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I am showing the finest line of holiday goods suitable for Christmas presents to be found in Southern Iowa.

COME IN AND SEE THE BIG DISPLAY.

You Can Find Just the Present You Want, Whether It Costs Little or Big Money

SOME XMAS SUGGESTIONS

Jewelry

Watches, Chains, Charms, Rings, Stick Pins, Cuff Buttons, Silverware, Clocks.

Haviland China

An elaborate showing of China, Plates, Cups, Pitchers, Dishes, etc. A big line of the very latest designs of the finest Cut Glass.

Leather Goods

A complete line of Dressing Cases, Purses, Novelties, Toilet Sets, etc. Hammered Brass and many other novelties at all prices.

Toys

This store is headquarters for toys of all kinds. Everything for the children. Don't forget to make them happy this year.

Books, Etc.

A big line of the latest standard books, fancy bindings, box stationery, etc. Pictorial books and booklets for the little ones.

A NEW LINE OF GOLD HEADED UMBRELLAS AND CANES, FOUNTAIN PENS, PLAIN, GOLD AND SILVER TRIMMED.

J. R. BASHAW'S HOLIDAY EMPORIUM AND TOY CENTER

Notice of Appointment of Administrator.

In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Decatur County. In probate. In the matter of the estate of Matilda Butcher, deceased. To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and qualified as Administrator of the estate of Matilda Butcher, late of Decatur County, Iowa, deceased. All persons in any manner indebted to said deceased or her estate will make payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against said deceased or her estate will present them in manner and form as by law required, for allowance and payment. Dated this 14th day of December, A. D. 1911. THOMAS BUTCHER, 18-3t Administrator of said estate.

REPORTER FOR SALE BILLS.

DOWN AT WASHINGTON

Interesting Notes from the National Capital by G. A. Wood, Special Reporter Correspondent.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 18, 1911. Woman pursues man and then sues him—for alimony. Congress will adjourn for the holiday recess from December 22 to January 2. A colored "washlady" of Washington, when informed that her employer was from Iowa, exclaimed, "Ah done thought you-all was a foreigner!" The owner of a lost or stolen United States coupon bond can not realize on it except by special act of Congress, according to a decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury. If Edison develops his concrete furniture idea, the man who wants to show his independence by smashing things at home will have to carry a sledge hammer. All of us ought to take a rap at the beef trust by tearing a leaf from the book of the vegetarian who beat his meat-eating brother in a coast-to-coast walking match. The automatic burglar alarm at the Treasury has been out of order lately, going off at unexpected times and bringing visions of raiders to the minds of the officials. The alarm system is probably aware of the fact that congressional "stick-up" men are due about this time of year. After a determined opposition, the Sherwood dollar-a-day pension bill passed the house Tuesday night by a vote of 228 to 92. This measure will add about \$45,000,000 to the annual expenditures of the government by granting increased pensions to civil and Mexican war veterans on the basis of length of service. The President now has in his hands the report of the tariff board on wool. This report will be the basis for his tariff message to Congress. The board has been at work for more than a year on the wool schedule and has engaged the services of experts in wool growing and manufacture to investigate the cost of production at home and abroad. Agreement between the interested parties to bring the Lorimer investigation to a speedy close has been announced by Chairman Dillingham of the committee. The arrangement is to call a few witnesses for the defense and when they have been disposed of Lorimer himself is to take the stand, and it is probable that he will be the last witness. Twenty-one boys from Southern states have been enjoying the sights of the National Capital during the past week as a reward for their industry in raising banner crops of corn. Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, presented each of the boys with a diploma in recognition of their good work in the advancement of scientific agriculture, and they will also be presented to President Taft. A marked change in the judicial system of the country will take place

