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Notary Public.

The merchant who advertises catches the holiday trade,

Omaha wants the Indian supply depot as well as the union passenger depot. Omaha is always a part of Nebraska when it comes to getting signatures on

the state treasurer's bond. be president, but to be both should be

the acme of American citizenship. There are several places where the city treasury shortage may be invested

It should be borne in mind that those who write it Xmas probably have no reference to that X of gold which was spoken of during the recent campaign.

Before election, it was the candidate who recognized all his friends; since, it is the army of friends who tumble over each other to recognize the successful candidate.

No cessation of activity should be permitted in the work of the Transmississippl Exposition during the holidays. This is the one enterprise which should take precedence over all others.

Instead of brooding over your own fancied misfortunes, give a thought now and then to the actual misery of for all.

Governor Holcomb will, it is said, fuse his lnaugural address and biennial message into one literary production. He has gotten so accustomed to the fusion process that he cannot get out of the habit.

The spectacle of Spain, which for centuries has been a monument of ignorance, superstition and degradation among nations, posing as a divine instrument for the humbling of the upstart Yankee race, is one of the most laughable exhibitions of the day,

Spain may have recognized the confederacy before the battle of Bull Run, but that does not alter the position of the United States in the pending Cuban crisis. What Spain did thirty-five years ago is ancient history. What the United States will do now is of momentous present importance.

Nebraska supports "homes" galore for dependents of various varieties, but it has not yet established a home for disappointed officescekers. A "home" of this band, including populist, democratic and republican wards, with free board and lodgings, would be able to do a land office business year in and year out.

The Spanish army is said to be already studying the geography of the United States, in preparation for an make it necessary to call out the Nebeaska Home Guards.

brewerles.

of city and county and to secure at the mended by a commission or not. This it entirely within their power to accision on the legality of the law.

The resolution introduced in the sen-

charge of their foreign intercourse. Regularly he ought to take the initiative in the acknowledgement of the independence of any new power." Secretary Seward said that "the question of recognition of foreign revolutionary or reactionary governments is one exclusively for the executive and cannot be determined internationally by congressional action." Judge Thomas M. Cooley, the distinguished constitutional lawyer, says in effect the same thing, though he observes that the president's power is not complete and final; that "the sovereign legislative power must provide for final intercourse and pass laws for the purpose," which laws the president must respect. In all the discussion of Cuban affairs during the last It may be better to be right than to insurrection, which covered the entire period of Grant's administrations and when there was nearly or quite as strong a sentiment for the Cubans as there is now, it was never questioned that the power to accord belligerent rights or to better advantage than in a new city to recognize the independence of the Cubans belonged exclusively to the

executive In view of all this it will be difficult for the advocates of the authority of congress to declare the so-called republie of Cuba independent and compel the president to respect it to sustain their position. The uniform policy since the beginning of the government is against them and it is hardly to be doubted the latter.

RECKLESS BANK OFFICIALS. The failure of the National bank of Illinois is another illustration of reck- Times. less bank management, of which the others and try to do a little toward been in operation twenty-five years and ing legislature and ought not to be making the holiday week a happy one had a strong place in public confidence. laboring under such a mistaken idea ded the Institution—the directors ment for them-no lawful means by which they can be made an example of

directors, but it is hardly probable that there will be any practical result. shown no disposition to heed recommendations of this kind.

AS TO A TARIFF COMMISSION. sentiment in New England favorable to invasion of this country. It is not the creation by congress of a permanent seriously feared, however, that a host tariff commission, to be composed of extile force landing on the Atlantic coast peris and business men and as far as a gift, but rather an investment upon will ever penetrate so far inland as to possible non-partisan in character. Some which immediate returns will be had manufacturers in that section are said to many times the original outlay. Instead It is stated on what is considered ex- the proposition. But the most conspicul early revival of business activity and cellent authority that the special sestous advocate of a tariff commission is sion of the Iowa legislature will not be the assistant secretary of the treasury. States against the east and south, which marked by the passage of a manufactur- Mr. Hamlin, who it is needless to say is any sparing no effort to lead in the ing bill to relax the prohibitory law in opposed to the principle of protection, if industrial race. If the financial condifavor of breweries and distilleries. It he be not an absolute free trader. A tions of the state and communities in it certainly seems inconsistent to refuse letter of Mr. Hamlin is published in are not what they should be, that is to this privilege after the sale of intoxicat- which he says: "If we could have a be regretted. Improvement, however, Ing liquors in Iowa has been legalized, non-partisan commission of experts con-So far as Nebraska is concerned it will sisting of men of the highest characterenter no objections to the maintenance and reputation, its reports would affect of the present order in its sister state a ground for honest compromise upon points the only sure way of achieving and it will continue, as heretofore, to which free traders and protectionists supply all Iowa customers with the best | could stand together; the people of this products of Nebraska distilleries and country would then be left free to array themselves, on purely political questions. with that party in whose hands they Local authorities do not seem to be believe the government to be safest." awake to the seriousness for the tax- This sounds well as a theory, but therepayers of Omaha and Douglas county of is reason to think that the commission

