# W.R. BENNETT CO

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Coming events cast their shadows on One of the sensations of the opening of our New Store will be 100 pleces, fast colors, heavy wrapper cloths, sold on State street, Chicago at 15c yd. Our price will be 5c, 1 or 100 yards.

# ar prices during this week arc light on a dark night. A stupendous clear. ance sale will be inaugurated tomorrow, continuing through the week, preparatory to our removal to our new big store. We must clear out our old stock at any

price. Prudent buyers will take advantage of this last call. During the week our Grand Opening Announcements full of Easter dainties and Modes from the world's greatest marts will appear in the papers. It will pay you to wait for the opening of the big store,

50 COMPLETE DEPARTMENTS IN THE NEW STORE-Dry Goods, Millinery, Men's and Boys' Clothing, Men's Furnishings, Boots and Shoes, Sporting Goods, Trunks and Valises, Books and Stationery, Drugs, Tobacco and Cigars, China, Glassware and Woodenware, Paints and Oils, Hardware, Music and Pianos, Picture and Art, Toys, Furniture, Carpets, Wall Paper, Tea Room, Draperies, Groceries, Bakery, Tea, Coffee and Spice, Butter, Meat, Stove, Harness, Fish, House Furnishings.

### Crockery Department

Annex Basement

Monday and Tuesday

Values not considered. Removal Sale

#### EXTRAORDINARY

Open Dishes	50
Water Pitchers	00
Crystal 14-gallon Pitchers, 25	50
	Water Pitchers

Bric-a-Brac prices cut in half. Don't fail to secure these rare offerings.

# Grocery Department

	,	a for each in white an own in	
3-lb. can Syrup, (full weight)	10c	Hand picked Navy Beans, per pound	4c
Pepper Sauce, per bottle	6c	Nice California Prunes,	5c
package	9c	14-lb can Capitol Baking Powder	.13c
Lemon Extract, per bottle	5c	Best Rolled Oats, per pound	4c
Keystone Corn Starch, per package BUIT	5c	Nice Clean Broken Rice, per pound	5c
Strictly fresh country Eggs, per dozen	.15c	Nice assortment of country Butter, up from	20c
MEA		PARTMENT	
As long as they last they are yours for, each	20	Smoked Eels, per	23c
Shredded Cod Fish, per package		Cottolene, per pail	25c
		e of smoked and salt meas oods at lowest prices.	ts, lard,

Furniture Department
FIVE-PIECE PARLOR SUIT—Nicely carved frame—well made through- out—fine damask covering—spring edge—very attractive suit— worth \$38.00—we will clean them out at
COUCHES—Thirty inches wide—steel construction—eight rows tufts— frame made of selected golden oak—covered in fine imported Bel- gian velours—regular price \$18.50—sale price
IRON BEDS—Handsome—large posts—heavy fillings—nicely brass trimmed—steel side rails—best white enamel finish, at closing out price—only
LEATHER ROCKERS—Very fine Mahogany Rocker—upholstered in best grade leather—frame nicely carved—plano polish finish—re gula rprice \$22.50—sale price

### Lace Curtains All our best Curtains go in this lot-several patterns-all full \$2.75 Lot of odd Lace Curtains-some splendid values-some slightly 48c

Carpet Clean-Ups

Some Great Bargains in Carpets and Lace Curtains.

Fxtra quality Velvet Carpets—good line of patterns and colors— 98c sewing included—per yard......

Good Velvet Carpets-short lengths-some slightly soiled-

All Wool Ingrain Carpets—best quality—sewed—at—per yard

For Sale on Third Floor.

