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WANTED—SITUATIONS.

A STENOGRAPHER. When you want one please call up the Remington typewriter office, 1619 Farnam street, telephone 1573. A—502

WANTED, job by young man to tend furnace, work in kitchen and can do cooking. Address T 51, Bee. A—516-29*

WANTED, on a ranch, situation as housekeeper or cook by woman, experienced and competent. T 44, Bee. A—M454 29*

WANTED, place in private family to work for board and room by young man who goes to school. Address T 52, Bee. A—M551 27*

WANTED—MALE HELP.

WANTED, we have steady work for a few good hustlers of good habits and appearance. C. F. Adams Co., 1619 Howard St. B—503

WE WANT MEN to sell our Minnesota grown stock in northern Iowa and northeastern Nebraska; complete line of hardy fruits, ornamental trees, shrubs, plants and evergreens; men with or without experience, whose present employment does not pay them in proportion to the amount of energy th y are expending, should get acquainted with our line of work. Address Manager Agency Department, The Jewell Nursery Co., Lake City, Minn. (Established in 1868.)" B—M489 D28

WANTED, medicine salesman agents to travel, country; pleasant, profitable work. Marshall Medicine Co., Kansas City, Mo. B—616 D29

WE TEACH the barber trade thoroughly in short time and furnish each graduate with a guaranteed position at good wages. There are more than ten barber positions advertised to one at bookkeeping or shorthand. Write for free catalogue and particulars. Western Barbers' Institute, Omaha. B—M622

CASH for acceptable ideas. State if patented. Address The Patent Record, Baltimore, Md. B—M827

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AN intelligent young man to take a shorthand scholarship and pay for it when he has finished the course and secured a position. Address T 32, Bee. B—M415

WANTED, for permanent office position, three thoroughly competent men with not less than one year's experience, to hire and school by correspondence or personal interview and keep at work book or life insurance salesmen. We also wish to employ one each thoroughly competent bookkeeper and correspondent. Good salary to thoroughly competent men of good habits. Address quick, giving age, experience, references, salary expected, date when could begin, also forward photograph, which will be returned. W. F. Main Co., Iowa City, Ia. B—M461 29*

WANTED—Men to learn barber trade; 500 positions at $60 monthly waiting our graduates; new field; can earn tuition; two months completes; all information with handsome 1900 souvenir mailed free. Moler Barber College, Chicago, Ill. B—476—29*

SALESMAN wanted to sell complete line of lubricating oils, weather-proof paints and greases; liberal salary to reliable man. The Champion Refining Co., Cleveland, Ohio. B—M570 1

BOYLE'S College, Bee Bldg., furnishes places for students who desire it to work for board while in attendance. B—577

WANTED, a steady clerk who is willing to begin at low salary and advance as he learns the details of the tea and coffee business. Address T 53, Bee. B—M587 28*

WANTED, traveling salesmen to carry side line for Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Colorado. Good percentage for orders. Inquire only at 1614 Izard st. A. Hospe. B—M585 31

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

WANTED, 200 girls. 1524 Dodge. Tel. 876. C—504

AN intelligent lady to take a shorthand scholarship and pay for it when she finishes the course and secures a position. Address T 38, care Bee. C—M417

THOROUGHLY experienced saleslad!es; none other need apply. Superintendent, People's Store. C—431—

FOR RENT—HOUSES.

IF YOU want your houses well rented place them with Benewa & Co. D—505

CHOICE houses, cottages, stores. Henry B. Payne, 601 N. Y. Life. 'Phone, 1016. D—506

FINE residence, choice location, 11 rooms, all modern; excellent stable. Bemis, Paxton block. D—507

HOUSES, stores. Bemis, Paxton block. D—508

MAGGARD Van and Storage. 1616 Capitol Ave. Tel. 1496. D—509

FOR RENT, houses in all parts of city. The O. F. Davis Co., 1505 Farnam street. D—510

GOOD large barn for rent in north part of city. Inquire 2124 Locust. U—103

HOUSES for rent in all parts of the city. Brennan-Love Co., 219 So. 16th street. D—513

HOUSES for rent. J. H. Sherwood, 423 N. Y. Life. Phone 388. D—515

FOR RENT, desirable houses and flats. Ringwalt, Barker block. D—M863

8-ROOM elegant apartments in Normandie, $55.00; 6-room, all-modern cottage, newly papered and in fine shape, $25.00. We have many others. Payne-Harder Co., 1st floor N. Y. Life Bldg. D—M801

LARGEST list. F. D. Wead, 16 & Douglas. D—456-D28

HOUSES to rent. Patterson, 305 N. Y. Life. D—516

HOUSE for rent at 1152 Park ave., all modern. Apply 2130 So. 33d st. Tel 1227. D—157

FOR RENT, 8-room house, all modern conveniences, opposite Hanscom park. 1529 Park ave. Inquire 2130 S. 33rd or telephone 1227. D—M167

VERY pleasant appartment or flat of 6 rooms and bath; good location and good home. M. J. Kennard & Son., Suit 310, Brown Block. D—591

FOR RENT, 552 So. 28th, 7 rooms, modern, $30; 3007 Webster, 7 rooms, bath; 2222 N. 18th, 6 rooms, barn, large yard; 841 So. 19th, 4 rooms; also flats. Ringwalt Bros., Barker Blk. D—287

FOR RENT—2306 Capitol ave.; 9-room modern house; nearly papered; large yard. The Byron Reed Co., 212 S. 14th St. D 467—29

FIVE-ROOM cottage, convenient, well and cistern water; 2604 Blondo street; 8. Apply at 607 N. 19th st. D—517

FOR RENT, 7-room house and barn, modern, except furnace. 2205 Farnam St., $20. JOHN W. ROBBINS, 1802 Farnam. D—424 31

FOR RENT—3-story brick building, excellent location for market or wholesale liquors. R. C. Peters & Co., 1702 Farnam. D—M568 27

FURNISHED—10-room modern house in west Farnam district, with barn. If you want to try housekeeping it is all ready. Including good girl who will stay with a small family. Will rent for winter or possibly longer to good party. Address T 46, Bee. D—550 26*

FOR RENT, steam-heated flat, on 2d floor of Davidge bldg; references required. JOHN W. ROBBINS, 1802 FARNAM ST. D—M582

NICKEL PLATING.

