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## Odd Pieces in Dining-room Furniture Specially Reduced for Clearance.

Liberal Reductions Are Made on All the Following Pieces, and the Event Is Made Doubly Important Because of Its Timeliness. Readjustment of our Furniture stocks exposes many odd and one-of-a-kind pieces in Dining-room Furniture of the highest character; and our desire being to put our lines in the best possible order, we have decided to offer them for quick clearance. The sale is a very timely one—the quality the best, the designs of a high character, and the prices exceptionally low.

### BUFFETS.

Solid Mahogany Buffet, colonial design, 73 inches long, with three drawers at top, one large drawer and double cupboard; fitted with the best brass locks.  
With wood back. Regularly \$125.00. Special, \$85.00.

With mirror back. Regularly \$150.00. Special, \$100.00.

Quartered Oak Buffet, plain square line; 42 inches long; mirror back; five drawers and double cupboard.  
Regularly \$80.00. Special, \$55.00.

Mahogany Buffet, very neat design, slightly curved; mirror back and claw feet; 48 inches long.  
Regularly \$65.00. Special, \$44.50.

Early English Oak Buffet, colonial design; two drawers at top and double cupboard; one large drawer at bottom; best Grand Rapids make.  
Regularly \$65.00. Special, \$47.50.

Early English Oak Buffet, neat design; large cupboard; mirror back; lined drawer for silver; 48 inches long.  
Regularly \$42.00. Special, \$27.50.

Mission Oak Buffet, plain design; two small and one large drawers, double cupboard.  
Regularly \$25.00. Special, \$19.75.

Large Quartered Golden Oak Buffet, slightly curved; heavy claw feet; mirror back; wooden knobs.  
Regularly \$50.00. Special, \$33.75.

Quartered Golden Oak Buffet, rubbed finish; double cupboard; four drawers; mirror back; 54 inches long.  
Regularly \$60.00. Special, \$44.75.

Quartered Golden Oak Buffet, double cupboard; three drawers; plate groove for fancy platters.  
Regularly \$42.00. Special, \$27.50.

Quartered Oak Buffet, plain design; mirror back; small shelf; 48 inches long.  
Regularly \$25.00. Special, \$19.75.

High-grade Oak and Mahogany Dining Tables, in round and oblong shapes, are included in this sale—only one and two of a pattern. The prices are remarkably low.

### CHINA CLOSETS.

Mahogany China Closet, colonial design; square ends; shelves with plate grooves.  
Regularly \$50.00. Special, \$42.50.

Early English Oak China Closet, plain design; panel back; 60 inches long.  
Regularly \$75.00. Special, \$40.00.

Quartered Oak China Closet, Early English finish; colonial design.  
Regularly \$42.00. Special, \$38.50.

High-grade Quartered Oak China Closet, full swell front; adjustable shelves; claw feet.  
Regularly \$80.00. Special, \$39.75.

Quartered Oak China Closets, full swell front; claw feet; adjustable shelves; double plate groove.  
Regularly \$30.00. Special, \$26.00.

Quartered Oak China Closet, swell front; removable shelves; claw feet.  
Regularly \$22.50. Special, \$17.75.

### DINING CHAIRS.

Oak Chairs, Early English finish, with Spanish leather seats of the full box type.  
Regularly \$5.00. Special, \$3.95.

Early English Oak Dining Chairs, Spanish leather seat and back; plain design.  
Regularly \$5.00. Special, \$3.95.

Carved Oak Dining Chairs, Early English finish; panel back; square top; slip leather seat.  
Regularly \$12.00. Special, \$8.00.

Quartered Golden Oak Dining Chairs, plain design; genuine slip leather seat and panel back.  
Regularly \$4.50. Special, \$3.50.

Quartered Golden Oak Dining Chairs, colonial design and rubbed finish; leather seat.  
Regularly \$5.00. Special, \$3.50.

Mahogany-finished Dining Chairs, panel back; genuine leather seat.  
Regularly \$5.00. Special, \$3.50.

Armchairs to match, regularly \$9.00. Special, \$7.00.

Solid Mahogany Dining Chairs, colonial design; genuine leather seat.  
Regularly \$12.00. Special, \$7.00.

