



# WALKER'S STORE

THANKING OUR MANY PATRONS FOR PAST FAVORS AND WITH BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR, WE REMAIN YOURS VERY TRULY

*Walker Brothers Dry Goods Co.*



In Union Square!  
We'll hang our stockings on the trees.  
Perhaps some snow will fall in 'em.  
Come one—Come all!  
Both great and small!

I bet such a board would stir up a procession of exiles a mile long. And we'd get together and have a good crying match on each other's shoulders, while the band played Old Lang's Sign.

But it's over now. I've lived through the game of Christmas solitaire in a big city, and I feel as relieved as a man just getting out of a dentist's office. He's minus a few molars, and aches considerable, but he's full of a pleasing emptiness.

But let me say right here, and put it in black and white: If I'm ever dragged away from home again on Christmas, I'll take laughing gas enough for a day and two nights, or I'll take some violent steps to get company, if I have to hire a cayuse and a lariat and rustle Broadway, rounding up a herd of other unbranded stray cattle.

Well, this is a long letter for me, honey, and I will close. Love and kisses to the sweet little kids and to the best wife a fellow ever had.

Your loving Austin.

P. S.—I pulled off the deal all right. The syndicate buys the mine. I get \$500,000 in cash and \$500,000 in stock, and I start for home in three days. We'll hang up our stockings on New Year's Day.

(The Fates accepted Colonel Crockett's challenge, and, by an irresistible syndication of events, forced him to be alone in New York again the very next Christmas. After a series of masterly financial strokes, he had felt rich enough in his two millions to spend a year abroad with his family. A cablegram called him to America early in December, to a directors' meeting. Expecting to return at once, he had left his family in Italy. A legal complication kept him postponing his trip from day to day; and finally an important hearing, in which he was a valued witness, was postponed by the referee—ordereferer—till after the holidays. The Colonel saw himself confronted with another Christmas far away from any of his people. The first two days he spent in violent profanity, and in declining invitations which he received from business acquaintances to share their homes. Then he set out to make the occasion memorable. Once more we may leave the account to him.)

New York, Dec. 28, 1904.

Friend Wife:

Well, I've been and went and gone and done it! And golly, but it was fun—barring wishing you and the little ones had 'a'been here, too. Next year we'll arrange it so, for I'm going to do it again. You remember Artemus Ward's man who "had been dead three weeks and liked it." Well, that's me. This camping out in New York is getting to be a habit; I'm sending you a bundle of newspaper clippings as big as a stovepipe—all about yours truly.

(Continued next week)

## POLITICAL NOTES.

There are no politics on the surface at the present time in this state, but beneath the crust there are smouldering fires. The result of the late municipal election in Salt Lake City had a temporary three-fold effect. First—the Kearns crowd, who for buncomb, chose to call themselves the "American" party, were and are elated by their little local victory, and affect to believe that they have done something which will give them a standing in the state and some recognition in a national sense. Second—The Democrats feel elated because, by a mere accident, they came out second in the race and take it as an indication that their party from being little but a cypher has risen to a power to be reckoned with. Third—The Republicans, that is, the staunch Republicans who are Republicans from principle feel discouraged. The others who call themselves Republicans, but who only carry the name, had deserted their party for the false Gods presented by either the Democrats or the so-called "Americans."

As the smoke clears away and people begin to come to their sober senses they are asking, What of the future? The peculiar conditions which exist in Utah make the situation perplexing and those who are looking for a place to alight, and there are many of them here, don't exactly know which way to turn. The straight Republicans are recovering from the effects of their defeat and are regaining their courage, and hope to be in good fighting trim next autumn, when the state election takes place. An effort will be made to harmonize the warring factions in the party. A certain element of the party is talking of ex-Governor Heber M. Wells as a desirable congressional candidate, while others strongly adhere to Congressman Howell for another term. Chief Justice Barch wants to be elected for another term on the supreme bench and having failed in his senatorial ambitions, is working for the Republican nomination and the endorsement of the "American" party. It's a pretty smooth game the learned judge is playing.

It is said that under the new city administration Frank Matthews will succeed Ben Luce as land and water commissioner and Dr. Stewart will receive the appointment of city physician.

Senator Smoot is home for the holidays and seems very confident that he will retain his seat in the senate, notwithstanding that the Tribune "fires" him about three times a week.

The Tribune's special from Washington says Senator Smoot will be expelled from the Senate and that Congressman Howell's turn will come next. Does that mean that no Mormon will be permitted to hold office? That is the plain inference.

It is reported on good authority that ex-Senator Kearns and his inti-

mate associates have practically completed arrangements to start a new bank in Salt Lake. The capital is said to be \$1,000,000. Some assert there is politics in this move, but it looks more like straight business. The biggest mine, the biggest store and the biggest bank in the state is their slogan.

The Telegram, by maliciously and ignorantly interpolating a few words in an Associated Press dispatch a few days ago, made it appear that E. L. Callister had been superseded as internal revenue collector by Mr. Webster of Montana. The facts are that Mr. Webster continues in the office of the internal revenue department he has held for some time and Mr. Callister continues in his office as internal revenue collector for Utah, Wyoming and Montana, with headquarters in Salt Lake City, as heretofore.

Editor Cannon of the Tribune has been "under the weather" for a few days and his projected anti-Smoot personal crusade in the east has been temporarily abandoned.

Mrs. Schoff has discovered that ex-Senator Cannon is not to be the subject of the assassin's knife. The lady has discovered that she was imposed upon, but lays the imposition to Mr. Cannon's "Mormon proclivities," whatever that may mean.

The "American" members of the city council met in caucus a few evenings ago and agreed as to the appointments they thought the new mayor, Mr. Thompson, should make when he comes into office. Sheets for chief of police, Devine for fire chief, Frank Matthews for land and water

commissioner, Jake Raleigh for supervisor of streets, Dr. Stewart for health officer are among those agreed upon. Mayor-elect Thonipsqn has not expressed either acquiescence in or dissent from the programme mapped out for him.

Davy Gill is no longer private secretary to Editor Cannon of the Tribune. The methods of the Tribune and its editor were too rank for Davy.

The biggest mine, the biggest store, the biggest bank, the biggest trust company in the state is the ambition of ex-Senator Kearns and his business and political associates.

The Young Men's Republican club is scheduled to meet on the evening of December 26, in Judge Ritchie's courtroom in the city and county building, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. Willard Hanson is slated for the presidency.

## ALBUM OF UTAH.

There is in course of publication an art work bearing the above title. It will contain photographs and autographs of prominent professional and business men, with a brief note of their business, residences, offices, telephone calls, etc. It will be elegantly printed and splendidly bound, being an ornament to any library or center-table, and an indispensable adjunct to every office. The album will be interspersed with scenes and views of noted places. It is in no sense an advertising scheme, but somewhat in the nature of a ready reference to prominent people and places, and cannot fail to be a great help to Greater Salt Lake and grander Utah.

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- Children's Kid Lace Shoes (sizes 5 to 8) worth \$1.00, special price, ..... per pair **65c**
- Ladies' Felt Shoes, with leather soles, a pair **95c** Ladies' Storm Rubbers, worth 60c, special **45c**
- Men's House Slippers at slaughtering prices, from 45c per pair up.
- Don't miss this snap. Only 75 pairs of Ladies' fine kid lace shoes, pat. tip and opera heels, worth \$3.50, go while they last at \$1.98 per pair.
- Ladies' seven or ten button black Over gaiters, special price 33c per pair.