

TELEPHONE DOUGLAS 618 REACHES ALL DEPARTMENTS

BELL RENOVATING EAGLES

President on Crusade of Weeding Out the Membership.

REVOKES CHARTERS OF LODGES

Chicago, with Five Thousand Membership, Will Lose a Franchise This Week, He Announces to Omaha Eagles.

"I may reduce your membership, but when I get through you will have a better membership and this order will be on a much higher standard and enjoy a much better place in the estimation of the people of this country."

So Theodore A. Bell of Napa, Cal., president of the Eagles in the United States, twice congressman from his state and once democratic nominee for governor, told the Eagles of Omaha in his address at their banquet. He told them of his plans to "weed out" the order and bring it up to a standard of character and efficiency not inferior to that of any other order in the country.

"We do not at present enjoy the full confidence of the people and we may as well recognize this fact," he said. "Beating about the bush will not help matters. We want to realize conditions and then proceed to meet them. The fact is it has been too easy to obtain membership in this order."

"We make this proposal and if my influence and authority as president permits or enables me to do it, I shall see that hereafter the requirements are such that no man can gain membership in the Eagles who does not actually earn his own living by genuine work. We don't want the idlers, the parasites. They will not help us, but they will hurt us. We want to get rid of them and keep them out."

He Revokes Two Charters.

And then he threw a bomb into the camp with this utterance:

"Within the week I have revoked the charter of a lodge of Eagles in Minneapolis consisting of 1,000 members and next week I shall revoke the charter of another lodge in Chicago with 1,000 members. I take this action because of the undesirable character of the memberships. And it shall be my policy from now on to revoke charters wherever lodges violate the true principles of decent fraternalism. We do not want members who are not fit for other orders. We are not a catch-basin for the scum of society and if people have thought we were they must have those impressions corrected by striking object lessons which will bring home to them the solemn truth."

Omaha Eagles have not yet ceased to applaud the address of Mr. Bell. They are determined to stand with him and see that so far as Omaha is concerned, he will never have occasion to think of revoking the charter here. He paid a tribute to the lodge here and said he only wished there were more such.

"Don't get the idea that I hold pessimistic ideas about this order. The majority of lodges are not bad, but good, but that don't destroy the fact that we need to do some missionary work in the matter of weeding out."

President Bell was entertained at dinner yesterday at the Commercial club by representative business men of Omaha who are determined to land the Eagles' national convention for this city. The order has a total membership of 300,000 and Omaha business men realize the significance attached to a national gathering of this size and character.

Mr. Bell paid a tribute to the industrious efforts of J. A. Tutthill to land the national convention of this order for Omaha.

"For the last ten years 'Geographical' Tutthill has been pounding it into us that Omaha is the geographical center of this country and should be given the convention on that account, together with the fact it is eminently qualified in other ways to care for such a convention. So you may be sure Eagles everywhere have a pretty good idea of where Omaha is located."

FIRE RECORD

C. Peterson Restaurant.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Early this morning a gasoline heater exploded in the restaurant room of C. Peterson & Co., in the Taylor block, causing a fire that badly damaged the interior fixtures and stock. The fire was also communicated to the basement, where the bake shop was located. Mr. Peterson estimates his loss at about \$1,500, and the damage to the building, which is owned by F. J. Taylor, will reach a similar amount. Both losses are covered by insurance.

LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine removes the cause. Used the world over to cure a cold in one day. E. W. Grove's signature on box. 25c

See That You Have a Case of WILLOW SPRINGS STARS AND STRIPES BEER. In Your Home For Christmas Time. The proper use of good beer is beneficial. It is the best of tonics, aids digestion and purifies the blood. Order it today and you will always want Stars and Stripes because of its goodness.

Made by the House of MENDEL The FLOR de MENDEL CIGAR. Are admitted by all manufacturers to be without an equal among domestic cigars. Special Holiday Packages. THE CIGAR MAN 1008 FARNAM ST.

French Stag Ware for Gifts. These pretty stag sets make ideal Christmas gifts. Toilet sets, containing brush, comb, mirror and hat brush. Menswear sets containing nail polisher, nail file, cuticle knife, scissors and shave jar.

Christmas Candies. A box of Balduff's delicious chocolates or bonbons will make a most acceptable gift. Balduff's high grade chocolates and bonbons at special price, per lb. Assorted nuts, the best there is, 25c a pound.