SKATES hollowground, all kinds of plating. Omaha Plating Co., Bee Bldg. 535

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS.

FURNISHED rooms, housekeeping. 2623 St. Mary's. E—M405 28*

EVERYTHING heart can wish for at the Brunswick, low prices included. E—M479 D28

FURNISHED ROOMS AND BOARD.

THE Merriam family hotel, 25th and Dodge. F—518

FURNISHED rooms and board. 2615 Douglas st. F—M806

EVERYTHING heart can wish for at the Brunswick, low prices included. F—M172

618 S. 19TH, desirable rooms and board. F—M235 J14*

DESIRABLE furnished room; modern conveniences; private family. 702 So. 29th. F 464—27 *

DESIRABLE rooms, first-class board. 2584 Harney. F—M564 27*

DESIRABLE south room for gentleman. Board, steam. 202 No. 18th. F—M579 29*

FOR RENT—STORES AND OFFICES.

FOR RENT, store in first-class location; rent reasonable. Apply R. C. Peters & Co., ground floor, Bee Bldg. I—266

FOR RENT, a ground floor office, specially suitable for real estate, etc., splendid vault built for use of city treasurer. Apply R. C. Peters & Co., ground floor Bee Building. I—267

FOR RENT—Brick warehouse, two floors, each 60x90 ft. power elevators; U. P. trackage. Apply Haarmann Bros., 1914 S. 20th. I—651

SIXTEENTH and Jackson sts., on Jan. 1, corner store and basement, $50 a month. Inquire at the Brunswick hotel. I—M170

FOR RENT, two-story brick building, 1313 and 1315 Harney St., good livery barn or warehouse; low rent. JOHN W. ROBBINS, 1802 Farnam. I—423 31

FOURTEENTH and Dodge streets, Sw. corner, three story and basement, brick; part or all. John N. Frenzer, Opp. old P. O. I—M566

AGENTS WANTED.

CAPABLE men and women can make good wages selling our "Quick Meal Cooker and Heater," or "Quick Kindler." (Substitutes for kindling coal.) Agents allowed liberal commission and exclusive territory. Write for particulars or inclose $1 for samples. Bennett Manufacturing Co., 134 Van Buren St., Chicago. J—856

AGENTS wanted for Our New Wonderlands, most magnificent low-priced and grandly successful new book; over 300 superb illustrations; outsells everything; for extra terms, wonderfully successful new sale plan and price secret address, stating experience, if any. The Crowell & Kirkpatrick Co., Springfield, Ohio. J—572-26*

SUBSCRIPTION agents, greatest moneymaker for 1900; $5 to $15 day easily; Paris Exposition Illustrated as we did the World's fair; greatest seller of the century; apply at once for territory and inclose 5 stamps for sample book and instructions; mention this paper. Address Campbell's Illustrated Journal, Chicago. J—M586 27

STORAGE.

PACIFIC Storage and Warehouse Co., 912-914 Jones, general storage and forwarding. 517

WANTED—TO BUY.

ALL kinds of household goods, hotels, etc., in large or small quantities. Chicago Furniture Co., 1406-10 Dodge. Tel. 2020. N—518

WILL purchase a limited number of Omaha Savings Bank accounts. Brennan-Love Co., 219 S. 16th St. N—519

WANTED, to buy, a restaurant outfit. People's Store, 16th and Farnam. N—M249

5 CAR loads at once of furniture. Drop a card and a man will call. J. Levine, 304 N. 16th. N—474-D27

AMERICAN dealer; buy secondhand furniture and stoves 1719 Cuming. Tel. 1673. N—M984-J-9

WANTED, to buy, a large, second-hand, fireproof safe. Midland Glass and Paint Co., 1408 Harney St. N—M583 29

FOR SALE—FURNITURE.

STOVES AND FURNITURE; no reasonable offer refused. Neb. Fur. Co., 1413 Dodge. O—520

WE still have a good line of second hand stoves and furniture at reduced prices. Call. J. Lewis, 104 So. 14th. O—M786 J3

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

SHIRTS to order, Kelley & Heyden. Q—521

CUTTERS of drug prices. Sherman & McConnell Drug Co., 1513 Dodge St. Q—522

PUNCTURELESS bicycle tires, Om. Bi. Co. Q—M838

CHEAPEST and best oak cribbing and hog fences. 901 Douglas St. Q—523

NEW and 2nd-hand sewing machines, reduced price. H. E. Frederickson, 15th & Dodge. Q—524

FOR SALE—Ten R-I-P-A-N-S for 5 cents at druggists. One gives relief. Q—526

B. HAAS, Florist, 1813 Vinton St. Tel. 776. Plants, cut flowers, boquets, hall, residence, wedding and grave decorations. Orders by mail or express promptly filled. Q—525

INDIAN relics; mounted heads. 1116 Farnam. Q—527

2D-HAND safe cheap. Deright, 1116 Farnam. Q—529

NEW sample sewing machines, $15. Omaha Bicycle Co. Q—M460

SAFES—Buy, sell, exchange. 114 S. 13th St. Q—528

ADVERTISING calendars. Burkley Ptg. Co. Q—M789 Dec31

FOR SALE, new and 2d-hand soda fountains; monthly payments. S. B. Richmond, P. O. Box 577. Q—M212 J13*

FOR SALE, the celebrated Wilbur Food for fattening stock; enough feeds to last one animal 1,690 days for $13.00; satisfaction guaranteed. H. A. Hill, state agent, Grand Island, Neb. Q—235 J13

POSTAGE stamps, Scott's Agency; open evenings. Frank Brown, 220½ S. 13th. Q—571-1*

OMAHA SAVINGS BANK accounts—Name your best price. T 45, Bee. Q—M545 27*

TWO MILLION FEET OF TIMBERS,
6x6, 6x8, 8x8, 10x10, 12x12, 12x14.
FROM 16-FT. TO 40-FT. LENGTHS.
CAN FURNISH ANY LENGTH DESIRED.
ADDRESS CHICAGO HOUSE WRECKING CO., EXPOSITION GROUNDS, OMAHA, NEB.
Q—883-31

$152 BUYS Steinway upright piano; good condition; cash or easy payments. Address P 10, Bee. Q—M858

FOR SALE, bargains good for Christmas presents; diamonds, watches, jewelry, musical instruments, etc. Diamond Loan Office, 1315 Douglas. Q—M257 31

MISCELLANEOUS.

