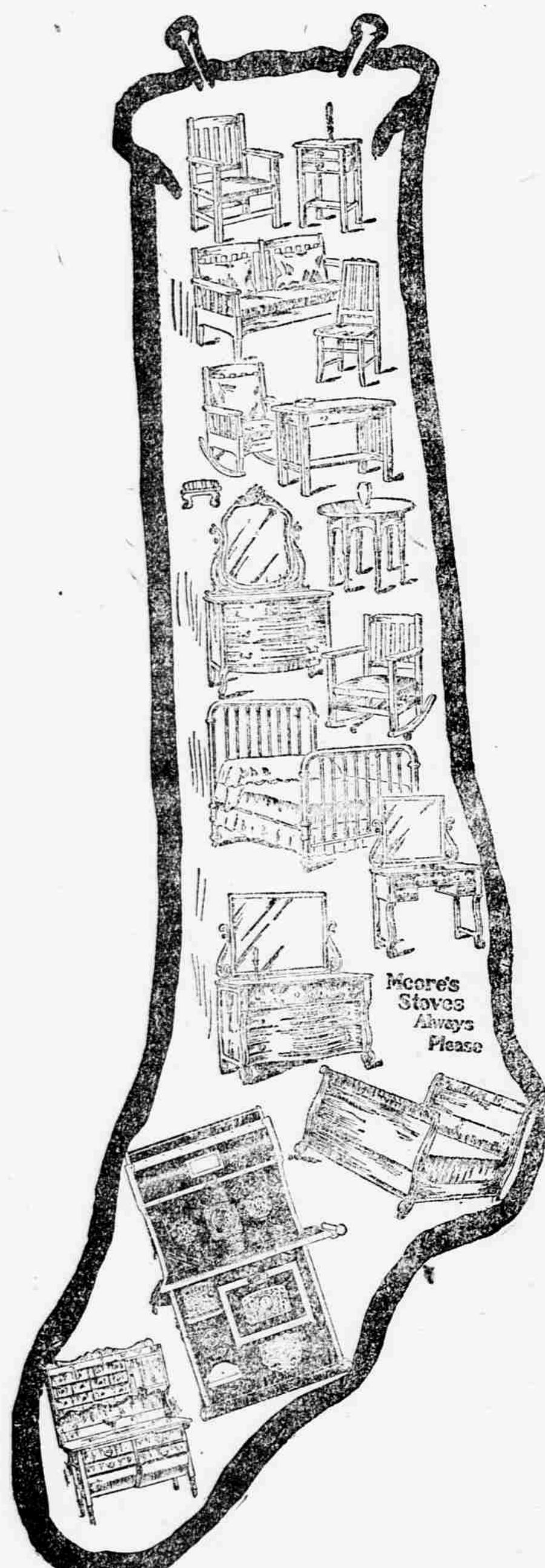


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Gifts of a practical nature are more to be desired by the recipient. What could be more acceptable than a piece of furniture? This big store is full of ideas for Xmas Gifts, and the values are much better than ever before. Something appropriate here for every member of your family. A perusal of the suggestions below will greatly aid you in determining what would be desirable:



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Gunn Sectional Bookcases, with or without desk section, a complete desk or bookcase in either style.

With every dollar's worth of goods purchased in the furniture or holiday department you receive a chance to win the large, life size doll on display in the window. This doll is neatly dressed, with washable garments and valued at \$15.

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TERMS:

Subscription—\$1.00 per year in advance; \$1.50 when not paid in advance.

Display Advertising—1 inch single column 15c per issue or \$6.00 a year.

Local Notices, Obituaries, Lodge Resolutions and Socials for revenue per line per issue.

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10 per cent additional to above rates if over 6 months in arrears.

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Notices of losses of stock free to brand advertisers.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1907.

RAILROADS ARE PUZZLED

Do Not Know What Kind of Contracts to Make for Advertising in Kansas.

