

SANG OF LOVE AS FOES DREW NEAR

Mexican Serenaders Fired Upon by Jealous Rivals.

Battle Under the Windows of El Cajon Valley's Fairest Belles.

Several Youths Wounded in an Affray Following a Merry Fandangó.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Nov. 17.—There was a fandango on the second night of El Cajon Sunday night and all the pretty Mexican girls were there with their tall and swarthy sweethearts. The party was given at Miguel Acosta's house, at the foot of the big hills separating the valley from the Jamacha country.

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TONS OF COYOTE SCALPS. Claims Filed for Over Thirteen Thousand in Nine Counties Within Four Months.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Nov. 17.—There was no meeting of the State Board of Examiners yesterday, owing to the absence of Governor Budd and Attorney-General Fitzgerald, and as a consequence the aggravating question of making a recommendation concerning an appropriation for paying certified coyote-skin claims is still unsettled.

Secretary Markley has, however, completed his report on the counties which the board consider doubtful.

Secretary of State Brown has contended all along that recommendations favorable to paying off uncontroverted claims or those which are not disputed exist of their justice, should be made in order that people who have acted in good faith will retain their claims and know that they will be paid as soon as an appropriation for the purpose becomes available.

The act fixing a bounty on coyote scalps was approved March 31, 1891, and repealed January 24, 1895.

As near as it can be ascertained the number of scalps for which claims were approved by the Supervisors of the various counties was 92,431, aggregating the sum of \$462,155.

The number of claims for which certificates have been issued is 57,523, aggregating the sum of \$287,916.

In every county of the State prior to that date there was a gradual falling off in the number of certificates issued in the year 1893, as compared with the number issued in 1892.

In the year 1894 there was a large increase in the number of certificates issued as compared with 1893, and especially the last quarter of 1894 and the twenty-four days in 1895 in the following counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Merced, Modoc, San Luis Obispo and Tuare.

The total number of scalps for which certificates were issued in these nine counties for the last three months in 1894 and twenty-four days in January, 1895, were 13,196, aggregating the sum of \$65,980.

San Jose's Eastern Shipment. SAN JOSE, CAL., Nov. 17.—The Eastern shipments last week footed up 3,359,180 pounds, of which 2,161,070 pounds were dried prunes. Other shipments were: Canned goods, 499,970 pounds; green fruit, 284,150; dried fruit, 2,417,800; wine, 52,830; garden seeds, 48,180; beans, 24,720.

San Rafael's Needwork Guild. SAN RAFAEL, CAL., Nov. 17.—The San Rafael branch of the Needwork Guild of America convened in the Wigwam this afternoon for the purpose of receiving the garments from the various directors. There will be an exhibition to the public to-morrow. This society was organized

three years ago as a branch of the Philadelphia society, but for two years has been an independent organization. Last year San Rafael sent away not less than 1300 garments. The question of reorganizing as a city branch has been considered, as the number of members is increasing from so small a town was becoming very difficult, but the required ten ladies have again offered their services as presidents and the independent branch will continue.

REDDING GOLD STRIKE. Body of Rich Ore Uncovered in the Recently Abandoned Uncle Sam Mine.

REDDING, CAL., Nov. 17.—The famous Uncle Sam mine, owned by the Sierra Buttes Company, which was recently closed as having "petered out," is again coming to the front.

The Sierra Buttes Company closed the mine and has for the past month been tearing out the machinery preparatory to shipment. They leased the mine to a couple of prospectors who had faith in the property, and for three weeks these two miners have been industriously at work searching for a body of ore they thought was in the lode. They have been rewarded for their labors by discovering a larger and richer body of ore than was ever worked in the mine, and to-day it was said they will secure a bond on the property and will eventually make a sale.

The Uncle Sam was one of Shasta County's greatest gold-producers and the Sierra Buttes Company took out of its works over half a million dollars above operating expenses.

The news of the big strike was received with universal satisfaction in Redding, as the Uncle Sam furnished the nucleus for a considerable amount of business here.

Suicide at Shasta. REDDING, CAL., Nov. 17.—Mrs. William Baker, living at Shasta, committed suicide last evening by taking a dose of carbolic acid. The cause is not known.