NOTICE, country dealers, 2d-hand furniture & stoves at lowest prices, carload lots or less. Chicago Furniture Co., 1406-10 Dodge. R—530

CLAIRVOYANTS.

MRS. FRITZ, clairvoyant. 808 N. 16th. S—531

MME. GYLMER genuine palmist. 1605 Dodge. S—532

MASSAGE AND BATHS.

MME. AMES, R. 2, 507 S. 13; massage, baths. T—M750 J2*

BEATRICE HARLOW, elegant massage tub bath; Arabian treatment. Flat D, 703 So. 16th. T—444 27*

MME. SMITH, room 2, 118½ N. 15th. T—M544 30*

ELITE PARLORS, 615 S. 16th, upstairs; first-class baths, magnetic treatment. Lady attendants. T—M580 5*

MRS. BERRY, baths, massage. PARLORS best equipped in city; porcelain tub; lady attendants, 119 No. 16th, 2d floor. T—M584 J25

PERSONALS.

VIAVI is woman's way to health. 346 Bee Bldg. U—533

SHAMPOOING 25c, hair dressing 25c; hair and toilet goods, best equipped. Monheit, 1518 Farnam. U—534

MONHEIT, leading chiropodist. 1518 Farnam, 2d floor. U—536

PRIVATE hospital for ladies before & during confinement; babies adopted. 1136 N. 17. U—537

SCALP & hair treatment. Mme. Post, 319½ S. 15th. U—538

LIEBEN, costumer. 1313 Howard. Get catalogues. U—M841

COSTUMES—Mrs. Sack, 3318 S. 20th. Catalogue. U—M900—J-8*

SECONDHAND sewing machines from $5.00 up. Neb. Cycle Co., Cor. 15th and Harney. U—M985—J-9

DR. DAVIS, specialist, 16th and Dodge. U—191

THAT word Banitters is a new one to me, Charley. Oh, that is nothing, Mattie. Everything is NEW, nice and inexpensive at the Brunswick cafe. U—M220

DR. ROY, chiropodist; corns removed, 25c and upward. Room 12, Frenzer block. U—535

AM shipping half carload of furniture to Buffalo, N. Y.; who will share car with me. Address A. J. Agnew, 211 S. 16th st., city. U—M438 28

DRS. SIMPSON, Opticians, 1904 Farnam. U—445 28*

MONEY TO LOAN—REAL ESTATE.

$1,000 and upwards to loan on improved city property and farms. W. Farnam Smith & Co., 1320 Farnam. W—539

MONEY to loan on Nebraska and Iowa farms; lowest rates. Brennan-Love Co., 219 S. 16th, Omaha. W—540

$100 TO $2,000. F. D. Wead, 16th and Douglas. W—541

WANTED, city and farm loans; also bonds and warrants. R. C. Peters & Co., 1702 Farnam St., Bee Bldg. W—543

WRITE us if you want a loan on your farm in Iowa, eastern Neb. or Mo.; it will pay you. Anthony Loan & Trust Co., 315 N.Y.L. W—545

$100,000,000 to invest through Bankers, Brokers, Promoters; send for circular. Investors' Directory, N. Y. W—546

5 PER CENT money. Bemis, Paxton block. W—544

MONEY to loan on first-class improved city property or for building purposes. Payne-Harder Co., N. Y. Life. W—547

5, 5½, 6 per cent loans in Omaha. S. Omaha. W. H. Thomas, 503 1st Nat. bank. Tel. 1648. W—548

MONEY to loan at 5 and 5½ per cent on Omaha property. W. B. Meikle, 401 So. 15th. W—550

MONEY to loan on improved Omaha real estate. Brennan-Love Co., 319 South 16th. W—551

FIVE per cent: farm loans. Chas. E. Williamson. W—549

PRIVATE money, low rate, no delay. Garvin Bros., 1613 Farnam St. W—149

MONEY TO LOAN—CHATTELS.

LOANS MADE TO SALARIED PEOPLE holding permanent positions, on their personal note without endorsement or security; strictly confidential and at ONE-HALF THE USUAL RATES. Before borrowing see us, as you will find it greatly to your advantage; we are the oldest, largest and only incorporated loan company in Omaha. Omaha M't'g'e. Loan Co., 119 Board of Trade Bldg., 16th and Farnam Sts. Telephone 2295. X—552

MONEY loaned salaried people holding permanent position with responsible concerns, upon their own names, without security; easy payments. Tolman, 706 N. Y. L. Bldg. X—557

LOANS made to salaried people on their personal note without security. Rates reasonable. J. W. Taylor, 403 Karbach block. 12 to 6:15 p. m. X—559

MONEY loaned on furniture, rigs, bicycles, diamonds, watches, etc.; payment unknown to friends. Omaha Loan Bank, 1416 Farnam, upstairs. X—556

MONEY loaned on pianos, furniture, horses, cows, jewelry. Duff Green, R. 8, Barker blk. X—561

MONEY loaned on furniture, pianos, jewelry, etc., unknown to friends; monthly payments; half rates. Bergers' Loan Co., 1408 Farnam, over drug store. X—M720

MONEY TO LOAN ON
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANOS,
HORSES, WAGONS, ETC.
LOW RATES—EASY PAYMENTS.
OMAHA MORTGAGE LOAN CO.,
306 SOUTH 16TH STREET.
X—555

MONEY loaned on pianos, furniture, jewelry, horses, cows, etc. C. F. Reed, 319 S. 13th. X—558

LOANS TO SALARIED PEOPLE employed in Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs, holding good positions, on their own names. NO MORTGAGE; BEST TERMS, everything private; money can be paid back in small weekly or monthly payments. American Loan Co., Room 601, Bee Bldg. X—560

MONEY to loan on furniture, pianos, horses, cows, etc. J. W. Taylor, 403 Karbach block, 12 to 6:15 p. m. X—553

MONEY LOANED SALARIED PEOPLE holding permanent positions on their own name without endorser or mortgage. STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL and LOWEST RATES. No inquiries made of employer or friends. You can borrow any amount and repay in easy weekly or monthly payments. Before borrowing see us. Omaha Credit Co., C. E. Jennings, Mgr., Suite 525-526 N. Y. Life Bldg. X—559

