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As we are ACTUALLY AND REALLY retiring from the Clothing business we desire the Public not to confuse this Clearance Sale with those of a doubtful nature. The whole stock of Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing—including the new Spring Goods just in—is being disposed of at

30 and 40 Cents on the Dollar

It is a matter of compulsion, and the saving is as great to you as the loss is to us. Cost is of necessity lost sight of. A dozen times Saturday we were compelled to close the doors. On Monday still more salesmen will be on hand.

GARNER & CO.,
OUTFITTERS,
N. E. Corner 7th & H Sts.

"PLAY BALL" TOMORROW!

The Washington Club Will Start Team Training.

THE ROSTER AT PRESENT

All the Infielders and Outfielders With the Exception of Young Harvey Smith Are in the City. Jimmy McJames Will Not Arrive Until Next Month.

Although a number of the members of the Washington club have been in the city for over a fortnight and have, in that time, by their presence, generated a lot of baseball gossip of a local nature, it remains for tomorrow to usher in the real beginning of the campaign that will end in the idea of autumn.

The players who made Washington their winter home were Capt. Brown, Charley Abbey and Gene DeMontville, the latter to the minor ball, and who never knew another road other than that covering his comfortable residence in the Northwest.

"Big Ed" Cartwright, he of the "plano legs" and ability to handle everything, high or low, around first base, with his estimable wife, was the "advance agent" arrival of the aggregation of toga-wearers who depart "W" across their fronts during the season that oscillates from Boston in the East to Louisville in the Southwest, and from Chicago on the lake to Baltimore on the bay.

Then came Kelly, the "fashion plate," and Billy Lush—the first, a stranger to Washington, and the other a well-established favorite. They, too, as "Piano Legs" were accompanied by their better halves.

Mr. and Mrs. McGuire shook the snow of Abbot, Mich., from their shoes—now shoes in time to reach the congenial capital to view President McKinley's triumphant inauguration, and Manager Gus Schmeitz, with his Van Dyke beard and host of cleverness and accommodation, was on schedule time for the same auspicious event.

The other column in their own were George ("Zeke") Wrigley, the phenom infielder; "I've got it" Seibach, Johnny O'Brien, then whom there is no better guardian of the second sack, and the last, Win—"Hansome Win"—Mercer, whose Romeo features and pitiful process has had local feminine fancies enthralled for the past three seasons.

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Rogers Challenges Gaudaur. Orilla, Ont., March 20.—Jacob Gaudaur, the champion orsman, has received a challenge from Elias Rogers, of Worcester, Mass., to row on Lake Quinsigamond, for \$500 a side. Gaudaur will row to Worcester if the stake is made \$1,000, or will row for \$500 if Rogers will come here.

Want an Investigation. Westchester, Pa., March 20.—A meeting of the depositors of the embroiled Chester County Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company was held here today. A petition addressed to the court, asking that an investigation of the affairs of the company be ordered was read and was signed by all of the depositors present.

HER CHARACTER DEFAMED

Such Is the Claim of Miss Myra E. Macomber.

SUES MRS. SARA A. SPENCER

The Girl Was a Student in the Business College of Mrs. Spencer and Was Asked to Withdraw, No Cause Being Given for the Request.

The suit which was yesterday filed by Miss Myra E. Macomber against Mrs. Sara A. Spencer for alleged defamation of character, promises some exceedingly interesting developments when it comes up for trial.

Mrs. Spencer, as is well known, conducts the Spencerian Business College, at the corner of Seventh and D streets northwest, and she is known as one of the most successful female educators in the country, having been engaged in teaching for forty years.

Mrs. Spencer was seen by a Times reporter at her apartments over the college last evening, and in answering questions regarding the suit she was naturally inclined to be reticent.

"Of course, I regret the publicity which must naturally attend the suit just brought against me by Miss Macomber," she said, "but I am not at all concerned as to the outcome of the case. I have had more than thirty years' experience in dealing with pupils and it is hardly likely that I should do anything so foolish as to slander a young girl placed under my charge by her father."

I have never breathed a word against Miss Macomber's character, and when I felt called upon to request her withdrawal from the school, I did it in private and at the same time wrote to her father in East Montmouth, Me., of my action.

"An aunt of Miss Macomber's, named Mrs. George McLaughlin, called in connection with the young lady, on the day after her withdrawal from the school, and endeavored to have me reinstate her. This I firmly refused to do; whereupon both the aunt and Miss Macomber raised such a din in my office that all the pupils on that floor of the building learned of the first time that the young lady had been asked to leave the school. I flatly refused to give Mrs. McLaughlin any reasons for my refusing her niece to withdraw, as I had written to her father, who had paid her tuition while she was in the college."

