

SPECIAL SALE.

BOYS' CLOTHING TO-MORROW, TUESDAY.

Commencing at 9:30 a. m. we will place on Special Sale in our Annex, THE BOYS' CLOTHING DEPT.

a second lot of those neat gray and black wool-mixed Boys' Short Pants Tweed Suits, sizes 8 to 14. These Suits are similar to the ones which we sold so many of at our last Special Sale at \$1 33 per suit. Our buyer, however, being fortunate in obtaining this lot at a lower figure than the last, we intend to give our customers the benefit, and offer them FOR TUESDAY ONLY at

\$1 18 Per Suit.

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WHY SHE WAS GRACIOUS.

A Lover Who Easily Fell Into a Trap.

She was particularly gracious that night, and he was correspondingly happy. He felt that he had made an impression at last, says "Harlem Life." She let him hold her hand a minute when she welcomed him, and he thought—in fact he was quite sure—that she responded to the gentle squeeze he gave it. And heretofore she had been so distant, so cold, although always courteous. Surely it was enough to make him feel happy. Then she laughed at his witticisms, and there was something in her manner that invited him to draw his chair closer to hers. Of course he accepted the invitation, and almost before he knew it he found himself whispering all sorts of silly things to her, while she listened with downcast eyes.

It was blissful, and yet there was a greater pleasure in store for him. She blushed and hesitated a little as she asked if he had a photograph of himself. Of course he had, and she should have one at once. She protested that that was not necessary, but he insisted. She should have anything that she wanted and have it at once.

She thanked him so coyly and sweetly when he brought it that the boy was nearly insane with joy, and when he left she let him hold her hand again for a minute.

Then, as he walked away with a light step and a light heart, she handed the photograph to her maid, and said with decision: "Mary, hang that in the servants' hall, where every one can see it, and remember that I am never at home when he calls. I must stop this thing somehow, and mamma changes servants so often he gets in every week or two now."

Mexican Haciendas.

These profitable haciendas, where sugar, coffee and cereals are grown, both the old and the new, are really feudal principalities in extent and authority. In the center of a tract of tens of

thousands of acres, only a small proportion of which is cultivated, is the owner's residence. If he is a Mexican (and comparatively few as yet are owned by foreigners), there is a church with a tall spire or tower near the house—a landmark for every dusty visitor—a store, and, grouped around the feudal dependents, the hacienda residence will be surrounded by a high adobe wall, and within are the various offices, courts, with tropical trees, plants and flowers and fountains.

The large and poor population of this domain are absolutely dependent upon the proprietor. Their dwellings are wretched, even for this climate; their wardrobe would make a rag market in any ghetto, and they are apt to be in debt to the proprietor, who gives them their wages in store pay, at a handsome profit. And yet, so far as I can see, it is a contented and cheerful population, both in country and city. There is an air of leisure everywhere; church festivals and holidays are frequent; every one has his siesta in the middle of the day; in small cities the shops close from 12 to 3; the tramways take a rest then also, and there is no appearance that laborers are driven in their tasks. You cannot hurry anybody. For "to-morrow" is always coming. It will thus be seen that it is a good country for the laboring men, who can wear anything that will hold together, eat anything that a cent will buy, sleep on a mat on the ground wrapped in his serape, and who has not been taught that if he has a piece of silver worth 50 cents it is his right to take it to the mint and have it coined into a dollar.—Charles Dudley Warner in Harper's Magazine.

During an invasion panic which spread through England, when some French Colonels addressed their Emperor, Napoleon III., in very fiery terms, a certain Yorkshire Colonel of volunteers distinguished himself by the following utterance at a local banquet: "Gentlemen, on behalf of my comrades, I can assure you that if Napoleon's Colonels should land at Spurn, the First East York Rifles will not be the last to flee," a declaration that remained as a joke against the regiment for many years.

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

EXTRACTS FROM EDITORIAL EXPRESSION.

State and Coast Opinions on Subjects of Living News Interest.

Fresno Republican: The San Francisco "Chronicle" says "the coming of 20,000 people from the other side of the continent to attend a convention at San Francisco may be a sign of hard times, but it is not sufficiently glaring to attract the notice of the calamity editor." It is a notable fact that a large majority of these visitors are not of the wealthy class, but plain people who depend upon their own exertions for a livelihood. If industrial conditions were not improving it is evident that there would not have been such an unexpected outpouring of people for a trip across the continent. The chronic calamity strikers will not admit it, but times are not the less slowly but certainly improving. The calamities sit like owls on a dead tree, blinking in the glowing light and croaking about gathering darkness. Better prices for agricultural products is at present the principal source of improvement, though others are contributing to it. It will take time for these beneficial conditions to permeate all classes and conditions of business, but it will come as surely as day follows night.

