

BRIBERY CHARGE FACES SALESMAN

**Minneapolis Grader Firms
Salesman Accused of Trying
to Influence Lancaster
County Officials.**

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—A charge of attempt to bribe county commissioners of Lancaster county in the purchase of road machinery has been filed against Patrick Young, a former traveling salesman for the Russell Grader company of Minneapolis, Minn. Young is under arrest at Minneapolis, County Attorney Peterson announced.

The salesman sent a check for \$15 to Commissioner Mitchell and a check for \$50 to Commissioner Johnson February 28, 1914, according to the county attorney. He has made each check a basis of the bribery complaint. The checks are on the Nebraska National bank of Omaha. The payer signs "Samuel Nathan."

County officials have been informed that Young will fight extradition. The charges grew out of the check sent to Commissioner Mitchell in a bare envelope without other communication. It had been postmarked at Omaha.

County Attorney Peterson has been making a quiet investigation of the affair since last January, when he took the office.

Wymore Good Fellows Give Annual Ball for the Poor

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Good Fellows of Wymore gave their annual ball at Wymore last night, which was largely attended. The proceeds will be used in buying articles of clothing, food, fuel, etc., for the deserving poor of Wymore.

John Edward Leach and Heanette Marie Weymer, both of Adams, were married yesterday at the court house by County Judge O'Keefe.

Funeral services for Mrs. William West were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family home 6 miles northwest of Beatrice. Rev. C. F. Stevens officiated. Interment was in Evergreen Home cemetery.

The home of William Humphrey two miles south of Wymore was destroyed by fire Wednesday night with all its contents. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey were called home from a moving picture show at Wymore when their house was discovered on fire. Practically nothing was saved. The loss will amount to about \$2,500 partially covered by insurance.

Clyde Blaine Dempster and Miss Anna Irene Schroeder were married at the First Presbyterian church at Lincoln yesterday morning by Dr. D. L. Young. The groom is a son of C. B. Dempster, president of the Dempster Mill Manufacturing company of this city, and the bride a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Schroeder, old residents of South Beatrice. Mr. Dempster has enlisted in the ordnance department of the government at Rock Island, Ill., and will leave Saturday to assume his new duties. He is a graduate of the engineering department of the Nebraska State university.

Three carloads of hogs shipped from St. Joseph to farmers at Liberty, this county, have been quarantined for cholera at that place. Three head of cattle belonging to Joe Cooper, William Penner and Murray, died yesterday of the cornstalk disease.

Receipts Now Show Excess Over Disbursements for State

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Receipts showed an excess over disbursements at the state treasurer's office Friday for the first time in several weeks.

The amount coming in was \$22,000, while the day's outgo was \$17,000. The general fund, which had a balance of only \$7,000 Thursday, was increased to nearly \$10,000.

Farwell State Bank Decorated With Yellow

St. Paul, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Citizens of Farwell, Neb., awoke Wednesday morning to see glaring evidences of "yellow paint" wielders on the Farwell State bank, of which Aug. Wichman is president, and on the hardware store belonging to Mr. Wichman's brother, Joseph. The sidewalks in front of the two buildings were also decorated.

Congressman Stephens to Talk at Grand Island

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—At the request of W. H. Thompson, and others, Congressman Dan V. Stephens of Fremont, has consented to make an address here, at the Liederkranz auditorium, on the night of December 11, on his observations of the European battle fields and war during his recent visit to the front.

Iowa National Guard Officers Hosts at Cody

Camp Cody, N. M., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Iowa National Guard officers in the Thirty-fourth division here, headed by Brigadier General H. A. Allen, commanding the Sixty-seventh infantry brigade (First Iowa and Fifth Nebraska), were hosts tonight at a banquet in the Union Depot hotel to Governor W. L. Harding, Adjutant General Guy A. Logan, Senator Frederick Larabee of Fort Dodge, Charles A. Rawson, Des Moines, chairman of the republican state committee Captain I. W. Ainsworth, signal corps Camp Dodge,

Final Account Made For the Vicksburg Trip

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Warrants in favor of the Nebraska railroads which carried civil war veterans on a part of their trip to Vicksburg peace jubilee celebration, have been drawn by State Auditor Smith. The amount totals \$16,942. The Burlington gets \$13,947; the Northwestern, \$1,855; the Union Pa-

Neville Endorses Plan Of American Bible Society

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Governor Neville Friday endorsed the plan of the American Bible society to raise a fund of \$400,000 for supplying khaki testaments for American soldiers and sailors. President Wilson, war department officials and governors of many states have already voiced approval of the effort. Frank P. Corrick, who has just re-

Omaha Red Cross Makes 1,762 Soldier Sweaters

turned from a trip to the Pacific coast and the northwest, called on the governor and asked him to endorse the movement.

