

Dearie:

What are we going to do about Christmas?

The children are talking about Santa Claus and the pretty toys he is going to bring them. It will take every cent we can spare to buy warm clothes and I hate to disappoint them—what shall we do? You are the queerest little woman Evelyn I ever saw—always worrying. Get the toys and the warm clothes too. I know a place that will fit us out, from the youngest to the oldest. All we need do is select what you want—pay a small amount down and a little each week. Surely you know

"The Peoples Cloak & Clothing Store"

Don't worry, come to us; we carry a full line of the latest styles in Men's, Women's and Children's clothes and as "Hubby" says, "you can select what you want—pay a small amount down and a little each week." Think it over.

All Purchases Made Before Xmas will be put on next month's account if so desired



A small amount down and the balance after Jan. 1, 1912 if you wish.

Christmas Suggestions

- MEN'S DEPT.**
Men's Suits Men's Hats
Men's Overcoats
Men's Shirts Men's Gloves
Christmas Neckwear
Men's Shoes Suit Cases

- WOMEN'S DEPT.**
Women's Suits Women's Coats
Women's Waists
Women's Hats Silk Petticoats
Women's Fur Sets
Separate Skirts Fur Coats

EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS

President Woodbury of Water Company Renews Offer.

GIVES CITY CHOICE OF PLANS

Company Will Build Main and Extensions or Will Connect with Main Laid by the City.

President Woodbury has again approached the Omaha Water board on behalf of the Omaha Water company in connection with the laying of an additional supply main from the Florence pumping station to the city, and the making of extension required to give additional and adequate service to the citizens. The proposition, submitted in a letter from President Woodbury to the Water board, has been modified to some extent since last presented. The water company now offers to lay the main and make the extensions, or, if the city prefers, to allow it to do the work, promising to make the necessary connections at the pumping station, and to allow the city 4 1/2 per cent interest on the cost of the Florence main and extensions, and to pay over to the city all additional earnings from the extensions, less 25 per cent to cover the cost of pumping; stipulating that the Florence main must be laid before any extensions for additional service are made. Mr. Woodbury's letter:

"NEW YORK, Dec. 7, 1911.—Water Board of the City of Omaha, Omaha, Neb. Dear Sirs: On July 27, 1908, and several times since then, I have written you, on behalf of the Omaha Water company, offering to put in an additional supply main between Florence and the city of Omaha, for the purpose of meeting the increased demands upon the distribution system, with certain provisions in regard to repayment to the company of the actual cost of the improvements upon the completion of any purchase of the water works.

"The Water board never thought it advisable to accept our proposition, and therefore nothing has ever been done in regard to this matter.

"Offer is Renewed. It is desirable that this main should be put in, and having taken expert advice recently concerning this matter which coincides with our opinion, that in order to make other extensions this main is needed, I wish to say that I am authorized by the board of directors to say that the water company is willing to lay this main immediately, provided the Water board or proper authorities will enter into an agreement to the binding upon the city to repay to the company, upon the completion of any purchase of the water works, the actual cost of the improvements.

"In order that such new main may be satisfactory to the Water board, the company will put in whatever character of main the Water board may designate, as to the size and material, and will welcome the co-operation of the engineer of the Water board in the laying of the main. Upon the proper agreement being executed, protecting the water company in regard to cost, the company will immediately order the pipe and put in the main as soon as the weather permits, and in my opinion this main could then be completed by June 1 or July 1.

"Regarding other extensions which the Water board may deem necessary, I would say, that after the main is completed, if the city is not in possession of the water works at that time, we will make all extensions that can legally be ordered, upon an agreement that the actual cost of such extensions shall be repaid to the company upon the completion of the purchase of the water works.

"City Will Lay Mains. "Or if the Water board shall prefer that the Florence main and the extensions be put in by the city at its own cost under the direction of the Water board, without waiting for the completion of the purchase of the water works, the company is entirely willing that that course be pursued and will agree to connect its system with the pipe so laid by the Water board, with the distinct understanding, however, that the main to Florence be laid before the extensions to private consumers are made. The water company will agree to pay the city 4 1/2 per cent interest on the cost of the Florence main, and will agree to give all the revenue to the city from any extensions made at the expense of the city, less 25 per cent to cover the cost of extra pumping and expense connected with operating the new extensions. Yours very truly,

"THEODORE C. WOODBURY, President."

