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1895

Left us like every other firm handling furs in this country, overstocked. The winter so far has been one of exceptional mildness. Furs were hardly a necessity, and buying was put off. According to our usual custom these Fur Garments have got to be sold this season, and it seems to us that no better time could be found for a complete clearance than the beginning of the year.

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Little thoughtful common sense

Will suggest many good, sound reasons for buying now, among which practical thrift and stylish economy form leading features. For instance, prices are all but out in half, and most of the winter is still ahead of us. Besides this, furs never get out of style, and as big sleeves have come to stay, every lady knows she cannot wear a jacket over a fashionable waist without ruining the sleeves, therefore capes have a long lease of fashion before them. These are but hints; your thoughtful common sense will furnish the many good reasons we have omitted.

stubborn price facts

Advised to add that our Fur Capes are the latest fashion's most requirements every point, and the extreme care we have always shown in the selection and matching of skins, correct trimmings and perfect workmanship never better illustrated than in the goods offered below:

- Seal Capes, were \$19.00, now \$9.00.
- Seal Capes, were \$19, now \$10.00.
- Seal Capes, were \$29, now \$12.90.
- Electric Seal Capes, were \$29.00, now \$15.90.
- Best Astrakhan Capes, were \$30, now \$18.90.
- Electric Seal Capes, were \$35.00, now \$19.90.
- Electric Seal Capes, were \$40.00, now \$22.90.
- Electric Seal Capes, were \$45.00, now \$24.90.
- Extra Selected Wool Seal Capes, Marten trimmed, were \$45.00, now \$24.90.

Important

In most of the above sizes are complete, but some have only one to a size. In addition to these we offer a few very high class Capes that sold at from \$45.00 to \$65.00. Prices are cut in exactly the same proportion.

Sale Began Yesterday Morning

LOBE WAREHOUSE

SHERMAN'S GOOD ADVICE Suggests a Reserve Fund to Be Kept Apart from Treasury Receipts.

HE WOULD BORROW AT HOME Then Adopt a Tariff That Would Raise Sufficient Funds to Meet Expenses of the Nation—Mr. Ekins' Bond Resolution.

Washington, Jan. 3.—For over five hours the senate was in the turmoil of a financial discussion. It was opened by an hour's speech from Mr. Sherman (Rep., O.), a leading member of the finance committee, in support of his resolution to set apart the treasury fund of \$100,000,000 gold when in the treasury and to segregate it from the ordinary current receipts. He argued that there was no other cause for the financial difficulties of the government than the unwise tariff legislation of congress, which had reduced receipts below expenditures, had impaired confidence and had compelled the government to sell bonds in order to meet deficiencies and that there was no other remedy except to borrow money on the best terms possible to pay the interest on the bonds and to provide sufficient revenue. To that extent and for those purposes he was willing to support Mr. Cleveland's administration, however much he disagreed with its general policy.

The coin reserve must be, Mr. Sherman said, kept unimpaired, instead of being drawn upon to meet current expenses. The initiative of that fund (from which \$102,000,000 had been paid out in the last two and a half years) was the source and fountain of all the financial difficulties and the true cause of the present situation. It was to be supplied by taxation additional revenue, and to borrow from the people of the United States enough money to cover past and future deficiencies.

Mr. Ekins' Resolution. No action was taken on the resolution, which lies on the vice-president's table, to be taken up for further discussion. As soon as it was introduced, Mr. Ekins (Dem., W. Va.), declaring it to be the sense of the senate that United States bonds should not be sold under private contract, and the true cause of the present situation, was taken up and discussed with much spirit until the time of adjournment. A motion to refer it to the finance committee was defeated by the immense majority of 45 to 3, and the adjournment motion was carried by a majority of only one.

LOAN COMPANY FAILS.

