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the presidency, Mr. Van Buren exhibited in his one term in that office some of the qualities which secured him the governorship of New York. He was a very clever man at the game of politics—sometimes too clever. He "played it too fine," and more than once overreached himself. His fame is unjustly overlaid with mere flimsiness.

do not misrepresent the goods they offer for sale, would be sufficiently protected by the law. It is true that the new rule may be drawn to include the clause now proposed, prohibiting service as "putters" or "shills," as false bidders are called, under a severe penalty. In any case, the Commissioners are now empowered to fix the cost of Commission, and it is probable that the provision should be strictly enforced.

The Sale of Sales—Ostrich Feathers At Savings of a Third. It was the best kind of good luck that brought these feathers to us at our original quotation. We were asked to make a bid for a lot of finest Ostrich Feathers—feathers are here for Saturday at savings of more than a third!

Qualities High. Prices Low. Founded in 1860. Store Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. LANSBURGH & BRO. 420 to 430 7th St. 417 to 425 8th St. Where's the Woman Who Can Resist the Style, Becomingness and Beauty of These \$5 Trimmed Hats

FAIRY SOAP, 3 FOR 9c. And Other Underrated Toilet Articles. CUTICURA SOAP, special, 3 cakes for 19c. PEROXIDE COLD CREAM, special at 19c. COLGATE'S PERFUMES, all odors: 1/2 ounce for 15c. MALVINA CREAM, special Saturday 33c. 25c RUBBER COMBS, coarse, fine or medium, 21c. JAVA RICE POWDER, all tints, special at 25c.

Higher Tax Cost of Living. Assaults of the solvency of Washington threaten with every new tax any day. The tax with a higher standard of assessment; with an enlargement on the pretext of uniformity of an aggregate assessment already grossly excessive; with expansion of the scope of personal taxation; and with bills for more money to be raised by the Uncle Sam which has been neglected for forty years to collect or to recognize as debts at all.

Tuesday and the Currency. Something like progress on the currency question probably will be made after Tuesday. The result of that day's elections should, in a way, simplify an important feature of the situation. There seems reason to believe that the Senate in the business has the President more than the House in mind. That is to say, it has little if any doubt that the President can be brought to approve the House will approve. True, the House has issued a sort of thus-far-and-no-further proclamation about the Glass bill. That measure must not be changed in any of the essentials.

Coloring the Facts. "A great orator should be a skillful word master," replied Senator Sorghum; "sometimes he is a skillful word whitewasher."

NEW NECKFIXINGS That Cost But Little. —and add a world of charm to the costume are here in! Infinite variety. LACE COLLARS, in white or cream; round, square or pointed shapes. 39c and 50c values. Choice tomorrow. 27c. MEDICI COLLARS, of chiffon, net and lace, and some combined with satin or crepe de chine. At least 15 25c AND 50c styles at. FICHUS, of net and lace trimmed, in white or cream; some Medici Collars. 50c. Choice. NEW SERGE DE CHINE BOWS and Floral Novelties, in all the new shades and effects. 25c AND 50c at. NEW HALF SLEEVES, in the new puff style, of net, in white or cream. 50c AND \$1.00. PLEATINGS for making medici gimpes and puff sleeves, in white and cream; 12 inches wide. A yard. \$1.00. (Other Net or Lace Pleatings, 25c and 50c yard.) NEW MALEINE RUFFLES, in black and colors; full and fluffy; finished at side with ribbon bow. Special value at \$9c. (Other style Ruffs at \$1.50.) Main Floor—Neckwear Section and Bargain Tables.

FREE A Pair of Dumb Bells Free Saturday With FREE Every Boys' SUIT OR OVERCOAT. BOYS' NORFOLK SUITS, of all-wool heavy blue serge and fancy cassimere, made with full cut peg pants, lined and taped. Sizes 7 to 18 years. \$4.98 value. Special Saturday. BOYS' BLUE SERGE NORFOLK SUITS, guaranteed all wool, fast color; well tailored with full cut peg pants, lined and taped; sizes 9 to 17 years. \$5 value for \$3.98. BOYS' NORFOLK SUITS, of heavy cassimere and chevrot, some all-wool material, full cut peg pants; choice of gray, blue, brown and mixed effects. Sizes 7 to 16 years. \$4.50 value for \$2.98. BOYS' LONG OVERCOATS, tailored in latest style, in desirable shades of light and dark gray, also brown; belted back, high or low collar. Sizes 10 to 18 years. \$7.00 value for \$4.98. BOYS' OVERCOATS, well tailored; some with flannel lining in gray, brown and mixed fabrics; plain or belted. Choice of light, high or low collar. Sizes 3 to 10 years. \$4.50 value for \$2.98. BOYS' CORDUROY NORFOLK SUITS, of good quality corduroy, with extra pair of full cut peg pants; choice of light or dark brown; sizes 9 to 17 years. \$7 value. Special \$5.49. Third Floor—Boys' Clothing.

