

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FREE.

We will continue our Free Souvenirs Monday. With every pair of Gloves purchased at \$1.50 up, we will give free a handsome Glove Box, worth 50c and with every Fan purchased from 65c up we will give free a beautiful Japanese Fan Box, worth 50c. Japanese Toys given free to customers at our Toy Department all day tomorrow. We are making great reductions in Dress Goods this week. Visit our Book Department for Xmas Presents. Our store will be open evenings until after Christmas.

TOYS. TOYS

We are selling more toys than all the other stores put together, and because we are selling them at less than other stores are buying them for. We are going out of the toy business and every article must be sold before Christmas. Come now and secure some of our toys before the assortment is broken. You never had such an opportunity as this to buy toys at almost your own price.

Millinery Dept.

Great inducements all this week. Every trimmed hat will be placed on sale Monday at 1/4 off the regular price. These are all very desirable goods and will make a very acceptable Christmas present.

Comforts. Comforts.

Only a few of those ruffled silklike comforts left. Monday we will close them all out at \$2.75 each, worth \$4.00.

Eiderdown Comforts.

Nothing makes a more appropriate Christmas gift than eiderdown comfort. We are selling our \$5.00 ones at \$3.75; \$6.50 quality, \$4.75; \$10.00 quality, \$7.50.

Black Silks.

FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY. 24-inch black satin duchesse, \$1.75 quality, at \$1.25 a yard. 24-inch black royal duchesse, \$2.25 quality, at \$1.75 a yard. Bargains in silks of all kinds and qualities.

BARGAINS AT OUR LADIES' AND GENTS' Furnishings Dept.

FOR MONDAY. Gents' Ties. Our 50c line of gents' neck and four-in-hand ties are unexcelled; they come in all shades and are made from the very latest designs in imported silks.

Gents' Silk and Satin Suspenders. We are showing a beautiful line of gents' silk and satin suspenders, in black and white, also colors, at \$1.00 to \$3.00 per pair.

Gents' Sateen Night Robes. Gents' sateen night robes, in pink, blue and ecru shades, at \$1.50 each. These robes are beautiful and nicely finished with a silk cord trimming.

Gents' Smoking Jackets.

Any one wishing to make a nice and useful Christmas present will profit in inspecting our line of smoking jackets and dressing gowns. Our prices will be found to be the lowest in the city.

Ladies' Silk Hose.

Monday we will place on special sale ladies' \$2.00 pure black silk hose, made with double soles and high applied heels, at \$1.37 1/2 per pair.

Fine Black Goods

FOR XMAS PRESENTS. 38-inch all wool henrietta, \$2.50 a dress pattern of 7 yards.

50-inch all wool black cloth suiting, \$3.50 a dress pattern of five yards.

40-inch all wool imported novelty suitings, \$5.25 a dress pattern of seven yards.

40-inch fine all wool nuns' veiling (Priestley's), \$5.25 a dress pattern of seven yards.

46-inch all wool henrietta cloth, finest quality made, reduced to \$7.50 for a dress pattern of six yards.

Priestley's fine black novelties at \$6.75, \$8.75 and \$10.50 a dress pattern of seven yards.

Colored Dress Goods.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SALE.

BIG REDUCTIONS FOR MONDAY

AND ALL WEEK.

46-inch all wool and silk wool tweed mixtures, in small, neat effects, also 46-inch French serges, in plain colorings (no blacks), were \$5.00 and \$6.00, now \$3.50 a dress pattern.

50-inch fine all wool imported covert suiting, 50-inch new wool novelties, 50-inch and mohair fabrics, in beautiful new color combinations, worth \$5.50, now \$4.50 a dress pattern.

54-inch all wool imported broadcloths and storm serges, no blacks, were \$6.25 and \$7.50, now \$3.95 a dress pattern.

NOWHERE ELSE IN OMAHA CAN EQUALLY DESIRABLE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS BE BOUGHT FOR SO LITTLE MONEY.

BOOKS.

At 25c.

Handy Volume Edition in Fancy Cloth Bindings, such as:

- Lowell's Early Poems.
- Whittier's Early Poems.
- Lalla Rookh.
- Sketch Book.
- Evangeline.
- Lays of Ancient Rome.
- Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow.
- Past and Present.
- Sartor Resartus, etc., etc.
- Same in finer bindings only 50c, regular price 75c.

At 50c.

