

EARLY SHOPPING TRIUMPHS

Innovation Proves Profitable in More Ways Than One, Merchants Say.

EAGER TO MAKE IT PERMANENT RULE

Old Santa Claus Comes Down Last Stretch Hardened with Bounties and Bound to Win.

Down the last stretch, past the three-quarter post, tearing for the wire like a champion of the city, in great exhilaration, entered the course of their Christmas trading.

"Now they're off," shouted the retail merchants some three weeks ago as the shoppers of the city, in great exhilaration, entered the course of their Christmas trading.

Unprecedented, the greatest season we have ever known, it is now the verdict of all the traders, as they come up to the finish line, one and all, big and little, the storekeepers, or, as they would say over in dear old Linnun, the shopkeepers, declare the anti-Christmas trade has exceeded anything in the past they have ever known.

merry: All pull together so we can say as much when Christmas comes again."

HOTELS FEEL EFFECT OF IT, TOO

Hostelries Have Unusually Large Anti-Christmas Patronage. Hotel keepers in Omaha take up the refrain of great records for this Christmas season.

Manager Anderson of the Her Grand-The holiday season is the best in the hotel line that I have ever known in Omaha. We are accommodating all the trade we receive with but little trouble.

Clerk Sherman of the Millard-We are doing a fine business, but we have not been here long enough to make any comparison with previous years, but I understand that the house is doing a better holiday business than for many years.

The Paxton-Yes, we feel the effect of an unusual holiday trade rush. It is heavier than last year by far.

Chief Clerk Scott of the Merchants-I have never seen the equal of holiday visitors to Omaha of that coming this season. We are crowded to the limit. Have to put out in the hallways to accommodate patrons. They are coming here from all parts of Nebraska and western Iowa, South Dakota and the whole northwest.

RAILROADS BRING VAST CROWDS

All Trains Jammed with Christmas Tourists and Baggage. The holiday travel on western roads has been most phenomenal this year and every train is crowded to the limit.

At the finish, the storekeepers find their exchequers more plenteous than they have ever been in the past. They find their clerk forces in better condition and they find a larger number of patrons supplied with a larger variety of goods and a larger volume of every variety than ever before.

Relief from Great Task.

"This relieves us and our clerk forces of a tremendous task," said one big department store manager, as they come up to the finish line, one and all, big and little, the storekeepers, or, as they would say over in dear old Linnun, the shopkeepers, declare the anti-Christmas trade has exceeded anything in the past they have ever known.

ENTER-MAJOR JIM

Mayor Dahlman has been a careful observer of the tide of business enterprise this Christmas season and he was moved to unroll his one, which he hopes the good people of Omaha will heed.

His Cigar Doesn't Taste Right

And Yet It Is the Same He Was Smoking With So Much Relish After Dinner Last Night, Out of the Very Same Box, Too.

IF ISN'T THE SMOKE-IT'S THE STOMACH.

Every smoker has experienced this peculiar condition of the stomach and liver, the result usually of imperfect digestion of food. And the blame is usually put on the cigar and not where it belongs.

UNION LABOR MAN WANTED

Central Body Goes on Record in the Matter of State Labor Commissioner.

At a regular meeting of the Central Labor union last evening a resolution introduced by Louis V. Guye and Ben Keegan affecting the office of deputy state labor commissioner was adopted.

A Great Train.

If you have never read about it you should do so—this winter. It is the NORTH COAST LIMITED of the Northern Pacific railway. It has a great reputation. Runs daily between St. Paul and Minneapolis and Seattle and Tacoma, Wash. and Portland, Ore.

