

XMAS PACKAGES TO BE DELIVERED IN OMAHA ON TIME

All Records Broken for Taking Care of Holiday Rush Without Congestion or Delay.

Efficiency is performing wonders in the Omaha postoffice this year. Not only have all records for volume of Christmas mail been broken, but all records for handling it without congestion have been broken.

Postmaster Fanning has applied the same methods as he applied in his contracting business, with the result that by this evening all first-class and parcel post mail will be delivered. In former years Christmas eve saw the parcel post piled to the ceiling with a mountain of packages and the word went out that people must be prepared to wait from two to five days to receive their parcels.

Puts Boys to Work

The postmaster this year has made an intelligent distribution of clerks and extra helpers. For example, three experienced men were working on the canceling machine, which is purely mechanical work. He hustled these over to mail distribution and put three boys at the canceling machine.

"I took the bit in my teeth regarding extra work," he said. "The law says carriers and clerks must not work more than eight hours and those eight hours must be put in within ten consecutive hours. But at this one time in the year the employees are perfectly willing to put in extra time. They get paid at the same rate for extra time as for regular time. They get the mail out without unnecessary delay and it makes their work on the days following Christmas easier."

There has been some mail delay on the railroad and at the Council Bluffs transfer. All trains have been late in the last few days. Monday morning parcel post room at the postoffice was piled to the ceiling. A force of men got out all the perishable goods such as poultry and vegetables within two hours and by noon the room was well cleared and the steady inflow of packages was being taken care of promptly.

There will be two mail deliveries in the business district Christmas morning and one in the residence district. No employee of the postoffice will work more than four hours. The general delivery, stamp and registry divisions of the postoffice will be open until 10:30 a. m. The money order and postal savings divisions will be closed all day. An extra delivery of mail will be made to hotels at 9 p. m. A parcel post delivery will be made all over the city Christmas morning.

Holiday Appeal to Retail Coal Dealers

United States Fuel Administrator Garfield is urging mine operators and miners to unite in working and continuing the maximum output of coal at the mines, regardless of the holiday season, in order to increase the coal supply throughout the country. Miners cannot work unless railroad cars are supplied at the mines. Cars cannot be supplied by the railroads unless retail coal dealers unload the cars quickly.

R. H. Ashton, president of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, chairman of the central division, National Council for Defense, is making a special appeal for the prompt unloading of coal cars to avoid the delays usual during the holidays.

Frank Walters Will Have Birthday Christmas

For his Christmas present, as is the usual annual custom, Frank Walters, general manager of the Northwestern, will have a birthday. Christmas morning Mr. Walters will be 52 years old. He will be at home all day and will enjoy Christmas with his wife and children. Mr. Walters was born in Cedar Rapids, Ia., where he attended school. As soon as he was old enough to work he went westward and has been with the Northwestern most of the time since.

Busy Week in County Registrar of Deeds Office

Real estate transactions for last week from the records in the office of Harry Pierce, Douglas county recorder of deeds, show 97 deeds filed, as against 118 in the corresponding week in 1916; considerations amounting to \$123,289.26 this year, as against \$78,418.69 last; 41 mortgages, as against 63 in 1916; considerations \$62,413.12 this year, as against \$151,655.27 in 1916.

Brotherhood Chiefs to Confer With President

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Wilson has summoned the chiefs and legislative agents of the four railroad brotherhoods to a conference at the White House Thursday. It is expected that the president will outline to the representatives of the railroad workers whatever action he has decided is necessary to obtain more efficient transportation in the war crisis.

Christmas Cargo of Dates Arrive Via Cape Good Hope

An Atlantic port, Dec. 24.—A Christmas cargo of dates from Mesopotamia arrived here today on a Swedish steamship which came around the Cape of Good Hope because of war conditions in the Mediterranean. This is the first holiday shipment of the Arabian fruit to reach this port during the present season. Ordinarily the dates begin arriving here in November.

