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NOW, ALL TOGETHER.

A Happy New Year to all. And this wish carries with it the earnest hope that the year which opens this morning will be abundantly prosperous to Missoula, to everybody in Missoula and to all of Missoula's neighbors. The new twelvemonth begins with brilliant promise; there is every indication that it will be more prosperous than any year that Missoula has ever known. There is abundant opportunity for everyone in western Montana to contribute to this prosperity and to make it permanent. From the very beginning of the year, opportunities will present themselves; at the outset there is the special election to pass upon the franchise for the electric railway and the extension of the electric light franchise; here is an opportunity for every property owner in the city to inaugurate a policy of liberal progressiveness that will make Missoula and her tributary country forge ahead this year. The reservation opening will come, it is expected, in June; here will be another splendid chance for the booster. United action, not only on the part of the people of Missoula, but, as well, on the part of Missoula and her neighbors, will make this a banner year for western Montana. It is simply a case of getting together in the common cause and of working together.

THE MAIN POINT.

In any and every consideration of the question of extending the electric light franchise, the original franchise should be borne in mind. There is one sentence in the ordinance which granted the first franchise which contains the essence of the whole question. The last paragraph in Section 2 of this ordinance reads thus: "The rights and privileges hereby granted are subject to modifications, limitations and change by the city council whenever in their judgment the public interest requires it." That makes it plain enough that the council retains the right to control and direct the manner in which the light system shall be operated. The city has just as much authority in the matter as if the light company were operating under a month-to-month permit. The only difference is that the capital invested in the light plant—and that is considerable—is more secure under the long-term franchise than it would be with one of briefer tenure. The company knows that, as long as it maintains a fair and reasonable policy, its investment is secure. And that assurance is no more than fair. As to the contract, that is a matter entirely outside the franchise; the only relation between the two is that the company can never charge more for lights than it does now. And it is charging less than is paid for the same service in any other Montana city.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

The most brilliant society function in the United States is the New Year reception at the White House. This annual formal ceremony will today be more impressive than ever; the fact that this is Mr. Roosevelt's last New Year in the White House will give the event particular significance. In the diplomatic corps which will pay its respects to the president today there are not many changes from the list of last year. The new German ambassador will be in the place of the lamented Baron Speck von Sternburg and Wu Ting Fang will be back in the line as China's representative. Within certain restrictions, this reception is free to all and every year there are thousands who avail themselves of the opportunity to pay their respects to the president and, incidentally, to gratify their curiosity. It is predicted, however, that the attendance today will be the largest ever known. Secret service men will carefully watch the line as it approaches the president in order that no crank may get within range with a weapon concealed in a handkerchief or in his pocket. The music will be furnished by the famous marine band and the floral decorations will be marvels of beauty.

GOVERNOR HUGHES.

In all the country there is no New Year's event that will possess greater significance than the inauguration of Governor Hughes of Albany. This

ceremony is to be made the occasion of a more noteworthy display than was ever made at a New York inauguration. The election of Governor Hughes last November possessed national significance. It was a triumph of decency and independence. All through his term which has just closed, New York's governor has been courageous and earnest; it has been impossible to intimidate him and he has carried out his plans for a housecleaning in New York to an extent that, four years ago, would have been regarded as impossible of attainment. He has been the relentless foe of law violation and has pursued the violators as his statutes would permit. When the statutes have been found defective, he has, in instances, succeeded in having the defects remedied. To have defeated him for re-election would have been to strike a blow at reform and pure government that would have been a grave setback to the cause of civic betterment all over the country. But he won; the victory was decisive and New York is in shape to have the happiest New Year's day that she has ever known. For the grip of her bosses has been weakened. Maybe, it will eventually be broken.

Lay aside the little hammer

That you used in nineteen-eight.
Put the kibosh on its clamor.
Leave it, resting, to its fate.

Come a-running, come a-hustling.
Hurry up and get in line;
Keep a-moving, keep a-hustling.
Whoop'er up for nineteen-nine.

Mr. Bryan now faces another year in which he can make footprints on the sands of time. This year he should endeavor to make his trail straighter.

Between the Scylla of eggnog and the Charybdis of punch, the New Year's navigator is beset with grave perils.

