

START CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY

Have you begun to think about Christmas shopping yet? If not you ought to begin to do so now. Do you know that half the dread of Christmas buying comes from the fact that the people put it off till the last minute, and then have to hurry when everything has been picked over, and the result is they are not satisfied with their own purchases. Turn over a new leaf this year---begin the first of December instead of "the night before Christmas," and you will get better satisfaction and more for your money. We quote below some special prices for this week. Come early.

CLOAKROOM

A \$14.95 Coat Special It Will Pay to Examine

These wonderful \$14.95 garments will take you completely by surprise. Their stylish lines and superior workmanship largely explains the popularity of this section. We have added some excellent values of Coats at \$9.95, \$7.95 and \$4.95 for this special sale, they are also worth your consideration.

Coats at \$14.95 are all this season's creations; broadcloth and Kersey, close or half fitting, Directoire and Empire style, our regular \$19.50 and \$17.50; special cut price.....\$14.95

Coats at \$9.95—Semi-fitting and close fitting, broadcloths, Kerseys and coverts; regular \$19.50, \$17.50, \$14.50 values, special cut price.....\$9.95

Coats at \$7.95—assortment of 35, black and colored, Kersey and woolen, Thibet cloth, semi-fitting and loose back styles; regular \$13.50, \$12.50, \$9.95 and \$8.95 values, special cut price at.....\$7.95

Coats at \$4.95—about 20 assorted colors, Kersey coats, mostly loose back; regular \$9.95 and \$7.95 values, special cut price at.....\$4.95

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ALL COATS ABOVE \$20.00 AT A SAVING OF \$5.00 PER GARMENT.
Caracule and Silk Plush Jackets, brown and black, mostly large sizes, your choice at.....Half Price

Suits

Our line of broadcloths, special priced at \$14.50 can't be beat. Our line of Chevron Worsteds, special priced at \$16.50 are unmatched. Our line of Fancy Worsteds and Serges, prices at \$19.50, are stunning values; sold elsewhere at \$25.00.

Petticoats at 1-5 Off

For five days we will give you a chance to select your need in Heatherbloom, Hydegrade and Satin Petticoats at.....20 Per Cent Discount
Best grade Taffeta Petticoats, all desirable colors and good width; \$6.75—\$5.95 values, cut price at.....\$3.95
\$8.50—\$7.50 values, cut price at.....\$4.95

New Belts for Women

We have just received a fine line of belts suitable for Christmas gifts in new Persian, Tinsel and new plain color effects; a wide range of these at.....50c
The new Directoire Belts with Tinsel fringe, new designs at.....50c and \$1.00
New Belting by the inch, in Persian and Morie effects, per inch.....1½c



Side and Back Combs

We are now showing our complete Christmas assortment, many new styles set in beautiful cut stones of different colors, gold inlaid, carved and plain shell and amber combs in a wide assortment of shapes. Side combs at.....25c and 50c
Plain or carved back combs, 25c, 50c and.....\$1.00
Fancy set combs at.....50c, 75c, \$1, and up

Women's Hand Bags

100 Women's Embossed hand bags, size 8x5, come in assorted colors, strap handle, something new; worth to \$1.50, special this week.....\$1.00
The new Triplex Bag, four bags in one. The most practical and serviceable hand bag for women. This bag can be used as a purse, as hand bag and music roll, as small satchel or as a shopping bag; see these before you buy. Price.....\$2.50

Holiday Ribbons

50 pieces of an All Silk Black Taffeta Ribbon in widths 22, 40 60 and 80; worth to 20c; special to close now.....10c
50 pieces of Fancy Ribbons in assorted widths and colors in floral Persian and striped designs, suitable for fancy work; special to close now.....One half off
New Morie Ribbons, all silk in plain or striped effects, 5 and 7 inch at.....35c and 50c
We carry a complete line of colored Taffeta and satin Ribbons in widths from No. 1 to No. 100.

Silk Scarfs

A complete new line of Christmas gifts—we have the most wanted colors, lengths and designs in a wide range of prices.....50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2.00 and up to \$3.50

Underwear Bargains

A large table of Women's and Children's Vests, Pants and Union Suits in assorted weights, marked in plain figures; special to close now.....One-Fifth Off
A lot of Misses' Union Suits in ecru, all sizes; worth to 30c, to close.....19c
25 dozen Women's Swiss Vests and Pants, a medium fleeceed; worth 50c, to close now.....35c
30 dozen Women's Fleeceed Union Suits, a fine quality, in ecru and white; a regular \$1.00 garment, special.....89c
Children's M Walists in all sizes, a special good value, at.....15c and 25c

FRED SCHMIDT AND BRO.
917-921 O St. OPPOSITE CITY HALL



DRESS GOODS

Special Prices on Wool Dress Goods

What is more appropriate for a Xmas gift than a nice dress, skirt or waist pattern? Our prices are reasonable, and we have a wide range of prices in the best weaves and colors.

