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Prices good Wednesday and Thursday only.  
 CATSUP—Columbia brand, full 16 oz., high grade, per bottle .....19c  
 KRAUT—new barrel, will be opened tomorrow—per gallon .....25c  
 Special sale on Christmas Carrying Sets—on the hardware side. Also exceptional offers on Roasting Pans, Boy's Wagons, Pocket Knives, Razors, etc.  
 CANDY—Do not forget we will carry an exceptionally fine stock of candy to be sold at low prices, bought direct from manufacturers.

CANNED PEAS—Winning Star Brand—100 cans. Labels slightly damaged by water, on sale this week at 7c per can while they last. Limit of 10 to a customer.

**SOAP**

10 bars Flake White soap 40c  
 10 bars White Russian 35c  
 10 bars Bob White .....43c  
 10 bars Lenox .....32c  
 10 bars P. & G. Naptha 47c  
 10 bars Electric Spark .....37c  
 10 bars White Flyer .....37c  
 10 bars Bloms .....32c  
 10 bars Lautz Gloss .....31c  
 10 bars Rub-No-More .....47c  
 10 bars Ben Hur .....40c  
 10 bars Pels Naptha .....47c  
 7 Kitchen Kleanser .....27c  
 And with every order of 10 bars of laundry soap, we give one bar of toilet soap free—Wednesday and Thursday only.

**SYRUP**

Special for two days only.  
 No. 5 Blue Karo or Hubinger .....20c  
 No. 5 Red Karo or Hubinger .....23c  
 No. 10 Blue Karo or Hubinger .....40c  
 No. 10 Red Karo or Hubinger .....44c  
 Ask for special on Maple Syrup.



**Daily Stock Letter.**

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NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The sharp downward reaction in the price of stocks which began almost immediately after the opening today, put into tangible shape the feeling which Wall Street itself was rather generally expressing, yesterday—that the result of Saturday and Monday had been rather impulsive in character.

Today's declines were chiefly in the line of speculative readjustment and therefore had the less bearing on the larger test of the economic situation. A few stocks, among them steel common which was re-admitted today to open trading, sold down to the July 26th price or slightly lower. As to this, however, it is to be observed, first, that there are some incorporated enterprises which developments of trade have been specifically unfavorable since mid-summer and second, that the general run of stocks, despite today's reaction, remained at prices substantially above the July closing.

**Lessening the Shock.**

A Cleveland surgeon is said to have found a way to rob surgical operations of the shock. A good way would be to break it gently to the patient that the regular fee would be cut in half.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Pigeon Stopped Clock.**

A pigeon flew against the face of the Ipswich (England) town hall clock and was caught between the minute hand and the dial. The clock was stopped for an hour until the bird was liberated.

**VISITING NURSE WORK DESCRIBED**

Factory Nursing and General Scope of Work is Told at Banquet Tended by Wholesalers and Manufacturers.

**WORK FOR HUMANITY**

This is Nurse's Creed and is Carried Out With No Thought of Reward or Fees.

The board of directors of the Visiting Nurse association entertained the manufacturers and wholesale merchants at a 7 o'clock dinner last night in the cafe of the Y. W. C. A. The guests, the directors and the nurses were seated at one long table, which had for a centerpiece a large Japanese basket of fruit, with a bow of red ribbon on the handle. A turkey dinner was served. Mrs. C. M. Rich, president of the Visiting Nurse association, presided for the after dinner talks. She expressed the appreciation of the association for the aid which had been given during the year to the public health nursing and explained that the meeting was called to report what the nurses had tried to do in return for the co-operation and support given during the past year.

"Too much cannot be said in praise of the work Miss Habenicht has done for us," Mrs. Rich said. "The secret of it is that she has never let the thought of time or salary come into her work. Those of you who employ labor appreciate that those who never do any more than they are paid for, never get paid for any more than they do. Her only thought has been of how much she could do for her patients and for the public health of the city. That her influence is felt is shown by the old lady in her home who could not be managed by the family but waited for the visit of the nurse to settle all vexing questions; and by the kindergarten child who climbs up into her lap and puts out his tongue without being asked; and the coal driver who takes off his hat and bows his best bow to the nurse with the long black coat and the black hat.

