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Saturday Sale of Fine Black Hats at Half Price

One large lot of fine Black Hats, fancy braid hand made hats, all the very newest and best styles of the season at half price.

- Regular \$5.00 Black Hats \$2.50. Regular \$6.00 Black Hats \$3.00. Regular \$7.50 Black Hats \$3.75. Regular \$10.00 Black Hats \$5.00.

Saturday Only. Second Floor Millinery Department.

Special Sale of 45-in. Swagger Coats in Fancy Plaids and Mixtures. Saturday we shall place on special sale 25 new and very stylish, 45-inch, Long Fancy Coats at the following reduced prices:

Negligee House Gowns. All the new Summer House Gowns are now in. We have a most beautiful selection of these pretty garments from \$15.00 to \$12.00.

Lingerie Waists. Every style made exclusively for Thompson, Belden & Co. Come Saturday and see the pretty waists at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75 up to \$3.00.

Handsome Separate Skirts. Beautifully tailored and perfect in fit, at \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.00.

Saturdays' Special Sale in Our Economy Basement, Cloak Department.

Percale House Wrappers, worth from \$1.00 to \$1.50, Saturday at 50c each. All our Separate Skirts, in black, worth up to \$5.00, Saturday at \$3.75.

Silk Gloves. Silk gloves are more comfortable for summer wear. Our stock is provided with a large line of "Kaysers," which is recognized as the best fabric glove in the market.

Kayser Silk Gloves, 2-clasp, in black or white, \$1.50 per pair. Kayser Silk Gloves, in all the season's shades of brown, mode, pongee, gray, navy, plum, red, green, black or white, \$1.00 per pair.

Kayser Silk Gloves, with 2-clasp and new stitching, in mode, brown, gray, black or white, 75c a pair.

THOMPSON BELDEN & CO. Howard Corner Sixteenth Street.

FIRE TAKES NEW START

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of the buildings damaged by the earthquake of Wednesday morning are being repaired and activity of a healthy and reassuring sort is stirring all about. Should the relief trains and money to aid the homeless poor arrive quickly, that famine and pestilence and wretchedness may not add their horrors to the present calamity, one with sufficient amount of fortitude may look on the present plight of the city not without a strong confidence in the future.

CATASTROPHE LEVELS CLASSES

Americans and Asiatics, Rich and Poor Meet on Common Level. SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Next to viewing the many square miles of ruins that once made San Francisco a city, no better realization of the ruin that has come to this place can be gained than by visiting the refugee camps located in the districts which were untouched by the flames.

Art Treasures Are Lost. NEW YORK, April 20.—The Tribune today says: The Metropolitan Museum of Art has lost in the San Francisco fire nearly all of the paintings bequeathed to it by Collis P. Huntington. The fire destroyed the old Collis P. Huntington house, Mr. Huntington spent years in acquiring this collection. When he died the pictures in his collection were willed to the Metropolitan museum. A condition in the will, however, left them in the possession of the family, and they are now in the hands of Mrs. Huntington and Archer M. Huntington.

Substantial, Far Reaching Satisfaction

Has this store pleased you? Come, tell us of it. We have it told very many times—it never grows old. Have you made an unsatisfactory purchase? Tell us of that—we guarantee satisfaction or refund money.

Worthy Clothes for Boys at \$7.50, \$6.50, \$5. Young Men's Suits at \$15, \$13.50, \$12.50.

Suits for stout boys and boys of average proportions; the new grays and plaids and fancy mixtures, as well as plain blues, are here in gratifying variety, straight or knickerbocker trousers—special values in little fellows and boys' Suits and Top Coats—\$7.50, \$6.50 and \$5.00.

NEW ARRIVALS IN GIRLS' CLOAK SECTION—A great big special is a gray velvet, three-quarter length, Berkley Jacket, with black velvet collar and cuffs, ages 6 to 15, at 6.50.

IN THE SHOE DEPARTMENT—We're dispensing lots of shoe satisfaction these days. You're invited.

WRITE FOR ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE. BENSON & THORNE'S Lilliputian Bazaar OMAHA, NEB.

Children's Department. Children's white lawn caps, the plain French effects, from 25c to \$1.00. Children's white caps, with lace or embroidery turn back, from 50c to \$2.00. Felted bonnets, in mesh and embroidery, elaborately trimmed, \$1.50 to \$5.00. White pique and poplin wash hats, from 50c to \$1.00. Hand embroidered hats, beautiful designs, \$7.00. A few more soiled muslin caps left, at 25c and 50c, formerly \$1.25 to \$2.25. We carry the celebrated Virginia shirt stretcher, sizes 1 to 6, 50c each.

