

say?" Lower still he sank, like a beaten dog, but made no sound. "It was his," she moaned, "and his father's before him. Nay, shake not thy head, then, thou wretched hound! It was his, I say, I could tell it among a thousand. Are not these his very own marks upon it? It was his, his lucky piece, and he carried it always, sleeping and waking, as his father had before him; and not all the world could wash his charmed, his holy charm, and protection. They said no mortal hurt could come to him the while he kept it. Oh, how I've wondered and wondered, when they said it was not there, how he had come to lose it! Oh, John, John! what has this old man done? Her voice died upon the air, and she again and again, while the figure at her feet sank groveling to the earth. He raised one hand in feeble supplication, but she spurned him aside. "What hast thou done?" she asked him fiercely. "Take it—take it all!" he moaned. "But what hast thou done?" "Oh, take it—take it—I have no more!" "Take it?" she shrieked. "Take it? Take the robings of dead men's souls? Take the bones of dead men's flesh? Thou vile, thou wretched hound! They have often said it of thee, and I would not believe it and told 'em they lied. But now I know it! Thou hast robbed him—aye, even him!—thou hast robbed him of his holy charm! Oh, how do I know, thou mayest even have robbed him of his life!" His head was down on the wet ground now, but still he moaned, "Take it—take it all!" She seized the cords of the cloth, flung his treasure to the ground beside him and slammed the door of the door. He heard her last words from within, "Never again let me behold thy face, thou vile corpse-eating wolf! Off, quick, to thy den, out of the sight of human folk. The horrible even to touch that thou hast touched, and then there was nothing but wild sobbing, mingled strangely with the howling of the wind around him. Long after the sound of the sobbing within had subsided the old man lay there with his burning brow on the cold stone. Excited and then there had once more grasped the treasure, he had not stirred. At last his dog, tempted by the inexplicable silence, stole up the garden path till he found his master lying there and thrust his black muzzle against his face. The old man moved, and then he slowly raised himself, crept away, carrying his money with him. At the end of the lane he stood and listened. The storm still raged, but it was ebb tide now, and the sea had altered its tone. The wind was filled with a seething hum, through which he heard the savage rattle of pebbles drawn down in the undertow. At the sound of it he knew that there was nothing more to be done, and a dull hopeless despair took hold of him. So he turned round and went up the road and went towards the headland. Through all the darkness he could see the gleaming white waters draw to and fro amid the rocks, and he crawled painfully down until he was so near that several times the sea flung broad floes of foam upon him. But still he struggled on, till he reached the great ledge of rocks which overhang the deep water. There he clambered to their outermost edge and stood facing the tempest. Then, with one great effort he flung the bundle he carried far out into the wild confusion. The cords gave way, and the coins, scattering, fell in a precious shower and passed without a trace into the seething flood. In another instant, as if in response to a wizard's spell, a great surge burst suddenly upon him, and he was swept and swept tumultuously over the edges. Next day the heads and tongues of the Abbess folk were kept fully occupied. A vessel had gone ashore in the night, and in spite of the efforts of the life boat men, two men were carried away. "More work for our old Conger," said the fishermen. But at a coast guardman came in with strange news. He had heard the yelping of a dog among the great rocks toward the headland and had gone to investigate. He had seen a man's feet, and just below, tightly wedged in among the boulders, was the dead body of the old man himself. "Whatever could he have been up to at that side of the town?" asked several voices. "Nay, I can't understand that," replied the coast guardman. "It must have been the first and last time he ever went there."—Macmillan's Magazine.

ON SALE MONDAY. Ladies' Shirt Waists. Monday we shall place on sale more of those made of percale, with detachable collars, at 25c Each.

Dress Goods Department. Advance Spring Styles. Truckloads after truckloads of new spring goods are arriving daily. We mention here some of the new things we are showing in spring dress goods.

Half Flouncings. We have picked out a lot of regular stock a lot of Fine White Half Flouncing, some hemstitched and embroidered work, some with scalloped edge of swiss and nainsook. Regular prices, \$1 and \$1.50. SPECIAL PRICE, 50c yard.