#### Music Donastwout

music Department
Second Floor
We still have a number of musical instruments left, which we will place on sale Monday at actual cost.
Violins\$1.78 to \$7.98
Accordeons
Mandoline
Guitars\$2.98 to \$18.00
We have a few Washburn Mandolin and Guitar In- structors, which sold at \$1, our price now68c
Mandelin and Guitar Steel Strings, per set 15c
Violin and Banjo Steel Strings, per set 10c
Violin and Banjo Gut Strings, per set
Violin Bows68c to \$2.50
Mandolin Cases88c
Guitar Cases98c

### Tea and Coffee Dept.

SPECIAL-A number of our customers were unable to take advantage of our recent Coffee sale. In order to give all an opportunity to share in this great bargain, we have decided to place 2,1000 pounds more of the same grade of coffee on sale Monday at

# 10c per pound Come Monday as this may be your last chance.

Bennett's	Capitol	Porcelain	fired	Japan	Tea-
half-pou	nd pack	age	*****		

Try this tea once and you will use no other but this brand in the future. We have in stock a full line of English Breakfast, sun dried Japan, Young Hyson and Oolong Teas at lowest prices. Also a complete line of green and roasted coffees. We are also headquarters for pure

## Woodenware Department

Annex Bar	gain Room
Towel Roller with mirror and comb case, nicely varnished, only45c	Nice Hat and Coat Rack, 480
Large eize Wash 17c	3-arm nickel Towel 15c
Hard wood Chopping Bowls, your choice9c	2 compartment Knife Box

Special low price on all wood and willowware. You will soon need a refrigerator. We have a line of sample refrigerators of the best makes, which we will close out at greatly reduced prices.

# Hardware Department



## Trunk Department

In Annex Basement Now is the time to buy your Trunk, Suit Case, Telescope or Traveling Bag. We are making special low prices on all goods in this department.

A jarge metal covered 2.98 Trunk, only	Heavy canvas Sult Cases, 68c at 86c, 78c and
Before buying anything in this	line look over our stock We see

### Candy Department

plete assortment of everyth	ing that	Easter Novelties. We have is new and novel in this i	ine and
	W. WO	will quote a few of them belo	W.
Easter Eggs,	1c	Rabbits,	5c
10 for		each	
Chocolate Eagle Eggs,	5c	Chickens,	5c
Bird's Nests, filled	5c	Ducks.	
with eggs, each	DC	each	5c
	price g	oods. Call and examine then	n.
Hearhound Drops,		Yum Yum Mixed Candy,	
per pound	.15c	per pound	.20c
Jelly Beans,	40	Assorted Fudge,	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR
per pound	18c	per pound	20c
Mint Lozenges,	40-	Eureka Gum Drops,	
per pound	18c	per pound	150

# Cigar Department

- Barrell and Barr
PORTUONDO CIGAR-Every smoker knows what this cigar is. We sell them at,
each4c
Drop in and take advantage of this low price on a good cigar.
Meerschaum Smoking 4C Durham Smoking Tobacco, per pkg4C
Florence Cigars, 10c Piper Heidsick Tobacco, per cut8c
A fine line of Pipes. We are offering some special bargains in this

department. Now is the time to buy,

# Cutlery Department

In An	nex
Comencing Monday morning we	will clear out our entire stock of the
famous "Griffon" brand Pocket Kni	
2-blade knives, worth 15c, 5c	CAMERICAL PROPERTY.
1-blade Jack knives, worth 15c, at this sale	The state of the s
2-blade Pen knives, black or white stag handles, worth 25c, 10c at this sale	steel blades and red wood 100 handles, usually sold for25c. 100 2-blade Pen Knives, black or write
2-blade Jack Knives, with heavy Large 3-blade knives, very fine, r ground and tempered. Regular price	bone handles, with double bolster, worth Sc 150 call stag handles, good steel, wel 650—all closed out at 25c.

# W.R. BENNETT

# Fifteenth and Capitol Ave

# IOWA SOON MAY BE REPAID Campbell; V. B. F. Mengel.

save you money.

Auditor Rittmann Checks Up War Claims for Shaw's Action.

