Smart & Silberberg.

Semi-Annual Clearance Sale.

Merciless Mark-Down Now the Rule.

Our Semi-Annual Sales have always been epoch making from a money-saving standpoint. This year it will be an event of extraordinary power. The season just passed has been a remarkably busy one with us, and as a fitting climax we propose to end the first year in our new store with the Greatest Low Priced Sale Ever Known. Every article in every department of this entire establishment, from basement to third floor, will be reduced, some 10, some 25 and some 50 per cent. Not a single article will be reserved—the price on everything will be cut during this great sale.

SILKS UNDERGO KEEN CUT PRICES.

What could be stronger than the plain facts, concisely stated with the fullest confidence in the merits of these items we submit the following:

Black all silk taffeta, fully guaranteed to wear, sells in the regular way for 75c but now marked to	59c yd
Black yarn dyed taffeta, warranted in every way, sells regularly at $1, now	79c
Yard wide blac taffeta, the kind that wears, unusually good $1.50 grade, now	$1 19
Rich, black Pau de Soie, heavy and lutstrous, the kind that sells at $1 25, now	98c
Handsome, serviceable satin Duchess, smiled upon by Fashion, sells regularly at $1.25, now	98c
Very best quality colored taffetas, sold all over at 85c and 90c, now	69c
Colored peau de crepes, peau de lenox, etc., at	79c
Crepe de chenes, colored and black, regularly $1 yd., now	79c
Colored satin liberty, 75c grade at	49c

COLORED AND BLACK DRESS GOODS RADICALLY REDUCED.

A lot of plain cheviots, plaids and fancy suitings that were 50c, 65c, an 75c at	39c yd
54-in homespuns, all wool, Oxford grays, were 85c, now	59c
Colored and black prunellas, fine, satin finished all wool goods that were $1, now	79c
Colored cheviots, granite cloths and zybelines that were 85c, now	59c
Colored and black voiles, canadensis cloths, clay serges, etc., that were $1.25 and $1.50, now	98c

DRESS TRIMMINGS.

Jets, Appliques, All-Overs, etc., all at a reduction of 25 percent.

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES.

All to be sold at 25 per cent. discount.

DOMESTICS AT CLEARANCE PRICES.

Good, heavy brown muslin	3¾c	Mohawk 9-4 bleached	19c
Best brown muslin	5c	Mohawk 10-4 bleached	21c
Hills, Lonsdale and fruits	7½c	Lancaster apron ginghams	5c
Mohawk 5-4 bleached	11c	American indigo prints	4½c
Mohawk 6-4 bleached	13c	Simpson's mourning prints	4½c
Mohawk 7-4 bleached	15c	Merrimac shirting prints	4½c
Mohawk 8-4 bleached	17c	Best English flannelettes	7½c

SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES.

Mohawk Valley sheets, nearly as good as Utica, size 2¼x2½ yds., all hand torn and well made, at	49c ea
Pillow case of same, 36x45 in., at	12½c ea

SMART & SILBERBERG,

OIL CITY, PA.

TO PROTECT LABOR

Senator Penrose Has Special Field of Work at Washington.

WILL RESTRICT IMMIGRATION

Philadelphia Republicans Are Elated Over the Excellent Start Made By District Attorney Weaver, Whom the Insurgents Fought So Bitterly.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—"I have about 200 bills prepared for introduction in the senate as soon as we reconvene," said Senator Boies Penrose last evening, as he chatted about his plans to be put into operation when congress reconvenes. "These bills," he continued, "represent but a few of the interests which I have been asked to attend to for constituents in the different counties of Pennsylvania. Not a few of them are for pensions for deserving soldiers and sailors who fought in the civil war, and who are now unable to care for themselves without outside aid. Several are for new public buildings in leading cities of the commonwealth, where the interests of the federal government require larger and more modern structures for the transaction of postoffice and other department business.

LEGISLATION FOR LABOR.

