

February Trade Sales on New, Fresh Merchandise in Every Department—Final Clearance Sale in the Cloak Department

# Wife's February Trade Sales

## Great Annual Sale of Lace Trial Strips—17,000 Yards at Half Price

It is a commonly recognized fact that, as trial strips are the first pieces from the loom, extra care is taken with them. In fact, they are much more carefully woven than the regular goods. For this reason they are much sought for by all good stores, and greatly favored, indeed, is the one who secures them. Our European representative fortunately purchased no less than 17,000 yards of high-grade trial strips—the entire accumulation of two of the best foreign lace makers at less than half usual prices. On sale this morning at the following sale prices:

Appiques, motifs, medallions, festoons, edges, bands, insertions, allovers, in Net, Venise, Filet, Baby Irish, Valenciennes, Net Top and other laces of every description. In four lots as follows:

25c Yard for Laces, Vals. to 75c  
49c Yard for Laces, Vals. to \$1.50

98c Yard for Laces, Vals. to \$2.50  
\$1.98 Yd. for Laces, Vals. to \$4.00

The season's newest and most desirable designs are fully represented. Laces will be greatly in evidence again this year for all purposes; the demand will probably exceed the supply:

March Delineator 15c—C. B. a la Spirite Corsets for Women of Fashion—Nemo Self-Reducing Corsets for Stout Women

### New Goods in Every Department

Bean Brummel Lingerie Waists—the fad of New York and Paris. A new express shipment of the extremely popular "Papillon" Waists—one of the sweetest novelties for Spring, 1908.  
New Tailored Suits for Spring, 1908, of Rajah Panama and Rajah silks. Also Jumper Suits of Rajah silks with the new butterfly sleeves.  
Prettiest Valentines in Portland for pretty sweethearts. Also gift books for Valentines in Book Department—such as Riley's "An Old Sweetheart of Mine," "Love Songs, Old and New," etc., each with a ribbon, bearing the inscription, "To My Valentine."  
Paris-American Model Suits for Spring, 1908, made by a New Yorker who spends most of his time and gets all his inspiration among French things. What Paquin thinks will be good in sleeves, what Francis has decreed in skirts—you will see in these suits. The prices are \$50 to \$75—not extravagant for finely tailored and exclusive novelty suits.

### "College Widow" Belts



The most stylish belt of the year, perfect fitting to the form, made of the novelty belting, with pearl buckles; blue, brown, green, tan, red, etc. Regular \$1.00. 50c

### "Captain Jinks" Belts

The new "Captain Jinks" Belts for Spring, 1908, fancy gold braid effect; very heavy gold-plated buckles; \$2.25 value, introductory sale. \$1.48  
White fancy Washable Belts, strictly tailor-made, pearl buckles, beautiful new designs; 75c val. 39c  
Trade Sale bargains in Bags, Purses, etc.

### Books for Valentines



Books make the best Valentines of all, because they can be kept and treasured—and because they mean something. Each of our gift books for Valentine's Day is tied with a red ribbon and a hand bearing the inscription, "To My Valentine." Illustrated in color by famous artists, prices 98c to \$3. Such titles as "Old Sweetheart of Mine," "Love Songs, Old and New," "Our Girls," etc.

### Half-Price Picture Sale

25c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.38 Up to \$10

The reason is quickly told—we have decided to sacrifice a great part of our superb stock of Framed Pictures at exactly half price—less than wholesale cost—in order to make room for the thousands of new pictures arriving for Spring display. The collection embraces Water Colors, Carbons, Etchings, Hand-Colored Platinums, Pastels, Gravures, Artotypes, Sepias, etc., in great variety. Light and dark hardwood frames; the bargain opportunity 1/2 Price  
\$3.50 Hammered Brass Bowls, \$1.95  
Genuine hammered Russian Brass Bowls, very ornamental and especially attractive to lovers of mission furniture and arts and crafts work. Regular \$3.50 values. \$1.95

### ADVISE BIG CHANGE

Reorganization of Postoffice Department Recommended.