Next Sunday will be American Bible school day and all churches and Sunday school organizations will be asked to hold special collections for support of the national fund.

Soldiers at Fort Omaha have received 1,201 sweaters and those at Fort Crook 561. It is reported that 250 more are needed for Fort Omaha and 200 more for Fort Crook.

The last shipment was made Friday morning, when W. G. Ure took 260 sweaters to Fort Crook.

Weather Man Sees Cold Wave Coming

Colonel Welsh Predicts Omaha
Temperatures Will Be
Low Zero By Saturday
Morning.

The weather bureau hoisted the cold wave flag Friday morning and Colonel Welsh predicts that Omaha temperatures will be well below zero by Saturday morning. The snow that fell here was extremely feathery and, although of six inches in depth, it measured only 1 1/2 of an inch when melted. The lowest temperature Friday morning was 13 degrees.

While weather out in the state along the railroad lines is winterish, there is nothing in the morning reports coming to the Omaha headquarters to indicate that a storm is brewing.

When the station reports came in at 8 o'clock light snowfalls continued over the east half of the state, with temperatures ranging from 6 at Randolph to 20 and 30 degrees elsewhere in the state.

The snowfall during the night and up to 8 o'clock in the morning was three to five inches. From the western part of the state, on to the Rocky mountains, clear and calm weather was the rule.

Shelby Man Wakes Up To Find He's Been Robbed

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Ira C. Crawford of Shelby, Neb., was slugged and robbed of \$300 last night. He awoke in a hospital and doesn't remember what happened to him.

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THE wonderful Christmas displays of useful gifts in this store have been brought about only through months of the most careful planning. This season the giver's thoughts turn most often to gifts that will be appreciated for their worth and use long after Christmas has passed, rather than gifts which furnish a delight for the time being only.

During a period, such as this, you will find this store of even greater service than ever; possibly because it is a "Christmas Store" in every sense, featuring only timely, useful gifts—and perhaps because you have come to feel a sense of trust in this store's merchandising policy—a policy that has made the women of Omaha our staunchest friends.

Women's Skating Sweater a Real Purposeful Gift

AND one that will be appreciated long after 1917 Christmas has gone and been forgotten. Heavy Jumbo weave, full belted, roll collar and lined pockets. A large assortment of colors to choose from. A regular sweater for outdoor sports—motoring, skating and hiking. An exceptional value at—

\$10.50

Cotton Taffeta Petticoats a Pre-Christmas Special

EVERY woman knows the advantages of having one real good cotton petticoat. First, because they are warm, and secondly, because they are so easily laundered.

This shipment just arrived and we are marking them very special for Saturday's selling. They come in fancy floral patterns, in Copenhagen, rose and green combinations. Each petticoat cut full and well proportioned. A splendid value for—

\$1.00

Women's Silk Petticoats Attractively Priced for Gifts

THEY will appeal instantly to anyone wishing to give a practical gift that will be very acceptable. Made of a splendid quality silk and taffeta, full flounce, cut and finished to fit properly—most of them have Jersey tops. Wide selection of new colorings and changeable effects. Values that cannot be duplicated, at—

\$3.95

Smart WINTER COATS

\$15, \$19.75, \$25, \$29.50 and Up

AND really very moderately priced for coats of such durability and smartness of lines. If you have not selected your winter coat, we advise you, in justice to yourself, to see these coats Saturday. Variety of clever styles, materials, colorings and trimming features.

