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This Morning We Inaugurate the Great Semi-Annual

Clean Sweep Clearance!

MANY years ago the Hecht Stores established the custom of semi-annually clearing out stocks immediately prior to stock-taking, making it an occasion when the lowest prices of the entire year prevail, when no thought is taken for profits, the only object being to quickly reduce stocks and to obviate the necessity of carrying over from one season to another. And each of these remarkable clearances has been more successful, more sensational in its offerings than the one gone before, until now all Washington watches and waits for them, confident there will be bargains then that can come at no other time. **THE CLEAN SWEEP** we have arranged for to-day, Saturday and next week has never had a parallel or precedent in Washington merchandising. The following page of bargain news, while not "flashy," embraces the greatest collection of money-saving offerings ever placed before the people of Washington. We are more than willing that you should open an account and pay little sums, as may be convenient.



FURNISHINGS.

MEN'S BLACK SEAMLESS HOSE, IN all sizes. Sell at 10c and 12 1/2c. Slightly imperfect. Sale price..... 5c

MEN'S WHITE-FEET HOSE IN ALL sizes. Sold regularly at 15c. For the Clean Sweep..... 8 1/2c

MEN'S MERCERIZED LISLE HOSE, IN black and colors. Sold at 25c and 35c. Clean Sweep price..... 16c

WOMEN'S WELL-MADE SEAMLESS HOSE, in black and colors. Sell up to 15c. For the Clean Sweep..... 6 1/2c

CHILDREN'S BLACK SEAMLESS HOSE; extra good wearing; all sizes. Sell at 12c. Now..... 11c

CHILDREN'S RIBBED VESTS AND PANTS, selling usually at 25c, for the Clean Sweep..... 17c

WOMEN'S BLEACHED UNION SUITS, both regular and extra sizes. Sell at 35c. Now..... 37c

WOMEN'S FINE GLACE KID Gloves, in black, white, and tan; sold at \$1. For this sale..... 57c

MEN'S MEDIUM-WEIGHT DERBY RIBBED Shirts and Drawers; sell at 35c. Sale price..... 17c



For Girls and Misses.

LOT OF 5 MISSIES' SHOE-TOP SUITS; three-piece suits; made of neat dark mixtures; 8 to 14 years. Sold at \$7.95..... \$3.98

LOT OF 8 MISSIES' SUITS IN ONE-OF-A-KIND styles; 14, 16, and 18 years. Sold up to \$12.98. Sale price..... \$10

GIRLS' SCHOOL DRESSES IN SIZES 6 TO 12 years; neat checks and plaids. Sell at \$1 to \$1.50. Sale price..... 49c

CHILDREN'S CLOTH COATS IN 1 TO 4 YEAR sizes; white, light blue, and gray curly bearing; navy, tan, and red cloth coats; white Bedford cord coats; 6 months to 2 years. \$2.95 value..... 98c

LOT 50 BLACK AND BROWN FUR Sets, satin lined; suitable for women or misses. Worth \$5.98. To be closed out at..... \$2.98

GIRLS' SERGE, CLOTH, AND CASHMERE Dresses, in plain colors and checked materials. Sell at \$5 usually..... \$1.98

CHILDREN'S INDIA LINON Dresses, neatly trimmed with embroidery. Selling at 25c. Sale price..... 12 1/2c

Men's and Youths' Clothing

The Great Clothing Floor is to have a big and busy part in the Clean-Sweep Sale—the price-betlittling is simply phenomenal. Every bargain is a record-breaker.



All Men's and Youths' \$10.00 and \$12.50 Suits at..... \$7.75

All Men's and Youths' \$15.00 and \$17.50 Suits..... \$11.75

All Men's and Youths' \$20.00 and \$22.50 Suits..... \$15.75

All Men's and Youths' \$25.00 and \$27.50 Suits..... \$19.75

All Men's and Youths' \$30.00 Suits at..... \$22.75

All Men's and Youths' \$12.50 Overcoats at..... \$7.75

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ALL TROUSERS IN THE SALE!

