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Men's heavy cotton full fleeced
brown mixed Shirts and Drawers;
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Men's natural colored Shirts and
Drawers in part wool and the finer
all wool grades; from 75c to \$1.75

Ladies' Vests and Drawers, heavy
ribbed full fleeced, 25c to 50c.
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Vests and Drawers, in part wool and
fine all wool garments 75c to \$2.00

Blankets and Comforts at Exceptional Prices

WOOL BLANKETS—It is blanket time now and we are offering some
exceptional values in blankets ranging in price from 50c to \$10.
GOOD COMFORTS—Each comfort is filled with clean white cotton;
best silkoline and sateen coverings in plain or floral design \$1.00 to \$3.00.
OUTING FLANNEL WEAR—Ladies' outing flannel gowns 50c to \$1.
Ladies' outing flannel short skirts from 25c to 50c.
OUTING FLANNEL—Splendid assortment of the latest fancy stripes
and checks, just the qualities you will be waiting for the cool nights. We
are showing some exceptional values for 7c, 8c and 10c.

Ladies' Winter Hosiery

Ladies' Black Fleece Lined Hose
12c, 25c, 35c and 50c.
Ladies' Black Wool and Fine Cas-
tore Hose; fine lot from 25c to \$1.

Ladies' Fast Black Cotton Hose,
extra qualities for 12c to 50c.
Ladies' Fast Black Silk Lisle Hose
especially good values at 25c to 75c.

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REV. PAUL AXTEL TAKES OWN LIFE

Shoots Himself with Pistol in
His Father's Barn at
Sewickley

HE WAS IN FEAR OF INSANITY

Once Lived in New York—Regarded
as An Eloquent Man in Sewickley,
Pa., Where He was Assistant Pas-
tor.

Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—With a bullet
through his heart, the body of the
Rev. Paul Axtel, pastor of the Sewickley
Presbyterian Church and until De-
cember, 1907, assistant pastor of the
Central Presbyterian Church, New
York, was found at 7 o'clock a. m. in
the barn in the rear of his father's
home in Millin township. He had
committed suicide during the night by
shooting himself with a pistol, which
he had taken from the home of his
brother.

During the last few months Mr. Axtel
had had a nervous trouble and re-
cently had been living with his father,
the Rev. John Axtel, pastor of the Le-
banon Presbyterian Church, Millin
township. The son is believed to
have been temporarily insane when he
shot himself. He had since early
manhood had a fear that he might
some day become insane. A young
brother of the minister found the
body.

The father called him this morning,
and when he received no response
went to the young man's room and dis-
covered he was not there. He sent
his son Eugene out to hunt for his
brother, and the latter found the body
in the barn. When the news of her
son's death was broken to Mrs. Axtel
she fainted. As she fell she broke her
left arm. Paul Axtel was 28 years old.
He was graduated from Wooster Col-
lege and was educated for the min-
istry in the Princeton Theological Sem-
inary, being graduated in 1906.

For a year or so after that he sup-
plied pulpits in this part of the coun-
try. He received a call to be assist-
ant pastor of the Sewickley Presby-
terian Church three years ago and ac-
cepted. Since then he had been as-
sociated with that congregation. He
was a preacher of unusual ability and
was popular with his congregation.
Of late he had done the bulk of the
work at the Sewickley Presbyterian
Church and his sermons were consid-
ered among the best ever heard in this
part of the country.

He had been suffering from a nerv-
ous disorder since last fall. The
mother of the young man fell down
stairs and broke her arm when told
of the fate of her son.

HUGHES DONE WITH POLITICS

"You May Make That Statement
Final," He Says.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Governor
Hughes, of New York, announced pos-
itively that he will retire from politics
at the end of his present term. He
will go back to the practice of law.
No condition can make him a candi-
date for the renomination.

"You may make the announcement
of my intentions in respect to the
Governorship absolute and final," Gov-
ernor Hughes told reporters.

"I will not be a candidate for re-
nomination. I am going back to the
practice of law. There is nothing I
can add to this statement."

"How about the Presidency?" the
Governor was asked. "There are many
people here talking about you."

"I have nothing more to say," was
Governor Hughes's reply.

BRYAN TO RUN IN 1912

Announcement Made He Will Be
Candidate for Nomination.

