

THOMPSON BELDEN & COMPANY

The Store of Good Christmas Merchandise
presents hundreds of suggestions of a sensible and useful sort of gifts—gifts that are good for many a day to come—with many pleasant remembrances of the giver.

You'll find things rich and beautiful and fitted to express your feelings for every friend.

Mirrors and Brushes
Ebony and Ivory Mirrors, with round or long handles. Brushes of every good kind.

Shirtwaists
Chosen for their beauty and style. Admirable for gifts. Each one in a separate box. Prices start at \$3.75.

Women's Neckwear in Desirable Designs
New pieces have been arriving every day—making the selection one of particular interest to Christmas buyers. From the least to the most expensive there is a distinctive charm and individuality about these collars, fichus and other novelties.

—Children's Sweaters

all wool, white, gray, brown, and cardinal, or white, trimmed with pink or blue. Sizes 2 to 6. \$1.75 to \$3.00. Leggings to match \$1.00 to \$1.50.

Third Floor

—Dresses for Christmas

Dances, dinners and tango teas. Each one a creation expressing individual charm and character; \$45, \$65, \$75.

—Package Decorations
Seals, cards, tags, bears, ribbon tissue, etc., for the adornment of your gift parcels.

—Quality Linens

for the holiday season—in an extraordinary fine and comprehensive showing of everything, from the plainest and most practical to the most elaborate and daintiest of fine lace trimmed and embroidered pieces.

—Novelties

The Art Needlework section is one of the busiest places in the store—these days—women have admired and bought many of the things offered, but there are more left, and we want you to see them—it's a pleasure.

—Kewpie Dolls, 19c
On sale Saturday—on table—center aisle.
35c Kewpies, 19c

—Furs

Displayed in all the beauty of their many varieties. Sets and coats and separate pieces. All standing forth under their true names. Prices for sets start at \$7.50.

—There's Silk Hosiery
that's indeed a gift to please any woman. We have all styles at all prices—from 50c up to several dollars.

—Glove Certificates
Issued for any amount and redeemable after Christmas by the recipient, who does her own choosing of style and is properly fitted.



Handsome Leather Bags

That present the latest styles in an original manner.

Handbags of real Morocco and Walrus

Gilt, silver and gun metal mountings—plain leather strap handles. Moire and leather lined, fitted with leather purses.

Moire and Velvet Bags—(illustrated)—Fancy silk linings; fitted with coin purse and mirror; finished with a long silk tassel.

Collar Bags—(Indispensable when traveling)—Tan and suede leathers, \$1.25 to \$3.50.

FIGHT FOR UNIFORM RATES

Differences Develop at State Commissioners' Convention.

AGREEMENT SEEMS IMPROBABLE

States that Have Won Fights for Lower Express Charges Not Disposed to Surrender Advantages Already Gained.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Prospects of an apparently irreconcilable difference between advocates of uniform express rates all over the country and state commissions which will fight for their own rates developed today in the conference here of the National Association of State Railroad Commissioners. All sections of the country are represented.

The commissioners have been considering for two days the possibility of making intrastate rates uniform with the nation wide rates of the Interstate Commerce commission. The federal commission is represented by W. A. Ryan, who today explained and defended the national rate.

T. B. Harrison of New York, chairman of the joint committee of the express companies, was a leader in the fight for uniform rates.

With the submission of figures, however, showing the advantages which some states enjoy through the reductions effected by their commissions, it became apparent that the uniform rates had encountered opposition that probably will prevent its recommendation by the states organization.

Dwight N. Lewis, assistant commerce counsel for Iowa, who led the attack on the proposition, said:

"Who should states which have fought long and hard to obtain laws which will give them low express rates surrender that advantage now at the plea of the express companies? We will never agree to it."

Iowa, North and South Dakota and Nebraska are said to be among states which will refuse to consider the uniform rate. Resolutions which it was planned to present to the convention today recommending uniform rate will be fought if they are offered.

