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## Banks' Big Removal Sale

Never before have the people had an opportunity to get such high-grade merchandise at such ridiculously low prices. Now is the time to lay in a supply of merchandise for future use. Notice was served through Constable Ringo to vacate the building at once, and it is impossible for us to move such a mammoth stock—there being no vacant place in Oran to store the goods. The only thing we can do is to offer this immense lot of goods to the public at a sacrifice sale. No matter what price they bring the big knife has been applied and prices cut  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Goods must go! We have been in business in Oran for the past 12 years and are now being forced out of the building by Metz Bros., the owners, and the building shall be vacated immediately after this sale.

## Sale Opens Saturday, Dec. 4, at 8:30 a. m.

And continues until Saturday, December 18, at 11:30 p. m. The unexpected often happens, and in this case we were unexpectedly notified to vacate. After recovering from the shock of this notice to vacate we decided to let the tail go with the hide and let the people of this and adjoining counties be the beneficiaries of our misfortune. Remember, there are hundreds of articles we cannot mention but will quote only a few prices to give you an idea of what we propose to do.

<b>DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT.</b>		or made suit for half value and be dressed up for the holidays.		<b>MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS.</b>		<b>LADIES HOSIERY DEPARTMENT.</b>		cost of raw material. A big line of misses and children's cloaks to be sold at 60 cents on the dollar.	
1200 yards fine dress goods worth 50c to 75c per yd. now	39c	1200 Mens Suits will go at the following prices:		75 dozen Men's Sunday Shirts worth 50 to 60c, only	29c	Ladies' cotton hose, worth 12 1/2c only	7c	250 Ladies' skirts, Panamas, Voils and Mohairs, all colors and styles, will be sold at half value.	
500 yds fine Panamas, Mohairs, brilliantine, broadcloth all colors, worth \$1.50 per yd, now	89c	\$25.00 Mens Suits, this sale for \$14.98		Mens everyday Shirts, blue and striped, worth 50 to 60c, only	33c	Ladies' fleece lined hose worth 20c, only	11c		
1500 yards dress goods, plaids, checks and stripes, this sale	22c	16.00 " " " " " " " "		Mens' top shirts, Jersey ribbed, fleeced, worth \$1, only	59c	Children's hose, all sizes and kinds, worth 10c, only	6c		
A great line of dress Gingham, worth 15c per yd, only	8c	12.00 " " " " " " " "		Mens heavy underwear, fleeced, ass't colors, worth 50 to 60c	33c	The famous Bear Skin hosiery for children, worth 25c, only	13c		
Flannelettes of all colors, worth from 12 1/2 to 15c per yd, now	7c	10.00 " " " " " " " "		Mens' Camel hair sox, worth 25c, go for	11c	Mens' coat sweaters, assorted colors, worth \$1, only	42c		
Best featurer ticking worth 35c per yd, now only	19c			Mens' fine sox, blue, black and brown, worth 12 1/2c, go at	7c	Mens' sweater coats, worth \$2, only	98c		
Unbleached sheeting, worth 12 1/2c per yd, now	7c			Mens' fancy sox with stripes, worth 25c, only	9c	Canvas gloves, full assortment, per pair only	6c		
Bleached Domestic worth 12 1/2c to 15c per yd, now	8c			A good pair of suspenders for only	14c	300 pairs of wool and cotton blankets and comforts which will be sold at one-half their value.			
Best prints calico, indigo blue, grays, and red, only	4c			Mens' handkerchiefs, white and bordered, worth 10c, only	4c	A full assortment of Umbrellas for ladies and gents that you should not fail to see.			
<b>CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.</b>		A line of men's and boys hats to be sold at 58 cents on the dollar. The knife will be used on men's and young men's overcoats; all colors and styles will be sold at 60 cents on the dollar. Also a lot of boys' pants that will be sold at your own price.		Mens' red handkerchiefs, at this sale, only		<b>LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR GOODS</b>		<b>GROCERIES.</b>	
We handle the famous L. G. & K. S. Clothing made in New York and Cincinnati. This great stock will be put on during this Removal Sale. This is a chance of a lifetime to get a nice tail-				Best grade blue overalls with bibs only		150 Ladies' long cloaks, blue, black, brown, ecru and gray that will be sold at this removal sale for less than		Best coal oil, worth 15 cents per gallon, during this sale	
				The famous Square Deal overalls, worth \$1.25, only		72c		9	
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## \$40,000.00 Worth of Choice High-Grade Merchandise!

