

IT IS TREMENDOUS

Holiday Trade in City Exceeds That of Any.

LARGEST ON RECORD

Business Houses are Taxed to Utmost Capacity.

It is estimated that the population of the salesman and saleswomen in Wichita yesterday was 2,000 souls.

So far in the Christmas season of 1898 yesterday was the greatest day in Wichita from a commercial standpoint.

The import in this statement lies in the fact that last Saturday there were sold in Wichita more goods than were sold Friday of last year, which was the day before Christmas.

In truth this week, with yesterday and last Saturday as indices of what is coming, will go down in the commercial history of the town, with the ledger to prove it as the greatest week in the city's experience.

As an instance of how restlessly active and all-pervading the Christmas trade is, some of the books yesterday were compelled to announce that they were out of pens and ink and some of the smaller fractional currency.

AT THE BANKS. The banks are busy places this week, but their business, considering as it does "looking" and "checking" is being reduced, in fact, to a matter of rather cold but very exact figures, the banks do not mix much of the exhibitory with their activity, but they are active nevertheless, though they do not have so many extra help.

Naturally deposits are increased, the facility of currency dealing the help and taking, and even shrewdness complete prisoner, but this merely involves the abstracting of the withdrawal from the total. The deposits themselves from across the country and distant more attention, but that work is performed with usual banking calm.

One of the curious experiences of the Wichita banks during Christmas week is the demand for brand new one dollar bills. It seems to be a fact of some dimensions to give the present, brand new one dollar bills. The demand for them is heavy this year.

In talking about this last evening, Charles Carey, of the Bank of Commerce, said: "Last year I was in the banking business and I was taken off my feet by the heavy demand for new one dollar bills. Of course there wasn't one in the bank. But this year I am loaded for them. Half the stock is gone, but I have enough on hand to meet the rush."

THE EXPRESS BUSINESS. In the express offices there is an increase, but up until yesterday it has been seasonal. The Wells Fargo has four extra men and will increase its force through the week. There have been no unusual packages handled through the mail so far in the case of this company.

Incidentally have been known in the office where they have been, and the like have been sent by loving friends, but nothing of the kind this season has transpired. The shipments have not been as heavy as for the periods in previous years. A great many Christmas boxes have been sent. It is wonderful how many Christmas boxes leave Wichita, large boxes containing a little of everything—books, clothing, plum pudding, dolls, toys, shoes, games—everything. The Christmas boxes are destined for distant parts, into homes in mountain fastnesses, in far-removed settlements. None are being shipped to soldiers boys, their parents having gone a couple of weeks ago.

At the office of the Pacific Express company they said that the shipments had not been heavy and ascribed the lightness to the bad Monday and the inability of people to get their shopping and prepare packages for dispatch. Yesterday being a bright day, a rush in this line is expected today. But the increase over regular business is large to the extent that extra men are at work gathering the packages in.

It is an interesting fact learned at both offices that the bulk of packages received in Wichita, about equal that of those sent forth, showing that in matter of weight and size, in the great Christmas gift business, the city plays even.

The express capacity on the trains passing through Wichita is being taxed to the limit. A noteworthy incident of the Christmas season here is the shipment of mistletoe and holly. Holly comes from both Men, Arkansas, on the Pittsburg and Gulf road, and mistletoe only from Noble, on the Santa Fe in Oklahoma. The shipments from Noble are very heavy and extend over the whole Union.

POSTOFFICE ACTIVITY. At the postoffice the activity is marked. The packages are all designs and sizes. The postoffice authorities have been authorized to put on wagons to handle the boxes of Christmas gifts. A glance at the line of Christmas presents, the vast quantities concealed by their wrappers, indicates that a large part of the population here photographs extensively for Christmas remembrances. Thousands of photographs are dispatched and received. But other things, stragglers in the mail, are Christmas cards and by mail cards, fully wrapped and stamped on the handle. Handkerchiefs, containing nothing, are also sent, but fortunately sent only for short distances, such as El Dorado, Wellington and Harper. Boxes of candy are numerous and packages, smelling suspiciously of homemade, candies are also packed. Books are plentiful. A man stands at the receiving window to take packages and offer suggestions against poor wrapping and addresses in lead pencil.

The money order window has an increase of business, while at the stamp window the sale of high denomination stamps, for big packages, is unprecedented. The rush has begun early at the postoffice and will keep up. In the case of the bookshops and like smaller, care is being taken not to agitate some one's Christmas by jamming the racks.

