THE FINAL SWEEP

THE Boston ROSENTHAL & LEHMAN BROADWAY AND FRANKLIN.

Everything goes to-morrow—prices cut to the lowest possible point. Still more delivery wagons and more salespeople have been added so that there will be no disappointments.

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"WHERE WHOLE FAMILIES CAN TRADE." OPEN TO-MORROW NIGHT. "YOUR MONEY BACK IF YOU WANT IT."

Toy Dept. (Basement.) To-Morrow (Christmas Eve.)—Last Day.

All the final preparations made for a tremendous day's selling. At 10 o'clock Christmas Eve we don't expect to find one dollar's worth left. A few sample prices here will show how we propose doing it.

All the 5c and 10c Toys, such as Toy Skillets, Toy Iron Pots, Bellows Toys, Coffee Mills, Books, Tops, Horns, Tree Ornaments, Block, etc., that cannot be bought elsewhere for less than 5c and 10c, choice at each **1c**

All our 12c, 15c and 19c Tin Toys, Wooden Toys, Saws and Bucks, Tables, Card Games, Blocks, Checkers, Board Games, Christmas Tree Candles, Automatic Toys, etc., choice at **5c**

25c, 29c and 35c Toys of all kinds **10c**

39c, 45c, 49c and 59c Toys, including Rocking Chairs, Go-Carts, etc., all endless variety **19c**

Large Decorated Swing Horses, High-grade Furniture, Fine Doll Carriages, Large Toy Pianos and hundreds of others in quantities too small to mention, but PRACTICALLY AT YOUR PRICE. Get here first thing in morning for choice picking.

Millinery.

BABY BONNETS. A GRAND XMAS SPECIAL.

Just arrived last night 20 dozen Bonnets that should have been on our counters ten days ago, but through the shippers' neglect were delayed. We wanted to return them. We were given a big allowance to sell them. We valued them very little. The shippers lost. YOU GAIN ALL. These Bonnets are the prettiest goods of the season made of a good quality of crystal silk and trimmed around front with white shirred reef, matching frill of same material, edged with fine silk beaver, narrow lace ruffling and four natural fur beaver heads, also very wide tie of silk to match. We guarantee this Bonnet a $1.98 article, and can name several stores who sell it at that price. **95 cents**

Great Cut in

Holiday Groceries.

An extra good blend combination Coffee—splendid drinking—25c value—per pound **14c**

Mixed Nuts—our own mixture—best stock, best only—per lb. **12c**

Citron, Lemon and Orange Peel—best goods—and worth 20c everywhere—per lb. **14c**

One dozen Oranges ..... 6c and **4c**

Finest Imported Figs—new crop—per pound **9c**

Dates—new—per package **6c**

Nonesuch Mincemeat—per pkg. **10c**

Large Oranges—fine for Xmas dinners—per dozen **20c**

Navel Oranges—large and sweet ..... 5c each to **2c**

Table salt—3 pounds sack for one day **3c**

Extra fancy seeded raisins **9c**

Extra fancy cleaned currants **12c**

Poultry— ..... 7½c to **10c**

Eggs—per dozen **19c**

Pie crusts of Flour, made to fit pie plates ..... 6c and **4c**

Ribbons.

One and one-half inch, fine quality all silk, all colors, Taffeta Ribbon, regular price 9c ..... **6c** yard

Ribbons.

One inch wide Black Satin-Back Velvet Ribbon, very good quality, reg. price 15c ..... **10c** yard

Ribbons.

6-inch finest grade taffeta silk, all colors, soft finish with self-color woven dot, advance spring pattern, regular price 39c yard ..... **19c** yard

SLOAN GRANTED LICENSE TO RIDE.

Provisional Privilege Extended by San Francisco Jockey Club Under Its Rules.

SLOAN HOLDS CREDENTIALS.

If New York Jockey Club Revokes Them, Frisco May Follow—New Orleans Stewards Dispose of Licalzi Case.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—Tod Sloan applied to the San Francisco Jockey Club for a license to-day.

In accordance with the rules of the San Francisco Jockey Club, which authorize granting a jockey's license to riders holding, at the time of their application, a license from any reputable association, Sloan's request was granted, but he was notified that the license was subject to the pending action of the New York Jockey Club, from which he holds a license, concerning certain intimations from the English Jockey Club involving his riding in England in 1901.

The Chantilly Stake did not prove a close contest as was generally anticipated. Andriss gained a decisive victory and demonstrated that she was easily the best in heavy going. After the first quarter Mounce rated the daughter of St. Andrew in front, and she won in easy style from Mortgage, who beat The Lady for the place. Greener, with Burns in the saddle, had a strong following, but he did not prove a factor in the event.

