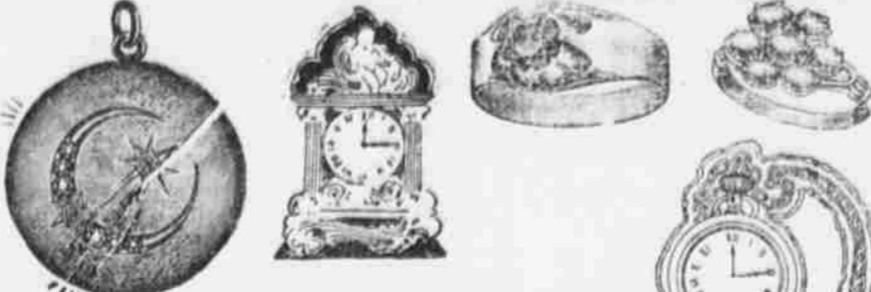




# CHRISTMAS JEWELRY



## XMAS SHOPPING

Is upon us, and many are puzzled to know what to give. I want to make it easier for you to decide, and I know that a visit to my store will be helpful. Our show cases are teeming with suggestions, and in my magnificent assortment of

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### A. E. ANDERSON



### THEY DO SAY

That a man and a watch are known by their works.  
 That when you can't help boost a good thing along—keep still.  
 That it is unlucky to be refused on Friday by a young lady with money.  
 That you should wipe off your slate and prepare to start the new year right.  
 That the mortgage on a fellow's farm never pays any attention to poor crops.  
 That the quiet man who doesn't blow much usually has a balance at the bank.  
 That if you want to see the person who gossips in your neighborhood, look in the glass.  
 That some people never realize they don't know anything until they reach the age of fifty.  
 That some men could lose their mind without any noticeable disturbance in their ballast.  
 That if a young man can not take a girl to church he should not be allowed to take her home.  
 That the taking of the next census in 1910 will cost thirteen million dollars. Comes pretty high, but it must be done.  
 That a bow legged man may not be able to stop a hog in a lane, but when it comes to holding a girl on his lap, he doesn't take a back seat for any man.

That the funniest thing about a little man is that he always has a big wife.  
 That appreciation makes stupid people brighter and homely ones more comely.  
 That it does not cost you anything to smile. Now, quit looking as though you were at a funeral.  
 That some parents do not want their girl to keep company with young men and so inform them by letter.  
 That profanity never did any man the least good. No man is the richer, the happier or wiser for it.  
 That the time of year has about arrived when you will "swear off" then forget and be as bad as ever.  
 That a bald headed man scratches his head through force of habit, not because there is game there.  
 That some of the young people in Broken Bow should be more careful of their actions when in public places.  
 That the small end of nothing whittled down to a fine point represents the "influence" some people have in a community.  
 That the nicest looking apples are not the best. The russet is not a good looker but is a fine eater. The same can be said of people.  
 That you should keep your eye on the newspapers to see which of the merchants wants your custom, and are sufficiently courteous to invite you to call.  
 That a few young people should behave themselves while in church or those around them will conclude that their parents did not raise them right.  
 That the time of the year has arrived when the boys and girls are anxious to please and obey their parents. And it will last, too, until December 26, when a change will be noticed.  
 That if you give a man a well cooked dinner of his favorite meat and vegetables and then tell him you want a new silk dress it will be forth-coming about Christmas, which is not far off.  
 That some women who belong to church and are horrified at the thought of a lie, tell their children that babies are found in trees and that the doctors bring them in their medicine chests.  
 That the girl who is handy in the kitchen stands a better show of getting a good husband than the one who continually pounds a piano to the annoyance of her neighbors.

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#### DON'T STAND BACK.—BOOST.

