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Anniversary Specials for Monday & Tuesday

- 40-INCH PERSIAN LAWN, suitable for children's dresses, ladies' waists, &c. Regular value 19c, special price, per yd. **11c**
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West 125th Street, 7th and 8th Aves.

EXPLAINS FERRY DEAL

MET. MEN GOT \$755,000.

Philadelphia Broker Tells His Part in Wall & Cortlandt Sale.

George A. Huhn, of the brokerage firm of Huhn & Sons, of Philadelphia, one of the last witnesses before the grand jury that investigated the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, told of the part he played in the Wall & Cortlandt Streets Ferry line deal, bringing out the fact that he had sold 1,500 shares of Electric Storage Battery stock for \$255,000, and that that amount went to make up the \$755,000 paid for the line.

"My recollection," he told Mr. Jerome, "is that on January 20, 1906, we received from New York 1,500 shares of the Electric Storage Battery Company stock, and also checks of \$100,000 each from Messrs. Ryan, Dolan, Whitney, Elkins and Widener, with instructions to get checks from Mr. Elkins, Mr. Widener and Mr. Dolan in exchange for these and remit to New York.

"We sold the storage battery stock for \$255,000, and that with the checks made \$755,000, and, to the best of my recollection, I brought that sum over to New York and paid it to Mr. Whitney. I only know that from the simple reason that my business was with him. I would not have delivered the sum to anybody else without a voucher."

"Did you deliver the checks or did you get a draft on Philadelphia?" asked Mr. Jerome.

"I got a draft on Philadelphia."

"How much was your draft on Philadelphia for?"

"Three hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars, I think."

"And the draft on New York?"

"Four hundred thousand dollars."

"Do you know what became of that draft?"

"I delivered it to Mr. Whitney."

"That conversation did you have with him?"

"I brought the checks over myself, and I had them drawn to my own order, and it is my recollection that Mr. Whitney had me endorse them over to Mr. Vreeland. From my recollection I think I endorsed everything, the entire \$755,000, to Mr. Vreeland."

In his reply to the Amory charges Mr. Jerome said he knew that certain "petty cash" vouchers known as short vouchers, which counsel for the company put in the cash for disbursements of investigators, had been destroyed at the end of each year, but he had no knowledge of the destruction of the books of that company until it was brought out during the investigation of the Interborough-Metropolitan company by the Public Service Commission. The minutes of the grand jury show that the District Attorney was not cross-examined or examined in any way in connection with his reply to the Amory charges.

Charles S. Ludlam, an expert accountant employed by Haskins & Sells, when he appeared as a witness said his examination of the Metropolitan company's books showed its bookkeeping methods were out of date and antiquated. On the other hand, he testified with equal positiveness that he found nothing in the books that aroused his suspicions or that would seem to indicate that they were so kept as to cover up transactions of a suspicious or illegal character. That the company had charged millions of dollars to its construction account which it had not expended for construction Mr. Ludlam denounced as "pure rot."

Neither Mr. Jerome nor any of the grand jurors asked Mr. Ludlam to explain how the \$500,000 included in the purchase price of \$950,000, approximately, which the company paid for the Wall & Cortlandt Street Ferry line was carried on the books. Earlier testimony had shown that this amount was repaid by Mr. Whitney to the men who advanced it—Ryan, Whitney, Elkins, Widener and Dolan—from this purchase price. It was originally advanced to him, presumably, for contributions to political campaign funds.

Mr. Ludlam testified that it was usual for a large railroad corporation to keep a president's office petty cash fund. He said that this fund varied according to the size of the corporation from several hundred dollars a month to several thousand a month. "I have in mind one corporation," he said, "that pays its president \$10,000 a month specifically under the direction of the board of directors."

"For which he renders no account whatever?" asked Mr. Jerome.

"To be spent by him in the interest of the company according to his best judgment," replied Mr. Ludlam.

"So," said Jerome, "in a corporation as large as the Metropolitan Securities Company the annual expenditures of petty cash running from \$5,000 to \$20,000 would not be unusual?"

"It would not suggest anything to my mind," said Mr. Ludlam, "provided that they were properly approved."

"The president was not called on for any accounting except that he made petty cash disbursements through his office?" asked Jerome.

"No," said Mr. Ludlam.

"You would say," asked Jerome, "that millions of dollars had not been expended in construction accounts and yet put on the books of the company as so expended?"