Vinctor, who started for the first time this season, won the mile race. Sea Lion, the hero of many hard-fought contests, was installed favorite, but he chased off after Pat Morrissey at a killing pace. Just as the latter appeared to be winning, Vinctor came with a great rush and won out. Quite a clean-up was made on Vinctor, nearly every one of the twenty-four bookmakers losing on the race. Vinctor was backed down from 29 to 10 to 1.

Bill Garrett, the Missouri horse, secured his third successive victory in the last fortnight, and the bookies are beginning to realize that it doesn't pay to lay long prices against the gelding. Anjou, Aggregor and Prestidigitator were the other winners. Prestidigitator was bid up $900 by Tim Murphy, but he was retained by the stable.

The Summaries.

First race, seven furlongs—Anjou, 107 (Mounce), 13 to 5, won; Duckoy, 101 (Coburn), 30 to 1, second; Alec, 107 (J. Martin), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:30¾. Billy Moore, La Madias, Mary Kinsella, St. Anthony, and Alice Dougherty also ran.

Second race, six furlongs, selling—Aggregor, 103 (Mounce), 18 to 5, won; Thracia, 104 (O'Connor), 2¾ to 1, second; Estellada, 99 (J. Daly), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:18. Missed, Illusion, Infra, Lituus, Picaldow, Alnder, Long Tom and Pollow Me also ran.

Third race, six and a half furlongs, selling—Prestidigitator, 99 (J. Daly), even, won; Simon D., 104 (O'Connor), 3½ to 1, second; Perseus, 104 (Coburn), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:24. Alumnet, Justo, Monrovia, Pilot and Trefi also ran.

Fourth race, Chantilly Stakes, one and one-eighth miles, handicap—Andriss, 113 (Mounce), 3 to 5, won; Mortgage, 108 (O'Connor), 10 to 1, second; The Lady, 111 (Bergen), 18 to 5, third. Time, 1:58. Advance Guard, Greenock, Gunsboro and Sheridis also ran.

Fifth race, seven furlongs—Bill Garrett, 104 (Dominick), 8 to 5, won; Wood Ash, 81 (J. Walsh), 10 to 1, second; Eddie Jones, 117 (Coburn), 4 to 5, third. Time, 1:29¾. Gaffer also ran.

Sixth race, one mile, selling—Vinctor, 116 (Turner), 12 to 1, won; Pat Morrissey, 114 (Coburn), 4 to 1, second; Sea Lion, 107 (T. Burns), 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:43¾. Lavator and Jennie Reid also ran.

MINT SAUCE WON HANDICAP.

Texas Crowd Scored the Bookies—Commodius Explains.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 22.—The stake feature at the Fair Grounds this afternoon was the Crescent City Handicap at a mile and one-eighth. This race is considered the richest feature of the meeting for all ages. Ten accepted the issue. Mint Sauce was made the favorite at 4 to 1, but was backed to three. The 4-year-old son of Mintling made a show of his field. Getting off in front, he was never headed, leading the entire journey by eight lengths, and winning eased up by six.

Linden Ellis, a Texas importation, and Lemma Sway, took it out for the place, the former receiving it by a length. Sugar Cane and his Texas friends gave the local betting ring and the poolrooms throughout the country a scorching over the victory of Mint Sauce.

The day was a perfect one for racing and one of the largest crowds of the meeting was out.

The president, Charles S. Bush, of the Crescent City Jockey Club, who is issued the secret conference of Western turf magnates, which was held at Memphis Friday, refused to discuss what occurred at the meeting, all that he would say was that everything would come out at the special meeting of the Turf Congress, which will be held in Chicago on next Friday. One thing is certain and that is New Orleans is in favor of letting Chicago and St. Louis select their own dates for this meeting.

The stewards this afternoon handed down a lenthy ruling in the Licalzi case. Licalzi was suspended for the brush-out during the fall of Donna Rita, while W. Hurley, Licalzi's trainer, was suspended indefinitely, and the License Committee of the American Turf Congress will be appealed to to revoke his license as a trainer.

Steve L'Hommedieu, the jockey, was asked to-day if there was any truth in the story that he was going the rounds in turf circles that he had refused to take up $7,000 worth of "marked" bills that are held by Robert R. Davis, a New York poolroom keeper.