**Need of Four Nurses.**

"At first we feared we might not be able to serve the whole population of Keokuk, both the colored people and the white. But there is no problem about it and the nurses have given help and aid to all alike. Miss Brown has been with us a year and specializing on the baby work, and yet doing general district work, she has been both conscientious and successful.

"Miss Alexander has been with us for a month as a permanent nurse and has shown the greatest aptitude in the school work as well as in the district work. Miss Maloney has been with us for two weeks as a substitute nurse, doing good work. Our work has grown so that we need four nurses in the various departments. We are especially anxious that the factory nursing shall have proper attention, and to this feature of our work we are to give prominence tonight."

Miss Buck, the treasurer, then reported that from January 1 to December 1 of this year, the manufacturers and wholesalers had contributed \$707 to the association.

**Miss Habenicht's Talk.**

Miss Habenicht, the superintendent of nurses, said in part: "On February 3, 1913, the first visit was made by the visiting nurse in Keokuk, in a house boat, a visit to a sick child; many adults have been visited, but as the work has grown the care and the health of the child has been the dominant note working through the child for the future health and welfare of this city as well to better present conditions. "During the year 531 patients have been cared for, 53 of which were maternity cases, 79 babies, 31 patients to whom prenatal calls were made, and 26 calls to patients in the interest of our social service work. Of these 531 patients, 128 were paid for by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., 36 paid individually, and part of the remaining 369 were paid for by manufacturers and wholesalers, who furnished their service for their employees as part compensation for their work, and to increase their efficiency for

work by promoting their health and that of their families.

**Fees According to Means.**

"Very many cases were free cases, as nursing the poor and dependent people in their homes is the prime object of the V. N. A. No case has ever been refused attention. The nurses have never set a price on their service but have taken for the association whatever the patient felt able to pay. The price set by V. N. A. everywhere, for those who are abundantly able to pay, is fifty cents. We have explained that to our patients who wished to pay the full price. In many cases only car fare has been received and in very many cases no fee, because of the illness of the wage earner rendered it impossible for him to pay.

"The plan in the factory nursing has been to call some one of the firm at regular intervals, usually Monday morning, and inquire if any employees are detained at home by illness, then to visit those patients and help them to be able to return to work at the earliest time possible. If the employee is absent because of sickness in the family the nurse cares for the case, enabling him to return to work. In every case the service has been appreciated by the employe. When we go into a home, we inquire where the wage earner is employed. If the employe is on our list of contributors we explain that the nursing service is paid for by the firm and the employe is usually both surprised and pleased. We want the business men to feel perfectly free to call the nurses if those in their employ are ill, that is what we are here for. We hope that eventually this work will not be supported as philanthropy alone, but will be recognized as a public need just as public education is considered a public need."

**The Infant Work.**

Miss Brown spoke of the infant welfare work done by the association, saying it has for the object the making of stronger, healthier, more efficient men and women for the next generation. She said: "History shows that the infant welfare work began soon after the closing of the Garden of Eden. King Herod long ago had much to do with infant mortality in Palestine. So you see our work is old in time but the methods have changed."

Miss Brown spoke of the seventy-nine babies, which have been under the care of the visiting nurses since birth. Of these only one baby has died and that from an acute disease, pneumonia. These babies are visited once every month and they come once a month to the mother's meetings so the nurses see them twice a month. If they are any of them ill they are given closest attention and care. Miss Brown spoke of the hope they have of establishing a regular clinic where the babies may be regularly examined and weighed and the most scientific tests made of their condition and growth.

At the close of these reports, remarks were made by Asaph Buck, A. B. Matless, C. F. McFarland, Leonard Matless, C. R. Joy and C. M. Rich, speaking in appreciation of the public health work done by the nurses.

