

### "Brother Charlie" Gives Quiz Body Figures on Coal

Bryan Tells McKelvie Economic Probe Committee How Prices Were Cut Through Municipal Yard.

Lincoln, Dec. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—"Brother Charlie" Bryan, father of Lincoln's Municipal coal yard, told the McKelvie economic investigation committee what he claimed was the true cost and profits made by Lincoln's independent coal dealers. Summarized, his story follows:

Total cost of ton of coal delivered to consumer, sold by Bryan for \$10.50 is \$9.64 1-2.

Coal containing same heat units by government test sold by local dealers, delivered to consumer, \$12.50 a ton.

Same coal sold by local dealers for \$14 ton until establishment of municipal yard restored competition.

Telephone calls by Bryan to five Lincoln dealers same day asking quotations on certain coal showed prices didn't vary 25 cents per ton.

"Heat Units Fewer."

Declared coal sold by local dealers at same price of municipal coal contains less heat units and showed government figures to prove statement.

Offered testimony at senatorial probe into Senate by F. L. Ringhouse when asked if there was a "national combine" of retail coal dealers.

Quoted letter from Dan Butler of Omaha in which Butler declared he sold coal for \$9 a ton last winter while independent dealers charged \$15.

Declared his estimate of cost of ton of coal contained every item which independent dealers could include excepting taxes.

Advocates Public Market.

Held out public market as means of eliminating "middle man" and giving farmers local market for produce which present cold storage and packing methods of conducting trade ruins.

Charles Olson, builder of Lincoln "skyscrapers" and numerous public buildings, declared lumber, reinforcing steel and nails were only materials entering into erection of large buildings which had dropped to pre-war levels. Cement, sand, plaster, lime, structural steel, locks, window weights and labor have nearly all fallen below the peak prices of last year but are still considerably above pre-war level, he testified.

Lumping all materials, he estimated they were from 25 to 30 per cent below peak prices and 20 per cent above pre-war levels. He emphasized freight rates when giving reasons for continuation of high prices.

"The only persons building on a large scale are boards of education," he said. "For years I always employed from 150 to 300 men while now my pay roll numbers about 50."

Tell of Increased Costs.

Stories of big increases in prices charged by plumbers, furnace men and interior decorators were told the committee this morning.

John M. Alexander, Lincoln plumber, stated that a certain furnace installed in May, 1918, cost him \$200; in 1919 it cost \$157, and in 1921 its cost was \$345.

Plumbing for a certain type of house cost \$305 in 1918, \$412 in 1919 and \$400 today.

Interior decorating for a six-room cottage which cost only \$185 in 1918 costs \$325 today, he said.

He said that before the war he could hire the best carpenters at 40 cents an hour. Today he pays 60 to 80 cents.

Renters testified that, while nearly all the other costs of living have come down, rents have not decreased at all.

Material men testified that they make from 10 to 20 per cent profit on material and turn over their stocks eight to 10 times a year.

### Moose Planning to Build Nonsectarian Church

Building of an interdenominational church to be used by Jew and Scientist as well as Catholic and Protestant was the chief matter under discussion by the national officers and supreme council of the Moose order at Washington last week, according to Edward L. Bradley, Omaha attorney and associate justice of the supreme court of the state, who returned to Omaha yesterday.

The proposed church of God will be built at Moosehart, Ill., the Mecca of Moose members, Mr. Bradley said. James A. Davis, secretary of labor and director-general of the Moose lodge, was one of the prominent men in attendance at the conference. Mr. Bradley was present at the conference when Edmund E. Tanner of Columbus, O., chief justice of the Moose lodge, dropped dead while giving an address.

### Mullen and Gaines to Take Depositions From Skinner

Arthur Mullen and Frank Gaines will go to New York to be present when depositions are taken from Paul Skinner, who will sail soon with his wife and daughter for Europe. The depositions are for use in trial of the suit of Keith Neville, receiver for the Skinner Packing company, against the Dold Packing company, lessees of the Skinner plant.

