A Marvelous assortment of

TOYS

TO BE CLOSED OUT

No toys will be carried over. A grand gathering to select from.

Five big bargain counters filled with the best X-Mas gifts for children at 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c.

50c articles, worth from 25c to $5, on this counter. Every one must be sold. Come early and get your choice. Tin toys, iron toys, wood toys, dolls, hobby horses, fire engines, patrols, tops, checkers books, albums, games of all kinds to be sold at once at any price to clear them out. No such prices were ever named on toys as the headquarters of the real live Santa Claus at Hayden Bros' is naming for tonight and the next two days. Come early and get what you want.

GREAT STOCKS YET UNBROKEN

You can still find full assortments of Holiday goods in every department. Prices cut to sell them all.

Come early to Hayden Bros'. The Big Store. **HAYDEN'S.**

Jewelry Prices Were Never So Low

Pearl Opera Glasses, fine achromatic lens, in Morocco leather case, value $7.00, go at

$1.50

A beautiful hand decorated Delft Blue Clock, regular value $3.50, go at

$1.98

Ladies' Sterling Silver Chatelaine Watches, actual value, $5.00; sale price

$2.49

Ladies' Chatelaine Watches, in black steel case, A SPECIAL BARGAIN at

$3.95

Ladies' 14k Solid Gold, U. S. assay, hunting case, ornamented with genuine diamonds—with fine Elgin or Waltham movement—real value $40.00—OUR SALE PRICE WILL BE

$19.95

Ladies' 14k solid gold U. S. assay, Hunting Case Watch, beautifully hand engraved, with choice of fine Elgin or Waltham movement—a splendid time piece—actual value $35.00—sale price

$17.98

Thousands of Sterling Silver Novelties

Sterling Silver Tea Spoons, 49c.

Sterling Silver 925—1000 fine, every article guaranteed as herein stated.

3-piece Desk Set, regular price $1, go at 49c
3-piece Manicure Set 29c
Sterling Files and Buttoners, each 15c
Sterling Silver Back Dressing Combs, real value $2.00, go at 29c
The largest and best Shoe Horns, Files, Cuticules, Shoe Buttoners, real value $1.25, go at 49c
Silverware in endless variety—Hundreds of useful articles, such as Cake Baskets, Butter Dishes, Nut Bowls, Dinner Castors, Berry Dishes, Bon Bons, Pickle Castors—every article warranted quadruple plated—real value $3 go at $1.25
See our quadruple plated gold lined hand engraved Tea Set, real value $8.00, consisting of Tea Pot, Sugar, Cream-er and Spooner, sale price $2.98
Our regular $6.00 Baking Dish, quadruple plated, hand burnished, porcelain center. This is one of our special Christmas offerings—remember only 50 of them and they go at $2.48.
Rogers' 12dwt Knives or Forks $1.19
Rogers' A1 Tea Spoons, for 6 ..... 65c
Table Spoons, for 6 ..... $1.29

Grand Book Sale.

QUO VADIS—on sale **13c**

The authorized unabridged translation on sale Thursday.

1,000 sets of elegant works on sale, including Irving's, Dicken's, Dumas', Hugo's, etc.

The New Oxford only 17c

Teachers' elegant $5.00 bibles on sale at

98c

A Grand Assortment of Holiday Books.

Sensational Linen Sale

Dresser scarfs, hemstitched, size 15x66 worth $2.00, at 98c.

Stand covers, hemstitched, size 5-4, worth $3.00, at $1.98.

Pattern cloths with border all around, 2 yards long, worth $3.00, at $1.75.

Fine tablecloths, 12 napkins to match, worth $5.00, at $2.75.

100 double satin damask table patterns, slightly soiled, worth $8.00 and $10.00, at $3.75 and $4.50. Examine.

500 dozen all linen napkins, worth $1.75, at 98c dozen.

6-4 tapestry tablecover, worth $1.25, at 69c each.

Large size bedspread, Marseilles pattern, worth $1.50, at 85c.

