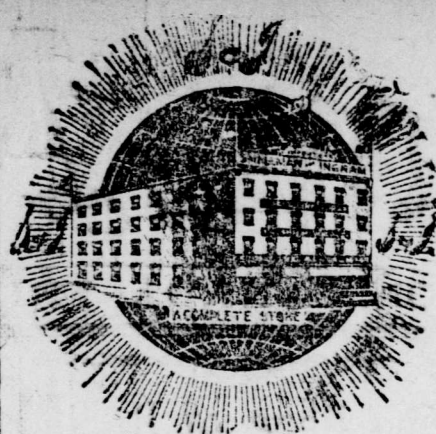


THE WEATHER TODAY—Fair.

Store Open Every Evening Until Christmas.
Closed from 6 to 7 O'clock.HELPS TO
HOLIDAY SHOPPERS.

To those who have waited until now for various reasons—they must make the best of these three fleeting days to Christmas. We'll help you all we can, suggesting gifts to you here, keeping the store open every evening, giving you every possible convenience for your comfort and profit and the best assortment of select holiday goods to be found anywhere. Your convenience is our pleasure, but whisper—can you get here before 11 o'clock in the morning? That's the time. After that the crowds.

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Ladies' Net and Lace Ties, in white, cream and butter, a gift no lady would refuse. Prices from..... 25c to \$1 00
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Ebony Military Brushes, very choice goods, \$1.50 the pair, or each..... 75c
Ebony Toilet Sets—hair brush, comb and mirror—in white leather case..... \$2 75
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NOTE—Ladies should leave this announcement where the gentlemen of their family or some other family can see it, or read it out to them.

A Bargain in
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Ladies' Three-Dollar-and-a-Half Dress Skirts, of assorted dark colored Homespun Cloths, lined throughout, interlined and velvet facing, five gore, raised seams, slight flare at bottom, 39 to 44 inches long. These skirts are good value at \$3.50, but will sell during Xmas Sale at..... \$2 50
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KNITTED WOOL COMBINATIONS—Children's Combination Waist and Underskirt, in three sizes, in cream only, finished with blue or pink. Make a nice gift to a little girl..... \$1 25 and \$1 50
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and museums. Everyone will say this is a confession of guilt; but you can say I am killing myself because, after having struggled to the utmost of my courage, my voice is stifled by my persecutors. Without bread, home or clothing, I shall die of privations of all kinds, unless a revolver bullet puts everything in good order. Kiss my children. Tell them adieu, and if a frightful fatality has precipitated me into an abyss, if I die the victim of human cowardice, I never committed the crime whereof I am accused by scoundrels in order to save themselves."

CABLE NOTES.

Details of the alleged impending consolidation of the Vickers-Maxim and Cramp Companies are published in London. It is said the capital will be \$150,000.

New Zealand has decided to try universal suffrage. The Vickers-Maxim and Cramp Companies are published in London. It is said the capital will be \$150,000.

Prof. Karl Becker, the German historical painter, whose 80th birthday was celebrated Dec. 18, died at Berlin on Thursday.

Baron Von Goeben Vanolden, minister of the Netherlands in London, has notified the British Government that as the Netherlands was not a party to the frontier dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela, the Government of the Netherlands cannot consider itself bound by the Paris arbitration award demarcating the Anglo-Dutch frontier.

Mr. Kruger attended a crowded meeting Thursday in the Nieuwe Kerk, Amsterdam. The speakers declared Great Britain had sold her birthright for a handful of gold, and that the continental powers would forever bear the brand of Cain unless they intervened in South Africa. Subsequently Mr. Kruger repaired to the Palace of Industry, where 5,000 school boys welcomed him with a chorus.

Dyspepsia is difficult digestion, due to the absence of natural digestive fluids. Hood's Sarsaparilla restores the digestive powers.

The Nile is noted for the variety of its fish. An expedition sent by the British Museum brought home 2,200 specimens.

IT IS A LIVER PILL—Many of the ailments that man has to contend with have their origin in a disordered liver, which is a delicate organ, peculiarly susceptible to the disturbances that come from irregular habits or lack of care in eating and drinking. This accounts for the great many liver regulators now pressed on the attention of sufferers. Of these there is none superior to Parmentier's Vegetable Pills. Their operation though gentle is effective, and the most delicate can use them.

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at Christmas time. There's an enthusiasm about business here that people like, and nothing we have done begins to equal what we're doing now. Our big new store is lighter, brighter and better in every way, and the surging crowds of holiday shoppers tell better than anything else the relation of this store to the community. In both our old and new stores we have everything you can possibly think of in useful, ornamental and toy gifts.