Dakota Farmers Lie in Wait for Blackhand Gang

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram)—Black hand methods were attempted in the peaceful farming section of Sully county last night. Henry Eselbrugge, a wealthy bachelor farmer and one of the county commissioners of that county, who lives about forty miles north of this city, last evening received a letter threatening that his buildings would be destroyed by fire unless he placed \$1,000 at a certain specified place before night.

He at once notified the sheriff of the county and that official, with several deputies, went to the Eselbrugge ranch. Instead of the money a check was placed at the designated place and it was watched until well toward morning, when the posse went to the ranch house to warm their chilled limbs. On their return a few minutes later the check had disappeared.

Eselbrugge notified all banks in this part of the state to refuse payment and bloodhounds have been sent for to attempt to trail the party who took the check.

Late this evening Sam Thorpe, another bachelor farmer who lives near the Eselbrugge farm in Sully county, called the state fire marshal by telephone asking protection, as he received a letter this evening demanding \$1,200 or his property would be burned tonight. The sheriff of Sully county is in that neighborhood looking after the case and a deputy fire marshal will be sent out tomorrow.

TWO TRAINS MEET HEAD-ON NEAR MASON CITY JUNCTION

MASON CITY, Ia., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram)—Extra freight No. 400 and passenger train No. 5 on the Iowa Central met in a head-on collision this morning near Mason City Junction. Both engines were badly wrecked. Engineer Collins and Conductor Rennie were on the passenger train, while Engineer Birks and Conductor Green were on the extra freight. The passenger train was running twenty-five miles an hour when the collision occurred. There were no injuries.

The key to success in business is the judicious and persistent use of newspaper advertising.

From Our Near Neighbors

Elkhorn. J. Spearman of Papillion called on friends here Sunday.

Dr. L. Richardson of Waterloo was on our street Thursday.

Mrs. White is improving nicely and will soon be able to be around.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Nouns entertained a party of young people Thursday evening.

Mrs. L. Richardson and daughter, Miss Lucy, of Waterloo, visited friends here Thursday.

Carper Delidotti went to Omaha Wednesday for a visit of several days with a sister.

Mrs. Mollie Quinn left Wednesday for Howland, Neb., where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Busch, for several weeks.

Workmen are busy moving the railroad sidetrack over a few feet near the new Niles elevator to allow the loading of grain on cars.

The C. C. club met Thursday with Mrs. G. H. Goodhard. Mrs. Subben won least prize, while Miss Emma Notts won first. A nice lunch was served.

Mr. Melroy of Leigh, Neb., arrived Thursday and will visit his sister, Mrs. G. H. Goodhard, Mrs. John Calley of the same place, also came for a visit with relatives.

Springfield. Elizabeth Davidson returned from Chicago Saturday.

Mr. York fell from a buggy and broke his leg just below the knee.

E. B. Nicholson expects to move his family to Oklaboma in a few days.

The Springfield basket ball team from here played Millard last Saturday and won. Score, 15 to 6.

John Nevins has returned to Springfield and is now in the employ of G. A. Bates, in his grocery store.

Ross Hates returned from Chicago Saturday. He has been attending the law school of the Chicago university.

John Fackler of Raymond, Kan., and James Fackler of Idaho Falls, Idaho, are attending their father's funeral.

Mrs. Riggo and Mrs. Bugnes of St. Francis, Kan., were here attending the funeral of their father, Jacob Fackler.

The school board has decided that the public school building is unsafe and will have the state inspector examine the building.

Jacob Fackler, 57 years, and one of the earliest settlers of this part of Nebraska, died Tuesday morning after a few hours' illness. Mr. Fackler was one of the first merchants when Springfield was located, thirty years ago.

