

GREAT CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SALE AT LEVY BROS' Big Department Store!

Leather Goods as Holiday Goods.

\$1 a set, Collar and Cuff Cases. 50c, Writing Tablets with ink well and finer. 20c, Pocket Books, 25 to 50c, a choice selection. 50c, Combination Case and purse silver mounting. 39c, 50c, 75c, Gents' Traveling Comb and Brush Sets. 35c to \$1.50 each, Ladies' Shopping Bags. 25c, Boys' School Bag and Strap. 19c to 75c, Ladies' Chatelaine Bags. 50c to \$1, Gents' Pocket Bill Books.

Beautiful Pictures.

25c each, large Pictures, fruits, flowers, scenes, colored, also photographs, heavy gilt frames, also white and gold. 49c, Beautiful Etchings oak Frames. 75c, Large Pictures with gold, frames, also gold and white frames. 75c, Large Dining Room Pictures, heavy oak frames, subjects fish and game, imitation wood panel.

Silk Handkerchiefs.

25c each, Gents' Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, 18 inch square. 25c each, Gents' Silk Handkerchiefs, colored borders. 50c each, Gents' Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, 22 inches square, extra fine. 69c to \$1.50 each, Gents' Silk Neck Mullers, special value.

Christmas Silverware.

Beautiful line, every piece warranted. 15c, 19c, 25c, 39c, 50c, Picture Frames, twenty styles. 50c to \$2.50, Jewel Cases, satin lined. 19c, 25c, Pin and Souvenir Trays. 50c, Beautiful French Plate Mirrors, and up to \$1.35. 39c, Children's Knife, Fork and Spoon Sets. \$1.49 set each, Forks and Table Spoons. 69c set, 1/2-do. Tea Spoons. 39c set, 1/2-do. Fruit Knives. 79c, Nut Picks and Crackers. 39c, Candelabra, single. 39c, Pepper and Salt Sets. \$2.59 each, Sugar Bowls, Cake, Fruit and Butter Dishes, Castor and Pickle Stands, all guaranteed. Genuine Japanese Ware, 59c to \$2.50, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes. 25c, Crumb Brush and Tray. Japanese Cabinets, 75c to \$4 each. Writing Desks, 39c, 75c, to \$1.50 each. 25c, Large Glass Toilet Bottles with silver filigree covers. 50c, Extra large Toilet Bottles with silver filigree covers.

Atomizers, 25c.

250 Atomizers, every one perfect, an importer's balance of stock. Some sold as high as 75c. Choice of lot, 25c each. 25c a bottle, French Triple Extracts, regular 50c bottle; special for Holiday trade, 25c.

Christmas Specials.

19c, Ladies' Outing Flannel Skirts. 25c, Ladies' Hand-knit Fascinators. 19c, Ladies' Fleeced Jersey Gloves. 10c, Jersey Wool Mitts. 50c, Heavy All-wool Skirts. 25c, Men's Outing Cloth Shirts. 25c, Men's and Boys' Scotch Wool Gloves. 75c, Ladies' Outing Cloth Wrappers. 75c, Ladies' Wool Eiderdown Dressing Jackets. 12 1/2 c yard, All-wool red twilled Flannel. 49c each, Reversible Smyrna Rugs. \$1.59 each, Very large 5-foot Smyrna Rugs. Celluloid Goods. Work Boxes, 25c, 50c, 39c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50. Dressing Cases, 69c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50. Shaving Sets, \$1.50 to \$5. Collar and Cuff Boxes, 75c, \$1 to \$2. Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, \$1.25 to \$2. Jewel Cases with lock and key, 75c, \$1. Photograph Albums, 50c, 75c, \$1 to \$5. Hand Painted Opal Ware. Pin Trays, 10c, 19c, 25c, 39c, 50c, 75c. Ash Receivers, 19c, 25c, 39c. Puff Boxes, 25c each. Toilet Bottles, 59c, 69c, 89c.

Christmas Handkerchiefs.

An extraordinary event, we lead the trade, every variety. 3c each, Colored Borders for Ladies and Children. 5c each, over fifty styles to suit every taste, for Men, Women and children. 10c each, Ladies' and Gents' all linen, hemstitched, colored borders, also mourning. 12 1/2 c each, Fine Swiss Embroidered, also scalloped. 19c, 25c, 37c, 50c, Unlimited line to meet every want. Don't buy Handkerchiefs until ours have had your presence.

Holiday Linens.

