

# GIGANTIC PRE-INVENTORY AND CHRISTMAS SALE

## STARTING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, ENDING SATURDAY, DEC. 24TH 9 DAYS OF EXTRAORDINARY BARGAIN FEASTING AT HILL'S

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF SHOES, CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS AND WOMEN'S COATS, SUITS, DRESSES, MILLINERY, ETC., ETC. SACRIFICED

### WOMEN'S COATS Half Price

We have just 25 Women's Fall and Winter Coats and 12 Children's Coats left and following our policy of never carrying over from one season into another any women's ready-to-wear garments, we offer these, which are all good models of this season's styles, to close out at exactly Half Price

### WOMEN'S SUITS One-THIRD Off

Just 14 Women's and Misses Fall Suits left—all on good models—made of tricotine, serge and velour, in colors of navy blue, brown and tan. These we place on sale to clean up at

33 1-3 Per Cent Discount.

### CLOTHING One-Fourth Off

Our entire line of men's and boys' suits and overcoats including every garment, offering something like 350 garments in the entire lot, positively no reserve. Will go on sale during this sale at 25 Percent Discount.

### BATH ROBES 1-4 Off

During this Christmas sale we will offer every bath robe in the store for men, women and children, comprising about 30 in the entire lot, at 25 Percent Discount.

### HATS - CAPS 1-4 Off

All men's and boys' hats and caps, including the entire assortment of high grade felts of the very latest styles, no reserves, offering everyone at 25 Percent Discount.

### SHOES One-Fourth Off

Here is an extraordinary opportunity to save on your footwear, for in this sale we offer absolutely every pair of shoes and oxfords in the entire store, without reserve, for men and women at 25 Percent Discount.



### WOMEN'S DRESSES One-Third Off

Only 35 Women's Dresses left. These are all good styles and are in materials of taffeta silk, canton crepe, tricotine and serge, colors of black, navy, brown and gray—these all go on sale to close out at 33 1-3 per cent Discount.

### SKIRTS AND SILK PETTICOATS One-Fourth Off

We offer about 4 dozen women's skirts—in serges of navy and black and plaid sports skirts, in a good assortment of styles. All these go on sale at 25 percent discount.

## HILL'S DEPARTMENT STORE

### Manicure Sets for Her Christmas

If at a loss to know what to give, select one of our beautiful Manicure Roll-Ups, appreciated by every woman, \$1.75 to \$15.00

**PUTMAN'S DRUG STORE**  
THE REXALL STORE

WANT TO BUY OR SELL SOMETHING?—TRY AN OBSERVER WANT AD

### NOW FOR THE BUSIEST TEN DAYS IN THE WHOLE YEAR—

In Our Basement Toyland You Will Find Toys of Every Description.

- Dolls ..... 25c to \$8.25
- Teddy Bears ..... 79c to \$8.90
- Pianos ..... \$1.25 to \$3.90
- Trains on track ..... 98c to \$10.00
- Tinker Toys ..... 75c to \$1.25
- Etectors ..... \$1.69, \$2.90 and \$3.75
- Tricycles ..... \$4.75 to \$15.25
- Kiddie Cars ..... \$3.00 and \$3.50
- China Dishes ..... 89c to \$5.90
- Aluminum Dishes ..... 50c to \$3.25
- Doll Cradle Bed ..... 89c
- Doll Beds ..... \$1.00 to \$2.69
- Doll Buggies ..... 69c to \$4.25
- Carts ..... 39c to 98c
- Wagons ..... 39c to \$1.69

Games and Books of All Sorts

**Andrew's Variety Store**

### CRIME BLAMED ON LOW WAGES

#### British Prison Authorities Say Love of Luxury and Cuts in Wages Make Criminals.

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Dec. 14.—Lower wages and a craze for luxurious living are held accountable by English prison governors for many present-day crimes in a report made by them to the home office.

Although crime has dwindled considerably during the past 20 years, the number of prisoners for the year 1920-21 was 49,712, or 2,925 more than in the previous year. The report, however, states that "so small an increase in a year in which there has been much employment and industrial unrest is noteworthy."

The governor of Durham prison says: "A new stamp of offender has sprung into existence. Men and women of respectable antecedents and parentage, in regular employment and in no respects associated with the criminal class, are taking to serious crime with astounding facility."

The suggestion that a spirit of lawlessness acquired by men while on military service is responsible for this is rejected by the governor, on the ground that women in equal proportion to men are the offenders. His explanation is that high wages, once easily earned and more easily spent, are now not obtainable.

"Men and women, boys and girls," his report states, "have all got used to 'big' money, out of all proportion to the slight effort necessary to obtain it," and he continues: "The economic readjustment of the past year has created a number of discontented, reckless people, who do not realize that they have been living in an artificial wage market, and unconsciously resent the changed conditions of supply and demand, work and play. Money they must have to provide the luxuries and amusements to which they have grown accustomed, so they steal, pilfer and loaf."