All Men's \$1.50 Trousers..... \$1.00
All Men's \$2 Trousers..... \$1.50
All Men's \$3 Trousers..... \$2.25
All Men's \$3.50 Trousers..... \$2.50
All Men's \$4 Trousers..... \$2.75
All Men's \$5 Trousers..... \$3.75
All Men's \$6 Trousers..... \$4.75

Men's \$25 Tuxedo Suits..... \$19.75
Men's \$1.50 and \$2 White Full Dress Vests..... 50c
Men's \$2.50 Fancy Vests..... \$1.49
Men's \$3 and \$3.50 Fancy Vests..... \$2.50



All Boys' Clothing

Going at Away Below Cost!

All \$4 Suits and Overcoats..... \$2.40
All \$5 Suits and Overcoats..... \$3.40
All \$6 Suits and Overcoats..... \$4.40
All \$7 Suits and Overcoats..... \$5.40
All \$8 Suits and Overcoats..... \$6.40
All \$9 Suits and Overcoats..... \$7.40
All \$10 Suits and Overcoats..... \$8.40
All \$12.50 Suits and Overcoats..... \$9.40
ALL SIZES, 7 TO 17 YEARS; SOME OF THE suits have two pairs pants.

ALL BLOOMER AND KNICKERBOCKER PANTS, sizes 5 to 17 years, in the sale..... 65c
63c Pants..... 60c
59c Pants..... 56c
Straight Bottom Pants, sold up to \$1.29..... 50c

ENTIRE STOCK OF SAILOR AND RUSSIAN House Wash Suits, in the sale..... \$1.19
Sold up to \$4..... \$1.40



89c to \$1.75 Dress Goods

THE CLEAN SWEEP'S big offering in the dress goods department—beautiful 54-inch imported Striped Broadcloth, Tailored Suitings, Satin, Pongee, All-wool Storm Serges, Herringbone Serges, &c., all perfect goods; 4 to 12 yard lengths, all colors and black, values, 89c to \$1.75—at 59c.

GENUINE "FRUIT OF THE LOOM" Muslin; all stamped; full pieces; not over 25 yards to a buyer. For the sale..... 87c

40-INCH UNBLEACHED SHEETING, IN close, heavy weave; 4 to 20 yard lengths. Selling usually at 10c yard..... 57c

36-INCH BLEACHED COTTON; FIRM, smooth, heavy weave; no dressing; 4 to 20 yard lengths. Selling at 10c..... 61c

NEW 8c APRON GINGHAMS, IN ALL SIZE checks; all colors; guaranteed fast colors. Selling usually at 8c. For this sale..... 5c

FULL-SIZE BLEACHED BED SHEETS of extra heavy cotton; 3-inch hem. Sell at 69c. Not over 6 to a buyer..... 39c

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PLAYS CLAIM AGENT

Penrose Denounces Methods of Washington Lawyer.

POSTAL FRAUD LAWS INVOLVED

After Prolonged Debate, Senator Bradley Consents to Allow Resolution to Be Referred for Report.

When the resolution of Senator Bradley, of Kentucky, relating to the readjustment of salaries of postmasters between the years 1864-74 came up in the Senate yesterday, Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, sprang letters and opinions from government officers, who declared the claims were without merit and warrant of law.

Although Senator Penrose promised that should the resolution be referred to his committee he would make a report within one week, Senator Bradley objected.

Letters Condemn Claims.

After Senator Penrose had placed on the record numerous letters condemning the claims, Senator Bradley relented and by unanimous consent the resolution and others of like character were referred to the Post-office Committee.

Senator Penrose went after these post-office claims with earnestness, and it was an hour before he had fired all of his ammunition. He said they were known as the Spalding claims, having thus obtained considerable notoriety from one end of the country to the other, and "at the present time are promoted by E. G. Rathbone, former Assistant Postmaster General, whose record as a special government official in Cuba is well known in the Senate, and especially to the Junior Senator from Kansas, Mr. Bristow."

A letter from Acting Secretary of the Treasury Norton to Senator Penrose, in which he declared these claims "are without merit and should not be approved" was the first of a series read.

Opinions of Officials.

Included among the number were opinions and citations from the judicial branch of the government indicating that the claims are without standing in law.

Another exhibit offered by Senator Penrose was a letter from Harvey Spalding, of this city, to W. W. Montgomery, formerly postmaster at Bellefonte, Ohio. Spalding wrote Montgomery that the Postmaster General had confiscated \$612 of his salary. He offered to recover this confiscated salary, but asked to be compensated.