A Collection of Dainty WAISTS AT \$1.98 That Are Best Values Obtainable. Waists of net in white, gray, taupe and navy blue with black velvet buttons down front and velvet bow at back; long sleeves; high stock; also the daintiest Lingerie Waists inimitable with fronts embroidered or lace trimmed, high or round neck, all with long sleeves. Seldom are you offered such a wide choice of styles and seldom are such stylish waists offered so low in price—\$1.98 for whatever style you may fancy. These are excellent waists for wear with tailored suits! Second Floor—Waist Section.

But no same taxpayer, small or large, will be deluded into the belief that the House of increased assessment and taxation will strike only the pocketbooks of men wealthier than himself and will leave him untouched. Indeed, in most cases of increased tax-exactions even though aimed at wealthy tax-dodgers, the burden will fall upon the smaller taxpayers, who cannot dodge.

But in the District the small taxpayer gets a minimum of benefit from the steady progress toward uniformity, because the leveling process with us always levels up and never (or hardly ever) levels down. The under-assessed are in spots raised to the level of the over-assessed, but the over-assessed are not reduced. This constant boosting of assessments, now in this place and on this class of property, and now somewhere else and on some other kind of property, has already made Washington's assessment, as in other over-assessed cities, when compared with the assessments of other large American cities approximating it in size. Washington lacks the great and costly industrial plants which swell the assessment rolls of most cities. What has the assessment plants in the main government property are not figured in the assessments. The Washington assessors have valued (1907) the privately owned and assessed fraction of Washington real estate as greater in value than the whole of such rich and prosperous industrial cities as Cleveland, Cincinnati, Milwaukee and New Orleans, a conclusion preposterous and incredible. Either all these other cities are under-assessed or Washington is over-assessed; and the meaning and lesson of the comparison are the same, whichever way the words are turned.

Substitution. "What is your idea of a socialist?" "A socialist," replied Miss Caspary, "is a person who expects the government to do everything. He wants to abolish Santa Claus and put Uncle Sam in his place."

Of Interest to MEN—APPAREL VALUES That Should Prove Crowd Bringers. You are missing saving money, and at the same time securing the most snappy styles in Men's Attire if you fail to buy at our Men's Store. Direct access to street through 400 7th street entrance. MEN'S COAT SHIRTS, of best quality percale, all sizes to 17. Special value 69c at. MEN'S SWEATERS, with popular roll collar; gray, navy and maroon; all sizes. Special values at \$2.50, \$3 and \$4. MEN'S SEMI-STIFF SHIRTS, in a large variety of best quality patterns. Special \$1.00 at. MEN'S TWEEDERS, all the snappy new styles; in all the new patterns and colors; most complete line in the city. Choice \$5.00 at. MEN'S SAMPLE GLOVES, in a large variety of skins; all sizes in the lot. \$1.50 value, at a pair. 95c at. MEN'S UNDERWEAR; celebrated Glansterbury & Cooper brand; all sizes; all known as the best. Special \$1.00 at. Main Floor—400 7th St. Entrance—Men's Wear.

Kid Gloves That Fit Well and Look Well. WOMEN'S 1-CLASP P. K. GLOVES, in black, white or tan, with self black or white stitching. Good \$1.50 value. Special \$1.15. WOMEN'S MOCHA GLOVES, silk lined, 1 clasp, in black or gray. Special \$1.50 pair. WOMEN'S GLOVES, unlined, in gray or tan; 1 clasp. Special \$1.25 pair. WOMEN'S CAPE WALKING GLOVES, 1 clasp, in black, white, tan and gray. Special value, a pair \$1.00. CHILDREN'S WOOL GOLF GLOVES, in different colors. Special, a pair, 50c. Main Floor—Glove Section.

