

CANINE WORLD OF CITY SWEEP BY DREAD DISEASE

More Than 200 Deaths of Dogs From Epidemic During the Last Few Months.

An epidemic of distemper, resembling the disease of influenza in the human family, is prevalent among Omaha dogs, according to reports from veterinarians who say that more than 200 deaths of canines have occurred during the last few months.

Many valuable pets have been victims of the disease, symptoms of which are high fever, redness of eyes, coughing, nose discharge and sore throat, followed by brain affection and spasms. It is said to be the most virulent outbreak observed among canines in Omaha for many years.

"This disease is highly contagious and is spreading mostly among dogs from three to 18 months old," said Dr. C. C. Hall. "I would advise isolation and the services of a veterinarian in the early stages, because a dog is seldom saved after the disease has reached the advanced stages."

Charles Garvey, 443 North Thirty-eighth avenue, lost "Peggy," his pet Airedale, which was pulling children on a sled a few days ago.

George Cook, 6517 North Twenty-fourth street, lost four valuable bulldogs.

Girl Grieves for Canine Pet Ordered Killed

A mere dog, without pedigree and held in bondage at the home of little Pearl Swartz, 2050 North Nineteenth street, is at the city dog pound under sentence of death, according to a decree issued by Police Judge Foster in Central police court.

Little Pearl, deprived of her pet, is sad. She sits longingly at the window of her room, her mother says, crying and patiently expecting the return of "Nick," her one plaything in life.

The police judge fined Mrs. Swartz \$100 and costs on a charge of keeping a vicious dog. The sentence also ordered the dog killed. Mrs. Swartz appealed the case, to district court and the dog was taken to the city pound to await the decision of the higher court. Mrs. Swartz was arrested upon complaint of Leona Chisno, 12 years old, 2201 North Nineteenth street, who testified in court that the dog bit her on the cheek.

Masked Bandits Get 65 Diamonds Worth \$20,000

Wellington, Kan., Dec. 19.—Two masked men entered the jewelry store of E. F. Roser last night, covered Mr. Roser with revolvers and escaped with 65 diamonds, said to be valued at nearly \$20,000.

To Heal A Cough

Take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, 35c per bottle.

SHOPPING GOSSIP

MEMBER LAST YEAR WHEN YOU TURNED BACK THE TISSUE PAPER AND found a dainty blouse, a pair of silk hose, a lovely camisole or some other bit of silk underwear? Weren't you perfectly delighted?



They're the kind of a gift any woman would appreciate—and here's a store that's overflowing with just such practical gifts.

To say nothing of FURS—at prices anybody can afford.

Jewelry Store advertisement with logo and address: 2nd Floor Securities Bldg.

Wild Court Room Scene as Woman Attacks Attorney

Mrs. Hannah Pillard Hurls Cuspidor at Ben S. Baker, Counsel for Negro Charged With Criminally Assaulting Her—Judge Leaps From Bench.

The wildest scene ever witnessed in a district court room in Omaha, according to attorneys and judges, was enacted yesterday morning in Judge Leslie's court during the trial of Ralph Underwood, negro, for alleged criminal assault.

Mrs. Hannah Pillard, white, 2516 North Nineteenth street, the complaining witness, was testifying regarding the negro's assault at her home the evening of October 28.

"Isn't it a fact that you have sued your husband for a divorce in the district court, Mrs. Pillard?" asked Ben S. Baker, attorney for Underwood.

Mrs. Pillard gazed, unseeing, for one speechless moment. Then she threw up her hands and gave a wild shriek that pierced to the corridors of the building.

"Says Life Ruined." "Oh, oh, oh," she cried, "you have no right to bring up such a thing in this case. It hasn't anything to do with this case. Oh, oh! My life has been ruined by that negro and then I have to go through this."

The woman looked wildly about her. A large brass cuspidor stood beside the witness chair. She seized this and with a quick movement half hurled it at Attorney Baker, who sat about eight feet in front of her.