"This letter from Spalding is a moderate sample of thousands he has spread over this country for the last twenty years," commented Senator Penrose. "In all of them the idea has been conveyed that as a result of the process of fraud, the Postmaster General has denied salaries due postmasters. No promoters of any get-rich-quick concern have come nearer violating the postal fraud laws."

"I will say that all of these claims have been adjusted with the exception of a few, which may amount to \$20,000. The claims urged by Spalding would amount to \$400,000, and the fees that he asks, if allowed to collect the claims, would amount to \$100,000."

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, pleaded guilty to introducing the first resolution of this kind, and the only one adopted by the Senate. He said that in the light of the letters offered by Senator Penrose, he had no disposition to request action on his resolution.

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ANNUAL ROW IN HOUSE.

Moribund Committees Ask for Clerical Help and Mirth Ensues.

The annual row in the House over the proposition to provide clerical help for moribund committees was pulled off as per schedule yesterday, and for more than an hour the chamber was in an uproar, stirred at times to mirth and laughter, and at times to anger when one of the members interested had not shot poured at him by a critical colleague.

Some Representatives took the position that it was extravagance to grant money for nonworking committees, although the chairman of these committees, most of them having to do with expenditures in the executive departments, declared they were about to get busy, and assist in the good work of keeping down appropriations.

"It is as bad as a highwayman calling on a peaceful citizen to help him with his job," said Representative Harrison, of New York.

Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts, is chairman of one of the alleged moribund organizations, and he worked himself into a white heat in urging the House to authorize the employment of a janitor in his committee room. Some members thought that if Mr. Roberts wanted a janitor he ought to employ one himself, and the House agreed with this view as it refused to comply with the demand of Mr. Roberts.

Nearly all of the big-wigs in the House took a hand in the scrap. Payne, of New York, and Hill, of Connecticut, arguing for the janitor, messenger, and clerical assistance, while Fitzgerald, of New York led the attack.

The upshot of the hour's talk was that seven of the fourteen committees that applied for money for help got it.

FRIEND OF THE OYSTER.

Representative Gill Wants Cans to Bear Facts on the Label.

The way has been paved for an inquiry into the single oyster in the regulation boarding-house soup. It was done in the House yesterday, when Representative Gill, of Maryland, introduced a bill providing that, after October 1, 1910, cans purporting to contain oysters shall bear labels stating plainly just how much oyster and what portion of meat and other ingredients are borne in such packages.

Mr. Gill is a friend of the oyster. He comes from the oyster district of Maryland. He is also a friend of the public. If the bill becomes a law, he will set in motion the machinery, with a view to a government inquiry into the alleged deleteriousness of boarding-house oyster soup.

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PLEA FOR DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Board of Education Appears Before Senate Subcommittee.

Urging that their original estimate of \$4,700,000 for the District schools, which was cut by the Commissioners and House to \$2,000,000, be restored, members of the board of education appeared before the Senate subcommittee on appropriations yesterday, and explained the necessity for an increased appropriation.

At the afternoon session the Board of Charities appeared before the subcommittee in charge of the District budget and pointed out the need for an appropriation not lower than its estimates, to carry on the work of philanthropy during the coming year.

It is expected the budget will be reported in the Senate early next week. Those who appeared in behalf of the school board were Capt. James F. Oyster, W. V. Cox, W. V. Tunnell, Supt. Stuart, Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, Harry O. Hine, Percy M. Hughes, and Miss Ida Daly, the latter representing the Teachers Association. The Commissioners and D. E. Garges appeared on behalf of the District government.

NEW CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.

Residents of Northeast Section of District Form Organization.

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After the purpose of the gathering had been clearly stated by Dr. Jones and W. Sidney Pittman, president of the Fairmount Heights Citizens' Association, the new organization was formed with the following officers: President, Dr. W. W. Jones; vice president, John George; secretary, Robert Wesley; financial secretary, C. J. Nixon; treasurer, R. W. Gilliam; sergeant-at-arms, W. H. Strother.

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SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Azarias Literary Society of St. John's College was held in the college hall Wednesday afternoon. Essays, entertaining and instructive, were read by M. A. Deviny, P. H. Horning, L. J. Daly, R. C. Luckett, and W. S. Madigan. Plans were discussed for a debate to be held at the next meeting.

ALLIED CRUIETS.

Alleged cruets, Anna R. Trail, through Attorney H. G. Knebel, yesterday instituted proceedings in the District Supreme Court for limited divorce from William W. Trail.

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