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Our business-methods are aggressive—each season MUST show an increase of sales over the preceding one—thereby reducing the cost of shoes to the consumer from year to year.

We contracted many months ago—not only for the largest, but also the finest and swiftest new Spring Shoes Washington has ever seen. To dispose of this immense stock we shall have to push the volume of our sales way ahead of any of our past big records.

We're Prepared for Big Crowds Today!
These Prices Will Surely Bring 'em:

\$2.50 grade Men's and Women's splendid new Spring Shoes.
Introductory Price... **\$1.95**
Women's new nobby Patent Leather Boots.
Women's tan and black fine Vici Kid Boots, 20 up-to-date styles.
Women's hand-made kid and guaranteed Patent leather Oxford Shoes—15 styles.
Men's tan and black reversible and dressy lace shoes—18 new shapes.
Men's stylish Patent leather Oxfords.

Guaranteed Boys', Girls', and Women's perfect-fitting Shoes.
Introductory Price... **95c**
Boys' black and tan genuine Vici Kid, solid sole spring heel Dress Shoes.
Boys' heeled Sterling Calf shipstyle Shoes.
Misses' and Children's fine Vici Kid faced and button shoes—5 styles.
Child's hand-sewed Patent leather cloth top, button shoes 4 to 6.
Women's guaranteed Vici Kid Boots, 5 styles.

Children's.
Spring heel and heelless soft, durable Vici Kid Laced and Button kid or patent tipped—turn, or extension styles.
Introductory Price... **45c**
Our famous "Wear-Proof" Shoes for Boys and Girls, have no equals at any price for style and wear.
Introductory Price... **\$1.50**
Nobby Patent Kid Dress Shoes for Misses and Boys—Shoes you can't buy anywhere under \$2.50 a pair.
Introductory Price... **\$1.95**

Women's.
Splendid \$3.50 quality Kid Oxford, with atom, extension leather, 2 new shapes.
Introductory Price... **\$1.20**
25 new styles fine hand-made Surpass Kid and Patent Leather Boots and Oxfords—can't be equalled for style and wear.
Introductory Price... **\$2.45**
Guaranteed Patent Leather, 25 grade finest Dress Shoes—A new style, in every pair, that breaks before first sole is through.
Introductory Price... **\$3.50**

Men's.
Most durable and best-fitting Cassin Calf and Vici Kid Shoes ever bought at \$2 are here today in 19 new styles.
Introductory Price... **\$1.45**
Just to introduce them, we shall offer 5 new styles fine Vici Kid, Velvet Calf and Vici Kid \$2 grade Shoes.
Introductory Price... **\$2.39**
Fine French Patent Calf \$3.50 quality wear shapes of Laced, Button, and Oxfords; styled after the best \$5 Shoes.
Introductory Price... **\$2.85**

WI-MO-DAU-SIS' Women's Famous Shoes... \$3
The reputation of our great WI-MO-DAU-SIS shoes is well known. They are the evolution of over 20 years' shoe experience, and without a doubt the best shoes on earth sold for the money.
15 Styles of Boots at... **\$3.00**
5 Styles of Oxfords at... **\$2.50**

The TRI-WEAR Men's Unsurpassed Shoes... \$3.50
Are unequalled by any \$3.50 shoes ever sold. Each pair sold with this guarantee: "A new pair FREE, if yours break before first sole is through."
A Style for Every Taste.
A Fit for Any Foot.

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AFFAIRS OF THE DISTRICT

Dr. Woodward's Views on the Prevalence of Smallpox.

The Number of Cases Treated Since January 1—How the Disease Spreads From Centres of Contamination—Use of the Contingent Fund.

The records of the Health Office show some interesting facts about the prevalence of smallpox in the city. Thanks to our neighbors, the States of Maryland and Virginia, not to mention North Carolina and West Virginia, Washington has not been without smallpox for a period of more than nine months. Despite the care taken by the Health Department to keep the disease in check, it is imported from the outside and scattered broadcast among the colored population.