DECORATING THE HOMES. In the last few years Wichita has improved mightily in the matter of holiday decorations. As short a time ago as 1894 it was impossible to see a Christmas wreath in a Wichita window. If it were visible then it would be charged up to some New Yorker who, having located here brought the eastern custom with her and stuck in the front window a holly wreath on the inside and perhaps unkindly interest of her neighbors.

But Wichita has now accepted the custom as her own. Private homes are decorated with evergreen; the holly wreath is seen at the front window, life-sized has a marked price, can be bought ready-made. Mistletoe is hung on the chandelier in the parlor and indoor decorations, after all the pretentious and most distinguished features of the holiday, has come to stay. The flocks handle this part of the mid-winter carnival mostly and are very busy at present.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

The book stalls and the news stands are places of interest. The Christmas magazines, always pretty, show all forms of efforts this year. The old gentleman of the household having issued an edict that no more house slippers go in his case, and the rest of the family being unable to discover anything appropriate, bow to his will that his Christmas shall consist of several good magazines wherein he will find much quiet delight. The immense piles of periodicals, piles stupendous in fact, and the wonder and amazement of people who visit Wichita from the east, have been reduced to bedrock. There are besides many beautiful publications, not magazines—the London Christmas number; the Paris Figure, the most beautiful Christmas number in the world, and the Horse Review and Dramatic Mirror, both very fine, and the usual Christmas Puck and Judge, both inferior this year.

There is no gift greater in its worth than a popular book, one of the great fictionists of the world, or a notable historical work. There are, too, the great handsome productions of the artists, beautiful water colors by the late W. L. Johnson, a Kansas boy by the way, and by Gibson. It is astonishing and gratifying to see how much the intellectual, as evidenced in the sale of books, figures in the holiday.

GLITTER OF DIAMONDS. The jewelry stores, the cap-sheaf of Christmas dazzle and splendor, are bristling with brilliancy in Wichita. The trays of rings, the glint of cut glass and the diamonds, solitary and clustered, make the Wichita jewelry store a fairy palace. The young woman who wants the ring and has been in to look the trays over, and the young man who wants to buy it and is trying to sign a protocol with his own pocket book, who crows in as soon as she is around the corner, are in evidence. There are many beautiful settings in the jewelry stores—things as fresh and new and fascinating as could be found in New York or Paris, grotesque designs, wrought in silver and gold. The jeweler is most often given the honor of the climax in the line of the stocking. And judging from the crowds that were in and out of the stores in Wichita yesterday, the number of "ohs" that will accompany the greedy reach into the long limp garments of the limb will be unusually numerous and extraordinarily justified. Christmas morning, not only in Wichita, but in many of the cities surrounding it, will be a day of the most brilliant, from which so many are coming to buy.

WORLD OF CANDY. Of course the dry goods stores are realms of wonderland, but of them later. The candy stores are gems which no pedestrian can pass. Such immense masses of candy were never seen before. In fact, nothing outside Gulliver's travels could carry one. There is candy, and this is true of the grocery stores as well, in buckets, tins, boxes, hogheads and casks, in kegs. At no period of the city's history, and the limited season, is not excepted, has there been such a display of the saccharine goods of this world. There is enough candy on exhibition in Wichita to give stomach ache to three or four generations. It is banded up in windows, not the heavy gum drop, but the bon bon, the hard candy, the delicate, that must be called confectionery. There is peanut candy in immense slabs, big enough to pave the center of Market street. And the fruit stores, and the grocery stores with them, are dreams of beauty. Pyramids of oranges, raisins, doubly beautiful in boxes of blue ribbon, all things that grow from a beneficent soil in every climate, is exhibited, enhanced and made irresistible to human eyes and tooth by tasteful arrangement. The grocery stores, too, are laden out Christmas dinner, weighing this and that, diving into that box and onto this shelf, busy at their great work of making every stomach full Christmas day with a sleep-inducing repletion.

And, without going authority, the shoe dealers, with their beautiful Christmas displays, for my lady's fine toes and high aristocratic instep, graceful boots for cycling, dancing pumps, and what not are having a lively trade.

The drug stores, too, branching into novelties, have their share of the good things that come with the holiday loosening of purse strings. And the hardware stores, where so much can be found of real use, are having a boom.

AMONG THE TOYS. But the dry goods and toy stores—what a scene of life they are in Wichita. What a jostling and showing. Surely the like was never seen before. Pre-eminently they are spectacularly placed where every one is in a hurry and to no purpose. There is an upper stratum made up of women's heads, faces, showing all grades of anxiety and care, delight, ecstasy and paralyzation. For my lady's fine toes and high aristocratic instep, graceful boots for cycling, dancing pumps, and what not are having a lively trade.