Ladies' Purses. Fine line of Ladies' Hand Purses, with strong spring clasp; goods that sold regularly at 50c and 75c. SPECIAL PRICE, 25c each.

46-inch, two tone covert, with cloth finish, in beautiful color combinations of light blue and gold, green and heliotrope, blue and gray, light blue and tan, blue and cardinal; 75c yard.

We are showing a few advance styles in imported pattern suits, no two alike; from \$7 to \$15 each.

New Draperies. Our new draperies are a marvel for variety of designs and colorings; the stock at present is by far the largest we have ever shown. Silklines, plain, all shades, a very rich quality, 10c yard.

Advance Showing of New Ribbons. We have just placed in stock a beautiful line of Roman Striped Ribbons in No. 7, 9 and 12. In the new popular color combinations, 20c, 25c and 30c yard. New fancy check or plaid hair ribbon, 1/2 inch wide, 5c yard.

SOME RAMBLING THOUGHTS.

By "Nemo." (Copyrighted by Dawe & Taber.) At Washington: Speaking with a certain amount of reserve, it is generally true that our understanding of an event in its relation to other events is increased by distance. For instance, let me suggest that we understand the voyage of the Mayflower, the settlement of Massachusetts, the expulsion of Roger Williams, the migrations westward from Virginia and New England—all these things, in their relations to other events and in their effects, much better than did the actual participants. So also of men. In the case of really great ones it needs a certain amount of distance to measure their works and to strip them of any false glamor of praise or gloom of blame. As with a General in the hands of his valet, those in constant association with the great feel too often that clothes and chance make the hero; or if they do fall now see in the admitted one, they fail to see any detraction from his loftiness, for both love and friendship are blind (many of us can thank fortune for that, or else we had been reckoned as naught long ago).

The Final Argument.

A man now old in the public service tells this among his early experiences. "I inherited a taste for politics and began fighting the battles of my party before I was old enough to hold office. I had no sooner reached my majority than I was given a nomination to the Legislature as the result of good management on the part of my friends. "It was a close district and feeling ran high. There was a loyal and powerful fellow attached to our family by so much per month, who had taught me to ride, how to handle a gun, how to fish, how to swim, how to handle a bat and how to do many other things that are a source of pleasure as well as health to a boy. Had any one intimated to him that there had been a Daniel Webster or a Henry Clay who was smarter than myself, there would have been more trouble than any man would care to encounter single-handed. "I had canvassed all of my district except a mining section where the opposition was almost solid. There, I heard, some smart old campaigners were to be present for the purpose of tangling me and destroying the influence of my eloquence. I confided my fears to Jake, who was as faithful to me as a dog, wherever I went. He had nothing to say, but he was evidently thinking with all his ability. "When I had completed my speech to the miners I followed an inviolable custom by offering to answer any question that might be asked. Promptly a well-dressed man whom I knew to be one of the shrewdest and most formidable stumpers in the State started for the platform. At the top step he met by Jake, who looked as solemn as an owl as he knooked the political manipulator half way across the hall. Addressing a public audience for the first time, Jake said: 'Is there any other gent as would like to ask a few questions?' No one did. The miners shouted their delight and I had an easy victory, for which Jake was entitled to chief credit."—Detroit Free Press.

A Mild and Balmly Joke.

Sheriff of Frozen Dog—I hear you shot a Injun yesterday. Such things don't go round here no more, an' I want yer to understand it. Bronco Pete (apologetically)—Oh, I didn't shoot him to hurt him any—three times in the right leg—an' once or twice through the left—that was all. "Twan't nothin' but a Joke."—Judge.

Waiting for a man to propose is even more tiresome than waiting for a street car.

Buying at these prices is not spending money—simply investing it where it will bring large returns. The short purse has a long reach here—the great money-saving center. MONDAY'S SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS:

Ladies' Aprons. Ladies' White Cambric Aprons, well made and full size, splendid value. SPECIAL PRICE, 12 1/2c each.

