

## SHOE BARGAIN COUNTER

- Boys' Shoe Bon Ton Toe, well made, good solid leather reduced from \$1.25 to **\$1.00**
- Child's Button Cliff, heavy school shoe has a nice tip, reduced from \$1.20 to **\$1.00**
- Some smaller sizes, same quality, reduced from 95c to 75c.
- Ladies' Empress Dugola Button, formerly \$2, now **\$1.35**.
- Ladies' Keystone Button reduced from \$1.50 to **90c**.
- Patent Leather Tip, \$2.25 reduced to **\$1.80**.
- Men's Plow Shoes from \$1.00 up.

## Men's and Boys' Boots

- Boys' Boots reduced from \$1.75 to **\$1.25**
- Men's Boots reduced from \$3.00 to **\$1.75**.

The entire stock of Boots and shoes are well made of superior leather, carefully sved and with out a blemish. They must go at reduced prices to make room for new stock.

## Dry Goods

- Good unbleached Muslin from 4c up.
- The best Prints, 5c and 6c.
- Dress Goods that will wear for years—a large stock, low price.

## Warm Foot-wear

We have a large stock of lumber men's socks, good heavy warm goods made of reliable materials.  
Felt Boots, that will stand hard wear and keep out the cold. The prices are away down.

**BROSIOUS & MINIUM,**  
Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa.

## Harding Bargain Counter

When you want to get a neat and serviceable cloth for a Dress, I will give you a better quality of goods for the money than any other dealers. If any one offers you cloth for less money, it must be inferior to the quality I sell. 20-cent Dress Goods now selling for only 15 cents.

### Bargains in shoes.

- Men's Split  $\frac{1}{2}$  Double Sole Shoes reduced to **90 cents**

### Boys' Fine Caps

- reduced from 50c to 10c.
- LADIES' WARM FOOTWEAR at bottom prices.
- I always pay highest prices for produce.
- Ladies' and Misses' Rubbers reduced to 25c a pair.
- Ladies' and Misses' Fur Scarfs worth \$3.50 reduced to **\$2.50**
- Men's Rubbers reduced to 50c a pair while they last.
- Boys' Rubber Boots; \$2.50 and \$1.50
- Table Oil Cloth for 12 cents per yard

**HENRY HARDING, SCHNEE, PA.**

### SENATORS CONSIDER OLEO BILL

**Mr. Proctor Says Measure Will Protect Honest Product Against Fraud.**  
Washington, March 25.—Consideration was begun by the senate yesterday of what is popularly known as the oleomargarine bill. The measure places a tax of ten cents a pound on oleo-colored in imitation of butter and reduces the present tax of two cents per pound on oleo to one-quarter of a cent per pound in its uncolored form. Mr. Proctor, of Vermont, chairman of the committee on agriculture, made the opening statement in support of the measure. He concluded with the observation that the pending bill was "a measure to protect an honest product against a fraud."  
A few bills of minor importance were passed before the bill was taken up.

**Election Contest in House.**  
Mr. Boreing, of Kentucky, injected an attack on the Goebel election law into the discussion of the Moss-Rhea contested election case from the Third Kentucky district, which again occupied the attention of the house yesterday, but Mr. Rhea declined to be drawn into an extended debate on an issue not directly involved in the case. He contented himself with paying his respects to Mr. Boreing, charging the latter with ignorance of the law of his own state. Mr. Rhea made a strong presentation of his side of the case, but had not concluded when the house adjourned. The vote was taken at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

### POSTAL THIEVES SENTENCED

**Neely, Rathbone and Reeves Get Ten Years Each and Heavy Fines.**  
Havana, March 25.—The trials before the Audiencia court of the cases arising from the embezzlement of Cuban postal funds have resulted in the following sentences: C. F. W. Neely, ten years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$56,701; W. H. Reeves, ten years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$25,000; Estes G. Rathbone, ten years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$35,524.

### WILCOX FOUND GUILTY

**First Degree Verdict Rendered in the Famous Cropsey Case.**  
Elizabeth City, N. C., March 24.—The jury in the case of James Wilcox, who has been on trial here for the murder of Miss Nellie Cropsey, his former sweetheart, Saturday night brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree. He was then sentenced to be hanged on April 25. The deliberations of the jury continued for 30 hours, and the proceedings on Saturday were marked by an application to the court for further information. These gave rise to reports that the trial had resulted in a disagreement. One rumor had it that the jury stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal, while a later report made the number ten for conviction. The verdict seems to have met popular approval, though it was not considered probable that the jury would so report. Lawyer Aydtett for the defense will enter an appeal on behalf of the prisoner. He will seek to set aside the verdict on the ground that it was not consistent with the evidence brought out in the trial. There is little prospect of the prisoner's paying the death penalty on the date set by Judge Jones. As the supreme court does not meet until next September, it is more than probable that it will be twelve months before the case is disposed of finally.