WELLS TO BE REAPPOINTED AT CRETE

Het Springs Sanitarium Bill Being Fostered by South Dakota Delegation-Pension Measures

of State Interest.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, March 15,-(Special Telegram.)-F. E. Rittmann, auditor of the Treasury department for the War department, is now engaged in checking up the accounts in his office, comparing them with the figures which appear on the books in the state auditor's office at Des Moines, as given to Special Agent Sizer during his recent visit to Iowa. During the civil war, many states promptly responded to the call to arms and furnished men and munitions of war, and lows was notably to the front in this particular. The money necessary to arm and equip the regiments from Iowa was entirely secured by the issuance of interest-bearing bonds. The state steadfastly paid the interest on these state bonds, amounting in the aggregate to \$455,-

cipal and interest. Auditor Rittmann said today that the government had uniformly held that it could not pay the interest charged in these cases. The state of New York, which, with patriotic fervor, went into the open market and raised money to carry out the obligations placed upon it, sought to recover the amount expended, but was overruled by the government and thereupon took an appeal to the supreme court of the United States. which rendered a decision favorable to the state. The supreme court held that where the state had borrowed the money and paid interest thereon, the United States should pay the principal as well as the interest. Iowa's Bond Burden.

915, and it now seeks to recover the prin-

In the case of Iowa, when the general government called upon the state to supply quota of men and munitions of war, bonds were issued to carry out the demand. The state now seeks reimbursement. The accounts of the state have been examined and are now being compared with those on record in the office of Auditor Rittmann. "It will be several weeks before we can be prepared to submit the lowa case to the secretary of the treasury for transmission to congress," said Auditor Bittmann. "I have a corps of clerks now at work checking up the accounts, but it will be some time before the task is com-

pleted and in shape to transmit to the scretary of the treasury." Secretary Show, speaking of the claim that Iowa has on the general government for the premium it was compelled to pay on its bonds issued for the purpose of carrying on the war, said today that he had recalled the case from the court of claims where it had been pending, in view of the paragraph which appears in the urgency eficiency bill in refunding to Maine, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Rhede Island the expenses incurred in raising volunteers He said that just as soon as the auditor for the War department would certify the amount due to lowa to him he would ask congress to make an appropriation for the

Wells to Be Reappointed at Crete. Senator Dietrich today recommended the reappointment of H. M. Wells for posting recommendations in the fourth-class shows that this remedy is a certain pre-offices: Mead, Orland Adams, vice W. R. ventive of that dangerous disease.

Campbell; Valparaiso, M. B. Giffin, vice

Senators Gamble and Kittredge and Representative Martin saw the president today in relation to the Hot Springs sanitarium House Passes Over Two Hundred Bills in bill now pending in the house. The delegation explained to the president the position of the measure and the need for the sanitarium. In explaining why they called upon the president at this time they said they did not know what course the leaders in the house might take and they wanted the president to have advance knowledge

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hansoom of Omaha are in Washington on their way from a trip south. They expect to spend several weeks in Washington before resuming their journey northward.

H. S. Shears and wife of Omaha are in th

For Nebraskans and Iowans. Bills for the relief of Sally Lowe and Benjamin Contal, introduced by Mr. Mercer, passed the house today, as did the measure increasing the pension of Nathan W. Snee by Mr. Shallenberger, and for Evaline Wilion, by Mr. Stark.

The following Iowa bills were also passed Granting pension to Elizabeth Rickey, by Mr. Hepburn; granting pension to Mary King, by Mr. Lacey; increasing pension of there was not a shadow of truth in the Thomas P. Smith, by Mr. Hull; granting article. pension to Mary E. Holden, by Mr. Hepburn; granting pension to Mary Shelton Houston, by Mr. Hedge; increasing pension of Thomas Finley, by Mr. Thomas; granting pension to Mrs. Joseph Lyman, by

Mr. Smith. Department Notes.

The condition of the Des Moines national banks February 25 shows: Loans and discounts, \$5,741,781; gold coin, \$161,812; lawful money reserve, \$893,004; individual deposits, \$2,510,347; average reserve held, 27.84.