Arizona's Governor Quits on Christmas

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Governor Campbell announced at noon that he would turn over the office of governor to Arizona to George W. P. Hunt at 10 o'clock Christmas morning. The remarkable Christmas ceremony will be transmitted without formal ceremony. Both Governor Hunt and Governor Campbell took the oath of office last January.

WAR BOND GAINS ATTRIBUTED TO PEACE RUMORS

New York, Dec. 24.—The recent advances in international war bonds on the stock exchange, which continued today, were the subject of comment in connection with the persistence of peace rumors in the financial district. While the extremely low prices made by the bonds last week are deemed to have made the issues attractive to investors, some observers thought the demand, reported to have come to a considerable extent from abroad, was of more than usual significance.

Paris sixes rose 4 per cent over Saturday's close, or about 11 per cent from their last week's minimum. The group of French municipal 6 per cent notes, issued by the cities of Bordeaux, Lyons and Marseilles, were up 2 1/2 to 3 per cent, or from 10 to 12 per cent above last week's close. The United Kingdom issues made further fractional gains, as did the French governments 5 1/2s, Anglo-French 5s, while they reacted slightly, were today five or six points above the last week's minimum.

One Hundred Airships Battle Puts Boys to Work

Paris, Dec. 24.—Intense aerial activity is reported by the war office. In the course of 100 combats in the air during the last few days the French brought down eight German machines. The announcement follows: "On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front), the Germans made two raids against our small posts near Bezonvaux and Caurieres wood. Their efforts were repulsed by our fire. The artillery fighting was rather vigorous on the left bank of the river, in the sector of Bethincourt. On the remainder of the front the night was calm."

"On December 21, 22 and 23 our pursuit aviators were very active. Our pilots engaged in 100 combats, most of them over the German lines. Eighteen German machines were brought down. Of these 17 fell in flames or crashed to the ground and were destroyed. During this period our bombing squadrons dropped 18,000 kilograms (nearly 20 tons) of projectiles on railway stations, factories, encampments and other objectives behind the enemy's lines."

Hoover Wires Season's Greetings to Wattles

Federal Food Administrator Hoover has telegraphed Nebraska Food Administrator Wattles his best wishes for the New Year. He expressed to the Nebraska administrator "personal appreciation of invaluable services as food administrator."

The Nebraska plan of county organizations of the food administration is being more and more generally taken up by other states, as it is found to work out with more and more success in Nebraska. The county patriotic meetings held by these county chairmen are especially successful. D. J. Poynter, chairman of Boone county, has been especially active in holding patriotic meetings. John D. Haskell of Wakefield has just been appointed chairman for Dixon county, and is already laying plans for some mass meetings and other county activities in connection with the food administration work. Many of the county committees have already made up lists of suggested fair prices for food stuffs and have put them into effect.

Some Divisions Exceed Quota in Red Cross Canvass

Washington, Dec. 24.—Reports to the Red Cross today on the results of its campaign for 10,000,000 new members showed some divisions had exceeded their quota and others were approaching figures set for them. The central division, which voluntarily raised its quota from 1,189,000 to 1,500,000, expects to exceed the higher figure, and the Gulf division, comprising Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, has gone several thousand over its quota. Oregon has gone 28,000 over its quota, notwithstanding bad weather which has been the cause of extending the time limit to the end of the week in several divisions. Pennsylvania today was within 92,000 of its quota of 1,192,000, and the Pacific division lacked 34,000 of the 467,000 expected. Reports from the Potomac division indicate much hard work will be necessary there if the quota of 356,000 is reached.

Denies She Smoked Except With Husband

Nellie Lewis in her answer to the divorce petition of Marshal Lewis, filed in district court alleges that Lewis abducted her daughter, Margaret, aged 4 years, at El Paso, Tex., December 8, 1917, and now has her concealed in Omaha. She denies that Lewis has been a good, faithful husband and says that she was never in the habit of frequenting chop suey parlors at all hours of the night. She says that she never smoked or drank except in company with her husband and denies that she ever received endearing letters from other men. She says that they were not living in Omaha during the summer of 1917 as her husband alleges, but says they were living in Denver. They were married in Fort Worth, Tex., in 1909, she avers, and asks a decree of separate maintenance for herself and her child.

