

**OPERATORS GET
112% PROFIT ON
BRIDGE TRAFFIC**

Service Board Orders Inquiry
Into Fares Charged on the
Williamsburg Span.

The Bridge Operating Company and its lessees, the Interborough Metropolitan and Brooklyn Rapid Transit companies, were ordered to appear before the Public Service Commission on Feb. 13 and show cause why the rate of fare charged for taking passengers over the Williamsburg Bridge should not be reduced.

This action followed the discovery that the traction twins were only making in 112 per cent a year profit from the right to use the city's new bridge. The question presented is:

If the Bridge Operating Company can make 112 per cent on \$700,000 of capital by carrying passengers over the bridge at a three cent fare, how much ought the public pay to provide a fair return upon the capital?

On a 6 per cent basis the company could sell five tickets for a nickel and make money.

The Bridge Operating Company is a corporation formed under the Business Corporations law. It was organized in 1904. It has a capital stock of \$100,000, half of which on Dec. 31, 1911, was held by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company and half by John and Robinson, receivers for the Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

COMPANIES AGREE UPON A THREE-CENT FARE.

The Bridge Operating Company, with the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company, the New York City Railway Company and the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company, in May, 1904, made an agreement with the city of New York to operate cars across the Williamsburg Bridge. The rate of fare was to be not more than three cents or five cents for two tickets.

In June, 1907, the New York City Railway Company and the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company agreed to perform the obligations imposed upon the Bridge Operating Company by the 1904 agreement.

These two companies, through the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company as operating agents, are now operating the Bridge Operating Company's road, and by agreement, following a lawsuit, but made out of court, are paying the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company 14 per cent of the profits, the Coney Island Company having sued for a share of the profits following the agreement of 1907.

According to the annual reports filed by the Bridge Operating Company and its lessees for the year ending June 30, 1911, the net income of the company for that year was \$112,007. The report of the preceding year showed almost identically the same net income. In both cases this was after all expenses, taxes and charges of every kind had been deducted.

As this is apparently a very large return upon the capital stock the commission decided upon an investigation.

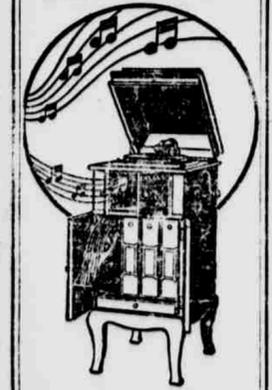
**THREE ARE INJURED
IN TAXICAB CRASH.**

Collided With Safety Device in
the Middle of West
Street.

Two men and a woman were injured shortly before midnight last night when a taxicab collided with a safety isle in West street in front of the Barclay street ferryhouse. They were Anthony Guff of No. 142 Quincy street, Brooklyn, the chauffeur, abrasions and lacerations of head and hands; Mrs. Annie Lurvey, twenty-two years old, of No. 1860 Talbot avenue, Indianapolis, Ind., abrasions over left eye and lacerations of the mouth and hands; and David Lurvey, an electrical engineer, of No. 1860 Talbot avenue, Indianapolis, Ind., lacerations of the scalp.

Mr. and Mrs. Lurvey had been in this city two weeks, stopping at the Hotel Astor. When the collision occurred they were on their way to the Liberty street ferry, intending to board a train in Jersey City for Washington. None was seriously hurt. Mr. and Mrs. Lurvey returned to the hotel.

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**Tomorrow GIMBEL BROTHERS Will Begin the
FEBRUARY SALE OF FURNITURE**

The Climax of Months of Well-Directed Preparation, Based on Years of Learning
How. Bringing Forward HALF A MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH of the
Good Kind of Furniture that Has Quickly and Firmly Established
the Gimbel Furniture Store in Public Favor

MERIT, pure and simple, is the magic that has brought this Furniture Business to a proud position in New York retailing in a short year and a half. Merit, well gained by years of experience, and the ability, courage and artistic judgment to choose only Furniture of sterling worth—and to reject all else.

The public has shown its appreciation of this by its openly expressed admiration—better yet, by constantly increasing patronage. Thus each of our Half-yearly Sales—milestones in an always growing general business—sets a new mark for the next one to strive to surpass.

