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ADVERTISE.

Just now everybody is in search of articles suitable for holiday presents, and consequently everybody ought to know where everybody can get the best goods at the best price, with the least trouble. This can be accomplished by the storekeepers if they will only advertise properly and liberally. Times may ... hard with dealers, but they will ... surely succeed in making them harder by a false economy in not making known to the public their specialities in stock. At this season purchasers only need to be directed by the newspapers where their wants can be supplied.

THE HOLIDAYS!

Christmas is Coming! What to Buy, and where to Buy Holiday Presents.

...ks off and our ...

CHRISTMAS is not two ... citizens are looking about for some... that will be appropriate and desirable for Christmas and New Year's presents. This habit has now become general, and it is one of the pleasantest and most commendable customs of society. How many bright eyes have sparkled, how many young hearts gladdened, and even among the older class how often have friendships which had been chilled by the cold passages of life, been warmed into renewed existence by some slight token of affectionate remembrance.

IMAGINE a wife, who begins to feel that she is neglected because business has kept her husband engaged and his thoughts too much away from home, receiving a handsome velvet cloak from Selby & Naudain's, No. 322 Pennsylvania avenue. How quickly she cheers up with this assurance that her love and devotion are appreciated. And yet there is nothing lost, for the cloak must be purchased *some* time. Then why not go at once to this popular establishment and make your wife happy, and enjoy the sight of the honeymoon smile again.

MESSRS. A. S. PARR & SON, the popular insurance agents, No. 3, Young Men's Christian Association building, very appropriately suggest that in the midst of our festivities we should remember that as they pass away so we also must pass away. It is a pleasing reflection to know that those we love cannot suffer and where we are gone. A life insurance policy in one of their first-class companies, presented to a wife, mother or daughter as a Christmas present, while perhaps not as dazzling as some mere ornament, would show that there was a deeper feeling actuating the donor than a mere desire to please, which would be sure to be appreciated.

SANTA CLAUS, not the aboriginal, but the original skate man, has received assurances that this winter is to be a cold one, and has accordingly made arrangements to do his share toward rendering it a merry and happy one, by securing the largest, most varied, and beautiful assortment of skates, including New York and Philadelphia Club skates, the Ladies' Clipper, Vulcan, Star, and Day patterns; the Rondits, Saratogs, &c. Every young man should go to Savage's and buy the handsomest pair and a pair for himself, and if he is not paid by seeing the glow of health which the exercise in the bracing air brings to the cheeks of the maiden, he is a curmudgeon unobserving her regards. Savage's Skate Depot and Hardware Store is at Pennsylvania avenue and Tenth street.

NEXT TO A SCOLDING WIFE, which we feel confident no reader of the REPUBLICAN has, the greatest annoyance is a measly fitting shirt. Any gentleman who has ever felt this inconvenience will fully bear us out in the above remarks, and to such we desire just to whisper that they should go to Mitchell's, No. 431 E street, one door east of Seventh street, and procure some of his perfect fitting Shirts of New York Mills cotton and the best linen, which he sells for three dollars each. When we say they are manufactured under the eye of the proprietor, we give assurance of the excellence of the work. Shirts will be renovated at the low price of forty cents apiece. Go to Sutherland's and try his shirts, and you will always hold him in grateful remembrance.

HOW MANY PEOPLE are anxious to rise in this world—how many too are unwilling to make the exertion, to practice self-denial, cultivate every opportunity, and husband their resources. "If wishes were horses beggars might ride," and so, too, might lazy, ambitious people get up high in the scale of popular opinion, if the inimitable law of justice did not exact sounder and consequentive effort. Woman's ambition is not wholly to enjoy the political rights of men; yet they have laudable desire to excel—in what? The sensible ones in making the very best bread. But even bread will not rise without the aid of yeast, and the best way to make it light as high in the opinion of all concerned is to purchase the Columbia Yeast Powder. Yes, reader, rise from the perusal of this notice and go straightway to A. Stoddart & Co's, 439 Ninth street, between D and E streets, where it can be obtained in quantities.

