

COAL SITUATION IS WORSE

Closing of Lake Navigation Nearly Shuts Off Shipments to West.

SHORTAGE OF STEAM COAL HERE ALSO

Use of Mine-Run Product by Many Western Railroads Greatly Reduces the Supply on the Local Market.

The local coal situation is apparently worse now, from the standpoint of the dealer in hard coal, than it has been at any time since the resumption of work by the miners in the anthracite fields. The navigation of the lakes has been closed by the cold weather, and all anthracite coal will now have to be brought to Chicago entirely by rail. It is said that any considerable amount of coal is sent in this way to the west, the greater part coming by water from Buffalo to Chicago.

It was hoped by western dealers that coal from the mines could be shipped to Chicago in large quantities before the closing of lake navigation, and that from that city some coal would be shipped to the Missouri river by January 1. This hope has faded and with it has gone, in a great measure, the hope of any coal from the mines this winter.

Added to the usual difficulty in getting coal to the west by the all-rail route is the condition which exists in the east. At the present time all the coal that is mined in the eastern states, in many of which there is practically a fuel famine, is being shipped to the west.

There is considerable complaint of a shortage of steam coal. The greater part of the steam coal used in Omaha comes from Missouri and eastern Kansas. Until last year the railroads in that territory insisted upon being supplied with screened lump coal and there was consequently great pressure on the mines.

What They Demand. Headaches, liver complaints, bowel disorders demand Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are gentle, but cure or no pay. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

Recreation and good exercise in Ping Pong. Tables are 30 cents an hour. See Building Parlor, 214 South 17th street.

King Cole Pianika at the month. Holiday Rates Via Wabash Railroad. On December 15, 19, 20 and 21 the Wabash will send round trip tickets from Chicago to many points in Canada at half fare.

Card of Thanks. We extend thanks to State Lodge No. 10, I. O. O. F., members of the Hungarian club and friends for their kind assistance and sympathy shown us in our bereavement in the loss of our beloved wife and mother.

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OMAHAN ILL AT SIOUX CITY Douglas B. Welpton Has Appendicitis, but Message Does Not State Condition.

A dispatch from Sioux City says that Douglas B. Welpton of Omaha was taken suddenly ill with appendicitis while at the Mandamin hotel in that city yesterday.

IT MUST COME. As inevitable as the changing seasons of the year is the change which comes to every woman. And just as one anticipates the changes of other seasons it is wise to anticipate this change of season and prepare for it.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, a medicine for every season of woman's life, will entirely meet the needs of women at this period of change. It cures all the physical ills and relieves the mental anxiety and depression usually associated with this critical period.

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SANTA CLAUS SENDS TELEGRAM.

The Following Telegram Has Just Been Received:

"SANTA CLAUS CASTLE, Utopia, North Pole.

"To Hayden Bros.

"Santa Claus Headquarters, Omaha.

"Will arrive Saturday at your store and will make my headquarters with you only.

"I find I can carry more pretty and useful gifts and distribute them better through you than anywhere else in the whole wide world.

"Have all the good children meet me Saturday. Be sure to tell the children to come to your store, as I will not go anywhere else this season.

"SANTA CLAUS."

Hayden Bros. have made arrangements to receive Santa Claus as he directs and will be all ready for him when he comes here Saturday.

The children are invited to come and meet him Saturday and talk to him about their Christmas gifts. A great treat for them. Bring the little ones to talk to the real, live Santa Claus Saturday at HAYDEN BROS.

Largest Shoe House in the World.

The Hamilton-Brown Shoe company of St. Louis, Mo., has just passed the \$2,000,000 mark in sales.

Since they opened up, thirty-one years ago, with capital \$25,000 and first year's sales \$215,000, it has been their custom to set a certain mark and work up to it.

Ten million is the next station and the world is invited to watch them reach it.

Their sales in exact figures are weekly posted in the windows of their store and factories and each month every actual or prospective customer receives a letter from them, giving a comparative statement of their sales for the current month and year to date.

The secret of the marvelous growth of this house seems to be in the fact that they have no secrets at all.

Their business is run wide open, the outsider knowing as much about it as the insider, and this straightforward, open way of doing has won for them the confidence and friendship of the trade all over the United States.