### Killed By His Own Gun.

Washington, March 24.—Anton Schoelitz, a German tailor, living on a farm near this city, met a shocking accident yesterday. He was crawling through a fence with a double-barreled shot gun in his hand, with which he intended to shoot hawks that had preyed on his chickens, when the gun was accidentally discharged, and the entire contents of one barrel tore through Schoelitz's left side, leaving a gaping wound, exposing to view the intestines and the lower lobe of the left lung. He died last night after his wounds were dressed.

## THREATENS TO RESIGN

General Miles Will Leave Army if New Bill Becomes a Law.

### WILL MAKE HIM A FIGUREHEAD

Lieutenant General Will Quit If General Staff for the Army is Organized—It Would Destroy Unity in the Army.

Washington, March 21.—General Nelson A. Miles yesterday told the senate committee on military affairs that if the bill introduced by Senator Hawley, at the instance of the war department, for the organization of a general staff for the army, should become a law he would decline to longer hold his commission. The reason he gave for the statement is that the bill is utterly subversive of the interests of the military establishment, and he said he would not be a party to such a proceeding to the extent even of continuing to hold his place.

This declaration was made in the course of a prolonged hearing by the committee, which was conducted behind closed doors, and in which General Miles touched upon a variety of subjects connected with the army. The portion of the bill to which he directed his special criticism is that contained in section 7, reading as follows:

"That from and after the passage of this act the senior general officer of the army shall be assigned to command such portion of the army as the president may direct, or be detailed to duty in the general staff corps. All duties prescribed by law for the commanding general of the army shall be performed by the chief of general staff or other general officer designated by the secretary of war: Provided, That so long as the present lieutenant general of the army continues on the active list he shall be the chief of the general staff, and upon the separation from active service of the said lieutenant general of the army, said office, except as herein provided, shall cease and determine."

General Miles said that if this provision should become a law it would have the effect of destroying the unity of the army, and he read numerous authorities, including Napoleon, Wellington, Washington, Cass and Grant, to show the necessity of having one head to the army and of controlling authority.

In the course of his remarks General Miles told the committee in confidence that with the bill a law he could now name the men who would hold the places of honor provided under it, but the committee did not ask for the names.

### MILES WILL BE RETIRED

President Roosevelt Will Take Action Shortly to This End.

Washington, March 22.—At the cabinet meeting yesterday the publications relating to the statements made by General Miles before the senate committee on Thursday were brought up, but consideration of them was postponed until all the facts in the matter became known.

Whatever intentions the president had with respect to the treatment to be accorded General Miles, his future action will be somewhat influenced by the fact that General Miles' statement before the senate committee has been represented to him as being privileged.

The president proposes to read the testimony given at the hearing and to consult with different members of the committee on military affairs before finally announcing what he proposes to do. It is significant that long after the cabinet meeting adjourned Secretary Root and the attorney general were closeted with the president. The president is known to have stated that he was tired of the friction in the army, and in the event that it is decided that General Miles' statement was a privileged one, he will at so distant day take action looking to his retirement.

The lieutenant general reached the age of 62 years last August, and under the law he can be retired at any time now in the discretion of the president.

### Old Mint Property Sold.

Philadelphia, March 24.—Felix Isman, acting for a syndicate headed by Lit Brothers, and of which he himself is a member, Saturday secured a 60-day option from the secretary of the treasury, under which the syndicate is given the right to purchase the old mint property at Chestnut and Juniper streets and South Penn Square for \$2,000,000. It is said that \$150,000 was deposited to secure the purchase, and that title will be taken in the name of a corporation to be formed by the members of the syndicate.

### Evangelist Dropped Dead.

Millsville, N. J., March 25.—While delivering an address before a large congregation in the Co-Workers' Hall, Mrs. Thomas Hogan, a woman evangelist, was stricken with apoplexy and dropped dead. The last words she uttered were: "No man knoweth when the Son of Man shall come." She fell to the platform as the last word escaped her lips, and before a physician arrived she was dead.

