

# Greatest of All January Clearance Sales!



## Ladies' Writing Desks

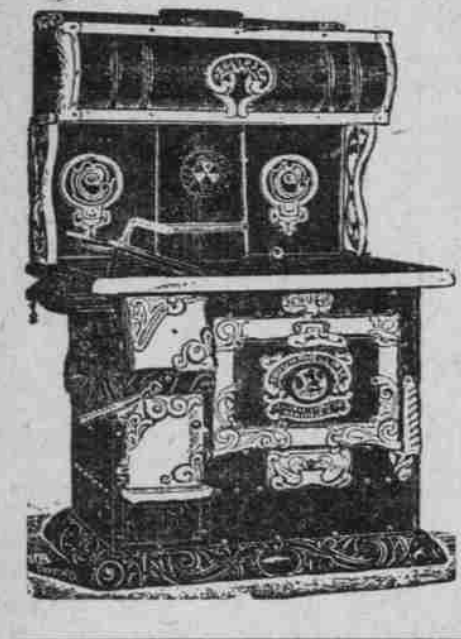
\$40.00 Birdseye Maple Desks (No. 201). Clearance price...**\$18.75**  
 \$65.00 Golden Oak Writing Desk (No. 1251). Clearance price...**\$39.50**  
 \$40.00 Weathered Oak Desk (No. 702). Clearance price...**\$29.95**  
 \$45.00 Circassian Walnut Desk (No. 12). Clearance price...**\$29.50**  
 \$25.00 Genuine Mahogany Writing Desk (No. 228). Clearance Sale price...**\$18.25**  
 \$15.00 Golden Oak Desk...**\$12.50**

## Quartered Oak Buffets

\$65.00 Golden Oak Buffet (No. 838). Clearance Sale price...**\$47.50**  
 \$48.00 Golden Oak Buffet (No. 108). Clearance Sale price...**\$36.50**  
 \$38.00 Golden Oak Buffet (No. 648). Clearance Sale price...**\$27.50**  
 \$35.00 Golden Oak Buffet (No. 323). Clearance Sale price...**\$24.00**

50c Table Covers, 64s. Special, each...**25c**  
 \$1.75 Table Covers, 84s, extra heavy grade, Sp. L. ea. **75c**  
 \$2.50 Table Covers, 84s. Special...**\$1.25**  
 \$2.00 Inlaid Linoleum, two patterns. Special. Sale price, yard...**\$1.40**

\$40.00 Turkish Leather Rockers (No. 28). Clearance Sale price...**\$20.00**  
 \$35.00 Turkish Leather Rockers. Clearance Sale price...**\$17.50**  
 \$65.00 Turkish Leather Rockers (No. 648). Clearance Sale price...**\$47.00**



## \$5.00 Down

Will place in your home one of our celebrated

## Gevurtz Steel Ranges

Made for us by the "Eclipse" Stove Co., of Mansfield, Ohio.

**\$1.00 A WEEK** will soon pay the remainder of the cost price, and you will have the privilege of using the range until it is finally paid for. The famous quick-baking range.

## Specials in Carpet Department

\$75.00 Hartford Saxony Rugs, 9x12 feet, three patterns. Special...**\$41.00**  
 \$55.00 Anglo-Persian Rugs, 9x12 feet, two patterns. Special...**\$45.00**  
 \$1.00 Lakeside Brussels Carpet, made by Marshall, Fields Co., of Chicago, cut off the roll, 3 yds. **49c**  
 \$1.25 Peru Lace Curtains, 250 in number. Special price, the pair...**75c**

## Clearance of Music Cabinets

\$35.00 Mahogany Music Cabinets. Clearance price **\$22.50**  
 \$22.50 Birdseye Maple Music Cabinets. Clearance price...**\$16.75**  
 \$17.50 Golden Oak Music Cabinets. Clearance price...**\$9.00**  
 \$15.00 Mahogany Music Cabinets. Clearance price **\$11.00**