Beacon Jacquard Bed Blankets. Beautiful chrysanthemum and other designs in light, blue, pink, old rose, yellow, lavender, rose, cardinal, gray, tan, cadet blue, with white. They come boxed single and make a very desirable and useful gift. Price \$3.00 each. West Basement.

Fancy Bed Comforters for Christmas Gifts. Beautiful coverings with plain borders, either silk, satin, silk or all silk coverings, filled with cotton, wool or down. Prices start at \$3 each. West Basement.

Bath Robe Blankets. With the aid of our McCall paper patterns the making of one of our Robe Blankets into a beautiful Bath Robe is easy. Inexpensive, too. Bath Robe Blankets, beautiful styles, prices start at \$1.75. West Basement.

A Grand Christmas Opportunity. Special Clearing Sale of Sofa Pillows Monday. This great sale coming just before Christmas should solve many a perplexing question of what to give—and think of the saving. Large full size finished sofa pillows, beautiful hand embroidered pillow, velvet and tapestry effects, finished with cord and ruffles, including inside pillows.

Christmas Gifts for Men. The "what to give" problem is easily solved at our Men's Department. Main entrance, a step to the left. Christmas Gloves \$1.00 to \$2.50 a pair. Christmas Neckwear, 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 each. Christmas Suspenders, 50c to \$1.50 a pair. Christmas Shirts, \$1.00 and \$1.50 each. Christmas Half-Hose, 25c to \$1.50 a pair. Bath Robes, Night Shirts, Umbrellas, Collars, Cuffs, Mufflers, Scar Pins and Cuff Buttons, all many practical gifts for men.

Christmas Ribbons. We are showing the grandest assortment of holiday ribbons in the city and all at lowest prices. A hand-made Christmas gift is always appreciated, and there are many pretty things that can be made from ribbon or in which ribbon trimming is used. We have all the wanted kinds from the dainty baby ribbons to the wide novelty ribbon in a great variety of pretty colors. Holly ribbon for tying Christmas packages 4c, 5c, 6c and 8c a yard, according to width. Main Floor.

A Time To Be Happy. If ever there's a time to be happy and to make everybody else happy, it's Christmas time. A time of unselfishness, charity, love, hope, peace and good will. A time when mothers are planning the childhood's joys that are to be sweet memories in days to come. A time to make the happy still happier, and the sad, less sad. A time to make some little desolate spot in the world seem brighter. A time to remember the little children in the hospitals and babies of the poor. That's what Christmas means. This great store is well stocked with many sensible, suitable gifts that will fill in some place on your list and help to make some one happy. Commence your Christmas buying Monday as there are only eight more shopping days.

Special Sale of Hand Embroidered Eyelet Center Pieces, Scarfs and Dollies, Monday. These beautiful hand embroidered Eyelet Center Pieces, Scarfs and Dollies make handsome Christmas gifts. 6-inch 25c embroidered Dollies 19c each. 9-inch 50c embroidered Dollies 25c each. 10-inch 75c embroidered Dollies 50c each. 12-inch 1.00 embroidered Dollies 75c each. 18-inch 1.50 Center Pieces 1.00 each. We will put them in pretty boxes if you wish.

Last Call—December's Holiday Clearing Sale of Colored and Black Dress Goods Remnants. Commencing at 9:00 A. M. The close of the season—the last great dress goods sale before Christmas. One dollar Monday will go as far as two ordinarily. Study these sweeping reductions carefully, and ask yourself whether you can afford to miss it. We mention a few of the special holiday prices. We cannot mention them all.

Hundreds of Beautiful Waist Lengths and Lengths for Children's Dresses. Cream Silk Luster Brillantine—1.00 quality, 2 1/2 yards in remnant for 98c. Cream Crepe Albatross—85c quality, 3 1/2 yards in remnant for \$1.25. Cream Satin Stripe Challis—Tiny polka dots, 3 1/2 yards for 83c. Checked Novelty—New tan color, dainty check, 2 yards for 46c. Navy Challis—All wool, small white figure, 3 yards for 79c. Cream Check Brillantine—1.50 quality, 2 1/2 yards in remnant for \$1.59. Satin Stripe Battiste Novelty—3 1/2 yards new Copenhagen blue, for 83c. Novelty Challis—Navy ground, Dresden figures, 3 1/2 yards for 62c. Cream Waistings—All wool, tiny Dresden figures, 3 1/2 yards for 98c. VERY SPECIAL—All dress and skirt lengths of our beautiful Colored Chiffon Spot Proof Broadcloth, that has never sold for less than \$2.50, to be included in this great sale. The like colors are beautiful. Main Floor.

