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VERY MAN should be well dressed for the holidays. If you have postponed the purchase of your winter suit and overcoat until now, you can take advantage of L the most favorable chance of the season. We offer the entire stock from the bankrupt factory of J. M. Mertens & Co., Syracuse, N. Y., at three amazing bargain prices

naturally expect to see priced at \$10 and \$12.50. They are and finished by expert tailors. Form fitting in every trade, and they bear every mark of excellent taste and good warm winter overcoats and suits that will stand hard wear. Your choice 5 75 way, and made to sell at \$16.50, \$18.00 perfect style. They are such swagger and \$20.00. Your choice during this of the garment as you pay \$25 & \$27.50

& Co. Stock-worth up to \$12.50 at \$5.75 & Co. Stock-worth up to \$20.00 at \$9.98 & Co. Stock-worth up to \$27.50 at \$14.98 HESE overcoats and suits are well and stylishly made TERE is a splendid line of overcoats and suits fash- TERE is a splendid line of overcoats and suits fash-

I in correct fashion. Such suits as these you would I ioned according to the latest styles, and well made, I most fashionable and exclusive eastern clothing

Suits and Overcoats from the J. M. Mertens Suits and Overcoats from the J. M. Mertens Suits and Overcoats from the J. M. Mertens

in our entire stock, regularly priced up to \$27.50, your choice at This is a most extraordinary offer. The excellence of Rogers-Peet suits is known

the country over. There is no better ready-made clothing to be found at any price. All the fancy pattern suits of the Rogers-Peet make in our stock at this price.

Any Rogers, Peet & Co. Overcoat Co in our entire stock, regularly priced up to \$35.00, your choice at

These are the swell overcoats that are worn by the most careful dressers throughout the country. They are perfect style and faultless fit. Staple and novelty styles, all sizes and every one a bargain.

Boys' Knee Pants Sults and Overcoats-ages 8 to 16 years-overcoats in the Russian, ragian and mili-\$5.00 and \$6.00

"THE BEST GIFTS FOR A MAN" High Grade House and Smoking Jackets

If you wish to select a present that a man enjoys and appreciates above all things, buy him a smoking jacket. He will never think to buy one himself, but it means many hours of home enjoyment. We show a splendid line of the very newest and latest effects in velvets, silk, Bedford cloths, etc. 3.98 to at......

Special Smoking Jacket Bargain at \$4.69 A very special in a fine smoking jacket, all patterns and styles special

Comfortable Bath and Lounging Robes. The most comfortable garment that a man possesses. We show every correct fashion and pattern, the most attractive robes to be seen this season. 51 John to Every one a special value

SPECIAL SALE MEN'S FANCY VESTS

Your choice of all the ultra stylish silk and wash and fancy vests from J. M. Mertens & Co. stock, of Syracuse, N. Y., at a bargain price. Made in the very latest ideas from silks, velvet, mohairs, English mixed cloths, etc. Every one a stylish new vest, and worth up to \$2.50 and 3.50,

Mufflers for Gifts



Newest effects in men's silk mufflers, French folds, squares, quilted and full dress; 49c

Ways sweater neck muf-flers at...... 35c

Christmas Gloves

Men's Dress Kid Gloves, unlined, new and fashionable shades, 1.50-1.00

Men's Fur Lined Gloves - soft fleece and fur lining of the finest leather, \$5 down 50c

Men's Caps Winter Caps in Fur, plush, beaver,

50c-98c-1.50-3.00 Boys and children's caps at

25c to 98c

Two Big Special Events

\$1.25 Silk Suspenders at 49c A manufacturer's complete stock of silk suspenders, one pair in fancy box. Imported silk with gold plated buckles, A beautiful Ohristmas gift, worth up to \$1.25, at

\$1 Neckwear at 25c and 45c One thousand dozen silk neckties. Entire over stock of a New York

manufacturer-the new French silks in four-in-hands, tecks and imperials. Every one a new and stylish pattern, many exclusive. Worth up to \$1, Saturday special, each, at

IS OVERTAKING JOHN BULL British greater

at

Sam's Exports to South Africe Increase Thrice as Fast.