Ladies' Lightweight Knit Corset Covers. Ladies' fine ribbed gage cotton corset cover, high neck, long sleeves or high neck, no sleeves, in mesh and embroidery, elaborately trimmed, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. Ladies' fine ribbed mercerized lisle corset covers, high neck, long sleeves, \$1.00 each.

Women's Split Sole Hose, Saturday's Special Price, 19c pr. One hundred dozen pair of women's black cotton hose, with mesh split soles. They are made especially for us and are our regular 3c hose, but as good as usually sold elsewhere for 3c. These hose will be sold at our hostelry department, main floor, Saturday only, for 19c pr.

Men's 25c Half Hose, Saturday 12 1/2c pair. About one thousand pairs of regular 25c quality black cotton half hose Saturday at half price. Real combed mako yarn, fast black, full sizes, made with double sole and high split heels, sizes 9 1/2 to 13 1/2, on sale at men's furnishings department at \$1.50.

Parisian Silk Grenadine, Saturday 69c yard. Special 44-in. \$1.00, \$1.25 Black Silk Grenadine, Saturday 98c per yard. Special 44-in. \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50 Parisian Silk Grenadine, \$1.49 per yard.

Our promise you the greatest bargain in Fine Imported Black Silk Grenadines such as you have never seen in Omaha. Without question the handsomest goods of the kind ever shown in this city. They are a fabric of exquisite beauty for evening, afternoon or reception gowns. The reason of these sweeping reductions is this: We have too many and Saturday will be the great stock reducing sale.

All our \$1.00, \$1.25 dainty satin stripes, broche figures, small checks, beautiful, rich silk finish, Saturday, 69c yard. All our \$1.75, \$2.00, in shadow figures, broche figures, here and there tiny satin dots on shadow figures, colors cream, navy and black, Saturday, 98c yard.

All our \$2.50, \$3.00 Parisian Silk Finished Embroidered Grenadines, in dainty satin stripes, tiny embroidered vines, here and there a leaf or bud. Nothing more beautiful or dressy at any price; Saturday, \$1.49 yard.

plants to their utmost capacity and to send all their surplus output to the relief committee. By working night and day it is believed that thousands of loaves can be furnished daily.

At the headquarters of the relief committee the actual details of the work is being handled by committees who have charge of various branches of the work. There is a registration bureau, where all are asked to register their names for the use of those wishing to find families or friends. Hundreds of inquiries have been received for information in regard to the people. In many instances the families were separated and were at a loss to know what direction to look for each other.

There is a provision committee, which takes charge of the provisions, which are stored as fast as they are received in a grain warehouse at the corner of Thirteenth and Franklin streets. From here the provisions are distributed to the various depots where people are being fed throughout the city.

The churches of the city are taking charge of the work of administering to the wants of the needy and hungry.

WORK OF FEEDING THE DESTITUTE

Bread Lines Established at 7 Camps and People Wait Patiently for Food. SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Although every effort of the various relief committees today was bent to relieve the starving hunger of the destitute thousands of people that were in a large measure entirely successful—there are tonight in this city many persons either without sufficient food or entirely without it. The government officials took charge of every grocery store in that part of the city still standing and gave out foodstuffs to all those who were hungry.

Bread lines were established at Fillmore and Turk streets, at Golden Gate park and at the Pacific and every person who stood in line was given a whole loaf. The line at Fillmore and Turk was four blocks long all afternoon and the parks were no longer a large supply of bread was obtained this morning and this was distributed to women and children wherever they were found in need. A great deal of this milk was used for the exhausted women who arrived at the ferry throughout the day and night.

The bread lines at the parks furnished instances of the absolute poverty and destitution that has marked the behavior of the people throughout their trying experience. There was no disorder when the hungry thousands were told to form a line and receive their bread and canned goods. All were content to wait their turn. Silk-hatted men of affairs followed good naturedly behind Chinese, and took their leaves from the same hand.

Soup kitchens were established in the streets of the unburned section, no fires having been allowed indoors, and many hungry persons were fed by these individual efforts. Bread and other foodstuffs as may be at hand will be distributed at the various stations twice a day.

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PIANO SALE.

Great Fifteen Days' Sale of High Grade Pianos. Omaha's Largest and Finest Piano Store Offers Most Extraordinary Bargains of Year.

Saturday morning we continue the most sensational sale of pianos and piano players ever known in Omaha. 450 instruments, all standard makes, sacrificed at less than factory cost.