the ruling of the attorney general that plan would not work so well in practice, and a positive scandal, and demands the law permitting guaranty company | Asked what he thought of the policy of bonds to be given in Heu of personal creating a tariff commission, Mr. Ding. It falls, however, to allude to the nobonds by public officials is unconstitu- ley, chairman of the house committee tional and void. If the opinion of the on ways and means, said that the work been encouraged and held up by the attorney general is sound, then the peo- of such a commission would be of very railreads and even at times provided ple are practically without security for little practical value unless the commiss with special low rate tickets for the the safekeeping of a large part of their sion contained members of congress, very purpose of evading restrictions public funds because it is safe to assume "The bill itself," said Mr. Diagley, imposed by the interstate law. The that no guaranty company would pay "must be enacted by men representing brokers could not possibly exist with any loss with such an inviting loophole various districts and local interests, out the sanction of the railroad comopen for escape. Something certainly They will insist on having such a bill panies. If the companies really want ought to be done to protect the rights as they want, whether it is recom- ticket brokerage abolished they have earliest possible date a conclusive de- was the case with the tariff commission complish their purpose. Let them pro-

value and high character of its work, for the same money that the brokers NOW BEFORE THE SECRETARY but of the adoption of the recommenda- | do and the latter will no longer have an ate by Senator Bacon of Georgia, de- tions made by members with different excuse for existence. It looks as if claring "that the recognition of gov- views and who were themselves re- the railroads are raising a cry against ernments is a sovereign power which sponsible for the enactment of a tariff the brokers simply to divert attention Amended Articles of Incorporation of the does not appertain to the executive, law. The report of the commis- from some of their own misdoings. except as the right of veto makes him sion was not the basis of the act a part of the law-making power," will of 1883 and no such report is Under the influence of its sudden produce discussion of the question as likely to exert a controlling in spasm of pretended virtue and morality to the exclusive power of the prest fluence on congress." This is a practitiour amiable contemporary makes the dent to recognize the so-called republic cal view of the matter by one who bas sweeping charge that all the legislation Dave Mercer Prepares a Hill to Remof Cuba. We believe the authority of had a long legislative experience and that has threatened injury to the mathe executive in this respect has never knows how tenacious members of con- terial interests of Nebraska is to be laid before been questioned and there is before been questioned and there is gress are of their own views and how at the door of the republican party and high authority for the position taken uncompromising they are in supporting all the beneficial taws are to be credited All communications relating to news and editors doubt be addressed: To the Editor, and the editors and be of no utility whatever to all business in the relations of a commission, as Mr.

All business in the wisness of their constituents in the distribution of the full concurrence, if not at the distribution of the full concurrence of the full c ecutive has been recognized whenever obvious reason that most congressmen to be for the time dominant. The vicious

power. The president of the United necessary elerical force, would involve States, by the constitution, has the an expenditure of probably not less than \$100,000 per annum and it is impossible to see how the people would get an adequate return for this outlay. Moreover, the idea of an absolutely non-partisan commission is impractical. From the view taken of this proposition by Chairman Dingley it is very safe to conclude that it will receive no consideration from the present congress and as the next congress will, it is presumed, pass a tariff law which will accomplished for a commission, at any rate not during the term of the republican administration. Should the democrats succeed to power the commission idea will certainly not prevail. The outlook, therefore, for this method of taking the tariff out of politics is altogether unpromising.