Los Angeles Herald: The Republican idea of reciprocity is retaliation. The new tariff law will make trouble with other countries and increase prices to home consumers. How such an objectionable policy is going to bring prosperity is hard to see.

IN NATIONAL CONFERENCE. San Jose Mercury: While Mr. Bryan is touring California in the interests of free silver and his standing candidacy for the Presidency, the People's party is holding a National conference at Nashville, and it is not an insignificant gathering. Twenty-five States are represented at this conference by 353 duly accredited delegates. It is a middle-of-the-road conference, composed of Populists who believe in the principles of the People's party, who are neither Democrats nor Republicans, who have partaken of the bitter fruits of fusion, and who are determined that henceforth they will stand or fall alone, true to their convictions, whatever may be the allurement held out to them by Mr. Bryan or the Democratic party.

Such, at least, is the conference in theory, and there is no doubt that in fact a majority of the delegates are earnestly opposed to fusion, as, like the members of the Populist Central Committee of San Francisco, they find it impossible to fuse among themselves. When, for example, Populist McDowell, of Tennessee, designated Populist Lindsey of the same State, as "a red-headed pap-sucker," when Populist Lindsey denounced Populist McDowell as "a bullet-headed buzzard," and when finally these two opponents of fusion began to smite each other with their canes the sentiment against fusion was so strikingly displayed that no doubt could be entertained of its sincerity.

But, seriously, the conference bodes good to Mr. Bryan's aspirations. It is the first step in the programme of the genuine Populists to cut loose from the entangling alliance made last year with the Bryan wing of the Democratic party and to return to first principles. They have not forgotten the false and humiliating position in which they were placed by being compelled to disown their own Vice-Presidential nominee and to support the sound-money candidate whose name the Bryanites with a reckless disregard of consistency placed upon their ticket. The breach between the fusion Populists and the straight Populists promises to be as wide and deep as that which separates the sound money Democrats from the free silver Democrats, and Mr. Bryan will have to make more than one tour of the country before he can succeed in conciliating differences the continuance of which must prove fatal to his political ambition.

A PROPHECY. Oakland Tribune: Bishop Potter of New York evidently does not believe in the Monroe doctrine. He voiced Hawaiian annexation sentiments at the dinner of the American colony in London on the Fourth, and prophesied that in 50 years America will have colonies as world-wide as those of John Bull.

WATSON AND BRYAN. San Diego Union: It is certainly unfortunate for Mr. Bryan that just as he is fully adrift on his tour of the country, Thomas Watson of Georgia should see fit to emerge from his retirement and launch himself once more in the field of politics. The Georgia gentleman has a peculiar gift of uttering unpleasant personalities. In this respect he is quite the peer of the famous Tillman. However, Mr. Watson has a grievance, and he has nursed it with so much care since last November that it has now assumed huge proportions. He thinks that he had shabby treatment at the hands of his professed friends during the last campaign, and there is no doubt that he has good cause to complain. His appearance just at this time is certainly not calculated to promote the boomist which Mr. Bryan is so industriously working up. Fusion of all the silver forces is the Nebraska dream, and Mr. Watson's abomination. The Georgian will do his best to prevent the consolidation that is now proposed, of Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans. Mr. Watson may not succeed in his purpose, but there is no question that before he again goes into retirement, he will have made things very sultry for certain gentlemen who used him as a political football during the late Presidential campaign.

A PROPANATION OF THE DAY. Los Angeles Times: If W. J. Bryan had been brought to Los Angeles to deliver a patriotic Fourth-of-July address, entirely dissociated from politics, he would have been welcomed, as a prominent citizen of the republic, by all citizens, irrespective of party ties. Inasmuch as he was brought here by a political faction on a mission carefully designed to have a political bearing, the welcome extended to him was the noisy and nervous welcome of political partisans, not the earnest welcome of the people at large. Those who thronged to hear his speeches and jostled each other through hours of heat and dust for the poor privilege of shaking hands with a defeated candidate for the Presidency, were either political sympathizers with his peculiar views or curiosity-seekers. The

