

Today

We Have Contrasts. But We Lack Safety. "No Competition," Coolidge Right. We Want Supremacy.

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North Platte, Neb., Dec. 18.—Life and climate in the United States are not monotonous. Violent contrasts make existence interesting. For instance, this train left on Tuesday over the Southern Pacific tracks from San Francisco, where the average summer temperature is 59, and the average winter temperature 51. Leaving Cheyenne, now, on the Union Pacific system, going from Wyoming into Nebraska, the conductor tells you, "It's 6 below zero now and getting colder."

The Omaha Morning Bee quotes President Coolidge as opposed to any armament competition with other nations. The president is right as usual. There should be no competition, but absolute unquestioned supremacy. This nation should be beyond competition, it should have everything needed to make successful attack impossible, and then stop, regardless of what others do. As part of the plan for peace through preparation, the United States should have a fleet of ships at least double that of any other nation in the world. We have twice as much territory worth defending as any other modern nation.

The British set the example. They are not competing with other nations. They simply take steps to make the British empire safe. When the war came we were glad to have British ships carry our soldiers, goods and passengers. After we entered the war, we were glad to know that the British fleet and British submarines made impossible any German raid across the Atlantic.

The president, you may be sure, objects to an out-of-date foolish plan for building battleships, to oblige the powers that control our navy. These powers are the oil companies and the steel companies. Oil companies want battleships to burn oil, steel companies want the \$45,000,000 jobs.

The president knows that the battleship is out of date, and that the cost of one battleship, \$45,000,000, spent by honest engineers, not by "patriotic" grafters, would give this country a flying feet half as great as that of France. The cost of two battleships would give us a fleet of airships as great as any in the world. And the price of five battleships, which is what we ought to spend on flying machines now, would make this country safe in the air, and therefore safe everywhere.

Times and methods change, human character changes little, and that desire for conquest and rev-

enue changes not at all. Desire is strong at this moment in Asia. For centuries the women and children of eastern Europe lived in horror of the brown and yellowmen with slanting eyes and heavy swords that came on foot and on shaggy ponies, marching westward, killing and devouring as they passed.

The next visit from Asia will come through the air, not on foot, not bound for Europe, but flying across the Pacific ocean bound for this country. At this moment Asia, could send, carried in huge freighters to avoid the 7,000-mile flight, enough machines to destroy all the principal cities on the Pacific ocean. And that is fact, not theory.

"We are a great nation, prosperous, powerful, no one would dare attack us." So says the man, afraid somebody will tax him for national protection.

The middle-aged, plump owner of a grocery store may also be rich, prosperous, standing well with his neighbors. But a thin, consumptive, hollow-chested, drug-eating gunman, with a revolver can hold him up, clean out his place and stretch him dead. Uncle Sam should remember that the fattest grocer is not always the safest grocer. (Copyright, 1924.)

York—George Berlinghof and Berlinghof & Davis, architects of Lincoln, have filed two suits in district court in York against the York school district for \$1,207 they claim on contract for erection of the high school building and three ward school buildings planned in 1917 and finished in 1927.

TEA ROOM MENU

5:00 to 7:30 P. M.

65c Dinner

Special dinner with roast young turkey or a choice of other meats, with vegetables, salad, rolls, and dessert.

Special Shopper's Dinner 50c

Steak dinner with potatoes, hot rolls, tea, coffee and milk, and pie, pudding, or ice cream.

Seventh Floor

Stone-Set Bracelets \$2.00

Transparent shell bracelets studded with brilliant stones in colors to match every costume. These would prove smart, "up-to-the-minute" gifts for any miss or matron. In two and three-row settings.

Main Floor

Vanity Boxes \$2.50

An extraordinary assortment of novel vanities—made of black shell, brightened with rhinestones, or combination colored shell with Florentine designs as decoration.

Main Floor

Vase Lamps \$2.95 Complete

Attractive vase lamps in black, blue or green, complete with a new design of chintz shade. A one-light lamp with padded vase.

