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For those who give Christmas Presents of Practical Value Comes the Great Going-Out-of-Business Sale of FLENTGE & HEINBERG.

Mr. Flentge, having been elected Collector of Cape Girardeau county, will retire from business in order to be able to take charge and attend to the duties of said office, and our entire stock will be closed out so that we may retire from business. This is no scheme to catch the people, but an actual fact, and it stands everyone in hand to come early and get their share of the bargains, as everything will be hustled out as fast as possible—and the time for closing is short. It is impossible to quote prices on everything, but we will give you a few prices to give you an idea of how they run.

Remember that this Great Sale is Now Under Way.

OVERCOATS. We have about \$7,000 worth of clothing, all fresh, new stock, which will go at cost and less. Now is the time to buy your overcoats, suits or pants: Men's fine beaver overcoats, brown black or blue, a fine dress coat, which sold as a bargain at \$7.00, now go at \$4.50. Men's best melton overcoats, black blue or brown, reduced from \$12.00 to \$7.50. Men's finest cloth overcoats, in all colors, reduced from \$15, \$16 and \$18 to \$8.50. A few men's long ulster coats, former price \$4 and \$5, now \$2.50. Boys' ulster overcoats, fur collar, reduced from \$7 to \$3.75. Boys' ulster overcoats, plain collar reduced from \$5 to \$3. Boys' fine dress coats reduced from \$8 to \$4.50. Child's cape overcoats, age 4 to 13, black chiviot, worth \$2.50, now \$1.30. Child's invisible plaid overcoats, reduced from \$6 to \$3. MEN'S SUITS. Good, serviceable suits, reduced from \$3 to \$1.75. Wool suits, sizes 35 to 42, former price \$5, now go at \$3. Good wool suits, reduced from \$10 to \$6.50. Finest cassimere and figured worsted suits, the very best in the market, reduced from \$15 to \$10. All wool clay worsted, in all styles, formerly sold at \$10 and \$12, now go at \$7. All wool chiviot suits, cheap at \$10 reduced to \$6.50. All wool figured worsted suits, formerly \$12 to \$18, go at \$7.50 to \$10. Best slater's blue flannel Grand Army suits, reduced from \$19 to \$7.

Thanking our patrons and friends for past favors, and extending to everybody a cordial invitation to examine our rare bargains, we are Yours, Truly, FLENTGE & HEINBERG, Cape Girardeau, Mo. (Old Grange Stand).

SCOTT COUNTY NEWSBOY. PHIL. A. HAFNER, Publisher. Per Year, in Advance, \$1.00. Less than one year, 10 cents per month. HOW DEBTS GROW. The latest report of Labor Commissioner Merriweather certainly contains some interesting reading. It shows the farm mortgage indebtedness contracted during the years 1894-5 to reach the enormous sum of \$40,860,446 in this great state of Missouri alone. Mind you, this does not include prior indebtedness—but just for the years 1894-5. During 1893-4 the total amount of farm mortgage indebtedness in the state amounted to \$46,776,621, and in 1890-1, \$40,063,144, or a total in five years of \$133,700,211. And yet the population of the State is less than 3,000,000. But let us come down to Scott county and see how we stand at home. In Scott county, in 1894-5, farm mortgages to the extent of \$232,948 were recorded. In 1892-3, \$239,743; in 1890-1, \$227,327—or a total of \$700,118 in five years. It is safe to say that but few, if any, of the mortgages have been satisfied—except by foreclosure. It is probable, however, that during the five year period the same tract of land, in some instances, has been transferred from one creditor to another, thus relieving, to some extent, the enormity of the debt, but it would seem safe to estimate that the farm mortgage indebtedness would reach fifty dollars for every man, woman and child in the county. And when we consider that this burden must be borne principally by those of the southern and western portions of the county, it becomes more appalling. The commissioner's report does not include private indebtedness—such as store accounts, etc.—nor does it include money borrowed and secured by personal security. Neither does it include the mortgages on town property and chattel mortgages. When these are included it is likely that our debt will be much increased. Taking it all around it would seem reasonable to estimate that the people of Scott county pay annual interest to the amount of \$100,000. Where is it to come from, with farm products selling at less than the cost of production? Is it any wonder that money lenders favor an ever-appreciating dollar? Is it any wonder that people are becoming discouraged and that our country is being flooded with criminals?

