

Now located in the new retail center, Howard and Sixteenth Streets.

# Seven More Days

In which to do your Christmas Shopping. While we expect they will be very busy ones, we have arranged our Christmas stocks so as to handle the larger crowds and with as quick service as possible. Our beautiful daylight store is filled with Christmas Goods that are practical for gift giving.

## New Dress Goods for Saturday's Christmas Shopping

How many thousands, not only girls, but women, who have counted the trinkets given them valueless would have been delighted if the same modest sum had been spent for something useful, something that would have been of service through the weeks and months to come.

**HANDSOME NEW PLAIDS RECEIVED**—Their value is not equalled anywhere outside of this store; for nearly all sorts of wear, pretty bright shades, medium and dark colors, with crossbars of some dainty contrasting color. Regular 50c quality Saturday 25c a yard.

**NEW BLACK AND WHITE SHEPHERD'S CHECKS**—There is not a dress fabric made that is so loved on sight by artistic women as these dainty shepherd's checks. Not only good right now, but a most charming fabric for the new spring gown. 75c, 50c and \$1.00 a yard.

## More New Dress Silks Received

"BEAUTIFUL"—The word is assurance of highest quality and exquisite beauty in dress silks. An assortment especially rich in holiday suggestions is to be seen at the silk counter, and, best of all, you can make no mistake. Silk for a dress never fails to please. \$1.00 a yard.

## Silk Cases

Silk Glove Cases at \$2.50 and \$3.00 each.  
Silk Handkerchief Cases at \$3.00 and \$4.00 each.  
Silk Opera Bags at \$1.00 each.  
Silk Glove Darners at \$1.50 each.

We are also showing on our second floor a beautiful line of linen hand-painted novelties, burned wood and small leather novelties. Articles from 25c up to \$6.00 each.

Commencing Saturday Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

# THOMPSON, BELDEN & Co.

Howard and Sixteenth Streets

the renomination of J. N. Elliott as United States attorney of the state, while Senator Kittredge and Representative Martin and Burke stand together for the nomination of a man named Bismarck of Sioux Falls. These three men called on the president yesterday.

## New Railway Postal Clerks.

Herbert Hamrick of Hampton, W. E. Holloway of Downey, Fred E. Preston of Woodward, Walter Jeffrey of Lewden, L. J. Osley of Elgin, Ia.; C. N. Dillon of Swan, Luther G. Nelson of Omaha, E. E. Mills of Lincoln, F. E. Chitt of Long Pine, Neb.; Charles D. Davis of Farnsworth, Thomas Ryan of Sioux Falls, and R. W. Fortune of Andover, S. D., have all been appointed railway mail clerks.

## Miss Millard Gives Luncheon.

Miss Millard, daughter of Senator Millard, gave a luncheon party at her home at the Connecticut this afternoon. Her guests were Mrs. A. E. Bates, Mrs. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Mrs. Nathan B. Scott, Mrs. John L. Kennedy, Mrs. Joseph C. Sibley, Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe and Miss Ridgely.

## MATHEWS OFF FOR WASHINGTON

Expresses Gratitude that President Has Granted Him a Hearing.

"It's the first I have heard of," was Mr. Mathews' reply, when asked by The Bee at 2:45 Friday afternoon if he had heard from Washington that he was to be given a hearing before the president. "I have not received the telegram sent to me yet," added the marshal when advised that a message had been sent him. "Will you go to Washington at once?" he was asked.

"Yes, if that is what I am asked to do." The conversation was held over telephone. Mr. Mathews naturally indicated some feeling of gratitude that his hope for a hearing had been fulfilled.

Later in the day Mr. Mathews received the message asking him to go to Washington as quickly as possible. He left on the first train.

## SENATE CONFIRMS NOMINATIONS

William V. Wilcox, Pension Agent at Des Moines, on the list.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate in executive session today confirmed the following nominations:

Benjamin F. Harter, Indiana, auditor for the War Department; Charles A. McGonagle, Indiana, deputy auditor for the Post-office Department; Louis M. Idinger, New York, agent and consul general at Cairo, Egypt; Leo Allen Bergfeld, New York, consul general at Beirut; William V. Wilcox at Des Moines, Ia.; Wilder S. Metcalf of Topeka, Kan.; Collectors of Internal Revenue—Henry P. Barshar, district of New Mexico; Appraiser of merchandise—Theo. D. Kailbell at St. Louis, Mo.; Postmaster—Idahus J. M. Elder, Cour P. Adams, Missouri; F. M. Harrington, Knoxville, Tenn.; Frank McKim, Tarkio, Mo.; O. K. Kiefer, Liberal.

