

# Just Six Shopping Days Before Christmas

MAT a world of work there is to be done—we've seen to it that all parts of our store service is equal to the occasion—The stock was large—over \$100,000,00 invested in Christmas Jewelry, etc—The very newness of it makes it the one place for you to come—we will help you in your selections—so will our prices.



#### Watches

Boys' or girl's Watch. reliable and warranted ......\$5.00 E'egant extra small sterling sil- 7.50 ver Chatelaine Watch .... Boys' or youths' Watch, genu- 8.00 ine Eigin, in extra thin case ...

Youth's Watch, small and new, full jeweled, sterling silver case 10.00 Gold filled case ladies' genuine Elgin works, small or large

size.....12.00 Gold filled case, for ladies, large or small, Elgin movement, warranted 15 years. ..... 15.00 Gold filled case, for gentlemen,

Elgin movement, extra flat and thin, small or large ..... 12.00 Our watch stock never was as complete and every piece in it is reliable goods.

We have an elegant line of higher priced goods, from these prices up to our \$800 00 repeater.

We sell a good rolled gold Chain for gentlemen for \$2.00, warranted 5 years.

#### Plated Ware

Tea Sets at \$5.00 and up. Fine Nickle Chafing Dishes, \$5.00 and up.

#### Jewelry

Our solid gold jewelry department contains everything that is new and novel—from these prices up.
Solid Gold Children's Rings... 75c
Solid Gold Misses's Rings....\$1.50 Solid Gold Ladies' Rings ..... 2.00 Solid Gold Gentlemen's Rings. 2.00 Solid Gold Ladies' Chains . . . . 9.00 Solid Gold Gentlemen's Chain, Stick Pins and Scarf Pins, solid gold, 6 trays of them, at each. 1.50 Link Cuff Buttons, solid gold, per pair .... 2.75 Dumbell Cuff Buttons, solid Gentlemen's Studs, solid gold, per set of 3..... 2.75

Five 10-foot show cases full of solid gold jewelry at a variation of prices that enables us to suit any one.

#### Umbrellas

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that open gambling houses would exist in this county. There are other laws than this one under which gamblers could be prose-cuted and punished and they would be in-voked if the houses attempted to open for

were closed up those who were interested in the business have been quietly laying plans

to reopen, but every effort in that direction

has been checkmated. When the slot ma

is not expected that the decision in the Lin

Police Court.

posed that the book had been stolen. It

his own, and has since been unable to secure work. To make matters worse his wife

combat disease. Gradually the less needed

domestic articles were sold to provide food until the scanty stock dwind ed to the bible.

a wedding present, given to the invalid wife

by her parents, not many years ago. It was only after a hard struggle with her

feelings that Mrs. Hyde agreed to part with it, but she was at length forced to this ex-

tremity. The children were crying for food

She consented. The husband wrapped it up in an old newspaper and had just made a

arrested. Hyde was discharged by Judge

Chief Redell has received proofs of some verascope pictures of the Omaha fire depart-

ment, which were taken here by the lec-turer, E. Burton Holmes, last October, Mr.

Ladies' Umbrellas, Dresden top. \$1.95 Gentlemen's Umbrellas, Sterling Gentlemen's Umbrella and Cane

Sterling top ..... 3.50 The largest line of fine Dresden hand'ed Ladies' Umbrelllas ever shown in Omaha.

#### Gorham Sterling Silver

Gorham sterling silver flat ware, spoons and forks, all patterns, copyrighted and ca nnotbe found in plated

Set of Tea Spoons (6) sterling fine ......\$3.50 Set of Forks (6) sterling fine..... 7.50 Set of Dessert Spoons (5) sterling fine..... 7.50 Set of Table Spoons (6) sterling

fine.....11.00 Gorham silver handled Carving Sets, Wade & Butcher steel. 9.00 Serling silver Sugar Spoon .... 1.50 Sterling silver Sugar Sifter.... 1.50 Sterling silver Butter Knife .... 1.50 Sterling silver Bon Bon Spoon. 1.50

A complete line of Gorham's sterling silver pieces in cases suitable for presents-salad sets-carving setssalad forks—berry spoons—ice cream spoons — bouillon spoons — Toilet Goods in Brushes, Combs, Mirrors, Puff Boxes. These goods we have have had to re-order twice; we have a new lot being unpacked to-day. We have all you want now.

#### Umbrellas and Canes.

Beautiful Dresden handles for ladies, elegant natural wool handles for gentle-men. We have twice as many as last year to select from-all new, too.

