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Furniture Department

THIRD FLOOR

Every article that we show in this department will make a suitable and useful Christmas present. Come early, make your selection and we will gladly hold the goods for future delivery.



A child's Rocker one. We have a -pleases the little -nice line of well -made and service -able rockers - prices range from 58c up



Sanitary Couches the real thing. A folding Couch and a good one - essential for all of all steel and fitted with a national supported spring - can be used either as a couch, bed or day-bed - we carry them in three 9.50 to 11.50

Go-Carts! Go-Carts! Although a little late in the season for Go-Carts, we shall make the price an object for you to buy, we do not wish to carry over and for that reason we make the following low prices:

Cart like cut, all reed body, with paracord, nicely upholstered cushions, wheels have rubber tires and fitted with good foot brake, regu. 9.65 sale price \$14.95 - sale price 9.65

Pictures! Pictures! Pictures!

We have a hundred or more of elegant Pictures nicely framed, also frames without pictures, all styles and sizes, they are slightly damaged and in order to close them out, we offer them at less than one-half the regular price for Monday and Tuesday - only.

Jewelry Department

FIRST FLOOR

We offer in this department at some extra values in imported and domestic Holiday novelties. Call and examine our stock and prices - we quote a few of the many bargains specially listed for early buyers.

Cut steel bead Chateau Bags, the finest goods made, heavily mounted in French gray silver metal, usual price \$2.50 to \$3.00, at \$1.75, \$1.48 and 1.25

Nail Filers - sterling handles, at 34c Fine Clothes Brushes - real ebony back, sterling silver trimming, at 1.98

Drug Department

FIRST FLOOR

Our stock in this department of Holiday offerings this year surpasses any former attempts - our fancy Soaps and Perfumes are unequalled in the city and at lowest prices. Here are a few of the many!

A fancy box of Soap and Perfume at 22c A fancy box contains 3 bottles perfume at 28c A bottle perfume at 48c

W. R. Bennett Co. Grand Opening Sale of Holiday Wares

Toyland now open on Second Floor - a cordial invitation to everybody. Omaha is the Toy center of the west and we are headquarters. Our stock is the largest and most complete and prices the lowest - you can only appreciate this great exhibition and sale by a personal inspection. Everything is specially priced for Monday and Tuesday.

TOY DEPARTMENT Second floor

Right to the front of all COMPETITION, we place our elegant NEW HOLIDAY STOCK - the best ever shown in the west.



Go-Cart: Regular with a heavy roll arm and top, all reed body, cushions made in best quality corduroy, rubber tires and good foot brake, regular price with paracord, \$9.95 - sale price with rubber tires - sale price 2.68

Magic Lantern, reeded and brass drum shape, flash-light, Russia iron reflector, well painted, smoke stack, height 11 inches, 48c

Hook and Ladder Truck - length of truck 5 feet, wheels 10 and 12 inches, silver belt vibrating on steel springs, seat on solid rubber, side ladders 4 feet, middle ladder 3 feet, side ladders connected together 7 feet, heavy iron axle and braces 1.25

Locomotive, Tender and two Coaches, nickelled, length 18 1/2 inches, 10c

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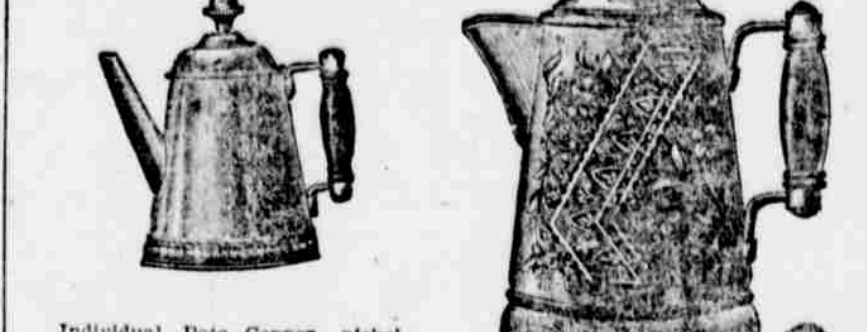
Hardware Department

FIRST FLOOR

The most complete Hardware stock in the city - we carry an elegant line of useful articles, suitable for Christmas presents.



