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ORATORS NAMED TO MEET NEBRASKA.

Missouri University's Representatives Selected After a Contest.

WILL DISCUSS SOUTH AFRICA.

Arrangements Completed for the Annual Shakespearean Entertainment at the Columbia Opera-house.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Columbia, Mo., March 31.—The annual Shakespearean contest of the University of Missouri will occur April 23 at the Haden Opera-house. The contest this year will be unusually close and interesting. All the contestants are hard at work on their selections. The following programme has been arranged:

"Hamlet," Act 3, Scene 4—Hamlet, Stanley Masters; Queen, Miss Masters.

"Othello," Act 3, Scene 3—Othello, M. C. Burk; Iago, M. L. Orear.

"Julius Caesar," Act 4, Scenes 2 and 3—Brutus, C. F. Steele; Cassius, W. C. Lucas.

"Richard III," Act 1, Scene 2—Richard III, Nelson Sears; Queen Anne, Miss Grace Row.

"A Cutting from Martin Chuzzlewit"—Jonas Chuzzlewit, W. B. Burruss; Tigg, E. F. Bishop; Nadgett, R. S. Edmonds; Slyme, C. S. Ruffner; Martin Chuzzlewit, George Houck; Mercy, Miss Vera Fredericks.

"Othello," Act 4, Scene 1; Act 5, Scene 2—Othello, Edwin Stanton; Iago, W. H. Seward; Emilia, Miss L. Lenoir Kurtz; Desdemona, Miss Moore.

"Richard III," Act 5, Scenes 3 and 4—Richard III, J. C. Hall; assisted by C. E. Rendlen, Arthur Bassett and James Gibson.

Preliminary Debate.

The preliminary contest to select the speakers to represent the University of Missouri in its third annual debate with the University of Nebraska, to take place in Columbia on May 4, was held in the university auditorium this week. There were sixteen contestants, eight on each night. The various debating societies sent representatives as follows: From the M. S. U. Debating Club—R. L. Ward of Clubb, John Kramer of Carrollton and Milton M. Dearing of Columbia. From the New Era Debating Club—Gibony Houck of Cape Girardeau, A. E. Russell of Spokane and W. E. Cottey of Knox City. From the Union Literary Society—Arthur Bassett of Paris, P. R. Price of Plattsburg and J. C. Baird of Redding, Ia. From the Athenaeon Literary Society—W. B. Burruss of Columbia and B. F. Lowry of Walker. From the Twentieth Century Debating Club—E. F. Camron of Nevada, P. S. Harrison of Roads and C. W. Lowe of Mokane. From the Bliss Lyceum—John Parman of Palo and R. Owens.

The judges were Professors L. M. DeFoe, E. M. Violett and W. G. Brown, E. F. Bell of the Executive Committee of the Debating League presided, and Frank B. Morgan of Lamar was timekeeper.

The speakers debated in pairs, and each speaker was allowed ten minutes for his first speech and three minutes for rebuttal.

The question debated was the same as for the final debate, "Resolved, That England's course of action in the Transvaal is not justifiable." The pairs were arranged in the following order:

Friday night, Russell and Kramer, Harrison and Cottey, Bassett and Dearing, Price and Owens.

Saturday night, Camron and Baird, Burruss and Ward, Kouck and Parman, Lowry and Lowe.

The first debate was one of the best of the contest. Both speakers were well prepared and brought out good arguments. The second debate was slightly in favor of the negative speaker. The speakers on the third debate were more evenly matched than on any of the other debates. The fourth debate was made rather lively by the effusive applause of the junior law class, to which Mr. Owens belongs. The debate between Mr. Camron and Mr. Baird was a draw. The sixth debate was a good one and both speakers secured mention in the decision of the judges. In the seventh debate Mr. Houck did especially well and illustrated what he said by some instructive charts. The final debate was in favor of Mr. Lowe, who made one of the arguments for the affirmative.