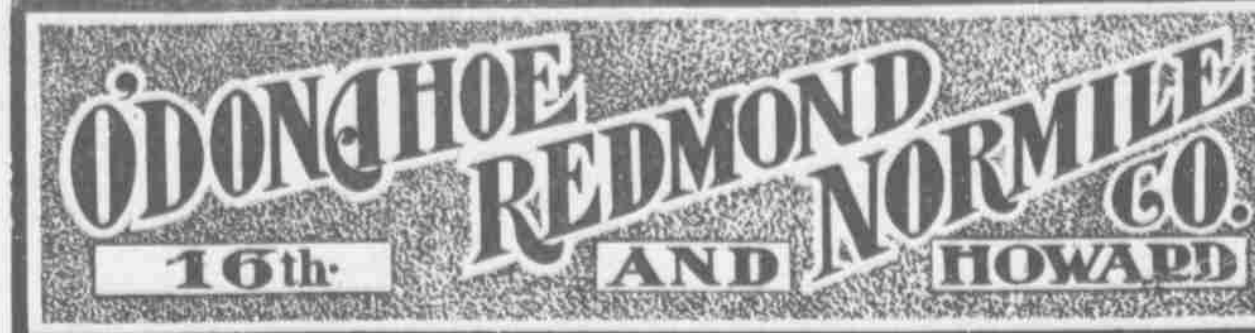
Big Week for Roller Skating.

The coming week will be a hummer at the Auditorium roller rink. There will be skating every afternoon and evening, including Christmas day. Manager Gillen has just received a lot of new skates, and since the band has been placed on a platform in the middle of the arena the music is much improved.

Our telephone service is very valuable during these busy times. If you don't like to do your shopping in a "bustle" of people.



WITH assortments still complete we are ready for the final rush. Take advantage of the money saving opportunities of "The Last Day" offered you by the Daylight store from their great wealth of beautiful gifts.



Mail orders promptly and correctly filled. Beautiful Christmas boxes free with most purchases.



Dolls and Toys

Our great Doll and Toy Bazaar has been a great success.

Dolls, Dolls

Our importation of Order Dolls was so great that we still have for Monday buyers an immense lot of beautiful, fresh, unhandled Dolls. Special bargains Monday at \$1.95, \$1.25 - 79c

Cutting Prices on Toys

Every one must be sold before Monday night. Toys reduced—some one-fourth, some one-third, some one-half—all must go Monday.

Electric and Gas Portables

Just received by express, in time for Christmas presents, a new line of Gas and Electric Portables, with beautifully decorated shades. Price low for quick selling.

Christmas Candy

No stocking complete unless Santa Claus tops it with sweets. Candy Canes, 5c and 2 for... 5c Christmas Mixed, 3 lbs. for... 25c Gum Drops, 3 lbs. for... 25c Chocolate Creams, 1 lb. for... 15c Fancy Box Candy, up from... 15c Candy Chains for decorations, 2 1/2 yards long, 2 for... 5c

Christmas Silks

85c Chiffon Taffeta, all shades, 75c Black Taffeta, 27 inches wide, 85c Beau de Soie, 27 inches wide, 75c Cream Japanese Silk, 36 inches wide, 85c Fancy and Checked Silks, ALL GO AT 58c

Drug Sundries

Full line of Valentine's Christmas Confections. Crystallized Ginger and Fruits, Salted and Spiced Nuts, Stuffed Dates and Figs, at regular prices. SPECIAL. Valentine's English Breakfast, Ceylon, Basket Fried, Japan and Orange Pekoe Tea, one pound of each in handsomely decorated japanned taborette caddy.

Dress Patterns of Colored Dress Goods for Christmas Gifts

7-yard lengths of fancy striped and checked Panamas, plain and fancy Covert Cloths, shadow checks and plaids, 44 to 46 inches wide, sold regularly at \$1.00, your choice Monday at only—per pattern... \$4.50

Linens for Christmas

Very special items in Linen Section for Monday's selling. A pure Irish Linen Pattern Tablecloth, made of finest flax yarn, pretty range of patterns, and come in three sizes. Size 8-4 to 2 yards, each... \$2.00 Size 8-10 to 2 1/2 yards... \$2.50 Size 8-12 to 3 yards, each \$3.00 22-inch Napkins to match above cloths, in same material, at per dozen... \$2.00

China Department

While our sales have been immense, we still have a large assortment of our importer's sample line of fancy china. 19c ONE IMMENSE 19c BARGAIN TABLE. Cups and Saucers, Vases, Fancy Figures, Plates, Shaving Mugs and all kinds of fancy china. Other bargain tables at \$4.95, \$2.48, \$1.95, 95c, 48c, 25c, 10c. Dinnerware, Hand Painted China, All 10 per cent discount Monday.

