

Mail Orders Carefully and Promptly Filled.

Special Thursday Evening Time Limit Sale from 7 to Closing Time 5000 yds Dress Goods in Cashmeres, Serges, Fierolas, Mohairs, etc., all mill ends, colors include white, cream and high colors, also all the staple shades, values to 35c, yd 11c

POWERS Mercantile Company. Formerly S. E. OLSON CO.

Special Thursday Evening Time Limit Sale from 7 to Closing Time 200 pieces 27-inch wide Outing Flannels—Light and dark shades, good fleecy grade, a 6c value, special price, a yd 3 1/2c

We Have a Branch Post Office at the Transfer Desk

Make Your Christmas Purchases Early While Stocks are at their Best. Such Offerings as These are Possible Only Here. Store Opens Thursday Evening.

Jewelry, Silverware and Cut Glass.

This One for Thursday Only, Special—Quadruple plated Berry Dish, large size with beautiful tinted glass bowls, selling today at \$1.50, Thursday special, each 95c. Sterling Silver or gun metal chate-laine Watches, \$1.98. Solid gold Cuff Links, per pair \$1.45. Rogers' A1 Teaspoons, plain or fancy patterns. Set of six in fancy lined box, special for \$1.25. R. Wallace & Sons, extra quality Berry Spoons, with gold lined bowls or plain silver, in fancy box, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 value, special, only 95c. Solid Gold Rings, set with opals rubies, sapphires, turquoise and emerald doublets, \$1.25 to \$2 values. Sterling silver Curb Chain or Nether-sole Bracelets, extra bargain, each 50c.

Art Embroidery Dept. Second Floor.

Our entire line of 60c hand painted satin Pin Cushions, some finished with net and satin ruffle, Thurs. 59c. Large assortment of hand painted celluloid novelties in Ink Wells, Thermometers, Handkerchief and Glove Boxes and Baskets, etc. Worth to 98c, Thursday, ea 75c. Large line of Photo Frames for one or two photos, in leatherette or glazed, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00. Hand painted Satin Headbands, large size, finished with silk tassels and cord. Thursday, each 29c. Silk Scarfs for picture throws, all colors, either satin or silk, finished with laage tassels, hand painted flower designs. Thursday only, each 98c.

Handkerchiefs.

Children's Handkerchiefs, 3 in a neat, fancy box, usually sold at 25c, Thursday only, per box 12c. Women's fine linen, hand-embroidered Handkerchiefs, a large selection at, each 25c. Extra fine sheer Shamrock linen, hand embd. and lace trimmed Handkerchiefs, worth 75c, for, each 50c. A large assortment of extra fine hand embd handkerchiefs at, each \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00. Splendid values in real lace Handkerchiefs, at each \$2.00, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$7.50 \$10.00 and.

Men's Furnishings

Special Thursday; just one day. We are overstocked on medium priced Mufflers. For this one day will place on sale all our 75c and some \$1 Mufflers at, ea 59c. Men's Neckwear. One of the most popular items for Christmas presents. 500 dozen of the most popular shapes, latest designs and colorings. Sold by all furnisners at 75c each, our 50c price. We just received a lot of Men's Ties from one of the best makers of high grade Neckwear in the country. We bought these goods at a price enabling us to save you money, at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00, \$1.50 and. Our line of Mufflers is unsurpassed, as we have them all, Oxfords, squares \$3.50 and Harvards. At most tempt-ing prices, each 25c to.

