

HALF-PRICE SALE OF MY ENTIRE STOCK OF FURNITURE

TODAY, AND LASTING ALL THIS WEEK,

I will place all of my entire stock of Furniture, without any reserve, on sale at one-half the regular retail price. Carpets, Heating Stoves, Cook Stoves and Ranges, Crockery, Granite and Tinware at one-third off. *This sale will be for spot cash only, and nothing will be held unless one-third of the price is paid as a deposit; then they will be held as long as necessary.* We have as well a selected stock as you will find in the city, consisting of Bedroom Suits, Parlor Suits, Folding Beds, Bed Lounges, Couches, Rattan Rockers, Leather Rockers and all kinds of Fancy Polished Chairs, Extension Tables of all kinds, Dining Chairs of all kinds, an elegant line of Sideboards, and our line of Combination Bookcases and Desks is large and elegant; China Closets, Ladies' Desks, Brass Beds, White Enamel Iron Beds, Springs of all kinds, Mattresses from hair down to excelsior, Pillows and Comforters, Blankets, Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps, Clocks, Pictures, Carpets of all kinds, Lace Curtains, Draperies, Shades, Center Tables, Chiffoniers, Wardrobes, Fancy Cabinets, Pier Mirrors, Mantel Mirrors, Ladies' Dressing Tables, Pedestals, Tea Tables and everything else that goes to make a fine selected stock of House-Furnishing Goods. If you miss this sale you miss the greatest opportunity of your life.

LOOK AT SOME OF OUR PRICES BELOW. CASH ONLY!