Silk Hosiery for Gift Giving. For the giver of gifts, nothing can compare with silk hosiery for beauty, utility and fitness, and the recipient will always consider with pleasure the good judgment of the giver. Plain black silk hose, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.75 per pair. Plain black silk hose with cotton soles, \$1.50 per pair. Silk hose with cotton soles and garter tops, \$1.75 per pair. Colored silk hose, \$1.50 and \$2.50 per pair. Embroidered silk hosiery. There are no finer grades, prettier patterns or colorings produced that can surpass these. Prices \$2.00 to \$3.00 per pair. Main Floor.

French Chemise. It's surprising what delightfully dainty bits of lingerie can be had for little money. Monday, we offer a special line of chemises, some have plain button-hole finish, others hand embroidered yokes. Prices, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00.

Gloves for Christmas. When one selects a gift, the first thought is "What will suit?" Judging from the number we sell, gloves are sure to please. We offer you this suggestion and our vast assortment of reliable gloves and makes. Long Glace Kid Gloves—In 8, 12, 16 and 20 button lengths, in this season's latest styles and shades, per pair \$3.00. \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00 and up to \$5.00. Long Cape and Mocha Gloves—In 8, 12 and 16 button lengths, black, browns, tans, Havanas, reds and gun metal, per pair \$3.25, \$3.75, up to \$4.25. Short Kid Gloves—In 2 or 3 clasp overseas or pique, in black white and all this season's shades, per pair \$1.15, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25. Short Mocha and Cape Gloves—Silk lined or unlined, in black, brown, tan, red and gray, per pair \$1.19, \$1.50, \$1.75 up to \$2.25 per pair. Main Floor.

Pretty Silks Will Make a Gift of Elegance. First of the 1908 Spring Silks, Foulauds, \$1.00 a yard. Great value at the price, in the new dot pattern, new tans, new mode, navy, rose, cadet, Copenhagen blue. Handsome Black Taffetas—8c to \$2.00 a yard. Give some one a length for a dress, a skirt or a petticoat. You can make no mistake. Pretty Plaid Silks for waists and Scarfs, 79c to \$1.50 a yard. A gift of elegance and beauty. Any woman would be delighted with a pattern. Black Silk for a dress—75c to \$2.00 a yard. Watch the crowd buying silks, all in the season's smartest and most popular weaves. We will be pleased to show you. Main Floor.

Silk Shawls Christmas. A handsome and useful gift that will surely be appreciated. Silk head-throws at \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.50 and \$3.00 each. Silk Scarfs at \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 each. Very handsome cream silk crepe embroidered scarfs—2 1/2 yards long, with fringed ends, each \$5.50 and \$10.00. Silk shoulder shawls, in black, white, or cream, at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00 and \$10.00 each. Main Floor.

Silk Dressing Sacques. A holiday showing of silk dressing sacques that has never before been equaled. They make the daintiest sort of gifts. Most of them are made with stit back, short sleeves and large fancy collars, trimmed with edging and insertion. They come in dainty shades of pink, light blue, violet and white. Prices start at \$3.00. Best Room. When tired out from Christmas shopping, visit our rest room and recline in one of the large easy chairs. Manicuring in connection.

THOMPSON BELDEN & CO. Commencing Monday our store will be open evenings until Xmas.