Missouri's Representatives.

The judges selected the following speakers to represent the University of Missouri in the debate with Nebraska: Milton M. Dearing, John Kramer and R. L. Ward, all of the M. S. U. Debating Club. Arthur Bassett was selected as first alternate and W. B. Burruss as second alternate. The M. S. U. Debating Club also has two men on the Kansas debate and one on the Wisconsin debate. The Wisconsin debater was not selected by a preliminary contest.

Lively Class Fight.

While the Judges were making their decision, the lawyers made a charge on the junior academies in order to get their new class caps, which have adorned their heads for several days. Juniors, mules, hats, caps, neckties, banners and clothes filled the air and covered the floor, and over all a continuous yelling prevailed. The fight was good-natured, but furious. When it stopped the lawyers had a supply of junior caps and the juniors an equal supply of lawyers' hats. Several members of both classes had their clothing torn, and the juniors captured the lawyers' banner. One glass in the chapel door was knocked out and several seats were broken, but they can be easily repaired. The damage to the chapel will not exceed $5 and the classes have expressed a willingness to pay for it.

Cadet Corps Promotions.

The following promotions were made in the Cadet Battalion, to take effect immediately:

Major, Captain W. H. Seward of Oak Ridge; Captain, C. S. Ruffner of Palmyra; First Lieutenants, J. S. Maddox of Long Branch and W. C. Barnhardt of Columbia; Second Lieutenants, H. H. Thurston of Woodlandville, F. A. Blackwell of Columbia and J. L. Diester; Sergeant Major, T. P. Howard of Parshley; Quartermaster Sergeant, E. I. Smith of Maitland; First Sergeants, A. Jennings of Centralia and J. C. Hall of Marceline; Color Sergeants, E. E. Lushbaugh of Columbia. Other promotions will be made soon.

GUARDING AGAINST PLAGUE.

Secretary Gage Requests an Additional Appropriation.

Washington, March 31.—Secretary Gage has submitted to the House a request for $200,000 additional to the fund to prevent the introduction and spread of epidemic diseases. He says that the Surgeon General of the Marine Hospital Service reports that on account of the continued and increasing danger from plague medical officers have been stationed at United States consulates in Europe from which emigrants depart.

Medical officers also have been stationed at the fruit ports of Central and South America to guard against yellow fever. The consulates at Yokohama, Kobe and Hong-Kong also have medical officers.

Secretary Gage, continuing, says:

"The Surgeon General further states that plague has recently been reported at San Francisco, and that the early recrudescence of yellow fever in Florida and other Southern States is seriously apprehended.

"To meet this the Secretary asks for $200,000 in addition to the $300,000 heretofore given, and he requests that it be made immediately available, "since the appropriation is almost exhausted and should yellow fever appear during the month of June a deficit would be unavoidable."

Mgr. Thomas R. Moran.

Princeton, N. J., March 31.—Mgr. Thomas R. Moran, vicar general of the Catholic Diocese of Trenton, and rector of St. Paul's Church in Princeton, died to-day of pneumonia. He became ill Saturday last.

DRUG SPECIALS.

A complete stock to select from and every item a money-saver, as this little list shows.

Hood's Sarsaparilla	69c
Ayer's Sarsaparilla	77c
Lydia Pinkham's	69c
Peruna—our price	68c
Cuticura Resolvent	37c
Pierce's Favorite Prescription	71c
Scott's Emulsion	39c
Ayer's Cherry Pectoral	19c
Bell's Cough Syrup	19c
Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar	19c
Liebig's Beef, Iron and Wine	33c
Paine's Celery Compound	67c
Bromo-Seltzer	7c
Stewart's Dyspepsia Tablets	69c
Hostetter's Bitters	67c
Syrup of Figs	23c
Seidlitz Powders	9c
Hall's Catarrh Cure	59c
Listerine—large size	63c
Sun Cholera Mixture	29c
Syrup of Rhubarb	1 c
Carter's Little Liver Pills	12c
R. I. P. A. N. S. Tabules	4c
Ayer's Pills	19c
Garfield Tea	18c
Malted Milk	49c
Mellin's Food	35c
Nestle's Food	39c
Eagle Condensed Milk	13c
Castoria—Fletcher's	23c
Winslow's Soothing Syrup	19c

Rose Bushes.

