

USEFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS!

ALL THE CLOTHING AND SHOE STORES IN LOS ANGELES COMBINED cannot show you such a handsome bright new stock of **Sensible Holiday Gifts** as you'll find **RIGHT HERE** within our **Mammoth and Palatial Quarters.**

- MEN'S OVERCOATS,
- MEN'S FINE SUITS,
- BOYS' OVERCOATS,
- BOYS' STYLISH SUITS,
- LADIES', MISSES', MEN'S AND BOYS' FINE SHOES,
- HANDSOME SLIPPERS,
- GLOVES, NIGHTROBES,
- SILK SUSPENDERS,
- HANDKERCHIEFS,
- UMBRELLAS, CANES,
- FINE IMPORTED NECKWEAR IN GLASS
- TOP PLUSH BOXES,
- SMORING JACKETS and
- DRESSING GOWNS,
- ALL GOING THIS WEEK
- AT UNMATCHABLE
- BED-ROCK PRICES.

SANTA CLAUS THE BURGLAR

I. Once on a time, when people were few, And whether the world stood still or flew, Nobody cared and nobody knew— A jolly old fellow, who never got cross, Got coming down chimneys—his name Santa Claus, Got running his reuder through all kinds of drifts, Got filling up stockings with all kinds of gifts, A merry, good-hearted old fellow because He loved all the children—the same Santa Claus.

II. 'Twas the night before Christmas, with snow coming down, And Santa was passing the best store in town, Of course you may know that the same was our store, And Santa saw sights never dreamed of before, Holiday novelties, presents for all, It made Santa sigh that his pack was so small, And as he peered in at the bright, tempting spread, A very bad notion popped into his head.

III. Could I only load up with one-half I can see, What a Christmas I'd make for the children! quoth he, "All the beautiful gifts for those who are grown Are not in my line, and I'll leave them alone, But I'll choose for the children and make their hearts glad, Leaving everything else, so it won't be so bad, While I never did anything like it before, I have fully determined to break in that store."

IV. Just an hour after midnight, when all the town slept, The guilty good Santa Claus silently crept, Back again to the store with his lantern and mask, And trembling and awkward commenced at his task, Scarce had the door yielded to Santa's attack, Down the street sped poor Santa, he went on his trail, Was the watchman, who caught him, and locked him in jail.

V. Dark and drear was the cell in which Santa Claus woke, As he thought of his troubles his heart nearly broke, Of a sudden there rang on the air, sharp and clear, The voices of children whom Santa held dear, Forgetting his cares, he peered eagerly out, And greeted his friends with a caper and shout, Good, generous Santa forgot to feel sad, In making the little ones happy and glad.

VI. Next into the court room was Santa Claus led, The jury looked solemn, the judge shook his head, "Are you guilty or not?" asked the judge, and the doom Of poor Santa seemed sealed, when into the room Came trooping the children, and each little elf Plead with the judge that 'twas not for himself That Santa Claus did it, and made it quite clear, That 'twas "accidents," not "badness," that landed him here.

VII. To these youthful attorneys the judge lent an ear, And o'er his stern face crept a smile that was queer, "Stand up and be sentenced!" he said, "Santa Claus, I'll excuse you this time, but simply because Your motive was good, though your actions were bad, And you would not have done this if you only had Consulted the price marks, as they surely teach, That the goods of this firm are in every one's reach."

VIII. "Hurrah! Hurrah! the burglar is free," The children cried in merry glee, And rattling little ones entered about The dear old culprit, and hustled him out Of the dingy court room, and straight to our store, That he'd need to break into the night before, "What wonderful bargains!" he said, "now I feel These goods are so cheap that it don't pay to steal."

A QUARTER MILLION DOLLAR STOCK

Awaits Your Coming!

NO SUCH OTHER SUPERB AND COLOSSAL NEW STOCK ON THE PACIFIC COAST FROM WHICH TO MAKE HOLIDAY SELECTIONS.

THIS WEEK

We have CUT PRICES TO THE VERY CORE. GO ELSEWHERE and roam around the little stocks of odds and ends, if you have the time to spare, THEN COME TO

BARGAIN HEADQUARTERS, and if we cannot save you at least **TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT** on your purchases we won't expect you to patronize "THE LEADERS."

LOS ANGELES HEADQUARTERS FOR USEFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS

STORES OPEN

Every evening THIS WEEK until 9:00 o'clock—Saturday night until 10:00 o'clock.
Flooded by gas and twenty electric lights.



Leading Clothiers, Hatters, Shoers and Furnishers of the Pacific Coast,

128-130-132-134 NORTH SPRING ST.

COME

And see Santa Claus and our beautiful peerless show window displays.