Furs for Christmas Gifts

There is nothing that will be more appreciated as a Christmas gift than a handsome FUR COAT, CAPE, COLLARETTE, STORM COLLAR, BOA, CLUSTER SCARF, or MUFF. RELIABLE, GOOD WEARING QUALITIES—EXTRAORDINARY VALUES. Complete line of Children's Fur Sets, made up especially for Christmas gifts, at very low prices; very pretty sets as low as \$5.00. Men's and Women's Fur Lined Fur Mittens, Alaska seal, plucked and unplucked Outer, assortment somewhat broken; unusual offer. Genuine seal Box Coats, Skinner's satin lining. Special. Near Seal Jackets—Extra choice quality, at \$38.50. Astrakhan Jackets, 26 inches long, at \$25.00. Electric Seal Coats, 22 inches long, box front style, at \$25.00. Astrakhan Coats, 22 inches long, Skinner's satin lining, at \$45.00. Beaver Coats, 30 inches long, at \$65.00. Near Seal Capes, 30 inches long, Marten trimmed, at \$38.50. Wool Seal Capes, 30 inches long, real value \$22.50, at \$25.00. Electric Seal Capes, 30 inches long, satin lined, at \$18.50. Fine Astrakhan Capes, 36 inches long, Skinner's satin lining, at \$38.50. Collarettes in many fur combinations, value \$5.00, choice. Genuine Stone Marten Scarfs, with tails, at \$5.00. Sable Opossum Scarfs, large size, large tails, at \$7.50. Genuine Mink Scarfs, upwards from \$6.75. Fine Beaver Scarfs, upwards from \$12.50. Genuine Stone Marten Scarfs, with paws and tails, at \$18.50. Genuine Nutria Beaver Boas, ten tails, at \$10.00. Black Opossum Muffs, at 75c. Electric Seal Muffs, at \$1.50. Muffs in many choice furs, down bed satin lining, large sizes. Grand values, at, choice \$5.00.

Dress Patterns, Skirt Patterns, Waist Patterns.

Specially prepared for the Holiday trade. Extra inducements in the way of price will be offered on every piece of goods purchased from now until Christmas. New Wool Waist Patterns—A grand assortment of the popular fabrics in beautiful sideband effects—new Persian border effects—new embroidered designs—new Pointille dotted cords. Full waist pattern in over 50 beautiful colors to select from, neatly boxed for Xmas gifts, at pattern 1.75. Waisting Cloths—In all wool French stripe flannels, all wool chalk line stripe waisting flannels, Albattross cloths in stripes, in new dots, new figured effects, in cardinal, wine, grays, navy, rose, black and white, turquoise, reseda, myrtle, heliotrope, etc., at per yard 25c and 39c. Skirt Patterns—500 skirt lengths in kerseys, meltons, broadcloths, granite cloths, chevots, homespuns, Venetians, whipcords, prunellas, serges, etc., in all the choice new desirable colors; a full skirt length in each piece, at per pattern, \$3.48, \$2.98, \$1.75 and. Dress Patterns—350 handsome all wool dress patterns in granite cloths, armures, Venetians, chevots, silk and wool mixtures, sharkskin, tailor serges, checks, in grays tans, brown, navy, wine, greens, etc.; full dress patterns \$2.98. Black Dress Goods at Cut Prices. Never Have You Seen Values Like These. Black Figured Prunella Cloths in 12 choice new designs, in neat, smart effects. These cloths have a bright high lustre, and make up very stylish dresses, special at, per yard 25c. Black Chevots, extra heavy all wool black, all wool Armures, black all wool Granites, black heavy all wool Storm Serges. A grand bargain lot at, per yard 48c. Black 50-inch Zibeline Cheviot, extra heavy weight for unlined skirts and tailor suits. Regular \$1.00 quality at 75c. 54-inch all wool Melton cloths for unlined skirts; 50-inch silk luster Armures, 50-inch bright finish whipcords, 54-inch extra heavy zibelines, all regular \$1.25 qualities, at per yard \$1.00.

Christmas Boas.

50 very fine Cocque Boas—in white, light gray, blue, pink and black; not one in the lot worth less than \$3.50—some are marked as high as \$5.00 and \$6.00—Come early; quantity limited; won't last long; ea \$1.50. Coats and Jackets; ALSO GIRLS' AND CHILDREN'S GARMENTS. Thursday—A sensational money saving sale of all broken assortments, odd sizes and remnant lots—This season's best styles and materials—a large assortment will be placed on sale to-morrow at a uniform price. They are 27 and 42-in. garments. Also Misses and Children's Box Coats—they sold at \$8.75, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$12.50, \$13.75 and \$15.00—Thursday, as long as they last, choice of the entire lot, each \$5.00. Mail Orders Not Filled.

ANY \$10 Suit in Stock for \$6.95 THURSDAY ONLY. For one day only—every \$10.00 suit in our stock—this means black clay worsteds, black and blue chevots, fancy chevots and cassimeres, tailored and trimmed equal to \$6.95 reg. \$15 suits; choice of this line, suit.