WHO WOULD THINK of going to a Christmas dinner or making a New Year's call in shabby clothes. It is true fine clothes will not make a gentleman, yet it is a well established fact that gentlemen are often judged by the clothes they wear. A moment's reflection will convince the reader that such is the case. We all feel better when we are well dressed. To be well dressed we must be fashionably dressed, and to be fashionably dressed we should go to Habig & Co.'s celebrated clothing establishment, 468 Pennsylvania avenue, between Third and Four-and-a-half streets, where can be found, in addition to their large stock of clothing, ready-made and made to order, everything wanting in the way of furnishing goods for a gentleman's complete outfit.

ONE IS OFTEN PROMPTED to ask what becomes of the elegant stock of dry goods filling the stores of the merchants on Market Space. To be sure they are sold some time, but the motto of M. Taylor & Co. is not to keep dull goods sales. Why should they wish to keep their shelves crowded with the latest dress patterns. Idle goods is idle money, and beside how many hands are kept idle that might be busily engaged in making up the goods for those willing to purchase at the lowest prices. So the firm of M. Taylor & Co. reason, and the astonishingly low prices at which they have been and are disposing of their splendid stock, the unnumbered patrons that throng their store all day long, testify conclusively both to their wisdom and that of their customers. Let all with one accord go hence to Taylor & Co.'s, on Market Space.

WHO ARE THE MANUFACTURERS OF THE FINEST PIANOS?—Can any one say? After all may it not be a matter of taste, the workmanship and skill of the artisans being equal. The production of fine-toned instruments is no longer a secret confined to a chosen few. Years ago, when Chickering & Sons were unknown to fame, when their magnificent, purest pianos had not been offered for the inspection of the music-loving community of Washington—we say many years ago, this might have been regarded as a hard saying, but that day has past, and no one can better demonstrate the fact than Adam Geib, who is not only the sole agent for the sale of these celebrated and universally popular instruments, but also the Great Union Company's pianos. His warerooms, so convenient to the Avenue, are No. 491 Eleventh street.

IS IT NOT ESSENTIAL for the harmony and peace of every well-regulated household that the piano should be kept in tune, provided always that the smaller members do not play upon them at their pleasure? Who can describe the grand effect of perfect harmony! Surely you would not attempt to do so in a badly tuned instrument. And if the evil exists—for we insist it is a nervous evil—let it be speedily remedied. Tell your husband, O! Wild man, we mean G. L. Wild and his brother, at their piano store, 497 Eleventh street, who have the finest ear for tuning and repairing (worst) of musical instruments. Do not pledge your faith on that alone; other instruments are also put in serviceable order.

WASHINGTON CITY is exceedingly fortunate in her art repositories. The taste of the people evinces the highest culture, and it is not strange Messrs. Smith & Strong should have selected such an admirable place as they have, adorned with like very genius of art. Who has not studied with the profoundest pleasure "Rogers" groups of sculpture! Go to 245 F street and see the entire collection. Smith & Strong are the sole agents for the District. Ladies in their afternoon rambles will find this store a delightful place to spend a half hour, and no better place in Washington either to make their purchases of everything in the line of fine arts.

"BROWN," who keeps the Coal Yard—Did you ever hear of him? Did you ever consider what a necessity fuel is in cold weather, especially about Christmas time? The readers of the REPUBLICAN who wish their Christmas dinner cooked in apple-pie order, must remember W. K. Brown, dealer in coal and wood. He keeps constantly on hand Lehigh valley, red and white ash coal, of the different sizes. Sawed and split wood, also, Shepherdstown cement. What else? Why leave your order at No. 322 D street, adjoiningNey office, or at the depot, corner of Eighth and G streets, Island.

WHO HAS NOT LOOKED into the beautiful store, No. 402 Pennsylvania avenue, and feasted their eyes by the hour on the rich bindings and classic lore of this well-stocked store! Is there anything in the line of foreign literature that you cannot obtain at this well-known and ever popular establishment of Mohun & Hobert. Since Josh Billings' famous almanac was first issued, almanacs have been all the rage. Refer to the list of "Almanacs" of every description, and keep time to the music of the Union, as well as the correct time of day. By all means go in time and make your purchase of the calendar for 1870. Bad luck to wait too long, you know.

