

OUR ANNUAL JULY CLEARANCE SALES BEGIN MONDAY AND CONTINUE A FULL WEEK

A JULY SPECIAL IN SHOES

200 pairs of Women's Oxfords, Home Slippers and Shoes, worth up to \$3.00... Men's \$2.50 Tan Oxfords and W. L. Douglas Shoes— to clean up 1.59

JULY CLEARANCE SALES

It's our fixed determination never to carry goods of a given season over to another season, and inasmuch as we have just completed semi-annual inventory, we find various departments loaded with merchandise that by this time should be in your hands.

SUMMER READING

Books in cloth, printed in large, clear type on good book paper, some are copyrighted titles, by Southworth, Garvice, Holmes, Bream, Correll, Evans, Chambers, Dunbar, Thasent— while they last. 9c

SILKS!! SILKS!!

1000 yards of high class silks, all this season's styles, in both plain and fancy. This lot consists of plain Peau De Cygnes, colored tafetas, and many fancy Louisenes and swiss silks. All clean and perfect, worth up to \$1 a yard. Monday at yd. 28c

The Bennett Company

Linens and White Goods

This always is a fascinating department. The extraordinary bargains we are offering in this July Clearance Sale should be of interest to hotel and restaurant keepers and homes blessed with large families.

- 58-in. cream table damask, regular 25c; clearance price 17c
64-in. cream table damask, regular 30c; clearance price 25c
72-in. cream table damask, regular 50c; clearance price 32c
72-in. cream table damask, regular 85c; clearance price 50c
72-in. bleached and cream table damask, regular \$1.00; clearance price 75c
72-in. bleached and cream table damask, regular \$1.50; clearance price 98c
Bleached and brown crash, regular 6c; clearance price 3 1/2c
Bleached all linen crash, regular 10c; clearance price 6 1/2c
Bleached all linen crash and check glass toweling, regular 12 1/2c; clearance price 8 1/2c
Bleached hemmed napkins, suitable for restaurant use; clearance price, dozen 30c
18-in. bleached all linen napkins, red border; also a lot of 21-inch bleached napkins, regular 75c; clearance price 40c
27-in. bleached all linen napkins, \$1.50 and \$1.75 regular; clearance price, dozen \$1.00
Checked and striped dimity and nainsook and mercerized dotted waistings, 34 inches; linen French suitings; clearance price 5c
Dotted Swiss mercerized waistings and 32-inch checked and striped madras, worth to 25c; clearance price 10c
Checked lawn and organdies, figured and dotted Swisses and fancy waistings, worth up to 35c; clearance price 15c
Hand embroidered cambric, figured, mullis, batistes and all the new weaves for waistings, worth up to 75c; clearance price 25c
35c Persian lawns..... 12 1/2c
30c Persian lawns and French mulls..... 15c
40c Persian lawns and French mulls..... 20c
50c Persian lawns and French mulls..... 25c
60c Persian lawns and French mulls..... 30c
75c Persian lawns and French mulls..... 37 1/2c
5c fringed dollies round and square, clearance price, each..... 1c
5c Tenerife dollies; clearance sale..... 2 1/2c
10c drawn work dollies; clearance sale..... 5c
20c drawn work dollies; clearance sale..... 10c
40c H. S. dresser scarf; clearance sale..... 10c
50c H. S. squares, 30 in.; clearance sale..... 25c
50c H. S. scarf, 18x45; clearance sale..... 25c
45-in. Battenberg covers, regular \$8.50; clearance sale..... \$3.75
54-in. Battenberg covers, \$10.50; clearance sale..... \$4.50
Main Floor—West

DRESS GOODS

1,000 yards of light weight woolen materials, in all this season's designs, such as checks, plaids—38 inches wide; worth 59c; Monday at yd. 23c
15c and 18c batistes and Swisses, in all new polka-dots, plaids and stripes, all fresh and clean; Monday at yd. 8c
36-inch chambray gingham, in plain blues and grays, 3 and 4 yards in each piece; not 18c yd, but Monday 4c
Regular Amoskeog gingham that sell for 10c; Monday 4c
Best American prints; Monday..... 4c
36-inch percales, in white grounds with small figures, worth 12 1/2c a yard; Monday..... 5c

WASH GOODS

100 pieces of lawns and batistes, in all colors and designs, quality that sells for 7 1/2c; Monday at yd. 3 1/2c
15c and 18c batistes and Swisses, in all new polka-dots, plaids and stripes, all fresh and clean; Monday at yd. 8c
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Best American prints; Monday..... 4c
36-inch percales, in white grounds with small figures, worth 12 1/2c a yard; Monday..... 5c