He made the following statement:

"It is not a turf debt, as I never made a bet of that character in my life that I couldn't meet within twenty-four hours. This is an ancient story, and is based on a wheel debt, and every few months it is "dug up" by a certain class of people, who, in the past, have done all in their power to injure my reputation. Ancient history can't do me any harm or good, so, therefore, I don't intend to pay any attention to it. I know who the authors of the story are and who had it sent out all over the country.

"Who are the authors of the story?" was asked.

"Those bunk poolroom operators at Hot Springs are the people who had the story sent out. They are sore because I wouldn't stand for their strangle-hold game and left. It's only a case of sour grapes on the part of the Hot Springs crowd, to let it go at that. They can keep their press agents working over there writing stuff about me, but at that they can't do me any harm. They are not the first that have attempted to injure my reputation and they won't be the last."

Steeplechase Jockey Huston left for San Francisco this morning. He has signed to ride for Ed Corrigan in England next season.

Jockey Walsh was set down for two weeks for bad behavior at the post in the fourth race.

Mint Sauce and Gray Dolly were the only two successful choices.

The Summaries.

First race, six furlongs, selling—Grey Dolly, 104 (Smith), 7 to 2 and 4 to 5, won; Valdez, 105 (McGuire), 7 to 1 and 3 to 1, second; Porter R., 105 (E. Robertson), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:18. Shut Up, Sunto, Merriman, Glen Row, Sarasaqua and Pirate Queen also ran.

Second race, one and one-sixteenth miles, selling—Star Cotton, 97 (Cochran), 3 to 1 and 7 to 1, won; Colonel Cassidy, 96 (May), 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Brown Vail, 96 (C. Murphy), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:53. Randy, Bright Night, Tom Dillard, Eugenia, Red Pirate, Dim Lodge, Bischweiler, Sataria and Somesar also ran.

Third race, handicap, steeplechase, short course—Ben, 139 (Hawkes), 7 to 2 and 6 to 5, won; Terry Hanger, 135 (W. Williams), 2 to 1 and 4 to 5, second; Harry R., 129 (A. Porter), 10 to 1, third. Time, 3:21¾. Charlie also ran. Governor John fell early in the race and Coley ran out.

Fourth race, Crescent City Handicap, mile and an eighth—Mint Sauce, 113 (C. Walsh), 7 to 2 and 7 to 5, won; Linden Ellis, 94 (Rader), 15 to 1 and 6 to 1, second; Donna Sway, 93 (Wonderly), 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:56¾. Monk Wayman, Woodlawn, Rushed, Stranger, Sir Dallas, Abbie H and Knight Banner also ran.

Fifth race, seven furlongs, selling—Lewi Bloom, 109 (Cochran), 5 to 2 and even, won; Island Princess, 112 (Richards), 6 to 1 and 20 to 1, second; Dolly Varden, 107 (E. Wilson), 9 to 5, third. Time, 1:32. Jim Conway, Terralone, Uncle Bill, Tourney and Rosy Morn also ran.

Sixth race, one and one-sixteenth miles, selling—Hoodoo Brigade, 95 (A. Weber), 8 to 2 and 2 to 1, won; W. R. Gates, 100 (Rader), 7 to 1 and 6 to 5, second; Silver, 86½ (T. Walsh), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:51. Satin Locks, Petit Maître, Little Boy Blue, Sauter and Lillian Reed also ran.

HUGH JENNINGS WILL RETIRE.

He Signs a Four-Year Contract to Coach the Cornell Team.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pittston, Pa., Dec. 22.—Hugh Jennings will play no more professional baseball. The signing of a four-year contract to coach the Cornell team was synonymous with his retirement. This was positively stated here to-night by Doctor Jennings, brother of the baseball player.

Jennings is at present in Baltimore conferring with McGraw on matters pertaining to the recently organized Baseball Players' Association. He will report at Cornell on February 4, and will remain with the team until June, but has as yet made no definite plans as to how he will pass the remainder of the season.

BOXING CONTESTS DECLARED OFF.

Chicago Athletic Club Has Abandoned Its Programme for December 29.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22.—The drop of boxing exhibitions in Chicago was made complete to-day when the Chicago Athletic Association, a private club, decided to hold no boxing shows and abandoned all plans which had been made for December 29. It was said the city authorities would have allowed exhibitions at the club, but the committee disliked the notoriety which they believe would affect the club.

Cocked Hat Match at Hermann.

The Eagle Bowling Club and the Victor Cocked Hat Club of Hermann, Mo., met in a match game in that city Friday. The Eagles took the odd game in a thousand, keeping the honors in their hands of six years. The Victors made the highest single game with a score of ...

CUP DEFENDER'S KEEL CAST.

