

## HOME TRADE NOTES

LITTLE GLEAMINGS THAT POINT MANY MORALS FOR ALL.

### A NEW TEN COMMANDMENTS

Carefully Revised by the Catalogue Houses—Mail-Order Houses and Pure Foods—The Local Dealer.

The ten commandments as revised to fit the mail order catalogue house plan:

First—You shall sell your farm products for cash whenever you can, but not to us; we do not buy from you.

Second—You shall believe our statements and buy all you need from us because we want to be good to you, although we are not personally acquainted with you.

Third—You shall send the money in advance to give us the chance to get the goods from the factory with your money; meanwhile you will have to wait patiently a few weeks because that is our business method.

Fourth—You shall apply to your nearest city to aid you in building good roads so you may conveniently get the goods from the depot which you buy from us, for we do not build country roads.

Fifth—You shall buy church bells

when they ordered groceries, then the English language is not understandable. By selling the stuff that has been put under the ban because of its impurity, the mail order concerns have been able to undersell the local merchants living hundreds of miles away from the great centers of supply.

In carrying on this trade in impure goods, the mail order houses have done the greatest injury to the consumer. While the local merchant has lost some trade, he has had at least a part of the business of the ranchman and miner in his vicinity, but the consumer, who has been caught by the "cheap" prices offered, has not got what he has been paying for by a long way, and there is no way for him to get even.

As it has proved with the groceries sent out by the eastern mail order houses it is with the other lines they work out in Montana. The saddles and harness offered at phenomenally low prices, the buggies and wagons, at prices which seem almost like giving the vehicles away, the kitchen utensils which are priced in the voluminous catalogues at figures that indicate the local merchants are highway robbers, the dry goods that are offered at such infinitesimal cost as to compel the ordinary woman to believe the mail order man is a public benefactor, all of these eastern mail order house offerings are on a par with the proved quality of the groceries they have been selling—fraudulent and put out to sell and not for service. The confession on the gro-

## THE VERDICT

In the Case of Mayor Schmitz Is Guilty.

### FIRST CONVICTION

In the Campaign Against Municipal Grafters in San Francisco that Began Several Months Ago.

San Francisco, Cal.—Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz was Thursday night found guilty of extorting money from keepers of French restaurants in this city. This is the first formal conviction in the anti-graft campaign inaugurated several months ago. Abe Ruef, who was indicted for similar offenses, pleaded guilty to the charges and appeared as a witness against Schmitz.

When the verdict was announced Schmitz sat unmoved with his hand to his chin. He apparently did not understand and asked Attorney Barrett: "What is it?"

"Guilty," said Barrett. Schmitz's hand dropped to the table, but he showed no other signs of emotion.

The jury was out an hour and 35 minutes. They elected Charles E. Capp foreman and at once proceeded to an informal, verbal ballot. This stood 11 for conviction, Juror Burns, a shoemaker, casting the dissenting vote. Then the 12 men began a discussion which lasted nearly an hour. At the end of that time the first formal ballot was cast. It was written and was unanimous for conviction.

Judge Dunne announced that judgment would be pronounced June 27. Motions regarding the case will be entertained on that date.

The mayor was a prisoner last night, but will apply for bail pending an appeal when court convenes to-day. Even before Judge Dunne reached the synagogue, hurried thither by an automobile when the jury was ready to report, nearly a thousand men had gathered in Bush street and were clamoring at the doors. As Judge Dunne entered by a rear way the crowd surged into the building from in front.

When Foreman Capp said "Guilty," the silence was broken in a hundred places at once. A long drawn "Ah!" went through the crowd. Then, "Good," cried a voice in a far corner. Rudolph Spreckels, whose wealth made possible the whole bribe graft prosecution, was walking swiftly down the right aisle as the sentence fell from the foreman's lips. He sank into a nearby seat as though arrested by some sharp command.

All over the house people were jumping up now, and some of them turned to the strangers at their elbows and thrust out their hands in the enthusiasm of a long looked for moment, and said: "Shake."