### Ex-Service Men in Need Are Being Sought Out

Needy ex-service men are being asked by the American Legion to make their needs known so that they can be provided with Christmas dinners, for which purpose the legion is gathering supplies and raising funds. Those who know of "buddies" or their families in need are asked to report their names to legion headquarters.

### Christmas Gifts Out of the Ordinary

#### A Brocaded Desk Set

—in blue or rose, which ever her psychic color may be, will woo its mistress to the mood for writing, if beauty, color and convenience will do it. It's admitted writing is a moody business, so whoever gives this lovely desk set for a Christmas gift will be lending first aid to the fickle muse.



Third Floor—West

#### This Electric Percolator Set

—is simply gorgeous and any hostess will feel gorgeous presiding behind it. The coffee is bound to be gorgeous, too, because you know you can't make poor coffee in a percolator. It's a Manning Bowman, nickel plated on copper. The tray has a lovely filigree border and the cream and sugar match percolator.



Fifth Floor—Center

#### A Jersey Suit For Juniors

—intrigues one so with its jaunty masculine air, you do not realize its extreme serviceability until the second glance. Mother will notice that, but Sonny will be captivated by the sophisticated ribbon that looks as if it were intended to carry a monocle, but instead sports a jolly little whistle. In Marine Blue with dashing red collars and cuffs.



Third Floor—East

#### A Georgette Frock With Pantalettes

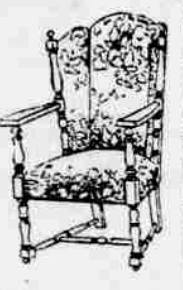
—is so adorably ruffled it looks good enough to eat. Little French flowers are sprinkled here and there about the waist. They call its color peach, and the little maid who finds this cunning party frock in one of her Christmas boxes will surely look as sweet as a peach in it.



Third Floor—East

#### This Wing Chair

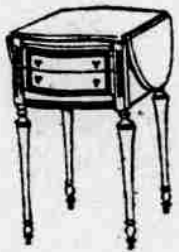
—like some people, can fit into any situation, for there is a harmony in its lines and coloring that will not be out of place in any home. And it's a Karpen, you know what that means. In tapestry and English brown mahogany.



Seventh Floor

#### This Walnut Sewing Table

—in a Louis XVI design is a little gem. Much of its attraction is due to the gracefully carved slender legs and the drop leaves which when raised are supported by brackets. Of course it's genuine walnut or mahogany even to the drawers and individual spool trays in which you will surely be inspired to keep your thread tidy.



Seventh Floor

#### A Boudoir Lamp

—makes a romantic, intimate sort of gift because romance has always been associated with boudoirs, hasn't it? The ivory finished glass base of this one and the soft pastel colors in the shade will blend in beautifully with most any most any boudoir color scheme.



Fifth Floor—East

#### A Screen

—of dull blue Japanese cloth with embroidered cherry blossoms trailing across it framed in black lacquer would be hailed with joy by most anyone for Christmas. Not every household has a family skeleton to conceal, but nearly everyone has something that needs to be screened at times. For a decorative convenience then—



Sixth Floor—East

## THE BRANDEIS STORE

### What Shall I Give for Christmas? A Few of Wednesday's Answers

For Beauty and Comfort

#### Corduroy Lounging Robes 3<sup>95</sup>

Corduroy lounging robes for Christmas gifts receive a warm welcome because of their extreme service and comfort. Those in the brocaded patterns are new and especially good looking. At this attractive price you will find both the brocaded and finewale in rose, Copen, wisteria, pink and blue.

