

# PIANO SALE IN FALL SWING

Our December Stock Reduction Sale has interested scores of piano buyers within the last ten days. Each buyer has proven a walking advertisement owing to the great saving secured in buying a piano from our stock. As we told you recently, we are overstocked and have taken strenuous measures to reduce this stock before Christmas. For the time being we would much rather sacrifice immediate profits and move the pianos. Consider that we save you all the way from \$100 to \$150 on the purchase of such pianos as:

**Steger, Hardman, Emerson, Mehlin, A. B. Chase, McPhail and Schmoller & Mueller**

What greater inducement could we offer than price saving on such high quality pianos! Any one instrument will give lifetime service and absolute satisfaction. Do not think that because of this sale our terms have been altered—they are the same easy terms.

## TEN DOLLARS DOWN—THEN ONE DOLLAR A WEEK

Consider well the worth of one of our pianos as a Christmas Present. The first cost will not be much and the satisfaction will be so much greater than your family would receive from something inferior. Come and see our pianos and learn all about the prices and terms. Come to-night or tomorrow.

### SCHMOLLER & MUELLER PIANO CO.

1311-1313 Farnam Street  
OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL CHRISTMAS

#### SOUTHERNERS CHEER TAFT

Hearty Welcome Accorded President-Elect in Augusta.

MILITIA AS GUARD OF HONOR

Family United and Plans Are Made for a Pleasant Stay—Home-visit to Visit Augusta During Time.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 18.—A vociferous Georgia welcome was extended to William H. Taft, president-elect of the United States, on his arrival here today. The big train shed was crowded with people, who cheered lustily as the form of Mr. Taft appeared on the car platform. An official welcome was extended him by a large committee headed by President L. C. Hayne of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Taft was also cheered by the crowd which surged around the party on its way through the station to the automobile of Mr. A. Landon A. Thomas, whose household the Tafts will be until Monday, when they will occupy the Tarver cottage.

The Thomas home is near the Bon Air hotel, three miles from the city and the Tarver cottage is adjacent to the hotel.

As the automobile moved away a company of Georgia's mounted militia fell in behind as an escort of honor.

Mr. Taft acknowledged the demonstrations both at the station and as he was driven through the city by raising his hat and making a plentiful distribution of the "Taft smile."

The trip from New York, which was begun yesterday morning early and interrupted at Washington for luncheon and a conference at the White House, ended with no further incident.

Mrs. Taft joined the train last night at Danville, Va. Robert and Charley Taft, the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Taft, are with them and Miss Helen, the daughter, will arrive the first of the week.

Judge W. E. Eve, who has returned here from Washington, made the announcement that President Roosevelt promised him that he would visit Augusta during the stay of Mr. Taft.

Vacation at Westvaco.

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The university closed its first term day for the Christmas vacation. The period which Mr. Kerfoot has presided over the

#### TABLE ROCK—This Ancient Order of United Workmen lodge at its recent election elected the following: A. A. Widfield, president; J. J. Owen, master workman; W. W. Cross, foreman; J. W. Felton, overseer; Lewis Fellner, recorder; F. H. Taylor, chancellor; C. H. Church, secretary; Charles Widfield, guide; W. J. Bryson, inside warden; W. A. McCaslin, outside warden; William Linn, organist.

TABLE ROCK—Rev. A. C. Allison of this place received word on Tuesday of the death of his maiden aunt, Miss Caroline Amelia Morrison, who died at her home near Carrolton, Green county, Ill., December 11, and was buried Sunday. There were no maiden sisters very wealthy who deriving the property to the survivor, of which she was the last, and she leaves an estate valued at \$20,000, and Mrs. Allison is one of the sixteen direct heirs.

#### POLICE FORCE DEFICIENT

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swam to safety. Aside from a cold bath he was made the worse for the accident.

TABLE ROCK—John N. Gore post elected the following officers at its recent election: Post commander, William Sutton; senior vice, J. W. Hastings; junior vice, John Bush; chaplain, Rev. A. C. Allison; officer of the day, F. W. Ault; V. M. Peter Gold; surgeon, C. A. Groom; O. G. Alan Harris; The Women's Relief corps elected the following: President, Mary E. Ault; senior vice, Nettie Wilcox; junior vice, Martha Meyer; treasurer, Fannie C. Norris; conductor, Julia Gold; guard, Elvira Stevens; chaplain, Catherine Baker.

