

ROBERTSON BROTHERS CO.

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The season has been far behind the expectations of manufacturers. The output was tremendous. There was only one thing left to do after this predicament was determined and that was sacrifice.

We don't mind telling you that we loaded up heavily on the good things that this backward season has caused manufacturers to offer.

End-of-Season Prices on Our Entire Stock of Apparel

300 Wooltex Coats

At \$15.00 and \$25.00

(Worth 22.50 and \$25)

261 High-Grade Suits

At 9.95, 11.95, 18.50 & \$25

(Worth 15.00 to 50.00)

These prices average a third less than regular prices. What finer Christmas gift could be chosen. Learn her size and leave the rest to our saleswomen.

Your choice of any Suit in our mammoth selection (with the exception of new velvet models just received) is at your disposal at January Clearance Sale Prices.

Regular 15.00 Suits on sale at \$9.95

Regular 18.50 Suits on sale at 11.95

Regular 25.00 Suits on sale at 18.50

\$35, \$45 and \$50 Suits on sale at \$25

Alterations Free and guaranteed to please you.

All the novelty and staple fabrics of the season are represented. The styles are those favored by fashion-loving women the country over.

FURS End-of-Season Prices on Coats and New Sets FURS \$8000 Worth of Furs and Coats at 60c on \$ FURS

Thousands of dollars' worth of fur sets and separate pieces go on sale Wednesday at prices averaging 60c on the dollar.

Sixty-five of the highest grade fur coats that have lately arrived are to be sold at prices averaging 60c on the dollar.

- Regular \$75 Scotch Mole Sets—on sale at \$45
Regular \$50 Hudson Seal Sets—on sale at \$45
Regular \$50 Sitka Mink Sets—on sale at \$28.50
Regular \$40 Black Fox Sets—on sale at \$35
French Coney, Red Fox, Natural Raccoon Sets \$10 to \$25
100 Separate Muffs; values to \$25, choice each \$10

- Regular \$45 Black Pony Coats—on sale at \$25
Regular \$50 Black Pony Coats—on sale at \$29.75
Regular \$75 Near-Seal Coats—on sale at \$45
Regular \$87.50 Near Seal Coats—on sale at \$59
Regular \$100 Sable Squirrel Coats—on sale at \$59
All sizes up to 46.

Children's Coats—Great Big Values Come to Us Through Special Purchasing ROBERTSON'S—Store Open Evenings Till Christmas—ROBERTSON'S

in later years several times councilman from the first ward. William Brookfield and Brownfield also have records connected with the early history of the city.

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The rioters were driven from the garden after one man had been hurt. The fight is said to have started over the division of apples taken from sleeping spectators by the "dips" that always appear at the garden during a six-day race.

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NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT. Estate of Katarzyna Suszyńska. By direction of John Sitkowski, administrator of the estate of Katarzyna Suszyńska, late of St. Joseph County, in the State of Indiana, deceased.

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BIKE RACE SCENE OF RIOT. Two Gangs of Hoodlums Fight Pitched Battle. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—While the 16 teams left in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square garden went merrily on their way smashing record, two gangs of hoodlums fought a pitched battle in the building early Tuesday.

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DR. THOMSON'S EYE TALK. (TALK NO. 211.) When we say a person is far-sighted we do not mean that he can see at a long distance. While many people in this condition have good distant vision they never see better than a normal eye.

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IMMIGRATION MAN MAY BE "NEEDLE" VICTIM. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 9.—Following the report that George Baker of New York, said to be an immigration inspector, had been robbed of valuable government papers on the steps of Lakeside hospital, police and government officers Tuesday were looking for two men believed to be members of the New York "poison needle" gang.

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TELL HOW TO SPEND \$50,000

How the \$50,000 Epworth Hospital fund will be spent is set forth in a report just issued by the trustees as follows:

We have stated that \$25,000 a year is our cost of operation, but the cost of administration is \$2,666.50, or a little over 10 per cent. The remainder goes to the care of patients.

