

# FOR ONE WHOLE WEEK

ENDING DECEMBER 19th.

## ROCKERS

In wood seat, in cane seat, in wicker goods, in grass seat, leather seat, with leather backs, with upholstered backs, fancy carved and shaped wood rockers, and full leather Turkish rockers. Price \$1.00 to \$3.50.

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For Christmas gifts you do well to consult our stock and display, it is replete from basement to roof, in Lamps, China Ware, Desks, Glassware, Nickel and Silverware.

## COMFORT SALE BLANKET SALE

Our big stock of plain and fancy comfortable at very special prices this sale.

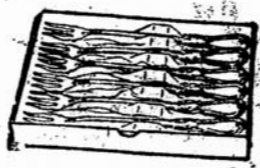
Regular \$1.25 this sale only... 90c  
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Regular \$1.50 this sale only... \$1.17  
Regular \$1.65 this sale only... \$1.30  
Regular \$1.85 this sale only... \$1.44

Better quality at 25 per cent from our usual prices this sale.

Store open Evenings Dec. 16th to 25th.

**R.R. Forward**  
HARDWARE & FURNITURE  
21st Avenue West on Superior Street.

## SILVERWARE



of all sorts. The finest and heaviest plating. The newest and finest designs of well known American factories.

Ten Spoons, per set, 75c to \$4.  
Sugar Shells at 75c, \$1 up to \$2.25.  
Cold Meat Forks, \$1 and up.  
Cream Ladles, \$1 and up.  
Child's Sets, knife, fork and spoon, per set, 25c, 35c up to \$2.50.  
Table Knives and Forks, per set \$2.50 to \$5.  
Nut Pick Sets, 25c to \$2.25.

## The Neighbors' Celebration

### FROM THE NORWEGIAN.

FROM the little house of the Latours came the sound of merry music that evening—music mingled with song and the noise of feet moving in time. At the back of the house, one was met by the fragrant odors from the kitchen. The good-for-nothing Pierre had come home again—Pierre, who had marched away, singing, one-half his fortune and had returned, ragged and unshaven, but still singing. Why should not his family celebrate the happy event? Money is a good thing, to be sure, but it forms a very small part of life. They were glad to have Pierre home again, and did not waste much thought on the money which he had failed to bring. It was, in fact, clean forgotten. The only thing they regretted was that, as soon as he was rested, he wanted to go away again—over the prairie, farther west, where there were not so many to make their fortune.

Brother Jean, with the big black beard and the broad shoulders, had laid aside \$40 for the winter; but at Pierre's return he had thrown one-half that amount on the table, and would gladly have given more if he had only an excuse to do so. And he, who had been in season and out of season, shared his money with all needy individuals, today had only \$10 to put on top of the other bills. It was one-half of his savings.

The cheerful, bustling mother gathered up all the money to pay the expenses of the celebration and bought new clothes for her long-lost boy. She knew that if she should need more, she had only to turn to her husband, they would be ready with the money; and when Pierre should be ready to start out again, all the brothers would be sure to smuggle something into his hand.

This was the Latour family; such was the mother and such the sons. The storekeeper, who owned the house in which the Latours lived, with his wife and beautiful niece, had been kind to the celebration, and the man only sneered, as he always did, and refused the invitation, in his own and family's name.

That evening he was sitting in the stuffy kitchen, grumbling over the music and laughter and dance at the neighbor's house. "The lunatics!" he muttered. "Worthless spendthrifts. They keep the whole neighborhood hopping over there instead of working for their bread."

"Yes, it is a perfect scandal," his wife agreed. "That big Jean gave \$2 the other day to our kurdien boy, because the boy was hungry and ragged. As if he wouldn't have to get used to living on the food he gets here! And his clothes are good enough for him. I should say. Then last week that snob Henri offered our stable boy \$3 a week more than we pay him. When I rebuked him he had the impudence to look me straight in the eyes and say what we offered him was only common wages, and that he would gladly pay that much to all able-bodied men who could help to get his timber to the railway station. I am sure that they must owe you money for groceries."

