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Diamonds--nothing like 'em to set hearts a flutter on Christmas day--nothing like 'em as a staple of value--nothing like 'em as a means of creating prestige--and priced THIS way you CAN afford them.

Make This a "Diamond Christmas"

- \$350 buys a magnificent be-diamonded crescent shaped brooch. Has 25 pure white, selected diamonds and would sell at \$450 if it were not that I have too many of these larger pieces.
- \$250 for one of these gorgeous "Empress" rings with three brown stones of 1/4 carat each in center, and surrounded by 38 white cut diamonds. Easily worth \$250 in the usual way.
- \$500 takes a single stone blue white diamond ring that tips the scales at 2 3/4 carats. I don't believe there is anything like it in the entire west for less than \$675 of anyone's money.
- \$120 purchases a seven stone diamond necklace that would bring \$150 at some eastern shop with a "swell" sounding title. But you wouldn't get a finer necklace--maybe not as good.
- \$375 takes away a pair of diamond ear rings that weigh 1 3/4 carats in the aggregate. Present values would bring the rightful selling price of these to \$450 per pair.
- \$200 secures a diamond cluster of eight blue white diamonds with a center gem of 3/4 carat. If you know anything about diamonds you'll agree that it's worth fully \$300.

The above are cited merely as instances. I am going to sell EVERY one of my "larger" diamond pieces at the same proportion of reduction. Diamonds amount up VERY fast indeed, and I've decidedly TOO MANY of the heavier weights.

Hints on Other "Christmassy" Things

Positive \$30 gold watches with Elgin and Waltham movements at \$20, diamond studded watches \$25 to \$200, filled case watches at \$10 to \$35, "Howard" watches at \$35 and up, umbrella and cane sets, gold or silver mounted, at \$10 to \$25, immense lines of manicure sets complete in case at \$5 to \$10, cut glass galore, gold and gilt clocks, leather articles, electroliers, sterling novelties, pearl opera glasses with pearl handles, gold jewelry novelties by the hundreds, and similar gift goods in profusion. Store will be open evenings from now until Christmas and if you find it possible to do your shopping within the next few days do so by all means.

This is pre-eminently a Christmas gift store--a gem laden Mecca for those who see the wisdom of connecting up the economical idea with a taste for the beautiful.

Mandelberg
1522 Farnam St. Omaha



CHANGES IN OMAHA NATIONAL

McGrew Succeeded by Ward M. Burgess as First Vice President.

CASHIER BUCHOLZ ADVANCES

Becomes One of Vice Presidents and His Place Will Be Taken by De Forest Richards at the First of Year.

Changes in the official family of the Omaha National bank have been decided on and will become effective January 1. Ward M. Burgess of the M. E. Smith company will become first vice president, succeeding Charles F. McGrew, for so many years associated with this institution, and De Forest Richards of Douglas will become cashier, succeeding Herman W. Bucholz, one of the progressive bankers of the city. Mr. Bucholz will be advanced to one of the vice presidencies.

Mr. McGrew is heavily interested in the manufacture of railroad ties and will, it is understood, devote his time to the Carborundum company in the future. He and Mrs. McGrew and daughter, Miss Alice Carey McGrew, are preparing for a tour of Europe in the late winter or early spring.

These changes will have gone into effect, therefore, before the business gets into its new home in the New York Life building at Seventeenth and Farnam streets, which it has bought.

Former Senator J. H. Millard, president of the bank, regretting that the matter had become public at this time, said, simply: "Mr. McGrew, who has been with the bank so long, is anxious to retire, feeling that his other business requires his personal direction and this places upon us the necessity of getting the right man in his place and making other appointments consequent upon the change."

Woman's Work

Activities of the Organized Bodies Along the Lines of Undertaking of Concern to Women.

Probably none have been more appreciative of the benefits of the National Corn Exposition or have improved the opportunities afforded by it than the club women. The scope of the club interest is so wide that the women are many times cramped for adequate means of pursuing their study and the exposition has afforded the women a fine opportunity of authority on these topics. The women have not only proven invaluable as supplementary to the study, forestry, waterways, good roads, the various phases of the work of the bureau of animal industry and many other things besides the domestic science section are today attracting the attention of club women and they are doing work of recognized merit for their promotion and the lectures and exhibits in these lines were especially helpful. The visiting state presidents devoted their entire time, aside from the few social affairs planned and discussed, to visiting the exposition and discussing the exhibits that they might take back to their chairman of standing committees all possible help in these subjects.

