NEWEST BATTLESHIP THE BEST

NAVAL EXPERTS DECLARE THE MICHIGAN ONE OF BEST BOATS IN NAVY.

Washington, July 26.—Having in her official trials fully met the rigid requirements of United States naval constructors, the new first-class battleship Michigan, it was announced today, probably will be turned over to the government early in August. This splendid new ship, which thus far is the speediest war vessel of her class, will make the navy's 28th first-class battleship.

Five other battleships, a sister ship of the Michigan and four others more powerful and speedier, at present are under construction, and 26,000 tons battleships have been authorized by congress. These will increase the American battleship fleet to 35.

Naval officers who witnessed the trials of the Michigan declare she will be capable of making an average speed of 20 knots. They regard her as the best battleship in the navy.

IN THE THEATERS

"The Girl From Rector's."

That the attraction at the Harnois tonight, "The Girl From Rector's," is a rather racy play is evidenced by the Butte Miner's criticism of the production, which appeared in the Smoky city Sunday night:

"It's rather regrettable, not to say pathetic, that several clever people have been obliged for the sake of salaries, living, income or whichever way you may choose to put it, to participate in one of the most vulgar, most insinuating, most low-browed pieces ever witnessed in Butte.

"'The Girl From Rector's' is absolutely one of the worst things ever produced in this city, and yet a fair-sized audience last night roared, became almost hysterical with laughter during portions of it, many portions of it.

"The first two acts contain suggestions that are accepted as being of the usual French form of farce, and the lines are witty and entertaining, and one forgives the hint in the wit that masks the meaning. The third act becomes sloppy and very disagreeable. The last act is disgraceful. And yet the audience roared.

"Consequently, if one gauges comedy by laughter, last night's production was marvellously amusing; yet it was outrageous. Then let us say it was outrageously amusing.

"A clever beginning does not always end with a sympathetic burst of approval for a bad—and bad goes in this yarn—ending. Last night people grew even more enthusiastic with their applause at the end than they did during the cleverness of the first two acts. The reason? Ask the strangely fickle public.

"The well established fact that American managers and producers have to go across the water for productions that either as a whole or in part are much more suggestive of the vileness of the continent, is little to the credit of American managers. American material is overlooked because the charm of a few 'skies,' 'orics,' 'volys' or other terminations or prefixes seem to bring in the easy American money. Jones or Smith can only be the coming playwright when he gets a press agent.

"Enough personal opinion, supported, however, by a good many million theater-goers.

"Miserably low as 'The Girl From Rector's' is, it would not be fair not to give people who are paid for bringing out all its suggestiveness a mention.

"Miss Carrie Webber as the Loute is excellent. Dwight Allen as the Colonel Andrew Tandy is also clever. William Sollery as the professor is a very appealing actor, and his comedy is delicious even if he is obliged to at times outrage decency. The rest of the cast is good and the presentation from a scenic point of view could hardly be bettered for a 'road show.'

At the Grand.

An interesting program and an interested audience opened the new week at the Grand theater last evening. The Dale sisters give a clever exposition of novelty costume dancing, while the act of the Ardell brothers, "gymnasts and acrobats of extraordinary ability," make good the characterization of the advance bills.

The Buckley dogs are all to the good, a group of canines that show the result of careful training. The "stunts" of the dogs are really remarkable. The pictures are clear and entertaining.

At the Isis.

The Isis entertained another record-breaking crowd at the opening performance last night, and the classy bill which the "theater different" has on for the first of this week attracted a great deal of attention on the part of the big audiences which witnessed its production.

The headliner for the week is "In the Hands of the Enemy," an incident of the Franco-Prussian war. The film is a good one throughout, clear and well set. The story is a thrilling one and is one of the best which the Gaumont company has sent out.

There are also some clever and entertaining comic pictures of the better class, chief among which is "The Lost Tie."

The chronophone selection for the week is an unusually good one, the song being "A Friend of Mine Told a Friend of His." The pictures are clear and the action of the machine is very good, the words coming in just right with the motions of the singer's lips. The house was comfortable, as usual. This same program will be presented tonight.

TELEPHONE SYSTEMS IN FORESTS

GOVERNMENT PUSHES WORK OF CONSTRUCTION OF LINES TO RANGER STATIONS.

The telephone on the national forest is not only of the greatest assistance in the management of the forest but its value is inestimable when used to report or summon help for a fire. In a single case of forest fire it may be worth the entire cost of its construction. No other work of improving the forests has been more acceptable to the residents in their vicinity.

