

THE YEAR BEFORE US. It Will be the Last on Earth to Some Who Read Talmage's Sermon. BE READY IN EARTHLY AFFAIRS. Spend Well the Time Left for You and Be Prepared for Eternity.

THE BEST KIND OF LIFE INSURANCE. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. BROOKLYN, Jan. 3.—At this morning's Tabernacle service Dr. Talmage read several passages relating to anti-diluvian longevity, making characteristic comments as he read, and then preached from the ominous words, Jeremiah xxviii:16: "This year thou shalt die."

Man's Uncertain Chances for Life. The text will probably prove true of some of us. The probability is augmented by the fact that all of us who are over 25 years of age have gone beyond the average of human life. The note is more than due. It is only by suffering that it is not collected. We are like a debtor who is taking the "three days' grace" of the banks.

Each Occupation Has Its Dangers. The character of our occupations adds to the probability. Those whose in the professions are undergoing a sapping of the brain and nerve foundations. Literary men in this country are driven with whip and spur to their utmost speed. Not one brainworker out of a hundred observes any moderation.

Be Commercially Prepared for Death. In view of this, I advise that you have your temporal matters adjusted. Do not leave your worldly affairs at the mercy of administrators. Have your real estate properly passed, and your letters filed and your books balanced. Let no widow or orphan scratch on your tombstone. "This man was a good man."

A Vast Accumulation of Wrong-Doing. The sins of your youth and the sins of your manhood, and the sins of your womanhood may have seemed only trifling, inconspicuous or trifling divergences from the right—so slight that they are hardly worth mentioning, but they have been piling up and piling up, packing together and packing together, until they make a mountain of sin, and one more step of your foot in the wrong direction may slide down upon you an avalanche of rain and condemnation. Some sins of your life summoning on all the rest, they surrounded by sin and make the night of the sin terrible, the moment for the guilty. Behold the love! Behold the sacrifice! Behold the reward!

Christ a Physician in a Hospital. Cur Lord Jesus looked out from heaven and saw a plague-stricken race. Sin must be removed. He came down, giving everything to His people. He came down into the reeking hospital of earth. He lays His hand to the work. Under our plague, He dies—the healthy for the sick, the pure for the polluted, the innocent for the guilty. Behold the love! Behold the sacrifice! Behold the reward!

BUNKOED BY BROWN. Another Philadelphia Fiscal Concern in Which the DIRECTORS FAILED TO DIRECT Goes To Pieces About the Time Trusted Officers Go Away. HONEST STOCKHOLDERS IN THE SOUP

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—Three of the officers of the Continental Trust and Finance Company, which was declared insolvent by Superintendent of Banking Krumbhaar, on Saturday, could not be found to-day, and it is a suggestive coincidence that they are the only members of the board of officers who know anything about the company's affairs. None of them were at their homes during the day, and a diligent search throughout the city failed to discover them. They are Walter Brown, the president, Pittman Bright, the Treasurer, and T. D. McLaughery, the solicitor of the bankrupt concern. Superintendent Krumbhaar did all his duty on Saturday when he closed the doors of the company's handsome offices at 125 South Fourth street.

They Took Brown's Word for It. General James Stewart, Vice President and one of the Board of Directors, told of his connection with the company to-day. The assets of the concern amount to about \$1,000,000, but the liabilities may be anywhere from \$200,000 to \$300,000. If President Brown's last report to the Board of Directors be taken as gospel truth the company will owe its stockholders about \$1,000,000. To what extent it is indebted to depositors will not be known until the receiver goes over the books. Only \$2,000 in cash was in the safe when Superintendent Krumbhaar closed the office. The company was capitalized at \$1,000,000.

Wanted Directors Who Couldn't Direct. Maxwell Somerville invested \$5,000 in Continental stock and went shortly afterward to Egypt. President Brown made him a director. Colonel Francis S. Keese owned \$200 worth, and is also the holder of a responsible position, although he told Brown he very seldom visited this city. R. W. Carey, another director, resides in Kansas and has never been in Philadelphia. This left the active management of the company in the hands of President Brown, Treasurer Bright and Solicitor McLaughery.

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We Secured 100 Dozen Of the choicest colored French Fur Felt Hats at our own figures—a quality that sold "all over" this season at \$1.25—our price now, 38c each. Also 20 dozen nicely trimmed Toques, all ready to wear, choice colors and stylish shapes, at 50c; regular price, \$2. Balance of our Stanley Caps at 15c each. 500 pieces pure Silk Gros Grain Ribbon, No. 22, in pink, medium and light brown, tan, drab, beige, black, cream, light blue, etc., at 18c; regular price, 35c—a great bargain. New Flowers for dress trimming, millinery or decorating. If you want rare values in Millinery Goods you should see what this popular department offers to quick buyers for the next few days.

Rosenbaum & Co., 510-518 Market St. AMUSEMENTS.

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THE COON. By E. E. Kidder. Next week—Mr. and Mrs. Kendal. ja3-38

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50 Ladies' Cravenette Mackintoshes, Made of the finest imported shower-proof cravenette; the regular price of the garment is \$18; our price during this sale will be ONLY \$10. Don't Miss This Chance. STOCK MUST BE CONVERTED INTO CASH WITHIN 30 DAYS.