The New FRAME VEIL, 95c. Picture Show Style. Vastly becoming are these Frame Veils. Choice of white, taupe and black, 20 inches wide, 15 yards long. A very becoming veil. Also Lace Veils, Shetland finish in black, white and good variety of colors; width 6 to 12 inches. Do see these tomorrow. Main Floor—Veiling Section.

Thanksgiving for the Postmen. Judging from individual expressions there is a willingness on the part of the public to abstain from mail service Thanksgiving day in order to give the letter carriers of Washington a full holiday on this occasion. Readers of The Star have written letters to this effect, appealing for themselves and their families. It is quite probable that if the matter were put to a vote the response would be almost unanimously in favor of giving the postmen complete respite from their duties on the day which has been set apart for the post office. It is understood that the postal authorities are willing to take this action if the public will consent, and the expression of opinion on this point will aid them in reaching a decision.

Are Railroads Prosperous? From the St. Joseph Gazette. Every man of experience and real judgment in business knows how possible it is for a man, or a firm, or a corporation to "be doing an immense business," and yet be making a slight profit, or none at all. The rule of thumb is that a phenomenon frequently observed in the case of lines of business that are running at a loss is that the margin and that eventually go under. We are not trying to alarm any one, but do wish to call attention to the fact that the railroads are doing it. They are being worked to the full of their capacity. But many a farmer or business man has been extremely busy, and long streets of time, when at the very best it was only possible to make ends meet, and sooner or later apparent prosperity collapsed under the strain of too heavy liabilities imposed upon too narrow profits. It is pertinent and it is appropriate to inquire whether the railroads, that represent some eighteen billion dollars of invested capital, are really prospering?

Excelsior Quality in Extra Size Black Taffeta Petticoat, \$3.29 A Good \$4.50 Value. Unusual for extra size silk petticoat to be offered under regular value. Saturday we offer Black Taffeta Petticoats, tailored, double lined, finished with tucks, percale under-ruffle, at \$3.29, that are really worth \$4.50. Cut extra full for stout women. Second Floor—Silk Petticoats.

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Women's \$1 Silk Hosiery at 79c. For women who like silk stockings we offer this special time, and it is a quality that can be depended on to give good wear. Made of good quality silk with double sole, high-spliced heel, lisle garment tops; choice of black, white and tan and offered special at 79c a pair. SILK LISLE HOSE, double sole, spliced heel, extra good wearing quality. Special, a pair, only 50c. MACO COTTON HOSE, double sole, spliced heel, 2 1/2 inch value. Special, a pair, only 25c. MISSES' RIBBED SILK LISLE HOSE, double sole, spliced heel and toe; all colors. Special, a pair, only 25c. INFANTS' FINE RIBBED SILK HOSE, black, white, pink and sky. Regular 35c value at a pair. 25c. BOYS' RIBBED STOCKINGS; double sole, spliced heel and double knee; all sizes. Special, a pair, only 25c. Main Floor—Hosiery Section.

Apparel for Girls That Combines Style With a Low Price! MIDDY BLOUSES, in all white or white trimmed with blue or red; nicely made; sizes 8 to 14 years. Big value 98c offered at 59c. SERGE SKIRTS, pleated, with and without body; navy, blue, white, pink and tan. Big value \$3.48 at 2.98. GIRLS' BLOUSES, in sailor style; braided trimmings; sizes 14 to 20, and in 2 quantities. \$5.98 and \$7.98. GIRLS' COATS, of plain and novelty materials, in new, modish styles, with and without belts; sizes 6 to 20 years, and priced \$5.00 to \$23.75. Second Floor—Girls' Apparel Section.

Gov. Glynn. Gov. Glynn makes two announcements today. The first is that he will not come to the District for some time to come. He will stay by the side of his two famous predecessors, and (2) he will not seek to succeed himself in office.

