

HAS QUIT BUSINESS.

The Metzert Music Company Stock of Pianos and Organs in Hands of Factory Agent.

To Save Time and Return Freight, They Will Be Closed Out Here at Less Than Wholesale Cost.

Those who may be contemplating the purchase of a piano, organ or pipe organ, will be interested in the proposition I have to make here.

The following notice explains itself: WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15, 1898. To whom it may concern: Having concluded to permanently retire from the music business, we have this day turned over to Mr. W. H. Collier, factory agent, the Metzert Music Company's entire stock of pianos, organs, stereo fixtures, etc., and will proceed to close out the same, at private sale, or to some dealer's profit.

It is not often that articles of the character of pianos and organs can be bought at special bargains, or anything approaching the wholesale cost, for the very good reason that the large expense of conducting the business, the small number of sales made by any one dealer, make it necessary after adding a business profit for the dealer to sell them at what is seemingly a very high price.

In this sale to close out the Metzert stock in a very short time, I have decided to cut off not only the business profit, but the natural business expense, which is added by every dealer, and offer the entire stock at wholesale cost, and on easy payment terms, concluding that this is the best way out of the dilemma.

Every instrument in the house will be marked in plain wholesale cost figures—no more will be added to the business profit. This stock consists of some of the very best pianos made in this country—pianos of world-wide fame as standard high-grade instruments, also distinct pianos selected from and in all the various fancy woods and design of cases.

We cannot quote prices on many of the instruments here, as it is not necessary for every instrument is plainly marked at wholesale cost figures, but, as an example, we offer a fine new "Standard" piano, 4 feet 3 inches tall, full scale, burled walnut case; regular price, \$250; sale price, \$165.

We offer brand-new regular \$275 pianos, full scale, rosewood case, for \$175. Twenty-five dollars cash, \$5 or \$10 per month buys them.

We offer a nice Wheelock upright piano, 4 feet 4 inches high, full scale, worth \$250, for \$165.

We offer the highest grade of 550 cabinet grand pianos, with rich, hand-carved panels, mahogany or English oak cases, for \$325. Rosewood case, same piano, \$350 less.

We offer high-grade, medium size, \$450 pianos, mahogany, oak or burled walnut cases, for \$325.

Fine new Brown and Simpson pianos, worth \$225 to \$275, for \$125 to \$140; \$25 cash, \$5 or \$10 per month buys any piano in the house at this sale.

We offer brand-new parlor cabinet organs, worth \$50, for \$35.

PREPARATIONS FOR WAR

Great Activity Prevails Throughout the Army and Navy.

DECISIVE ACTION AT LAST

The Operations at the Different Navy Yards Indicate Trouble with Spain Is Anticipated—Precautionary Measures Taken at Army Forts.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 18.—Indications that the Government is anticipating trouble with Spain seem apparent in its operations at this point. The monitor Terror, which has been at the navy yard for the past few months, and whose crew was sent to San Francisco ten days ago, has not been ordered to Hampton Roads.

Last night a telegram was received ordering the Terror to go in ordinary at League Island, but this morning another came reversing this order and bearing instructions to get the vessel ready to be sent to Hampton Roads as soon as her officers and crew arrive, which will be early next week.

It is thought that the department intends to keep the Terror in the roads for defense, and incidentally to receive the Viscaya, which is due here within the next two weeks.

The former double-turret barbette monitor Puritan, which is being overhauled at the navy yard, will be ready for duty in three or four days, and may be ordered to sea.

Orders were received at the navy yard last night instructing the bureau of construction and repair to get the force of boats Poole and Winslow tonight and all day tomorrow. All four of these vessels will be ready for duty by the middle of the week.

Assistant Secretary of War Melville Johnson joined Secretary Alger at Old Point Comfort late last night, but is very reluctant to move to the new quarters at the old headquarters at the capital today. A telegram was received by Major Fabel from Washington today, asking the field strength of the State and the number of troops in the various forts.

The State troops are being equipped with the latest pattern of rifles. Orders were received at the navy yard last night instructing the bureau of construction and repair to get the force of boats Poole and Winslow tonight and all day tomorrow.

At an earlier hour an informal reception was held in the lecture room, which was attended by the members of the society and also by the members of the Society of the Daughters of the Revolution, who are in the city.

After an hour or more of social intercourse the assembly was addressed by Rev. Dr. B. L. Whitman, president of the university, who spoke of the causes which led to the colonial war and of the heroism and sacrifices made by the men who battled for American independence.

The business session was conducted by Mrs. Daniel Lothrop, of Boston, the founder of the society. The roll call by delegates showed that thirty-nine States and 28 chapters were represented by 150 delegates.

On Tuesday a public meeting will be held at the Columbia Theater at 10 o'clock, when patriotic addresses will be made. Wednesday will be devoted to sight-seeing and in the evening the members of the society and their friends will be tendered a reception and banquet by the national officers, at the Hotel Cochran.

