

Happy, Useful and Sensible

Christmas thoughts all over our store.

Christmas Dress Goods—

The time was when dress goods were not the thing for Christmas giving, but times have changed and now they stand in the forefront of all holiday presents.



Our stock is replenished with all the new choice and desirable seasonable dress goods and silks, both in black and colors.

Winter Cloakings—

One yard and a half of our 56-in. wide cloth will make one of those stylish ladies' jackets.

Canton Flannel—

The comfortable fabric for winter under garments.

Table Linen—

Special sale of odd and soiled table cloths.

Underwear and Ladies' natural Hosiery—

In regular and extra large sizes: regular sizes, 90c; out sizes, \$1.00. Ladies' white jersey ribbed wool Union suits, seamless, glove-fitting, very fine quality, \$2.25 each.



Corsets—

The made to order fit, elegance and comfort are found in the flexible moulded corset.

New Jackets—

For Saturday's cloak sale. Elegant Boucle cloth coats, all hand-sewed lined with fine satin, for \$9.00, worth more.

Dressing Sacs—

Ladies dressing sacs, mother Hubbard style, turn down collar, trimmed with fancy braid, cuffs to match.

At 50c each, reduced from 75c. McCall's patterns, 10c and 15c.

Handkerchiefs—

We've anticipated the great demand for these most appropriate Christmas gifts.

Every desirable style from the lowest priced to the dainty creations in French linen with scalloped and embroidered edges.

Gift Vests—

A very suitable present for a lady. Cream washable vests from 25c to \$1.50 each.

SURGEON GENERAL TESTIFIES

Sternberg Laments Economical Policy in Medical Department.

ALGER WOULD NOT MAKE PURCHASES Error Admitted in Not Selecting Surgeons with Previous Similar Experience—Female Nurses Costly Luxuries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The management of the medical service of the army was taken up today by the War Investigating commission, and Surgeon General Sternberg was riddled with questions by its administration. The medical department, he said, was equipped only for an army of 25,000 men, when the war broke out, and from year to year the estimates he had submitted had been materially reduced by savings in the policy of economy of appropriations.

He said at one time there was as many as 650 contract surgeons employed. The appointees were mostly from 30 to 40 years old, with hospital or active professional experience, but when permanent camps were established in the country, he did not know they were to be permanent. He conceded it was a mistake not to have appointed more contract surgeons from those who had experience in the civil war, for their experience would have been invaluable, but he was ignorant of the fact.

Cardinal Gibbons Desires Inquiry Into Contract Educational System. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Cardinal Gibbons, in better times, and the archbishop of the Catholic church in America, has submitted a petition to congress asking that the question of the contract school system be reopened and that congress again go over the whole subject of Indian education.

Senator Dixon's Remarks. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator Dixon, of California, today made a statement in relation to the bill for the relief of the Hawaiian islands.

Does Not Fix Responsibility. There was an animated discussion over a delay in outfitting the John English, which was purchased May 13, as a hospital ship.

General Sternberg said that after its purchase there was a lapse of three weeks, during which no work had been done. It called on the date of the battle of Santiago and had it sailed five days sooner the medical service of the island would have been satisfactory.

General Sternberg, concerning the relative merits of distribution and regimental supplies, submitted a report to the department as to medical administration were borne out in the main.

General Sternberg hesitated considerably and said: "No, certainly not to any appreciable extent."

Another Commission to Cuba. Will Determine What is Needed in the Department of the Interior.

PUBLIC TELEGRAPH LINES

Experiment of Government Control Gets an Enforced Trial in Porto Rico and Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The situation in Porto Rico presents to this government for a time at least the experiment of federal ownership of telegraph and telephone lines.

The War department now controls all lines in Porto Rico and in the evacuated sections of Cuba. The latter, however, is looked upon as merely transient. In both places the lines are being repaired and the government is handling commercial messages.

The settlement of the arrears of pay due the mobilized and all the irregular troops offered a brilliant opportunity for maneuvering on the part of the military.

Encounters on the Streets. Several disturbances occurred yesterday afternoon between a number of Spaniards and Cubans, but luckily there was no serious consequence.

Senate Confirms Nominations. Clayton for Ambassador to Mexico and Montana Land Commission.

