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Why Housekeeping Goods and Linens are Selling Rapidly

The special sale announcements brought many buyers, also many doubters—the first had bought before, the last never believed in special sales until the advertisement brought them, just out of curiosity, they bought before leaving. It is an established business principle that on certain occasions the cost of selling decreases as the ratio of sales are increased. We find that the greater sales at smaller prices are profitable. The buying public also find it so, judging from the way our sales are increasing.

A few extra good Blankets will be sold cheap

Not more than a dozen pairs—so it won't do to say much, but we are anxious to see how many housewives are curious enough to answer an announcement as short as this.

Sheetings and Pillow Cottons

36 inch Cotton, unbleached, fine heavy thread. 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c and 100c. Bleached Cottons, full yard wide, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 10c, 12c, all finished soft for the needle. Remember we sell you better Cottons for less money than any one else in the trade.

Fancy Linens

For bureau, chiffonier, sideboard or table, a change of dressing will brighten rooms wonderfully. We have pretty bits of linen made of linen that cost but little, and when soiled can be easily laundered.

Sheetings and Pillow Cottons

Unbleached, 21 yards wide, 18c, 20c, 25c and 30c—all the other widths also. Bleached 21 yards wide, 20c, 25c, 30c, and 35c a yard—all the other widths also.

Towel Values

We think you will endorse our claim that the prices mentioned here are unusually low for goods of this quality:

AT 12½c—all Linens, 18 x 36 fringed ends.
AT 20c—all Linens, 18 x 38, fringed ends.
AT 25c—all Linens, hemmed, size 21 x 40.

Special in Art Denims

A wholesale jobber had too many—we made him an offer for the lot at a price, we sell them at 30c a yard, they're worth 50c. Enough said.

Thomas Stone & Son

A Pair that Cannot be Beat

Slater "Rational" Shape

(Goodyear Welted—Slater Method)

Designed for gentlemen who appreciate graceful curves which respect their corns, tender nails, and tenderer bunions. The toe is stiff, full, round and wide across the curved ball, and is higher on the great toe side from the instep, than on the small toe side; high, roomy and curving instep. It has claims to beauty but stronger ones to comfort—a graceful shoe that looks well under a big man.

Sizes and half sizes, 5 to 11. Widths, D, E and F. \$3.50 and \$5.00 per pair. (Name and price stamped on the soles)

Slater "Natural" Shape

(Goodyear Welted—Slater Method)

Modelled on the lines of the "Foot-form," only not tapering to a point, nor is it flat at the toe. An extra thickness in the last from ball of foot to toe allows of a moderately high stiff box, giving more room and ease to the toes and joints; has the peculiarity of making the shoe appear smaller than it really is. Made after the natural shape of the foot, and one of the most comfortable combined with good appearance, in which the Slater Shoe is made. Is really a shoe made for a broad foot with the appearance of being broad.

Sizes and Half-Sizes, 5 to 11. Widths, C to F. \$3.50 and \$5.00 per pair. (Name and price stamped on the soles)

The 2 T's = Trudell & Tobey

SOLE AGENTS—Only Black and White Store on Earth

THE ELGIN FARCE.

Conservatives Will Have Nothing to do With it.

Because the Ross Government Prevented Them From Having Counsel or Doing Any Probing.

St. Thomas, March 3.—The West Elgin commissioners met at the court house, St. Thomas, at 10.15 yesterday. In opening, Judge Barron stated they had received a lengthy document, signed by S. Price, which they had not had time to examine, but the purport of which was that he, on behalf of the Conservative, desired to abstain from taking any part in the proceedings, owing to the refusal of the commission to be represented by counsel and cross-examine the witnesses. G. H. Watson, of Toronto, counsel for the Crown, stated that the deputy returning officer, poll clerks and scrutineers from the township of Aldborough were present, and they proceeded beginning with division one of the eight divisions of that township. James D. McLean, deputy returning officer, Div. 1, Aldborough, was submitted to a lengthy examination. His evidence went to show there were no irregularities of any kind in that division in the election in 1899. His evidence was corroborated by that of Angus McLarty, scrutineer, Mr. Downie, scrutineer, and John McLean, poll clerk. The officers of all the other polling subdivisions in Aldborough testified to the same effect. The court will sit to-day and then probably adjourn for a couple of weeks, as Judge Morgan is ill.

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LADIES' JACKETS—your pick of any winter Jacket in our store—TO-NIGHT \$2.98.

SNAPS FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

MEN'S SUITS—15 only, fine all wool Tweed Suits, double breasted, new patterns, well tailored, perfect fitting, worth \$3.50, TO-NIGHT \$5.95.

For the benefit of those who cannot do their shopping during the day we have arranged a grand reception for to-night. Read this list over carefully. We are satisfied the quality and prices cannot be duplicated elsewhere. We sell for cash only—we have but one price and you can always rely on it being the lowest possible.