No panic, business depression or other calamity has ever retarded their progress a day.

They have gone through such things invariably with their usual large gains and such years to them have been as prosperous as any.

Their factories are always open for inspection and anyone interested is welcome to go through and inspect for himself the quality of the material and workmanship of which their shoes are made.

KEEP THE QUALITY UP is their watchword and the president of the company, Mr. A. D. Brown, is a man of temperate habits and simple mode of living, devoting his entire time to the company and mingling with the employees in all departments in such a way as to induce them to follow his example.

In January, 1902, the company increases its capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

They are about to begin erecting a new factory near their present one at 21st and Locust Sts., making two factories at this point of equal size, one to be called American Lady and the other American Gentleman, to manufacture their shoes which go by these names and which have a worldwide reputation.

This, together with additions they are building to their other factories, will give them a total capacity of 31,000 pairs per day, and their employees will number 5,000.

They are the largest shoe advertisers in the United States.

Announcements of the Theaters.

Tonight the Gordon-Shay Grand Opera company, staging grand opera in English, opens at the Boyd in "Faust." Miss Rose Cecilia Shay, said to be the best dramatic soprano before the public, will be seen in the role of Marguerite, and John Dunsen, the bass, late of the Bostonians, will sing the role of Mephisto.

Others of note in Miss Shay's support are: Achille Alberti, Helen Noid, James Wheatley, James Stevens, J. Frederick and Eloise Bishop. At the special matinee Friday "Il Trovatore" will be sung and the next performance "Carmen." The company numbers seventy people and each opera is given with lavish scenic and costume embellishment. Carmen is Miss Shay's best role. She is said to be quite as good in it as anyone who has yet essayed it. Mr. Alberti's rendition of the torreador's song is said to be magnificent.

Commercial traveling men usually make their arrangements for the ensuing year in December. A half hundred first-class salesmen can be profitably employed by the Bankers' Reserve Life association during 1903.

Men who want to improve their financial condition and secure permanent profitable employment in an unlimited field should see B. H. Robison, president Bankers' Life association, at the McCague building without delay.

Last season's toys will be closed out Saturday at half price. Orchard & Wilhelm.

A Long Journey Means extra money for meals and incidentals and a waste of valuable time en route. Why incur unnecessary expense and delay in traveling by circuitous routes when you can ride in the finest trains on a perfectly ballasted track, over a direct route? The fast trains of the Union Pacific reach San Francisco and Portland from Omaha fifteen hours ahead of all competitors. City ticket, office 1214 Farnam street. Phone 218.

A Christmas bazaar and musical entertainment will be held on Thursday evening in the Crypt of St. Matthias church under the auspices of the Daughters of the King. Mr. Jo Barton and Miss Faye Cole will render a few choice vocal selections. After the program is rendered refreshments will be served.

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BRANDEIS BOSTON STORE & SONS. Only 12 Shopping Days 'Till Christmas. Don't put off your holiday buying until next week, do it now. Choice Cluster Scarfs at \$2.98. Fox or Squirrel Scarfs—A special lot of fine scarfs in these two popular furs, many odd pieces in lot, actually worth up to \$12.50, at 6.98. Holiday Tufts—Tufts in the popular electric, near seal, imitation stonemarten, nutria, astrakhan, etc.—1.25-1.98-2.98. Astrakhan Capes—Special 30-inch astrakhan capes, with guaranteed satin linings of rich glossy curly astrakhan, actually worth up to \$20—each 9.98. For Tomorrow Only—Extra Special Seal and Astrakhan Jackets—We offer you your choice, tomorrow only of any of our fine electric seal or astrakhan jackets, that have sold up to \$29.00 each, during this big fur sale, 23 and 34-inch long, with guaranteed satin lining, at 17.50. Silk Waists for Christmas Presents. Having purchased a sample line of silk waists, comprising everything that is new and up-to-date in tafetas and peau de soie in principally plain colors, such as cream, blue, pink, castors and black, all sizes and worth up to \$7.50 each, 2.98. Short Lengths Dress Goods—Short length pieces of dress goods in henriettes and cashmeres in pinks, blue, and cream, also all wool novelty materials in lengths from 2 to 6 yards, suitable for children's dresses, odd waists and doll dresses, on sale on bargain square in the basement at 25c a yard—every yard worth up to \$1.00—go at 25c. Holiday Gift Handkerchiefs. Ladies' All Linen Handkerchiefs—all width hemstitching, 10c quality, at 6c. Men's All Pure Linen Handkerchiefs—all width hems, 20c quality, at 10c. Plain and Fancy Silk Mufflers—black, white and all colors, worth 70c, at 39c. Silk Embroidered Handkerchiefs—over 50 styles of white and fancy silk embroidery, worth up to 50c, at 15c-25c. Men's Large Size All-Silk Handkerchiefs—with hand embroidered silk initials, worth 50c, at 35c. Ladies' Sheer Linen Hand Embroidered initial handkerchiefs worth 20c, at 12c. Ladies' and children's plain and fancy colored bordered handkerchiefs, 8c quality, go at 3c. Watch Our Windows BRANDEIS BOSTON STORE & SONS Watch Our Windows.