The postoffice at Kirkwood, Apannoose county. Is., has been ordered discontinued after April 30. Byron E. Hill, of Arcadia, Neb., was today appointed a railway mail clerk.

T. W. Dawson is the new postmaster at ionilla, Beadle county, S. D. William H. Shipling was today appointed a substitute carrier in the Omaha postoffice; Carl O. Mainburg a substitute clerk in the Red Oak, Is., postoffice; and Arthur Jordan, a substitute carrier in the Burling-

#### LUNCHES WITH THE PRESIDENT Funston Announces His Arrival at the

ton, In., postoffice.

Capital and Consults with Roosevelt. WASHINGTON, March 15 .- Brigadler

General Frederick Funston today lunched with the president, after having been onsultation with him. Early in the day General Funston called

at the War department and announced his arrival to General Corbin. He also paid his respects to Lieutenant General Miles. Nothing has yet been arranged with regard to the future duties of General Funston, but it is probable he will not be sent back to the Philippines until he wishes to

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

You have good reason to fear an attack of pneumonia when you have a severe cold. accompanied by pains in the chest or in the back between the shoulders. Get a bottle of Chamberiain's Cough Remedy and use it as directed and it will prevent the threatened attack. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for colds and la grippe, we have yet to learn of a single case master at Crete. He also made the follow- that has resulted in pneumonia, which

# CLEARS PENSION CALENDAR

One Day.

MINOR CORRECTS NEWSPAPER REPORT

Wisconsin Member is Supported by Speaker in Denial of Story that He is Influenced by

WASHINGTON, March 15 .- The house devoted today to private pension bills, passing 229 bills and clearing the calendar. This is the largest number of pension bills ever passed by the house at one session. Earlier in the day a resolution was adopted calling upon the War department for information concerning the government transport service between San Francisco and the Philippines. Later in the day Mr. Minor of Wisconsin, rising to a question of personal privilege, denounced a published statement regarding the speaker himself as false. Speaker Henderson also stated that

Mr. Parker of New Jersey reported back from the committee on military affairs the resolution introduced by Mr. Richardson the democratic leader, a few days ago, calling upon the secretary of war for the reports of certain army officers who examined into the transport service between San Francisco and Manila, with the recommendation that a substitute be adopted, which calls for the facts relative to this trans-

Richardson Accepts Substitute. Mr. Parker explained that reports were onfidential and contained in many cases freely expressed opinions, which it might be unwise to make public. All congress

port service instead of the reports.

desired or was entitled to, he said, were Mr. Richardson said that while he would have preferred the reports called for in his original resolution he would be satisfied with the substitute if it elicited the facts, as he was assured it would. He was the more disposed to accept the substitute, as the senate had already adopted a resolution almost identical with that introduced by him. If congress got the facts relative to the transport service, he said, he be lieved the country would receive a chapter of very interesting reading. The resolution

The house then went into committee of the whole and entered upon consideration of private pension bills. A message from the president was received returning the bill restoring Edward

was adopted without division.

Kirschner to the navy for technical correc-

#### Minor Denies Press Report.

Mr. Minor of Wisconsin then rose to a question of personal privilege. He sent to the clerk's deak and had read a Washington dispatch in a Cincinnati newspaper to the effect that he (Minor) had changed his position on the shipping and on the Cuban tariff question because of the speaker's intention to advance a local revenue cutter measure in which the Wisconsin member is Mr. Minor followed the reading with de-

act, word, deed or intimation, he said, had stituted. Many people throughout the the speaker attempted to change Mr. Min- country are also discarding old methods or's position relative to the Cuban question. As to the shipping bill, he said, the insomnia, indigestion and dyspepsia, and speaker was not aware of his position. are using Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the Speaker Henderson added that so far as old reflable remedy for these allments. It the article referred to him, the averments is recommended by physicians, and a trial made by Mr. Minor were absolutely untrue, will convince you of its value.

