

### UNDERWOOD CHARGED WITH BEING DEFENDER OF LIQUOR INTERESTS

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### LATTER EXPLAINS STAND

Senator Who Proposed Referring Dry Law to People in District of Columbia Opposes Referendum.

Washington, Dec. 21.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Charged with being a "shrewd defender of the liquor interests," Senator Underwood of Alabama placed considerable emphasis on his speech in the senate on prohibition in the district of Columbia.

Adding to the interest of the tilt, each charged the other with setting a trap for the unwary. Underwood said that Sheppard's bill contains a trap in allowing limited importations for beverage purposes for one person in each family, and then imposing severe penalties, including at least one month's imprisonment for what the Alabama senator contended, might be an unintentional violation of the law.

Sheppard retorted that Underwood himself was trying to lay a "trap" by attacking this bill and calling it dishonest because it does not absolutely forbid importation of liquor into the capital city. The Texas said he had been advised that such a provision probably would be unconstitutional, and the whole bill be thus endangered.

**Local Option Is Provided.** Underwood declared that the people of his state had repudiated the charge that he was a defender of the liquor interests in the campaign when he was elected to the senate. He pointedly replied that Underwood was elected because of his ability and influence as a national leader, and not as a result of his attitude on prohibition in the campaign when he defeated P. Hobson was his opponent.

Underwood also explained at some length why he is not inconsistent, as he says, in proposing an amendment for a referendum by the people of the District of Columbia on a prohibition law, and at the same time is opposed to the initiative and referendum and also to a national amendment to be voted on by the states.

He asserted that he adheres to the principle of local option, and he drew a distinction between referring a measure to popular vote by a legislative body and a referendum proposed by initiative petition. He rehearsed the familiar argument of the opponents of the initiative that this proposed legislation without opportunity for amendment by "chosen representatives of the people," and said it might come "from a back room band of tricksters."

**Follows Oregon's Statute.** He favors local option, he said, and is opposed to the Anthony amendment, because "that would make it possible for some of the states to impose their views upon the people of other states."

Sheppard, in charge of the district prohibition bill, said that without any personal reflection, "the logical effect of this attitude is to make the senator from Alabama the most powerful advocate of the liquor interests."

The district prohibition bill is built along the same lines as the law of Oregon, and many other dry states. It allows the importation for personal use by one member of a household of one quart of distilled liquor, or one gallon of beer or one gallon of wine in a month, forbidding manufacture, sale or giving away.

**PLAN IS PRESENTED TO MAKE AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION EASIER**

Washington, Dec. 21.—An amendment to the United States constitution to make it easier to amend that instrument, proposed in the Dec. by Representative Walter M. Chandler of

New York, is in line with the suggestion made by William J. Bryan in his recent speech here, now widely quoted.

Mr. Chandler is a Republican member of the house from New York city. In 1915 he was elected on the Progressive ticket and he was re-elected on that ticket in 1914, but returned to the Republicans early in 1916. He said nothing about Bryan in a statement given out at the time he introduced his resolution, but his action is taken as one of the signs that progressives in all the parties will have some common objects of legislation.

Mr. Chandler proposes that instead of requiring a two-thirds vote in each branch of congress to amend the constitution, a majority vote shall be enough. Also, he proposes that one-fourth of the states may submit an amendment if they also include one-fourth of the population. The states could take action either through their legislatures or by vote of the people.

For ratification of an amendment thus submitted, Mr. Chandler's plan provides, a majority of the states only shall be necessary, if at the same time a majority of the voters in each state throughout the country are in favor of the amendment.

The Chandler plan is thus a compromise between the state and federal idea. While proposing that a majority of the states may ratify, he seeks to guard against the smaller states forcing an amendment not wanted by the larger ones by requiring that this shall not be effective unless a majority throughout the country approves.

