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WE'VE RIP'D UP SHIRT PRICES

Wit a vengeance. Why? Simply because we determined to put an end to the so-called price cutting in this line that is commonly advertised in the papers, but fails to materialize at the counter. We know that the bottom had literally fallen out of the market and that spot cash was a great temptation to sell. We tried the experiment. Here's the result:

Important

Before saying one word about prices, we wish to state that the goods quoted below are the

Newest, Freshest and Nobiest Productions of the Present Season

Full prices will buy no better styles, qualities or makes, and to pay the difference between our

Special Sale Prices

and regular values simply means an absolute waste of money, with no benefit gained whatever, but look at from any standpoint you will.

Correct Summer Shirts

20 Doz.

Men's Laundry Shirts, all sizes; best White Muslin, with colored French Percale bosoms, cuffs and collars. Very nobby styles that never sell under \$1.00.

Knock out price, 69c.

100 Doz.

Men's \$1.00 Laundry Shirts in the following popular brands—“Europa,” “Trumpet” or “Mascol.” Collars and cuffs detachable. Very choice patterns. Guaranteed value \$1.00.

Knock out price, 59c.

50 Doz.

Colored Laundry Shirts, better than the kind you usually see advertised at “half price” (?) for 49c. or 50c.

Knock out price, 40c.

100 Doz.

Men's imported half hose, Black or Tan shades. All sizes. The quality you usually pay a quarter for.

**Knock out price,
2 prs., 25c.**

250 Doz.

Men's half hose in Tan, modes and absolutely fast black or Black with split feet. This is our well-known 25c. special, than which there is no better.

**Knock out price for
Box of 6 pairs, \$1.19.**

Suspender Bargains.

30 Doz.

Genuine “Guyot” French suspenders; clean, new stock. You know them at 50c.

Knock out price, 39c.

80 Doz.

Various styles “Crown” make suspenders; the American favorite at 50c.

Knock out price, 39c.

Belfast Linen Handkerchiefs

The real imported article, made from pure Irish fax. Half-inch, one inch, and one and one-half inch hem-stitched borders; extra 25c. quality.

**Knock out price,
\$1.19 for Six.**

Sale Now On

GLOBE WAREHOUSE.

THREE RAPS HEARD

Exciting Rumor That Went
Throughout the Two
Valleys.

BROUGHT CROWDS TO SHAFT

When All the Facts, However, Were
Learned the Excitement Subsided
and Hope Was Again Crushed.
Conclusive Proof That the Rap-
pings Were Not Signals from the
Entombed Men.

Another report of rappings at the Twin shaft, Pittston, was sent broadcast yesterday morning and the greatest excitement prevailed throughout the valleys during the day. Investigation however proves that there was nothing genuine cause for the excitement.

The rescuers are constantly on the alert for rappings, some of them, especially those who have friends among the victims firmly believing that a few at least of the entombed men are still alive. Saturday night about 11 o'clock two different gangs of the men heard three distinct raps as if made on the coal by some hard instrument. One gang that heard it was working in the slope on the edge of the fall. The other was at the mule barn near the foot of the shaft.

Both parties in great alarm hastened to tell Foreman Evans. As each related the same story the foreman was forced to believe that there was something in it. He accordingly ordered all work stopped in order that there might be no noise and then with a piece of iron he himself began rapping on the rails. This was kept up an interval of nearly three-quarters of an hour but there was no response. Every kind of signaling that could be thought of failed but still there was no answer.

Mr. Evans was satisfied that the three raps had not come from the entombed men, but to make assurance doubly sure he called Foreman Thomas and Owens into consultation and when the shift went off duty the three descended to the face of the fall and for an hour or so signalled and listened, rapped and waited, but no answer came.

CAUSE OF THE RAPPING.

Satisfied that the rapping had been heard and that they had not come from the entombed men the next duty was to explain where they had come from and what caused them. Many explanations were offered but none was found to fit until it was suggested that the rappings were made on the rail at a point midway between the two gangs that heard them, by some one of the rescuers themselves. While this might not be the proper explanation they felt that if the truth could be known it would be found to be something as this, for it stands to reason that if any of the entombed men did the rapping they would have heard the answer and made response; and also that they would not have confined their rappings to three taps, which is all that the rescuers are reported to have heard.

The report of the rapping being heard went to the surface before an investigation was made, and without any qualification the rumor spread throughout the city, and up and down the valley, growing and taking on color as it went, until it became so exaggerated that it is safe to presume it will be difficult that many of the readers of this morning papers will bring themselves to accept the true state of affairs. The mouth of the shaft was crowded at early morn with the Pittston people who heard the bare report of the rappings having been heard, and until nearly midday the excitement was intense. By that time the full facts of the matter became generally known, and as the afternoon wore on the place assumed its former quiet aspect. None of yesterday's shifts heard any rappings or had anything to report save the usual slow but steady progress.