RIGHT BOWER IS FAVORITE. Lively Betting at Merced on the Coursing Contests That End To-day.

MERCED, CAL., Nov. 17.—To-day's coursing of the plains was of Merced supplied rare sport. The trials were very heavy, eight out of ten being finished out of sight of the spectators. With two or three exceptions the hares took the dogs away from two to three miles. There was not

such a large number in attendance as yesterday. This was due, no doubt, to the rain that was falling fast when the coursers left the town this morning; but by the time the coursing grounds were reached the sky cleared.

The first and second ties were run down in about four hours, leaving seven dogs yet to contest. Betting was heavy all through and to-night there was a large number around the pool boxes, and money was being showered in.

In the first ties Moondyne beat Blackette; Hercules, after an undecided, beat Venture; Grace Darling beat Red Iron; Little Wonder beat Sarcastic; Sinatol beat Little Corporal; Master Glenkir beat St. Lawrence; Sam beat Magnet, after an undecided; Dottie Dimple beat Annie Laurie; St. Cloud beat Lily of the West; Kingston beat Tom Fitz; Electric beat Paderewski; Right Bower beat Flashlight; Straight Tip beat Skyball; Carmen beat Vida Shaw.

In the second ties Moondyne beat Hercules; Little Wonder beat Grace Darling; Dottie Dimple beat Sam; St. Cloud beat Kingston; Right Bower beat Electric; Carmen beat Straight Tip.

The third ties will commence to-morrow with Moondyne vs. Little Wonder; Sinatol vs. Dottie Dimple; St. Cloud vs. Right Bower; Carmen a bye. Right Bower is now a hot favorite for the final, but Sinatol and St. Cloud are both dangerous indeed, each of the seven now left in it is a fighting hand and any of them may gain the coveted honor.

OUTING FOR STANFORD PLAYERS. Varsity Football Men Will Continue Training at Congress Springs.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., Nov. 17.—It was to-day decided by the football management that the players should go down to Congress Springs for the final week of practice before the big intercollegiate match, instead of leaving for Noonan, a small mountain resort above Woodside, as has been done in the past two seasons, on Walter Camp's advice. Satisfactory arrangements could not be made this year at the customary resort, so it became necessary to select another, and choice fell on Congress Springs. There the men will be able to put on the final touches of their game without being bothered with worrying questions as to the players' health or condition from over-exercising and kindly meaning partisans.

There is another reason why such a trip is especially necessary for the Stanford players. Their Berkeley opponents have the advantage of practicing at a greater elevation and the tendency is for their wind to be stronger than Stanford's. It is chiefly to overcome this advantage that the Stanford men will be sent to the mountain resort during this last week of training.

Most of the men are delirious at the prospect of leaving the campus for a few days. The team will probably leave on Friday next.

SAUSALITO, CAL., Nov. 17.—A large delegation of Belvedereans was in San Rafael yesterday to petition the Board of Supervisors for the incorporation of their beautiful little town. Permission was granted by the board, and an election will be held on Saturday, December 13.

Taken Out of Drydock. VALLEJO, CAL., Nov. 17.—The flagship Philadelphia came out of the drydock this morning. The construction department finished work at noon. The ammunition will be taken on board at once. The ship is expected to leave for San Francisco to-morrow.

Seized at Riverside. RIVERSIDE, CAL., Nov. 17.—W. H. Heatherley, the counterfeit maker who was arrested some time ago at San Jacinto and escaped to be retaken at Oceanside on Saturday after a search of several months, was to-day placed in the Riverside jail.

Captured Near Tulare. TULARE, CAL., Nov. 17.—George La-

CLAIM THEY SAW A FLYING AIRSHIP

Strange Tale of Sacramento Men Not Addicted to Prevarication.

Viewed an Aerial Courser as It Passed Over the City at Night.

Declare They Heard Voices of Those Aboard Joined in Merry Chorus.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Nov. 17.—A vast amount of excitement was created among residents in the outskirts of the city to-night by the appearance of what they claim to have been an airship, which, seemingly under perfect control, passed over the city, going in the direction of San Francisco. The sky was obscured by heavy clouds and it was impossible to ascertain the shape and size of the aerial conveyance, presuming it to be such, but the onlookers followed its course by the lights displayed, which were about twice the brilliancy and size of an arc light.

