

People's Department Store

It Pays to Trade Here

Beginning tonight, we will remain open evenings until 10 o'clock for the accommodation of those who cannot shop during the day.

During the evening sessions, we will offer special inducements in desirable and appropriate merchandise which will give the opportunity to secure your Christmas gifts at a saving.

TONIGHT'S SPECIAL, LADIES HAND BAGS.

- \$6.00 Hand Bags.....\$4.00
- \$5.00 Hand Bags.....\$3.00
- \$4.00 Hand Bags.....\$2.50
- \$3.00 Hand Bags.....\$2.00
- \$2.00 Hand Bags.....\$1.25

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40-42 Patton Avenue.

1000 Pounds FRUIT CAKE

LIGHT AND DARK.

The finest that is made in the city

LAYER CAKES

The most complete assortment.

POUND CAKE

Our pound cake has no equal. A class by itself. Any kind and size cake made to order.

Zindel's Bakery

PHONE 578. 90 PATTON AVENUE

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For the balance of this week's selling we place on sale 187 Wool Dresses, beautiful designs and a variety of colors, \$20.00 value,—while they last \$8.50—be sure and ask to see them.

64 Coats in values up to \$15.00, this week's selling, \$5.95.

These coats are worth your consideration.

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FINANCIAL

Stocks, Bonds, Cotton, Grain, Provisions, Money—New York, New Orleans, Chicago and Foreign Market News.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

New York, Dec. 18.—Harriman stocks were weak at the opening of the market owing to the announcement that representatives of the Union Pacific had been unable to agree with the attorney general on a plan of distribution for its holdings of Southern Pacific. Union Pacific dropped two points on the opening sale of 2000 shares. Southern Pacific fell back 1 1/2 to 104 1/2, the low point of the recent long decline. The remainder of the list showed sympathetic heaviness.

Supporting orders were distributed in the Harriman stocks and they quickly made up their losses. The whole market also turned upwards. Active features rose above yesterday's level.

In view of varied influences, traders were in some doubt at the outset, but when the first rush of selling was over the entire market moved upward steadily and before noon was showing a good proportion of gain.

Bonds were irregular.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Cotton: spot fair demand; steady; American middling fair 7.67; good middling 7.33; middling 7.13; low middling 6.95; good ordinary 6.49; ordinary 6.01.

Sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1500 were for speculation and export and included 9200 American; receipts 53,300 bales, all American.

utures opened firm and closed barely steady.

December	6.88
December-January	6.85 1/2
January-February	6.83 1/2
February-March	6.83
March-April	6.82
April-May	6.81
May-June	6.80
June-July	6.78
July-August	6.75 1/2
August-September	6.66
September-October	6.48
October-November	6.41

LONDON STOCK MARKET.

London, Dec. 18.—Absence of a change in the rate of the Bank of England today caused general satisfaction. A general improvement occurred on the stock exchange. Americans, after early firmness, reacted on profit taking and New York selling. Prices, however, hardened again in the afternoon and closed steady.

BUTTER & EGGS.

New York, Dec. 18.—Butter steady; receipts 3395 tubs.

Cheese quiet, unchanged; receipts 108 boxes.

Eggs unsettled; receipts 3781 cases. Fresh gathered dirties, 16@18c; checks 14@16.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Dec. 18.—Close: Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange, easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.81.19 for 60 day bills and at 4.85.35 for demand.

Commercial bills, 4.80%. Bar silver 63 1-4. Mexican dollars 49 1-4. Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds irregular.

Money on call easier, 4 1/2% per cent; ruling rates 4 1/2%; closing bid 4; offered at 4 1-4.

Time loans easier; 60 and 90 day bills 6 per cent; six months 5 1/2%.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Dec. 18.—Cotton opened steady unchanged to an advance of 6 points on a few overnight buying orders and renewal of moderate trade support, then the market turned rather easier with prices selling off to a net loss of 2 or 4 points during the middle of the morning under realizing.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	73 3/4
Amer. Beet Sugar	59
Amer. Cotton Oil	56
Amer. Smelt & Refining	72
Amer. Sugar Refining	116 3/4
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	140
Anacosta Mining Co.	35 3/8
Atchison	105 3/4
Atlantic Coast Line ex div.	131 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	104 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	78 3/4

