

PITTSBURG CLOTHING FAILURE.

Overflowing with bargains, and naturally enough this store is more than crowded with buyers. As we delve deeper into this splendid stock of Men's and Boys' Clothing, Furnishings and Hats our surprise is only equalled by that of the hundreds of customers who are made happy here daily. Never again will such truly marvelous bargain offerings be made.

WILSON & DAVIS' STOCK AT 20 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR

Is the slogan that seemingly the entire populace have taken up and all other announcements are as chaff in the wind. You must come and see. Words are powerless to describe the goods or afford an adequate idea of values.

1,000 Children's Suits, Our Price, \$1.79

Men's and Boys' OVERCOATS.

- Men's Overcoats, the blue Kersey, Sizes 34 to 48. Wilson & Davis' price, \$20.00. Our price... **\$5.75**
- Men's Overcoats. All sizes. Wilson & Davis' price, \$12.50. Our price... **\$4.00**
- 25 Medium-weight Overcoats. Wilson & Davis' price, \$10.50. Our price... **\$3.75**
- 22 Men's Overcoats. Sizes 35, 36, 38 and 40. Wilson & Davis' price, \$8.50. Our price... **\$2.00**
- 50 Overcoats. Wilson & Davis' price, \$5.00. Our price... **\$1.50**
- Overcoats made of Patton Beaver. Wilson & Davis' price, \$30.00. Our price... **\$10.50**
- Boys' Overcoats. Sold by Wilson & Davis, \$5.00, \$4.00 and \$3.00. Our price... **\$1.20**
- One lot Men's Storm Ulsters. Wilson & Davis' price, \$10.00. Our price... **\$3.25**

Furnishings.

- 50 doz. Men's Socks. Wilson & Davis' price, 12 1/2c. Our price, 5c. pair.
- 50 doz. Men's Socks. Wilson & Davis' price, 15c. Our price, 7c. pair.
- 50 doz. Men's Suspenders. Wilson & Davis' price, 25c. Our price, 12c. pair.
- 50 doz. Men's Suspenders. Wilson & Davis' price, 35c. Our price, 15c. pair.
- 50 doz. Men's Unlaundered Shirts. Wilson & Davis' price, 60c. Our price, 35c. each.
- 20 doz. of Wright's Health Underwear in Shirts only. Sizes 40 to 50. Wilson & Davis' price, \$1.00. Our price, 50c.
- 50 doz. Men's Neglige Shirts. Wilson & Davis' price, 75c. Our price, 39c. each.
- 50 doz. Men's Wool Flannel-lined Underwear. Wilson & Davis' price, \$1.00. Our price, 48c. each.
- 25 doz. Men's Drawers. Wilson & Davis' price, \$1.50. Our price, 69c. each.
- 25 doz. Boys' Alpina Hats. Wilson & Davis' price, 75c. Our price, 38c. each.
- 20 doz. Fancy Boom Shirts, 3 1/2c. each. Wilson & Davis' price, \$1.00. Our price, 50c.
- 25 doz. Men's and Boys' Caps. Wilson & Davis' price, 50c. Our price, 10c. each.

Men's Suits.

- 100 Men's Suits. All sizes. Made of dark steel gray Kersey. Wilson & Davis' price, \$12.00. Our price... **\$4.25**
- 1 lot Men's Cashmere Suits. All sizes. Wilson & Davis' price, \$6.50. Our price... **\$2.25**
- Men's Prince Albert Suits. All sizes. Made of Clay Worsted. Wilson & Davis' price, \$22.00. Our price... **\$8.50**
- Men's Finest Quality Clay Worsted Suits. Wilson & Davis' price, \$25.00. Our price... **\$8.75**
- Children's Old Coats. Sizes 4 to 14. Cashmere, Tweeds, Cheviots, all kinds. Our price... **65c.**
- 500 pairs Children's Knee Pants. 2 to 14. Wilson & Davis' price, 25c. Our price... **7c.**
- 1 lot Children's Beavers. Wilson & Davis' price, \$2.75. Our price... **90c.**
- 200 pairs Men's Pants, Cashmere, Cheviots, Tweeds and Worsteds. Wilson & Davis' price, \$2.50. Our price... **58c.**
- 1 lot Fancy Corduroy Vests. Wilson & Davis' price, \$3.00. Our price... **\$1.20**
- 21 Men's Mackintoshes, double and single-breasted, light colors, double texture, velvet collars. Wilson & Davis' price, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00. Our price... **\$3.75**

H. FRIEDLANDER & BRO., NINTH AND E STREETS N. W.

THE CONSULAR SERVICE

Mr. Adams' Bill to Introduce Civil Service Principles Into It.