Read the Specials

A lot of All-Wool Serges, Nun's Vellings, Panamas and Mohairs, 36 to 40 inches wide, in all colors, special this week.....45c
30 pieces of Batistes, Panamas, Serges and fancy weaves, in solid colors, widths 40 to 46 inches; worth 75c and 85c, special this week.....69c
44-inch All-Wool Taffeta, in the new and staple shades; our regular \$1.00 value, special.....89c
52-inch Plain Broadcloths, also 52-inch Fancy Broadcloths; worth to \$1.25, special this week.....89c
Choice of our 52- and 56-inch Cravenette Suitings, in assorted colors; worth \$1.50, to close now.....47c
New Wool Challies in dark styles, special for this week.....92c
20 pieces of Arnold's Piece Dyed Novelities in stripes, also side band effects; special this week.....15c
20 Per Cent Discount on all Velvets and Velveteens.

HIGH CUT TAN SHOES

For Men's winter foot protection, we call special attention to our high cut Blucher, laced calf tan shoes.

This particular tan leather is practically water-proof in itself—but it is further viscolized in anticipation of the service the shoes are to perform. The construction throughout is of the very highest character and renders the shoes dry, warm, easy on the foot and almost indestructible.

They are shoes that should be in every man's shoe closet for wear in bad weather.



Price of 16-inch boot.....\$5.95
Price of 13-inch boot.....4.95

THE CARPENTERS.

President Huber Won a Re-election Because of Good Record.

While the vote has not yet been officially counted and announced, enough returns from the general election of the Carpenters' Union have been received to make sure the re-election of President Huber.

W. D. Huber has been president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners since 1899, and during his incumbency the organization has made a splendid growth. The following may give some idea of the success of his administration:

November 1, 1899, membership, 24,000; June 30, 1908, membership 173,593.

November 1, 1899, funds in treasury, \$20,242.60.

June 30, 1908, funds in treasury, \$341,365.39.

November 1, 1899, number of local unions, 520.

June 30, 1908, number of local unions, 1,910.

November 1, 1899, cities working eight hours, 186.

June 30, 1908, cities working eight hours, 689.

November 1, 1899, cities working 44 hours per week, none.

June 30, 1908, cities working 44 hours per week, 356.

Lincoln carpenters may safely rely upon their delegate to the charter revision committee, Mr. Swab, to look for the interests of organized labor. Mr. Swab is "wise to the game," and he has the ability to express his sentiments in well chosen words. When he states a proposition to the committee, the committee will have no difficulty in understanding what he means.

Work locally continues to be fair, the weather conditions having been rather better than usual. While comparatively few new houses are going up there remains a lot of inside finishing work to do, and this furnishes employment for practically all the union carpenters in the city.

THE CIGARMAKERS.

Vote Against a Convention, Preferring the Referendum System.

It has been so long since the Cigarmakers' International Union has held a convention that the members have come to the conclusion that they do not need one. Recently the Boston union proposed a convention and received enough support to have the matter submitted to a referendum. But the proposition was again defeated, although the adverse majority was less than 400. The constitution provides that a convention shall be held when called for by a majority of the members of local unions. It has been ten or twelve years since a convention was held.

The Minneapolis union has inaugurated a movement that will result in great good if it is worked out. The union has submitted a proposition to the employers to inaugurate an advertising campaign, the expense to be divided. The cigarmakers have been the best label boosters in the union movement. Indeed, they were the pioneers in the label move. It would seem like good business judgment for the employers to co-operate in pushing their own product.

Locally work is better than the average, all shops working full forces of men. Lincoln made cigars are being called for oftener than ever before.

HAPPENED IN TEXAS.

Something happened in Texas on election day which shows that the boys in the Lone Star state are a sure enough wide-awake lot. Sixteen members of the Farmers' Union and fourteen trades unionists were elected to the lower house of the state legislature and in addition there will also be two union men in the senate. There should be something doing in the way of "class legislation" for the workers, at the next session of the Texas legislature.—Kansas City Labor Herald.

SHALL THE PEOPLE RULE?