Carpathian engraved nickered Trays. 10 1/2 x 11 inches, at 48c 12 x 16 inches, at 58c



Individual Pots - Copper, nickel-plated, satin finish inside. Tea Pot, No. 20, 3-pint, at 24c Coffee Pots - Engraved, 8-pint, nickel-plated, 4-pint, at 83c

We also carry a fine line of Hammers, Saws, Squares, Chisels and tools of all kinds, which make suitable presents for the boys. Carpet Sweepers The Housekeeper's Delight. Surprise your wife, mother or sister with one of our celebrated Wilton Carpet Sweepers, they are not costly, though they are the best in the market, they make a splendid present - only 1.98

Stationery Department

SECOND FLOOR

We carry the largest and most complete line of Books, Stationery and Novelties for Holiday gifts at special low prices.



Fancy covered Autograph Albums, each - 5c Autograph Albums, large and more elaborate, at 26c and 40c

BUILDING OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Prospects for the Season of 1902 Are Considered Excellent.

MANY LARGE STRUCTURES UNDER WAY

Plans Made for One of the Busiest Campaigns in Many Years by the Contractors of the City.

Workers in the building trades of Omaha are looking forward to a busy time with the opening of the season of 1902. Said one of the men yesterday.

CORPORATION ASSESSMENTS

Tax Commissioner Fleming Puts His Estimate on Omaha's Public Utility Plants.

With the return by Tax Commissioner Fleming yesterday of the personal property assessments against the larger corporations of Omaha the annual fight between those organizations and the tax men is again begun.

ORDINANCE IS A DEAD LETTER

Judge Gordon Nullifies City Regulation in Regard to the Sale of Meat.

The cases wherein Henry Bonehoff of Benson and Hugh Kennedy of South Omaha were charged with vending unskipped meat were decided by Judge Gordon in police court yesterday.

carcass of some animal, the genus of which City Veterinarian Ramacciotti was unable to determine, but he gave it as his opinion on the witness stand that it was a horse.

NEBRASKA CERAMIC EXHIBIT

Club Opens Its Annual Show with Some Fine Pieces on Exhibition.

The annual exhibit of the Nebraska Ceramic club opened yesterday in one of the display rooms of the Silverick Furniture company.

JOE DOLAN'S BAD JUDGMENT

Base Ball Player Snares a Policeman with a Frozen Snow Ball and is Arrested.

Joe Dolan, a base ball player, hit Officer Woodridge with a snowball yesterday and is now locked up on a charge of assault and battery.

CUT RATES ON CUT MEATS

Eastbound Tariff Schedules Cut No Figure Just at Present.

DIRECT LINES THE WORST OFFENDERS

Efforts to Establish Schedule Result in Worse Demoralization and Agreement on Basis for Restoration is Far Off.

If reports from New York and indications here may be believed, the freight rates on eastbound shipments of packing house products out of both Omaha and Kansas City are in a bad way.

CLARK IS READY TO ANSWER

Gives Hint for His Appearance and Denies All of His Wife's Allegations.

Rufus L. Clark was brought from Kansas City yesterday to answer charges of adultery and larceny brought against him by his wife, Winnow C. Clark.

TIE ON INJUNCTIONS NOW

South Omaha and the Plattsmouth Telephone Company Both Restrained.

Judge Fawcett issued a temporary injunction yesterday which will prevent the Plattsmouth Telephone company from doing any more work than was accomplished in South Omaha before Judge Baker issued the temporary injunction prohibiting the city of South Omaha from interfering with the operations of the company.