\$150.00 Parlor Suits for.....	\$75.00	\$40.00 Folding Bed for.....	\$20.00	\$50.00 Bookcase and Desk for.....	\$25.00	\$20.00 Per Pair Lace Curtains for.....	\$10.00
100.00 Parlor Suits for.....	50.00	30.00 Folding Bed for.....	15.00	40.00 Bookcase and Desk for.....	20.00	1.00 Per Pair Lace Curtains for.....	.50
75.00 Parlor Suits for.....	37.50	20.00 Folding Bed for.....	10.00	30.00 Bookcase and Desk for.....	15.00	20.00 Dinner Sets for.....	20.00
50.00 Parlor Suits for.....	25.00	15.00 Folding Bed for.....	7.50	20.00 Bookcase and Desk for.....	10.00	20.00 Dinner Sets for.....	15.00
30.00 Parlor Suits for.....	15.00	10.00 Folding Bed for.....	5.00	10.00 Bookcase and Desk for.....	5.00	15.00 Dinner Sets for.....	10.00
150.00 Bed Room Suits for.....	75.00	40.00 Extension Tables for.....	20.00	30.00 Chiffoniers for.....	15.00	10.00 Dinner Sets for.....	6.65
100.00 Bed Room Suits for.....	50.00	30.00 Extension Tables for.....	15.00	20.00 Chiffoniers for.....	10.00	8.00 Dinner Sets for.....	5.75
75.00 Bed Room Suits for.....	37.50	20.00 Extension Tables for.....	10.00	15.00 Chiffoniers for.....	7.50	6.00 Dinner Sets for.....	4.00
50.00 Bed Room Suits for.....	25.00	10.00 Extension Tables for.....	5.00	10.00 Chiffoniers for.....	5.00	15.00 Hanging Lamps for.....	10.00
30.00 Bed Room Suits for.....	15.00	5.00 Extension Tables for.....	2.50	40.00 Ladies' Desks for.....	20.00	10.00 Hanging Lamps for.....	6.65
20.00 Bed Room Suits for.....	10.00	3.50 Extension Tables for.....	1.75	30.00 Ladies' Desks for.....	15.00	5.00 Hanging Lamps for.....	3.35
18.00 Bed Room Suits for.....	9.00	2.00 Dining Chairs for.....	1.00	20.00 Ladies' Desks for.....	10.00	3.00 Hanging Lamps for.....	2.00
15.00 Bed Room Suits for.....	7.50	1.50 Dining Chairs for.....	.75	10.00 Ladies' Desks for.....	5.00	50.00 Sterling Ventilator for.....	25.00
12.00 Bed Room Suits for.....	6.00	1.00 Dining Chairs for.....	.50	60.00 Brass Beds for.....	30.00	45.00 Sterling Ventilator for.....	20.00
20.00 Bed Lounges for.....	10.00	.75 Dining Chairs for.....	.375	50.00 Brass Beds for.....	25.00	40.00 Sterling Ventilator for.....	20.00
15.00 Bed Lounges for.....	7.50	.50 Dining Chairs for.....	.25	30.00 Brass Beds for.....	15.00	50.00 Store-Size Base Heater for.....	34.00
10.00 Bed Lounges for.....	5.00	20.00 Center Tables for.....	10.00	20.00 White Enamel Iron Beds for.....	10.00	40.00 Store-Size Base Heater for.....	26.00
7.00 Bed Lounges for.....	3.50	15.00 Center Tables for.....	7.50	10.00 White Enamel Iron Beds for.....	5.00	20.00 Store-Size Base Heater for.....	15.00
40.00 Couches for.....	20.00	10.00 Center Tables for.....	5.00	12.00 White Enamel Iron Beds for.....	6.00	18.00 Store-Size Base Heater for.....	12.00
30.00 Couches for.....	15.00	5.00 Center Tables for.....	2.50	10.00 Rattan Rockers for.....	5.00	15.00 Wood Heater for.....	10.00
15.00 Couches for.....	7.50	3.00 Center Tables for.....	1.50	15.00 Rattan Rockers for.....	7.50	12.00 Wood Heater for.....	8.00
10.00 Couches for.....	5.00	2.00 Center Tables for.....	1.00	10.00 Rattan Rockers for.....	5.00	10.00 Cook Stove for.....	10.00
8.00 Couches for.....	4.00	75.00 China Closets for.....	37.50	5.00 Rattan Rockers for.....	2.50	30.00 Cook Stove for.....	20.00
20.00 Rocking Chairs for.....	10.00	30.00 China Closets for.....	15.00	15.00 Rattan Rockers for.....	7.50	20.00 Cook Stove for.....	14.00
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5.00 Rocking Chairs for.....	2.50	10.00 China Closets for.....	5.00	3.00 Rattan Rockers for.....	1.50	6.00 Cook Stove for.....	4.00
2.50 Rocking Chairs for.....	1.25	5.00 China Closets for.....	2.50	1.50 Rattan Rockers for.....	.75		
2.00 Rocking Chairs for.....	1.00	30.00 Hair Mattresses for.....	15.00	1.00 Rattan Rockers for.....	.50		
100.00 Sideboards for.....	50.00	20.00 Hair Mattresses for.....	10.00	.75 Per Yard Best All-Wool Ingrain for.....	.375		
75.00 Sideboards for.....	37.50	15.00 Hair Mattresses for.....	7.50	.50 Per Yard Best All-Wool Ingrain for.....	.25		
50.00 Sideboards for.....	25.00	10.00 Hair Mattresses for.....	5.00	1.25 Per Yard Velvet Carpet for.....	.625		
40.00 Sideboards for.....	20.00	5.00 Hair Mattresses for.....	2.50	1.25 Per Yard Velvet Brussels for.....	.625		
30.00 Sideboards for.....	15.00	3.00 Wool Top Mattresses for.....	1.50	.75 Per Yard Tapestry for.....	.375		
20.00 Sideboards for.....	10.00	2.00 Wool Top Mattresses for.....	1.00	.50 Per Yard Best All-Wool Ingrain for.....	.25		
15.00 Sideboards for.....	7.50	1.50 Wool Top Mattresses for.....	.75	.30 Per Yard Best All-Wool Ingrain for.....	.15		
125.00 Folding Bed for.....	62.50	1.00 Bed Springs, woven wire, for.....	.50	12.00 Per Pair Lace Curtains for.....	6.00		
100.00 Folding Bed for.....	50.00	.75 Bed Springs, woven wire, for.....	.375	10.00 Per Pair Lace Curtains for.....	5.00		
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50.00 Folding Bed for.....	25.00	.25 Bed Springs, woven wire, for.....	.125	3.00 Per Pair Lace Curtains for.....	1.50		

The above quotations will just give you an idea of some of our prices. It is impossible to quote them all, but this will give you an idea of what we intend to do today. *Come with your money, and we will give you some of the greatest bargains that you ever saw.* For out-of-town customers we will pack goods and put them on board cars without extra charge. *Come early and get first choice.* One dollar will buy two dollars' worth of goods. Store open every night of this sale until 10 o'clock. We have the finest stock of Christmas Goods in the city at half-price. Goods will be sent to St. Paul and all adjoining towns free of charge.