A Christmas number Towel. German Damask, pure white and colored borders, 23 inches wide, 50 inches long, will make nice presents, 25c each. 25c a yard, Bleached Damask, 66 inches wide. \$1 dozen, Large Dinner Napkins, \$1.25 kind. 50c dozen, Fringed Linen Damask Doilies. 50c yard, Pure Linen Damask Table Cloth. \$3.75 a set, Fine Fringed Table Cloth, 1 dozen Napkins to match.

Holiday Umbrellas.

Every one appreciates the luxury of a handsome Umbrella. The chance of the year Monday; 200 fine ones, samples of largest manufacturer; no two alike; at about half regular value; \$5 kind for \$2.75. \$4 kind for \$2.25, and so down to 75c each.

Christmas Special. Jackets and Capes.

Plush Capes, braided and jetted. silk lined, \$3.98. Plush Capes, \$5, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$10 and \$12. \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$8. A special line Ladies' and Misses' Jackets, Beaver Cloth, Boucle and Fancy Coatings. \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3, \$4.50, Children's Reefers, a variety of styles and colors.

Christmas Gloves.

Gloves form another favorite article for Christmas presents. We are prepared for your wants. 75c, Ladies' 4-button, 2-clasp or Foster lacing Kid Gloves, beautiful stitching on back, newest shades. \$1, Ladies' Kid Gloves in the latest colorings, Greens, Oxblood, Tans, White and Black. Foster lacing, 4-button, and 2 large clasps. The best Glove sold for \$1. 75c pair, Children's Kid Gloves, either laced or buttoned. 75c, \$1, \$1.50, Gents' Stylish Kid Gloves, all sizes.

Feather Boas.

A beautiful line many fine ones, some ostrich \$4.75, also \$2.50, \$1.89, \$1.49, 89c, 69c, 49c, and a full Feather Boa for 25c.

Smoking Tables.

Appropriate presents for Gentlemen. A beautiful line imported for Christmas, \$2.50, \$2, \$1.50, \$1.75c, 50c, also Smokers' Stands, 25c.

Dress Goods, Christmas Specials.

Have you thought of giving a dear one a new dress? Then see ours first. Black Silk Warp Henrietta, the finest, some stores ask \$2.25 a yard. Same here special only \$1.25; only two pieces of this. 12 1/2 c a yard, 25 pieces of those beautiful new Bourettes, plaids and checks, best values ever shown in Norfolk, actual value, 19c. 25c a yard, one lot all-wool Fancies in choice styles. Be sure you see these. The 59c line contains many worth 75c and 89c.

Holiday Dress Silk.

Nothing more appropriate for a Christmas gift to sister, wife or mother than a nice dress, skirt or waist pattern of stylish silk, we have every kind. Handsome Brocades, 59c a yard and all silk. Satin Brocades, extra fine, \$1.25 kind for the sale, 79c a yard. 24-inch Black Pure Silk Satin Duchesse, 79c, worth \$1.25. All colors evening shades, Pure Silk Surah, would be cheap anywhere at 50c, here special 29c, yard.

Ladies' Silk Skirts.

\$4.75, Moire Figured Silk Skirts, well lined and velvet bound. \$6.75, Fine Satin Brocade Skirts, Tailor-made, lined with fine Russetin and velvet binding, worth \$8.50.

Everybody, with their entire Families, Cordially Invited to See Our Fine Display of Fancy Wares. LEVY BROS., 340, 342, 344 Main St.

PLAN TO WORK ROADS

Take Convicts Out of the Penitentiary and Employ Them on Highways.

CHAIN GANG FOR EVERY COUNTY

Directors of the Penitentiary to Assign Convicts to Such Counties as Want Them—Jail Birds Also to Be Employed in Like Manner—State to Pay Expenses.

Following is the full text of Representative Bland's bill for working convicts on the public roads:

An act for the employment of all able-bodied convicts in the State penitentiary and other persons imprisoned in the jails of counties, and to provide for working and improving the public roads.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly:

1. That all able-bodied male persons sentenced to imprisonment in jail or penitentiary for a longer period than thirty days, unless exempt for good reasons stated in the sentence and duly recorded, or for good reasons subsequently arising and approved by some judge of a court of record, shall be liable (or subject) to work on the public roads in the counties of the State as hereinafter provided.

2. All such persons sentenced to a county jail shall work upon the roads of such county, provided that where a county may have no immediate need for such work, it may hire its prisoners to any other county on terms to be mutually agreed upon by their respective authorities; but in no case shall a prisoner be hired for any other than road work, nor for a longer period than the term of his sentence.