72-inch damask table linen, worth $1.00, at 69c yard.

Damask towels, hemstitched and fine drawn work, worth $1.25 at 65c.

Extra heavy damask towels, knotted fringe, size 25x52, worth 50c at 25c.

500 dozen huck and damask towels worth 15c and 17c at 10c.

60-inch Turkey red table damask, fast colors, worth 50c, at 22½c.

SILKS as Christmas Presents

Silk waist or dress, the most appropriate of Christmas gifts. Be sure to attend the most extraordinary Christmas silk sale in Omaha. Leading silk department. Commencing Thursday morning at 8 o'clock we will sell your choice of 250 waist patterns of 4 yards fancy silk, in all new styles and colorings, pattern worth $3.25; sale price **$1.95**

350 waist patterns of 4 yards, most handsome brocade, taffetas, large and small designs, in two-toned effects, considered the height of fashion, pattern worth $4.10; our special sale price only **$2.35**

375 waist patterns, plain black, satin, Duchesse, of four yards, a most excellent quality, extra fine finish, and guaranteed to wear; waist pattern worth $4.00; sale price only **$2.75**

200 skirt patterns, consisting of 8 yards of changeable taffetas, in all the latest combinations, one of the best qualities made and worth per skirt pattern $6.50; sale price only **$4.69**

175 silk black dress patterns, consisting of 12 yards of a very fine grade of plain black Peau de Soie, or a superb brocade, gro grain, in an elegant collection of styles; these silks are warranted to wear and are worth per pattern $12.50; our grand special sale price only **$6.98**

Fine All Wool Black Dress Goods

For Christmas Presents—

7 yards all wool Henrietta, 42 inches wide; 7 yards of all wool French Serge, 46 inches wide, extra good qualities, worth $3.98 per suit, our Christmas price only, per suit $2.75.

A full suit of 7 yards 46-inch wide of all wool silk finished Henrietta; 7 yards of all wool French Serge, 47 inches wide, and 7 yards of all wool Storm Serge, 46 inches wide; any of these suits are worth $6.50, our Christmas price only, per suit, $3.50.

7 yards of the very finest silk finished Henrietta, double warp, 46 inches wide, very rich luster and extra heavy, worth $12.00 per suit, our Christmas price only, per suit, $6.98.

TO OUR OUT-OF-TOWN CUSTOMERS—

We cannot cut samples of these special-priced goods for Christmas presents, but all open mail orders filled at these prices, and if not satisfactory, money will be refunded.

Ladies' and Gent's Furnishings

SPECIAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

2,000 doz. Men's fine white linen handkerchiefs, large size, worth 12½c, at 8c.
200 doz. men's colored bosom shirts, in all the latest patterns, at 39c.
500 doz Men's fine satin suspenders, in all colors, at 50c.
1,000 doz. Men's fine white initial handkerchiefs, lined, at 12½c.
1,000 doz. Men's teck ties, in colors, 15c.
500 doz. Men's silk and wool mufflers, 50c.
500 doz. Men's and boys' sweaters, at 50c, 75c, $1.00.
10 cases Men's fine merino sox, 12½c.
25 cases Men's fine wool fleeced and wool shirts and drawers, worth 75c and $1.00, at 50c.
500 doz. Men's working gloves and mittens, 25c.
500 doz. Children's wool mittens, 10c.
500 doz. Ladies' 4-button and two-clasp kid gloves, 75c.
1,000 doz. ladies' white feather fans, worth $1.00, at 25c.
500 doz Ladies' double wool mittens, 25c.
10 cases Ladies' fleece lined hose, 10c.
500 doz. Children's fleece lined vests and pants, 25c.
10 cases Children's bicycle hose, 15c.
500 doz. Ladies' corsets, black, drab and colored, 49c.

Haydens' Pure Candies

Fresh Every 10 Minutes.

New assortment of Exposition candy canes, (others ask 5c for them), only 2½c.

Pure fruit flavors, Chewing gum, 2½c.