MRS. JOHNSON IS CONVICTED

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sentence of from one to ten years in the penitentiary. There were but few people in the court room or at the court house when the verdict was read, as the impression had been given out that Mrs. Johnson would not be brought into court until 2 o'clock, Dr. Smith having advised the court officials that it would be best not to excite her unnecessarily. Mrs. Johnson's oldest daughter, Louise, was with her mother in court and with the exception of a few tears shed by the young girl nothing unusual happened. Very one kept very quiet and paid close attention while the verdict was read.

Girl's Remark Significant.

It was learned this morning that Louise, the oldest daughter of Mrs. Maggie Johnson, had informed a domestic at the county farm that her mother would never be taken to the penitentiary. The young woman, whose name is Adkins, thought nothing of it at the time. However, a few minutes later a report was received at the county farm that Maggie Johnson had taken a dose of carbolic acid in an attempt to commit suicide. This is as yet no knowledge of where the defendant obtained the poison, although there are various rumors afloat that cannot be verified. Mrs. Johnson, when questioned about it, deviated nothing.

The woman was in the basement of the court house, when she swallowed the poison, having been allowed a little freedom by the sheriff, and the consolation of her family, while the jury was deliberating. How she secured the poison is not known, but at 3 o'clock she was found suffering from its effects and a physician was summoned.

Under the criminal law a defendant must be present in court when the jury returns its verdict and the jurors were kept locked up in their room unaware of what had taken place until 11:20 o'clock last night, when Judge Good called

them into court and asked them to seal their verdict, after which he informed them what had taken place.

Case Goes to Jury.

The arguments were concluded for the defense by A. E. Donato of Wahoo and for the state by J. H. Berry, assisting the county attorney yesterday morning. The jurymen took the case at 11:40 and arrived at their verdict shortly before 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Johnson carried the poison in a bottle labeled "spirits of camphor," which she declared she was obliged to use. Six of her children were with her in the court house at the time she took the poison and the seventh, an infant, 15 months old, is with Mrs. Peterson, wife of the superintendent of the county poor farm. Mrs. Johnson's only relative in this country is a cousin, Fred Newman, living in Cass county near South Bend.

Persistent Advertising is the Road to Big Returns.

Progressive Retailing

No Merchandise Allowed to Be More Than 60 Days Old.

The House of Menagh has already brought forcibly to the minds of the people of Omaha that modern principles of merchandising can be carried on successfully in Omaha as well as in other cities. One more feature is being added to the wonderful system that the Menagh House has already established, and that is that no merchandise shall be allowed in the stock that is more than sixty days old.

Most of the ordinary merchandise make purchases that will last a long time from one season until the next, and then during the season make small purchases just to keep the old stock replenished. The Menagh way will be to turn every article in their stock every sixty days. Do you realize what this means to you?

It insures you of getting new styles and fresh merchandise. It means that you can always find merchandise of the highest quality offered on a much closer basis of profit than is possible for the ordinary merchant to sell the same goods.

It puts us in a position at all times to take advantage of any market condition that is advantageous to our purchasers.

It allows us to operate on a smaller percentage of profit, because we have no undesirable merchandise at the close of the season.

You will be offered during the season, from time to time, fresh, desirable stocks that have crossed the dead line of time, at prices without consideration of cost.

Our First Offering will be Tomorrow. Coats worth from \$15.00 to \$25.00. Tomorrow and Monday—\$7.75 up to \$12.50. Suits worth from \$18.50 to \$25.00. Tomorrow and Monday—\$7.75 up to \$12.50. Skirts worth from \$5.50 to \$12.50. Tomorrow and Monday—\$5.75

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GIRL IS KILLED BY BOMB

Package Sent by Express Explodes in New York Office.