Dutch-grown Roses—hardy 2-year-old bushes. Plant them now and they'll reward you with a wealth of bloom and perfume. Several beautiful varieties to select from. Prices about one-third what florists ask—

15c Each. 2 FOR 25c. $1.25 PER DOZ.

If we please you—tell others. If we don't—tell us.

Famous BROADWAY & MORGAN.

Confirmation Suits!

The largest, finest and best selected stock in St. Louis—all the correct fabrics, including fine qualities of black and blue Clay Worsteds, Serges and Thibets.

Double-Breasted Knee Pant Suits $3.98 TO $10
Three-Piece Suits—knee pants, coat and vest $6 TO $12
Long Pant Suits—single and double breasted $5 TO $12.50
And every price a money-saver.

SAMPLES, $2, $2.50 and $3 Hats. 1.08

We have just received from our New York buyer 86 dozen (just 1032) Men's Fedora hats—the sample line of one of the largest manufacturers in America. They are all in the newest spring shapes and shades — extra good quality — every one full silk trimmed — and offered at a price that has never been equaled by any house in the West.

Not a hat in the lot worth less than $2.00—many worth $2.50 and some worth $3—we bunch them all at one price—choice for only 1.08

Boys' Caps A grand assortment of all the new spring patterns in golf and golf yacht styles—strictly all-wool fabrics—worth 25c and 35c—Monday at Famous for 14c

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAIN OFFERINGS

Here is one of the very best pages of bargains we ever spread before our patrons—every section fairly bubbles and overflows with values of the most unusual character—every price tells the story of economy that no one can afford to overlook. Read it all—but if you must skip anything, why please skip the section about the rose bushes, as we are very much afraid we won't have enough of them to last the day out.

GREAT PURCHASE OF

ART EMBROIDERY MATERIALS STAMPED LINENS AND FANCY NOVELTIES.

The Entire Line of Fall of 1899 Designs—Scooped in From

BELDING BROS. & CO.

At 50c on the Dollar.

READ THEIR LETTER.

St. Louis, March 9th, 1900.

The Famous, D. May & Co., City—

Dear Sirs: We will accept your offer of 50c on the $1.00, from net manufacturers' cost, on our entire line of Stamped Linens and Fancy Novelties of the Fall of 1899 designs.

You will find this the most complete assortment of choice Stamped Linens and Novelties shown in any Art Department in this country.

Yours very truly, COYLE & SARGENT, Agents for Belding Bros. & Co.

This firm needs no introduction to the Ladies of St. Louis—their Linens have a world-wide reputation for choiceness, beauty and delicacy of design. To-morrow morning we will place this

ENTIRE GRAND STOCK

on sale at prices never before known or heard of in connection with this class of goods. Here are some sample prices:

Belding's All-Linen Stamped Pieces C. & S. styles, at half price and less.
Size 6x6 inches—worth 5c—in this great sale for 2c
Size 9x9 inches—worth 8c—in this great sale for 4c
Size 12x12 inches—worth 16c—in this great sale for 7c
Size 18x18 inches—worth 40c—in this great sale for 19c
Size 20x20 inches—worth 50c—in this great sale for 23c
Size 24x24 inches—worth 75c—in this great sale for 33c
Belding's Photo Designs—7-inch size—worth 15c—in this sale 5c
Belding's Pincushion Tops—worth 8c—in this sale for 3c
Belding's Study Linens—worth 40c—in this sale for 19c
Belding's Pillow Tops and Backs—worth 65c—in this sale 19c
Belding's Table Covers—worth 50c—in this great sale 25c
Belding's Laundry Bags—worth 50c—in this great sale 25c
Belding's Pillow Ruffles—worth 50c—in this great sale 25c
Belding's College Frames—finished—worth $1.50—sale price 63c
Belding's Work Baskets—worth 75c—in this great sale 39c
Belding's Handkerchief Cases—worth 50c—in this great sale 25c