> SOME MISTAKEN IDEAS CORRECTED. The legislature should make a suitable ap-The legislature said the Transmississippi Ex-continuous Nebraska does not do things by alves. For the credit of the state the exsition should be a hummer.-Central City

The above was probably written for the onsumption of the Omaha papers. But, really, Mr. Nonpareil, what do you think would be a "suitable appropriation?" about \$200,000? and which do you think would be most to the credit of the state, to try and pay some of our debts or to make more debts? to save the taxpayers comething or to in crease their burdens? We don't know how that if an issue is made on this quest it is in Central City, but in Silver Creek tion between the legislative and execu- our teachers have not been paid for two tive branches of the government the months. Are such things to the credit of the weight of public opinion will be with state? What would be thought of a man who would buy his wife a rilk dress when he was unable to pay his honest debta? We love Omaha, but are too bard up to buy her a silk dress for 1898. Let her wear her old calico dress or go without.-Silver Creek

The editor of the Silver Creek Times examples are numerous. The bank had is one of the members-elect of the combut the men who should have carefully of the scope and purpose of the Transrecklessly allowed the officials to do is to be not an Omaha exposition, but business in their own way and the re- an interstate and international exposisuit is failure. The comptroller of the tion. In it will be gathered together currency unqualifiedly states that the not only exhibits illustrating the reresponsibility rests with the directors, sources and industries of the entire He says that their attention had been transmississippi region, but also exindividually called to the reckless and bibits of such of the eastern and southimprudent methods followed by the of- era states and foreign nations as may ficers, but they disregarded the ad- accept the invitation to participate. monition, though promising over their While Omaha will reap Incidental benesignatures to remedy the weak points fits from the exposition, the greatest in the bank's condition. Possibly that gain will accrue not to the city which condition had grown to be so bad that will be called upon to bear the largest they found they could not remedy it. part of the burden, but to the people of but the statement of the comptroller im- the state at large and of the western plies that they made no effort to. In states generally, to which it will attract that ease they were guilty of culpable, the attention of capital and labor just negligence and it is to be regretted at the time when capital and labor are that there is no adequate legal punish- necessary for their development and progress

Neither is the simile of the silk dress This failure will serve to emphasize in any way applicable to the proposition. the demand for legislation such as his The question is not. Can Nebraska afbeen recommended by every comptroller ford to make a suitable appropriation of the currency for the last twenty in aid of the exposition? but rather, years, relative to the duties of bank Can Nebraska afford not to make a suitable and liberal appropriation? II Nebraska does not do something to At any rate congress has in the past bring capital into the state, encourage immigration and restore property values on which its revenue depends how soon can it hope to pay its hones debts? The exposition will add more There appears to be a considerable to the taxable wealth of the state in two years than all the enterprises of the past decade. The money spent on the exposition will not be in the nature of favor this and a few commercial bodies of a luxury like a slik dress, it is an have expressed themselves in support of absolute accessity if we are to have an hold our own along with other western must come through the infusion of new capital and population into the west and the Transmississippl Exposition that much-desired object without un meessary delay.

The Interstate Commerce commission eport reads a scathing denunciation of theket brokerage and ticket brokers. It calls the business an illegitimate traffic legislation to put an end to its abuses. torious fact that the ficket brokers have of 1882. It was not a question of the vide patrons the same accommodations

a public letter asserts his belief that ton ought to explain whether he is exaggerating the possibilities of a senatorof the Agricultural department.

Modern Designations.

This is a cuphemistic age. A thief now-adays is called a "kleptomaniac," a mur-terer is called a "psychic epileptic" and an alderman is called "one of our best citi-

Pernicions Cuban Politicians.

Cuba is but little heard in the United n the one side and from ex-Cubans on the ther, who lefest our scaboard cities hoping or an opportunity to go back under protect

Swelling the Pension Roll.

It is proposed seriously to put on the pension roll repentant confederate soldiers who, being hungry and ragged, deserted, enlisted n the union army, and fought the Indians n Minnesota or garrisoned posts on the Canadian frontier. If they are dead, their families are to be pensioned. Would not this e going a little too far at a time when the iston roll calls for a yearly appropriation of \$140,000,000, thirty years after the war penditures by about \$60,000,000 annually? Congress can put the little time at its disposal to a better use than by considering incasures of this kind.

Small Vote for Southern Electors.

New York Sun.

