



POWERS MERCANTILE COMPANY FORMERLY S. E. OLSON CO.

FOR THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY OF THE NEW YEAR WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING:

1902 Embroideries
Sale Commences Thursday Morning.

7,500 yards Fine Cambric Embroideries, in three lots, as follows:

- LOT 1—Edgings and Insertions, worth 5c and 6c a yard, for..... **3c**
- LOT 2—Wide Cambric Flouncings, Edgings and Insertions, worth 15c and 20c a yd. for..... **9c**
- LOT 3—Wide Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss Edgings and Insertions, worth 25c a yard, for..... **12½c**

A great assortment of fine Match Sets on Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss Cloth; Edgings, Flouncings, Insertions, Applique bands, and Allovers to match; ranging from the medium cheap goods up to the very finest novelties.

Women's and Children's Underwear

An opportunity to secure good quality garments at little cost.

- Women's 50c Florence Combination Suits, fleece lined, ecru and silver gray; while they last, each..... **39c**
- Women's 75c Florence Combination Suits, fleece lined; to close, each..... **59c**
- Odd lots of women's extra heavy gray jersey ribbed, fleece lined vests; large sizes included; a bargain at..... **19c**
- Women's Black Woolen Tights, ankle length; regular \$1.50 qual.; per pair..... **\$1.25**

Women's and Children's Hosiery.

FIRST HOSIERY SALE OF THE NEW YEAR. VERY MODERATE PRICES FOR GOOD WEARING QUALITIES.

- Women's full seamless black cotton stockings, per pair, 9c—or 3 pairs for..... **25c**
- Women's ribbed black woolen hose; extra heavy; also in dark gray, with merino heels and toes. Choice, per pair..... **25c**
- Children's ribbed black woolen stockings; merino heels and toes; regular price 25c. This sale, per pair..... **19c**
- Children's "Black Cat" Stockings; warranted to wear. Per pair..... **25c**

Silks, Colored Dress Goods, Black Dress Goods. These Special Prices for Thursday Only.

- Skirting Cloths—Extra heavy weights, that require no linings; in chalk line stripes and plain colors; in oxfords, medium grays, blue and brown mixtures; per yard..... **33c**
- Black 40-inch Heavy Storm Serges, Black 40-in. Jacquards, Black Figured Mohairs, in a large assortment of designs, at, per yard..... **22c**
- Black Prunella Cloths—Full 44 inches wide, in 12 choice new designs, and Stripe Satin Soliels; these cloths have a beautiful high luster, and are worth 50c, at, per yard..... **29c**
- Waistings—In all wool stripes, and Wool Stripe Albatross, Checks, Plaids, etc., at, per yard..... **19c**
- All Wool Suitings—In chevrons, all wool cloths, all wool waistings, 54-inch Pedestrian cloths, 50-in. Repellants, Granite cloths, Pebble chevrons; all at, per yard..... **35c**
- Black All-wool 44-inch Storm Serge, Black all wool Fancies, Cloths, Black 54 in. Repellants, Black All-Wool Henriettas and French Serges, at, per yard..... **48c**
- Novelty Silks—3,000 yards heavy Taffeta Stripe Fancies, heavy Pointelle Colored Taffetas, heavy Corled Wash Silks; in white and all-desirable colors, yard..... **49c**
- Black Guaranteed Taffetas, heavy Black Peau de Soie, Black 27-inch Satin Duchesse; splendid, heavy qualities; at, per yard..... **75c**

Women's Correct Attire

Offering of Fashionable Garments at Very Low Prices.

Every Garment is now marked at the lowest possible price. Descriptions are very accurately given, but a better idea of the values of these garments can be had when they are seen.

- Women's Long Coats and Raglans—Full lengths, loose yoke front and back; grays and blacks; from heavy Oxford cloth; at..... **\$10.00**
- Women's Long Coats, Ulsters and Three-Quarter Length Garments—From splendid kersey, melton, chevion and pebble cloth; variety of colors; coat, storm collars; half and full satin lined, at..... **\$15.00**
- Women's Stylish Dress Skirts and Walking Skirts—Latest flounce and flare styles; plain and prettily trimmed and well finished; at..... **\$5.00**
- Women's Swell Long Coats, Newmarkets, Raglans and Three-Quarter Length Garments—Box or Half-Fitting backs; kersey, melton and chevion; storm coats and fur collars; heavy satin lining; at..... **\$25.00**
- Astrakhan Jackets—26-inches long; high storm collar, all skins and heavy satin lining; at..... **\$25.00**
- Collarettes—In many Fur combinations, at..... **\$3.50**
- High Grade Collarettes and Fur Neck Pieces in large variety AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

Carpets, Rugs, Draperies.

