



# MAYER BROTHERS

## Big January Clearing Sale

Men's and Boys' Clothing, Furnishings, Hats and Shoes and Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes

This Big Sale offers you a chance for greater savings than any previous sale we've ever held---greater assortments are offered and larger reductions made---specially on Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats. It will pay you to attend this sale and the earlier you come the better selection you will have.

Men's \$40, \$35 and \$30 Suits and Overcoats priced now

**\$23.50**

\$28 and \$25

**\$18.50**

\$22, \$20 and \$18.50

**\$14.50**

\$15 and \$12.50

**\$9.50**

\$10 and \$8.50

**\$5.50**

Men's Odd Pants

Men's \$10 Pants now..... \$5.95

Men's 6 Pants now..... 4.95

Men's 5 Pants now..... 3.95

Men's 4 Pants now..... 2.95

Men's 3 Pants now..... 1.95

Men's 1.50 Pants now..... 95

**20 Per Cent Discount**

On all Winter Underwear

On all Men's Flannel Shirts

On all Men's Sweaters

On all wool Gloves, Fur Gloves & Mittens

On all winter Hats and Caps

Boys' Knee-Pant Suits and Overcoats  
Ages 4 to 18

\$12.50 Suits & O'coats now \$7.75

10.00 Suits & O'coats now 6.75

8.50 Suits & O'coats now 5.75

6.00 Suits & O'coats now 3.75

5.00 Suits & O'coats now 3.25

4.00 Suits & O'coats now 2.75

3.50 Suits & O'coats now 1.75

Young Men's Suits and Overcoats

\$30.00-25 Suits & O'coats \$17.75

22.50-20 Suits & O'coats 13.75

18.00-15 Suits & O'coats 10.75

12.00-10 Suits & O'coats 6.75

8.50- Suits & O'coats 4.75

### LADIES' SHOES

Ladies' 4.50 Shoes--satin, velvet, patent, gun metal kid, in lace & button, new styles **3.20**

Ladies' 4.00 Shoes in all leathers, lace and button, turn and welt soles, smart styles **2.95**

Ladies' 3.50 Shoes in patent leather, gun metal, cloth or kid top, this season's shoes **2.69**

Ladies' 3.00 Shoes from broken lines, priced to clean up **2.40**

Big lot of Ladies' 2.50 Shoes from discontinued lines, choice **1.95**

Ladies' tan Shoes, button or lace, this season's styles from broken lines, worth 4.00 and 3.50 pair, now **2.95**

Big bunch of odds and ends, mostly small sizes, but good styles, in all leathers, worth 4.00 to 3.50 **1.95**

### MEN'S SHOES

Discontinued lines of Nettelton Shoes, all leathers **20% Off**

Men's 4.50 tan and black Shoes, button and lace, all leathers, including some nice tans, now **3.20**

Men's 4.00 Shoes, from odds and ends of stock, including some Flonheims, some Netteltons, at **1.95**

Discontinued lines of men's 3.50 shoes, **2.95**

Discontinued lines of men's 3.00 shoes, **2.40**

Men's best Viscalized Elkskin, high top, welt shoes, 16-inch, worth 6.50 & 6, now **4.95**

All Men's, Boys', Ladies', Misses and Children's high cut Shoes **20 PER CENT DISCOUNT**

Boys' broken lines 20 per cent off  
Boys' all regular lines 10 per cent off

Hats Caps **20** Per Cent OFF

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Xmas Neckwear **1/2** Off

abled and unable to earn a livelihood. Yet he was active enough to be a successful lawyer and to serve as pension commissioner. We also remember when a Nebraska lawyer holding a \$12,000 a year job was granted and accepted a pension of \$35 or \$40 a month. This, too, while thousands of deserving and needy veterans were getting no pension at all, or at best \$12 or \$15 a month. Doubtless more than one-half of the pension money paid by this government is paid to "veterans" who never got further south than the Ohio river, and never served over ninety days and never smelled gunpowder burned in anything more deadly than target practice or salutes.

The trouble with this whole pension question is that neither political party has ever had the courage to come out squarely on it. Both have trimmed and evaded, always playing for the "old soldier" vote, and always afraid of being roasted and toasted by a horde of pension attorneys who make fat picking from the veterans. Pension every deserving veteran, but for heaven's sake let us have done with the plain, unornamented system of trying to bribe by granting pensions indiscriminately to deserving veteran and undeserving "coffee-cooler" alike.

The appointment of Arthur B. Allen to be secretary of the state railway commission means that Mr. Perkins is to be succeeded by another newspaper man, and one amply qualified for the position. Mr. Allen was Governor Mickey's private secretary for four years, then oil inspector under Governor Sheldon. For some time he has been secretary of the republican state committee. Mr. Allen, who is a fine, up-standing specimen of Nebraska manhood, has performed good service for his party, yet he has not been a blind partisan. The commission gave recognition to a party worker, but at the same time it secured the services of one of the best qualified men the state has to offer for the position.

The editor of Will Maupin's Weekly happened to be in the editorial rooms of the Houston, Texas, Post, when ex-Governor Shallenberger was interviewed by a reporter for that enterprising newspaper, and also happened to hear the interview. Ex-Governor Shallenberger did not say that he believed Nebraskans would turn down the initiative and referendum; neither did he express himself as being opposed to it. On the contrary he expressed the belief that it would carry, and his advocacy of the doctrine. It so happens that an initiative and referendum fight is now on in Texas, and the Houston Post is opposed to it. And the Post is losing no opportunity to bolster up its side of the case. Far be it from us to accuse the Post of deliberate misrepresentation, but we do insist that it is almighty careless.