Will be Distributed among the People of Scott and adjoining Counties within 15 days. The entire Stock Must be Sold so we can give possession of building in Compliance with the notice. We have no choice;

## WE'VE GOT TO MOVE!

The Biggest Line of Xmas goods ever Displayed in Oran will be Sold at Make-'em-go prices. This will be your chance to buy desirable presents for very little money. Come and see the wonderful bargains.

## BANKS' SAVING STORE, ORAN

Railroad fare paid from all points in Southeast Missouri to those whose purchases amount to \$10.00 or over.

J. BANKS, Proprietor.

### OBSERVATIONS BY THE KICKER.

In various newspapers is now appearing a notice of a stockholders meeting of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railway, to be held at St. Louis, February 2. The call is signed by George J. Gould, president.

Among other things to be done, according to the call, is an increase of the capital stock from \$140,000,000 to the elegant sum of \$190,000,000. Also to increase the bonded debt of the company \$25,000,000—a total increase of \$85,000,000.

What does this mean? It means just the same thing as if the people along the Iron Mountain railroad system who must patronize this road had given their own notes and mortgages for this amount—and I challenge anyone to try to make it appear differently.

The owners of exclusive privilege corporations have it in their power to tax the people at will. They can do it with much less ado than a State legislature or congress. All they have to do is to issue slips of paper called stocks or bonds, and on these paper titles they who must have the services are bound to pay the dividends.

You pay it indirectly, perhaps, but you pay it just the same. If you travel, ship or receive anything, you pay it directly. If you sell your produce to a local dealer, he deducts the cost of transportation from the price paid you. If you do not have anything shipped to you, then you buy from your merchant, and he adds the cost of transportation to the sale price.

There is no way of escaping it—and it all comes out of the fellows at the bottom of the industrial ladder—the men and women and children who do the work.

What the Iron Mountain railroad is doing, every other corporation is doing, and there will be no check to this robbing until those at the bottom wake up and stop it. By this method the cost of living has doubled within ten years, while the price of labor remains about the same, if it does

not decrease.

You often hear it said that there is "plenty of work." N. B. Cavanaugh of Diehlstadt, was here last week and when asked how things were down there, he replied, "There is plenty of work for everybody that wants to work."

Of course; but what in the thunder do they get when they work? People want something besides work. They want to live. To get up at day-break and drudge along until dark is not living, that is merely existing.

I am reliable informed that on the section of the Johnston Land Company's, superintended by Price Moore there are some twenty men who work from dawn till dark for a dollar a day. How can these men support families on such wages? A broom that, ten years ago, cost from 15 to 20 cents now cost from 40 to 60 cents. Other household necessities have also advanced. Ten years ago a man could buy a broom with two hours work, now, he must give up from four to six hours work.

Last week Bob Williams, of Sandywoods township come in to have sale bills' print d. He is rather an exceptionally prosperous looking farmer. He said he was on the Johnston Land company's land, but wanted to sell out and go back to his old home in Kentucky. "One can never own home here," he said.

"Is it any better in Kentucky?" I asked, "Can you get a home there?"

"Oh, yes; had one when I left and sold it."

"How long have you been here?"

"Five years."

"Will you leave here as well off as you came?"

"If I do, I'll be mighty well satisfied."

"Have you had good health?"

"Oh, yes; very good health."

"They continually increase the rent, don't they?"

"Yes, it gets a little steeper every year."

"I am told that they make their tenants deliver the entire crop

at the elevator at Blodgett?"

"Yes; that is in the contract. I have got along with them very well. They treated me very nice."

"Do they make the tenants deliver their share as well as the share of the company at the elevator?"

"Yes, all of it. This is in the contract."

"Then the tenant cannot sell his share to whom he pleases?"

