the British hangman.

If a crowd rushed to see him, buy him free drinks, and listened to his tales of horror, do you think hanging really prevents crime?

It does not, on the contrary, it stimulates crime by stimulating admiration for the criminal.

The J. Pierpont Morgan collection of valuables exhibited to the public include a poem "The Bear Hunt," by Abraham Lincoln, and this is how it begins:

"A wild bear chase didst never see?  
Then hast thou lived in vain—  
Thy richest bump of glorious glee,  
Lies desert in thy brain."

Here you learn that it is possible to be a great man and a very bad poet.

Mr. Albee, who collects strange things and shows them, brings from Italy the strangest woman in the world. She can sustain the weight of a two-ton elephant and allow men on horseback to ride over a bridge of which the weight rests upon her.

In old days when muscular force was important, and Duquesne, in his charge, broke the back of horse and rider, such a lady would have been courted by many.

She might have been that Amazon queen who told Alexander the Great that she would like to be the mother of his children, a message followed by an interesting meeting—Alexander having sent the only reply that a polite man could send—being a bachelor at the time.

What became of the result of that first meeting? Who knows but that this powerful Italian woman may be the descendant of Alexander the Great?  
Now, however, a child moving an electric switch could raise a thousand times the weight of that two-ton elephant. Mere muscle doesn't count any more. But strong women not able to lift elephants, but with good bodies free from nicotine, alcohol, late hours and general foolishness, are as important as they ever were.

Upon them depends the brain of the next generation and future civilization.

Germany celebrated the 109th anniversary of Bismarck's birth yesterday with loud cries for a kaiser, and the old kind of government.

Bavaria freed Ludendorff and imposed a farcical sentence on Hitler as punishment for attempting to overthrow the republican government and destroying the lives of many.

Those that want the kaiser back say "our misery is due to democracy." One more ounce of brains would make them realize that their misery is due to the kaiser system. Some of them apparently will have to stand another dose of kaiserism before they are thoroughly cured.

Fortunately there is common sense, thorough education in the masses of the German people. They may be able to save the republic.

Russia changes Petrograd—which used to be St. Petersburg—to Leningrad. Mark your letter "Leningrad," or the Russian postoffice won't deliver it. The idea is to honor Lenin, but it's a poor idea.

Russia, under the czars of bolshevism, should be glad to honor the power of the Russian race, exemplified in the gigantic body, powerful and wonderful achievements of Peter the Great.

His name, given to the great city that he built on a dismal swamp in the cold north, should remain with that city. It is a poor tribute to Lenin to rob the memory of the most powerful Russian.

The Pennsylvania railroad earned \$4.81 a share, and reports a new revenue high water mark above \$775,000,000 for 1923. The Pennsylvania shares have a par value of \$59, which makes the earnings 8.92 per cent.

That's good news for stockholders, but it isn't all the good news.

To celebrate the joyful occasion the Pennsylvania informs travelers on the Long Island railroad, owned by the Pennsylvania, that they must pay more for traveling, more for tickets, more for commutation.

"Get it while the getting is good," isn't a bad business motto, as long as nobody interferes. But it can be overdone.

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**Wolf Killed by Dogs.**  
Table Rock, Neb., April 2.—Wilson Stulp's dogs caught and killed a large wolf in the McCalla timber, west of here.

## New Farm Relief Bill Planned by Senator Smith

Proposed Measure to Be Enlargement of Co-Operative Marketing Plan—Provides for Pooling.

Washington, April 2.—Senator Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina, a member of the farm bloc, is working on an entirely new farm relief measure which he will shortly introduce in the senate, designed primarily to fix prices.

The proposed measure will be an enlargement of the co-operative marketing plan which has worked so successfully in some states. It will provide first for the voluntary pooling by farmers of staple crops such as wheat, corn, cotton and tobacco. "After the farmers producing a majority of the products of any staple crop," said Senator Smith, "have organized, the plan then will be to have the federal government, through the federal reserve system, issue funds on the hypothecated crops to the extent of 90 per cent of the cost of production to be divided on a pro-rata basis among the farmers in the pool.

"When the crops are sold the price will include the actual cost of production, transportation costs and a reasonable profit. Then the farmer will get his share of the extra dividend."

Having control of a majority of the products of any staple crop, Senator Smith said that the proposed co-operative system will enable farmers to dictate prices. With an advance of 90 per cent of the cost of production, he added, they will be able to live comfortably until the crops are sold and paid for.

### CANDIDATE HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Mount Clemens, Mich., April 2.—Senator Hiram Johnson and four others touring the state with him narrowly escaped injury this afternoon when their automobile skidded into lowered gates at a railroad crossing near here.