#### Cigar Boxes in Old Gold and Silver trimmed. These goods

have just arrived, \$3.50 to \$6.00, also Glove Boxes and Jewel cases in Oak Gold and Silver trimmed.

Rookwood Lamps Rookwood Lamps with autumn leaf decorated Globes, the newest, see them in our windows, \$11.50 to .....\$20.00

#### Pocket Books

The largest line of Pocket Books for ladies and gentlemen ever shown in Omaha-suitable for presents at very reasonable prices.

#### Sterling Silver Novelties.

We haven't time to quote prices on Sterling Silver Novelties but have received a lot of new goods so we can supply anything you want from 25c

#### Belts and Chatelaines.

Elegant French Enameled Belts and Chatelaines from \$6.00 to \$20.00

Take the time to see them if you want a present for a lady. What is newer or nicer?

#### Diamonds

Real Diamonds-not chips-but the regular cut stones, in Rings-at \$7.00—from that up.

We've the largest line of mounted stones we have shown in five yearsall new-in Rings, Brooches, Studs, Pendants, etc.

Solitaire Diamonds and Diamonds in combination with Emeralds, Rubies, Sapphires, etc.

An elegant line of Diamond Scarf Pins from \$3.50 up.

#### Opera Glasses.

Genuine Lemaire. If you want a good Opera Glass. come here. We don't deal in the \$1.90 kind. If you want a good one every pair is war-ranted. They are all new, not a scratch on any of them; from 4.50 up.

#### Cut Glass

Ours is the finest made—the famous James Hoare & Co. Blue White Glass-every piece is a gem in itself-Hardly a thing in Cut Glass but what we are showing—and we've made the prices right—The display alone is worth coming to the store to see.

## **EVENINGS**

Southeast Corner Douglas and Fifteenth Streets.

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### PERMITS NO OPEN GAMBLING

Nebraska Authority Sufficient to Check Any Gamester's & mbition.

LAW ENOUGH TO CHECK THE BUSINESS

Decision of the District Court at Lincoln Looked On as Unsound by Local Attorneys and Jurists.

Judge Hall of the district court of Laueaster county has held that the law passed in 1887 and relating to gambling is unconstitutional and that the state cannot successfully prosecute under its provisions. He handed down this opinion Wednesday in a court gambling could be made a very expencase on trial at Lincoln wherein Harry Craw-ford and William Gleason were charged with ford and william Gleason were charged with operating gambling devices.

trict court. When the county called the case for trial the attorney for the defendants de- councilmen would vote for it. murred to the information, contending that in 1887, when the legislature passed the bill making gambling a felony, changes were and Case of Destitution Exposed in made by which the law as passed did not show the facts. He insisted that in the law providing against the keeping of gambling the house amended the senate file case of Milo Hyde, charged with being a by inserting the word "felonious," and that when it was returned to the house from which it originated, that body failed to concur, but instead passed the law as though a concurrence had been had. In passing on the coint raised by the attorneys for the de-fendants, Judge Hall held with the defense and declared that the law was and is un-

The decision of the Lincoln judge caused considerable comment in court circles yes-terday and was the one subject of discus-sion, many of the attorneys contending that the decision settles the question of open gambling houses. These attorneys say that if a man cannot be punished for keeping and operating gambling devices, he cannot well be ounlished for gambling. Other attorneys say that the judge is not correct in his rul-ing, and that even if a man is permitted to keep and operate gambling devices, he can be punished under the provisions of the gen-

POINT NOT SOUND. Judge Dickinson says a point similar to the one raised in the court at Lincoln came arrested. Hyde was discharged by Judge before the district court of Burt county in the case of the State against Kelly, who had been charged with stealing a horse. The trial was had in the lower court, where a conviction was secured. The case was appealed to the supreme court and the attor neys for the defense raised the question of the constitutionality of the law, alleging that the two houses of the legislature had not concurred in the passage of certain secturer, E. Burton Holmes, last October, Mr. Holmes is an old friend of Chief Redeil, and in order to allow him to secure the pletures a special run of the department was made. It took place on upper Farnam street, and also south on Elighteenth, pust No. 3 company's quarters. The pictures were first publicly exhibited in the Academy of Music of Chicago, where they are said to have scored a pronounced hit. From a letter received in this city by Major T. S. Clarkson from a friend in Chicago it was stated that the pictures were the best in Mr. Holmes' entire collection, and attracted the most attention. The proofs received by the chief show some very bright negatives and the different men of the department, the apparatus and horses, as well, show up in excellent form. tions of the criminal code. The question was argued before the supreme court and the findings of the lower court were sustained. Judge Dickinson says that the supreme court did not decide the jurisdictional question, but based its decision upon other points raised. However, he is of the opiointon that had the supreme court found the law un-

