

BALANCING THE BOOKS

An Occupation Many Merchants Are Not Very Well Pleas'd With.

FEW SHOW UP AS THEY SHOULD.

The Gains of a Year Too Small to Cover the Unusual Losses.

SOME NEW YEAR CUSTOMS AND CHANGES

"SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH."

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Under the heading, "Balancing the Books," Matthew Marshall writes as follows for to-morrow's "Sun."

The first day of January has so long and so generally been used by civilized nations as the point of departure for beginning the year, that few people ever think of inquiring into the origin of its supremacy.

Probably, a year being the period of time occupied by the earth in making a single revolution around the sun one day is as good as another from which to commence it.

Seven Different New Year's Days. Subsequently the reckoning of the years gradually fell into new confusion.

The Day to Balance the Books. It, however, it came about, our present New Year's Day is firmly established, not only for historical and legal purposes, but also in the world of finance and trade as the usual day for summing up the results of the past year's business, and for the balancing of the books preparatory to a fresh start.

July as the Fiscal New Year. Railroad companies in this State are required to begin their fiscal year, as the United States Government does, on the first of July, so that this evil day for their bookkeepers does not come yet, and perhaps, when my time, some mercantile houses may have adopted the custom of balancing their books on other days than the first of January.

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FURNITURE AT HALF PRICE

At Henry Berger's, Liberty, Near Sixth Avenue. In every department of our mammoth establishment we have patterns that will not be repeated.

EAST, WEST, NORTH, SOUTH.

ALL FULLY REPRESENTED IN THE SUNDAY DISPATCH. A Complete Compendium of All Local and Near Town News—Interesting Events Even in Far Away Africa Faithfully Recorded—Happenings Everywhere.

Nitro-glycerine blew two men to atoms at Willow Grove... Each of the Democratic factions won a victory at the County Committee meeting.

General. Sherman's forces won the first senatorial skirmish in the Ohio Legislature... Dr. Graves got a first degree verdict.

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A PREVENTATIVE AND CURE FOR Chronic Catarrh, La Grippe, Etc. The Soda Mineral Pastilles should be used by all persons predisposed to colds and catarrhs.

C. A. VERNER.

ANDERSON—On Saturday evening, January 2, 1922, at 10:45 o'clock, SAMSON ANDERSON, in the 85th year of his age, departed this life.

BECKER—Saturday, January 2, 1922, at 11 A. M., MARY JANE, beloved wife of Joseph Becker, aged 25 years.

BRADDOCK—On Friday, January 1, 1922, at residence, Gerrit street, East End, Pittsburgh, W. L. BRADDOCK, in his 32d year.

DOUGLAS—In this city, on Saturday, January 2, 1922, at 2:35 P. M., RICHARD B., son of Emma and Robert Douglas, aged 3 months and 6 days.

LOGAN—On Friday morning, January 1, 1922, at 9:30 o'clock, SAMUEL LOGAN, in his 74th year, departed this life.

MURRAY—At Mansfield Valley, Pa., on January 2, 1922, at 3 P. M., JOHN MURRAY, in his 90th year.

SCHERRER—On Sunday, January 3, 1922, at 4:30 P. M., FRANCIS SCHERRER, aged 69 years, 2 months and 13 days.

WAGNER—On Friday, January 1, 1922, at 10:30 o'clock, in the 83d year of his age, at his late residence, 1124 Penn. avenue, W. W. WAGNER, departed this life.

WIDELICH—On Saturday, January 2, 1922, at 1:30 o'clock, MARY ADA, beloved wife of Henry Widelich.

ZIMMERMAN—On Sunday evening, January 3, 1922, at 6 o'clock, MARTHA J., wife of J. S. Zimmerman.

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HANDSOME IS THAT HANDSOME DOES. B. & B. FURS. We have made many large transactions in various kinds of merchandise, but none of such magnitude as our last week's.

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Artbur, Schondelmyer & Co., 68 and 70 OHIO ST., Allegheny, Pa. OUR SALES ON MEN'S WATERPROOF COATS.

Umbrella Covering Bulletin. We will re-cover your Umbrella in one day at the following prices:

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B. & B. PULLING PRICES. The next few days will find us actively engaged in cleaning house after the holiday rush. Buyers at our store at all times secure an honest value for their money; just about now they will get a great deal more.

IN MEN'S CLOTHING.

An unusually large trade this season has compelled us to carry an unusually large stock and this, in turn, has given us an unusually large quantity of broken sizes both in suits and overcoats.

IN UNDERWEAR.

Odds and ends in Men's Underwear, \$1.24 and \$1.49 quality closing out at 99c. Broken lots of children's shirts and pantalettes, 24c and 34c qualities now go for 9c.

IN NECKWEAR.

Our whole line of fine silk neck scarfs, sold at 74c and 99c, are yours this week at 49c. Another lot, comprising 39c, 49c and 63c qualities, will go at 24c.

IN GLOVES.

A lot of fine Dress Kid Gloves, fur top, wool lined, sold at \$1.24 and \$1.49, closing out at 99c. Odds and ends in Cashmere Jersey Gloves, 63c and 69c grades now 49c.

IN MEN'S HATS.

Odds and ends in sizes of Men's Stiff Hats of the \$1.69 and \$1.49 grade have been reduced to \$1.24. Great reduction in Children's Hats and Caps. Our 74c line of Children's Cloth Hats are now marked 49c.

IN HANDKERCHIEFS.

A regular snap in Gents' Fine Linen, in plain white or fancy border, slightly soiled, 24c and 19c qualities, now 10c.

IN SHOES.

In Shoes for both Ladies and Gents we are offering some remarkable bargains. The goods are as perfect as any ever made, but the sizes are broken and they must go.

The "early bird" will apply here with great force. You'll be very much mistaken if you judge of the quality by the prices named. We mean business. Investigation costs you nothing, but time and will result in the saving of many dollars.

GUSKY'S 300 TO 400 MARKET STREET. B. & B. MADE TO MEASURE. Nearly 2,000 styles of goods. We're not going to let any impediment stand in the way of getting your trade.

Wanamaker & Brown, 39 SIXTH ST. Hotel Anderson Block. Lactol CURES Coughs, Colds, Inflammation of the Throat, restores the strength and prepares the system to resist colds.

GREAT REDUCTIONS 1891 MUST MAKE ROOM For 1892. Hence we will sell our holiday stock of Fancy Baskets of all kinds, Tables, Chairs, Stools, Screens, etc., at a reduction of ONE-THIRD and, in MANY cases, of ONE-HALF the original price.

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