The records show that there are at the present time eighteen cases under treatment in the hospital, and something like forty people are in the detention camp or in quarantined houses awaiting the development of the disease. In case the contagion has affected them. The greater number of the patients under treatment were removed from houses in the eastern section of the city, though the Northwest is well represented. The eighteen cases developed in ten premises, which at the present time represent the possible centres of contagion. Only two of the eighteen cases developed in the detention camp, and two were imported.

Since January 1 of this year the Health Department has treated thirty-two cases of smallpox at the hospital. The disease is of rather a mild type, and, in the majority of cases, yields to the usual treatment. There have been no deaths of the thirty-two cases three only were white people, and in two instances the inspector has not been able to trace the disease to any known source, so that it is assumed that the white people were exposed to the disease by contact with colored persons in care of other hospitals.

Dr. Woodward, Health Officer, in speaking of the matter yesterday, said that it would be difficult to stamp out the smallpox in the District until the States cease to send new cases here, and until the colored people learn to take care of themselves. Dr. Woodward called special attention to the fact that two cases now in the hospital were brought in from the outside, and that nearly all the cases since January 1 are traceable to two principal sources of contagion, both of which had their origin from imported cases.

It appears from what the Health Officer said that a large percentage of the cases treated were traceable to John Hamilton, Jr. William C. Woodward, Health Officer, in speaking of the matter yesterday, said that it would be difficult to stamp out the smallpox in the District until the States cease to send new cases here, and until the colored people learn to take care of themselves.

While Court northeast. There he met several friends, and from this source the Health Office has traced more than thirty cases, through the Brents, Browns, and others. Hamilton lived at Hall's Station, and he visited in his country, as the Health Officer expressed it, left behind far-reaching consequences.

Another source of many cases was the outbreak of the mild type in two houses on the New Cut Road. Several cases have developed in persons who visited the sick in one of the other of these houses.

Dr. Woodward said that there had been no general recourse to vaccination, and he did not think there would be. While there has been a good many cases, the disease has not spread widely. He could see no possible cause of alarm in present conditions, and the fact that it has not gone beyond the limits of certain well-defined centres of contagion, he thought, ought to assure everybody that the trouble is being efficiently dealt with.

In speaking of compulsory vaccination, Dr. Woodward stated that it had been resorted to in the past and would be again, whenever it should be thought necessary. The course to be pursued, he said, was for the Health Department to call the attention of the Commissioners to the belief of the office that general vaccination was necessary in the interests of the public health. The Commissioners then have the authority, he explained, to order compulsory house-to-house vaccination by general proclamation.

Dr. Woodward stated that he believed the prohibition of the facts relating to all cases reported to his office had a tendency to keep the disease in check, and that such publication in the papers warns people away from the infected localities, and in that way prevents the spread of the disease. Dr. Woodward is thoroughly opposed to the exploitation of sensational paragraphs intended to frighten the timid, but he believes the people of Washington who read the newspapers should be informed every time a case of smallpox is reported to him.

Concomitance of the main facts he regards a serious fault of public administration. Dr. Woodward stated that there were probably some cases of the disease which were not reported to the Health Office. The disease is of such a mild type that a physician is not summoned, and those who have wander about and expose others. In this way the Health Office accounts for some of the cases they are unable to trace.

George H. Harries, commanding the militia of the District of Columbia, has written to the Commissioners requesting an expression of opinion be solicited from the Comptroller of the Treasury concerning the following proposition: "Can the National Guard of the District of Columbia purchase coal out of the appropriation for 'cleaning and repairing uniforms, arms, and equipments, and contingent expenses,' under the head of militia of the District of Columbia?" The reasons which prompt the foregoing request are stated as follows: "The commanding officer of the Naval Battalion of the District of Columbia National Guard has submitted a requisition for fifteen tons of coal for use on board the United States steamship Fern, and informs me that the coal supply is nearly exhausted. He further states that in order to have the steamship Fern ready for the large amount of Government property...

Going Abroad for His Health.
Gen. Theodore Schwan, retired, and Mrs. Schwan, will leave Washington in a few days for New York. General Schwan will sail on the North German Lloyd steamship Barbarossa, Thursday next, for Bremen. General Schwan, who commanded a number of expeditions against the Philippine insurgents, is in poor health and will make a tour of Europe, visiting Russia and the Mediterranean.