**Buildings Bill Fight Forecast.** Washington, Dec. 21.—Under a special rule, some time in January, the public buildings bill framed by the house committee at the last session, is to be brought before the house for limited debate and vote. Predictions are freely made that it will pass.

This will bring on one of the spectacular fights of the session. Secretary McAdoo, whose department deals with public building construction, said some pointed things about omnibus building bills in his annual report. He asserted that small towns under such bills get buildings they should not have, and large cities, where crowded conditions cry for remedy, are neglected.

It is assumed that Secretary McAdoo voiced the viewpoint of the president. It is significant also that Assistant Secretary Newton of the treasury department, who is directly in charge of public buildings, gave a strong statement supporting his chief and intimating that a presidential veto may await any future public buildings bill on "omnibus" lines.

**May Include New Projects.** Washington, Dec. 21.—Chairman Sparkman of the house committee on rivers and harbors says he expects to report the annual appropriation bill to the house before the end of the year. Final decision has not been made on the question of including new projects.

"Just after congress assembled," he says, "I advised the committee that some new projects be included. I did so after that we received Secretary McAdoo's report, indicating that there is likely to be a deficit. Since then some members of the committee are nevertheless urging that new projects be allowed, and personally I am inclined to favor putting a few of them into the bill."

"If we cannot provide the money needed for the national defense and at the same time take care of proper internal improvements, it seems to me about time to go out of business."

**"And" and "Or" Case To High Court Again**

Judge McGinn, Granting Transfer to Supreme Court, Charges Mill Company Trying to Exhaust Widow.

Judge McGinn yesterday afternoon signed an order which will make it possible for Hamilton Johnstone, attorney for the East Side Mill & Lumber company, again to appeal to the supreme court the notorious "and" and "or" case.

The court's order is that Johnstone may have 10 days from the time the court reports are filed in court, to prepare a stenographic report of the testimony in the case, in which to file a transcript on appeal.

Mrs. Lulu R. White is the plaintiff. She is the widow of James P. White, a traffic officer who was run down and killed by an auto truck owned by the mill company. Her suit for \$7500 damages has been tried twice. Each time the jury awarded her damages.

Judge McGinn declared the defendant, by fighting the case in the courts and making a settlement, was trying to force the widow, through necessity, to accept whatever the defendant might offer her.

**Canal Will Be Aid to American Shipping**

Goethals Says New Tolls Bill Before Congress Will Put U. S. Ships on Par with British.

New York, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The United States soon will be able to compete fairly with British shipping by use of the Panama canal, General George W. Goethals, former governor of the canal zone, declared yesterday in an address to the New York Merchants' association at the Astor hotel here.

He said American ships soon would be placed on the same basis of canal tolls as British vessels through a bill now in congress.

The United States, Goethals said, soon will begin payment of the debt on the canal through revenue from its use. He predicted traveling soon will become faster because alides have been stopped by widening of the channel. He favored turning over resources of the canal zone to American merchants, contending that, as American money had paid for development, Americans should gain the profit.

**Naval Base Board Is Aided by Realtors**

Committee Will Appraise Yerba Buena Island and Estimate Value of Land Needed at Hunters Point Station.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(P. N. S.)—A real estate board committee, cooperating to aid the navy department's commission on naval base sites on the Pacific Coast, today started the work of appraising Yerba Buena island and of making an estimate of the value of the land that might be used by the navy, providing the proposed naval base is located at Hunters point.

It has been understood for some time in military and naval circles that the government would like to get rid of Yerba Buena island. An appraisal of the island as a railroad terminal was asked.

## DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY

EARLY IN THE DAY—IF YOU PLEASE  
Positively Our Store Will Not Open Evenings—Until Xmas the Business Hours of This Store Will Be From 9 A. M. (Not Before) Until 6 P. M. (Not Later)

**Shopping in the Early Morning Hours**  
Will invite a much more leisurely inspection and assures greater certainty of satisfaction to the one who receives on Christmas day. We earnestly advise you to come early. Early gift buying is desirable. Make it a pleasure and not a task. The absence of the inevitable holiday crowd during the morning hours should appeal at once as a very necessary feature attendant upon the satisfactory selection.