#### as there was not a word or shadow of truth in any statement made in it. Immediately following this incident the house at 3:30 p. m. adjourned.

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QUITS THE POSTAL SERVICE First Assistant Postmaster General Johnson Tenders His Resig-

WASHINGTON, March 15 .- The letter of resignation of First Assistant Postmaster General Johnson, whose determination to

reeign was announced some time ago, is as reeign was announced some time ago, is as follows:

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The President: Sir—Owing to the condition of my health and for other personal reasons, I deem it advisable to relinquish the office of first assistant postmaster general and have the honor to tender to you my resignation of that office, to take effect when my successor shall have qualified. In submitting the same I wish to express my appreciation of the consideration shown me by yourself and your predecessor, and also by the postmaster general and his predecessor, with both of whom my official and personal relations have been most agreeable.

With assurances of my best wishes for the success of your administration, I am, very respectfully.

WILLIAM M. JOHNSON,
First Assistant Postmaster General.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—My Dear Johnson: I accept with regret your resignation of the position of first assistant postmaster general. Your administration of that office has been most satisfactory and I wish it might have been possible for you to continue in a post whose duties you have so well performed. Hoping your health may be fully restored, believe me with kind regards, sincerely yours.

THEODORE ROOSEVELLT.

William M. Johnson, First Assistant Postmaster General.

SAMPSON CASE APPEALED Proceedings Against the Admiral Involving Prize Money in Supreme

WASHINGTON, March 15 .- The transcript of the record in the case of the United States against Admiral Sampson and others, which has been appealed to the supreme court of the District of Columbia, was filed in the United States supreme court today. The case involves the case as to whether prize money should be awarded to Admiral Sampson and the officers and men of the North Atlantic squadron on account of the vessels and supplies captured in the battle off Santiago July 3, 1898.

Confirmations by the Senate. WASHINGTON, March 15 .- The senat today confirmed these appointments:

Postmasters: Kansas-T. E. Dittemere, Eureka; C. O. Kinne, Aima.

Iowa-P. MacLean, Creston; L. F. Maple Chariton.

South Dakota-C. K. Neff, Groton.

Wyoming-W. F. Brittain, Sheridan.

Nominations in the Navy. WASHINGTON, March 15 .- The president today sent the following nominations to the acmate:

Navy-Captain Arent Schuyler Crownin-

shield, to be rear admiral; Lieutenan

Commander Robert M. G. Brown, retired, to be a commander on the retired list. The Rifle Supplants the Sword.

A half century ago the sword was considered the best known weapon in warfare but it is now being discarded by the Brit ouncing the article as false. Never by ish soldiers, and the modern rifle is sub of trying to cure headache, nervousness, are using Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the

# AGAINST CUBAN ANNEXATION strongest opponents the English war party

Senator Proctor Reaffirms Former Opposition to Union with Island.

DENIES RIGHT TO INTERFERE WITH AFFAIRS try, it is said, has been kept a secret and

Insists that Pleages of Self-Government Should Be Redeemed and Question of Annexation Left to Cuba.

BURLINGTON, Vt., March 15 .- In a let ter to the Free Press, Senator Redfield Proctor denounces as a fraud a letter recently published and attributed to him favoring the annexation of Cuba as the solution of the Cuban problem. The senator declares that he wrote no such letter and that it wholly misrepresents his position. He says:

"On my return from Cuba four years ago this was all I said about annexation: "'I am not in favor of annexation, not that I would apprehend any particular trouble from it, but because it is policy to take in any people of foreign ongue and without any strong American elements.