In speaking of the appearance of the reputed airship, an eye-witness of undoubted veracity said: "When my attention was called to the traveling light it was, I should judge, about 1000 feet high, but as it approached the city limits it arose to probably an elevation of 2000 feet. When I first saw it it was approaching from a northeasterly direction, and on arriving at the city limits it bore off to the south until past the city, when it turned toward the southwest as if resuming its course toward San Francisco."

"When the airship passed over the streetcar company's barn, a crowd of the employes came out, and they claim that they distinctly heard people's voices singing in a chorus, a rattling song, which gradually died away in the distance. The lights of this mysterious visitant were visible for upward of thirty minutes, until they passed out of sight."

A lineman in the employ of the Postal Telegraph service claims to have seen the same visitant about 9 o'clock in the vicinity of Suisun on Sunday evening. The impression here seems to be that some one has solved the mystery of aerial navigation, and is conducting his experiments at night in order to escape imperient curiosity.

Under charge of East Park, which lies outside the city limits, state that as the airship passed over the park the voices of men, who seemed to be disputing as to whether they should cause their conveyance to rise higher, could be heard. The lights then rose rapidly into the air and passed on.

OREGON SIAMM RISING. No Abatement of Floods in the Interior of the State.

PORTLAND, OR., Nov. 17.—A fierce snowstorm raged over the Willamette Valley last night and snow fell heavily for hours. Such a blizzard has not been seen for three years, and at this season it is remarkable.

The Willamette River is still rising and the water is spreading over the lowlands below the city and sweeping everything before it. No trains came on the Northern or Southern Pacific to-day owing to the flood. The wires are down on the Northern Pacific line, and how serious the washouts on that line are cannot be told. The Southern Pacific overland was sent out to-night on the west side by way of Hood, and then across to Albany. The Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's Union Pacific trains run in all right, but the tracks on the Columbia River are threatened by high water. The flood has torn out wires in all directions and communication with the interior of the State is very difficult.

Several trestles have been washed out by the flood, and the Grand Opera Company, which was to have opened in Portland to-night, is impossible. Some where between Kalama and Tacoma, at Cottage Grove, Or., several houses have been washed away by the river and many families have been compelled to seek safety. The railroad is impassable, and there is no telling when trains can pass. The few incoming travelers state that a heavy snowstorm is raging up the valley and regular blizzard weather prevails.

At Salem a great deal of damage is reported in the Mill Creek Valley and adjacent territory.

Rain Falls at Napa. NAPA, CAL., Nov. 17.—A heavy rain-storm, accompanied by high wind, is raging here, with no signs of clearing.

Stanford's Editor of "Josh." STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., Nov. 17.—Chris M. Bradley, one of the brightest men in the sophomore class, has been selected editor in chief of Stanford's part of Josh, the intercollegiate comic weekly. Charles Field, the predecessor of Bradley, and looked on as the cleverest writer so far graduated by Stanford, was forced to sever his connection with Josh on account of a recent promotion in his profession which demanded his complete time. Bradley has been the head man at Stanford for gathering Stanford matter and he was elected to the vacant place. He is a student of the law, and will appear as editor in chief for the first time in the Thanksgiving number, which promises to be the best issue of Josh up to date.

Curios From Bering Sea. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., Nov. 17.—A large collection of curios and exhibits from Alaska and the seal islands collected by Dr. Jordan's party during the summer months, while the Bering Sea Commissioners were investigating the seal question, have arrived and will be shipped immediately to Washington, D. C. They will be used by Dr. Jordan to illustrate his arguments and report to the Cabinet officers.

Portland Cracker Factory Burned. PORTLAND, OR., Nov. 17.—The plant and stock of the Oregon Cracker Company on North Front street were destroyed by fire last night. The four-story building was gutted completely, and the machinery will be almost a total loss. The insurance is not known. It is estimated that the stock was worth about \$7000 and the machinery and plant \$25,000.