HASTINGS—Leroy Johnson, who was arrested in Holdrege yesterday for a charge of stealing three hides from a freight car, has been released in the county jail, the county attorney having decided that the evidence against him is insufficient. On the same day that a shortage of three hides was reported in a shipment to a local buyer Johnson left three hides for sale in this city. The evidence led to his arrest yesterday night. Johnson declares his innocence and says he can prove to anyone just where he got the three hides which he offered for sale.

BEATRICE—The Jones auto was given a thorough test yesterday by some of the members of the Commercial club. A run to Liberty, Barnston, Wynore and back to Beatrice was made, covering a distance of every vital function and enabling one to get from food all the nourishment it contains. It purifies and unifies the blood, strengthens the circulation, improves the heart's action, steadies the nerves, hardens the muscles, clears the brain and caries the health, strength and vigor to every part of the body.

Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey is guaranteed absolutely pure.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS DEAD  
Order Permitting Their Delivery to Charitable Institutions Will Not Be Renewed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Postmaster General Meyer announces he will not renew his order issued in December, 1907, permitting delivery to charitable organizations of letters addressed to "Santa Claus."

NUMEROUS complaints have been made by charitable organizations that owing to the large number of such letters taken by the various charities while the order was in force it was not possible to investigate each case and that the presents fell into the hands of unworthy persons. The practice was objected to on the ground that it tended to make beggars of children.

The postmaster general has directed postmasters to treat the "Santa Claus" letters in accordance with those sections of the postal laws which provide that letters bearing fictitious addresses shall be sent to the division of dead letters unless the addresses of the senders appear upon the envelopes.

It is estimated that more than 50,000 letters are addressed by the children of the country to "Santa Claus" annually.

#### MONEY IN OKLAHOMA BANKS

Eleven Million Increase in Deposits Since Last February in Southern State.

GUTHRIE, Okl., Dec. 18.—A statement issued this afternoon by Bank Commissioner H. H. Smock, showing the condition of 64 state banks on November 27, shows an increase in individual deposits of \$4,000,000 over the report of September 22, a period of sixty-five days, which makes the total increase in deposits since February last, when the guaranty law became effective, of \$11,484,998.85.

Active Businessmen—See Want Ads.



#### OUR HATS, SIR:--

We've hats from the factories of the most noted makers—hats for \$2.00, hats for \$2.50, hats for \$3.00 and we have Stetson hats of every shape and color—and what a swell gift a Stetson does make. Several grades to choose, too—\$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00.

How many times have you gone to a hat store and got an unbecoming hat? We take particular pains to see that you get a hat that's suited to your features. It's an art to do this and of course it couldn't be done unless there was an assortment of hats such as you will find here.

Seal Caps \$4.50 and \$8.00.  
Muskrats and Cones \$2.00 and up.  
Silk and Opera Hats, \$5.00 and \$6.00.  
Any are swell gifts.



# Handsome Christmas Gifts

New, Bright, Crisp things greet you in every department in this Store. Every man and every boy enjoys having everything about his makeup absolutely correct. And this store is in full bloom with the correct and best article of wear for men and boys that could be secured. In fact this whole store is fairly bristling with styles that are different. And if you care to make exclusive selections, here is where the best opportunities are offered you.

- Beautiful Neckwear ..... 50c, 75c and \$1.00
  - Handsome Patterns in Shirts ..... \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00
  - Choice Underwear ..... 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50
  - Splendid Hosiery ..... 25c, 35c and 50c
  - Fine Gloves ..... \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00
  - Dressy Mufflers ..... \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50
- Smoking Jackets, Robes, Suits, Overcoats, Fancy Waist Coats, Extra Trousers, etc.

