

MILLIONS OF ACRES WILL BE OPENED

Fruitful Work of Attorney Joseph H. Call of Los Angeles.

Through His Efforts Vast Tracts of Valuable Land May Be Taken Up.

Forfeited by the Railroads According to a United States Supreme Court Decision.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 18.—The indefatigable labors of Attorney Joseph H. Call of this city, special Government counsel in several cases involving titles to large bodies of the public domain covered by railroad land grants, are bearing fruit.

His latest victory over a railroad corporation is comprised in a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, which is of the greatest importance, since it covers a very vital principle of Federal law and will eventually open about 5,000,000 acres of valuable land in California and New Mexico to the use and permanent occupancy of actual settlers.

The case was entitled Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company vs. Robert Mingo, and was brought by the company to eject Mingo from a certain tract of land in New Mexico, the land being within the grant of 1856 to the Atlantic and Pacific Company.

UNABLE TO PAY THE ALIMONY.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 18.—The marital woes of William C. Heilbron and his plucky little wife are becoming both numerous and complicated.

To-day Heilbron was in court to explain why he had not provided his wife with the necessary funds. The young man had what he considered sufficient excuse, and in explaining his neglect was called upon to give some account of his business.

The defense intimated that Mrs. Heilbron was not in distressing circumstances, that she had diamond worth more than \$1300 and property in Seattle that yielded handsome rents, besides having money in bank.

The charges in the complaint for divorce are willful neglect, habitual drunkenness and extreme cruelty. This branch of the case will be heard next Tuesday.

REDONDO BEACH FISH CANNERY.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 18.—There is a fair prospect that a fish-canning plant will be established at Redondo Beach.

Persons interested in the project have asked an experienced Eastern fish-packer to make an estimate of the cost of a plant capable of providing for the business. He has investigated and according to his figures such a plant may be placed here for about \$4000.

YOUNG MOTT'S TROUBLES.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 18.—Young and perverse Steve Mott, hero in the late episode with Miss Marguerite Hupp to Santa Ana, where they were married by virtue of a license obtained in Orange County, is liable, it seems, to a new and unexpected trouble.

Mr. Mott took oath before the County Clerk that he was 21 years of age, and as his appearance did not belie this statement, the clerk did not hesitate in giving him the document he so much coveted.

It transpires now that the father of the

young man says he is only 19 years old. County Clerk Brock, who was in this city to-day, was seen in reference to the matter. He gave it as his opinion that the matter will not rest where it is now if it is ascertained to a certainty that the young man is really under age.

FIERCE STORM AT LOS ANGELES.

Signs and Awnings Wrenched From Their Fastenings and Streets Are Turned Into Rivers.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 18.—After three days of muggy, threatening weather a storm of wind and rain broke over this city at 5 o'clock this morning with great violence. The wind was from the northeast and had force enough to wrench signs and awnings from their fastenings.

The rain fell in torrents for the space of about two hours and then ceased off to a gentle drizzle later in the day. The streets in lower part of the city were veritable rivers, stopping pedestrians in all directions. Considerable snow fell on the higher altitudes, but no damage resulted.

Reports from all Southern California points indicate that the rain was general and that it was the heaviest in many years. Small mountain streams did great damage to roads in some localities, owing to cloudbursts in the mountains and foothills.

San Diego, CAL., Feb. 18.—Rain began falling last night and continued most of today. Three-fourths of an inch has now fallen, making nine inches for the season. The storm now is general over the county, and the forecast announces a storm for to-morrow.

Ogden Woman's Strange Delusion.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 18.—Mrs. Thea McDaniel, a pretty woman, was committed to the Highlands Insane Asylum to-day. She came here from Ogden, Utah, where she had been living for the past four years. She labored under the delusion that one of her sons, now dead, was kept in prison away from her.

One Year for \$26.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 18.—L. J. Laird Jr. was sentenced to one year's servitude in the penitentiary to-day by Judge Smith for forgery. Laird passed a check for \$26 on a local grocery. He had been arrested in San Francisco previously for stealing a woman's pocket-book.

Mme. Modjeska's Critical Condition.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 18.—Mme. Modjeska's condition is about the same as yesterday. The temperature is normal, but the heart action causes the physicians anxiety. A diagnosis of the case shows that it is clearly catarrhal appendicitis.