3. All such penitentiary convicts, not required for necessary service in the penitentiary, heretofore or hereafter sentenced to imprisonment therein, shall be distributed among the counties, upon due application, to work on the public roads thereof, provided that they are not hired out under existing contracts that cannot legally be revoked, cancelled or vacated; and also provided that it shall not hereafter be lawful to hire any convict or convicts under any new contracts, or to renew or extend any such contract—all convicts, save as provided, to be placed at work on the roads.

4. On the first Wednesday of May, annually, and as often as applications for unassigned convicts may thereafter require, the Board of Directors of the penitentiary, aided by the advice or information of the superintendent and the physician of the prison, shall consider the applications from the county authorities for convicts, no application for less than five convicts to be considered, nor any assignment of a less number than five to be made, and no more than twenty-five to be assigned to any one county, the assignments to be made and the convicts to be sent in the order of the dates of application, unless otherwise requested by the applicants who desire a deferred delivery, every assignment to be made for a year, unless applicants desire it to be less, but in no case for a shorter period than ninety days; provided that at the annual and every other distribution or assignment, if the number of convicts assignable be not sufficient to fill all applicants, these shall be supplied ratably.

CURIOUS CHRONICLES

Notes of Interest Picked up Here and There by the Idler.

TRIED TO RUN OVER A HORSE AND BUGGY

Experience of a Bicyclist Told by the Victim—Generous Merchants and the Fair—Christmas Trade—The Season Opened Earlier Than Usual—The Poet.

Let me touch your hand again to-night, Little girl of the Long Ago, While the shadowy years are put to flight In the light of the eyes I used to know.

Shall we talk of lost days dear and dead, Little girl of the Use To Be? Shall we beckon them back, those ghosts that fled Long ago in the silence from you and me?

No; the dreams that thrilled our fancies then Rather leave to the hours gone by Where they never shall haunt our lives again With the phantom of love that was a lie.

They are not the same to us, some way, Through the mist of unbidden tears. As we search for one forgotten day That is lost in the gathering gloom of years.

To one who has watched the wonder is that there are not many more accidents than there are to bicyclists. Any one of the thousands of devotees of the wheel can recite from ten to a hundred hairbreadth escapes, concluding each one with the remark: "It's a wonder I wasn't killed." Some special providence must watch over the bicyclist. His immunity from death can be explained upon no other hypothesis. I interviewed a wreck the other day. He looked more like a hero of a football game than a human being, so disfigured and ghastly were his features.

"No, it wasn't foolhard," said he, in response to a query, "I merely tried to run over a horse and buggy, that's all. Even been run over? The experience is worth the trouble. How did it happen? I am sure I don't know. It was just getting dark. I was coming across the old Atlantic City bridge, looking straight ahead of me, too. There wasn't anything in sight. The next thing I knew something struck me over the heart, my bike went spinning from under me, and I was holding to the reins of a horse that had some clear, raving, crazy. He was bleated to a buggy, there was a man in it, though I did not know it at the time. I was too busy with the horse. He carried me over against the railing of the bridge, and in trying to jump overboard, rammed the shaft into my side and doubled me up so I had to drop the reins. I fell

between his fore feet and he trampled all over me, stepped on my head, rested his hind feet on my shoulder, walked all about on my breast, tore my coat all to pieces, and broke my watch chain into flinders. Then he pulled the buggy over me and stopped. I wasn't sure he had gone, and lay there wondering where he was going to put his infernal foot next, and thinking to myself how I was going to raise the money to fix that bicycle if I lived, and who was going to bury me if I didn't. That's what I thought. Then I heard some one say: "It's no use going over there. He will never get up again," and I am not certain, but seems to me I heard some one say: "Oh, he's a nervous man, I don't guess he's hurt much," and I put a stop to the argument by getting up. If I had been a ghost, those people couldn't have been more surprised—there was a crowd of them there, looked like they had fallen there in a bunch from the skies. Strange how quickly people get together," said the wreck.

"And what happened then?" I asked. "Well, half a dozen of them wanted to know where I was hurt," he answered, "and I sold them to come around to see me the next day, for, you see, I didn't know myself. I hurt all over. Then I asked for a match, though I had half a box in my pocket. Another had half a pipe, and I lit my pipe and was brought home like a corpse. Some idiot got in ahead of me on my bike and spread the report that I was either dead or fatally wounded, and I found everyone in a state of pleased excitement when I got there."

"Come here, baby; come back, tootsy; come here, my darling!" cried a woman of uncertain age last night. Her features were distorted with anguish and anxiety. Her husband was hurrying home to their supper stomach to rescue, if possible, the child which they supposed to be in danger, and found themselves surrounded an ugly poeble, who hastened back to the side of his perturbed owner.