Mrs. Goddard, president of the Kansas federation, expects to attend the exposition next year and plans to remain for the entire two weeks and will bring a party of friends with her.

At the executive meeting of the officers of the General Federation of Women's clubs held last week in Washington, D. C., it was decided to make the Hotel Swinton club headquarters during the biennial convention of the General Federation to be held in Cincinnati next spring. Two roads, the Big Four and the Missouri Pacific, make special rates of one and a third fare for the round trip from Chicago to the convention. Club women are notified that these rates will be in effect May 1, 19 and 21.

"Frequently I am asked to draw comparisons between the states, between the west and east, often between north and south, and always between the 'wild and the civilized.' Comparisons, there are none," writes Mrs. Philip Moore, president of the General Federation of Women's clubs. "Each state meets its local needs admirably, and such needs differ according to environment of mountain and valley, waterfall, slight or excessive, near-by neighbors or foreign or strange nationality, of varying belief and manner of life, and after the peculiar adjustment of history, precedent and convention."

"In all cases I found a strong inclination on the part of the community to support the women in whatever measures they brought forward. Health and sanitation, sewer systems, fire and police departments for the future, education, in reserving land for public school revenue; art, in the wish to maintain municipal art commissions before their cities are filled with graven images and certain atrocities. You of the local organization may well look to your laurels, though again I make no comparisons."

Holiday preparation has superseded everything else in the interest of the club women and practically all club meetings have been suspended until after the first of the year.

JOHN WAGNER FOUND DEAD BEFORE HIS STOVE

Family Character About Omaha Streets Expected to Heart Failure While Reading.

Sitting in his armchair near the stove in his home at 342 South Twenty-third street, John Wagner, a familiar character about the city, was found dead by his daughter, Mrs. Rosa Bailey, about 1 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Mr. Wagner had been engaged as a junk dealer for a number of years. He came to Omaha from Germany twenty-five years ago. He made his usual trips through the business district Friday morning, returning about 11 o'clock. He was found sitting before the fire and had probably been reading, as he was wearing his spectacles.

Mrs. Bailey looked through the window, and thinking that her father was dead, summoned two granddaughters, Mrs. Albert Swanberg and Mrs. Minnie Staperman. They attempted to open the door, but it was locked. Coroner Healey was notified and broke in the door. Mr. Wagner was 57 years of age, and it is thought he died from heart failure brought on by old age. The funeral arrangements have not been made. His wife died about two years ago.

BANDITS' TRIAL IS CHEAP

Total Costs Amount to Nine Thousand Dollars, Exclusive of Federal Offering.

An accurate compilation of the costs of the recent trial of the Overland Limited mail robbers, as submitted by the clerk of the United States district court, shows that, aside from the \$5,000 offered by the government, the total costs amount to \$9,000.

If you have anything to sell or trade, advertise in the Want Ad columns of The Bee.

Five Days Remain

Soon the greatest of buying events in piano selling will be history. We believe that our stock will just about withstand the demands that are sure to be made upon it during the five short days between now and Christmas. But we will make no promises. For three weeks we have worked night and day as we never worked before to comply with the demands of live buyers who have recognized in this sale an opportunity that will never occur again. At times our facilities have been sorely taxed to keep pace with deliveries. Thus you will confer a favor by calling as early tomorrow as possible and in selecting that piano from our stock which you desire in time for Christmas. Please don't wait until the last day. Your early co-operation will help us to serve you just that much better. A very few of the bargains to be secured in our

Golden Anniversary Piano Sale

are given herewith. There are others as good, but the experience of the past three weeks makes certain that these won't last very many hours.

BARGAINS THAT AWAIT YOUR SELECTION

\$250 Story & Camp, cottage upright	\$65	\$450 Chase	\$265
\$150 Columbus	\$105	\$450 Emerson	\$285
\$350 Ivers & Pond	\$150	\$600 Hardman	\$410
\$350 New Sample Piano	\$168	\$650 Steinway	\$450
\$375 Mueller	\$192	\$750 Steger Player Piano	\$400
\$255 Merrifield	\$235	\$750 Electric Player	\$460
\$700 Chickering & Sons	\$375	\$1,500 Steinway Concert Grand	\$450

Prices, Terms, Quality have all been united to make this the greatest buying event. Prices from \$100 to \$200 under regular, terms that can only be secured at Schmoller & Mueller's.