Assistant secretary of the interior—Joseph Wilson, Indiana.

## FOOTWEAR FOR CHILDREN

Every day is Children's Day at this store, but Saturday will be the busy day. A large new shipment of Children's Shoes just received, including "tan buckskin," "white calf" and "red kid." The best prices you can buy for the boy, girl or baby is a "Lilliputian" Shoe. We will exchange them for you if they don't fit.

**\$1.00**  
**\$1.50**  
**\$2.00**

**BENSON & THORNE**  
*Lilliputian Shoes*

Write for Illustrated Catalogue.

## Gloves

Give her one of our Glove Certificates. She can then select the right shade and size and have them properly fitted. These certificates are issued for one or as many pairs as you may wish to give.

Here are three different makes of specially selected skins which we highly recommend for style, service and fit. They are: Posterior, Trefosse, and Vallier. They are made in three-button lengths, with new fastenings and stitchings. Colors, brown, beaver, gray, black and white. Price, \$2.00 pair.

Our \$1.00 and \$1.50 gloves are leaders of fashion. We show them in all the new shades also black and white.

## Umbrellas

Black Silk Umbrellas good for rain, snow or sunshine; so you see there is hardly a season in the year when one does not have use for an umbrella. When you are wondering what to give "him or her," why not select something that is useful.

Our line for holiday gift giving embraces all the new styles in handles—gold, silver, plain, trimmed boxwood; pearl, ivory and horns.

Umbrellas for men and for women at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and up to \$15.00 each.

Juvenile Umbrellas at \$1.00 each.

## Down Quilts

A gift that will be highly appreciated is one of our beautiful Down Quilts. Baste covered, size 6 feet by 7 feet, filled with pure down, soft, beautiful to look upon, but finer to sleep under. \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00 each.

Silk Covered Down Quilts—the most luxurious of all bed covers and their daintiness is unequalled—prices, \$12.00, \$18.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 each.

## Fancy Boxes

We are showing a large assortment of wood, tapestry and fancy velvet boxes on our second floor. Be sure to see them and you will be surprised at the littleness of the prices.

Handkerchief boxes, at \$1.00, \$1.15 and \$2.00 each.

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## HARRIMAN GIVES VERSION

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to meet me. I made an appointment to meet him. At 11 o'clock Mr. Cravath came and said Ryan was sorry he had to proceed without me. I told Mr. Cravath I considered this an act of bad faith, turned my back on Cravath and walked away. Mr. Ryan later asked me to come to his office on Monday and meet Mr. Root.

## Root Insists on Trustees.

"In that interview with Cravath he told me that Mr. Root had insisted on the appointment of the trustees of the Equitable at once and the announcement in the morning papers. That was the first intimation that Mr. Ryan had asked the trustees to act. I want you all to understand that I have something besides life insurance to do and think of. My mind was on the 35,000 miles of railroads and thirty-five to forty steamships which I have to take care of. I wanted only to get the Equitable. Mr. Ryan did not tell me at the first interview what he paid for the Hyde stock.

"At the next interview Root and Cravath were present. I said to Ryan, 'You want my co-operation?' He said, 'Yes.' I said, 'I will take half of your stock provided you agree to the appointment of absolutely independent trustees who will be absolutely independent.' Ryan refused and told me I had promised to help him if I was satisfied. I said this was my way of being satisfied. I do not remember what else I said. I may have said that these gentlemen say I did. I intended, unless I was satisfied with their motives to oppose his control of the society and thought it ought to be stopped. I knew whom he had selected as trustees, but did not know his plan to divest himself of control of the stock."

## Grand Jury at Work

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In each case the packers have paid the full rate established by the railroad upon such shipments. This rate was open to any manufacturer such goods and there was not any "rebate, concession or discount" whatever. The question raised by Ryan in this matter, as we all know such inquiries are regular and common."

Mr. Harriman then said: "I ask the press to spare the men and not bring their names into the headlines."

Mr. Hughes asked how he was convinced.

## No Possibility of Panic.

"It was because of my interest in the Equitable that I wanted a share. There was no possibility of a panic. No one but Ryan had such a view. I doubt whether he had it."

"Did you tell Ryan if I did not give you a share of the stock you would oppose whatever he did?" asked Mr. Hughes.

"No, sir. A wrong interpretation has been put on what I know of this. I have no recollection of having said to Ryan I did not intend to let anybody control that stock unless I had a share in it. I cannot say positively that I did not say it."