In the summer of 1905 Secretary Wilson and United States Forester Gifford Pinchot, after going over large areas of little developed and almost unexplored national forest land, decided that systems of telephones, with proper connections, would be invaluable on the forests of the west.

It was not until sometime later, however, when congress made a specific appropriation for the improvement of the national forests, that funds were available for this purpose. Last year 3,200 miles of telephone lines were constructed on the 148 national forests in the west, and wire to build about 400 miles of additional line was shipped to the various forests, but with the funds on hand the work of construction could not be completed.

A town in southern Utah, with about 1,000 inhabitants, was isolated four days' ride from the nearest railroad station until a telephone line was built by the forest service across the mountainous country for forty miles, thus connecting the town, the headquarters of the forest, and several ranger cabins with the telegraph station.

From two to five ranger stations are now connected with the supervisor's office on many of the national forests, and by the use of phones in the homes of settlers centrally located, other points on the forest are reached. The marked saving in time otherwise required for a trip of from twenty to forty miles is evident.

On some forests "lookout stations" have been established to which a wire is run and a man stationed in the vicinity, so that he can climb the point of vantage several times each day and with his glass sweep over the landscape in every direction, quickly scanning an area of two or three hundred thousand acres. It is by such plans that fire patrol and fire control have been established on the national forests with an exceedingly small protective force, and damage from fire has been reduced to a minimum.

MAY USE RUSSIANS IN HAWAII

Honolulu, July 26.—Hawaiian sugar planters are contemplating importing Russian immigrants to solve the labor problem of the islands. A Russian capitalist now visiting here, has offered his assistance to bring some of his countrymen to the islands, many of whom, he stated, would like to come as plantation laborers. At least one plantation has decided to make the experiment and application has already been made to the territorial board of immigration for the importation of 40 Russian families. If these are found to be desirable as immigrants and satisfactory as plantation laborers, it is understood that many more will be sent for.

The Hawaiian planters have experimented with Japanese, Spanish, Portuguese and Porto Rican laborers and all have proved unsatisfactory. The Japanese are on strike for higher wages and many of the Spaniards, Portuguese and Porto Ricans became discontented and left the islands.

CASHIER DISAPPEARS.

Tipton, Ind., July 26.—Noah R. Marker, assistant cashier of the First National bank of Tipton, has disappeared and an investigation shows that more than $50,000, besides the amount of money on hand at the close of business Saturday night is missing.

CONVICTS ARE SHOT.

Walla Walla, Wash., July 26.—John Allen, a convict was instantly killed and Joseph Read, another convict was shot through the arm today at the penitentiary after they had refused to obey the orders of Guard Fred Staff to stop fighting.

TWELVE MINERS PERISH.

Clermont-Ferrand, France, July 26.—An explosion of fire-damp occurred today in one of the mines near here, killing 12 miners.

SUGAR ADVANCES.

New York, July 26.—All grades of refined sugar were advanced 10 cents a hundred pounds today.

Public Sale.

Notice is hereby given that I will, on the 30th day of July, 1909, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the city pound, on River street, in the city of Missoula, Mont., expose the following described stock at public auction to pay the pound fees and costs of keeping and sale, to wit:

Three red and white heifer calves with new brand on right hip.

Witness my hand this 25th day of July, 1909.

J. A. VEALEY, Chief of Police.

Notice.

Bids for 100 cords seasoned pine and fir wood, five cut, to be delivered during September and October, will be received by the executive board of the University of Montana up to and including Saturday, August 7, 1909. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

C. A. DUNIWAY, Chairman.

July 24, 1909.

MISSOULA MERCANTILE COMPANY
The Store That "Makes Good"

MISSOULA MERCANTILE COMPANY
The Store That "Makes Good"

Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishings

We're at the full tide of the summer—you to enjoy its bright days ahead; we to start preparations for fall. Present holdings must be pushed out—at cost or at a loss; any way that shall most effectively accomplish the result. Upwards of three months are ahead of you before you'll be needing winter clothes, and any suit you buy now will return its cost several times over in this interval, so greatly are the prices reduced, besides you'll have a suit as good as new to put on next spring.

This is how cheaply we are selling out all the summer clothes we own---all, mind you, without a single reservation, even our fine line of Hart, Schaffner & Marx and "Premier" clothes are included.

$8.75 for Men's and Young Men's Fancy Suits, in all styles, patterns and colors. Reduced from $12.50.

$9.75 for Men's and Young Men's Fancy Suits, all sizes and styles. Reduced from $15 and $16.50.