Terms-- Nothing Down, Free Stool, Free Scarf, Thirty Days Free Trial, \$1.00 a Week.

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Your instrument delivered the day before Christmas if desired.

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THREE CARS ROLL DOWN BANK

Burlington Train Wrecked Near Chicago; None Killed.

FIVE DEAD AT CLEVELAND

Train Collides with Switch Engine Within Sight of Union Station

CHICAGO, Dec. 18--Train No. 12 on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, the Oriental Limited, was wrecked at 4:30 this morning at Western Springs, Ill., near Chicago, three sleeping cars rolling down an embankment. No person was killed, but many were injured. Five of the injured, however, are seriously hurt. The wreck was caused by a broken rail.

Two women passengers were the worst injured. One of them suffered a broken leg and the other a broken arm. Other passengers who were hurt received cuts from broken glass and were bruised and shaken up.

The train, which came from the Pacific coast by way of St. Paul, Minn., was running rapidly, being seven or eight hours late.

Although the weather was nearly zero, the passengers suffered little from the cold, as relief was promptly at hand and the passengers were able to dress before leaving the cars, notwithstanding the coaches were in the ditch.

Five Killed at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18--Five persons are dead as the result of a collision between a Lake Shore passenger train and a switch engine at East Twenty-sixth street early today. Ten passengers were bruised. The passenger train was No. 1, westbound from New York and connects here with the Big Four railway for St. Louis. The dead and fatally injured were all members of the crews of the trains.

The collision occurred at 1:25 a. m. and within eight of the Union station. Snow was falling and it is believed the red light which railroad men say was displayed to warn the engineer of the passenger train was obscured.

Several Vassar girls on the way home for the Christmas holidays were among the passengers, and they entered the work of giving temporary aid to the injured. Not one of the girls was hurt.

"Filings Have Been Irregular and We Must Cover Up"

Witness in Routt County Land Cases Makes Sensational Quotation from Promoter.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18--Sensational testimony was given in the federal court here Friday by witnesses from Iowa in the suit to recover coal lands in Routt county, Colorado, that had been obtained in an alleged, by means of dummy entries and in other fraudulent ways.

At the conclusion of today's hearings Judge Lewis announced that a prima facie case already had been made against "a part of the defendants" and that all motions for non-suits would be overruled.

The suit is directed against the officers and directors of the Union Land company. N. G. Koser, a farmer of Iowa City, Ia., declared that Frank McDonough, et al., an attorney for the defendant company, had said to him:

"Unless we get these thousands of acres of coal lands into the hands of innocent purchasers for the benefit of the Union Land company, we will not only lose the whole thing, but we are going to get into litigation with the government and you stockholders (Koser being a stockholder) of the company may have to go to the penitentiary with the officers. The filings have been irregular and we must cover up."

Koser said he had been lured into the deal in 1902, but did not suspect its fraudulent nature until two years ago. "The promoters told us they had obtained the land from the entrymen and in a regular way," Koser added.

S. K. Stevenson, an attorney of Iowa City, caused a sensation by declaring that two of the defendants had been advised by a "minor official" at the land office at Washington to change the name of the company and "bury it deep to help the fraud."

Novelties--FRENZER--16th and Dodge.

Drastic Steps to End Strikes in Australia

Legislature Passes Law Making it Penal Offense to Instigate Strike or Lockout.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 18--Business has been so demoralized by the coal strike that the legislature today took the drastic step of passing a bill rendering both strike leaders and employers, who instigate or aid a strike or lockout, liable to a year's imprisonment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18--President Campney of the American Federation of Labor today pointed out the failure of compulsory arbitration in Australia to prevent strikes, with the accompanying inference that laws making arbitration compulsory in the United States would not operate differently. When the fact that the government of Australia is contemplating laws to prevent strikes was brought to the attention of Mr. Campney, he made the following statement:

"When the interests of men diverge they will contend for their respective interests, and this is true of workers as well as of employers. Compulsory arbitration which compels employers to pay higher wages than they think they can afford and enforces that award by the power of government results in confiscation of property. Compulsory arbitration which awards lower wages and imposes conditions on workmen equivalent to them and enforces it by the power of government establishes involuntary servitude--slavery. So long as the workers have aspirations for a better life and concepts of the rights which are justly theirs, they will unite and continue their efforts for their arrangement. When they cannot be secured without a strike they will have no hesitancy in striking, jail or no jail."