Classes of Officers Provided for—The Methods of Examination Proposed.

The House committee on foreign affairs has under consideration a bill prepared by Mr. Adams of Pennsylvania, to introduce civil service principles in the consular service of the country.

The bill provides that the President be authorized to appoint a commission to assist him in the reorganization of the consular service, to be composed of two senators (both of whom are not to belong to the same political party), and two members of the House of Representatives (both of whom are not to belong to the same political party), and one officer of the Department of State.

The offices of consular agent and vice consul, except where such offices are held by citizens of the United States, shall be excluded from the present reorganization; and the compensation attached to each office shall not exceed \$500 per annum, which amount shall be derived from official and notarial fees only. The offices of consular clerk shall be transformed into vice consuls, and of commercial agent transformed into consul of the second class.

Classes of Officers. The reorganized service shall provide for the following classes of offices in the consular service: Offices of consul general of the first class, with a salary to each office of \$2,000; offices of consul general of the second class, with a salary to each office of \$1,500; offices of consul of the first class, with a salary to each office of \$1,000; offices of vice consul of the first class, with a salary to each office of \$750; offices of vice consul of the second class, with a salary to each office of \$500; offices of consular agents to be paid by fees.

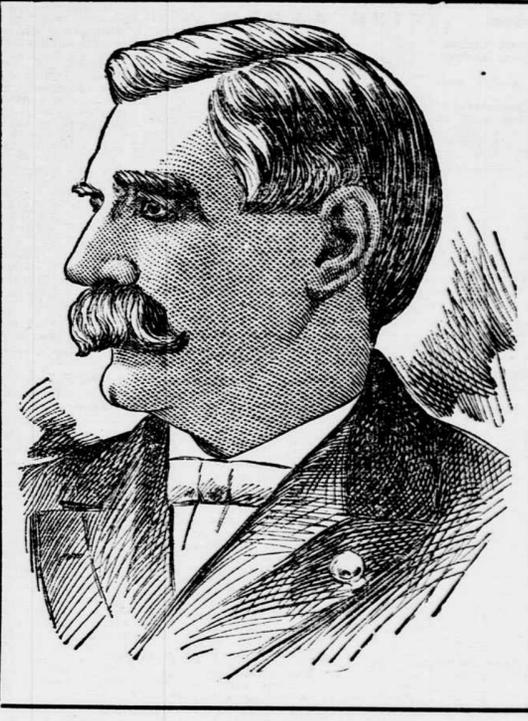
No person under the age of twenty-one and over the age of forty-five shall be admitted to the consular service after the reorganization herein provided shall have been established; but persons who shall have been previously employed in the consular service for a period of not less than four years may be admitted up to the age of fifty-five years. Two-thirds of the present incumbents of the consular offices shall be gradually recalled within three years from the date of the passage of this act; those having the requisite age may be re-admitted to the same grade of the service they held on passing the prescribed examination or such lower grade as they may qualify for.

Method of Examination.

The President shall also appoint a board of examiners, consisting of five members, who are to be the civil service commissioners and two officials of the Department of State. The functions of this board shall be the following: It shall determine the method of conducting the examinations for entrance and promotion in the service, the scope of the subjects to be submitted as tests of knowledge, and all other matters pertaining to the subjects of examination; but this board shall have no jurisdiction over the removal of any incumbent in connection with the plan of reorganization of the service. The subjects of examinations, admission to, and for promotion in the consular service, shall be exclusively related to the duties and the work of the consular service. Promotion to the grade of consul of the first class shall require passing an examination in at least one foreign language. Candidates who successfully pass the examination to the service shall become eligible for appointment in the lowest grade of the service according to the relative standing in their examination, except as provided in section 8. Removals of incumbents in the service shall take place only on written charges and proof of misconduct or inefficiency, and the removal shall be final and opportunity to be heard. All removals shall be reviewed and finally determined by a board of officials of the Department of State, and approved by the President.