"I would say that was pure rot. I know positively that it was all properly accounted for."

After denying that the Metropolitan company had made false or misleading statements in regard to its condition in reports to the railroad commissioners, Mr. Ludlam explained that its rather antiquated method of bookkeeping was due to the lines' amalgamations it had had with other lines.

"The system would have had all right for small companies," he said, "but not for one as large as this has become."

Mr. Ludlam said that when he was controller it was his practice to check all the company's cash and securities and to balance them against the general books of the company every two or three months.

C. U. ASKED TO ENTER ESSAY CONTEST.

Columbia University students have been invited to compete for prizes offered for the purpose of arousing an interest in the study of topics relating to commerce and industry. The invitation comes from Professor J. Laurence Laughlin, of the University of Chicago, chairman of the committee in charge. Students are allowed until June 1, 1908, to finish their essays. Class A includes any American, the first prize in this class is \$600 and the second \$300. Class B includes those who are undergraduates of any American college, and any member of this class may compete for the prizes of class A. The first prize in this class is \$300 and the second is \$200. Class C is for those who have not had an academic training, the prize being \$100. The prizes are offered by Hart, Schaffner & Marx, of Chicago.

CONSOLIDATED EXCHANGE SUSPENSION.

The suspension of John Seedman, a member of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, was announced on the floor of that institution yesterday. Mr. Seedman, who was a floor trader, failed to meet his clearing house balance. He said that he expected clearing house balance. He said that he expected to receive on Monday. Mr. Seedman is understood to have been on the wrong side of the market in the recent advance. The failure was unimportant and had no effect on prices.

METZ AFTER GRAFTERS

FINDS PADDED ACCOUNTS.

Dismisses Three Men as First Step in Latest Reform.

A contractor in the Borough of Queens, with courage worthy of a more righteous undertaking, presented a bill for \$36 against the city for putting up three hundred feet of shelving, for which he charged 100 hours' time. Controller Metz discovered the account on its way through his office, and when he learned that an auditor and two inspectors had passed the claim he asked for their resignations. The auditor received a salary of \$3,000, one of the inspectors \$1,500 and the other \$1,500 a year. Their excuse that they had always audited accounts in that manner did not go with the Controller. Mr. Metz refused to give the names of the men, because, he said, no charges had been preferred against them, and he wants them to get work somewhere else if they can.

"It is the first step in getting rid of a pernicious system of auditing accounts in this department," said the Controller yesterday. "A whole lot of my men do their work in a wooden headed way, never taking the trouble to do any investigating of their own. The result often is that perfectly ridiculous claims will be passed on favorably—claims that ought to be reduced by half or thrown out entirely."

The Controller has ordered all department heads when ordering work done to send in to the finance department estimates or requisitions, and when the work has been actually performed the contractors must send duplicate bills itemized to him instead of to the department head.

In the last few months sixty-two claims for \$16,000 for repairs and supplies under the bureau of public buildings and offices in Queens were submitted by the Controller to experts and manufacturers and to men who do this class of repair, and he says they estimated the whole \$16,000 worth of work and supplies could have been furnished for \$7,200.

Among the sixty-two claims was one for forty-five feet of landscape wire for windows for the Borough Hall of Queens, furnished at a cost of \$250 a foot, at a total of \$11,250. A manufacturer estimated that a liberal price for furnishing the wire would be \$45.

A claim for painting sidewalks and ceiling in a room 25 by 100 feet, and for installing a number of desks, was \$50. Estimates were given that \$25 would be a fair price for the work.

The Controller asked a prominent wood working company to pass on a claim for \$75 for fifty-three feet of oak partitions with Florentine glass windows. This made a cost of \$15 a running foot. The concern said a fair estimate for the work would be \$27.50.

"These inspectors are not experts," said the Controller, "and they have to pass on the value of everything furnished to the city, from hay and grain to pianos and chemical apparatus, and grading and paving, too. It's the fault of the system that things like this occur, and I want to break it up if I can, and I'm going to try to do it. I shall expect the inspectors to begin to chip down some of the bills."

TIFFANY'S SEA WALLS MUST GO.

Town Board of Oyster Bay Declares Them an Obstruction.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., April 25.—Two concrete walls that have been built from the upland to low water mark on either side of a public highway at the country seat of Louis B. Tiffany, the New York jeweler, at Laurelton, must be removed, according to the order of the Town Board of Oyster Bay.