Thursday quotations should be investigated. That they cannot be duplicated is a fact.

- Jewel Ingrain Carpets—36-in., heavy reversible; many in Brussels patterns; our regular low price, 80c. Thursday, yard..... **22c**
- 9x12 Wilton Rugs—We have an overlook of this very popular size; price of this Rug anywhere is \$35. We offer you an opportunity of getting one or more of them Thursday, at each..... **\$27.50**
- Stair Carpets—18 inches wide; a good wearing quality. For Thursday, per yard..... **11c**
- Carpets Sweepers—A first-class Sweepers—made in Grand Rapids; solid oak cases. For our Thursday's sale, each..... **\$1.49**
- Scrim—Yard wide—Fine 8c quality; good variety. For Thursday..... **5c**
- Figured Silks—50-inch—Small lot; reduced from \$1.25. To close, Thursday, at, per yard..... **40c**
- Lace Curtain Samples—Many worth up to 75c and \$1.00 per yard. Your choice of the lot Thursday, each..... **17c**
- Window Shades—In all the new colors, with rollers and brackets, complete. For Thursday, each..... **15c**

Shoe Dept.

"DEFENDER" SHOES For Women and Men.

All the newest patterns on the market and easiest fitting lasts. Every pair a most perfect example of modern shoe-making, combining style, fit, wear and comfort. The equal of any and superior to most \$3.50 shoes offered elsewhere. Not an item overlooked in making the "DEFENDER" the best shoe possible at the price. All styles; men or women; per pair..... **\$3.00**

Waists and Infants' Wear Departments

Offer Chances to Save About One-Half the Regular Cost.

- Black Satine Waists, front and back tucked; worth \$1.25. Thursday..... **85c**
- Embroidered Flannel Waists, back button; worth \$1.00. Choice..... **\$2.50**
- Children's Dresses and Aprons; worth to 50c. Choice..... **25c**
- Women's Ice Wool Shawls and Children's Hoodies; hand made of soft zephyr; mostly black and ribbon trimmed; worth \$1. Choice..... **50c**

Leather Goods

Articles You Want at Prices You'll Gladly Pay.

- Chatelaines—Black and brown, outside pockets, strap and hook; 39c goods, at, each..... **25c**
- Women's Leather Belts—Black and brown; have them in all sizes; only, each..... **12½c**
- Purses and Combination Books, black and colors, 15c and 25c goods; each..... **8c**
- Notions. A Few Necessities at a Little Price. Each 3c. Wholesale Casing, 3-yard pieces, piece..... **3c**
- Skirt Binding, black and colors, yard..... **3c**
- Corset Clasps, 5-hook, pair..... **3c**
- Velveteen Binding, 4-yard pieces, piece..... **3c**
- Marking Initials, 3 dozen in package, package..... **3c**
- Dress Stays, black and colors, set..... **3c**
- Marshall's Linen Thread, spool..... **3c**

FOR LOVE'S SAKE

Millionaire McComb's Daughter Risks Loss of Wealth.

New York, Jan. 1.—Fannie Rayne McComb has risked the loss of millions for love's sake, and has just married Lewis Herzog. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Henry Van Dyke at the Brick Presbyterian church, this city, in the presence of a few of the young people's friends. The bride is the daughter of the millionaire James J. McComb, who died March 31, last, at Dobbs Ferry. Mr. McComb objected to Mr. Herzog as a prospective son-in-law, and a few days before

PRESIDENT OF CUBA

Importance of Friendly Relations With the United States.

Havana, Jan. 1.—Reports from points throughout the island indicate that T. Estrada Palma has been chosen first president of the republic and that his whole ticket has been victorious. All styles; men or women; per pair..... **\$3.00**

PATRIOTIC WORDS FROM PALMA

Only Way for Cuba to Escape the Absolute Ruin of Two Basic Industries.

New York, Jan. 1.—Upon the eve of the Cuban elections, which occur to-day, a representative of the Tribune visited General Thomas Estrada Palma at his home at Center Valley, N. Y. The nominee for president of Cuba said:

MINNESOTA

SAUK CENTER—B. W. How, of How Brothers & Co., withdraws from that firm and will probably locate in Duluth. Messrs. Ingram and Rowe succeed him.