The governor of Shrewsbury prison calls attention to the prevalence of thefts on railways and elsewhere, often by men with excellent long service records, and receiving high wages.

A big increase in automobile

thefts is mentioned by the governor of Wandsworth prison.

It is proposed shortly to introduce recreation classes in male convict prisons and make it possible for convicts to earn by good conduct and industry, the privilege of classes for reading, recitations, lectures and music.

### GOPHER LOSSES HEAVY

(By Associated Press)  
LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 14.—A gopher caused losses to the city of Long Beach aggregating \$1500. At the new municipal oil well it was found that during the night a gopher burrowed into the oil pump, and a thousand barrels of oil, valued at \$1.50 per barrel, escaped through the gopher hole and poured out the other end down Signal Hill.

Do not use new Telephone Directories until Sunday morning, 12-14-21

Use Observer Want Ads.

### FOR SALE

One acre tract, 7-room house with city water and electric lights. The place has a good chicken house and park, young fruit trees and the soil is excellent. Price \$2200. Terms \$599 cash and the balance at \$25 per month.

Three acre tract, 5-room house with city water and electric lights. Place is equipped with gas engine, 2 good wells, excellent barn full of hay, wagon, plow, cultivator, cow, chickens. 1 1/2 acre of place in alfalfa. If you are looking for a small tract close in investigate this. Price \$4000.

Two acre tract, 6-room house with city water and electric lights, good barn, fruit trees and the soil is excellent. Price \$2800. Terms \$500 cash and the balance at \$25 per mo.

I have one good home on a paved street, heating plant, house just refurnished inside, three lots. The owner will take an automobile for part of first payment. If you have a car and want to trade it for a home price it right and come in and investigate this.

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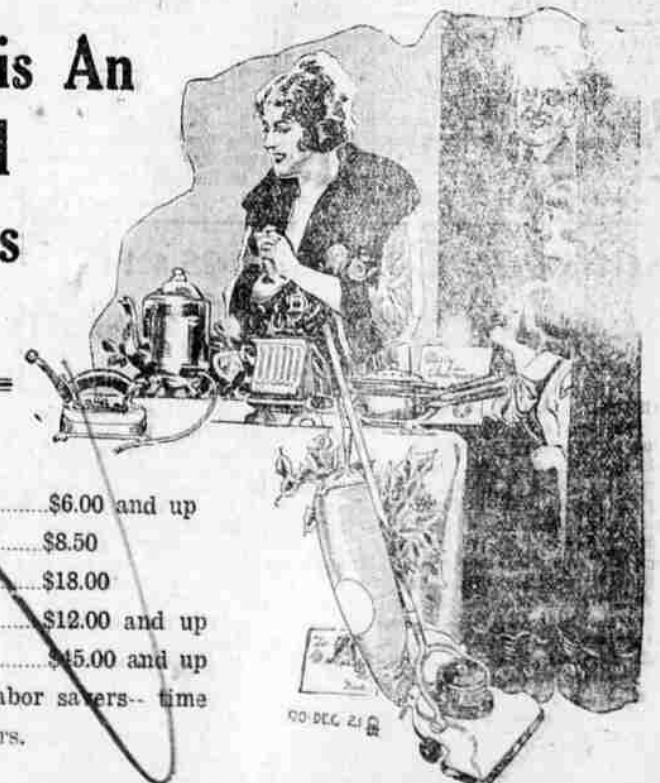
### Booze Importers Ask Lower Tariff On Foreign Goods

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Tariff framers on the senate finance committee had a course in mental gymnastics Tuesday in following the many subjects presented by a dozen or more witnesses. The discussion ranged from canary birds to cows, and from

near beer to champagne, with onions, spaghetti, candy, nuts, tomato paste and other items mixed in. The specific schedules under consideration were those dealing with agricultural products and provisions and spirits, wines and other beverages. Liquor importers, through Levi Cooke, protested against the proposed rates of \$5 a gallon on brandy and \$6 a gallon on champagne, pointing out that these were in addition to the internal revenue tax of \$2.20 a gallon.

Calling attention that under the law liquors could not be imported for beverage purposes, Mr. Cooke said most of it was used for medicinal purposes, adding that the tax was very steep for a medicine. This led to a discussion of the medicinal use of liquors, and Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah, remarked that he recently had seen some 40 persons taken suddenly ill. Speaking for the Anheuser-Busch company, Mr. Cooke asked that present rates on imported hops be retained.

### Make This An Electrical Christmas



- Electric Iron ..... \$6.00 and up
  - Electric Toaster ..... \$8.50
  - Chafing Dish ..... \$18.00
  - Percolator ..... \$12.00 and up
  - Vacuum Cleaner ..... \$5.00 and up
- What a galaxy of labor savers—time savers—energy savers.

No wonder she's happy. Housework will now be a pleasure—No more tired, weary hours. Cooking—cleaning—everything done electrically and in a jiffy. MAKE YOUR WIFE HAPPY THIS CHRISTMAS BY THOUGHTFUL GIFTS OF this nature. She will appreciate them more than anything else.

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