### Murder and Suicide at Newark.

Newark, N. J., March 25.—Lillian Wilson, an unmarried woman, shot and killed Robert Stewart Hutchinson yesterday and then drank two bottles of carboric acid. She died while being taken to a hospital. Miss Wilson and Hutchinson, who was supposed to be her nephew, had lived here since last November. No cause is known for the murder and suicide.

## BOER WAR MAY SOON END

Kruger's Deputy Passed British Lines to Confer With Steyn.

### BOERS DISCUSSED PEACE TERMS

Burgbers Will Not Accept Anything Less Than Complete Amnesty For Cape Insurgents—May Compromise Demands For Entire Independence.

London, March 25.—It is declared on seemingly good authority that Lord Kitchener, in his interview with Mr. Schalkbarger, the acting president of the Boers, agreed to withdraw the banishment proclamation issued in September if General De Wet and other Boer leaders surrendered.

In the house of commons yesterday the war secretary, Mr. Broderick, announced that a fortnight ago Mr. Schalkbarger intimated to Lord Kitchener his desire to be granted a safe conduct through the British lines and back, in order to see Mr. Steyn with reference to the possibility of peace proposals. Lord Kitchener, with the consent of the government, had acceded to the request. The announcement of the war secretary was greeted with cheers.

In a dispatch from Pretoria, made public last night, Lord Kitchener gives his usual weekly total of captures, but does not mention the Schalkbarger incident.

The Daily Chronicle this morning asserts that an armistice has been arranged pending the duration of Mr. Schalkbarger's mission to General De Wet, and that offensive operations against De Wet, Delarey and Botha will be suspended. The three generals have agreed to observe the armistice honorably until the return of the envoys to the Boer lines.

Amsterdam, March 25.—It is believed in Boer circles here that the move of Acting President Schalkburger is the result of a communication from the Boer representatives in Europe. A former member of the Transvaal government said last night:

"After the exchange of the Dutch-English notes a conference was called for February. This conference was attended by Mr. Kruger, Dr. Leyds and the delegates and it was decided to send six emissaries to South Africa by different routes, with dispatches for Steyn and Schalkbarger, giving them a detailed account of the situation. Documents lately received from Schalkbarger indicated that peace terms had been recently discussed by the leaders in South Africa, but the leaders declared they would not accept anything less than the terms demanded at Meddelburg by General Botha, February 28, 1901, and especially the point of complete amnesty for Cape rebels, because the greater part of the commandoes actually in arms are composed of Cape insurgents."

"The fact that the Boers in the field are inclined to compromise their demands for absolute independence," continued the speaker, "seems to be indicated by the plan Schalkbarger has outlined for the government of industrial centres. This consists of a British board of administration, with proportional Boer representation."

### HUNTING STABLE BURNED

Sixteen Valuable Horses Perished in Incendiary Fire at Etontown, N. J.  
New York, March 24.—The hunting stable of P. F. Collier, at Etontown, N. J., and 16 valuable hunting horses were burned before daylight yesterday, the total loss being about \$100,000. Saturday Mr. Collier entertained several friends, and about 10 o'clock at night took some of them out in his automobile. On their return they saw the hunting stable in a blaze. The party hurried home, but could not save the horses, among which was Mr. Collier's \$10,000 hunter, Greenfield. It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin. It is the third fire within two weeks, each destroying valuable property.

### Killed By Upsetting of Car.

Altoona, Pa., March 25.—Track Foreman George McCracken, with his gang of workmen, was descending the Pennsylvania and Northwestern railroad to Bellewood last evening on a handcar, when the car upset, throwing the men off. McCracken was instantly killed and Isaac Greener and Charles Bruner were seriously injured. Harry Estep and Madison Mulhollen were seriously injured. Following on another handcar was Assistant Foreman George Irwin, with a gang of five men. They ran into the wrecked car, but all the men escaped with slight injuries.

### Hon. W. R. Stroh Dead.

Mauch Chunk, Pa., March 24.—Hon. William Righter Stroh, aged 44 years, of this city, a member of the state house of representatives from Carbon county, died here yesterday after a lingering illness from Bright's disease. Mr. Stroh was a Republican. He stood high in many secret and benevolent societies, notably the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, of which he was past national representative and past national councillor.

### General Otis Retired.

Washington, March 25.—A vacancy in the list of major generals occurred today by the retirement of Major General E. S. Otis, commanding the department of the lakes. The second vacancy will occur July 21 next, by the statutory retirement of Major General John R. Brooke, commanding the department of the east.

### Cecil Rhodes' Condition.

Cape Town, March 25.—Cecil Rhodes had a fair night's rest last night, but there is no real improvement in his condition.