The Missoula high school retires from participation in the track meet, but she withdraws in a blaze of glory.

Brother Charles has demonstrated that Bill does not possess all the good sense in the Taft family.

That same old resolution which you used last year will do for this year again; you didn't use it much.

In arranging for a happy new year don't get confused as to the definition of "happy."

The Missoulian is sincere in wishing a happy new year to all its friends.

It's better to make a good resolution and break it than not to make one at all.

Grant the franchise and 1909 will make a speed record that will surprise you.

Possibly Burton's strength lay in the fact that his other name is Theodore.

If you broke the old resolution beyond repair, make a new one.

You will be doing effective boosting if you vote for the franchise.

Foraker managed to get some sugar coating on his bitter pill.

It is a happy new year, all right, for Burton of Ohio.

The water wagon is crowded—for a few days.

Get you forget and write '08.

Bring out the water wagon.

Let's make 1909 a hummer.

And many of them.

Ring in the new.

JIM PARKS' STORE.

You know Jim Parks? He used to farm.

Out Hopkins Corner way, Well, he got tired planting corn, And cutting oats and hay, It was too hard and dull a life— He said he could make more To move to town and open up A little grocery store.

The opening up was easy done, And things just seemed to swim, You work a farm, but keep a store— It seemed like fun to Jim, His trade? Well, he had more or less— 'Twas hardly any more— But times would better in the fall, And—he liked keeping store.

One day last week I called around, And found him dreading blue; He'd kept in store all right, but kept The things inside it, too.

"The business suits me lots of ways, But tell me how," said Jim, "A man can keep on keeping store When it will not keep him?"

—Woman's Home Companion.

COMMON HONESTY.

"In these last days of President Roosevelt's administration it is a pleasure to think how often in these columns we have had the privilege of agreeing or disagreeing with him," writes the editor of the Woman's Home Journal for January. "Mr. Roosevelt has made mistakes, as he would be the last to deny, but he has done the country one service which is not written on the statute books or on the records of his official achievements. He has promoted in the papers which the people read, and more important, in the minds of the people themselves, an active discussion of questions that had become shelf worn for neglect. He has given publicity to the Ten Commandments; he has re-embellished the Beatitudes; he has popularized common honesty. For these things let us give him credit."

MORALES ARRESTED.

Caracas, Dec. 26, via Port of Spain, Dec. 31.—Dr. Arnold Morales, former minister of finance, has been placed in jail on a charge of having distributed government bonds among persons alleged to have been connected with the recent plot to assassinate President Gomez.

Mail orders given prompt and careful attention. Send us your wants. We have it.

Annual 10 Days'

Hundreds of mill ends and remnants of calicoes, percales, damask, silkoline, linens, etc., at one-half regular prices.

Remnant and Inventory Sale

Every year at this time we make a big Remnant and Clean-up Sale, purposely to sell all odds and ends of merchandise which invariably collect during the season. Hundreds of remnants and short pieces of all kinds of goods, odd suits and overcoats for men, boys and children, suits for ladies, coats for ladies and children, broken lines of shoes for all ages—in fact, 'most everything ready to wear in men's, ladies' and children's goods. The cost to us of this merchandise don't figure now. There are lots of goods for this sale, which means Many Bargains for Many People. Come early and be one of the fortunate ones.

The Prices of Men's, Women's and Children's Clothing Cut in Two

Men's and Boys' Suits

All the suits in our stock are included in this clearance; so are the overcoats. And we have a really good assortment to show you.

Those who choose now get some real advantages that will not be here for those who are dilatory.

Prices of Shoes Greatly Reduced at This Sale

Men's light calf Blucher dress shoes, per pair \$1.35	Odd lot broken lines ladies' shoes, values up to \$3; per pair 98¢
Men's heavy calf Blucher shoes \$1.35	Kid, lace, patent tip, extension sole, per pair \$1.50
Men's box calf Blucher cut \$2.10	Ladies' \$5 patent, short vamp, Bluchers, per pair \$3.75
Men's best patent leather, new last, per pair \$3.75	Odd lot of misses' shoes, all sizes, 98¢
Broken line of boys' school shoes, 'most all sizes \$1.25	Ladies' \$3 Bal. or Blucher, patent tip, short vamp, kid, all sizes \$1.75
Boys' new dress shoes, up from \$1.50	

