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For the past three months we have been preparing for CHRISTMAS, and have gathered together a choice collection of useful and appropriate articles, particularly desirable for CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

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The sketches represented in the border shows the designs of some of the furniture representing the CHRISTMAS SHOWING.

Following are the descriptions and prices of the pieces illustrated.

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| 2—Birch Mahogany Arm Chair, like cut, with loose silk plush cushions, very fine finish, price.....\$13.50  | 6—Dining Table, like cut, 8 ft. long, 48 in. wide, early English,.....\$29.00 |
| 3—Parlor Table, like cut, with genuine mahogany top and shelf, hand-rubbed and polished, price.....\$13.50 | 7—Buffet, like cut, early English,.....\$27.00                                |
| 5—China Cabinet, like cut, early English,.....\$20.00  | 8—Arm Chair, like cut, leather seat, early English,.....\$7.00                |
|  | 9—Dining Chair, like cut, leather seat, early English,.....\$3.75             |

10—Weathered Oak Stand, like cut, 29 inches high,.....75c

11—Weathered Oak Tabourette, like cut, top 9x9, 15 inches high, price.....55c

12—Desk Chair, like cut, made of birch, finished in mahogany, also comes in oak, price.....\$5.00

13—Magazine Rack, like cut, made of weathered oak, price.....\$6.00

14—Sewing Table, like cut, solid mahogany, dull finish with two drawers, one drawer partitioned for threads, price.....\$13.75

15—Pedestal, like cut, imitation mahogany and quarter-sawn oak, polished finish, price.....\$4.00

16—Lady's Desk, like cut, made of best quality quarter-sawn oak, and polished finish with large drawer, price.....\$5.00

17—Rocker, like cut, made of solid mahogany, finished dull, very comfortable, price.....\$9.50

18—Dressing Table Chair, like cut, in imitation mahogany, curly birch, oak and bird's-eye maple, rubbed and polished finish, price.....\$4.75

19—Cellarette, like cut, in weathered oak, with sweet box for cigars, tile top for mixing, glasses and fixtures, price.....\$22.50

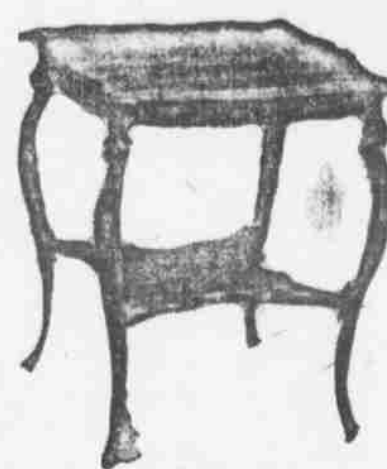
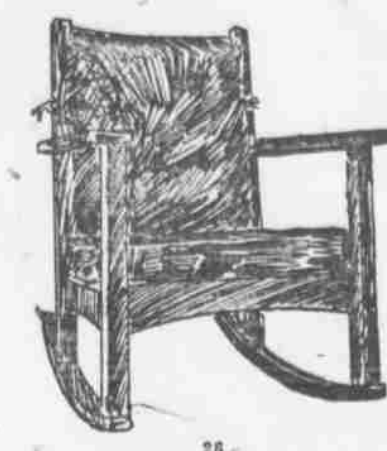
20—Music Cabinet, like cut, made of birch, finished mahogany, rubbed and polished, price.....\$6.25

21—Child's Morris Chair, like cut, made of weathered oak, upholstered seat, and back of imitation leather, price.....\$2.50

22—Turkish Rocker, like cut, made of genuine leather, hair filled,.....\$70.00

23—Weathered Oak Chair, like cut, genuine Spanish leather seat,.....\$18.00

24—Weathered Oak Ladies' Rocker, like cut, loose genuine Spanish leather cushions,.....\$23.00



### BANKERS DENY HOARDING

Omaha Men Accused by Eastern Press Have Warm Replies.