"Perhaps the most important legislation which shall command my consideration this session is that affecting labor; the protection of American labor from competition through the importation of undesirable immigrants. As chairman of the committee of the senate on immigration, I shall be called upon to schedule and revise the many bills which have been introduced on this subject, as well as my own, and I am hopeful that the session will not pass without our being able to enact legislation such as will protect our workingmen from unfair competition with uneducated and otherwise objectionable foreign labor.

"My mail constantly contains letters from representatives of various labor organizations making recommendation for amendments to bills or submitting entirely new drafts for bills on subjects directly affecting the interest of labor, and I have gotten many valuable suggestions from these sources. I am in touch with the officials of various labor organizations, and have undertaken to keep a number of them advised as to developments on all subjects before the senate about which they would naturally be concerned."

Senator Penrose, on account of his being a member of so many important committees, has a very heavy daily mail. His secretary, W. R. Andrews, is frequently called upon to put an extra force of stenographers at work to keep up with his voluminous correspondence.

REPUBLICANS FEEL ELATED.

There have been no important political developments in this city during the last week, but the opponents of the regular Republican organization were very much disappointed over the announcement of the appointments made by District Attorney John Weaver. After the exciting and bitter campaign, in which many Democrats and the Union party forces pooled issues to prevent the election of Mr. Weaver, who was the regular Republican nominee, there was general interest in the matter of the selection of the staff of the new district attorney. Mr. Weaver has spiked the guns of his political enemies. He has made every Republican who voted for him at the last election feel proud of having stood by his party's candidate. He has announced a staff of members of the bar who will act as his assistants, which has not only challenged criticism from his opponents, but commanded editorials of praise from almost every newspaper which was arrayed against the Republican organization in the recent campaign.

Mr. Weaver concluded to make a clean sweep and to appoint men of his own selection to all of the positions on his legal staff. He picked out representative young Republicans. While some of the party leaders were disappointed over their failure to have certain favorites appointed, none of them can question the Republicanism or the fitness and fidelity of any of the men chosen by Mr. Weaver.

Leaders of the Republican organization point with satisfaction to the annual report from the detective bureau of this city, which has just been issued. It shows that crime in the Quaker City is on the decrease, owing largely to the efficient police department, and further that the percentage of arrests and convictions has never been larger.

While it has suited the political purposes of many of the newspapers in this city to attack the city authorities, they cannot but now print the facts as shown in the official reports. Some of them have been fair enough to comment upon the marked improvement of conditions in this city and the development of the police and fire departments under the present administration.

Philadelphia is unquestionably the best protected city in the world as far as the police and fire departments are concerned.

Why It Wouldn't Cook.

At a gas cookery exhibition an old farmer entered who, having listened to the merits of gas cooking stoves, ordered and paid for a cooker, which was duly sent to his home, a country village.

About three months after the said farmer called on the manager, complaining that the gas cooker was a fraud and that he had tried everything and nothing would cook in the "bloomin thing." The manager asked if anything was wrong with his gas, to which he replied:

"Gas! What's gas?"—London Answers.

Telegraph Wires.

It is not widely known that at the present time between all important telephone centers of the United States, while the trunk wires are being used for transmitting speech, there are being sent over them simultaneously telegraphic messages without producing any interruption of the spoken words. Were it not for immutable laws of nature, which cannot be varied by man or corporation, you might, by listening, take off the telegraphic message thus traversing these very conductors. What a tantalizing prospect for the wire tappers! Although these telegraphic impulses actually traverse the coil of wire in the telephone at your ear and actually speed along the identical copper conductor at that time conveying the voice currents, you hear neither dot nor dash of the telegraphic messages.

The Bladderwort.

The aquatic plant, the bladderwort, feeds on animal life. The tiny bladders attached to the leaves and leaf stalks are each furnished with a door, the whole acting on the eel trap principle. Any small water creature that ventures to peep in is seized in the clutches of the murderous plant and is at once swallowed and assimilated.

Two Happy Mortals.

He—If Herr Schilderowsky marries the rich banker's daughter, there'll be two happy people!

She—Indeed? Do you think they'll be so happy together?

He—I don't know about them, but the tailor and tailor will get their pay at last!—Heitere Welt.

