

Throngs of Eager Purchasers in Every Department From Morning Until Night---That's Our Best Advertisement

COME EARLY

and Avoid the Waiting for Salespeople in the Afternoon.

West's 14th Annual Clearance Sale

The One Genuine Clearance. More in Values. Better in Quality

NOTICE

No phone orders received this week. No merchandise sent out on approval. Price of Ready-to-Wear garments does not include alteration

A SAFE AND DIGNIFIED PLACE TO TRADE—WHERE MERCHANDISING IS CONDUCTED ON THE SAME PRINCIPLES DURING A SALE AS DURING ANY OTHER TIME OF THE YEAR—WHERE THE WORD SALE HAS A MEANING—WITH NO SENSATIONAL FEATURES OR OVERDRAWN STATEMENTS—BETTER VALUES, THAT'S ALL. CLEAN-UP PRICES ON EVERY ARTICLE IN THE STORE.

Nothing Excepted---Nothing Reserved

HERE'S SOME OF THE PRICES-----DON'T OVERLOOK THEM

CLEARANCE OF MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

\$1.50 Savoy dress shirts	79c
\$2.00 and \$2.50 Savoy Dress Shirts	\$1.29
All warm lined gloves reduced	20 PER CENT
Men's Work Shirts	39c
75c to \$1.50 dress shirts	37c
Boys' Shirts	29c
\$2.00 to \$3.00 Men's Sweaters	\$1.00
Newest Athletic Sweaters reduced	One Fourth
Entire line men's and boys' furnishings at great reductions.	

Annual Sale Prices On Ladies Ready-to-Wear

Here's a sensation: 50 ladies' tailored suits in all the popular shades and materials. See them in our window. Values that sold up to \$22.50 all go at **1-2 Price**

VERY LATEST WOOLTEX AND SEIGEL SUITS FOR LADIES AND MISSES—**1-2 Price**
YOUR CHOICE AT

ENTIRE LINE OF LADIES' DRESSES REDUCED ONE FOURTH TO ONE HALF FROM REG PRICES

SHIRTWAIST SPECIAL

250 white and colored, plain tailored waists, that sold from \$1.00 to \$2.50. Our Cleanup Price **39 cents**

LADIES' SKIRTS.

All colors, materials and sizes, regular price from \$5.00 to \$10.00, sale price **\$2.90**

Greatest Sale of Mens' Clothing

ABSOLUTELY EVERY SUIT IN THE STORE AT REDUCED PRICES. YOU CAN SEE JUST HOW MUCH YOU SAVE ON EVERYTHING YOU BUY HERE. ORIGINAL TICKETS AND PRICES ON EVERY ARTICLE.

Entire Line Mens' and Boys' Clothing Reduced 25 to 50 per cent. Overcoats Reduced 1-4 to 1-2 Price

Startling Prices On Cotton Piece Goods

VALUES THAT THIS STORE NEVER ATTEMPTED TO OFFER BEFORE. WE'RE SELLING THEM FAST. BETTER NOT DELAY.

Regular 10c Apron Gingham	5c yd.
Regular 25c French Gingham	12 1-2c yd.
12 1-2c Teazeldown Outings	9c yd.
15c Toile du Nord Gingham	10c yd.
31 inch Percales, all colors	8c yd.
15c Steven's Toweling Crash	9c yd.
500 bolts best Calico	5c yd.
See the table of Soisettes, silk finish material and dress goods at	ONE HALF PRICE

Comparison of our Values is All We Ask

500 pair Ladies' shoes and oxfords, values to \$4.00, sale price	\$1.49
CHILDREN'S SHOES	78c, 89c, 98c
LADIES'S SLIPPERS	39c

Great Special Cleanup of Men's Shoes, all leathers, all sizes, values up to \$5.00, our sale price, per pair **\$1.25**

Do Your Buying Early And Avoid The Afternoon Crowd

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THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

It is very gratifying to read the message of Mayor Church and note the position he has taken on the important matters of the city. No honest

objection can be raised to what he has said and it must be admitted that his recommendations are wholesome for the general welfare of all. Following the message last evening he recommended the sinking fund in the Beaver pipe line bond transaction be used by the city in purchasing improvement bonds, thus permitting the earning of interest, while heretofore the money has been idle. Mayor Church will receive applause of the municipality in such undertakings and the council, which is starting as a harmonious body along business lines, will also receive the public endorsement if the course upon which it has started is pursued.

Western manufacturers must hustle

if they get their share of the foreign trade which will be captured for the United States by the completion of the Panama canal declares an ardent Chicago-to-the-gulf deep waterway advocate, David Kinley, dean of the University of Illinois. Otherwise the lack of waterways will throw the business into the lap of New England he says. Fifty thousand dollars has been raised by the Illinois Manufacturers' association to charter a big steamer for a voyage of trade conquest in the tropics, thus giving a practical O. K. to Dean Kinley's views. He urged the development of waterways in the Mississippi valley as a means of promoting commerce with the South American nations. "Without encroaching at all upon the opportunities of the manufac-

turers of New England and the other eastern states," said Dean Kinley, "the time has come when the states of the Mississippi valley, especially in the interest of the development of our foreign trade, must make strenuous efforts and adopt all proper measures to increase their manufactures. This necessity is becoming increasingly imperative as the time approaches for the opening of the new trade route between our country and the west coast of South America and the orient. With direct water communication between the heart of the American continent so that vessels loaded at Havana, La Guaira, Bahia, Rio, Buenos Ayres or Montevideo could discharge their cargoes in whole or in part well up the Mississippi or Ohio or possibly on the

shores of the great lakes, we could not even guess at the impetus that would be given to the development of the heart of our country."

Five hundred dollars is offered for the best poem on the battle of Brooklyn. Most of the competitors will doubt write about their experiences trying to get on a car running across the bridge.

Vandals have been mutilating the "Battle of Lake Erie" picture at Washington. This is very wrong, but better than mutilating the painter, as one is tempted to do after seeing many pictures.

Having exemplified throughout the

Christmas season that glorious principle, "When you haven't got a cent, spend it," we feel qualified to become chairman of the congressional appropriations committee.

While no more fooling should be tolerated from Russia, it is probable that the Hebrew vote could still be captured even if the czar was given a few days to think it over.

Illinois has authorized the appointment of a woman investigator of domestic employment agencies.

The Tokio municipality has decided to open labor exchanges throughout the city where employers can find help when needed.