$12.75 for choice of all fancy worsteds, blue serges and blacks. Reduced from $18, $20 and $22.50.

$16.75 for choice of every PREMIER or H. S. & M. suit that formerly sold at $25 or $27.50.

$18.75 for Men's fine "PREMIER" and H. S. & M. suits, fancies, blacks and blues. Reduced from $30.

$20.75 for choice of a splendid assortment of men's high grade suits. Reduced from $35.

$25.75 for any of those handsome "PREMIER" suits, formerly priced at $40.

$27.50 for the finest Men's suits made, perfect in fabric, fit and finish. Reduced from $45.

Men's Work Pants; regular price $1.50 a pair	85¢	Men's Corduroy Pants; regular price $4.00 a pair	$3.00
Men's Khaki Pants; regular $1.25 a pair	85¢	Men's Dress Pants; regular price $3.50 a pair	$2.65
Men's Khaki Pants; regular $1.50 a pair	$1.15	Men's Dress Pants; regular price $4.00 a pair	$3.00
Men's Khaki Pants; regular price $2.00 a pair	$1.35	Men's Dress Pants; regular price $5.00 a pair	$3.75
Men's Corduroy Pants; regular price $3.50 a pair	$2.00	Men's Dress Pants; regular price $6.00 a pair	$4.50
Men's Corduroy Pants; regular price $3.00 a pair	$2.25	Men's Dress Pants; regular price $7.00 a pair	$5.25

The Best Boys' Clothing Priced Lower Than Common

Mothers have been especially enthusiastic over the great bargains this Clearance affords in clothes for their boys and children. The high quality of our juvenile apparel is generally recognized and there is always a rush for it when prices are lowered.

Boys' Suits

Khaki Suits, 9 to 14 years	$1.00
Khaki Suits, 8 to 16 years	$1.75
Corduroy Suits; regular $4.50	$3.00
Fancy Suits; regular $3.00	$1.50
Fancy Suits; regular $5.00	$2.50
Fancy Suits; regular $6.50	$3.25
Fancy Suits; regular $7.50	$3.75
Fancy Suits; regular $10.00	$5.00

Children's Suits

Wash Suits; regular price $1.50	75¢
Wash Suits; regular price $2.00	$1.00
Wash Suits; regular price $3.00	$1.50
Wash Suits; regular price $4.00	$2.00
Fancy Suits; regular price $4.00	$2.00
Fancy Suits; regular price $5.00	$2.50
Fancy Suits; regular price $6.00	$3.00
Fancy Suits; regular price $7.50	$3.75

Boys' Knee Pants and Shirts

75c Knee Pants, sizes 4 to 16 years	35¢
$1.00 Knickerbockers, sizes 5 to 16 years	75¢
$1.50 Knickerbockers, all sizes	$1.00
75c Negligee Shirts	35¢
75c Khaki Shirts	45¢

50% OFF

Women's Apparel and Millinery Half Price

Here "half price" means everything the term implies, and it applies to **everything** in our Women's Apparel and Milinery departments—nothing is reserved. You can choose at will, and whatever you select, be it a $1 Waist or an $80 Suit, you need pay but HALF the regular price, and for selection you have the most stylish Suits, Coats, Skirts, Waists, Hats, etc., at your disposal.

This great clearance is without precedent or equal in Missoula, to which hundreds of women who have benefited by it will lend approval, and you can do no better than to take their advice.

This is the last season for these departments in their present quarters. Next season will find them comfortably located in the finest, most luxurious and complete in appointments of any stores given up to women's apparel in the entire west. Not a stitch of this season's goods will be permitted to enter into the stocks of this new department, hence the opportunities that are now presented.

Men's Summer Shirts Remarkably Underpriced

Several hundred dozen of Men's Work and Dress Shirts, in all styles, colors and materials to select from at practically cost to manufacture. Follow the wise man's example who laid in a supply to last him far in the future.