FRESHMAN & CO. MARKET ST. DOUGLAS & MACKIE. SWEEPING REDUCTIONS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT. In order to minimize the task of taking "OUR ANNUAL INVENTORY" DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY. DOUGLAS & MACKIE, 151, 153 and 155 Federal Street, Allegheny, Pa.

LEADING STYLES IN QUEENSWARE. Ladies will find at Keech's an unsurpassed line of Queensware—new styles, odd shapes and handsome decoration, from medium to fine quality. Compare our prices on all kinds of Housefurnishings with those of other dealers. Keech will save you 25 per cent in every department. Cash or Credit. Special reductions this week in CARPETS and CURTAINS.

CASH CREDIT. 923, 925, 927 PENN AVE. NEAR NINTH STREET. OPEN SATURDAY EVENINGS.

UNION ICE M'FG COMPANY. Pure Ice made from distilled water for sale at wholesale only. UNION STORAGE COMPANY, Transfer Agent, General, Cold, Bonded and Yard Storage. 5 WAREHOUSES, containing 2,300,000 cubic feet of storage space. Railroad siding to each warehouse. Brick warehouse for exclusive storage of oil. Separate rooms for storage of household goods. Lowest insurance rates. PRINCIPAL OFFICES Corner SECOND and LIBERTY AVENUES.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. GREAT JANUARY SALE OF CLOAKS. At One-Half, One-Third, One-Fourth, One-Fifth and One-Eighth Former Prices.

Kaufmann's Great January Reductions in JACKETS. 50c For your choice from a table of neat and good jackets, in plaids, checks, stripes, boucles, etc., original prices \$3, \$4 and \$5. \$1.50 For your choice from a table of fine all-wool Kersey, Beaver, Melton, Broadcloth and Stockinette Jackets, tight and loose-fitting, tailor-made, satin-lined, original prices \$5, \$8, \$10 and \$12. \$3 For your choice from 530 fine all-wool Cheviot, Chevron and Beaver Jackets, refer, vest front and tight fitting styles, black, blue and tan, high shoulders, new and fresh goods, original prices \$7 and \$9. \$5 For your choice from the balance of our finest jackets, refer, vest fronts, hipline style, etc., made of imported materials exclusively, best make and trimmings, original prices \$12, \$15 and \$18. \$8.75 For a lot of finest imported cheviot skirt or hipperge jackets, best satin-lined throughout, smocked pearl buttons, original price \$18.

Kaufmann's Great January Reductions in NEWMARKETS. \$1.50 For choice from 217 good Newmarkets, in neat stripes, checks, plaids and boucles, mostly broken sizes and odds and ends; original prices \$6 to \$12. \$5 For choice from 180 fine cheviot, beaver, diagonal and broadcloth Newmarkets, loose and tight fitting, some braided, some passementerie trimmed, some fur trimmed, some plain; original prices \$15, \$20, \$25 and \$30. \$10 For choice from 224 finest Newmarkets, latest styles, with military and Inverness caps, blue, black and Scotch mixtures, high shoulders; original prices \$20, \$25, \$35, \$40 and \$45.

CLOTH CAPES. Our entire stock at about half regular prices. Take your choice now: \$9 and \$10 Capes for \$5. \$12 and \$15 Capes for \$8.50. \$18 and \$20 Capes for \$10. We still have 15 of those beautiful Parisian Long Wraps and 45 Jackets and Capes, imported expressly for our Exposition display last season, and will offer them at half the cost of importation.

Kaufmann's Great January Reductions in MISSES' CLOAKS. A lot of misses' stylish and fine Newmarkets, sizes 14 to 18, broken lots, scarcely two alike, AT \$5; original prices \$8, \$10, \$12 and \$15. A lot of misses' handsome astrakhan trimmed jackets, new styles, AT \$5; original price \$8. A lot of misses' fine all-wool cheviot jackets, trimmed with different kinds of expensive fur, AT \$7.50; original prices \$14 and \$10.

CHILDREN'S CLOAKS. 380 good Reefer Jackets, sizes 4 to 6, AT 95c; original prices \$2.50 and \$3. 285 first-class all-wool Reefers, very stylish, sizes 4 to 8, AT \$3; original prices \$5 and \$6. 137 children's fine all-wool Scotch plaid Gretchens, with deep shoulder caps, and sizes 4 to 14, AT \$4.50; original prices \$7 and \$8. 200 infants' fine French cashmere long cloaks, with heavily embroidered cape and bottom or Gretchen waist, AT \$3.19; original price \$7. Ladies will find at Keech's an unsurpassed line of Queensware—new styles, odd shapes and handsome decoration, from medium to fine quality. Compare our prices on all kinds of Housefurnishings with those of other dealers. Keech will save you 25 per cent in every department. Cash or Credit. Special reductions this week in CARPETS and CURTAINS.

WAIT AND WATCH FOR THIS EVENT. It will eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted in Pittsburgh. The very immensity of our preparations will delay this sale till next Thursday. So, after the little "Injuns" have had their say, the big chiefs will step to the front with the largest, finest and cheapest stock of Muslin Underwear ever displayed here. You may judge from the following advance bargains, just placed on sale, what is awaiting you:

KAUFMANN'S. 25c 50c. For your choice from a lot of good House Jerseys, in all colors and black; original prices, \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5. For your choice from a lot of children's good, durable and warm Gretchen Coats, in neat patterns, original prices, \$3 and \$5.00.