The Largest and Most Bountifully Stocked Clothing, Hat and Shoe Establishment West of the Rocky Mountains.

NEWS FROM NEIGHBORING CITIES.

Pomona's City Hall and Its Arrangements.

An Orange County Complication on Account of Delinquent Taxes.

Redondo Shipping Notes—Redlands Local Happenings—Pomona's Brilliant Shows—News from Other Places.

PASADENA, Dec. 20.—The White building, corner Fair Oaks and Union street, which was recently leased by the city to be used as a city hall, will be ready for occupancy about the middle of February.

Extensive changes are now being made, and when completed will leave the building in a most convenient shape for the transaction of the city business. The office of the city clerk and tax collector will be located on the ground floor, as will also the vault, which is yet to be constructed.

On the upper floor will be located the council chamber in the front rooms facing Colorado. Back of these are the rooms of the city attorney, marshal, engineer and court room. A number of smaller rooms will be thrown into one to make the latter chamber. The city will be put to some inconvenience by the move, but will be more than compensated in the saving of rent.

PROFESSOR BARNARD'S LECTURE.

The lecture given at the opera house by Professor Barnard of Lick observatory was not attended as well as it deserved, owing to a lack of advertising.

The subject, Visual and Photographic Astronomy, was an extremely interesting one, and was handled by Mr. Barnard in a masterly manner.

The parts which the photograph and spectroscopy have played in the recent advancement of astronomy were explained. Not the least interesting portion of the lecture was the stereopticon views which were thrown upon a large screen, making a splendid display.

The gentleman spoke in a clear, understandable manner, and closely held the attention of his audience throughout the lecture.

NOTES.

Professor Keyes lectures before the Pasadena Briefs.

Pasadena office of the Herald, No. 14 West Colorado street. Advertisements and subscriptions received.

ST. NICHOLAS, half block from terminus of the Los Angeles, Pasadena and Glendale railway. Rates \$5 to \$7 per week. Miss L. McLain, proprietor.

MORGAN'S LIVERY AND BOARDING STABLE, rear of post-office. Safe and stylish turnouts at reasonable prices. Telephone 56.

C. GARFALDI, dealer in wines, liquors, cigars and tobacco, also canned goods. East Colorado street cor. Chestnut avenue.

COOK & ECKOZA, general blacksmithing. No. 15 Union street.

G. S. MAYHEW, real estate broker, 203 1/2 West Colorado street. Loans and investments.

D. S. BASSWITZ, Ladies' and Gents' Tonsorial Parlors. Ladies' hair cutting, curling and shampooing. 5 East Colorado street.

PASADENA BLACKSMITH SHOP, 48 Broadway. General blacksmithing and woodwork.

THE PAINTER HOTEL, Fair Oaks and Washington; first-class family hotel.

LOS ANGELES HOUSE, corner Colorado street and Delaware avenue; transient, \$1 and \$1.50 per day; first-class. P. Klein, proprietor.

KERCKHOFF-OUZNER Mill and Lumber Co., corner Broadway and Kansas street.

Our special sale of \$3 all-wool pants is still on. Muller, Bluet & Co.

Unity club of Los Angeles tomorrow evening upon Municipal Safeguards.

The death of Emma B. Hoagland occurred at the Hotel Green this afternoon. The body will be sent to Omaha, Neb., on Thursday's overland.

Company B is arranging to have a grand blowout next Friday evening, the anniversary of its third year.

Connections are being rapidly made with the sewer main, and by the first of January a greater portion of the business center will be connected.

Coroner Weldon was up this morning looking into the case of Mrs. Mary D. Clark who died in Son's Pasadena Sunday. As it appeared, the lady refrained from medical assistance of her own free will, no inquest was held.

Prof. Lowe, accompanied by Prof. Barnard of Lick observatory, visited the mountain railway this morning. The road is rapidly nearing completion and will be in active operation in a short time.

The death of Mrs. Lucia A. Pierce, wife of E. B. Pierce of this city, occurred at Santa Monica on Sunday last. Funeral services will be held from the undertaking parlors of Reynolds & Van Nuys tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The body will be shipped to Peoria, Ill., on Thursday evening's train.

REDLANDS.

News Notes from the Infant Wanderer City.

REDLANDS, Dec. 20.—A special train will take a party to the band ball at San Bernardino tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spats of Minnesota are recent arrivals and living on Fourth street.

The Baptist church of Riverside has secured the services of Miss Nellie C. Best remedy for sprains and pains. Mr. J. M. Spring, Jennings, D. C., writes: "I have been using Saly-Hoff Oil and have obtained great relief. Among so many remedies tried, Saly-Hoff Oil is the best for sprains and pains in the back." It kills all pain.

Fowler of this city as leader of the choir.