Clocks--FRANZEL--16th and Dodge.

BRANDEIS BUYS TOY STOCK

Rice, Stix & Co. of St. Louis Sell All Their Holiday Goods and Toys to This Omaha Firm.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18--One of the biggest business deals in holiday goods that ever took place in St. Louis has just been consummated, the local firm of Jobbers, Rice, Stix & Co. securing the entire stock of toys and fancy goods to the Brandeis Stores of Omaha. The transaction involved approximately \$25,000 and included all the toys, all the holiday goods and all the fancy goods from the Rice, Stix & Co. concern, which discontinues the handling of these holiday lines. It was a cash transaction on a big scale, typical of the business methods of the Brandeis firm, which is one of the largest cash buying concerns in America. The buying price was just 40c on the dollar, representing less than half the actual cost to import the goods.

This purchase comes at an opportune time for the Omaha store, inasmuch as it can place all the goods on sale before Christmas. The stock includes immense quantities of dolls, in dressed and kid body varieties, mechanical toys, games, tin chest, trains on tracks, animals, wagons, carts, novelties, drums, etc., etc. The entire shipment has already been made from St. Louis.

Christmas Offer!

I will ship you FREE

1 bottle Wine or Blackberry with each gallon order.

4 full quarts Fine Whiskey for \$2.00, all charges prepaid.

4 full quarts Gold-ron Pure Rye \$2.75, all charges prepaid.

4 full quarts Reserve Stock \$3.00, all charges prepaid.

4 gallons Hunting Club \$4.00, all charges prepaid.

You take no risk! All goods guaranteed or money refunded. All goods shipped in plain boxes. Glass, Cork, Kettle, Sharpener Free with each order. Order today! Send for prospectus. Complete price list on application.

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FIGHT FOR KING'S PROPERTY

Daughters of Leopold Left \$3,000,000 by Terms of Will.

FORBIDS PUBLIC AT FUNERAL

Testament Says Monarch Possessed Only Amount He Left to Children, but Humor Says He Gave Much to Baronesse.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 18--King Leopold in his will declared that he possessed but \$3,000,000, which he left to his children. His majesty expressed the desire that no autopsy be performed and said that "apart from my nephew, Prince Albert, and the members of my household, I forbid any one to attend my funeral. My papers shall be destroyed or handed to Prince Albert."

Baron Goffinet, who was private secretary to King Leopold, has been appointed executor of the will of the late king.

Albert, the new king, will take the name of Albert I.

An official decree issued yesterday lauds King Leopold's career and declares his creation of the Congo independent state was an act unique in history.

"Posterity will judge Leopold a great king, with a grand reign," it says.

The body of Leopold remains in the mortuary chamber of the Palais. This evening it will be removed to the palace in Brussels. The face of the dead ruler will not be exposed again to public view.

The filing of the will of King Leopold today shows that he divided \$3,000,000 among his three daughters, Princess Louise, Princess Stephanie and Princess Clementine.

This practical disinheriting of his children signals the beginning of a gigantic legal battle to obtain the king's wealth, similar to that which ensued on the death of their mother, Queen Henrietta. The exact amount of Leopold's fortune probably never will be revealed. Senator Winter, the king's friend and confidential legal adviser, told the Associated Press today that Leopold turned over a considerable portion of it to the Baronesse Vaughan and her children and created a stock company of his estates in order to forestall a possible raid upon them by the Princess Louise and Stephanie and their creditors. Senator Winter said that later he has considerable portions of his estate would be handed over to Belgium. The Princess Clementine, aside from the bequests she will receive, is provided for by a special income from Congo property.

No Contest for Throne.

Investigation shows that the rights of succession to the throne of a child of the king by the Baronesse Vaughan is not worthy of serious consideration. It is pointed out by Senator Winter that if there was only a religious ceremony the laws of the kingdom would prevent the accession of a child of such a union. The senator, however, does not believe there was even a religious marriage.