constitutional it would have so held. County Attorney Baidrige says he regards the Lincoln decision in the nature of a bluff. He says that the gamblers have con-ded for several years that the law of 1887

is not constitutional and several times have they stated that they would take a case to the supreme court for final decision. They have never done so in this county and con-sequently he is of the opinion that they have no faith in their position. The county attor-ney says that if the 1887 law should be de-clared unconstitutional it would not mean

May Come On.

Chairman of Council's Judiciary Committee

POLICE JUDGE INVITES INVESTIGATION

Contends that the Affairs of His Court Are Conducted According to Law and Defies Possible Criticism.

chines were taken out the gamblers professed to give it up as a bad job and stated that "I learn from The Bee that the city counit was uscless to spond any more time and money for open gambling would never be alell's judiciary committee is camping on my lowed again in Omaba. In official circles it trail, and according to Chairman Mercer intends to thoroughly investigate police court the members were pregent and Prescoln court will have any far-reaching effect vestigation and defy anyone to show wherein the business of my court has not been conmise arrangement like that under which gambling houses flourished a few years ago. The case proceeded in the usual way, the gambling houses flourished a few years 180. ducted according to the best interests of law Montgomery, president; Dudley Smith, vice and order and the taxpayers. It is true that president; Oscar Pickard, temporary secreit is doubtful whether more than one or two the revenue from fines has been cut down tary; Edgar Allen, treasurer. Charles Metz. structures which are on altogether too masfully two-thirds of what it formerly was. his position and his place was filled by the BAKER HYDE IN VERY HARD LUCK. upon women. This was abolished shortly be-A pathetic case of destitution was brought fore I went into office in January, 1896, and to light in police court yesterday in the as a matter of course the difference was at once apparent.

case of Milo Hyde, charged with being a suspicious character. Hyde was arrested being a lenient with the regular grist of crimicals while attempting to dispose of a family bible at one of the pawn shops. It was supwhere fines were imposed they were not paid appears that Hyde is an honest baker with fender on account of hard times was forced a wife and two small children, living in the work the fine out on the streets, or serve the Cunningham block. Some time ago it in the county jail. In connection with the Hyde lost his position, through no fault of suspending of fines and sentences, I will state that the law gives me power so to do, the same as such power is vested in the judges took eick, and in addition to poverty the of higher courts. It must not be construed head of the little household was obliged to from this statement that I have power to remit fines, as it is alleged that I have been guilty of. I merely claim the power to sus-pend same when I think the case justifies. This was done in the instance cited against me in which Mat: Reuland was fined \$100 and costs for keeping his saloon open after hours. done at any time at the option of Mayor

> "The judiciary committee, through Chair-man Mercer, appears to hanker after a little The defendant. The case was on trial a couple of days.
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> The observance of the case very shortly if I deem it proper to impose a fine of \$5,090 upon each member. The charter provides I may do this in case of dereliction of duty. This offense was un-questionably committed when the committee refused to answer my communication ad-dressed to it last August."

LUNAR RAINBOW SEEN BY MANY. Moon Provides a Magnificent Spec-

tacle for People Out Late. People who were out late Tuesday night

GORDON READY FOR M RCER of the moon by about its own diameter. From the equatorial and polar axes of the moon broad bars of light shot out, connecting with the surrounding circle. Where the light the magnificent "moon dogs" were developed. The segment of the circle on either side of the intersection was as perfect a rainbow as ever was described in daylight The refraction of the lunar light was perfect The display varied in degree at times in tense, and then dying away, only to brighter up again. Many belated people forgot the piercing cold while watching the lovely show provided by fair Luna.

FAIR AND SPEED ASSOCIATION. Hon. Carrol S. Mantgomery Elected to Be President.

The recently elected boars of managers of the Omaha Fair and Speed association held sioners has definitely decided that neither its initial meeting at the Commercial club the Arch of the States nor the bridges across at noon yesterday. A majority of the lagoon at Twentieth street, as now de-

board were also in attendance to give the bridges \$15,000. The members of the board Franklin. 'new ones" pointers. The following officers were elected: C. S.

but this is through no fault of mine. The election of J. H. McDanald.
greatest source from which these moneys. Ex-President Beenett read a communicawas derived was the monthly fines imposed tion from Chairman J. B. Dinsmore of the upon women. This was abolished shortly bebody had decided to postpone action on the question of holding a state fair next year until the new board of directors was ready

o consider the matter.