COASTERS IN A COLLISION. One Boy Comes Out of the General Mix-Up with Serious Injuries. DOZEN OTHERS ESCAPE WITH SHAKING UP. County Commissioner Ostrom, Evidences, Gives Graphic Description of Accident, with Observations on Possibilities. Harold, the 12-year-old son of Charles L. Molander, a painter at 2715 Blondo street, is in bed with two puncture wounds in his left side and a slight fracture at the point of the hip bone. The injuries were received in an accident which spoiled the fun of a coasting party on the Parker street hill Tuesday evening. The Molander boy was steersman for the dozen children who started from the crown of the hill at Twenty-ninth and Parker on a long "bob" to make the trip to the bottom. Just as they were approaching the twenty-seventh street crossing a delivery man from a grocery store at Sixteenth and Corby drove onto Parker street. There was little light and he did not appear to notice the coming sled until it was very near. Then, in his surprise, he half checked his team, which caused Molander to steer his sled to pass in front of the car. At the same instant the driver, recovering himself, decided the best thing to do was to whip up and get out of the way entirely. Accordingly he lashed the horses and they sprang forward, just in time to bring the wagon directly in front of the sled as it was then headed. County Commissioner Henry Ostrom, who chanced to be a witness of the accident, said: "When that driver whipped his horses I saw what was bound to happen and actually I felt the hair stand on my head. There were at least a dozen children on the sled and it was going so fast that it couldn't possibly be stopped nor the children roll from it in time unless they all rolled at once. I felt certain that some of them would be killed as I ever felt of anything in my life, and as I supposed at the time that a boy of my own was in the party I came nearer praying than I have for some time. "In less time than it takes to tell it the crash came. The sled struck the rear wheels of the wagon, and instantly everything and everybody was in the air in a black tumbling mass. I ran to the spot and found the children scattered about in a circle, some of them several feet from the place of the collision. Both rear wheels of the wagon had been torn completely off, the vehicle had been overturned and the driver given quite an aerial journey. "Every child, of course, was frightened, and when we began 'sorting them over' we found none very seriously injured except young Molander. He was dazed and bloodied, and there were two holes in his left side, made apparently by contact with something sharp—perhaps the end of a wheel spoke. I got Dr. Lapey and we took him home. The doctor says the hurt is serious, but that recovery seems probable."

IS IT POSSIBLE. That any sane person will believe our prices are not the lowest of ANY DRUG STORE IN NEBRASKA? We don't give anybody a chance to GUESS about this, but give the PRICES AND THE ARTICLES IN GOLD TYPE as proof, and another thing—we FULLY guarantee every single article we sell to be genuine—and will refund the price to anybody and give them the goods, too, IF THEY WILL PROVE THIS STATEMENT UNTRUE. 25c Genuine Catarrh, 25c 25c Pe-ru-na—certainly! 25c 25c Pierce's Remedies—Discovery or Prescription, 25c 25c Genuine Alcock's Plasters, 25c 25c Palmer's Celery Compound, 25c 25c Miles' Nervine, 25c 25c Compare this whole list and if you can get as cheap in Omaha we will give them to you and we are not joking either. 25c Wizard Oil, 25c 25c Molander's Kid Liver Oil, 25c 25c Pierce's Pills, 25c 25c Burkhart's Vegetable Compound, 25c 25c Warner's Safe Cure, 25c 25c DON'T FORGET EGYPTIAN LOTUS CREAM SATURDAY, DEC. 13TH, AT 5c PER BOTTLE. OPEN ALWAYS. SCHAEFER'S CUT PRICE DRUG STORE. Tel. 747. R. W. Cor. 19th and Chicago.