Judge Leslie had seen her movement and leaped toward her from his seat on the judicial bench. He was just in time to grab the up-

raised cuspidor from the woman's hand and prevent it from flying across the court room.

Husband Denounces Action. Mrs. Pillard's husband, Elmer Pillard, a street car conductor, had reached his wife's side by this time. He put his arms around her and burst out in loud weeping.

"This is an outrage, to have this dragged into this case. I won't stand for it," he cried.

His cries became louder and Mrs. Pillard's shrieks rose in increasing volume. Judge Leslie ordered her taken to one of the ante rooms. Her husband, James Morrow, a bailiff, and Sergeant Allen of the police force tried to remove her, but she resisted and fought, crying out all the while.

Doctors Are Called. Two doctors were sent for. After she was finally removed to another room, she gradually calmed down. Doctors arrived and worked over her.

Progress of the trial was stopped for more than an hour.

Underwood is alleged to have entered the Pillard home at 7 o'clock the evening of October 28. It is charged that he seized Mrs. Pillard, pressed a chloroformed cloth to her face and then assaulted her. She was found some time later.

Underwood was picked out from several negroes several days after the assault. Mrs. Pillard said she identified him by a gold tooth.

Victim of Gas Greets Police Alive and Well

"Dar's a women out heah at 1324 North Twenty-sixth street, what's uncoushus from gas," a woman's voice called over the phone to police yesterday morning. Another semi-frantic call to the same effect, and police made a hurry run with a police surgeon.

When they entered the house, Savannah Coleman, negress, confronted them.

"Where's the woman overcome with gas?" she was asked.

"Ah'm her, ah am," Savannah replied, in a staccato response to the officers. "Dis house is so full of gas dat ah fealed ah'd go under any minute."

Police opened windows and doors of the place to let out escaping gas from a heating range, and Savannah retired.

E. H. Sprague Unable To Estimate the Loot Taken by Burglars

The unoccupied country home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sprague, Benson, was entered by thieves who stole valuable articles of furnishings and committed acts of vandalism.

The Spragues have closed this home every year about November 1, to live in a downtown hotel. Mrs. Sprague discovered the robbery Thursday when she visited her home before starting on a journey to the south.

Rugs and silverware had been placed in storage. Mr. Sprague is unable to estimate the loss.

A sign placed by Mr. Sprague on the house reads: "To Highjacks: No liquor here. I drank it all myself a year ago."

Omaha Temperature For Three Weeks Below Early Winter Average

L. A. Welsh, Omaha weather forecaster, in checking his records finds that the average daily temperature of Omaha for three weeks ending December 17 was nearly 21 degrees lower than the normal temperature for this time of year, based on observations for 33 years.

The average annual precipitation for 36 years is 30.66 inches, and for this year to date the total is 29.67.

"We must remember that the value of precipitation lies in its timeliness rather than in amount," Mr. Welsh explained. "I can show you years of excessive precipitation yielding less crops than years of comparatively low precipitation. The recent heavy snows have helped to bring this year's precipitation toward normal and the moisture seems to be valuable."

Women doing skilled work in the Bureau of Engraving at Washington receive less pay than unskilled laborers.

Farmer and Mechanic Now Dictate Styles to The Merchant Tailor

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 19.—Men's styles in the future, as they emanate from the shops of the merchant tailors, may be dictated by the tastes of the plumber, the farmer, the milk wagon driver. They and their fellow workers have become patrons of merchant tailoring and they think nothing of paying a high price for a suit, according to Chris E. Krieger, president of the Cincinnati Mer-

chant Tailors Designers' association.

"The last few years have brought a decided change in the patronage of the merchant tailor," he said, in announcing that the subject would be discussed at the national convention of the Merchant Tailor Designers' association, to be held here February 3 to 6.

"We still have the business man, but there is a new clientele. We have won the patronage of the skilled mechanic, and he is not particular how high-priced are the suits he orders. He wants the best. To a lesser extent we find the farmer developing, as a class, into a patron

of merchant tailoring. He wants his Sunday suit well tailored, and his tastes run mostly to subdued colors."