If it is established that the Baronesse Vaughan is of foreign birth she probably will be expelled from Belgium, like the favorite of Leopold I, the Baroness Mayer, whose house was attacked and destroyed by a mob after the king's death.

The court of first instance granted an injunction this evening which was sought by the Baronesse Vaughan, restraining the authorities from affixing seals on her residence. The action of the Princess Louise is attempting to have the seals affixed to her home that valuable property belonging to King Leopold is in the villa of the Baronesse.

No Marriage to Baronesse.

PARIS, Dec. 18--A special dispatch to the Figaro, from Brussels says that Baron Goffinet, private secretary to the late king of Belgium, denied the report that a civil marriage was performed at the death bed of Leopold, but admitted that a secret religious marriage probably occurred recently, although the king never specifically informed his intimate friends of such a marriage. Should this be the case, however, it would have no legal standing in Belgium and no complications are feared.

Baron Goffinet said further that the Baronesse Vaughan would bring her children to Belgium today, but would return immediately to Brussels, where she would be allowed to remain unless her presence provoked a scandal.

Specials from Brussels say that Baronesse Vaughan has been expelled from Belgium. It is also reported that Prince Albert and the Princess Clementine were not present when the king received the last sacraments on Wednesday because of their unwillingness to meet the baronesse.

The Matta today says:

Baronesse Vaughan was born Carolina LaCroix and was the daughter of the house porter at the French legation in Budapest. The man who was known as Baron Vaughan was in reality a French subject named Durieux.

"Leopold first met the woman at Ostend. Following her acquaintance with the king she was the mother of two children--Lucien, the duke of Turckeren, now

aged 6 years, who was born at Villafranche, and Philippe, count of Havesstein, who was born at Ballincourt three years ago."

A dispatch to the Matta from Budapest says that Princess Louise left Budapest for Brussels at 1 o'clock this (Saturday) morning, after having telegraphed Prince Albert and Princess Clementine of her intention to visit the capital. Prior to her departure, the correspondent says, Louise made the following statement to him:

"Never can I reconcile myself over the thought that the king died without his children being able to say a last farewell. I know this regret is shared by the whole family, I leave here with the sincere hope of seeing all our family dispersed disappear around the body of the king. I am ready for my part, to forget all I am suffered and will do all I can to effect a reconciliation with my sisters."

The Matta's Brussels correspondent says that the Baronesse Vaughan had to go to the Brussels court, the late King Leopold's chateau near Paris, where her children are.

The position of the Baronesse Vaughan, while in some ways comparable with that of Mme. Malintain, is no wise possesses so strong a status as that of the second wife of Louis XIV. At the same time it appears most possible there will be much litigation over Leopold's estate, especially his property in the Riviera, where he was one of the largest holders of real estate. It is understood that the king made some arrangement for withdrawing this and other of his property from the right of general succession in order to convey it to the baronesse.

GOSPEL MISSION SEEKS WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED

Demand for Clothing is Great--Odd Jobs Sought by Men.

Superintendent Harry L. Sigler of the Union Gospel Mission, 1221 Douglas street, is endeavoring to find work for a number of men who are now being lodged and fed at the institution. He makes an appeal for clothing for the needy, and says that a vast majority of those applying for food and shelter at the mission are able and anxious to work for their sustenance.

With cold weather at hand and the prospects of a long winter, the demand for clothing is at its height. So great has the demand for lodging been that the small quarters of the mission are nightly taxed and it is necessary to turn away more than are accommodated.

Superintendent Sigler is especially anxious that liberal-hearted people having odd jobs notify him so that the men may be given a chance to earn a few cents and thereby not be entirely dependent upon the gospel home. The men themselves want work, but there is none to give them.

If anyone has anything in this line or clothing for the unfortunate Superintendent Sigler will be glad to learn of it. He may be reached at the mission or by telephone Douglas 388 or Independent 333.

The Gospel Mission was recently inspected by the health department, members of which declared the place to be the best sleeping place in the city so far as sanitation is concerned, the leading hotels not excepted.

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In happy home we see the light of range-fire burning clear and bright. And baking day is pure delight. For from our oven here we take such bread as "mother used to make," such crusty loaf with a flow, Thanks to "Pride of Omaha."

MRS. J. W. VOGEL, 1239 South 27th St.