In this last year in moving our kitchen, installing new plumbing, and opening up a new kitchen, we have had an expense of \$500.35, the moving of the kitchen alone, however, will pay for itself in a single year.

Our new mangle in the laundry, at a cost of \$600, will save the hospital \$300 to \$400 each year. This will give the people an idea of what we are trying to do and how hard we have labored in watching every corner in the effort to maintain the highest efficiency of service and keep the cost down so we could go ahead, because it certainly would be a calamity if the hospital were to close the doors.

It is our aim to reduce our cost of administration, as it is the aim of any large business to reduce theirs, and we submit for comparison a plan as large as this great institution, with as varied a line of obligations as it is resting upon it, embracing the great sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to maintain a yearly, and working on an average of only ten per cent for its total administration, leaving nearly twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars annually for use in the direct efficient service to patients.

This is not a money making institution, every penny received goes back into the actual work and maintenance of it, except the small amount of necessity used for the pay of our efficient superintendent and nurses and the actual help around the hospital. The president and the board of trustees and all officers of that class and kind, filled with the nobility of our city, are gratuitously given for the welfare and benefit of this great citizens' hospital.

The increased cost of living is our problem as it is the problem of the housekeeper throughout the city, for it is ever an unknown quantity. The purchase of 100 pairs of blankets is only one of the many items we have been called upon to meet recently for the comfort of our patients.

We want to tear down the old annex and build there a new wing that will accommodate 10 or 15 rooms; a maternity ward, a children's ward, and a sun parlor or pavilion for convalescents.

The \$50,000 will enable us to give some free beds for men and women and when you understand that it cost \$10.50 a week to maintain each charity bed you can easily figure what this alone will cost this hospital this year, and in addition to this and many other things in mind we want to move the front of the nurses' home and use it for quarters for the hospital help, giving them better quarters, and place a new front to the building, so as to accommodate more nurses, which room we must have.

To better our present equipment and furnishings of the hospital and ward, new beds, new rest, new surgical beds, new sets of fracture boards and splints, that alone will cost several hundred dollars, appliances for plaster casework, x-ray apparatus, a treatment room with proper equipment, and comfortable rocking chairs for the old buildings, and we could go on in this line and show to the good people of our city why their splendid institution needs every penny that we have asked for, fifty thousand dollars, and how every penny will be spent to secure and maintain the very highest type of efficiency in hospital service.

OPPOSE ELECTRIC INSPECTION BY PRIVATE BUREAU (CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) Inspection bureau inspects the building anyway for the insurance underwriters, and it is upon his recommendations that they act.

The Muesel school is given as an example. The city has for years been paying \$115 a year for the school building, even though the electrical wiring had been approved by the city electrician. Recently the school board had the building rewired according to specifications by the Sellers bureau, and now the rate is 75 cents. It is pointed out that in the wiring of the new First M. E. church, initial work had been approved that admits of 2,200 watts, electricity, passing over wires capable of carrying only 600 watts, rendering the wiring not only hazardous but absolutely dangerous.

The defect was discovered by the Sellers' inspectors. Electrician Williams explains the case of the Muesel school as being due to the stubbornness of the school board in the first instance, in refusing to take his advice. He compromised on the basis that what he allowed was not proper, but still not dangerous, and it was up to the city to pay for the wiring they were paying for improperly that they made the change. Then they did exactly what he advised at the start.

In the case of the First M. E. church according to Williams, the trouble is all due to an undertaking to overload the wires with more lights than the specifications called for. "That is not my fault," he declares. "And besides, the ordinance only empowers me to insist upon electrical wiring to accord with the specifications without giving me any jurisdiction over the specifications."

The plan talked of is to have the mayor-elect either make no appointment to succeed the present electrician, or else appoint a man acceptable to the inspection bureau and place him under its direction. Sellers agrees to pay the electrician's salary, relieving the city of all financial responsibility for its electrical department, except such as is necessary for the maintenance of the police and fire department alarm systems. The saving to the city is estimated, will run about \$2,000 a year.