The Real Estate Speculations of J. Rush Ritter Swamp a Philadelphia Concern. A Peculiar Case. Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—The Solicitors Loan and Trust company, at 142 South Fourth street, assigned today. The trustees are Messrs. DeWitt Cuyler and Ellingham B. Morris. The failure of the company resulted from unsuccessful and unauthorized speculation on the part of J. Rush Ritter, chief real estate officer of the company and a member of the board of directors. Mr. Ritter speculated heavily in a number of securities, chiefly stock of the Chicago Passenger railway of Indianapolis, and had also been concerned in a number of real estate deals in New Jersey and elsewhere. He became deeply involved and to meet certain obligations drew four drafts on a Mr. Cook, of New York, to which were attached bills of purchase for certain securities. The drafts aggregated \$209,000 and bore the signature of Mr. Ritter and the name (by rubber stamp) of the Citizens Loan and Trust company. The drafts were taken by Ritter to the Tradesmen's National bank of this city, whose cashier, S. M. Hays, in violation of entering them for collection paid Mr. Ritter \$209,000 in cash. The drafts were returned from New York dishonored. President Clay, of the Solicitors' company, consented to furnish the Tradesmen's bank with an indemnifying bond for \$150,000 without waiting for the authority of his directors. The directors were ignorant of the nature of this obligation, it is said, until Sunday last, nearly two weeks after the event had occurred. A hurried meeting of the board was held and the action of the president and the bond given by him were jointly repudiated. The Tradesmen's bank threatened to bring suit for the \$150,000 and the assignment of the directors to a state of excitement to the president and the bond given by him were jointly repudiated. The Tradesmen's bank threatened to bring suit for the \$150,000 and the assignment of the directors to a state of excitement to the president and the bond given by him were jointly repudiated.

BIG BREAKER BURNED.

A Number of Houses at Cranberry Are Also Destroyed. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 3.—The town of Cranberry, near Hazleton, was thrown into a state of excitement to-night when a fire broke out by the Cranberry breaker, operated by A. Pardee & Co. The massive structure which was recently built of Georgia pine, was destroyed in less than one hour, causing a loss to the owners of nearly \$100,000. A heavy wind was blowing at the time and the sparks from the burning breaker set fire to a number of company houses which were also destroyed. Six families so far are rendered homeless.

VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION.

Two More Dead Bodies Taken from the St. Louis Ruins. St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 3.—Two more dead bodies were this morning taken out of the ruins at the scene of yesterday's explosion. They were so badly mangled and covered with ice that they were unrecognizable, but are supposed to be L. Ley, shipping clerk of the Excelsior Iron and Wire works, and Jos. Cavo-neck.

REBELS GAIN GROUND.

Many Young Wavering Patriots Have Joined the Ranks of the Cuban Insurgents—Newspapers Muzzled. Havana, Jan. 3.—There is no doubt that the insurrection is gaining strength daily and that the rebels are obtaining assistance from sources they have hitherto been thought to be loyal to the government. The success of Gomez and Maceo in passing the hitherto invulnerable Trocha, the military line that in previous years kept the rebels in the province of Santiago de Cuba, and their dash across the province of Santa Clara into Matanzas has led many men and youths who were formerly wavering and loyal to the crown to throw aside their doubts and cast their lots with the insurgents. The whole island is now in a state of war. The restlessness of the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio, the two westernmost political divisions of the island, has caused the government officials to adopt measures to prevent further progress.

TRACTION STRIKE ENDED

Conservative Employees Refuse to Follow Hot-Headed Agitators.

MANAGER BEETEM'S TRIUMPH

He Induces the Majority of Conductors and Motormen to Desert the Agitators—The Strike Practically Over at Noon—Lutz Expelled.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—The second strike of the motormen and conductors of the Union Traction company was a dismal failure and was over before it was fairly begun. The strike was ordered at a mass meeting of about 450 of the motormen and conductors, which meeting was attended by the more hot-headed and dissatisfied of the men and their irritation against the company was inflamed by speeches of outside agitators and by the address of Hiram Lutz, who presided, and who was a member of the executive committee of the local assembly of the Amalgamated Association. The strike was disapproved by the leaders of the association and the more conservative element among the men, and when it was inaugurated this morning only about 1-10th of the motormen and conductors of the company went out. At no time were any of the divisions of the road completely tied up and by noon the cars were practically running on every division schedule time.

RACING DATES FIXED.

Representatives of Jockey Clubs Arrange for New Year Season's Events.

New York, Jan. 3.—At a conference between representatives of the Jockey Club, the Coney Island Jockey Club and the Brooklyn Jockey Club, held this afternoon, the following dates were set for the racing season of 1896: West Chester Racing Association spring meeting, Tuesday, May 12, to and including Tuesday, June 2. Fall meeting, Tuesday, September 2, to and including Tuesday, November 3. Brooklyn Jockey Club, spring meeting, Thursday, June 4, to and including Monday, June 22. Fall meeting, Monday, September 2, to and including Saturday, October 2. Coney Island Jockey Club, spring meeting, Tuesday, June 23, to and including Saturday, August 15, to and including Saturday, September 5. New York Steeple Chase Association will race every Wednesday during the spring season, from July 11, Fall meeting, Saturday, October 11, to and including Saturday, November 1.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

An Explanation of the Causes That Produced Over-Production and Also Seriously Injured the Wheat and Cotton Interests.