HIRE DIRECTOR OF POSTS

Commission Appointed Suggests Long-Time Head to Department at High Salary and Cutting Out of Much Red Tape.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Congress today received a preliminary report of the joint commission appointed during the last Congress to investigate the business methods of the Postoffice Department and Postoffice service and submit recommendations for legislation to effect changes in their administration. The commission, consisting of Senators Penrose, Carter and Clay, and Representatives Overstreet, Gardner of New Jersey, and Moon, points out many objectionable methods of both departments. Among the recommendations in a plan to change the actual direction of the business of the Postoffice Department under the service of an officer, with necessary assistants to be appointed by the President, and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for long terms, so as to insure the continuance of efficient service. Under the plan the Postmaster-General, as a member of the Cabinet, is chargeable with general supervisory control and the determination of questions of policy.

#### Stop Unnecessary Reports.

The Commission also recommends that the business of the department be decentralized so as to avoid the congestion at the National Capitol which impairs the efficiency and increases the cost of the service; that the bookkeeping, auditing and accounting be simplified, unified and centralized to secure greater accuracy, more prompt methods and elimination of duplication of work; and that the practice of requiring needless detailed reports from small postoffices be discontinued. The moderate application of the non-accounting system to small offices will eliminate about \$800,000, or nearly one-half, of all the postoffice accounts from the present complex report and bookkeeping system, or would at least greatly simplify the same. The Commission says:

It appears too obvious to require argument that the most efficient service can never be expected as long as the direction of the business is in the present intricate and complicated hands of the Postmaster-General and certain assistants selected without special reference to experience and qualifications and subject to frequent changes. Under such a system, a large railroad, mineral or industrial business would eventually go into bankruptcy, and the Postoffice Department has averted that fate only because the United States Treasury has been available to meet deficiencies.

Submitted with the report of the Commission is a report of considerable volume from two New York accounting firms who were assigned to the investigation of the department by the Commission last May. The following is a summary of the more important suggestions made in this report:

#### Suggestions of Experts.

That the offices of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Assistant Postmasters-General be abolished and that a director of posts be appointed at a salary sufficient to attract the best administrative talent in the country and that he be given sole charge of the operations of the department and service, subject only to the control in matters of policy of the Postmaster-General as a Cabinet officer; that assistant directors be appointed to take charge of the major operating divisions of the service, postoffices, transportation, appointments, finance, controller, inspection, purchasing agent and supplies; that the Controller should be in charge of the whole accounting for the Department and Service, and that the duties of the Auditor be limited to an auditing of all the accounts in the proper sense of the word; that all postoffices not doing a money-order business be treated as "non-accounting offices," and that a fixed supply of stamps, etc., be supplied to them to be replenished from neighboring accounting offices in exchange for cash, or its equivalent; that district offices be created at convenient points throughout the country, organized in miniature on the same lines as the Department in Washington, which would supervise the whole of the work in their districts, under the direction of responsible officials; that the Director of Posts and the Assistant Directors form an advisory board

### PUSH BACK GUARD

Eager Portuguese Almost Create Panic at Cathedral.

DISPERSED BY CAVALRY

Huge Crowd Sees King Carlos and Crown Prince Before Bodies Are Finally Borne to Royal Pantheon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Senator Burnham, of New Hampshire, today introduced in Congress a measure of distinct importance to rural interests throughout the United States. It is a bill to provide a rural delivery parcels post for merchandise and other articles actually mailed on rural delivery routes. The rural free delivery routes now number more than 38,000, and on them in excess of 15,000,000 people receive a daily postal service.