Others in the car were: Attorney E. J. Hayes, Detroit, campaign manager; Ray Burr, secretary to the senator; a newspaper man and the driver. The car came to a halt but a few feet from the engine, which was brought to a stop when the engineer saw that the automobile was going through the gates.

### Hooded Men Pay Visit of Charity at Wymore

Wymore, Neb., April 2.—While Mrs. Charles E. Mick, wife of a Wymore railway laborer, lay sick in bed at her home in East Wymore, and other members of the family were also ill, six white-robed and hooded men, declaring themselves to be members of the "Blue Valley Ku Klux Klan," appeared at the door of the home Tuesday night, expressed hopes for her continued good welfare, tendered an envelope, which was found to contain \$60 in bills, and silently departed.

### Commission Asks for Lower Livestock Rate

Lincoln, April 2.—Following the announcement of former Governor S. R. McKelvie that he was writing to several railway executives in this territory asking reduction of freight rates on purebred livestock, the state railway commission today sent a telegram to the western trunk line executives, meeting at Chicago, containing the same request.

### Jenks Assistant Here.

Rev. Elmer F. Whitcomb of Pierre, S. D., arrived in Omaha Wednesday to take the position of associate pastor of the First Presbyterian church. He has been in the pulpit of the First Congregational church at Pierre for nine years.

He was met at the depot by a delegation headed by Rev. Edwin Hart Jenks, whom he will assist.

### Town Without Lights.

Conway, Ia., April 2.—At the election held here a franchise was granted to the Iowa Southern Utilities company for a high line into this city. The local company, which was supplying current for the city, shut off the service as a result of the election and the town will be without lights for several months.

### Woman Chosen School Head.

Glenwood, Ia., April 2.—The county educational board elected Miss Mary Rathke, assistant cashier of the Mills county National bank of Glenwood, county school superintendent for two years. Miss Rathke received 10 votes. Winifred Cook of Glenwood 6 and William M. Moore of Pacific Junction 1.

### Towns Want Gasoline.

Lincoln, April 2.—Governor Bryan announced today that he had received requests from several Nebraska towns regarding the method of sale, the price and amounts available, of the gasoline the governor proposes to sell at cut rates.

### Vandal Opens Oil Tanks.

Shenandoah, Ia., April 2.—Seventeen hundred gallons of gasoline flowed into the ground at Sidney when a vandal went to the oil tanks near the Burlington station and let it out. Cralle Bickels, representative for Collins Oil company, discovered the loss.

### Sixteen School Girls Take 75-Mile Hike

Shenandoah, Ia., April 2.—Besides the rosy cheeks and good health that hiking 75 miles has brought to 16 girl athletes of Amity High, College Springs, they have been awarded letters. The girls are Charlotte Arendsen, Alice Arendsen, Miss Black, Lulu Bowers, Evelyn Fleming, Flovia Fine, Miss Hatch, Fernie Hensleigh, Edna Miller, Hazel Peery, Miss Ritchie, Orpha Sherman, Margaret Stevenson, Eva Townsend and Vera Vaughn.

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The Passion Play  
April 6-7-8  
Brandeis Theater

## Thursday Is Third-Floor Day-Thursday Every Department on This Big Floor Offers Splendid April Sales

### A Most Remarkable Selling of 2,000 Amoskeag Gingham APRONS 1.29



This is a really exceptional selling of finest quality gingham aprons. Each is well made and smartly styled. Daintily trimmed with organdy collars and cuffs, pleated organdy fluting, solid color bindings and embroidered monograms. Sash and belted styles, pockets.



All Sizes—Small, Medium and Large

Twelve Colors in Each Style. Strictly Washable

Very Specially Priced Thursday Only



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### Specials for the Wee Ones



The Infants' Section at Brandeis is a real delight to mothers. Stocks are always kept so complete, every need of the baby can be supplied. Our assistants are trained and qualified to aid the mother and mother-to-be in her selections.

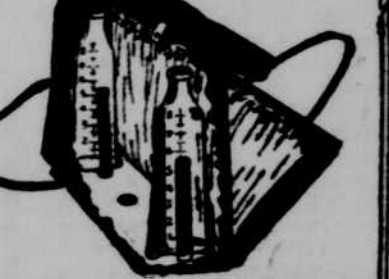
**Dainty Organdy Bonnets 1.59**  
Of a quality fine enough for the newest babe—with lovely shirring, embroidery and lace trimming. Sizes 12, 13, 14. Regular 1.98 value.