At a meeting of the board in the town clerk's office this afternoon about two hundred laymen, farmers and business men were present to complain about the walls. It is said that the public has the right of way to the shore. It is further alleged that the walls encroach two feet on each side of the highway. It is thought that Mr. Tiffany erected the walls as a test case.

A three-masted schooner sunk near the Tiffany pier, and used as a bathhouse, also is called an obstruction.

MOTHERS' EXPOSITION AT MADISON SQ.

The Mothers' Exposition, or convention of parents, will open at the Madison Square Garden on the evening of May 14 and continue for one week. Pure milk, education and hygiene are to be discussed at the conference by prominent physicians and others. The education of children, particularly in manual training, practical training of the crippled and blind in trades that will make them self-supporting and also examples of the work of blind and crippled children will be included in the exposition. Amusements for children, such as Punch and Judy, will be features, and special performance of children's plays and farcical spectacles will be presented in a children's theatre by juvenile performers under the direction of Wilbur Finley Fauley.

PRODUCE EXCHANGE NOMINATORS.

At a meeting of the members of the Produce Exchange the following committee was elected to nominate candidates for the annual election of officers in June: C. W. Andrus, F. A. Ferris, John Giedhill, Russell C. Johnson, K. J. Muir, Henry Raphael, Daniel T. Wade, E. C. Weeks and Edmund P. Whittman.



Children's Summer Underwear

All the leading makes, materials and meshes. In greatest variety and widest range of sizes at moderate prices.

Merino Underwear

of Foreign and Domestic manufacture, in all the desirable weights.

Cotton, Wool, Merino, Cotton and Linen Mesh, Cartwright & Warner's Underwear, Furley & Buttrum's, American Hosiery Co.'s, Dr. Diemel's Linen Mesh, Aertex Cotton Mesh, Balbriggan Underwear, Combination Suits, Ribbed Underwear.

All At Popular Prices.

Children's Hosiery Special Values

Fine Quality Black or Tan Cotton Sox sizes 5 1/2 to 9, 23c. pair

Children's Plain Fast Black Cotton Stockings sizes 5 to 7 1/2, 75c. a box of 6 pairs regular price 25c. pair

Extra Fine White Cotton Stockings with silk clockings; sizes 4 to 9, 33c. pair

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La Grecque Belt Corset for Stout Women

lessens waist measurement by lengthening and gives a Shapeliness, Grace and Comfort. The extension flexible belt completely encompasses abdomen and hips, reduces largest figures to shapely proportions and prevents any unsightly bulging of flesh at the edge of corset. Belt Models \$6.00.

VAN ORDEN CORSET CO.
NEW ADDRESS
49-45 W. 34th St., N. Y.

JUMPS FROM WINDOW

Manufacturer Another Victim of Last Fall's Panic.

Eugene Munsell, president of the Mica Insulating Company, of No. 88 Church street, leaped to his death from the seventh floor of an apartment house at Broadway and 73d street early yesterday morning. He had suffered from loss of sleep and worry dating back to the financial panic last fall.

Mr. Munsell had said nothing to his wife about his worries, although he had asked to be excused from accompanying his family to Alton, S. C., for the usual visit to the Hotel Regent, on an automobile business week. His explanation that business would not permit him to take a vacation decided the other members of the family to stay here. A few days later he became ill, and was unable to leave his home.

On Thursday Mr. Munsell was so much improved that he went out, and on Friday he accompanied Ruyon Pyatt of the Hotel Regent, on an automobile ride. When he returned he felt so well that he spoke of going back to his business in a short time. Soon after, Mr. Munsell left the house to buy an evening newspaper. When he returned he was greatly excited.

During the night Mrs. Munsell was awakened several times by his tossing in his bed. At 3 o'clock he asked for a glass of milk. A maid was called, but Mr. Munsell asked his wife to get the milk, as he said that it would taste better.

When Mrs. Munsell returned to the room, a few minutes later, there was no one in the apartment. Startled by her husband's disappearance, Mrs. Munsell called her sister and Miss Marguerite Wheeler, her daughter, but they could find no trace of the man until they noticed a draft from the window on the Broadway side of the room. Looking out of the window, they saw several persons bending over his body. An ambulance call was sent to Roosevelt Hospital. Coroner Acritelli ordered the body removed to the West 68th street police station, where he held an investigation.

