

Do your Xmas buying at a store you have Confidence in.



Hundreds of practical and appropriate articles for Christmas Gifts.

Christmas Sale Silk Hosiery

A notable offering of women's highest grade

"Onyx" Silk Hosiery

This sale will be remarkable for three reasons:

- First—The high quality.
- Second—The broad range of styles.
- Third—The remarkable low prices.

Ladies' black silk hose, with linen heel, toe and garter top, per pair

50c

Ladies' silk hose, with linen heel, sole and toe, full range of colors,

\$1.00

Ladies' black silk hose, neatly embroidered as shown in this illustration, per pair,

\$1.25

Extra heavy quality of black hose, \$1.50 and \$2.00 Men's silk socks, with linen heel, toe and ribbed top, in black, gray, lavender and navy, per pair,

50c

Men's heavy quality silk socks, per pair,

\$1.00



Special Holiday SALE of Auto Veils and Silk Scarfs

Ladies' chiffon auto-veils, two yards long, hemstitched on three sides, in white and colors,

50c

Other Styles at \$1.00 up to \$3.50.

Hemstitched Silk Scarfs, two yards, in white and colors,

75c

Ladies' two-yard Scarfs, with floral and Persian borders, also plain silk crepe, a handsome collection to select from, at

\$1 and \$1.25

Other finer qualities at \$2.00 up to \$9.75



VISIT THIS STORE OFTEN.



Ottumwa's Big Ready-to-Wear Store.

Have your suit or overcoat tailored to order.

\$15

Stern & Stern

New Era Tailors
129 East Second street.

WEIGH THE MAIL BEFORE SENDING

POSTMASTER F. A. NIMOCKS REQUESTS PUBLIC TO ASSIST DURING HOLIDAYS.

CLERK IN LOBBY

Man Will Be Stationed Outside of Office to Give Patrons Weight of Packages Before Dropping in Repository.

Better register your mail from now until the holidays are over and thus save yourself and others a little possible grief. Not that the postal authorities are to become careless during the heavy rush of business with which the mails have always been laden during the Yuletide, but on the contrary that they are making every effort possible to avoid carelessness. This carelessness is on the part of the public as a rule and its commission is so easy to happen that it rarely is noticed by the average person. Notwithstanding the fact that the postoffice department has for years, insisted on the people when using the mails to observe certain rules that will not alone expedite delivery but insure safety as well, there is continually happening cases where mail goes astray. The failure of mail to reach its destination is through the fault of the patrons of the postoffice to regard the rules laid down. It is easy to see how special measures have to be taken to prepare for the holiday rush, and for the coming Yuletide Postmaster Nimocks has made certain requests upon the public which will insure the best service for patrons that is obtainable. The letter of Postmaster Nimocks follows:

Weigh Your Mail.

To patrons of the postoffice: Last year during the holiday week, this office handled in the neighborhood of twelve thousand packages, beside the ordinary mail which is very heavy during the winter.

On account of the care of the patrons to have their packages properly weighed and tied up before mailing them, we had very few complaints of lost packages from the holiday season.

I want to again ask those persons who are sending packages this year to be very careful to see that they are well tied, weighed and properly rated up before being dropped in the postoffice. We expect to have a clerk stationed in the lobby in the front of the office, to weigh out all packages, so that the patrons will know just what amount of postage is necessary. We do this for the reason that if a package is dropped into the office not fully paid up, we cannot even start it toward its destination, but must hold it and write to the party addressed on the package and ask them to send us the additional amount of postage necessary to pay for its transportation. We know you do not want the person addressed to pay this, therefore, we are notifying you in this way and are also making arrangements to help you in weighing out your packages. We are going to extend to you every courtesy possible in helping you and we ask that you in turn be very careful to see that all packages are weighed and properly stamped before dropping them into the postoffice.

Where any package is worth in the neighborhood of a dollar or more, should by all means be registered, as this insures its delivery and indemnifies you in case of a loss. There is no way to trace an ordinary package and your only safe course is to register.

Respectfully,
Frank A. Nimocks, Postmaster.

WEBBER FAVORS A STATE BUREAU

SENATOR ELECT BELIEVES IOWA SHOULD ADVERTISE TO INCREASE POPULATION.

Senator-elect John F. Webber of this city is in favor of a state publicity bureau to advertise the Hawkeye state. Following an inquiry from a Des Moines paper on the question, "What do you think about the advisability of a state publicity bureau?" Mr. Webber answered in the affirmative. Inquiries were sent to 158 members of the next legislature and of this number twelve answered in the affirmative, two in the negative, thirty-eight declined to state their view, wanting time to investigate the matter, while the others refused to answer the inquiries.

On the basis of the replies received, indications are that the proposition is favorably looked upon by the new legislation. The recent census records show that Iowa is the only state which lost in population.

Two reasons have been assigned for this in the general discussion of the cause for this unfavorable showing by Iowa. One is the land hunger of the people. The advocates of a publicity bureau say "give us a publicity bureau

Your Ideas And Ours On The Piano Question

Your idea of buying a Piano is to get the Best Piano you can for the least amount of money. OUR idea is to give you the biggest values we can for every dollar you invest with us. NO MAN OR FIRM CAN DO MORE, WHATEVER THEIR CLAIMS.

We substantiate every statement we make with FACTS—not claims. If you will insist upon facts, and not the claims of Piano men, you will see why our proposition MUST appeal to YOU.