12 doz. Ladies' Vests, heavy weight, long sleeves, soft elastic rib, special to-night, 15c and..... 18c
4 doz. Ladies' Vests, fine wool quality buttoned front, long sleeves, fine finish, silk trimmed yoke, special to-night..... 45c
3 doz. Jettied Elastic Belts, fine, firm web, handsome buckles, worth 60c and 75c, to-night..... 50c
2 only blk. Astrachan Muffs, bright glossy curl, satin lined, special to-night..... \$1.95
1 only Fur Cape, 25 in. long, full sweep, quilted, Russian lining, reg. \$8, special to-night..... \$6.50
300 yds. Bleached Cottons, fine heavy quality, round even thread, soft finish, full yard wide, none better

in the market at 10c, special to-night..... 8c
10 doz. Fine Linen Napkins, 3 size, choice range pattern, regular \$1.50 per doz., special to-night..... \$1.00
2 doz. Heavy Table Linens, substantial quality, choice patterns, full 62 in. wide, none better in town as 40c, special to-night..... 25c
5 doz. Bleached Huck Towels, size 44 x 25 in. fine quality, fringed ends colored borders, regular 12½c each, to-night..... 9c
7 doz. Huckback Linen Towels, fine firm quality, heavy weight, extra large, reg. 20c, special to-night..... 14c
2 doz. Heavy Gray Flannel, pure wool plain or twill, medium shades,

fine quality, reg. 25c yd., special to-night..... 18c
2 pos. Curtain Net, 35 in. wide, taped edge, dainty patterns, regular 12½c yard, to-night..... 9c
Men's Underwear, broken lines and odd sizes, in fine wool and fleec lined worth up to 80c each, special to-night..... 44c
10 pos. Lace Curtains, 3 yards long, wide, width taped all round, pretty designs, regular 75 cent value, special to-night..... 49c
Ladies' Tailored Costumes, made of fine pure wool homespun, chevrons, plaid suitings and fine broad cloth, latest New York styles, beautifully finished, made to sell at \$10, \$12, \$15 and \$17.50, four pieces of the lot to-night..... \$6.95

The Busy Cash and One Price Store

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

FOE'S AGAIN IN SIGHT.

The Boers 6000 Strong are Facing Lord Roberts Near Osofontein.

He has Gone to the Front to Crush Them—British Troops Have Been on Half Rations but Shared Even Them With the Prisoners.

London, Saturday, March 3, 4.15 a.m.—Lord Roberts at Osofontein, six or eight miles east of Paardeberg, faces the reformed Boers from 5,000 to 6,000 strong. This may be merely a corps of observation, ready to retire on prepared positions. Doubtless it is receiving acclamations from the late besiegers of Ladysmith and from other points. Whatever the force may be, Lord Roberts has ample troops to cope with it. As a heavy rain is falling on the veldt and the grass is improving, this will be a good thing temporarily for the Boers. Lord Roberts has surprised observers by the excellence of his transport during the first advance; and he is likely to do so again, although military men here think he must wait for some days before going much farther. The Boers presumably will use this delay for all it is worth, pulling their resources together. Dr. Leyds gives out the opinion that the British entry to Bloemfontein is daily expected, as Commandants Dewet and Delarey had been instructed to retard the advance of Lord Roberts only until the concentration under Gen. Joubert had been accomplished.

FACING EACH OTHER.

Osofontein, March 3.—The Boers have now been definitely located four miles from the British front, their left resting on a high kopje and their right on the river. The burgher force is estimated to number between 5,000 and 6,000. The British camp has been moved here. A heavy rain is falling, the veldt is improving, supplies are rapidly coming around, and the men are in good health, despite that they have been on half rations for a fortnight. Cecil Rhodes has sent a quantity of champagne from Kimberley to be drunk to the health of Lord Roberts. Lord Roberts has published an order, thanking the troops for their endurance and for the courage and patience they have endured during the hardships of a forced march. He says that their general conduct has been worthy of the Queen's soldiers. A slight skirmish occurred six miles south-east, in which Col. Remington had a horse shot under him. The Boer forces on our front are believed to be under the joint command of Botha, Delarey and Dewet. They are expecting reinforcements from Natal. The guns that were captured at Paardeberg have been brought here. The rifles captured here in many cases scriptural texts engraved upon them, for example, "Lord, Strengthen This Arm." It is said that just prior to Cronje's surrender there was almost a mutiny in the camp.

ROBERTS AT THE FRONT.

London, March 3, 2.30 a.m.—Lord Roberts wires to the War Office from

Osofontein, under date of March 2, 4.15 p.m., as follows:—

"I have just returned from paying Kimberley a hurried visit. I was much gratified at finding the enthusiasm among the Kimberley people regarding the care of the sick and wounded. All the public buildings have been converted into hospitals, and all the men had been made most comfortable. It delighted me to see our soldiers sharing their rations and biscuits with the Boer prisoners before they commenced their march for Modder River. Some of the poor fellows were very hungry, after having been half starved in the laager."

