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\$5.00 Rockers. \$3.75 \$30.00 Princess Dressers. \$22.50
\$7.50 Rockers. \$5.00 \$7.50 Chiffoniers. \$5.98
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\$10.00 Music Cabinets. \$7.50 \$25.00 Chiffoniers. \$18.75
\$6.00 High Chairs. \$4.98

- All Children's High Chairs and Rockers are REDUCED.
All Odd Dressers, from \$30 to \$60, are REDUCED 25 per cent.
\$2.50 Tabourettes. \$1.98 \$25.00 Writing Tables. \$14.75
\$15.00 China Closets. \$12.98 \$30.00 Writing Tables. \$17.50
\$20.00 China Closets. \$15.00 \$25.00 Turkish Rockers. \$18.75
\$40.00 China Closets. \$29.75 \$40.00 Turkish Rockers. \$29.50
\$50.00 China Closets. \$37.50 \$50.00 Turkish Rockers. \$37.50
\$25.00 Buffets. \$18.75 \$45.00 Turkish Chairs. \$34.50
\$30.00 Buffets. \$22.50 \$40.00 Matting Waste Baskets. 98c
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\$2.00 Dining Chairs. \$1.69 \$2.00 Mission Magazine Stands. \$1.69
\$2.75 Dining Chairs. \$1.98 \$35.00 Roll-top Desks. \$22.50
\$4.50 Dining Chairs. \$3.48 \$30.00 Flat Office Desks. \$23.75
\$6.00 Dining Chairs. \$4.98 \$40.00 Mahogany Office Desks. \$29.85
\$25.00 Parlor Suites. \$18.75 \$26.00 Roll-top Desks. \$19.50
\$30.00 Parlor Suites. \$22.50 \$17.50 Flat Office Desks. \$13.50
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\$50.00 Parlor Suites. \$37.50 \$44.00 Typewriter Desks. \$23.50
\$60.00 Parlor Suites. \$45.00 \$1.49 Medicine Cabinet. 98c
\$25.00 Brass Beds. \$14.95 \$4.98 Rattan Reception Chair. \$2.98
\$32.50 Brass Beds. \$19.85 \$5.50 Rattan Arm Chair. \$3.98
\$35.00 Brass Beds. \$22.50 \$12.50 Box Couches. \$9.90
\$40.00 Brass Beds. \$30.00 \$17.50 Box Couches. \$12.98
\$50.00 Brass Beds. \$37.50 \$18.00 Box Couches. \$13.50
\$6.50 Mission Chairs. \$4.98
\$6.50 Mission Rockers. \$4.98
\$20.00 Gilt Chairs. \$15.00
\$18.00 Gilt Chairs. \$13.50
\$12.00 Gilt Chairs. \$9.00

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Make very welcome gifts—and the Gunn is the best of the unit cases—we're sole agents. Price per Section. \$2.75

FRUIT GROWERS NAME OFFICERS

Association Aims to Unify Cultivation Work.

The Appalachian Fruit Growers' Association, which has been holding a two days' session at the Raleigh Hotel, transacted much work of an organizing nature, and grew so large that it changed its name to the Eastern Fruit Growers Association.

At the meeting last night the officers of the association were elected, and comprise S. L. Lupton, of Winchester, Va., president; E. I. Oswald, of Smithsburg, Md., treasurer; Nat. T. Frame, of Martinsburg, Va., secretary.

Next Fellow's Lodge Elects. Naomi Rebeah Lodge of the I. O. O. F., has elected the following officers:

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National Savings and Trust Company, Cor. 15th and N. Y. Ave. FORTY-FOURTH YEAR.

GASTON QUILTS RACE

Announces Withdrawal of Candidacy for Senate from Bay State. Boston, Dec. 21.—Col. William A. Gaston late this afternoon announced his withdrawal as a Democratic candidate for the United States Senate. He says in a statement that a large majority of the Democratic members-elect sent him word that they favored a party caucus and his nomination.

MAY AIR BALLINGER PROBE.