Dennis Ferguson while driving home Sunday evening collided with the vehicle occupied by Mr. Humphrey and took a wheel off. Mr. Humphrey and his companion, E. C. Beatty, were obliged to walk home from Old San Bernardino, the scene of the wreck.

The Windsor is today under lease to Mrs. Sloan and the immediate management and control of A. H. Pratt.

The iron pillars and pilasters for the Maginnis block are on the ground and that structure will soon be under cover.

POMONA.

News and Personal Notes from That Thriving City.

POMONA, Dec. 20.—The remains of young Dr. Ray Baldwin, deceased son of Mrs. R. M. Kirkland of this city and a former resident of Pomona, arrived on the overland train from the west today for interment in Pomona cemetery.

From the fact that Mrs. Kirkland had sold her home here the funeral took place from J. E. Patterson's undertaking parlors, Rev. L. H. Frary officiating, the following young men acting as pallbearers: Mr. John Osmer, Charlie Graber, Robert Loucks, Frank Blockley, Charlie Blockley and James Drumm.

The doctor was a young man of slight build and delicate constitution. He spent a year in Honolulu for his health and later removed to near Sacramento, Cal., and prior to his death was practicing in a mountain town near that place for his health's sake. His mother accompanied the remains here.

The funeral of Miss Reed, an aged sister of Mrs. Cox, took place here today.

Mrs. Cox and her deceased sister resided on Third street between Elmira and Gibbs street. The ladies are both well known here, they having resided here for a number of years. Rev. Frary of the Congregational church conducted the funeral services.

Col. J. L. Howland was the happy recipient today of a certificate of registration for the thoroughbred mare Belle.

The young gentlemen of the Social Hour club have decided to give the second of a series of dances at the Hotel Palomares, New Year eve instead of December 29th, as first contemplated. Saturday, December 31st, is the night looked forward to for the coming dance.

BRILLIANT SHOP WINDOWS.

The store windows have put on their holiday dress. Bailey Bros.' jewelry window presents the only "back east" winter scene here. It is a miniature farm and barnyard, surrounded by a typical log fence; a braying donkey is tied near the barn door and a shy rabbit is undecided whether to investigate beyond a certain rock or not. Guide posts tell the wayfarer how far it is to Pomona, and what wonders can be seen at Bailey's.

Buech, the candy man, presents a bathing scene. A bisque figure is the only one in the water, the bathers grouped upon the sands being of candy.

P. J. Tarr displays an unusually attractive window for a shoe house, an attractive line of goods being the bright colored infant's kid shoes, suitable for Xmas presents.

C. C. Zille's jewelry store's opening a few days ago attracted a good deal of notice for its brilliant display of silverware, jewelry, gems, etc.; and the varied colored lights that illumined the scene, the electric light being brought in to good use.

In the art line, the Loucks book store and C. H. Marshall's display window, both command notice, and in toys, curios and California souvenirs can be counted the Pomona book store, the Loucks book store and E. B. Tilden.

Thomas, Cohn and King's dry goods

By using Hall's Hair Renewer, gray, faded or discolored hair assumes the natural color of youth, and grows luxuriant and strong, pleasing everybody.

Still they go—our \$3 all-wool pants. Muller, Bluet & Co.

stores present a large and varied stock in their line to select useful Xmas presents from.

Coffee & Steffa's and Winter's and Ogewell's gems furnishing goods.

Erowne & Co. and Pairo & Robbin's drug stores carry a large line of plush and leather goods.

Mr. Chas. Clark of the American bakery, before the week is over, will have placed on sale over \$200 worth of fruit and various other kinds of cakes that are demanded for the Christmas festivities, so you see our merchants anticipate a lively trade these remaining days of Christmas time.

NOTES.

Howland Bros. are busy establishing a down town yard to their nurseries.

Dr. G. B. Maugh's returned from St. Louis yesterday to make Southern California his home. The doctor will spend the winter at Los Angeles.

The board of trade adjourned last evening to their next regular meeting two weeks hence without transacting any further business.

Mrs. Robert Chappell of Arizona died yesterday of pneumonia. The body will be brought here for burial. The deceased was J. B. Chappell son's wife.

SANTA ANA.

Jack vs. the Southern California Railroad Company—Local Affairs.

SANTA ANA, Dec. 20.—The case of Clark vs. the Southern California Railroad company was to have come up for trial today, but by stipulation of the attorneys was continued until January 3d. This case grows out of 25,000 pounds of potatoes, which were delivered by Clark to the railway company last June for shipment to Chicago. Plaintiff claims that owing to the poor ventilation of the cars the potatoes rotted, and therefore sues the company for \$440.06, the value of the spuds. The case is an interesting one, and shippers of produce