STILL A BROAD STRETCH BETWEEN

tin to Encourage Greater Effort to Cultivate the African Importing Centers. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- The value of

ne special attention at the present time lly presented to the British Parlia-

little under £5,000,000; last year they times as great as that for 1803; while, as sached £26,000,000. In 1893 South Africa stood the sixth on the list of Great dom for 1902 was only three times as great Britain's customers; last year it stood as in 1893. It is no rash prediction that this year it will pass India and stand first on the list

and rapidly growing importance of South our exports grow from \$23,064,623 in 1823 to Africa as an importing country lends \$55,827,528 in 1903; to South America, from especial interest to some figures just pre-United States to British Africa and to 1893 to \$1,009,256,667 in 1903. Africa as a whole. These figures show that | That there is still room for a growth in the exports from the United States to

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Society Stationery

S CENTS A BOX UP AS HIGH AS XOUR PURSE ADMITS. Would anyone dare say it not an ap-priate gift?

were to

Africa have grown with even FROM CABOOSE TO PALACE greater rapidity than those from the United Kingdom referred to by the report bove quoted.

Thrice Great Britain's Increase.

Exports from the United States to British Africa grew from \$3,688,959 in 1893 to \$33,844,396 in 1903, or, in other words, were tine times as much in 1903 as in 1893, while exports from the United Kingdom to South Africa grew from \$39,896,000 in 1893 to \$125,-,000 in 1902, the 1903 figures not being yet available. Thus, while exports from the United States to British Africa are in 1908

nine times those of 1893, those from the United Kingdom were in 1902 but three times as much as those in 1898. The relative growth of exports from the uth Africa as a market is a subject of United States and from the United Kingdom to the territory in question can be more accurately determined by utilizing the figures of the United States for the This report shows that the British year 1902, since the figures for the United sies in South Africa have become of Kingdom for the year 1903 are not yet ater importance than any other of the available. This shows that the exports from the United States to British Africa "Ten years ago," it says, "Great Britain's grew from \$3,688,399 in 1883 to \$28,780,105 in exports to South Africa were valued at 1902, the total for 1903 being nearly eight

Other Growth

The total exports from the United States as the largest buyer in the world of the to Africa have grown with great rapidityce and manufactures of the mother from \$5,196,480 in 1893 to \$38,436,853 in 1903, ing more than seven times as much in 1908 as in 1893; while to Asia and Oceania pared by the Department of Commerce North America, other than the Umted aid Labor through its bureau of statistics, States, from \$119,788,889 in 1898 to \$215,482,769 wing the growth of exports from the in 1908; and to Europe, from \$661,976,710 in

exports to South Africa, and that our share in supplying that market still falls far below that of the United Kingdom, is evident from the fact that the total value of merexported from Great Britain to the South African colonies in 1902 was \$1.5,-280,000 against a total of \$23,780,105 exported the property from the United States in that year to all British possessions in Africa.

Tables Compared.

The table which follows shows the British statement of exports to South Africa from

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choice ..

John A. Bunting, Once Freight Brakeman, is Now a Millionaire.

CARVES IMMENSE FORTUNE OUT OF OIL

Now Rides Over Roads in Palatial Private Car Where Formerly

He Sat and Twisted

John A. Bunting, known as the million aire brakeman, passed through the city this morning for his home in California. He is extensive oil fields on the western coast and in Texas.

A few years ago Mr. Bunting held a no sition as brakeman on the Southern Pacific railroad. He had bought with his savings section of land in the Kern river district and when the oil excitement started he managed to secure options on a large already indicated, that of the United Kingbody of the most valuable land in the district. In a short time he was the center ested in the oil excitement. When he secured his price he sold, and, as the price was a high one, he found himself a very wealthy man after the excitement died out. Bunting still owns a controlling interest in some of the best producing wells in the country and he stated that 150 cars of oil are being shipped daily from wells in which he is interested. The most of this oll is used for fuel purposes, some rail-

roads taking large quantities of it. Buya Fine Ranch.

Shortly after his fortune had been secured Mr. Bunting bought one of the finest ranches in California at Centerville, Alasaying when he did so that in case he met with misfortune he and his family would

is said that he has notaforgotten the men septic and hair-dressing. Sold by twisted a brake on the desert freight. Mr. Bunting has been in New York, Chicago and St. Louis to attend meetings of various boards of directors of companies

in which he is interested. ENGINE HORSES Deaver Officials Stop in Omaha After Haking Purchases in

