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Standard Models up to \$300
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THIS convenient, exclusive feature of the Columbia Grafonola is built right into the motor. Invisible. Automatic. Operates on any record, long or short. Nothing to move or set or measure. Just start the Grafonola, and it plays and stops itself.

"The exclusive Columbia tone leaves, regulated by a turn of a button, give you complete and accurate control over tone value without sacrificing tone quality or any of the beauty of the record.

"The straight tone arm of the

Columbia Grafonola insures that the sound waves will develop fully and naturally from the time they are taken off the surface of the record till they emerge through the tone leaves.

"These are three of the distinctive exclusive features that make the Columbia Grafonola the most satisfactory of phonographs."

Come in today and confirm for yourself all this Columbia salesman says. Ask for a personal demonstration of the stop that needs no setting. See the Grafonola's other exclusive features.

NEW RECORDS
The December and January Records Now on Sale
Store will be open evenings until Christmas.

Schell-Demple Furniture Company
613-615 Main Street.

VOTE ON BOND ISSUE MONDAY

Proposition to Vote Bonds to Amount of \$500,000 Will be Submitted Then to the People

1 TO 7 ARE THE HOURS

Polling Place is in the Basement of Trinity M. E. Church at Tenth and Main Streets.

Electors of the independent school district of Keokuk will vote Monday on the proposition to issue \$500,000 in bonds for the building and equipment of a new high school building. The election will be held in the basement of Trinity Methodist church at Tenth and Main streets, across from the Tenth street fire station. There will be only one polling place, and the board selected the Trinity church basement as the largest available rooms.

The hours that the polls will be open are from 1 o'clock to 7 o'clock in the afternoon. This is the period fixed by the law for the polls being open at school elections. It is urged upon the voters of the city the necessity of voting as early as possible. There will be times during the middle of the afternoon when the vote will be comparatively slack, and office men and the women who intend to vote may find it to their interest to come then, as the polls will be crowded, especially in the last two or three hours of balloting. The ballot is a simple proposition, with Yes and No squares on it. All the voter has to do is to mark a cross in the square opposite the word "Yes" if he favors the proposition, and a cross in the square after the word "No" if he is not in favor of it. In 1914, when the last bonds were voted, there were over three thousand votes cast. The board is prepared this year to handle a much larger vote.

HOMECOMING FOR KEOKUK

Boys and Girls Who Are Away Attending Universities and Colleges Are Returning Here For Christmas.

A big part of the Christmas preparations in many Keokuk homes is the getting ready to welcome back the students who are away at school and who are returning here for the Yuletide season.

The following list includes the young men and women of this city who are attending universities and colleges in the United States who will return home for the holidays. The students from Iowa City have already arrived:

- Paul Beidler, Milwaukee; Louise Benner, Elizabeth Brueckman, Celeste Coe, Glen Connors, Iowa City; Mildred French, Illinois university; Ruth Grimes, Margaret Hamill, Lindenwood; Benton Hancock, Iowa City; Marion Harbert, Chicago university; William Hollingsworth, Knox; Raymond Hull, Ames; Anna Joyce, Washington, D. C.; Ruth Kiedatsch, Carthage; Edward Rich, Pennsylvania; John Toney, Iowa City; Herbert Vance, Iowa City; Bessie Wedel, Culver Stockton; Harold Wylie, Knox; Esther Weaver, Illinois university; Elizabeth Fanning, Chicago; Leonora Weber, Madison, Wis.; Madeline Connell, Notre Dame; Leonard Matless, Dartmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Kirby, Ames; Woodson Huiskamp, Harvard; Ruben Pearson, Augustana college; Helen Peterson, Iowa City; Thomas Pond, Jr., Madison, Wis.; Irene Bryant, Chicago; Helen Wylie, Iowa City; Carl Reda, Madison, Wis.; Harold Eiting, Iowa City; Joseph Kinsman, Iowa City; Ralph Kirch, Cornell; Junior Little, Iowa City; Stanley McCutcheon, Leland Stanford; George Winkelman, Iowa City; Dorothy Norton, Madison, Wis.; Ermons Patterson, Iowa City; Howard Reid, Iowa City; Forest Simmons, Iowa City; Corrine Weber, Iowa City; Harry Wolfe, Iowa City.