The measure has the indorsement of the President and Postmaster-General Meyer. It provides, in brief, for the establishment of a rural parcels post at special rates of postage for the delivery of foodstuffs, dry goods, drugs, books and other merchandise. The rate of postage shall be 2 cents for the first pound and 2 cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof, and on parcels weighing less than one pound, as follows:

Two ounces or less, 1 cent; over two and under four, 2 cents; over four and not exceeding 12 ounces, 4 cents; and over 12 ounces and under one pound, 5 cents.

Two important limitations are placed on the use of the proposed parcels post by the following provisions: "That nothing herein contained shall be taken as authorizing the acceptance or delivery of any parcel offered by any person acting as agent or representative upon commission or otherwise, or person not resident of such rural delivery route.

"That only such parcels shall be received at the special rates of postage herein provided as are offered by bona fide merchants or dealers whose places of business are on rural delivery routes covered by this act, in the ordinary and regular course of their business and by residents on such routes in their individual capacity. The bill provides that the parcels carried shall not weigh more than eleven pounds or be more than three feet six inches in length. Perishable articles will be sent at the sender's risk, and will not be accepted at any postoffice more than three hours before departure of the mail."

### LEWIS DRAWS BIG CROWD

Riot Call Necessary When Bewildered Colonel Makes Speech.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—The final plea in behalf of Mrs. Dora McDonald, on trial for the murder of Webster Quering, was delivered today by Benjamin Shaftner and J. Hamilton Lewis. The latter's speech proved such an attraction to the public that extra details of policemen were necessary to keep the corridors clear, and finally a riot call was sent.

One woman who was denied admittance to the courtroom became so excited that she struck a policeman in the face and was arrested.

Colonel Lewis emphasized the sex of the defendant in his address to the jury. "The man who makes the same rule for a woman as for a man, or who claims to understand her, not only shows his inexperience, but also how unfair he is," was one of his arguments.

The case is expected to go to the jury tomorrow afternoon.

### Gambler's Suicide.

RENO, Nev., Feb. 10.—A special to the Gazette today announces that Samuel B. Coblin, a prominent merchant of Tonopah, shot himself at an early hour this morning at his home, after losing a fortune at gambling.

### WORLD HERALD, OMAHA, FEB. 1, 1908

BIG CROWDS VISIT INDEPENDENT PLANT

New 'Phone Company Entertains Citizens at Formal Opening of New Plant.

Orchestra Furnishes Music and Beautiful Building Is Prettily Decorated.

That the new building of the Independent Telephone Company at Twentieth and Harney will be packed with sightseers this afternoon and evening is a certainty. Judging from the crowds and the enthusiastic approval that were in evidence there yesterday afternoon.

The occasion is the formal opening of the new plant, or rather the informal reception of the public in recognition of it. Quite elaborate preparations had been made to receive the visitors, and the numbers that showed their keen interest in the workings of the "secret wire." Everybody wanted to know how any insensate mechanism could put up a connection between two subscribers in any portion of the city at the will of either of them, and keep on putting up and taking down connections without the intervention of human hand, except as indicated on a little dial by the party at the end of the line. They saw just how it was done, and then they marvelled the more at the wonder of it.

Women were in the majority among the sightseers, although several hundred men mingled in the crowd of nearly 2500 that surged through the building during the afternoon.

"I can't understand it," said one well-known society woman, "and I can't understand just how my sewing machine needle picks up the thread from the shuttle, but I do know that both of them manage to do a business, and they don't make any mistakes. It takes the needle just one stab to pick up the thread, and the filp of the dial has just come over in a body to inspect the automatic plant. During the afternoon there were numerous other delegations of Bell people who called to satisfy their curiosity, and they asked questions to their hearts' content. They were accorded a double welcome.

An orchestra of 12 pieces was stationed in the lobby on the lower floor, and the double suite of offices as well as the main corridors were profusely decorated with palms and flowers. There was a flood of electric light, and the beauties of the handsome build-

### SEND TROOPS AGAINST AFRIDS.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 10.—The Indian Government has decided to send immediately two brigades of troops under Major-General Sir James Willeroid into the Bazar Valley, on the northwestern frontier, to punish the Zakkakheis, a powerful tribe of Afrids, who have been raiding villages in that territory and ambushing members of the mounted police.