Special Belated Purchase of Silk Hosiery Just Arrived

70 styles beautiful Hand Embroidered Silk Hosiery for Christmas gifts, special price for Monday, \$3.95, \$3.50, \$2.95. LACE SECTION. Real Spanish Embroidered Lace-Head Throws, black and white, \$7 down to... \$1.95

Box Handkerchiefs

Ladies' and gents', each box has six All Linen Handkerchiefs. Ladies' fancy and plain initial, box... \$1.00 Ladies' fancy embroidered, six in box... \$2.00 Gents' plain initial... \$1.50 Gents' satin stripe initial Handkerchiefs... \$2.00 Gents' best linen initial Handkerchiefs... \$3.50

Christmas Gloves

World known "Left" and "Reynier" Gloves, very superior in quality, at prices that are right. \$2.15 and... \$1.00 Heavy P.E. and Fine French Kid Long Gloves, at \$4.50, \$4.00 and... \$3.50 All desirable shades.

Jewelry and Leather Goods Section

Beautiful Jeweled Combs, shell and amber, imported samples, \$5.95 down to... \$1.00 The new Leather Squaw Bags—latest novelty—plain and fancy leather, special, \$1.25 and... 69c Ladies' and misses' Belts, in all the very latest Persian and Oriental styles, elastic, leather and silk, steel and jet trimmed and novelty plaids, ranging from \$7.50 down to... \$5.00 Large assortment of Beaded Necklaces, Jeweled and Gold Crosses, Cut Glass and Fancy Locket, Dinnerware, Hair Clasps and Charms, up from... 25c

Grand Opportunity 10% Discount on Comforts

All our specially purchased Christmas Comforts for gifts. Best quality mercerized cotton covered, elderdown filled; light shade all silk covered wool filled Comforts, for one day only—last day before Christmas—10 per cent discount. Most appreciated gifts.

Every Garment at a Large Discount

Ladies' Short Kimonos, all colors and sizes, loose and fitted backs, plain facings to match... 39c Bearskin Coats—Ages 2 to 6, lined and padded, well finished, special Monday... \$2.36 Hoods to match... 40c Extra Heavy Beaver Shawls—Gray or brown, long knotted fringe, floral pattern border, very warm... \$1.19 Children's Coats, in mixtures, loose full backs, button trimming at sides, fine fitting cuts, special Monday... \$2.63 Ladies' Sweaters—All colors and sizes, blouse effects, turtle necks, regular \$1.50 value at... \$1.11

Notion Section

Ladies' and Misses Pad Front Hose Supporters, silk and satin pads, all colors, in fancy Christmas box; fancy Round Garters with novelty buckles, in fancy glass box, prices \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c and... 25c One high section and counter filled with pretty silk and satin Cushions, hundreds of styles to select from, \$1.48 down to... 10c

Christmas Holly Boxes of Neckwear

Over 200 styles to select from in the most elaborate and dainty collection of neckwear, worth up to \$2.00, at \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.75 and... 50c

Every Garment on the Second Floor Goes on Sale Monday at a Big Discount

Don't miss this great sale. You cannot appreciate the great values given below until you see them. 50-inch Black Coats—Smooth collar, full satin lined, velvet trimmed collars and cuffs, at only... \$8.06 Long Loose Mixed Cloth Coats, strapped backs, velvet trimmed collars and cuffs... \$4.46 Ladies' Long Kimonos—Puritan patterns, fully on yoke, facing to match, extra full, Monday at... 98c FURS AND FUR COATS AT CUT PRICES. Beautiful Astrakhan Fur Coats, all sizes, Skinner satin lined, fully guaranteed, regular \$30.00 value... \$22.50 Near Seal Coats, brook, milk collars, reverses and cuffs, Skinner satin lining, regular \$22.50 value... \$16.88 Pretty Sable Furs, Zaza shapes, Skinner satin lining, latest styles, special Monday... \$1.56

Our New Stationery Section

With its grand collection appeals to every eye. Especially the attention of teachers in this department for Christmas consideration, and nowhere in Omaha can such a gathering be found. Books for girls, books for boys, books for children. All kinds and prices. Everything that is popular and new, from dainty note paper and delightful tales of fiction and Mother Goose crooning, to magnificent volumes of cultured reading, elegantly bound and modestly priced. SPECIAL FOR MONDAY. My Friends and My Own Recipes, cloth bound, gilt edged, a fine present... \$1.25 Splendid assortment of Prayer Books, Scapulars, Rosaries, Ivory and Celluloid Crucifixes.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Frank Myler and Elmer Johnson Held for Highway Robbery.