Veteran Molder Thinks Fully Ninety-Four Tons Were Poured.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bristol, R. I., Dec. 22.—In six hours and thirty-five minutes time to-day, Herreshoff workmen cast the ballast fin keel of the cup defender, under construction here, for the New York Yacht Club syndicate.

The first drop of molten metal from the larger of two big melting pots used in the operation entered the keel mold at 7:20 a. m., and from that time to 1:35 p. m., a continuous stream of lead was poured into the skiff-shaped mould. The boiler shop workmen, under the direction of Nat Herreshoff, labored strenuously, the designer watching their every motion.

The best information obtainable tonight leads to the belief that there is but little difference in dimensions or weight between the keel cast to-day and that cast for the Columbia in 1899. The radical departure from the design of Columbia's keel lies in the concentration of weight in the bulb at a point about three feet nearer the bow.

While Captain Nat's precautions prevent an accurate statement of the amount of lead used in the keel, it is the impression of a veteran molder that fully ninety-four tons were poured, and that the weight of the keel when trimmed and ready for service will be close to ninety-two tons.

Oppose Technical Records.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.—The Gentlemen's Driving Club, one of the wealthiest and oldest organizations of sport in the country, for to-day and adopted the following resolution, which will be sent to the Board of Appeals of the National Trotting Association, and to all other driving clubs, the latter being requested to take co-operative action:

Whereas, Matinee racing, begun at a time when turf interests were at a low ebb, has been continued for the sole benefit of the horse owners during the past quarter of a century, and when the breeding industry has in a generally recognized manner, been in a position to dispense with the protection of prosperity in all lines of turf interest; and

Whereas, Matinee racing cannot be justifiably defended on the ground that it gives the horses a fair chance to show the cutting fraternity of the country if technical records are to be forced upon the horses; it is unnecessary.

Resolved, by the Gentlemen's Driving Club of Cleveland, That in the future the action of the Board of Review of the National Trotting Association, which rules that John A. Mackenzie acquired a record of 2:09 when he won the exclusive prize of the Gentlemen's Driving Club of Boston, a great injustice has been done by some to the Gentlemen's Driving Club of Cleveland and to matinee racing in Cleveland, but to all other clubs conducting their affairs under similar conditions; and

Resolved, That as this ruling is wrongly carried, mean other than that the many horses that have been allowed to trot here and elsewhere have made an impression that they would if eligible records could be secured, technical records, making a condition that will cause a serious injury to the Gentlemen's Driving Club of Cleveland to matinee racing in general and more particularly the Cleveland course for the Boston trophy, which promises so much for the benefit of the American turf, and it is further

Resolved, That if this decision of the Board of Review shall be sustained by the Board of Appeals, and shall be adhered to by the Gentlemen's Driving Club of Cleveland in preference to a member of the National Trotting Association, and hereafter conduct its matinee trotting under the rules of the Board of Appeals, that other clubs of this country to join with us in bringing about a condition that will not prevent our exercise of a right that benefits not only the horse owners, but the professional interests of every trial driver in this country.

Nichols Beaten at Golf.

London, Dec. 22.—In a thirty-six-hole golf match on Romford links to-day, James Braid defeated Richard Nichols of Boston, Mass., by 3 up and 7 to play.

THEIR THIRD ANNUAL BANQUET.

Reunion of Manual Training School Class of '98.

The class of 1898 of the Manual Training School gave the third annual banquet and reunion at Mercantile Club last night. Covers were laid for twenty-five.

It was a sitting affair, as usual, but the ladies were not forgotten in the toasts and the informal addresses. After the courses were finished, Edmund Dewar, who was master of ceremonies, called upon each guest in turn for brief remarks, and for two pleasant hours the classmates forgot the trials and troubles and disappointments of the present in delightful reminiscences of their school days.

Among those present were: Ferdinand Bistos, Leslie C. Bright, Robert Dunne, Louis F. Dean, Charles F. Dewar, John Edmund Dewar, Charles H. Hebnan, Rayle Holt, Albert Koenig, Louis S. Kolb, Elmer Long, Albert B. McClellan, Ray P. Prewitt, Walter Rothman, Anthony Smith, J. Benjamin True, Jr., Lee W. Van Cleave, Owen W. Wittmer, Hillis Lutenburg.

ROOSEVELT TAKES ACTION.

Removes Colonel Asa Bird Gardiner From Office.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Governor Roosevelt announced to-night that he had removed from office Colonel Asa Bird Gardiner, District Attorney of New York County, on charges preferred by Deputy Attorney Hammond, and had appointed Eugene A. Philbin of the State County Charities to fill the vacancy.

