

Our Christmas Greeting.

To all our readers and patrons—a Merry Christmas for 1894. Another holiday season is upon us, bringing with it Christmas duties as well as the Christmas cheer. No doubt that you have a present to buy, and you feel that the selection of a nice and appropriate article at prices within the limits of your purse will prove no small effort on your part.

It is the great duty imposed upon us to go forth and buy gifts for loved ones; a daughter, a son, a mother or a sweetheart, some suitable remembrance. We respectfully invite your inspection of our immense line of such articles that will be sure to please. We have taken a great deal of care in making our selection this year too, in both stock and quantity to suit both the young and old.

Toys of all kinds—Blocks, Games, Dolls, Doll Carriages, Gems, Dishes, also a complete line of Fancy Crockery such as Royal China, French China, Dinner Sets, etc. Imported novelties in Toilet Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, Manicure Sets, Shaving Sets and Mugs. Our stock of Toys is up to date at prices that are lower than any other house in the three cities. Silks, Velvets, Ribbons, Drapery Silks, Novelties, Dry Goods, etc.

Bissell's Carpet Sweepers.

Remember we have the finest line of Carpet Sweepers in the city at the lowest prices—ranging from \$1.98 to \$2.98 for the best.

Books.

Juvenile books, 32-page, the 5c quality, 1c.
Juvenile books, 8c quality, 5c.
Juvenile books, 15c quality, 9c.
Juvenile books, 25c quality, 18c.
Juvenile books, 50c quality, 29c.
Linen books, 9c and up.
Autocrat of the Breakfast Table, original edition by O. W. Holmes, M. D., 23c.
Bound in colored cloth, and highly decorated, also in same binding as the above in the following well known authors' works: Washington Irving, Holmes, Sir Walter Scott, John Lubbock, Lord Tennyson, Merrideth, Goldsmith, John Ruskins, Hawthorn and many others.

Webster's Unabridged dictionary, 59c.
The Story of the Bible bound in cloth and illustrated by Dore, 49c.

Kid Gloves.

Alexander Kid Gloves—you all know the brand—go this week for 75c, 75c, 75c, 75c, per pair.

Quilts.

25 Marseilles Quilts, 4th \$2.25 quality, we will let go this week for \$1.48, \$1.48, \$1.48—a big bargain.

Furs.

We have a fine line of ladies' Canadian Seal muffs.
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UNION VS. UNIONS.

Belittling Sunday Afternoon's Labor Meeting.

POLITICS FIRST, CAUSE LATER.

That is the Policy of the Morning Paper—The Course of the "Argus" and That of the Workingmen—Mr. Collins' Persistence to Get a Job From the County.

The Union belittles Sunday afternoon's mass meeting held by the labor unions at Hillier's hall, and asserts that the purpose of the callers was to "bolster up THE ARGUS in its fight against S. J. Collins, the chairman of the republican county committee." The course of the Union in taking up the cudgel against the cause of union labor in the interests of a political boss whom labor has declared to be an enemy to its cause, is not unnatural as far as that paper is concerned.

The aim of the Union in this connection is, to, by its base and groundless charge that Sunday's labor meeting was of a political tendency, rally republican strength enough to Collins' side to insure his appointment to the position he aspires, but its most surprising characteristic is found in the exhibition it makes of itself on one hand by attempting to show that Collins is fully in accord with the interests and desires of local labor as far as regards the benefits to come in the court house construction, and its effrontery on the other in advancing the argument that "as superintendent of construction he would have nothing whatever to do with the employment of labor, for he could not, as an impartial expert, engaged to see that specifications were faithfully carried out, become the contractor and builder himself, while he might be if not so employed, for the lowest responsible bidder must get the award."

In other words, the Union, while endeavoring to convince labor in one breath that Collins is its friend, in the next, seeks to convince it that to get him out of the way and prevent the contingency of his getting the contract—which would mean the exclusion of union labor on the work—it would be a wise precaution to have him appointed superintendent of construction, where he would have no contact with labor. Great head, this of the union newspaper, in its proposition to Union labor. But the question may naturally arise, why is it that Mr. Collins must be provided for in any capacity in connection with the new court house? Is there any reason to concede that he is not appointed superintendent he will receive the contract?

As to Mr. Collins' Politics. As far as THE ARGUS is concerned, it is not making a political fight on Mr. Collins. It is not opposing him because he is a republican, but it does most vigorously protest that he should expect the position merely because he is chairman of the republican county committee. The tax payers of this county, those who will pay for the court house construction, are as apt to be democrats as republicans, and while there should be no prejudice against any man because he is a republican or a democrat, the county should not be asked or expected to reward a man for his political services to any particular party. Mr. Collins seeks the position for which he is an applicant through his official political standing. The fact that the court house bond issue proposition had carried was barely announced before Mr. Collins, not as a builder, contractor or architect, but as chairman of the republican county committee, was out working among the supervisors to secure, not alone the superintendency of construction, but the position of designing architect. He worked his scheme through the medium of the republican county committee, and in every manner known to political manipulation he advanced his claims. It was these tactics, this assumption on the part of Mr. Collins that as a republican leader he was entitled to recognition for the position that THE ARGUS opposed, and does oppose.