- The Bow of Orange Ribbon.
- Natural Law in Spiritual World.
- Jan Velders' Wife.
- Barriers Burned Away.
- Opening of a Chestnut Burr.
- Bird's Christmas Carol.
- Friendly Talks to Boys.
- Friendly Letters to Girls.
- Bits of Precious Ore, white binding.
- Climate and Rainfall of Nebraska.
- Men's Thoughts for Men.
- Women's Thoughts for Women.
- The Blues Cure.
- The finest line of Christmas cards, calendars, booklets, dainty gift books, standard works; also a full line of juveniles in all grades and qualities. Paper dolls. Latest publications of standard books by the most popular writers.

Xmas Linens.

Our stock is complete for the holiday trade. A big assortment of dinner sets, fine hemstitched frayed towels up to \$2.00 a pair.

Stamped and plain center pieces in all sizes.

All silk and silk embroidered doilies. Just arrived, an elegant line of pillow shams at 65c, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.75, \$2.00 up to \$7.50 a pair. If you are looking for new articles in pillow shams at such low prices we invite an inspection of these goods.

We have a few very fine and entirely new line in lunch cloths for \$1.00 and \$1.50. In this line we are able to suit all tastes. They come in plain and figured satin, damask, hemstitched, and in some real hand embroidered.

Never before have we been able to show such an enormous lot of 25c towels, a good many of them are worth up to \$1.00 each. You should inspect these before buying elsewhere.

TOYS. TOYS.

Closing out our toys for almost nothing.

- Here are some great bargains for tomorrow: Boys' sweater, was \$1.00, now 50c.
- Muslin caps, was 30c, now 15c.
- \$2.50 printing presses, now \$1.25.
- \$2.50 drums, now \$1.15.
- \$1.50 tempis, now 65c.
- Fancy baskets, worth up to 25c, for 5c.
- Fancy baskets, worth up to 35c, for 15c.
- Fancy baskets, worth up to 50c, for 25c.
- Children's parlor sets, worth 50c, for 25c.

N. B. FAIRCLOTHER

1505-7-9 DOUGLAS STREET.

LANCASTER TEACHERS MEET

Midwinter Session of the Association Held at Lincoln.

ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS PRESENT

Afternoon Meeting Consumed in a Discussion of Oliver Wendell Holmes by Prof. Sherman of the State University.

LINCOLN, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The midwinter session of the Lancaster County Teachers' association was held today in the rooms of the county superintendent. There were over 100 teachers present when the president, Mr. Hawes of College View, called the association to order. In concluding the morning program Superintendent Baer said that he was well pleased with the result of the district meeting. He said that there should be no aimless teaching, but that the teaching of language was the most aimless one. The program for the afternoon was on Oliver Wendell Holmes, and the subject was discussed by Prof. Sherman of the State University. Prof. Clark of the Western Normal and State Superintendent-elect Corbett, Chancellor Casfield addressed the association on behalf of the state association.

DEAD IN A PLUM THICKET. Fleming Harrison, a colored man, was found dead in a plum thicket on the farm of L. D. Shaw, near Hawthorne, yesterday afternoon. He had been dead but a short time as the body was still warm. He was discovered by an employee of A. M. Trimble, lying face downward on the ground. Deputy Sheriff Dillon took charge of the remains, but no inquest was thought necessary.

AS TO THE SALT CREEK DITCH. The Salt creek ditch embargo is still at the acme of excitement. Charges and counter charges are fully bandied about, and the matter bids fair to involve the citizens of Lincoln in a wordy warfare, accompanied by much bitterness of feeling. The main point of contest lies in the fact that there is the sum of \$10,000 in the hands of the sanitary commission and there are at least 100 men who need work and want to get at the straightening of the creek immediately. Councilman Lawler enters a vigorous denial of the intimations of Sanitary Commissioner O'Neil that he is anxious to have the contemplated Salt creek ditch on First street, lawyer says he doesn't care where it is located so long as it is begun at once and the needy men put to work. The Lincoln Labor club has taken up the subject and last night appointed a committee of five to circulate a petition among members of the club and present it to the sanitary commission at their next meeting.

LINCOLN'S DIVORCE MILL. Ora M. Adams secured a divorce from Burton L. Adams 12½ months ago on the grounds of abandonment and non-support. They were married in Lincoln, May 5, 1892, and she says he has never lived with her nor spoken to her since their marriage. The woman is young and pretty and her testimony is corroborated by her mother. In her petition for a divorce filed today Mary S. Acken says that her husband, Joseph H., is in the habit of feeding their little 5-year-old boy with whiskey. She also avers that he gets drunk almost daily, comes home at unreasonable hours, wakes up the family and creates a regular Walpurga night by his cursing and abuse.