REDUCED HIS PAY AND HE KILLED HIM.

Washington Shocked by the Shooting of Frank H. Morris by Samuel MacDonald.

BOTH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYES.

Dead Man Was Auditor of War Department and the Killing Took Place in His Private Office—Both Chicans.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Frank H. Morris of Ohio, Auditor of the War Department, was shot and instantly killed at 2:10 this afternoon by Samuel MacDonald, also of Ohio, recently a disbursing clerk of the Treasury, in the former's office in the Winder building, on Seventeenth street.

Auditor Morris was closeted alone with MacDonald when the shooting occurred.

In trying to make his escape, MacDonald also assaulted the watchman, Thomas Cusick, with the butt of his revolver.

He was arrested while leaving the building, before being taken into custody, however, he shot himself in the stomach, and also made an ugly gash in his throat with a small penknife.

When the officers arrested him he was heard to exclaim: "I did it. I know I'm done for."

Struggle in Auditor's Office.

An eye witness to the latter part of the encounter between the two men stated that upon hearing the sound of the shots, he ran into the Auditor's office, which he had just left. Upon entering the room he saw the two men struggling in each other's arms. MacDonald was holding his revolver close up to Morris's breast.

MacDonald, after being again attempted to get out of the room, but encountered a number of clerks and employes, which the sound of the firing had brought to the spot, and then turned and fired again. This he believed to have been the fatal shot.

Bingham, who knew MacDonald, said he had a grievance against Morris, who, he claimed, was responsible for having his pay reduced. Others who knew him said they could not attribute his deed to anything but a diseased brain from overindulgence in liquor.

Morris's Splendid Official Record.

Frank H. Morris was a native of Cleveland, O. He was 43 years of age and leaves a widow and two sons. He entered the Government service at the beginning of the McKinley administration as auditor for the Navy Department. During the first two years he made an exceptionally good record for efficiency, bringing the delayed work up to date and putting the office in a better shape than ever before.

A year and more ago Morris was made auditor for the War Department, changing places with Auditor Brown. In his new place he maintained his record as an executive officer, and soon had the work, which was much behind, up to date.

He was well regarded by the Treasury officials, but was not popular with some of the subordinates in his office, who complained that he was unnecessarily harsh in his treatment of them, and often exacted more work than they could do.

It also is said that, in order to keep the work up to date, he would require them to work overtime and lose a part of their annual vacation. The Treasury officials, however, do not agree with these statements and say that the Auditor required from each clerk a good day's work and no more.

Brother of the Opera Singer.

MacDonald is a brother of William H. MacDonald, the well-known barytone singer of the Bostonians, who is said to have educated him for the operatic stage.

He is unmarried, 38 years of age, and is tall and fine-looking. He also is from Ohio and has been in the Government service since soon after the Civil War.

In 1889 he was removed from his position as Chief of Division in the office of the Commissioner of Customs. In 1890 he was reappointed clerk in the office of the Auditor for the War Department. In 1897 he was made disbursing officer in that office. In addition to his other duties, receiving in all $2,000 a year.

In February, 1900, his accounts were found short $1,000 and, upon being requested to make an explanation, he claimed that on one occasion he had forgotten to close his safe on leaving his office and that it had been robbed of $1,000.

He produced evidence which tended to exonerate him from the charge of taking the money, and as he immediately made good the amount, nothing further was done except to reduce his salary to $1,800 and transfer him to the office of the auditor for the Post Office Department, with re he was employed at the time of the tragedy.

It is stated that MacDonald has been a hard drinker at times, and that many of his misfortunes can be traced to this source. He has many friends who regard him as a man of many excellent qualities.

NEIGHBORS NEED NOT KNOW.

Salvation Army's Method of Dispensing Christmas Cheers.

The Salvation Army will furnish 2,000 Christmas dinners to the poor of St. Louis in such a manner that each family will be enabled to have their meal to themselves, and none of their neighbors know that the repast was provided through charity.

The method in use in the army posts all over the country is the same. The dinners are prepared and placed six in a basket. These baskets are claimed Christmas morning by the recipients of tickets which the soldiers distribute during the preceding days.

In this city there are to be three distributing bureaus—the first at army headquarters, No. 111 Franklin avenue; the second at the Carondelet barracks, and the third at Second and Spruce streets.

At Franklin avenue 500 dinners will be prepared, and the same number at Carondelet, while the corps at the Spruce Street Barracks will have the burden of the day's work preparing the remaining thousand.