This will be a much better Furniture Sale than any of its predecessors. Quality cannot be improved, of course—we always maintain it at top notch in each grade. From the viewpoint of quantity, variety, beauty, it has gained vastly. And economies are such as to increase the buying power of the home-furnisher's money by one to five dollars on every ten dollars he has to invest.

To Summarize the Sale: There Are—

- 175 Styles of Extension Tables, \$9.50 to \$275
- 170 Styles of Sideboards from \$14 to \$600
- 200 Styles of China Closets from \$12 to \$300
- 375 Styles of Bureaus, from \$8.50 to \$225
- 350 Styles of Chiffoniers, from \$6.25 to \$175
- 75 Styles of Toilet Tables, from \$11 to \$175
- 95 Styles of Princess Dressers, at \$14 to \$175
- 325 Styles of Library Tables, from \$8 to \$250
- 200 Styles of Bookcases, from \$6.25 to \$150
- 225 Styles of Brass Bedsteads, \$7.50 to \$125
- 100 Styles of Parlor Suites, from \$25 to \$750
- 100 Styles Women's Writing Desks, \$9 to \$250

And many more splendid groups, in Colonial and other Period and modern styles, in mahogany, Circassian walnut, Tuna, maple, oak, Mission, enamel and every other desirable wood or finish. Chiefly made to our special order, during factories' dull seasons, thereby securing utmost economies for our customers on furniture of standard Gimbel qualities. Providing an almost endless series of combinations of

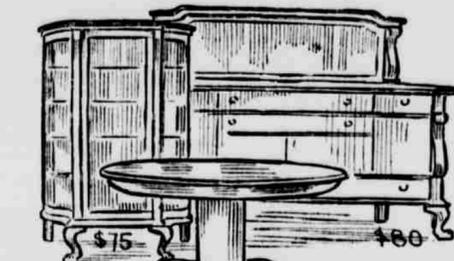
Furniture for the Dining-room, Bedroom, Parlor and Library, in Suites or Single Pieces
Wicker Furniture for Summer Porch and Living-room
Mission Furniture
Brass Bedsteads

all at savings of 25 to 33 1-3 per cent. In addition, we have thrown into the Sale, without reservation—

**Our Whole Regular Furniture Stock
At Price-Reductions of 10 to 50 Per Cent.**

(excepting some classes of Office Furnishings). Being a total of some \$500,000 worth of Furniture, at February Sale prices, that we can truthfully and unqualifiedly recommend as investments for our public.

Here is as much of the detailed news as we can present in a single page. Each day, throughout the month, will have its own news of vital interest.



DINING-ROOM FURNITURE
Extension Tables
In Golden Oak:
\$28 regularly \$35
22 regularly 27
20 regularly 25
18 regularly 22
16 regularly 20
12 regularly 16
9 regularly 12
Early English:
\$40 regularly \$47.50
33 regularly 40
26 regularly 35
\$25 regularly \$30
16 regularly 20
In Mahogany:
\$47.50 regularly \$70
\$52.50 regularly 65
40 regularly 47

Sideboards
In Mahogany:
\$60 regularly \$90
55 regularly 55
35 regularly 35
In Golden Oak:
\$37 regularly \$45
35 regularly 40
28 regularly 36
30.50 reg. 34

China Closets
In Mahogany:
\$85 regularly \$100
72.50 reg. 80
In Golden Oak:
\$36 regularly \$53
30 regularly 45
25 regularly 38
In Early English:
\$27 regularly \$35

Bureaus
In Golden Oak:
\$20 regularly \$35
25 regularly 32
\$20 reg. \$27
19 reg. 25
14 reg. 18
Seventh Floor

BEDROOM FURNITURE
Bureaus
In Mahogany:
\$27 reg. \$32
25 reg. 30
20 reg. 28
In Maple:
\$42.50 reg. \$50
30 reg. 36
22 reg. 25
In Walnut:
\$28 reg. \$40
24 reg. 32
In Tuna Mahogany:
\$28 reg. \$35
25 reg. 32
24 reg. 28