Omaha, Jan. 24.—William J. Bryan
will be a candidate for President in
1912. The announcement was made
this afternoon by the Omaha Bee,
which attributes the statement to
Richard L. Metcalfe, editor of Mr.
Bryan's Commoner.

Clearing House Operations.

A clearing house is an agency estab-
lished by the banks of a city, to
which all checks drawn upon one city
bank and deposited in another are
sent for payment. Every morning
there is a clearance or settlement of
accounts, in which the checks depos-
ited in each bank and the checks drawn
upon each bank are separately sum-
med up and compared. If there is
more deposited in a bank than there
is drawn upon it the bank receives the
difference in cash. If the reverse is
the case, the bank pays the balance
instead of receiving it. The term
clearance means either the act of set-
tlement or the sum of all the checks
presented for payment. The amount
of business done by the clearing house
is a pretty sure index of the general
condition of business.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SUE THE BEEF TRUST

Blames it for High Meat Prices and
May Institute Both Civil and
Criminal Prosecutions.

Washington, Jan. 25. The "Beef
Trust," so called, is to be prosecuted
by the National Government. The
Department of Justice evidently be-
lieves its existence is a leading factor
in maintaining the present high prices
of fresh meats.

The contemplated action of the de-
partment follows an investigation
which has been conducted by its spe-
cial agents for some months. Initial
proceedings will begin at once before
the Grand Jury, at Chicago and may
contemplate both civil and criminal
action.

The firms mentioned in connection
with the matter include Swift & Co.,
Morris & Co. and Armour & Co., all
big packing house concerns, and all
of whom, it is said, are interested in
the National Packing Company. The
three concerns named are commonly
represented to control the National
corporation for their common benefit.

The aim of the department has
been to ascertain the relations be-
tween the several firms individually
and the National Packing Company,
for the purpose of determining wheth-
er they have operated to control the
prices of fresh meats, which, accord-
ing to almost universal complaint,
have been going higher and higher.
From the fact that proceedings are to
be instituted, the inference is that the
officials feel satisfied they have a good
case.

One possible method of action may
be that of a suit to dissolve the com-
pany under the Sherman Anti-Trust
law, as an organization operating in
restraint of interstate trade. Proceed-
ings against individuals also may
result.

The investigations conducted by the
department, resulting in the determi-
nation to proceed in the courts against
the alleged combination, had their in-
ception in an inquiry into the prac-
tices of one of the Western railroads
in making shipments for Morris &
Co., which, it had been charged,
amounted practically to rebating.

These were gone into fully at the
time, and the conclusion resulted that
while they could readily be regarded
as improper they actually had nothing
to do with rebating. The practices
complained of, however, were discon-
tinued.

Meat Boycott Spreads.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 24.—The
countrywide movement against the
constantly increasing cost of the nec-
essaries of life has gained impetus in
New York and it was confidently pre-
dicted that before a week is over
many hundreds of thousands of men
and women will have joined in the
fight to force down the price of meat
and other foodstuffs.

From all over the country came
telegraphic despatches last night tel-
ling of the progress of the campaigns
of the consumers. Pittsburg, Spring-
field, Mass.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Omaha,
one of the meat packing centres; Cin-
cinnati, the hog packing town; As-
bury Park, St. Louis, Kansas City,
Baltimore, Denver, Cleveland, where
the movement started about a week
ago; Chicago, Providence, Philadel-
phia, Memphis, Milwaukee, Roch-
ester, Atlanta, Des Moines, Ia., and
Indianapolis were among the principal
cities heard from, and judging from
the reports received over a million
people must have already pledged
themselves to abstain from meat for
thirty or sixty days.

Bank Cashier Gets Ten Years.

Fargo, N. Dak., Jan. 19.—Federal
Judge Amidon sentenced Andrew H.
Jones, former cashier of the First Na-
tional Bank of Rugby, to ten years'
imprisonment for misappropriation of
the bank's funds.

Sixth Cavalry Back from Manila.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—The army
transport Sheridan arrived today
from Manila, carrying the Sixth Cav-
alry, whose term of service in the
Philippines has expired. The troop-
ers have been ordered to Fort Des
Moines, Ia.