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MERCANDISE STOCKS—We have dry goods, clothing, stocks boots and shoes, hardware, drugs and groceries stocks located in all parts of Nebraska, Iowa, Dakota and Missouri. If you want to buy or trade for a stock of goods we can locate. If you want to sell your goods or property we can find a buyer for you. Write or call on us for what you want. Hotels for sale or trade. Merchandise Broker, 202 Karbach blk. Y—M130

HOTEL AND RESTAURANT—Partnership or whole thing; big patronage; new outfit. Inquire 519 S. 16th st. Y—669 J1

WAGES, accounts and bad debts of all kinds collected. NEVER FAIL. Statements and remittances mailed weekly. Highest commercial and bank references. OMAHA LEGAL AGENCY, suite 511, First National bank building. 'Phone 2551. Communicate with us and we will send a reliable collector for your accounts. Y—562

FOR SALE, 2-chair barber shop and pool hall; receipts over $200 a month in the best 750 town in northwestern Iowa. A. W. Holt, Battle Creek, Iowa. Y—M321 30

FOR SALE, whole or half-interest in fine butcher shop doing fine business in best town in state. Address T 41, Omaha Bee. Y—M478 28*

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE.

PAYNE-HARDER Co., HEADQUARTERS for REAL ESTATE BARGAINS; LOWEST RATES on LOANS; SOUND INSURANCE, HOUSES, FLATS, STORES, for RENT. First floor N. Y. Life Bldg. RE—M494

NOTHING but bargains handled by S. A. Broadwell, 501 N. Y. Life Bldg. RE—M406

HOUSES, lots, farms, lands, loans; also fire insurance. Bemis, Paxton blk. RE—565

FOR QUICK returns on bargains only see S. A. Broadwell, 501 N. Y. Life Bldg. RE—M494

1105 DOUGLAS, cheapest inside business property on market. Wallace, sole agent. RE—M152

A BARGAIN—Four acres, 40th and Pacific; two blocks from car line, on belt railroad, $2,500; easy terms. McCague Investment Co., 1506 Dodge. RE—567

35½ acres, three miles north of Florence, all in timber; will cut between 400 and 500 cords of wood; for $1,250.
Ten acres on West Dodge St., macadam, half hour's drive, $1,000.
The Byron Reed Co., 212 S. 14th St. RE—568

SNAPS in real estate; money to loan. L. L. Johnson Co., 314 S. 15th street. RE—564

LOOK at 2708 Capitol Ave., 7-room frame cottage, nearly new, on lot 50x125 feet, south front. Price, $1,400.00. This is a bargain. Byron R. Hastings, 212 S. 14th. RE—935

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FOR BARGAINSeverybody goes to S. A. Broadwell, 501 N. Y. Life Bldg. RE—M405

IF YOU have a bargain to offer in real estate see S. A. Broadwell, 501 N. Y. Life Bldg. RE—M403

60 ACRES within 10 miles of Omaha P. O., 10-room house, barn 30x60, some fruit trees, fine place; improvements easily worth $2,000. Price, $4,000.
$350 for south front on Manderson street, between 27th and 28th streets, size 50x125.
$500 for 92x351 feet, facing east on 30th street, opposite Miller park.
$2,250 for five acres on North 24th street, east old Fort Omaha.
JOHN N. FRENZER, OPP. OLD P. O. RE—592

HENRY B. PAYNE, 601 N. Y. LIFE BLDG. Real Estate, Rentals, Loans. Insurance. RE—568

C. F. HARRISON, FARMS, FARM LOANS. RE—228-J15*

HOUSES, lots, farms, lands and insurance. R. C. Patterson, 305 N. Y. Life. RE—871

TYPEWRITERS.

TYPEWRITERS for rent, $1.00 per month. The Smith-Premier Typewriter Co., 1625 Farnam St. Telephone 1284. —574

WE RENT and sell the best typewriters made; largest stock of supplies in Omaha. United Typewriter & Supply Co., 1612 Farnam. —575

...GTON Standard Typewriter and supplies. 1619 Farnam. —576

THE Oliver Typewriter, visible writing, heaviest manifolder and cuts the finest stencil. Tel. 2279. J. S. Stewart, Special Agent, 318½ S. 15th St., Omaha. —577

TYPEWRITERS, secondhand. 1116 Farnam. —578

LOST.

LOST—Saturday morning about 9 a. m. a lady's small, black leather purse containing a $10 bill on the route on South 18th St. to St. Mary's avenue and St. Mary's avenue and 16th St. Return to Mrs. C. H. Frederick for reward, 621 South 18th St. Lost—468—28

LOST—Saturday evening, between Dodge and Capitol avenue, pair dark blue kid gloves, 6¾ size. Finder please return to Thompson & Belden for reward. L—M567 26

LOST, ladies dark green pocketbook. If found return to D. M. Swobe, U. P. R. R. headquarters, and receive reward. Lost—573-26*

FOUND.

TAKEN UP, yellow horse; owner can have same by paying charges. John Wiese, Deerfield, Neb. Found—575-26*

FOUND, strayed iron gray mare about 6 years old. 1510 California. Found—578-26

SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING.

A. C. VAN SANT'S school, 717 N. Y. Life. —579

AT OMAHA Bus. College, 16th & Douglas. —571

BOYLES' COLLEGE court reporter principal. Bee Bldg. —572

NEBRASKA Business and Shorthand college. Boyd's theater. M—154

PAWNBROKERS.

JEFFERSON Square Loan Office. 418 N. 16. —584

EAGLE Loan Office, reliable, accommodating; all business confidential. 1301 Douglas. —585

MEDICAL.

LADIES, old Dr. Bell's Cotton Root Pills the best, safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c stamp for particulars. Dr. Bell, Box 718, St. Louis, Mo. M298 J18*

LADIES' Free Harmless Monthly Regulator, cannot fail. Mrs. B. Rowan, R. 29, Milwaukee, Wis. M—429 J20*

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JOHNSON Osteopathic Institute, 515 N. Y. Life Bldg., Alice Johnson, D. O., ladies' dept.; Gid E. Johnson, Osteopathist, mgr. —582

M. E. DONOHUE, D. O., of Still school, Kirksville, Mo., 604 Paxton blk. Tel. 1367. —583

HOTELS.