Woodwards. Ganymede Chocolates. The Finest Box of Assorted Chocolates packed in America. Plain packages, 50c per lb.; Souvenir packages, 75c per lb. KUHN & CO. DRUGGISTS, 15th and Douglas Sts.

GRAIN-O THE PURE GRAIN COFFEE. Even children drink Grain-O because they like it and the doctors say it is good for them. Why not? It contains all of the nourishment of the pure grain and none of the poisons of coffee. TRY IT TO-DAY. At grocery everywhere; 15c and 25c per package.

RE-NO-MAY SWEATY FEET CURED TO STAY CURED. Deputy State Veterinarian. H. L. RABACCIOTTI, D. V. S. CITY VETERINARIAN. Office and Infirmary, 24th and Mason Sts. Omaha, Neb. Telephone 518.

Nebraska Clothing Co. CLOTHES FOR MEN AND WOMEN. Prices have been reduced on every woman's jacket in our entire stock. Since we advertised this gigantic clearing sale of women's jackets last Saturday, the selling has been terrific. Monday and Tuesday were banner days in our cloak department. We still have a large assortment of very beautiful garments that will be sold at reduced prices, as we are determined to dispose of all our women's jackets before January 1st. Women's \$10 and \$12 Jackets, Thursday, \$7.50—About 250 Women's Jackets—Made of fine chevots and koreys, in all shades some 21-in. long, made with new shot seams, new back and new sleeves—others 27-in. box coats—made of the finest materials, lined with guaranteed satin linings, all this season's new up-to-date garments and positively worth \$10 to \$12—all on one table. Take your choice Thursday 7.50. Women's \$15 and \$16.75 Coats, Thursday \$10.00—This is positively the best lot of garments ever offered for the money, they are all made of the very finest materials, in box, 3-4 length and 27-inch Monte Carlo styles, all Skimmer satin lined garments, that we have sold at \$15.00, \$16.75 and \$18.75—all on one table. Take your choice Thursday 10.00. All our high grade novelties in 27-inch and 3-4 length Monte Carlo Coats have been reduced from \$5.00 to \$10.00 on every garment. Great Waist Purchase. We bought from the Princess Waist Co. 75 dozen women high grade waists at 50c on the dollar. They are made of the finest French flannels, Sicilians and vestings, slot seams, and ping pong effects, not a waist in the lot worth less than \$3 and up to \$5. Don't miss this opportunity to get a waist for less than what the material would cost you. Your choice Thursday 1.90. Women's Walking Skirts. 450 women's walking skirts, bought from a manufacturer at about half their actual value, will be on sale Thursday. They are made of meltons chevots and fancy mixtures, in all the new up-to-date styles skirts in this lot worth from \$7.50 to \$10.00. Choice Thursday 4.90.

You Cannot Duplicate These Drug Prices West of Chicago. You can get the goods and the prices at SHERMAN & MCCONNELL'S. 25c Menmen's Talcum Powder for 10c 25c Marvel Whirling Spray for 25c 25c Swamp-Root (Kilmer's), we sell 74c 25c White Ribbon Liqueur Cure, we sell 75c (Special price in full dozen quantities on above remedy). 25c Neal's Catarrh Tablets, we sell 40c 25c Newb's Hieracide, we sell 74c WE GIVE YOU WHAT YOU ASK FOR. 25c Ripplet of Pige, genuine, we sell 40c 25c Mastetoe Cream, we sell 10c 25c Agnew's Catarrh Powder for 40c 25c Wine of Cardui, we sell 65c 25c Wakelee's Camelline for 40c —These are Sherman & McConnell's prices. One pound mixed bird seed for 10c 25c Pure 2-grain Quinine Pills for 2