Regulating Auctions. Whatever may be the faults of the present draft of the proposed new police regulation by which the Commissioners hope to put a stop to the "fake" auctions that have recently been thriving in Washington, it is well that they have undertaken to formulate a rule which will at least limit if it cannot absolutely prevent, these enterprises. In its present form the regulation requires the payment of a license fee of \$100 and the giving of a bond for \$5,000, and also that the persons engaging in this line of business shall be residents of the District. Inasmuch as what constitutes local residence is a matter of some dispute it will be well if the new regulation is so written as to leave no doubt on this point. But perhaps a sure way of cutting out the fakes will be to provide a method whereby complaints of violators can be presented to the licensing officials, and upon investigation and proof made the basis of cancelling of the license. The licenses should be so drawn that the auctioneers are on good behavior. Those who are legitimate in their methods, who employ no cappers or false bidders, who

Mothers' Pensions. Criticism of the mothers' pension law during the last months of its operation may very easily be premature and unfair. The fact that counties are indignant at the passage of the law is but a delusion may account for a great deal of it. This, however, does not disturb the fact that the law is doing its work in response to the alleged public demand. After full discussion, the frequent statement is made by county officials that the law opens the way to fraud and improvidence. The same statement was made regarding the industrial insurance law. The same criticism is characteristic of almost all effective legislation of a paternal character. It is not the fault, however, of the law that attempts are made to impose on the generosity of a county of the public purse.

Jewelry That You'll Like. SOLID GOLD SHELL RINGS; white stone settings with colored stones. Special \$1.79 at. SOLID GOLD SHELL BANGLE BRACELETS; Special value 48c at. PEARL FILLED BEADS, with gold-plated or brilliant glass. Special value at 47c at. LAVALLIERES; several styles; some in antique design; gold plated. Special value at 50c at. HAT PINS; pearl, silver and jet tops; 2 for 25c. Main Floor—Jewelry Section.

Seconds of Ribbed Underwear Priced Very Low. Seconds to be true, but from one of the best makers of ribbed underwear in the world, and imperfections that do not count in the wear or in the looks. WOMEN'S COMBINATION SUITS; high neck, long sleeves, ankle length; medium weight. Seconds of \$1 and \$1.25 kinds, to go tomorrow at 59c. WOMEN'S FLEECE-LINED VESTS; high neck, long sleeves. Seconds of \$1.50 and \$2.00 garments. Tomorrow, 35c for \$1, or each. CHILDREN'S FLEECE-LINED VESTS AND PANTS; high neck, long sleeves, ankle length. Special price, a garment, 25c. Main Floor—Ribbed Underwear.

How's Business, Mr. Grocer? Could you possibly do any more with your present equipment? Of course you could. The question is, do you WANT more business if it may be had without expense to you. You will answer "Yes" to that, too. On your shelves are many articles that are advertised all over the country by the makers. In this city these articles are advertised in The Star. There is a demand for these goods, and if you want to increase your business by having your customers see these products prominently displayed in your windows and on your counters. Push the advertised articles. Help the manufacturer who helps you. More profits will follow.

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Let Us Examine Your Eyes—Free. Our expert Ophthalmologist, Dr. Baker, will gladly examine your eyes free. He'll tell you whether you need glasses or not. If you do, he'll prescribe the right kind and you may pay for them at the rate of 50c a week, if you like. CASTELBERG'S 935 Pa. Ave. 2d Floor. Burchell's "Bouquet" Coffee, 30c Lb. Always the same delightful flavor all the year round. N. W. Burchell, 1325 F.

J. M. Gidding & Co. 1510 H Street N.W. Opposite Shoreham Hotel. Styles for Misses and Small Women constitute a special class of garments, fashioned on lines entirely different from the regular full-size models—youthful styles, combining the chic of Paris with the charm of girlish simplicity. MISSES' SUITS—Norfolk, half-belt, and fur-trim effects. \$35—\$45. YOUNG WOMEN'S COATS—Fashionable models for street and sports wear, of diagonal materials, wool plush, vicuna, etc. \$25—\$35. TAILORED SERGE DRESSES—Smart styles for classroom and general wear, with plaid trimmings, smart sash effects, etc. \$25—\$35—\$45. CHARMING DANCE FROCKS—In accordion-plaited chiffons, tulle-trimmed, lace-tunic and flower-trimmed effects. \$45—\$55—\$58. YOUTHFUL BLOUSES—Attractive styles of silk-Cantone-crepe, broche-crepe and chiffon. \$5—\$7—\$10. MISSES' HATS—With smart, but simple trimmings. \$15—\$18.

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