RUGS. Our entire stock of Rugs to be closed out preparatory to receiving our new stock, expected in a few days. Smyrna Rugs, fringed, both sides alike. Size 16x32, worth 70c, sale price, 49c. Size 18x36, worth \$1, sale price, 70c. Size 26x54, worth \$2, sale price, \$1.35. Size 30x60, worth \$2.50, sale price, \$1.70. Size 36x72, worth \$3.50, sale price, \$2.45.

Men's White Shirts. Old Men's White Shirts, open front, fine pleats, 2200 fine linen bosom, with or without collars attached; all sizes. SPECIAL PRICE, 75c each.

Men's Underwear. Men's Ribbed Cotton Underwear, fleece lined, color gray, medium weight; all sizes; worth 50c. SPECIAL PRICE, 27 1/2c each.

Gents' Neckwear. Club-House Ties, full band, rich silk, fine, select patterns; regular value, 50c. SPECIAL PRICE, 25c each.

Face Powder. The well-known brand of Face Powder, Pin-aud's Roman; former price, 25c. SPECIAL PRICE, 10c box.

Fancy Plates. Fine line of China Plates, in 6, 7 and 8 inch, all with hand-painted decorations; regular 75c, \$1 and \$1.25 value. SPECIAL PRICE, 50c each.

Lead Pencils. Cedar Wood Lead Pencils, with rubber eraser; good leads. SPECIAL PRICE, 5c dozen.

Banoline. 2-ounce bottles of Banoline in Rose Odor and Braun, excellent for the hair. SPECIAL PRICE, 5c bottle.

Men's Crush Hats. Men's Blue and Brown Crush Hats, large shape, low set brim. SPECIAL PRICE, 38c each.

ANOTHER GREAT CUT IN SHOES! On Sale Commencing Monday. NOTE THE GREAT REDUCTIONS:

Men's Best Patent Leather Lace Shoes, leather tops, and lace shoes, good heavy, all tipped. \$1.50 to \$2.00. SPECIAL PRICE, 50c.

Boys' Good Veal Calf Button and Lace Shoes, good heavy soles. Screwed bottoms. Nothing shoddy. All have wide toes and tips. Sizes 4, 5 and 6 1/2. \$1.50 to \$2.00. SPECIAL PRICE, 50c.

Mixed lot of Misses' and Boys' Shoes, consisting of goat, kid and bronze. All with tips on toes and spring heels. Cheaper than cost of repairing the old ones. Sizes 1 1/2 to 2. \$1.50 to \$2.00. SPECIAL PRICE, 50c.

Lot of Ladies' Quilted Felt Slippers in brown, blue and black. All leather soles. Coin toes. Nice warm House Slipper. Sizes 2 1/2 to 3. \$1.50 to \$2.00. SPECIAL PRICE, 50c.

Small lot of Ladies' Kangaroo Calf Button Shoes, square toes, patent tips, low heels. Good school shoe for young ladies. Sizes 2 to 4 1/2. \$1.50 to \$2.00. SPECIAL PRICE, 50c.

Large lot of Ladies' Dark Chocolate Kid Lace Shoes, fancy velted cloth top, coin toes, good solid soles. All sizes. \$1.50 to \$2.00. SPECIAL PRICE, 50c.

Ladies' Dark Chocolate Kid Button Shoes, kid tops, coin toes and pretty shape tip. A good general shoe. Any size and E.E. widths. \$1.50 to \$2.00. SPECIAL PRICE, 50c.

Assortments of Misses' Tan and Black Southern Ties, Oxford, Square and pointed toes, turned soles, spring heels. Sizes 11 to 13. \$1.50 to \$2.00. SPECIAL PRICE, 50c.

HALE BROS & CO., 825 to 835 K Street.

COMMERCIAL.

SPOT WHEAT IS STEADY AT UNCHANGED PRICES.