Third Floor—Center

Give One of These Captivating

#### Paisley Blouses

Paisley patterns in Canton crepe show true art in that they harmonize with most any shade. Russian peasant models in predominating tones of blue or henna. There are other handsome and elaborate blouses of georgette crepe and velvet combined, as well as crepe de chine and Cantons in suit shades. Priced from



5.50 to 19.95

Second Floor—South

#### Hosiery

Women's Silk Hose—In the well known brands of Onyx, Lehigh and Victor, full fashioned, double soles and high spliced heels; in brown and black; special, 1.95 per pair.  
Silk and Wool Hose—Finest quality in dropstitch pattern, brown and heather shades, 2.40 per pair.  
Women's Silk Hose—Embroidered front and self embroidered cloaks, full fashioned, double soles and high spliced heels. Lehigh make, in black, brown and Russian tan; pair, 2.50

Main Floor—North

#### An Important Body of Men

ONE OF Nebraska's most important organizations is in session in Omaha today. It is the 27th annual meeting of the Nebraska Association of County Commissioners, Supervisors, Highway Commissioners and County Clerks. These men have big interests committed to their care and they are big men, too. All Omaha joins in the welcome to them.

The visitors, together with their wives, their sisters and their sweethearts, are cordially invited to make The Brandeis Store their shopping headquarters. Special arrangements have been made in order that these visitors may enjoy unusual shopping facilities. When they make a tour through the Brandeis Store they will understand what is meant when it is said: "When you buy it at Brandeis you shop in the markets of the world." J. L. BRANDEIS & SONS.

#### Presents for Boys

Boys' Hart Schaffner & Marx Overcoats—Good, warm overcoats made of all wool materials in the Hart Schaffner & Marx way for boys 7 to 18 years, 22.50 to 35.00  
Men's and Boys' Caps—Scotch tweeds and new mixtures as well as plain colors, with or without fur linings—75c to 3.00

Fourth Floor

#### Knit Underwear

Women's Union Suits—Medium weight, well made and properly reinforced for hard wear, in flesh and white. Bodice or regulation top, knee or ankle length. 2.00 and 2.25 values, ea., 1.50

Children's Union Suits—Heavy and medium weight in gray or white cotton, fleece lined. Closed or drop seat, sizes 2 to 16 years. 95c A remarkable value at

Third Floor—Center

#### Men's House Coats Smoking Jackets

Velvet, cloth and silk materials, with silk frog fastening t omatch. A comprehensive showing. Priced

8.95 to 35.00

Fourth Floor

#### Hand-Painted China Cake Plates, Vegetable Bowls 79c

A variety of decorations on Japanese China. A piece of hand-painted china is always a welcome gift, for china service is the housewife's pride. Give one of these beautiful pieces.

Fifth Floor—East

#### Blanket Robes For Men

4.98

100 beautiful Lawrence blanket robes have just arrived. They are so good looking, well tailored in handsome colors with a silk cord girdle to match. Other robes from 6.50 to 40.00 each.



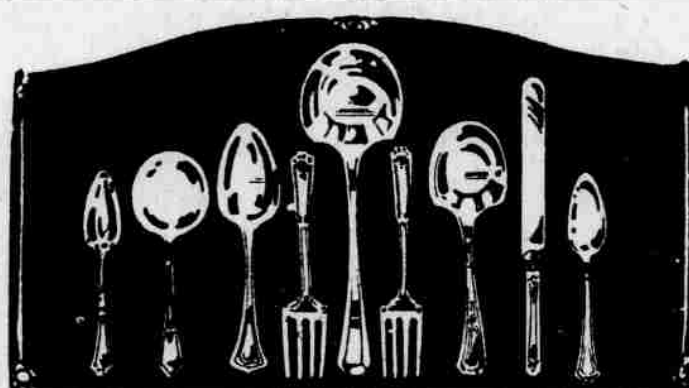
Main Floor—South

#### Christmas Handkerchiefs

Women's Linen Handkerchiefs—Hemstitched, with corners, embroidered in white and colors; in many styles; each 35c  
Men's and Women's Linen Handkerchiefs—Of pure Irish linen, with hemstitched borders in different widths; each 25c  
Men's Linen Handkerchiefs—Good size, all linen hemstitched handkerchiefs, with initials embroidered in the corners; each 35c  
Women's Hand-Made Handkerchiefs—Of pure white linen, hemstitched by hand with hand-embroidered corners; others edged with Venise lace and some Madeira and Philippine hand-embroidered patterns; each \$1

Women's—Have hemstitched borders with embroidered corners in white and colors; three in a Christmas box; will be sold on Bargain Square in four lots—39c, 59c, 75c and 98c

Main Floor—North



#### A Special Sale of Silverware 15c

In this sale you can buy silverware at a mere fraction of its worth. 7,500 perfect pieces in discontinued patterns, tea spoons, dessert spoons, table spoons, cold meat forks, berry spoons, salad forks, ice cream spoons, butter knives, sugar spoons, knives and forks.