Selection of Plush Coats \$19.50 to \$69.50

WHETHER you pay \$19.50 or \$69.50 for a plush coat here, you are assured of the very best plush, workmanship, finish, lining and style obtainable at the price. Fancy pockets, belts and buckles, fur collars and self-material trim. One model with Keramie collar, cuffs and 8-inch band around the bottom; another with black wolf collar, cuffs and 6-inch band, beautifully lined; and still another with large Kolinsky fur collar, straight line effect with belt and beautiful fancy lining. All sizes.

In our cloth coats for the main part the materials are of the finest velour, pom pom, crystal cloth, burella, bolivia, chevot and broadcloth.



FURS--The Gift Supreme

Providing They're Furs
of Distinction

AND furs of distinction are only bought where prestige counts. In every community there are a few special shops that stand out above all others—just so has Benson & Thorne's Fur Shop become a place where the Omaha people know they will get STYLE, VALUE and SERVICE. In showing these furs, let us emphasize the prestige that stands back of the models and the extraordinary values.

FUR SETS

Grey Fox, trimmed with head and tail, \$25. Red Fox set, large muff, \$69.50.
Blue Wolf set, \$27.50. Taupe Wolf set, lined, \$89.50.

FUR COATS

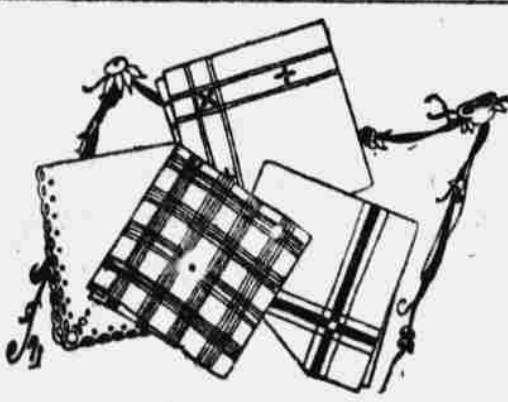
Genuine Squirrel Coat, \$285. Hudson Seal, Kolinsky trimmed, \$465.
Hudson Seal Coat, \$285. Hudson Seal, marten trimmed, \$250.

NECK PIECES

Hudson Seal Stole, \$65.00. Hudson Seal, square collar, \$25.00.
Taupe Coney Collar, \$9.95. Square Beaver Collar, \$39.50.
Taupe Wolf Scarf, \$19.75. Jap Mink Stole, 60 inches, \$25.00.
Black Scarf, large size, \$29.50. Kolinsky, wide collar, \$139.00.
Hudson Seal Coatlet, roll collar, \$69.50.

MUFFS

Hudson Seal, melon shaped, \$19.75 to \$45. Black Coney Muffs, \$5, \$6.75 and \$7.50.
Black Lynx, canteen shape, \$47.50 to \$69.50. Taupe Coney Muff, melon shape, \$6.75.
Beaver Muff, canteen shape, \$35. River Mink Muff, large size, \$10.75.



HANDKERCHIEFS First and Last as Gifts

COMPLETE and new assortment just inside C. Sixteenth street entrance.

Colored Swiss embroidered initial, 4 in box, \$1.50.
Cord border, padded initial, 4 in box, \$1.00.
Hand embroidered initial white Handkerchief, 4 in box, \$2.00.
Colored embroidered initial, 4 in box, \$2.00.
Children's Handkerchiefs, Dutch maid initial, 3 in box, 35c.
Children's all linen Handkerchiefs, initialed, 3 in box, for 25c.
Creme de chine, in solid colors and colored borders, each 25c.
Linen Handkerchiefs, Swiss embroidered, in white and colors, each 25c.
Many new novelties in linen hemstitched, each 35c.
Rounded pattern Handkerchiefs, decidedly new, 100 Linen Handkerchiefs, hand embroidered, hand drawn hem, each 50c.
New Lace Handkerchiefs, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.00.

Sweaters--the Boys' Delight

Serviceable and Attractive
Gifts

FIRMLY woven and carefully made to withstand the hard strain of skating, hockey and all the other outdoor winter sports that real boys are fond of. These come in grey and red, red and green, and navy and maroon combinations. Shawl collars. Special—

\$2.45 to \$7.00

Boy's Clever New Ties

1 for 75c---2 for \$1.20---3 for \$1.75

MADE of splendid quality silks in Scotch and figured effects, but short enough for the youth 8 to 14 years. Regular \$1.00 qualities. Put up in Christmas boxes.