KEOKUK LOCK IS NOW CLOSED

Major M. Meigs Issues Orders That the Big Gates Will Go Into Winter Rest Schedule From Now On.

Navigation season for the year 1920 has officially been closed, with the announcement that the Keokuk lock is now closed for the winter. The announcement was made from the offices of Major M. Meigs, and is in accordance with the usual program.

The official order from Major Meigs' office reads as follows:

"The Keokuk lock is now closed for the usual winter repairs. By order of H. Burgess, corps of engineers."

Street Car Fare Case.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 18.—Federal Judge Martin J. Wade issued an order modifying a decision recently handed down by himself, which denied the city of Des Moines the right of appeal, in its case against the Des Moines street railway company, involving an increased car fare.

Judge Wade's order permits the city to appeal the decree, granting the railway company authority to charge a six-cent fare, but denies the petition of the city to appeal the court's de-

During the last week of Christmas shopping you will find our stock very complete, for we have been getting new goods, by express daily in order that you can get what you want.

You will find here a very nice assortment of Holiday Novelties, as well as the practical gifts. Prices are always the lowest here.

Handkerchiefs Big variety of lawn and linen handkerchiefs in plain, embroidered and initials, for men, women and children. Men's linen initials, 50c; beautiful linen embroidered for women, 50c, and big values at 25c, 15c and 10c.	Hosiery Greatest values in silk, hosiery and cotton hose for women, men and children. A fine silk hose for ladies at \$1.00, all colors; the best wearing silk hose made for \$2.50. Men's silk socks for \$1.00, and other hose at 75c, 50c, 35c and 25c pair.	Gloves Ladies' kid gloves in black, white and colors at \$3.00 pair. Leather gauntlets at \$3.98, \$4.98 and \$5.75. Cape gloves at \$2.50 pair and best values in cotton gloves and mittens at 75c, 50c and 49c pair.
Blankets Big assortment and big values in cotton, woolen and woolen blankets, in various sizes, colors and weights. We have reduced our prices on woolen and woolen plaids at \$4.89 are big bargains.	Bed Spreads Bed-spreads are always a very acceptable gift, and we have a very complete stock in white in various grades, colors in spreads and sets, and the popular seersucker spreads, and sets in white and colors. Prices from \$3.75 to \$12.50.	Linens Table linens by the yard or in patterns, with napkins; fancy napkins, centerpieces, doilies, scarves, etc. All make nice gifts, and you will find our prices reasonable. Also mercerized damasks.
Dress Goods The very best values in plain and fancy weaves for dresses, skirts, etc., at reduced prices. Many lines have been reduced and you will find the greatest values here. Plaid skirtings, serges, tricelines, broadcloths and worsteds.	Silks We have reduced our prices on all silks, and the bargains we are offering cannot be duplicated. Silk shirtings, messalines, foulards, fancy georgettes, etc., are all being offered special for \$1.49 yard. Suiting velvets in wide widths are also reduced in price.	House Dresses We have reduced our prices on many dark and light house dresses, also crepe kimonos, and you can find here a big variety in regular and extra sizes at most reasonable prices.
Fancy Novelties in Celluloid and Robbon	Bath Robes for Children and Adults	Underwear for all the family
Knit Goods for the ladies	Sweaters for Ladies and Children	Petticoats in cotton and silk
Men's Ties Big \$1.00 values	Icy Hots in bottles or lunch kits	Beads for ladies or children

Ladies' and Children's Ready-to-Wear

including Suits, Coats, Dresses and Skirts have been further reduced, making without doubt the greatest values offered this season. Many lines are now at half-price.

Our store will be open every evening till 9 o'clock until Christmas.



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BARNEY & BERRY
WINCHESTER SKATES
For Speed and Easy Skating

AS a skater you know the name Barney & Berry. You also know the name Winchester, used all over the world in place of "rifle." These two names on skates now mean more satisfaction.