The magnificent bargains offered during this greatest of all great sales raised even the Schmolzer and Mueller standard of value-giving, which has long been acknowledged supreme. We intend to make this FIFTEEN DAYS' SALE OF PIANOS so conspicuous in the annals of our piano store that it will stand side by side with our record of achievement.

BRAND NEW PIANOS FOR \$150, FOR \$250, FOR \$350. AND EQUALLY ASTONISHING VALUES AT EVERY PRICE BETWEEN.

Do not delay a single hour, but come at once if you would reap the greatest benefit from this remarkable sale. Values like these cannot be approached under ordinary business conditions. You may never have a chance like this again to buy a Steinway, Steger, Emerson, Hardman, A. B. Chase, McPhail, Vose & Sons, Kurtzman or fourteen other celebrated makes. We are prepared to please you, no matter what price you want to pay. If \$100 is your price we will give you the best \$100 piano to be found in Omaha. If you want to spend \$350 it will buy more piano value here than anywhere in the city. You have our absolute guarantee of full value for every dollar you spend. Every instrument marked in plain figures—our prices the same to all.

WRITE FOR FREE CATALOGUE AND BARGAIN LIST. WE SHIP PIANOS EVERYWHERE. Terms to Suit Your Convenience. Advantage of liberal exchange privilege. STOOL and SCARF FREE.

Schmolzer & Mueller Piano Co., 1311-1313 Farnam St.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Table with columns: Fair, with No Important Change of Temperature. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg.

St. Louis Brewer Tells of Escape, of Himself and Family. ST. LOUIS, April 20.—A special telegram to the Globe-Democrat from Adolph Busch, the millionaire St. Louisan, dated at Sparks, Nev., gives an account of his experiences in the San Francisco earthquake.

Pythians Plan Big Fund. COLUMBUS, O., April 20.—Champion lodge, Knights of Pythias, today originated a plan to raise \$10,000 for San Francisco by securing \$50 from each lodge of the order.

Fort Dodge, Ia., April 20.—(Special Telegram)—One thousand dollars has been raised by public subscription for San Francisco relief funds. At least \$3,000 will be sent from here.

RUMOR OF DISASTER IN HAWAII

Vague and Discredited Report Says Honolulu is Slipping Into Sea. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 20.—The Oriental liner, China, arrived in port tonight. A report which cannot be confirmed is to the effect that the wireless telegraph system at Diamond Head, Honolulu, was in brief communication with China this afternoon and the message received was slipping into the sea. Little credence is placed in the above report, which may be of the many rumors which have spread since Wednesday.

New York, April 20.—A cablegram to the Chronicle from Honolulu says: "The six miles of beach at the tip of the island of Oahu, which would involve the capital of the Hawaiian Islands in destruction was feared. Vibrations were evidently the result of seismic disorders were felt quite plainly throughout the city."

While earthquakes are by no means infrequent in the islands, that of yesterday was much more severe than any which has occurred in recent years. It caused the buildings along Fort street and other thoroughfares in the business district to sway to and fro and in the residence districts some of the best constructed buildings were partly demolished as the result of the vibrations.

The disturbances caused by the vibrations caused the water in the harbor to rise rapidly and fear was felt that a tidal wave would sweep over the city. However, in a few minutes the vibrations ceased and no further ones were noted during the day.

The vibrations had the effect of causing almost a panic among the inhabitants who had learned of the catastrophe which destroyed San Francisco. Crowds rushed into the streets when the vibrations were first felt and endeavored to make their way out of the business district as soon as possible, preferring to take their chances in the sugar plantations in the open rather than to endure the danger of having the buildings falling upon them.

Fear of possible disorders as a result of the panic resulting from the vibrations caused the landing of a considerable force of marines from the men of war in the harbor. These, with the assistance of the local police, were able to restore order shortly and within an hour after the vibrations had ceased and conditions had become normal again business was everywhere resumed and the population went on its way as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened.

CABINET CONSIDERS CATASTROPHE Secretary Metcalf to Go to San Francisco to Represent Government. WASHINGTON, April 20.—President Roosevelt today directed the cabinet to discuss the greater part of their semi-weekly meeting to discussion of the calamity which has befallen San Francisco. The matter was taken up immediately after the cabinet convened and it was decided that Secretary Metcalf, who is a resident of Oakland, Cal., should proceed to the stricken city at once as a representative of the national government.

Secretary Metcalf will leave for San Francisco this afternoon. It will be his effort to consult with the governor of California and the municipal officials of San Francisco and to advise the national administration what, if anything, might be done to alleviate the distress there.