And don't overlook these wonderful Embroidery items:

Wash Silks—Plain colors—worth 4c—sale price, per skein 1c
Wash Silks—high colors—worth 4c—sale price, per skein 2c
Battenberg Braid—for piece of 36 yards—worth 29c—for 19c
Embroidery Hoops—plain—worth 5c—sale price 3c
Embroidery Hoops—lined with felt—worth 15c—sale price 9c
Battenberg Thread—worth 8c—in this great sale, per ball 4c
Battenberg Patterns—at about half usual prices 4c and up
Battenberg Doylies—6-in. size—worth 40c—in this great sale 19c

$10.00 TRIMMED HATS AT $4.95.

See this magnificent line—over 500 to select from—every one in the very height of style, and unequaled in any other store in St. Louis under $10.

Trimmed Hats—All made on wire frames—with chiffon facings and stylishly trimmed with chiffons, flowers and ornaments—beautiful creations that anywhere else would cost you at least $5.50—Famous Price 3.49

Tailor-Made Street Hats—in the Dunlap style—in black, brown, tan, navy and gray—as stylish and elegant as those others ask $5.00 for—Famous Price 2.99

American Beauty Rose and Bud, with foliage—worth 19c—Monday for 10c

Untrimmed Dress Hats and Turbans—500 of them in the swellest and newest styles of the season—help yourself—worth up to 98c—all on one table Monday at 25c

Children's White Leghorn Hats—a very large and choice assortment—see those at 25c, 19c and 15c

RIBBONS—1,000 pieces of black and colored satin Ribbon—brand new pure silk goods, in every imaginable shade and color—a regular 25c quality will be thrown on sale Monday at a price that will crowd the counter four deep—per yard 15c

RIBBONS—500 pieces of extra heavy plain cord edge faille Ribbon—pure silk—good line of shades—a ribbon that regularly should sell for 49c—we got them way under the regular price—so you get them Monday at the sensational price of 15c

HALF HOSE—Special offer Monday—400 boxes of Men's Imported Half Hose—sizes 9 to 11½—in blacks, tans, sky blue and grays—full regular made—Hermsdorf dye and absolutely fast color—full 40 gauge goods with extra double sole—a very superior 25c article—Monday 17c per pair, or

1.00 per box of 6 pairs

VAN DUSEN PANS.

As a special for Monday only in our Bakery dept.—we will offer Van Dusen layer cake sets—consisting of 2 layer pans, round or square—1 egg whip and a measuring cup—with complete set of recipes for baking these delicious cakes—outfit complete, worth 50c—Monday, each at 40c

HOSIERY SNAPS.

Some of the best bargains of the season will be on sale to-morrow in this department, and we know that wise folks will grasp the opportunity to lay in a whole season's supply. Here are some of the good things:

Ladies' Cotton Hose—Hermsdorf black—plain or drop stitch—Richelieu or Rembrandt ribbed 25c a pair; or

Ladies' Black Hose—with white maco foot or split sole

Ladies' Hose—in fancy colored stripes, or all black—with silk embroidered boot—full regular made and warranted fast colors—goods worth regularly 89c $1.40 per box of 6 pairs.

Ladies' Fast Black Cotton Hose—full seamless—the 10c kind—Monday at Famous for 5c

BOYS' SPRING CLOTHING.

If you want the really new styles—if you want large assortments to select from—if you want fabrics and workmanship that you can depend upon, you'll come straight to Famous—where you will be offered all these inducements in addition to the lowest prices you will find in any other store in the West. This week's offerings are well worth your careful reading.