Mr. Bennett also announced that on last Tuesday be and ex-Secretary Mount had asked the county commissioners to pave Landen avenue, from the Cester street grounds rih to the east and make entrance of the cto fair grounds.

He also read a communication from J. D. Hopkins of Chicago, the heater man, who wished to make some deal by which he could secure the fair grounds next your to give race meets during the exposition. These matters and all on era were put over until a future meeting. Some of them will be considered next Thursday noon, when the directory will hold its next meeting.

The case of Edward R. Fogg, receiver of

that while he was slighting from a train at Loup City, on November 11, 1895, he was thrown to the platform by the sudden start-ing of the train. He fell this use a manner that the car wheel passed over his left hand and cut it off.

Brown Will Ignore the Order. CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Rev. C. O. Brown says he will ignore the notice sent him by

Architects' Designs Call for More Money Than There is in Eight.

Arch of States and Permanent Bridges on Exposition Grounds Will Not Be Bullt by the Commissioners.

A majority of the Board of Park Commis methods," said Judge Gordon yesterday, ident Bennett, Secretary Mount and to the lowest bida that have been received signed, will be built by the board. According "I can only repeat what I have said many several other members of the old the arch would cost about \$18,000 and the assert that in neither case is the prospective benefit sufficient to warrant the expenditure. secre- They contend that the plans provide for sive and expensive a scale and that the expenditure proposed would be reprehensible extravagance. They also take the position that the board could not let a contract for either of the improvements in any case cause it has not the money in sight and they of the appropriation which they expect to get next year. President Tukey will re-turn the bide to the contractors at once and at the next meeting of the board his action will be opproved.

Members of the board state that they will

readily vote to build the bridges if plans should be submitted that are more vegeonable In their provisions. They think that bridges that would answer every purpose, both of utility and ornament, could be constructed for less than \$10,000, and if the expense could be kept within that limit they would readily get.

is no definite understanding in respect to the marner in which the funds that were to the board for the express purpose of assisting the exposition are to be expended. One or two members are in favor of putting the Nebraska National bank of Beatrice, cgainst Sadie C. Knowles, an alleged stock-stantial additions to the attractions of the holder, to recover an assessment of some \$1. exposition but would also remain as perma-300, has been decided by a jury in favor of nent improvements. They think that an elab-the defendant. The case was on trial a orate founts in would be of equal practical

BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCES.

Things that Must Be Looked After. In discussing the financial prospects of the Board of Education Secretary Gillan calls attention to the fact that one or two items of additional expense must be considered. in

of these have bene assimilated into the various schools without extra expense, bu in some cases it has been decessary to in crease the accommodations, and this has in volved the addition of from five to ten nev rooms. The Lake, Long and Kellom schare crowded to their utmost capacity and th PARK BOARD WILL RETURN THE B.DS further increase of the school population that is anticipated next year will be likely to

make some provisions imperative.

Superintendent Prorse thinks that the crowding in the north part of the city can be remedied without the crection of a new building. There are now 885 pupils in sixteen rooms at the Lake school, 865 in sixteen rooms at Long and 909 in seventeen rooms Kellom. This is the full capacity of the buildings, and all three are new uncomfortably crowded. But it happens that every district which is overcrowded adjoins a district where there is still available room. For instance, an increase in the attendance at Lake can be remedied by transferring slice of the district to Omaha View. A portion of the territory now in the Long district can be transferred to Omaha View or A part of the Central district oin be sransferred to Farnam and a portion of Lincoln to Comenius. The only case in which the trouble cannot be eliminated by a readjustment of the boundaries is at

tide over next year. Both the officials and the members of the board agree, however, that it is time that were the fees, or premiums not so high They the Pacific school was replaced. This is by say that if they should buy these bonds, the far the worst school building in the city. premium would use up all of the salary of It is an old, out of date structure and the lighting and ventilation are in every way sequently it would be folly to consider deficient. One or two of the old buildings such a proposition. have been made decently respectable by puthave been made decently respectable by put-ting in larger windows and better ventilating ting in larger windows and better ventilating but the Pacific building has been when he commenced an investigation he as-

Assessment Turned Over. The Board of Review has finished a thankess task and the completed assessment for individual security bond.