Lou Mac Kelly Is Divorced.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 18.—Lou Mac Kelly was to-day granted a divorce from J. A. Kelly on the ground of cruelty. Kelly was at one time County Recorder and is brother of Mrs. Garner, who is well known in San Francisco.

To Recover From Politicians.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 18.—Suit to recover \$500 on a promissory note has been brought by Charles A. Schroeder against Theodore Garner and C. F. Weber, well-known politicians, now said to be sojourning in Mexico.

SAN JOSE'S BULB SHOW.

Profusion of Flowers Displayed by the Santa Clara County Floral Society.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 18.—The bulb show of the Santa Clara County Floral Society opened auspiciously in Turn Verein Hall this evening despite the threatening weather. A large crowd was present. The hall was beautifully decorated, and the scenes presented in the various booths were enchanting and magnificent.

From the center of the hall vari-colored paper ribbons were festooned to the edge of the balcony. A pretty fountain illuminated by electric lights was in the center of the hall. Booths were arranged around the sides of the room. They were decorated with palms, ivy, smilax, ferns and greenery, and separated from one another by portieres of vines.

Over 20,000 bulbs were exhibited in the booths. They were all fine specimens and included hyacinths, frezias, jonquils, tulips, callas and china lilies and Bonzon daffodils. Other flowers and shrubs were exhibited.

The following program was presented on the stage: "Local solo," "Day Dreams," "Glee," "The Chimes" (by Charles Dickens), "Miss Mollie" (by Charles Dickens), "The Chimes" (by Charles Dickens), "The Chimes" (by Charles Dickens).

Exhibits were made up of the following: Mrs. J. H. Sykes, Mrs. F. H. Thomas, Mrs. Judge S. A. Barker, Mrs. Dr. J. N. Brown, Miss Jane Williams, Mrs. George Koenig, Miss Erna Schabel, Mrs. S. A. Borner, Mr. Schultz, Mrs. J. R. Bailey, Mrs. Mary Pilot, Mrs. R. Langford, Mrs. O. Benson, Mrs. Helen Lorimer, Miss Lizzie Abbott, E. H. Earhart.

Mrs. Robert Syer has charge of the supper-room. She is assisted by Mrs. J. H. Corrick, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. O. Bannan and Miss Boyie. The lemonade booth is in charge of the Misses Celine Delmas and Erna Schabel. The assistants are the Misses Leonie Porral, Anna Hatman and Nettie Delmas. Mrs. Dr. Livingston presides over the candy booth. She is assisted by the Misses Mabel Wastie, Wanda Pearl Livingston, Marie Chapman, Stella Zumwald and Lezette Howard.

On the right as one enters the hall is the reception room of the Floral Society. Mrs. J. F. Thompson is in charge. Others in the booth are Miss Effie Hatford, Mrs. A. L. Mueller, Mrs. J. R. Bailey and Mrs. J. L. Aay.

The officers of the society are: President, Mrs. J. F. Thompson; vice-president, Cyrus Jones; Flora, Mrs. J. R. Wilkie; secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Abbott; treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Livingston; treasurer, Mrs. Helen Lorimer.

The show will continue until Saturday evening. There will be a change of programme nightly.

Arrangements for Forgery.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 18.—Frank Cherrie, who was arrested last evening on a charge of forgery, was arraigned before Justice Dwyer to-day and his examination fixed for February 26. Bail was fixed at \$2000. He forged the name of I. S. Thompson, a rancher, to an order for \$18 50 on E. T. Pettitt, a fruit-grower near West Side. A short time ago Cherrie was arrested on a charge of stealing cattle from the Hynd ranch, on the San Joaquin, but the evidence was not sufficient to convict him.

Laguna Seen Land Attached.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 18.—Sheriff Lyndon yesterday attached five tracts of land, comprising 634 acres of the Rancho Laguna Seca. The attachment was made on writ issued in a suit brought in San Francisco by George F. Allart against the Citizens' Water Company. The amount involved is \$11,993.

Removal—Dr. S. W. Dennis, dentist, has removed from 115 Powell street to Parrott building, 825-835 Market, over Emporium.

ORANGE HEAPS DRAPED IN SNOW

Soft, Fleecy Flakes Descend on Cloverdale's Citrus Fair.

It Serves but to Add Beauty to the Exposition of Golden Fruits.

Large Crowds Journey to the Fiesta Which is Auspiciously Opened to the Public.