"No," the storekeeper answered, reluctantly. "They always pay cash. But after this celebration I shall be ragged. As if he wouldn't have to get used to living on the food he gets here! And his clothes are good enough for him. I should say. Then last week that snob Henri offered our stable boy \$3 a week more than we pay him. When I rebuked him he had the impudence to look me straight in the eyes and say what we offered him was only common wages, and that he would gladly pay that much to all able-bodied men who could help to get his timber to the railway station. I am sure that they must owe you money for groceries."

"The girl had been sitting listening to the merry sound of the violin and was a pretty girl, with a bright, courteous face, contrasting strangely with the sour, suspicious countenance of the two old people. She had been there only three months, but it had already come to an open breach between them. Elise had turned to draw aside the curtains in the front part of the house, and let the sun in. But her uncle had risen, and she could live in the kitchen, which was good enough for her."

There was a malicious expression in the eyes of the old man as he turned to her, but the girl was not abashed. "What I was saying?" she repeated calmly. "Is that it seems to me the Latours are much better than we are. And I never before heard any one call them crazy or spendthrifts or drunkards. I thought them hard-working, happy and generally loved in the neighborhood."

"Elise!" the old couple shouted with one accord. "Yes," she continued. "they must be richer than we. They have nicer clothes and live better than we do; and though their house is small, it is cozy. They use all the rooms, and don't let them go musty for lack of sun."

"Elise!" the sun had risen, and was pointing to the attic stairs. "Go to your rooms at once," she hissed. "Tomorrow you will get nothing to eat."

Elise also arose; her face was pale.

## UNION MAN IS SHOT FOR STRIKE BREAKER

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Mistaken for a strike-breaker, as the police believe, John Osuchowski, a trunk maker has been shot and killed.

The crime is attributed by the police to union tickets of the striking tanners of the American Hide & Leather company, whose principal plant is located a block from the scene of the shooting. No witness of the shooting has yet been found.

The district has been turbulent since the tanners strike began, a month ago. One man was shot soon after the trouble began. Pickets have surrounded the plant at all hours and non-union men have been escorted to and from their work under heavy guard.

The police found in Osuchowski's pockets a certificate of a deposit for \$1,000, \$60 in money and a gold watch. The victim left eight children and a widow, who have practically nothing but the money mentioned above.

He was a member of the trunk and bag makers' union.

## DENVER MEN WIN PARTIAL VICTORY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The interstate commerce commission has decided that the defendants in the case of George Kindel and the Denver chamber of commerce against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road, et al., are justified in maintaining lower rates from the Pacific coast to Missouri river points than to Denver on rice, hemp, baking powder, blankets, books, boots and shoes, chocolate, cocoa, and extracts, but that the rate should not be higher on the other commodities involved.

The commission also announced its decision in the case of Charles Roth, of New Orleans, against the Texas & Pacific railroad, holding that the railroad should amend its tariffs so as to provide for mixed car loads of lemons and pine apples, and that it should make reparation to complainant for the excess charge above the car load rate upon the shipment in question.

## JONES CALLS MEETING FOR JANUARY 12

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—James K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, today issued a call for the committee to meet at the Shoreham hotel in this city, Tuesday, Jan. 12, for the purpose of deciding upon the time and place of holding the Democratic national convention.

The text of Chairman Jones' call is as follows: "There will be a meeting of the Democratic national committee at the Shoreham hotel, in Washington, Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1904, at 12 noon, to fix the time and place of holding the Democratic national convention for the nomination of candidates for president and vice president of the United States, and for such other business as may come before the committee."

Chairman Jones has appointed Edmund Sifton as assistant secretary of the committee.