On Friday the members of the society will visit the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon. For this occasion two parties have been organized, one of which will go to Mount Vernon by steamer and the other by way of the electric cars.

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reservation, and no visitors are allowed inside the lines. The big guns recently shipped here are being mounted, and a gang of men is detailed at night to keep the works. The fortifications are not complete, but every effort is being made to hurry things up, and it is said this is due to the war talk of the past few days.

Work on the defenses of Narragansett Bay are being pushed as rapidly as material can be secured.

WAR SPIRIT RAMPANT.

Nebraska Will Arm and Equip 100,000 Men if Necessary.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 18.—The war spirit in Nebraska is intense. This is shown by the numerous messages of inquiry from all parts of the State which have been coming to the headquarters at the capital today. A telegram was received by Major Fabel from Washington today, asking the field strength of the State and the number of troops in the various forts.

GUARD THE SPANISH LEGATION

A Policeman is on Duty Outside and a Detective Inside.

One member of the Washington police force is specially charged with the duty of guarding the Spanish legation. Just what instructions have been given to this solitary man in American blue could not be learned. It is known, however, that he has been instructed to be especially watchful. The policeman spends most of his time in the shadows of St. Paul's chapel opposite the legation, where he nervously twirls his biton.

CHILDREN OF THE REVOLUTION.

Their National Convention Begins at Columbian University.

The second annual convention of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution convened yesterday at 2 p. m. at the Columbian University. At an earlier hour an informal reception was held in the lecture room, which was attended by the members of the society and also by the members of the Society of the Daughters of the Revolution, who are in the city.

CURIOUS BUILDING.

Different Foods Make Different People.

The kind of food one eats and the liquid one drinks has much to do in determining how much of health and strength may be depended upon to carry out life's work. True, the quality of the mind greatly affects the body, and on the other hand the reflexes from an ill-fed body seem to affect the mind.

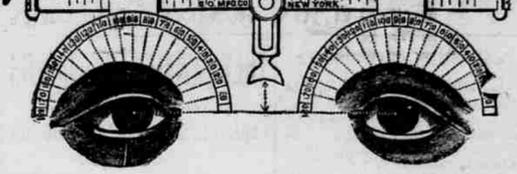
Well-selected food is of the utmost importance to brain workers and highly organized men and women. We are apt to eat and drink almost anything that looks and tastes good, and afterwards wonder why our brains do not seem as much as some friends whom we have in mind. Our physical systems are all a trifle disimilar, and when one finds that he is not keeping up to par, a close inspection of what is being put into the stomach is wise.

Many people are slowly, but very surely, injured and their lives cut short by the daily use of the roasted coffee, "Nonsense," some one says. It is easy to say nonsense when one does not have access to chemical research and scientific data. Facts are an exceedingly stubborn thing, more so than stubborn people are aware who cry out because some favorite drug cannot stand in a favorable light under the careful search of chemical analysis.

The stubborn facts about coffee will make themselves felt after the stubbornness of unfortunate users has broken down.

Health, longevity, the power to do things, and peace with the nervous system, are the things that weigh many times more than the indulgence in a cup of coffee. It is easy for one to slide off from the coffee habit when Postum Food Coffee is used, particularly if it be well boiled, for then the fragrance and taste of coffee is brought out of the Food Coffee, and it is really delicious. Chemistry shows that it contains about 30 per cent of food elements necessary for rebuilding the brain and nerve centers.

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THEY AWAIT THE DIVERS

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led strongholds, where I cannot attack them, being, as I am, without artillery. FRANCISCO CASTILLO, Major General Guros, Fourth Corps. The facts referred to are as follows: On February 9 Gen. Carrillo received information that near Canaao and also near the Spanish fort at Nueva de Joboai two Spanish columns were massacring the pacificos and committing awful barbarities. Immediately after receiving this report Gen. Carrillo ordered Col. Bravo to approach Canaao with a force of 150 men, open fire on the Spaniards, and try to rescue their victims.

On the morning of February 10 Bravo and his men dashed upon the Spaniards, who retired to the fort of Nueva de Joboai, carrying with them some of their victims. Capt. Espinoza, with fifty Cubans, opened fire on the fort, and the Spaniards answered with cannon shots and bombshells, which compelled the Cubans to retire.

But Lucochoqui faint in the field, left by the Spaniards in their flight, the tortured bodies and burned remains of the victims already killed and the Cuban soldier, Rafael Infante, who was made prisoner by the Spaniards about two months ago. Infante was dying. He was carried to Gen. Carrillo's camp, and there he told the horrible story of Spanish cruelties suffered by himself and other helpless Cubans. He lived only four hours and was buried by the Cubans a quarter of a mile away from the army.

Infante said that when he was made prisoner he was locked up in the fort and tortured to compel him to guide the Spaniards to the camp of Gen. Carrillo at midnight and surprise him. As he refused he was deprived for a long time of food and water. After that he was beaten like a dog every day.