**A Friday Holiday Special! Children's Bath Robes**  
Of Beacon Flannel, 69c  
\$1.25 and \$1.50 Lines  
A Delightful Gift! One Sure to Please Little People

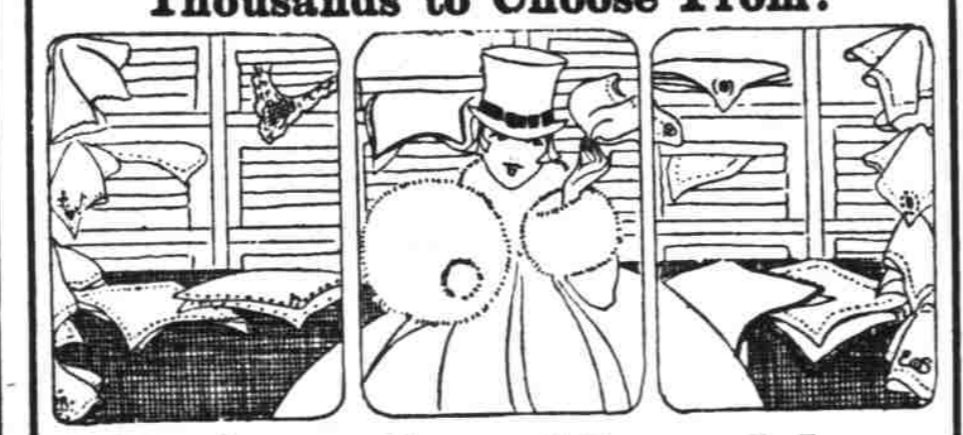
Because we are overstocked we offer these attractive, warm and "comfy" bath robes at about one-half their real worth. They are well made, of fine quality Beacon flannel and are shown in pretty pink and blue colored patterns. All sizes for children from 1 to 6 years of age. A more acceptable gift could not be found. Regularly \$2.25 and \$1.50 lines on sale. Bargain Friday at 69c

# CHRISTMAS SALE

## Only Two More Shopping Days Until Christmas

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS WILL READILY RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE SAVINGS  
Come, Make This Great Store Your Holiday Store—Everything Has Been Arranged to Serve You Promptly, Courteously and Efficiently

## Great Christmas Sale Handkerchiefs



Thousands to Choose From!  
Prices Considerably Reduced!

An unequalled showing of thousands and thousands of Christmas handkerchiefs for women and children. The variety of styles is so complete that we can suit every taste, and they are so arranged that you can select speedily and effectively. Most all come in attractive holiday boxes, and many of the lines are considerably underpriced.

**WOMEN'S LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, Styles and Qualities Selling Regularly to 25c Each, at 15c**  
Unlimited variety of embroidered effects to select from—they come in white and in the popular Dresden colors—fine linen handkerchiefs selling regularly to 25c, on sale, Bargain Friday at 15c

**BOX OF THREE HANDKERCH'FS 59c**  
75c to \$1.00 Lines

**BOX OF FOUR HANDKERCH'FS 69c**  
75c to \$1.00 Lines  
Women's all linen handkerchiefs embroidered in pretty Dresden colors—three in a fancy holiday box. Regular 75c to \$1.00 lines, Bargain Friday at 69c

**BOX OF 3 TO 6 HANDKERCH'FS 49c**  
75c to 89c Lines.  
Women's sheer lawn handkerchiefs shown in embroidered patterns in white and colors. Three, four or six in a fancy holiday box. 75c to 89c lines, Bargain Friday at 49c

**WOMEN'S SILK HANDKERCH'FS 10c**  
Regular 19c Grade.  
Dainty Jap silk handkerchiefs shown in a full assortment of novelty patterns. They are very attractive and regularly sold at 19c. To close, Bargain 10c Friday at 10c

## Here Is the Place to Purchase Christmas Slippers

for Men, Women and Children  
On the Main Floor, Morrison-Street Entrance, we've arranged a special showing and a sale of Women's, Misses' and Children's Felt Juliets and Slippers that it will pay you well to investigate.