## Did You Tell Him He Could Not Succeed Without Your Help?

"I was convinced that he intended to center the control of the Equitable in himself and I told him that my influence would be thrown against him. I told him I would use every effort I could. It was not so strenuous an interview. It lasted only fifteen minutes."

"Did you refer to legislative action or say anything about the legislature?"

"I do not recall any such thing, or that I would do anything to influence legislation. I cannot say positively that I did. I do not know that it would have been improper. Everybody knew that there would be legislation on the matter. If I recollect, I would be perfectly willing to tell it."

## No Steps Against Ryan.

"Did you take any steps to thwart his plans?"

"Not yet. I had no conversation with Governor Odell about the advisability of a legislative investigation nor about any kind of legislation whatever. I knew nothing about this investigation whatever."

Mr. Harriman said he was in politics and has some political influence and he did not consider it improper if he did use his political influence against Ryan. "Nothing improper in Ryan's conduct of the Equi-

## Dainty Wool Comforters suitable for gifts, fine mercerized cambric with China silk borders, at \$5.00 each.

Wool Comforters—All China silk covered, beautiful designs in center, plain borders. "Watch" at \$11.00 each.

Robe Blankets for bath robes at \$5c, \$1.00, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 each.

## Ladies' Union Suits

Ladies' fine ribbed silk and lace Union Suits, Sterling make, open across the chest or down the front; a beautiful garment; color, flesh; \$5.50 a suit.

Ladies' fine ribbed silk and wool Union Suits, Sterling make, medium weight; color, cream; all sizes; \$5.50 a suit.

Ladies' fine ribbed all wool Union Suits, medium weight, open to waist line; color, open to waist line; all sizes; \$3.50 a suit.

Ladies' fine ribbed part wool Union Suits, medium weight, open to waist line; color, gray; all sizes; \$1.50 a suit.

Ladies' fine ribbed fleeced cotton Union Suits, open down the front or across the chest; all sizes; heavy weight for cold weather; all sizes; \$1.00 a suit.

Ladies' Corset Covers, high neck, long sleeves; a good heavy weight cotton; color, cream or black; all sizes; \$5c each.

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## OMAHA HIGH WINS DEBATE

Turns the Tables on the Representatives of West Des Moines.

## VERDICT OF THE JUDGES IS UNANIMOUS

Program Preceded and Followed by Musical Selections by Omaha High School Band, Orchestra and Vocalists.

Before an enthusiastic audience, which filled the First Methodist Episcopal church last evening, the West Des Moines High school went down to defeat at the hands of the Omaha orators. The question, "Resolved, That American municipalities should own and operate their street railways," was timely and interesting and was handled in a thorough and scholarly manner.

The Iowa debaters, supporting the affirmative, were Fred Baer, John Grebbel and Alfred Sanborn. Omaha was represented by Herbert Potter, Glenn Wallerstedt and John Latenser. Principal Waterhouse was master of ceremonies. A stirring concert by the crest band and an admirably rendered selection by the "coterie" opened the program. After these preliminaries were disposed of, Mr. Baer of West Des Moines commenced actual hostilities. This champion of municipal ownership declared that the public ownership of gas, water and electric utilities had been a success, and in Europe at least, street railways had proved no less adaptable to that system. Massachusetts was introduced as an example of public control; the alternative for municipalization and the system there was asserted to be unsatisfactory. From that moment on, the contest revolved more or less upon the "hub of the universe."

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ever question, but who in taking on this peculiar function of a vigilante, has been compelled to disqualify himself from sitting in a great number of cases which the state of New York had expected him to adjudicate.

## Shot at Paul Marion.

"And in order to make effective this reform a gentleman is selected who may have been a good railroad man—I believe he was—and we have the authority of the president for it, that he was an excellent cabinet officer, too good in fact to remain. (Laughter.) And this gentleman, who in the walks of life where he had proven his efficiency, I do not believe could command over \$25,000 or \$30,000 a year, gets \$30,000 in a calling for which he has had no qualification or preparation whatever. Now that is reform as the insurance companies themselves concede it."

"In the Mutual we have the very board of trustees who had themselves either been active agents of these frauds, been privy to them, choosing a new head and that selection is generally attributed to the influence of a gentleman who leaped into a peculiar train through magazine articles, and which seems to describe him as the triumphant and successful hero of a hundred larcenies. (Laughter.)