**Pullman Co. Denies Law's Validity.**  
Washington, D. C.—An answer questioning the constitutionality of a part of the railroad rate law was filed with the inter-state commerce commission by George S. Loftus, of St. Paul, involving sleeping car rates. The complaint alleged that the Pullman company exacted unreasonable charges and urged the commission to compel the company, under the recently enacted railroad rate law, to reduce by an order the fares charged by the company. The company's answer insists that the charges are just and denies the authority of the commission to issue the order demanded by Loftus.

**Found One of the 11 Victims.**  
Norfolk, Va.—The body of Coxswain Robert H. Dodson, of the battleship Minnesota's launch which with its 11 occupants went to the bottom of Hampton Roads Tuesday night, was found floating in the roads Thursday and last night reports were circulated, but almost immediately denied, that the other bodies had been recovered. It now seems to be accepted in naval circles that the launch was run down by a coal barge shortly after the boat carrying the 11 men left Discovery Landing.

**A Black Hand Outrage.**  
Washington, Pa.—What is believed to be a Black Hand outrage occurred early Thursday at the home of James Kefover, a farmer of Zollarsville, near here, when a glycerine bomb exploded, partially wrecking the building and tearing a large hole in the ground. Nobody was injured. Last week Kefover received a letter from an alleged Black Hand society demanding \$1,000 to prevent the destruction of his property.

**Longshoremen's Strike Failed.**  
New York.—The longshoremen's union at a meeting Thursday night declared off the general strike of the longshoremen in this city. The strikers will return to work at the wage rate received before the strike began.

**A Fatal Collapse.**  
Canonsburg, Pa.—Two men were fatally injured and 400 miners were imprisoned in the Manifold mine, near here, for three hours Thursday by the collapsing of an engine house roof which broke the air compressor connections.

**Floods in Western Pennsylvania.**  
Pittsburg, Pa.—Heavy rains during the last 36 hours have caused considerable monetary damage throughout western Pennsylvania. Small streams overflowed their banks, inundating the lowlands.

## NEARS ITS DISSOLUTION

RUSSIA'S PARLIAMENT LIKELY TO BE ENDED FOR DISOBEYING PREMIER'S ORDER.

He Demands that 55 Members of the Duma be Suspended for Plotting to Overthrow Government.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—The dissolution of the lower house of the Russian parliament appears to be a question of only a few hours, or at most of a day or two.

With only 130 opposing votes the lower house last night rejected Premier Stolypin's ultimatum for the immediate suspension of 55 deputies for membership in the social democratic party and referred the subject to a committee. Although the committee has been instructed to report this evening, it is known in advance that the decision on the main question will be adverse, and that the duma will accept the recommendation.

In order to keep strictly within the legal limits, the committee may recommend the suspension of 16 leaders on condition that the government disclose the evidence against them, but there is not the slightest expectation on either side that this will save the situation.

Premier Stolypin demanded that the lower house of parliament exclude from the house all the members of the social democratic faction, numbering 55, and sanction the arrest of 16 of their leaders on the charge of entering into a conspiracy to overthrow the government and establish a democratic republic. The premier announced that unless the house immediately yielded parliament would be dissolved.

Simultaneously with the delivery of the government's ultimatum squads of police took possession of the lodgings of all social democrat deputies and seized their papers, evidently prepared to make arrests so soon as the decision of the house became known.

The session of the St. Petersburg committee of the social democrats was attended by a large number of the accused deputies. The committee is discussing a proposal to proclaim a general strike in the capital. This meeting is being held in secret, the police having occupied the headquarters of the party. Remembering the fiasco of the strike called after the dissolution of the last duma, the committee is hesitating to adopt this measure, although delegates from the workmen in all quarters of the city report that the conditions are ripe for a successful industrial strike and that there is a possibility of extending the movement to the railroads centering in St. Petersburg.

### FOUND AT LAST.

Launch that Was Lost in Hampton Roads with 11 Men of the Navy on Board Is Located.