All Sizes for Women, specially priced, pair ..... 99c  
Sizes 8½ to 2 for Misses, special, pair ..... 89c  
Sizes 5 to 8, for Children, special, pair ..... 79c  
Selling Regularly to \$1.50

It is the best and most complete assortment we have ever shown. Included are the most popular styles and colors in fur or ribbon trimmed Juliets, with fine belting leather, hand-turned soles, all colors. Also the padded sole moccasins.

Women's Felt Slippers in regular \$1.75 lines at only ..... \$1.19  
Men's \$1.50 Leather Slippers in all styles priced at ..... \$1.19  
Men's \$1.75 Leather Slippers in all styles specially priced at ..... \$1.49  
Men's \$2.00 Leather Slippers in all styles priced at ..... \$1.75  
Men's \$2.50 Leather Slippers in all styles priced at ..... \$1.98

## A Friday Holiday Special! Fancy Turkish Towels

At 25c Each | At 50c Each | At 75c Each  
Choice From All Our 35c and 40c Lines | Choice From All Our 60c to 75c Lines | Choice From All Our 90c to \$1.25 Lines

NONE RESERVED—NONE SENT C. O. D.—COME EARLY

In our domestic section we place on sale our entire stock of fancy Turkish towels. Included are all styles and sizes. They come in pink, blue, gold, helio and green. A gift that will be sure to please. The kind regularly sold from 50c up to \$1.25 arranged in three great lots and priced for Bargain Friday

At 25c, at 50c and at 75c Each  
For the Bath or Bedroom

**Rag Rugs Rag Rugs**  
at 35c Each | at 69c Each  
3 for \$1.00 Best 50c Grade | A Large Size Best \$1.00 Grade

About 150 rag rugs to close out at this price reduction. They come in pretty colorings and 18 by 36 inches. Regular 50c grade at 3 for \$1.00 or 35c EACH.  
Less than 100 rag rugs to close out at this price reduction. They come in attractive colorings and 25 by 50 inches. Regular \$1.00 grade. While they last at 69c EACH.

## Glove and Merchandise Orders

Busy folks, who have little time to shop around for Christmas gifts, will find it of distinct advantage to give glove or merchandise orders for any amount they wish to spend. And such an order from Roberts Bros. carries with it the knowledge that it will purchase nothing but quality merchandise. Glove and merchandise orders issued for any amount at accommodation desk.



## Umbrellas for Xmas Gifts!

Women's Umbrellas at \$3.50 to \$6.00

Never before such a great variety as now in the newest colorings, both plain and bordered silks, and with handles of malacca, Prince of Wales, malacca and bacalite. Handles to match the color of the silk. Other novelties are ebony with cord, sterling silver handles, leather straps and pearl buckles, sterling trim'd chain and ring handle, etc.

## An Unsurpassed Opportunity for Advantageous Buying of Practical and Pleasing Gifts for Men

Gift Things of Beauty, of Usefulness, in Fascinating Variety, Priced to Please Most Frugal Buyers.

**25c—50c—\$1.00 for Men's Silk Four-in-Hand Ties**—A complete new assortment of patterns to select from in light and dark colors.  
**50c—75c—\$1.00 for Men's Fine Elastic Suspenders**—The best styles and colors. Each pair in a fancy holiday box. A welcome gift.  
**\$1.25—\$1.50—\$1.75 for Men's Outing Flannel Pajamas**—Neat appearing, well made garments in popular styles and in all sizes.

**79c and \$1.25 for Men's Suspenders and Garter Sets**—Neat and attractive colorings in many different patterns. Each set in a fancy holiday box.