Large boxes made to represent bricks, filled with a very fancy assortment of candies, 9c.

Almond Bars, pure Jordan almonds, 5c.

Mixed Candies, all pure fruit juice flavors. We make 'em—they are the finest made, 7½c, 8½c, 10c and 12½c pound.

Yankee Peanut Bar, per pound, 15c.

Extra Fancy Candies

You can choose your own mixture of the following candies, all hand made, goods very tempting and delicious:

One pound lace boxes, decorated, 25c.

Opera creams, vanilla chocolates, Italian chocolates, cream almonds, lemon chocolates and vanilla cream wafers, black walnut, finest box bons, stuffed butter cups, cocoanut balls, and maple cocoanut. You can't get such an assortment anywhere for less than 60c. Come in and see them. We know you'll be pleased.

The Pure Food Department.

You'll be well pleased with the goods.

3-lb. cans California Apricots, 9½c.
3-lb. cans California Peaches, 9½c.
2-lb. cans early blossom peas, 5c.
9 bars Cudahays Diamond C soap for 25c.
All other brands, 10 bars for 25c.
3-lb. cans New England baked beans ready for immediate use, preserved in tomato sauce, only 10c.
3-lb. cans good baked beans, 6¾c.
New yellow evaporated peaches only 6½c.
20-ounce glass of assorted jams only 12½c.
Fresh selected Rio coffee only 8½c.
Santos & Peaberry coffee only 12½c.
Fancy sun dried Japan tea (new crop), 17½c.
New California prunes, per pound, 3½c.
Ivory soap (others ask 5c) per bar 3¾c.
Pure Castile Soap, one day only, 2½c.

At the Pure Food Department,
HAYDENS'

Music

THESE PRICES TELL THE WHOLE STORY—THIS WEEK ONLY—

Mandolin cases (canvass) $1.00
Guitar cases (canvass) $1.25
Banjo cases (canvass) $1.25
Mandolin cases—sole leather $3.85
Guitar cases—sole leather $4.85
Autoharp, 3-bar, $1.50 to $2.25
Autoharps, 5 bar $3.75

MANDOLIN AND GUITARS.

$2.95 up to the price of the finest Washburn instrument—the excellence of which admit of no reduction in price—Frohm banjos and band instruments at ½ the price usually asked anywhere else.

SHEET MUSIC.

including all the latest popular pieces of strictly popular prices.

10,000 different selections at 5c and 10c per copy.

NEW PIANOS FOR RENT.

Music rolls, 35c, 45c, 50c, 75c up to $5.00.

Pianos.

Why don't you buy one of those beautiful new Emerson Pianos which we offer this week at only ..... $175.00.

We are also offering new VOSE & SONS, at ..... $195.00.

We have other brand new pianos direct from the factories at $125.00, $155.00, $185.00 and so on up to the price of the Chickering, Steinway and Fischer pianos, which are the three leading pianos of America.

NEW PIANOS FOR RENT.

Pianos moved, tuned and repaired.

Piano stools $1.75

HAYDEN BROTHERS.

Selling Cheaper Because We sell the most

DARKEY LIFE ON THE MIDWAY

Arrangements for Depiction of a Strictly American Feature.

COTTON FIELD, QUARTERS AND THEATERS

Afro-American Village to Represent the Negro Before the War and the Progress He Has Made Since.

A water color drawing of the Afro-American village which is to form one of the principal attractions on the Midway of the exposition has been received by George B. Haynes, one of the members of the company which has the concession for this attraction.

The Afro-American village will be located on the bluff tract near the north end. It will be opposite the Street of Cairo and its main front will face the west along the broad avenue running from the Grand Plaza to the viaduct leading to the north tract. The ground occupied by this village will be divided into two parts by a line running east and west about in the center. The north section will illustrate the condition of the negro in ante-bellum days, and the southern section will illustrate the progress made by the race since the extinction of slavery.