METROPOLITAN, Wm. Barr, mgr. $1 to $1.25. 12th and Douglas. 'Phone 244. M462 J22

STAMMERING AND STUTTERING.

CURED. Julia Vaughn, 430 Ramge Bldg. —581

LAUNDRY.

OMAHA STEAM LAUNDRY AND CITY TOWEL SUPPLY. 1750 Leavenw'th. Tl.547. —M258

TICKET BROKERS.

CUT RATE railway tickets everywhere. P. H. Philbin, 1505 Farnam. 'Phone 784. —590

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE.

FRENCH, German, Spanish, $2 per month. Prof. Chatelain, 301 Boyd theater. —587

BIRDS AND TAXIDERMY.

STOCK'S Bird store. 1603 Leavenworth. —573

FURS.

H. F. & E. HUBERMANN, furriers; furs made to order and repaired. 118 S. 15th. M—557

TRUNK FACTORY.

TRUNKS traveling bags, suit cases. Trunks repaired. Om. Trunk Factory, 1209 Farnam. —322

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LADIES' jackets, men's clothing, altered, latest styles; cleaned. Max Fogel, 307 S. 17th. —792—J-3

BICYCLES.

NEW and secondhand bicycles at half price. Louis Flesher, 1622 Capitol ave. —591

PAPER HANGERS.

MAIL postal card giving your address and receive valuable information. P. O. Box 113, Omaha. M227-J25

FURNITURE PACKING.

M. S. WALKLIN, 2111 Cuming. Tel. 1331. —589

DRESSMAKING.

IN FAMILIES. Miss Sturdy, 2216 Davenport. M—292 J12

NICKEL PLATING.

BASE BURNERS, lamps and chandeliers replated. Omaha Plating Co., Bee Bldg. —579

CANDY.

OMAHA Candy Store, fresh, homemade candy, 10c, 15c and 25c lb. 306 N. 16th. —639 D31

POSTOFFICE NOTICE.

(Should be read daily by all interested, as changes may occur at any time.)

Foreign mails for the week ending December 30, 1899, will close (PROMPTLY in all cases) at the general postoffice as follows: PARCELS POST MAILS close one hour earlier than closing time shown below. Parcel post mails for Germany close at 5 p. m. Wednesday, for dispatch per s. s. Rhein, Thursday, and 5 p. m. Friday, for dispatch per s. s. Graf Waldersee.

Transatlantic Mails.

WEDNESDAY—At 7 a. m. (supplementary 9 a. m.) for EUROPE, per s. s. St. Paul*, via Southampton (letters for Ireland must be directed "per s. s. St. Paul"); at 9 a. m. (supplementary 10:30 a. m.) for EUROPE, per s. s. Teutonic*, via Queenstown; at 10:30 a. m. for BELGIUM direct, per s. s. Westernland, via Antwerp (letters must be directed "per s. s. Westernland"); at 12 m. for AZORES ISLANDS direct, per s. s. Peninsular.

THURSDAY—At 7 a. m. for FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, ITALY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, TURKEY, EGYPT and BRITISH INDIA, per s. s. La Bretagne*, via Havre (letters for other parts of Europe must be directed "per s. s. Bretagne").

SATURDAY—At 8 a. m. for NETHERLANDS direct, per s. s. Maasdam, via Rotterdam (letters must be directed "per s. s. Maasdam"); at 9 a. m. for ITALY, per s. s. Werra, via Naples (letters must be directed "per s. s. Werra"); at 10:30 a. m. (supplementary 12 m.) for EUROPE, per s. s. Campania*, via Queenstown.

*Printed Matter, etc.—German steamers sailing on Tuesdays take printed matter, etc., for Germany, and specially addressed printed matter, etc., for other parts of Europe. American and White Star steamers on Wednesdays, German steamers on Thursdays, and Cunard, French and German steamers on Saturdays take printed matter, etc., for all countries for which they are advertised to carry mail.

After the closing of the supplementary transatlantic mails named above, additional supplementary mails are opened on the piers of the American, English, French and German steamers, and remain open until within ten minutes of the hour of sailing of steamer.

Mails for South and Central America, West Indies, Etc.

WEDNESDAY—At 7 a. m. for JAMAICA, per steamer from Philadelphia; at 8 a. m. for BERMUDA, per s. s. Trinidad; at 9:30 a. m. (supplementary 10:30 a. m.) for CENTRAL AMERICA (except Costa Rica) and SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS, per s. s. Advance, via Colon (letters for Guatemala must be directed "per s. s. Advance"); at 10:30 a. m. for PUERTO RICO, per U. S. Transport, via San Juan; at 1 p. m. for CUBA, YUCATAN, CAMPECHE, TABASCO and CHIAPAS, per s. s. Vigilancia, via Havana and Progreso (letters for other parts of Mexico must be directed "per s. s. Vigilancia"); at 1 p. m. (supplementary 1:30 p. m.) for NASSAU, per s. s. Antilla; at 1 p. m. for MEXICO, per s. s. Ithaka, via Tampico (letters must be directed "per s. s. Ithaka").

THURSDAY—At 1 p. m. for SANTIAGO and MANZANILLO, per s. s. Cienfuegos.

FRIDAY—At 1 p. m. for PUERTO RICO, per s. s. Mae, via San Juan; at 1 p. m. for JAMAICA, per s. s. Origen (letters must be directed "per s. s. Origen").

SATURDAY—At 10 a. m. for LA PLATA COUNTRIES direct, per s. s. Miramar; at 10 a. m. (supplementary 10:30 a. m.) for FORTUNE ISLAND, JAMAICA, SAVANILLA and CARTHAGENA, per s. s. Adirondack (letters for Costa Rica must be directed "per s. s. Adirondack"); at 10 a. m. (supplementary 10:30 a. m.) for HAITI, per s. s. Andes; at 11 a. m. for CUBA, per s. s. Mexico, via Havana; at 1 p. m. (supplementary 1:30 p. m.) for TURKS ISLAND and SAN DOMINGO, per s. s. New York.