**25c and 50c for Men's Fancy Silk Elastic Arm Bands**—Pleasing styles and colors. Each pair put up in a fancy holiday box.  
**\$2.98 up to \$5.98 for Men's Custom Made Bath Robes**—An unsurpassed showing of the most popular styles in all wanted patterns and colorings.

## Men's Handkerchiefs in an Unlimited Variety

The items listed here are only a small part of the many special holiday offerings which abound in this department.

**5c each—6 for 25c—**for Men's Plain White Handkerchiefs with neat hem.  
**10c each—3 for 25c—**for Men's Initial or Plain White Handkerchiefs.  
**15c each—2 for 25c—**for Men's Initial or Plain White Handkerchiefs.  
**20c each—3 for 50c—**for Men's Fine Plain White All Linen Handkerchiefs.

**25c and 30c each** for Men's Fine Plain White All Linen Handkerchiefs.  
**25c and 30c each** for Men's Fine All Linen Initial Handkerchiefs.  
**49c for box of 3 Men's All Linen Handkerchiefs** in a fancy box.  
**65c for box of 3 Men's All Linen Handkerchiefs** in a fancy box.  
**65c a pair** for Boy Scout Fleece Lined Gloves in all sizes.  
**50c and 60c a pair** for Men's Fine Wool Gloves, all sizes.

## Dolls, Books, Novelties Remarkable Price Concessions Are These:

**50c** Mama Dolls, Friday only at ..... **39c**  
**75c** Teddy Bears, Friday only at ..... **59c**  
**15c** Paint Books, Friday only at ..... **10c**  
**50c** 18-in. Character Dolls, Friday only at ..... **39c**  
**\$2.50** Kestner's Baby Dolls, Friday ..... **\$1.98**  
**\$1.00** Large Painted Balls, Friday only at ..... **69c**  
**50c** Kewpie Dolls, Friday only at ..... **39c**

**\$1.00** Mama Dolls, Friday only at ..... **79c**  
**25c** Boys' and Girls' Books, Friday only at ..... **19c**  
**\$2.00** 3-Pc. Metal Toilet Sets, Friday ..... **\$1.49**  
**\$2.00** 7-Pc. Ivory Manicure Sets at ..... **\$1.49**  
**\$2.25** Attractive Shaving Sets only ..... **\$1.69**  
**\$1.50** 6-Piece Ivory Manicure Sets, Friday ..... **98c**  
**\$1** Cigarette, Match Safe Set, Friday only ..... **75c**

## In Our Ready-to-Wear Section Two Attractive Xmas Gifts

**Especially Underpriced for Friday!**  
**Bath Robes \$5.00** For Values to \$6.50  
Only a limited number. Women's bath robes made of the celebrated Beacon blankets. They come in the best styles in desirable colorings and in all sizes. They are attractively trimmed, perfectly finished garments selling regularly to \$6.50. On sale Bargain Friday at ..... **\$5.00**

**Silk Waists \$3.35** For Values to \$4.50  
Unlimited choice from beautiful crepe de chine waists, in plain white, flesh or in novelty colorings. They are strictly high class waists selling regularly to \$4.50. A gift any woman would appreciate. On sale Bargain Friday at ..... **\$3.35**



PLYMOUTH ROCK

Dec. 21, 286 years ago, the Pilgrim Fathers and Mothers landed on Plymouth Rock. They landed on a good thing. Come in on one of our \$14 business suits and you'll find YOU'VE landed on a very good thing. It's the rock bottom price for such value in cloth, pattern, style and fit. But we can cover it with one of our \$20 special-offering overcoats, including Kuppenheimer make.

And Christmas presents! Come and see the hundreds of beautiful things you can buy for him at a man's store — no crowding — all on the ground floor.

Double E & M Stamps with everything when this coupon is presented. Not redeemable after Dec. 23, '16. Jour.

**Lion Clothing Co.**  
Morrison at Fourth St. OPEN THIS EVENING