

**KEYS LEFT IDLE.**  
The Telegraphers' Strike General Over the Rock Island System, but the B. C., R. & N. Men Refuse to Go Out—Both Sides Claim Everything.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Officials of the Rock Island Railroad claim that the statement of the officers of the Order of Railway Telegraphers in regard to the strike on that system is greatly exaggerated. There are 635 operators in the employ of the Rock Island company. Of these, Chief Ramsey says, 575 are members of the organization, and exactly that number of men left their keys at 10 o'clock this morning.  
On the other hand, General Manager St. John declares that only 37 men on the entire system obeyed the order to strike, nine of these being on the Illinois division. He further says that the company is not in the least embarrassed; that there are two applicants for every vacant position, and that there will be no interruption of the service at any point.  
At Kansas City and suburbs the Rock Island has only six operators and they are employed in freight offices. At noon all left their keys. Later four of them returned to work, and the places of the other two men were filled by new men. Nearly all Rock Island telegraphers in Kansas and Oklahoma went out to-day. On the division between Ft. Dodge and Des Moines, Ia., only four telegraphers are at the keys. They are station agents who are not members of the order. Train service is considerably crippled. All operators on the Des Moines Valley division are out. Nebraska operators are out.  
So far as can be learned, not a single operator on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railroad went out this morning, and it is not anticipated they will join the strike on the Rock Island Railroad proper.

**HORSFORD'S ACID PHOSPHATE**  
Imparts Renewed Strength and Vigor where there has been exhaustion.  
**Musical Christmas Gifts.**  
Washburn mandolins and guitars.  
Kiebert's specialty banjos.  
Hicham's celebrated cornets.  
Fine old violins.  
Musical wrappers and cabinets.  
100 styles of mandolins and guitars from \$5 up.  
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Mormon's music boxes.  
Vocal and instrumental folios.  
At H. Kiebert & Bro.'s, 50 Wood street.  
**Cottlow Piano Recital.**  
Tickets at all music stores, reserved seats at Kiebert Bros.

**SECURE** desirable boarders by a cent-a-word ad in THE DISPATCH.

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"First I had pains in my back and chest, then faint feeling at the stomach, and when I would eat, the first taste would make me deathly sick. Of course I ran down rapidly, and lost 25 pounds. My wife and family were much alarmed and I expected my stay on earth would be short. But a friend advised me to take Hood's Sarsaparilla and soon my appetite came back, I ate heartily without distress, gained two pounds a week. I took bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and never felt better in my life. To-day I am cured and I give to Hood's Sarsaparilla the whole praise of it." C. C. ABER, grocer, Canisteo, N. Y.  
**HOOD'S PILLS** cure Nausea, Sick Headache, Indigestion, Biliousness. Sold by all druggists.

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**HOLIDAY PRESENTS**  
GOLD SPECTACLES, \$5.00.  
GOLD EYE GLASSES, with chains, \$5.00.  
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Telescopes, Microscopes, Barometers, Thermometers, Locomotives and Engines. The largest and finest assortment at low prices.  
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A beautiful souvenir given to every purchaser.

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Why not select from our immense assortment of Blacking Cases, Carpet Sweepers, Rugs, Lace-Curtains, Portieres, etc., a present which will make your mother, father, sister or brother happy?  
These goods are now being offered at


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For the Holidays.  
**GEO. W. SNAMAN,**  
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**WE ARE READY**  
For the Holiday Trade with the grandest line of **FANCY GOODS**  
We have ever shown. Everything from a cheap Doll or Toy up to the finest Onyx Table or Piano Lamp. Don't buy until you have tested who sells the cheapest. "WE CLAIM WE DO." Come and investigate.  
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50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25.  
**FINE BLACK, ALL-WOOL OVERGAITERS.**

  
\$2.75, \$3, \$3.50, \$4.  
**GRAIN AND TAN GOAT FAUNTLEROY LEGGINS.**  
**W. M. LAIRD,**  
Wholesale Jobber and Retailer,  
433 AND 435 WOOD STREET, MARKET ST.

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"What's Inside, Mother?"  
Blowing and bragging "don't go" with the people of Pittsburgh. Of course, you can buy Tinware at a clothing store, but buy Jewelry at a Jeweler's. You have all had your share of "Trimming Store" Jewelry. We buy only from manufacturers of fine goods, who are compelled by their word and bond to sell only to legitimate jewelers. We have an immense stock of Watches, Jewelry and Silverware at non-competition prices. So look out! Buy Christmas presents with "ARONS' JEWELER" STAMPED ON EVERY PACKAGE.

  
"Wind, My Son, Wind!"  
**Arons' Voltaic Diamonds**  
Are too well known to need any praise. They defy experts. The nearest approach to the genuine diamonds. Unequaled for brilliancy and hardness. Warranted to retain their luster by special guarantee. SEND FOR ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE—FREE.  
**B. E. ARONS, Sole Owner,**  
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We are opening out a grand stock of optical goods for Christmas. The reliability of our goods is well known far and wide, as is our reputation for fair dealing. If you want an opera glass to make a Christmas present of, or anything else in our line, come to our place. You can't be suited as well elsewhere. **CHESSMAN OPTICAL CO.** 42 Federal St., Allegheny, Pa.