Barley Options Advance Sharply and Are Fairly Active—Spot Firm at Quotations. Spot Wheat is steady at unchanged prices; futures are higher; the Chicago market jumped about at a lively pace today, May opening at 1 1/2, advancing to 1 1/8, and closing at 1 1/8; two cargoes cleared yesterday, one for Cork, the other for South Africa; another cargo down to-day from Port Costa for Cape Town. Spot Barley is unchanged, firmly held at quoted prices; options advanced sharply and are fairly active. No changes in Oats; small arrivals to-day; market steady. Corn is quiet at previous figures. Hay is firm at unchanged prices; buyers hesitate to pay the price, but holders are firm, and some ask an advance on our figures. Bran and Middlings are lower, under an easier demand and liberal receipts. Apples are weak; large stocks and slow trade; what little business exists is for the medium-price stock. Fair call for Oranges at unchanged prices. Fresh arrivals of Mexican Limes are on the market; the steamer brought 30 cases to a bare market. Butter is gradually declining; stocks are accumulating; ability to buy houses fairly well cleaned up. Store Eggs are ready, the market having been fairly well cleared on order from the North; ranch do not move well.

Produce Quotations.

WHEAT—Net cash prices for Family Flour, 9 1/2 nominal. Extra, \$1.00. WHEAT—Shipping, \$1.41 1/2 per ctn for No. 1 and No. 2. Red, \$1.42 1/2. Black, \$1.43 1/2. Small Yellow, \$1.44 1/2. Large Yellow, \$1.45 1/2. Small White, \$1.46 1/2. Large White, \$1.47 1/2. Middlings—\$2.25 per ton. Bran—\$1.25 per ton. CLIPPED OATS—\$1.25 per ton more than the whole article, as to quality. RYE—\$1.45 per ctn. CORN—\$1.25 per bushel. POTATOES—\$1.25 per bushel. SWEET POTATOES—\$1.25 per bushel. CABBAGE—\$1.25 per head. CAULIFLOWER—\$1.25 per head. LETTUCE—\$1.25 per head. CARROTS—\$1.25 per bushel. BEANS—\$1.25 per bushel. PEAS—\$1.25 per bushel. ONIONS—\$1.25 per bushel. SWEET POTATOES—\$1.25 per bushel. CABBAGE—\$1.25 per head. CAULIFLOWER—\$1.25 per head. LETTUCE—\$1.25 per head. CARROTS—\$1.25 per bushel. BEANS—\$1.25 per bushel. PEAS—\$1.25 per bushel. ONIONS—\$1.25 per bushel.

Rescued From the Sioux.

In the Children's Home at Sioux Falls, S. D., is a bright-faced maiden who last fall was found lying among the Sioux Indians at Cherry Creek, a tributary of the Upper Missouri. She was taken from the Indians through the efforts of the Rev. O. H. Sprout of Pierre, and Senator Kyle, and an endeavor is now being made to find her relatives, if relatives she has. Had her presence among the Indians not been discovered when it was she would by this time have been the squaw of one of the braves of the tribe. Her Indian name is Swift Paven. It is supposed that her parents were killed by Sitting Bull, by whom she was brought up. The only clew to the relatives of the child is a small linen handkerchief, marked with the name of Russell, and a little silver drinking mug, upon which is engraved the name Luella. She prefers to be called Anna, and so, at the Children's Home, is known as Anna Russell. She is a ward of the Government.—Philadelphia Record.

How It Affected Her.

Dr. Brown's—I am surprised, Mrs. Brown, to hear you say that you are a martyr to biliousness. You are the picture of health, and don't look as if you were subject to it.

MEAT MARKET.

Following are the rates for whole carcasses from slaughterers to dealers: BEEF—First quality, 65c; second quality, 55c; third quality, 45c per lb. PORK—Large hogs, 25c; small hogs, 20c per lb. LAMB—Live hogs, 25c per lb for medium and medium and 4 1/2c for large; dressed, 65c per lb. OATS—Poor to fair, 1 1/2c; fair to good, 1 3/4c; good to choice, 1 7/8c; fancy feed, 2 1/4c. RICE—\$1.25 per ctn. CORN—\$1.25 per bushel. POTATOES—\$1.25 per bushel. SWEET POTATOES—\$1.25 per bushel. CABBAGE—\$1.25 per head. CAULIFLOWER—\$1.25 per head. LETTUCE—\$1.25 per head. CARROTS—\$1.25 per bushel. BEANS—\$1.25 per bushel. PEAS—\$1.25 per bushel. ONIONS—\$1.25 per bushel.