\$100.00 Brass Bed (No. 6215), all solid brass tubing. Clearance Sale price...**\$55.00**

\$45.00 Brass Bed (No. 6061), slightly damaged. Clearance Sale price only...**\$22.50**

\$75.00 Princess Dressers, solid Circassian walnut and Mahogany (No. 720). Clearance Sale price...**\$49.00**

\$65.00 Solid Quartered Oak Dresser (No. 648). Clearance Sale price...**\$39.00**

\$35.00 Mahogany Dresser, large French plate mirror. Special...**\$22.50**

## "New Method" Gas Ranges

Save one-fourth of your gas bill. Prices from **\$16 up. Pay \$1.00 a week.**



## One-Third Off on Every Suit or Dress

We are offering the most wonderful Suit and Dress values during this January Clearance Sale of any house in the city, for there is no inflation of prices for sale purposes.

**\$25 Values for Only \$16.70**

Long-Coat Suits: some handsome braided models, others severely tailored effects, in finest quality broadcloth, homespun, covert, camelhair, serges and chevrons; blacks, grays, browns, navy and mixtures; linings of exquisite Duchess and Skinner satin; revers of moire; coats 45 to 50 inches; all sizes.

In these Dresses we can save you money and sell you goods that will prove eminently satisfactory. These one-piece Dresses are growing in popularity, and our Clearance Sale offers exceptionally good values. Materials embracing finest broadcloth in modish shades as well as navy and black; chevrons, worsteds, camelhair, serges, homespuns; cluster plaited, side buttoned, fancy braid trimmed, etc.; sizes to 38.



## Clearance Sale of Long Coats, \$25 Val. \$16.70

Made of fine broadcloth, wide wale diagonals, homespuns, coverts, camels hair, etc.; lined throughout with Skinner satin, best of workmanship in every detail; coats that have sold all Fall for \$25.00; clearance sale price, either cash or credit...**\$16.70**

Cash or Credit



## \$12 Hats \$4.95

All our \$12.00 Hats at the Clearance price of, each **\$4.95.**



# GEVURTZ & SONS

First and Yamhill Second and Yamhill

## New Spring Skirts

An advance arrival of new Spring Skirts, with the new pleats and tunic effect, will be included in this clearance sale at special and very attractive prices from **\$5.95 to \$15.**

## WESTERN FARMER MAKES HIS ADVENT IN WHEAT PIT AS REAL SPECULATOR

Grain Futures Dealing Today Takes New Turn, Surprise to Brokers—Farmer Says "Man Who Produces Grains Ought to Have First Chance at 'Velvet'."—Chicago Prosperity Shown by Holiday Expenditure.

BY JONATHAN PALMER.  
 CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—It takes a long-headed, wide-thinking student of the progress of events to deal successfully in grain futures these days. New factors are continually springing up to be reckoned with. One of these is the rapidly growing power of domestic consumption, due partly to increasing population and partly to the higher scale of living of the average American citizen. Another is the new plane of prices for nearly all foods, for which the increased output of gold is held largely responsible by many economists. James A. Patten, in his recent operations in wheat and cotton, had been notably successful and accurate as a reader of these new conditions. Now he has backed up against a proposition that promises to put even him to rout.

The Western farmer has come into the grain markets—the speculative end—as a disturbing element. Plainly, with his daily newspaper delivered at his door each morning with the market developments of the day before, he has become convinced that the professional speculator and commission men to such grade centers as Chicago have no right to exploit the grain business to their exclusive benefit. The man who produces the grain he ought to have first chance at the "velvet."