SITUATION IS WORSE.

Since Friday night the situation has grown worse. At 3 o'clock Saturday morning the night shift was compelled to abandon the work on account of a “squeeze,” which was the worst that has occurred since the cave-in. The settling had subsided sufficiently at daylight to allow the 7 o'clock shift to resume the work. They found that the timbered road to the slope had not been damaged to any great extent, but on all sides of it were evidences of a great convulsion. This shift and the one which relieved it at 3 o'clock p. m. worked without cessation.

The shift which went on at 11 o'clock Saturday night sent word to the surface about 2 o'clock a. m. to the effect that they had heard what might be rappings, but they were not sure but what the noise could have been caused by the “workings” of the roof. These supposed rappings have been heard before and have been credited to overwrought imaginations. The fact that the “noises” are not regular and are only heard at infrequent intervals goes to show that they are not signals from the imprisoned men.

The company officials say positively that there is nothing in the “rapping” story. The noises are undoubtedly

SENT THE CUBANS FLYING.

The Patriotic Venture to Discredit the Story for Good Reasons.

Havana, July 5.—Colonel Drualia reports that with 620 men he left the Conchito estate, near Bolondron, Province of Matanzas, and, marching toward Majagua, found the insurgents, commanded by Lacret, Roque and other leaders, occupying strong positions behind stone fences.

The troops dislodged the insurgents after a strong resistance, and a bayonet charge caused them to flee in all directions. The insurgents left on the fields twenty-three dead.

They carried off with them many more of their killed and a great number of wounded. This is according to the official report. The Cubans ask how it was that the patriots were routed, as the Spanish commander says, they found opportunity to carry their dead and wounded with them. The Spanish loss in the engagement was four killed, and a captain, three lieutenants and forty-six soldiers wounded.

Surgeon-General Losada officially reports that the number of sick troops in the whole island is 6,310, besides 655 who are suffering with yellow fever. In Havana there are 2,043 sick soldiers, only 90 of whom are yellow fever patients.

In Colon the sick troops number 115; in Matanzas 84, and in Santa Clara 81. It will be noticed that no figures are given for Santiago de Cuba and several other cities which are always hot heads of disease.

The death rate is placed at 30 per cent in yellow fever cases. General Losada calculates that the sick list of the army during the summer will not exceed 13,000, which natives believe to be an altogether too optimistic a calculation.

NATIONAL GUARD.

Spring Inspection Reports Show the First and Thirteenth Regiments Close in the Ratings.

Harrisburg, Pa., July 5.—Inspector General Morrell's report of the spring inspections in the National Guard is ready for distribution and will reach all the company commanders this week. The system of rating will make a difference in the standing of several commands.

The City troop of Philadelphia takes the lead of the cavalry branch of the guard with 90.6 as its figure of efficiency, which figure is the product of the general average multiplied by the percentage of attendance. The general average of the City troop is 95.94. Battery C, Third brigade, leads the artilleries with 96.89 as its general average, and 79.31 the dragoon efficiency.

The First and Thirteenth regiments are close together, but the fourth and eighth crowd them hard, the general average of these regiments being close to the 100 mark. Company B, Eighth regiment, is the star company, its figure of efficiency being 95.18. Company C, Ninth, comes next with 94.38, and Company B, Sixth, third, with 93.22.

The inspector general makes some important recommendations and calls attention to a number of defects. Hereafter the proper signals in the extended order drills must be used and the setting up exercises conducted by non-commissioned officers, otherwise inspectors will give no credit for the same in their report. He says regarding the change in the method of arriving at the percentage of attendance that while he is fully apprised of the necessity of every man appearing at inspection, yet he is satisfied that more credit should be given to a company whose members conscientiously attend drills during the year. For this reason he has made use of the percentage of attendance at drills as a factor in arriving at the figure of efficiency.

SERIOUS BICYCLE MISHAP.

Victim Has a Fractured Skull, the Rider Is in Jail.

Philadelphia, July 5.—Stanley Jones, the traveling salesman from Pittsburgh, was committed without bail by Magistrate Jermon today to await the outcome of injuries which he was accused of causing to Mrs. Reba Sheldon, 26 years old, of 1307 Mt. Vernon street, by striking her with a bicycle he was riding at Broad and Cherry streets yesterday afternoon.

It was stated at the hearing that Mrs. Sheldon received a compound fracture of the skull and of the arm, that her condition was extremely critical and that she would probably die. At the conclusion of the hearing Jones, who was suffering acutely, both mentally and physically, from his own injuries and the excitement, collapsed and fainted.