TWO MEN ARE BADLY INJURED

Industrial Machine Probably Loaded with Dynamite, as Force of Explosion is Downward—Office in Daily Wrecked.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Anna Anusavitch, 13 years old, employed as confidential bookkeeper of the O. K. Bottling company at 33 West Thirty-fifth street, was killed today by a bomb sent to her employers. Thomas McCabe, managing salesman, was cut in the head by flying metal and Michael Ryan, an employe, was injured by shattered glass. The desk on which the bomb was placed as Miss Anusavitch opened it was demolished and the office was wrecked.

The bomb was delivered by express. Apparently it contained dynamite, as the force of the explosion was downward.

Who sent the bomb and why were questions that set half a dozen or more detectives at work on every possible line. On the wrapper they found in writing

the return address—33 State street, New York City. The building at this address is a large office building occupied by exporting firms who employ a number of foreigners.

The bureau of combustibles, working on the mystery with the few pieces of metal found in the floor and walls, announce that the missile was of similar construction to the bomb sent to Judge Rosalaky about two years ago.

The force of the explosion wrecked the room, shattering plate glass windows and tearing a jagged hole in the floor. Inasmuch as the force seemed to be downward, the police believed dynamite had been used.

Employees of the company connected with the explosion with the alleged dismissal recently of thirty workmen by William H. Callanan, the proprietor, Callanan, however, denied having discharged the workmen and told the police that they were working today.

"To the best of my knowledge I have no enemies," Callanan said. "The affair is a mystery to me."

Within an hour several squads of detectives were working on the case. The remains of the package were sent to the bureau of combustibles for investigation. On the corner of the package was stenciled the return address, ostensibly of the sender. It was 21 State street, New York.

Pure Water and Milk Are More Important Than Pure Foods

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The increase in long life brought about by the modern public health movement has saved many an insurance company from ruin, said Dr. William T. Sedgwick of Boston in an address today at the annual meeting of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents. Dr. Sedgwick is professor of public health in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The speaker asserted that in the health movement there was likely to be for some years to come much "lost motion." The emphasis he said is put in the wrong place. "Pure food, for example, is a water subject of consideration, but pure water and pure milk are infinitely more important to any community than pure spices, pure jellies and pure baking powders. The seizure of tainted turkeys at Thanksgiving time is doubtless desirable and commendable, but it is far less important than the scientific inspection and regulation of lodging houses and the establishment of public baths."

The subject at the afternoon meeting was the "Ever Increasing Independence" between life insurance companies and the state and between agents and policy holders.

Newlands Defends Caucus Methods

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A vigorous defense of the caucus caucus as the only method of carrying party promises into effect, marked the opening of the currency debate today in the senate. Replying to the severe arraignment of the caucus made last night by Senator Hitchcock, who differs from his democratic associates on currency legislation, Senator Newlands declared the caucus was the instrument by which "administrative measures," representing the results of the party counsel, could be made effective.

Senator Borah, republican of Idaho, assailed the administration bill. He read from a speech by George M. Reynolds of the Continental and Commercial National bank of Chicago, quoting Reynolds as having said he was one of twelve men who controlled the finances of the country.

It is into the hands of these twelve men, who now control the banking facilities of the country, that the senators now propose to place the control of the issue of currency," declared Mr. Borah. The issue and control of currency, the senator declared, was a government function, and should not be placed in the hands of private institutions.

Senator Stone assailed the position taken by various bankers' organizations toward the bill. He charged the conferences of bankers at Boston and Chicago, which proposed substantial changes in the plan were controlled by the "Wall street group," and mentioned A. Barton Hepburn as the moving spirit of both conferences.

"The great banks," he said, "have built up a great financial oligarchy which we propose to destroy by this bill."

These letters are addressed to "Dearest Babe" and are signed "Your loving boy." If their contents had been confined in substance to the many professions of undying love of the writer for the woman he was addressing they would have served in court only to supply a few "heart throbs" for those who are attending the trial. But these letters purporting to have been written by Brantley tell of plans for the "usual getaway," they speak of substitutes employed by the writer to fool a constable who had sought to attach his goods, and admit many things that the defense is seeking to deny.