**Silk and Wool Vests 49c**  
Light weight vests for spring and summer wear. Fine knit; finished with silk shell edge; all single breasted; sizes 1 to 6 for infants to 3 years. Regular 98c value; special at, Each 49c

**Silk and Wool Hose 39c**  
These are irregulars of a very fine quality and are only slightly imperfect. They have mercerized heels and toes. Sizes 4 to 6 1/2; special, per pair—Each 39c

**Infants' Knitted Wool Capes 2.98**  
Made of fine wool yarn, in dainty pink or blue, attractively knit collar and sleeve bands. These are ideal for spring and summer. Capes in the heavier knit; brushed wool collars; embroidery front. Special at, 3.98

**Ideal Baby Kit 3.95**  
Made of fine brown leather, designed to carry conveniently all the baby's necessities; the interior is lined with pink or blue saten and equipped with upright holders for bottles; rubber lined pocket on exterior of bag.



Third Floor—East

### Exceptional Specials in Stamped Pieces

New pieces that are useful and make inexpensive and most attractive gifts or prizes. They require but little work to transform into real beauty.

**Stamped Glass Towels**  
In six clever designs for outline work; stamped on smooth finished cream crash. Special at 25c

**18-In. Center Pieces**  
In 12 attractive designs; stamped on tan and white material; for lazy daisy work. Special Thursday—Each 19c

**Nun's Boil-Proof Embroidery Cotton**  
5c a Skein  
Free instruction given on all kinds of needle work, lamp shade making, crepe rope work and waxed bead making. Hours from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Third Floor—West

### Thursday-Knit Underwear Specials

For this day we have specially priced a number of items in knit underwear. They are exceptional bargains for they are of standard quality in material and high-grade workmanship.

**Kayser Glove-Silk Vests and Bloomers**  
All first quality, daintily made in this strong glove silk. Shades are flesh, honey dew, orchid, gray, brown and a variety of other dark shades. Each, Vests Regularly 2.95, Special 2.25 Bloomers, Regularly 3.95, Special 2.95

**Mercerized Cotton Union Suits**  
With band or bodice tops in loose or tight knee styles; regular and extra sizes; regular 1.25 value; special, 85c

**Glove Silk Vests 1.50**  
All are full cut; made in the bodice style; in flesh and orchid. These are irregulars of the 2.50 grade, special Thursday, at each, 1.50

**Glove Silk Vests 1.95**  
In flesh, peach and orchid. Some plain while others are in fancy stitch style. All first quality. Regular 2.95 values; special Thursday, at each, 1.95



Third Floor—Center

### Fine Underthings Are Greatly Reduced

Very remarkable values are being offered in our Muslin Underwear Department. The specials advertised are but representative in quality and pricing of many other items.

**Crepe de Chine and Radium Step-ins and Bloomers**  
Step-ins are with dainty lace inserts and fine lace edge; some are plain. Bloomers are well made and reinforced. Lavender, flesh and honey dew. Beautiful assortment; all are regularly priced at 4.98; special, 3.95

**Hand-Made Philippine Gowns and Chemises**  
Wonderful workmanship, fullness of cut, and quality of material; and the floral designs are very elaborate and attractive. In round, V or square neck. Sizes 15 to 17; regular values to 3.25; special, each, 1.89

**Camisoles at Half Price**  
Daintily made of wash satin, crepe de chine and radium, in white, flesh, navy and black. Former Prices From 98c to 2.98 Third Floor—Center

### New Spring Novelty Shoes

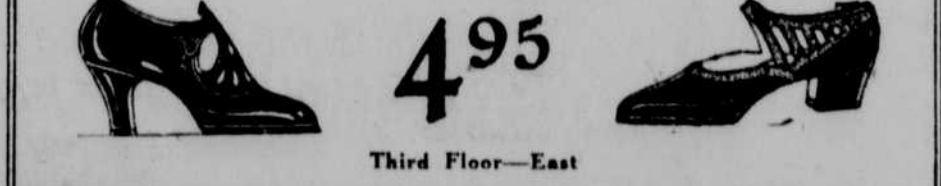
Our Shoe Department is satisfying the public demand for shoes at popular prices, yet we have not sacrificed in one instance, quality of materials or workmanship.

**6.50 Values to 10.00**  
A wonderful assortment of spring models in strap and colored sandal effects, oxfords and demure colonials. In suede, kid and patent in all new shades.

### 200 Pair Early Spring Slippers

Because of extra large stocks, which are now arriving, we are specially pricing these slippers. It is a wonderful assortment of satins, patents and suedes; strap pumps and slippers with French, Spanish and flat heels.

**Regular 7.50 and 10.00 Values**  
4.95  
Third Floor—East



### Thursday Exceptional Sale 1,250 Chinese Sewing Baskets

**5-inch size, 25c Values 19c** **6 1/2-inch size, 45c Values 35c** **8 1/2-inch size, 75c Values 50c** **10-inch size, 85c Values 75c** **12-inch size, 1.00 Values 89c**

A special importation of these always useful baskets enables us to offer them to our customers at very exceptional prices. All are trimmed with Chinese coins, silk tassels, and glass bracelets for handles. Two colors, light and dark brown, with beautiful smooth finish.

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