Mails for Newfoundland, by rail to North Sydney, and thence by steamer, close at this office daily at 8:30 p. m. (connecting close here every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday). Mails for Miquelon, by rail to Boston, and thence by steamer, close at this office daily at 8:30 p. m. Mails for Cuba by rail to Port Tampa, Fla., and thence by steamer, close at this office daily except Monday at *7 a. m., (the connecting closes are on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday). Mails for Cuba, by rail to Miami, Fla., and thence by steamer, close at this office every Monday, Tuesday and Saturday, at **2:30 a. m., (the connecting closes are on Tuesday and Saturday. Mails for Mexico City, overland, unless specially addressed for dispatch by steamer, close at this office daily at 2:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Mails for Costa Rica, Belize, Puerto Cortez and Guatemala, by rail to New Orleans, and thence by steamer, close at this office daily at *3 p. m., (connecting closes here Mondays for Belize, Puerto Cortez and Guatemala). *Registered mail closes at 6 p. m. previous day. **Registered mail closes at 6 p. m. second day before.

Transpacific Mails.

Mails for China, Japan and Philippine Islands, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to December *24th, inclusive, for dispatch per s. s. Algoa (letters must be directed "per Algoa). Mails for Society Islands, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to December *26th, inclusive, for dispatch by ship Tropic Bird. Mails for China and Japan, via Vancouver, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to December *26th, inclusive, for dispatch per s. s. Empress of India (registered mail must be directed "via Vancouver"). Mails for China, Japan and the Philippine Islands, via Seattle, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to December *27th, inclusive, for dispatch per s. s. Idzumi Maru (registered mail must be directed "via Seattle"). Mails for China, Japan and Philippine Islands, via Tacoma, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to December *30th, inclusive, for dispatch per s. s. City of London. Mails for Australia (except West Australia, which goes via Europe, and New Zealand, which goes via San Francisco), Hawaii, and Fiji Islands, via Vancouver, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to December *30, inclusive, for dispatch per s. s. Aorangi. Mails for Hawaii, China, Japan and the Philippine Islands, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to January 1, inclusive, for dispatch per s. s. Gaelic. Mails for Hawaii, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to January *5, inclusive, for dispatch per s. s. Australia. Mails for Australia (except West Australia), New Zealand, Hawaii, Fiji and Samoan Islands, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. after December *30 and up to January *20, inclusive, or on day of arrival of s. s. Campania, due at New York January 20th, for dispatch per s. s. Moana.

Trans-Pacific mails are forwarded to port of sailing daily and the schedule of closing is arranged on the presumption of their uninterrupted overland transit. *Registered mail closes at 6 p. m. previous day.

CORNELIUS VAN COTT, Postmaster.
Postoffice, New York, N. Y., December 22, 1899.

LEGAL NOTICES.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.
OFFICE OF LEE-GLASS-ANDREESEN HARDWARE CO., OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 9, 1899. Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Lee-Glass-Andreesen Hardware Co. that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held at the offices of the said company, 1219-1221-1223 Harney street, in the city of Omaha, in the state of Nebraska, on Tuesday, January 9, A. D. 1900, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the company to serve during the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may be presented at such meeting.

H. J. LEE, President.
Attest: W. M. GLASS, Secretary.
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STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.
Union Land Company:
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Land company for the election of five directors and the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting will be held at the office of the general solicitor, Union Pacific building, Omaha, Neb., upon Monday, the 8th day of January, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The stock transfer books will be closed ten days previous to the meeting.

New York City, N. Y., December 15th, 1899. ALEXANDER MILLER, Secretary.
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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

KANSAS CITY, ST. JOSEPH & Council Bluffs Railroad—"The Burlington Route"—Ticket Office, 1502 Farnam Street. Telephone 250. Depot, Tenth and Mason Streets. Telephone, 310.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Kansas City Day Ex.	a 8:50 am	a 5:45 pm
Kansas City Night Ex.	a10:15 pm	a 6:30 am
St. Louis Flyer for St. Joseph and St. Louis	a 4:55 pm	a11:15 am

a Daily.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & Quincy Railroad—"The Burlington Route"—Ticket Office, 1502 Farnam St. Tel., 250. Depot, Tenth & Mason Streets. Telephone, 310.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Daylight Chicago Special	a 6:10 am	
Chicago Vestibuled Ex.	a 5:05 pm	a 8:05 am
Chicago Express	a 8:50 am	a 4:06 pm
Chicago & St. L. Ex.	a 7:45 pm	a 8:05 am
Pacific Junction Local	a10:45 am	
Fast Mail		a 2:45 pm

a Daily.

BURLINGTON & MISSOURI River Railroad—"The Burlington Route"—General Offices, N. W. Corner Tenth and Farnam Streets. Ticket Office, 1502 Farnam Street. Telephone, 250. Depot, Tenth and Mason Streets. Telephone, 310.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Lincoln, Hastings and McCook	a 8:40 am	a 7:40 pm
Lincoln, Denver, Colorado, Utah, California	a 4:25 pm	a 3:55 pm
Lincoln, Black Hills, Montana & Puget Sound	a 4:25 pm	a 3:00 pm
Lincoln Local	a 7:00 pm	a10:35 am
Lincoln Fast Mail	a 3:00 pm	a10:35 am
Denver, Colorado, Utah & California		a 6:35 am

a Daily.

CHICAGO, ST. PAUL, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway—"The Northwestern Line"—General Offices, Nebraska Division, 15th and Webster Sts. City Ticket Office, 1401 Farnam St. Telephone, 561. Depot, 15th and Webster Sts.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Twin City Express (for Sioux City, St. Paul & Minneapolis)	a 6:00 am	
Omaha Passenger		a 7:00 pm
Blair, Emerson, Sioux City, Ponca, Hartington and Bloomfield	b 1:00 pm	b11:10 pm
No. 2 Twin City L't'd	a 5:55 pm	
No. 1 Omaha Limited		a 9:00 am

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday.

FREMONT, ELKHORN & Missouri Valley Railroad—"The Northwestern Line"—General Offices, United States National Bank Bldg., Southwest Corner Twelfth and Farnam Streets. Ticket office, 1401 Farnam Street. Telephone, 561. Depot, 15th and Webster streets. Telephone, 1458.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Black Hills, Deadwood, Hot Springs	a 3:00 pm	a 5:00 pm
Wyoming, Casper and Douglas	d 3:00 pm	e 5:00 pm
Hastings, York, David City, Superior, Geneva, Exeter and Seward	b 3:00 pm	b 5:00 pm
Norfolk, Verdigre and Fremont	b 7:30 am	b10:25 am
Lincoln, Wahoo and Fremont	b 7:30 am	b10:25 am
Fremont Local	c 7:30 am	

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday. c Sunday only. d Daily except Saturday. e Daily except Monday.