## READY FOR OPENING OF CONTEST BUILDING

### All Prizes in Herald Contest to Be Shown, and Manufacturers to Give Away Samples.

All Washington was startled yesterday morning to read the astonishing announcement concerning The Washington Herald's \$25,000 contest made by the Advocate, that dapper little gentleman in charge of the competition. While many readers of The Herald had a premonition that a building would be selected for the purpose of displaying the various awards, the magnitude of the proposition far exceeded all expectations. Never before had the people of the National Capital heard of a contest manager renting an entire three-story building to display awards. The building at 74 Thirteenth Street Northwest will be opened with much pomp at noon next Wednesday. An orchestra will give a continuous musical concert, while the public is being shown for the first time actual awards which the Advocate is to give away absolutely free to the winners of the competition. The building will remain open until 11 o'clock Wednesday night. Thereafter the building will be open until the close of the contest daily from 8 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock at night, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be considered in the light of grand opening days, and will be replete with many special features. During these days Velvet Ice cream, University Club and Palmer's ginger ale, and W. D. Coffee, prepared on electric range installed by the National Electric Supply Company, will be given away absolutely free to all visitors. The entire public is invited to inspect the building and its contents.

During the four opening days every contestant who visits the building and registers will be given 500 votes. Persons not contestants who call at the building will be given 100 votes to cast for their favorite contestant. These offers hold only for the opening days. There is an additional offer, however, which will last until the close of the competition next February. Each contestant who gets a reader of The Herald to enter the contest in an active manner will be given 1,000 votes. Before the contestant will be given these votes, the contestant whom he brings into the competition must secure 1,000 votes in addition to the 1,000 votes which he receives as a "starter." In other words, before the reward of 1,000 votes is given the contestant the new contestant must have to his credit 1,000 votes.

Advocate's New Office. The Thirteenth Street building beginning Wednesday will be the contest headquarters. In this Advocate will have his offices. All votes and mediums of exchange will be received there instead of at The Herald's business office. In fact, all of the work concerning the contest which is now handled at The Herald office in New York Avenue will be transferred to the Thirteenth Street establishment. Contestants were delighted yesterday to see the partial announcement of the awards to be given to winners of the competition. The grand award will be a \$5,000 house and lot. Among the other leading awards will be four \$1,500 touring cars, four \$750 Baby Grand pianos, four \$250 player pianos, four \$400 upright pianos, bicycles, chifoniers, desks, library tables, kitchen tables, lamps, pictures, jewelry, and scores of other articles. These articles will be displayed from time to time at the Thirteenth Street house. Because of the large number of awards—there are 550, valued at an aggregate of \$25,000—it will be impossible for the Advocate to display all of them at once. In order that contestants may have an opportunity to see all of the articles before the close of the contest, the articles in the building will be changed from time to time. The first floor of the building will be devoted to the display of manufactured products advertised in connection with the contest. Most of the manufacturers will give away samples. Practically all of them will offer their goods for sale. It will be possible to purchase practically all of the manufactured products advertised in connection with the contest. In case some of the manufacturers do not have booths, there will be representatives at the building to take orders for goods.

If you want bargains in Hardware of every description. Don't fail to visit Small's Hardware Store, 713 7th St. N.W. We Give Votes in The Herald's \$25,000 Contest.

# Society

Miss Mabel Boardman is visiting her sister, Mrs. Winthrop Murray Crane, at Duluth, Mass. She will make an address at the annual meeting of the Berkshire Red Cross Society in Pittsfield.

Dr. and Mrs. Stephen O. Richey have returned to Washington. They spent the summer in New England and September at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish gave an old-fashioned country dance Saturday night at their beautiful home, Glencliffe Farm, Garrison, N. Y. There were about one hundred guests who came in various costumes. There were country milkmaids, farmers, gardeners and rural constables.

Mrs. Fish supervised the decorations of the large hall and wagon loads of autumn foliage, corn shocks, pumpkins and wheat sheaves were used to give the rooms an aspect of an old time farm house and barn. Country "fiddlers" supplied the music and played the old tunes for the old-fashioned farm dances. She was assisted in the preparations by Miss Adele S. Colgate, Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fine, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson. Some of the others present were Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Fish and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carroll of Baltimore, Mrs. Estelle Coby and Mrs. Lora Robinson, Mr. Edward Livingston, the Misses Arden, Mr. and Mrs. William Church Osborn, Prof. and Mrs. Henry F. Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sanger, and Miss Josephine Osborn.

Mrs. Barker, wife of Rear Admiral Barker, U. S. N., retired, has returned to her home in New York. She spent the summer months in Massachusetts and Albany, N. Y.