Since our last announcement we have added many more most desirable lines suitable for Christmas trade.

Just received, a shipment of Opal Ware, which is simply superb, in Collar, Cuff and Handkerchief Boxes. These lines at 35c excel those we previously sold at 50c.

Don't forget our Candy Counter, Pure Cream Candies, 10c per lb. SKATES—The best Hockey and Spring Skates, at 40c a pair, while they last. This is certainly a snap which parents should take advantage of for their boys.

Nice Blackboards for the children, for 50c; Children's Tables, 15c; a beautiful Oak Extension Table, with two separate leaves, was \$1, now 75c; a Bureau, with mirror, for 50c; Dolls' Chairs, for 10c and upwards; Rocking Horses, 75c; Wheelbarrows, 25c; Books and Games; Toy Books, from 1c up; Games, from 5c up; Celluloid Goods of all kinds, in Jewel Cases, Manicure Sets, Ladies' Companions, etc.; a nice Album for 25c, and a beauty for \$1; Photo Frames in an endless variety, ranging from 5c up.

SILVERWARE—A handsome Butter Dish, quadruple plate, \$2; Cracker Jars, satin finish, decorated in gold, \$2 50; Silver Fruit Dishes, worth \$2 50, for \$1 50.

CHRISTMAS CARDS—A beautiful assortment from 1c; Handsome Folding Calendars from 15c up; Crepe Paper, in loveliest shades; Bibles in all kinds of binding, complete, from 25c up; a handsome line of Dolls, ranging from 1c to the best jointed bisque head, with long curly hair. Special attention drawn to our Toy Furniture, simply marvelous, for 25c; Hair and Cloth Animals, Cats, Dogs, Sheep, Horses, etc.; Magic Lanterns, from 25c with slides complete; Boys' Military Suits, 50c; Savings Banks, from 5c; Toys, 5c; Vase Lamps, handsomely decorated, from \$1 up; Glass Lamps, from 20c up. Fancy China ware in endless variety—Five O'clock Tea Sets, beautifully decorated, seven pieces, 95c; China Cups and Saucers, 5c up to the very finest goods; Pin Trays, at 5c up, a beauty for 10c; Vases, 20c, sold all over for 25c; Shaving Mugs, 15c; Shaving Brushes, 10c.

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Article I.—It is agreed that the canal may be constructed under the auspices of the Government of the United States, either directly at its own cost or by gift or loan of money, to individuals or corporations, or through subscription, to or purchase of shares, and that, subject to the provisions of the present convention, the said government shall have and enjoy all the rights incident to such construction, as well as the exclusive right of providing for the regulation and management of the canal.

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which convention is hereby superseded—adopts as the basis of such neutralization the following rules, substantially as embodied in the convention between Great Britain and certain other powers, signed at Constantinople, Oct. 28, 1858, for the free navigation of the Suez Maritime Canal, that is to say:

1. The canal shall be free and open in time of war as in time of peace, as to the vessels of commerce and of war of all nations, on terms of entire equality, so that there shall be no discrimination against any nation or its citizens or subjects in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic or otherwise.

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5. The provisions of this article shall apply to water adjacent to the canal within three marine miles of either end. Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not remain in the waters longer than 24 hours at any one time, except in case of distress, and in such case shall depart as soon as possible; but a vessel of war of one belligerent shall not depart without 24 hours from the departure of a vessel of war of the other belligerent. It is agreed, however, that none of the immediately foregoing conditions and stipulations in sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this article shall apply to measures which the United States may find it necessary to take for securing by its own forces the defense of the United States, and the maintenance of public order.

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THE TREATY
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Only the Amendments Offered by the Foreign Relations Committee and Mr. Foraker Were Adopted.

Washington, Dec. 21.—After spending the greater part of the past fortnight in considering the Hay-Pauncefote treaty for the modification of the Clayton-Bulwer convention of 1850, the senate yesterday consumed only one hour and ten minutes in amending it and ratifying it as amended. During this time there were six roll calls and several viva voce votes. The first five of the roll calls were on amendments offered by individual senators, and the last one on the resolution to ratify the treaty as amended. All the amendments except those offered by Senator Foraker and reported by the committee on foreign relations were voted down by majorities averaging about 19. The ratification resolution was adopted by a vote of 55 to 18.

The senate was in executive session for about an hour before the time for

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