

THE GREAT

NEAR THE COURT-HOUSE.

\$30,000 IN DRY GOODS AND CARPETS.

Great Reduction and Realization Sale of all goods in our store,

BOTH UP STAIRS AND DOWN.

1/4 OFF FOR CASH 1/4

BEGINNING SATURDAY, NOV. 28, UNTIL AND INCLUDING, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1896.

DEPARTMENTS.

Domestic Cottons and Prints,
Linsens,
Hosiery and Cloves,
Ribbons and Laces,
White Goods, Cloths,
Dress Goods, Corsets,
Knit and Muslin Underwear.

Remember, this is for Three Entire Weeks and Four Saturdays. We have 60 pairs of All-wool Blankets. The general stock is new and first-class, nearly all bought since our great sale of last Spring. The closing of all Jackets, Capes and Garments, of which we have 105, will be a feature of this sale. The Carpets and Dress Goods are also in fine shape, and, as stated, the one-fourth off extends to everything in the store.

DEPARTMENTS.

Jackets and Capes,
Waists, Shawls, Suits and Silks,
Lace Curtains and Window Shades,
Upholstery Goods,
Carpets and Oil Cloths,
Notions and Small Wares,
Blankets, Flannels.

JOHN BOND,

Pontiac, Mich.

SILVER MEN REFUSE.

WILL NOT GO INTO REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

Senator Dubois of Idaho Resigns as Secretary and from the Steering Committee—Action Settles the Doubtful.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The republican caucus did not accomplish what this morning expected to uncover the fact that the free-trader contingent is for the present determined to back itself. Dubois emphasized this point by resigning from the secretaryship of the caucus and from the steering committee, and his colleagues, Messrs. Cannon of Utah, Montoya of Montana, and Squire of Washington, stayed away. Teller not being in the city could not attend. He would say if he had been here. Pettigrew says he is a protectionist and will not obstruct tariff legislation. Whether the other holders are of the same mind cannot be stated with positiveness. It is doubtful if they will go in trying to force the free coinage into tariff discussion pure and simple. They feel quite certain, however, that they do not want to put themselves in a position to be bound by party caucuses just now.

Senator Sherman read the caucus the following letter from Senator Dubois:

"United States Senate, Washington, D. C., Dec. 8. To Hon. John Sherman, Chairman Caucus of Republican Senators. Sirs:—I hereby respectfully resign my position as secretary of the caucus of republican senators. I also resign my position as a member of the steering committee of the caucus. Very truly yours, Fred T. Dubois."

The holders had all received invitations, which were sent them as if they had never left the caucus. They declined to attend. If the boiling caucuses were conspicuous by their absence, the silver men who had remained within the party were, as a rule, exceptionally prompt in their attendance. Senator Carter was the second man to enter the caucus chamber. He was closely followed by Messrs. Wolcott, Mitchell, and Underhill.

WANT TO LYNCH THE WOMAN
Talk of Making a Case Seem to Win Her Master Case.

Lexington, Mo., Dec. 9.—There is talk of lynching Margaret Cannon, the woman connected with the murder of Mrs. Wheeler and her two children, who was hanged, however, and she will doubtless be taken out of the country for safe keeping.

The general feeling of Ray county people over the execution, was one of satisfaction, but there is regret that Lon Lashley, who was taken to Kansas City for safe keeping, was missed by the lynching. Many of the mob are said to be in the hands of the county attorney. A determination to bring him to justice, their work is so generally commended that it would more than likely be impossible to convict them.

Big Distillery to Be Built.

Vienna, Ind., Dec. 9.—The Interstate Distilling Company was organized here Saturday with \$200,000 capital stock and will erect a large distillery at once. The morning was

MR. BAYARD DECLINES

AMBASSADOR CANNOT ACCEPT A PRESENT.

Proposed Testimonial from Englishmen Given to Free Traders at Hamburg Agents Decline to Accept it and Their Striking Laborers.

London, Dec. 8.—Mr. Bayard, the United States ambassador, has written to the Daily Telegraph that he would decline the proffered Christmas gift intended as a compliment to him, and in honor of his efforts to bring about an era of good feeling between the United States and Great Britain.