### NO ABNORMAL RESERVES IN WEST

Loans on Grain and Stock Paid Off Rapidly During the Fall Causes Legitimate Increase of Cash in Banks.

Bankers of Omaha declare the position taken by eastern newspapers, which condemn western banks for "hoarding" money because the reserves were large at the time of the bank statement, is not sound and is entirely unwarranted by the facts. For several days the bankers have been receiving marked copies of eastern papers and letters from their eastern friends, which criticize the bankers of the west, particularly of Omaha, for holding back money at the time when it was most needed. In an editorial of almost a column the Boston Transcript refers to the "ill-graceful banking" of the west and intimates that when the western bankers again ask for money with which to move crops, it will not be sent. "Since looking over the bank statement," says the Boston paper, "the bankers of the season are thoroughly disgusted with the way many of their frantic and costly efforts to send relief to the west have been treated there."

"The position of the eastern papers is not justified by the facts," said Victor Caldwell, vice president of the United States National bank.

Always carry 35 per cent reserve. "I have read the editorial in the Boston Evening Transcript. A copy of it was mailed to me. The difference between banking in the west and banking in the east is that ordinarily banks in the west carry about 30 to 35 per cent of available means all the time. The condition of the Omaha banks simply reflects the condition of the west. Omaha is in the center of the richest agricultural territory on this continent. Its people are thrifty and prosperous. When the east closed down the west was necessarily compelled to do the same, the only difference being that loans carried by the Omaha banks represented the wealth of the country back of them, the ability and willingness of the people

to meet their obligations, so that in a short time the available means of the banks naturally increased because behind them was the wealth of the community. Behind so many of the eastern loans were so many bonds, stocks and securities that had been so thoroughly exploited by bold captains of industry that when the water began to run out, realization upon them was slower than upon loans that had been behind them the grain, live stock and solid substantial assets.

"I presume that the Omaha banks should have sent all their money to Boston so the holders of copper and mining securities could enjoy their oddish and beans without worrying over their inability to realize upon them—that is upon the securities, not the beans, beans would be more easily converted into cash than some of the securities."

Cash Follows Capital. President H. W. Yates of the Omaha Clearing House association said: "I don't believe a single Omaha bank has crowded a business man for money in order to increase the reserve, or withdrawn money from the channels of trade, where it should be all the time. In order to hoard the money in the vaults. I do not know of a single loan which has been unreasonably called."

"We don't need to worry about the east helping the west to secure money when the crops are to move. Money follows capital. We have the capital out here and the east will be compelled to send the money they owe us."

"If the eastern press means that the financial institutions of the east are helping us by sending a few of their customers out here to borrow money, I should have to admit that we have been greatly helped by Boston and the east. Thousands of dollars of Omaha money have been loaned to eastern paper within the last two years. If some of these come due and the money is brought home to serve our own customers, the east cannot object seriously. We will not worry about the threat to let the west feel the pinch, as the east has never relieved the situation, except when the money was due out here and had to come."

Lincoln Bank New One. During the course of the article the Boston paper refers to a Lincoln bank which showed a greater cash reserve than the eastern bank which had been sending some money out to the western institution. It is pointed out by Omaha bankers that the bank is a new one, started in Lincoln just before the financial flurry and had about

all its deposits on hand, as it had no time to get loans. "It is a plain scheme of the eastern banks to secure the big share of funds distributed by the secretary of the treasury," is the way one Omaha banker put it. "It appears that the east is clamoring to get the deposits on the ground that the western banks are full of money."

### WOMAN LOSES HER REASON

Mind Becomes Unbalanced and She and Two Little Ones Are Cared For.

A woman giving her name as Mrs. W. F. Russell, with her two little boys, 4 and 5 years of age, was taken from the North-western train at Union station Friday night in a deranged mental condition. She was taken to the matron's room at the police station, Saturday morning she appeared rational and Officer Hiel started to escort her to the train. She said she was on her way from Alberta, Canada, where her husband is, to Fairmont, Neb., where she said her mother lives. On the way to the station she balked, refused to go further and imagined she saw her train going out. The two children began to cry and between the three Officer Hiel had his hands full. He finally got her and the children back to the station. Captain Moynihan telephoned to the city marshal at Fairmont, but he knew nothing of the woman or her mother. She said her mother's name is Mrs. Ward. The authorities are trying to locate her relatives.