SCHOONER WRECKED (Continued from First Page.) gone ashore on the coast near Sandy Hook. The captain and crew, ten men in all, have been brought ashore from the Philippines. WARSHIPS RIDE OUT STORM Pacific Armada in Readiness for President's Inspection. NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 14.—With coaling and the loading of stores of every description complete and with everything in readiness for next Monday, on their voyage to the Pacific coast, the seven southeast storm which struck the coast, lasting throughout the night, and continued with great intensity during today, had little effect upon the great battleships of the Pacific-bound Atlantic fleet, as they rode safely at anchor through the gale in Hampton Roads, except that the choppy sea in a wind of twenty-two miles an hour made it difficult and at times most uncomfortable for the small launches passing between the fleet and shore and from ship to ship. The wind reached a maximum velocity at Cape Henry of forty-eight miles an hour at 4 o'clock this morning, and the sea, rolling almost mounting high, made it dangerous for craft of all kinds caught in the teeth of the gale. The storm was followed by hard wind along the coast and a dense fog at the Virginia capes, making it well nigh impossible to distinguish passing vessels. The notable farewell bill given at the Hotel Chamberlain, Old Point Comfort, last night in honor of Admiral Evans and the other flag and line officers of the fleet and the social functions aboard the several ships yesterday were followed today by activity aboard ship in getting everything in the best possible trim looking to absolute perfection for Monday's start and for the inspection at long range of the ships of the armada by President Roosevelt from the deck of his yacht, the Mayflower. The heavy seas in today's storm made the massive ships of steel roll considerably, but those aboard are used to this, and the storm was not of unusual consequence, except in its interference with the small launches passing to and fro. Sunday will be a day of farewell greetings at Old Point Comfort. The families of many of the officers who go out in the fleet are there and the last visit ashore by the officers will be made Sunday night. The signal to get under way will be flown from the towering yards of the flagship Connecticut shortly before 10 o'clock Monday morning and under the eye of the president the ships will proceed outside the Virginia capes, turn their bows to the south and their course through the eastern end of the West Indies to Trinidad, the first scheduled stopping place on their way to show the people of the Pacific coast the finest double squadron of war vessels ever in the western sea. When the Mayflower steams into the middle of the anchored fleet on Monday morning just after 8 o'clock it will be saluted from every side and will find every ship dressed in its gayest array of bunting. As soon as the presidential yacht drops anchor, Admiral Evans will repair on board it, followed immediately by all flag and commanding officers, to pay their respects to the president. Special full dress uniform will be worn. After the officers leave the Mayflower and return to their ships the fleet will get under way in single column, preceded by the Mayflower, to the Horsehoe of Chesapeake bay, midway between the capes and Porters Monro, where the great review is to take place. Owing to the bad weather a reception and dinner which was to have been given to Captain Osterhaus and other officers of the flagship Connecticut tonight has been abandoned.

Cigars and Pipes at Beaton's. Prices tell the story, why say more. Note they are all well known brands. 10c Teller Cigars \$2.50 per box of 50. 10c Palmer Hobbies \$1.25 per box of 25. 10c Crown Special \$1.25 per box of 25. 15c Edward Gato \$4.90 per box of 50. 15c Lopez Clear Havana \$1.50 per box of 25. 15c Heary George \$1.50 per box of 50. 10c Mars Cigars \$2.00 per box of 50. 15c Pipes \$1.50. 20c Pipes \$1.50. 25c Pipes \$1.50. 30c Pipes \$1.50. 40c Pipes \$1.50. 50c Pipes \$1.50. Beaton Drug Co. 15th and Farnam Sts. P. S.—Chocolates and perfumes always please the ladies.

UNION IN IRELAND (Continued from First Page.) notice that the hunt would not be allowed to proceed as long as these men continued to follow the hounds. The local priests tried to arrange a peaceable settlement, but they were unsuccessful. The loss to the district by the stoppage of the hunt for the season is estimated at \$10,000. P. N. CULLEN.

Mrs. Longworth on the Mend. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The condition of Mrs. Longworth, who was operated on two days ago for appendicitis at the White House, continues to be entirely favorable. Dr. Rixey, who visited the patient this morning, announces after his call that Mrs. Longworth had spent a good night. Her temperature was good.

THIRTY YEARS A Slave to Coffee. Many persons do not realize that coffee drinking may become a powerful, enslaving habit. They are not all aware that coffee contains a drug—caffeine—which ought never to be taken into the system except for certain diseases and then only when prescribed by the doctor. The coffee habit grows on most users and is more harmful to some than others. But a drug that acts upon the heart and nerves in the way caffeine does, is not without greater or less harm to all who drink coffee.

SEVERE STORM IN ENGLAND. Pierce Gale Along Coast and Thames Valley Flooded. LONDON, Dec. 14.—The fierce gales which have raged on the coast of the United Kingdom for the last few days show little signs of abating, and the heavy rains have flooded almost all the interior lowlands. Communication generally is much hampered. The harbors and bays are crowded with vessels that have run in for shelter. There have been many small wrecks, but out of the loss of the American schooner Thomas W. Lawson the fatalities thus far reported are not numerous. The most serious wreck happened near Sheerness this morning. The cutter gunboat Speedwell was struck by a heavy sea and went down. There were thirteen liberty men on board at the time and only five of them were rescued.

BREWERY BLAZES NUMEROUS. Relief in Chicago Some Fanatic Has Been Setting Them to Aflame. CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The \$200,000 fire in the Cooke brewery last night is the third brewery fire since the Sunday closing crusade began in this city. Coming so closely after the others, Attorney Hogan believes that some fanatic, actuated by the belief that brewery destruction helps along the cause, is at work. Mr. Hogan last night said: "While I am not prepared to state positively that the fire has been set, the circumstances are at least peculiar enough to justify me in making the most searching investigation, and I shall not be surprised if we uncover a pyromaniac as the instigator of the series."