U.S. Approves England's Work.
London, Dec. 8.—A dispatch to the Sunday Times from Paris says: "It is semi-officially announced that Russia has notified France that the interior of the czar's government in the matter of the evacuation of Egypt is quite remote. The czar is said to have expressed the conviction that Great Britain has earned an ally by reason of her beneficent intervention in the Nile Valley."

Washed Actions in Greece.
Athens, Dec. 8.—The king of Greece has issued a manifesto demanding army maneuvers on a large scale, and suspending the present system of the reform for the formation of a permanent camp. The selection of a new rifle has been signed for the protection and assistance of the smaller employers.

Will Refuse to Arbitrate.
London, Dec. 8.—The Times to the Times from Hamburg says that a meeting of employers that recommended their refusal to arbitrate the dockers' strike. This is due to the fact that a guaranty fund of £250,000 has been signed for the protection and assistance of the smaller employers.

English Wheat Crop.
London, Dec. 8.—The Times, in an article reviewing the official returns, says that the estimated wheat crop of Great Britain is 1,000,000 bushels above that of 1895.

How About the Baltic System.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—The imperial council of Russia will shortly consider the proposal of the minister of justice to abolish the present system of justice in Siberia by administrative order.

Famine the Worst Ever Known.
London, Dec. 8.—The Chronicle says that London, that independent reporter anticipates that despite the rains the famine will be by far the worst ever known in India.

Money for French Ship.
Paris, Dec. 8.—It is expected that the government will consent to loan credits to the amount of 30,000,000 francs.

PENSION AFFAIRS.
Washington, Dec. 8.—The report of Assistant Secretary of the Interior regarding the pension affairs of the Interior Department is expected to be published in the near future.

Maximilian's Tomb.
Mexico, Dec. 8.—Archbishop Carrillo, who is in Rome, says that he will be made a member of the congressional court of appeals and Judge Foster with supervision over the Catholic universities of the world.

TALKS OF CUBAN POLICY.

C. E. Smith Feels Much to Commend in Cleveland's Message.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Charles Emory Smith, ex-minister to Russia, recognized by public men here as one of the leading republicans in the United States, has written a long article in the New York Herald Tribune on the president's Cuban policy. "On the whole, his deliverance will be regarded as temperate, conservative and restrained, and his attitude will be accepted as the only one compatible with his antecedent anti-imperialism. He proposes a new policy of measure, and it will be recognized that he could not do so on the eve of his retirement. He reviews the facts and the conditions in Cuba with candor and with an evident desire to be fair and just."

Congressman A. Impatient.
Washington, Dec. 9.—It is expected that a number of resolutions will be introduced into congress inquiring of the secretary of war why contracts have not been made at various points for beginning river and harbor work in accordance with the provisions of the river and harbor act. It is also why certain work has not been necessary. The negroes have been kept under surveillance since Tuesday. One of them being permitted to leave camp in addition to the efforts of the sheriff, the contractor, and the company has offered a reward of \$150.

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Managing Farmers at Lansing.
Lansing, Mich., Dec. 9.—The farmers of Michigan are here in full attendance at the annual meeting of the Michigan Farmers' Club and state conference, the attendance upon each being larger than ever before. The meeting will be taken in favor of reducing of public salaries and the number of public officials, cutting appropriations for state institutions and entirely abolishing the fee system of paying public officials.

County Treasurer Short.
Butte, Ind., Dec. 9.—The county treasurer D. W. Fair is in default to the sum of over \$11,000 in turning over to officials, cutting appropriations for county commissioners have ordered suit commenced against his bondsmen to make the deficiency. No one has as yet paid the money, and the county is in a very bad way account for the shortage.

Antislavery League.
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NEGROES MURDERED.

MASSACRED BY A MOB IN ARKANSAS.

Five Section Hands on the Cotton Belt Railroad Shot Down. Gov. Clark Disclaims the Report that Heard South of the Occurrence.

