

S. P. MORSE & CO. NEXT WEEK.

We open our holiday display this year with the richest assortment of useful presents we have ever shown.

- Ladies' Toilet Cases, Men's Toilet Cases, Men's Traveling Cases, Ladies' Jewel Cases, Writing Desks--Work Boxes.

For Monday morning we call attention to a lot of imported toilet cases for gentlemen's use, and solid leather

MEN'S Traveling Case, \$8.

Contains all the necessary articles for a traveling satchel--razors, brushes, mirror, soap box, &c. It would be reasonable at \$15.

MEN'S Traveling Case, \$5.

We have another lot of various styles containing brushes, razors, mirror, &c., that we will sell for \$5; worth \$10.

New Ribbons.

We have just received every conceivable shade in new ribbons, and ladies can find a selection from our stock unequalled in Omaha.

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BRIEF BITS ABOUT CROOKS.

Interesting sketches of recent arrivals at the Penitentiary.

NEBRASKA'S FINANCIAL STANDING

Statistics from the State Treasurer's Report--Meeting of Missouri Valley Wholesale Druggists--State House Items--Brevettes.

[FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.]

There have been ten new convicts received at the state penitentiary since the first of the month, and their history has been recorded at the executive office.

Benjamin White, sent from Adams county one year for illegal voting, twenty-six years of age, a railroad worker, native of Ohio, and a member of the Christian church.

Thomas Carson, sent from Douglas county one year for burglary, a cigarmaker by trade, native of Pennsylvania, a Catholic and a democrat.

Frank Randall, sent from Douglas county four years for burglary, twenty-six years of age, a stone cutter by trade, native of Indiana, without religion and a republican.

Benjamin White, sent from Adams county one year for illegal voting, twenty-six years of age, a railroad worker, native of Ohio, and a member of the Christian church.

J. P. Johnson, from Douglas county, four years for burglary, eighteen years of age, occupation a waiter, native of Missouri and a Methodist.

Life Armstrong, sent from Hamilton county eighteen months for grand larceny, twenty-one years of age, an engineer, a member of the Baptist church and a republican.

E. Francis Leprohon, sent from Otoe county one year for forgery, twenty-six years of age, an attorney at law, native of Montreal, Canada, a Catholic and a republican.

William Brunner, sent from Douglas county one year for forgery, fifty-six years of age, a school teacher, a native of Switzerland, a Quaker and a nongovernment.

NEBRASKA'S FINANCES.

The state of Nebraska is in no danger of becoming a pauper immediately. The report of the state treasurer filed with the auditor shows that on the 1st of December, just one year from the time that the biennial report was prepared for the legislature, the following amount was on the books, to the credit of the state:

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Includes items like General fund, Banking fund, Permanent school fund, etc.

Total in state treasury, \$1,352,125.05. Of these funds one of the largest, the tem-

S. P. MORSE & CO. Great Values

Black Silks, \$1.25

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Cashmere Finished Black Silk, \$2.00

We have just received our new stock of Black Silks for the holiday trade, and will begin Monday morning by offering

22 inches wide, warranted to wear well. This silk will be found equal to any shown elsewhere for \$2, and at our price, \$1.50, you save fully \$2 to \$10 on a dress.

We have received fresh from the looms 20 pieces of the finest #2 cashmere finish black gros grain silk ever seen in Omaha--as good as that heretofore offered for \$2.50.

Mail orders filled. S. P. MORSE & CO.

Satin Duchesse, 79c

Next week we offer 50 pieces of the #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, #37, #38, #39, #40, #41, #42, #43, #44, #45, #46, #47, #48, #49, #50.

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WOMAN'S WORTHY WORK.

The Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the W. C. A.

The fourth annual meeting of the Woman's Christian association was held in this city Tuesday, December 6. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Perine and Mrs. Doolittle, after which the work of the past year was reviewed.

The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and the members all give evidence of their full enjoyment in the worthy cause they have undertaken.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. P. L. Perine; vice-presidents, Mesdames Jardine, Ward, and Gage; secretary, Mrs. Doolittle; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Haines; recording secretary, Mrs. Fleming; board of managers, Mesdames Doolittle, Roberts, Wood, Knight, Elliott, Haller, Pratt, Tilden, Taylor, Woodman, Gilmore, James.