CHICAGO & NORTHwestern Railway—"The Northwestern Line"—City Ticket Office, 1401 Farnam Street. Telephone, 561. Depot, Tenth and Mason Streets. Telephone, 629.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Daylight Chicago Special	a 6:40 am	a11:55 pm
Chicago Passenger	a 4:15 pm	a10:10 am
Eastern Express, Des Moines, Marshalltown, Cedar Rapids and Chicago	a10:55 am	a 4:05 pm
Eastern Limited, Chicago and East	a 4:55 pm	a 4:05 pm
Fast Mail, Chicago to Omaha		a 2:45 pm
Omaha-Chicago Special	a 7:30 pm	a 8:00 am
Fast Mail		8:30 am

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday.

SIOUX CITY & PACIFIC Railroad—"The Northwestern Line"—General Offices, United States National Bank Building, S. W. Corner Twelfth and Farnam Streets. Ticket office, 1401 Farnam Street. Telephone, 561. Depot, Tenth and Mason Streets. Telephone, 629.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Sioux City, Mankato & St. Paul, Minneapolis	a 5:55 am	a 8:15 am
St. Paul, Minneapolis, Mankato & Sioux City	a 5:30 pm	a11:00 pm
Sioux City Local	a 8:00 am	a 4:30 pm

a Daily.

UNION PACIFIC—"THE OVERLAND Route"—General Offices, N. E. Cor. Ninth and Farnam Streets. City Ticket Office, 1302 Farnam Street. Telephone, 316. Depot, Tenth and Mason Streets. Telephone, 629.

	Leave.	Arrive.
The Overland Limited	a 8:50 am	a 7:20 pm
The Fast Mail	a 9:00 am	a 3:25 pm
The Colorado Special	a11:55 pm	a 6:35 am
The Portland Special	a 8:50 am	a 4:40 pm
Lincoln, Beatrice and Stromsburg Express	b 4:10 pm	b12:25 pm
Pacific Express	a 4:25 pm	a 6:35 am
Grand Island Local	b 5:30 pm	b 9:25 am

South Omaha Pass.—Leaves, a 10:15 a. m.; 3:35 p. m.; b 4:35 p. m. Arrives, 10:45 a. m.; b 3:40 p. m.; b 5:25 p. m.

Council Bluffs Local—Leaves, 5:50 a. m.; 7:15 a. m.; 7:50 a. m.; 10:45 a. m.; 2:15 p. m.; 3:40 p. m.; 5:25 p. m.; 5:55 p. m.; 8:15 p. m.; 10:30 p. m. Arrives, 6:20 a. m.; 7:50 a. m.; 11:39 a. m.; 3:05 p. m.; 4:35 p. m.; 5:55 p. m.; 6:30 p. m.; 8:50 p. m.; 11 p. m.

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday.

CHICAGO, ROCK ISLand & Pacific Railroad—"The Great Rock Island Route." City Ticket Office, 1323 Farnam Street. Telephone, 428. Depot, Tenth & Mason Streets. Telephone, 629.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Des Moines and Davenport Local	a 7:05 am	b11:35 am
Chicago Express	b11:15 am	a 8:10 am
Chicago Fast Express	a 5:00 pm	a 1:25 pm
St. Paul Fast Express	a 5:00 pm	b11:35 am
Lincoln, Colorado Spgs., Denver, Pueblo and West	a 1:30 pm	a 4:25 pm
Des Moines, Rock Island and Chicago	a 7:25 pm	a 5:50 pm
Colorado & Texas Flyer	a 5:55 pm	a 9:20 am

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday.

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILroad—General Offices and Ticket Offices Southeast Corner 14th and Douglas Sts. Telephone, 104. Depot, 15th and Webster Sts. Telephone, 1458.

	Leave.	Arrive.
St. Louis, Kansas & Neb. Limited	a 2:30 pm	a12:55 pm
K. C.-St. L. Express	a 9:50 pm	a 5:50 am
Nebraska Local via Weeping Water	b 5:05 pm	a 9:45 am

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday.

OMAHA & ST. LOUIS RAILroad—Omaha, Kansas City & Eastern Railroad—"The Quincy Route"—Ticket Office, 1415 Farnam Street. Telephone, 322. Depot, Tenth and Marcy Streets. Telephone, 629.

	Leave.	Arrive.
St. Louis Cannon Ball Express	a 4:50 pm	a 8:35 am
Kansas City and Quincy Local	a 7:15 am	a 8:50 pm

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & St. Paul Railway—City Ticket Office, 1504 Farnam Street. Telephone, 284. Depot, Tenth and Mason Sts. Telephone, 629.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Chicago Limited Ex.	a 7:35 pm	a 8:30 am
Chicago & Omaha Ex.	b11:00 am	b 3:55 pm
Sioux City & Des Moines Express	b11:00 am	b 3:55 pm

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday.

WABASH RAILROAD—Ticket Office, 1415 Farnam Street. Telephone, 825. Depot, Tenth and Marcy Streets. Telephone, 629.

	Leave.	Arrive.
St. Louis "Cannon Ball" Express	a 4:50 pm	a 8:35 am

a Daily.

LAZY MAN'S PARADISE.

Islands in the Caribbean Sea Where Work is Superfluous.

"On our island," said Mr. Lemuel Cooper of Ruatan to a New Orleans Times man, "a man may live very comfortably all his life and without doing a single lick of work. To starve there would be simply impossible; it would be like trying to drown a fish. We have no beggars and no pauper class to maintain. There has never been a murder, theft is unknown and locks are unnecessary. Some go so far as to claim that people don't die there, but that is an exaggeration. They occasionally expire of extreme old age. Last year our actual mortality was one-fourth of 1 per cent."