"No; he must deliver it to them at the elevator."

And yet these landlords accuse Socialists of wanting to divide up. How is that for "dividing up?" The tenant is bound to sell to his master! How much is that ahead of the Mexican system of peonage? Here is a stout, intelligent-looking, middle-aged man who has given five years of his life to a non-resident land corporation and will be glad if he has as much when he leaves as when he came. Could a slave do more?

A few evenings ago I was discussing conditions with a group of Democrats and, as usual, their "argument" consisted of ridicule. To see what they would do, I suggested that we have a joint debate in the county between a Socialist and a Democrat.

"What would that amount to?" put in one. You Socialists would just denounce existing conditions, and we do that."

What a joke! The Democrats denounce present conditions in spots where the Republicans are in power, and the Republicans denounce them where the Democrats are in the saddle. Where either party is in power, that party will defend existing conditions in that locality.

Nationally the Republicans are in power, and the Democrats denounce the national administration; but where the Democrats are in power in a state or county they do just what they denounce the Republicans for doing.

And what do the Democrats propose as remedies for the national evils? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. They yawn about guaranteed bank deposits, tariff for

revenue only, election of United States senators by direct vote, publicity for corporations, and a lot of other harmless nonsense, but they are careful not to offer anything that will arouse "class prejudice"—although they claim to be the special friend of the "horny-handed sons of toil."

Suppose you had an old shack of a house, with a rotten foundation, a rotten frame, weatherboarding off and the roof leaking. Suppose you wanted to live on that spot and told the carpenter that you wanted that house repaired so it would do to live in, or a new house. What would you think of that carpenter if he told you that he was an expert; that the old house was all right and only needed a lightning rod?

That is the Democratic party exactly. They don't propose nor want any change that will take any privilege from the capitalist class, and without doing so it is impossible to improve the condition of the working class. Hence they propose all sorts of lightning rods in the hope that lightning will strike somewhere and land some of them in office.

When the people of a nation are urged to take up arms against another nation they are always deceived by the ruling class. Some times their patriotism is appealed to; sometimes their religious prejudices and very often both. But the real cat is never let out of the bag.

When we "freed" Cuba we were told of the horrible cruelty of the Spaniard, and that God and destiny had decreed that we should interfere. Nobody ever said a word about it that the real bird we were to catch was the Philippine Islands; that both in the Philippine Islands and the Island of Cuba the revolutionists had practically gained their liberty, and that unless some other power came to the rescue of Spain the capitalists who had their clutches on those islands might lose their "vested rights."

Nobody told us we were acting the hypocrite by pretending to be the friends and allies of the revolutionists when we were really

the friend and ally of Spain. Go over to Havana and you will see the old sunken battleship Maine in the harbor. Why has that ship never been raised? It has been repeatedly charged that this government blew up its own battleship and murdered its own soldiers so as to arouse the people of this country to demand war—just as they are now doing concerning the revolution in Nicaragua. It is charged, and the circumstances seem to bear out the statement, that the ship was blown up from within. Divers say so.

Do you remember that Admiral Sigsbee and the big fellows were not blown up? Will the government rest under what is a very general suspicion? Why did the Main sail into Havana harbor on a "friendly visit" at a time when every capitalist paper in this country was trying to arouse the people to demand war? The war in Cuba was all in the newspapers. We read glowing accounts of the heroism of Shafter, Roosevelt and others, but it was all in the imagination of the reporters. The only injury inflicted on either side was through Armour's embalmed beef. The only "bravery" displayed was by Admiral Sampson who sneaked upon the sleeping city of Manila, in the Philippines and captured it as you might capture my pocket book when I wasn't looking.

Ordinarily such a ship as the Maine would be raised. She cost probably a half million or so dollars. There is nothing the matter with her excepting that hole in her bottom. Why has she never been raised? Why did she pay Spain \$20,000,000 after we had "licked" her? Think it over.

According to a statement given out by those in charge of the Farmington Insane Asylum No. 4, all bodies of patients who die and their families or friends will not pay the expenses of the funeral, the bodies will be given to medical colleges in St. Louis and Kansas City. Notice of death will be telegraphed to the family or friends and a reasonable time awaited for answer before the bodies are disposed of.

