

# The time to sell Christmas Goods

is before Christmas. If there are to be any price concessions it is our policy to make them to you when you want them. We shall carry out that idea this week. Beginning tomorrow morning, bargains will control the store. You will almost be able to carry away two dollars' worth for the one you expected your dollar to buy. We're safe in the assertion that you never witnessed such a wholesale sacrificing-profit loss-cost loss in some cases. And what makes this big opportunity a bigger one still—

## "Your credit is good."

Purchases will be cared for and delivered at time specified.  
Open evenings until Christmas.  
Next time you're in remind us to give you one of our handsome '97 Calendars.

### Rockers.

This slightly modified Rocker, spring seat, and upholstered seat, is especially upholstered and strongly made. Offered as a special holiday bargain—  
**\$3.29**

### Folding Card Tables.

Green cloth top, Card Table & Chair set, when you use it, you may be needed, and put away, you should have one. All prices from  
**\$1.97**

### Gentlemen's Turkish Arm Chairs.

So elegantly upholstered in corduroy, full of comfort—full of wear—and a gift that any man would be delighted to receive.  
**\$11.84**

### Full line of Lamps.

Full line of Woodenware, Full line of Tinware, Full line of Platedware, Full line of Bedding, Full line of everything the home needs at House & Herrmann's famously low prices.

### Handsome Pictures.

Etchings, Engravings, Pastels, etc. All new and interesting subjects. Do they come right? H. H. Herrmann's picture, under glass, only  
**18c**

### Umbrella Stands.

Solid oak, with double opening, brass base, and ornate metal. Only a limited quantity left. What there are  
**\$1.97**

### Ornamental Toilet Backs.

With mosaic filling, solid oak frame, double towel hangers, their utility appeal to you. Only a limited quantity left. What there are  
**\$1.37**

### Japanese Fire Screens.

With bamboo frames in the handsomest designs ever shown, embroidered silk, or of other decorative fabrics at the extraordinary low price.  
**\$1.37**

### Ladies' Gift Desks.

This attractive pattern in solid oak or mahogany, with gracefully shaped, brass-plated top, and one long drawer and a Chippendale front edge. Your choice—  
**\$10.47**

### Portieres and Curtains.

Richest and most complete stock to be found anywhere. We'll sell you a pair of Lace Curtains—pretty patterns—  
**75c.**

### Brass Tables.

Brass Tables with genuine Mexican onyx tops, best design shown in many a season. Large variety to select from. Wholesale prices. A very special bargain is the lot at  
**\$5.**

### Decorated Dinner Sets.



This 112 piece full service for 12 persons, prettily patterned and fine quality. We're not asking what it is worth—but are making a holiday bargain of it at  
**\$9.50.**

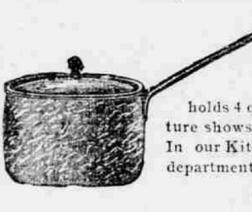
### Lamps, Brass and Onyx Goods for Givables.



Worthy your closest attention for no such big and handsome assortment is to be found elsewhere in Washington. The best possible gifts you can make—  
Brass Banquet Lamps, China Banquet Lamps, Brass and Onyx Tables, Bronze and Metal Ornaments, Richly Decorated Globes, Gorgeous Silk Lamp Shades.

SAMPLE PRICES:  
Handsome Brass and Onyx Tables - - \$5.00  
Beautiful Banquet Lamps - - - - - \$1.87

### This sauce pan--



Enameled Iron straight, with cover, holds 4 quarts. The picture shows you what it is. In our Kitchen Furnishing department this week—  
**18c**



Parlor Suites. If you have got an idea of making your home a Christmas gift of a Parlor Suite you don't want to pass it by. We have the finest Parlor Suite ever made. Over-sized and frame—with gilt, mahogany and oak frames covered in the very newest patterned materials. See if you can match our piece of suite at  
**\$25.**

### Our Prize Bargain



is this gold leaf Reception Chair that's worth four dollars—but that we're abating at  
**\$1.98**