The army officers say they are in touch with all the destitution of the city, and have called upon the police for lists of the cases that are reported at the stations. At army headquarters there will be a spread for deserving persons who may apply.

ROLLER SKATES. A complete assortment; guaranteed prices. Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, 629 Locust street.

WERE HANGING AROUND BANKS.

Three Well-Dressed Strangers Arrested at Louisville, Ky.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 22.—Detectives Hickey and Sullivan gathered in, at noon to-day, three well-dressed men who are under suspicion of being bank sneaks. They had been loitering around banks, and their actions created suspicion. The men were taken before Chief Hodger for investigation.

Some money was found on them. They are to be measured and photographed. Chief Hodger says he is satisfied that they are bank sneaks. The men gave their names as Robert Little and Harry Freeman, of St. Louis, and John Morgan of Kansas City. The police of these and other cities have been notified and the men will be held over Sunday at least as suspects.

The police officials at the Four Courts says that neither Little nor Freeman is known to them.

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Christmas Is at Hand.

Go over your list and be sure no one is forgotten. There are still good stocks here and plenty of people to serve you promptly. **We close Monday night at 6:30.** Our own people will spend Christmas Eve in their own homes.

Pocket Knives for Christmas. It is safe to say that every man and boy, and most women, find a pocket knife a great convenience. We have hundreds of patterns, and for those who must buy quickly, have arranged baskets with knives at

25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00.

25c for one and two Blade Knives.
50c for two and three Blade Knives, with pearl or stag handles.
75c for three and four Blade Knives, pearl, stag and ivory handles.
$1.00 for better Knives in two, three and four blades.

Carvers for Christmas. The household has use for a good set of Carvers, and they are here at all prices. Ask to see the latest line of **Keen Kutter** Carvers.

Carving Set, consisting of knife, fork and steel, genuine stag horn handles, mounted in sterling silver, in handsome cases, ***$4.50.***
Others at ***$5.00, $5.50, $7.00, $7.50*** and ***$9.00.***
Bird Carvers, two pieces, knife and fork, stag horn handles, only ***$1.50.***
Other Carving Sets, of 2, 3 and 5 pieces, from ***$1.00 to $25.00*** the set.

Cutlery Department, First Floor.

Tool Chests and Scroll Saws. Not toys, but the really useful kind. We have them, the best to be found.

Tool Set, contains 20 pieces, all standard quality, ***$3.45.***
Tool Chest, containing 40 pieces, this is a really excellent set, ***$5.00.***
Gentlemen's Cabinet—Can be hung on the wall or closet door; contains everything necessary for almost any emergency; all high grade tools—***$15.00*** and ***$20.00.***
Children's Tool Sets, in oak boxes, from ***25c*** to ***$12.50.***
Scroll Saws, a standard make, good practical machine in every way, ***$3.25.***
Boys' Bucksaw, with buck, ***85c.***
Lathes, for wood and iron turning, ***$9.50*** to ***$125.00***
Work Benches, practical and very strong, ***$10.00*** and ***$12.00.***

Hardware Department—First Floor.

Sleds. Our line of Sleds is varied and complete, and the prices reasonable.

Boys' Sleds, made of hard wood, 11 in. wide, 36 in. long, low runners, oval shoes, beautifully decorated, ***$1.00.***
Girls' Sleds, 13 in. wide, 36 in. long, made of hard wood, well braced, a strong, durable sled, ***$1.25.***
Other Sleds at ***25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50*** and ***$2.00.***

Silver and Ebony Toilet Articles. Our assortment of these things is truly exquisite, and is well suited to a proper choice of Christmas gifts.

Cigarette Cases, made of Morocco leather, mounted in sterling silver, ***$1.00***
Military Hair Brushes, ebony back, mounted in sterling silver, best white bristles, the pair, ***$2.00, $2.25*** and ***$4.50.***
Cloth Brushes, ebony back, very fine bristles, silver monogram shield, ***$2.00.***

Pomade Jars. Match Cases.
Roll Blotters. Book Marks.
Writing Sets. Nail Files.

Pearl Handle Letter Seal, $1.00.
Four-Piece Manicure Set, consisting of nail scissors, nail file, cuticle knife and parer, beautiful silver handles, ***$5.00.***

Cutlery Department, First Floor.

Ice Skates for Xmas. Every one skates, young and old, and if you want to give a really acceptable Christmas gift make it a pair of Skates. We have them at **60c, 85c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00,** and as high as **$15.00** a pair (silver plated). "Klipper Klub" are the best skates.

