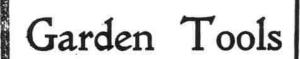


\$2.98

100 "German Canvass" Pillow Tops, in various designs (fully 50 styles), worth 50 and 75c each, Friday's special price, each



If we have it, it is the Best.



For everybody. This store offers many inducements to the farmer and gardener. We can supply your every want and for no considerable amount of money.

Drop in any time and see what we have,

Always glad to see you.

Asheville Hardware Co. ON THE SQUARE.

Miniatures on Ivory

A Revival of the Dainty Portraiture of the 17 Century.

Among people of refinement and taste the miniature has always occupied a place exclusively its own-nothing else in portraiture supplies this demand. Our miniatures will meet the demand of the most critical. Call and ask us at very close prices, all new patterns.

lished protected zones and reconcentration camps. These camps were erroneously supposed to be similar to those of Weyler in Cuba.

They are quite the contrary. In the Philippine camps not a single case of formerly.

In th meantime, these people are cooperating with native veterners, who are relentlessly rounding up the rebels. Their work has resulted in the capture or surrender of 3500 riflemen and hundreds of store houses, with enormous provisions and supplies of ammunition. The surrender of Malvar with his promise that his entire command will come in will permit thousands of people to return to their homes before the planting season begins, as they know now that they will not be disturbed by the rebels.

The announcement of Malvar's surender has caused the greatest rejoicing in the provinces of Laguna, Batangas and Cavite, where he had been operating with more or less success.

Washington, April 16 .- The following cablegram from Gen. Chaffee, dated at Manila yesterday, was made public at the war department today:

"With reference to my telegram of 23rd ultimo, reporting attack by Moros reconnoisance under Forsythe, March 15, soldier Twenty-seventh regiment murdered by Moros vicinity Parang-Parang. March 30, two soldiers Twenof friendship by six Moros near Malabang. Rifle seized, one soldier killed, others severely wounded but escaped murder without provocation or justification in any way. Murderers known, demand has been made for their surrender. Thus far dattos refused to deliver them. Have been to Malbang, tried confer with them. Waited three days. Dattos failed come or acknowledge receipt of my request conference. Expedition 1200 men under Col. Frank D. Baldwin, cavalry, artillery, being formed, leaving for Lake Lano about April

lake. Absolutely important our ausovereignty United States fully acthis effect dattos; at same time informing them of friendly disposition of gov-

only those giving offense; that government claims right explore country between Illana, Illimar Bays; its my purpose to do so now and at any other time. Accomplishment this object nec-

NEW LINE SCREENS.

render is the climax of General Whea- Springs, Ia., Richard W. Taylor of cabinet representation. The difficulty ton's severe policy, inaugurated last Rockford, Iowa, and Geo. W. Taylor of of making headway with republican December by Gen. Bell, when he estab-lished protected zones and reconception willing wash., who allege they are willingness on the part of the administhe only surviving children of Mrs. tration to aid in building up the party Flagler's dead sister, Mary Emma Tay- in the south and the necessity for relor.

They set forth that on the death of can party is a party of sectionalism. their mother in 1876, they were placed starvation has been recorded and the in the New York Juvenile asylum and suggestion and stated that he would death rate is below that of the neigh. in the same year were sent to the Iowa like to conform to it, but there was no boring provinces. A majority of the and apprenticed to persons. They be- immediate prospect of a vacancy in his peasants are better fed, better housed lieve their father is dead. The appli- official family. When seen in regard to and better protected than they were cation not opposed but the court was the visit, Senator Pritchard declined asked to make such provision for the nephews as might be proper. Gus

Justice Scott was appointed referee to take testimony as to the questions of fact raised by the aplication.

2,000 CHINESE SOLDIERS **KILLED OR CAPTURED**

arrived at Canton yesterday, reported Major Moody says it may be up to J. that over 2000 imperialist soldiers, sent Wiley to prove his assertions but that by Marshal Su against the rebels, were he believes J. W. can do it. ambushed in a narrow defile and all were killed or captured.

The situation in the districts of southern China is increasingly alarming. The viceroy of Canton has telegraphed to Pekin, urging the immediate forwarding of reinforcements. Lack of news from General Ma and Marshal Su is taken to indicate that the rebels

have surrounded the imperial troops and cut off communication with them.

PRESIDENT-ELECT PALMA

SAILS TODAY FOR CUBA New York, April 16.—Thomas Estrada CABINET CONSIDERS ty-seventh U. S. Infantry having one Palma, president-elect of the Cuban regun were approached with semblance public, left here today for Old Point Comfort on a special car attached to the regular 9:25 a.' m. train over the Pennsylvania railroad. He will sail for ST. JAMES GAZETTE PREDICTS Cuba tomorrow on the steamship "Admiral Farragut."