### Fancy Parlor Tables.



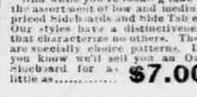
You can gather some idea of the magnitude of this assortment when we tell you we devote over 3,000 square feet of floor room to the display of these tables. No question about it being the cream of the collection in town. They're here in Oak, Birch, Mahogany and Mahogany finish, with round, square and oval tops. Prices begin at the very bottom.  
**49c.**

### Odd Divans.



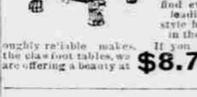
These novelty Divans—and this is your chance to buy any style of picture, in dark mahogany or light mahogany, upholstered in satin damask, for only  
**\$17.35.**

### High Grade Sideboard.



Advantage is yours again. We've a little too large a stock of these dining room necessities and we're going to cut the price on about half of them. Cut them down to very near the bare cost. That will put the reach of a medium price.  
And while you're looking take in the assortment of low and medium priced sideboards and side tables. Our styles have a distinctiveness that characterizes our others. They are especially choice patterns. Do you know we're offering a beauty at  
**\$7.00**

### Dining Tables.



To make the dining table, we've complete sets of tables, including Dining Tables. You'll find every leading style here, in the most stylishly reliable makes. If you like the classic foot tables, we are offering a beauty at  
**\$8.75**

### 1000 Fancy Rockers.



We bought these especially for the holiday trade and they must be sold within the next few days. We've got an eye for the unique and the rare. They're Oak and Mahogany finish—Italian and English styles. They're upholstered seat, a half-hundred different styles and a kind of handsome Rocker. We start the seating with a  
**\$1.99**

### Chamber Sets.



Take your pick—every desirable style—every popular wood—Mahogany, Black Walnut, Bird's Eye Maple, Birch, Mahogany finish of Oak—here. Many of the patterns are exclusive—all the sets are comfortable values. Prices range from  
**\$15.**

### Dressing Tables.



This Ornamental Dressing Table in Bird's eye maple, shaped French plate mirror, lots of drawers and drawers. Offered at the exceptionally low price of  
**\$19.97**

### Dining Chairs.



All the different styles of Dining Chairs—plain and upholstered—upholstered and side seats. Our leading chairs are a handsome and strongly made Dining Chair, worth  
**98c.**

### Decorated Toilet Sets.



This prettily decorated Toilet Set, consisting of basin, pitcher, and tumbler—attractive shape—best value ever offered—  
**\$2.50**

### Reclining Chairs.



The most comfortable Reclining Chair is the climax of comfort. It is the best of all the reclining chairs. Nothing to be desired. Everything to encourage rest. Made in all styles of wood—well upholstered in a variety of durable materials.  
**\$6.00**

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## A WEEK IN LABOR CIRCLES

### Matters of Interest to Organized Workingmen of the District.

#### MEETINGS FOR THIS WEEK.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20.  
Ming Workers' Assembly—K. of P. Hall, 425 Twelfth street.  
District Assembly, No. 66, K. of L.—Executive committee—Labor Bureau, No. 316 Eighth street, 6 o'clock.  
Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101—Typographical Temple.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

L. A. 1644, K. of L., Plasterers—Plasterers' Hall, Four and a half street and Pennsylvania avenue.  
L. A. 1748, K. of L., Carpenters and Joiners—Society Temple, Fifth and G streets.  
Central Labor Union—Typographical Temple, 8 p. m.  
Mosaic and Engraving Tile Layers' Assembly—Labor Bureau, 316 Eighth street.  
L. A. 1646, K. of L., Bakers' Drivers—Bunch's Hall, 314 Eighth street.  
Lithographers' Association—Monumental Hall, Second street and Pennsylvania avenue.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

Federation of Labor—Plasterers' Hall, Four and a half street and Pennsylvania avenue.  
Building Trades Council—Electrical Workers' Hall, 509 Eleventh street.  
Plate Printers' Assembly—Labor Bureau, 316 Eighth street.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Galvanized Iron and Corrugated Workers—737 Seventh street.  
Carpenters, Joiners, and Stairbuilders' Union, No. 1—Labor Bureau, 316 Eighth street.  
L. A. 2081, K. of L., Tin and Sheet Iron Workers—Plasterers' Hall, Four and a half street and Pennsylvania avenue.  
Shoemakers' Assembly—Bunch's Hall, Sixth and G streets.  
L. A. 1391, K. of L., Mineral Water Drivers—Castello's Hall, Sixth and G streets.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.

