

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas

5 Buying Days Until Christmas

Thompson, Belden & Co., just one block west of the Auditorium and exposition buildings.

Saturday at the Toilet Goods Department

No trouble to select a gift at this department, even if you want to spend only 25c. Kirk's Witch Hazel Toilet Soap, 3 cakes in a box, Saturday at, box, only 10c.

Gifts That Men Like.

If you want to please a man give him something he can wear. Suspenders are among the most popular gifts. Our assortment is still unbroken. We can surely please you.



1.00 a pair. Silk Half Hose at \$1.00 to \$3.50 a pair. Half Hose in most every kind and color. Whether you want silk, cotton or Hilo, our assortment is ready to please.

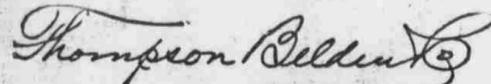
Gloves for Christmas

In selecting your Christmas presents do not overlook the fact that gloves make the nicest gift. Our stock was never better, more choice or more varied.

Evening Gloves, Dress Gloves, Street Gloves, Christmas Boxes with every purchase.

Embroidered Silk Hose for Christmas

Embroidered Silk Hosiery has always been considered the choicest of gifts and is incomparable both for beauty and utility. Our patterns are exclusive. Prices, \$2.00 to \$10.00 per pair.



Fur Coats—Guaranteed Quality

Fine Astrakhan Coats—Brook Mink, Hudson Seal and other desirable furs. Women's Bath Robes, Silk Kimonos, Silk Petticoats, Sweater Coats, Sweater Vests, make most appropriate Christmas gifts.

Net Waists, Messaline Waists, Cotton Waists

Some of them slightly muscad. All are special bargains Saturday. \$18.50 Messaline Waists \$10.50 \$15.00 Messaline Waists \$10.25 \$12.50 Messaline Waists \$ 6.25 \$10.50 Messaline Waists \$ 5.00 \$ 1.75 Cotton Waists...\$1.00

The Last Saturday Before Christmas

After three weeks of heavy holiday selling our stocks are in fine condition for Christmas shopping. Although there were many inroads made into the various holiday lines we were thoughtful and hurried telegrams east which brought more goods here on time in order that we might reinforce the depleted stocks for these last busy buying days.

Great Christmas Sale of Finished Sofa Pillows Saturday Commencing at 9 A. M.

Instead of waiting until after Christmas to clear out these sofa pillows we are going to give our many customers the benefit of this sale before Christmas. These pillows make ideal gifts. All finished complete at the following reductions:

Pillows that sold at \$5.00, Saturday at, each, \$2.49. Pillows that sold at \$6.00 to \$8.00, Saturday at, each, \$3.49. Pillows that sold at \$10 to \$18, Saturday at, each, \$4.49.

At the same time Saturday we will include about 2 dozen pairs of Women's and Misses' Crocheted Slippers at, a pair, only, 50c. A few pairs of infants' Crocheted Slippers at, a pair, 25c.

Great Christmas Sale at Muslin Underwear Department Saturday Commencing 9 A. M.

Two low prices on Children's robes that will cause a quick clearance. Children's muslinette robes in figured pink, blue and gray, all satin trimmed. Ages from 2 to 14 years, sold regular at \$2.00 to \$3.50 on account of being slightly soiled, we will close them out Saturday at the low price, each 39c.

Children's wool elderdown bath robes in plain red, blue and pink or figured. Ages from 8 to 12 years, these also are slightly soiled, sold regularly at \$3.50 to \$6.00. In Saturday's sale at the low price, each 98c. Come early as they will not last long at these prices.

Women's Knit Cotton Skirts in black, navy and red with pretty striped borders at, each, 50c. Women's Knit Wool Skirts in red, gray, pink, blue and black at \$1.50, \$1.25 and 98c.

Special Sale of Men's Negligee Shirts Saturday

(Collars Attached.) Manufacturer's samples, perfect in every way, mostly in sizes 15 and 15 1/2. Large assortment of styles. Prices away out of proportion to the quality. Shirts worth \$1 and \$1.25 at, each, 39c. Shirts worth \$1.50 and \$2 at, each, 39c. Shirts worth \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3 and \$3.50 at, each, 58c. Bargain Square, in Basement.

Women's Waists at Greatly Reduced Prices for Saturday

Pure Linen Waists, made with colored hand embroidered fronts, regularly sold at \$7.50, Saturday, \$4.75.