The lazy man's paradise thus sketchily described is a corner of the world about which curiously little is known. Ruatan is the largest of the five "Bay islands," a little chain or key lying some thirty miles off the coast of Spanish Honduras, southeast of Port Cortez, and only four days' travel from New Orleans. Their one industry is the raising of cocoanuts, and altogether they form a domain that is absolutely unique in the western hemisphere. Mr. Cooper is the most important citizen of Ruatan. He was born there, and with his brothers he now conducts a very considerable business. Several times a year he comes to the United States for recreation and diversion, and he is at present in New Orleans on one of these periodical jaunts. In conversation with a reporter he told an interesting story of his island home.

"Ruatan, where I live," said Cooper, "is some forty miles long and three miles wide. It has a population of about 3,000 people, mostly Carib Indians, and I doubt whether there is in all the world a more beautiful and prolific spot. The people are lazy simply because they don't have to work. Cocoanuts form their mainstay, and there is nothing easier to grow. To start a grove one merely burns off a piece of land and plants the nuts in rows twenty feet apart. In from four to five years' time the trees are a dozen feet high and are beginning to bear, and after that the planter is fixed for life. He may bid adieu to care. The nuts are never picked, but as they mature they drop off, and this shower of fruit goes on steadily month after month all the year around. How long a tree will bear nobody can say, but there are some on the island that are known to be over a half century old and are still dropping their harvest of nuts.

"When the native needs something at the store," continued Mr. Cooper, "all he has to do is to gather together some nuts and trade them for what he wishes. He hulls them by striking them on a stake driven in the ground, and a man can easily hull 3,000 a day in that manner. Roses and flowers of almost every imaginable variety run wild from one end of Ruatan to the other. I should add, too, that other fruits grow just as easily as the cocoanut, and the only reason why that especially is grown is because it furnishes an easy crop, for which there is always a ready market. We have plenty of bananas, oranges, mangoes, plums and pineapples, and they are all delicious. They grow wild, without the slightest cultivation, and all one has to do is to pick them. Vegetables are equally prolific, and our native yams easily average forty or fifty pounds in weight. A piece of cane stuck in the ground takes root and renews itself perennially for years. A stranger who comes to the islands is invariably amazed at the prodigality of nature and the apathy of the natives—that is, before the lazy feeling gets into his blood. 'Why don't you grow this?' and 'Why don't you cultivate that?' he asks. The native simply smile. 'Why not take things easy and be happy?' they say.

"The next island to Ruatan is Utilla, which has a population of about 800, and is touched by several steamship lines. We regard the people of Utilla as quite citified and feverishly progressive. They have several stores and a distinct social set, to move in which one must be well vouched for. There is a good deal of trading from the island along the Honduranian coast, and the owners of the larger sloops and schooners make considerable money that way, but the main business is in cocoanuts. The first island of the chain is called Bonacco, and has about the same population as Utilla. Then there are two very small islands—Barbarat and Morat. Barbarat, which is some three miles long, is owned outright by my two brothers-in-law, T. and A. Morgan, who live at Utilla. It is a charming spot, and years ago was simply taken possession of by an old Englishman, an educated gentleman, about whom very little is known. He held it by right of occupation, and his title was conceded by the Honduranian government. Later on he wanted some money, borrowed it of the Morgan brothers, and gave his island in pawn. He never paid the debt, and at his death the property passed into their possession. As I said before, it is a beautiful place, and several capitalists from the north have tried to buy it, but my brothers-in-law prefer to keep it for their children. I dare say it will be very valuable one of these days. At present they keep a hundred or so head of stock on the island and grow a few cocoanuts. Nobody lives there except the laborers who work in the groves.

"The strangers who occasionally drift to the Bay islands, through one chance and another, rarely leave. They are like the lotus eaters in Tennyson's poem. The American consul at present is Mr. Johnson, who comes, I believe, from Wisconsin. He was delighted with the spot, and sent at once for his wife and daughter. There are all there together now, and insist that they will never leave. The climate, by the way, is singularly equable. The thermometer has never been known to fall below 66 or rise to above 88. Being part of Spanish Honduras, we are, of course, under the government of that republic, but we are too far away to ever be disturbed by the storms of revolution, and at present things are peculiarly serene. The Honduranian government is represented by an administrator, a commandante and a governor. There is never any friction, and their simple duties are confined chiefly to the collection of customs. There is no military establishment, and the only jail on the island is a small one-room hut, in which a plain drunk occasionally sleeps off too much native brandy. Theft and other crimes are entirely unknown and doors are never locked at night.

"Any description of Bay islands would be incomplete," said Mr. Cooper, in conclusion, "without reference to our enormous tiger sharks. They are found three or four miles out from the coast and frequently grow to be fifty feet long. I know that sounds like a pretty fishy story, but it is the plain, unvarnished truth. They are referred to in the coast survey reports of the United States government, and are said to be the largest sharks in the world. As far as I know, they are not found in any other waters."

SAVINGS BANKS OF FRANCE.

Nearly Seven Million People Have Money on Deposit in Them.

The government report on the operations of the savings banks of France in 1897 shows that the thrifty habits of the French people in the matter of small savings are well maintained. The aggregate amount due depositors at the end of the year was $861,329,700, an increase of about $1,000,000 over the preceding year. The number of bank books in use was 6,772,582, representing one depositor for every five and one-half persons in the country. Under the law of 1895 the maximum deposit is now 1,500 francs, or $289.50, and the average deposit less than $85.

In the number of depositors and in the amount of savings France is, however, in proportion to population, far behind those states in this country in which the savings bank system is established. New York, with 1,865,886 accounts and $796,684,916 of deposits, and Massachusetts, with 1,384,289 accounts and $473,309,094 of deposits, lead the list, but in all the New England states and in New Jersey, Maryland and California the per capita deposits are far beyond those of any country in Europe.

Comparisons based on these figures, however, would be unfair, as the limit of the individual deposit is much higher in this country. In France the savings bank is strictly what the name implies—not a bank of deposit for capital, but a convenience for the accumulation of petty savings too small to be taken care of in any other way. Accounts are opened for sums as small as 1 cent per month and children's deposits are encouraged. Of the total depositors in 1897 the number of minors was 95,309 boys and 92,800 girls.

It is the care of these savings and of those of the wageworkers which is the special function of the French savings bank system. The system tends to form the habit of prudence and thrift in the young—an excellent thing, too much neglected in this land of the free and the happy-go-lucky.