Publicity Bureau to Urge Test of Seed Corn

The Bureau of Publicity of Omaha will co-operate with the extension department of the University of Nebraska this winter and next spring in a campaign to bring again before the public the great importance of testing seed corn before planting next spring. On account of the great amount of soft corn coming from this fall's crop, it is known that the seed corn question will be a serious one in the spring. A number of years ago when a similar situation arose, the Bureau of Publicity conducted a notable seed-corn campaign in the state by arranging special trains carrying many noted speakers and agricultural experts throughout the state.

American Seamen Lost Overboard From Transport

Washington, Dec. 24.—Leo B. Murray, a seaman, of Oroville, Cal., and George O. K. Vidali, a seaman of Arlington, N. J., were lost overboard from a transport on December 17.

Commencing Wednesday, December 26

The January Clearance

Orkin Bros' Double Clearance Sale

The Removal Sale

Two Great Buying Events Rolled Into One

Orkin Brothers have never before made so huge and mighty a combination effort as this "Double Clearance." This downpour of values, this brimming over of bargains, must serve TWO purposes. FIRST, it must keep before the Omaha public the yearly Orkin Bros.' January Clearance; SECOND, it must serve to completely close out this stock before moving over to the new quarters in the Wolf-Hiller-Conant Hotel, now building at 16th and Harney Sts. It's an event that will stand out MOST prominently among the business activities of the passing year. You owe it to yourself to BE here Wednesday.



Orkin Bros.' "Double Clearance" on Coats

Among the Cloth Coats will be found, of course, those striking effects in Wool Velours, Pom Poms, Silvertones, Broadcloths, etc., while in the Plush and Velvet Garments exquisite plain or dashing fur trimmed kinds are in evidence. In either case you have before you the handsomest array of women's coats yet gathered in any Omaha store.

- WINTER COATS, formerly \$25.00 are in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$13.50**
- WINTER COATS, formerly \$29.50 and \$35.00, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$17.50**
- WINTER COATS, formerly \$45.00 and \$49.50, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$27.50**

- WINTER COATS, formerly \$55.00 and \$59.50, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$32.50**
- WINTER COATS, formerly \$65.00 and \$75.00, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$38.50**
- WINTER COATS, formerly \$79.50 and \$85.00, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$42.50**

Orkin Bros.' Plush and Velvet Coats Included

- PLUSH COATS, formerly \$29.50, are in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$19.50**
- PLUSH COATS, formerly \$35.00, are in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$23.50**
- PLUSH COATS, formerly \$45.00, are in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$28.50**

- PLUSH COATS, formerly \$55.00, are in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$32.50**
- PLUSH AND VELVET COATS, formerly \$65.00, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$36.50**
- PLUSH AND VELVET COATS, formerly \$75.00, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$44.50**

These reductions give a fair idea of what may be expected through all lines.

NOTHING To Be Moved To The New Store

Orkin Bros.' "Double Clearance" on Suits

Broadcloths, Wool Velours, Gabardines, Chevots and Serges; they are all here. Many are plain tailored, others are button trimmed, while some of the assortments include handsome fur trimmed styles.

- LADIES' SUITS, formerly \$25.00 and \$29.50, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$14.75**
- LADIES' SUITS, formerly \$32.50 and \$35.00, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$16.75**
- LADIES' SUITS, formerly \$39.50 and \$45.00, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$21.75**
- LADIES' SUITS, formerly \$45.00 and \$49.50, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$24.75**
- LADIES' SUITS, formerly \$55.00 and \$59.50, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$28.75**

Street Afternoon and Evening Dresses

Wool Serges, Satins, Taffetas, Wool Jerseys and Silk Combinations are represented in the Dress section of Orkins during the Double Clearance Sale. If you've set your heart upon a new creation here's your chance.