"The right of a school or college to suspend or even expel a pupil, who, in their judgment, ought not to remain in the institution, is, I think, unquestionable."

"Of course I shall say absolutely nothing of the reasons which caused me to request Miss Macomber's withdrawal from the school, until I am compelled to do so in a court of law."

It was learned that Mrs. McLaughlin, the aunt of Miss Macomber, has recently separated from her husband, Thomas McLaughlin, and it has been rumored that a divorce suit is pending.

Miss Macomber lived with the McLaughlin couple until the household was broken up, which was only recently. Last week Mrs. McLaughlin took room in the Stewart building, at the corner of Sixth and I streets northwest, and Miss Macomber went with her. This building is almost exclusively occupied by lawyers, one of whom is A. B. Webb, who is associated with Attorney Charles W. Fitts in Miss Macomber's suit.

Neither Miss Macomber nor Mrs. McLaughlin could be seen last evening, but they were observed in their apartments on Madison street.

Mr. Thompson McGuire refused to say anything whatever concerning the case beyond the fact that the young lady formerly lived at his house.

Miss Myra Macomber is an unusually handsome girl and is about nineteen years of age. She dresses most stylishly and would attract attention anywhere. She comes of an excellent family in Maine, and it is understood that her father is a man of means.

Mrs. Macomber, the young lady's mother, will arrive in Washington within the next few days.

FRIENDS' A. A. INDOOR GAMES.

First Meet Brings Out Promising Athletes and Basketball Players.

The Athletic Association of the Friends' Select School, No. 1811 I street, held its first meeting last evening in the city, held an indoor athletic meet last night in the new gymnasium attached to the school. A large and enthusiastic audience literally crowded the young athletes in their work. It is proposed to have an annual indoor meet, and the games of last night were preparatory to the field games that have been arranged for May 15.

The work of the young athletes was of a high order, and reflected credit upon themselves and upon their instructors who have worked faithfully with their charges.

Following is the list of events and winners:

In the running high jump, for juniors, H. Hume won with a jump of 4 feet 1 inch, and for the seniors in the same event, Whitely Day was the winner.

Standing high jump, junior, Lawrence Day, 3 feet 6 inches.

Standing high jump, junior, Edward Townsend, 7 feet, and for seniors, Augustus Blagden, 7 feet 7 inches.

High kick, senior, Augustus Blagden, 7 feet, 8 inches.

Potato race won by Edward Townsend, best two in three heats.

Bar vaulting, senior, Gerry Townsend, 6 feet, 1 inch.

Sack race, senior, Gerry Townsend, best two in three heats.

Three-legged race, junior, Henry Kipper and Howard Hume, best two in three.

The evening's program closed with a spirited game of basketball between the F. A. A. team and a team made up of ex-students and instructors, and was won by the latter by a score of 14 to 2. It is proper to add that the F. A. A. team was weakened by the absence of two of its regular players. The referee of the game was Arthur Calver, and scorer, Albert Thorne.

The teams were made up as follows: F. A. A.—Blagden, Townsend, Proctor, Dail and Gilbert. Ex-students and instructors—Gregory, Wilson, Mount, Wilson and Washington. The officers of the meet were: Judges, Chauncey Hackett and Walter Bennett; measurers, Arthur Calver, Reuben Clark, and Fontaine Gregory.

OSBORNE HAS TAKEN HOLD.

Sworn in as Consul General to Great Britain.

The new consul general at London, M. McK. Osborne, is the first of the foreign appointees of the Administration to enter upon his work. He took the oath of office at the State Department yesterday and immediately began to accumulate the knowledge of his new office the hope of being able to relieve Consul General Collins at the earliest possible moment.

As soon as he can be made familiar with the routine he will leave for London.

VIEWS OF THE MINORITY

Mr. Bailey Will Write the Report Containing Them.

THE DEMOCRATIC POSITION

It Will Attempt to Point Out the Sophistry in the Republican Contention—Some Difference of Opinion—Various Interests Clamoring for Protection.

The Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee have agreed that Mr. Bailey shall write a minority report. He has undertaken to do as is believed to be busy with that work. He went to New York on Friday night, and will return today. His report will, of course, be submitted to his associates for their approval before it is presented. It is expected to be conservative and will probably not treat the subject of free raw material upon which it is understood there is some difference of opinion among the Democratic members. It will be a full statement of the Democratic position and refute the arguments advanced in the Dingley report, to show that revenue is not necessary and that a high protective tariff is for the best interests of the people.