1898 has been turned over to the tax commissioner. The remainder of the work is of a clerical nature, but there is a lot of it and it will be several weeks before it is all accomplished. It is not expected, however, that the council will sit as a board of equalization much before the middle of January and by that time it is expected that the tab-ulations will be completed.

The following births and deaths were re-

ported at the health office during the twentyfour hours ending at noon yesterday: Births-Andrew Brackwill, 1024 S. Twentysecond street, boy; Anton Cmolnsky, Twentyfifth and Pierce, boy.

Deaths—Bessie Rauth. 15, 1107 North
Ninsteenth, burned by gasoline, Holy
Sepulcher; Ira S. Reed. 23, 1912 Leavenworth,
and vice presidency of the United States will Nickerson, Nob.; Elvira Birnbach, 3 months, 1112 South Eleventh, Laurel Hill.

Mayor Moores issued a proclamation yester-

day morning setting aside five streets for coasting, and the young people who are People who were out late Tuesday night were given one of the most beautiful sights ever witnessed by mortals—a lunar rainbow. From 11:30 till 12:30 the display was magnificent. Around the moon was a circle of white light, distinctly traceable in its entirety, of a diameter of about three times that of the moon, so that the perimeter of the circle was distant from the periphery.

CHICAGO. Dec. 16.—Rev. C. O. Brown asy he will ignore the notice sent him by the Bay conference of San Francisco, He said the action taken was instituted by in bonds which become due in 1968. Under the first place the board has issued \$200,000 will be considered, in says he will ignore the notice sent him by the Bay conference of San Francisco, He said the action taken was instituted by the Bay conference of San Francisco, He said the action taken was instituted by the Bay conference of San Francisco, He said the action taken was instituted by the Bay conference of San Francisco, He said the poung people who are eligiving themselves on other streets will be liable to arrest. The distinctive which are est aside by the liable to arrest. The distinctive which are est aside by the development of a sinking fund next year. Beginning in 1893 cone-tenth of the development of a sinking fund next year. Beginning in 1893 cone-tenth of the around the moon, so that the perimeter of the conference. The notice sent him by the Bay conference of San Francisco, He said the action taken was instituted by will be compelled to begin the first place the board has issued \$200,000 will be compelled to begin the first place the board has issued \$200,000 will be compelled to begin the first place the board has issued \$200,000 will be compelled to begin the development of a sinking fund next year. Brown said the young people who are supplying themselves on other tricts which are est aside by the first place the board has issued \$200,000 will be compelled to begin the first place the board has issued \$200,000 will be compelled to begin the first place the board ha

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Commissions Asked by the Fidelity Companies Out of Reach.

COUNTY OFFICIALS CANNOT AFFORD TH M

Douglas County Will Get Personal Sureltes to Protect Its Interests in Acts of Its Officers.

It begins to look as though all of the incoming county officials would submit individual, instead of guaranty company bonds, though it is possible that some of the justices and constables may put in the latter class of bonds to cover their Habilities in the event that any should occur during their respective

terms. Some time ago there was a sentiment among the officials and also among the commissioners that the guaranty bonds were Kellom, and there there is still as thoused just the thing. The commissioners still com in the annex which will be sufficient to cling to this opinion, but with the officials the cpinion is not popular. They say that they would prefer to give guaranty bonds premium would use up all of the salary of the first year of the term and that con-

so far dilapidated that it was not thought worth while to waste money on it. There ooo, as he is required to do under the terms is continual complaint from teachers and of the resolution recently alopted by the patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and it is conceded that action cannot be patrons and the patrons are patrons and the patrons are patrons are patrons and the patrons are patrons and the patrons are patrons are patrons are patrons are patrons a first year of his term. He contends that he cannot serve two years for one year's pay and that as a result he will have to give on

WILL INVITE THE PEOPLE'S PARTY.

Secretary Utt Thinks He Can Secure the National Canvention. Secretary Utt is laying plans to capture for this city next year to her convention which has just been called to his attention. This is the national ecovention of the people's party. It will not meet in exposition time, but an attempt will nevertheless be made

to secure it. The matter has come up in a letter re-ceived from John C. Hardey of St. Paul, guirman of the committee on location. He and vice presidency of the United States wil be nominated. He is auxious to have the convention held in the west, and therefore asks that this city send proposals and an

Stafford Home is Looted. the are Burglars entered the residence of Mr. streets Stafford, 2407 North Twenty-eighth street,