Man Eaten by Wolves.

Vienna, Austria, Jan. 20.—Baron
Otto van Orban, a rich land owner,
while riding through the forest in
Transylvania, was pursued by a pack
of wolves. The wildly excited horse
threw him and the wolves tore him to
pieces.

Getting Along with People.

Getting along with people is a valu-
able trait to cultivate. First of all,
be amiable and forgiving; do not
hear all that is said, never repeat any-
thing and be willing to be pleased
while doing your part.

ALIEN CONVICTS ARE NUISANCE TO STATE

Every Condemned Prisoner at
Close of Last Year a Foreigner,
Says Supt. Collins

ARE A CLASS BY THEMSELVES

He Would Bar Them from Entering
Country—If Government Won't Ex-
clude Them It Should Provide Jails,
Declares Head of Prisons.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Supt. Col-
lins of the State Prison Department
in his annual report to the Legisla-
ture makes a strong appeal for the
exclusion from this country of unde-
sirable immigrants. He points out
that at great cost and inconvenience
the State is maintaining and endeavor-
ing to educate, train and rehabili-
tate 1,091 men who are subjects of
foreign countries. Most of them have
but recently come to the United
States, and all of them are by reason
of conviction of felonies forever de-
barred from citizenship.

Statistics of foreign born prisoners
show that there were 312 Italians in
the State prisons in 1906 and 608 in
1909; 200 Germans in 1906 and 219 in
1909; 107 Irish in 1906 and 95 in 1909;
101 Russians in 1906 and 130 in 1909.
The prison population of Italians and
Russians nearly doubled in three
years.

Supt. Collins calls attention to the
fact that of the nineteen condemned
prisoners at the close of the last fiscal
year not one was a naturalized citizen
of the United States.

A classification of the crimes of fore-
ign born prisoners shows that Italy
leads in crimes against the person,
with 318, while Germany and Russia
each have 29 charged against them.
Russia leads in crimes against prop-
erty with 102, while Italy is second
with 94.

"It is apparent to all," says Supt.
Collins, "that the interests of this
country would be best served by the
exclusion of this undesirable class of
immigrants, who claim and receive
the protection and benefits that our
form of Government affords, but dis-
regard our laws.

"They are a class by themselves.

Our modern methods of penal admin-
istration and control do not fit them.
They should be segregated and treat-
ed as a class, and it would seem but
right that the Federal Government,
which permits these alien criminals
to land on its shores, should assume
the burden of maintaining them when
they are convicted of crime and that
it should provide prisons where they
may be kept by themselves and where
the systems of discipline, education
and training shall be especially adapted
to apply to this distinctive class of
prisoners. When they have served
their terms they should be deported
and never allowed to return here.

"As 59 per cent. of the alien prison-
ers now in our prisons are unmarried
and less than 50 per cent. of the mar-
ried men have wives or children in
the United States, the claim that a
man should not be deported, leaving
a helpless family here, would apply to
but few of the present alien prison
population."

HARD ON MIRROR MAKERS

Closing of Many Saloons Causes Big
Reduction in Demand.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 24.—Mirror
manufacturers of the United States
opened their national convention.
They said that times have been very
dull with them and they are here to
discuss means for reviving the trade.

With hundreds of saloons going out
of business hundreds of mirrors are
going out of use. Mirrors are regard-
ed as the most important part of the
interior decoration of a saloon.

SITE FOR A NEW SING SING.

State Commission Decides on Pecks-
kill Camp Grounds.

Troy, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The State
camp grounds at Peckskill have been
selected as a site for the new State
prison to replace Sing Sing, and a bill
will be introduced in the Legislature
authorizing the deal.

Superintendent of Prisons Collins,
the State Prison Commission and
Messrs. Hill and Merritt, Chairman of
the Legislative Committees on Build-
ing and Site, are unanimous in their
choice.

This action was brought about by
the abandonment of the Bear Moun-
tain site in favor of a park.

John R. Walsh in Prison.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—John R. Walsh,
once a power in Chicago financial,
newspaper and business circles, was
taken to the Fort Leavenworth federal
prison to serve a five-year sentence
for wrecking the Chicago National
Bank. The United States circuit
court of appeals refused his petition
today that the verdict be set aside.