Fire at Red Bluff. RED BLUFF, CAL., Nov. 17.—The office of the Morning News was gutted by fire this morning shortly after the paper had been issued. The composing-room, job office and business office were all destroyed, and some damage was done in the press-room. The loss is \$2500; insurance \$1850.

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mar was arrested yesterday while hiding in a shack a half mile east of Stillwater. He had robbed a dwelling at Lindsay and was trailed to Tulare. He wore a pair of stolen trousers. Among his belongings were a sawed-off Wells-Fargo shot gun and a 45-caliber revolver. Landa is suspected of being connected with some of the recent stage robberies. He is about 30 years old.

FIRST TRAIN TO TACOMA. Passengers From the East Get Through to the West.

TACOMA, WASH., Nov. 17.—Reports from the flooded districts show that the water is rapidly subsiding and within a few days trains will be running as usual. The first through train from the East since Sunday arrived at 10 o'clock this morning, bringing mails and passengers. This train was due early Monday morning. Yesterday's train will be in to-morrow.

A dispatch from Buckley this morning announced that the bridge over the White River at that point went out Sunday night and that Nisqually River was still a raging torrent. It will cost \$500 to replace the bridge. There will be no local trains to Seattle until Friday on account of damage to the bridge over White River near Kent. Two engines and crew are working day and night pulling out jammed logs and driftwood.

States Senator Squires' valuable fur is submerged and damaged to the extent of thousands of dollars. Several head of blooded stock were drowned and outbuildings washed away.

General Last Investigates. LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 17.—General C. F. A. Last, brigadier of the First Brigade, N. G. C., is looking into reports of suffering experienced by San Diego companies called out on Saturday on emergency orders. He has received a telegram from Captain Powers, one of the aids, to the effect that the report was greatly exaggerated. General Last appeared to think that this was correct, although he did not deny that the San Diego men might have been badly. None of the companies are properly supplied with blankets.

Utah Politician in Trouble. SALT LAKE, UTAH, Nov. 17.—Hon. Moses Thatcher, the Mormon leader, who was a candidate for the United States Senate, but without taking council of the church authorities, has been ordered to appear for trial next Thursday before the twelve apostles on the charge of violating church canons.

HARBOR COMMISSION WILL INSPECT THE CLAIMS OF RIVAL SITES. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—The commission authorized by the last year and harbor bill for the purpose of determining the location of the deep sea harbor in Southern California met this morning in the rooms of the Lighthouse Board.

The contest for years, between Santa Monica and San Pedro, the one on the outer and the other an inner harbor for the port of Los Angeles.

Congress is to accept the report of this commission as a final disposition of the question, and in accordance with the recommendation of the commission the appropriation, amounting to several millions of dollars, will be made. The personnel of the commission is conspicuous. Rear-Admiral Walker, United States Navy, is chairman. Other members are: Assistant Superintendent Rogers, detailed by the superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey; William H. Burr and George Morrison, of New York; Richard P. Morgan of Illinois, appointed by the President. The commission met for the first time this morning.

Such a report is made by the subject informally and endeavoring to agree upon the method of proceeding with its work. While no conclusion was reached, it is certain that at an early day the body will report to Congress.

Details of the work and all the occulting until the report is made to Congress. At the convenience of the President the commission will pay its respects to the chief executive. It is believed that the major part of the work will be done on the spot, as civil engineers are anxious to begin work at once and conclude it at the earliest possible moment consistent with the magnitude of the undertaking.

RICH BOOK DISCOVERED. GUTHRIE, O. T., Nov. 17.—J. W. Hanes, a Texas cattleman who came in from the Kiowa and Comanche reservation, reports that prospectors in the Wichita Mountains have struck several rich finds within the last ten days. He says that one party of three has easily worked claims in a ravine, where they are said to be worth \$100 per day in free gold. Another party has discovered traces of the mines formerly worked by the Indians, and they are being shadowed by the Indian police, who will undoubtedly attempt to drive the prospectors out.

A BUSINESS BLOCK BURNED. MARION, ILL., Nov. 17.—Fire this morning destroyed an entire block of business buildings, causing a loss of \$50,000. The sufferers are: W. L. Simpson, saloon; H. T. Dunstan, saddlery; H. N. Boles, saloon; G. H. Goodall, general merchandise.