### YEISER WORKS FOR NEW TRIAL

Files Motion as First Attack on Law Under Which Pumphrey Was Convicted.

The technical attack on the law under which Charles Pumphrey was convicted of killing Ham Pak will be made by John O. Yeiser, Pumphrey's attorney, next Saturday morning in Judge Troup's court. Mr. Yeiser hopes to show that the section of the statute under which Pumphrey was charged is unconstitutional because the title of the act of the legislature is not broad enough. Mr. Yeiser filed his formal motion for a new trial and the court took it under advisement until Saturday. If it is overruled Yeiser will immediately file a motion in arrest of judgment and in the argument on the motion the attack on the law will be made. If the motion is overruled Pumphrey will be sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary by the court.

### FEED CORN GOES TO NORTH

Grain from Nebraska Shipped There in Response to Demand.

### BUYERS COME DOWN TO OMAHA

Canadians Are Compelled to Look Toward Egypt for the Golden Grain for Their Empty Crib.

Local demand for feeding corn at Minnesota and Wisconsin points has caused many shipments which would naturally come to the Omaha market to go to Minneapolis during the last week or ten days and the demand seems likely to continue for some time, causing northern buyers to come almost in to the city limits of Omaha to buy corn.

While corn is selling around 40 cents on the Omaha exchange, many points in Minnesota have a market for the rough feeding corn at 54 to 55 cents per bushel. This difference in the price is sufficient to turn the tide of shipments from points on the Omaha road as far south as Herman, Neb., and may get some few cars from Blair, within twenty-two miles of Omaha. A dispatch to The Bee from Herman Saturday says:

Last year nearly all the corn from this station went to Omaha, but this year it has nearly all gone to Minneapolis. Grain men claim there is a better market there than in Omaha and the last seven days this station has forwarded forty-five cars of grain.

Members of the Omaha Grain exchange say the market is not in Minneapolis and that the actual demand of that market is small, but it is shipped to Minneapolis and forwarded to interior points without unloading.

South Dakota also is short of feeding corn and is looking to Omaha for a supply. Some dealers have placed orders for lots of twenty cars each, which are being shipped from Nebraska stations and some direct from Omaha.

While rains of Thursday and Friday north of Omaha stopped some of the farmers from hauling grain, a good many will be able to haul Monday. The receipts at the Omaha market Saturday were 101 cars, twenty-nine of which were corn.

### MAIL THEFT WORK OF GANG

This Is Theory of Postoffice Officials as to Loss of Two Valuable Pouches.

Postoffice authorities investigating the mysterious loss of two pouches from the wagon Wednesday night between the postoffice and Union station are now convinced they were stolen and believe the robbery may have been committed by the same person who perpetrated the successful theft of pouches at Denver recently.

The missing sacks are said to have contained letters with drafts, postal notes and other forms of money destined to Nebraska and Colorado points. One thing is certain in the minds of the officials, and that is no employee of the postoffice department is implicated in the robbery.

The only hypothesis offered is that the pouches were stolen by some one disguised as a workman about the depot. It is quite certain that the two missing pouches were not put aboard any outgoing train, else they would have been heard from through some source by this time.

That the pouches were stolen in Omaha there now seems to be no doubt on the part of the postoffice authorities. Inquiries were made at the postoffice Saturday morning by one or two of the Omaha banks of certain remittances that have not been received by the consignees at Columbus and other points that are supposed to have gone out on that particular mail. The aggregate amount, it is said, may run into

many thousands of dollars, as it is the time for making many remittances for current business and holiday purposes.

### TEN YEARS FOR WILLIAMS

Sentence of Married Man Who Abducts Girl and Deserts Her as He Did His Wife.