"If the objection stated in that sentence

were removed," continues the senator, there are other reasons why we now cannot properly advocate annexation. We have remised Cuba independence. Her government is soon to be inaugurated. We must keep our promise strictly and give her a fair opportunity for self-government. So long as she complies with the requirements of the Platt amendment we have no right to interfere in its affairs. If she succeeds in establishing a stable and well conducted government and her people are satisfied with it we have no occasion to interfere. If at any time in the future they think it desirable to become a part of this country they will say so and then it is for us to decide whether we wish to receive them

into the union or not. "It is plainly for them to say first that they wish to come. Until they express such a wish it does not come with good grace from us, and it is not fair, in view of our promise to them, to talk about annexation. It is neither good morals, good manners or good policy. We must first give them the fair chance for self-government we have guaranteed, and to bring any pressure to bear upon them or to advocate annexation until they ask for it is, to say the least, premature and tends to defeat its

CONFERS WITH BOER ENVOYS Prominent English Peace Advocate Meets the Delegates at

Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 15 .- The Inter Ocean tells of a meeting between Dr. G. B. Clark, a former member of the English Parliament and a strong peace party man, who is in Chicago supposedly on business, and the Boer envoys, C. H. Wessels, A. D. W. Welmarans and Montague White, at a small dinner given by Peter Van Vlissingen in a private room at the Chicago Athletic club. The envoys arrived in Chicago from Washington yesterday. Dr. Clark reached here Thursday. Dr. Clark's visit and the motive therefor, according to the later Ocean, is veiled in mystery and it is also alleged that it was against his wishes that his presence in the city at this time became known to anyone outside the officers of the Transvasi league. Dr. Clark is known to be one of the

#### strongest opponents the English war party no stone unturned in the House of Com-

mons in his efforts to have the war brought to a close. He is now one of the ac-knowledged leaders of the peace party in England. In his opinion the Boers should receive liberty. His mission to this coun

league officials will say much of it. The dinner was behind closed doors and no one save the host and his five guests heard what was discussed. Those present were the three special envoys, Dr. Clark, S. A. Calhoun, a member of the Chicago Transvaal league, and Mr. Van Vlissingen.

none of the Boer envoys or Transvasl

Italy Declines to Ask Intervention. ROME, March 15 .- In the Chamber of Deputies Signor Prignetti, the minister of reign affairs, replying to a question, said the government of Italy declined to take the initiative in asking for European in-

tervention in South Africa. He was glad to say that the relations between Italy and Great Britain were never nore cordial than at present.

## Confident of Evans' Removal.

WASHINGTON, March 15 .- A high official of the G. A. R. is authority for the statenent that the pension committee appointed at the last encampment will soon submit its report to the president, and that they feel greatly encouraged as to the result. They are confident of Commissioner Evans' emoval. Although not immediately and not in a way to humiliate him.

Rear Admiral Howell Retired. WASHINGTON, March 15 .- Rear Admiral John A. Howell, president of the naval etiring board and next to Admiral Dewey, the ranking officer of the navy, reached the aw, was placed on the retired list.

## TENDERS PLACE TO SARGENT

Head of Firemen's Brotherhood May Be Commissioner of Immigration.

POWDERLY AT OUTS WITH SUPERIORS

Commissioner at New York and His Assistant Also to Be Relieved from Duty April 1 for Same Cause.

WASHINGTON, March 15 .- The position of commissioner general of immigration has been tendered by the president to Frank P. Sargent, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fifemen, to succeed T. V. Powderly, the present incumbent. It is understood that the reason for the

president's action in desiring to relieve Mr. Powderly is because he has not worked in harmony with the higher officials of the Treasury department, which has resulted in more or less friction. It also has been determined to relieve Thomas Fitchie, commissioner at New York, and his assistant, Edward F. Me-Sweeney. The changes, it is said, will take effect April 1, although it is not given

Changes on Southern Railway.

out who will succeed the two latter off

WASHINGTON, March 15 .- In the general order issued by the Southern railway today in regard to the appointment of the new officials named last night, it is announced that the offices of traffic manager and assistant traffic manager are abolished These offices were held respectively by J. M. Culp, who becomes fourth vice presiage of 62 today, and, in accordance with the | dent, and W. A. Turk, who becomes passenger traffic manager.



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