Christmas Ribbons

This bright, busy department greets you the moment you enter our main entrance. Here are all the newest and daintiest colors and designs in Holiday Ribbons. Many made up novelties also on display. Merry Christmas Ribbon for tying up gift packages at, per yard 6c.

Saturday Candy Special

Extra Special—Baldwin's delicious Black Walnut Fudge, regular price 50c a pound. All day Saturday and evening at, a pound, only 35c. Our Christmas stock of Candies is now complete. Fancy boxes, mixed candies, figs, nuts and nut meats—in fact anything that you could find in a first-class candy department will be found here at low prices.

98c Special Sale of Women's Street Gloves, 98c

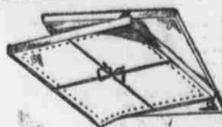
Dempster & Place one-clasp Cape Gloves, in assorted tans. You've paid \$1.50 for no better than these; Saturday special price 98c.

Special Announcement—Saturday Will Be Remnant Day in Dress Goods and Silks

The tremendous selling of Dress Goods and Silks during the last few weeks has left quantities of remnants of Silks, Colored and Black Dress Goods Remnants. Hundreds of pieces in desirable lengths, everything from a waist length in Dress Goods to many full dress patterns. Fine assortment in Silk Remnants of waist lengths. An opportunity to buy Christmas Silks and Dress Goods at a great saving. Come early Saturday.

Christmas Handkerchiefs

We select our stocks of Handkerchiefs as you do—pick and choose, see that fabric and hem and embroidery and lace edge (if any) are all that they should be, not a helter skelter stock, jumbled together on the supposition that folks haven't time to be careful during the holiday rush. Hence it's safe to buy Handkerchiefs in a hurry at Thompson, Belden & Co.'s. Handkerchiefs here for the whole family, women, men and children, at from 5c to \$20.00 each.



Dainty Fans for Christmas.

One of these charming little fans will appeal to the heart of most any young girl—especially one with a busy season of dances ahead. Prices from \$1.00 to \$10.00 each.

Holiday Umbrellas

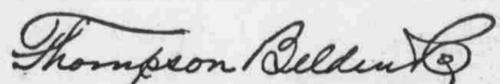
We are selling more Umbrellas this season than ever before. They are the safest sort of a gift. We are ready with all the holiday novelties. Let our expert umbrella chief show you the handsomest line in the city.

26 and 28-inch Black Silk Umbrellas, fine line of handles, regular price \$5.00, Saturday at, each, \$3.98.

26-inch Black Union Silk Umbrellas with taped edge, Sat. at \$1.50. Special for Christmas—26 and 28-inch Black Silk Umbrellas with fancy handles of gold and pearl and Sterling silver at, each, \$5.00. Colored Silk Umbrellas in blue, brown, red and green at reduced prices Saturday.

Handsome Silk Umbrellas with fine handles, in beautiful case, complete at \$7.50.

Umbrella Department—Main entrance, a step to the left.



Saturday Is the Last Day

Of the National Corn Exposition and before the many visitors depart for their homes we would like to have them visit this modern Dry Goods Store where honest methods are pursued. Come in and get acquainted, even if you haven't the slightest idea of buying. There are many free conveniences provided for your comfort. We check hand baggage free of charge.

Silk Rubberized Utility Coats

On Special Sale Saturday \$25.00 Coats.....\$16.50 \$16.50 Coats.....\$10.50 \$15.00 Coats.....\$ 8.50

Misses' Coats, All Specialty Reduced for Saturday

Girls' Coats—8, 10, 12 and 14 years. All specially reduced for Saturday.

MAXIMUM IN CRAFT CASES

Judge Kunkel Gives Limit to Capitol Fraud Men.

SENTENCES ARE GIVEN TO FOUR

Looters of Pennsylvania Treasury Come Before Court After Conviction—Cases Will Be Appealed.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—Two years' imprisonment and a fine of \$500, the maximum penalty, was the sentence meted out today by Judge Kunkel in the Dauphin county court to each of the four men, who were convicted of defrauding the state in connection with the furnishing of the capitol building in this city. Immediately after sentence was pronounced the defendants were remanded to the custody of the sheriff and taken to a side room pending application for a writ of habeas corpus, which was made in the superior court at Philadelphia at 10 o'clock of the sentence here was given. As soon as it is granted the defendants will offer bail, pending appeal to the superior court.

The four defendants are John H. Sanderson, Philadelphia, contractor for the furniture; James M. Shumaker, Johnstown, superintendent of the board of public grounds and building at the time the contract for furniture was let; William P.