## DEADLY SMALLPOX IN DELAWARE

DOVER, Del., Dec. 9.—Dr. Alex. Lower, secretary of the Delaware state board of health, after an official investigation of the smallpox situation at Woodland, makes the following statement: "The place comprises seventy houses with in a radius of a mile. Up to date there have been 15 cases with six deaths. Of the remaining patients, two are in a critical condition and may die. The disease is of a very malignant form. The place is under strict quarantine and all precautions have been adopted."

## EARTHQUAKE FELT AT TACOMA, WASH

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 9.—Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt last night by people living at Enumclaw, at the base of Mount Rainier. The first shock lasted about fifteen seconds, the second less than five. No damage is reported.

## MINISTER RESIGNS

BELGRADE, Serbia, Dec. 9.—Finance Minister Badonovitch has resigned and has been succeeded by Dr. Pasic. This is believed to foreshadow a change in the entire cabinet.

Try S. I. Levin's XXX Columbian 1492 rye. It is the very best that can be had for family and medicinal purposes. At the old stand, 591 West Superior street.

## OCTOPUS SENDS UP PRICE OF OIL

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 9.—The Standard and Producer and Refiners' Oil companies today advanced the quotation of Pennsylvania oil three cents, bringing the price up to \$1.90, the highest since May, 1895. Tiona, Corning and New Castle were advanced three cents, while the lower grades were put up one cent. The gradual decrease in production, necessitating the drawing upon stocks, is said to be responsible for the advance.

## DRILL TAPS BIG UNDERGROUND LAKE

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 9.—In sinking an artesian well on a ranch six miles west of Cheyenne, the drill, at a depth of 265 feet, penetrated a lake or stream, and a column of water six inches in diameter spouted out to a height of forty feet. Soundings failed to find bottom. The flow is so great that it is estimated to be more than ample to supply the needs of the city of Cheyenne.

## WILL BRING PRISONERS TO AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A cablegram from Ambassador Choate at London, to the state department, says that two Croatian prisoners who were surrendered under extradition warrants for the murder of Paymaster Ferguson in Western Pennsylvania, have been delivered to the chief of police of Pittsburgh, and that the party sailed for the United States today.

## BRIDEGROOM A WEEK; SMALLPOX KILLS HIM

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—Stricken with smallpox on Thursday last, just one week after his marriage and while on his honeymoon, Frank Thistle of Orange, N. J., is dead at the municipal hospital. The wedding took place here on their tour the groom was stricken. He was a grandson of the late millionaire merchant, H. O'Neil of New York.

## ANOTHER ARREST IN SMUGGLING CASE

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Federal officers tonight arrested Richard Hardison, thirty-two years of age, who, it is alleged, was connected with the gang of smugglers whose operations were brought to light by the drowning of four Chinamen last Friday. Hardison is a fisherman.

Twelve arrests have been made in the Chinese smuggling case thus far.

## SQUIRES AT HAVANA

HAVANA, Dec. 9.—United States Minister Squires arrived here today from United States on a flying trip when half through with his vacation. Mr. Squires declined to disclose the object of his visit but he had an interview with foreign minister Falcdo in relation to Isle of Pines matters.

## SOME PENNSYLVANIA MINE ARE REDUCED

Reading, Pa., Dec. 10.—It is announced that the Somerset Coal Company, the W. K. Niver Coal Company and the Merchants' Coal Company, which own and operate a number of mines in the Myrside region, have decided to make a reduction of 10 cents a ton in the wages paid the miners. This cut will become effective Dec. 16. The three companies employ upward of 2,600 men.

## MEAT WORKERS VOTE DOWN BIG STRIKE PROPOSITION

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 10.—Two thousand organized meatworkers of Indianapolis have voted down a proposition to inaugurate a strike to secure the adoption of a new scale schedule. W. H. Sterling, of Chicago, vice-president of the international association, after a careful canvass of the situation, advised the men to postpone any radical action until next spring.

