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TIME WORKETH CHANGE.

It was a good many months ago that The Missoulian, replying to a series of questions emanating from the Why Club of unlamented memory and narrow vision, propounded a question of its own: "Why not leave Missoula if you don't like it?" And then the fireworks began. The Missoulian was denounced by the Why club, which, however, declined to answer the question. From one pulpit in the city, The Missoulian was condemned in a sermon which advised the removal of this newspaper. The self-constituted apostles of reform looked askance whenever they saw a copy of The Missoulian. The Missoula Herald threw a fit and became epileptic to an extent that was chronic. But none of them answered the question. The Missoula Herald from time to time called attention to the fact that The Missoulian's question, though unanswered, found reply in the fact that the members of the Why club remained in town.

Now comes the beginning of 1909. The Why club stumbers. The preacher who denounced The Missoulian from his pulpit occupies another position in another state. The Missoulian is doing business at the old stand, boosting in its own feeble way for the welfare of the city. And the Missoula Herald—exponent of purity, disciple of reform, apostle of blackmail, advocate of abuse—in its editorial column on the last day of 1908, gives expression to this sentiment: "Don't knock if you don't like the town it can get along without you."

Thus gratifyingly does time bring vindication to The Missoulian. Thus satisfactorily is its famous query indorsed if not answered. Thus does the new year find us thankful for the implied approval contained in the sentiment plagiarized by so eminent an authority as the Missoula Herald. And upon the threshold of a year which abounds in rich promise of great prosperity, The Missoulian ventures a renewal of the query which it propounded so long ago—"Why not leave Missoula if you don't like it?" We pause for a reply.

STUDY THE FRANCHISE.

One of the objections to the railway franchise which developed yesterday was the claim that the coupling together of the railway and light-extension ordinances is a trick to enable the Clark people to forfeit the railway bond as a cheap price to pay for the light extension. In other words it was urged that under the terms of the ordinances, it would be possible for the Clark people to decline to go ahead with the construction and operation of the street railway, forfeiting their cash bond, and yet retain the valuable extension of the light franchise. A careful study of the terms of the ordinance will show that the man who framed the ordinances guarded against this condition of affairs; there is a provision in the ordinance which prevents any such a deal on the part of the grantees. It is not believed that the Clark people have any such intentions, but merely in answer to the objection mentioned, these facts are stated. There should be a careful study of the conditions of the franchise, as set forth in the ordinance. There will be a meeting of the executive committee of the chamber of commerce tonight, at which these matters will be discussed. If there is anybody who is in doubt as to any phase of the question, he should attend this meeting and ask his question; it will be cheerfully answered.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

Yesterday, according to the terms of the law enacted by the British parliament, the old-age pension in Great Britain became effective. For more than twenty-five years this measure was the subject of lively debate in the house of commons; no act of parliament, with the exception of the Irish land law, has attracted more notice than this. The law, in effect, provides that, beginning with the first of this year, every person in Great Britain who is more than seventy years old, who is not a lunatic, who has not been convicted of a crime and who has not an income as great as \$130 a year, shall receive a pension of five shillings a week from the public treas-

ury. Where husband and wife apply or where several members of a family, living together, apply for the pension, the per capita is slightly reduced. All persons are barred from receiving any of the benefits of the law who have "habitually refused to work" or who have been "brought to a position to apply for a pension through their own wilful acts of misbehavior." It is estimated that the expense of this pension system to the government will be more than thirty million dollars a year. The pensions are inalienable and are to be paid weekly. The machinery for the distribution of the pensions provides for local county and borough boards with central authority vested in a general government board.

TEN YEARS.

As you think of it, ten years is not a very long time. Yet it was only ten years ago today that Theodore Roosevelt was inaugurated as governor of New York. January 2, 1899, Mr. Roosevelt took the oath of office at Albany. When his two-year term expired he had been chosen vice president and in the September that followed, the death of President McKinley placed him in the White House as the nation's chief executive. In the time that has elapsed since then, things have happened rapidly; if this period is measured in accomplishments, it stretches out considerably longer than the calendar shows. In the two terms that Mr. Roosevelt has served there has been vastly more history made than in a dozen of the presidential terms that preceded his, selecting here and there. Omitting from consideration the civil war and the conflict with Spain, there has been no administration since the first that has compared with that of Mr. Roosevelt in its significance to the country. The close of his term of office finds him the best loved and the best hated man in the country. History will vindicate him; the opposition to his course has been inspired largely by misunderstanding; he has accomplished much for his country; those who have suffered from his administration are those who deserved to suffer. He has crowded into less than eight years more of real achievement than would have been possible to a man less vigorous and sincere.

The announcement that the university laboratories that the city water is absolutely pure is a timely aid to the keeping of New Year resolutions.

The democrats who have been licking their chops over the prospects of a republican rumpus in Ohio, will proceed to guess again.

The immediate benefit from the electric railway will come in the expenditure here of the money for the construction.

If you are in doubt regarding any feature of the franchise, ask about it. It will be explained to your satisfaction.

The man who expresses a desire to go to bed early New Year's eve, manifests an unmistakable symptom of old age.

The city forfeits no right but receives many benefits in the event of the grant of the franchise.

For a long time the benefits from the electric railway will be one-sided. The city will receive them all.

Under the terms of the franchise the rates for lights can never be higher than they are now.

Another New York blessing is the fact that Missoula will not be visited by Billy Sunday.

Whether or not today is as happy as yesterday, depends upon how you spent yesterday.

With understanding of the franchise comes the desire to have it granted.

The markdown sale contributes materially to the gladness of the new year.

The lay of the new year is given added cheer by the increased lay of the hen.

Whatever the origin of the earthquake, its results are unquestionable.

An electric railway will enhance the value of all Missoula property.

The electric railway will place all property in the heart of the city.

Senator Forsaker declines to contribute a New Year sentiment.

Missoula has the lowest rate in Montana for electric lights.

Hustle every day and all day in the boosting campaign.

The pure-food law is just a year old and we survive.

The watchword for 1909—"Boost."

A franchise is not a contract.

Keep boosting all the time.

SEEK TO ESTABLISH ALIBIS FOR ACCUSED
Union City, Tenn., Jan. 1.—Testimony designed to establish an alibi was introduced by the defense today in the trial of the alleged night riders accused of murdering Captain Uentin Ranken. Many witnesses testified that the defendants have good reputations, but were forced to admit that they were generally believed to be night riders. One witness, who said the state's witnesses were men of bad reputation, admitted that he was a contributor to a purse to defray the expenses of the defense.

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.

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**

Prices of Shoes Greatly Reduced at This Sale

Men's light calf Blucher dress shoes, per pair **\$1.35**
Men's heavy calf Blucher shoes **\$1.35**
Men's box calf Blucher cut **\$2.10**
Men's best patent leather, new last, per pair **\$3.75**
Broken line of boys' school shoes, 'most all sizes **\$1.25**
Boys' new dress shoes, up from **\$1.50**

Odd lot broken lines ladies' shoes, values up to \$3; per pair **98¢**
Kid, lace, patent tip, extension sole, per pair **\$1.50**
Ladies' \$5 patent, short vamp, Bluchers, per pair **\$3.75**
Odd lot of misses' shoes, all sizes, **98¢**
Ladies' \$3 Bal. or Blucher, patent tip, short vamp, kid, all sizes **\$1.75**

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 silkoline 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 pleats 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) **3 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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