Linen Department. Unexcelled values in fine Household Linens, an immense, well-assorted stock to select from. There is not anything more desirable as a gift than beautiful snow-white Linen. Fine bleached all linen Damask Towels, knotted fringe, double tied fringe, hemstitched and hemstitched with open work—Price each 25c to \$1.25. Fine hemstitched Damask Tray Cloths, 18x26 inches, splendid values—Price each 25c, 50c, 65c. Fine bleached all linen Napkins—a fine assortment, of extra values—Price doz. \$1.00 to \$4.50. All linen hemstitched Damask lining cloths, fine heavy grades, in rich designs—Price each \$1.25 to \$2.50. Heavy fine all linen Table Damasks—a splendid selection at lowest prices—Per yard, 50c to \$1.50. 8-4 size all linen hemstitched Damask Cloths, fine, durable grade—Each, \$1.50 and \$2.25. Fine bleached hemstitched Table Sets, 1 cloth 3 1/2 yards long, 1 dozen napkins to match—Price, per Set, \$8.50. Elegant heavy double Damask Table Sets, in beautiful designs, 3-yard cloth and 25-in. napkins—Price, per Set, \$10.00.

Infants' Wear. Children's flannellette, Night Gowns of heavy, warm, fleeced materials, sizes to 6 years, Thurs- 45c, day, each. Children's sample Coats sizes to 4 years, Thurs, ea \$3.50. Knit Goods. Women's Umbrella Shawls, hand crocheted. \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, and. Women's ice wool Squares, black and white, 75c, \$1.00, \$3.50, \$1.50, \$1.75 to.

Perfume Shop. Nougaret's French Extracts—six odors. Per ounce 15c. (Bring your bottle.) Nougaret's Violet Sachet Powder, oz... 15c. Thursday's Stationery Special. For One Day Only! 100 boxes Christmas Stationery—24 sheets fine writing paper and envelopes to match—put up in handsome box. Regular price, 35c to 69c box. Your choice, while they last 25c.

Silk Waist Sale. Extra Special Thursday Only. Black and colored taffeta silk waists, tucked and hemstitched front with high fancy stock and tie—regular price \$4.00. Special—each, \$3.25. No Mail Orders Filled.

Music Cabinets Furniture Dept. Two Extra Specials for Thursday Only. Polished golden oak and mahogany finished Music Cabinets, open front with brass curtain rod, sell at \$4.75, for one day, each \$3.69. Golden oak and mahogany finish Cabinets, large size, open or closed front. Regularly sold at \$3.45 and \$4.25, for one day, at, choice \$2.69.

Three Great Specials FOR THURSDAY. Drapery Dept., Third Floor. Foot Stools. Gilded legs; covered with fine velvet carpet; 11 1/2-inch diameter, 10 inches high; regular price, 75 cents. Thursday, 35c each. Pillow Cords. 1/2-inch thick, in all the new and standard colors. Buy Thursday, the only day this 4 1/2c price obtains. Yard. Swiss Muslins. Fully one yard wide, in dots, stripes or figures; white or colored; many of these worth up to 15c. Thursday, your choice of 7 1/2c 50 pieces, yard.

Shoe Department. Extra Special, Thursday Only—Men's fine tan or black kid opera slippers, all kid lined, handturned soles—all sizes 6 to 11; \$1.19 \$1.50 per pair. Thursday only. Women's beaver cloth, fur trimmed Julietts, in red, blue, brown, black or green colors; also fine black 1.25 quilted satin, pr. Men's high grade slippers, in wine seal or tan kid, strictly hand-made, full chamois lined—exclusive houses ask \$2 \$2.50 for these goods. Women's or men's fancy figured velvet opera slippers, Brussels carpet soles—all sizes for women or 40c men; per pair.

Chafing Dishes. Through an error of the manufacturer, who stands the loss, we are enabled to offer two extra values in chafing dishes. One lot 2-quart size, should be regularly sold at \$3.75; by his error, our price is, each \$2.75. One lot 3-quart size, should be regularly sold at \$4.75; by his error, our price is, each \$3.75.

3 Great Toy Specials. THURSDAY ONLY. Go-Carts and Doll Carriages—nicely finished, regular 25c—Thursday, 19c. Gunboats and Cruisers—regular 25c—Thursday, 19c. Crokinole Boards—Regular 75 cents—Special, Thursday, each 49c.

