

TWENTIETH YEAR.

Morse Dry Goods Co. Turkey Red Calico, 7 1/2 C. 5000 yards plain Turkey Red Calico, pure of color, guaranteed to stand the most severe washing.

DRESS PERCALES, 6 1/4 C. 2 cases Dark Dress Percales, choice assortment of beautiful patterns; 30 inches wide and marked down to 6 1/4 yard.

Dress Ginghams, 7 C. 100 pieces of our 10c and 12c qualities of Dress Ginghams marked down for this special sale to 7c a yard.

Carriage Lap Robes, \$3. 50 Premium Indian Blankets and Carriage Robes, qualities sold formerly at \$4 and \$4.50, to-morrow \$3 each.

BOYS' OVERCOATS, 95 Cents. We have about 100 Boys' Winter Overcoats carried over from last season. They must be sold to make room for newer goods.

THEY RING THE BELL SOFTLY. Because They Bear Minivies of Sorrow as Well as of Joy.

THE BUSY LETTER CARRIERS OF OMAHA.

How They Work. How They are Paid and the Powerful Organization to Which They Have Been Attached.

If there is one place in Omaha where the common interest of the public center that place is the postoffice at the corner of Fifteenth and Dodge streets. While every citizen feels that he or she has an interest in the running of this branch of the United States business, but little is known of the people who toil within the walls of the gray stone structure or how their work is carried on.

There are forty-five letter-carriers in the city, but there were not always so many as now. In June, 1874, Omaha was made a free-delivery office, with James T. Allen chief clerk and superintendent of carriers.

In 1884, the business of the office having increased to such an extent that it became necessary to secure more help, James B. Avery was appointed superintendent of carriers and the delivery system was separated from the general delivery business of the main office.

The duties of the superintendent are almost as numerous as the sands of the sea, as he has to make and certify to all vouchers, receive the complaints, look after them, look after and keep an account of postage due, to do the men in the carrier department.

LADIES' WHITE COMBINATION SUITS, \$2.50. These are the celebrated Jeness Miller reform suits; very desirable. We have all sizes, 1, 2, 3 and 4, at \$2.50 a garment.

LADIES' SCARLET UNDERWEAR, \$1. A good wool garment equal to any quality is here sold at \$1.99. During this week our price will be \$1.

CHILDREN'S Natural Wool Underwear. We have just opened a large invoice of children's natural wool underwear in all the desirable sizes.

-WHITE- Lamb's Wool UNDERWEAR, \$1. Tomorrow we place on sale a case of white Australian lamb's wool underwear, vests and pants, at \$1 a garment.

Send for our fall and winter catalogue containing 128 pages of useful information about the purchase and prices of dry goods. Send us your name and we will mail you a copy free.

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ation the printed slips are distributed among the candidates and as fast as the answers to the questions printed on the slips are written out, they are gathered up and more slips distributed. This continues until all of the questions have been answered, after which the whole lot is returned. After being examined at headquarters, each candidate is notified by the result and as vacancies occur, or increases are made, candidates are appointed in the order of their standing, the candidate ranking the highest in the examination being appointed first.

Upon first being appointed, candidates are known as substitute carriers when the regular carriers are taking their annual vacations. The substitute receives a salary of \$300 per year and gives a bond in the sum of \$1,000. After the substitute has been on duty one year, if he has done good work and shown himself competent, he gets his appointment as a regular carrier and his salary is raised by the postmaster, who recommends all appointments and promotions. A carrier stays on the force as long as he desires, if he does his work well and sticks to his business; so that in the term of a carrier's office may be virtually made for life, under the above conditions.

In Omaha there are what are known as "house routes." There are six of these, all of which are on the outskirts of the city. The men who operate them receive \$250 per year extra. At the present time from one to four deliveries are made each day, Sunday excepted, the portions of the city the farthest from the office receiving the least number of deliveries. It is also thought by Superintendent Platz and others in authority that fifteen more carriers will be added and that in all portions of the city the service will be increased, so that localities that now have but one delivery per day will then have two, and those that now have two will then have three.