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FOR

## SPRING and SUMMER

Easter Display Occurs Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29

With a large stock and prices that must interest buyer, we are ready to welcome you. We do not invite your attention to a well selected stock of Milliner Goods, but other goods as well. Beautiful silks for waists, many different patterns no two alike, priced low as 50 cents per yard. Just think of it, \$1.75 yards of good washable silks, come and see it. Qualities in scores of patterns, desirable colorings, and white is especially beautiful and much worn. A lot of Ladies' white lawn shirt waists, handsomely trimmed, prices arranging from \$1.25 to \$2.35. Fine Sateen coats, well made, flounce and deep plaiting, \$1.25 a yard. A venture to say that never before has our entire line so complete.

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| Ladies' Fancy Neck-wear at all prices.       |  | Lace turn-overs, Linen collars, Boys' linen collars, Ladies' kid gloves guaranteed to wear, Ladies' vests, Lysle three sleeve, Ladies' short sleeve vests, Ladies' short sleeve vests, Ladies' short sleeve vests, Ladies' short sleeve vests, Ladies' chatline purses, 35c |
| Foundation collars, 15c each                 |  |   |
| Silk transparent stocks, 25c each            |  |   |
| Silk scarfs, 25c and 50c each                |  |   |
| Silk stocks, 80c                             |  |   |
| Linen turn-overs, embroidered in colors, 25c |  |   |
| Silk turn-overs, embroidered in colors, 25c  |  |   |
| Lace turn-overs, 15c                         |  |   |
| Lace turn-overs, 10c                         |  |   |

Embroideries in many new and exclusive designs of fine Swiss nansook, crmbrio or muslin, Laces, Torchous and Valenciennes in sets, beautiful dressings, all over laces in black, ecru, cream and Applique trimmings at prices ranging from 10c to \$1.85 per yd, colors white, ecru, cream, black and pearl buttons, all sizes.

- Centre-panels, doilies, flosses, veilings, silks, ribbons, velvet ribbons, all widths, lace curtains net with ruffles edged in lace, price \$2.25, 3 yds long. Other styles, 85c, \$1.25, \$1.85.
- Swiss curtain goods at 15c and 25c per yd. Brass rods at 10c and
- 15c; cotton tassels used for back curtains at 5c, 8c and
- Fine linen towels at 50c
- Fine linen towels at 25c
- Turkish towels at 20c
- Turkish towels at 40c
- Turkish wash rags at
- Turkish wash rags at

We hope to see our friends at our Easter show March 28 and 29.

**L. DUNKELBERGER**

### A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

**Wednesday, March 19.**  
Albert Smith, of Intercourse, Lancaster county, Pa., was struck by a train on the Pennsylvania railroad and fatally injured.  
Abraham Wildermuth, of Wilkes-barre, Pa., being despondent through illness, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.  
The Mississippi state institution for the deaf and dumb, at Jackson, was destroyed by fire yesterday, all the inmates being rescued by firemen.  
General Chaffee has appointed a commission to inquire into the official conduct of Major George B. Davis while acting as commissary of subsistence at Manila.  
**Thursday, March 20.**  
Nicaragua has negotiated in New York a loan of \$3,000,000 in gold on \$5,000,000 worth of gold bonds.  
The Baltimore syndicate which purchased the principal street car lines of San Francisco has paid over the sum of \$18,627,900.  
The Pennsylvania Council of American Steam Engineers will disband if the per capita tax is not reduced by the supreme council.  
The Twenty-fifth United States Infantry, now at San Francisco, will sail for the Philippines April 1.  
William O'Neill, of Philadelphia, was found in an unconscious condition on the street and died soon after being taken to a hospital. He is said to have been poisoned by "knock-out drops."  
**Friday, March 21.**  
Free delivery postal service will be established at St. Charles, Mo., July 1. Peru has accepted an invitation to participate in the St. Louis exposition, and will have an extensive exhibit.  
Professor J. G. Schurman, chairman of the first Philippine commission, died with President Roosevelt yesterday.  
Emperor William's yacht Meteor will be given a trial sail on March 28, and if all is well she will sail for Germany on March 30.  
The Methodist Episcopal Church and several other buildings at Kimball, W. Va., were destroyed by fire, caused by an explosion of coal oil.  
**Saturday, March 22.**  
The farms of Arkansas, June 1, 1900, aggregated 178,694 in number and \$135,182,170 in value.  
Labor interests will be heard on