Leather Goods. Shopping Bags, Music Rolls, Combination Pocketbooks, in black and colors; all 25c goods. Special for Thursday only, each 17c. Leather Telescope Toilet Cases, black and colored, leather fitted with comb, hair, tooth and nail brushes. Each 85c. Men's Collar and Cuff Boxes, separate compartments. Each 50c. Women's Real Seal Combination Pocketbooks, made from the very best stock; inside pockets. Each 50c. Leather Traveling Cases, black and colors, fitted with hair, tooth and nail brushes, soap box, tooth powder bottle, manicure knife and file. Each \$2.00.

Women's Fancy Hosiery. Specials for Thursday. Women's imported fancy hose, in laces, both black and colors; also fancy Anvers in stripes and boot patterns. Our regular price 75c. For Thursday only, per pair 59c. Women's fine imported four-thread brilliant lisle thread stockings, stripes and fancy figures, newest colorings and patterns. Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 quilted. Special price for Thursday, per pair 98c.

Umbrellas. Special Price for One Day, Thursday. Women's 26-inch Silk Umbrellas, with pearl handles; sterling silver-trimmed; our regular retail price \$1.89 \$2.50 Thurs. \$1.89 day, each. Boys' and men's Pocket Knives, 4 blades, regular 35c. Thursday, each 25c. Fibre Framed Pictures, assorted subjects, regular 30c. Thursday, choice 25c. Boys' and Men's Barney & Berry Skates, regular 50c. Thursday, pair 39c. Fine French China Cups and Saucers. Regular price, 50c. Thursday, set 25c.

Camera Dept. Basement. Cyclone Jr., with developing and printing outfit complete, Thurs- \$1.50 day, special. Rembrandt Photo Albums, 7x9 inches, regular 50c, Thursday, 39c each. Brilliancy unsurpassed. ELECTRO SILICON Silver Polish. Lustre that will last. Never scratching, never wearing—At Grocers.

Candy Dept. Buy your Christmas Candy before the rush. The following prices for Thursday. Chocolate Drops, assorted flavors; per pound 15c. Fancy Cream Mixed Candy, regular 20c lb., Thursday 10c. Stick Candy, assorted flavors, per pound 10c. Chocolate Creams and Bitter Sweets, all flavors, per pound 25c.

Book Section. Thursday Special. Subonnet Babies; sold at \$1.00 75c. Handy Volume Series—Boys' and Girls' Books and the Classics. Per volume 20c. Fancy Aprons for Christmas Presents. Special for Thursday Only. 39c Aprons, made of fine Organdie or Linen Lawn; neatly trimmed in ribbons or embroidery insertion and edging; made in short and long lengths. For one day only, each 29c. (Muslin Underwear Dept.)

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Cutlery—Thursday Specials. Basement. Boys' and men's Pocket Knives, 4 blades, regular 35c. Thursday, each 25c. Fibre Framed Pictures, assorted subjects, regular 30c. Thursday, choice 25c. Boys' and Men's Barney & Berry Skates, regular 50c. Thursday, pair 39c. Fine French China Cups and Saucers. Regular price, 50c. Thursday, set 25c.

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IN A NUTSHELL. New York—Thomas A. Edison is in a bad physical condition, due mostly to the fact that he does not eat enough. City of Mexico—The Argentine delegates deny the report that they would withdraw from the Pan-American congress this week. Iron River, Mich.—Cyrus H. Sensaba, a prominent mill owner at Atkinson, fell across a revolving circular saw. His body was almost cut in two. New York—Every one of the 10,000 employees of the American Express company in the United States will receive from the company a Christmas present of \$10. Chicago—The University of Chicago has been made the recipient of \$1,525,000 in gifts at the hands of friends of the institution. Of this amount, \$1,250,000 was furnished by John D. Rockefeller. Cheyenne—An east-bound fast mail train on the Union Pacific crashed into the rear end of a freight train near Rawlins. The passengers were shaken up and the fireman, Charles Brown, was seriously injured. New York—Under the hand of Charles W. Morse, who has acquired a large interest