The north section will comprise a typical southern plantation. There will be a cotton field with the plants in full growth and the pickers pulling the fleecy balls from the pods and placing it in the bags hung from the shoulders, afterward emptying it into the storehouse, where it is put through the gin and baled for market. The little log cabins constituting "the quarters" will be shown in the most realistic manner, true to life in every detail. The old-fashioned chimneys built of sticks and clay will add to the picturesqueness of the cabins, which will be grouped about the sides of the enclosure. In the center will be the house where "the voodoo doctor" will dispense his mysterious charms, guaranteed to bring good luck and keep off all evil spirits. A central pavilion will afford an opportunity for the "bucks and wenches" to show their accomplishments in the way of dancing; the buck and wing dance, the hoe down, cake walk and various other terpsichorean novelties to these people will be in full blast at all times.

The southern section of the village will be devoted to buildings in which will be shown the advancement made by the race in the quarter century since the shackles of slavery were removed. A restaurant will form one of the attractions, where visitors may procure fine examples of delicious southern cooking. A handsome structure will be devoted to a minstrel show, where the most prominent colored minstrels will give a continuous performance. A more imposing structure will be devoted to the drama and opera. In the latter will appear some of the most noted singers in the world as well as the foremost actors. Other structures will be occupied by exhibits illustrating the mechanical ability and ingenuity of the colored race. All of these last named buildings will be constructed of staff in attractive designs and will form a desirable addition to the architecture of the Midway.

ITCHING SKIN DISEASES

SPEEDY CURE TREATMENT for torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, and scaly skin and scalp diseases with loss of hair.—Warm baths with CUTICURA SOAP, gentle applications of CUTICURA (ointment), and full doses of CUTICURA RESOLVENT, greatest of blood purifiers and humor cures

Cuticura

is sold throughout the world. POTTER DRUG & CHEM. CORP., Sole Props., Boston. "How to Cure Itching Skin Diseases," free.

RED ROUGH HANDS Softened and Beautified by CUTICURA SOAP.

TRIP TO THE SOUTH IN VIEW.

Another Advertising Excursion is Being Worked Up at Present.

The Department of Publicity is now negotiating with W. H. Green, who managed the excursion to Texas, to take charge of another party which will make a tour of the southern and southeastern states for the purpose of arousing the enthusiasm of the people of those sections and inducing them to take an active part in the exposition.

The plan for this venture, as at present contemplated, is on a more elaborate scale than the trip to Texas. It is proposed to have a special train, consisting of a baggage car, a dining car and two sleepers. The train will run on special time, allowing stops to be made wherever desirable and the diner will obviate the necessity of stopping for meals. The baggage car will be stocked with advertising matter and extra baggage of the party.

The itinerary now contemplated is about as follows: Starting from Omaha, St. Louis will be the first important stop and public meetings would be held, addressed by able speakers accompanying the party. Continuing south, short stops will be made at the smaller towns and advertising matter thoroughly distributed all along the line. The next important stop will be at Memphis, then to Little Rock and from there to New Orleans. From here the route would include Mobile, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Savannah, Augusta, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Louisville, Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, O., Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Bloomington, Springfield, Ill., Keokuk, Davenport, Des Moines, Omaha.

The trip will occupy about two weeks or a little longer. Manager Rosewater and Mr. Green are working out the details of the trip and preparations will be completed as rapidly as possible. It will not be practicable to organize such a trip before some time early in January. The arrangement of the details will be largely in the hands of Mr. Green.

Sentiment in Maryland.

Mrs. Fanny Dailey Markland of Oakland, Md., is the commissioner representing the exposition in Maryland, and she is doing a great deal of active work in promoting the exposition among the people of her state. She has the matter well in hand, and has hopes of securing an appropriation from the legislature to enable the state to make an exhibit of its resources. Among other things, Mrs. Markland is sending private letters to all parts of the state, asking the recipients if they are willing that the legislature should make an appropriation for a state exhibit. In this way a strong sentiment is being worked up which may result in a creditable exhibit by Maryland.