When the handful of republican editors met in Lincoln last Tuesday and agreed that the Taft administration needed a press agent, they laid their finger upon the weak spot in the Taft campaign for re-nomination. The LaFollette bureau and the Roosevelt bureau are always alert, but the president seemingly has no one to tell the public about the good points of his administration. Surely the administration has many good points to its credit, and they ought to be pointed out. The chief trouble with President Taft is that is, in connection with campaigning—that he is a poor politician.

Compared with the tempestuous, riotous, blustering Roosevelt administration the Taft administration is so placid, so commonsense, that many people are deceived into believing that it is little if any better than a nonentity. We had an awful lot of anti-trust bluster under the Roosevelt regime, but that is all there was to it—bluster. That administration closed with more and bigger trusts doing business than there were at its beginning. The Taft administration has not blustered much, but it has accomplished more in two years than Roose-

velt did in seven. Let us be fair enough to admit what is a self-evident truth.

#### CAN THIS BE TRUE?

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 3.—No union labor leaders, not even Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, have lifted a hand to help us in cleaning up the big dynamite conspiracy, either before or since the McNamara confessions at Los Angeles," said Oscar Lawler, special government prosecutor for the district of southern California today.

The above appeared in the telegraph dispatches in the daily papers last Thursday morning.

Can Mr. Lawler's charge be true? If it is, then it is high time that President Gompers, John Mitchell, James Duncanson, Frank Morrison, and other officials of the American Federation of Labor, get busy. Right now is the time to give tangible evidence that the American Federation of Labor, its officials and its rank and file, is unreservedly opposed to dynamiting, or to any other form of violence. It is time that these men, acting as the official representatives of organized labor, lend every possible aid to the government in ferreting out any and all men within the ranks of organized labor who have been guilty of these outrages.

It is not enough for these men to say that they were ignorant of what was going on. Everybody of fair mind believes they were ignorant. But that is not enough. These outrages were going on, and somebody was responsible for them. Now let the Federation officials prove to all the world that they are willing to rid organized labor of that criminal element.

#### GOOD WORK.

It is now assured that Lincoln will retain its place on the base ball map, and that Don Despain will retain the management and direction of the Lincoln team. For all of which let every "fan" be truly thankful. It would have been little short of a

calamity had Lincoln lost the franchise. And it would have been only a little less criminal to have allowed Despain to lose out after his splendid efforts to give Lincoln good and clean baseball.

The business men who have gotten behind the movement to finance the club are entitled to great credit for their enterprise and public spirit. It will mean more than the retention of the ball team—it will mean a new impetus to the "get-together and work-together-for-Lincoln" spirit. And it is the growth of that spirit that we most need right now, and always.

#### ROBLEY D. EVANS.

The death of Robley D. Evans, "Fighting Bob," following so closely after the death of Admiral George Dewey, reminds us that the Spanish-American war in which they won immortal fame, is already in the dim and distant past. We have been making history during the last fifteen years. Rear Admiral Evans was a gallant seaman and rendered conspicuous and gallant service to his country. Of a different type of individual than Admiral Dewey, Rear Admiral Evans was as prominent in his position. One was given to the use of emphatic language, the other was reserved. But both were seafighters of the type that has made the name of the American navy famous from the days of John Paul Jones to the day of Dewey at Manila and Schley and Evans at Santiago.

#### THE JURY SYSTEM.

We are not prepared to render a verdict in the charge that the Omaha & Council Bluffs Railway Co. has been guilty of jury tampering. We are, however, prepared to say that if the charge is true it is only a natural result of making a public service corporation like that one the victim of every schemer and shyster who could get under its hide.

Of course there are those who will hold that the Omaha corporation

should submit with the best grace possible to being mulcted by every man or woman who could make a scratch appear a dangerous and permanently disabling injury. But after being gouged a few times by that sort of "justice" it would be only natural for the corporation to defend itself by resorting to illegal methods.

We are turning out lawyers much faster than we are providing them with legitimate law practice, hence the "ambulance chaser," the shyster and the "fixer." With legal technicalities upon the one side and the archaic jury system on the other, "justice" is being given a wrench about every time she shows her head. Some of these days the people will rise up and sweep this technicality business aside. Then they will inject a little commonsense into our jury system. After which Justice will have some show.

Doubtless there is plenty of ground for believing that the claims department of the Omaha corporation has been altogether too industrious. But no one will believe that the high-minded and successful business men who control that corporation have been cognizant of the corruption. It may be that they are censurable for not knowing what was going on. But there are a lot of us who ought to know more than we do about what is going on in public and official life. A little sweeping in our own dooryards before sweeping the dooryards of our neighbors might help some.

In the meantime let us have a thorough investigation of that Omaha case—together with some others—and let swift punishment be meted out to those who are found guilty.

#### THE "NEW BROOMS."

The newly elected officers of Lancaster county have taken hold of their positions. Will Maupin's Weekly wishes every one of them success, and expects each one of them to make a record for faithful and efficient performance of duty.