in the stock of the National Bank of North America, that bank is to absorb the Bank of the State of New York, capital, \$1,500,000. Chicago—Chicago will open a municipal lodging house Saturday night. Honest men who need a bed and food and traps and loaders who apply to the police stations for shelter will be sent to the lodging house and be assisted in procuring work. Topeka, Kan.—The son of J. B. Billard a prominent grain dealer of this city, was expelled from the Quincey street school for refusing to take part in the religious exercises at the opening of the school. Mr. Billard says the boy was acting under his instructions and threatens to take the matter into court for settlement. Columbus, Ohio—Two young women and two young men were found dead in rooms in a boarding-house here and evidence points to a quadruple suicide, deliberately planned. The dead are: Pearl Warner, cook at a restaurant; Lou Kline, cook at the same restaurant; Sherman Lottouse, cab driver, and John Jacobs, cook. St. Johns, N. P.—The Marconi Wireless Telegraphy company of London and the Anglo-American Cable company, also of London have opened negotiations for the settle-

ment of the difficulty between them arising from Mr. Marconi's work here. Meanwhile, Marconi will move to Nova Scotia and resume his experiments there. Chicago—Arthur R. Jones and Michael J. Ryan, composing the firm of A. R. Jones & Co., have been expelled from the Board of Trade. They were charged with uncommercial conduct in not paying to a customer the money due him, and furnishing market quotations to alleged bucket shops contrary to the board's rules. Levi C. Gehart was suspended for sixty days for making misrepresentations to the board in securing a market ticker for his own use when he wanted it for a bucket shop. To Florida. Through sleeper from Chicago every night via Monon Route and C. H. & D. railway, beginning Jan. 6. Passes through the beautiful mountain region in the day time and arrives at St. Augustine in the morning. For particulars address L. E. Sessions, General Agent, Passenger Department, Andrus Building, Minneapolis.

WASHINGTON. Semi-official advice received here indicate that active hostilities are about to begin between Colombia and Venezuela. Representative W. A. Smith of Michigan has introduced a bill making the birthday of William McKinley, Jan. 29, a national holiday. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones has decided to authorize for the first time the leasing of grazing lands on the Cheyenne reserve and Standing Rock Indian reservations in the Dakotas. Secretary Root has addressed a letter to Sidel G. Pierra, the representative of the Maso party in Cuba, denying his request for a postponement of the Cuban elections. In the letter Secretary Root says: "The effect of granting the application would be to prolong American occupation and postpone the independence of Cuba and the control of the island by the government of her own people." A new immigration bill, which is the joint production of Senator Penrose and Commissioner General Powderly, was introduced in the senate. It provides an educational test and authorizes the appointment of inspectors

at the principal foreign ports from which immigrants sail, with instructions to exercise special scrutiny of the police records of immigrants with the purpose of excluding anarchists. The bill also provides for the deportation of aliens who prove to be anarchists. Berlin—The American tobacco trust has invaded Germany. It has bought the Jasmatic cigarette factory at Bredon and Kyriaia Egyptian cigarette concern in Berlin. Bremen—It is said that the discontinuance of microscopical meat inspections in the United States means that German's imports of American pork will cease on Jan. 3, 1902. Vienna—The Austrian government proposes a novel step to counteract the American shoe competition. The ministry of commerce will buy American shoe-making machinery and will supply it gratis to Austrian manufacturers. This measure is regarded as the only means of saving the native shoe industry. Hard, red, rough, coarse hands softened, whitened, beautified by Satin-Skin Cream. 25c, at leading stores.

MINNESOTA. OWATONNA—The Church of the Sacred Heart was totally consumed by fire. ST. CLOUD—Bernard Brady, aged 75 years, who came to Stearns county from Germany in 1856, died last night. FARIBAULT—John Murrane, of Austin, a laborer employed on the Burlington road near Rosemount, was found to be ill with small-pox. DULUTH—Loggers report that the swamps are frozen solidly and good roads may be maintained. The late cold snap put them in shape. WALNUT GROVE—Will Brady, a 17-year-old boy, was shot through the right wrist by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. Doctors has set in and he is in a critical condition. WEST DULUTH—C. E. Foshee, receiver of the defunct Manufacturers' Bank, has been given an order by the district court permitting him to sell at public sale all the assets of the institution. The liabilities amount to \$5,430.92, and it is believed that this will be realized. Buy United States Fuel Oil stock now. Write for new prospectus.