WRECKED BY A TEXAS STEER. VICTORIA, TEX., Nov. 17.—Last night at 7 o'clock, two miles this side of Clip, a stock pen on the Beville extension of the Gulf, Western Texas and Pacific Railroad, containing a number of cars of stock loaded at Berkeley, destined to St. Louis, ran over a steer on the track. The engine was derailed and Walter Cook, the engineer, was killed. Edmund Edmonds, well fitted for the job, had been on the engine and four cars were wrecked. The engine and four cars were wrecked. The engine and four cars were wrecked. The engine and four cars were wrecked.

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Strange Story of a San Diego Millionaire's Last Hours.

Friends Kept From His Door by a Negro Who Guarded the Entrance.

Passes Away Ignorant of the Fact That One of His Daughters Had Married.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Nov. 17.—A strange story was unearthed to-day as a result of the filing of a copy of the will of Nimrod Lancaster, deceased. Lancaster was a Chicago millionaire, and was 83 years old when he died. He left the United States a poor man, and returned from South Africa within two years worth almost a million, much of it in diamonds. He was a great lover of diamonds, and when he died had a lot of gems, one of them reputed to be worth \$25,000.

The old man came to San Diego in 1891, seeking relief from rheumatism. He invested in property here, including a mortgage on the new Carleton Hotel. He returned in 1894, bringing his pretty niece, Miss Bessie Wallace.

The girl fell in love with a young bank clerk, and the old man became so enraged that he ordered her to pack up and return to Chicago. The girl instead went to Oceanside, and about that time the clerk disappeared, too. When they returned the story leaked out that they had been married at sea.

The old man forgave the girl, and she managed to keep the story of her marriage from her ears. He gave her diamonds worth \$35,000, and she gave one of the rings, a superb diamond, to her husband, who wore it until the diamonds were called in by the old man's administrators on the ground that the title had not legally passed from him.

The old man became very ill, and on June 8, 1894, another niece, Mrs. Mary Phipps of Indianapolis, arrived to look after him. She discharged the physician in charge and hired another. She placed a negro porter at the door of old Lancaster's room with positive orders to admit no one but herself. The younger niece easily gave in.

Lancaster, knowing that he was about to die, had sent it is said, for the owner of the hotel and made it known that he wished to surrender the mortgage in exchange for kindness shown him. The man went after his papers, and when he returned found the patient in very bad shape with his tongue swollen so badly that he could not speak. As he was trying to make signs of what he wanted, the owner of the house was hustled out of the room, on the ground that it was too exciting for the patient. So the old man died, and the mortgage still holds good.

The day after Lancaster died Mrs. Phipps left the new Carleton and soon returned to the city. In the East she and her husband applied for letters of administration and got them. The appraisers of the estate fixed its value at \$80,000, consisting mostly of Chicago real estate and diamonds. The young niece, Miss Wallace, disappeared with the older one and they took the old negro porter with them.

The girl is mentioned in the will as receiving one-fourth of the estate, but Mrs. Phipps and her husband are not mentioned. It is said that the girl is trying to get back the diamonds.

Captain Mahan Retires. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—Captain Alfred T. Mahan, U. S. N., was to-day placed on the retired list at his own request after forty years of active service. Captain Mahan would have been promoted to the rank of commodore in a few months and could then have retired with increased pay. It is thought that he must have been forced to act now by reason of pressing literary engagements. Captain Mahan has a good record as an officer, but has a wider reputation as the writer of one of the best naval histories in existence.

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NEW TO-DAY. Secret Insurance Societies. LOUISVILLE, KY., Nov. 17.—The eleventh annual session of the National Fraternal Congress of Secret Insurance Societies began this morning. There were 150 delegates present, representing a membership of nearly 200,000, with insurance of nearly \$400,000,000. After an address of welcome by Mayor Todd the congress settled down to business.

Sale of a Baseball Team. GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Nov. 17.—Manager Ellis sold the Grand Rapids baseball team at noon to-day to Bob Leadley of Detroit and Robert G. Lowin. The terms are not made public, but it is known that a good round sum was paid. The sale includes the franchise and players on the reserve list.