### FRANCO STARTS FOR MARSEILLES.

BORDEAUX, France, Feb. 10.—Senator Franco, the ex-Premier of Portugal, with his wife and son, left this city by train at 7:43 this morning for Marseilles. The departure was sudden, the

hotel authorities being notified of the step at the last moment. Senator Franco appeared rested from his stay here. He is less depressed and he walked over to the train at a quick step. He was accompanied by French detectives. There were no people at the railroad station to see him off.

When the coffins were placed in the tombs, the cortege separated and the Pantheon was closed.

Special newspapers today, notably the Seculo, independent, pleaded for the pardon of each and every man in prison for political offense. The paper points out that King Manuel has calmed but that he has not disarmed the democracy, and says:

"To conquer the democracy, the King must win the love and confidence of the people."

When the doors eventually were closed to the public, the ceremony of entombment was begun. All the ministers of state were present. The patriarch of Lisbon, wearing pontifical vestments, and assisted by other high church officials, blessed the sacrament, the cathedral and palace choir chanted the "Libera Me" and to the intoning of "De Profundis" the coffin of the Crown Prince was transported between double ranks of archers, preceded by a long procession. In a similar manner the body of the King was borne to the tomb.

After a benediction had been given and the chanting of the "Benedictus," the Grand Chamberlain solemnly swore that the bodies were those of "our beloved Lord and King, His Most Faithful Majesty, Dom Carlos I, King of Portugal, and our Prince, Dom Luis Philippe, Duke of Braganca."

Official documents were drawn up and signed, and the key of each coffin was given over to the patriarch of Lisbon.

### IN THE GRIP

The Best Cathartic Reduces to a Minimum the Prostration and Weakness Characteristic of This Vicious Disease.

What the Attacked Should Do.

It has been found by the experience of a great many people that the best cathartic to take in cases of the grip, where there is commonly great weakness and prostration, is the tonic cathartic, Hood's Pills, which do not weaken but

Strengthen the System as they do their special work. They are "easy to take, easy to operate." If attacked by the grip, take them at once, for a free movement of the bowels, and begin treatment with Hood's Sarsaparilla for the elimination of the grip poison from the blood and the renewal of health and strength.

Completely Restored—"I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills and believe they have saved my life. I had the grip and it left me so weak I did not think I could live. In one week after beginning to take these medicines I gained wonderfully, and was soon completely restored." Stamford C. Horton, Bristol, Wis.

Never-Failing Remedies—"I had the grip and became so weak I could not walk across the room without sweating profusely. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills and they did me so much good I regard them as never-failing remedies." Mrs. Anna B. Conper, Titusville, N. J.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is sold everywhere. In the usual liquid, or in tablet form called Sarsatabs—One hundred doses one dollar.

### COFFEE

Schilling's Best, one-star two-star three-star four-star five-star.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like it. We pay him.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best. We pay him.

Palo Alto, Cal.—Of the students at Stanford University last semester, 102 men and four women ranked the largest proportion being in the fraternities.



### TO RUSH INSTALLING OF NEW TELEPHONES

Independent Company Issues an Order Putting Twenty-Five More Men at Work.

Will Try and Have the Entire 6000 Subscribed Put in by March 1, 1908.

Arrangements are being made to receive the general public at the company's main building at Twentieth and Harney streets at an informal opening of the plant on Friday and Saturday of next week, when everybody will be shown just how the automatic system works, and how the secret wire makes its own connections and gives the telephone girl a permanent vacation.

On the days of the opening provision will be made to receive visitors from 2 to 5 and from 7 to 10 o'clock, and they will be shown through the entire plant and made familiar with all the workings of the Independent system.—Omaha World-Herald, January 24.