WHY ARE THEY WANTED?

No adequate explanation is yet made of the 50,000 reinforcements that are preparing for Lord Roberts. Such explanations as are advanced tentatively suggest that either the Cape Dutch have become more unreluctant or that the Government has a hint of foreign suggestions of the further status of the allied republics.

The admiralty board has telegraphed to the Cape commander an expression of admiration and thanks on the part of the Lords of the Admiralty to the mariners and blue jackets engaged in the war for the "splendid manner in which they have upheld the traditions of the service and have added to its reputation for resourcefulness, courage and devotion."

Geo. Cronje, on arriving at Cape Town, was immediately escorted on board the British second-class cruiser Doris. There was no demonstration of the Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Wednesday, says:—"Chief Justice De Villiers, Mr. Hoffmeyer and Dr. C. E. Water are about to visit England, ostensibly on private business, and for their health. This significant Bond movement requires the most careful watching."

A NEW PHASE.

Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post today, says:—"The war now enters a new phase—that of a British attack upon the Boer power for the purpose of destroying it, and of bringing about the submission of the Boer states and the acquiescence of their populations in that submission. The invading army, intending to fight the enemy wherever it can be met, has only to march by the most convenient route towards the centre of the enemy's sources. The defending army must either come to meet the invader, replying to attack by attack, or must seek a defensive position, in which to prevent the attack of the invaders."

A FLAG TORN DOWN

Montreal Students Attack the Star Office

And Make a Riotous Anti-British Demonstration—Trouble Growing Serious.

Montreal, March 3.—There was another students' riot in Montreal last night, and at one time it looked as if there would be serious trouble. The students of Laval University, the leading French-Canadian educational institution, and the French population generally, were greatly incensed at the mobbing of the Laval building the night before by the McGill students because the British flag was not hoisted in honor of the relief of Ladysmith. A counter demonstration was organized by the Laval students, who paraded the streets. The students were reinforced by nearly five thousand sympathizers, and a big demonstration took place. Carrying the tri-color, the French flag, the students marched down St. James street and made a hostile demonstration in front of the office of The Star, the leading English newspaper. The Union Jack, which was flying from the Star building, was torn down, and trampled under foot. The French students sang the Marseillaise and cheered themselves hoarse. The tearing down of the flag resulted in a free fight, in which revolvers were fired and blows were exchanged. Several persons were badly hurt in the melee. The report spread that the students were on their way to McGill University, and a big force of police were despatched to the scene. The French students, however, kept to the centre and eastern districts of the city. The trouble has caused a great deal of bad feeling between the French and English sections of the population, and serious trouble is feared unless the authorities quell the disturbances promptly. The students did not go near McGill, but marched through the downtown

streets singing and shouting and tearing down flags. There were several fights between the students and the police, and a number on both sides were injured. The Victoria Rifles were called out by Col. White, D.O.C., to protect the drill shed, where a disturbance was threatened.

A BIG BLOODHOUND.

The largest bloodhound in the world is with Statesman's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. He weighs 203 lbs. and cost \$1,000.00. The undying inevitable Uncle Tom's Cabin appears at the Grand next Wednesday under the successful management of Wm. Kibbie. It is the best dramatization of this celebrated play ever presented, and the specialties are of high order. Of the specialties the dancing of the Toppies is a fine exhibition of suppleness and dexterity. The natural melody of the Lone Star Quartette, in their Southern songs, the overture of the orchestra and the mandolin students are equally entertaining in the extreme. A calcium light situated in the key of the gallery arc, casts rich, glowing colors over the tableaux with charming effect.

The balance of all winter gloves and mitts at reduced prices at Ridley's. ts1w

March 1st, 1900.

Stand the Family In a Row

How many are there in it? Three, four, five, six? How many are in need of shoes? What kinds are wanted?

Remember that this is a family shoe store, that we have every good sort of shoe for father, mother and all the children down to the tow who takes the little bootie.

And the prices are as right as right can be.

RUBBERS Children's now..... 25c
RUBBERS "Moses" now..... 25c
RUBBERS Ladies' now..... 35c

SLATER SHOES FOR MEN

\$5.00 kind for \$4.00
\$3.50 kind for \$3.00

Geo. W. Cowan

Chatham

In every household something is required every day which you do not possess and which you need. The usefulness of the required article never presents itself until it is needed and then you wonder where you can buy it.

A supply house for just such things will present itself if you take a walk through the ark any time you are down town. We have a full supply of common and handy kitchen utensils, stoves, cutlery, fancy and plain crockery, china, lamps, glass of every description, tinware, enameled ware, window shades, ready mixed paints, all kinds of wooden ware and every sort of shoe and stove blacking. A visit to the ark will reveal to you many things which you require and the price will be no hindrance to buyers as the goods are good and the prices always down to the lowest.