The boys are plainly taken with the warships, some of them really astounding with a mook peril in all life and limb. The boy gun, some of them shooting a rubber ball, are also great favorites and show that the Spanish war has had a military effect tremendous to behold. Toydon has surpassed itself this year. Unlike Fourth of July, with its never-changing crackers and monotonous sky rockets, Toydon keeps up with the time. It is up within the war times as shown in the warships for there are war electric motors. There are wars and wars and will be forever, and the drum is always in season for the good of a nation which will often have to fight. The drums are better than they need to be of useless more numerous and more durable.

Then there are games without number, games which divert the mind and games which practice the eye and arms to skill. And one thing, let it be set up as one of the bad marks of this Christmas, is the crokinole game. Crokinole is a game ten years old. Time was when the crokinole board, a really harmless looking piece of copra, cost \$1.00 and was beyond the reach of but only a few, but loved by everybody. Somebody has knocked the props out from under the crokinole board, or something equally as momentous has happened in the crokinole world, for crokinole boards are now away down, next to nothing, and it is no uncommon sight to see a dozen men tugging crokinole boards home at night.

No such thing as 1898 was ever seen (Continued on Sixth Page.)

LOANED A FRIEND

Myron Cramer Says He Had Money When He Arrived.

NOW HAS CONVULSIONS

Is Confined to a Room Under Doctor's Care.

In convulsive agony and the writhings of an almost maniac, Myron Cramer is confined in a room in the Landis hotel, on East Douglas avenue, where he took a room Monday night. He had registered at the Santa Fe hotel, but did not give his address. After supper he went out into the city, but returned about half past 1 o'clock and requested to be shown to his room. Shortly afterward the proprietor of the hotel was notified by other roomers that the stranger was in trouble and that hideous noises issued from his room.

The proprietor found the fellow in terrible convulsions. Dr. Thomas was summoned and administered opiate, but as soon as one opiate went off the victim would be attacked by another, and all day yesterday he was in the mercy of a hydrophobic foe. Occasionally consciousness would return and he would beg to be tied down with strong ropes, telling Landis that he was subject to these spells and he feared that he might do bodily injury to himself that such nervous spasms are always brought on by excitement and it is thought that young Cramer was robbed and perhaps drugged during the short time he was out in the city. He says he came to the city with \$200 in his pocket, but had spent part of his money to a friend. When awakened in his room he did not have a cent.

A reporter for the Eagle learned that the young man is from Cherryvale, Kan., and that his father has coal mining interests there.

At a late hour last night the muscular spasms of the young fellow attended him, and Dr. Hoskins, who attended him yesterday, says the victim's endurance was wonderful. His brother telegraphed, ordering his medical care of until he could reach here today.

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AT Cash Henderson's

If it were not a secret, we'd like to tell the names of many scores of Wichita ladies who are going to be made happy on Christmas by receiving a nice dress pattern of Black Satin Duchess or Black Peau de Soie. Even the men have learned of the popularity and low prices of these particular fabrics and are calling for them. All we're glad of is that we've enough to supply all, and know that every lady who gets a dress from them will be happy. Prices range on the Peau de Soie, 79c, 99c, \$1.25, \$1.49; and on the Duchess, 75c, 85c, 99c, \$1.24, \$1.49.

Today we offer full size pure white Crochet Bed Spreads, worth \$1.25 each, at 82c.

We keep open store tonight.

119-121 NORTH MAIN.

We Are Doing Something for You All the Time

and this Holiday week we are doing our usual selves.

TOMORROW we will sell Men's Linen Collars at retail for less than other dealers can buy them at wholesale, and all the week we are selling the much sought for Ultra-styled and highly serviceable Worsted-Serge Suits at unheard of little prices.

\$12 Suits reduced to \$9.85

\$16 Suits reduced to \$11.45

\$18 Suits reduced to \$13.35

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S. E. NOYES & CO.

127 to 129 Douglas Avenue, Corner Market.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS

No Tinsel, no Trash, no waste of money. All the articles below have intrinsic value and are offered at very low prices. They will be acceptable presents.

WHITE MARSEILLES QUILTS, very low prices.

WHITE TOILET QUILTS, satin finish.

DAMASK TABLE SETS, hemmed stitch.

DOUBLE DAMASK TOWELS, tied fringes and drawn work.

HANDKERCHIEFS silk initials, Hemstitched, drawn borders, embroidered and lace trimmed, prices ranging from 5c up.

KID GLOVES, in all the new shades. We carry Alexander, the best in the world.