RED CLOUTIER SHOOT. The case of the State of Nebraska against Ogilvie, charged with assault with intent to kill, was tried in district court here yesterday, and resulted in a verdict of not guilty. The jury was out but a few minutes. This is the case which Ogilvie shot at a party of young men on Halloween with a shotgun, wounding one of the boys.

Three Deaths at Beatrice. BEATRICE, Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Three deaths have occurred in this city during the past twenty-four hours. Eli Miller passed away last evening after a long illness, resulting from cancer of the stomach. The deceased was 63 years of age and leaves a wife and five children. He took a homestead near this city in 1871 and in 1871 came

to Beatrice and has since been actively engaged as a contractor. Mrs. Jeannette D. Bailey died at 2 o'clock this morning at the City Hotel. She was also among the early settlers of the state, coming to Gage county in 1853, having resided in the city during the past thirteen years. The third death is that of John Shultz, a German resident, 60 years of age. His demise was attributed to lung disease.

ARGABRIGHT'S TRIAL

Will Be Commenced Tomorrow at Auburn for Murder. AUBURN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The trial of J. W. Argabright on the charge of murder in the first degree for the killing of his father-in-law, William Smeltzer, is set for Monday. The accused is a young man of about 30, and was raised in this county. About five or six years ago he married a daughter of William Smeltzer, two children being born to them. About three years ago Argabright moved to South Omaha, where he was employed as government meat tagger in Hammond's packing establishment and held that position until removed by Secretary Morton. He then went on the police force at South Omaha, and at the time of the killing was still on the force. His family relations were not the most pleasant, and about a year ago his wife left him and returned to her father in this county, bringing the two children with her. Last February Argabright came down to see the children, as he claimed, stopping at his father's, whose residence is near that of Smeltzer's. On the night of February 10 there was a school exhibition in the school house in the neighborhood, and both Argabright and Smeltzer were there. After the exhibition was over the parties came together, had some words, which resulted in Argabright pulling his revolver and shooting Smeltzer twice with fatal effect. Both sides have means, and a hard fought battle will be the result.

Fremont Briefs. FREMONT, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—William Wells, a young man who has something of a cowboy appearance, is in the county jail awaiting trial for breaking into the house of Dave Wesson, a bachelor, living west of the city, and stealing a violin, a clock and a lot of clothing. The articles were recovered and Wells has confessed.

CONCEALED FIRE. Concealed fire has rendered judgment in the case of John Nau against J. McDonald, giving the plaintiff judgment for \$517.50. This case grew out of another case wherein a judgment was rendered against Nau, who was compelled to pay a note which he had signed for the accommodation of McDonald, but from which Nau received no part of the proceeds.

The Board of County Supervisors adjourned yesterday, after doing a large amount of routine business. The next meeting will be in January, when the new members elected will take their seats.

Mrs. John Gird, wife of the florist, died Thursday, and yesterday was taken to Indianapolis for interment, accompanied by Mr. Gird and children. The family formerly lived in Indianapolis, but came west two years ago for the benefit of the health of Mrs. Gird, who was afflicted with consumption.

Had a Right to Shoot. RED CLOUTIER, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The case of the State of Nebraska against Ogilvie, charged with assault with intent to kill, was tried in district court here yesterday, and resulted in a verdict of not guilty. The jury was out but a few minutes. This is the case which Ogilvie shot at a party of young men on Halloween with a shotgun, wounding one of the boys.

COLLEGE EXERCISES AT OMAHA.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The closing of the term of Orleans college is at hand. Congressman-elect Andrew spoke to a large audience last night on "Our Public Schools; Their Debt to the People."

FAILED TO AGREE.

ASHLAND Trouble Over Swift and Company's Ice Pond Not Settled. ASHLAND, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The difficulties that arose between Swift and Company and the Ashland Mill and Electric companies has at last reached its climax. No 5 Friday morning brought to the city A. C. Foster and H. C. Gardner, representing the Swift Packing company, for the purpose of making a settlement of the troubles. At 10 a. m. they presented a written proposition, a committee of business men, to be submitted to the mill company.

The proposition is as follows: "Swift and Company will furnish to the mill company a boiler and engine, fuel and men to operate the same sufficient to afford power for the electric light plant, while the water is taken from the pond, as hereinafter set out, said engine and men to be furnished by Swift and Company. When the use for the engine and boiler is through the mill dam not exceeding three feet to the pond, but they shall have the right to pump water into the pond if it shall be necessary to the Ashland company 2 cents per ton of forty-five cubic feet for the ice taken during December, 1894, and January, February and March, 1895.

