

# The Christmas Drug Store

Months ago we began to plan for this year's Holiday Business. Our stock tells the story. Our store is a veritable paradise for the little ones who are looking forward to Christmas. And the older folks will be no less pleased.

Many people have always considered Christmas Gifts hard to choose, but we have made gift selection easy this season.

Toilet Articles in profusion; Books for Christmas; New Leather Goods, especially the finest line of Hand Bags and Purses in the city. Bibles make a nice present. Why not buy a Fountain Pen? A Handsome Medallion? Some Pretty Dishes? We cannot begin to enumerate the many pretty and useful gifts our store contains. And bear in mind, that THE QUALITY IS THERE.

We very cordially invite your inspection of our stock of Holiday Merchandise.

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Does it pay NOT to advertise?

Show early and be in good humor for Christmas.

Encourage every move for the advancement or betterment of your home town.

The sugar trust doesn't seem to grow any sweeter as the probe progresses into it.

Being fairly well "healed" Dr. Cook is now in a position to take a little lay-off and get healed.

There is nothing enjoying so big a sale that advertising or more advertising will not increase the sales.

The new Brownsville shoot-up inquiry still fails to put any angel wings on those discharged colored troops.

England is having more trouble with her budget than some people have guessing what Santa Claus is going to bring them.

And now we hear rumors of a plot to kidnap John D. Rockefeller. The rich and the poor alike need oil for their troubled waters.

All sidewalk fruit stands at Lin-

coln, Neb., have been ordered removed. 'Smatter? Mr. Bryan getting too broad-gauged for the walk.

The season of gifts again draws near when the kindest feelings of our hearts go out to those about us and longs to find expression in some simple token—some precious gift that may serve as a reminder of the love and good wishes cherished in days that will soon have flown far in the past.

#### "KNOW THY MIND."

The stores that have the real holiday offerings and bargains are advertising them. Read the ads thoroughly and you can then do your shopping understandingly, with a better knowledge of what you want and where you can get it most satisfactorily.

#### PATRICK AGAIN.

The latest plea of Albert T. Patrick for release from Sing Sing prison in New York on the ground that he is legally dead has been turned down. The Patrick case has been a long weary drag. Some years ago Patrick, a lawyer, was convicted of poisoning to death in New York William Rice, an aged Texas millionaire. The case was never proven except circumstantially. Patrick was condemned to death, and about every two weeks since he has hobbled up with a new plea of some kind. The latest was that the governor's commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment arrived at the prison a few minutes after the time he was supposed to have been executed, and that he was therefore legally dead and could not longer be held behind prison walls. The judge, however, didn't seem to take much stock in the plea and sent Patrick back to prison as a decidedly live one. Patrick is nothing if not original, and it is a safe bet that he will be heard from again within a short time with another of his unique reasons why he should not longer be detained.

### Benefits of Drainage System

To Falls City Tribune:—Through the columns of your paper I desire to discuss the Drainage question from the standpoint of a land owner and taxpayer, in common with many others having but little or no interest in bottom land.

There are many of us who believe that the controversy between the county and the drainage district should cease. Your correspondent is the owner of six hundred acres of upland farms, and only twenty acres of bottom land, but believes in a square deal and a compliance with the laws of the country.

If it is a fact that the county will not be benefitted by the drainage project, then we should not be required to pay for something we do not receive. The drainage people tell us that they are not impecunious beggars asking for a "hand out;" on the contrary they are asking only for what is coming to them under the law, as interpreted by the courts of the country everywhere. They say, also, they are paying more taxes, and will pay more of this special drainage tax, than all the rest of the county; and besides this they truthfully tell us that in recent years their troubles have come from the upland farms—in times of excessive rainfall—bringing down water loaded with clay and other heavy material, which drops to the bottom and fills up the channel of the streams. These facts are obvious to everyone. In former years, when the land was new, these conditions did not prevail.

Now let us investigate the reasons why we should pay any part of the drainage tax. The first is that the drainage law, Sec. 19, Chap. 89, Compiled Statutes of Nebraska, provides that the county shall be made chargeable for these benefits. Judge Barnes of the Supreme court, the entire court concurring in the opinion, says that counties and railroads are chargeable with these benefits.

The C. B. & Q. R. R. Co., and the Mo. Pacific R. R. Co., the County also, each appealed to the Supreme court. The Burlington Co., however, have recently compromised their case by paying the amount of their claim in full. The case against the Mo. Pacific is now in process of settlement on the same basis.

Your correspondent is reliably informed that Judge Kelligar, who is the attorney for the Drainage District on the Little Nemaha, told the drainage board of Dist. No. 1, here, that Nemaha county had settled with the drainage board of that district, on the basis of \$28,000. They have fifty-one miles of country roads in the district, about the same as we have here. This is \$10,000 more money than is asked from us. Judge Kelligar also told the board here that the entire county of Nemaha concurred

with the drainage board in this equitable settlement. It is a fact, I am told, that there is not a case known where counties, cities, townships, railroads and other corporations are exempt from paying the drainage benefits. I am also reliably informed that it is the concurrent testimony of the engineers who looked over the situation here that the amount originally fixed was \$24,000 instead of \$18,000 as now claimed; the same engineers saying that it should have been \$35,000, and that the courts of the county would have sustained this amount.

Some are contending that the drainage people should have sued the township instead of the county. I am also told that, under the amended law, this might be true, when a county is under township organization but we are under the 1905 law, in which the county only is made chargeable with the benefits.

The amount chargeable to the county is \$800 per annum, or about 20 cents per quarter section per annum. Your correspondent has to cross these bottom roads, with farm products, to the station. If the drainage project will eliminate one flood in the twenty years I shall be fully compensated for the amount of my special drainage tax.

I hear some farmers saying that the county board should have accepted the proposition of the drainage board to build the bridges "even up" for the benefits. Somebody must pay for these benefits. This is a settled proposition, and somebody will have some costs to pay.

For three years in succession, and for many other years at intercession periods, owners of bottom lands have paid taxes to the county and did not receive the amount of the taxes in products, losing their entire labor also.

When these lands are reclaimed it is estimated by competent engineers that the benefits will be \$40.00 per acre. "This means \$1,300,000 added to the taxable wealth of the county, state and nation. One per cent of this amount is \$13,000. One-fifth, or twenty per cent of which, is \$2,600, which is approximately what the county will receive annually in taxes for an investment of only \$800 per annum, and then, besides that, the county will receive taxes on the products annually raised on these lands, amounting to more than \$800 per annum. The county will also be benefitted, in the near future, in reduced expenses for repairs on county roads and bridges, very greatly in excess of \$800 per annum."

If a taxpayer, because he has no children to send to school, should say that he should be exempt from school tax, all of us would say that there are other benefits under the school system besides the privilege

of sending one's own children to school.

To dispute the feasibility and benefits of the drainage project, because of the fact that we have not seen it in operation yet, is like saying that we do not know that Andrew Jackson or Thomas Jefferson ever had an existence, simply because we never saw them. However, we all know that they once had an existence here, and that their souls still "go marching on."

In conclusion, we do not believe that our county board are rascals. We

believe that they are honorable men, and that they want to do right and act for the best interests of the county, and that they will, ere long, see this in a different light.

Your correspondent also believes that the members of the drainage board are all honorable men, seeking to do right between their fellow men. In this they certainly have the endorsement of competent engineers as well as the decision of the highest courts in the land. Yours truly,

M. C. RILEY.

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