It Is Your Money That Is Being Paid Out For The Piano You Buy. Insist Upon Knowing The Truth About That Piano

Below are four Pianos that are tried and true, and you cannot go wrong in choosing one of them for your own. Thousands of satisfied customers will testify to their many merits. THE PRICE is the same to EVERYONE, and is shown below. WHY SHOULD YOU PAY LESS OR MORE FOR YOUR PIANO, IF THE SAME KIND AND STYLE, THAN YOUR NEIGHBOR? YOUR MONEY IS JUST AS GOOD AS HIS, BUT NO BETTER.

FIX THE NAMES OF THESE PIANOS IN YOUR MIND—THEN COME DOWN TO THE GUEST PIANO CO., AND INVESTIGATE THEM. IT IS TO YOUR OWN INTEREST, AND TO YOUR POCKETBOOK'S INTEREST TO DO SO.



Chickering & Sons

The acme in Piano making—the Piano known to artists the world over as the nearest to perfection of any Piano made. The tone, construction, case, durability—everything in its makeup are the best it is possible to get. When you have the best, you can get no better; therefore if you wish the best and are willing to pay for it—buy a

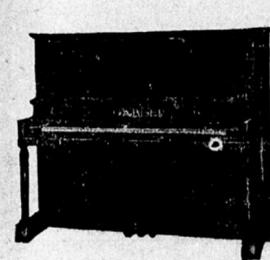
CHICKERING & SONS.
Prices—Uprights . . . \$500 up
Grands \$650 up



The Packard

For thirty-seven years we have carried the Packard, and the satisfied customers who are using them are their best recommendation. We want you to see the really elegant construction in one of these instruments. The tone is all Packard, and once heard you will not marvel why these Pianos are spoken of as among the leading Pianos made today. Hear and try one of these Pianos at our ware room.

Prices \$380 up



Gabler

The Piano that has never failed to give satisfaction. This is a broad statement but a true one. Our Gabler invariably gives satisfaction. Since the year 1854 we have carried these famous instruments. The tone is superb, the action all that can be desired. The price very reasonable for a really high class Piano. See the Gabler.

Prices \$375 up



Brewster

If you are looking for a bargain we call your attention to the Brewster. We buy this Piano for five stores, and three carloads at a time. We buy them cheap for this reason, and we give you the benefit of this. The Brewster has full metal plate, bushed tuning pins, veneered pin block, beautiful case, elegant tone, and is the biggest bargain at the price you can get. Remember the Brewster.

Prices \$210 up

R. B. TOWNSEND, Mgr.
EST. 1854. 227 East Main St.

Guest Piano Co.

STORES—Ottumwa, Burlington, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Quincy, Ill

THE BEST PLACE TO BUY A PIANO

Cramblit & Poling

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132 EAST MAIN

A Word to Christmas Shoppers

If you are looking for a present for him —We are showing a big line of Men's Furnishings, such as Shirts, Ties, Mufflers, Gloves, Fancy Vests, Suit Cases, Fur Caps, Traveling Bags, Collar Bags. In Fact Every Thing for Men and Boys.



We also have the celebrated Interwoven Hose in Holiday boxes, four pairs, assorted colors \$1.00. A big line of Silk Hose, all colors. Let us make buying easy for you by helping you select your presents for him.



and we will show the people of the world how their land hunger can be satisfied by coming to Iowa where there is the greatest farming land in the world." This, say these publicity bureau advocates, could be set forth through a publicity bureau as in no other way.

The second cause assigned for Iowa's unpleasant position as the one state which failed to go forward in population is the glowing advertisements of other states which have caught the fancy of Iowans. The advocates of the publicity bureau say "give us a publicity bureau and we will show our own people that Iowa is, as a matter of fact, a better state in which to live than any state which is so thoroughly advertised."

DEATHS.

HECKART—Sunday, December 4, 1910 at 2 a. m., at the parental home on Quincy avenue, Opal Irene Heckart, the 7-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Heckart.

Funeral services were held from the Ormanville church this afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Gray of the Church of Christ conducting the services. Interment was made in the Ormanville cemetery.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. Elor Fleming, who died Friday at the family home, 109 1/2 South Adella street, was held from the residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. S. Isaac Elder of the Davis Street Christian church, conducted the services. The remains were interred in the Shaul cemetery.

MR. AND MRS. WACHTLER TO ENTERTAIN SOCIETY.

The St. Patrick's Aid society will be entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wachtler 302 Chester avenue. The meeting will be held in the evening so all the gentlemen may come. It is desired that a large attendance be out.

NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE HONORED.

A jolly crowd of young people were entertained at the E. B. Sutton home, 553 West Second street, Friday night, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sutton, who were recently married. The parents of Mr. Sutton planned the party, which was a surprise to their son and

his bride. Thirty-five guests were present.

TO PASTOR AND FAMILY.

The members of the German Lutheran church will give a reception next Wednesday evening from 7:30 until 10 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. A. Freitag, 608 North Court street, in honor of Rev. J. Haefner and family, who leave Wednesday night for Muscatine. The congregation and friends of the minister and family are cordially invited.

BLADENSBURG.

Quite a number of people from here attended the meeting at Agency last week. Alfred Reynolds of Illinois, is visiting at the home of Lessie Yeager. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peckham, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Whitney, a daughter. Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Yeager a daughter. Will Yeager and Willis Blanchard

delivered hogs in Ottumwa last week. John Carmen in visiting friends and relatives in Des Moines. Roy McCaw was married last week in Illinois. Guy Hanna delivered a fine Poland China hog in Ottumwa Thursday. Karl Wymore of this place is visiting friends near Blakesburg. Most of the farmers of this vicinity are through husking corn. It was of a very good quality. Mr. and Mrs. Will Wise, Mrs. G. R. Giltner and Miss Johnson visited at the home of John Yeager Thursday afternoon.