WORLD NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Covering Minor Happenings From
All Over the Globe

DOMESTIC.

Rabbi Charles Fleischer, of Boston,
preached a sermon in which he advo-
cated early marriages and small fami-
lies.

The forces of the government gather-
ed at Chicago preparatory to begin-
ning the investigation into the high
price of meat.

Floods in the Susquehanna River
caused heavy damage near Havre de
Grace, Md.

By a decision rendered in the fed-
eral court at Kansas City the Mis-
souri, Kansas & Texas Railroad was
enjoined from refusing shipments of
liquor into the "dry" states of Kansas
and Oklahoma.

Inquiry is made into an alleged gift
of \$2,000,000 worth of United States
Independent Telephone stock to W. J.
Connors, chairman of the New York
State Democratic Committee.

"Al" Kaufman, of San Francisco,
defeated "Jack" O'Brien, of Philadel-
phia, in a six round bout before the
National Athletic Club, Philadelphia.

Columbia University plans to build
a \$3,000,000 medical school.

Justice W. S. Andrews, of the Su-
preme Court, at Syracuse, granted the
application of the State Insurance De-
partment to have the People's Mutual
Life Association and League turned
over to the department for liquidation.

Louis Paulhan, the French aviator,
made a 47 1/2-mile cross-country flight
in a little less than sixty-three min-
utes, at Los Angeles, Cal.

Six indictments against men ac-
cused of being "white slave" dealers
are presented to Judge O'Sullivan by
the Grand Jury in New York, of which
Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is fore-
man.

The purchase outright or control of
the Western Maryland Railroad by
the New York Central lines, with a
new branch of the Pittsburg & Lake
Erie into West Virginia, was rumored
in Baltimore.

WASHINGTON.

Senators Nelson, Flint and Smeot
are leaders of a revolt against Presi-
dent Taft's policies in the Senate.

It was said at Washington that
friends of Speaker Cannon were in-
terested in his retirement as Speaker
for the good of the party, as well as
of a new House leader in place of
Representative Payne.

Senator Penrose demands such
classification of magazines and peri-
odicals as will end the government loss
of \$3,000,000 annually.

Addressing the Association of Life-
Insurance Presidents in Washington,
Gov. Hughes warned them against any
attempt by bribery to thwart legisla-
tive attacks upon the interests of pol-
icy-holders.

President Taft proclaimed that min-
imum tariff rates are granted the
United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Switzer-
land, Russia and Turkey, effective
March 31, 1910.

The President's conservative bills
and a measure providing a govern-
ment for Alaska were introduced in
the Senate.

Captain Seth Bullock, United States
Marshal in South Dakota, on a visit to
Washington, says Iowa, Wisconsin and
neighboring States will support Presi-
dent Taft when his strength is tested
at the polls.

The United States Supreme Court
refused a writ of certiorari to John R.
Walsh, but his counsel will start a
new fight to keep him out of jail by
attacking the jury that convicted him.

The Smithsonian Institution at
Washington received a report from
President Roosevelt, dated at Nairobi,
Africa, to the effect that the expedi-
tion under his command had collected
8,845 kinds of vertebrates, besides
many other specimens.

FOREIGN.

Floods did great damage in Paris
and rendered hundreds homeless.

A special dispatch from London
says the incoming Liberal govern-
ment in England will depend for ex-
istence on the Irish vote.

Rivers in the East of France have
overlaid their banks, following a
violent storm of forty-eight hours' du-
ration.

Fire destroyed the Palace of Chera-
gan, one of the finest on the Bospho-
rus, where the Turkish Chamber of
Deputies held its sessions.

The Argentine Naval Commission
authorized the construction of two
23,000-ton Dreadnoughts; they will
probably be constructed by the Fore
River Shipbuilding Company.

John Burns is elected in one of the
most exciting contests in London and
the unionists make a net gain of twen-
ty-nine seats in the British general
elections.

In the British elections thus far the
Liberals have secured 77 seats, the
Laborites 15, the Unionists 92 and the
Irish party 13. The Unionists did not
make as many gains as they expected.

Immense Rosebush.

A rosebush in a garden at Freiburg,
Germany, covers 99 square yards and
bears 10,000 buds.