Sleds on Your Feet—The double-runner Sled Skates—no weak ankles, no falling—just the thing for youngsters—only ***60c*** a pair.
Skate Bags, 40c to ***75c.***
Skating and Hockey Shoes—Men's finest quality box calf, double-stitched, extra capping at heel, special ankle support, oak tanned sole, double-stitched throughout—***$5.00*** a pair.
Ladies' Skating Shoes—Tan box calf, extra high, with ankle brace, oak tanned sole, double stitched—a very attractive and durable shoe ***$5.00*** a pair.
Canadian Skating Cap—Broad stripes, in purple and old gold, scarlet and white, etc., long and heavy, with tassel, ***75c.***
Racing Caps—Heavy worsted, ***25c.***

First Floor Balcony.

The Greatest Hardware Store in the World.

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RIVER NEWS.

Rise and Fall of the Rivers

For the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m.:

St. Louis, Saturday, Dec. 22, 1900.

	Danger.	Gauge.	Change.
Pittsburg	22	8	.....
Parkersburg	50	3.9	0.0
Cincinnati	50	10.3	0.6
Louisville	25	6.1	0.4
Nashville	40	4.8	0.5
Chattanooga	20	4.0	0.3
Florence	16	2.3	0.2
Evansville	50	10.1	0.9
Jeffersonville	23	3.8	0.3
St. Louis	30	4.4	0.1
Dubuque	15	2.6	0.1
Davenport	16	2.9	0.1
Keokuk	15	0.7	0.1
Lake Mullen Rapids	.....	0.8	0.1
Peoria	14	.....	.....
Grafton	27	.....	.....
Omaha	18	.....	.....
Kansas City	23	4.5	0.0
Boonville	29	.....	.....
Hermann	26	4.1	0.0
St. Louis	30	4.4	0.1
Chester	50	2.6	0.2
Cairo	45	14.1	0.2
Memphis	21	9.8	0.0
Little Rock	25	9.8	0.3
Vicksburg	45	21.3	0.0
Shreveport	50	3.5	0.1
New Orleans	16	1.8	0.1

* Rise. † Fall. R. J. HYATT, Local Forecast Official.

River Forecast.

The Mississippi at St. Louis will fall.

River and Business.

Gauges registered 4 feet in the harbor yesterday, a decline of 0.1 of a foot in the last twenty-four hours.

Traffic moderately active and heavy in passenger patronage.

Weather mild and showery in the late afternoon.

To-Day's Forecast.

Rain Sunday, followed by fair and colder weather Sunday night.

Arrived.

Spread Eagle ..... Alton
Chester ..... Chester
Horatio G. Wright ..... Memphis

Departed.

Chester ..... Chester
Columbia ..... Chester
Spread Eagle ..... Alton

Paragraphs.

Captain W. M. Williams of Cairo was in the city yesterday the guest of Captain P. S. Devon.

Commodore Henry Leyhe returned from Paducah yesterday.

Captain Sam Schnoles, master of the steamer Joe, came in from Paducah by rail to spend Christmas Day with his family at Cape Girardeau. He went on to Cape Girardeau last night. The tug Victor will be due from Paducah today with a tow of twenty-two Government flat boats. Captain Dan Finnie is in charge of her.

Captain Morgan, owner of the Condor, wired Captain Derrickson from Cairo yesterday to engage the Victor to tow his empty barges to Cairo.

The Horatio G. Wright, Captain Horace Bixby at her wheel, arrived from the lower river in the afternoon.

Steamer City of Clifton will be due from the Tennessee River today with 17,000 feet of lumber, 250 sacks of peanuts, sundries and a cabin full of passengers. On account of the low water a portion of her cargo was forwarded from Cairo by rail. The liner is to clear to-morrow at 5 p. m. on a return trip.

The Chester was out for Chester with a passenger list of 50 people and heavy freight patronage. She will clear again to-morrow.

The Peters Lee, long overdue, was expected to come to port from Memphis last night. Her manifest includes 65,000 feet of lumber, 66 bales of cotton, staves, package freight, sundries and a good trip of people. She will return to Memphis Wednesday at 5 p. m.

Steamer Grey Eagle arrives from Commerce to-morrow to depart in the evening on a return run.

The Columbia cleared for Chester with a big list of passengers and heavy consignments of holiday shipments. She will depart to-morrow.

Pilot J. H. Goodrich left the First Harrison at Cairo and is now visiting his family. Pilot Harry Green cleared the Hartwell south to Island No. 24 in his stead.

The Spread Eagle arrived from Alton and cleared later on a return trip, doing a good business. The Spread will go through to Grafton on Wednesday.