CUBAN CONGRESS TO MEET MAY FIFTH

Havana, April 16 .- The official Gazette today published the text of the new constitution, General Wood certifying that the constitution was pub-27, purpose arrest murderers, punish lished, and dissolving the constitutional dattos. Every care to be taken not convention. Congress was convened being general was with Moros about for May 5 for the purpose of examining the credentials of members and countthority respected by these people; that ing and rectifying the electoral vote for president and vice president. May knowledged. Have addressed letter to 20 was declared a public holiday.

ernment; that purpose was to punish STRIKERS AND LANCERS FIGHT; MANY WOUNDED

Brussels, April 16 .- The city has been quiet throughout the day and night. would accept. At Seraing a large crowd of strikers

stoned a detachment of lancers. The lancers charged the mob, wounding Oak and filled with denim or silkaline many. A number of cafes there were sacked by rioters.

this time.

futing the assertion that the republi-The president looks with favor on the

to discuss the president's utterances at

Senator Simmons has taken offense at the communication which recently

appeared in the Gazette from the pen of J. Wiley Shook. Mr. Simmons intends to go after Mr. Shook with a sharp stick, as he will file the article in question with the treasury department and request an investigation, which he hopes will result in Mr. Hong Kong, April 16 .- A courier who Shook's dismissal from the service.

Capt. Price Recommended.

Washington, April 16. - Senator Pritchard called on the president today to urge him to appoint a southern man to the next vacancy in the cabinet. He said this was due to the south, where industrial and commercial interests were growing. Senator Pritchard mentioned Captain Charles Price of Salisbury as a suitable candidate for a cabinet position.

AN EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT

OF PROGRESS.

London, April 16 .- The British cabi-

net had another meeting today for the

purpose of considering a communication

from the Boer representatives who are

After the cabinet meeting, Lord Salis-

bury, the premier, had an audience

esty. The latter afterward went to

Later it was asserted that the com-

ress of the peace negotiations.

Sandringham.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

been running about four months. The men have been working by the day. nage basis and claim the rate offered is entirely different than that in force in either "open mills" of the company.

Wilhelmina's Condition Serious.

London, April 16 .- A special dispatch from Amsterdam says:

"Queen Wilhelmina's condition growing more serious."

This afternoon's official bulletin from The Hague, however, declares that though the fever continues, the general condition of the queen is satisfactory.

ENTERTAINED BY MRS. CROKER

Clever

Here

signs.

ous.

Mrs. Richard Croker entertained several guests Tuesday evening in the music room at the Battery Park hotel. during the evening. A dainty lunch was served.

Housekeepers

Buy Silver

zens of the United States from passing They are now to be placed on a ton- between those places and the United States. A section is added reinforcing the law

requiring that the Chinese in the United States should be registered and cortificates obtained thereof. The bill now goes to the house, which will probably substitute its own bill and both bills will be sent to conference.

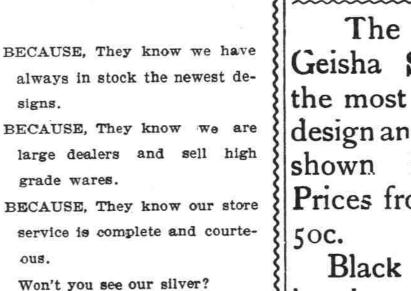
The bill providing civil government for the Philippines was made unfinished business and the senate adpourned.

Washington, April 16 .- Pursuant to vesterday's agreement the senate was today called to order ot 10 o'clock, two hours in advance of the usual time for meeting. This hour was fixed in order to permit more extended debate on the Chinese exclusion bill prior to the vot-The hotel orchestra furnished music ing on that measure which is to begin for the occasion and the guests en- at 1 o'cock. The attendance was very joyed dancing and other amusements slim. Only three senators Mesars. Pettus, Kean and Kittredge-faced Mr. Frye when he called the senate to order.

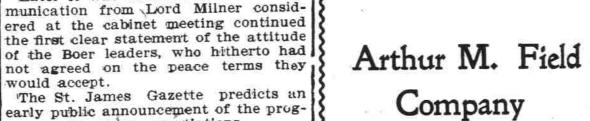
> Mr. Morgan gave notice that tomorrow he would call up the Nicaragua canal bill for the purpose of addressing the senate upon it.

> The president pro tem. laid before the senate a number of telegrams bearing upon the Chinese exclusion bill. These telegrams were all from the Pacific (Continued on fourth page.)





Leading



The paper says there is little doubt Cor. Church St.

Sumner's The celebrated Geisha Shirt Waist, the most beautiful in design and quality ever

shown in the city. Prices from \$3.75 to Black Moire Silk



now at Pretoria and a message from Lord Milner, the British high commissioner in South African. The session was extremely brief. with King Edward at Buckingham pal-

ace, and stayed to lunch with his maj-