INTOXICATION ONLY DEFENSE OFFERED. Cases of Saloon Men Arrested for Keeping Open on Sunday, Which Have Been Hanging Fire, Again Postponed.

Frank Myler and Elmer Johnson were arraigned yesterday afternoon on the charge of highway robbery. Both pleaded not guilty and were given a hearing, after which they were both bound over to the district court under \$500 bonds.

With the ending of the Torrey mission the South Omaha pulpit will resume the evening services at the regular hours.

The morning topic at the United Presbyterian church will be "Let Every Christian Get to Work." In the evening the subject of the sermon will be "Christmas Gifts for the Little Folks."

Dr. R. L. Wheeler's morning topic will be "Repentance." The evening service will be appropriate to Christmas. Miss Florence Campbell will render the solo at the morning service, supported by the choir.

Services resumed at the Lutheran church morning and evening. The theme for the morning sermon will be "Three Days: A Christmas Sermon." Luther league in evening at 6:30 and preaching at 7:30. The Christmas program will be given Monday evening.

Rev. H. H. Millard will conduct the morning and evening services at the First Methodist church. The morning service will be specially devoted to Christmas observances. There will be special music.

At an enthusiastic board meeting held at Tuesday evening the business for the year was discussed and arrangements made for the closing of it. A definite policy for the next year was also decided upon. The

directors were unanimous in the expression of the opinion that the association must do a more aggressive religious work than ever.

Since Mr. Paxton, as physical work director, has been putting in full time, that department has shown a marked improvement. Mr. Paxton is doing good membership work as well.

Assistant Secretary Stotzel left Saturday for his home at Scribner, Neb. He will remain away for the holidays.

State Secretary Bailey made a pleasant call during the week. The Ladies' auxiliary held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Wiers last Tuesday. The special business of the occasion was the perfecting of plans for the New Year's reception, which they will give in the association rooms to the members and their friends that day. It was decided to receive the boys and their friends in the afternoon and the seniors during the evening.

Sunday at 3 o'clock Prof. Graham will address the Boys' Sunday club. This club is growing in numbers and interest. It invites any boy under the age of 18 to be its guest at these Sunday afternoon meetings.

Any member of the Junior department may become a member of the club. The address at the men's 4 o'clock Sunday meeting will be delivered by John Dale of Omaha. The usual prayer and song service will be held in connection with the address.

Families and churches are asked by the Ladies' auxiliary to send any Christmas decorations in the way of holly and evergreens that they may want to dispose of after the Christmas celebration to the Young Men's Christian association rooms, where they will be used to decorate for the New Year's reception.

Magie City Gossip. William Wagner, 2718 R street, reports the birth of a daughter.

The Burlington railroad paid its taxes yesterday, amounting to \$1,675,000. Rev. A. Chadwick was the guest of Rev. Mr. Hillers yesterday, and also paid his respects to the family of Mrs. A. E. Egan. Miss Cora Barely has returned from Peru, where she has been attending the State normal. She will be here for the holidays.

G. W. Mason has returned from a trip to Iowa. He reports that everything is prospering in the business he is the most interested in. The following births were reported yesterday: Charles Larson, Twenty-sixth and Harrison, a boy; Thomas Irwin, 2982 S street, a boy.

estimated cost of the building thus constructed during the year is \$435,000.50. The city council met in special session last night for the purpose of allowing the council to vote on salary and the fee bill of F. A. Brandwell, clerk of the court.

William O'Brien, filled with remorse, was released from jail yesterday morning, that he might provide for the burial of his youngest born. On the day of his birth the father lay in a drunken stupor on the floor while the little life flattered out.

FAST WORK IN ELLIOTT CASE

Sonnenberg Robber Convicted by District Court Jury in Twenty Minutes.

Twenty minutes after the instructions of the court had been read the jury in the case of Edward Elliott, who held up Joe Sonnenberg's pawnshop on Douglas street, returned a verdict of guilty and fixing the amount of property stolen at \$6,548. The trial ended just a week from the day of the robbery.

