

CITY GOVERNMENT

AT THE CAPITAL

Claim Made That It Falls Through Lack of Partisanship.

DETAILS OF INEFFICIENCY CHARGED

The Streets of Washington, It Is Asserted, Are No Better Paved and Not Nearly So Well Cleaned, Its Lights and Water Are Worse, and Its Government Less Efficient Than in Partisan New York.

Washington Letter in the Sun. This is the only city in the United States that is not ruled by its own citizens. Just now a trouble is being made to secure local self-government, though it has no larger promise of success than any of those that have preceded it. The agitation is interesting chiefly as showing that in the absence of many of the usual features of municipal government that are obnoxious to the advocates of local non-partisanship, the administration of the business affairs of the community is not better than that of other cities. The arguments of the agitators prove that other communities, where partisanship is constant and rampant, have little to fear in a comparison with Washington.

Citizens of the district are extremely cautious about criticizing the local administration or any part of the national government. It is the traditional and sustained policy to keep all persons of influence in a pleasant state of mind toward the people here. The process of filtering is so easily made, the filtering of the advocates of local non-partisanship, said an intelligent citizen who was an active local politician before his business in the departments induced him to become a resident of the capital.

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In addition to the large number of special items advertised in yesterday's evening papers we shall place on sale today the following list of stupendous trade winners. Every item is a total eclipse in itself.

Surprisingly Low Prices In Fine Dress Goods

- Half Wool Figured and Plaid Dress Goods, 16c grade, special..... 12 1/2c
Just received, 45 pieces black and colored figured dress goods, real value 35c., special..... 25c
Black Figured Dress Goods, 22c grade, special 17c
All of our 30-cent Spring Dress goods that have come in within the last ten days, 29c
Our regular 49c Wool Spring Dress Goods, comprising about thirty-five different patterns and weaves, special..... 39c
Black Figured Dress Goods, also Plain Black Mohair, regular price 35c., special..... 25c
All Wool Black Figured Dress Goods, 69-cent grade, special..... 29c

Beautiful Silks At Bargain Prices

- Black Brocaded Silks, 69c grade, special..... 47c
Satin Rhadame, guaranteed all silk, real value 75c., special..... 53c
Silk Velours, in all the new effects, regular price, \$1.50, special..... 89c
Extra Quality Checked Wash Silks, 49c grade, special..... 39c

Our Bargain List

- All of the following are to be had at or near the bargain counter in the center of the store all day today.
8c Dress Gingham, choice of any..... 4c
3/4c Cotton Crash, special..... 2c
2c Shirting Prints, choice of any..... 2c
8c Fancy Outing Flannels, special..... 4 1/2c
10c Bates' Seersuckers, special..... 5c
5c Indigo blue prints, best quality, special..... 3 1/2c
12c yard wide printed Cambrics, special..... 6 1/2c
8c Pillow Cases, ready for use, special..... 5c
\$1.00 White Crochet Spreads, regular price \$1.00, special..... 79c
7c Pure Linen Crash, special..... 5c
4 1/2c, yard wide, Unbleached Muslin, special..... 3c
6c, best quality, 4-4 Unbleached Muslin, special..... 4 3/4c
10c Soft Finish Cambric, as good as Lonsdale, special..... 5c
6c, yard wide, Bleached Muslin, special..... 4c
39c Bleached Table Damask, special..... 25c
49c Bleached and Unbleached Sheets, best quality, size 81x90, special..... 37c
10c, All-Linen, Fringed Napkins, special..... 5c
15c Brown Sheetting, 10-4, special..... 11c
6c Checked Nainsook, suitable for Men's Aprons and Shirts, special..... 3c
All of our 15c Turkish Bath Towels, special..... 10c
All of our 15c pure linen Towels, special..... 10c
All of our 18c pure linen Towels, special..... 12 1/2c

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