latter class appear to have been considerably in the majority. The bringing of Bryan to Los Angeles on Independence Day to harangue the people on a discredited and moribund political issue was both a political mistake and a violation of good taste. If he had been brought here on any other day for such a purpose, it would have been a matter of interest only to his political supporters. But Independence Day belongs to no political party and to no particular class of citizens. It belongs to the whole people, and should be held sacred as a day of general rejoicing and of patriotic thanksgiving. Upon that day, partisanship should be forgotten name, and patriotism should be placed upon a pedestal. As free citizens, with a common love of country, we should unite in common and fervent devotions at the shrine of Liberty, forgetting all differences and pledging ourselves anew in earnest and unwavering loyalty to the best government beneath the sun.

A REQUEST. Stockton Independent: The full court of appeal in London has reversed the decision of a lower court in a case that involved the right of betting on horse races, but no appeals are allowed in England in cases where human life or liberty are at stake. The logic of that state of law is that the right to life or liberty is not so sacred as that of betting on a horse race. Will some admirer of the superiority of British law point out the reason for its setting up courts that are infallible when trying felony cases, but are not when merely gambling is involved?

A FOOL WOMAN. Santa Rosa Republican: Born to luxury, reared in idleness, physically handsome but intellectually weak—a Los Angeles woman has thrown herself away. This is the whole story. This woman was so silly as to imagine that her pretty face and figure and her wealth would give her a standing in society that is denied to other fallen women, or that she would live on to the end of her career in an intoxication of delight that would make her oblivious of the opinions of others. Her short race has been run. Now she is a thing despised and has awoken to her real condition. Without fixed moral principles that should have been her wifely shield under all circumstances, she has defied decency and must suffer the consequences. It is a pity she did not have more sense, but others are as foolish as she. They may be less conspicuous, but when they step aside from the paths of virtue their fall is just as sure.

CAUSE FOR CONGRATULATION. Alameda Enquirer: San Francisco is felicitating herself over the fact that Independence Day had a good and adequate public observance, fully equal to anything of the kind ever seen in that city; and that the entire expense to the public was but \$3,000—the amount contributed by the Board of Supervisors. Time was when the same mentioned, which for years has been the regular city appropriation, was but a nucleus for the raising of several times that amount. Time was, too, when the parties on the "inside" of the management of these celebrations managed to realize enough personally from them to keep them in clover for several months of the year.

ALL THE SAME 16 TO 1. Vacaville Reporter: Quite a number of our contemporaries are running columns devoted to the single tax. We wonder how many of them represent

the faith that the single tax is the panacea for the ills of the age, and how many, on the other hand, run the matter because it is a sort of a fad.

"THE LAND OF PROMISE." Red Bluff People's Cause: This is the title given to a book of about 150 pages describing the resources of California, issued by the State Board of Trade. W. H. Mills, Chairman of the Committee on Publication, allots the task of telling about the varied resources of the land of promise to thirty well-known writers, each of whom has special knowledge of the department entrusted to him. Mr. Mills introduces California as a kind of enigma to the forty-niners. "The agricultural and horticultural possibilities of California were," says Mr. Mills, "a sealed book to the pioneer population of the State. The seasons for seed time and harvest were new and strange." The almanac which served a purpose in New England could not be consulted to advantage in California. Rain did not come when the old almanac told the people to look out for it. Nature blossomed out in December and went into half-mourning in June. This was an innovation upon the old order, but in time the pioneers understood the meaning of things. "At this day," says Mr. Mills, "the art of horticulture, as practiced in California, is not known elsewhere in the world."

Women's Meetings. Those of us who belong to clubs and societies—and what woman does not nowadays?—are often struck with the remarkable waste of time in the meetings of women's boards and committees. It is not that the members are generally unpunctual—one or two unbusinesslike members, of course, can be counted on to arrive from ten minutes to a half an hour late; but as the meeting commences without them they are the only ones that lose the time. No, the waste is in the number of hours spent in doing what might be thoroughly and completely done in half an hour if only irrelevant suggestions, tedious discussions and useless business were ruled out. Why is it necessary for a committee meeting once a month and having several able sub-committees to spend an entire morning from 10 to 1 o'clock discussing not only what has been done and what is to be done, but also, with infinite particularity, what might be done, what had better not be done, and what other clubs in other circumstances find it wise to do? This is not a fancy picture. How often one hears the familiar dialogue between two women: "You did not get to the meeting this morning." "No, I knew it would take the whole morning, from breakfast to lunch, and I could not spare three hours of the best part of my day. If it had been one hour long—but three, I just couldn't do it! What did you do?" "Oh, about the same thing as usual. We heard committee reports and the regular order of business, and—well, then Mrs. B—talked about new members (what she always says, you know), and we had a discussion as to when the dues ought to be paid each year." "Why, we discussed that in joint ses-