Civil Government Bill.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Representative Cooper of Wisconsin, chairman of the insular committee of the house of representatives, will introduce, probably today, a bill providing a system of civil government for the Philippines. Provisions are incorporated regulating corporate franchises, establishing regulations for mining, timber and land operations, and establishing the preliminary steps by which self-government shall be undertaken by the people of the islands.

MARKET REPORT.

New York Provision Market.

New York, Jan. 6.

WHEAT—No. 2 red 91⅛c f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 89⅝c f.o.b afloat.

CORN—No. 2 corn, 72¼c f.o.b. afloat.

OATS—No. 2, 52c; No. 2 white, 55¼c; track mixed western, 53c; track white, 54½@59c.

PORK—Mess, $16.50@17.50; family, $17.50@18.00.

HAY—Shipping, 60@65c; good to choice, 82½@90c.

BUTTER—Creamery extras, 25c; factory, 15½c; imitation creamery western fancy, 18½c.

CHEESE—Fancy large white, 10c; small white, 11@11¼c.

EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, 32@35c.

POTATOES—New York, $2.00@2.50; New Jersey, $2.25@2.00.

Buffalo Provision Market.

Buffalo, Jan. 6.

WHEAT — No. 1 northern, 86½c; winter wheat, No. 2 red, 94½c.

CORN—No. 2 corn, 71⅝c; No. 3 corn, 70⅞c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 52½c; No. 3 mixed, 49½c.

FLOUR—Spring wheat, best patent, per bbl., $4.25@4.50; low grades, $2.25@3.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, western, extra tubs, 25@25½c; state and Pennsylvania creamery, 24@24½c; dairy, fair to good, 20@21c.

CHEESE—Fancy full cream, 11@11¼c; good to choice, 10@10½c; common to fair, 7@8¾c.

EGGS—State, fresh fancy, 28c.

POTATOES—Fancy, per bushel, 80c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Best steers on sale, $6.60@6.75; good to choice shipping steers, $5.50@5.75; coarse, rough but fat steers, $4.80@5.40; choice to smooth fat steers, $4.90@5.40; common to good heifers, $3.15@4.90; good butcher bulls, $3.50@3.90.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Handy lambs, choice to fancy, $5.70@5.80; common to good, $4.75@5.25; choice to handy wethers, $4.60@4.85.

HOGS—Mixed packers' grades, $6.35@6.50; heavy hogs, $6.45@6.55; choice heavy and upwards, $6.55@6.65; heavy hogs, $6.50@6.65.

Buffalo Hay Market.

HAY—Timothy, loose, No. 1 per ton, $13.00; timothy, prime, loose, baled $13.50@14.00; timothy, prime, tight, baled, $13.50@14.00; mixed, loose, top, $11.00@12.00; timothy, No. 1 tight baled, $13.50@14.00.

Unknown to Women.

Every woman should read, without fail, the following paragraph. She will learn something about herself she never knew before.

Thompson's Barosma is not only a wonderful kidney, liver and bladder cure, but has a particular advantage as a remedy for Chronic Female Weakness, Palpitation of the Heart, bearing-down sensations, Nervous Debility, Leucorrhœa or Whites, and Dropsical Swellings. Its peculiar advantage lies in the fact that it is both a female regulator and kidney, liver and bladder cure. The womb is situated back of and very close to the bladder. A woman having any pain or distress in the back or side, at once attributes it to female weakness when many times her trouble is entirely from the kidneys or bladder. Hence a woman making this grave mistake will find a sure remedy in Barosma, for whether she is suffering from womb disorder or any disease of the kidneys, liver and bladder, Barosma will effect a permanent cure. For this two-fold reason Barosma is the best woman's remedy on the market. Thompson's Dandelein and Mandrake Pills should be used with the Barosma, for the liver and constipation. They are purely vegetable and do not gripe.

Was Losing Control of Her Mind.

I was losing control of my mind and could not remember names of people, caused by female weakness, chronic inflammation of the liver, kidneys and bladder, scalding of urine and non-retention of the same, which had troubled me, making me very nervous, the past twenty years. All the medicines I used only relieved me for the time. You don't know how delighted I am to think I am so much better and stronger all through my system, and Thompson's Barosma Backache, Liver, Kidney and Lumbago cure did it. I used six bottles. It was worth more than money to me. It gave me health and strength as I was very weak and miserable before.