Concerted Action Expected.  
 For a considerable number of farmers to be thinking simultaneously on this line meant there would sooner or later be some sort of concerted action. What the drift of argument was is not disclosed, but the conclusion, judging from concrete developments, was that the farmer might find it to his advantage to sell options as well as corn. Farmer-like, he took the natural course and bought the options first. That was when the price was low and he would reason to believe it should and would be higher. Mr. Patten thought the price high enough, and he handed the farmers corn about as fast as they cared to accept it for future delivery. A lot of these tillers of the soil are now disposing of their options at 6 to 10 cents a bushel. That did not seem bad Christmas economics, inasmuch as the farmers still have the actual grain in their granaries. When they sell that, as they believe they will be able to do at a good figure, they will be in position to enter into negotiations for a 1910 automobile to replace the passenger car of last season. Where the farmers are showing signs of leaving the game at a profit, anti-Patten cotton speculators are taking it up and will play out the hand.

Holiday Prosperity Evidenced.  
 Prosperity for the new year was foretold by the lavish distribution of money for Christmas gifts. Never in the holiday season in Chicago and the Middle West was there such a rush of business in mercantile houses, and never such generous sharing of profits with the men who create wealth. Three million dollars is the approximate amount in cash, stocks and gifts distributed by banking houses and industrial concerns in Chicago alone. It was the greatest single of gold pieces the Western metropolis has known, and dispatches indicate that spending for the season was on a like opulent scale in other commercial centers.

Twelve millions went for friendly remembrances aside from the distribution to employees. "Good Fellows" who impersonated Santa Claus allowed precious few families to escape some recognition of the day. Charitable church organizations gave out thirty

50,000 well-filled baskets. Chicago postal forces were taxed to the limit. The day before Christmas over 4,000,000 letters, circulars and postcards were handled, an increase of 450,000 over the previous high-water mark. Bank clearings for the week ending with Christmas were \$18,000,000 in excess of those of the like week in 1908. This increase is not merely typical of conditions in Chicago. It means similar prosperity in all contributory centers.

Financial students are afraid the lavish flow of money has resulted in too much inflation of stock values, and that a check is in store, but the general hopefulness of the coming year lies in such clues as are afforded by the plans of the United States Steel Corporation, which will spend upwards of \$100,000,000 for extensions, Gary and South Chicago to be the chief centers of enlargement.

Things at Zion City Not as They Were.  
 Things are not like they used to be in Zion City when John Alexander Dowle was the autocrat of the north shore religious colony. Dowle dipped his pen in venom against his enemies, but he managed always to keep inside the law of libel. Wilbur Voliva, his successor, emulated the first prophet of Zion in bitterness but not in adultery. He got out in time to spend Christmas a free man by the grace of a few farmers who provided a bond pending an appeal to the appellate court.

Voliva declares that, no matter what the courts may decide finally, he will not pay the cost of the judgment, but will rather remain in jail. The martyr plan does not appear repugnant to him, and as he is young and strong and self-willed, there is a very good chance of his editing his paper from a cell for a long time. The fine Dowle private library has been sold and removed from the mansion in the center of Zion City. It brought \$7000, and is said to be worth twice that. Gladstone Dowle, the great unknown, is quietly attending to his own business and making a living the best he can. Mrs. Alexander Dowle rarely appears in the public prints. Voliva appears in the papers and in a few more years not the power over the Zionists that Dowle had, and in a few more years the whole colony will be merged into the secular business life of Chicago and its environs. It is far on the way already.

Streetcar Revelations in Chicago.  
 An interesting life drama in a big, crowded city like the rebuilding of the surface traction systems of Chicago in accordance with ordinances passed by the City Council two years ago. In that time \$42,000,000 has been spent for new trackage and equipment in the way of buildings and rolling stock. The number of miles reconstructed is 310. The number of new pay-as-you-enter cars in operation or contracted for is 1250. The traction companies are much ahead of the schedule designated in the ordinances. Their prompt fulfillment of contract agreement under city supervision has resulted in a renewal of confidence between the public and the companies. There used to be no such confidence, and it is interesting to see the people had lost all hope of betterment of the service under private corporation management that they went to work for the city. The city has not achieved municipal ownership, but it has virtual municipal

operation, and for the present it is quite satisfied with that arrangement. Since it is getting for the treasury 75 per cent of the net receipts and is on the way to the most complete and modern system in the world. Besides rushing the work of construction more rapidly than the ordinance calls for, one of the companies has installed 80 more cars than it was required to install. Likewise it is taking excellent care of the pavement between its tracks.