- DRESSES, formerly \$19.50 to \$25.00, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$9.95**
- DRESSES, formerly \$25.00 to \$35.00, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$14.95**
- DRESSES, formerly \$35.00 to \$39.50, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$19.95**
- DRESSES, formerly \$39.50 to \$45.00, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$24.95**
- DRESSES of all kinds and styles must be moved quickly via the "Double Clearance."

Orkin Bros.' "Double Clearance" on Skirts

- Serges, Satins, Gabardines, Taffetas and Others
- LADIES' SKIRTS, formerly \$7.50 to \$12.50, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$6.95**
- LADIES' SKIRTS, formerly \$8.50 to \$9.50, in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$8.95**

Orkin Bros.' "Double Clearance" on Blouses

- The "Double Clearance" includes all of those tony things in Georgettes, Crepe de Chines, Satins and Voiles, many being embroidered, others in beaded effects. The assortment, too, includes all sizes from 34 to 58. The very name Orkin Bros. has always brought to mind "style in blouses," and this all inclusive sales offering will serve to fasten the fact on your mind all the more.
- LADIES' BLOUSES—Former \$3.50 kinds in "Double Clearance" Sale, at... **\$1.68**
- LADIES' BLOUSES. Former \$4.50 kinds, in "Double Clearance," at... **\$2.68**
- LADIES' BLOUSES. Former \$6.50 kinds, in "Double Clearance," at... **\$3.88**
- LADIES' BLOUSES. Former \$7.50 kinds, in "Double Clearance," at... **\$4.88**
- LADIES' BLOUSES. Former \$10 kinds, in "Double Clearance," at... **\$5.88**



THE East has been fairly scoured for new ideas and features for the newer Orkin Bros.' store which is soon to be opened in the Wolf-Hiller-Conant Hotel Bldg., at 16th and Harney Sts. You've a hundred surprises coming. Just watch and wait.

- MUFFS—Black Coney, \$22.50 kinds, at... **\$10.95**
- MUFFS—Black Fox, Wolf, Hudson Seal, Beaver and Red Fox kinds, worth \$32.50, go at... **\$14.95**
- MUFFS—Natural and black Opossum kinds—\$12.50 values, now **\$5.95**
- MUFFS—Brook Mink and Musk Rat, \$15.00 kinds—at... **\$8.95**
- MUFFS—Raccoon and Fox, \$45.00 styles—at... **\$24.95**
- FUR SCARFS—Raccoon, Opossum or Silver Fox Scarfs, in \$22.50 grades—at... **\$9.75**
- FUR SCARFS—Red Fox Scarfs, in \$25.00 grades—at... **\$12.95**
- FUR SCARFS—Fox and Linx Scarfs, in black or brown, \$35.00 values, each, at... **\$18.95**
- FUR SCARFS—Linx or Fox, in Black, Brown or Taupe, in \$39.50 grades—at... **\$24.95**
- FUR SCARFS—Fox or Linx, in Black, Brown or Taupe, in \$45.00 grades—at... **\$31.95**
- FUR SETS—Black Fox Sets, \$50 values, **\$34.95**
- FUR SETS—Silver Fox, Gray Wolf and Raccoon Sets, in \$29.50 values, now, at... **\$17.95**
- FUR SETS—Red Fox Sets, in \$39.50 grades, **\$24.95**
- FUR SETS—Red Fox and Cross Fox Sets, in \$45.00 values, on sale... **\$31.95**
- FUR SETS—Black, Brown, and Taupe Fox and Linx Sets, \$65 values, **\$44.95**
- FUR SETS—Fox and Linx Sets, Black, Taupe and Brown, \$75 and \$85 values, at... **\$54.95**

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Please Note That This Firm is on the South Side of Street