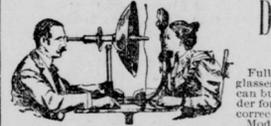
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sion two months ago, and I think it was settled." "Yes, but we had it all over again this morning. And then that old subject, the rentals of the assembly-room, took up the rest of the time." "That! Why, it was referred to the Committee on Rentals, with power to act, long ago!" "It was all reopened this morning, anyway." "What did the board decide?" "Oh, they referred it back again to the Committee on Rentals, after all."

And so it goes. We spend precious time wastefully, lay ourselves open to criticism, and accomplish no more—nay, not as much as an hour of concentrated, clear, direct attention to business would effect. It is all very well to say that Congress, where there are no women, does very much the same sort of thing. It is each Congressman's daily work, to which he must make all other occupation subservient; and, besides, since women claim superiority, why not make a beautiful object-lesson right here in a field open to us all?—Harper's Bazar.

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THE BIG STORE. THE NONPAREIL. THE BIG STORE. SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE.

MONDAY, July the 12th, we begin our first Summer Clearance Sale in THE BIG STORE, a merchandising event, which, owing to its numberless economies, represented in extraordinary values and extreme low prices, has caused these half-year occasions to be waited for by many. These sales are far-reaching in purpose, and the whole country has an interest in them. Our aim at this time is to assist our buyers in the East, and those on the eve of going, by making room to receive and place their fall purchases, which will soon begin to arrive. To that end every iota of stock has been gone through, and each department will show the result of the price cutting. Remember there is a charm in first choice, and there's no choice but to save money under this trade condition.