**DECISIVE MEASURES URGED BY BLISS**

General on Duty at Border, Says a Cannon Ball Should Be Fired into Mexico.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Only the adoption of decisive measures will end the shooting across the border at Naco, Ariz. This is the substance of a report received today from General Bliss, on duty there, transmitted to the war department.

The state department has been so informed, but up to the present it has declined to issue the orders which will turn the American artillery against the Mexican trenches. Secretary Bryan is still endeavoring to force Provisional President Gutierrez to order the withdrawal of the Maytorena forces from their position facing Naco.

There is not the slightest doubt that most of the bullets which have killed or wounded half a hundred persons on American soil in the last seven weeks have been fired by the troops under Governor Maytorena of Sonora who is endeavoring to crush the Carranzista forces under General Hill. Army officers believe firmly that a volley from the American artillery, posted at Naco, would end all of the trouble. But until Secretary Bryan gives the word, General Bliss' troops must remain impotent.

The president and most of his advisors take the position that firing on the Mexicans under existing circumstances would not be either an act of war or an act of reprisal. Secretary Bryan held that view, when the original orders were issued for General Bliss to "stand no more fooliness," but later he began to waver and the orders were held up. He is now "investigating" while the meanwhile the army awaits orders.

**Had Experience.**

Manager—"The critics say that in the play 'A Wronged Wife' you do not exhibit enough emotion when your husband leaves you, never to return." Popular Actress—"Oh, I don't, don't I? Well, I've had two or three husbands leave me, never to return, and I guess I know as much about how to act in those circumstances as anybody."

**ORDER IS ISSUED TO CLOSE STREET**

Commissioner Collins Announces This Afternoon That Blondeau Street Will be Made Safe Place on Christmas.

**FOLLOWS SUGGESTION**

Autos Will be Kept Out of Both Street and Alley and Only Mail Wagon Can Go Through.

Blondeau street from Sixth to Seventh street, and the alley between Main and Blondeau streets will be closed to automobiles on the night of December 25, when the Christmas tree exercises are held on the government lawn. Commissioner J. A. M. Collins, head of the public safety department, this afternoon informed The Gate City that he had issued the necessary orders to the police department.

Police officers will be stationed at the corners at Sixth and Seventh streets. The entrances to the street and the alley will be barred by ropes. When the mail wagon approaches, the bars will be lifted to allow it to pass. But the U. S. mail wagon will be the only vehicle allowed to pass the police lines that night.

Mr. Collins said this afternoon that his order had been issued to the police department, and that there would be no trouble in keeping the streets closed Christmas night during the tree exercises.

The suggestion that Blondeau street be blocked was made to The Gate City Sunday. The matter was taken up informally with the commissioner and with the club women interested.

**The Verdict of His Neighbors.**

New York Herald: Boles Penrose has been "copy" for magazine muckrakers and target for attack by all stripes of reformers ever since he fell heir to the leadership so long held by Matthew Stanley Quay. Every sin against the moral code of politics, if there is such a code, is laid at his door. During this year's campaign the attacks upon him have been especially virulent and vitriolic. Mr. Roosevelt contributed his full share. President Wilson contributed to the support of Mr. Penrose's democratic opponent all the power of the national administration. Yet Penrose won by a plurality that under any conditions would be regarded stupendous. Isn't it rather difficult to believe that an overwhelming majority of republicans in the primary, and a large plurality of Pennsylvania's voters in the election, would have given their support to Penrose if they thought the things charged against him were true?

**Don't think that plies can't be cured.**

Thousands of obstinate cases have been cured by Doan's Ointment. 50 cents at any drug store.—Advertisement.