As to Labor. THE ARGUS also maintained, and does maintain, that the county should recognize the rights of labor in all that pertains to the new court house construction. It recognizes that union labor did its share toward carrying the bond proposition, and that a man in sympathy with union labor, rather than an opponent, should be the choice of the board when the situation requiring such an appointment presents itself. In other words, THE ARGUS believes it to be the duty of the board to keep faith with labor at all times, and as far as the law will allow, to favor home labor at all times.

Mr. Collins has had the audacity to seek absolute control of the court house construction in every respect. He may have been disappointed in his early aspirations as far as designing the building is concerned, but he is still seeking to force himself on the board. The unnecessary provision that a builder should accompany the building committee was made for his benefit. When confronted by the question if it was not the intention to give Mr. Collins this advantage, republican members of the building committee have been evasive. They have simply declared that they were no more committed to Mr. Collins than to any other man. When the time comes for departure though, it will not be at all surprising if Mr. Collins is invited to go along. This would enable him to ingratiate himself into the committee's good graces, and aid

him in his persistency to get control of matters yet. THE ARGUS believes there is such a scheme on foot and it is opposed to schemes of this sort. It is not opposed to Mr. Collins personally, nor is it prejudiced because of his politics. His political office and labor though should not be used, as they have been, as argument in his favor, and to the contrary his relations with labor should be considered.

There are other men in this county who are fully as capable of serving as superintendent of construction as Mr. Collins—his attempt to force himself on the county as architect to the exclusion of all others having already been discontinued by the board as it should be, as absurd—and with such men to choose from as Thomas Murdock, Hugh Warnock, John Crubaugh, J. E. Taylor and William McConchie, all of whom have been mentioned, there is no reason why the county should now commit itself to any one man to the utter disregard of all others.

Obituary.

Sister Mary Theophana, teacher at St. Peter's parochial school of Quincy, died at St. Mary's convent there at 10 p. m., December 13, of gall stone and chronic throat disease. The deceased was the daughter of the late Baltasar Streckfus, of Rock Island, where she was born 30 years ago. The greater part of these years she devoted to the service of God and the education of youth as a school sister of Notre Dame. Sister Theophana's distinguishing characteristic was thorough-going earnestness. Whatever she did, she did with her whole soul, and thus, as her highest praise, all who knew her must attest that she was a good daughter to her parents, faithful and devoted to her order, and a good, thorough teacher to those committed to her tuition. Having taught with success for a few years in Grand Rapids, Mich., and later in Milwaukee, severe bronchial troubles necessitated her removal from school and she then devoted her talents to music, drawing and fancy needlework, being an adept in the last named. She entered St. Peter's school six months ago at her own request, and brought her wonted zeal to bear upon her labors there among the little ones. How dearly she loved them and deeply each one interested her was manifested in her last severe illness. They shared all her thoughts in prayer and her latest work was a plan to make their Christmas tide a merry one. A sister and three brothers mourn her loss. The funeral was held Sunday from St. Peter's church, Quincy.

Hans Einfield died last evening at 9:15, never regaining consciousness from the shock of his terrible accident of yesterday morning. He was 47 years of age, and is survived by his wife. The funeral will occur from the residence, 1820 Fourth avenue, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and will be in charge of Rock Island lodge 18, I. O. O. F. Interment will be at Chippianock.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Vollmer, 3029 Ninth avenue, died Sunday morning. The body was shipped to Libertyville, Iowa, yesterday morning for interment.

The People's Power Company. The adjourned annual meeting of the People's Power company was held at the main office of the company on Seventeenth street yesterday afternoon. All the old officers were re-elected as follows: President—C. H. Deere. Secretary—S. S. Davis. Treasurer—C. O. Nason. Directors—C. H. Deere, S. S. Davis, C. O. Nason, S. H. Velie, T. B. Davis.

It was decided in the near future on the completion of the consolidated plant to reduce the schedule of rates on gas and incandescent electric lights to prices that will average lower than those of any city of our population in the state. Several thousand dollars will be spent in the extension of gas mains, additions to the electric service and other improvements during the year.

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Fifty Thousand Ladies to Read This Ad. vertisement.

We have a lot of warranted, absolutely water-proof, mackintoshes, which will close out at \$5.94 each, worth a great deal more. This is a bargain that you cannot get every day. We are also closing out fur jackets way below cost price. See our ladies' wraps. See our crib blankets. See our fine umbrellas. Above all do not purchase your holiday goods before you have seen our stock.

KLUG-HASLER-SCHWENTER DRY GOODS COMPANY, Davenport.

Police Points.

Magistrate Schroeder gave Dan Russell 30 days in the county jail for vagrancy yesterday.

C. A. Carlson, accused of appropriating Augustana college literature, was brought before Magistrate Schroeder this morning, and his case continued until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Boys' Bait.

Our bargain counter filled with boys' knee pants suits—sizes 4 to 14, proves a strong attraction. All broken lots sold remarkably cheap. SIMON & MOSKOWITZ.

Open in the Evening.