Closing Grain Quotations.

WHEAT—March, 87c; July, 85c; September, 83c. WHEAT—May, \$1.00; October, 95c. WHEAT—December, 81c; May, \$1.42 1/2. RYB—May, \$1.05. CORN—\$1.25 per bushel. POTATOES—\$1.25 per bushel. SWEET POTATOES—\$1.25 per bushel. CABBAGE—\$1.25 per head. CAULIFLOWER—\$1.25 per head. LETTUCE—\$1.25 per head. CARROTS—\$1.25 per bushel. BEANS—\$1.25 per bushel. PEAS—\$1.25 per bushel. ONIONS—\$1.25 per bushel.

SACRAMENTO MARKET.

Week Closes With a Fair Day's Trade in Produce Circles. The week closed with a very fair day's trade in local produce circles. The week as a whole, however, has been very quiet. Following are the retail prices for the various articles mentioned: PLUMS—\$1.25 per bushel. PEACHES—\$1.25 per bushel. APPLES—\$1.25 per bushel. ORANGES—\$1.25 per bushel. LEMONS—\$1.25 per bushel. BANANAS—\$1.25 per bunch. GRAPE FRUIT—\$1.25 per bunch. PINEAPPLES—\$1.25 per bunch. WATERMELONS—\$1.25 per piece. CUCUMBERS—\$1.25 per bushel. EGGS—\$1.25 per dozen. BUTTER—\$1.25 per lb. CHEESE—\$1.25 per lb. SWEET POTATOES—\$1.25 per bushel. CABBAGE—\$1.25 per head. CAULIFLOWER—\$1.25 per head. LETTUCE—\$1.25 per head. CARROTS—\$1.25 per bushel. BEANS—\$1.25 per bushel. PEAS—\$1.25 per bushel. ONIONS—\$1.25 per bushel.

ON SALE MONDAY. LADIES' GOWNS. Ladies' White Muslin Gowns, trimmed in pretty embroidery; very pretty styles; well made and all sizes. Special Price, 50c Each.

Parties going to Klondike will find it profitable to visit our Klondike Outfit Department before purchasing anything in this line. We mention here only a few of the many things suitable for the Alaska gold fields:

KLONDIKE Brown Duck Coats, blanket lined, Mackinaw lined and COATS, some with rubber interlining. Some with snaps and rings, others with buttons. A large assortment to select from at \$1.50, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5 and \$5.50. Brown Corduroy Sack Coats with storm collar, double-breasted. Heavy Mackinaw lined, \$9.

Good Klondike Mackinaw Coat, made with large collar, patched pockets, turned and felled seams, at \$5.50. Same in blue, \$5. Black Leather Sack Coats, leather collar, with corduroy lining. Sheep felt lined with wool left on, \$11. Australian Goat-skin Coat, a warm number, \$7.50. Fancy Mackinaw Coat, wide collar, inside canvas lined pocket. Strap at throat, \$5.

Black Leather Coat, corduroy lined, reversible, in sack style, \$6.50. Blue Chinchilla Coats and Vests, made extra warm, \$5, \$7.50 and \$10. Double-breasted Brown Mackinaw Coats with wide belt, \$5, \$6, \$7 and \$7.50. OIL AND RUBBER GOODS. Men's Oil Coats, short, 90c and \$1; sack, \$1.50; 2.50 and \$3. Rubber Caps with capes and throat protectors, 25c. Rubber pants, \$1.50. Rubber Sacks for food in three sizes, 65c, 75c and \$1.40. Rubber Mitts, gauntlet, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Short Mitts, \$1 and \$1.25.

KLONDIKE Men's Mackinaw Pants, blue, \$4.50 and \$5; brown, \$4.50, \$5 and \$6; gray, \$3.25 and \$3.50. Duck Pants, blanket lined, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Corduroy, Mackinaw lined, \$5. Duck, Mackinaw lined, \$5.