REPORTS. The treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Ludington, reported that the association receipts for the year from all sources, including account building fund, was \$4,225.49; expenditures, \$3,829.00; balance, \$396.49.

Mrs. R. D. Hill, treasurer of the charity building fund, reported that she had received during the year \$4,147.85. Received during year, \$4,147.85.

Expenditures during year ending Dec. 1: Groceries, \$1,201.56; Coal, \$98.15; Dry goods and shoes, \$72.50; Meat, \$54.94; Medicines, \$31.33; Charity union, \$50.00; Industrial school, \$300.00; Child's hospital, \$1,000.00; Balance, \$159.66.

The report of Mrs. Haines, the corresponding secretary, is very full and complete. Mrs. Haines is an indefatigable worker and enthusiastic in the worthy cause to which she devotes so much of her time.

The corresponding secretary says that the past year has been an important one for the society. From December 1, 1886, to July 1, 1887, 100 persons were cared for at the home, some for one night only, others for a much longer time. Some of these were children and for several of these good homes were secured.

The house has seventeen rooms. At present there are eight persons at the home two of whom, old and feeble women, will probably be fixtures. The proceeds of the charity ball have been expended in outside relief work.

In September the Motor company presented the society with a small building which was accepted and moved to the rear of a lot on Hurst street and repaired, and rented for the association's benefit.

A boarding house was opened in October, and it bids fair to be a success and great aid to the working girls of the city. From the first month's report of the home it is learned that after paying all expenses, \$70 was handed the treasurer for rent.

The boarding home will assuredly be self-supporting. The opening of a woman's exchange is being under consideration, and in the hands of an efficient committee. The success in the year just closed is very gratifying to the host of energetic and noble women engaged in this labor of love, and the new year dawns upon them with better and brighter prospects for the betterment of their fellow creatures.

A move is now under way to establish a new hospital on a large scale, in this city. At the head is Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church on the corner of 15th and Cass streets. The structure was built by the energetic efforts of this gentleman who is now meeting with considerable success in securing subscriptions for the proposed hospital.

Internal Revenue Collections. Yesterday's internal revenue collections amounted to \$12,917.63.

SEALSKIN SACQUES A Christmas Gift

Of a Sealskin Sacque is by far the richest present a gentleman can give to a lady. We have all sizes and qualities in stock, and the magnitude of our business enables us to undersell all competition.

- Sealskin Jackets, \$100. Sealskin Sacques, \$1.75. Sealskin Sacques, \$2.00. Sealskin Sacques, \$2.25. Sealskin Sacques, \$2.50. Sealskin Sacques, \$2.75.

We sell only genuine Alaska seal garments, of the best London Dye, every sacque warranted.

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ALBUMS \$5

To-morrow we will offer a special lot of photograph albums in Russian leather, plush and Morocco, retail value \$8 to \$10--next week \$5.

- Opera Glasses, \$2.00. Opera Glasses, \$3.00. Opera Glasses, \$10.00. Opera Glasses, finest imported, \$12. Plush Sacques, \$50. Plush Sacques, \$40. Plush Sacques, \$30. Plush Sacques, \$45. Plush Sacques, \$19. Plush Sacques, \$12.75. Boys' Sleds, 29c.

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To-morrow 100 dozen sleds like the above at 29c each. These have always been retailed at 75c.

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AMUSEMENTS.

THE NATIONAL OPERA COMPANY. The greatest musical event in the history of Omaha will undoubtedly be the festival performance to be given this week by Mr. Charles E. Locke's stupendous organization to commence December 15 with Verdi's beautiful grand opera of "Aida," in which the new tenor, Barton McGuckin, will make his first appearance in Omaha.

On Friday evening Rubenstein's splendid opera, "Nero," will be given with an exceptional cast including prima donnas, America's favorite lyric soprano, Emma Juch, Bertha Pierson, Clara Poole, Ammelia Fuchs and Helen Luckington.

On Saturday afternoon, Goldmark's magnificent opera will be presented. It was sung this season for the first time in English, in Philadelphia, and achieved an instant and overwhelming success.

The very clever comedian, J. B. Polk, supported by an excellent company, will appear at Boyd's opera house next Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday matinee, in "Mixed Pickles," written expressly for him by Dr. T. H. Sayre.

A. J. Wheeler and May Olive in "Monte, the American," at the above house next week. A strong specialty show precedes the drama. Sheldon Bros. dog and monkey circus heads the list of specialties in the olio.