To the people who see the uniformed men on the street, it is believed that the life of a letter carrier is one continued holiday, but it lacks much of being this. Every man is required to report at the office at 6:30 o'clock in the morning. As soon as he enters the building his coat comes off and he at once plunges into the great mass of letters and papers that have been brought in by the night and early morning mails. The letters are stamped into a long box-like table, around which the men gather, and for an hour the letters are as busy as beavers. The letters are all worked over, and as fast as a man finds any letters that are addressed to patrons along his route they are put into a pigeon-hole in front of him. This continues until all of the letters are worked. When a letter for the general delivery is reached it is put onto another table, where a clerk for the general delivery presides. After the working process has been completed, each carrier empties his pigeon-hole, taking the letters out and arranging them for convenience in making his delivery. The newspapers and magazines are worked in the same manner and at 7:30 p. m., when the carriers leave the office, they are almost hidden from view by the great mass of mail that fills their leather pouches and lowers high above their heads.

Go to the west door of the government building any morning and you will see the boys starting out to make the early delivery. They come out onto the pavement and separate, going in forty-five different directions. They go up into the great beehives of trade,

Morse Dry Goods Co. LADIES' SILK PLUSH, \$1.00. Every desirable color, superior quality imported plush, 24-in wide, much used for table scarfs, sofa cushions, hankiechief cases, glove cases, etc.

Quilted Satins, \$1.00. Made of a good quality satin and neatly quilted. All colors and black, 22-in wide, only \$1 a yard.

New Dress Goods, 50c. A large assortment of plaids and stripes, newest combinations of colors, 36-in wide. Only 50c a yard.

Tricot Flannels, 60c. 30 pieces light and dark gray tricot flannels, 54-in wide, a regular 75c quality; tomorrow and all week at 60c.

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out among the costly residences and down among the poor on the river bottoms. As soon as the delivery is made they return to the office and at once begin putting the accumulated mail in readiness for another delivery, and so the work continues until 6 o'clock, with a short resting spell at the noon hour.

Again letters will come to "Omaha" without any party being named on the envelope. These the carriers designate as "mixes," and at once turn them over to the delivery clerks who in turn pass them to another clerk who forwards them to the dead letter office at Washington.

On Sunday the work is somewhat different as no regular delivery is made, but the mail is worked just the same and at noon the way in the hands of the letter carrier, all of which help to cement the ties of friendship between the carrier and his patron.

Nearly every man, woman and child in Omaha has great respect for the letter carrier, and they are justly so. In the rounds they seem more like members of the family than like strangers, and on Christmas and New Year's many little presents in the way of the letters carrier, all of which help to cement the ties of friendship between the carrier and his patron.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor, has issued a call for the tenth annual convention of the federation to meet in Detroit, Mich., on Monday, December 5. The representation will be upon the following basis: National and international trade unions,

LADIES' Fur Garments. We are selling the best quality Alaska Seal London Dyed Capes. THE BE MEDICI.



The latest fashionable shapes at 60c, worth fully \$85. We sell only the best grades of Alaska seal, which our many customers will verify. We are selling very cheaply and our direct every garment we sell and have yet to receive the first complaint of unsatisfactory wear. If you are intending buying a sealskin garment, we invite you to examine our goods and prices. We have a large stock bought previously to the advance, and shall continue to sell them at the old figures.

Children's Cloaks, \$5. This and other styles Children's Cloaks, in sizes 4, 6 and 8 years, which we have sold from \$7.50 to \$9, all at \$5.



one delegate for 4,000 members or less; two delegates for 8,000; three delegates for 16,000; four delegates for 32,000; five delegates for 64,000; and so on. State federations, central labor unions, trades assemblies, local trade unions and federal labor unions, one each, respectively.