Gen. Wheeler has stated that he will sign almost any report written by a Democrat.

Mr. Swanson said last night that his position had been misunderstood. He did not fail to vote in favor of the substitution of the Wilson tariff on wool for that proposed by Mr. Dingley. The only material upon which he was willing to see a duty was a fine grade of cotton, employed in making fabrics used only by the wealthy. It is good Democratic doctrine, he said, to put a tax on luxuries, as this would be doing.

The representatives of several protected industries are gathering in this city to demand that the Senate Finance Committee will begin to hold hearings next week preparatory to its work on the Dingley bill when passed over to the Senate by the House.

A number of makers of linens are here and already working in the interest of the increased duty put on their goods. They hold that the rate fixed is not high enough to allow them to operate at a reasonable profit and pay the customary high wages, much less to advance them as they would like to do.

New England yarn makers are also said to have sent representatives to Washington to insist that the rate allowed is not sufficient. One of these is said to come from Smith, Dune & Co., of Andover, Mass.

The duty on granite in the new tariff bill is 40 per cent ad valorem. To increase this duty to 100 per cent is possible, is the purpose of the visit to Washington of James Thompson, the president of the Granite Manufacturers' Association, of Quincy, Mass. Mr. Thompson is accompanied by Mr. J. S. Sear, of Boston, a member of the Home Market Club.

The two New Englanders had a long conference this morning with Mr. Taft, of Minnesota, with Mr. Dilliver, of Iowa, and other members of the Ways and Means Committee. They explained the methods of the American trade, which contrasts the importation of the Aberdeen granite to the United States, and submitted documentary evidence to show that six of the seventeen members of the trust have protested strongly against the increase in the rate of duty to 40 per cent, and the other members of the trust have protested against the increase in the rate of duty to 40 per cent, and the other members of the trust have protested against the increase in the rate of duty to 40 per cent.

It was also shown that Scotch granite could be laid down in Chicago at a cheaper freight rate than from the Oranville mines in this country. Consequently, they claim, the matter of distance is no protection to the American manufacturer.

Mr. Taft thinks the American manufacturer should be protected by a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem and 50 per cent ad valorem. He will use his best endeavor to the committee to secure a higher rate than is afforded by the bill, but the other members of the committee show an unwillingness to extend the rate beyond 40 per cent.

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Old Charles

"Old Charles wants to see you."

"All right," said the young man, descending the steps two at a time, and pausing abruptly where the old man stood leaning on his cane.

"Well, Charles, how are you?"

"Eben! sah. Pol'y, pol'y, sah." Old Charles lifted his antiquarian hat and waited expectantly.

"I say, Charles, did you get those clothes?"

"Whut clo'es, Marce John?"

"Why, the coat and vest and trousers you asked me for."

The articles in question had mysteriously disappeared at the time of the move, and the young man had accused his wife of giving them away or trading them to the old clothes man "without even looking in the pockets and removing those valuable papers he had particularly requested her to save."

He had said, disgustedly. Then it suddenly occurred to him that old Charles had asked for them, and that he, the young man, had replied: "Tell my wife to give them to you, but be sure and tell her to take all the papers out of the pockets."

Strange to say, she had heard nothing whatever about the matter until it was discovered that the clothes were missing.

Old Charles' face was a study. Slowly he scratched his head, and said, hesitatingly, "Whut, cote en ves en pants? I doan remember nothin' 'bout 'em, Marce John."

"Well, Charles," said the young man's wife, "they were hanging in the closet the day you helped me pack up, and now we can't find them anywhere."

"Look here, Charles, don't play 'possum. You know you've got them."

"Fo' God, Marce John, ain't I done told you I got er boy on my han's whut's sick, en ain't done a lick er wuk, en ain't I done sez, 'Marce John, youse got some ole clo's hangin' up dar. Anythin' youse gwine ter 't'ow dar, yo' mought's well to 't'ow 'em, en ain't yo' done sez 'yo' can hab 'em'?"

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No matter what anybody says—just know of your own knowledge—when you finally settle upon what Housefurnishings you need—that you are getting the best for your money. For our part we shall be glad of the privilege to show you through our stock—give you our prices freely—because we are not ashamed of either. We know absolutely that you cannot go anywhere else and do as well.

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CASH OR CREDIT.

HOUSE & HERRMANN,

Liberal Furnishers,
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