Baure's and Pule's comedy company appear this evening at Boyd's in the beautiful and laughable comedy, "Das Wachtel, oder Geisthaus," in which all the leading members will appear to great advantage.

Considerable confusion seems to have existed last evening among the several companies in responding to the alarm of fire from box No. 37. The chemical engine was seen flying up Thirteenth street, while No. 6 came to 45, Thirteenth and Douglas streets.

South Omaha News. The worst bound dummy on the Union Pacific, which leaves Omaha at 3:05 p. m., when near Savage's crossing, about one mile this side of South Omaha, struck a team of horses which were being driven to the track, instantly killed one of them and mangled the other so badly that the animal had to be killed.

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S. P. MORSE & CO. Seal Skin Caps, \$12

In offering these we do it with the guarantee that they are genuine Alaska seal, London dyed, and we have both the above styles at this price.

Finest Seal Skin Caps \$15.

Same styles as the above only the very best 4X Alaska seal.

Sealskin Caps.

Two very nice shapes and extra fine quality, \$15 and \$18.

In ordering sealskin caps order one size larger than usual size of hat.

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS, 50c.

Monday morning we will offer about 60 dozen ladies' sheer lawn handkerchiefs heavily embroidered with black, white or colored figures and scalloped edges.

Real Estate Transfers. Bathus Jetter and wife, to Elizabeth Wallwork, lot 3, blk 6, Jetter's, 1st add, w. d. 900

Elizabeth Wallwork and husband to Nicolas Schick, lot 3, blk 6, Jetter's, 1st add, w. d. 1,000

Union Stock Yards Co. to Thomas Bronnan, lot 2, blk 7, 1st add to South Omaha, w. d. 500

James Vore and wife to Wm H. Starnard, lot 1, blk 1, South Omaha View, w. d. 225

Guys Pluckson et al to Charles C. Krause, s 25 of e 1/2 lot 63, Hartman's add, w. d. 5,000

Olaf Anderson et al to Helen Knudsen s 1/2 lot 6 blk 2 Jetter's add, w. d. 671

William Anderson to G. M. Lindquist, Fred J. McLain to Alice J. Jones, w 1/2 lot 6 blk 2 Jetter's add, w. d. 200

William Anderson et al to Wm H. Starnard, lot 9, blk 2, Lincolnwood park add, w. d. 300

William H. Alexander and wife to A. P. Turley, lot 31, Riverside place, w. d. 5,750

E. H. Wolters et al to John W. Arnold et al, pt s w 1/4 and s e 1/4 sec 36, 16, 18, w. d. 16,250

James Pluckson et al to Charles C. Spotswood, lot 18 blk 2, Cotter & Archer's add, w. d. 325

Robert Kers to Mary Bates, lot 22 blk 17, Bedford Place, w. d. 1,000

Samuel Spalding et al to Wm H. Starnard, lot 13 blk 14, Alarm Plaza, w. d. 3,100

John Greenlee to Elizabeth G. Tyler, et s 88 feet of w 1/2 lot 2 blk 22, Omaha, c. d. 639

H. C. Timme and wife to School District No. 30, 1 acre in ne corner W 1/2 sec 8, T 24 N, R 12 W, 50

Clas S. Woodworth to Andrew Fahy, 18 1/2 ft lot 15, Clark Place add w. d. 6,000

J. H. Watts and wife to Alfred W. Phelps, et al part of 1/2 nw 1/4 sec 35 16-12, w. d. 1,800

C. C. Spotswood to Geo. Robertson, et 1/2 w 1/2 ft of lot 11 and 1/2 w 1/2 ft of 12, blk 4, Bedford, w. d. 2,500

Nancy A. Stiem and husband to John A. Lawrence, lot 15, blk 15, Omaha View, w. d. 2,200

James A. Brown and wife to Wm J. Harsha, s 1/2 of lots 9 and 8, Nelson's add, w. d. 4,600

R. S. Morris and wife to V. B. Caldwell, lot 5 1/2 Millard & Caldwell's add, q. d. 1

Union Stock Yards Co. to H. B. Gorge, lot 4 blk 2, first add to S Omaha, w. d. 500

Caroline S. Hulme to H. B. Gorge, et s 5 acres of s 1/2 sec 18, 19, 20, w 1/2 s 1/4, sec 30-15-30 w. d. 7,500

Alfred Stanton and wife to E. G. Harris, lot, part of w 1/2 sec 18, 19, 20, w 1/2 s 1/4, sec 30-15-30 w. d. 1

William G. Shriver and wife to Harris Lowell, lot 13 blk 3, O'Neill's sub Lowell's add, w. d. 1,200

Total, \$50,371

Death of a Railroad Man. Railroad men in Omaha were shocked yesterday upon receipt of intelligence of the death of Percival Lowell, for a number of years general passenger agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, which occurred at San Buena Ventura, Cal.