To Build a Railroad. NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 17.—The Herald's correspondent in Managua says that the Nicaraguan Government has signed a contract with two Americans to build a railroad from Lake Nicaragua to a port on the Atlantic coast. An important land concession has been granted.

Sale of a Railroad. CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 17.—The Chicago and Northern Pacific Railroad was to-day sold by Master in Chancery Bishop for \$3,000,000. The sale was made by the reorganization committee of the bondholders.

Joseph Seidenberg Dead. NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 17.—Joseph Seidenberg, senior member of the firm of Seidenberg & Co., is dead. He was a wealthy manufacturer of cigars, with factories in this city and Tampa, Fla., and extensive warehouses in Havana.

Death Due to Defeat. PEORIA, ILL., Nov. 17.—James Hannaford, who was the defeated Democratic nominee for County Clerk, committed suicide here to-day by shooting himself through the head. He had been disappointed since the election.

Bested in Nine Rounds. BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 17.—Tommy Dixon of Rochester bested Johnny Whitnour (colored) of Kansas City in nine rounds before the Connors Athletic Club here to-night.

Death of a Tobacco Merchant. PLAINFIELD, N. J., Nov. 17.—Walter A. Bass, one of the best known tobacco merchants in the country died at his home in this city last night after an illness of four weeks.

Congressman-Elect Gites Dead. SHELBY, MO., Nov. 17.—Hon. K. P. Gites, who was recently elected to Congress from the First Missouri District, died here to-day.

A Thief's Queer Booty. Sanford E. Thompson of Newton mourns to-day the loss of a package of butterfies and beetles from India, which some thief stole from Bishop's express wagon while it was being driven in from Newton last night.

The package stolen contained five boxes of rare insects which had been collected in India. Very likely the thief was disguised as a milkmaid, and he made an attempt to dispose of the articles, as they are not readily salable, and the police were notified of the theft last night. Some of the insects were the property of Mr. Thompson, while others had been placed in his keep by a friend who had collected them in India. Any restitution the express company can make would not be enough to make up for the loss of the rare beetles, and he expects never to see them again, as the thief probably would throw them away when he found he could not dispose of them readily.

The collection represents a vast amount of work in India and to duplicate it might be the work of years.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Napoleon's Army in 1813. In order to arm an equip the men raised by conscription Napoleon had recourse to his private treasure, drawing 55,000,000 francs from the vaults of the Tuilleries for that purpose. The remaining ten were transferred at intervals to Brest, but all his treasure could never do what did not exist. The best military stores were in the heart of Europe; the French arsenals could afford only antiquated and almost useless supplies. The collection of horses for the heavy artillery and cavalry. Worse than all there was no time for instruction in the manual and tactics. On one occasion a boy conscript was found standing inactive under a fierce shower of fire, with artless intrepidity. He was remarked that he believed he could aim as well as anybody if he only knew how to load his gun.—Sloane's "Life of Napoleon" in the Century.

To keep the 30,000-odd miles of telegraph line in order in Great Britain, and provide for the proper dispatch and delivery of the millions of messages that pass over them every month, entails an expenditure of about £2,250,000 a year.



SMOKE Injured Us But Won't Hurt You! Most every one of you are familiar with the fact of the fire we recently had; the papers have spoken of it so exhaustively that there is but little ground for us to cover, save that to tell you that our four floors were permeated with smoke and the damage was quite a heavy one and these goods we are selling at half price.

There is no visible means of the damage, it being purely smoke. You know our stock to be the finest, the highest creations of art tailoring, so you can appreciate what half price means on our high-class goods for man, boy and child.

The sale is in progress to-day, and judging by the crowds we will be able to call it off in a very short time, as we desire to get ready for our holiday business as quickly as possible; so short-order methods are in vogue, and such values as you will get will cause you to remember this sale for years to come.

SMOKE!

Our very swiftest of Reefer Top Coats, in Chin-chilla, Kersey, light, dark and blues, none handsomer in America; very highest creations; goods that we got out for the holiday trade. These at 1/2 Price

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Our very cleverest of Cape Overcoats at 1/2 Price

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