Alexander Nisbet, superintendent of supplies for Denver, and Dr. A. C. Van Noss, city veterinarian of the Colorado metropo its, called on Mayor Moores yesterday in company with Fire Chief Balter. The Denver officers have been buying horses for their fire department in norths lows and brought a our of twenty-one ammals to the South Omaha stock yards Thursday night for food and rost. Friday Chief Sulter inspected the horses, as Gmaha will have to buy twenty-five for the same purpose within a few months. -Buperintendent Nisbet and Dr. Van Nuss

and towns of Iowa to secure just what they wanted-horses large and heavy, but capable of energy and quick action. The collection is said to be one of the finest of the kind ever unloaded in the South Omaha Loss of One Hundred Dollars Prompts Mrs yards. The animals are all from 5 to 6 years old, Berkshire stallion cross, and

ost an average of \$225 apiece. The local authorities had contemplated FOUND WITH CHLOROFORM AT NOSE buying the horses needed here at the Chicago horse market, admittedly one of the greatest in the world, but may be induced to buy at least some of the stock in the manner pursued by the Denver officers.

COOKING MEALS IS NO CRIME Such Work for Husband Not Admitted as Grounds for Obtaining

Divorce. The divorce suit of Dr. Frank E. Coulte against Alice W. Coulter is on trial before Judge Dickinson. The plaintiff alleges that his wife has made things unpleasant for not properly cared for and that the defendant has not acted as becomes a true wife.

The subject of domestic relations were entered into during the progress of the trial and when Dr. Coulter was on the stand he was asked whether he helped his wife get some of the meals and did other domestic work, which should rightfully have been performed by the wife. The attorneys for the other side objected,

This caused general laughter and the court agreed that, "we have all done little of that kind of work."

SUN AND SNOW

Sometimes Help the Hair to Go. In any changeable climate the hair is apt to become brittle and to break off meda county, which he deeded to his wife, stubby here and there. This makes a cially to ladies. In using a hair dressing have a home. It is reported that he paid why not get the best, one that combines several hundred thousand dollars for with it the efficiency in killing the dan druff germ, the germ that cats the hair From riding in a caboose and braking off at the roots, causing what is called on the Southern Pacific Mr. Bunting has falling hair, and in time baldness. Newstepped up until now he occupies one of bro's "Herpicide" is that kind of a hatr the finest private cars in the country, dressing. You have no idea how delight which is attached to the best train that ful your scalp will feel, and how stylish over the line when he rides on that your hair will appear, after an applica road. The car is his personal property and tion or two of Herpicide. It is certainly was built according to his directions. It a wonder innovation as a scalp antiwho used to work with him, and that he druggists. Send loc in stamps for sampl greets his old comrades with as hearty a to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. handshake when he meets them as when he Sherman & McConnell Drug Co., special agent.

> Probate Calendar. L. D. Spaiding has been named as admin strator of the estate of C. A. Parks. Melvin S. Uhi has been named as administrator of the estate of his father, Charles A. Uhl.

Henry Miller has been named as the administrator of the estate of Samuel Livngsiton and bond fixed at \$1,500.

The will of Lucy L. Roys has been adnitted to probate. Milton F. Roys has been
appointed administrator and bond fixed at In the matter of the harman adopted by Marie Judd, a minor; child was adopted by John T. Judd and Mattie P. Judd. Mrs. Lillian Kendrick, the mother has applied for the readoption of her child.

The will of Ferdmand Frederichsen has been filed for probate. His body is to be cremated at Davenport. In His estate is valued at S. Sch. A sister, Leuisa Prederichsen, residing in Kink Germany.

H. D. Rockwell, traveling passenger agent f the Northern Pacific, with headquarters to Des Moinos, is in the city.

W. A. Deuel, superintendent of the Ne-braska division of the Union Pacific, and some of the roadmasters and section fore-men connected with the same line, have gone out in a special train to inspect the Nebraska division.

The time of the Illinois Central Fort Dodgo local will be changed on the same data. It leaves at 4:50 p. m., but after Sun-

WORRY OVER MONEY FATAL

Catherine Christy to Suicide.