Death of Gilbert Wilkes.
Gilbert Wilkes, a grandson of the late Rear Admiral Wilkes, died last Monday at Denver, Col. He was formerly an ensign in the navy and during the Spanish-American war served aboard the Yosemite as commanding officer of the Michigan Naval Reserve. He married a daughter of Mr. Charles Denby, former Minister to China.

In every country whether it rains or shines, Henry's Eyes will be found valuable. Phone West 31, Arlington Building Co., for a case of Henry's, Senate, or Lager.

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Dyspepsia with all its attendant evils of nausea—distended stomach—flatulence—imperfect heart action—poor appetite—disturbed sleep—constipation—nervous and debilitated body. If you use a tonic which will renew your appetite—remove nausea and flatulence—reduce activity of stomach—quiet poor nerves—give you peaceful sleep and increased vitality. It will be a pleasure, not a burden if you use

Mason's YELLOW Tablets cure DYSPEPSIA
Sea and Car Sickness, Headache—Brain and Nerve Inevigator

No Calomel, Aloes or Opium.
Mason's Yellow Tablets cure
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Sea and Car Sickness, Headache—
Brain and Nerve Inevigator
Mason's Brown Tablets cure
CONSTIPATION
Biliousness and Flatulence
Q. N. in the morning, 10c.
Mason's Red Tablets cure
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Bronchitis, Bad Breath—
Sore of a night's rest, 10c.



A blaze of bargain sales today to wind up the busiest week of the present season

—and the privileges of our "charge" system cheerfully extended those who wish to make purchases, yet who lack ready money.

Today we shall sell all that remains of winter suits up to \$25 for \$10

—and we have really included all the finest suits of fancy worsted and cassimere, many of which are medium weights, which may with comfort be worn all through spring. It is an extraordinary thing to do, but it is in pursuance of our steadfast policy of not carrying clothing from one season over until the next. You're never in your life bought suits the equal of these for \$10.

500 \$12.50 spring-weight overcoats, \$7.50.

This week we secured a lot of 500 men's spring-weight overcoats from the best clothing maker in New York under the usual prices. These we put on sale today, sharing our good fortune with you. They consist of tan covertis and Oxford chevots, and are the usual values sold at \$12.50 by all clothiers. At \$7.50 they're magnificent bargains.

Pants up to \$6.50 for \$2.50.

Today we offer you the choice of any pair of men's winter-weight pants in the store for \$2.50 which sold up to \$6.50. This offering includes every pair, mind you, and we emphasize this point because of the practice of many clothiers of picking out the popular patterns when such an offering as this is made.

Any of the above may be bought and "charged"—and paid for as suits your convenience.

Sale of new shoes for spring.

Special lowered prices today for the new spring styles in ladies', men's, and children's footwear. You should appreciate the bargains which are thus made, for they are all worthwhile, standard qualities which wear longest and hence give the greatest satisfaction.

85c pair today for misses' and children's vici kid lace shoes, with the new patent rubber spring heels, which prevent noise and prolong the wear. Other shoe stores sell shoes of equal value for \$1.75 and \$1.50. 85c pair for sizes 8 1/2 to 11; 95c pair for sizes 11 1/2 to 2.

59c pair today for little boys' vici kid spring heel lace shoes; sizes 9 to 13 1/2, which are best 98c values you can buy.

98c pair today for youths' and boys' satin calf lace shoes, with horse shoes quilted all over the soles; made of extra quality sole leather, and with strong back straps; regular \$2 and \$1.75 values; 98c for sizes 13 to 2; \$1.25 for sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2.

98c pair today for ladies' tan and black strictly hand-turned Southern ties, which are a big bargain at \$2.

\$1.89 pair today for ladies' patent leather lace shoes, with extension soles and made on the new style toes with Cuban heels; a full dress shoe and made to sell for \$3.50.

\$2.23 a pair today for lot of men's strictly hand-sewed welt Russia calf shoes, in tan and the new shade of wine; which sell everywhere for \$3.50.

\$2.98 pair today for lot of men's patent leather lace and button shoes; strictly hand-sewed welts; modern toes; fully worth \$4.