Can't Manufacture Even Home Brew in Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 19.—Manufacturing of intoxicating liquor or "beverages near intoxicating, though not actually intoxicating," even for one's own use, is unlawful in Minnesota, the state supreme court held in decisions filed today, sustaining the validity of the so-called prohibition enforcement enacted by the 1919 legislature.

THOMPSON-BELDEN & CO.

THE DAYTIME HOURS for CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

When service is at its best, with everyone "up and going," eager to please, and better enabled to do so advantageously because of freshly assorted stocks, all in their proper place.

9 a. m. until 6. p. m. every day ... Closed Every Evening ...

Snowy Heaps of Kerchiefs To Greet You Saturday



From the least inexpensive ones upwards in easy stages to dainty squares enriched by hand-embroidery and lovely lace—these are 'kerchiefs of

a worthy character—the sort that make charming gifts.

Irish linens with plain hemstitched borders; or service and inexpensiveness—25c up to \$1.25.

France and Spain have contributed exquisite lace effects and lovely embroideries, 35c up to \$15.

From the Madeiras come the favored hand-embroidered handkerchiefs—so attractively different and ever popular—50c to \$3 each.

Blankets and Comforters

Wool blankets in block and broken plaids, a number of fine new shades, besides plain white with colored borders. The edges are stitched or bound, three-quarter or double bed sizes from \$10, \$11.50, \$15, \$16.50 and up to \$30 a pair.

Wool nap blankets, a very heavy quality, full double bed size, come in grays and tan with striped borders of pink or blue. Specially priced for Saturday, \$6.50 a pair.

Baby blankets in pink or blue plaids, are an exceptionally heavy quality, size 36x48, and are priced only \$1.50 each.

Comforters of fine white cotton, silkoline-covered, are winter weight, 42x84-inch size. Small floral designs in blue, yellow or pink make them most attractive, reasonably priced comforts for \$6 each.

Quite a Few New Bags

Most of them silk velvet, one of duvetyne, one of felt and three exquisite beaded ones.

Of silk velvet—there is a black one with a delicate design in steel beads, it has a purple silk lining, a velvet-covered frame and handle, and the very essential coin purse and mirror, and is priced \$18.

Finest of all are the velvet bags with heavy frames and link handles of shell, amber colored or darker. Black or brown are the shades, but the linings are brilliant affairs of bright blue or gold satin, \$28.

The beaded bags have navy blue as the dominant color, with designs in gold, purple, black, scarlet and various greens. The beading extends up over the frames, and the handles are of beads, as well—one bag is \$32.50, another, \$35—and the third, \$36.50.

Velvet bags at prices quite a bit lower than the ones mentioned are to be had in any number of lovely shapes and styles.

—Just Inside the Sixteenth Street Door.

In the Basement—New house frocks of fine gingham and percales in styles altogether charming, are being shown.



Camisoles

Are no longer merely Pink and White

But appear in orchid, palest yellow or blue, and more daring ones, to be worn with dark blouses, are in navy blue, black, brown, or scarlet. There is even a navy and gold brocaded one, and a navy blue embroidered in blue and gold.

Prices are Very Reasonable

Corset Section—Second Floor

Turkish Towels with Colored Borders

Brocaded weaves that are very fine, have borders of blue, pink, lavender or gold, and adapt themselves wonderfully well to hand-crocheted laces. They are priced \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 each.

Linen Section



Appropriateness The charm of a gift is appropriateness, and appropriateness is the charming feature of these Christmas stocks.

Somewhere in these great accumulations of worthy merchandise there are gifts to meet the complete demands of service and sentiment.

A Gift... That is usable anywhere in the store at any time during the year— A Merchandise Certificate Issued for any desired amount.

FOR MILADY'S Dressing Table

Manicure sets of white ivory are to be had for prices ranging from \$1.85 to \$9.50 a set.