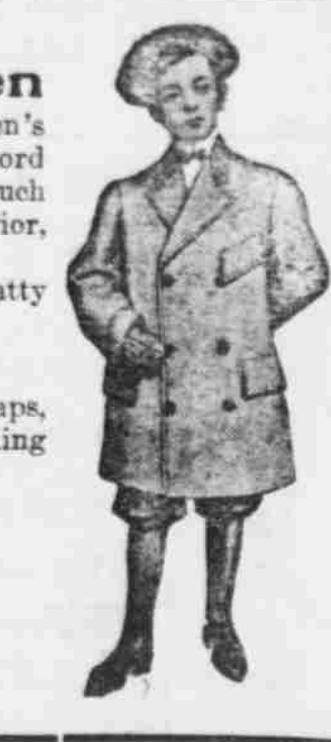
For the Best that's to be had in men's and boys' attire at modest prices, we're at your service.

#### Christmas Clothes For Little Men

The fame of our boys' and children's clothing has spread by the personal word of satisfied parents—and to win such commendation we have to sell superior, well-made clothes—AND WE DO.

Suits and Overcoats in all the natty styles and new ideas—

\$3.50 to \$15.00  
All kinds of pretty hats and caps, and a most complete line of Furnishing assortments.



The Berg Clothing Co.  
1525 DOUGLAS

#### ENFORCE LAW, SAYS THOMAS

Legislator Declares Fake Employment Agents Can Be Reached.

OPPOSES ANY MORE LEGISLATION

Makes Statement that Sharks Who Take Fees and Provide No Jobs Can Be Held for Fraud.

Discouraging further legislation to curb employment agencies, W. P. Thomas, one of the two attorneys on the Douglas county delegation to the legislature, believes if the present laws were enforced there would be no trouble with them and there would be no further robbing of the unsuspecting who sign with the agencies for employment.

"We have a statute to provide against obtaining money under false pretenses and it appears to me that this was enforced the employment agencies would soon cease taking fees from the unemployed and sending them after fictitious jobs," said Mr. Thomas. "When an employment agency accepts a fee from a man and then sends him on a wild goose chase, it has obtained money under false pretenses and ought to be prosecuted under the statute."

Mr. Thomas did not know that the employment agencies in Omaha operate under permit, and said that he thought it would be a good plan to make them take out permits. When he was informed that they all work under city permits, he said if they were revoked when the agency treated unwisely the wrongdoers would soon be weeded out. But it has been many a long day since a permit granted to an employment agency has been revoked.

Too Many Laws Now.  
"We have so many laws on the statute books now that care ought to be exercised in passing more laws on points already covered," said the legislator.

Mr. Thomas is working on the "loan shark" bill, fathered, in a measure, by John G. Yeiser. Mr. Yeiser, in his bill, attempts to fix the rate of interest to be charged but Mr. Thomas has not as yet figured out what had best be done in this respect, as greater interest must be charged on short-term loans than on long-term loans.

Here again comes in a statute provision which provides that interest in excess of 10 per cent is unlawful.

The Illinois state legislature two years ago passed a law prohibiting the assignment of salary yet unearned, but this was held unconstitutional by the supreme court of that state on the ground that a man has the right to sign away his property interest in his salary, on contract, the same as he has the right to sign away his property interest in chattels.

#### DEMOCRATS IN EVIDENCE

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power to stop a county option bill if Henry is elected.

But Mullen is not the only trouble Governor-elect Shallenberger is having. It is said now that Dan Gellus of Omaha is about to stick to his knitting and refuse to qualify for deputy game warden. Gellus, it is said, has figured that it may be only two years and then down and out and a good job lost so he is liable at any moment to give out a statement that he will not accept.

It is possible that Mr. Shallenberger can get Mullen to take this place and it is also certain he wishes Mullen were not his oil inspector.

County Option the Issue.  
The fight is on.  
The democratic legislature will be organized along the lines of for or against county option.

J. E. Broderick, representative from Clay county, is authority for the statement, and he knows. The editorial in the party organ this morning started the lineup. "The World-Herald is very inconsistent," he said, "when it discussed in an editorial this morning the democratic legislature and county option. The members of the legislature who ran on the fusion ticket, and

#### Bridgeport Wants County Seat

BRIDGEPORT, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Bridgeport is the central point available for the county seat of Morrill county and the Commercial club of this place is making a campaign for it. The Lincoln company, which owns the townsite, has deposited \$10,000 and a guarantee of a block of land in the Valley State bank in this city, to be used for court house purposes if the county seat be permanently located here. This contribution to the county at the beginning of its career, when it will need every dollar available to meet its obligations, is received by the people with great satisfaction and insures the county seat for Bridgeport.