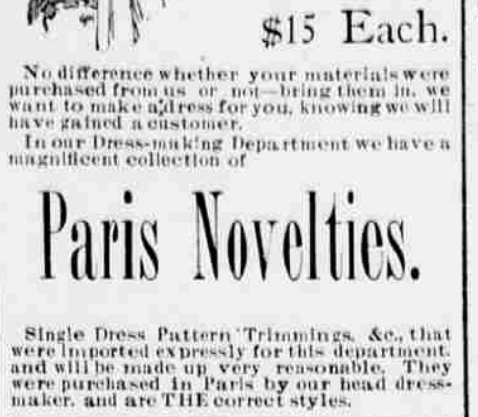
The Journal of the Knights of Labor, Mr. Powderly's paper, says that the country will be startled at the information that the telegraphers of the United States are now formulating a plan to inaugurate another gigantic strike in 1902.

In speaking of this coming strike the Journal says: "Already a strong organization has been effected in a quiet way throughout the west, northwest and the Pacific slope, and the promoters of the scheme are working their way eastward rapidly, visiting all the small towns at which the operator is also the ticket agent, whose services are absolutely indispensable to the several corporations by whom he is employed. These men hope to include in their organization, which will be largely made up of railroad telegraphers, clerks and messengers, all of whom are chosen as the most aggressive body, notwithstanding the fact that the same number of hours and do the same amount of work as required of the men."

The demands to be made will provide that the salaries of all telegraphers shall be based upon a rate of pay per hour instead of per month, as now. This will, it is thought, win every country operator in the land, all of whom work from twelve to sixteen hours per day, and receive absolutely nothing for extra service. They will insist that lady operators receive the same rate of pay, work the same number of hours and do the same amount of work as required of the men.

Chicago steam fitters are winning the demand for recognition of the union and \$1 as the lowest pay for fitters and \$2 for helpers. The striking Cornish miners at Ishpeming, Mich., are going back to England, where "higher wages are paid and men are scarcer." The Brooklyn reliable labor club is com-

Morse Dry Goods Co. Dressmaking Dept. We have spared no expense to establish a first class Dress-making Department in Omaha. Our head dressmaker occupied a similar position in a Paris dress house, being prominent in the best costume makers there. She is doing only first-class work, and is charged for poor work.



No difference whether your materials were purchased from us or not—bring them in, we want to make an address for you, knowing we will have gained a customer. In our Dress-making Department we have a magnificent collection of Single Dress Pattern Trimmings, &c., that were imported expressly for this department, and will be made up very cheaply. They were purchased in Paris by our head dressmaker, and are THE correct styles.

Boys' School Shoes, \$2, \$2.40 and \$2.75. We shall open Monday special bargains in boys' shoes. School shoes \$2, reg. price \$2.50. School shoes \$2.40, reg. price \$2.75. Boys' dress congress \$2.75. Regular price \$3.25.

Cloth Top Shoes, \$4.85. Worked eyelets; a high London Pleasidly novelty with a new serge top, controlled by our New Shoe Department. Second Floor.

posed of marble cutters and their employers. An eight-hour day will begin in February. The lowest pay for cutters is fixed at \$3.50 and carvers \$4. The threatened strike of the slate and metal workers in New England is believed to have been averted, thirteen firms having granted the advance of 25 cents per day and eight hours on Sunday.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad company has finally concluded a settlement with the men of their demand for a revision of the wages schedule. General Manager St. John said that the terms agreed upon by the contract signed in the spring with the operators and will not demand an advance in wages. It is now believed that the difficulties in Indiana are settled until next year.

At last Saturday's session of the annual convention of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers at Pittsburg, Pa., the following officers were elected: First grand engineer, F. S. Ingraham; second grand engineer, D. Everett; third grand engineer, Ash Kenyon of Winnipeg. There was no election for grand chief engineer, as Mr. Arthur was elected at the last convention for three years.