Lot 1; Men's Suits \$5.75

Will include about 25 odd suits, ranging in nearly every size, simply clean-ups from \$10.00 and \$12.50 lines, good patterns, well tailored; a snap while they last **\$5.75**

Lot 2; Men's Suits \$9.75

In this group you will find a big variety of patterns and every size, suits that ordinarily sell for \$16.00 and \$18.00 the world over. All of them this winter's purchase and well made, stylish suits; exceptional values; so come early, while your size is here **\$9.75**

Lot 3; Men's Suits \$12.75

When we group this fine lot of suits we feel we have certainly attained quite a success in the bargain giving world, for you will surely find suits here to please even the most critical ones; splendidly tailored, neat, dressy patterns, made up with cuffs, button flaps and side buckle trousers; suits that you are in the habit of paying \$20.00 to \$25.00 for; priced for this grand clearance **\$12.75**

Boys' Suits at \$1.75

Just 19 suits in this lot of boys' school suits, which ordinarily you pay \$3.50 to \$5.00 for elsewhere; made for service, and good patterns, nearly all sizes up to 15 years; mostly straight trousers **\$1.75**

Boys' Suits at \$3.50

Suitable for dress or school wear, all good patterns and new styles, both knicker and straight trousers and belted coats; values here up to \$6.50 and to go at the clearance price of **\$3.50**

Youths' Suits at \$5.75

Suits with long trousers, ages 12 to 18 years, and a nifty lot they are. Some in the new wide stripe effects, others in invisible plaids and checks; suits worth up to \$15 going at **\$5.75**

Men's and Boys' Overcoats

They'll knock out old winter but spare your pocketbook. That's one great feature about this sale—your pocketbook is safe from fakes. Tailoring and fabric the best, perfect in every detail. Where is the man that can't be overcoat-satisfied here?

Lot 1; Men's Overcoats \$6.75

This embraces a good assortment of colors and sizes of the popular style overcoats; well tailored, good materials, and values up to \$15 in this lot; now **\$6.75**

Lot 2; Men's Overcoats \$9.75

In this class you will find some popular and nifty stuff, the kind you'd expect to pay \$18.00 and \$20.00 for—all go at the sale price, **\$9.75**

Boys' and Youths' Overcoats \$2.00

An assortment well worth looking at if you have a coat to buy for the boy. Good range of colors in wool garments; sizes up to 14 years; price **\$2.00**

Boys' and Youths' Overcoats \$3.50

In this lot we include coat values up to \$10.00; sizes up to 16 years; neat, new patterns and well tailored **\$3.50**

Odd Lot of Men's Trousers \$1.95

Many of these strictly all wool, others only part, and nearly all good, neat patterns; there are perhaps 100 pairs in this lot, both medium and heavy weight, worth \$2.50 to \$4.00 a pair; never will you have a better chance to stock up on separate pants at so little money; all sizes, and to be sold at, per pair **\$1.95**

Men's and Boys' Corduroy Trousers \$1.15

Think of it—priced like overalls, but made like a \$5.00 kind; these were picked up as a snap and we are giving you the benefit; all new, fresh stock, coming in dark browns and tans; sizes 30-inch to 40-inch waist, and all lengths; a \$2.50 trousers for less than half; pair **\$1.15**

Men's and Boys' Furnishings

Boys' fur-lined 50c and 75c caps, now 25¢
Men's \$1.00 and \$1.50 kersey and leather fur-lined caps 50¢
Men's fine black cotton half hose, pair 5¢
Men's fancy and gray wool hose, 35c kind; per pair 20¢
Men's large white handkerchiefs 5¢
Men's turkey red and blue handkerchiefs 5¢
Men's all-wool (knitted in finger) gloves, 35c kind; a pair 25¢
Men's 75c lined muleskin mittens, pair 25¢
Boys' blue overalls, bib and suspenders 15¢
Men's heavy fleeced cotton underwear 25¢
Men's heavy ribbed wool underwear, per garment 75¢
Men's heavy wool Sox, pair 20¢
Boys' black cotton shirts 25¢
Boys' winter fleeced underwear, garment 25¢

All Remaining Furs Half Price

\$3.50 Jap mink or opossum neckpieces \$1.75
\$7.50 Isabella fox or opossum furs \$3.75
\$25.00 black lynx sets now \$12.50
\$30.00 fur jackets \$15.00

Everything in fur pieces, sets, jackets, etc., one-half off.