Bert Hamilton, while operating Johnson's elevator, was caught in a shaft and all his clothes except his suspenders and shirt torn from him. Bert braced himself and it was only that he was a very strong man that he was able to keep himself from being wound around the shaft. He escaped with only slight bruises.

Tekamah. James Wallace was down from Bancroft Tuesday.

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from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Wingard, at Red Lodge, Mont.

J. A. Linderholm of Omaha was here on Thursday on business for the Crowned Grain company.

The Clifton hotel and Germania hall were both on fire this week, but small damage was done.

Miss Fern Dixon left for her home in Bristol, R. I., after an extended visit at the home of F. M. Castetter.

Rev. Mr. Hallberg of Arlington will preach for the congregation of the German Lutheran church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Noble, Grandma Noble and F. M. Castetter attended the funeral of Mr. Noble's mother at Onawa, Ia., on last Sunday.

Rev. George McKelth and family arrived this week from Farnam Neb. He will hold services at the Congregational church, where he is now the pastor.

E. S. Beatty of this city was awarded the contract of building and repairing the county bridge, for one year, at the last meeting of the county board.

Rev. E. Eckhardt of the German Lutheran church and Rev. J. W. Cabeen of the Baptist church preached their farewell sermons last Sunday and left this week for Battle Creek, Neb., and Honey Creek.

C. A. Randall, state chief fire inspector, was here on Saturday and condemned the buildings of E. C. Pierce and the Schultz company, recently damaged by fire, and they will have to rebuild with other than frame buildings.

Miss Minnie Dells was an Omaha visitor Friday.

Miss Gladys Baldwin of Omaha was at her home over Sunday.

Mr. Richardson of Omaha was a Millard visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Vivian Robertson and Henry Andress were in the city Tuesday.

Miss Lois Anderson, who teaches near Elkhor, was at home over Sunday.

Miss Minnie Tholecke, who teaches near Bennington, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

William Von Dohren returned from Rushville last week after several days' visit at his ranch.

Mrs. Rosher and son returned Saturday from Wynora, where she has been visiting her mother.

The Young People's Social society of the Lutheran church held their monthly meeting Wednesday evening.

The basket ball game between Springfield and Millard, which resulted in a defeat for the home girls, was one of the drawing cards of the fair.

The concert and corn show held at Millard last Friday and Saturday proved a great success and a large crowd was in attendance. The exhibits were especially good and a number of prizes were awarded.

Valley. Charles Miller and family will leave for California to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Meyer were the parents of a son, born December 8.

Miss Ethel Miller has been very ill with pneumonia, but is very slowly improving.

Mrs. E. G. Carlson and Mrs. A. Anderson spent Wednesday in Fremont shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown and children leave Friday for Indiana to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Ed Lewis, Mrs. John Hall and Mrs. Ed Hallor went to Fremont Wednesday to attend the poultry show.

H. Heimbach and A. J. Donald went to Omaha Tuesday to attend the meeting of the home mission committee.

Lindsay Hyare is very ill with Bright's disease. Dr. Smith of Fremont was called in consultation with Dr. Reed Wednesday afternoon.

Preparations are being made in all the churches for an entertainment to be given by the Sunday school children Saturday evening, December 23.

Invitations are out for a reception to be given at the home of Miss Teresa Fitzgerald, in honor of the Valley Tigers, Friday evening, December 15.

The regular meeting of the Valley Woman's club was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. E. Weekly. An especially interesting program was given.

In spite of the rain Saturday afternoon and evening, the chicken pie dinner and supper given by the Busy Bees in Hubbard hall was a success. The receipts were about \$80.

The members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows gave a very enjoyable social evening in Hubbard's hall Tuesday evening. Over 150 members and guests participated in the entertainments of the evening.

Irrington. The Congregational revival meeting is still in progress.

Miss Clara Hendrickson spent Sunday afternoon at the Kratz home.

Friday evening, December 15, district No. 30, gave a program and box social.

Miss Clara Hendrickson returned last week from a visit with her sister in David City.

Irrington school district No. 1 will give a program the Friday evening before Christmas. Every one is invited. Ladies are asked to bring boxes.