Representative Hitchcock Wants Three Reports Considered. The Ballinger-Pinchot case will be aired in the House when Congress reconvenes after the holidays, if Representative Hitchcock, of Nebraska, has his way about it. Mr. Hitchcock introduced a resolution yesterday proposing a special rule for the consideration of the three reports on the case made by the Nelson committee on inquiry.

Wants Pensions Increased. Indications are that the bill increasing pensions of civil war veterans on account of age will come up for consideration in the House early in January.

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Largest Morning Circulation.

TAFT DEFERS ACTION IN LIQUOR LID CASE

Hears Pleas Against Removing Ban in Minnesota.

PRESIDENT TO TAKE A REST

Will Transact Little Business Until Congress Reconvenes—Undecided as to Government's Attitude on German Potash Situation—To Give Employees Christmas Turkeys.

President Taft listened yesterday to arguments made by representatives of the Anti-Saloon League, the W. C. T. U., and the International Reform Bureau, against the liquor lid which Secretary of the Interior Ballinger has clamped down over a large part of Minnesota so firmly that even a portion of the city of Minneapolis is suffering from drought.

Former Senator H. W. Blair, of New Hampshire, and Wilbur F. Crafts, representing the Reform Bureau; Mrs. Emma S. Shelton, of the W. C. T. U., and S. E. Nicholson, of the Anti-Saloon League, presented the arguments. The Reform Bureau representatives were not in favor of compromise of any sort; they want the alcohol liquor excluded from all territory included in Indian treaties, unless Congress decided otherwise. The Anti-Saloon League was not so sweeping in its demand. It did not object to liquor in parts of Minnesota, included within certain Indian treaties, where the Indians are Indians.

The President has the power to abrogate one of the treaties in question. He will not act in this case, he told his callers, until the Anti-Saloon League can inform him as to whether or not there are Indians living in part of the territory mentioned in that treaty. The Anti-Saloon League expects to furnish this information within two weeks, so that a decision by the President shortly after Congress convenes in January is expected.

The President is going to take a rest. Announcement was made at the White House yesterday that from now until the reconvening of Congress on January 3, Mr. Taft will pay as little attention to the routine of office and the extraordinary duties of Chief Executive as possible. Secretary Norton will leave Washington tomorrow for a ten-day vacation, probably in the Adirondacks, and the President does not expect to see many Congressional or other important callers while his secretary is absent.

Conditions at Capitol Better.

After the holidays, the President will hold conferences from time to time with the leaders in Congress on important matters of legislation which are imminent. The President has been informed that matters are in much better shape at the Capitol than is usual at this time in the short session, and it is quite probable that part of the recommendations he made in his annual message for general legislation can be enacted into law before March 4.

Mr. Taft is being urged to make reprisal against the action for the action in the potash controversy, especially by Southern members of Congress, who claim that they are vitally interested in potash. Senators Terrell, of Georgia; Fletcher, of Florida; Overman, of North Carolina, and Percy, of Mississippi, talked with the President yesterday about the potash situation, but found Mr. Taft undecided as to what action shall be taken by this government in the matter. The Southern members of Congress, who are indispensable to the South; that it was needed in the making of fertilizers which are used to aid the growth of cotton, corn, and other staples. They asked for immediate action.

INDIAN INQUIRY DESIRED.

Redskins Ignorant of Laws, Says Capt. J. Walter Mitchell. The joint resolution introduced by Representative Austin proposes to investigate a view to determining whether he is capable of self-government or should revert to his former status of a ward of the nation.

Capt. J. Walter Mitchell, representative of the Kee-Do-Way, a secret society among the "Four Mothers," as the Chickasaws, Creeks, Cherokeees, and Choctaws are called, says that these full-blooded Indians, who have held themselves aloof from the white man and his civilization, are a prey to the wiles and fraud of the white people, by reason of their ignorance of legal forms and the ordinary machinery of government.

Robert G. Valentine, Indian Commissioner, coincides with the views of Representative Austin and Capt. Mitchell. The appointment of a commission is urged by the resolution.

Congressmen to Speak.

Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and Representative Foster, of Vermont, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, have accepted invitations to address the New York Peace Society on January 13. Mr. Foster will announce that he is opposed to the fortification of the Panama Canal, preferring that the waterway territory shall be neutralized. Mr. Tawney will address the society on the subject of "The cost of armed peace."

Nominations Sent to Senate.

The President sent to the Senate yesterday the following nominations: War—Second lieutenant to be first lieutenant, Walter P. Bostwright, Coast Artillery Corps. Infanter—To be rear of first major at Lewiston, Idaho, Benjamin C. Barber, of Idaho.

CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFS.

Both houses of Congress adjourned for the holiday recess. They will reassemble January 3. The President withdrew the nomination of James N. Sharp to be United States attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, sent to the Senate some time ago.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

Committee of Privileges and Elections reports favorably in Lorimer case. Beveridge asks time to study records. Nominations of B. H. Myer and C. C. McChord as members of Interstate Commerce Commission confirmed.

HOUSE.

Further consideration was given the bill conferring the laws relating to the judiciary. It went over without action. Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, delivered an eulogium on the new tariff law, taking Governor Fox, of Massachusetts to task for criticizing the statute.

CHANGES IN COMMERCE BOARD.

Democratic Member Clements May Be Selected as Chairman. The confirmation of B. H. Myer and C. C. McChord as members of the Interstate Commerce Commission will result in the reorganization of the commission by January 3. Chairman Knapp, whom Mr. Myer succeeds, has been confirmed as chief justice of the new Court of Commerce, and the term of Commissioner Cochrill, whom Mr. McChord succeeds, does not expire until December 31.

The chairman of the commission will be a member of the mediation board under the Erdman act for the settlement of the controversies between common carriers and their employes.

CONGRESSMEN HASTEN HOME.

Get-away Day Find Many Eager to Catch Trains.

Yesterday was get-away day with the national lawmakers. Nearly every Senator and Representative who has found it possible to make it to spend the holiday recess at home. Both houses adjourned to reassemble on Thursday, January 5.

G. P. O. TO DO BUREAU WORK.

Twenty Men Affected by Transfer of Printing of Weather Reports. At a conference yesterday between Willis L. Moore, Chief of the Weather Bureau, and Samuel B. Donnelly, Public Printer, it was decided to have the greater part of the printing in connection with the Weather Bureau done at the Government Printing Office.

CHANGES IN BERTH RATES.

Not Only Uppers, but Reductions in Lower as Well. An upper Pullman berth between New York and Chicago, which now costs \$5, can be obtained for \$4 after February 1. The Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday handed down its formal order requiring the Pullman Company to differentiate in its charges between an upper and a lower berth.

HEADS ECONOMY INQUIRY.

Merritt O. Chance Appointed Secretary by President Taft. President Taft yesterday appointed Merritt O. Chance secretary of the efficiency and economy inquiry, which was established at the White House about two months ago. The President and Secretary MacVeagh have given Mr. Chance due credit for the work he has done in the Treasury and Post-office departments as an expert in accounting, and his new work as the personal aid and representative of Secretary Norton will offer him a new field.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE IN BOUNDARY CASE

Senate Passes Bill on Request of the President.

President Taft sent a special message to Congress yesterday, urging the passage of a joint resolution to reaffirm the boundary lines between Texas and New Mexico, as fixed by Congress in 1850, and by survey in 1858.

New Mexico, in its proposed new constitution, has set forth her boundaries in such a way as to encroach upon a strip of land about 300 miles long, which Texas claims as her territory. Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, appeared in the closing hours of the session in his favorite role of obstructionist. When Senator Culberson, of Texas, tried to have the Senate carry out the spirit of the President's special message on the boundary dispute between Texas and New Mexico, by passing a resolution that the Judiciary Committee had reported, embodying the President's recommendation, Senator Heyburn objected to the request for unanimous consent for its consideration. Thereupon Mr. Culberson moved to take up the measure, and his motion prevailed, the vote showing a bare quorum present for business. Senator Heyburn did not like the way his colleagues sought to brush him aside, and took the floor to talk against the bill.