Malvern, Ark., Dec. 9.—Information was received here of a negro massacre last Tuesday between Camden and Bearden on the line of the Cotton Belt railroad. The negro section hands were at work when outlaws fired upon them. Five of the negroes were killed and many were wounded. The foreman claims that he did not recognize any of the assassins, but that he believes that he knows who they are, but is afraid to tell. Many members of the party were recognized by negroes as being employees of different sawmills in the vicinity. Who have heretofore threatened to exterminate the negroes of Southwest Arkansas, and he, it is said, maintain an organization similar to the old Ku-Klux Klan.

The matter has been kept quiet with a hope of capturing the criminals. The negroes have been kept under surveillance since Tuesday. One of them being permitted to leave camp in addition to the efforts of the sheriff, the contractor, and the company has offered a reward of \$150.

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LABOR UNIONS FOR WAR.

American Federation to Fight Knights of Labor Organization.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The officers of the American Federation of Labor have declared war against the organization of Knights of Labor. The immediate issue of the open rupture is the action of the last convention of the Knights of Labor in deciding to recommend congress that the duty be taken of window glass. The window-glass workers were formerly a part of the Knights of Labor, but they withdrew from the union, which was the American Federation of Labor. The federation officers say now the action of the Knights was intended to be retaliatory for the withdrawal of the glass workers. The question will be brought up at the sixteenth annual convention of the American Federation, next Monday morning in Cincinnati.

Steel Trust Goes to Floor.
Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 9.—The Bessemer Steel association, popularly known as the steel trust, has apparently gone to pieces. Monday a Cleveland manufacturer, who uses steel bolts, received from concerns which have been members of the association word that they were acting independently and would like to submit their price.

Accused of Three Murders.
Faxon, Ill., Dec. 9.—Fredrick Hellmuth is in the county jail, charged with the murder of Mrs. Fred Gedde, near Sidney, Ill. Gedde, the husband, was charged by the grand jury for lack of evidence Hellmuth is believed to be the murderer of a woman near Melville, Ill., and took his own life by drowning. The couple had been married nearly fifty years. Deacon was regularly and partially estranged with his wife, and had repeated threats to take his own life, as well as to kill his wife.

Strange Double Homicide.
LaForte, Ind., Dec. 9.—George Deacon, aged 77 year, living near Argos, Indiana, killed his wife Sunday night and took his own life by drowning. The couple had been married nearly fifty years. Deacon was regularly and partially estranged with his wife, and had repeated threats to take his own life, as well as to kill his wife.

Immense Train Destroyed.
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—Early Monday night the entire plant and buildings of the Washington & Nashville Company, covering about six acres in Newark, a suburb of this city, was totally destroyed by fire, together with a large stock of manufactured goods. The company manufactured hoes, forks, rakes, and agricultural implements, employing 115 hands. The manager of the company says the loss is \$125,000. Of the insurance caused now is estimated.

Express Train is Wrecked.
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8.—The locomotive and two cars of the Washington & Nashville express train, consisting of five cars, jumped the track a mile north of Washington, Saturday night, while running at a speed of over thirty miles an hour. Sixty-two persons were injured. The accident was supposedly caused by a misplaced switch.

Two New Gunboats Launched.
Cuba, Dec. 9.—The two new gunboats, Vicksburg and Newport, were launched from the works of the Bath Iron Works Saturday afternoon before an immense crowd. The Vicksburg went into the water at 12:30 o'clock, and the Newport followed twenty minutes later. The launchings were successful in every respect.

John R. Tanner to Marry.
Chicago, Dec. 8.—John R. Tanner will not go into the grocery business at Springfield, Ill. Before matters of state claim him he will, Dec. 30, give his whole attention to an affair of the heart which he has skillfully concealed from his political friends for seven or eight years. On that day he will be married to Miss Cora Edith English of Springfield.

Local Completion at Milwaukee.
Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 9.—The dry dock recently has been sold to M. J. Oswald for \$80,000. The money has been immediately inaugurated an interesting legal battle.

Gen. Francis' Victory.
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 9.—General A. Pearson, a prominent member of the Union Army, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home near Lewisport, and is not expected to recover.

Estimably a Case of Murder.
Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 8.—James Fowler, a prominent member of the Union Army, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home near Lewisport, and is not expected to recover.