Magistrate Jermon remarked to Jones that he felt assured that the affair was accidental and he regretted that he had no other course to pursue than to hold him to await the result of Mrs. Sheldon's injuries.

Riot Victim's Funeral.

Cleveland, O., July 5.—The funeral of William Reitter, the striker killed at the Union Hoisting works, was the most important funeral service ever given at the city. One occasion when there was a larger procession and greater crowds—the funeral of Garfield. Today by actual count 10,300 men formed the funeral cortège. The funeral services were held in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. A conservative estimate places the number of spectators about the church and along the long line of march to the cemetery at 100,000.

Natural Gas Explosion.

Pittsburg, July 5.—By an explosion of natural gas this evening in the Evergreen hotel, a well-known road house, five miles from Allegheny, Augustus Stizer, the manager, was killed. His young daughter, who may die, Ada Stizer, was seriously burned. John Brooks, a waiter, was painfully burned, and several guests of the hotel were more or less bruised and injured by jumping from windows. Stizer was hurled through a window by the explosion, carrying the hash with him.

Banker Died Insane.

Norristown, Pa., July 5.—F. Ledy, of the Farmers' National bank of Pittsburg, died yesterday in the hospital for the insane, where he had been removed a week ago violently insane. Mr. Ledy's insanity was the outcome of worry over the fact that in 1898 during his capacity as cashier he honored a forged check for \$1,000 and the matter so pressed on his mind

SENATOR HILL FOR CHAIRMAN

He Is the Gold Men's Choice for Temporary President.

SILVER MEN WILL OPPOSE HIM

But Hill Is the Choice of the National Committee—Harris, of Tennessee, the Probable Permanent Chairman. Bland Leads the Presidential Candidates.

Chicago, July 5.—The following

forwards a surer promise of Democratic success than can be had in the Democratic states in the West that have never been found in the Democratic column.

If this convention proposes to worship strange gods it must be without the approval of the half million Democratic voters in Pennsylvania."

The first general caucus of delegates and alternates favorable to the candidacy of Mr. Bland was held in the club room of the Sherman house this afternoon, and after a session lasting an hour and a half, adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock. Twelve states responded to the roll call and 109 delegates instructed for the Missourian were placed. From the figures sent, 25 unconditional votes were put down as a certainty on the first ballot.

The Pennsylvania delegates worked heroically during the day in behalf of ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison, their choice for the presidency, while the New York delegation to withhold permission for the use of his name as temporary chairman by the national committee. Among the delegations were Senator Vest and Cockrell of Missouri, White of California, and Walsh of Georgia, and other active silver men. He listened respectfully to all arguments presented, but was unaffected by them. Their aim rather is to gather around him the gold men and as a tribute make him the choice of that element.

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It is conceded that Senator Hill, of Tennessee, will be the permanent chairman of the convention, and he has made his arrangements to take possession of the gavel and assume control of a body that gives promise of requiring the leadership of the skilled parliamentarian that he is.

Free silver leaders who have been selected by the respective delegations as members of the committee on resolutions and others who will undoubtedly form a part of that important organization have today been conferring together with respect to the text of the platform and the subjects that shall be mentioned therein.

THE PROBLEMS PLATFORM.

Only upon the financial plank has there been any definite agreement. This plank is to dominate the whole platform and all other matters are to second thereto. The exact text has not been finally determined, but that it will be a short, clear-cut, concise declaration for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 is a foregone conclusion. Two short sentences are all that will be necessary to construct this plank.

Well known men among those in control of convention matters assert that the tariff question must not be overlooked. While there is a diversity of opinion as to the advisability of coming out in flat-footed endorsement of the Wilson tariff act, that law bearing the stamp of Democracy will be definitely endorsed at least.

The administration will not be mentioned in the platform. Some of the more radical of the silver men want an entire abandonment of the financial policy of President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle introduced in the platform, but it is believed that while the administration will escape censure, the convention will likewise avoid it.

It is quite likely that the foreign policy of the present administration will, by induction at least, be repudiated. If the programme agreed upon by these gentlemen does not go amiss, the sympathy of the Democratic party will be expressed for suffering Cuba and a demand made for the recognition of its independence. It is not impossible that the residue to “even things up” with the administration may lead to the adoption of a plank on this subject that will be equally strong as that adopted at St. Louis.

POPE'S SUCCESSOR TO SATELLI.

Rome, July 5.—The pope has nominated Montano Diomede Talciona, papal delegate to the United States in succession to Cardinal Satelli. Talciona is expected to arrive here on July 15.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:

Threatening Weather: Warmer.

1. Work of Rescue at Pittston.

Hill for Permanent Chairman at Chicago.