KLONDIKE Heavy Klondike Overshirts in assorted colors and OVERSHIRTS, prices range at \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50 each. UNDERWEAR. Heavy Klondike Underwear at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 garment. Buckskin Undershirts, \$5 each.

HOSE. Klondike Hose in black, gray and striped, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50. HOODS. Pelt Fleece Hoods, lace front, \$1. Duck Hoods with throat and shoulder protectors, \$2.50.

EXTRA Black Leather Double-breasted Vests, corduroy lined, reversible, side, \$4. Pelt Vests with wool on, \$3.50. Canvas Vests with blanket lined, 90c and \$1. BLANKETS. A large line of extra size and extra heavy weights at \$8, \$10, \$12, \$18 and \$20.

GLOVES. Buck Mitts, wool lined, \$1.25; Seal Mitts, wool lined, \$1.50; Wood Mitts, long wrists, 75c; Seal Mitts, seal lined, \$2.75; Buck Mitts, with leopard seal back, \$1.50; Fine Proof Cali, wool lined, \$2; Mosquito Buck Gloves, extra long gauntlet, \$1.45; Asbestos Buck Gloves, long wool wrists, \$1. OVERCOATS. Extra Heavy Black Freize Ulster Overcoats, \$8.50 to \$15 each.

SAN FRANCISCO STOCKS. Morning Session—Belcher, 20c; Seg. Belcher, 20c; Nevada, 20c; Union, 20c. Closing Quotations—Alta, 15c; Alpha, 15c; Andes, 15c; Belcher, 20c; B. & N. Y., 20c; Bullion, 7c; Caldena, 20c; Challenge, 20c; Chollar, 20c; Confidence, 20c; C. O. F., 20c; C. Imperial, 10c; C. N. Y., 20c; C. P., 20c; Exchange, 20c; G. & C., 20c; H. & N., 15c; Independence, 20c; J. & C., 20c; Lady Washington, 20c; Mexican, 20c; New York, 20c; Ophir, 20c; Overman, 20c; Potomac, 20c; Real Estate, 20c; Redwood, 20c; S. & F., 20c; Union, 20c; Utah, 10c; Yellow Jacket, 20c; Standard, 15c.

City Finances.

Following is the report of City Auditor Young for the week ending Saturday, February 19, 1898: C. Robertson, water rates, \$1,344.65. Taps, 20.00. Police Department, 1,275.48. Dog licenses, 14.50. Harbor dues, 6.00. Fire Department, 1,275.48. Taxes, 432.43. Frank G. Snook, Police, 419.00. fines, 37.50.

APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS:

Sinking and interest fund, \$71,231.68. General fund, 34,871.49. Fire Department, 1,275.48. Police fund, 19,232.20. Cemetery fund, 64.13. School fund, 7,454.83. Library fund, 4,272.38. Street fund, 8,225.67. Sprinkling fund, 8,138.54. Sewer fund, 1,755.40. Levee fund, 1,119.28. Street bond fund, 3,841.23. Levee bond fund, 423.43. Immigration fund, 925.33. Bond Redemption fund, 205,546.18. Firemen's relief fund, 1,810.00. Total, \$356,572.94.

The Gizeh Pyramid.

The great pyramid of Gizeh is the largest structure of any kind ever erected by the hand of man. Its original dimensions at the base were 754 feet square, and its perpendicular height in the highest point is 488 feet; it covers four acres, one rood and twenty-two perches of ground, and has been estimated by an eminent English architect to have cost not less than £20,000,000, which in United States currency would be about \$145,200,000. Internal evidences proved that the great pyramid was begun about the year 2170 B. C., about the time of the birth of Abraham. It is estimated that about 5,000,000 tons of heavy stones were used in its construction, and the evidences point to the fact that these stones were brought a distance of about 700 miles from quarries in Arabia.

St. Louis boasts the champion lazy man.

He went to work and was too lazy to stop.