**SCANDINAVIAN CONFERENCE.**

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] STOCKHOLM, Dec. 15.—King Gustav of Sweden, King Haakon of Norway and King Frederick of Denmark, will meet at Malmö, Friday for a conference during which difficulties growing out of the European war will be discussed. The foreign ministers of the respective countries will also take part in the conference. The chief subjects which the three monarchs will discuss will include measures to be adopted for the maintenance of neutrality and economic difficulties, due particularly to Germany's confiscation of neutral shipping and mine laying.

**AN OLD RECIPE TO DARKEN HAIR**

Sage Tea and Sulphur Turns Gray, Faded Hair Dark and Glossy.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You will get a large bottle for about 50 cents. Everyone uses this old, famous recipe, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger.

**Random Sketches**

**Looking Backward.**  
 It is oftentimes pleasant as well as instructive to wander in a random way through the dead past among old newspapers and old scrap books, the silent chronicles of a period that is gone.

This morning was experienced just such a random wandering when in a half reverie our hands fell upon a copy of the New Orleans Daily Picayune dated July 10, 1863. The period was that of the great civil war and war was uppermost in the minds of all the people of this country just as it is today, growing out of the deadly conflict now being waged in foreign lands across the broad Atlantic ocean. There is much discussion and diverse opinion as to the cause which led up to it and the objects of continuing it at the loss of so many lives and so much suffering in the several countries involved. Under the head of "Progress of Absolutism in Prussia," quotes from the Liverpool, England, Mercury which said:

"There can now be no hesitation in declaring that the king of Prussia, having violated the constitution which he had sworn to uphold, has set up an absolute monarch, ruling by divine right. He has turned his parliament adrift on a paltry pretext, and now in the natural order of events, he has commenced in downright earnest the task of extinguishing every independent newspaper. Journalists have for some time had but a sorry and anxious life in Prussia; but their troubles will soon be at an end. The king and his ministers, in order that they may henceforth be exempt from all criticism, have issued a decree empowering the authorities, after two warnings, to prohibit the publication of any newspaper, whose attitude is on the whole dangerous to the public welfare—that is hostile to the military despotism which crack-brained old men have established over a patient and loyal people."

As straws show which way the wind is blowing, so the clipped straw from the old British journal, regarding the government, may be an ominous whisper of what might have been expected at this distant day.

**CHRISTMAS CLUB IN SPOKANE, WASH.**

Members Will Have \$35,000 to Spend on Santa Claus This Month.

[Special to The Gate City.] SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 15.—Approximately \$35,000 in Christmas spending money will be released in the next ten days by two Spokane banks to more than 1,000 forehanded persons who have been banking their pennies for twelve months that they might be prepared to play the role of Santa Claus this month.

The sum represents the 5, 10, 25 and 50 cent pieces deposited weekly by members of the Christmas savings clubs of the Fidelity National bank and the Spokane and Eastern Trust company. "Not only will these special deposits mean that hundreds of people will get Christmas remembrances who might otherwise have found empty stockings December 25," remarked R. L. Rutter, vice president of the Spokane and Eastern Trust company, "but I am confident that an appreciable number of men and women are getting their start on the road to saving money as a result of these clubs. Bankers will do well to encourage the system."

**ALUM BAKING POWDERS ARE DECLARED NOT TO BE HARMFUL**

Department of Agriculture Experts Come to Unanimous Decision on the Matter.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Alum baking powders are no more harmful to a person than any other baking powders.

Such is the conclusion announced recently of the referee board of consulting scientific experts of the department of agriculture as the result of experiments to determine the influence of aluminum compounds on the nutrition and health of man. The report gives the results of three sets of extensive experiments on human subjects conducted independently by members of the board and was in response to questions put to it by the department of agriculture. The board's report was unanimous and was signed by Ira Remsen, president of John Hopkins university, chairman; Russell H. Crittendon, professor of physiological chemistry in Yale university and director of the Sheffield Scientific school; John H. Long, professor of chemistry in Northwestern university; Alonzo E. Taylor, professor of physiological chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania, and Theobald Smith, professor of comparative pathology in Harvard.