Some Pertinent Comment by Official Organ of Bricklayers and Masons.

"Shall the People Rule?" has been the slogan.

"Yes, through us," says vested interests, "not otherwise. You, Mr. Workingman, were never made to rule. You were made to work for us, your superiors, and do our bidding. The ruling power belongs to those men, and to their posterity, who are schooled in high learning and are of refined birth. You, Mr. Workingman, and your posterity, are of lowly lineage, and you were born to serve us in daily toil, and unless you are obedient to our commands, and cheerfully do our bidding, we will withdraw from you the opportunity to earn a living, and as a further punishment for your disobedience and rebellious conduct, you and yours will suffer the pangs of hunger and all kindred miseries of the poverty that we shall visit upon you.

"So be good, Mr. Workingman. Do as we bid you in a cheerful manner and we will promise you and yours at least an existence. Nothing more

in this world, however. Only just enough to give you strength, in return for the mere pittance we pay you, to grind out the large profits which your toll makes for us, and when you can no longer do this we will discharge you, and then 'Over the Hill to the Poorhouse' you will have to go, or else die by the wayside like a friendless dog."—Bricklayer and Mason.

THE FEDERATION CONVENTION.

Rev. Charles Stelzle Talks About the Meeting of Labor Leaders.

Under the shadow of the "injunction contempt" proceedings in Washington, the American Federation of Labor held its annual meeting in Denver, during the middle of November. It was a great convention, every way. Great in its personnel, great in the speeches that were made, great in the manner in which its business was transacted, and great in the subjects which were handled by the nearly four hundred delegates who attended the convention. The Federation has grown in membership and in financial strength. It is constantly developing in importance as a factor in the industrial democracy for the securing of which it is making such splendid efforts.

There was a strong undercurrent of sentiment which was easily aroused by the speeches which had in them an appeal to the moral and ethical ideals of labor. The general tendency was toward a more scientific handling of labor's affairs, especially in the better grouping of the crafts. This was manifested by the formation of the Building Trades and the Metal Trades departments, and in the probable inauguration of a department for the crafts engaged in the

railroad industries. Such organizations should very materially reduce the jurisdiction strife which has consumed so much of the Federation's time in former years, and which has been a constant source of hindrance in the making of satisfactory contracts with employers.

The political program of the Federation was pretty thoroughly gone into. Despite the prophecies of the daily press, Samuel Gompers and the executive council were heartily applauded for their efforts in the last campaign. Indeed, there wasn't a suggestion of criticism from the convention with reference to their action. Mr. Gompers is more firmly entrenched than ever in the hearts and hopes of the Federation. It is quite apparent that he knows labor as no other man does, not only collectively, but as individuals.

The legislation of the convention looking toward better things for labor was put through with enthusiasm. The keenness of perception and the grasping of the really big things presented would have done credit to any kind of an organization. Surely no association of employers has a broader vision than had these delegates who represented the men of labor at their annual gathering.

ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE.

Charles William Elliot, president of Harvard, is to resign. Organized labor is unanimous in favor. He is the man who said that "the scab is a high type of American hero."—Greensboro Labor News.

The Alaskan fisheries give employment to over 5,000 fishermen, the majority of whom are now organized.

UNION PRINT SHOPS.

Printeries That Are Entitled to Use the Allied Trades Label.

Following is a list of the printing offices in Lincoln that are entitled to the use of the Allied Printing Trades label, together with the number of the label used by each shop:
Jacob North & Co., No. 1.
C. S. Simmons, No. 2.
Frete Presse, No. 3.
Woodruff-Collins, No. 4.
Graves & Mulligan, No. 5.
State Printing Co., No. 6.
Star Publishing Co., No. 7.
Western Newspaper Union, No. 8.
Wood Printing Co., No. 9.
George Bros., No. 11.
McVey Printing Co., No. 12.
Ford Printing Co., No. 16.
VanTine & Young, No. 24.
Dairyman Pub. Co., 130 No. 14th.
Graves Printery, No. 5.

BEFORE AND AFTER.

"Words Are Good When Backed By Deeds, and Only So."

"I will do everything in my power for the wageworkers of the country—except to do what is wrong."—Theodore Roosevelt in October, 1908. Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Daniel J. Keefe was today appointed by President Roosevelt to be commissioner general of immigration to succeed the late Frank P. Sargent.

CAME UP MISSING.

Sure, Taft's steam shovel president was among those who "dined" with Teddy, but we failed to discern the name of the president of Post's union among the lucky ones.—Sioux City Union Advocate.