Some of the business men of Broken Bow are not taking the proper interest in the organization of the Commercial Club. Some are holding back for one reason and some perhaps for another reason. The result of their opposition and holding back is the same regardless of the reason why they are doing it. They are retarding the proper progress of an organization which has for its purpose the upbuilding of Broken Bow. In this way they are unconsciously working against their own interest as well as the interest of their neighbors in business. The building up of the City is to the interest of every business man in Broken Bow. The man who opposes the work of the Commercial Club is opposing what is for his benefit and the man who stands by and does nothing to help the good work along is just half way working against himself. Let us not work against ourselves; let us not work half-way against ourselves; let us get in and work with all our might for ourselves. If we go not like the way the organization is being run then let us get into it and change its course, for we can accomplish nothing standing back and finding fault,—by this means we simply keep the other fellow from doing the good that he hopes to do. The man who stands back and knocks has no right to that privilege for he himself may be responsible for the lack of progress which he blames to some man who is trying to do something and is not getting the proper support.

#### WILL HE RAISE VALUATION?

It looked for a time as though Governor Shallenberger would have an easy time getting around the plank in his platform which declared for a raise in the valuation of the railroads. The railroads supported Shallenberger in the election and it looked as though he was going to be able to set back in his chair and tell the people that he could do nothing on the Board of Equalization because the Republicans controlled the Board. However, two of the four Republican state of-

ficers who are members of the Board have now come out and announced that they will vote for any measure that Shallenberger may advocate for raising the valuation of the railroads and this will give the governor a majority. This places the Democratic governor in control of the Board on all matters pertaining to the raising of the railroad valuation and he must shoulder the responsibility of a failure to raise or else go back on the railroads who supported him.

When County Attorney Gadd takes a position against the next legislature raising the county attorney's salary he takes the position of the public official who desires to serve the people first and himself second. Mr. Gadd is to be commended for his unselfish stand on the question. One of the principle planks in the Democratic platform declared for lower taxes, yet a movement is on foot among the Democratic county attorneys in the state to get the Democratic legislature to raise their salaries and it will of course take an increase in the taxes to pay it. Wonder if the Democrats will now say that County Attorney Gadd is trying to steal their campaign thunder?

The biennial reports of state institutions are beginning to reach the state offices in Lincoln having supervision and charge of their operation. These reports cover the two-year period ending Nov. 30th, 1908. The reports without exception show the respective institutions to be in most satisfactory condition as to finance and management and the results as shown reflect the greatest credit on those in charge and the political party responsible for placing them in charge. Details will be published when the state officers have completed the necessary tabulation of the many items involved.

The unusual interest in the REPUBLICAN'S scholarship contest shows that there are a number of young people in the county who want to go to school and are willing to do a little work in order to get there. When you subscribe or pay up your subscription give the contestant in your neighborhood the credit for it and encourage them to work hard and win the life scholarship.

Carl Jeffords of this city and his classmates of the University Agricultural school did very well to win second place in the judging contest at the International Stock Show when eight universities were entered. It shows careful training by the University professors and a knowledge of the fine points in stock judging on the part of the Nebraska team.

No home in Custer County can afford to be without the REPUBLICAN when it can be secured for fifty cents

per year. Do not hesitate; take advantage of this extra-ordinary offer at once giving one of the contestants credit for your subscription.

### PRESS COMMENT

#### Agricultural Education.

State Journal: Superintendent McPrien made in his annual report a recommendation for the establishment of agricultural high schools that cannot fail to make a strong impression upon the incoming legislature. His estimate is that at an annual cost of \$100,000 it will be possible to maintain special agricultural courses, with experimental plats and reasonably complete facilities, in twenty high schools, located at strategic centers throughout the entire state. This would mean the creation of feeders for the state agricultural college, just as the academic department of the state university is fed by high schools. It would mean carrying the advantages of the state school of agricultural down to the young people on the farms, enabling students who cannot go a long distance from home to take winter courses at nearby towns, giving them a good foundation in scientific agriculture and fitting them for entrance to the agricultural college if they develop enough interest and adaptability to justify the additional expense. The discovery that for \$5,000 a year almost any existing Nebraska high school can be fitted out to duplicate some of the most valuable work done by the state agricultural school means a great deal for Nebraska education. It means that this state can go at one step to the front rank of all the states in agricultural education, if the legislature decides to adopt the recommendations of the outgoing superintendent.