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CIPHER TELEGRAPHING.

THE SECRET METHOD OF THE GOVERNMENT.

MR. WILLIS' INSTRUCTIONS

Are Forwarded to Him in a Language That Can Only Be Read by State Department Officials—The Government May Take Possession of Wires if It Desires Them.

Special to the Globe.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—(Wherever a steamer from Hawaii has come to San Francisco since the famous report of Secretary Gresham on the Hawaiian situation was made public, the announcement has gone forth that the state department clerks or the navy department clerks were busy translating secret messages from Minister Willis. In fact, Mr. Landis, the private secretary to the secretary of state, tells me Mr. Willis has been using plain English in his messages to the department. They have come over in charge of the purser of each vessel, and have been put on the wire at San Francisco as quickly as possible. If they had come by the cipher used by the state department, or by the navy department cipher, it would have taken the clerks two or three hours to translate them. The messages of the government take precedence of all other business on the wires; but long before the translators could have finished their work, the newspaper messages would have come.

SINGING OVER THE WIRE, carrying the brief statement of the condition of affairs in Hawaii; and the representatives of the press associations

would have laid them before the secretary of state for his information. The law which gives government business precedence of press dispatches and of commercial messages was passed in 1864. It was entitled "An act to aid in the construction of telegraph lines and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal and military purposes." This act provides that messages from the departments of the government and their officers shall have priority over all other business. At the time of the death of President Garfield the government took possession of the telegraph lines at Elberon, and the correspondent of one of the press associations scored a notable "beat" by slipping past the officer who had taken charge of the office, muffling the sound of a telegraph instrument and sending a bulletin announcing the president's death. It reached the country ahead of the news from any other correspondent, for though they pleaded for the opportunity to send even a word to their papers, the special correspondents were denied the right to send a message of any kind. It is not often that the government has occasion to take

complete possession of a telegraph wire; but if it has the occasion, it has the authority. Under the same act the government fixes its own tolls for telegraph messages, and the postmaster general has this agreement with the telegraph companies over the low rates which he insisted should be paid for government business. The rates which he named have been increased a little by his successor, but the government does not pay anything like the commercial rate for telegraphing. And the method of computation for the government is different from that used in handling commercial or press business. The compensation is based on the number of miles between the capital of the state or territory where the message is received. The government pays a small rate for telegraph business, but it does not pay a small amount. When the negotiations for the purchase of Alaska were under way the state department sent a

message by cable which cost about \$23,000. The exact amount is a state secret. This was probably the most expensive telegraph message ever sent. It is not likely to be duplicated for the rates on telegraph business are much lower than they were at that time.

The state department uses a cable code, not for the sake of economy, but for secrecy's sake. There would be too much temptation for the telegraph operators or clerks to sell the information which is contained in diplomatic communications; and though telegraph companies employ men in whose honesty they have every confidence, there are many thousands of operators and other employees, and some of them might prove purchasable. The representative of a foreign government is sent the capital of the state or territory at Washington would not hesitate for a minute to pay for a copy of a private telegram to the state department if he could get it. In fact, the state department had to change its cable code some years ago, because the secretary of state feared that a member of the diplomatic corps

had obtained a key to it, and was using it to obtain inside information about department business. "All's fair in diplomacy," is the watchword of the foreign ministers at the great capitals of the world. The state department code is made up of combinations of figures. They can be varied indefinitely. Otherwise, if

the department received a message today containing certain information and made it public, any one who could obtain access to the cable messages received by the secretary of state tomorrow, and who saw the same message, or a part of the same message, could make a pretty good guess as to its contents. Not only is the code susceptible of remarkable variations, but the department, in making the messages public, changes their sequence so as to disguise as much as possible the meaning even for today of certain combinations of figures. The foreign legations at Washington use cable codes which are combinations of figures, and the telegraph operators, therefore, are not often bothered with messages in foreign tongues. The legation messages go from the main office of the telegraph companies, but the state department has a