The inspection bureau would charge the property owner a fee for inspection, of say, \$2 on a residence, which would go to the bureau to defray the expense of the inspector. This is the plan in vogue in Ft. Wayne, Evansville and Gary, and said to be working out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The bureau uses what is called the "national electrical code" as the basis of all inspections. This code consists of the rules and regulations adopted by the national board of fire underwriters for electrical wiring and apparatus, and is standard throughout the nation. If the proposition can be put through here it is planned to have an agreement with the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., that they will not turn any juice into any building until a certificate of inspection has been secured from the bureau.

Incidentally this interest of the insurance men in electrical inspection has brought out definitely the interest they are showing in the retention of Chief Wilfrid Grant, at the head of the city fire department. Grant is reputed to be very satisfactory to the insurance underwriters doing business in South Bend, and they are very anxious that he be kept on the job. It is asserted that he knows more of fire conditions and possibilities in South Bend than any other man can possibly learn in a long while, and that his services should be retained for the safety of the city.

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LIGHT CONTRACT IS RATIFIED AT COUNCIL SESSION

By a vote of seven to three, which has become proverbial in dealing with the municipal lighting question that has been before the common council for the past several weeks, that body ratified the contract between the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., and the board of public works, at its session Monday night. This fixes the rate for city light for the next 10 years, the city to pay the lighting company approximately \$40,000 a year, unless that rate is changed by the state public utilities commission.

The contract was not ratified, however, without another fight, though the gallery was less packed with listeners than at the two previous sessions, still the question came up. The dissent came when the majority report from the committee of the whole was submitted for adoption, Councilman Fink submitting a minority report in which it was recommended that the ordinance do not pass.

Fink, and Councilmen Rice and Buechner spoke in favor of the minority report, their contentions being combated from the floor by Fink, Howard and Councilmen Hagerty, McCullough and Haas. The argument on both sides was the same as heard at the previous meetings, and the vote stood the same, Rice, Fink and Buechner standing out against the adoption of the contract.

Was Ordinance Night. Monday night was real ordinance night with the members of the council, but all other ordinances went through without combat, and the process was less cumbersome. In consequence Lafayette st. from Monroe st. to Riverside drive; St. Louis st. from South Bend av. to Colby st., and Riverside drive from Marlon st. to Angella av., have been formally transferred to the jurisdiction of the park commission to become a part of the city's driveway and boulevard system, and \$3,745 have been transferred from the general fund to the park fund for use in their improvement.

An ordinance introduced by Councilman Rice and finally passed under a suspension of the rules, transfers \$40,000 from the general fund to the waterworks fund. This money was borrowed by the general fund March 1, 1910, when it was found that the waterworks had money in the bank drawing two per cent while the city was borrowing money at four per cent. This was not considered good business by City Controller Joyce, who advised to the committee of the department fund, the recommendation going with the ordinance that the time has now come when the water board needs the money itself, hence the repayment.

The ordinance came on recommendation of 20 merchants requiring movers of household goods for hire, to report to the city clerk each Monday the names of all parties whose goods they have moved during the previous week, giving the address from which and to which the moving took place. A penalty of \$10 is imposed for failure to report. The ordinance went to the committee of the whole, and the apparent purpose is to enable merchants to keep track of their debtors as they move from place to place throughout the city, or if they leave town, where their goods are shipped to.

An ordinance was also passed by first and second reading and went to the committee of the whole, transferring all moneys in the general fund of the city as paid to the treasurer for damages to the property of the Sanders-Egbert Co., and Joseph D. Oliver, trustee, on account of the opening of Union st. The property for the opening of this street was condemned in accordance with a resolution passed in 1910, but an agreement was entered into between the above parties and the board of public works, July 21, 1913, by which the damages need not be paid until July 1, 1917, hence the ordinance providing for the use of the money by placing it in the general fund until that time.