GREAT FRANCIS MURPHY.

Foremost Apostle of Temperance Endorses Paine's Celery Compound.



Francis Murphy, the wisest known temperance advocate in the world, was born 60 years ago in a humble cottage in Ireland. He is the founder of the "blue ribbon" and "iron-clad pledge" movements. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Moody have recently been entering together in some of the large cities. How deeply they have entered into the affections of the country every one knows.

"A sound mind in a sound body" has been the constant theme of this great philanthropist. Because of its power of strengthening and restoring the nerves and brain Paine's celery compound is used today in many such families as that of Mr. Murphy, where no other remedy would be thought of for a moment.

Such evidence of an unhealthy condition as these constant headaches, melancholy, dyspepsia or constipation rapidly disappear under the cleansing, regulating action of Paine's celery compound. Don't confound Paine's celery compound with the cheap, common, harsh, short-lived remedies—senna, jalap, castor-oil, and others—that bear so much resemblance to Paine's celery compound as the parasite vines do to the oak that they live on. Don't take anything less than Paine's celery compound.

ANNEXATION THE TOPIC. Arrival of Ex-Minister Thurston From Hawaii. Lorin A. Thurston, ex-Hawaiian minister to the United States, arrived at San Francisco yesterday from Hawaii. Mr. Thurston, as president of the Annexation Club, expects to accomplish considerable missionary work in aid of the annexation movement before his return home. His mission is not an official one, he says, and he has not been sent here by the government or by the Annexation Club. He says, however, if the opportunity presents itself he proposes to exert his best efforts to aid the annexation movement. He says the all-absorbing theme of discussion in the islands just now is annexation. As the day for the inauguration of McKinley approaches interest in the annexation question is becoming intensified and widespread. The natives are joining the movement with the idea that the annexation of the islands to the United States is their only salvation.

from the Japanese, who are elbowing them in various fields of labor. The Mass Meeting. Gen. Sternberg has called a meeting of his subcommittee of the central relief committee for Monday evening at his office. The plans for the proposed mass meeting to consider sanitary reforms will be mapped out at that time. The mass meeting will probably take place February 20 at Foster Church. Mr. Wilson, the secretary of the Associated Charities, desires to acknowledge the receipt of the following: A Friend.....\$50.00 A King's Daughter..... 5.00 Total.....\$55.00

Howard's Corset Emporium, Ten-three (1003) F St. 2 DAYS' CORSET SELLING. As the leading Corset Emporium of the south, we naturally also lead in "special" offers. While we do not pose as a "bargain" house, we allow no store to offer better bargains. For the next 2 days we offer 2 lots of Corsets, which for intrinsic value are without a parallel: 75 dozen famous "C. B. A. La Spina" Corsets, extra long waist, black and gray. We cannot give away this elegant corset, as other dealers would do, but we will give it to the manufacturers for cutting the price. You will recognize it as a regular \$1.25 corset. Special Price, 69c. pr. 50 dozen Elegant Medium and Extra Long Waist Corsets, in white, black and gray. We cannot give away this elegant corset, as other dealers would do, but we will give it to the manufacturers for cutting the price. You will recognize it as a regular \$1.25 corset. Special Price, 89c. pr. Every Corset fitted and guaranteed perfectly satisfactory or the money will be refunded. Exclusive fitting room away from the "hurly burly" and publicity incident to department stores.