CLOVERDALE, CAL., Feb. 18.—The air and the scene were redolent of the tropics inside the Citrus Fair Pavilion to-day, but outside the chill, contrasting hand of winter had touched the mountains during the night and left them robed in a white and glistening garment of snow.

Inside the pavilion oranges and lemons were heaped in huge pyramids; outside they were kissed by ripples and tufts of snow, or had icicles hanging upon them.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Feb. 18.—Rain began falling last night and continued most of today. Three-fourths of an inch has now fallen, making nine inches for the season. The storm now is general over the county, and the forecast announces a storm for to-morrow.

An old rancher who sat by the fireplace in the hotel this morning after a long drive said he had lived in the valley forty years and had never seen so much snow before, and the quantity was only about one inch on the level. It gave the orange trees which ornament the front yards of Cloverdale residences a new beauty and did not hurt the crop the slightest.

The crowds that attended the pavilion seemed to greatly enjoy the novelty. They pointed to the snow as another example of the excesses of Sonoma Valley climate. Sleighs laden with merry-makers passed through drives ornamented by oranges. By noon the light fall of snow had melted and a gentle rain began to fall. This is the first spell of unfavorable weather that has yet descended on Cloverdale's citrus fair. It is not regarded as an evil omen, however. The people take it philosophically, saying they cannot expect to have the weather bureau perpetually on their side.

The weather did not decrease to any noticeable extent the crowds that came in from other cities to-day. About noon a long train arrived with enthusiastic excursionists from Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Healdsburg and other towns. The crowd, with the people of Cloverdale and its immediate vicinity, completely filled the pavilion during the afternoon and at night.

A decided novelty of the day and exhibition is that while it was winter outside, dozens of canary birds hanging and swinging in cages amid the piles of lemons, olives and golden fruit, with each other in their glad songs and filled the big hall with a chorus of melody.

Flowers have been added to the festoons in green, white and yellow now sweep in graceful curves across the scene and the decorations are complete. Some of the decorations are the luscious nuts of the previous blossoming.

This evening A. W. Foster, president of the San Francisco and Pacific Railroad, said in regard to the citrus fair: "The people of San Francisco would be astonished if they could see this magnificent display of citrus fruit. It is the finest exhibit that has ever been made."

This section of the valley is steadily progressing year by year in the production of citrus fruits. I am surprised and full of admiration at the quality. Southern California cannot raise any better oranges or lemons. Sonoma County should be proud of the exhibit. The pavilion is also a great credit to Cloverdale."

General Passenger Agent R. X. Ryan of the railroad company also expressed his admiration and surprise at the excellence of the citrus exhibit.

A conference was held this evening by the executive committee of the fair and General Passenger Agent Ryan. It was agreed that to-day's excursion from Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Healdsburg and interlocking towns should be duplicated next Monday at the same rate of \$1 for the round trip from the two first named cities and 50 cents from Healdsburg. This was done owing to the inclement weather to-day.

To-night one of the numbers of the musical program by the Cloverdale Cornet Band was entitled, "And the Next Day It Snowed."

John Comer of Cloverdale presided, and made the opening remarks. He told the story of the resources of the valley displayed above, below and around the hill. Mr. Comer introduced the principal speaker of the evening, J. A. Thompson, editor of the Santa Rosa Democrat.

Mr. Thompson's subject was, "The Evolution of Agriculture in Sonoma County." The address was a highly interesting one, beginning with Padre Altamira, the first Californian to settle in Sonoma, though he was not the first Sonoma County farmer, the Russians having preceded him at Bodega.

"When there was no other agricultural gift to bestow upon Sonoma, Cloverdale crowned its products with citrus fruits," said the speaker. "The trees were first planted because they were ornamental. This gave nature her opportunity; she did the rest."

J. A. Kleiser, an honored pioneer, still among us and here to-day, purchased in San Francisco the first orange plant for which he paid \$5. He set out on the present Captain Field place. It was afterwards moved to the Bowman grounds. It is now thirty-four years old and is in full bearing. Other scattering trees are planted in the town after this and all flourished. Captain John Field was not the first to plant oranges, but he was the first to plant them for profit. It was a success. M. Menihan was not much behind Captain Field, and now has a highly productive orange grove on a lot adjoining his hotel.