Our store will be kept open every evening from Dec. 19 to Dec. 24, inclusive. Very respectfully, J. H. C. PETERSEN'S SONS.

BRIDGE REPAIRS.

An Estimate of \$490,000 for the Rock Island Structure.

The Chicago Tribune of today states that an estimate of \$490,000 for renewing the superstructure of the Rock Island bridge, including alterations of masonry and necessary repairs, has been submitted to congress by the secretary of war in accordance with recommendations by the chief of ordnance. In his communication, Gen. Flagler, the chief of ordnance, says:

What is Needed.

This bridge was completed and opened for railway traffic nearly twenty-three years ago. The improved knowledge of bridge construction at the present time shows that at the time this bridge was built certain portions of the same were not made as strong as bridges of later construction. Although the bridge was stronger than the service then anticipated demanded, this service has increased and multiplied greatly beyond anticipations, and for many years the bridge has been overloaded. Considering the 23 years of use to which the bridge has been subjected and the strain which it has endured, it is certain that prudent demands renewal of the superstructure and that the renewal should not be postponed. Moreover, the bridge is now inadequate for the service demanded of it, and a new superstructure is required on this account. The new superstructure should be a modern steel bridge, having a capacity to meet probable increased demands for the next 50 years. The northwest span of the bridge over the Davenport approach is required by the United States for renewing an unserviceable bridge over the water power canal. The legislation should provide for the retention of this span by the United States at a fair valuation, not to exceed the price per pound obtained for the rest of the bridge.

Free Show.

Of holiday goods, Folding umbrellas, Umbrella sets, The fad in mufflers, Dressing gowns and jackets Elegant neckwear, Plain and silver trimmed canes, Those lovely handkerchiefs, Plain and fancy shirts, Fancy silk vests, Shirt protectors, And in fact everything for gentlemen's wear can be found at Lloyd & Stewart's.

Wolmann

Has just received another fresh line of diamonds, mounted pins, rings, car drops and studs. He has also added to the already large display of novelties some elegant leather pocket books and card cases with silver trimmings, while his assortment of high-grade silverware, and watches with the latest movements, is guaranteed to give satisfaction. You can't miss it if you want good, solid, substantial goods.

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Its excellence is due to its presenting in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative; effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers and permanently curing constipation. It has given satisfaction to millions and met with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance. Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and \$1 bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

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Whose reputation extends over the entire west, whose name is a household word in 10 states, whose Candies have a reputation for superiority and excellence attained by no others. Gunther's Candies are the best, Gunther's are absolutely pure, Gunther's candies have a reputation. Gunther's Candy takes like wildfire, Gunther's is a household name.

We

Have just placed on sale a line of these superior celebrated Candies, all boxed in the Gunther boxes, and instead of the higher prices than the commoner goods are sold for, we shall make thousands of Christmas presents of Gunther's Sweets at even less prices than the common kinds are sold at. Ask to taste our Gunther Candies. We keep no others.

Toys.

Carts, Wagons, Wheelbarrows, Shoofties—getting a little late now and they go at half the usual prices.

Men's Furnishing Goods.

You will find Mufflers, Suspenders, Collars and Cuffs, Shirts, Neckties, Half Hose, Handkerchiefs, and the thousand and one little articles which are always acceptable to the men for holiday presents, and all at our well known lowest of low prices.

CARPET SWEEPERS cannot be excelled for Christmas presents. We have all kinds. The Bissell sweepers, the Grand Rapids, the Goshen sweepers and the Sweepettes. All prices from \$1.69 to \$3.25. They save carpets, save labor, save the wife and mother, save temper and are a luxury.

HANDKERCHIEFS. This will be handkerchief week. Handkerchiefs at a half, at a third and at a quarter value.

McCabe Bros.

1720, 1722, 1724, 1726 and 1728 Second ave.

December Clearing Sale of Shoes

Too many Shoes for the time of year, and in order to reduce the stock quickly, we intend to inaugurate a Shoe Sale that will wake you up.

Note some of the prices quoted. Bargains are too numerous to mention all, but here are a few samples:

Children's Shoes.

50c, 5 to 7½, were 75c.
75c, 8 to 10½, were \$1.
\$1 Misses Dongola, patent tip, solid, 11 to 13, were \$1.35.
\$1.10, same shoe as above, but 13½ to 2, were \$1.50.

Men's Shoes.

99c a pair for \$1.25 shoes, Lace or Congress.
\$1.15 for \$1.50 Grain shoes, Lace or Congress.

Ladies' Shoes.

\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, all styles and lots of bargains.

\$2 takes the choice of any \$2.50 or \$2.75 shoe in our house, while this sale lasts.

\$2.50 takes the choice of any \$2 or \$2.25 Welt or hand trimmed shoe, while this sale lasts.

"The BOSTON,"

1623 Second Ave., Under Rock Island House.

A Christmas Present Free.

As long as they last we will give with each purchase of \$3.00 or over one pair of Satin Suspenders worth 75 cents. Each pair put up in glass-covered box. Colors cardinal, white, black, blue and pink.

Suits and Ulsters For Men, Boys and Children.

At prices that will be recognized as low. In quality and make up they are second to none.

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