No explanation as to the manner in which the damaging evidence was obtained by government officers has been offered. The letters were written, one from Omaha and another from Denver. Mrs. M. R. Roche of Memphis, Tenn., had been on intimate terms with Dr. and Mrs. Brantley. Mrs. Roche has been a chief witness for the prosecution.

Owing to the fact that more time was required by the government than had been planned upon, Brantley has not yet been called to the witness stand in his own defense. Because Arthur F. Mullen, counsel for the defense, had another case to try, an adjournment of the Brantley trial has been taken. Proceedings will be resumed Saturday afternoon.

Cotton Crop Most Valuable on Record; Worth About Billion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A crop of 8,542,800,000 pounds of cotton, not including linters, was produced in the United States during the season 1913-14 the Department of Agriculture announced today. This is the third in size to that of 1911, which amounted to 7,429,940,000 pounds, being the record, and that of last year, when 6,831,710,000 pounds was grown, being second.

This year's crop probably will be the most valuable ever grown in the United States. At the farm value of cotton on November 1, which was 13 cents a pound, it is worth \$869,970,000 for the lint alone. To this about \$125,000,000 probably will be added by the value of the seed and linters.

The previous most valuable crop was that of 1910, which was valued at \$820,220,000, and with seed and lint at \$953,180,000. Texas produced its third largest crop.

Block of Business Houses Destroyed

MANLY, Ia., Dec. 12.—With hose attached to railroad water tanks and bucket brigades hastily organized, a fire which broke out shortly before noon was controlled about 2 o'clock this afternoon after a whole block of business houses on the north side of Main street had been destroyed.

Five companies from Mason City and Northwood, Ia., responded, but found practically no fire fighting facilities. The damage is expected to reach \$50,000. The fire originated in a bake oven in a bakery.

RED OAK MAN ON WAY TO SWEDEN KILLS HIMSELF

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 12.—While an eastbound Panhandle railroad passenger train was speeding forty miles an hour, a short distance west of Steubenville, O., this morning, Walter E. Frederickson, a passenger, jumped through a window and was instantly killed. Frederickson, a farmer of Red Oak, Ia., was on his way to Sweden to spend the Christmas holidays.

Guarding Against Group.
The best safeguard against group is a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in the house. F. H. Gian, Middleton, Ga., writes: "My children are very susceptible to group, easily catch cold. I give them Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and in every instance they get prompt relief and are soon cured. We keep it at home and prevent group." Use it also for coughs, colds, hoarseness, tickling throat, bronchitis and la grippe coughs. It contains no opiates. Refuse substitutes. For sale by all dealers everywhere.—Advertisement.

EXPERT POSTAL EMPLOYEE IS KILLED BY TRAIN

LEWISTON, Pa., Dec. 12.—Miss Anna M. Eckbert, 60 years old, an employe of the Postoffice department at Washington, was killed by a train here today. She had suffered a nervous breakdown and was recuperating at the home of her brother, Miss Eckbert was connected with the Postoffice department for thirty-three years and her efficiency won her a personal letter from Postmaster General John Wasmaker.

Only One "Bromo Quinine." That is Laxative Bromo Quinine. Look for the signature of E. W. Grove. Cures a cold in one day. Cures grip in two days. 25c.—Advertisement.

Julius Orkin
1510 DOUGLAS ST.

A Royal Gift—A Set of Luxurious FURS

A constantly increasing demand for exclusively styled Furs by the patrons of this store has resulted in the enlargement of our Fur Department, which now occupies half of the lower floor of our store. The Furs shown were personally selected by Julius Orkin—a guarantee of their style and quality.

This department is conducted strictly in keeping with the balance of the store, showing at all times the newest conceptions, but at the same time adhering strictly to high quality, exclusiveness and moderate prices.

In this showing you will find all the fashionable Furs, in picturesque styles, all expressing warmth and luxury in every line. All the new colorings, including canary and taupe, are included.