Novelty Suits—Ages up to 8 years—the most strikingly handsome line we have ever shown—the predominating styles have small coat collar, silk-faced lapels, double-breasted silk vest in fancy patterns—natty, chic and dressy suits well adapted to the age of the boy and positively unequaled elsewhere under $8.50—Famous price 6.00

Middy Suits—Ages 3 to 8—in a world of bright colors and patterns—made with deep sailor collar embellished with silk soutache braids, or with small coat collar and fancy double-breasted vests, like the boy's papa wears—tailored in an admirable manner and equal in every detail to those you'll see elsewhere displayed at $5—Famous price—always the very lowest—only 3.48

Young Men's Suits—Ages 14 to 19—a choice range of new effects in gray cheviots, cassimeres and striped worsteds—admirably tailored, graceful in cut and outline—single-breasted coats with the new double-breasted vests—full $10 value for 7.50

Young Men's Topcoats—ages 14 to 20—in Oxford gray Vicunas, silk faced to the edges, and English covert coatings in new tan shades—cut with wide shoulders, full back, welt seams and are just the proper length. Fine tailor-made at $25 would not be more elegant and stylish—Famous price 12.50

Knee Suits—Ages 7 to 16—in double-breasted style—an almost endless range of neat and nobby pure wool fabrics to select from—every suit strongly tailored, finished with double seat and knees and all vital parts reinforced—sturdy, manly little suits that elsewhere would cost you $5—Famous places before you at 3.98

Topcoats—For the boys 5 to 15 years—just about as swell a line as one could imagine—made of English covert coatings in the new shades of tan—cut in fashionable box shape and finished with silk velvet collars—you have never seen their equal under $7.50—Famous price is only 4.95

MEN'S SPRING CLOTHING.

"Off with the old—on with the new." Styles were never so handsome or assortments so vast as they are this season. It's a grand stock—we're proud of it—we know there is nothing to compare with it this side of New York City and we know moreover that the values we are offering cannot be surpassed by any other house in America. Sounds like a pretty broad statement, but it's a cold fact nevertheless, and we are proving it every day in no unmistakable manner. Read these:

Fine Suits—Our $10.00 line of men's suits is by far the finest we have ever shown at this price—the fabrics include every new weave and design that is recognized as correct by fashion's followers—the tailoring is of an extraordinarily high character not usually found in suits at this price—we know you cannot find their equal anywhere under $12.50 to $15.00—Famous popular price is 10.00

Elegant Suits—In the swellest of imported and domestic fabrics—single and double breasted sack and cutaway frock styles—made with the new broad military shoulders, after the style set by Poole of London—new style lapels—vests double breasted if you prefer them—pants a little wider than last season, in graceful tapering proportions—all we ask of you is to compare them with anything that tailors can produce at $25.00—Famous price 15.00

Spring Topcoats—See this line of nobby topcoats we offer at $6.50—frankly, now, where can you find their equal under $8.50? Light or dark shades of tan coverts—cut medium length and finished in a thoroughly dependable manner. Let us show you this splendid line to-morrow at 6.50

Fashionable Topcoats—At $10 that we know cannot be equaled elsewhere in St. Louis for one cent less than $12.50 to $15. Tan shades in coverts and whipcords—plain or herringbone effects—self or silk velvet collars. A grand line of those new Oxford and Cambridge grey mixtures, as well as solid black and illuminated clay worsteds. Box shape or medium length as you prefer. Unquestionable the grandest assortment in St. Louis at 10.00

A MILLION PIECES OF WHITE PORCELAIN.

Our great annual Sale of Fine White Porcelain will be continued this week. Great as has been the selling during the past two days, there's still enough left to stock two or three ordinary china stores—for we started with over one million pieces. These goods are in the American Beauty shape and are sold subject to slight defects and blemishes in manufacture.