District Assembly, No. 66, K. of L.—Plasterers' Hall, Four and a half street and Pennsylvania avenue.  
L. No. 149, Brotherhood of Carpenters—Hall, 627 Massachusetts avenue.  
Presso Painters—1230 Seventh street.  
L. B. No. 10, Steam and Hot Water Fitters—K. of P. Hall, 425 Twelfth street.  
L. U. No. 5, Plumbers and Gasfitters—Els' Hall, Ninth and Pennsylvania avenue.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Street Railway Assembly—Labor Bureau, 316 Eighth street.  
Cigar-makers Union No. 110—Hall 737 Seventh street.  
Bakers and Confectioners Union No. 118—Hall 827 Seventh street.

#### FEDERATION OF LABOR.

The regular meeting of the Federation of Labor was held as usual on last Tuesday evening. In the absence of President McHugh and the vice president, Delezie Arthur King of the Tailors' Union was elected temporary chairman. Afterward Vice President James Trainor arrived and took charge of the meeting. Representatives from sixteen organizations answered to their names at roll call. The hour approach of the end of the present official term and the holidays always have a perceptible effect on the attendance of delegates at the meetings of the Federation of Labor and it was remarked that the attendance on last Tuesday evening was no exception to the rule, though the inclement weather also had its effect. The committee on adjusting the difference between the Horsehoes' Union and the Merchants' Parcel Delivery Company reported that it was not quite ready to make final report. On motion the reading of the report of the Resolutions committee was set for next Tuesday evening. The amount raised

lost by the committee from the Labor Day excursion, while of itself will not be sufficient to accomplish the full intention of the Federation, will yet form a handsome nucleus for the fund to erect the proposed monument.

Though the Congressional work of the present legislative committee is practically ended, the committee still is engaged in securing valuable data for the preparation of important labor measures to be introduced in Congress very early after the holidays. It is confidently predicted by the committee and the delegates that measures recommended by the Federation and now pending before Congress, will be favorably acted on during the present session. While the Federation bill substituting day labor for contract work of all kinds, government buildings did not meet with general approval, still the Federation believes that it was through the action of the question by the Federation that the present bill giving the Commissioners discretionary power in giving out work is likely to become a law. The Federation has also much confidence in the federation bill prohibiting the appointment of aliens to government positions, or their employment on any contract or subcontract work on any buildings of this government.

Another measure now pending before Congress, which was introduced at the request of the Federation, "The Employers' Liability Act for the District of Columbia," is being anxiously watched. The new legislative committee will have a busy time during the remainder of the session. Not much has been said up to this time about the election of officers for the incoming term, though it is generally believed that there will be but very little change in the personnel of the present officers. One thing seems to be sure and that is, if the present presiding officer, Mr. James F. McHugh, will only consent to become a candidate, there will be no doubt of his election. Such was the opinion of every delegate seen at the meeting on Tuesday night.

#### DISTRICT ASSEMBLY.

The regular session of the District Assembly of the Knights of Labor was held on Thursday evening. Master Workman W. H. G. Simmons, who had been absent the past three sessions on account of illness, was on hand and presided over the meeting. The master workman received quite an ovation on his appearance. The attendance of delegates was large, every local assembly in this jurisdiction being represented. The reports from the local assemblies showed a continual increase in membership. Delegates from Iron-clad Assembly reported that they had held a meeting on last Sunday at the Knights of Labor headquarters. The next meeting would be held on the first Sunday in January, and a cordial invitation was extended to the officers and delegates of the District Assembly to be present.

The Bridge and Structural Iron Workers reported a well-attended meeting last Monday, in their hall at the Labor Bureau. Initiation ceremonies had been conferred and matters of much importance to the craft considered. A red-letter call had been issued for the next meeting, Monday, December 28, when the election of officers would be held.