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"In consideration of these premises the Ashland company shall close down the mill when it shall be necessary to obtain water for the pond, being supplied during that time by the engine aforesaid, and shall allow Swift and Company to have pump or means of construction which said dam three feet higher or less, so that either by means of said dam or the pumps said pond shall be replenished during the months of December, 1894, and January, February and March, 1895, as often as may be necessary to afford ice for Swift and Company. This offer to be accepted on or before 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday, December 15, the right to withdraw this offer being reserved."

At 3 p. m. the committee met and presented the proposition to A. B. Fuller of the mill company, and withdrew, awaiting developments.

At 1 o'clock a Bee representative called upon Foster and Gardner. They spoke of the trouble in a straightforward, business-like manner, stating that as the mill company had ignored their proposition they presumed it was rejected. He said, however, they had at present a force of 120 men and twenty-five teams at work improving the pond by constructing a dike around 100 acres of the pond, which now covers 20 acres, from which they will put up 100,000 tons of ice this season, which is more than was ever put up at this plant before. The men engaged are all from Ashland, except about twenty-five, who are their old employees from South Omaha that are laying off on account of business depression. They intend putting down enough eight-inch wells to obtain a supply of 500 tons of water per hour, by means of two large double stroke pumps with a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours. The pumps will arrive Monday.

As far as the permanency of these improvements were concerned neither of the Omaha could say, as it was their only show, owing to the time of the year, adding that Ashland need not fear Swift and Company appreciating their loyalty to the company's interests.

Four Years for Assaulting a Child. HILDRETH, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The brute, Rader, who assaulted his little

RAIN AND IRRIGATION.

Great Combination Nebraska Will Play for Next Year's Crop. COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—A glorious rain began falling here at noon, the first good soaking rain since the Fourth of July.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The long drought in this section is at last broken by a steady rain, commencing last night and continuing all day. It is still raining, with prospects of continuing.

SIoux CITY, Dec. 15.—Specials to the Journal from South Dakota points report a warm rain throughout that state. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Rain has been falling here since 5 o'clock this evening, and prospects are good for several inches of precipitation.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The time of twelve jurors, four lawyers and Judge Bates has been taken up all this week with the trial of William A. Merrell for the crime of forgery. The jury found him guilty, and the whole rear of the two-story building was wrecked and many windows in neighboring houses were broken. Victorious refuses to talk. Mrs. Braro's husband committed suicide some time since by shooting.

Rejected Sutor Threw Dynamite in the Stove of His Inamorata. SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Dec. 15.—The Swiss hotel, a cheap boarding house in the east end of town, was wrecked by plant powder this morning. The explosion was the result of a deliberate attempt to assassinate Mrs. John Braro, a widow, who owns the hotel. Antonio Victorias, an Italian laborer who had courted Mrs. Braro, proposed marriage to her and had been refused, is under arrest, charged with the crime. Victorias refused to talk. Mrs. Braro's husband committed suicide some time since by shooting.

RENEGADE MOQUIS CAPTURED. Trained on the Villages and the Hostiles Were Given Up. DENVER, Dec. 14.—General McCook today received an interesting report from Captain F. U. Lawton of the Second cavalry, who was detailed from Fort Wingate to effect the capture of the Moqui Indians, who created a disturbance a short time ago and took refuge in an isolated village among the Oraba cliffs. With troops G and H he took a route by an explosion of freworks, and a large number of Moquis had gathered to remove a stopping, when suddenly the village was captured and the Moquis were taken. One of the prisoners is Ketch Westwata, who escaped from Colonel Coburn three years ago by jumping over the cliffs of Oraba.

Fatal Explosion of Coal Gas. NEWCASTLE, Colo., Dec. 15.—Ten men were injured by an explosion of freworks, or gas in the Vulcan mine today. There had been a small fire in the mine, but it was supposed to have been extinguished, and the men were ordered by the superintendent to return to work. The men had commenced to remove a stopping, when suddenly the gas, which had accumulated, became ignited and exploded. All the men were badly burned, and the mine was closed. Inspector Fletcher was in the mine at the time, and was one of the most badly injured.

CONTRACT FOR CITY PRINTING NOT APPROVED

Coal Given to Charity Organizations. At a special city council meeting last night the contract for printing for 1895 came up, but was not approved. Elissner wanted to present his majority report recommending that the contract be let on a sliding scale, but this was objected to and he succeeded in defeating the approval of the contract by a margin of one vote.