Edwin Booth's manner toward those who treat him with undue familiarity is said to be chilling if not petrifying; in illustration of this the Buffalo Express tells off this morning: On one occasion he was playing in the west, with an ex-rop packer for business manager. The theater was crowded on the opening night, and the impresario was in high spirits. He few moments before the curtain rose he went to Mr. Booth's dressing-room, and walked right in without knocking. The great actor, in the robes of Richard, glared at him furiously. But the manager did not see the glare and without a tremor, snatched the cardinal on the back and said: "The house is packed; there ain't no standing room left—now, Ed, old man, sail in and show 'em what you can do." Mr. Booth's dresser barged the audacious rumpack out before "Ed" was wath exploded; and the story-teller is unable to say what otherwise might have happened.

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Linen Department. Hemstitched Huck Towels, 25c. 500 dozen extra large hemstitched huck towels, the quality, worth 37c; for this week only 25c.

Hemstitched Tray Cloths, 75c. We have just consummated a large purchase of hemstitched cloths, and offer one lot at 75c; worth \$1.25.

Hemstitched Lunch Cloths, \$2.00. Suitable for card tables, etc. We closed out the entire line from the manufacturer's agent, at about one third less than original cost.

Hemstitched Center Pieces, \$1.75. Among the many bargains we offer at our linen department, we ask you to examine the center pieces at \$1.75; they are worth \$2.50.

Morse Dry Goods Co. SINGULARITIES. A large banana tree in a greenhouse at Flint, Mich., is bearing a small bunch of fruit.

The other day, while a Baltimore & Ohio freight train was near Dobbes Station, Va., the engineer saw an animal on the track, which he took for a dog. The engine struck it and killed it after a race of a quarter of a mile, when it was found to be a 140-pound bull. A Delaware cow didn't seem to feel well for a month or two, but lived on until killed by a bear. The bear was a quarter of a mile, when it was found to be a 140-pound bull.

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W. P. Gould, the butcher, has had a strange experience of late, says the Georgetown Advocate. While he was cutting meat about two months ago a cat ran up on his shoulder. He pulled her down and she scratched him on the sides of his finger and bit almost through it. The wound apparently got well, but about a week ago the finger commenced to swell until it was four times its normal size, and he suffered intense pain. This was finally reduced by poulticing, and now the arm has lost one-third its ordinary size, and the finger has shed its skin and a new one has formed, but there is no more feeling in it than there would be in a wooden limb, notwithstanding the blood seems to circulate through it freely.

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Men's Handkerchiefs, 12 1/2 C. 100 dozen Colored Bordered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, a 25c quality, only 12c each.

Men's Scarfs, 25c. 150 dozen Men's All Silk Scarfs, satin back lining, for one week at 25c.

Men's Knit Gloves, 35c. We have a large stock of Men's Scotch Knit Gloves on hand, a direct importation. Former price, 75c; sale price 35c.

Men's Umbrellas, \$2.75. 150 Men's 28-inch Silk Warm Umbrellas, something that will wear equally as long as a pure silk, at just half the price. A large assortment of choice handles to select from.

withstanding the increasingly prominent place they occupy in sport and recreation, their amusements are as a rule unorganized. The Row is each season crowded with equestrian and in the winter, too, when the rig is something besides "gentle cantering." All manner of smart ponies and carts and jaunty cuts go by, once continually, and on Sunday the "gentle cantering" is held each day around the drive, her horses held splendidly in hand.

The Chicago divorce courts remind one that love laughs at locksmiths. How good man is to his wife the first day after she has caught him doing something wrong. In this little casket I have preserved all these years the dearest remembrance of my honeymoon. It is the hotel bill.

Customer—How are you selling engagement rings? Salt Lake Jeweler—Mormon or Gentile? Customer—Mormon. Jeweler—Thirty off card prices by the dozen. Customer—I've been to every place in town trying to get something to keep my ring, but it's no use. What would you advise me to do? Clerk—Try a matrimonial agency.

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