New York, Jan. 3.—R. G. Dun and company will say tomorrow in their weekly review of trade: The commercial failures during the complete year 1895 number 13,197, against 12,887 for 1894. The total liabilities are slightly greater—\$773,186,000 against \$772,992,856. The bright spot is that there has been a decrease in the first quarter of 1896 of 10 per cent. in the number of failures, and a large increase in the last quarter of the year. In that quarter also the deferred liabilities to each firm in business increased and the production of failed liabilities to payments through clearing houses. The effects of unreasonable speculation in materials, rapid advance in prices of cotton, and the crop which has been produced to some extent by injury, but growers were injured still more by frantic speculation, which checked exports, and by false information and advice.

HONORS TO SATOLLI.

He Will Receive the Beretta of a Cardinal Tomorrow. Baltimore, Jan. 3.—Investiture of Mr. Francis Satolli with the Beretta of a cardinal Sunday next will be one of the most splendid ceremonies that has ever taken place within the walls of the famous old cathedral of Baltimore. He will have the second prelate receiving there the insignia of a prince of the Catholic church and invested with the authority and privileges of a member of the hierarchy of cardinals and a right to cast a vote for the election of a pope of Rome, the present primate of the American church, Cardinal Gibbons being the first. At least forty of the hierarchy of American archbishops and bishops are expected to attend, together with hundreds of priests, many of whom will come from Philadelphia. Archbishop Kain, of St. Louis, who will preach the sermon, accompanied by Bishops Janssen, of Belleville, Ills., and Hennessy, of Wichita, Kans., and fifteen priests from Missouri will be invited to-day. The party were driven to the cardinal's residence and paid their respects to his eminence.

TAILOR'S FATAL ARM.

He Shoots a Man Found in Company with His Wife. West Chester, Pa., Jan. 3.—John B. McClure, a tailor, last night shot and is believed, fatally injured William Barnes, a man of family about thirty years of age, whom McClure found in company with Mrs. McClure. There is hope for Barnes recovery. McClure is in custody.

Three Buildings Destroyed.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 3.—Three buildings were destroyed by fire today at McAdda six miles from Hazleton. They were occupied by Anthony Pedorovics, Isaac Shepovics and George Pedorovics, clothing dealers. Loss, \$10,000. Origin unknown.

Died While Reading.

Huntingdon, Pa., Jan. 3.—John H. Groves, one of the leading men in this section, died here late last night while reading aloud to his family. He was part owner of Groves Bros' large iron works at Danville, and owned valuable land interests here.

Fire in Quebec.

St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Jan. 3.—A fire in the city of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, destroyed the greater part of the place. The telegraph and telephone wires are down owing to the fire, and the water supply is unobtainable. The loss is very heavy.

STATE SNAIP SHOTS.

All the state school funds but \$10,000 have been distributed. Dr. Frank Lenahan was elected Luzerne county jail warden.

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BRINGING THE DEPOSED "MUSIC BOX" INTO THE SACRED EDIFICE.

Finally the spirit of advancement could no longer be suppressed. Accordingly, a neat organ was purchased and placed in position. The older members were greatly indignant, and to show their disapproval refused to attend church services when the "patent squeak thing" was to be heard. As a result separate meetings are now being conducted by the two factions. The division between the organ and the "anti-organ" faction is so broad that the minister has lost all hope of reuniting the congregation.

TRAINOR'S CIRCULAR.

High Officials Are Criticized by the President of the A. P. A. Detroit, Mich., Jan. 3.—W. J. H. Trainor, supreme president of the American Protective Association, is about to issue an official circular reviewing the progress of the organization and the present situation. It is stated that a large number of the members of congress are also members of the A. P. A. and that a number of measures, most of which will be introduced into the house during the coming session.

EMPLOYEES AT WESTERN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA SHOPS QUIT WORK.

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SPARKS FROM WIRES.

The great ice palace at Leadville, Col., will be formally opened today. Charles Rogers, a Southern man, poisoned himself at Los Angeles, Cal. Lawyer Elbert Clement, of Haverstraw, N. Y., committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas.

MISS SWEENEY'S SURPRISE.

She Receives an Unexpected Package Containing Consolation Money. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 3.—Miss Carrie Sweeney, of Pittston, received an unexpected package today from Nebraska containing nearly one hundred dollars.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, fair, colder, with a cold wave; high northwesterly winds.

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