Basement—South

#### Specials in Candy

Cream Patties—Assorted flavors, per lb., 29c  
Butter Scotch Patties—Made of pure sweet butter and cane sugar. Special, per pound, 39c  
Pompeian Room—Main Floor—West

#### The Brandeis Store

for Better FURNITURE at Lower Prices and for Cash or Credit

### Romp Through Toyland With Santa Claus

Come for a romp through Toyland with Santa Claus. There's a jolly racket going on up there. Aeroplanes are buzzing and circling about, fast mail trains are racing around their tracks and Mechanos with its pocket size motor is furnishing the power to make about a half dozen machines hum. And when those eight tiny ponies clatter in, it's just great to be there. Be sure and get your ticket, for you may be one of the lucky eight when they are given away. Santa Claus has a private booth where he receives little visitors all day long and holds confidential interviews with every good little girl and boy. Come in and bring with you those grown up children, Mother and Father.

### The Gift That Pleases Ivaleur

Ivaleur is the crowning achievement of an effort to produce a material retaining all the charm and beauty of real ivory by refinement of texture and rich creamy coloring.  
Large Bonnet Mirror—Heavy Ivaleur stock, French bevel mirrors, worth 15.00 each, 7.98  
Hair Brushes—Ivaleur stock, heavy stiff bristles; 10.00 values at, 3.98 to 4.98  
Dressing Combs—Ivaleur stock, 3.00 value, 2.25  
Hair Receivers and Puff Boxes—5.00 value, 2.98  
Hair Receivers and Puff Boxes—Heavy quality, heavy stock, 8.00 value, 3.98  
Drug Dept.—Main Floor—West

### Art Goods

Celluloid Kewpie Dolls—With hand crocheted caps and dresses of wool. Perforated in top of the head for talcum powder use. Each 1.00  
Metal Desk Sets—Copper, brass, verde and silver finish. Five to seven-piece sets, all with desk blotter. Each set 5.00 and 10.00  
Third Floor—West  
Oriental Lacquer Trays—Oblong trays with unique good designs in two sizes. Each 1.50 and 2.00  
Padded Sewing Baskets—Roomy baskets in attractive colors with places for fittings; three sizes. Each 3.00, 4.50 and 6.00  
Third Floor—Center

### Christmas Linens

Asbestos Table Pads—Three-day special, 48 inches round, 7.50  
54 inches round, 8.50  
Small sizes for plates and platters at 25c to 35c  
Imported Bed Spreads—Snowy white satin finish Marseilles spreads. These were purchased to sell at 15.00; now on sale, each, 7.98  
Block Print Scarfs and Lunch Cloths at special prices, 1.69 to 4.00  
Main Floor—West

### Free Cooking School

Every day in our House Furnishings Dept.  
Menu for Wednesday  
10 to 12 A. M.  
Potato Chips Cheese Straws Vegetable Salad  
2 to 4 P. M.  
Peas and Mushrooms Cream Puffs Biscuits  
Mrs. Zimmerman will be in charge.  
Fifth Floor—North

### Housefurnishings

Christmas Tree Lightings—No. 7 size, takes 8 Mazda lamps in different colors in this set. Per set 3.25  
Rattle Nut Bowl—Part of a tree trunk with the bark left on has been used to make this unusual bowl. Complete with picks and cracker, 2.49  
Majestic Electric Heaters—No. 7 size, takes the chill off the room with so little trouble. Special, 8.48  
Electric Toaster—Guaranteed for one year. It holds two slices of bread. Special, at 4.98  
Give Her a Hoover This Christmas. Easy Terms. Plans for demonstration.  
Fifth Floor—West