Norfolk, Va.—After many hours of weary dragging of the waters of Hampton Roads in a systematic search by the navy for the bodies of the 11 victims of the sinking of the battleship Minnesota's launch on Tuesday morning, a grappling party last night located the launch and bodies of the men in eight fathoms of water off the Ripraps.

The diver who went down to examine the launch reported that the heads and arms of three men were protruding from beneath the canvas covering, the men having made a desperate fight for life.

All day long the search had been kept up in the vicinity of the course likely to have been taken by the party on its return from Discovery Pier at the exposition grounds to the warship lying at anchor in the roads.

Washington, D. C.—Official notice of the finding of the battleship Minnesota's ill-fated launch, which went to the bottom of Hampton Roads with 11 occupants on Tuesday morning, was received by the navy department last night in a message from the commander of the Atlantic fleet. The dispatch says the launch was grappled by the dragging party and that the launch was expected to be raised last night. Several bodies were found, but "on account of the confined space" the number could not be counted.

### REVIEW OF TRADE.

Conditions are Not Satisfactory Because of Bad Weather.

New York.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade Says: Despite some improvement, weather conditions have continued adverse for retail trade at most points, and business is only stimulated by bargain sales. Prospects for fall distribution are brighter because of the better crop reports, and manufacturers receive liberal orders for next season. Current conditions, however, are not satisfactory, and mercantile collections are below normal, except in sections where country storekeepers have been enabled to make prompt settlements.

Record-breaking production of pig iron without causing accumulation is ample evidence of unprecedented activity in the steel industry. Implement makers buy bars regardless of reports that crops are smaller, and the congestion at pipe and sheet mills is not relieved.

**A Labor Law is Knocked Out.**  
Albany, N. Y.—The court of appeals in a decision rendered Friday declared the law recently passed by the legislature which prohibits the employment of women in factories before 6 a. m. and after 9 p. m. to be unconstitutional.

**A Famous Agreement is Abrogated.**  
New York.—The agreement between the Harriman interests and the Rock Island Co. entered into in 1904, for the alternate control of the Chicago & Alton railroad has been abrogated by mutual consent.

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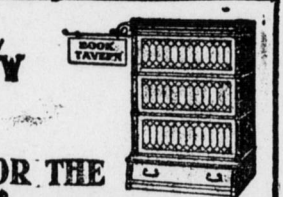
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Beauties and at bargain prices.

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Chiffoniers of all kinds and all prices.

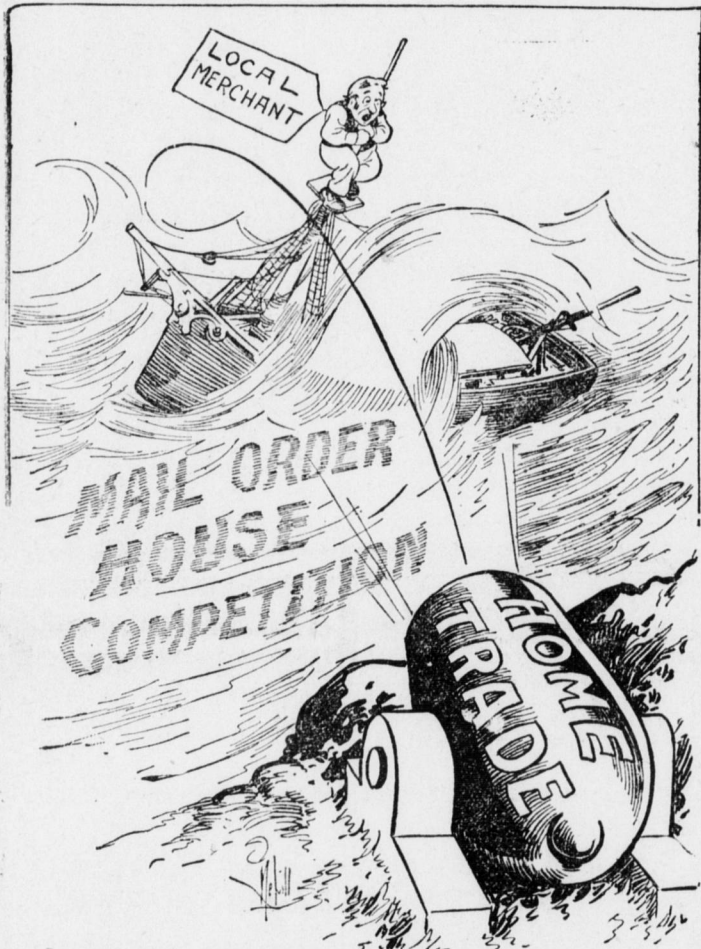
The finest line of Sewing Machines on the market, the "DOMESTIC" and "ELDRIDGE." All drop-heads and warranted.