#### Democrats in Congress

Charleston News and Courier (dem.): The effect of the disastrous defeat of the Democratic party in the recent general elections is likely to find its first manifestations in an increase of independent action on the part of Democratic members of congress when that body convenes. We shall not be surprised if here and there a southern congressman upon whom the evident decadence of Democratic party spirit has not been lost shall betray a disposition to kick out of the traces of party discipline if not out of the caucus itself.

The minority leader in the house, Mr. Champ Clark presumably, will be confronted with a task of no ordinary delicacy and difficulty in holding together his forces. "How the cat is going to jump" was never before quite so problematical among Democrats as now, and a propensity on the part of members from Georgia, for example, who are nearly always of a

canny and cunning breed, to fly the track so long beaten by the Democrats may be expected.

State Journal: Frank Harris Hitchcock, the post-master-general of Mr. Taft's cabinet, is a handsome young bachelor of 41, one of the young college men who have helped to make President Roosevelt famous. Like Mr. Taft, he earned his promotion. He studied law but his time has been given to various official positions. He has been a bureau chief in the department of agriculture, a clerk in the department of commerce and labor, and up to the beginning of the late campaign was first assistant post-master-general. In the intervals he has been assistant secretary of the national committee and has a standing as an economist and an ornithologist. Old fashioned politicians think of the young man as an upstart, and were none too ready to fall in line under him in the late campaign. The election returns were endorsement enough of his political capacity.

#### Holding Democracy Together.

Louisville Courier-Journal (dem.): Clean politics, honest politics, wise politics—the good of the country—would seem to demand that the Democratic party, much discouraged and depressed, and thoroughly beaten should still hold together, seeking to preserve its morale and as the saying hath it, keeping its powder dry. If it should go to pieces nothing would remain between our institutional system and the deluge except a body of able and self confident opportunists, calling themselves the Republican party, and quite equal to the commercial exigencies of the times, and that vast master, the mob, tame enough when fed and clothed, but very destructive when turned loose hungry upon whatsoever it may devour.

#### Reciprocal Favors.

Boston Transcript (rep.): Governor Haskell was crowded out of the democratic national committee as treasurer and Herman Ridder of the Staats-Zeitung succeeded him. His contribution and those of his son were especially generous. A correspondent of the New York Evening Post now declares that copies of his newspapers were sent out to the German-American citizens throughout the country in great numbers and at a considerable cost to the committees showing that its managers made "one hand wash the other," as the old saying, even after it had changed hands.

#### Woes of a Muzzled Warrior.

Philadelphia Record: What is to become of Captain Hobson and his hobby if the agreement between the United States and Japan should bring enduring peace? Where then would the veriest jingo find a pretext for increasing the naval armaments on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts?

#### Thoughts On Advertising.

These are times of business. The days move fast. Before you think, it is tomorrow—and next week—and next winter,—catch on—catch on, or you will be left in yesterday or last week—or last summer. Those new goods will soon be old and next summer they will peep out of the gloom and dust of bygone styles and you will think they are ghosts. Push them out. Get in the money and get new goods, and new styles for the hurrying season.

A good advertisement will do it.

Get the advertising habit. Raise up the bushel from your business.

Taboo the little timid, hesitating baby advertisement.

Put your faith in a quarter page and get busy.

Swear by the half page and be busier still.

Fling out the brightest banner of a full page and be the busiest of all, and at the same time knock out the mail order business.

Don't get scared if you don't jostle the world and some planets the first jolt.

But keep it up and hammer it, too, and knock on and on and on and you will make her wobble and come your way at last.