On February 10 he was carried out of the fort to be executed with many pacificos, who had been caught in the neighborhood by the Spaniards. He remembers among them Florentino and Jesus Arcego, brothers, one seventy and the other eighty years old. A son of Florentino, who was captured while ill of fever in a hut a half mile from the fort, was beheaded. Ramon Perelera was burned alive. Pedro Hernandez, a farmer and a native of the Canary Islands, had both his arms cut off and then he was beheaded.

Other tortures inflicted upon the prisoners cannot be described. Infants were being put to death with machete blows when the Cubans approached. Then he was abandoned, but six other prisoners who had been tied up to await their fate were carried into the fort again. The horrors of the Spanish inquisition, adds the correspondent, are not comparable with these atrocities.

A RAILROAD WAR.

Rates Cut Regardless of the Cost of Transporting Passengers.

What may develop into one of the biggest rate wars in this country's history has started between the Western railroads and the Canadian Pacific, and it threatens to involve not only the Eastern roads, but also all of the transatlantic steamship companies. Dispute over the Klondike passenger business was the primary cause of the trouble, for in the scramble for business radical reductions were made by all of the Western railroads reaching Oregon points, as well as by their connections. This was followed yesterday by a cut of more than 50 per cent in third-class passenger rates by the Canadian Pacific, as well as considerable reductions in freight rates.

Western railroads immediately met the rate of the Canadian rival, and called on all of their agents, as well as the foreign representatives of the steamship companies, to boycott the Canadian Pacific. Then the Western railroads urged the trunk lines to join them in fighting their foreign rival, alleging that the latter was their common foe and it would continue to demoralize the entire traffic situation if not driven to a point where it would be helpless and be compelled to submit.

Officials of the Joint Traffic Association, which is composed of all of the railroads between New York, Chicago and St. Louis, sent a committee to Montreal yesterday to confer with the Canadian Pacific officials to ascertain whether it

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1 Solid Oak Suite; serpentine front; 30x24 bevel mirror in dresser; worth \$55. This Sale, \$22.50

1 very massive polished Oak Suite; 28x30 dresser; 28x30 French plate bevel mirror; 24-in washstand; all heavily carved; worth \$65. This Sale, \$42.50

1 Solid Mahogany Suite; double swell front; large shaped French bevel mirror; solid cast brass trimmings; worth \$128.75. This Sale, \$87.75

1 Birch Suite; 28x24 bevel French plate mirror in dresser; neatly carved; regular price, \$36. This Sale, \$23.00

1 very fine Solid Mahogany Dresser; swelled front and sides; large oval mirror; worth \$55. This Sale, \$57.50

1 Fine Quartered Oak Chiffonier; 4 large and 4 small drawers; hat box; mirror top; regular price, \$24. This Sale, \$16.35

1 Lot Solid Oak Bedsteads from suites that were \$25 to \$40; we will sell for For 2 Days, \$3.90

1 Lot Solid Polished Oak Bedsteads from suites that were \$50 to \$75; we will sell for For 2 Days, \$5.90

1 Lot Fine Polished Oak Bedsteads from suites that were \$75 to \$100; we will sell for For 2 Days, \$8.90

1 Quartered Oak Sideboard; double swell front; large French bevel mirror; a Sideboard well worth \$55. This Sale, \$38.75

1 Fine Quartered Oak China Closet; swell front and sides; oval mirror top; French legs; regular price, \$40. This Sale, \$42.50

1 Fine Quartered Oak, 10-foot Extension Table; claw feet; very massive; regular price, \$27.50. This Sale, \$26.75

1 Very Fine Solid Mahogany Inlaid China Closet; swell front and sides; mirror top; worth \$120. This Sale, \$87.50

1 Oak Corner China Closet; regular price, \$15. This Sale, \$10.35

1 2-Piece Overstuffed Parlor Suit; upholstered in silk damask; worth \$50. This Sale, \$57.50

1 Fine Silk Mahogany Finish Frame; upholstered in fine silk damask. This suite includes sofa, large divan, arm chair, and two side chairs; price has been \$55. This Sale, \$52.50

1 12-Piece Suite; Mahogany finish frames; inlaid; upholstered in fine silk damask; worth \$16. This Sale, \$29.75

4 Divans; upholstered in silk Brocade; and silk damask; worth \$12. This Sale, \$8.75

1 Lot Arm Parlor Chairs; beautiful designs; upholstered in fine silk damask; worth \$5. This Sale, \$5.35

50 Parlor Lamps; Rochester Burners; at One-half Price

199 Miller Rugs; 36x78 and 48x66 in Brussels, Velvet and Axminster; were \$1.25 and \$1.50. This Sale, 75c.

250 Hassocks; that were 75c. Price during This Sale, 33c.

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4 pair Chenille Portieres—21-4 yds. long, 50 in. wide; regular \$5. This Sale, \$3.00

1 lot Oak and Mahogany Folding Screens, mounted in best quality Silkoline and Japanese Gold Cloth; were \$2. This Sale, \$1.98

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