Mrs. Markland is a sister of the wife of the late General Crook, and has taken a great interest in the exposition since its inception.

Fire Department Installed.

The fire house in the main court has been completed and Chemical company No. 2, from Twenty-fourth and Cuming streets, was ordered this morning to take up its quarters on the exposition grounds. The house is a comfortable place, well built and easily heated by a large stove. There are bunks for four men and stalls for two horses. The company assigned to occupy the house consists of three men, two horses and a chemical engine with two twenty-five-gallon tanks. The house stands on the south side of the lagoon, just west of Twentieth street. The entrance faces north, being directly opposite the temporary bridge spanning the lagoon at this point.

For an Advertising Car.

At the meeting of the executive committee yesterday afternoon Managers Rosewater and Babcock of the Publicity and Transportation departments, respectively, were authorized to make a contract with C. E. Thurman for placing on the road an advertising car which will distribute advertising matter in profusion. Mr. Thurman proposes to have a car elaborately decorated with large pictures, 8x10 feet, on each side of the car, showing the birdseye view of the exposition and the main buildings. This car will be filled with pictures and printed matter descriptive of the exposition. Commencing about February 1, Mr. Thurman will have this car hauled over all the railroads within 500 miles of Omaha, making frequent stops, at which the men employed for the purpose will thoroughly distribute the printed matter. By this means the country surrounding Omaha will be thoroughly covered with exposition literature, millions of pieces being disposed of in this way.

MANY SHACKS IN KOUNTZE PLACE.

Vicinity of the Exposition Grounds Being Temporarily Built Up.

One result of the location of the exposition grounds in Kountze Place which is giving the residents of that populous district considerable food for thought is the erection of a number of small frame shacks on vacant lots near the ground. These are erected by people who secure a short lease of the ground and put up a temporary building in which they install a restaurant or a cigar store or some other business which yields a cash revenue. There are already several of these in the immediate vicinity of the exposition grounds, and others are in prospect. Two have been erected on Sherman avenue just south of the main court and another is in course of construction. One is occupied by a restaurant and the other by a cigar store. On Twentieth street a similar structure has been erected within a few feet of the main entrance to the exposition grounds. This is occupied as a restaurant by parties who came here from the Nashville exposition for the purpose.

A move was recently made to induce the city council to change the fire limits so as to include this part of the city from now until the exposition closes, thereby effectually stopping the erection of such fire traps. The exposition management urged the passage of such an ordinance on account of the danger to the exposition buildings by the close proximity of such buildings, but no favorable action has yet been taken and the erection of these "shacks" goes merrily on.

Work on Illinois Building.

Work has been started on the Illinois building on the Bluff tract. The engineering force of the exposition set the stakes yesterday morning and the pile driver is on the ground ready to commence work. William Goldie & Sons have the contract for this building which will occupy a ground space 136x105 feet in dimensions. The main entrances will face east and west, the long axis of the building running north and south on the line of the long axis of the Nebraska building. The building will stand across Pinckney street, being directly opposite the entrance to the Bluff tract now in use.

Notes of the Exposition.

Bids for the construction of the Power building will be opened at the office of the Department of Buildings and Grounds December 28.

The Department of Buildings and Grounds now has the plans for the colonnades which will be erected at either side of the Administration building, affording covered passageways to both the Mines and Agriculture buildings. Bids will be invited at once for the construction of these colonnades.

Indicted for Jury Bribing.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—The special grand jury today returned an indictment against Ross W. Latshaw, charged with attempting to bribe a venireman in the Dr. J. D. Goddard murder trial. Hardly had the report been returned when Latshaw, who is an ex-justice of the peace and a prominent politician, entered the courtroom, pleaded not guilty and asked for as early a hearing as possible. The date was fixed at January 10 and Latshaw was released on $750 bond. Latshaw's brother was one of Goddard's counsel and the indicted man is alleged to have endeavored to hang the jury.