The greatest confidence in the future of Morrill county and Bridgeport prevails, and it is expected that this city will rapidly grow to be the best city in western Nebraska.

The county seat election will be held December 22.

#### REPRIMAND THAT IS REAL

General Bell Uses Stinging Words in Publishing Record of Fort Wayne Court-Martial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A stinging reprimand on two army officers is contained in a general order signed today by General Franklin Bell, chief-of-staff, publishing the action of the president in the case of Colonel Daniel Corman and Captain Charles G. French, tried by court-martial at Fort Wayne, Mich., in connection with the use of force. The court sentenced Colonel Corman to suspension from command for one month and to be reprimanded. General Bell's order says the record shows that Colonel Corman signally failed in the performance of his duties as post commander, as a result of which public property has been appropriated unlawfully. The sentence is deemed inadequate, the order says.

In the case of Captain French, whose sentence of dismissal was commuted by the president to reduction of fifty files in rank, the order says that instead of guarding the public interest, Captain French not only permitted unlawful issues of forage to be made, but wilfully participated in misappropriation of public property.

#### Industry's Bloody Toll

More than 20,000 workers were killed in American industries last year. Civilization may come high, but the price should be much less when reckoned in human blood.

#### Utica—Man Must Pay

SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Dayton Ragan, convicted by a jury in the district court here recently for assaulting Evangelist Miller on the streets of Utica last March, was fined this morning \$75 and costs by Judge R. F. Good. The costs were

#### JEWELRY Gifts for Men

As confidence is the greatest asset that any jeweler can boast, the growth of his store depends upon the value of the service as recognized by the people.

This recognition has come to us by our ability and willingness to meet the requirements of a discriminating patronage, so when we say "Gifts for Men" you will know that we understand the difficulty of finding suitable things that we have succeeded from our standpoint, that we want you to see our supply.

We never were so well equipped to serve you. Everything new since our first. A world of the market's best. Plenty of clerks and workmen to handle orders.

A new and distinct line of smoker's den pieces and wall racks at \$1.00 to \$15.00 attracts more admiration and patronage than anything we ever saw for the money.

#### THE WATCH OMEGA DURABILITY

A special factory machinery will be in our store from the 19th to the 24th with a big stock of watches and specialties specially for our Omaha trade. Come in and talk with him.

#### T. L. COMBS & CO.

JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS  
1520 Douglas Street

#### SHOE COMFORT FOR THE BOY

The foot troubles that are bothering you today are the result of misfit shoes that you wore when you were a boy. Do you want your boy to suffer as you do now? Certainly not. We realize this and have made a study of the boy's foot. We have learned through years of experience to fit the boy's foot with a proper shoe, but we also realize that the fit is not all. THE WEAR OF THE SHOE is an important factor in shoeing the boy and we have solved that problem, too, for we have a shoe that he can neither kick out or scuff. We guarantee

#### STEEL SHOD SHOES

to wear twice as long as any other boys' shoes.

Little Gents' sizes, 10 1/2 to 13... \$2.00  
Youths' sizes, 1 to 2... \$2.25  
Boys' shoes, sizes, 2 1/2 to 5 1/2... \$2.50

What would be a better gift for the boy?

#### Drexel Shoe Co.

1419 Farnam Street  
TWENTIETH CENTURY FARMER  
Reaches the Live Stock Men.

# \$1.00 A WEEK PLAN

BUY NOW WEAR YUSHI CLOTHES PAY LATER NEW FALL STYLES

Come here to the store—the leading credit house in Omaha, and buy all the clothing you want so you can be dressed in proper style every day. Never mind the money—come and get the clothing now. Your promise to pay is good enough for us. Pay later. Surely you can spare \$1.00 a week.



#### Useful Xmas Gifts

- Suits
- Overcoats
- Cravenettes
- Trousers
- Hats
- Shoes
- Boys' Shirts
- Youths' Shirts
- Ladies' Suits
- Ladies' Cloaks
- Ladies' Waists
- Ladies' Shoes
- Ladies' Furs
- Ladies' Petticoats
- Ladies' Skirts
- Girls' Coats
- Girls' Dresses

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Elmer Boddeo, Mgr.  
Open Evenings until after Christmas