LEWIS CLEPHANE DEAD

An Honored and Useful Citizen of the National Capital. He Was One of the Founders of the Republican Party—A Sketch of His Busy Career. Mr. Lewis Clephane, a life-long resident of Washington and one of its most prominent and honored citizens, died shortly after midnight at his residence, No. 1225 K, at the corner of 13th street, of pneumonia after an illness of only four days. The dread disease developed rapidly. Mr. Clephane and his family believing that he was merely suffering from a severe cold, and it was not until yesterday that his dangerous character became evident. His wife and his four children, Miss Ella C. Clephane and Messrs. Lewis P., Walter C. and Alan O. Clephane, were at his bedside when the end came. Mr. Clephane was seventy-five years old, and from his early manhood had been identified with the progress and advance-



ment of Washington. He was prominent and popular in business, social and political circles, and possessed mental attributes of a high character and attractive personal traits. He was energetic and untiring in any interest which demanded his attention, and by his devotion to business earned a comfortable and enviable fortune. Mr. Clephane had the proud distinction of being one of the founders of the Republican party, having been a delegate to the famous Pittsburgh convention of 1856 along with Horace Greeley, Mr. A. M. Clegg of this city, and other well-known men, few of whom are now living. He was postmaster of Washington under President Lincoln and instituted many reforms in the management of the office. He was afterward collector of internal revenue for the District and was always active up to the time of his death in the affairs of the Republican party here. At the time of his death he was a director in the National Safe Deposit, Savings and Trust Company, president of the Virginia Brick Machine Company and a member of the board of trade. He was one of the oldest and most respected members of the Old-Settlers' Association and had been a member of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church for many years. A widow and four children, named above, survive him. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed. Thus far it has been decided that the services will take place at the family residence at 11 o'clock Monday morning. The interment will be at Glenwood. An ordinance introduced by Councilman Sherlock Swann, which prohibits the wearing of bonnets by ladies in theaters, has passed the first branch of the city council of Baltimore.

1211 F St. Where "Quality" Rules.

Fashion Is Mutable

* * * —we keep step with it. * * * You never find us lagging behind with old styles—or shrewd goods. Every Boot, Shoe and Slipper we offer you is certain to be spick and span—in the prevailing styles—and of best quality. * * * PRICE is another consideration. Remember, that nobody sells lower than we do, quality considered—few as low.

Take Those \$2.85 Boots

For Ladies, for example. Where else in town can you buy their equal for the money? Every day MANY LADIES buy this boot, after having made the rounds of various "sales." All we ask is—visit this store before buying.

There are also lots of different styles—including a WALKING BOOT, with invisible cork soles, only \$2.85 pair.

Ladies' \$5 Pat. Leathers

—the swiftest of the swiftest—many styles, including the new style cloth-top boot—button and lace.

Men's \$4 & \$5 Boots

—Buckets at \$4 and \$5—Patent Leathers at \$5 and \$6. Special attention is called to our new \$4 Buckets—button-top—will compare favorably with the \$5 grades elsewhere.

HOOVER & SNYDER, 1211 F St.

Fashionable Boots for Ladies and Men. 11

An Entire Change of Shoe Lines.

Our Spring Shoes have been in work for some time and are already beginning to arrive. The radical changes of some of the new styles, as compared with present shapes, compels us to close out entirely many of our old, well-known lines. Following are a few of the price reductions that will surely revolutionize the contents of our shelves in short order:

Children's Shoes.

Our famous "Daisy" \$2.50 Kid Spring-sole Dress Shoes. Ladies' sizes 2 1/2 to 6.....	\$1.85
Misses' Soft Box Calf Hand-sewed Finish Double-sole \$2.00 Shoes.....	\$1.37
Misses' Cloth-top \$2.50 Patent Leather Buttoned Very handsome. Now.....	\$1.65
Boys' Satin and Veal Calf Double-sole Laced. Shapely and durable. Now....	95c.

Men's Shoes.

Best \$5.00 French Calf Double-sole Single Sole Laced Shoes. Now.....	\$3.35
Hand-made \$4.00 Laced \$2.50 Calf-sole Shoes. "Building" and "Pear" Toes.....	\$2.65
Durable and Comfortable Laced or Gaiters.....	\$1.65

Ladies' Shoes.

Finest \$4.00 Kid and Calf Double-sole \$2.00 Shoes on Egg-shape Toe.....	\$2.65
"Orient" Toe \$2.50 fine Kid and Box Calf Laced and Button.....	\$1.65
Splendid Douglas Laced and Button Boots. \$1.50 values. Now.....	95c.