HOSIERY

In our Hosiery department we find broken sizes in different patterns of hand embroidered, all over lace and lace boot. They will be sold in three lots at the following prices: Lot 1—All embroidered hose that sold at 39c, for..... 25c
Lot 2—All embroidered hose that sold at 50c, for..... 35c
Lot 3—All embroidered hose that sold at 75c, for..... 53c

GLOVES

A bargain chance to buy long silk and lisle gloves. 16-button black and white lisle, at \$1.00 and \$1.25 value, at..... 65c
16-button black silk double tipped fingers, \$1.75 value, at..... \$1.29
Colored silk gloves in pink, sky, helio, navy and tan, worth \$2.25, for..... \$1.50

HANDKERCHIEFS

They are goods you need at all times; we are to sacrifice them during our clearance sale. Ladies' hemstitched fine cambric, 6c value each..... 4c
Ladies' pure linen \$1.30 value, at..... 75c
Ladies' pure linen Initial 12 1/2c value, each..... 7c
Ladies' pure linen, very sheer, 25c value, at 12 1/2c

CLEARANCE IN WOMEN'S READY-TO-WEAR ON SECOND FLOOR

Dainty Lawns and Lingerie Dresses, Jaunty Tailor Made Linen Suits, Chic Silk Dresses, Servicable Panama and Serge Pince Chap Suits for Vacation.

- \$5.95 dainty lawn dresses, handsomely trimmed in lace and baby tucks; clearance sale price..... \$3.95
\$10.00 beautiful lingerie dresses, elaborately trimmed in lace and medallions; clearance sale price..... \$6.95
\$19.50 chic linen tailor made suits; clearance sale price..... \$12.75
\$12.50 fine linen tailor made suits; clearance sale price..... \$7.95
\$25.00 lingerie gowns, clearance sale price..... \$16.75
\$35.00 lingerie gowns, clearance sale price..... \$23.75
\$39.50 lingerie gowns, clearance sale price..... \$26.75
\$49.50 lingerie gowns, clearance sale price..... \$33.50



WE HAVE ABOUT TWENTY HAND-MADE LINGERIE DRESSES. THE MOST Dainty CONCEPTIONS EVER SEEN.

- Chic Tailor-Mades for Traveling
\$19.50 Panama suit, clearance sale price..... 12.75
\$25.00 Panama suit, clearance sale price..... 16.75
\$35.00 Panama suit, clearance sale price..... 19.75

- KIMONOS
50c figured lawn short Kimonos, clearance sale price..... 17c
75c figured lawn short Kimonos, clearance sale price..... 28c

- SKIRTS
\$2.00 fine linen duok skirt, clearance sale price..... 98c
\$5.00 pure Irish linen skirt, many styles, clearance sale price \$2.98
\$7.50 handsome Panama skirt, more than twenty styles to select from, July clearance sale price only..... \$2.95
\$12.50 French Voile Skirt, trimmed in taffeta folds, clearance sale price..... \$7.95

- SILK PETTICOATS
200 silk Petticoats, made of R. & H. Simmons' best taffeta silk, black, white and all plain and two-ton shades, clearance sale price..... \$4.95

- CHILDREN'S DRESSES
75c percale and gingham Dresses, clearance sale price..... 39c

MEN'S HIGH - GRADE NEGLEGES

Hundreds of dozens of men's fine shirts at ridiculous prices. Every man who can appreciate style and quality in shirts will be compensated in this sale. 100 dozen fine shirts, in madras and percales, coat or ordinary style, cut full width, regular 60c value, at..... 39c
100 dozen fine shirts, in madras, percales, oiled cambray and checked, coat or ordinary style, cut up to 12c, on sale..... 49c
100 dozen fine shirts, in plain and patterned, cut full width, regular 60c value, at..... 39c
100 dozen fine shirts, in madras, percales, chevrons, etc., nice assortments, cuffs attached or ordinary style, cuffs attached or detached, plain or pleated, values up to \$1.75, on sale..... 89c
100 dozen fine shirts, containing all the most desirable patterns and weaves shown this season. Coat or ordinary style, plain or pleated, cuffs attached or detached, values up to \$2 and \$2.50, on sale..... \$1.10

UMBRELLAS Men, Women

MONDAY ONLY—Fine tape edge union taffeta umbrellas, beautiful assortment of handles, each umbrella cased, choice from hundreds of styles. \$1
25 per cent reduction on all parasols this week. Main entrance