Thursday afternoon Will Himmelschlag was taken to the hospital for typhoid fever. He was unconscious for some time before he was taken there.

The C. W. B. M. will hold a conference Saturday afternoon and an open meeting Sunday evening. Mrs. C. S. Willard will give an address and Mrs. Cooper of Omaha will recite.

Mr. W. D. Powell is quite ill as the result of a blow on the head from some machinery. He was in the gasoline engine house of the Northwestern railway when some of the machinery above became loosened and falling struck Mr. Powell on the head, just missing the temple. He was found unconscious some time later by Henry Kilde, Dr. Hall has been in attendance upon Mr. Powell since his accident.

Red Cross Seals Bring a Merry Christmas

ONE CENT EACH

Red Cross Seals Provide These Things

Public Education Hospitals and Sanatoria Dispensaries and Visiting Nurses

These Prevent Tuberculosis and Protect Your Home

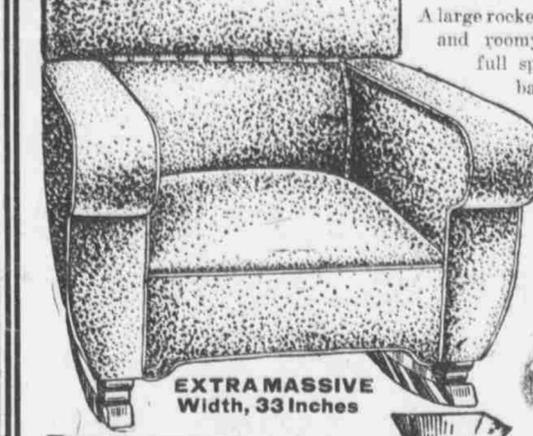
Last Year \$300,000 Worth Were Sold This Year a Million is Needed from Red Cross Seals

WILL YOU DO YOUR PART?

Red Cross Seals Cost only One Cent each, and should be used on the back of all Christmas Mail

If you cannot buy Red Cross Seals in your vicinity, write to State Agent 123 City National Bank Building, Omaha.

Upholstered Turkish ROCKER



A large rocker, very massive and roomy, well made, full spring seat and back, upholstered in genuine morocco-line leather.

Must see it to fully appreciate its real value. Would make a splendid Christmas gift; is something every member of the household could enjoy. It is of dependable construction, strong and durable.

CREDIT GIVEN. Terms to Suit.



Solid Oak Library Table 9.75



BRASS LAMPS \$5.65



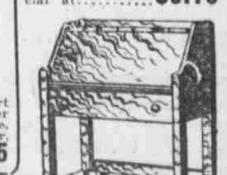
Pedestal Extension Tables Made of solid oak, a heavy, substantial table, extends to 6 feet; large curved claw feet; a thoroughly dependable table; special at \$9.75



Genuine Leather MORRIS CHAIRS 9.75



DOLL GO-CARTS Collapsible Cart folds up compactly, at 94c



Quarter Sawed Oak HOME DESKS Made of quarter sawed oak, fumed, Early English or golden, new and attractive design, splendidly made. Sale price \$5.95



A handsome Dresser, well made and finished, large bevel mirror, three drawers, golden oak or mahogany finish. Sale price \$7.49



Buffet Made of selected solid oak, in either rich fumed English or Early English; has large French bevel mirror and four drawers and compartments. Sale price \$14.75

RUBEL'S

1513-1515 Howard St.

Get Rubel's Price Before You Buy

SHOP EARLY!

The Christmas shopping rush will soon be on and then travel on the street cars will be attended with more or less crowding and discomfort, in spite of all the provisions we can make. We therefore earnestly urge the public to Shop Early.

Stocks of merchandise in the stores are now at their best and sales-people can wait on you more satisfactorily now than they can later.

Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway Co.

If you lose your pocketbook, umbrella, watch or some other article of value, the thing to do is to follow the example of many other people and advertise without delay in the Lost and Found column of The Bee. That is what most people do when they lose articles of value. Telephone us and tell your loss to all Omaha in a single afternoon.

The Thing To Do Put It In The Bee