General Miles to Appear Before House Committee to Present His Views. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—General Miles is expected to appear before the house committee on the military situation.

Historic Flag Given to President. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The president and secretary of the navy had an interesting visitor today in the person of Mrs. Harriet R. Stafford of Cottage City, Mass.

Bill Introduced on Subject by Vest of Missouri. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator Vest today followed up the debate in executive session of yesterday concerning the appointment of senators and members of the house.

Immigration Bill Will Wait. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Chairman Danforth of the Immigration commission, after talking with house leaders, says he will not urge the immigration bill until more members arrive.

Mexican Boundary Question. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The senate in executive session today ratified the treaty for the extension of the completion of the Mexican boundary for one year.

LIVELY TIMES IN HAVANA

Franks and Hot Quarrels Mark the Dying Spanish Ruler.

Troops Are Paid in Warrants Which Wily Official Discounts at Heavy Rate—Spanish and Cuban Officers Exchange Insults.

HAVANA (Via Key West), Dec. 8.—The status of Isabel La Católica, which stands in the middle of Central park in this city, was found this morning holding a vase in one hand and a stenographic pen in the other.

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DON'T FORGET THIS FACT!

There are just 3 more chances to see and hear the BIG FAVORITES, JOHN C. RICE and SALLY COHEN, in the bright comedietta "Our Honey-moon."

By the Sea and Sea Waves

35 Prominent Players, including Nellie Hawthorne, Josie de Witt. Seats now on sale. Prices \$1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

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THE GREAT KELLAR

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 12 and 13. Everything new in the Magic World.

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ELECT A SOCIALIST MAYOR

Haverhill, Massachusetts, the First City to Try the Experiment.

NEW EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCES HIS POLICY

Proposes, in conjunction with His Followers in the City Council, to Put His Theories into Practice.

Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 8.—An avowed disciple of social democracy will on January 2 be inaugurated mayor of this city, being so far as known the first socialist to be elected to an administrative office in this country.

Article 1. We demand that the municipal public utilities such as street railways, gas and electric light plants and all other utilities requiring a franchise, be owned and operated by the people.

Article 2. We demand that the burden of taxation be distributed in exact proportion to the holdings of each citizen.

Article 3. We demand the abolition of all secret sessions of the city council and that public records be kept of the vote of each member on all questions.

Article 4. We demand the adoption of the principles of the initiative and referendum and proportional representation.

ESCAPEE IN THE FOREFRONT

Spain's Renowned Soldier is Reported to Have Escaped from the Front Lines.

MADRID, Dec. 8.—The imperialist day after tomorrow yesterday, the Spanish government yesterday day to telegraph to Senator Montero Rios, president of the Spanish peace commission at Paris, instructing him to again protest against President McKinley's reference to the Maline in his recent message to congress.

Article 4. We demand that all salaries and wages paid by the municipality be in proportion to the services rendered.

Article 5. We demand that the city, when necessary, furnish proper food, clothing and shoes to all children who are kept at home on account of lack of proper food, clothing and shoes.

Article 6. We demand that the full power of the municipal government be vested in the hands of the people.

Article 7. We demand the abolition of grade crossings and every other menace to human health and life.

Article 8. We demand that the burden of taxation be distributed in exact proportion to the holdings of each citizen.

BANK MANAGEMENT IS BAD

Cashier Steele of Chestnut Street Institution on Trial for Aiding in Looting the Funds.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—The trial of William Steele, cashier of the wrecked Chestnut Street National bank, who is charged with aiding the late William D. Slingerly in the looting of the bank, was commenced in the United States district court.

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Hood's Kidney Pills

Cure all liver, bile, blood, head, ache, sour stomach, indigestion, constipation. They are really, really, really good.

Important Ruling on Back Taxes.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—An important ruling concerning the collection of back taxes was made today by Judge Valliant of the circuit court.

Christian Scientist Tried and Found Guilty of Practicing Medicine Without License.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 8.—Thomas McDowell recently died of typhoid fever while under the care of Harris O. Evans, a Christian Scientist. She was tried for practicing medicine without a certificate and the jury brought in a verdict tonight of guilty.