ALL GO AT ABOUT HALF USUAL PRICE.

Tea Cups and Saucers—Pure white porcelain and very light and thin—worth $1.20 per doz.—Sale price for cup and saucer 5c
Open Vegetable Dishes—7-inch size—worth 17c—sale price 10c
8-inch size—worth 25c—sale price 13c
9-inch size—worth 35c—sale price 19c
Pie Plates—worth 9c, for 3c
Tea Plates—worth 10c, for 4c
Breakfast—worth 11c, for 5c
Dinner Plates—worth 12c, for 6c
Soup Plates—worth 12c, for 6c
Gravy Boats—worth 29c—sale price 12c
Oat Meal Bowls—worth 10c—sale price 5c
Soup Tureens—worth $1.00—sale price 69c
Meat Platters—8-inch—worth 12c—sale price 8c
10-inch—worth 17c—sale price 13c
12-inch—worth 29c—sale price 22c
14-inch—worth 39c—sale price 39c

Individual Vegetable Dishes—worth 8c—sale price 5c
Covered Vegetable Dishes—Round or oblong—choice of 7 or 8 inch—worth up to 79c—sale price 35c
Fruit Saucers—worth 5c—sale price 3c
Individual Butters—worth 4c—sale price 1c
Cake Plates—worth 25c—sale price 19c
Water Pitchers—1-gal. size—worth 59c—sale price 29c
3-quart size—worth 35c—sale price 18c
2-quart size—worth 29c—sale price 15c
Slop Jar—Fancy shape—two handles—worth $2.75—sale price $1.58
Combination Chamber and Slop Jar—with wire bail handle and cover—worth $1.50—sale price $1.00
Washbowl and Pitcher—Fancy shape—worth $1.00—sale price 61c
Chamber and Cover—worth 75c—sale price 39c
Chamber—without cover—worth 57c—sale price 25c

IN THE CLOAK DEPT.

Greatest values in St. Louis—a fact that is apparent to every discriminating woman that makes comparisons—here and elsewhere. These offerings are way out of the ordinary and will cause a decided sensation among Monday's shoppers. Read them!

$9.98 For $15 Eton Suits.

$14.75 For $20 Eton Suits.

Two extraordinary values that deserve the immediate attention of all ladies—fashionable fabrics—cut in newest Eton shape, with silk-lined coat, tailored and flaring lapels, broad shoulders—new flaring skirt—strictly tailor-made garments—full of style and grace—fitting with faultless perfection. See them to-morrow.

$2.75 For $4 Jackets.

In fine covert cloths—in blue, tan, brown and black—all sizes—made in short effects, in fly-front and double-breasted styles—lined throughout—perfect fitting and unequaled under $4.00. Famous price is a marvel of lowness—$2.75.

$4.98 For $6.98 Jackets.

In fine covert cloths—in gray, cadet, brown, tan and castor—finely tailor made, silk lined—swellest coat of the season—all sizes for women and misses—$6.98 value for $4.98 at Famous.

Walking Skirts—in new spring plaids, Venetians, cheviots and serges—some plain, others trimmed—new box-pleat back, full flare skirt—all lengths and worth $4.50—Famous Price. $2.98

Dress Skirts—in fin broadcloth overskirt effect, with scalloped and silk applique—taffeta accordion pleated flounce—like cut—and worth $13.50—Famous Price. $9.98

Silk Waists—of washable silk in 20 new shades—very slightly—beautifully trimmed with silk insertion—perfect fitting—all sizes and worth $4.00—Famous Price. $2.98

Silk Waists—four new styles at $4.98—all the very latest productions—in black, royal, hello, tan, gray and light blue—made by dressmakers—they fit perfectly and require no alteration, as we have them in every size—positively unequaled under $7.50—Famous Price 4.98

NEWEST SPRING SHOES.