The delegates from the colored Bottlers' Assembly reported that their next regular meeting night falling on Christmas, it had been decided to have a special on next Sunday, which would be held in the hall, No. 609 P street, at 11 o'clock. Plasterers' delegates reported that their assembly had turned out in a body to attend the funeral of their late brother, Columbus Reagan, who died in Alexandria, Va., and was buried there on Friday. The deceased brother had been ill for the past eighteen months, and his family can testify to the valuable benefits that are to be derived from being connected with the Plasterers' Assembly.

#### CARPENTERS REPORTED REINSTATEMENTS AT THEIR LAST MEETING.

Painters read a long list of names of applicants for membership and reinstatement, also announced that their election of officers would take place at their next meeting.

Bakers reported that election of officers would be held at the next meeting. The delegates also called the attention of the Bakers' Drivers' Assembly to matters of direct interest to the assembly. The delegates also requested the Drivers to take an active interest in the Bakers' Council, which would be a very valuable adjunct to the organizations connected with the craft. It was proposed to give a concert and ball, the proceeds of which would be set aside as a starter for the proposed beneficial fund. The reports from the officers showed that the membership of the assembly was larger at the present time than ever known before in the history of the craft. The financial condition showed that the finances were also in a very healthy condition. The election of officers will be held at the next meeting.

#### BARBERS.

The Barbers' Assembly, No. 4032, K. of L., met in the Plasterers' Hall, on last Wednesday evening. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p. m. by Master Workman George W. Brown. The meeting was well attended. The principal feature of the evening being the election of officers, very little routine business was attended to, as the members were anxious to get down to the real business of the meeting. The election changed what had seemed to be the fixed personnel of the assembly officers as the following result of the election will show:

J. E. Williams, M. W.; A. Drew, W. P.; Henry Saur, F. S.; L. C. Bailey, treasurer; James Hughes, judge of the court; G. W. Brown, J. A.; T. Clark, clerk; Louis Lachet, assessor; J. C. Lee, stenographer; Richard Moore, I. E.; G. W. Lewis, O. E.

#### ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS.

The principal business of the Engineers' Association, transacted on Friday night, was the election of officers for the ensuing term, which resulted as follows: Master workman, William Motherhead; worthy foreman, J. A. Bowen; recording secretary, S. S. Tenney; financial secretary, W. J. Leaman; statistician, C. A. Holme; trustees, J. J. Breen, A. M. Lawson, and J. A. Bowen.

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#### LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Workingmen's Library Association and Labor Bureau was held Friday evening. President James McHugh occupied the chair. The principal business of the evening was the presentation of the manager's annual statement. The report showed that at the present time the organization actively supporting the association by monthly dues were as follows: Carriage and Wagon Makers, Carpenters' Assembly, Carpenters' Union, No. 1, Federation of Labor, Mosaic Tile Layers, Plasterers, Painters, Machinists, Paperhangers, Tin and Sheet Iron Workers, Bridge and Structural Iron Workers. Among those organizations that have contributed during the year, but not at regular intervals, are the Bakers, District Assembly, No. 66, Steam Fitters' Union, Excelsior Assembly, Stone Cutters, Stone Masons, Carpenters' Union, No. 160, Plate Printers, Tailors' Assembly, and the Street Car Assembly. In addition to the organizations subscribing quite a number of business men and individuals have made donations.

#### AMONG THE LOCALS.

##### CARRIAGE AND WAGON MAKERS.

The semi-monthly meeting of the Carriage and Wagon Makers' Assembly was held on last Monday evening, in Bunch's Hall, No. 316 Eighth street northwest. Master Workman Ryan presided over the meeting, which was well-attended. Reports from several of the local assemblies were considered and encouraging. Reports were had from the Federation of Labor and the District Assembly. The delegates from the District, reported the stand taken by them, which was unanimously indorsed. The chairman of the executive committee made his report, which was indorsed. The chairman stated that he had every assurance that he would have the applications of not less than six new members at the next meeting. Under good of the order the question of making the assembly

#### OF STILL GREATER VALUE TO THE MEMBERSHIP WAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED.

During the discussion it was stated that while many benefits had been derived by members outside of trade privileges, such as being assured, in payment of rent and other benefits when out of work, still it seemed to be the general opinion of the members, that a permanent beneficial feature should be added to the assembly, when by paying a small stated premium, the members and their families would be provided for in case of sickness or death.