January 1, when the United States Circuit courts will go out of existence. There are 77 of these courts, meeting at 276 different places. The 29 judges involved will continue to sit in the circuit courts of appeal and help out the district courts. The circuit court clerks, however, will lose their jobs, the offices being abolished. This change is one of the reforms included in the new judicial code. "Tuberculosis" is the title of a Bulletin just issued by the department of Agriculture. This is a plain statement of facts regarding the disease, prepared especially for farmers and others interested in live stock by the International Commission of the American Veterinary Medical Association on the Control of Bovine Tuberculosis. Another publication of interest to rural readers of the Reporter just issued by the department is entitled "The Use of Paint on the Farm." Charles Baldwin, 24 years old, a soldier stationed at Fort Hunt, near Washington, was arrested this week by the police, accused of having murdered his sweetheart, May Miller, in Dubuque, Iowa, three years ago, and with having shot Ada Miller, formerly of Dubuque, but now living in this city. Confronted with his record the man confessed both crimes. According to Baldwin's story, he entered the navy under an assumed name, after escaping from Dubuque, but was discharged, and then enlisted in the coast artillery and came to Fort Hunt. Strong representations are being made to President Taft looking to the appointment of Judge Horace Deemer, of the Iowa Supreme bench, to the United States Supreme Court. During the past week a delegation of prominent Iowans called upon the President to urge the nomination. The party consisted of Senator Cummins, Congressmen Hubbard and Green, Attorney General C. W. Mullin, former Congressman Wade, Joseph R. Lane, Col. C. G. Saunders, and Director of the Mint, George E. Roberts. In connection with the report of the findings of the Vreeland board that the destruction of the Maine was caused primarily by an external explosion, a despatch from Bedford, Iowa, to the effect that A. C. Brice, of that town, formerly consul at Mantanzas, Cuba, had made the statement that he was warned of the impending danger two days in advance, stirred up considerable adverse comment at the State and Navy departments. Admiral Wainwright, who was executive officer of the Maine when the ship was destroyed, denied emphatically that any such warning reached him, and Assistant Secretary of State Wilson stated that there was nothing in the papers and records of that department to show that any hint of the catastrophe was ever received. "Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is the best remedy for that often fatal disease—croup. Has been used with success in our family for eight years."—Mrs. L. Whitacre, Buffalo, N. Y.

Christmas Candies



We have one of the finest lines of HOLIDAY CANDIES ever shown in Leon and we are making most reasonable prices on it too.

Nothing Would Please Her

more than a box of dainty DOUGLAS CHOCOLATES. We have them packed in beautifully decorated Christmas boxes of most any size that you desire. We also have a most complete line of cheaper candies. Every bit of it is new, fresh and wholesome. We can care for your candy wants in a manner that will please you greatly.

Stout & Fulton Cafe

Remember One Thing!

There is still some excellent opportunities for merchants, farmers and others in and near new towns in the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming. They will not remain always. He who investigates---now---will reap the reward.

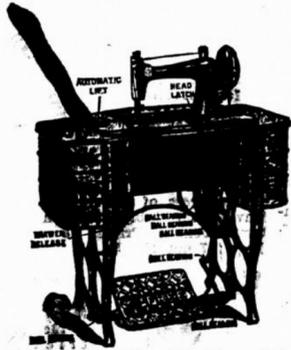


D. CLEM DEEVER, Immigration Agent, Room 271 Q Building, Omaha, Neb.

The FREE DAY

Friday, January 12, Not later than 2 p. m.

One **FREE** Sewing Machine Given Away Absolutely Without Cost.



IN order to demonstrate the superiority of this remarkable sewing machine, with its eight sets of ball bearings, retoscillo movement and its many other labor saving devices—in order to prove how much better it is than any other high grade sewing machine, we have decided to spend a part of our regular advertising appropriation in presenting some woman in this vicinity with one of these splendid machines.

Some one will get this sewing machine absolutely without cost and whoever that may be, will have the best sewing machine manufactured—it is so recognized by the leading experts of the country, one of whom will be here to demonstrate it the day of the awarding.

What to do to participate.

Every woman, whether she is a customer of this store or not is invited to participate in this awarding, which will take place Friday, January 12, not later than 2 p. m. Every one has an equal opportunity. Absolutely no purchase will be required and no money consideration will be accepted. Coupons have been distributed to every house in Leon and vicinity. Fill out your coupon at once and bring it to our sewing machine department. If you have not received one, call at our sewing machine department and get one—it will cost you nothing.

W. A. Alexander