We guarantee every pair of Shoes we sell to wear right—or we want you to bring them right back and let us make it right. That's fair—isn't it? Now, read these values:

Ladies' fine imperial glazed Kid Shoes—hand turned and flexible soles—new patent leather and kid tips—military, Louis XIV and opera heels—extremely stylish—sizes 2½ to 8, widths AA to E—Famous price—unequaled anywhere 3.00

Men's fine hand-sewed Shoes—in tans, Russia and vici kid—also in light weight black box calf—made on the newest lasts—sizes 6 to 12, A to E—a shoe that in style, fit and durability is equal to any shoe you will see elsewhere at $5—Famous price assures you a distinct saving of $1.50 on every pair 3.50

Boys' Shoes—in tan or black dongola—London or Coin shapes—stylish, durable and sold at a price that saves you money. Sizes 13 to 2—here for 1.35; Sizes 2½ to 5—here for 1.50

Girls' Shoes—in fine chocolate or black dongola, with kid tips, flexible soles—finest class of workmanship throughout. Spring heels—8½ to 11—at 1.25; Low heels—11½ to 2—at 1.50

Boys' Confirmation Shoes in fine vici kid—with kid or patent leather tips—folded edges, silk stitched and extremely dressy in appearance. Sizes 13 to 2—for 1.75; Sizes 2½ to 5—for 2.00

Ladies' Fine Oxfords—hand-turned—coin toes and kid tips—in chocolate and black kid—fancy inlaid patterns—sizes 2½ to 8—A to E—worth $1.75 and $2.00—Famous Price 1.50

Little Boys' Shoes—in fine chocolate and black dongola—with low flat heel—very stylish and one of the best shoes on earth for the price—Famous price for all sizes—10 to 13½ 1.15

FREE—Beautiful Easter Novelties free with all Children's Shoes—to-morrow and every day till Easter.

Men's Handkerchiefs.

If you need a fresh supply of Handkerchiefs don't miss this opportunity—Monday.

Men's White All-Linen Handkerchiefs—1¼-inch hem—full 20-inch size—worth 20c—on sale Monday at 13c

New Spring Designs in fine printed Handkerchiefs—all over designs—hemstitched with 1¼-inch hem—size 22 inch—worth 15c—Monday 8c

Men's extra fine Batiste Handkerchiefs, with silk initials; Men's plain White Handkerchiefs, with deep hemstitch; Men's fancy border Linen Handkerchiefs of splendid quality 19c Worth 25c.

Men's white printed border Hdk'fs.; Men's pure white hemstitched Handkerchiefs; Men's fancy colored Batiste Hdk'fs.; Men's genuine Turkey Red Hdk'fs.—Goods worth 8c and 10c regularly 4c

Pocket Knives.

A Traveler's Sample Line at ½ PRICE.

We have just secured the entire traveler's sample line of one of the largest Cutlery houses in St. Louis—whose name for trade reasons we are not allowed to use, but you'll find it stamped upon the knives. These goods will be displayed in the original traveler's rolls—all of the highest quality—and the assortment comprises almost every kind of pocket knife you can mention. Two, three and four blades—with horn, pearl, stag, bone and ebony handles. We have divided them into three lots for fast selling.

50c and 75c Pocket Knives at 25c

75c and $1.00 Pocket Knives at 50c

$1.25 and $1.75 Pocket Knives at 75c

DOUBLE TURRET A SUCCESS.

Admiral Sampson Discusses the Recent Tests.

Washington, March 31.—Admiral Sampson, who was aboard the Kearsarge during her last run out to sea, arrived here today from Fort Monroe, on his way North to Boston. The Admiral watched the test of the double turret, a feature of naval architecture peculiar to the United States Navy. The test settled completely all doubts as to the practicability of this idea.