**THE SOUTHEAST**

While hunting near Arbor in the extreme southwestern part of Cape county, Ed Belswinger, Chas. Freeman, Frank Kassel and J. R. Keys got into a mucky bog and their experience is thus related by the Cape News—"Winged and down with guns, ammunition and forty-two ducks, the four hunters were returning to Arbor yesterday afternoon when Keys, who was in the lead stepped into one of the mucky places, and sank to his waist in mud and water. Freeman tried to help him out and he too went into the muck. The more they struggled the deeper they sank until Keys was submerged nearly to his armpits. Kassel and Belswinger secured some tree branches and attempted to help the two men out. In doing so Kassel sank into another hole. The tree branches were secured by Belswinger and a boy who was with them and placed in reach of the victims who were assisted to "swim ground."

Campbell Citizen—The lapses of two weeks without word from J. Astor, a New York millionaire, who, with his son and others, are on a pleasure trip in the West India Islands aboard of the Astor yacht, has terribly disturbed the newspaper agencies, maritime news exchange, wireless telegraph companies, cable companies, ship captains, and even the U. S. government. What power money has in this age is almost inconceivable. The government sent out three revenue cutters in search of this rich old reprobate.

Charleston Enterprise—Since the river has been rising the bank at Bird's Point has been eroding, and it is reported the water is again dangerously near the Iron Mountain tracks. Trains over Bird's Point are now going to Samos over the Belmont Branch and over the Cotton Belt track. It seems that the railroad company will have to change their place for transferring at Bird's Point, as there is danger there at all times when the river bank is not caving.

At Charleston, last week, a picture agent was fined \$5 and costs—\$19.00 in all—for misappropriating \$1.75. At the government sub-treasury in St. Louis somebody misappropriated \$60,500 and wasn't fined a cent. Why this difference? Another misappropriation of the Charleston affair is that the city got \$5 while the officials got \$14. Is it any wonder that people are harassed, or arrested and jailed, when there is

such a graft in it for the officials?

A party of young people of Bloomfield drove out to Castor river for an outing. Among others Frank Toole, son of the president of the milling company, and Miss Nellie Bridges, a milliner employed in one of the Bloomfield stores, ventured out on some logs in the river. The logs turned, throwing them into the water, and both were drowned. Both bodies were recovered.

Albert L. Irwin, a coal dealer of Charleston, was killed by a switch engine in the yards at Charleston.

Joe Crow, of Canjau, New Madrid county, is under arrest charged with the murder of his brother, Dick. The two brothers and a third party were out hunting, and Dick Crow was brought home unconscious. Joe said a jump fell on him, but the third party says Joe hit him over the head with the butt of his gun. Dick died, Joe was arrested, and it is said he has confessed.

Madden, Merit—Under the new law the county court has the authority to employ an auditing company and do a little investigating whenever deemed necessary. Over in Howell county the county court is having the books of three offices examined for 7 years back. If the books are O. K. there is no harm done to anybody, and if not O. K. the people are entitled to know it.

Mississippi county is to hold a mass convention on December 18 to select three delegates to the "harmony meeting" to be held at Cassville, Mo., January 8. The way to have "harmony" in the Democratic party is to let the bosses rule. Any opposition to their will is sure to create discord.

According to the Kansas Democrat, Mc. L. Delaney, formerly cashier of the bank of Holcomb, is under arrest on three charges preferred by Prosecuting Attorney J. H. Bradley. He is charged with embezzlement from the bank, from a patron of the bank and for forgery.

Charleston Enterprise—Mrs. H. M. Hart and Mrs. J. F. Martin, of this city, and Mrs. Pitt White, of Bertrand, and Mrs. John J. Johnson, of Blodgett, left for Success, Ark., in answer to a telegram announcing the serious illness of their father, Thomas Johnson.

Dexter Messenger—The Farmers union held their annual rally or yearly holiday here. They gave a street parade at 1 o'clock in which 600 or 700 members were in line. Interspersed with banners and several appropriate floats.