Mr. Munsell succeeded his father in the stove business at No. 218 West street, but later became interested in the mica company. His wife was the widow of Alonzo Wheeler.

REMOVAL SALE
SPECIAL GREAT REDUCTION
ORIENTAL RUGS & CARPETS

Prior to our removal to 267 Fifth Ave. on May 1st
MICHAELIAN BROS.
421 Fifth Ave., corner 28th St.

Auction Sales.

Thos. Mathews
Art Rooms
45th St. & Madison Ave.
DANIEL R. KENNEDY, Auctioneer.

Monday, April 27th, at 11 o'clock.

The entire balance of their magnificent collection (colored pieces) of
Antique Furniture and Art Goods

REGENTS
COLONIAL, ENGLISH, FRENCH, DUTCH, ITALIAN, JAPANESE, SIMPLE AND CARVED SUITS OR ODD PIECES

Belts and Other Rosewood Furniture
RARE PORCELAINS AND POTTERIES
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Crystal Chandeliers and Six Brooches
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Italian Marble for Home and Garden
Grasshopper, French, and Dresden Clocks
Sabinet and Old English Plans
GAS AND ELECTRIC FIXTURES

sels and velvet carpets. Domestic and Oriental rugs are also mentioned.

ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO., at Broadway and 18th street, have a sale of summer dress silks, rough Oriental silks, tailor made fabrics, women's suits and dresses, linens and bedding. They also offer an extensive line of bedspreads and coverings.

SAKS & CO., at Broadway and 54th street, declare a sale of waists in Swiss and lisle for women and tailored suits for misses and small women in Panama cloths, stripes, checks and mixtures. Street afternoon and evening dresses are quoted, while the tailored suits are specially announced at reduced prices, and to-morrow and Tuesday there will be a sale of taffeta silk petticoats.

BISHOP POTTER WILL NOT OFFICIATE.

Indigestion Makes Absence from Confirmation Service Necessary.

Owing to an illness of several days, Bishop Potter will not be able to conduct the confirmation service this morning at the Church of the Incarnation, Madison avenue and 35th street. According to his physician, Dr. J. E. Jarvin, of No. 121 Madison avenue, Bishop Potter has been suffering for about ten days from an attack of indigestion, brought on by overwork. He has not been confined to his bed, however, and was able to go out for a drive on Friday. Dr. Jarvin said the Bishop needed a rest more than anything else, and will probably be able to take up his work again within a week.

Dr. Grossenor, the rector, will preach this morning at the Church of the Incarnation, and the confirmation service will be postponed until this evening at the Chapel of the Incarnation, 31st street and Second avenue. Bishop Courtney will confirm the class. The service will also be a farewell to the Rev. George Biller, the vicar of the chapel, who leaves there to go to South Dakota. In the afternoon, at 4 o'clock, Bishop Whitehead, of Pittsburgh, will deliver the annual sermon before the Pennsylvania Society in the Church of the Incarnation.

B. Altman & Co.

WILL OFFER AT VERY SPECIAL SALES
ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY, APRIL 27th & 28th
THE ARTICLES DESCRIBED, AS FOLLOWS:

WOMEN'S TRIMMED LEGHORN HATS

AT \$15.00
SOLD USUALLY FOR \$25.00

ALSO GREAT REDUCTIONS IN THE PRICES
OF OTHER STYLES OF TRIMMED HATS.
(THIRD FLOOR)

12,000 YDS. ALL-SILK ROUGH PONGEES
(SUMMER WEIGHT) 27 INCHES WIDE,

AT 78c. PER YARD
THE REGULAR PRICE BEING \$1.25

IN COPENHAGEN AND MARINE BLUE,
TAN AND OTHER PLAIN COLORS, ALSO
INCLUDING EVENING SHADES.