## UTAH COAL OPERATORS REFUSE OUTSIDE PROPOSALS

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 10.—All negotiations toward ending the coal miners' strike in Utah have been declared off, and so it is now a case of "the survival of the fittest." The operators, through President Kramer, declined to treat with the miners, and have so informed Governor Wells. The operators declare they will never recognize the union.

COX BROS.  
101 EAST SUPERIOR STREET.

## ARE DISSATISFIED WITH SETTLEMENT

### ARBITRATION MAY HURT STREET CAR MEN.

Afraid That Reductions Will Follow—Pres. Mahon Says Agreement Is a Distinct Gain. Men Fret at Better Than He Had Expected. Some Differences Over Wage Scale.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—There will always be a difference of opinion as to whether the strike of the South Side street car men of Chicago ended in defeat or victory. All but a handful of men accused of violence, were taken back. Financially the company was the loser. A careful estimate shows that at least \$300,000 was lost by the corporation in fare, and there were also losses by reason of the destruction of property; but this latter item was not great. The 2,600 men involved lost their wages less the amount of strike benefits they received. Their total losses will not exceed \$30,000, and divided among so many it is not a serious matter.

President Mahon before leaving for home at Detroit, Mich., remarked: "The men voted the strike and they called it off. The terms of peace were submitted to them and they accepted. I did my best for them. I believe the arbitration agreement a good one if both sides live up to it."

"The first section, dealing with wages, is a distinct gain for the men. The second, dealing with the routing of cars, is an absolute gain for them. The third, dealing with the treatment of the union, is satisfactory. The fourth, dealing with the meeting of the company and the union officials, now in force, and all the rest of the points are gains for the men."

Late in the week there were reports that the men had been "sold out," because the officials of the union met with some of the officials of the company and tried to privately reach an agreement. That there was nothing in it is shown by the fact that conditions were wrung from the company that it was very loath to give.

The point with which most fault is found relates to the wage scale. It opens up the entire question of wages, and some of the men fear that a reduction may be made in some places. Had not the strike ended as it did there was danger that other lines of industry would have been drawn into it, and it even might have involved the whole trade union movement, especially if the teaming interests had been locked out, as was the threat of some employers.

All the newspapers speak very highly of the generosity of President Mahon. He kept his temper, and neither blustered nor truckled.

## RAILROAD LABOR

A secret convention of officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen of the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad is in session this week in Philadelphia. The firemen have asked for the same pay under the new schedule of nine hours a day as they received when the car department of the Wabash system, at Decatur, Ill., have been reduced 10 per cent. It is expected that 150 men will be laid off.

The union Pacific railway management is reported to have discontinued the much-vaunted pension system which was meant to prove that the interests of the magnates and the workers were identical. It is dollars to doughnuts that this announcement will not be published as widely as was the pension scheme when it was originally sprung.

United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, a rival organization of the old brotherhoods, announces that last month six new lodges of engineers alone were formed.

The Philadelphia & Reading railway system has reduced the hours to eight with a corresponding reduction in pay. About 3,000 miles of Missouri Pacific track in southwestern Kansas and southwestern Missouri are without a section laborer except the foreman. The men quit work voluntarily upon receipt of the announcement of a cut in their wages.

From 4,000 to 5,000 men have been discharged by the United States Coal and Coke Co., at Welch, W. Va. No time has been set for their return. The company has a plant at Welch that is expected to be worth \$3,000,000, and the closing down of the plant and discharge of all employees has created widespread consternation all along the line of the Norfolk & Western railway in the coal field.

## COX BROS.

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## There is No Price Combine

Nor do we seek to pose as public benefactors, but owing to the recent reductions in wholesale prices, we are enabled to sell at retail at much lower figures.

We have never been so extortionate as to be troubled—at this late day—with the pangs of an accusing conscience, but have always given full value for the price paid. A conscience that is roused at intervals of a year or two seems to be a light asset—and of little value to its possessor or the public.

We shall meet all competition in prices, and sell as low as the lowest, quality considered.