Elliott's attorneys made no defense and when the state closed announced they would put no witnesses on the stand. The arguments to the jury occupied about an hour and the case was submitted shortly after 3 o'clock. The evidence for the state was considered conclusive and in substance was the same as was published in The Bee the day of the robbery. Elliott received the verdict with the same sulen indifference that marked his conduct during the trial.

Before the trial Elliott said to have offered to plead guilty if promised only a ten-year sentence. The terms were refused by the county attorney. The maximum penalty is fifteen years. Elliott wants a throw at a new trial.

News of the Army.

Colonel E. F. Tetter, commander of the Department of the Lakes, with headquarters at Chicago, was a visitor at army headquarters Friday morning, en route west from St. Louis. Colonel Tower was stationed at Omaha for a number of years some years ago, and is well known to Omaha citizens. Major General A. W. Groely was in Omaha the last week on route from Fort Washack and other western points in the department. He returned to Chicago on Wednesday. Paul B. Harna, chief clerk at army headquarters in Omaha, has been ordered to the War department to make Fort Omaha the chief signal service station in the country. The detachment of the signal corps stationed here has all along been supplied with wireless telegraph apparatus. No definite information has yet been received at army headquarters relative to the additional appropriations for the improvements at Fort Omaha and Crook. It is, however, known that it is the intention of the War department to make Fort Omaha the chief signal service station in the country. The detachment of the signal corps stationed here has all along been supplied with wireless telegraph apparatus. No definite information has yet been received at army headquarters relative to the additional appropriations for the improvements at Fort Omaha and Crook. It is, however, known that it is the intention of the War department to make Fort Omaha the chief signal service station in the country. The detachment of the signal corps stationed here has all along been supplied with wireless telegraph apparatus.

CIVIL SUITS OVER FENCES

Large Number of These Still Haunts Many Nebraska Courtiers.

REV. G. S. WARE, AMONG THE ACCUSED. Enclosure of North Platte Forestry Reserve of Three Hundred Thousand Acres is Largest Single Item.

In addition to the criminal proceedings brought by indictment against a large number of ranchmen in the cattle country in northern and western Nebraska, a large number of cases pending in the United States district court for this district in the nature of civil actions to compel the removal of unlawful fences about public lands.

These cases are: H. B. Read and others for enclosing 300,000 acres in the North Platte reserve and about 100,000 acres outside the reserve; Robert Gillespie and Jacob Stetter for enclosing 7,100 acres of public lands; William E. Black and others, 7,500 acres; L. M. Colaper, 2,400 acres; John Conway, 13,800 acres; Federal Cattle Co., 28,800; Rev. George G. Ware, H. H. Hoggard, U. B. I. Land and Cattle company, R. H. Mahaffy, R. H. Schumlin, H. L. Dawson, G. W. Dawson, A. L. Dawson, W. F. Black, F. J. Black, Thomas B. Ford, Black Bros & Ford, 87,800 acres; H. S. McMullen, Joseph Demil, 9,000 acres; Charles and Ernest Guthrie, 4,000 acres; A. R. Modest, A. M. Modest, 12,000 acres; E. C. Harris, W. G. and Earl Comstock, 21,300 acres; Nebraska Land and Feeding company, 14,200 acres; Star Ranch company, 22,800 acres; De Franco Cattle company, 20,900 acres; Cyrus C. Joy, W. N. Wilkinson, Martha Patmore, Thomas Higgins, A. M. Wilson, 5,500 acres in Sheridan county; Metzger Bros., Bishop & Young, Birdholt Bros. & Frissham, Edward Weed, 7,800 acres in Cheyenne county; Roush Creek Land and Live Cattle company, 15,600 acres in Cheyenne and Deuel counties; H. Bellwood, James Bellwood, R. M. Hampton, J. H. and J. C. Vaughn, 2,100 acres in Cheyenne county; Daniel Hill, H. Oberweyler, J. W. Hill, John M. Lowry, 13,200 acres in Sheridan county; W. A. J. T. and Earl Margrave, 17,700 acres.

Briefly, Attention!

The regular monthly meeting of No. 1 Nebraska, will be held on Thursday evening, December 27, instead of Christmas night. By order of the president.

Jewel theater, continuous moving pictures and illustrated news. Noon until 11 p. m.

DIAMONDS—Frenzer, 18th and Dodge.