FANS, all styles and colors.

HOSIERY in elegant, fancy plaids and stripes.

POCKETBOOKS, beautiful and durable.

DRESS GOODS in various fabrics and styles; all the new shades and combinations.

FURS, Muffs and Collarettes.

JACKETS, all prices.

CAPES, in Cloth and Plush; all selling at reduced prices.

SILK WAISTS, very stylish.

DRESS SKIRTS, in Silk, Satin, Crepon and other fabrics.

TAILOR MADE SUITS, in the popular colorings; fit perfect.

We have many other articles that would be very much appreciated as CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

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RELIABLE GOODS AND LOW PRICES.

CLOSING OUT SALE

.....AT AUCTION

...STILL CONTINUES...

WE ARE DETERMINED to retire from the RETAIL jewelry business to enter the wholesale trade, and shall continue our closing out sale until the last piece of goods is gone, at any price. During the past two weeks our sales have been very large, and while we are low in some lines we still have a complete assortment of

Diamonds, Watches, Gold Jewelry, Silver Novelties, Leather Goods, Etc.,

Clocks, and a fairly good line of Cut Glass and Silverware. These goods MUST GO. Profit is no object to us. We want to get out of business as soon as possible.

Private sales daily until 2:30 p. m.

Auction sales at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m.

EDWARD VAIL & CO.

CHAS. E. MANOR, Auctioneer.

AT COST!

Everything in our store, including Holiday Goods, Books, Bibles, Gilt Paper, Office Supplies, must be closed out in a few days, as our lease expires in January. Everything goes at cost of less.

Statute for sale.

Smith's Book Store,

124 North Main Street, WICHITA, KAN.

The Daily Eagle Delivered 10c a Week

LOST HER CHILD

White Shopping Mrs. Rouse and Little Boy Become Separated.

Mrs. Wallace Rouse, who resides on Hydraulic avenue, had an unhappy experience while shopping Monday, but is glad it was so stopping.

While mingling with the busy throng on Douglas avenue, accompanied by her little boy, Mrs. Rouse let the child slip away from her. In the excitement wrought upon the little fellow by the many beautiful things in the store, she lost him. Each hunted for the other until Mrs. Rouse became alarmed. No one had seen the child. Finally she decided that the boy, for he was a bright lad, might have started home, so she hastened on her return. At home she found her boy well and hearty, but a little worse for wear.

WELLS-MURPHEY NUPTIALS

Well Known Couple Married at Home of Beide's Parents.

There was a very pretty wedding at the home of Mr. John Murphey, 114 Pannio avenue yesterday at 3 p. m. The parties were Mr. W. H. Wells and Miss Kate L. Murphey; the clergyman, Rev. James A. Lawrence, of the United Presbyterian church. The young couple are well known in the city, Mr. Wells having long been connected with the Eagle, and Miss Murphey a popular young lady of this city. After the ceremony a delightful supper was served.

WAITING FOR COUNCILMEN

To Report Where New Lights are to be Placed.

Mr. Bradley, the engineer who is in the city drafting a plan of the city's alleys and streets with a view of laying out the points where the poles will be placed for the construction of a new electric light system, was seen in the room at the Carey hotel last night and in conversation said: "We will commence work on the new plant at once and are only awaiting the report of the separate councilmen who are now selecting the places where lights are to be placed in their respective wards."

He said that the plans would be completed by the end of the week if the councilmen did their share of the work and hasten the completion of a temporary service for the city's use. He said in the event that the councilmen do not do their share of the work, the old company should cease to be maintained by the city government, Mr. Bradley is a very practical man and has had a large experience in constructing electric plants in all the large cities of both the east and west. He will remain in the city and have full charge of the details of construction unless business of an unusual nature should necessitate his going to some other city, when an experienced man will be left in charge of the work.

GIVES BIRTHDAY PARTY

James Scott Entertains His School-boy Friends.

A happy party was assembled at Post. H. R. Scott's residence yesterday afternoon to celebrate the 21st birthday of Master James Jamin Scott. James was kept in school until the party had all been seated at the dinner table, leaving the chair at the head vacant for him. After dinner all proceeded to enjoy themselves with games and music, under the direction of Misses McEwen, Tucker, Hottel, Hottel, and Mrs. Ernest Rabeck, all of whom are masters of the art of entertainment.

The guests were Brighton Starr, (Miss) Kay, Ray Thompson, Hiram Lewis, Robert H. Hottel, Jerry Parent, Eugene Stanley, Harold McEwen, Walter Rabeck, Ernest Dawson and Powell Champion.

Then there are games without number, games