SPECIAL TELEGRAPH OPERATOR whose wire runs into the department building, and Mr. Willis' messages have come to Secretary Gresham's office direct from San Francisco, with perhaps a relay midway if the projected line is not yet completed. The way that the state department code is varied is very simple. Minister Willis, when he left Washington, may have carried with him under cover of instructions that in using code he was to go forward four figures or backwards seven, and the secretary of state may have sent him instructions to make this or some other change in the arrangement of the figure combination. Or the first message sent to him may have been preceded by a cipher, which, translated, meant "go forward eight figures backward seven."

The remainder of the message would then be translated according to this instruction. The necessity for taking so many precautions in handling the telegraph business of the department is shown by the fact that some of the first messages from Hawaii leaked out (presumably through the employees of the department), and Secretary Gresham thought it advisable afterward to put all the department employees on their guard. The projected Pacific cable was only in existence, the news from Hawaii would be much more quickly obtainable, and the state department would be under enormous expense for cable tolls. The Pacific cable has been planned and the route for it is being surveyed by the navy department. But it is not at all likely that the cable will be laid unless private capital takes hold of the enterprise. The government has no control over tolls when a message leaves our own shores; and though the cable companies in many instances make special rates for government business, the rates are very high. If the state department wanted to send a message to Queensland, for example, it would have to pay \$2.50 for each word, if the message went by the Eastern route; or \$3.00 if the message went by Northern Siberia. If it went by

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year was the largest ever taken out of the country or brought into it in a like period, being upwards of \$108,000,000, and \$102,000,000 of it was drawn out of the treasury by the presentation of legal tender notes. Most of the gold exported in former years was supported by the treasury in exchange for gold certificates, and the report says that it is the first time that any considerable sums of notes have been presented for the metal. With the exception of an increase of \$45,500,000 in the amount of treasury notes issued in the purchase of silver bullion and a decrease of \$80,000,000 in the combined volume of gold certificates and currency certificates, there has been, the report says, no important change in the public debt.

According to the revised estimate, the total stock of money of all kinds in the country on June 30 was \$2,323,547,977, or nearly \$500,000 less than at the same time last year. The contraction took place notwithstanding the addition of \$45,500,000 to the stock of silver, and an increase of \$6,000,000 in the outstanding bank notes, and was caused by the exports of gold. In July, however, there began a heavy return movement of the metal, supported by a rapid expansion of bank note circulation. By the end of September the stock of gold was restored to what it was when the exports began. The total increase of the effective stock of money in the three months was no lower than \$95,000,000, bringing it up to a figure much above the highest point of the year before.

The revised figures for the amount of money in circulation, that is outside the treasury on June 30, place it at \$1,590,846,820, or about \$6,000,000 less than it was a year before. During the four months ended with October there was an increase of \$125,000,000, a record altogether without a parallel in the history of the country. The redemption of United States paper currency have been unusually heavy, amounting to \$27,000,000 in the fifteen months ended with October. During the past two fiscal years there was a record nearly one-fifth part of the whole estimated stock of subsidiary silver, an improvement, the report says, that is expected to increase the popularity and usefulness of this part of the currency.

Contrary to expectations the Columbian souvenir coins have not proved popular. Some of them were never taken out of the treasury, and others have been returned for redemption. An arrangement has been in contemplation for the redemption of the coins at the treasury will be recognized at the expense of the management of the exposition. It has not yet been decided what disposition is to be made of the quarter dollar coins which are not disposed of.

Although the nominal amount of counterfeit coins and paper currency presented at the treasury was greater than in the previous year, the increase was less proportionately than the increase of the amount of money handled. Considerable additions were made to the bonds held in trust for national

DESPERADOES ON BOARD.

A Nerve Band of Robbers Fight With a Train Crew.