A VERY BIG JOB. In its attempt to defend the policy of the St. Louis Republic the Dexter Messenger seems to have "bit off more than it can chew"—and the "longer it chews the bigger it gets." The Messenger objects to having a liberal share of the responsibility of the landslide in Missouri, two years ago, credited to the Republic, and says that tariff, and not silver, was the issue then. Where have you been these many days, old Rip Van Winkle? The tariff was settled in 1892, and there was not a speech made in Scott county nor in any other county in Missouri, in 1894, in which the speaker did not impress upon his audience his views on finance. Congressman Mozley, in his speech at the court house here, declared himself squarely for gold. But the Republic—the supposed organ of the party—ignored the issue and tried to smother it, and the people stayed at home on election day. In Cape Girardeau county, in 1894, did not the Republican candidates request that the tariff should be the line of battle in that county, and did not their opponents agree—very much to the disgust of the South-east? Then, if tariff was the issue, why this special agreement? The fact remains that in 1894 there was little left for a Democratic candidate to do but to explain away the blunders of a treacherous Administration and with the metropolitan press against them, they found it a bigger job than they contracted for. Did you ever know of the Republic criticizing Clevelandism? On the other hand, is not its principal stockholder rattling around Washington in Hoak Smith's old shoes under the Cleveland Administration? Say, now, Bros. Hill and Watkins, did you notice the Republic's editorial page on Tuesday of last week—the issue containing the president's message? If not, we are holding a copy to forward you on demand. Did you notice that both the president and the Republic are still trying to direct public attention to the tariff? If not, then we will do you the justice to quote from the first mention made by the Republic of the message: "On the subject of the tariff the President turns the hose on the enthusiasm of the statesmen who are clamoring for more revenue by way of bounty legislation." So much for the opening. Now we approach the Messenger's "Bryan organ" on finance, and here is what it says regarding Cleveland's attempt to saddle a debt of \$500,000,000 on the tax-payers of this country: Mr. Cleveland has not given to the

currency problem the most prominent place in his last message to Congress. He contents himself with renewing the general form of his previous recommendations, advising the retirement of the greenbacks and the encouragement of small banks. Of course the above neither condemns nor indorses the president. It is the time-honored straddle of the Republic. But we read on a little further and find: "The peculiarity of his (the president's) relation to the practical side of currency management is that he is a president without an organized following." The president has declared himself for the gold standard; he has declared himself opposed to silver; he has declared himself in favor of the issuance of more bonds in order to retire the greenbacks; he has declared himself in favor of the government retiring from the "banking business." Now, Mr. Messenger, we shall await your reply as to whether or not he is on the "practical side of currency management?" An exchange draws a parallel between a man and a dog, which inclines to favor the latter, in these words: "Help a dog out of a ditch and no matter what sort of a dog, he is—town dog, or country dog, educated or illiterate, aristocratic or plebeian, he will wag his tail into paralyzation and exhaust every muscle trying to tell that every drop of blood in his veins is at your service. Help a man out of a ditch and what follows depends very much upon his breed." ONE of the most original counterfeiting schemes attempted has just been discovered by secret service men. It is the coining dollars out of real silver. The counterfeiters get their profit out of the difference between the value of the silver in bullion and the face value of the dollar. The scheme has been in operation about two years. A former superintendent of a Montana mine is credited with originating the plan. Six murders were committed in the city of Chicago last Sunday. In the same city three hundred families are reported to be on the eve of starvation. Prosperity, eh? MURDER, robbery, suicide, business failures, insanity and starvation is about all the news we find in the big papers of today. Old-grover is out hunting. It's too warm for him in Washington. Wm. J. BRYAN will lecture at Atlanta Ga., on Dec. 22.