Reports received at Topeka recently indicate that the railroads of Kansas are at sea regarding the advertising contracts that are to be made with newspapers next year, when both state and interstate anti-pass laws and the two-cent passenger rate will be in force. Experience this year has demonstrated to the traffic manager of the railroads, according to statements made by them, that the railroads cannot get along without newspaper advertising.

When the interstate anti-pass law became effective at the beginning of the present year the roads all announced that they had dis-

continued making exchange contracts with newspapers and would hereafter pay cash for advertising space and expect newspapers to pay cash for transportation.

The change has not proved satisfactory to the railroads, as is shown by the fact that the Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific, Kansas & Texas have gone back to the exchange contracts.

The other roads are still handling the advertising on a cash basis, but it is reported that they will all make exchange contracts next year, unless it is decided that they cannot do so legally.—Publisher's Auxiliary.

There is no power nor legal authority to prevent a railroad company from exchanging tickets or mileage for advertising. A legal exchange is where value is considered and made a part of the contract, and no one will doubt a farmer's privilege of exchanging work with his neighbor, nor of helping a neighbor out of a mud hole, up a bad hill, over a rough road or through a river without asking or expecting a return value in cash. True, you can not compel your neighbor to accept an exchange no more than you can force the miners or other employees, or creditors, to accept certified checks, but you may agree upon the exchange and no power beneath the sun can refuse or deny that privilege and sustain it.

But we're not going to travel and pay railroad fare when there is no real occasion for it, and we, perhaps, don't travel as much as we did when we could pay in our kind of money. Perhaps, the people of this community is not travelling so much as when we kept up the interest in travel by a series of advertisements that was taking people somewhere and enlivening the interest in these advertisements, occasionally, by taking a trip somewhere.

And we're not going to do our part of the work for fun or without compensation.

We expect to print the news, of course, and we are, perhaps, handicapped in not being able to go to places of interest to get the news without putting up the price of a ticket, but the people who derive an equal benefit from the news being told are the common carriers who ought in return to pay for the ride to and from the news point.

We are handicapped as a policeman would be if he should be compelled in a city to pay street car fare when chasing a criminal in the discharge of his duty.

We are likewise entitled to a similar courtesy because of the mutual interest but there should, of course, be a limit which was wisely provided for lest those who had considerable traveling to do would purchase some insignificant paper to escape paying fare on the trains.

We favor a return to the exchange system and are as much entitled, legally, to exchange as a bank or bankers to issue certified checks instead of paying cash.

Crookston News.

August Epke is building a new barn.

O. D. Carey spent Tuesday in Crookston.

Harry Spencer returned from Rosebud Sunday.

Perry Bryant is doing some stone work for Ed Searby.

If Jens Thomsen should offer you two cigars instead of one, remember it's twins.

G. W. Allard, who went to a hospital for treatment and had his right arm amputated, is getting along nicely.

Fred Green writes from Omaha that his daughter, Miss Hilda, who was operated on for appendicitis,

citis, is getting along fine.

Verne Stevenson is now a resident of Crookston, taking Harve Shepard's place in the saloon. Harve goes to Crawford.

The literary society has been meeting in Prairie Bell school house, but will meet in the hall next Friday night. Come and enjoy a good time. ANON.

St. Nicholas Church.

Services will be held as follows: In Valentine, Dec. 22; high mass and sermon at 10:30. Instruction for the children at 3 p. m.

On Christmas Day low mass at 8 and 9 a. m. High mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m.

In Arabia Dec. 29.

LEO M. BLAERE, Rector.

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The above preparations may be had from all Grocery and Drug Stores.

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The Stock Exchange,

and its methods, by bestowing upon it a far greater patronage than that accorded any other place in Valentine. Where the major portion of the fair, the impartial, discriminating public buys its Liquor and Beer, must be a good place for You, the individual, to trade. Visit The Stock Exchange when you need anything in our line.

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Every piano and organ in this stock we want to sell before Christmas. Call and see us, and for tuning and repairs call on C. M. Henderson, our tuner.

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