The official returns of the vote of Nebraska at the late election show the aggregate poil to have been 223.091. The vote of South Carolina, 2a given by the Augusta Chronicle, was 68.431 only, and of Missaissippl 69.463 only. Yet both of these southern states have a greater population than Nebraska, the present estimates being the providing that those who had commuted a bill providing that those who had commuted the providing that the providing th han Nebrasks, the present estimates being Mr. Mondell of Wyoming introduced a bill 175,000 for South Carolina, 1,350,000 for providing that those who had commuted homesteads may avail themselves of the pro-Mississippi and only Liwinow for Nebraska. Homesteads may avail themselves of the pro-Mississippi and South Carolina have nine electoral votes each, and Nebraska only cight. As they were all Bryan states, we put them together to show how easy it was or a repudiation oligarchy to carry the wo southern states and what a tussel Bryan had in the northwestern states.

oers stent and methodical agitation of one of the cardinal doctrines of the popular atform-the establishment of postal savogs banks by the United States government. under no obligations, past or prespective, to at Fort Washington Mr. Rosewater, but in common fairness his Second Licutence tinued and valuable educational work has been relieved from duty under Lieu-one of the great reforms of the century hi to be acknowledged by those who have this city, to Scattle, Wash., for duty under ultimate benefits it is therefore paraut of the field of politics and make them nut they ought to be, the servants of the people. With a sound government banking system furnishing the people money at the ast of conducting the business, the function f silver and gold would cut little figure in xchanges. Senator Allen can do no more aluable service for his country than to cush the postal savings bank reform in con-

Exposition Association.

FINAL MOVES TO NATIONAL RECOGNITION

edy Some Technical Defects in the Law and Save the Appropriation.

rection, of President Cleveland.

Throughout our history the exclusive prerogntive now asserted by the exceptive has been recognized whenever equive has been recognized whenever obvious reason that most congressment.

Throughout our history the exclusive mendations of a commission, as Mr. Dingley says, are likely to exert a comparison of the Transmississippi and International the Cubans the Cameron recolution must be confirmed to one party, although they are usually more active in the party that happens incorporate to be confirmed to one party, although they are usually incorporate to the treasury officials by Representative Mercer. Assistecutive has been recognized whenever the question of recognizing the independence of a state has been presented.

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> Hon. Samuel Allerton of Chicago in | been a good deal of discussion over the subtive element seems to have made remarkable continue in effect at least four years, he could accomplish more for his farmer there will be no demand after that is friends as senator than he could do as so prevalent last week has subsided very secretary of agriculture. Mr. Aller-ton coult to exclain whether he is exfortunate enough to be on the short side of the stock market on Friday and Saturday ship or belittling the powers of the head | must have realized very handsome profits as an outcome of the warlike resolution offered by Senator Cameron. It is just possible that the senate may express its desire for the recognition of the Republic of Cuba. ject is allowed to go over without final action until the end of the present congress.

BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY. Henry T. Oxnard, president of the beet sugar factories in Nebraska, is in the city. nterested in the coming sessions of the ways and means committee, called for the purpose of revising the tariff schedules, Mr. Oxnard, after conversation with Messrs. Daizell of Pennsylvania and Johnson of South Dakota, said that both of these represcutatives had expressed firm faith in the future of the beet sugar industry, and were tion of the stars and stripes and reassert themselves in places they descried and over patriots they left behind. Now is the time when Cubans ought to be in Cuba.

future of the beet sugar industry, and were outspoken in favor of a protective duty upon that article of commerce. They gave assurances to Mr. Oxnard that they wanted to see the agricultural interest of the west advanced, and that they had very maerially changed their ideas as to the possibilities of growing sugar beets in the west. They had come into direct contact with growing of sugar beets in the corn area of the United States, and saw many possibilities for it that they had never seen before, and that they were in favor of promoting the industry to the extent of a good measure of protection. Mr. Dingley, chairman of the ways and means committee, on the contrary, is not in favor of as high a duty as the other two members of the committee mentioned, and undoubtedly, as Mr. Dingley

> Mr. Curtis of Iowa introduced a bill today donating two cannon and cannon balls to the itizens of Maringo, Ia., for monumental

Comptroller Eckels has approved the Chemical National bank of New York as a reserve agent for the National State bank of Mount Pleasant, Ia., and National Bank Paramount to Bimetallism.
Chadron Signal-Recorder.
The Omaha Bee deserves credit for its

W. H. Brady has been appointed postmaster at Arcadia, Valley county, Neb.

News for the Army. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-(Special Tele gram.)-Captain Thomas Cruse, assistant s common practice now in some populist quartermaster, has been ordered to this city les to reast The Bee. This paper is to superintend the construction of buildings is to superintend the construction of building Second Lieutenant Meriwether L. Walker

get themselves to it in their national Captain Taylor.

Captain Taylor.

Captain Taylor.