"In 1833 the display of trees laden with fruit was so conspicuous that it occurred to a number of citizens to have a citrus fair. Colonel James B. Armstrong, who was always an ardent lover of nature and its products, a brilliant writer on the agricultural developments of the State, was especially interested. He was enthusiastic. An association was formed, of which Colonel Armstrong was president, W. T. Brush vice-president and G. B. Baer secretary. The directors were Captain John Field, Louis Holloway, I. E. Shaw and T. B. Wilson (now an ex-Behind the directorate was a sum of dollars without whom there is no success in such work. Among these were: Mrs. J. A. Kleiser, Mrs. E. Shaw, Mrs. W. T. Brush, Mrs. H. Larrabee, Mrs. Lou Holloway, Mrs. John Field, Mrs. H. Gerhardt, the Misses Laine, Miss Larrabee, Miss Mary, Miss Dominie and Miss Minnie Potter."

The fair took place on the 1st, 2d and 3d of February, 1833. It was a great success. The people of the State and country and even 61 Cloverdale were astonished at the progress that had been made. It greatly stimulated the planting of citrus fruits. The results of this fair are before you to-day—not only in the fruits exhibited, but also in this splendid building in which they are displayed. This leads up to the building and its construction, which is also an outcome of the fair of 1833. Most of the organizers of that fair were promoters of the pavilion scheme of

1836. How could it help being a success? There were Captain John Field, who never kicks at anything; there was Menihan to pour oil on the troubled waters; Humbert with an extra bridge for an unexpected chasm; there were Baer to boom it; the Revell to wake it up; Alberiz to throw light upon it; Senator Holloway to make laws for it; T. B. Wilson to start it; and Messrs. Kleiser, Shaw, Hubbard, Merritt, Caldwell, Finckhower and Mrs. Freston and many other helpers behind these promoters. These ladies must not be forgotten. Without their encouragement and support the fair would have been no fair and no pavilion, but they did co-operate and it was done; and now the Cloverdale maiden can look out upon the olive and orange groves which surround her home and in a dream of the hopeful future she may be, as did a great poet's 'talking Oaks':

And when my morn of marriage comes  
Altera Deus et astra  
An olive spray and orange bloom  
In wreath about my hair.

"Citrus of Cloverdale, I most heartily congratulate you. This pavilion you have erected is the first in Northern California for the display of citrus fruits. It fitsly crowns the work of the evolution of agriculture in Sonoma County."

To-morrow will be Mendocino County day, and a special excursion will come from Ukiah to this city. The principal speaker will be Mrs. Ann Morrison of Willits. Saturday will be San Francisco day. Henry J. Crocker will bring out a party from this city. The railroad offers special excursion rates from San Francisco, Sonoma and all other points along the line. Sunday the fair will remain open, but there will be no special programme. At 11 o'clock to-night crowds are still promading the aisles to the music of the band.

NOT TO BE BRIBED.

The Governor of Washington Springs a Senator in the Case of Henry Graemer.

SEATTLE, WASH., Feb. 18.—Governor Rogers sprung a sensation to-day by giving out correspondence tending to show that O. Wegener, the alleged friend of Henry Graemer, the murderer who is doomed to be hanged in a few weeks, has been raising thousands of dollars in the East, presumably for the purpose of bribing Rogers to grant Graemer a pardon.

Wegener has for three years past been taking an interest in Graemer's behalf. He worked for Graemer in California in ample of the execution by telling them through the papers and by private correspondence that Graemer is innocent and that only one thing could save him—money. It claimed he raised several thousand at the time. Similar letters were sent to Germans in other parts of the United States.

That was before Governor Rogers took office. Once again Wegener has flooded the country with circulars asking the German citizens for money wherewith to save the condemned man who has been represented as an innocent man and the victim of malice and prejudice and a man who is being politically held in jeopardy by office-holding hands, to be rescued for a ransom. Wegener has charged the Superior Court Judges and the Supreme Court Judges with corruption, and now he implicates the Governor of the State.

It appears that Wegener has secured \$2000 from the State of Texas alone and is asking for more money, declaring that if "lots" of money is immediately sent the Governor can be persuaded to pardon the condemned man; but above all, "more money" is absolutely needed. Wegener has all along claimed that he can prove Graemer's innocence, because a certain "Jack Quincy," if he could be produced, would swear that Graemer was in Tacoma on the day of the murder, and thus establish an alibi.