## New York Life Road Deals.

"In the New York Life, the third, we find the vice president, after avowal of crime, after swearing on his own oath that he had purchased bonds one day and sold them the next day, to the same company, at an advance of 3 per cent, driven out by the indignation of the community, finds himself followed by the adulation of this board and a complimentary resolution, complimentary to his efficiency in slandering—has been spread through the public press as an advertisement paid out of the funds of the policy holders whom he robbed."

## Mr. Cockran paid his respects to Mr. Perkins and Mr. McCurdy, saying they doubtless were surprised at the own modesty.

"Rockefeller's fortune is a monument to crime," declared Mr. Cockran, "and he does not deny it."

"It is time we should consider the awful effect of criminals still holding office they have abused," Mr. Cockran added.

Mr. Cockran in conclusion declared congress was bound to take action.

After some general debate, in which Adams (Pa.), Mr. Williams, the minority leader, and Mr. Burke (Pa.) took part, the house adjourned.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

## Mr. Tillman Occupies Entire Time in Criticism of Canal Work.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Panama canal was again under consideration by the senate today and Mr. Tillman occupied the executive time given to that subject except when he gave way to questions from or interruptions by other senators. He did not indicate any intention of opposing the measure, but he criticized the bill, but he criticized the methods of the canal commission in many of its transactions. He raised the question as to whether President Shonts is still in the employ of the Clover Leaf railroad and said that the railroad register still carries his name as the principal road. He sharply criticized the employment of Secretary Bishop as a press representative and Mr. Hale joined in this censure, saying that Mr. Bishop's employment in that capacity is a reflection not only on congress but on the press. A part of Mr. Tillman's remarks was devoted to a criticism of the president's policy in Santo Domingo and the speaker defended the president's course. When the senate adjourned the bill was still pending, but there was an agreement for a vote tomorrow.

## Before the Panama bill was taken up, the senate adopted a resolution calling upon the postmaster general for information as to whether there is discrimination between college publications in the matter of admission to the mails as second class matter.

## A Guaranteed Cure for Piles.

Itching, bleeding, protruding piles. Your druggist will refund money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure you in 14 days. 50c.

## HYMENEAL.

## Tomlinson-Eaton.

KEARNE, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Cards have been received in this city announcing the marriage of Mrs. Susan Eaton and Raymond Frederick Tomlinson, which occurred yesterday at the home of the bride in Wood River. Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson will be at home after January 1 at Los Angeles. Mr. Tomlinson was until recently manager of the Postal Telegraph company in this city.

## Whittaker-Heiser.

Joseph E. Whittaker and Miss Emma Heiser were married Thursday afternoon at the home of Rev. C. W. Savage. Miss Heiser is the daughter of Charles Heiser of Council Bluffs.

## DIAMONDS—Frenzer, 15th and Dodge.

## Settles California Appointment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—At a conference today between Senator Perkins and Flint of California and President Roosevelt it was decided that Flint, who is of Los Angeles could be appointed United States at-

## RESCUED BY LIFE SAVERS

Crew of Nineteen Men Taken Off Wrecked Steamer Antigonio Near Norfolk, Va.

## NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 15.—After a struggle of forty-eight hours with winds and waves, during which the crew had no time for eating or sleeping, the Belgian steamer Antigonio, Captain Calmetta, went ashore at Little Island, about twelve miles south of this place early today. No lives were lost, but this is due solely to the efforts on the part of the crews at the life-saving stations at Little Island and False Gap.

The Antigonio is now laid around about 20 yards off shore. It is probable the vessel will be a total loss. The nineteen men composing the crew of the Antigonio were taken off in the breeches buoy, the last man being brought safely to shore late this afternoon. The Antigonio cleared Norfolk December 1 loaded with lumber for La Rochelle, France, by way of Norfolk, for coal.

## CLOCKS—Frenzer, 15th and Dodge.

## Woman Acquitted of Murder Charge.

SALINA, Kan., Dec. 15.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Sarah Caldwell, charged with the murder of her husband, was discharged today, having reported it was unable to reach a verdict. The jury stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal.

## Free To-day to the Ladies of Omaha

## A bottle of ALLAN'S JANICE PERFUME the Grand Prize Winner over all Perfumes in the World in the Perfumery section of the St. Louis World's Fair.

It's a rare treat for My Lady Fair. Fairlike fragrance from the Sun-flooded fields of fair flower France. A perfume which LASTS when others become but a memory.

**ALLAN'S JANICE PERFUME**

The scent of beautiful blossoms clings exquisitely to the handkerchief or garment for days after use.

ALLAN'S "JANICE" PERFUME transports the very breath of the sweetest flowers of sunny France to your Nebraska home.

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