Tells Friend Thursday of Her Inten tions After Roomer is Accused of Taking Her Money

with Him. Over the loss of \$100 Mrs. Catherine Christy, 2020 Burt street, killed herself yes

terday morning. With her face enveloped in a towel saturated with chloroform, lying face downward on her bed, the woman was found at 11:30 a. m. by Coroner Bratley and her at torney, F. W. Fitch. Dan McCann, a former roomer of Mrs Christy's, disappeared the other day; about

the same time \$100 belonging to Mrs Christy left the premises and he was at once accused of taking the money. The chief reason for this accusation was that Mrs. Christy said her boarder had collected this amount and falled to turn it DISPUTE OVER TIME OF DEED over to her. He had been a trusty friend and was in the habit of collecting money for his landlady from the other roomers. Thusday Mrs. Christy confided in her friend, Mrs. M. A. Smith, her suicidal inten tions, but Mrs. Smith paid little attention to it, thinking that Mrs. Christy did not mean what she said. Her apprehens were aroused Friday morning when Mrs. Christy failed to appear at her usual time, and the tragedy was revealed when a search was made for the missing woman at a little before noon.

Mr. Fitch, Mrs. Christy's attorney, is said to have been engaged partially to secure a divorce for the woman from her brooding over her domestic troubles Mrs. Christy is known to have had no other reason for taking he life, save the toss of

The body was taken in charge by the cor ner. The husband will be notified if he can be found. Mrs. Christy was about 30 years of age

of whom, a lad of 13, she had brought with her from Pennsylvania to Omaha, where she hoped, it is said, to obtain a divorce from her husband. The other two children, a girl of 9 and a boy of 7, she left with her mother at Hemingford. Friends of the dead woman now say that she had been crushed in heart over her domestic troubles and that the financial stress forced upon her by the betrayal of a supposed riend, drove her to despair.

Ratiway Notes and Personals. P. Elmer, general passenger agent of Chicago Great Western, is in Omaha. Gerrit Fort, assistant general passenger gent of the Union Pacific, has gone to

in Des Moines, is in the city.

New furniture is being installed in the offices of the Chicago Great Western on Farnam street. It is of oak, and when put in place will present a fine appearance.

The Rock Island announces that effective Sunday, December 25, the time of its Oklahoma and Texas express will be changed so that it will leave at 4:10 p. m. instead of 6:15 p. m., as formerly.

W. A. Deuel, superintendent of the Newska division of the Union Pacific, and

train running in the opposite direction will arrive at 10:30 a.m. instead of 10 a.m.

A notice has been issued by the clergymen's bureau of the Southwestern Passenger association, the Transcontinental Passenger association and the Western Passenger association which states that clergymen's permits for 1903 will be honored by all lines in the associations until January 31, after which date new permits will be issued. The application blanks are expected shortly by the local offices.

WANT THE BOOKS INSPECTED Request is Made That Experts Check Up Elsasser's County Treasury

A request for a checking up of the books with any purchase of \$1.00 or more, we will made to the Board of County Commissioners and the matter has been under disspection of the books by expert accountants not connected with the county government would be of service in satisfying the taxpayers that the county funds have been properly cared for Curing the past two terms. Further, it is held that it would innew treasurer may work and be held re-

Defense Denies Burglary Charge Pre

ferred for Disappearance of

Carpenter Tools.

John Coyne is on trial before Judge Estelle on the charge of burglary. It is alleged that he broke into a tool box owned by Lewis Kalb and took therefrom some carpenter tools. The alleged burglary is said to have occurred at the old Robert Smith building, which collapsed at 1405 Douglas street. The defense claims that Coyne is not guilty of burglary, since it cannot be proven that he did not take the tools in the day time, if he took them at all

Twenty-Three Hours of Luxury from Chicago to New York. Leaving Chicago 6 p. m. on the Pennsylvania Limited, travelers enjoy twenty-

three hours of luxury on the run to New York. The train consists of drawing-room sleeping cars, dining cars, library-smoking cars with writing facilities and market bulletins; barber and bath; private con partments; easy arm chairs at wide windows, and canopied plazza at the rear of the train for viewing the scenery of the valley of the Conemaugh, the Alleghenies, Horse Shoe curve, and along the Juniata and Susquehanna rivers, replete with scenic the Pennsylvania Limited may be obtained by addressing C. L. Kimball, A. G. P. Agt. No. 2 Sherman street, Chicago.

Marriage Licenses. The following marriage licenses were is

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of the retiring county treasurer has been give you choice of a box of cigars; bottle of wine, decenter and glasses to match; wicker covered decanter or steins; any one cussion. It has ben suggested that an in- of them very sultable for a present. Our store is run on a high standard and when we say snything we are always good as our word. A visit will convince you that we cater only to the most exclusive trade and carry the finest line of goods in the sure a satisfactory basis from which the market, thus-owing to our ability to buy new treasurer may work and be held re-

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