Made of their own special grade of finest skate steel—light, secure fastenings—blades for highest speeds and quickest stops and turns.

Come in and see them—all grades and sizes.

Merriam's Hardware Store
The Store of Practical Christmas Gifts
THE WINCHESTER STORE

Diamond Platinum Jewelry

"BUDDIES"

Advice of the desirability of not missing attendance at a performance of "Buddies," the comedy that was offered at the Grand last night, evidently was taken at its face value by Keokuk amusement lovers, and the playlet proved to be one of the prettiest sentimental offerings seen here. While there was sensibility of the great conflict, the scenes being laid in France, there was heard no firing of guns, booming of cannon, and there was no sight of slaughter to harrow the feelings. Instead there was a pretty love story embroidered with a few songs and dances, and the absence of the traditional "chorus" served to add greatly to the enjoyment of those who sat out the performance. Helping to make "Buddies" a successful entertainment were the efforts of the principals, Denman Maley, Olive Reeves Smith, Joseph Herbert, Jr., and Ignacio Martinetti, although they could not have carried on by themselves alone, all the members of the company contributing to the fun making and sentimentality.

George V. Hobart wrote the book and B. C. Hilliam composed the music. The piece is a double love story. Babe, a bashful soldier-lover, cannot find courage to tell Julie, the girl of his heart's desire, that he loves her. His buddy, Sonny, tries to force matters by becoming engaged to Julie in order to make Babe jealous. He succeeds beyond his expectations, for Babe, thinking he has lost Julie, decides to be reconciled, and at this moment Sonny's genuine fiance appears upon the scene; then the fun begins and complicated situations follow each other in rapid succession, creating no end of hilarious mirth until in the end everything is satisfactorily explained and two loving couples go forth to live happily ever afterward.

Among the song hits rendered during the performance are "Darling L," "Hello Home," "Please Learn to Love," "To Be Together Is the Thing," and "The Twilight Song."

More than 1,400 women now hold office as municipal councilors in the larger cities of Germany.

It is impossible to derive any benefit from a new umbrella until it is used up.

Hallmark Wrist Watches

Hallmark Silver

REQUEST WAGE REDUCTIONS

Chicago Carpenters Asked to Accept Twenty-five Cents an Hour Less So Factories Can Keep Going.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Union carpenters were requested yesterday by the Woodworkers Employers' association to accept a reduction of twenty-five cents an hour to the end that plants and factories may be kept going and continued employment for employees assured.

from 60 cents an hour to \$1.10 when all previous agreements were set aside because of labor scarcity and high living costs. Now the employers say labor is more plentiful and living costs are lower. They agree to negotiate a new scale next May.

The Woodworkers' Employers' association resolution addressed to the Carpenters' District council in its preamble sets forth that several times in the fall and winter of 1919-1920 increases in wages were granted to carpenters, advancing their pay from 80 cents to \$1.10 an hour irrespective of their standing wage agreement. It is urged the employers now expect the carpenters to reciprocate in kind by accepting 85 cents an hour until May 1, 1921, when new agreements are to be negotiated.

Return to Grand Opera.
[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
PARIS, Dec. 18.—John McCormack, the American tenor, will return to grand opera next month, when he begins a two months' engagement with the Monte Carlo Opera company. He will leave for the United States in April.

BUICK

BUICK capacity for hard work is strikingly combined with graceful body lines and fine appointments in the new Buick Nineteen Twenty One cars.

Because of its roomy capacity the new Buick Seven Passenger Open Car is the choice of business men and their families.

Authorized Buick Service everywhere reinforces Buick reliability.

HARTER-BUICK COMPANY
16-26 NORTH NINTH
KEOKUK

WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT, BUICK WILL BUILD THEM.

Loss to Shippers.
VERA CRUZ, Dec. 18.—Railway freight congestion and lack of adequate storage space are responsible for the loss of thousands of dollars daily to shippers.

All warehouses and docks are jammed with freight, as a result of insufficient freight cars to move it, and all available space including streets along the water front is piled high with cargoes exposed to the weather.

Eight large steamers have been here a week without an opportunity for unloading, and others, both coastwise and foreign, keep arriving.