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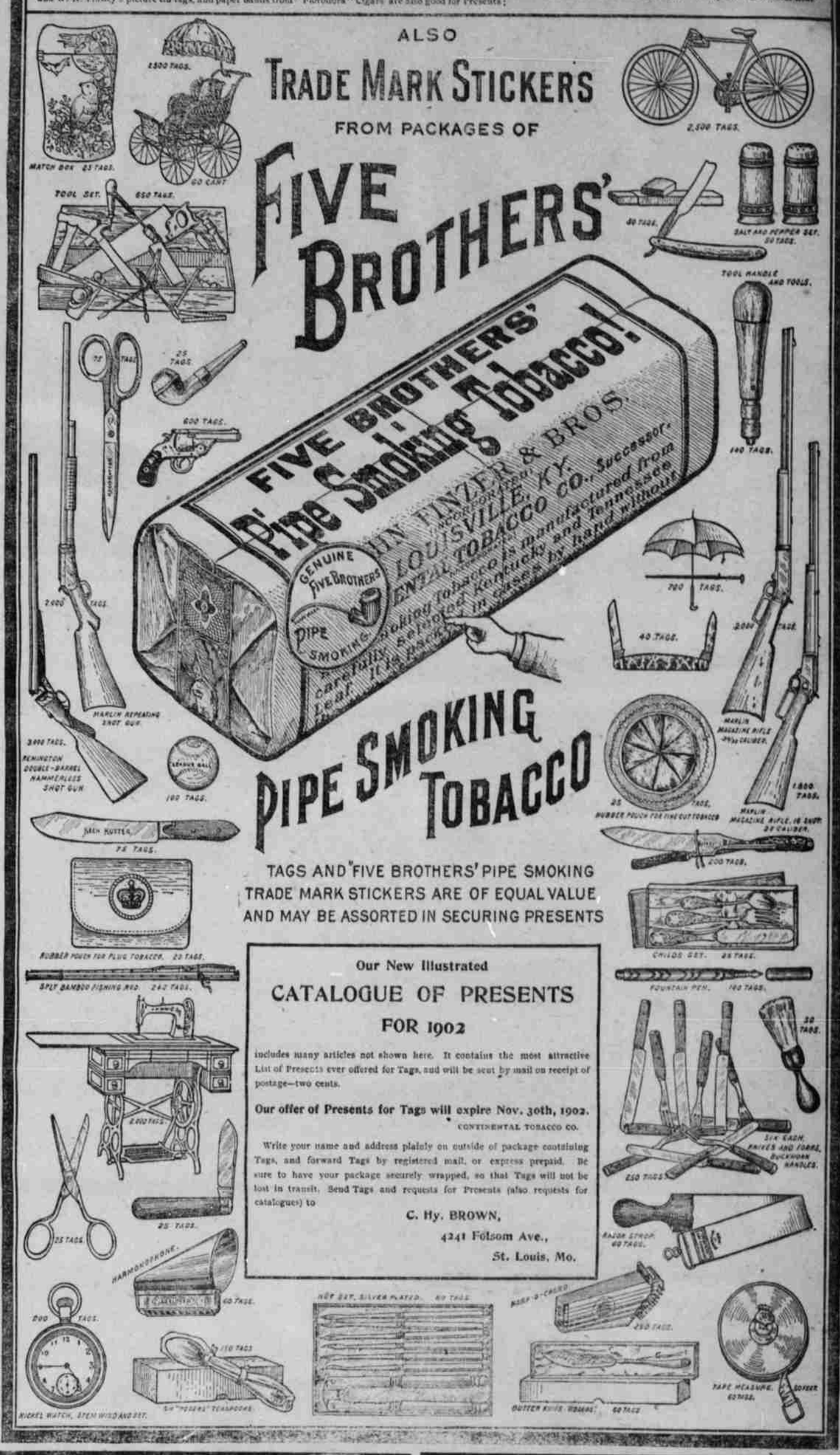

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