Snyder, Spring City, and William L. Mathews, Media, respectively auditor general and state treasurer during the operation of the contract and by virtue of their positions members of the board of grounds and buildings.

The men convicted today were tried at the state bank of \$39,908 in a contract for wooden furniture. Other charges involved large sums in the aggregate. The men were tried last spring and last week they were refused a new trial.

The men conducted today were tried a second time and acquitted of a charge of defrauding the state in a metal furniture contract.

COMMITTEE READY FOR WORK

Senators Prepared to Take Up Any Line of Canal Inquiry Deemed Necessary.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—That the senate committee on intercanal canals is prepared to take up any sort of an investigation of canal affairs that may be demanded by any member of the committee was asserted today by Senator Kittredge of South Dakota, chairman of the committee.

Thus far there have been no demands upon the committee, and as there has not been a meeting at the present session of congress it cannot be ascertained what action will be taken. "It has been the policy of the senate committee," said Mr. Kittredge today, "to call witnesses at any time a demand is made by any member of the committee, and I purpose to continue

that policy." The demand, if it comes, probably will originate with democratic members.

An investigating resolution was offered in the house by Representative Rainey of Illinois, which is said to have been offered at the suggestion of the democratic national committee following the publication in certain democratic and independent newspapers of a story that Americans may have profited by the sale of the canal property to the United States. Senator Culbertson, chairman of the minority caucus of the senate, was intimately connected with the management of the democratic national campaign and is a member of the senate canal committee, but he has not yet taken cognizance of the house resolution.

Racey Murder Case Continued.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—To the surprise of a large number of people, who filled the court room Wednesday afternoon, the case of the state of South Dakota against Louie Racey, for murder, was continued to the June, 1909 term. A large number of witnesses had been subpoenaed and had been in hearing since the 8th inst., but in order to secure witnesses from Kansas City, on behalf of the defendant, it was found necessary to continue the case of Louie Racey, aged about 35 years, is charged with the killing of George N. Stewart, in an old mill at Wolsey, last November. It appears that the two men while under the influence of liquor, got into a quarrel and it is claimed that Stewart died from the effects of wounds inflicted by Racey, who, after his

BALTIMORE RECTOR IS SUED

Dr. R. S. Coupland Defendant in Suit by Physician Who is Suing for Divorce.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 18.—Rev. Dr. Robert S. Coupland, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension of this city, has been sued for \$20,000 damages by Dr. Pierce B. Wilson, who is suing his wife for divorce, naming former United States Senator George L. Wellington as corespondent.

No cause of action is stated in the paper filed in court and neither Dr. Wilson nor his attorney would talk today.

Dr. Coupland, who has been summoned as a witness in the divorce trial, said he had no knowledge of any reason for the suit.

Jr. Wilson is a member of Dr. Coupland's church and the lawyer said their relations had been most friendly.

Dr. Coupland, who is a leading candidate for coadjutor bishop of the Maryland diocese at the election recently.

On the witness stand in the divorce trial today Dr. Wilson swore that a few days after the birth of their baby his wife had confessed to him the story of her alleged affair with Wellington. After that his married life ended, he said, but to avoid publicity and scandal he gave her a home.

W. BYRL GREER IS DEAD

Was Run Down by Automobile of William B. Ridgely Dies of Injuries.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18.—As the result of being run down by the motor car of William B. Ridgely, former controller of the currency, and until recently president of the National Bank of Commerce here, Mrs. Byrl Greer of this city died today. Mrs. Greer was struck by Mr. Ridgely's machine on November 19. Mr. Ridgely was not in the motor car at the time of the accident. Mrs. Greer recently entered suit against the former controller for \$25,000 damages on account of her injuries. Mr. Ridgely set up the claim that although the machine belonged to him, it was at the time of the accident being run by a chauffeur and was without passengers.

HONEY PRODUCERS TO MEET

Western Association of Bee Men from Five States to Assemble at Sioux City.

The third convention of the Western Honey Producers' association will be held in Sioux City on January 29 and 30. The states belonging to the association are Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Utah and California and representatives from every section will attend the convention next

month, among whom is N. E. France, manager of the National Bee Keepers' association. An effort will be made at this convention to secure legislation that will assist in checking the spread of the bee disease in Iowa and South Dakota.

First Snow Near Mitchell.