Coughs and colds. Those who are suffering from coughs, colds, sore throat, etc., should try Brown's Bronchial Troches. Sold only in boxes.

ELECTRICIANS HAVE A KICK

Complain of a Rule Adopted by the Exposition Directory.

LOCAL MEN SAY THEY ARE SHUT OUT

Were Figuring on Getting Lots of Work, but Find They Are in a Good Way to Get None at All.

The dealers and firms in this city who handle electrical appliances and work connected therewith are rising in arms against the exposition directory on the grounds that the latter has effectually debarred them from securing any of the work of wiring or fitting up the exposition grounds or buildings with electric lights.

There is a goodly lot of work to be done on the grounds in an electric light way, since it is estimated that some 700 arc lights and 14,000 incandescent lights will be put in. As a consequence the electricians figured on making some money in supplying the necessary material and appliances and by putting them in place.

The first blow came when the exposition directory commenced to figure on the wiring that was used at the Nashville and other expositions, on the grounds of economy. The electricians, however, did not protest against this, if by this plan the exposition people could secure the necessary material cheaper than if they bought it new. They still figured that they would secure benefit by putting the wiring in.

It has been discovered, however, that by one of the rules of the directory this will be impossible. This rule provides that all the wiring and work of installing the electric light system shall be done by the exposition company at a fixed price. This rule is being assailed with vigor. In the first place it is contended that it is unjust to the local dealers and to the exhibitors both. The former are knocked out of business they expected and the latter are compelled to pay a higher price for the work than if local companies were allowed to compete for the business.

A meeting of representatives of all the local dealers was held at the Commercial club yesterday afternoon. After talking over the situation a committee, consisting of G. W. Johnston, B. McInnerney and A. Thurby, was appointed to see Manager Kirkendall of the Department of Buildings and Grounds. The committee and Mr. Kirkendall met later in the afternoon, but no conclusion was reached. Mr. Kirkendall said that he was not aware that such a rule was in existence and could promise no relief. The electrical men will meet again this afternoon in the Commercial club for the purpose of passing a resolution asking the exposition directory to rescind its rule.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

Petty Thievery.

Maud Raymond was arrested last night for the larceny of a fur collar from the store of John Urbanzyck, 320 South Fifteenth street. She confessed the theft, implicating also John Kenzie, who was arrested. While she engaged Mrs. Urbanzyck in a parley regarding furs, she states that Kenzie made away with the garment. The collar has not been recovered.

James Smith was arrested last night by Special Officer Pickard for the larceny of a washboard and several bolts of outing flannel from the store of Charles Heintz, Nineteenth and Vinton streets. He had the goods in his possession when he was captured.

VOTING FOR QUEEN POLARIS.

Total Returns in the Popular Contest Up Till Wednesday Night.

Following is the result of the vote in the contest for Queen Polaris up till Wednesday night:

Anna McNamara	21,800	Clara Clarkson	226
Mildred Stephenson	11,851	Delia Jones	196
Anna Heywood	10,951	Abbie Gray	187
Maggie Foley	7,891	Ella Hale	184
Birdie Auerswald	6,628	Maud Johnson	184
Ella Robinson	4,365	Kate McVittie	184
Georgia Krug	3,835	Fannie Nielson	183
Mabel Nelson	2,815	Mina Andres	182
Jennie Graham	2,641	Mary Stay	175
Marie Susteric	2,519	Emelia Stuben	162
Freda Lang	2,304	D. Frederickson	160
Edith Miner	2,046	Helen Hoagland	158
Emma Brau	2,529	Theresa Minikus	156
Agnes Myers	2,340	Sadie Cain	152
Nellie Kline	2,256	Lena Krug	144
Flossie Romain	1,234	Anna Nordwall	143
Cora Batiste	2,217	Clara Huva	142
Anna Fall	2,016	Zena Watson	142
Marie Woodard	1,584	Nettie Loudon	140
Blanch Humphrey	1,394	Ann Steger	138
Amy Gernhart	1,290	Sadie Hummel	134
		May Faber	132
Lottie Shalda	1,156	Cora Strait	132
Florence Hazard	1,128	Flora Webster	132
Mae Bartlett	830	Birdie Powell	12
Mabel Taylor	710	Dora Raapke	123
Hallie Weed	636	Mrs. M. J. Franek	120
Mrs. H. R. Coryell	729	Katharine Hamlin	119
Maud Vaughn	691	Zelma Fleming	118
Emily Wareham	650	Margaret Curtis	112
Helen Millard	623	Harriet Hornsby	107
Mattie Humes	615	Georgia Tenney	103
Eloise Couchman	575	Floy Jones	102
Beulah Fleming	562	Mrs. G. S. Moore	100
Minnie Neale	551	May Hamlin	99
Jeannette Gregg	535	Florence Rathrick	93
Florence Fitchie	481	Louise Metz	92
Martha Hildebrand	480	Ella Dodson	91
Selma Epenetter	479	Clara Palmer	87
Dell Axtell	416	Thora Lindstrom	86
Bessie Vodrasha	408	Jennie Frost	80
Nellie Gregg	436	Lena Hartigan	80
Blanch Craig	429	Alberta Woods	80
Sadie Stone	424	Emma Peeman	79
Florence Singer	349	Sadie Maguire	76
Florence Campion	340	Luella Pegan	73
Clara Redinger	336	Esther Lindstrom	71
Lulie Aeshleman	329	Anna Ashwith	70
Nora McAroo	326	Mrs. M. F. Avery	69
Florence Vivian	316	Emma Jahn	66
Blanch Lowe	309	Suzanna Walker	63
Pauline Lowe	301	Kate Holloway	63
Elizabeth Phillips	284	Josie Stemm	61
Clara Lorenzen	276	Sadie Alexander	60
Laura Moore	264	Emma Johnson	60
Daisy Barker	258	Hannah Raphael	57
Mabel Packard	252	Winnifred Howe	56
Lena Segelke	252	Eva Sayles	56
Anna Raca	251	Flora Stemm	56
Mrs. H. B. Mulford	242	Hannah Kopaid	55
Wenonah James	241	Mrs. Burns	53
Lucy Farrar	237		

CARNIVAL AND LAGOON NOTES.

The toboggan slide at the Lagoon was inaugurated in the regulation style last evening by a jolly party of ladies and gentlemen who wished to experience the sensation of dropping off a building without the usual danger attending such feats. The Misses Jessie Dickinson, Woolworth Yates, Curtis, Mount, Peck, Shiverick and Wakeley were escorted by Messrs. R. Patrick, J. Patrick, Corwin, Barker, Palmer, Kountze, Dr. Crummer and Dick Berlin, and all had an exciting and enjoyable time, with only a few upsets which only helped to make the experience more amusing. They all voted the toboggan a source of much pleasure.

The change in the prices at the exposition grounds for the Ice Carnival sports is giving the best of satisfaction—only one admission, 15 cents—is now charged at the gates, which gives one ride on the toboggan slide and free admission to the ice. The ice is kept in the best possible condition, the grounds are lighted with arc lights at night, and everything possible is done to make things pleasant for the patrons.

The "Scots" are making arrangements to start their curling club. A meeting of all interested in curling is called for Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Hotel Millard, at which time it is hoped that enough will attend to form at least two rinks. The management of the ice carnival are ready to put in a curling rink just as soon as the club is organized. The Scotchmen of Grand Island are taking considerable interest in curling, and are ready to send a team here to compete for prizes.

The Republican of West Point figures that there will not be less than 1,000 excursionists come to Omaha with the Maid of Honor, escorted by the Cadet Band for the Ice Carnival in January.

Colonel Fredericks visited the toboggan slide last evening decked out in one of those comfortable Canadian toques, which are becoming the proper thing for cold weather.

FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS.