William Williams, convicted of the abduction of Clara Bails, 14 years of age, from her home in Yankton, S. D., was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary by Judge Troup Saturday morning. In passing sentence Judge Troup told him he thought the crime would call for the extreme penalty, which is fifteen years, but as it was Williams' first offense he would reduce it somewhat. Williams made a statement to the court in which he said that trouble with his wife in Denver had caused him to go wrong and he asked for a light sentence. Julius Cooley, his lawyer, was not present to argue the motion for a new trial, but Williams said he was ready to have the court act without the presence of his lawyer.

Williams induced Clara Bails to leave her home in Yankton and go to Sioux City with him. Later they came to Omaha and lived in a room on Cumming street. Williams then left her and went to Grand

Island, and friends intervened when the girl became destitute.

Edward Leonard, a 19-year-old boy, penitently told Judge Troup he could not understand what induced him to take a package containing \$7 worth of jewelry from a room in the Arcade hotel, where he was working.

"I just took it down to the baggage room, intending to look at the jewelry, judge," he said. "I intended to take it back to the room, but I didn't have a chance. I have never done anything like this before and I can't understand what induced me to do it."

Judge Troup gave him a lecture and sentenced him to two years in the penitentiary.

### OFFICERS BUY OWN BONDS

Treasurer and Comptroller Must Pay the Premiums, Says Deputy County Attorney.

County officials-elect, except the treasurer and comptroller, will have to pay for their own surety bonds, according to an opinion just rendered by Deputy County Attorney Magney. Some of the officials had directed the agents of their bonding companies to present their bills to the county commissioners, but, under the opinion, the

commissioners will refuse to pay for any but the treasurer and comptroller. The law provides the bonds for these two officers shall be paid by the county.

### DEEDS SIGNED BY GROVER

Instruments Bearing Signatures of Ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland Transfer Omaha Lots.

Two deeds signed by Grover Cleveland, former president of the United States, were placed on file in the register of deeds office Saturday morning. The deeds conveyed to David C. McDowell, treasurer of the Expressman's Delivery company, the lot on the northwest corner of Twenty-second and Cumming street recently bought by the company from Mrs. Cleveland. The deeds were signed by both ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland and the consideration was \$4,500. Mr. McDowell also filed a deed transferring the property to the Expressman's Delivery company.

Idaho Equals Contract Speed. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 14.—The battleship Idaho, built at Cramps' shipyard in this city, returned today from an official trip at sea off the Delaware breakwater. It was announced that the battleship reached a speed of 13.4 knots an hour and that the trial had been successful. The speed contract calls for 17 knots.



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### Christmas Cheer

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Look to Santa Claus for your presents, if you will, but for delicacies of the season for the Christmas table, go to Courtney's

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In our fruit department you will find for your Christmas dinner everything grown in this country and many other countries. Hothouse grapes from England, Malaga grapes from Spain, Dates from Tunis, Figs from Arabia, Paradise nuts from South America, pineapples from Mexico, chestnuts from Italy, stuffed prunes from Germany. And from our own country we have everything, including kum-quats and grape fruit, oranges and tangerines, persimmons, cauliflower and cucumbers, parsley and mint, water-cress and green onions, head lettuce, pomegranates, jumbo cranberries, etc.

Table Decorations Christmas Tree Decorations

### Table Wines and Warmth and Cheer to Christmas Dinner

We are pleased to be able to offer the Rhine-Moselle Wines of C. S. Escardt, Krenznack, Germany. These wines are justly celebrated for their purity, age and excellence, as are also the Sauternes of Picard & Co. of Bordeaux and the Burgundies of Poulet Pere & Fils of Beaune, France, and which agencies we have secured. May we not have a trial order of these fine wines for your Christmas dinner?

Leading brands of imported Champagne, quart, at.....\$2.45  
Imported Cognac Brandy (12 years old).....\$1.25  
King William Scotch.....\$1.85  
Old Crow (bottled in bond).....\$1.25

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