But the Idaho Senator had not talked long until Senator Burkett crept over alongside and was seen to plead with him. Soon afterward Mr. Heyburn ceased talking and the bill passed.

LORIMER IS GIVEN WHITEWASH COAT

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pressure was brought to bear upon him to induce him to join with the rest of his Democratic colleagues in signing the majority report.

Condema White's Action.

Of White, the majority says: "The chief of these self-accusers, and the one on whose testimony the whole fabric of the accusation largely depends, was Charles A. White, a member of the lower house of the Illinois general assembly. White seems to have developed early in his legislative career an insatiable desire to secure a pecuniary compensation for his official acts, and he also appears to have suspected his fellow-members of the general assembly of being as corrupt as himself. He endeavored to induce the chairman of an important committee to defer reporting a bill, in order to extort money from those who were interested in its passage."

"After Mr. Lorimer had been elected to the Senate, White tried to obtain information from another member of the house whether money had not been used to promote Senator Lorimer's election. This inquiry not only shows his corrupt character, but also casts suspicion upon the truth of his story that he had been bribed to vote for the successful candidate for Senator. After wasting his salary and other means in riotous living, White appears to have conceived the plan of claiming a share of the money in connection with the senatorial election, as a basis for extorting money from Senator Lorimer."

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Just What to Do

Come this morning and bring this Palais Royal announcement. If you do, you are entitled to the reduced prices told of. If you don't, you will be charged the regular prices. Doesn't this impress you that it pays to look for the Palais Royal advertisements?

Bring This Announcement with You

11c and 21c For 12 1/2c and 25c Handkerchiefs.

Note that six of these handkerchiefs—no charge for pretty box—will cost you 66c instead of 75c, or \$1.26 instead of \$1.50. Equally important—you select from the greatest variety and best quality of 12 1/2c and 25c Handkerchiefs in town.

Many are from Ireland, and all pure linen; many are from Switzerland, as sheer as the finest French linen, trimmed with daintiest of laces; some are hemstitched, as if by hand; some are hand embroidered.

Best Hand-Embroidered Hdks. \$1.69, \$1.98, \$2.29, \$2.69

Marked \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.50, and \$2.98. These are the Handkerchiefs embroidered by the natives of the Madeira Islands, famous for their daintiness and beauty.

Real Lace Handkerchiefs

Real Duchess and Point Lace Handkerchiefs are here at \$1.98 to \$25 each, identical to those sold at the specialty stores at 20 per cent higher prices. Deduct one-tenth from our lesser prices—if you present this announcement before the midday gong resounds through the store.

Silk Handkerchiefs,

19c 25c 39c 65c 25c 35c 50c 75c

The prices on top are the lesser prices for this morning; those below are the regular prices. "His" Silk Handkerchiefs, the superior Japanese, not the inferior Chinese Silk. Note, too, that "his" initial is daintily embroidered, as if by "her." "His" Silk Mufflers—Those marked \$1 to be 75c; marked \$2.00 for \$1.69; \$2.50 for \$1.98; \$2.98 for \$2.49.

The Palais Royal

A. LISNER Open 8 a. m. G STREET.

number of votes in the general assembly.

The committee finds a motive for Mr. Browne's vote in the political conditions and his desire to gain a partisan advantage. The committee found that the testimony failed to establish the fact that Representative Robert E. Wilson had paid out sums of money to legislators to vote for Lorimer.

In a supplemental report, filed by Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, who concurred in the majority report, that Senator points out that "no claim has been made by or on behalf of the State of Illinois that the election of Mr. Lorimer was not in accordance with law or that any other person is entitled to hold the office."

He cites also the fact that Lee O'Neil Browne, charged by the Legislative Voters' League of Illinois, on information and belief, with having bribed three members of the legislature to vote for Lorimer, had been indicted for such act and acquitted by jury upon a trial under the indictment.

In explaining on the floor of the Senate why he had not been able to concur in the majority report, that Senator points out that the testimony taken by the committee and the briefs had come into his hands only last Saturday. Monday was set for final action by the full committee, and Senator Beveridge protested that it did not give the members of the full committee time to examine the evidence and arguments.

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