In the East Wegener has been telling a different story. He claims the "anarchism" of the people of Seattle about corrupt public officials is responsible for Graemer's position, and he points out that the condemned man should be saved by Germans throughout the country sending in all the money that can be spared. To such ends has Wegener pressed his claims that certain Germans of the Middle States have begun to doubt his story, and one of them, William Weber, editor of the Krieger Zeitung, published at Belleville, Ill., has written to Governor Rogers concerning Wegener and his methods. Governor Rogers gave out the letter to-day, which read in part as follows:

"My own position is strictly neutral. I do not wish to harm an innocent man, nor do I desire to countenance a swindle and immoderate attacks upon the justice of our courts."

Governor Rogers' private secretary has written Wegener a letter, in which he says:

"Governor Rogers directs me to inform you that he is in receipt of a communication from William Weber, editor of a German paper published at Belleville, Ill., saying that you had written appeals to the German papers throughout the United States for funds to be used in securing the pardon of M. Graemer with the understanding that these funds are to be applied in a corrupt manner. The Governor desires to say that if you have given out such an impression you have done him a great injustice. It is not the Governor's intention to interfere in any case where application for pardon does not prove conclusively that the convict is innocent and that the crime charged against him. The evidence in Mr. Graemer's case is very damaging to him. The Governor has said emphatically that he will not pardon Mr. Graemer. He now reiterates it."

STOCKTON'S OLDEST WOMAN DIES.

"Auntie" King, Who Had Passed the Century Mark, Found Expiring in Her Yard.

STOCKTON, CAL., Feb. 18.—Registrar Eckstrom of the Associated Charities yesterday went to the house of old "Auntie" King, an aged colored woman who had been dependent upon public charity for a number of years. Mr. Eckstrom could not arouse anybody by knocking and so he entered the dwelling, which is located at 106 West Jackson street. The house was empty, but what appeared to be a newly started fire burned in the kitchen stove. Mr. Eckstrom went into the back yard, expecting to find "Auntie" King at the pump which is located there. He did find her there, but she was almost lifeless and expired soon afterwards. She lay nearly hidden in the grass, and had not the registrar chanced along just when he did she would probably have died in the past, her body might have lain there hidden for days in the rain.

The old lady claimed to be 106 years old, but her friends say that she was not nearly so old as she imagined. She was, however, far past the meridian of life. She had been eccentric with age for many years and her chief dread in life was the Hospital. She would never go there.