The question of an increase of salary for the city firemen came before the council, and went to the committee of the whole, with the invitation that the board of public safety attend the hearing.

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Burnette, LaClaire and Kenzie were early fur traders at the post of South Bend, the latter being the founder of Chicago.

Charles Chandonia was a soldier in the war of 1812, and an early pioneer. Madeline was a daughter of the Miami chief, Topanabe, and though an Indian, became the wife of Joseph Bertrand, the founder of Bertrand, Mich.

The committee also asked that Chief Topanabe be honored by naming the artificial lake at Pottawatomie park after him, and suggested that the woods at the park be named "Pottawatomie woods."

Fr. Badin, Fr. DeSelle and Fr. Pettit, were missionary priests in the early history of South Bend, the first of them being the first priest ever ordained in the United States. They were instrumental in the founding of Notre Dame.

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PROVISIONS. (Corrected Daily by F. W. Mueller, 216 E. Jefferson Boulevard.) Fruit—Oranges, per case \$3.25; selling at 30c to 60c per dozen. Bananas, buying 75c to \$2 per bunch. Radishes paying 50c per dozen. Cauliflower buying \$2 dozen; selling 25c each. Egg plant buying \$2 a doz, selling 35c each.

Butter and Eggs—Country butter, paying 20c per pound, selling at 25c per pound. Creamery, 37c. Eggs, strictly fresh, paying 30c to 35c; selling, 40c to 45c.

HAY, STRAW AND FEED. (Corrected daily by the Wesley Miller (Flour & Feed Co., 429 S. Michigan st.) Hay paying \$13 to \$15 per ton, selling at \$18 to \$20. Straw paying \$4 to \$7, selling at 60c per bale. Old corn, paying 20c per bu., selling at 80c to 85c per bu.; new corn paying 55c per bu., selling at 60c to 70c per bu. Oats paying 40c per bu., selling at 47c to 50c per bu. Clover seed paying \$7.00 per bu.

LIVE STOCK. Heavy fat steers, live wt., \$6.00 to \$7.25; dressed, \$12.00 to \$12.50. Feeders, \$5.75 to \$6.00. Spring lambs on foot, \$6.00 to \$6.00; dressed, 10c to 15c. Hogs, 100 to 200 pounds, \$7.35 to \$7.40; from 200 to 300 pounds, \$7.25 to \$7.30; dressed, 10c to 15c.

UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 9.—HOGS—Receipts, 36,000. Market 5c lower. Mixed and butchers, \$7.45@7.90; good heavy, \$7.70@7.85; rough heavy, \$7.30@7.40; light, \$7.00@7.80; pigs, \$5.75@7.15; bulk, \$7.45@7.80.

CATTLE—Receipts, 7,000. Market steady to 10c lower. Beves, \$6.75@9.50; cows and heifers, \$3.25@9.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@7.35; Texans, \$6.40@7.70; calves, \$8.00@11.00.

SHEEP—Receipts, 40,000. Market steady. Native and western, \$3.00@3.50; lambs, \$5.75@8.00.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 9.—SATTEL—Receipts 200 head. Market active and steady. Prime score, \$8.75@9.15; but-ner grades, \$8.00@8.50.

CALVES—Receipts 150 head. Market active and steady. Call to choice, \$6.00@12.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts 2,400 head. Market active and steady. Choice lambs, \$8.00@8.25; cut to fat, \$6.00@7.00; yearlings, \$8.00@10.00; sheep, \$2.00@3.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,800. Market active, pigs 10c higher, others steady. Yorkers, \$8.00; pigs, \$8.00@8.25; mixed, \$8.00; heavy, \$8.00; roughs, \$7.25@7.50; stags, \$6.25@7.00.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Opening—WHEAT—Dec, 88c; May, 91 1/2c; 91 1/2c; July, 88 1/2c.