GOSHEN, Ind., Nov. 26.—The first section of Train No. 60, the fast mail express between Chicago and New York, pulled into this city last night with eight desperate robbers on board. Between this city and Elkhart they had made repeated efforts to uncouple a number of cars with it, it is believed, the idea of wrecking the fast express train, which passes here close behind the meat train. Train No. 60 pulled out of Elkhart at 1:23 this morning with orders to run to Ligonier without stopping. When it had left Elkhart a mile behind, the train crew, which consisted of Conductor John Hickok and two brakemen, found that eight men were on the train, having concealed themselves between the cars. The fellows made an effort to uncouple the last ten cars of the train, but their efforts were foiled by the trainmen after a hard fight. The crew, however, were made to drive the men off the train. Five miles further on another attempt was made to uncouple cars, and another fight resulted, which lasted until the train was pulled into Goshen. Hickok and one of the brakemen were badly battered up in the struggle. The engineer blew his whistle for help, and in a few minutes two officers and a crowd of citizens were on the train, but the robbers escaped. The trainmen, with them the watches of the engineer, two brakemen and Conductor Hickok, were also secured a small sum of money from each of the trainmen.

Later in the night a man giving the name of Henry Zimmerman was arrested, and found to be one of the robbers. He was taken to the jail, and a reward of \$4,000 for the capture and conviction of the eight men, or \$500 for the capture and conviction of any one of them. The express train which the robbers endeavored to wreck is the same train which was held up and robbed at Kessler, Ind., in September.

Movements of Steamships.

NEW YORK—Arrived: La Bretagne, Havre. Sailed: Ems, New York for Bremen. LIZARD—Passed: La Touraine, New York for Havre; Waeland, New York for Antwerp.

Not Death in Jail.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 26.—Presley Jones, arrested by United States Marshal Harmon for selling illicit whisky, died in jail today of typhoid pneumonia. His wife is dead, and he leaves six orphan children. Jones was forced to sleep on the iron floor with only the boards of his fellow prisoners to cover him in spite of the repeated requests of Dr. Barber that he be removed to suitable quarters.

STILLWATER NEWS.

Prison City Man Dying From a Bite Received in Wisconsin.

The report of a peculiar occurrence in which a Stillwater man is liable to lose his life came from Gordon, Wis. It seems that William Whalen and a Frenchman, whose name is unknown, engaged in a scrap a few days ago, and the evening Whalen and Ed John Smith, of this city, retired in the same bed. During the night Smith threw his arm across Whalen's breast, and the latter bit him while asleep. The injury was not considered dangerous, but blood poisoning set in and Smith's arm will be able to distribute to the residents of Stillwater who have made its report, and the report shows that 310 tickets were sold, and that \$340 remains after all expenses are paid. One hundred of expense, namely, \$100 paid to the city hospital association for the supper, can also be classed as charitable giving, and with this sum added the remaining \$240 will be used for the benefit of the charity ball given by the Stillwater lodge of Elks on Tuesday last has made its report, and the report shows that 310 tickets were sold, and that \$340 remains after all expenses are paid. One hundred of expense, namely, \$100 paid to the city hospital association for the supper, can also be classed as charitable giving, and with this sum added the remaining \$240 will be used for the benefit of the charity ball given by the Stillwater lodge of Elks on Tuesday last has made its report, and the report shows that 310 tickets were sold, and that \$340 remains after all expenses are paid.

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METROPOLITAN!

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For funeral carriages, \$2.00—Hearse, \$4.00. For cash only. Any change which goes on my book, I will return.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER.

A cream of top tier baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—Latest United States Government Food Report. Royal Baking Powder Co., 105 Wall St., N. Y.

A Nerve Murderer.

DANVILLE, Ky., Nov. 26.—At Miltonville, Charles Minton was shot by Joseph Tartar last night after a quarrel at a dance. After killing his man, Tartar took the body to the home of Minton's parents and sat up all night with the body. In the morning Tartar left the country. A reward has been offered for his arrest.

The Pyramid Pile Cure.

Is a new discovery for the prompt, permanent cure of piles in every form. Every druggist has it.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

A Nice Place to Eat.

Ritter & Lorraine's Restaurant and Cafe, 183 1/2 East Third street. Private rooms, good service, open till midnight.

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Acres: Fevers, Congestions, Inflammation, A.A.—Spinal Meningitis, Tetanus, B.B.—Strains, Lameness, Rheumatism, C.C.—Distempers, Coughs, Hoarseness, D.D.—Bots or Grubs, Worms, E.E.—Coughs, Hoarseness, Pneum