Chiffoniers
In Golden Oak:
\$22 reg. \$33
24 reg. 30
16 reg. 24
In Mahogany:
\$33 reg. \$40
29 reg. 35
24 reg. 34
In Tuna Mahogany:
\$28 reg. \$35
23 reg. 27
14 reg. 19

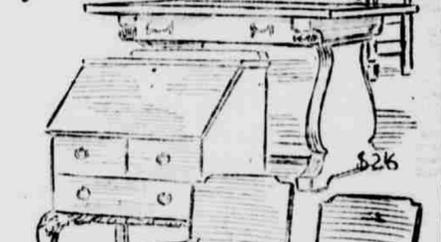
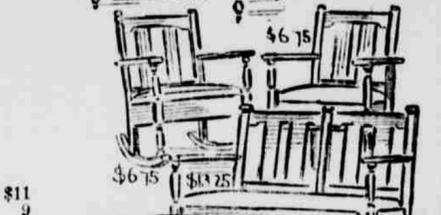
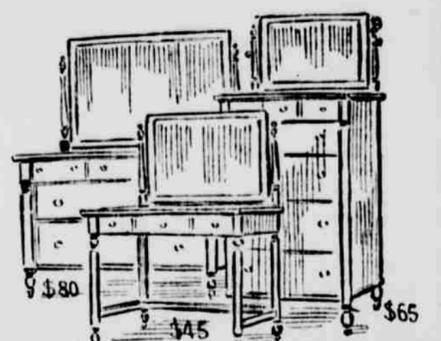
Princess Dressers
\$23 reg. \$32
23 reg. 30
19 reg. 26
\$18 reg. \$24
15 reg. 20
14 reg. 18

LIBRARY TABLES
In Mahogany:
\$28 reg. \$42
23 reg. 35
18 reg. 27
\$16 reg. \$24
8.50 reg. 17
18 reg. 27
In Early English:
\$24 reg. \$47.50
20 reg. 29
16.75 reg. 25
7 reg. 14
In Golden Oak:
\$24 reg. \$36
20 reg. 30
\$10 reg. \$15
Seventh Floor

MISSION FURNITURE
In Tudor style; Fumed Oak:
Arm Chairs
\$15 reg. \$22.50
11.50 reg. 17.50
10 reg. 15
\$8 reg. \$12
6.25 reg. 9.50
Rockers
\$16.75 regularly \$25
15 regularly 22.50
11.50 regularly 17.50
6.25 regularly 9.50
Settees
\$37 regularly \$55
26.75 regularly 40
13.25 regularly 20

PARLOR FURNITURE
Five Pieces:
\$100 reg. \$150
75 reg. 105
70 reg. 105
Three Pieces:
\$85 reg. \$115
65 reg. 110
75 reg. 100
TEA WAGONS
In Brown, Green or Natural Colors
\$13.75 reg. \$17
\$11.25 reg. \$14.75
10.25 reg. 13.75
Rockers
\$11.50 reg. \$15.25
10.25 reg. 14.25
9 reg. 12
7.75 reg. 9.50
Tables
\$8 reg. \$10
6.50 reg. 7.50
4.50 reg. 6.50
Settees
\$24 reg. \$32
16 reg. 22
16 reg. 20
10 reg. 14

BRASS BEDSTEADS
Square Tube; Satin Finish Only:
\$47.50 reg. \$70
35 reg. 50
30 reg. 40
28 reg. 35
22 reg. 32
15 reg. 20
Seventh Floor
Sixth Floor



**This February Event Brings
450 Famous "Alaska" Refrigerators
At 15 to 33 1-3 Per Cent. Under-Price**

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, Alaska Refrigerators are known and highly prized. They deserve their popularity for these convincing reasons:
Splendidly constructed, of best materials
Very small ice consumption
Absolutely sanitary precision chamber
Efficient preservation of food

From now on the genuine "Alaska" Refrigerators, bearing their trade-mark name, may be bought in New York only at Gimbel's. To signalize this important arrangement, we secured from the makers at a special discount 450 of these fine Refrigerators, including some 70 styles or sizes, which we shall place on sale tomorrow at important savings.