According to Admiral Sampson, none of the predicted faults of system developed. It has been contended that the blast of the eight-inch guns superimposed above the big twelve-inch guns would make it impossible to operate the latter; that no man could live in the lower turret. As a matter of fact, the blast was so light that two officers stationed in the two sighting hoods on the lower turret were unable to agree as to whether there was any blast at all, and if there was they could not tell its direction. A piece of cotton-wool placed in the forward slit of the middle of the sighting hood was driven into the hood, but on either side it remained undisturbed.

Contrary to predictions, there was no difficulty in maintaining the four guns in the superimposed turrets in parallels. The shot were delivered almost in one spot. Owing to a fault in the electrical connections, which can easily be remedied, it was not possible to discharge more than three of the guns together, but the three shots at a thousand yards dropped in the same place in the water.

No trouble was experienced with the turning devices and other mechanisms. Everything worked with perfect smoothness. The same was true, according to Admiral Sampson, of the Kearsarge, as a whole. Everything—boilers, engines, steering gear—functioned perfectly.

FORMER SENATOR DEAD.

Charles H. Gibson of Maryland Succumbs to Heart Disease.

Washington, March 31.—Ex-United States Senator Charles H. Gibson of Maryland died at 2 o'clock this morning from heart disease at the residence of his brother, Lieutenant Gibson, of the navy, in this city, where he had resided since his retirement from the Senate. Last night he visited the Metropolitan Club and went to his home about 10 o'clock. He complained of feeling ill, but as he had not been in good health for some time, this did not cause any alarm. His condition grew worse, and at 1 o'clock a physician was called in. He sank steadily and died an hour later. He leaves a widow, but no children. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral, but it is probable that his remains will be taken to Centerville, Md., and interred by the side of his father.

Charles Hopper Gibson was born in Queen Anne's County, Maryland, fifty-seven years ago. He was educated at the Centerville Academy and Washington College, Chestertown, where his course of study was completed. He was admitted to the bar in 1864 and commenced the practice of law at Easton; was appointed Commissioner of Chancery in 1869, and Auditor in the following year. He held this office for three successive terms and declined a renomination for a fourth. He was elected as a Democrat to the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth and Fifty-first Congresses and was appointed United States Senator to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Ephraim K. Wilson, taking his seat December 7, 1891. He was elected to fill the unexpired term January 21, 1892.

TO ASK AN APPEAL.

Insurance Companies Will Carry Hillman Case Up.

Leavenworth, Kas., March 31.—The insurance companies have decided to appeal from the verdict in the famous Hillman insurance case. George Barker and James Green, two of the leading attorneys for the companies, have arranged to appear before United States District Judge William C. Hook, Monday to file a bill of exceptions and transcripts from the evidence. Attorneys for Mrs. Hillman will be present and long arguments are expected to follow.

Mrs. Hillman secured a verdict, the second one in six trials, last November. The verdict and court costs in the case amount to about $125,000. It is twenty-one years since the alleged killing of John W. Hillman, the first husband of the plaintiff, took place.

CAT RODE ON COACH TRUCK.

Clung to Its Dusty Seat for Over 175 Miles.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Arcola, Ill., March 31.—A white feline came into Arcola on the trucks of a Vandalia passenger train this evening and when the train rolled into the station he peered anxiously at the crowd. He seemed contented and made no effort to leave his hiding place before the train started on its way to Terre Haute. When the wheels began to move the cat cuddled up closer in his seat, apparently preparing for the finish in his long ride.

The cat was discovered when the passenger train stopped at the first station out of Peoria, and it is supposed that he boarded the trucks before the start from that city was made. The train stops at every station between Peoria and Terre Haute, yet the cat rode to Terre Haute without attempting to leave. With his fur covered with dirt half an inch thick the cat seemed to enjoy his trip of nearly 175 miles under a passenger coach which went over the country at the rate of forty miles an hour.

MRS. BERTHA KOHN DEAD.—Mrs. Bertha Kohn, wife of David Kohn, and aunt of William M. Kohn, of St. Louis, died in New York City at 10 o'clock Friday night, after a short illness.