Bargain Sales in Crockery & Cut Glass

Haviland China Salad, a nine-inch size, pretty wild rose decoration, Monday, each..... 35c
One Haviland pattern, the new Ariel shape, heavy neat gold handles, must be closed out this week. A \$60 set on sale in sets or open stock..... HALF PRICE

Colonial table tumblers, finest of crystal, 6 for 25c

And 30 green trading stamps
Star cut table tumblers, these are the finest sun burst patterns. Every one perfect. On sale Monday, each..... 85c
Intaglio Gold Glassware. A hundred trays, bon-bons, olive dishes, marked 87c and 98c. On sale Monday, each..... 85c

Bargain Sales in Hardware

Screen Doors, 2-6x-6 and 2-8x-8, painted green, while supply lasts..... 85c
No. 16 and 18 Berlin Sauce Pans, Austrian white and white enameled, regular 55c and 40c—special..... 30c
And 30 Green Trading Stamps with each.
Vegetable or nail brushes, special, 4 for..... 10c

Gas Range Special for Monday only, regular \$20.50 direct action Dangler Gas Range, Monday only..... \$18.00

Regular 15c Mining or Chopping Knife, special..... 10c
Ice Picks, regular 12c and 15c, special..... 10c
And 10 Green Trading Stamps
Wash Boilers, all prices up from..... 84c
And 40 Green Trading Stamps
Rubber Hose, 50 ft., complete with nozzle, \$3.98

TITLES CLOUDED IN 'FRISCO

Confusion in Real Estate Left by the Big Fire.

FEW OF THE RECORDS SAVED

Enormous Task Involved in Restoring Titles Again—Some Forty Thousand Documents Made Necessary. SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—San Francisco has just begun to take up in earnest the task of re-establishing its land titles, most of the records of which were wiped out in the great fire of 1906. The state supreme court recently confirmed the McEnery act, passed by the legislature last January, to facilitate the restoration of titles, and property owners are now making haste to have their properties safeguarded. The emergency measure enacted by the state provides for a simple procedure in the courts to quiet title. The plaintiff brings suit against all the world and against all claimants that he knows of. Notice by publication and posting is given and then oral evidence and such records as are available are presented to the court. The title is established completely anew by the judgment.

Assessor Dodge, for example, who was not affiliated with the Schmidt administration, did not have his offices filled with incompetent and indifferent ward politicians and all his men were on hand to save the records, which was easily accomplished with the assistance of a Gray. Records Saved Practically Useless. The 10 per cent of the records of land titles that were saved are practically valueless. Without the continuity of assurance a deed is, of course, ineffective. The break of one link in the chain of title invalidates the whole. No assurance could be given, for example, that a record of deed that had been preserved was not affected by some mortgage, the evidence of which had been burned up in one of the 1906 volumes. It can be seen, therefore, that every land title in San Francisco will have to be prepared anew. There are 40,000 independent pieces of property in the city, for every one of which a lawsuit must be instituted, tried and passed upon by judgment. It has been estimated that one court will be able to hear eight of these cases a day, or 2,000 cases a year if it gives its time to nothing else. Here comes in a problem that was not taken into account by the lawyers who framed the McEnery act. San Francisco has only twelve superior judges, not enough to cope with the ordinary litigation of the county. An appeal was made at the last session of the legislature for the establishment of additional courts, but this was refused. At the rate of 2,000 cases a year one judge could dispose of the land titles in twenty years. And this is not taking into consideration the large number of contests that are sure to develop. Should all twelve judges devote themselves to the task and lay aside all other administration of justice they could by unprecedented activity restore the ownership records in a year and a half.

was denied by the legislature and are more or less indifferent to the urgency of the title matters. The grand jury has returned enough indictments in the graft and boodle cases to keep several courts busy for a year. The only avenue of relief appears to lie in proving additional courts. There has already been talk of asking Governor Gillett to call a special session of the legislature for the purpose. Otherwise only the urgent cases can be acted on and the others allowed to await such legislative assistance as the session a year and a half hence may provide. The cost to the people of San Francisco of regaining titles to their properties will be \$3,000,000. The minimum fee exacted by the lawyers is \$50, which includes court and publication costs and other expenses. No complaint about this charge is made against the practitioners, considering the amount of detail work involved and the extreme care to be observed in such a matter as building a title ab initio to make it endure for all time. The reasonableness of the charge has been brought about by the title companies that attorneys have formed. By collecting a large number of cases they are enabled to perform the service more cheaply, and to the credit of the profession it should be stated that it is largely actuated by public spirit to make the burden on the city's property owners as light as possible. From \$50 the fee range as high as \$5,000, according to the value of the realty. The greater the holding the more work is entailed, and lawyers also insist that their compensation shall be fixed according to the amount of responsibility involved. Harvest for the Lawyers. Though fortune making fees will not be forthcoming, there will be no starving lawyers in San Francisco for some time to come. The city has 2,000 of them, and there is sure to be enough work for all to bring general prosperity to the profession. Likewise, the stenographer will read advantages from the ill wind. The preparation