Every Refrigerator bears the "Alaska" trade-mark; all are charcoal-filled, free from all impurities and moisture, have patent "Alaska" traps, cast-steel locks and hinges, and removable waste pipe and shelves. The styles include all opalite glass, or opalite glass, porcelain, zinc or enamel-lined wooden boxes.

Type	Material	Height	Width	Depth	Price
Side Ice	Opalite Glass	66 in.	17 1/2 in.	11 1/2 in.	\$127.50
"	Enamel Out	62 in.	12 1/2 in.	11 1/2 in.	\$95.50
Four-door	Opalite	66 in.	18 1/2 in.	11 1/2 in.	\$120
"	Front Glass Lined	66 in.	20 in.	11 1/2 in.	\$95
"	"	66 in.	17 1/2 in.	11 1/2 in.	\$62.50
"	"	62 in.	12 1/2 in.	11 1/2 in.	\$67.50
Five-door	Opalite	65 in.	20 1/2 in.	11 1/2 in.	\$109
Apartment	Opalite	55 in.	10 1/2 in.	11 1/2 in.	\$45
"	House Glass Lined	61 in.	12 1/2 in.	11 1/2 in.	\$40
"	Porcelain	64 in.	10 1/2 in.	11 1/2 in.	\$38.50
"	"	65 in.	12 1/2 in.	11 1/2 in.	\$44
"	"	61 in.	10 1/2 in.	11 1/2 in.	\$45.50
Side Ice	Enamel	61 in.	15 1/2 in.	11 1/2 in.	\$18.50
"	"	59 in.	11 1/2 in.	11 1/2 in.	\$22

The Furniture Illustrated

DINING-ROOM SUITE—
Extension Table, 64-inch round top, large pedestal, platform base with claw feet hand-carved.
Mahogany, \$65, from \$89. Early English, \$40, from \$99.
Sideboard, Colonial design, five drawers and three cupboards, mirror. Mahogany, \$30, from \$110. Early English, \$36, from \$99.
China Closet, 61 inches high, 48 inches wide, Colonial, claw feet, mirror back, glass shelves. Full swell ends and door. Mahogany, \$76, from \$105. Early English, \$55, from \$75.

DINING CHAIRS—
In golden oak or Early English finish, leather-covered, loose seats. Arm Chair, \$4, from \$6.50. Side Chair, \$2, from \$3.50.

MISSION SETTEE—
Fumed oak, in Tudor style, 74 inches long; automobile seat, loose cushion back; covered in Spanish leather. \$37, from \$55.

ROCKING CHAIR—
Golden oak or mahogany finish; saddle seat, banister back, \$6.50 from \$9.

BRASS BEDSTEAD—
Square tubing, satin finish, heavy posts, best English lacquer, in 4 ft. 6 in., 4 ft. 3 in. & 3 ft. 6 in. sizes. At \$39, from \$49.

WICKER SUITE—
In natural shellac or painted, white, green, red or brown. Settee, \$20, from \$25. Arm Chair or Arm Rocker, \$11, from \$15. In any color enamel, at slight extra charge.

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BEDROOM SUITE—
In a charming but dignified Colonial design of solid mahogany and superbly finished. One of the most extraordinary offerings of the sale.
Bureau, 60-in. Mirror, 22 1/2 in. two large and two small drawers, \$50, from \$125. 40-in. Mirror, four large and three small drawers 40-in. Mirror, 20 1/2 in. \$45 from \$100. Dressing Table, 40-in. Mirror, 22 1/2 in. \$45 from \$65.

MISSION FURNITURE—
Tudor design, in fumed oak, spring seats, covered with Spanish leather. Settee, 45-in., \$13.25 from \$20. Arm Chair or Arm Rocker, automobile spring seat, \$6.75 from \$10.

LIBRARY TABLE—
Mahogany, with heavy end pieces, one large drawer and generous shelf. \$20 from \$30.

WOMAN'S WRITING DESK—
Mahogany, hand-carved, claw feet, 30 in. 1/2, one large and two small drawers, handsome square mirror on top, \$23 from \$50.

OCCASIONAL CHAIRS—
Mahogany frame, upholstered seat and back, covered with Spanish leather or panne velvet. Arm Chair or Rocking Chair, \$16 from \$24.

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