Odds and ends of Golf Shirts, in small sizes, values up to 75c each	25¢	Your choice of all our splendid $1.50 Golf Shirts, in madras, percales and silk bosoms, made in all styles, only	85c
75c Work Shirts, in woven checkets	35¢	$2.00 Manhattan Shirts, now	$1.35
75c Black Sateen Shirts	45¢	$2.50 Manhattan Shirts, now	$1.85
75c Kaki Drill Shirts	45¢	$3.00 Manhattan Shirts, now	$2.25
75c Blue Chambray Shirts	45¢	$3.50 Manhattan Shirts, now	$2.50
75c Heavy Drill Shirts	45¢	$4.50 Manhattan Shirts, now	$3.00
$1.25 Madras Negligee Shirts	65¢		
$1.50 Fancy Negligee Shirts	$1.00		

50c Men's Underwear	25¢	Men's Cot. Hose, 3 pr	25¢	Men's Canvas Gloves, pr	5¢
75c Men's Underwear	37 1-2¢	Men's Cot. Hose, 3 pr	50¢	Men's Horsehide Gloves	50¢
$1.50 Men's Union Suits	$1	Men's Cot. Hose, 6 pr	85¢	Men's Diamond "M" Gloves, pair	$1.00

Men's Hat Clearance

All odd hats, broken and discontinued lines of hats, several hundred all told, in all shapes, colors and sizes; our regular $2.00, $2.50 and $3.00 grades of Felt Hats now priced for clearance at **$1**

Straw Hats Halved

Malaga Hats, for men and boys	5¢
25c Mexican Hats	12 1-2¢
$1.00 Straws, for men and boys	50¢
$2.00 Straws, for men	$1.00
$3.00 Straws, for men	$1.50
$4.00 Straws, for men	$2.00
$5, $9 and $12 Panama Hats	HALF PRICE

MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS, 25¢.

A collection of good hats, in all styles, shapes and materials, to select from; worth up to 75c.

It's a Comfort to Travel With Good Baggage

The traveler who selects his grips and trunks from our stock need never fear that they will arrive at destination, even if carried around the world, in any but safe condition. We look for strength and ability to withstand hard knocks first, then price, but because we sell so many we can buy for less, and so the best trunks, suit cases and bags are here at the lowest prices. The Clearance brings our regular prices down 25 *per cent.*

Regular $2.00 Suit Cases, now	$1.50	Regular $3.00 Traveling Bags	$2.25	Regular $5.00 Trunks, now	$3.75
Regular $3.00 Suit Cases, now	$2.25	Regular $5.00 Traveling Bags	$3.75	Regular $6.00 Trunks, now	$4.50
Regular $4.00 Suit Cases, now	$3.00	Regular $6.00 Traveling Bags	$4.50	Regular $8.00 Trunks, now	$6.00
Regular $5.00 Suit Cases, now	$3.75	Regular $7.50 Traveling Bags	$5.25	Regular $10.00 Trunks, now	$7.50
Regular $7.50 Suit Cases, now	$5.65	Regular $8.00 Traveling Bags	$6.00	Regular $15.00 Trunks, now	$11.20
Regular $10.00 Suit Cases, now	$7.50	Regular $10 Traveling Bags	$7.50	Regular $20.00 Trunks, now	$15.00
Regular $15 Suit Cases, now	$11.20	Regular $12 Traveling Bags	$9.00	Regular $25.00 Trunks, now	$18.75
Regular $25 Suit Cases, now	$18.75	Regular $15 Traveling Bags	$11.20	Regular $30.00 Trunks, now	$22.50

The Furniture Removal Sale Now Nearing Its End

Hurry, now, if you would take advantage of the remarkable savings this Sale, which has never had its equal in Missoula, still presents. When you are out today, stroll around to the new Chaney Block and note what splendid progress is being made towards its completion. You can almost see the end of this sale and it is up to you whether or not you will have been one to benefit by it. Savings of from 10 to 60 per cent on practically everything one needs to furnish a home completely, such as this event affords, are not presented often; in fact this is the first and only time they have happened in Missoula; therefore, to miss them would be to miss an opportunity of a lifetime.

ALL-WEEK SPECIALS

DINING TABLES.

Golden Oak Square Extension Table, 6 feet; regular price, $12.50; sale price $9.85

Same description with 8 foot extension; regular price, $15.00; sale price $11.95

Square Dining Table with Golden Oak finish; 42-inch top; 8 foot extension; five legs; regular price, $20.00; sale price $15.50

Square Golden Oak Pedestal Table; 45-inch top; 10 foot extension; regular price, $25.00; sale price $18.75

Round five-leg Table; Golden Oak; 45-inch top; 10 foot extension; regular price, $27.50; sale price $19.75

Square five-leg Table; 48-inch top; 10 foot extension; regular price, $30.00; sale price $21.75

Round Quarter-sawed Pedestal Table with 60-inch top; 8 foot extension; regular price, $75.00; sale price $57.50

Round Quarter-sawed Pedestal Table; 54-inch top; 10 foot extension; regular price, $60.00; sale price $51.85