No. 1 black velvet ribbons, in 10-yard pieces, 29c instead of 35c.

8 1/2c pair for child's 20c black ribbed hose.

12 1/2c pair for ladies' lace rib-hose; usually 25c pair.

Infants' coats, \$1.98.
Lot of infants' long and short Teddy Coats will be closed out today at \$1.98.

Corsets, \$1.
Everything in straight front Corsets and military effects in all makes.

NON-DELIVERY OF LETTERS.

Instructions to Postmasters as to Their Endeavor.

W. M. Johnson, First Assistant Postmaster General, referring to an order issued by him to the postmasters regarding the return of undeliverable matter, said yesterday morning: "Attention has been called to the fact that postmasters in many cases have been in the habit of marking letters unclaimed when the persons to whom they are addressed have declined to accept them. The department insists upon postmasters endorsing in a proper manner upon the envelopes the reason for the non-delivery of letters. "Letters which have been refused by the addressees must be endorsed 'refused' instead of 'undelivered.' The department desires that, as far as possible, postmasters should be notified of the reason for failure to deliver letters if any reason or more specific cause can be given."

H. L. Rust, of 605 Fourteenth Street northwest, has requested permission to pay water main assessments on lot 28, block 10, Drott Park, without interest and penalty.

H. H. Darnelle, the Assessor, in reporting upon the matter, states that his records show that sub-lot 28, etc., is assessed in the name of Joseph C. Johnson, trustee (now in the name of Frank Eaton), assessed December 1, 1900, for water meter, and that the water meter is between Elm and Oak Streets. As this case comes under the Herdloff decision, the Assessor recommends that the water main assessment be received on tender of the principal against the lot, etc., described.

Annie Cavanaugh, of 1129 Fourth Street northwest, recently made a request of the Commissioners that she be permitted to pay the third and fourth installments of water main tax against lot 43, square 866, without interest and penalty.

In this case the Assessor has reported that the records show that the first and second installments of the tax in question have been paid. As this case also comes under the decision in the Herdloff case, the Assessor makes a recommendation similar to the foregoing.

Henry M. Hoyt, President of the Reform School for Girls, has asked the Commissioners to approve the appointment of William H. Lewis as laborer at the school, which will be in effect March 15, 1901.

DR. PERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION
"I had been a sufferer for many years from nervousness with all its symptoms and complications," writes Mrs. O. N. Fisher, 184 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y. "I was constantly going to see a physician or purchasing medicine. In the spring of 1897 my husband induced me to try Dr. Perce's Favorite Prescription. After taking one bottle and following your advice I was no longer cross and irritable, and I have a good color in my face; have also gained about ten pounds in weight and one thousand pounds of comfort, for I am a new woman once more, and your advice and your 'Favorite Prescription' is the cause of it, coupled with the 'Pleasant Pellets' which are not to be dispensed with. I took eight bottles of the 'Prescription' the last time, making fourteen in all, and will not take any more unless you so advise, for I do not see as I need it."

Weak women STRONG sick women WELL

EXPECTED TO RECOVER.

Conditions of the New Injured in the Merchants' Hotel Fire.

Stephen R. Collins and W. R. Ketchum, who were injured in the fire at the Merchants' Hotel, 485 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, yesterday morning, were resting comfortably last night at the Emergency Hospital and there is no reason to expect other than a rapid recovery in either case.

Mr. Collins, the proprietor of the hotel, was the more seriously injured. He was badly burned about the hands, forehead, neck, and face. He has also several cuts about the face and head, inflicted by falling glass.

Mr. Ketchum, who is identified with the Spinnaker Express Company, fractured the bones of the left leg in his jump from a second-story window and also sprained his back and received several bruises. He will be unable to get about again until the end of the week.

The body of James W. Donohoe, who met death in the burning building, was removed from the morgue yesterday afternoon to the undertaking establishment of Joseph A. Bepko, 37 Pennsylvania Avenue southeast, where it was prepared for burial. Later in the evening it was taken to the late home of the deceased at 417 New Jersey Avenue. The funeral will take place at 9 o'clock Monday morning from St. Peter's Church, corner of Second and C Streets southeast, where mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Father M. J. O'Brien, pastor of the church. The interment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

The pall-bearers have not yet been selected, but it is said that they will include members of the Carroll Council, Knights of Columbus, of which the deceased was a member, and his most intimate acquaintances in the Pension Office, where he was employed.