THE SEASON has been one of peculiar styles, rich in plaids and glaring colors. A stroll along the Avenue on a pleasant afternoon is indeed a charming recreation, greeted as you are on every side by the beauty and fashion of the capital of the nation. Who provides this endless variety in pattern and plaids? We are credibly informed William R. Riley & Bro., No. 36 Central Stores, furnish their share, and an examination of their extensive stock of fine dress goods, plain and plaid Irish poplin, rich colored and black silks, black silk velvet, cashmere shawls, and in fact all that could possibly be enumerated in a well selected stock—such only as Riley & Bro are famed for keeping. All who want—and who is there that does not want—the best dry goods—let them inspect the Central Stores of W. R. Riley & Bro.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, Dec. 13, 1869.

Board of Aldermen.

The regular weekly meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last evening, the president, Mr. J. S. Crocker, in the chair; present members except Mr. McCalmont.

The Mayor transmitted ... of the water ... showing re... ...ipts on account of water tax, ... water rent, $[illegible] taps and permits. Total, $[illegible]. Referred.

Collector F. A. Boswell transmitted a letter with a bill of John C. Parker for stationery furnished on letter's office from July 1st to November 8, 1869, asking the Board to provide for its payment, as the Mayor has persistently refused to do so. Referred.

Mr. C. H. Bliss, superintendent of sewers, carriageways, &c., detailing his operations since his appointment to that office, which was ordered to be printed on the Journal.

Mr. Stewart presented petition of Mary O'Brien for relief. Referred.

Also, introduced a bill for the construction of an outlet to the main sewer in 1 street, at its intersection with Rock creek. Referred.

Mr. Moore presented the petition of John A. Rheem for abatement of tax assessed for the construction of a sewer in Seventeenth street west. Referred.

Also, petition of A. T. Richards withdrawing his name from a petition already filed for the change of a certain grade. Referred.

Mr. Slater introduced a bill making an appropriation for deficiency in appropriation for ... ending fiscal year for Centre market ... present and pre... market.

Mr. Morsell presented petition of ... Schoenreiter for relief, accompanied by a bill. Referred.

Also, bill for the relief of Cruit & Campbell. Referred.

Also, the following resolution, that the city surveyor submit to this Board a plat of the southern line of Boundary street, from Maryland avenue to Rock creek, with the angles and distance at every change in each square separately; also, the true magnetic course with the variation now allowed at the National Observatory; also inform the Board whether there are any encroachments by the property owners on the northern boundary, who they are, and at what points, and designate the same upon said plat; also, sections showing the elevation at every one hundred feet or nearer, as the inequalities of the surface may indicate in the established grade line. Passed.

Mr. Clark introduced a bill making an appropriation for the day watchman at the City Hall. Referred.

Also, making an appropriation to build a sea-wall from the west side of the canal to Washington's wharf. Referred.

Also, presented the following:

Whereas great destitution prevails in our midst, in consequence of the large number of aged and infirm people made paupers by the late emancipation, and for their support that have resided among us during and since the late rebellion; therefore be it

Resolved, That the committee appointed to represent the interest of this corporation before Congress be, and they are, requested to urge upon that body the necessity of making an appropriation which will, with the means set apart by the corporation, together with the annual provided by private contributions, be sufficient for the relief of these unfortunate poor.

Adopted.

Mr. Connolly offered the following:

Whereas the liberal spirit manifested by the citizens of the District of Columbia in assisting the holding of an Industrial Exhibition in Washington in the year 1871, by their generous subscription of one million five hundred thousand dollars is all of the enterprise, merits the prompt encouragement of Congress; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, &c., heartily approve the action taken by the citizens, and earnestly recommend to Congress a speedy passage of the bill recently introduced into the Senate and House, incorporating the International Industrial Exhibition.

Passed.

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