Second Lieutenant Sawyer Blanchard. ings hanks, already a proved success in many countries of the world, is the first artillery, has been relieved from duty at Fort Sam Houston. Tex., and ordered to long system under public ownership. In

unt to bimetallism, for its logical se-ence is to take the banking corporations of the field of politics and make them of buildings at Fort Delaware. Leaves of absence: Second Lieutenant Sawyer Blanchard, First artillery, extended five months; First Lieutenant Maury Nichds. Seventh infantry, extended sixty-five

> Condition of the Trensury. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-Statement of the reasury: Available cash balance, \$225,567, 188; gold reserve, \$134,294,655.

Chicago Tribune (rep.): The United right of contract. States is not going to begin hostilities. Recognizing the independence of Cuba is not declaring war. But if Spain is the aggressor and begins a war this country will not be the first to cry "enough."

of congress to recognize t don't independ on their foot, is a very important one, and the result may devel-headed. Nebraskans of their foot, be a serious clash between the legislative. Senator Allen is right, there is no danger of executive departments of the govern-Should the resolution of the senate

Chicago Post (rep.): Apart from all other

Chicago Times-Herald (rep.): If we seel

Tennessee Centennial exposition has been assured for some time, but this adds to the aftractions which it will hold out to visitors from all parts of the o the committee on appropriations and the sum made immediately available.

In the last forty-eight hours there has out of the control of conservative leaders.

Perhaps this is the purpose. If not, the last forty-eight hours there added one more to his string president has added one more to his string of "Cuban blunders."

Cincinnati Tribune (rep.): It is very certain from the tone of the president's message that he does not favor the recognition of Cuba by the United States at the present ndependence of the island is correct, it may mean a clash between the executive and the legislative departments, for it is clearly evident from expressions by senators and repr sentatives that they believe that functipertains to congress alone. The constitu tion does not say anything on the subject President Cleveland may evade involvin timself in a controversy with congress this question, especially when he knows that the people of the whole country would be on he side of congress on such an issue.

Cincinnati Enquirer (dem.); Now, Mr. Oldey, usually reserved, is out with a rather inflammatory statement to the effect that this resolution could in any event be nothing more than advice to the president; that the recognition of the independence of Cuba is matter resting solely with the executive resolution over the veto of the president would be of no force or effect. The president dut is out of Washington, but Mr. Olney would probably not make this remarkable statement without being sure that the president is in sympathy with it. haps we shall ascertain, before this matter is fought out, whether the legislative branch of the government is a cipher or not when it comes to a great international question St. Paul Pioneer Press: Not that there is

any danger that a war with Spain will grow out of the recognition of the Cuban republic For Spain is too weak to make war on thi country. Our navy is small, it is true, bu that of Spain, which, outside of a lot o obsolete hulks, consists of about half a doze armored vessels of which only one is up armored vessels of which only one is up to date, is no match at all for our fleet of forty-two ships, including five battleships, eighteen cruisers, nine gunboats, etc. With insurrection in Cuza and the Philippine islands to take care of, Spain has all the war business she can handle without caming.

And now I realize why May Was slow to give her gloves away—I buy them now! insurrection in Cuza and the Philippine islands to take care of. Spain has all the war business she can handle without coming to blows with the United States and inviting And it is precisely because Spain is so feeble that it does not become the United States to assume the attitude of a ully toward her,

NEBRASICA'S SENIOR SENATOR.

Chleage Tribune: It is moved and seconded that Mr. Allen of Nebraska have leave print the remainder of his remarks. Are you ready for the question? Globe-Democrat: Senator Allen does not

seem to understand that the reason why so many votes were east for McKinicy was that a great many more people than usual felt it a duty to asaert their patrintism on account of the free silver conspiracy against good government and the honest payment

Courier-Journal: Mr. Alten Is making long speeches in the senate protesting against the charge that "his people" would interfere lib the right of contract, and characteriz ng such a charge as "a reflection on a poor and suffering but honest community." This, by the way, is the same Allen who vas chairman of one of the committees rep-

THE SENATE AND CUBA. resenting the three parties that tried to elect Bryan on a platform abolishing the

Chicago Inter Ocean: Senator Allen sers the effect of Nebraska's vote upon the publi and makes a vigorous denial that the state will ever vote for repudiation. He might have added, and will never again vote for which Secretary Olney raises as to the power of congress to recognize Cuban independence is a very important one Cuban independence citizens into the white house that carried level-headed Nebraskans off their foot.

repudiation in Nebraska. Baltimore Sun: An investigation by the committee on foreign affairs pass both houses there will be expectant eyes all over the country watching to see the fur begin to states, and indeed, it is impossible to see where the investigation would stop. cannot, and probably does not, expert to accomplish anything by his proposed investigation except to agitate a subject which does not require agitation. He may acquire more notoricty than he now possesses, but that is all he can hope to gain by his in-

BREEZY LINES.