It was in the very small interference with regular traffic that the work of rehabilitation took on the aspects of a rare engineering feat. In the downtown district the minimum of annoyance was procured by doing the work at night or on Sundays with an army of men that stood almost shoulder to shoulder and worked together with the precision and lack of clash of a circus crew. Often the citizen who rode home on a black of old track which made him seasick was down the next morning to find that the old rails had been removed, the old pavement tossed aside, new ties and rails set in concrete, new pavement laid and the cars rolling smoothly along on a brand-new bit of perfect track. In the two years enough pavement has been laid to cover a 100-acre farm and enough brick put in new outlying buildings to make a wall 110 feet high and 15 miles in length. One new river tunnel has been completed and two others are under construction.

In these things which appeal to the child's pleasure and imagination, the children of Cherry, Ill., had the greatest Christmas of their lives this year. When the festivities, the gift-giving and the neighborly greetings were over, it was clear that the fate of the 200 men who had died in the St. Paul mine has not been in vain. It developed a Christlike spirit and a thoughtfulness of others which made a particularly bright spot in a bright American Christmas day. The little folk, only a few of whom realize the blight that fell on the village a month ago, saw in one day more gifts than they had seen in their whole lives hitherto.

Chicago was very considerate of Cherry and helped materially in its misfortune. A Santa Claus had to be imported into the village to play the role of gift dispenser. Those fathers and husbands and brothers who survived the mine disaster were too busy in other necessary ways. In the church of the village there are said to be only two men left—one the pastor, the other the village barber. The latter, who is called "Barber John," is the long-distance hero of Cherry. He did not risk his life going down into the burning shaft to save his fellow townsmen, but while the grieving mothers were gathered about the shaft waiting for their husbands and almost forgetting their children, "Barber John" constituted himself the Little Father and the Official Optimist. He gathered the unfortunate children into the church, and saw that they were housed and fed. Ever since he has been working day and night dispensing good cheer.

Soundings of the mine with thermometers show that the fire is still raging below. There is no forecasting when it will be possible to remove the 200 bodies, but it is feared when the time does come Cherry will be in for another season of acute mental distress. Most of those in Cherry are in no position to leave if they should wish to do so. They will be caught for all Winter and next Spring, and it is hoped the warm summer months will somewhat relieve the tension. Many month-old children have been born since the disaster. Most of the mothers are young women. They are being watched over with particular solicitude. The festivities, the gift-giving and the neighborly greetings were over, it was clear that the fate of the 200 men who had died in the St. Paul mine has not been in vain. It developed a Christlike spirit and a thoughtfulness of others which made a particularly bright spot in a bright American Christmas day. The little folk, only a few of whom realize the blight that fell on the village a month ago, saw in one day more gifts than they had seen in their whole lives hitherto.

There are 172 telegraph and 55 telephone offices in Cherry.

## HEAD FOR PROPOSED GREAT WORLD'S FAIR NOW WORRIES SAN FRANCISCO

Great Celebration Planned for 1915, When Panama Canal Is Opened, May See General M. H. De Young or William H. Crocker Elected President—Governor Gillett's Ambition Believed to Be to Succeed Himself.

BY HARRY B. SMITH.  
 SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Who will be president and executive head of the great world's fair that is to be held by San Francisco in 1915 to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal? Is the question that is agitating commercial circles these days. There are several names under consideration just now. General M. H. De Young, Charles C. Moore, Louis Sluss and William H. Crocker have their supporters and admirers. Moore has a wondrous energy, as shown by his resuscitation of the moribund Chamber of Commerce and his work in getting foreign nations to send their battle-ships here for Portola. Louis Sluss is a popular man in commercial circles. General De Young has demonstrated his fitness for the place by the way he handled the Mid-Winter Fair and there is no question if he can be induced to accept the post but that he would make an able executive.