The result of the debate was the appointment of a committee to formulate plans and to report at a future meeting. It was also decided to give a concert and ball, the proceeds of which would be set aside as a starter for the proposed beneficial fund. The reports from the officers showed that the membership of the assembly was larger at the present time than ever known before in the history of the craft. The financial condition showed that the finances were also in a very healthy condition. The election of officers will be held at the next meeting.

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## OPEN EVENINGS.

### "R. Harris & Co." on the box means quality.

The richest of gifts.

The diamond is the peer of all gifts. Our stock of them is the largest, richest, rarest and most reasonably-priced in the South. No indications of hard times here.

Make your selections Monday to insure getting just the articles you want and having them engraved in time. The busiest store is the best place to buy. Too busy to say more.

## R. HARRIS & CO., Diamond Importers, 7th and D Sts.

shows that the total expenses for the past year have been \$888, which amount includes the manager's salary, rent of hall, coal, wood, ice, stationery; also money paid on debt of furnishing the hall. At present the hall is rented at night to the following organizations: Iron Workers, The Layers, Plate Printers, Carpenters' Union, No. 1, Butchers, Painters, Street Railway Assembly, and Socialists' Association. The combined rental derived from these organizations amounts to \$300. The total receipts from all sources was \$664.

In the library the report shows that 288 volumes have been received during the year. In the Labor Bureau department employment has been procured for a number of members. The carpenters have the list, followed by the painters, paperhangers, bakers, plumbers, bricklayers, barbers, and iron workers. Outside of the trades sixteen other persons had been furnished work. The report was referred to the auditing committee.

#### EARLY ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

First Expedition to the Polar Regions sailed in a Curavel in 1631. Pittingburg Dispatch.

How far back the story of polar exploration carries us one requires to dive pretty deep into marine lore to discover. The pioneers who led the way into the frigid northern zones are men whose very names are wrapped up in obscurity. Take, for example, the voyage of Capt. Thomas James, undertaken in 1631, in a little curavel of about sixty-eight tons. Who asks a writer in "The Story of the Sea," if he be not a student of this peculiar chapter in the great volume of sea history, has ever heard of this worthy of the days of Charles I? Yet 250 years ago his name was noised abroad far and wide, and by the king's command the story of his adventures was three times published during that troubled reign. And a marvelous and romantic narrative it is, to be sure, of a dauntless ancient mariner set forth from Bristol city at the head of a little band of twenty-two brave old hearties, to try and discover the north west passage; chanting hymns as they sail edgewise, cheered by a jovial company of merchant venturers, and resolved "in God, and that only ship, to put the hope of our future fortunes." On the 4th of June, 1631, they arrived at Greenland, and through bitter, foul weather the staunch little vessel continued to plow her way, finally beached in by the ice floe, which, says Capt. James, "did leave an act, and so beat us that it was wonderful how the ship could endure one blow of it." They penetrated into higher latitudes than had ever yet been reached, and the story of their exploits is full of fog and frost, of gigantic icebergs, to which they used to meet their quaint little fabric for safety; of frozen noses and cheeks, and fingers blistered by the cold "as big as walnuts"; hardships, privations, and mishaps without end; and still, in spite of all, the stout old sailor, animated by the one great object of discovery, was exploring and giving names to harbors, creeks, bays, and capes; alternating between sorrow and joy, supplications and thanksgiving, but never losing sight of the mission which had brought him and his men into these distant seas.

Both Wonderful. Tommy—What are you thinking about, now? Mrs. Figg—I was just wondering what shall get for Christmas presents. "So was I,"—Detroit Free Press.

A Substitute. "Congress is in session again." "Yes," I'm so glad, for things have been awfully dull since the football season closed."—Philadelphia North American.