CROOKSTON

The Great Northern wreck near Kalspell, Dec. 15, has caused the reunion of two sisters. One of these is Mrs. Rose, of this city, who has just learned that her sister, Mrs. Agnes Green, was among those injured in the wreck.

WINONA

Nine laboring men, returning from the woods, last night sought shelter in the Winona jail. They did this in order to save their money, for they were returning to their homes after having vainly sought to secure employment in the pines.

FERGUS FALLS

A man from Minneapolis was in Pelican Rapids yesterday for the purpose of testing the gas in the well near that place. He put on a burner and finds the gas burns freely, and he is now negotiating with the owners of farms for ten-year leases.

COTTAGE GROVE

Mrs. Hannah Johnson, wife of Moses Johnson, is dead at the advanced age of 82 years. She had been a resident of Washington county for forty-five years.

STILLWATER

Alderman J. W. Schroeder has resigned as manager of the malting plant and branch business of the Jung Brewing company, and a position has been accepted by L. C. Schweizer, of St. Paul.

IOWA

SIoux CITY—The Northwest Iowa Breeders' Association, comprising fancy stock breeders from Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska, will meet here Jan. 9 and 10.

WATERLOO

The county poor hospital is completed and the first patient is E. Amhurst Ott, professor of oratory in Drake university, who is quarantined for smallpox.

ST. CHARLES

Jacob W. Jones has discovered gold in duck crops. This has led him to believe the gold is deposited in the banks of the North river.

ADAIR

A stranger has worked business in the Black and Atlantic, where he passed himself off as an employee of June Childs, a stockman and member of the county board of supervisors.

WATERLOO

Joe Hurley has sued the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway company for \$15,000 damages for injuries received July 2, last.

WASHINGTON

President Castro will forcibly resist German seizure of the Venezuelan custom-houses. Venezuelan officials have told Minister Bowen, representing this government in Caracas, that unless Castro was overthrown by the revolution now in progress, or Bowen's suggestions adopted, Germany would be compelled to use force to maintain herself in La Guayra.

ADMIRALS RAMSEY AND BENHAM

The members of the Schley court who rendered the majority opinion, are receiving hundreds of letters threatening their lives and censuring them severely for their verdict.

A RUMOR IS AFOAT

That John W. Yerkes of Kentucky, commissioner of internal revenue and republican national committeeman from his state, will soon retire from office and be succeeded by H. O. Taylor, of Wisconsin, assistant secretary of the treasury, who is sure to retire soon.

SOUTH DAKOTA

VERMILLION—The man who committed suicide at Yankton by taking carbolic acid has been identified as Joe Hall, formerly of this city and later of Jefferson, S. D.

PIERRE

In accordance with the rules of the supreme court, each one of the members acts as presiding judge for two years of his term. Judge Fuller has filed that position for two years and, beginning to-day, Judge Holey will be given the honor.

OLD PA TIME GETS WEARY

Wrestling with Slaton-Skin Cream. It beats him. Keeps old faces young. 25c.

PIANOS

Christmas is over! We are catching our breath and steadying our nerves and muscles for fresh effort and another year of successful business. This is a fitting time—between the closing and opening years—to refer to the principles which underlie our business methods—a good time to announce our creed. We have persistently followed a settled policy for thirty-three years. We handle nothing shoddy. We follow no fads. We tolerate no misrepresentations. We play no tricks. We buy the best articles the world offers and are satisfied with a moderate margin of profit. We would rather lose a sale than to lose a friend. We would rather make a friend than to make a sale. We recognize the fact that to make and hold friends we must practice the golden rule! It's a matter of business as well as a matter of conscience. Now, then! If you like our creed and have confidence that our thirty odd years of experience counts for anything don't forget us this coming year. We will sell you the best and sell it right. We will tell you nothing but facts and treat you as we would hope to be treated if we were buying from you. Wishing our patrons a happy and prosperous new year and acknowledging past favors we beg to remain

Metropolitan Music Co. 41-43 S. 6th St. (Metropolitan Bldg.)

RATS EAT

Stearns' Electric Rat and Roach Paste

and die out of the house. One ingredient dries up their bodies, leaving no odor.

It is a safe and sure exterminator also of Mice, Water Bugs, Croton Bugs, Cockroaches and all other vermin. It has been in general use in houses, stores, hotels, factories, offices, public buildings, etc., for twenty-five years. Absolutely guaranteed.

CAUTION: Substitutes and imitations are worthless. Insist on STEARNS' ELECTRIC Paste selling class. 25 cents a box at Druggists and Grocers or sent direct by Express prepaid.

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