Scores of clever styles in Neck Pieces, Muffs, Sets and Fur Coats await you in a wide scope of styles and prices. An inspection is invited.

Magnificent Fur Sets at Unusually Low Pricings
HERE ARE A FEW SPECIAL OPENING VALUES.

Brown and Black Coney—Scarfs made of two skins, large pillow muffs, heads and tails on each; per set.....	\$12.50	Pretty Mufflon Sets—Colors taupe, tan and canary; very long scarf and plain pillow muff, per set, only.....	\$25.00
Set of Tiger Coney—The muff being of the large pillow style, and the scarf made of one skin; per set, only....	\$15.00	Set of Black Fox—The scarf being made of one skin and the muff being the large pillow kind; priced at only.....	\$29.50
Set of Ot Lynx—The scarf of one skin and the muff, medium in size, with heads and tails on each; per set.....	\$22.50	Of American Civet Cat—Scarff made of one skin, and with large pillow muff without trimming; priced at.....	\$35.00

This is the 14th Christmas Season
SHREWD GIFT BUYERS
are finding it most satisfactory to
"Follow the Beaton Path"

Candies
The assortment found here is varied enough to suit any taste. We have Huyler's, O'Brien's, Vogel's, Dinning's, Woodward's, Lowrey's, Crane's, etc. They are packed in 1-lb. to 5-lb. fancy boxes at 60c to \$1.00 per pound.

Ivory Goods
Genuine Imported Parisian Ivory, dainty and beautiful, is the most popular and practical material for brushes, mirrors, boxes, trays, combs, frames, manicure sets and other toilet requisites. The prices run from... 25c to \$5

Perfumes
Our variety of Imported and Domestic Perfumes, Extracts, Toilet Waters, Soaps, Sachets and Face Powders includes all the latest imports in Houbigant's (Mia Delice, Quelque Fleurs), Coty's (Styx and Jacqueminot), Piver's, De Orsay's, Pinaud's, Kerolff's (D'jer Kiss), etc.

Cameras
Your special attention is invited to our excellent line of Cameras and Photo Supplies. We have many novelties which would make the most appreciated gifts for anyone interested in amateur photography. Zeissnatt and Ansco Cameras range from \$2.50 to \$25.00.

Special Cut Prices on Standard Goods

10c Writing Tablets.....	5c	25c Bromo Quinine.....	12c
25c Woodbury Soap.....	15c	50c Tooth Brushes.....	10c
50c Eff. Phosphate of Soda.....	25c	10c Paper Diapers.....	10c
25c Nadinola.....	25c	One pint White Hazel.....	20c
50c Ely's Cream.....	25c	One-half pint Glycerine and Rose Water for.....	25c
50c Nadinol Face Powder.....	25c	25c Peroxide.....	6c
11.00 Hygiene, complete.....	80c	50c Menthol's Talcum.....	25c
50c Lyon's Tooth Powder.....	25c	50c Woodbury Soap.....	25c
11.00 Pierce's Favorite Prescription.....	60c	One pound Borax.....	25c
50c Carter's Little Liver Pills.....	25c	50c Iodine Hair Brushes.....	25c
25c Castoria.....	25c	50c Woodbury Soap.....	25c
100 Pills Cascaro Pills.....	25c	75c Pinaud's Toilet Water.....	25c
50c Castros.....	25c	25c Chamolis Skins.....	15c
50c Castros.....	25c	50c Glycerine Tablets.....	25c
Horlick's Malted Milk.....	34-97c	One gallon Denatured Alcohol and bottles for.....	90c
50c Pubec's Tooth Paste.....	25c	50c Benzoin and Almond Lotion.....	25c
10c Hair Brushes.....	90c	50c Combs.....	25c
11.00 Hot Water Bottle.....	90c	11.00 D. D. E.....	25c
50c Syrup of Figs.....	25c	50c Woodbury Soap Cleaner.....	25c
11.00 Hot Water Bottle.....	90c		
10c Listerine.....	25c-1.00-2.00-5.00		

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