25c. No. Quality Rubber Ladies, Boys or Girls.	15c. Ladies' Good Black Cloth Overgaiters.	59c. Ladies' and Men's \$1.25 "Mars" Rubber, Few left.
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—to anything you want in our desirable stock of Furniture, Carpets, Curtains, etc., whether you have the money to spare just now or not. We're willing to accept small monthly or weekly payments in payment of goods bought here—that's our method of doing business on

Credit.

We don't ask a cent more for this privilege of credit—you pay just the same when buying here—as you would to a cash dealer—and in some instances less. Take advantage of this offer of credit—it's yours for the asking!

Ruden's Credit House, Ruden's Credit House, 513 Seventh St.

Choice Home-Dressed Meats in My Sausage.

I select them—get the best that come to market—and dress them myself. I prepare and season all my Sausages. It's real home-made Sausage. And it must be very rich and delicious or I wouldn't sell so much of it.

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Will call the work turned out here to fulfill every requirement—as to execution, style and material. Monograms, Engraving, Address Labels, Greeting Cards, etc.—in fact, everything in that line performed here.

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Fresh, Sweet, Tender Peas in Midwinter.

Get BRAKLEY'S B. F. F. CHAMPION JUNIOR PEAS. They're swart as any new pea—tender and carefully packed in well-filled cans. See that your grocer sends you the other. We'll supply him.

B. B. Earnshaw & Bro., Wholesale Grocers: 1109-9 11th st. n.e. 612-7, 9, 11, 13

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THE BEST? \$40 Bicycles. \$50 Bicycles.

WE HAVE THEM—THE HIGH-GRADE '97 "CRESCENTS"

—ready for immediate delivery, too. Your choice of 2 heights of frames—3 styles of handles—3 makes of tires—3 styles of handle-bars. For both ladies and men.

Western Wheel Works.

WASH BRANCH—S.E. COR. 5TH & H STS. Harry S. Jones, Jr., Manager. Tel. 2-2847

The Monitor Furitan. The monitor Furitan at New York has been ordered to sail at once to join Admiral Buncer's squadron.

Conference of Agriculturists.

Col. Buford, chairman of the Virginia state board of agriculture, has sent letters to the presidents of all the state boards of agriculture of the United States, asking them to meet in convention in this city for the purpose of formulating plans to ask Congress to do something for the farmers. Col. Buford's letter says that the farmer's lot is a very hard one, and suggests that it is possible that Congress may be prevailed upon to do something for him.

"The store where your promise to pay buys as much and for as little as cash."

Surplus sale values in boys' clothes.

You don't want to skip tomorrow, mothers—whether you've much or but little money to spend. Values in boys' clothes have never been quite so big. You may have credit—easy payments—for anything you buy.

Any suit up to \$5 for \$1.49. All the 75c. pants, 29c.

—and that's a most wonderful offering when you consider that every "stitch" is made up as fine as can be and was really splendid value at the old price. Your choice, \$1.49.

The very undershirts for boys for which you pay 50c. are here at 19c.—the "Ideal."

—you've the unlimited choice—some of them have double seats and knees, and they're positively all wool.

Your choice of a whole table full of boys' and men's boucle, corduroy, and cloth golf caps, and children's leather, patent leather, corduroy and cloth Tam O'Shanter's, which sold for 50, 60 and 75c.—for 29c.

The surplus sale values in women's department

—will be continued tomorrow. You must acknowledge that these are very unusual values. Now that another cold snap has arrived you will need a coat or a cape very badly, and this offering is a splendid opportunity. Credit when you want it.

The greatest value in the whole East and Cape offering are the cheviot, heavier and boucle coats—the most stylish fashions—the balance of the hundreds we have sold this season for \$6 and \$7—to go for.....	\$1.89
Your choice of any of the handsome caterpillar boucle Coats—half and full length—some no those you see in the windows of the other stores reduced to \$9.98—is yours for.....	\$4.98
All of the children's Greenwich coats or robes—any \$7—going at.....	\$1.89
Children's Merino Percale Dresses, 2 to 14 years—with new sleeves—a dress which cannot be had under 75c. else where—for.....	39c.
Children's New All-wool Flannel Dresses—new blue, brown, and garnet-headed—like the usual \$2.50 dress—now for.....	\$1.98

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