Ladies' Suits

Only a few suits left which we have divided into two lots for quick clearance.

LOT 1; \$5.95

In this lot you will find tailored suits worth \$12.50 and \$15.00, all this winter's purchase, broken line of sizes **\$5.95**

LOT 2; \$14.75

We have placed in this lot the entire remaining suits in our store; some exceptional values while your size is here; suits worth \$25.00 and \$30.00 now to go at **\$14.75**

Ladies' Coats

We have only 12 ladies' coats in the store, which we have marked ridiculously cheap to run them out. The assortment of colors is good, mostly black, and nearly all sizes; \$15.00 to \$30.00 coats now **\$6.00 and \$12.50**

Misses' and Children's Coats

\$6.00 children's coats, ages 6 to 12 years, \$2.50
\$10.00 to \$12.50 misses' coats, ages 10 to 16 years \$4.50
\$12.50 to \$18.00 misses' coats, ages 12 to 18 years \$7.50

Ladies' Separate Skirts

LOT 1, At \$2.50

About 25 skirts in this bunch, good patterns and splendid fitting skirts, values up to \$6.00; now **\$2.50**

LOT 2, At \$4.50

In this lot are some exceptional skirt values; all-wool broadcloths, Panamas and new weaves in blacks and popular colors, both gored and plaited styles **\$4.50**

Big line of black and blue voiles and fine Panamas, directoire modified styles, trimmed with braids and large satin buttons, **\$7.50 to \$25**

Household Furnishings

MARKED 'WAY DOWN

11-4 heavy cotton double blankets 83¢
Extra size 12-4 double blankets 98¢
10-4 all-wool, fancy border double blankets \$2.49
11-4 all-wool blue and pink bordered, tape edged blankets \$2.98
Large all-wool pink, blue or tan plaid \$4.95
\$1.50 large, soft silkoine comforters 98¢
75c feather pillows, good ticking 50¢
\$1.35 goose pillows, fancy ticking 98¢
72x90 good muslin sheets 50¢
42x36 pillow slips, 2-inch hemmed end, 12 1/2¢
18x40 Turkish towels, medium weight, 12 1/2¢
17x32 hemmed huck towels 7 1/2¢
Cotton crash toweling, yard 4¢
Round-thread Russian crash, yard, 12 1/2¢
42-inch pillow tubing, good quality, yard, 18¢
27-inch figured cotton challies, yard, 5¢
Outing flannels, good patterns, yard, 4¢
Good quality calicoes, yard, 3¢

Outing Flannel Gowns 35c

About 10 dozen only ladies' and children's night gowns, made of pink, blue and white stripe outing, good weight and cut full, worth 75c. **35¢**

All Hosiery Reduced

Ladies' fine seamless hose, ribbed top, fast black, 25c kind 12 1/2¢
Ladies' black seamless hose, pair 6¢
Ladies' 35c wool hose, both medium and heavy weights 25¢
Children's stockings, 1 and 2 derby-ribbed, a good wearer, all sizes 10¢
Children's ribbed worsted hose 25¢

Five Dozen Petticoats Each 98c

Sixty petticoats in the lot, all in black watered percaline, a swishy, soft material having the watered effect; ruffled and tucked; cut with a flare, with hip shape; worth \$2.50; sale price, only **98¢**

Sale of Black Waists

\$1.50 Soisette and Sateen Waists 75¢

Long sleeves, open fronts, with plaits and rows of tucks front and back, just the ticket for home wear, all sizes **75¢**

Cotton Batts and Silkoline Remnants

Good, clean cotton batts (broncho) 8 1/3¢
3-lb. batts, white and clean 75¢
4-lb. batts, white and clean 98¢
Mill end remnants of silkoline in 5 and 7-yard pieces, just the size for comforters; per yard, only 5 to 7¢

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