ARGUMENT FOR COMBINATION. Attorney for Hazemann Cites Illinois Law in Central Road Case. CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Attorney Herick continued his argument in behalf of E. H. Harriman today in the Illinois Central injunction suit. He cited an act passed by the Illinois legislature in 1899 authorizing combining lines of railroads to combine if such is mutually benefited, and argued from this that the Union Pacific and Illinois Central had a right to work in union, provided neither property was damaged by so doing.

DEATH RECORD. Burial of Mrs. Grinnell. GREENWICH, Ia., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The funeral services over the body of Mrs. Julia Chapin Grinnell, the last survivor of the little band of eight who selected the site for this city and laid its foundations, took place at the First Congregational church here this afternoon. Rev. H. N. Deacon, recently from Fort Huron, Mich., and resident pastor here, had charge of the services. The venerable Prof. L. F. Parker, of the community, President J. H. T. Main spoke of what the life had been to the college. Mrs. Grinnell was born in Springfield, Mass., and came from the long line of honored Chapins famous in that region. She was married to J. B. Grinnell in 1853 and they began their home in this city, named after her husband, in 1854. The four bank cashiers of the city with two descendants from old families were the active bearers, while as an honorary escort came the survivors of the very early settlers. Mrs. Grinnell was the means of the establishing of the first Mothers' club west of the Mississippi and was very active in missionary work both home and foreign. Two daughters survive her, Mrs. Mary Grace, widow of Albany, N. Y., and Mrs. Carrie Grinnell Jones of Nashville, Tenn.

MAYOR'S LIFE IS IN DANGER. Chief Executive of Greater Pittsburgh Receives Letters Warning Him to Change Tactics. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 14.—Mayor George W. Guthrie of Greater Pittsburgh is in receipt of a letter threatening him with death unless his policy is reversed immediately. Due precaution against violence has been taken. Since the constitutionality of the annexation of Allegheny to Pittsburgh was affirmed by the supreme court of the United States Mayor Guthrie has accomplished several things which are, it is said, unfavorable to persons in Allegheny.

STANDARD'S CASE APPEALED. Judge Landis Signs Bill of Exceptions Permitting Continuance of Big Tine Litigation. CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The bill of exceptions in the appeal of the Standard Oil company of Indiana from the fine of \$2,500,000 was today signed by Judge Landis and was later filed in the court of appeals. It is expected that the entire record in the case will be filed within a few weeks and a hearing had upon the appeal within a short time.

THief Touches Live Wire. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Phillip Brunette met a horrible death while attempting to steal wire at Hempstead, L. I. He had climbed a pole and cut a telephone wire,

GENERAL SEARCH FOR GIRL. Entire Community Near Scene of Little Olson's Disappearance Will Join. BANCROFT, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—A general search will be made here Sunday for Lillie Olson, the 4-year-old daughter of Olaf Olson, who wandered away from home near Rosalie and has not been heard of since then. Men are expected from the surrounding country to aid in the search.

K. V. BIGELOW PLEADS GUILTY. Young Denver Man Who Mailed Dynamite Bomb Gives Up Fight. DENVER, Dec. 14.—Kemp V. Bigelow, the young clerk formerly of Bryan, O., who mailed dynamite bombs to several leading citizens of Denver two months ago in the hope of securing rewards by giving washing before any harm was done, pleaded guilty in the district court here today. Sentence probably will be pronounced Monday next. Bigelow pleaded guilty to charges of assault to kill Governor Henry A. Buechel, Lawrence Phillips and Charles E. Kountze. Bigelow had already been tried on a charge of assault to kill David H. Moffatt, the railroad man and banker, and sentenced to the reformatory. But District Judge Stidger elected to try him on other charges, with a view to inflicting more severe punishment. The court will hear evidence in the present case Monday next before pronouncing sentence.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—L. J. Jamison, a pioneer of Iowa, died this morning at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles Brown. He was 73 years of age. He came to Ida county in 1848, walking from Davenport. He was one of the early-day school teachers. Heart trouble was the cause of death. Bishop Leighton Coleman. WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 14.—Leighton Coleman, Episcopal bishop of Delaware, was found dead in bed this morning at his home in this city. He had been ill for a week with a hard cold, which developed into kidney trouble.