of documents to fulfill all the detailed requirements of land title litigation represents an enormous amount of labor. Think of the complaints, the petitions, the notices—all the records that must be set forth by nimble fingers in 40,000 land title suits. The work will all come with a rush from now on. All will seek restoration of title at once. So long as the records of title are not established all transactions in realty will be hampered. Witnesses who can testify to ownership and possession may die or leave the city, and it is important to take no risk of delay. Furthermore, so long as property is unprotected by record the avenue is open for counter claims and fraud. Any person may bring suit to gain title to a piece of property and the owner's only protection is the evidence that he can produce that he was such before the fire. A comparatively few saved their original deeds, mortgages and other papers in the safe deposit vaults, but even then oral evidence must be adduced to convince the court beyond all peradventure of a doubt. It can readily be seen how designing persons may press false claims. Every property owner, therefore, is eager to have his title restored with all dispatch possible, now that the constitutionalality of the McEnery act has been established. That a great amount of contested litigation will result seems inevitable. Every rival claim to property or interest therein that has been made since San Francisco began may be pressed anew. The many Spanish land grant cases that the courts had settled after years of litigation might be renewed. It is possible that great fights for millions will be fought over again. Court decisions as well were all wiped out by the conflagration. Start at the Bottom. In short, San Francisco is beginning absolutely at the beginning in the allotment of ground spaces. No person is barred from setting up a claim to the most valuable piece of ground in Market street. On the memory of human kind rests largely all of the city's land titles. The lawyers admit the vast field for fraud and counter claims, but they declare that the judges, with an eye to public policy, will come near to settling matters right. Disputes will arise that will be difficult to determine, but the number of them will be far fewer than one might suppose. At the same time attorneys are advising clients to act promptly, to avoid the possibility of contested litigation. There need be no fear of loss of right, they point to the situation and evidence is available for presentation to the courts. However, slow the courts may act, the filing of the complaint is itself a protection. Among the first who have sued for the restoration of titles is Mrs. Herman Oelrichs of New York. She had given instructions that there should be no delay in safeguarding her large holdings. In the North Beach section, where she owns a large area of land under water, may be seen dozens of tiny rafts bobbing on the waves and displaying on an upraised board notices that "this, the within described property" is hers. The framers of the McEnery act forget about the considerable amount of property that is under water in prescribing that notice of claim must be posted upon the land in a conspicuous place. Mrs. Oelrichs' attorney, mindful of the literal exactions of the land title laws, have left no room for flaw. Large stones were sunk and to these are tied the little floats bearing the printed notice that are essential to Mrs. Oelrichs' title to millions of dollars' worth of property.

WILL REPATRIATE CHINESE Decision of Boer Government Said to Spell Disaster for Investments in the Rand. JOHANNESBURG, July 6.—(Special.)—The decision of the government of General Botha to repatriate the Chinese is everywhere here regarded as a disaster to the colony. Its import can hardly be over-estimated, but its effect will be quickly understood by the British investors in the Rand, whose interests represent probably more than \$50,000,000. The mining houses are at their wits' end and to know how to minimize the danger. It is understood that they have decided to take joint action, but in the face of the strength and resolution of the Boer majority they can have little to hope for. General Botha's statement that the coolies can speedily be replaced by the natives is at variance with all evidence which has been obtained upon this subject. Every commission appointed has declared that the contrary is the fact. Sir George Farrer, who is leading the opposition to the policy of General Botha, urges that the credit of the colony will be destroyed by this policy. He denounces the decision of the Botha government as the result of a deal with the Imperial government to obtain a \$25,000,000 loan. That bait had been offered he said to obtain the repatriation of the Chinese by which means the government hoped to justify the success of its anti-Chinese agitation at the recent general elections. He said that people would not invest money on the strength of pious hopes and anticipations that plenty of labor would be forthcoming. "Chinese labor is finished," Sir George declared. "It is finished even though the Imperial government should attempt to repair the disaster and reconsider its decision, the Chinese themselves would have to be reckoned with as well as the disillusioned investor." See Want Ads for Business Boosters.

There was no organization of the office on the day of the fire, and though time was afforded on that fateful day to cart the volumes off to a place, the opportunity was neglected.