Round Pedestal Table; quarter-sawed, Golden Oak; 10 foot extension only; regular price, $59.50; sale price $46.85

Round Pedestal Table; quarter-sawed; 54-inch top; 10-foot extension; regular price, $55.00; sale price $46.50

Same description; 8-foot extension; regular price, $50.00; sale price $42.35

Square Golden Oak, five-leg Table; 6-foot extension; regular price, $15.00; sale price $10.85

Round Weathered Oak; 48-inch top Pedestal Table; 10-foot extension; regular price, $40.00; sale price $33.85

Round Weathered Oak; 45-inch top; 6-foot Table; regular price, $30; sale price $22.50

Round Weathered Oak five-leg Table; Mission finish; 45-inch top; 6-foot extension; regular price, $22.50; sale price $18.35

Same description; 8-foot extension; regular price, $25.00; sale price $19.85

Same description, square, 6-foot extension; regular price, $20.00; sale price $16.65

SIDEBOARDS AND CHINA CLOSETS.

Golden Oak quarter-sawed Sideboard; large mirror back; regular price, $65.00; sale price $37.50

Quarter-sawed Golden Oak Sideboard, oval mirror in back; regular price, $32.50; sale price $23.75

Quarter-sawed Golden Oak plain Sideboard; regular price, $42.50; sale price $32.50

Combination Sideboard and China Closet, quarter-sawed; Golden Oak finish, regular price, $60.00; sale price $32.50

China Closet with mirror back and glass in back of shelves; regular price, $50.00; sale price $36.75

Large China Closet with drawers below; full mirror back; round corners; all quarter-sawed; Golden Oak finish; regular price, $125.00; sale price $79.65

China Closet; Golden Oak; with four shelves; round corners; regular price, $30.00; sale price $24.35

Same description, square, 8-foot extension; regular price, $22.50; sale price $18.65

HALL TREES.

Large oval mirror back, 18x40, with four oxidized hooks on side; umbrella rack; Golden Oak; quarter-sawed; regular price, $37.00; sale price $28.95

Same description; regular price, $50.00; sale price $37.50

Golden Oak, quarter-sawed Hall Tree; 20x24 mirror; trimmed with four oxidized hooks; umbrella rack on side; regular price, $22.50; sale price $17.50

MORRIS CHAIRS.

"Royal" guaranteed Morris Chair with push buton attachment; Golden Oak frame with best quality of velour covering for cushions; all cushions reversible; regular price, $16.50; sale price $12.50

Same description in quarter-sawed, Golden Oak frame; regular price, $15.00; sale price $11.75

Mission style; Weathered Oak finish; imitation leather reversible cushions; regular price, $25.50; sale price $18.75

Morris Rocker with foot rest attachment; royal push button back; genuine leather cushions, reversible; regular price, $35.00; sale price $27.50

Quarter-sawed Golden Oak frame covered with the best velour; reversible cushions; regular price, $28.00; sale price $21.75

Same description; green velour; regular price, $25.00; sale price $19.50

CARPET DEPARTMENT.

Best all-wool Ingrain Carpets, 36 inches wide, full extra supers; regular price, 85c; sale price ..... 65¢

All wool filling, full standard, extra supers Ingrain Carpets; regular price, 75c; sale price ..... 52 1-2¢

All Ingrain and Cottage Carpets and Fibres, 36 inches wide; regular price, 45c and 50c; sale price ..... 35¢

All Brussels Carpets; good designs; fine assortment; regular price, $1.25; sale price ..... 95¢

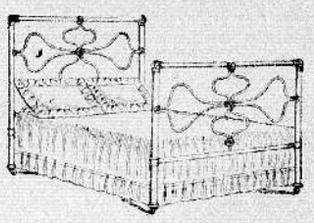
All Body Brussells Carpets; regular price, $1.75 and $2.00; sale price $1.15

Extra

The Daily Special

This week in both our Carpet and Furniture departments, a different special will be offered each day. Watch for them as they will tell of bargains of a very unusual and attractive nature.

TUESDAY



$6.50 Iron Beds $2.98

Iron Beds, style of cut; posts and head and foot top rails, 1-inch, fancy scroll filling; in either full or three-quarter size; finished in either pea green or white with gilt chills; only a few of these regular $6.50 Beds for today's selling at, only **$2.98**

$1.50 Bed Spreads 98c

Marseilles Bed Spreads, good quality, full double bed size, in nice patterns; regular price $1.50 each; special today, only **98c**