Mrs. Walter Brooks, Jr., who with her husband will spend the winter in Washington, has gone West with her mother, Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury, for a ten-day trip.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson Mayre, of Baltimore, came to Washington last week on a farewell visit to Mrs. George Thomas Mayre, Jr., who with her sister, Mrs. Moreland, of Newport, R. I., spend on the Mauretanian, October 2, to leave for the winter abroad. Mrs. Moreland will place her daughter in a school in Paris.

Capt. Mason Gulick, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Gulick, spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Magruder. They will return to New York to-day.

Mr. Robert McBlair, who has resided in Washington for the last two years, has returned to Norfolk, Va., where he will make his future home.

Rear Admiral Royal E. Bradford, U. S. N., who is still at his country place in E. N. G., will return to Washington shortly and join Mrs. Bradford, who has already opened her residence in P Street.

The District of Columbia section of the Women's National Civic League has completed arrangements for a benefit performance at the Columbia Theater this evening. The attraction will be Miss Henrietta Croaman in "The Real Thing."

Mrs. John Rodgers has returned to this city and opened her house in Sixteenth Street. She spent September at Hot Springs, Va.

Mrs. Charles Poor has just returned to Washington and opened her residence in Twenty-first Street, where she will be joined by her daughter, Mrs. Maus, wife of Brig. Gen. Marion P. Maus, in the near future.

Miss Katherine White, daughter of Mrs. S. H. White, and a grand-daughter of Brig. Gen. Horatio Nelson, U. S. A., retired, is to be presented to Washington society at a tea given by her mother and aunt, Mrs. Atkinson, wife of Lieut. Col. S. W. Atkinson, at the latter's home in Sixteenth Street. Mrs. Atkinson are recent arrivals in Washington.

Mrs. Allyn K. Capron has returned to Washington from Boston, and has opened her apartment at the Lansdale for the winter.

Rear Admiral John Upshur, U. S. N., and Mrs. Upshur have reached Washington, and have opened their apartment at the Parkwood for the season.

Mrs. Heathcote S. Grant, wife of the British Naval Attaché, arrived in Washington yesterday, accompanied by their rear children, and joined Capt. Grant at the Grayton. They have leased a house in Eighteenth Street for the winter.

Society in Washington is interested in the wedding this week of Miss Catherine N. Cameron, daughter of the late Sir Frederick Cameron, and Judah H. Sears. It will be celebrated on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Cameron country place, Clifton Berley, in Rosebank, Staten Island. The Rev. Dr. Leighton Parks, rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, and Dr. E. D. Dodder, rector of St. John's Church in Rosebank, will be the officiating clergymen. There will be several guests from the Capital City and New York for the ceremony and the reception to follow. The bride will be given away by her brother, Duncan Cameron. She will have as her attendant her niece, Miss Mary Cameron, who will act as a flower girl. Zeas Sears, Jr., will be his brother's best man.

The Lincoln Circle of the Ladies of the G. A. R. met at the home of the vice-president, Mrs. Jeannie Harvey Street, recently. A pleasant social hour was spent after the regular business. Mrs. Nida Peabody announced she would

read a paper at the next meeting on her trip to Europe last summer. Mrs. Emma S. Brinton, who also traveled in Europe last summer, gave an interesting account of her journey.

## PASTOR ADVOCATES "CHURCH TRUST"

### Rev. Dr. James Montgomery Would Have All Denominations Combine in Fight Against Vice.

A "church trust, with revision upward and not downward," was advocated in a sermon by Rev. Dr. James Montgomery, at Metropolitan Memorial Church, yesterday. Dr. Montgomery, preaching on "The Religion of Tomorrow," declared that there should be denominational combination, in which theological differences would be relegated to the rear, and individual church ambition crushed, and all energies concentrated against the vices of the hour.

"The religion of tomorrow will be built more thoroughly about Jesus," said Dr. Montgomery. "He is the Son of Man. This is to be more and more the watchword and dictum of the future church. No creed can hold Him. He is bigger than any theology ever conceived by man. No metaphysician is great enough to define Him. The religion of tomorrow will make the Christ truth personal truth, and transform theology into twentieth century flesh and blood, and we shall not adjourn our hopes from this earth to the next world. Its chief business will be to get heaven into men instead of men into heaven.

"The tendency of to-day is toward one-ness, unity, and simplicity. To-day there should be a church trust, with revision upward and not downward; a denominational combination, in which theological differences would be relegated to the rear, and individual church ambition crushed and all energies concentrated against the vices of the hour."

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Phone Main 44 for Single or Seven Reservations, Which Will Be Held Until 10 and 7:30 of the Day Previous.

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