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**THE ORIGINATORS OF THE SMALL PROFIT SYSTEM'S GENEROSITY.**



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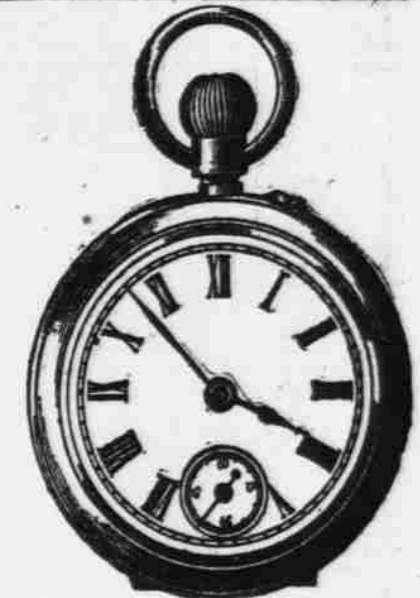
**HATS AS CHEAP AS EISNER & PHILLIPS**  
CAN. See the Hat that is the talk of the town  
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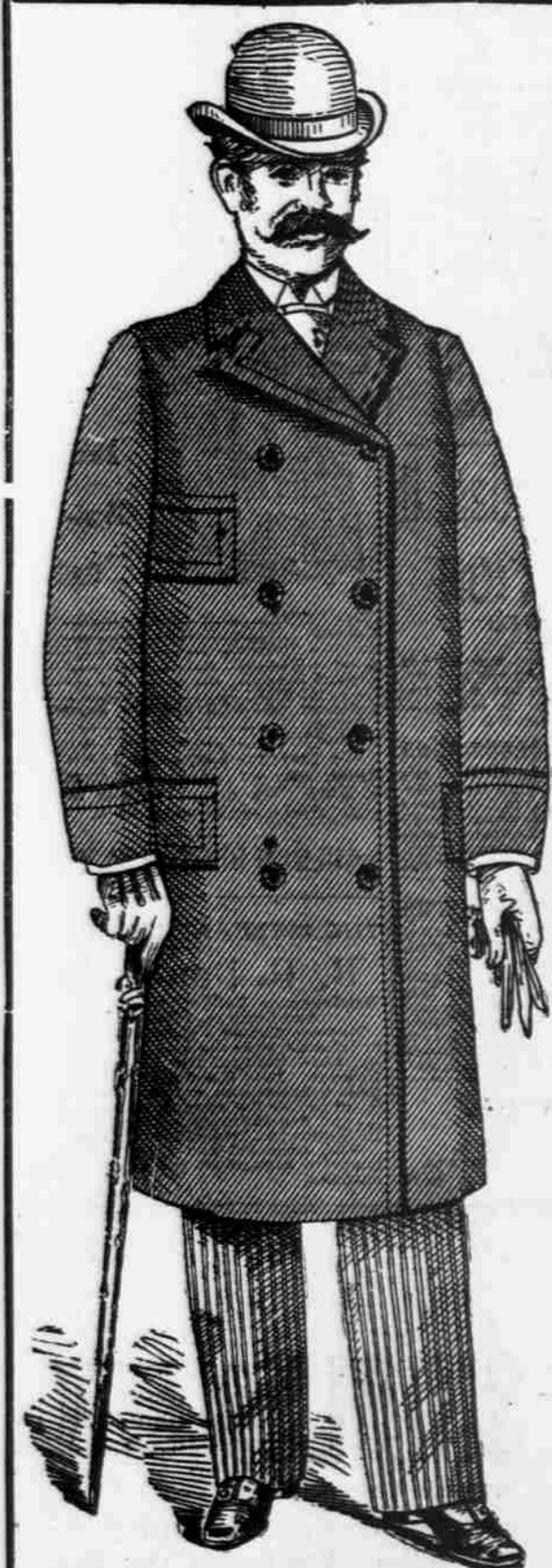
**SILVER BUSKINED WATCH FREE OF ANY CHARGE.**  
In the Boys' and Children's Departments you receive for every \$5 purchase your choice of a celebrated Air Gun, Magic Lantern, Steam Engine or Banjo FREE

By the Generous and Protective Dealers,  
**EISNER & PHILLIPS,**

Look in our show windows and see our single and double-breasted Cassimere and Cheviot Suits.



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**\$7.50** WORTH \$7.50  
\$13, \$14 AND \$15.  
1,000 Men's Fine Beaver Overcoats, in different colors, latest Double-Breasted styles, made exactly as shown by accompanying cut; ELEGANT, STYLISH, FASHIONABLE, DURABLE GARMENTS; original prices \$13, \$14 and \$15, will be sold TO-DAY and TO-MORROW ONLY for

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**SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS**

If you want a truly fine and stylish suit for an unheard-of low price, avail yourself of this opportunity.

**500 HEAVY STORM OVERCOATS MARKED AWAY DOWN.**

**\$10** At this price we offer 250 Men's celebrated Irish Frieze Storm Overcoats or Ulsters, cut full length and with high storm collar and outside breast pockets and Cassimere lining; regular price \$18.

**\$12** At this price we offer 250 Men's superb Shetland Storm Overcoats in Ulsters, in dark and light shades; latest cut; best trimming; finest lining; faultless make; perfect fit; regular price \$22.



**KAUFMANN'S FREE** A fine silver-mounted Gloria Umbrella or silver-mounted Walking Cane given gratis with every Man's Suit or Overcoat bought TO-DAY OR TO-MORROW **FREE KAUFMANN'S**