Colored Dress Goods. Space only permits of speaking of our big dress goods stock in sections. You'll find it interesting to look into the following price attractions for Monday. 19c instead of 25c. 30 pieces 36-inch silk and wool Cheviot Mixtures in the season's best assorted shades. All new stuffs and surprising values. Clearance Sale Price, 19c yard. 25c instead of 50c. 50 pieces 38 and 40-inch Cheviot Mixtures in even or broken checks and mixed effects, all wool and popular fabrics. Clearance Sale Price 25c yard. 45c instead of 75c. 20 pieces of Novelty Checked Suitings, 42 to 44 inches wide, very popular for separate skirts and make stylish fall costumes. These are imported fabrics and pure wool. Clearance Sale Price, 45c yard. 12 1/2c instead of 25c. 50 pieces Fancy Printed Princess Cashmere, a beautiful weave for summer wear in Persian effects and new colorings. A soft, clinging fabric for evening or general wear. Sale Price, 12 1/2c yard. Black Dress Goods. 75c instead of \$1 25. 10 pieces 48-inch Black Silk Luster Mohair Grenadine in handsome designs of pattern suited for full suit. One of the season's most popular fabrics. Clearance Sale Price, 75c yard. 55c instead of \$1 00. 5 pieces 46-inch Black Silk Luster Grenadine, handsome illuminated floral designs, mingled with the lace effect, makes up beautifully over silk or colored linings. Clearance Sale Price, 55c yard. Seasonable Silks. Best quality, twilled Foulard Silks in grounds of navy, brown, olive, myrtle, with the new designs in scrolls of white; 24 inches wide. Clearance Sale Price, 85c a yard. Light shades in Brocaded India Silks in shades of lavender, red, gray and corn; pretty for fancy evening waists or dresses; 24 inches wide. Clearance Sale Price, 65c a yard. Black Brocaded Silks for separate skirts or dresses in new designs and excellent values at \$1 50 yard. Clearance Sale Price, \$1 a yard. Fancy Silks in stripes and figured effects in soft finished Taffetas, very desirable for waists, skirts or linings; splendid values. Clearance Sale Price, 55c a yard. Women's Tailored Suits. All-Wool Serge Suits, in navy and black, fly front or bolero style coats, silk lined, latest cut skirt, properly lined, bound and graceful in hang; \$7 50 values. Clearance sale price, \$4 98. \$5 50 instead of \$10. This lot represents \$10 values in strictly stylish and well-made costumes, all wool, bolero and fly front coats, silk lined, some braided. Your pick from many colors at clearance sale price, \$5 50. Crash Skirts. Women's Crash Skirts, cut seven gore, with five-inch hem. Popular garments for cycling or outing; \$3 value. Clearance sale price, \$1 95. House Wrappers. Women's Wrappers, in lawn, dimity and percale, in light, medium and dark shades; neat pattern, full cut; sell regular for \$1 75. Clearance sale price, \$1 25. Shirt Waists. These were exceptional value at their greater price; made of splendid quality percale and dimity; neat patterns of the season's best colorings. They'll go rapidly at the clearance sale price, 50c each. Kid Gloves. 68c instead of \$1. Four-Button Dressed Kid Gloves in shades of mode, pearl and red; perfect in points and an always popular glove. Clearance sale price, 68c. 95c instead of \$1 50. Eight-button Mosquetaire style Kid Glove, an ever dressy style; splendid kid; colors, tan, mode, gray and brown. Clearance sale price, 95c. Fancy Neckwear. 75c instead of \$1 85. Fancy Collars for women, made from two-toned chiffon in delicate shades, trimmed with lace and ribbons; very attractive pieces. Clearance sale price, 75c. Fancy Ribbons. 15c yard. Fancy Ribbons, suited for sashes, neck ribbons and millinery purposes; wide widths, graduated stripes, with bright satin edge, and gauze ribbons with beautiful contrasting colors of taffeta stripes. Your choice from 100 pieces at 15c yard. Hosiery. Women's Fine Ribbed Tan Hose, double heel and toe; excellent values for 25c per pair. Clearance sale price, 15c pair. Women's Tan Lisle Thread Hose, plain or drop stitch, fine and full finished; colors to match shoes; 50c values. At clearance sale price, 25c pair. Children's One-by-one Ribbed Fast-black, Finished-seam Cotton Hose, with double heel and toe. Clearance sale price, 9c, 10c and 15c per pair, according to quality. Under Vests. Women's Undervests, eru cotton, high neck, with long or quarter sleeves; splendid 25c values at clearance sale price, 17c each. Muslin Underwear at Greatly Reduced Prices. Women's Gowns made from standard muslin and cambric, neatly trimmed with embroidery, insertion, tucks and ruffles. Gowns which sold from 75c to \$2 the garment reduced in the clearance sale to 48c, 62c, 75c, 89c, 98c, \$1 10, \$1 25 and \$1 45. All new, fresh goods. Women's Muslin Drawers, splendid grade of muslin, full cut, trimmed with wide embroidery, ruffle headed with cluster of tucks. Sold regular for 65c to \$1 50. Reduced clearance sale prices are 48c, 62c, 75c, 98c and \$1 18 per pair. Domestic Items. Wash Goods always find ready takers at our sales. We'll place before you each day a few new attractions, as space will not permit of a great list at once. Organdies. All of our imported Organdies have been gone through and separated in four lots. They are of summer's choicest patterns, on delicately tinted or white grounds, sheer, bright and pretty. These are all our 40c and 50c goods in this line. We have left four lots—four prices, 15c, 18c, 25c and 29c yard. Gingham. Checked Domestic Gingham, standard brands, for aprons, children's dresses, sunbonnets, etc.; blue, brown, green, pink checks. Sale price, 4c yard. English Percales. Thirty-six-inch English Percales in '97's newest patterns and colors, for shirt waists, shirts, boys' blouses or wrappers. Clearance sale price, 10c yard. Sateens. Figured Sateens in medium and dark colors, pretty contrasting colors in neat patterns; make a suit for summer or house wrapper; soft and genteel. The regular 15c quality. Clearance sale price, 9c yard. Toilet and Stationery Department. Hair Tonic.—"Napier" Eau de Quinine for cleansing the scalp, strengthening the hair and preventing the same from falling out. Small size, 10c; large size, 25c. "Witch Hazel."—An indispensable family remedy for burns, cuts, sprains, scalds, etc. Large size bottle, 9c. Perfumes.—One-half-ounce bottle Frippe Extract; good quality; in all odors. 29c bottle. Black Rubber Dressing Combs, extra heavy, 12c each. Toilet Soap—"Quaker"—a good quality milled soap, nicely perfumed, three cakes in box for 10c box; also, an assorted line of good quality Toilet Soaps at 3c cake.

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