Small Vase Lamp Stands Priced at \$2.50 and \$4.50

Fourth Floor

Lily Bowls 50c, 69c, 95c

Lily bowls of Japanese pottery. Shown in three sizes. Complete with flower holders.

Second Floor

Fruit Baskets 50c to \$1.25

Japanese fruit baskets in assorted sizes and styles.

Second Floor

Casserole \$5

Antique Dutch silver-plated, with pyrex lining. Round and oval shape.

Main Floor

A Christmas Special in Women's Chiffon HOSE \$1.49

Black, gunmetal, French taupe, French beaver, new fawn, henna, cedar, yucatan, russet, cordovan, rose blonde, French nude, and beige; chiffon weight; full fashioned; all first quality. Regularly \$1.65.

Main Floor

Brandeis-Surplus Companies, purchasers of the Stock of the

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY

The Christmas Store for Everybody

HOUR SALES 10 to 11 A. M.

Men's Silk Ties

Silk ties in fancy diagonal stripes, plaids, and dotted patterns. **39c**

Main Floor



Smoke-a-dors

A handy smoking set for the auto or desk. Contains compartments for matches, cigarettes, and removable ash tray. **\$1.95**

Second Floor

Toilet Goods

Body Talcum in 1-lb. decorated boxes **69c**
Luxur Manicure Sets **\$1.50**
Azura, LeTrefle or Floramye Toilet Water, at **\$2.50**
Nuit de Chine, 4-piece sets, Toilet Water, Perfume Compact, Powder, at **\$7.50**
Djer Kiss 3-piece set—Toilet Water, Talcum, **\$2.98**
Powder
Soap Novelties—Indians, Lions, Bears, Charlie Chaplin, Min Gumps **18c**

Luxur Perfumes In rose, lily of valley and lilac. **\$1.50**

Perfumes In original bottles. Guerlain's, L'Heure Bleue, Mitsouko, Rue de la Paix, and Apres L'Ondee Extract, at **\$6.00**

Main Floor

Lovely Silk Lingerie

The Gift from One Woman to Another

Step-In Chemise and Gowns \$3.95

CHEMISE of heavy crepe de chine and radium silk—their silken loveliness appeals to every woman, especially when they are so elaborate—with tiny pin tucks and pleats, top bands of Irish crochet and fine footing ruffles. In pink, orchid, honeydew, Nile, maize, coral, and flesh. Sizes 34 to 44.

\$5.95

GOWNS to match have all the new necklines, bateau, Jenny, round, and "V." Some are finished with hems, others are scalloped and have lace edges. Antique filet, Irish crochet, filet, valenciennes, and dainty Lady Fair ribbon bows are used as trimming. Other exquisite gowns priced from \$6.95 to \$15.00. Chemise, from \$4.95 to \$10.95.

Second Floor



ELECTRICAL GIFTS

At CONVENIENT TERMS

Electrical gifts are practical, lasting and appropriate. Every electrical gift that you give will be used regularly throughout the year.



You can buy any of these electrical gifts on very easy terms. Choose your gifts now, pay a small sum down—we will deliver them for Christmas. Balance in convenient monthly payments.

Boudoir Lamps
A boudoir lamp adds just the proper touch of light to the soft, even glow of the bedroom. **\$6.50 to \$18**

Percolator Sets
Beautifully finished, plain and ornamental in design; gifts that are lasting. We have a complete selection. **\$25.50 to \$70**

Household Irons
Every home needs an electric iron almost every day in the year. That's why you should give irons as Christmas gifts. **\$5 to \$8.75**

Percolator Pots
A percolator pot will make delicious coffee; it is quicker and better. A gift that will be used three times a day throughout the year. **\$7.50 to \$19.50**

Grills
Just the right thing for a quick meal. An entire meal can be prepared on this little utility stove. We have several styles and makes. **\$9.85 to \$13.50**

Washing Machines
Here is a gift that every woman desires. It will save her many hours of labor. **\$110 to \$185**