**FRENCH HAND-EMBROIDERED
UNMADE ROBES**

OF SHEER WHITE BATISTE,
AT \$19.50 & \$24.00
HERETOFORE SOLD FOR \$28.00 & \$40.00

ALSO
**5,000 YARDS OF COLORED LACES
AND EMBROIDERIES**

38c., 45c., 85c. TO \$2.85 PER YARD
HERETOFORE SOLD AT 60c. TO \$4.50

**MEN'S FANCY COLORED AND
EMBR'D BLACK LISLE HOSE**

\$1.50 PER BOX OF SIX PAIRS
FORMERLY SOLD AT \$3.00

WOMEN'S BLACK LISLE HOSE

\$1.65 PER BOX OF SIX PAIRS
FORMERLY SOLD FOR \$3.00

CHILDREN'S RIBBED COTTON HOSE
TAN, WHITE AND BLACK,
\$1.00 PER BOX OF SIX PAIRS
FORMERLY \$1.50

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ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28th, A PARTICULAR SALE
WILL BE HELD OF

WOMEN'S MUSLIN DRESSES
AS PER THE FOLLOWING:

SEMI-PRINCESSE DRESSES OF WHITE AND COLORED
BATISTE, AND WHITE CROSS-BAR LAWN \$10.50

GUMPE DRESSES OF STRIPED LINEN, WHITE AND
COLORED POPLIN CORD \$15.00

COAT SUITS OF WHITE AND COLORED PIQUE 20.00

THREE-PIECE SUITS OF COLORED LINEN 23.00

ONE-PIECE DRESSES OF WHITE AND COLORED
BATISTE \$25.00

(DEPARTMENT ON SECOND FLOOR)

**B. Altman & Co. WILL HOLD A SALE OF
DOMESTIC RUGS ON MONDAY & TUESDAY,**

8.3 x 10.6 AT \$19.50 & 22.00

9 x 12 AT 21.00 & 25.00

THE USUAL PRICES BEING FROM \$27.00 TO \$40.00

A LARGE STOCK OF MODERATELY-PRICED RUGS,
PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE FOR COUNTRY HOUSES,
INCLUDING HOMESPUNS, ART SQUARES, FIBRE AND
GRASS RUGS, ETC. CHINESE AND JAPANESE
MATTINGS.

RUGS AND DRAPERIES RECEIVED FOR STORAGE.

34th Street, 35th Street and 5th Avenue, New York.

OFFERINGS AT THE STORES.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONSULT THE AD-
VERTISEMENTS IN TO-DAY'S TRIBUNE.

MACY'S, at Broadway and Sixth avenue, call attention to a sale of women's suits, coats and jackets, wash waists and lawn dressing silks. They have reductions in black and colored silks, colored taffetas, printed crepes and foulard silk. Ribbons and varied dress goods are included, while there is also full line of men's wear. Furniture is especially noted.

A. D. MATHEWS SONS, in Brooklyn, have a sale of housefurnishings which includes rugs, carpets and other essentials. Almost every variety of floor covering is quoted.

ABRAHAM & STRAUS, in Brooklyn, have a household sale, consisting of brooms, woodware, stoves, refrigerators, trunks, garden and farming tools, go-carts and an assortment of hardware, which is announced for the week.

BLOOMINGDALE, at 85th street and Third avenue, call attention to lace and net waists, Japanese silk quilts, chandeliers, gilt crystal reg-Japanese clocks, and their arrangement for storing furs in the warm weather.

HEARN, in 14th street, west of Fifth avenue, calls this housekeeping week. He announces special quotations in sheets and pillow cases, curtains, call quotations in sheets and pillow cases, curtains, and upholstery, table linens, all linen damasks, and upholstery, table linens, all linen damasks, and silver plated ware, consisting of knives, spoons and silver plated ware, for the table and kitchen. He also offers essentials for the comfortable, blankets, window

shades, bathroom fixtures, scarfs and household paints and enamels.

O'NEILL-ADAMS COMPANY, at Sixth avenue and 29th street, has on sale washable dress fabrics and imported mercerized check suitings, with spring values in women's suits, black dress fabrics, colored dress goods, mohairs and remnants in dress goods. Summer knit underwear for men is also announced in the advertisement.

SIMPSON CRAWFORD COMPANY, at 812th avenue and 19th street, begin the week with a sale of laces. In the sale of women's knit underwear attention is called to waists and vests. The men's and women's imported hose is among the special features which will attract attention with lingerie waists and boys' wash suits.

S. KNETTEL, at No. 8 East 30th street, announces the sale of spring and summer tailor made suits in Paris models. The suits include many varieties.

STERN BROTHERS, in West 23d street, announce a sale of women's outer wraps, broadcloth evening wraps, satin cape and automobile and steamer coats. Summer silk dresses, tailor made walking suits, dress silks, colored and black dress goods, cotton fabrics and house furnishings are also on the list.

LORD & TAYLOR, at Broadway and 20th street, have new lines in Wilton, Axminster, Body Brus-