President Roosevelt today contributed \$1,000 and Senator Knox \$500 for San Francisco. The Southern railway will carry supplies free.

It is appreciated by the president that while the people of San Francisco have a proper feeling of pride in the matter of the acceptance of assistance, that pride must be laid aside in order that aid may be extended to them by the government and by the people of the United States. It is made clear that assistance from foreign countries is not necessary, the United States being abundantly able to render such aid as may be needed. It is desired by the president and his advisers that such private contributions as may be made for the relief of the people of San Francisco be contributed directly to the American National Red Cross association, which has facilities for the administration of such relief funds.

Secretary Taft has canceled all of his

FAIR AND STANFORD ESTATES HIT Mrs. Oelrich Declares She is Poor and Stanford Cash Tied Up. CHICAGO, April 20.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from New York says: "Practically all my property is in ruins. I can't give aid, because I'm now as poor as anyone else."

This spoke Mrs. Herman Oelrichs, who before her marriage was Miss Theres Alford Fair of California, daughter of Senator James G. Fair and sister of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and who was prostrated yesterday at her Fifth avenue home over the anxiety for her relatives and friends and the loss of a great part of her fortune in the San Francisco disaster.

It was only recently that Mrs. Oelrichs traded her \$300,000 Fairmont hotel for the Rialto and the Crosby buildings. Both these buildings are near the corner of Mission and Montgomery streets and both are reported to have been demolished.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., who owns 10 houses in Mission street, is now at her "country place" at Great Neck, Long Island. She has tried to communicate by telegraph with her relatives and friends, but to no avail. It is said that all the houses she owned have been destroyed. None of them was insured.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The Tribune today says: "It became known yesterday that in the vaults of the Union Trust company of San Francisco, which was blown up by dynamite, was in all probability the sum of \$2,000,000 representing the residue of the estate of Mrs. Leland Stanford, the widow of Senator Stanford. The executors of Mrs. Stanford's will on April 6 turned over to the trust company \$2,000,000, to hold as trustees for the legatees until suit in the courts which will decide the amount of inheritance tax to be paid, shall have been settled. There are several heirs, relatives of Mrs. Stanford, and they are now wondering if their inheritance has been lost to them."

D. G. MILLS WILL REBUILD New York Capitalist Announces Intention of Reconstructing Big Home. NEW YORK, April 20.—D. O. Mills said last night that it was his intention to begin as soon as possible the reconstruction of the Mills building in San Francisco. He had no doubt that there would

It Heals Without A Scar. The great magnified, soothing and healing liniment—KING CACTUS OIL never leaves a scar. Prof. Dean's King Cactus Oil. Speedily cures cuts, sprains, bruises, old sores, swellings, frost bites, chapped hands, burns, scalds, cuts on animals, harness and saddle galls, mange, itch, and all sorts of man or beast. BOTTLES 1/2, 1/4 and 1/8. Sold by Druggists, Grocers, and all dealers in medicine.

BELLEVUE COLLEGE. COLLEGE—Classical, scientific, philosophical courses. ACADEMY—An accredited High School. Prepares for Bellevue or any other college or university. NORMAL SCHOOL—Elementary and advanced courses. CONSERVATORY—Theory of music, piano, voice, violin, cello and art. CONNECTIONS—Electric line and Burlington Railway. Full semester opens September 15. Address President Wadsworth, Bellevue, Neb.

AMUSEMENTS. BOYD'S WOODWARD & BURGESS MANAGERS. SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY Geo. M. Cohan's Musical Triumph Little Johnny Jones. Commencing Thursday—HENRIETTA CROSBAN. Musical Renascence of the Century KUBELIK. The Great Bohemian Violinist. Prices—50c to \$2.00. Seat sale April 20. Mail orders with cash or check will receive prompt attention.

BURWOOD COOLED BY ELECTRIC FANS. THE WOODWARD STOCK CO. THIS AFTERNOON-TONIGHT MOTHS. Next Week—in the Palace of the King. Souvenir night Monday, May 7th, 1906. Performance—Photo. Albert Morrison.

ORPHEUM. Phone Douglas 494. MODERN VAUDEVILLE MATINEE TODAY. NOTE—Curtain 8:15 Sharp. TONIGHT. Prices—10c, 25c, 50c.

KRUG THEATER. 15c. PRICES. MATINEE TODAY-TONIGHT 5:15. The Great Emotional Drama EAST LYNNE. 10c CHILDREN. MATINEE TODAY. Sunday—KALB & DILL in I. O. U.