By Telegraph.

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 22.—The river fell .6 of a foot during the last twenty-four hours. The gauge reads 14.1 feet. The weather is cool and raining, a high wind prevailed all day, which interfered with the movements of boats. The Exporter and Transit are windbound here and they will get away for New Orleans to-morrow morning. The Jacob Richman departed for the lower Mississippi at 5 a. m. The Norfolk, for Memphis with empties, passed up for treadwater at 9:30 a. m.; Pilot Henry Wilbur got off here and went home. The Condor, from the lower Mississippi with two barges of lumber, arrived at 9:30 a. m. The Georgia Lee departed for Memphis at 11:30 a. m. with a good trip. The City of Memphis, from St. Louis, arrived at 1 p. m. She took aboard the freight left here by the City of Paducah and departed for Tennessee River at 6 p. m., after discharging four carloads of flour at the Illinois Central wharf. The City of Clifton, after reshaping her lumber here, departed for St. Louis at 4 a. m. She was unable to procure a lighter. Pilot J. T. Goodrich left by rail for New Albany this evening. The City of Pittsburg, from Cincinnati, the Buckeye State, from New Orleans, the City of Paducah, from Ohio River, and the Rees Lee, from St. Louis, are due tonight.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 22.—River marks 8.8 feet on the gauge, a fall of 0.1 of a foot in twenty-four hours. Weather cloudy and warmer with high winds last night and all day, and heavy rains and thunderstorm to-night. The James Lee arrived from Friar's Point with 250 bales of cotton and 3,000 sks. of cottonseed and left at 5 this evening on return trip. The Fred Herold got in from Cairo with 200 bales of cotton and 5,500 sks. of cottonseed, and cleared at 5 this evening on return. River receipts were 1,197 bales of cotton, 67 bags of cottonseed and 9,055 sks. of cottonseed. The John K. Speed is due from Cincinnati on way to New Orleans.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 22.—River 9.5, falling. Cloudy and warm.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 22.—The gauge reads 9.5 and falling. Stiff wind blowing all day from southwest, with indications of rainfall to-night. Dick Fowler to Cairo, 8 a. m.; Joe Fowler to Evansville, 11 a. m.; the Tennessee to Tennessee, 7 p. m. City of Memphis wires she will be here at midnight. City of Pittsburg wires she will pass down to-morrow morning. The Crescent City leaves to-night for Evansville. The John S. Hopkins will be here to-morrow from Mound City and resume her trade Monday. Business brisk on the levee.

Grand Tower, Ill., Dec. 22.—The Peters Lee up at 7 last night. The Grey Eagle down at 8:30 a. m. United States Tender No. 40 up at 2 p. m. The Harvester up at 3 a. m. The Rose Lee down at 4:30 p. m. The City of Clifton due up. The gauge reads 6 feet, a fall of .2 of a foot in the last twenty-four hours. Weather cloudy and warm.

Wheeling, Dec. 22.—River 5.5 feet, rising slowly. Cloudy and cool. Departed: Hudson, Cincinnati at 3 a. m.; H. K. Bedford, Parkersburg, at 11 a. m.; Cranis, Charleston, at 3 p. m. Up with empties: Jim Brown at 8 a. m., Dave Wood at noon.

Chester, Ill., Dec.—River falling; gauge 2.7 feet. Weather cloudy, with light showers. The Rees Lee down at 9 a. m. Boats up: The Peters Lee, 12:30; Victor, with tow of small empty flats, 7:30 a. m. Tender in and out on time.

Louisville, Dec. 22.—River falling. In canal 6 feet 1 inch; on the falls 5 feet 11 inches; below locks 9 feet. Clear and cool.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 22.—The river is 6 inches above low-water mark of 1864, and falling. Weather clear and cooler.

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—River 9.9 feet, falling. Clear, mercury 36.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—River 8.2, stationary. Clear and pleasant.

MR. SPRAGUE SAYS

Busy people will find the service at the Delicatessen Lunch Rooms very fast.

New Illinois Corporations.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 22.—The Secretary of State to-day licensed the incorporation of the following:

Granite City Planing Mill Company, at East St. Louis; capital stock, $2,000; to do a planing-mill, lumber and contracting business. Incorporators—John Oenning, Dudley R. Hardy and Lizzie Oenning.

Fluff Quarry Company, at Alton; capital stock, $20,000; to operate quarries. Incorporators—Benjamin G. Taylor, Joseph Dickson and Eleanora Smith.

The Wellman & Dwire Tobacco Company, located at Quincy, certified to a dissolution.

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