Plenty of time remains for the selection of a head, however. Up to date there has been nothing but preliminary skirmishes and advertising. Subscriptions have been refused, as the committee in charge has to look for the matter at a later date. In order to secure some funds and to determine the popularity of the proposed fair, the committee had some 25,000 buttons emblematic of the fair struck off. These were sold at 10 cents apiece and the way they were grabbed up shows how San Francisco in general regards the fair. In fact, the committee has decided upon another issue of the buttons, the festive, the gift-giving and the neighborly greetings were over, it was clear that the fate of the 200 men who had died in the St. Paul mine has not been in vain. It developed a Christlike spirit and a thoughtfulness of others which made a particularly bright spot in a bright American Christmas day. The little folk, only a few of whom realize the blight that fell on the village a month ago, saw in one day more gifts than they had seen in their whole lives hitherto.

Reform League at Work.  
 The Lincoln-Roosevelt League has been quite busy in this city during the week just closed. President Chester H. Rowell has been here in conference with other leaders to select a campaign committee to consist of two members from each congressional district. The leaders of the movement are about the same as during the last campaign.

Night Life Is Scattered.  
 The preparations for the New Year's festival that has been going on shows that San Francisco has lost the old village concentration. The fire has assisted in giving the scattered life of a metropolis.

Gillett's Ambition Is Gossip.  
 Governor James N. Gillett has not as yet announced whether he will be a candidate to succeed himself. The general opinion among Gillett's closest friends is that the Governor will seek the Republican nomination.

Greenway's "200"—List Agent.  
 Cesar Ned Greenway, vice agent and dictator of San Francisco society, has decreed a new list of social eligibles. No more will the agile writer be able to speak with accurate ease of "San Francisco's Four Hundred." Greenway has definitely cut the number to 200—the selected "brut" of society as it were.

Romance and Reality.  
 New York Sun. She planned the man whom she would wed. He should be both brave and good. Full six feet tall, with curly hair. Adept at sea and wood. Combining woman's tenderness with man's stern hardihood. Her husband measured five feet two. He only made ten blinks per week. Cared not for the sea or wood. And yet the truth though he made a husband simply grand.

might and the North Beach celebrated in true Latin style. There was the usual all night outing for people, both downtown and at the beach resorts. The cafes as usual were crowded, and after 11 o'clock there was nothing but wine parties. Confetti, of course, was one of the features of the festivities, but the old habit of scooping up dirty confetti from the streets, mixed with sand, was changed. The Supervisors fixed this, and by a simple ordinance.

Senator Clark Delays Limited.  
 To exchange Christmas greetings with a colored valet who had been in the service of an family for more than 30 years, William A. Clark, ex-United States Senator from Montana and millionaire mining man, kept the Coast Line train with 1000 passengers, waiting 20 minutes on Christmas day. The train was held at San Mateo while the ex-Senator conversed with Mr. and Mrs. James Collins in his private car. Clark's private car had been attached to the limited and the signal had been given to start when the Senator heard his name being called by a familiar voice.

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## IMPORTANT ASSEMBLAGE OF LABOR MEN DECLARES WAR ON STEEL TRUST.



NEW YORK Jan. 1.—(Special.)—This important assemblage of labor men declared war on the Steel Trust last week at Pittsburgh. The Steel Trust has maintained an "open shop." The labor leaders in convention assembled denounced the steel company as the enemy of labor. A big disturbance in the labor world may result—and may not. In the picture those in the front row are W. D. Mahon, of the street railway workers; P. J. McArdle, of the iron, steel and tin workers; Samuel Gompers, of the Federation of Labor; Charles F. Lawyer, of the tinplate workers; James O'Connell, of the machinists, and F. M. Ryan, of the bridgeworkers.