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The first fall of snow of any proportion fell last night and today, the snow measuring eleven inches on the level. The fall was sufficiently heavy as to delay trains. The storm did not interrupt cement work that is being done on the Milwaukee passenger station nor the digging of the tracks for laying the mains for the new gas plant, which is being erected. Both enterprises are in such condition that work will be carried on all winter if it does not turn too cold. It is expected that electric light and

CIGARS FOR XMAS

Look over this list carefully and find your favorite cigar, then note the price we are offering them at on Saturday. Many are less than the 100's first cost. We have half a million cigars on hand and intend to move them if price will do it.

- 10c Tom Moore, bouquet size, Saturday only, box of 25.....\$1.25
Box of 50.....2.50
10c Palmer House, Best Inevitable size, Saturday, box of 25.....1.15
Box of 50.....2.25
10c Windsor, Bouquet Inevitable size, Saturday, box of 25.....1.20
Box of 50.....2.40
10c Epi n'd'a, clear Havana, a box of 25, Saturday only.....1.15
10c Ml Elecion, clear Havana, conchos size, box of 50.....2.50
10c Paxon & Galibier's, Florida Fro-len o' lat, box of 25, Saturday only.....2.25
10c Queen Elena, box of 50, Saturday and Monday only.....2.15
10c Continental Seal, club size, box of 50, Saturday only.....1.25
10c La Esperanza, box of 25, Saturday only.....1.15
10c Ml Elecion Victoria, box of 50, Saturday only.....4.50
10c El Sidelo, Brevos size, box of 50, Saturday only.....4.50
10c Edward Gato, Marconi's size, Saturday only, box of 25.....2.50
Box of 50.....5.00
10c P-l-clip De Gato, Full moon size, tight tin box, Saturday only.....2.30
10c Optimo, box of 50, Saturday only.....4.70
10c Foeneda, box of 25, Saturday only.....2.35
10c Little Joe, box of 50, Saturday only.....1.50
10c Uncle Oscar, box of 50, Saturday only.....1.50
10c Fortitude, box 50, Saturday only.....1.50
10c Little Nations, box of 100, Saturday only.....3.30
Little Bobs, box of 50, Saturday only 1.50
And all other brands at cut prices. Send by mail or express, add 12c for box 25 and 25c for box of 50. Orders above 20 sent prepaid.

Where to eat.

Table d'Ho e Dinne:

AT THE Ghesapeake

1113-12 HOWARD STREET, Sunday FROM 11 A. M. TO 4 P. M. Dinner 50c. Music by Mace Orchestra, songs by Mr. Hangauer.

Meal Tickets Free at Hanson's

Every person who takes a meal at T. Hanson's basement restaurant may give the number who visit there during the day. Every day the nearest guess wins a meal ticket.

Toll Hanson's Lunch Room

The most attractive, original, artistic and most economical lunch room in Omaha.

GUESTS OF THE HOTEL ROME

and visitors to National Corn Exposition will find a direct exit from Exposition Concert Hall to Rome Vineyard. A most delightful dining place. Open from 11:30 A. M. to 1 A. M.

Beaton Drug Co.

5th and Farnam

CLASSY FOOTWEAR FOR Young Ladies

We are showing some special lasts and patterns in fine grade young ladies' shoes that should appeal to the young lady desiring individuality and style, combined with comfort and quality. Built on common sense lines, with low and medium low heels. The price is \$3, \$3.50, \$4 and \$5

Christmas Sale Small Women's Coats and Suits

The small women's Coat and Suit section offers some very tempting bargains for Saturday.

Table with 2 columns: Suits that were, Coats that were. Prices listed for various items, e.g. Suits that were \$22.50, now \$18; Coats that were \$18, now \$15.

BENSON & THORNE CO. Fall Department Bargain 1515-1517 DOUGLAS STREET

AMUSEMENTS.

BOYD'S THEATER

Tonight, Saturday, Saturday Matinee F. Ray Comstock offers

WILLIAMS AND WALKER

"BANDANNA LAND" Seats Now Selling.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Henry W. Savage's Only Authorized Version of

"The Devil"

[DER TEUFEL] By Franz Molna

The Biggest Corn Attraction

520 Free Prizes Value, \$600.00

Visit the Jubilee Manufacturing Co's display at the Corn Show, estimate the number of kernels of corn in the glass jar on exhibition there and the 520 nearest correct guesses will receive prizes absolutely free.

The first 30 will receive prizes of \$5.00 value. The next 500 will receive prizes of \$1.00 value.

The contest is free and open to every one. Free guessing blanks at their booth in the corn show.

KRUG THEATER

TONIGHT—Matinee Saturday A Beautiful Story of Life and Adventure

AS TOLD IN THE HILLS

Grand Production—Unexcelled Cast. SUNDAY—GEO. SIDNEY