Indianapolis Journal: "Keeping up your beyele riding this cold weather?" "Nop. Just keeping up the payments; that is all."

Harlem Life: Oldboy-Say, plumber, you are a very improvident man, leaving those dieces of lead, nuts and screws lying about. They'll surely be lost. Leadly-Oh, no, sir. You'll find 'em all lu

Roxbury Gazette: George-Is it true that your cousin is in love with Jack Fitzbooby? Fred-You can judge for yourself. She eats dinner before she opens his letters.

Boston Traveler; Benedict—That adope, 'Marry in haste and repent at leisure," is

Singleton—Why? Bendlet—Because married men have no

Chicago Tribune: "I'm afraid" said the puglist in alarm, "I'm gittin what they call the clergyman's sore throat!"

Chleago Record: "They say a newspaper nakes an excellent chest protector for heelmen in Winter."
"Do you button it inside your coat?"
"No; you stay at home and rend it."

Detroit Free Press: Professor-No other nan over essayed such tasks as were as-igned to Hercules. Student-How about Moody trying to con-

Judge: Professor Hypnit-Now, young lady, you will greatly assist the test by remaining passive. So or concentrate your mind on nothing.

Ethel-Oh, Cholly, how fortunate you came with me! Proceed, professor.

Chicago Tribune: "How do you like this style of cuff?" asked the detective, snapping a pair of slender steel bracelets on the wrists of the confidence man.
"I am a good deal taken with it," responded the other, surprised, but retaining to a certain extent his self-possession.

THE THEATER HAT. went to the theater, I heard the play, A high-priced seat I bought. The star is lovely! I heard them say, But, ains! I saw her not. The villain is cruel!" the comments ran, And my neighbors all grieving sat, was spared the sorrow-I'm a thankful

man.
For that modern sleeve and hat.
-M. H. U. HER GLOVES. To give to me the dainty glove
I'd snatched from her.
I knew that she was fond of me.
And thought it very strange that she
Should make demur.

RHYMES OF THE TIMES.

A Popular Evil.

O Mistletoe! You're an evil I know,
And your presence in ball room and hall,
is a signal a 'miss,
it's meaning is "kiss," It's meaning in "kiss,"
For the young, for the old, and us all,

For under your spell, I know very well, There's an evil, awaiting us there,
For which we use pining,
There's no use denying.
You're an enemy of trouble and care,

Two Holdups in a Night.

Twas the night before Christn When all through me went, A couple of footpads, Who took my last cent.

And now you will wonder, How I take it so cool, When my last cent is gone, You will think me a fool.

I had just ten dollars—
And nine-cinety had blessed,
The till of the town toy man—
The footpads the rate J. CLIEVE SCOTT. Central City, Neb.

HERE THEY ARE

Articles to make the heart glad Christmas. We offer a few timely suggestions to help you, if undecided-

First see our windows for an idea of what a superb assortment of

men's, boys' and children's wearing apparel we have. Our Douglas street window contains the very latest novelty dainties for boys and children-pretty suitsreefers-overcoats-waists-blouses-leggin-neckwear -mufflers-hats-caps-we have a selection of all fixings that are made for the little folks Douglas street window contained.

You will there see represented our men's clothing made and sold by us alone-our own clothesour own make-our own styles-which for durability, quality, honesty of make and elegance, lead the whole world. A su t-a coat-a vest-a pair of trousers-an overcoat-an ulster-would be a gift that would be appreciated and a lasting remembrance.

Now look down Fifteenth street and see the magnificent display of furnishings-where will you find such an assortment of underwear-hosiery-shirts -garters-collars-cuffs-ties-night shirts-glovesmufflers-bath robes-smoking jackets, etc-in fact every thing that the average man can think of-also a showing of hats and caps that are all right to have Santa Claus leave. All the leading blocks are shown at modest prices-and every article you find here rest assured is of finer quality and style than you can get elsewhere for the same money.





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ebrated for its great leavening strength and purity. It makes your cakes, biscuit, bread, etc., healthful, it assures you against alum and all forms of adulteration that go with the cheap brands.