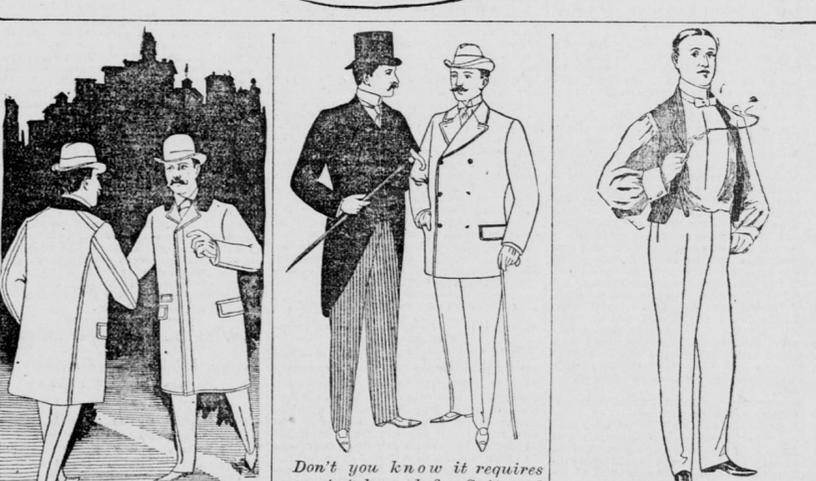
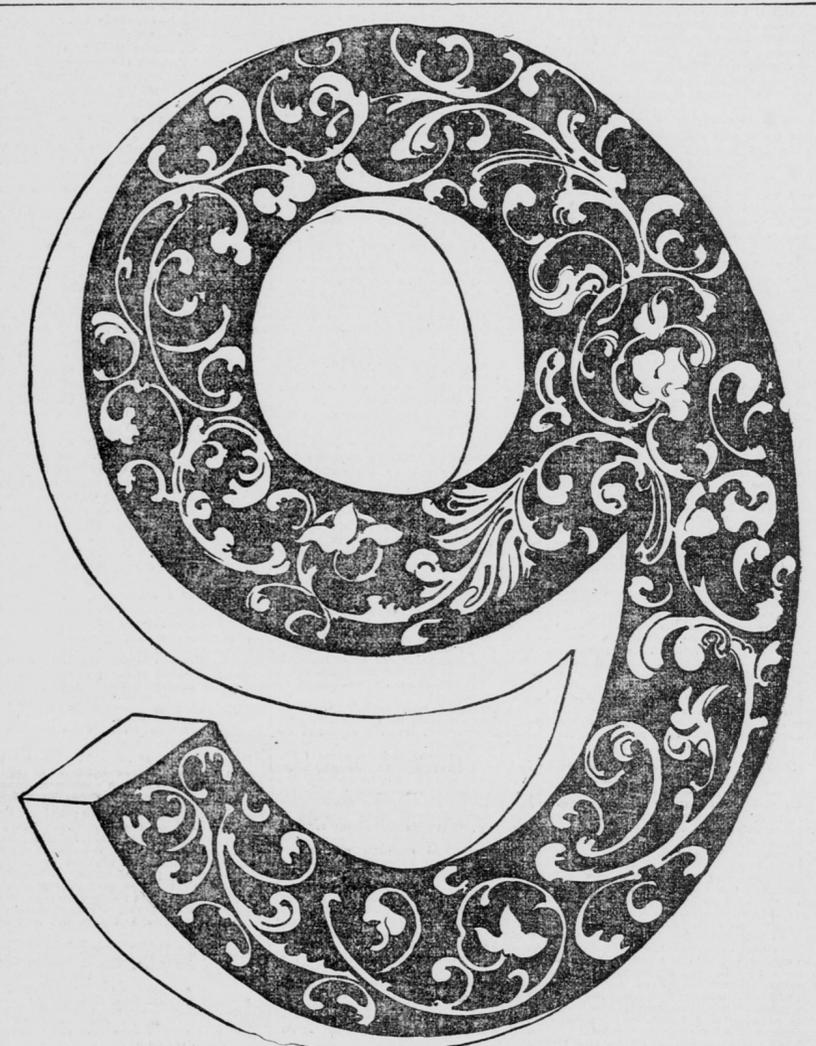
Stanford's Chief to Go East.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., Feb. 18.—Dr. Jordan will leave for Washington next Tuesday evening to attend to matters connected with the seal investigation. His presence there is necessary to interest the new administration in the work. He is accompanied by Professor Clark. Nearly all the other members of the old administration will be affected by the change of administration. Although his preliminary report has been printed, the final report, which is much more complete, is yet to be made. Dr. Jordan will be absent about three weeks. Professors Griggs and Angell will be in charge of his university lecture courses.

Napa Pioneer Passes Away.

NAPA, CAL., Feb. 18.—William Russell, age 75, a Mexican war veteran, a California pioneer of 1843 and member of the bear flag party, died at the Veterans' Home yesterday.

WITH YOUR EYES SHUT! You need no guide in the Big Store; you needn't even be a judge. This Challenge Sale of ours given forth this week dispenses with all judgment of clothing. The only question is: Have you \$9? And with it do you wish to purchase goods worth \$18, \$17 and \$16? You can wander through the Big Store, through the piles of fashionable clothing, where the fashionable people trade, and lay your fingers on dressy suits, hundreds of 'em, dressy overcoats, be fitted by salesmen, and pay ---\$9.00---



The Overcoats Are awfully swell—the creations of swell tailors—in fine English Kerseys, with deep velvet collars, in blues and blacks. Some awfully clever Kersey Overcoats in tans and drabs, garments that are worth all the way up to \$18, at the Challenge price of \$9.00. Our corner window is the speaker of the house. Don't you know it requires nerve to take such fine Suits and Overcoats, the very cream of our stock, and say ---\$9.00--- FOR PICK. The very cleverest of tailor-made Suits in fine Black Clay Worsted, Gray Clays, Blue and Black Twills, English Twill Serges, in neat overplaids in the dressy Cutaway, Single and Double Breasted Sacks, clever garments all of 'em, Suits that have sold all the way up to \$18, at the Challenge price, ---\$1.10---

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