A fine line of Dishes, common grade and China, in sets and by the piece.

As I keep a full line of everything that goes to make up a good Furniture store, it is useless to enumerate them all.

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## GEO. J. LaBAR. UNDERTAKING.



Send the lifeline of home trade to your local merchants. When you do so you are not only helping him, but you help your community and yourself. If you permit the competition of the mail-order houses to engulf him, his destruction means the destruction of your town and your interests. Keep your dollars at home.

and interior fixtures from us and forward the money in advance, for that is our business method, and you shall collect from the business men in your vicinity as much money as you can for the benefit of your churches. Although we get more money from you than they do, still it is against our rules to donate money for building country churches.

Sixth—You shall buy your tools from us and be your own mechanic, in order to drive the mechanics from your vicinity, for we wish it so.

Seventh—You shall induce your neighbor to buy everything from us, as we have room for more money—the less money there is left in your community the sooner we can put your local merchants out of business and charge you any price we please.

Eighth—You shall look often upon the beautiful pictures in our catalogue, so your wishes will increase, although you are not in immediate need of the goods, otherwise you might have some money left to buy necessary goods of your local merchants.

Ninth—You shall have the mechanics who repair the goods you buy from us book the bill so you can send the money for his labor to us for new goods, otherwise he will not notice our influence.

Tenth—You shall, in case of accident, sickness or need, apply to your local dealers for aid and credit, as we do not know you.

The secret of how it has been that some of the eastern mail order houses which have done business in Montana and elsewhere were able to undersell local merchants on some lines of groceries has been revealed. The revelation has come about through the operation of the national pure food law.

One of the big mail order concerns, which has done a great business in Montana, makes the announcement that it has closed its grocery department, giving in a circular its reason for doing so "because its maintenance has been made impracticable by the pure food laws just passed by congress."

If that is not an acknowledgment that the consumers have been furnished with adulterated food stu-

ceries should make the eastern mail order house patrons think before they send off another order for "cheap goods."—Helena Record.

Your local dealer stands ready to duplicate every offer so seductively set forth in the catalogues of mail order houses and more, says an exchange. He will trump the best trick the mail order house ever played if you will put down the spot cash and accept from him a class of goods devoid of respectable ancestry, and upon which no reputable manufacturer will place his name. He can sell cheap goods, too, if you will buy them from him with your eyes shut. He can meet the best price ever made by a mail order house if you will plank down the money and accept what he gives you without question and without recourse—but you must not expect him to be in his place of business every day in the year ready and willing to furnish expert help when you are in trouble, ready and willing to stand back of everything he sells with his own reputation and the warranty of a responsible company.

Honest, now, don't you really put yourself on the back when you spend your money in such a way that in supplying your own wants you help build up the neighborhood in which you live? Of course you do, and you act on that idea yourself, but the trouble is that you don't talk it enough to your friends.—Streator (Ill.) Press.

**Home Trade Hints.**  
A dollar spent at home stays around home and may return to you after a few days.

If you want to make your own town prosperous you will spend your money in your own town in preference to some bigger burg a long way off.

The way to start a wagon out of the mire is for all the horses to pull together. One way to pull together is for everybody to patronize home industries whenever possible.

Money in circulation around the town you live in is much better for your interests than the same money in circulation in a city hundreds of miles away. Your dollar is lonesome in a big city, but it has friends around home and is therefore more useful.