Cuticle sets with the polish, whitener, cuticle ice and the like, are priced from 50c to \$1.50.

Lustrite sets with the same assortment are 50c each. White ivory picture frames in most attractive shapes and styles are from 45c to \$2.50 each.

Toilet Goods Section

STORY BOOKS For Kiddies

The most fascinating tales of fairies, flowers, and if preferred, of real little boys and girls. The illustrations are charming, and fine enough to educate a child's tastes during the impressionable age. Prices are from 60c to \$2 each.

Art Department—Second Floor

Children's Woolly BATHROBES

For small tots—there are elderdown robes in dainty pinks, blues and white. Indian-looking affairs in tan, rose and navy in sizes from one to six years for prices from \$2 and \$2.25 to \$4.50 each.

For older children—Beacon robes in Indian patterns on a tan background, and flowered designs of blue and tan, rose and white, or blue and white with corresponding satin bindings and cords. Sizes eight to fourteen years are in this group, priced \$4.25, \$4.50, \$5 and \$6.50.

Second Floor

UMBRELLAS with their colors

Make truly appropriate gifts that every woman will appreciate. Called "the two in one," as they answer equally well whether it rains or shines. The India shape is again with us, and in all colors. Also suit case umbrellas aplenty—in blacks and colors.

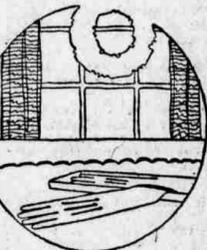
You'll find them just inside the front entrance—to the left

A Glove Certificate Simplifies Matters

Just purchase a certificate and allow the recipient to choose style, color and size. It's such an eminently satisfactory way to make a gift.

Because we are the only store in Omaha privileged to sell Trefousse kid gloves. Because they are, in the estimation of those who know, the best from all France, we suggest them to you for Christmas, knowing full well that whoever receives them will approve of your good taste.

Trefousse imported kid gloves, in black, white,



brown and pastel, with three and four rows of contrasting embroidery on the backs, are \$4.75 a pair, others with Paris Point stitchings are \$3.75 and \$4 a pair.

A MAN'S GIFT from his own shop

The place he patronizes himself—where he is able to find the stylishness and quality which meets with the approval of the well informed

The last Saturday before Christmas finds assortments in splendid condition.

Knitted Ties—The finest of hand-framed pure silk ones from Keys & Lockwood of New York City, from \$3.50 to \$6.

Silk Reefers, beautiful knitted styles, all of pure silk. Several shades, each one different and distinctive, \$13.50. Other qualities from \$1.50 to \$10.

Lounging robes of woolen blankets, Terry cloth and rich brocaded silk, \$6 to \$50.

Gentlemen's Hose—A most diversified selection of styles and colors in silk, wool, lisle, French lisle and cashmere. Fibre Hose, seven different colors—very desirable for 50c a pair.

Linen Handkerchiefs, from Ireland, styles include plain hemstitched, cord and tape borders and hand-embroidered initials, some in colors.

Unusually Good—This 75c Neckwear

Wide shapes, made of all-silk materials and with "slip-easy" bands. Several thousand of them—thanks to a very fortunate purchase. Seventy-five cents Saturday.

The Men's Shop—To the Left As You Enter

The Finest of Christmas Hosiery

Chiffon silk hose, beautifully woven, sheer and fine are to be had in black, seal brown and white, they have garter tops and double soles, and are priced \$4.25 a pair.

Lace hose in beautiful designs and an astonishing variety of them, allover lace, boot or lace-clocked hose in white, seal brown and black are priced from \$4 to \$7 a pair.

Embroidered hose with exquisite designs embroidered by hand come in black and white, priced from \$4.25 to \$10 a pair.



Exceptional Values In SOROSIS SHOES

Saturday we are placing on sale some really fine golden oak brown, brown with field mouse top, and gray kid shoes, all with Louis heels. And taupe kid and black calfskin shoes with military heels.

Saturday \$8.85 a pair

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