The announcement made in yesterday's Bee caused a flutter among every child in Omaha. Monday is the day for fun and all the children will be made welcome at the exposition grounds for a skate on that fine Lagoon rink and a slide down the big toboggan slide. The ice is theirs on that day, but of course the grown folks will be made welcome, too, although they will be charged the regular admission fee. The fun they will see will be worth ten times the price of admission.

Remember that the voting contest closes December 31 at 6 p. m.

The one way fare for the round trip on the railroads for excursionists who wish to visit Omaha during carnival week will go into effect January 18.

HYMENEAL.

Thorn-Stillson.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. Matthew R. Stillson arrived in the city from St. Paul Saturday evening, and soon afterward Albert Thorn of Pierre came in and registered at the same hotel. The couple met, and after exchanging greetings took a stroll about the city. Sunday afternoon they called at the Presbyterian parsonage, where Rev. Mr. Brodie of Miller joined them in holy wedlock. They returned to Pierre on Monday to surprise their friends in that city.

Double Wedding.

WEST POINT, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Fred Meier of this county and Miss Emma Wolfslager of Snyder were united in marriage this forenoon by Justice Mewis.

Mr. Reimer Mundt and Miss Nettie Zarmsdorf were united in marriage this forenoon at the home of the bride's parents in this city, Rev. Tonat officiating. Only the relatives of the contracting parties were present.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says, "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles.

Early Morning Fire.

The blacksmith shop of I. F. Nelson, 515 South Thirteenth street, was partially consumed by fire at 1 o'clock this morning. The blaze started from a coal oil stove used for heating purposes in a back room occupied by Miner Roberts. Roberts escaped, half-choked with smoke. The loss was $300.

Was It a Joke?

I. W. Emmer, a salesman of jewelry, raised a disturbance in a Douglas street hotel last night by claiming that a sample case containing $800 worth of watches and diamonds had been stolen. He claimed that he had put it in the clerk's charge and returned after supper to find it gone. Detectives worked on the case for some time and finally discovered the missing grip in a wash room. It is not known whether the concealment was meant for a practical joke or an attempt to eventually carry the grip away.

FORECAST FOR TODAY'S WEATHER.

Fair and Warmer, with Northwesterly Winds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Forecast for Thursday:

For Nebraska and South Dakota—Fair; warmer in eastern portions; northwesterly winds.

For Iowa—Generally fair; warmer; west to southwest winds.

For Missouri—Fair; warmer; westerly winds.

For Kansas—Fair; northwesterly winds.

For Wyoming—Fair; warmer; variable winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 22.—Omaha record of rainfall and temperature compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.
Maximum temperature	19	48	37	37
Minimum temperature	2	35	20	25
Average temperature	10	42	32	32
Rainfall	.04	.00	.03	.00

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1897:

Normal for the day 27
Deficiency for the day 17
Accumulated excess since March 1 ..... .245
Normal rainfall for the day ..... .02 inch
Excess for the day ..... .02 inch
Total rainfall since March 1 ..... 19.79 inches
Deficiency since March 1 ..... 10.15 inches
Excess for cor. period, 1896 ..... 4.94 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1895 ..... 10.70 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

Seventy-fifth meridian time.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature.	Highest yesterday.	Lowest last night.	Precipitation.
Omaha, cloudy	34	19	T	
North Platte, clear	23	44	.00	
Salt Lake City, clear	20	32	.00	
Cheyenne, clear	30	54	.00	
Rapid City, clear	4	50	.00	
Huron, cloudy	20	26	T	
Chicago, clear	6	10	.00	
Williston, clear	14	28	.00	
St. Louis, cloudy	26	28	T	
St. Paul, cloudy	8	8	.00	
Davenport, clear	4	8	.00	
Helena, clear	24	28	.00	
Kansas City, partly cloudy	24	38	.00	
Havre, clear	40	40	.00	
Bismarck, cloudy	14	22	T	
Galveston, raining	42	44	.00	

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official.

AN OPEN LETTER To MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher *on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought, and has the signature of* Chas. H. Fletcher *on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.*

March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher M.D.

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