**Wing Fame as Poet.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Praised by Ruskin, Gosse and Swinburne for verse written while he was in his teens, Scharmei White, once a hustling newsie, is doing literary hack work, teaching Italian and fingering happily today "Lyrics of a Lad," his first book, and what is said to be the first book of verse by an Italian published in English in this country. Iris was a newsie when Ruskin, the great English critic, praised his verse. When he was thirteen the poet Swin-

**AYRES & CHAPMAN**

Jewelers—Silversmiths—Diamond Importers Society Stationers

**Christmas Special—Silver Toilet Sets**

Stiffened silver Comb, Brush and Mirror sets in cases, wearing qualities permanently guaranteed, engraved or fancy patterns, extra quality—Value \$7.50 per set—Wednesday only, your choice .....\$5.00

**For Thursday—Christmas Rosaries**

Stone set rosaries, imported from Italy for the holiday season. These rosaries are the finest gold filled quality and the stones, Topaz, Ruby, Garnet, etc., are full cut—a 20 year guaranteed quality, a full \$4.00 value—Thursday only .....\$2.00  
 Store open every night until Christmas.

**Christmas Trees**

Just Received Direct from the

**Wisconsin Woods**

A large shipment of evergreen, swamp, spruce trees in various sizes.

These trees are firmly branched and extra heavy, and being freshly cut, are bright and green. Why buy withered and dried out trees that lose their needles when a fresh one costs no more? Select your tree and let us keep it for you until it is wanted. The early comers have first choice and will get the finest trees.

**HOLLY**

We have some of the finest Delaware Holly ever brought to Keokuk. Fine, glossy green leaves and full of bright red berries. We will wrap up your order and keep it. Our Holly Wreaths and ground pine wreathing are especially fine. Don't delay long in getting what you want.

**C. H. WOLFE**

723 Main

**The Blue Bird Is Here THAT IS BLUE BIRD CHINA**

You better come and see it. It is one of the newest and prettiest decorations that we have ever shown. Children's dinner sets, plates, salads, sugar and creams, compotes, bonbons, hair receivers, pin boxes, tea sets, chess sets, tea cups, spoon trays, mayonnaise sets and dresser sets.

**The Quality Store Is the Place**

**Linquist Bros.**

518 Main Street

**burne wrote to a New York paper a tribute to his verse. Yet in spite of this recognition Iris continued as a factory worker. He is now twenty-five years old, and so far as finances are concerned, a literary hack, but his book is on sale and Iris is happy.**

"It will rebound to the credit of my dear Italy," he says.

**DIGGING BODIES OUT OF RUINS**

Two Story Brick Building Caved In, Burying Inmates and Killing Nine.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 15.—A squad of police working with shovels, at 9 a. m. today unearthed the bodies of Mrs. Annie Haner, 35, and her son Tony, 7, making a total of nine dead in the terrific explosion that wrecked a two-story brick store and apartment building at 1151 Madison avenue. Nine others are injured, some probably fatally. Three separate investigations were on today to determine the cause of the blast that without warning caved

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A large bottle of olive oil ..... 30c  
 English walnuts, per lb. .... 15c  
 Fine Christmas candles ..... 10c up  
 Mixed nuts, per lb. .... 17c  
 Fine Bottled olives ..... 10c up  
 Nice sweet oranges, doz. .... 20c  
 Nice Malaga grapes, per lb. .... 15c  
 Lemons, bright and juicy, per doz. 15c  
 Turkeys, chickens, ducks, oysters and geese, and everything for the Christmas table, at reduced prices.  
 Phone Black-628.  
 216 N. 11th street. 11th and High. W. K. HODGE.

four walls into a heap of debris in the basement. That escaping gas was responsible is a leading theory. The dead are: Mrs. Lena Platka, 25, and her four small children; Anna Haner, 35, and her two children, and Mary Engst, aged 4.  
 Doan's Regulents cure constipation without griping, nausea, nor any weakening effect. Ask your druggist for them. 25 cents per box.—Advertisement.