NEBRASKA STILL PAYS TAXES

Reduction of District and Abolition of War Levy Doesn't Disturb Collector's Receipts.

The ordinary collections, notwithstanding the reduction in the size of the Nebraska district, are increased to an extent compensating for the loss in war taxes, which for the month of November averaged about one-tenth those collected in the corresponding month of 1900.

RECEIVER FOR OIL COMPANY

UPPER SANDUSKY, O., Dec. 7.—Judge Young has appointed Amos Bixby receiver of the Upper Sandusky Oil Company.

PATTERSON SAYS HE IS POOR

Answers His Wife's Petition for Alimony by Pleading Poverty.

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E. J. MATTHEWS' NECK BROKEN

President of American District Telegraph Company Thrown from His Horse and Killed.

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temper. He admits that he knows Flo Comer, but denies that he has lived with her and says that they did not leave Omaha together. He also denies the charge that he maintained two homes in Omaha and spent much of his time with the Comer woman.

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Before issuing the injunction Judge Fawcett stated that it is clear to him that the Plattsmouth concern is attempting to force an entrance to the city against the will of the officials of that city. He said that he thought the city should have an order which would prevent the company from entering the city until its right to do so has been settled in court.

Judge Fawcett said that the former injunction prevented the city of South Omaha from interfering with any work "then" done. He stated that he believed an order preventing the company from doing any work in addition to what was "then" done referring to the time of the previous injunction, would in no way interfere with the Baker injunction. Consequently he granted an injunction which will prevent the company from going on with its work, but will not interfere with the work done previous to the beginning of the litigation.

The contempt case brought against the company for doing work after it was restrained from further operations by a temporary restraining order issued by Judge Estelle will be tried next week in case Judge Fawcett is not called to Washington county.

Work on the new equipment for the Northwestern-Union Pacific Overland Limited trains is being pushed at the Pullman shops, but it is not likely that all the cars will be completed in time to be placed in service on January 1, as originally intended. They are to be electric lighted throughout and equipped with a telephone system. It was intended to place the dynamos in the forward part of the buffet cars, but this was found to be impracticable on account of the vibration, so they will be put in the baggage cars. The railroad companies, as well as the Pullman company, are determined that the new trains shall be the finest ever built.

Well posted railroad men say that there is no hope for the permanent maintenance of rates until the time comes when the community of interests idea will be extended to such a degree that each group of railroads will be under the absolute control of a traffic director. Then three or four men would control the western situation and by making agreements among themselves the maintenance of rates would be much more certain than when ten times as many men are parties to the agreement, as at present. However, the "gentlemen's agreements" entered into by the presidents from time to time have failed to keep the rates inviolate and it might be that traffic directors' agreements would result likewise.

The Union Pacific Railroad company has been a patron of education ever since its inception. It has contributed more to the cause of knowledge in most of the school districts along its line than any other one taxpayer and many times it has been compelled to shoulder the entire school tax burdens in certain districts. But there is a limit to even a big corporation's pocketbook and the Union Pacific

strenuously objects to maintaining expensive schools out of its own funds in districts where but one family resides. The latest instance that has come to light is of a school in the extreme eastern end of Cheyenne county, Colorado, close to the Kansas line. There are at present six children of school age living in the district, according to the railroad company, where but one family resides. Last winter in a six months' term the district school consumed twenty tons of coal. As school is supposed to be in session five days a week and five hours each day, with only seven persons to be kept warm, it seems that the coal bill might fairly be complained of.

In carrying out its campaign against extravagance the company's first step was to place an old caboose of its wheels along the right of way in the district. In this shelter one of the employes has established a residence as a voter. A section of the company's land grant has been needed to him, and he will shortly begin suit as a resident and taxpayer against extravagance in the conduct of the affairs of the district. The company has had similar trouble in many of the districts in western Nebraska, and the tax department has had to exercise constant vigilance to prevent family graft from drawing too heavily upon their funds.

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