The Christmas trade this year is not only larger than last, but began considerably earlier, surprisingly so, indeed. A large proportion of the present trade comes from the surrounding section, and much of it from northern Carolina points. The people who come to the city to buy Christmas stuff seem to have more money than they did a year ago, and they spend it all. Another thing which is influencing trade, and that is the fact that certain goods are cheaper than formerly. The trade in Dainty fabrications is surprisingly large.

There has been a season of fairs, and they have all been remarkably well patronized, considering the scarcity of money and the near approach of Christmas when all surplus cash goes into the channels of trade for the purchase of the holiday of holidays. The Brew law fair was an immense success, realizing thousands of dollars. The Naval Reserve fair also did well, and the Church fair at the old Opera House, patronage.

In these enterprises much is due to the untiring energy of the ladies who have devoted so much time and labor to them. They have also given much of their worldly goods. Private donations have been extremely generous and numerous.

In summing up the results, however, one is apt to overlook one of the chief factors in the success of these fairs—the merchants of Norfolk. It is safe to say that no where else on the continent has their generosity been equalled. They have responded to the frequent and successive calls made upon them in the most liberal manner, and often when they could not really afford to do so. One has but to visit the Catholic fair to see an evidence of this, and the same was true of the others. Everything has been donated, from a set of furniture to a doll. The list of donations made by the merchants of this city in the last month to enterprises of this sort would fill columns and then be incomplete.

It Awakens a Lively Interest in Literary Affairs. (From the Louisville Courier-Journal.) The movement which was begun last spring to introduce and domesticate in the Southern States the lecture platform system, which has flourished so long in the New England States, and has played so important a part in advancing the ideas and methods of that robust section of the Union, has passed the experimental stage and reached a point where its complete success is no longer a matter of doubt. The Southern Lyceum Association now includes all the leading cities and most of the leading towns of Virginia and Texas. From the first lyceum organized in Augusta, Ga., branch lyceums have been established, among other places, in Richmond, Charleston, Atlanta, Memphis, Nashville, Birmingham, Vicksburg, Little Rock, Galveston and Dallas. The circuit thus created takes in an excessive and diversified territory. The most eminent men of the States, from the statesman to the man of science, the thinker, the lecturer, the orator, have had recourse to the platform of the lecture room for the propagation of their ideas, or for the education of men and women. From Schlegel and Prentiss, from Brewster and Everett, from Herbert Spencer, Max Gordon, Lincoln, Williams Riley and Mark Twain, the lecture field of all lands is crowded with eminent, brilliant and eloquent men.

ALWAYS WIDE AWAKE

On the alert for new methods of combating and curing Disease.

For several years COMPOUND OXYGEN has been attracting attention as a valuable remedy for numerous diseases. For a year it has been successfully administered here in Norfolk. Desiring the great value of COMPOUND OXYGEN, I have arranged to administer it to my patients in all suitable cases. COMPOUND OXYGEN will be given alone or in conjunction with my usual treatment. I believe Compound Oxygen will be a valuable aid in the cure of Asthma, Hay Fever, Dyspepsia, Weak Voice, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Pleurisy, Consumption, Impurities of the Blood, Headache, Sleeplessness, Neuritis, Bright's Disease, Nervous Debility, and all debilitating diseases. Such testimonials as this one show what it has done. Miss Ruth T. Davis, 108 Court street, Portsmouth, Va., writes: "COMPOUND OXYGEN cured a young relative (Miss Arlington) of paralysis of the vocal cords. For more than a year, she was treated by a specialist, she could scarcely speak above a whisper."

WASTE OF HUMAN LIFE. The Inferno into which the Gen of the Antilles Has Been Turned.

(London Chronicle.) In the three fortresses of Havana there are now confined 4,727 political prisoners, and counting those deported to the Isle of Pines there must be 10,000 in the whole Cuban command. From the commencement of the war until this date 8,274 persons have been deported to African penal settlements; 427 prisoners of war have been shot in the Fusse de los Laurels, Havana, alone, and 102 people, chiefly American citizens, have been expelled from the island. Counting the enormous number of persons who have disappeared from their homes and never again heard of, the deaths of pacifists from starvation and disease, the captured rebels executed in the interior, the appalling lines of Spanish graves marking every movement of the imperial forces, some adequate idea may be gained of the Inferno into which the "Pearl of the Antilles" has been turned. During the month of August 23,750 soldiers were admitted to hospitals with yellow fever and dysentery, and these may be duplicated with the men unfit for duty, but invalided into the barracks of the large towns.

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