Mr. Donohoe lived at the New Jersey Avenue Hotel, with his step-children, Nora M. and J. Raymond Thorne. He was about sixty years of age and a native of New York. He was very fond of his father-in-law and until he secured a position in the Pension Office, about ten years ago, he had been connected with some of the prominent hotels, from time to time, in a clerical capacity.

The unfortunates who were taken to the Emergency Hospital yesterday commented upon the absence of the building to place fire escapes upon it. The law provides a means to enforce the placing of fire escapes upon it. The law provides, or more, but the Merchants' Hotel, when measured by an act of the Inspector of Buildings, is not more than one and three-quarter inches within the height measured in the law. Thus the Building Inspector has been unable to compel the placing of proper safeguards in case of fire.

Renovating the Pension Office.
The work of tearing down the covered ways and abolishing erected on the outside of the Pension Office prior to the annual ceremonies is being rapidly pushed, and even now the adjacent grass plots are covered with an assortment of lumber. The main garden, so well known to many Washingtonians, has been replaced in its former position. Yesterday it was stated that the handsome fountain in the centre of the building would be turned on and the goldfish replaced therein.

JEREMIAH MURPHY RELEASED.

The Supposed Insane Man Sent Home to New York.

Jeremiah Murphy, who stated that he came to Washington on the afternoon of March 4 last, from New York, for the purpose of discussing the financial question with President McKinley, was yesterday permitted by Justice Cole to return to his home.

In the case of Richard Welch, who came here to witness the inauguration parade, and who was alleged to be insane, the proceeding were dismissed.

Those who were committed to St. Elizabeth's Asylum for care and treatment included Amelia J. Hawk, Etta LeGaney, Virginia Eldridge, George Diggs, and James Madlock.

Their Final Game Tonight.
The basketball team of the Gibraltar Athletic Club and the Potomac Boat Club will play tonight at the Washington Light Infantry Armory. It will be the last time the two teams will meet this season. Play will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

A Strong Sermon



"Sleep dwell upon thine eyes, peace in thy heart."
This quotation can be appropriately applied when speaking of Duff's Pure Malt Whiskey. It brings refreshing sleep to the weary and peace to the diseased, tired brain. The following letter from the Rev. B. Mills was written in answer to a criticism and query from one of his church members. He says Duff's Pure Malt Whiskey is a blessing to mankind.

Made in Canada. My Dear Bro.: Your letter with the enclosed slip is at hand. The facts are these: My wife was invalid for several years and Duff's Pure Malt Whiskey is the purest and most effective preparation as medicine I have ever used, and never used any other beverage. My recommendation of Duff's Pure Malt Whiskey was made after a thorough knowledge of its great value as medicine. The statement was made deliberately and based upon facts, and I do not hesitate to stand by it. The many temperance men who have written me on this subject do not seem to realize that a temperance man before many others were born.

It is the only Whiskey taxed by the government as a medicine. It is guaranteed. Be sure you get the genuine. Refuse substitutes. There is none just as good as Duff's. All druggists and grocers, or direct, \$1.00 a bottle.
If you are sick and run down, write us. It will cost you nothing to learn how to regain good health, energy and vitality. Medical booklet sent free to any reader of this paper who will write us. We will send free two of our patent FREE Game Counters for which, each, etc. Send four cents in stamps to cover postage. They are unique and useful. DUFFY MALT WHISKEY CO., Rochester.

mentation used a certain preparation with very great benefit. I am a temperance man, a Doctor of Divinity, not of Medicine, but I am not afraid to say that Duff's Formula and Duff's Pure Malt Whiskey are the purest and most effective preparations as medicine I have ever used, and never used any other beverage. My recommendation of Duff's Pure Malt Whiskey was made after a thorough knowledge of its great value as medicine. The statement was made deliberately and based upon facts, and I do not hesitate to stand by it. The many temperance men who have written me on this subject do not seem to realize that a temperance man before many others were born.