The funeral of Miss Blanche H. Bywater will be held at Saints' chapel, Twenty-first and Clark streets, to-day at 2:30. Friends invited.

Services at the residence of the parents, 1712 Capitol avenue, this Sunday at 2 o'clock.

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S. P. MORSE & CO. Ladies will find our Men's Furnishing Stock the best place in Omaha to purchase

men's initial handkerchiefs, 35c.



All linen hemstitched. These are a very great bargain! The initial alone is worth the price of the handkerchief.

QUILTED SILK SMOKING JACKETS, \$7.50.



We import these direct from Tokio, Japan. They are the nicest of all presents for gentlemen; colors, plain as shown in cut, \$7.50; cuffs and collar embroidered, \$10.50; embroidered all round, \$12. In ordering give us as near as possible chest measure and height and weight of person who is to wear the garment.

MEN'S SEALSKIN GAUNTLETS, \$15.00.



Made of the finest 4X Alaska, London dyed sealskin. See these before purchasing your present.

offices of this city who were once associated with Mr. Lowell, and all join in singing praises to his memory. He was a man of broad heart. E. F. Lark, of the Burlington, has started for the remains, which will be conveyed to Schenectady for burial.

PRECIOUS STONES. There never was a time, when so many small diamonds were used as now.

Another bracelet is a gold cable ending in small diamonds, betwixt which appears either an emerald, ruby, carbuncle, Labrador stone or cat's-eye.

Precious stones that do not crystallize and are distinguished by play of colors like the opal or peculiar effects of light, like the cat's-eye, are usually polished round or oval, like a loaf of bread or half of an egg.

When setting common stones in cheap goods, they do not take the trouble to line the box with tin foil, but merely give it a coat of some colored varnish. This method is not one to be recommended, for the stone that has foil behind it looks much handsomer.

Gems are set in two different ways, distinguished as free setting and a band setting. In the former the stone is exposed on all sides and only held by little clips which, in its proper ties, its fire, its play of colors show to the best of advantage here. Hence very valuable stones are never set in any other way.

Flat stones that are set in rings are sometimes fastened on the edge, so as to leave only the top and bottom surfaces exposed. In the latter method, the stones are forced up lid of a gold box, and if the gem is transparent the upper surface is generally made flat and smooth, while the under side forms a low rim.

Crystalline gems, like diamonds and topaz are generally cut in such a manner as to have flat, smooth faces. Precious stones that decompose the light, and thus produce a play of colors, are polished in such a way as to heighten this effect as much as possible.

Such stones are never set in any other way. Flat stones that are set in rings are sometimes fastened on the edge, so as to leave only the top and bottom surfaces exposed. In the latter method, the stones are forced up lid of a gold box, and if the gem is transparent the upper surface is generally made flat and smooth, while the under side forms a low rim.

In those stones which receive a band or box setting and are less valuable the beauty of the stone is increased by lining the box with colored tin foil, the color of the foil corresponding to that of the stone. Thus, for example, a piece of dark yellow foil is placed under a very pale topaz, a deep purple foil under a pale amethyst, and so on, so that the light reflected from beneath through the stone will have a deep yellow or violet color, giving the stone a much finer appearance than if it were set free.

These half genuine stones are known as "unlaid gems." When they are skillfully set it is difficult even for the expert to distinguish them from perfectly genuine stones. But still, it is easy to distinguish them by holding the stone before the eye in such a manner that the light reflected from the top enters the eye at an oblique angle. The surface where the stone and glass meet can be distinctly recognized by the difference in the refractory power of the two media, having the appearance of a crack or a flaw in the stone. The public are frequently deceived by dealers who represent these unlaid stones as being perfectly genuine.

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