Boy's New Blouses

65c, 75c and up to \$5.00

A SPLENDID variety to choose—from the inexpensive percale and madras blouses to the delightfully new effects in silk.

Boy's Play Suits

Soldier suits, coat, breeches, cap and leggings, \$2.95 and \$3.95.
Boy scout play suits, hat, haversack, breeches, coat and leggings, \$3.95.
Boys' sailor suits, sailor hat, middy and long trousers, \$2.69.

Christmas Gift Suggestions from the Silk Underwear Shop

MILADY'S Christmas will be bubbling over with happiness if your gift is one of the items listed below:

Sachets 25c to \$1.50
Fancy sachet bags in dainty little shapes and colors.

Boudoir Caps 25c to \$1.50
Beautiful creations of fancy ribbon and lace combinations.

House Sacques \$1.95
Knit house sacques, sleeveless, white with assorted colored trimmings.

Shawls \$1.95 to 3.95
Women's knit shawls, white, grey and black.

Combing Sacques \$4.95
Creme de chine, ribbon and lace combinations. Very dainty and pretty.

Boudoir Slippers \$3.95
Ribbon boudoir slippers, shirred and finished with ribbon and pearl ornament. These have heels. Colors of blue, pink, Copenhagen and rose.

Exquisite Party Dresses as Gifts for Misses "8" to "15"

A VERY timely sale—coming just a short time before the holidays.

Silk Dresses \$9.75
Were Up to \$15

GIRLS' silk dresses of taffeta and pretty striped satins. Short waisted styles with contrasting collar and cuffs—also a selection of dainty chiffon and net dresses.

Silk Dresses \$15
Were Up to \$19.50

PRETTY georgette crepe de chine and silk evening dresses in all the newest styles typical of youth.

Girl's School Coats

\$6.50 \$9.75 \$13.50 and \$19.50
SCHOOL coats in good serviceable weaves, including plush, velvet, velour, albellines, etc. Large collars, deep pockets and belts. Very

Gift Suggestions from the Tot's Shop

ARTICLES that are bought to sell with the same care for baby's comfort and pleasure that a mother gives when buying for use.

Teething rings, 30c.
Creeping leads, 50c.
Knitted booties, 25c to \$1.50.
Toilet baskets, 65c to \$3.50.
Shoes, 75c to \$1.75.
Knitted sacques, \$1.25 to \$1.75.
Cashmere sacques, 65c to \$3.50.
White wool mittens, 45c to 65c.
Silk or knitted bonnets, 75c to \$5.
Sweaters, \$1.25 to \$3.25.
Drooling bibs, 25c to 85c.
Satin quilted moccasins, 95c.
Carriage boots, fur trimmed, \$1.50.
Table bibs, 25c to 35c.
Embroidered sheets, \$1.65 to \$2.95.
Pillow cases to match, 85c to \$1.95.
Crib blankets, \$1.00 to \$2.95.
Silk quilts, \$1.95 to \$5.00.
Baby bunting (silk quilted) \$4.75-\$6.50.



Baby bunting (eiderdown), \$2.50 and \$3.95.
Silk quilted wrappers, \$3.95 to \$8.
Long cashmere coats, \$3.95, \$5.00 to \$7.75.
Infants' long dresses, 65c to \$5.00.
Dresses, white, \$1.50 to \$7.50.
Dresses, colored \$1.50 to \$3.95.
Sweaters, silk crepe de chine, \$13.50.
Sweaters, \$2.95 to \$5.00.
Leggings knitted or Jersey \$1.75.
Coats, 2 to 6 years, \$4.95 to \$15.00.
Sweater Suit of Angora \$3.50.
Knitted caps, 59c to \$1.50.
Bath robes, \$1.50 to \$2.25.
Silk quilted robes, \$3.95 to \$5.00.
Furs, ages 2 to 6 years, \$2.95 to \$6.00.

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The Soap to cleanse and purify, the Ointment to soothe and heal all skin troubles that itch, burn, crust and scale. They prevent little skin troubles becoming serious, and used for every-day toilet purposes have no superior for maintaining the purity and beauty of the skin, hair and hands.

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