MACEO MURDERED. Gen. Maceo, leader of the Cuban revolutionists, and his staff of thirty-four men, were betrayed and cruelly murdered by the Spaniards last week. The Spanish authorities had sent word to Maceo that they wished to meet him and agree upon terms of peace. The General agreed to meet them and the time and place was fixed. The negotiations, it seems, were carried on by Dr. Zertucha, Maceo's private physician. At the appointed time General Maceo and his staff started for the appointed place to meet the Spanish authorities. They took with them no arms except pistols, as it was to be a peace conference. When the party passed through the Spanish troops the Spaniards cheered the Cuban general, and he felt that all was well. After riding quite a while Dr. Zertucha suggested to Maceo that they go through the cañon, as it was nearer and he knew the route well. Maceo agreed and when they got into the cañon five hundred Spaniards sprang up from ambush, surrounded them and demanded Maceo's unconditional surrender. It is said that Maceo drew his pistol to shoot Dr. Zertucha, but the traitor had disappeared into the Spanish columns. Again the command to surrender was given, but Maceo answered "Never!" and the party put spurs to their horses and rode to their death shouting "Cuba Libre!" Only one of the party is said to have escaped. How long will the so-called civilized world put up with the atrocities of the Spaniards? Unable to defeat Maceo in honorable battle, they gain his confidence and murder him! Dr. Zertucha ought to come to the United States and apply for a job under Cleveland—the man who sees to it that all traitors are cared for. "Has anybody sidetracked the 'boom' that appeared in business circles after election day? It was prominent for a few days, 1,600 men going to work in towns that had only 200 population. If anyone comes across said 'business boom,' riding or walking, or with a bell on its neck, please inform us and we will give a substantial reward.—Poultry Keeper. CLAUDE SPENCER and a few others who own Hawaii will ask Congress to annex that country to the U. S. We don't need Hawaii and her bonded indebtedness. Neither do we need those ignorant monkeys to help us do our voting. We have too many of that class already.

A New Field Glass. A new idea in field glasses is the fitting of an aluminum frame with a special nose piece and a head strap, so that it can be worn as easily as a pair of spectacles, leaving the hands free. The nose-piece is attached to a frame which is adjustable or detachable from the lens-holder. It is quite easy, while keeping the glasses in place, to see under them for the purpose of writing or sketching. The new glass seems likely to be very useful to war correspondents, at rifle ranges, and, in fact, under all circumstances where it is necessary to make observations and take notes at the same time. Fine Exercises. "This bicycle craze has done me a world of good," declared Bloomley. "Why, you don't ride?" "No, but I've been knocked a total of at least 1,000 feet and have run miles in my efforts to dodge scorchers."—Detroit Free Press. Actions ripen into habits, good or bad. R. A. N. KINGSBURY, ATTORNEY AT LAW, BENTON, MO. GO TO HAL For Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Premium Candies, Fine Cigars and Tobacco. ICE CREAM and OYSTERS IN SEASON. HAL KIMMEL, CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO. SCOTT COUNTY BANK: MORLEY, MO. Capital \$15,000. Transact a General Banking Business. Receive Deposits payable on demand, allow interest on deposits left for six months. Loan money at low rates. Buy and sell exchange, make collections and pay taxes for non-residents. Now, if you have any money to deposit much or little, deposit with us. If you borrow or borrow of us. If you do any banking business or expect to do any, do it with us. Respectfully, JAS. MORLEY, President. JOHN S. HUNTLEY, Cashier. ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the estate of Charles Legal, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Judge of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, in vacation, bearing date the 15th day of December, 1895. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after the date of said order, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they will be forever barred. LOUISA LEGAL, Administrator.

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