Bechel gave notice that he should ask a reconsideration at the next meeting. Later in the session the majority report was admitted, but was defeated on the motion to adopt. Parliamentary rules were suspended while the members banqueted on the matter which had just been voted on, and an hour was occupied in a debate which ended with the carrying of the motion.

A resolution contemplating the establishment of a stone yard and the clearing of streets for working city prisoners was introduced by Saunders and adopted. The city of Omaha is the southern terminus of the property, the building inspector to prepare an estimate of the cost of erecting such a yard, and the chairman of the Board of Public Works to ascertain the cost of stone by the carload.

On recommendation of the committee on judiciary the coal left in all election booths north of Douglas street was given to the Associated Charities, that between Dodge and Leavenworth to the Nebraska Home for aged people and the one at Leavenworth street to the Rescue Home.

WILL REACH OMAHA. Plans for the Illinois Central for the Next Season. SIOUX CITY, Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The Illinois Central is apparently getting ready for an extension to Omaha next season. There has been much activity this season suggestive of this, and now comes the report of the Illinois Central of the Central, and only about sixty-five miles from Omaha, the information that a local company has been formed there to build a road from that place to River Sioux, half way to Omaha. The line would parallel the Sioux City & Pacific and could be of no use by itself. Railroad men believe it is a central scheme. The Omaha company is composed of Chicago men. The agreement of the Central, which is now being negotiated to acquire a line that will give it an outlet to the south, has given the principal impetus here that the road will be built. The Omaha company has been organized at Omaha, the old plan having been to go to Omaha in the Nebraska side. This seems to have been dropped.

New Building and Loan Association. Articles of incorporation of the Mechanics Savings, Loan and Building association were filed with the county clerk yesterday afternoon. The capital stock is \$500,000, divided into shares of \$20 each. The principal place of business will be in Omaha. Until the first annual election in January, 1895, the following officers and directors will have charge of the affairs of the association: W. B. Clark, president; C. H. Horton, vice president; Cade Taylor, secretary; W. B. Taylor, treasurer; W. H. Eibauer, N. H. Bairden, T. E. Crambley, J. M. Ward, William Davis, H. A. Hansen, V. O. Strickler and H. O. Devries are among the incorporators.

Has No Authority to Speak for Harrison. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—The statement of P. B. Alexander of Buffalo to the effect that General Harrison would not accept the nomination for the presidency has authorized the statement here this afternoon that no one has the authority to speak for Mr. Harrison on the subject.

VAN LEUVEN'S HEAVY BURDEN

Will Serve Eight Years in the Penitentiary for His Crime. PLEADED HIS ZEAL FOR THE SOLDIERS

Court Asked for Mercy on the Theory that the Prisoner's Downfall Was Brought About by His Honest Interest in the Veterans. DUBUQUE, Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Pension Agent George M. Van Leuven of Lime Springs, Ia., convicted in one case yesterday, today pleaded guilty to four indictments for forging affidavits and conspiracy to bribe examining surgeons. His attorney appealed for mercy, pleading that Van Leuven's temptation was great, that his zeal for his clients had worked his downfall, and that he had an honorable war record. When District Attorney Sells was asked what he had to say, he replied: "Nothing, may it please the court, except that it is an unconditional surrender."

Judge Shiras, a noble-hearted man, who served two years in the war without asking or receiving pay, was much affected when called upon for the first time to pronounce sentence on a soldier, and said, with trembling voice: "God knows I would rather return you to the bosom of your family."

He then pronounced sentence of two years in Anamosa penitentiary and \$1,000 fine in each case, all sentences to be served as one and Van Leuven's sentence was over. He seemed relieved, but his wife was in despair. The remaining twenty-five cases will not be prosecuted.

D. Kiesel, mayor of Cresco, against whom eleven indictments stand, will be placed in jail next Tuesday.

DES MOINES, Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The following decisions were filed in the supreme court today: Cottage Hospital against Samuel Merrill, appellant, affirmed. State Bank of Iowa against N. A. Chambers, executor, et al. appellants, Wapello district, reversed. A. H. Smith, appellant, against Crawford County State bank, Crawford district, affirmed. Rollin Calkins, appellant, against the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company, Lincoln district, affirmed. State Bank Building company against John Pierce, appellant, Woodbury district, affirmed. William Hegel, appellant, against Polk county, Polk district, affirmed. Independent district of Rock Rapids, et al. appellants, against Miller Rapids, et al. appellants, against the Bank of Rock Rapids, et al. appellants, against Kern, appellant, against Sarah J. Mack, appellant, against Charles C. 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