Miller Lamps
Miller all-metal and glass table lamps are hammered in old Spanish style. The bases are finished in antique gold, silver and bronze. A very appropriate gift. Especially priced— **\$10.95**

Heaters
Any home has use for a heater. This gift will be enjoyed by every member of the family. **\$5.50 to \$10.50**

Hot Plates
This little utility hot plate comes in very handy. **\$3.85 to \$9.50**

Heating Pads
This pad is very useful. It has many varied uses during the winter days. **\$5.75 to \$10**

Premier Cleaners
A Premier Cleaner is the "Ideal Gift" for mother. It will save her many hours of hard labor. Full set of attachments \$10 extra. **\$60**

Sewing Machines
We have various period designs in consoles, consoles and a writing desk; choice of finishes. A two-in-one gift, sewing machine and a beautiful console table. Also portable machines. **\$57 to \$130**

Toasters
Electric toasters come in many different styles and patterns. Our stock of toasters is very complete and varied. **\$5 to \$9**

Floor Lamps
A floor lamp with all its charm and loveliness is an excellent gift for anyone. **\$29.75 and \$42.50**

Thor Automatic Ironers
This ironing machine will from the average family washing in one-fifth the time required by hand—saves time, labor, money and clothes. **\$165**

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Our Christmas Candy Specials

Patty Wafers
A very choice Xmas candy made in our own candy kitchen, prettily decorated. **49c**
Pound
Cream Dipped Brazils
Fresh, whole Brazil nuts dipped in vanilla or maple 39c
fondant. Pound **39c**

Cocoanut Bon Bons
Fresh cocoanut paste dipped in chocolate and vanilla **49c**
cream. Pound
Black Walnut Kisses
Rich creamy fondant full of fresh black walnut **39c**
meats. Pound **39c**

Main Floor

THREE TOYTOWN SPECIALS!!

Doll Furniture Set 5c

Imported miniature furniture for the doll house; living room, bedroom and kitchen.

No C. O. D.'s. We Do Not Guarantee Quantities to Last.

\$3.75 Imported Mechanical Trains \$1.98

Decorated locomotive and car, bell signal, oval track and other signals. Spring motor.

\$4.50 Imported Mama Dolls \$2.25

Made with bisque heads, moving eyes, curly wigs. Dressed in white dresses and caps.



LINENS

For Gifts Oblong Doilies 49c
12x18-inch Italian crash oblong doilies with open work edge and center.

Buffet Sets \$2.25
3-piece Italian crash buffet sets of exceptional beauty.

Center Pieces \$2.95
22x22-inch Italian center pieces with hand embroidery and cut work.

Buffet Sets \$5.75
3-piece Italian filet and cut-work buffet sets in oblong or oval styles.

Second Floor

Our Entire Stock of LUGGAGE

25% Discount
From the Already Reduced Prices

This includes wardrobe trunks, fitted cases, bags, suitcases, week-end cases, box trunks, gladstones and hat boxes.

Bags range in price from **\$23.50, less 25%**. Gladstones range in price from **\$13.50 to \$59.50, less 25%**.
Fitted Cases range in price from **\$9.75 to \$65.00, less 25%**. Week-End Cases range in price from **\$9.95 to \$21.75, less 25%**.
Wardrobes range in price from **\$32.75 to \$87.50, less 25%**.

Main Floor

A Monstrous Christmas Sale of Imported Fabric Bags

Values to **\$2.95** **\$15.00**

A Pair of GLOVES Is Never Amiss \$4.50 4 Pair

They combine the beautiful and the practical—these imported French bags, and are decidedly acceptable as Christmas gifts. Fashioned of fine silks in black, navy, brown, tan, gray and combinations.

The frames are self covered, shell, or metal.

Embroidered motifs, tapestry inserts, steel beads, and other novelty effects are given original use as trimming.

Main Floor

Open Evenings Till 9 O'clock
"ELECTRIC SHOPS"
43d and Leavenworth Sts. 15th and Farnam. 2314 M^oSt.
Nebraska Power Co.