Chicago & Northwestern	186 3/4
Canadian Pacific	257 1/2
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	112
Colorado Fuel & Iron	32 1/2
Colorado & Southern	32
Delaware & Hudson	162
Denver & Rio Grande	19 1/2
Erie	81 1/2
General Electric	182 3/4
Great Northern pfd.	134 1/2
Great Northern Ore cts.	41
Illinois-Central	126 1/2
Interborough-Met.	17 1/2
Interborough-Met. pfd.	69 1/2
Inter Harvester	109 3/4
Louisville & Nashville	139 1/2
Missouri Pacific	41 3/4
Mo. Kan. & Tex.	28 1/2
Lehigh Valley	170 1/2
National Lead	55
New York Central	109 3/4
Norfolk & Western	112 1/2
Northern Pacific	120 1/2
Pennsylvania	121 1/2
People's Gas	111
Pullman Palace Car	160 1/2
Reading	167 3/4
Rock Island Co.	23
Rock Island Co. pfd.	43
Southern Pacific	106
Southern Railway	27 1/2
Union Pacific	158
United States Steel	66 3/4
United States Steel pfd.	109 1/2
Wabash	4
Western Union	74

CHICAGO GRAIN QUOTATIONS.

WHEAT—	Open.	Close.
December	85 3/4	85 3/4
May	91	90 3/4
July	87 1/2	87 1/2

CORN—

December	48 3/4	48 3/4
May	49	48 3/4
July	49 1/2	49 1/2

OATS—

December	33	32 3/4
May	33 3/4	33 3/4
July	33 1/2	33 1/2

MESS PORK per bbl.—

January	17.85	17.82 1/2
May	18.10	18.07 1/2

LARD per 100 lbs.—

January	9.90	9.90
May	9.90 1/2	9.90

RIBS per 100 lbs.—

January	9.75	9.70
May	9.72 1/2	9.72 1/2

COTTON FUTURES.

December	12.76 @ 79	12.81 @ 82
January	12.80 @ 81	12.86 @ 87
February	12.82 bid	12.81 @ 82
March	12.85 @ 86	12.81 @ 82
April		12.81 bid.
May	12.86 @ 87	12.81 @ 85
June		12.73 bid.
July	12.78 @ 79	12.75 @ 75
August	12.08 ask.	12.82 @ 82
September	12.11 ask.	12.08 @ 10
October	11.95 @ 98	11.94 @ 95

THE COUNTRY BANKER.

His Standing in and His Grip Upon His Own Community.

The first public convenience a new commodity wants is a bank. Oftentimes it comes before the church or a newspaper; but, as a rule, it follows both. It is hard to beat the editor and the preacher.

If the influence exercised by the bankers of our great cities constitutes a menace to the public welfare, what shall we say of the grip that the little bank holds on its community? The so-called "country banker" to succeed must be eminent for all the qualities that make up a truly good man. Usually he is a church member and often a Sunday school teacher. He is consulted by politicians regarding the local government, and the candidate who has his approbation is envied, for he is usually the winner. To the country banker are confided the troubles, domestic as well as financial, of all who have access to him. And everybody seeks to have access.

The banker is first to subscribe to every good cause. He is the community's adviser as to investments and the arbitrator of its business controversies. His word is as good as his bond, and to his credit it must be added that, with rare exceptions, it deserves to be. He asks few favors, and these are always granted. He is the center of the social life of his vicinity. His voice is that of authority. He is loved, respected, admired and feared. The banker is a man of integrity. The slightest cloud on him or on his bank will settle them both. In this matter he stands with the preacher. So, from selfish considerations, if from no other, the banker must be deserving of the trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens.

Who wouldn't be the country banker?—Leslie's.

Tonight 8:30, H. S. Minstrels.

Parents, give your boys a Y. M. C. A. membership for a Christmas present. Come tonight, H. S. Minstrels!

COAT SUIT SALE

Women's and Misses' Garments

A sale hard to beat. For our regular prices are always lower than elsewhere.

- \$25.00.....Suits Are Included
- \$27.50.....Suits Are Included
- \$30.00.....Suits Are Included
- \$32.50.....Suits Are Included

The very small figure can find in this range a suit to fit her idea, her lines, as well as her purse and they range in sizes up to 46, so every one can get suited. Right before Christmas, when a suit will most please you—Choose from the above range—Sale Price

\$14.50

Do your gift shopping here—Practical gift things for every member of the family.

The Asheville Dry Goods Co.

BURNETT IMMIGRATION

MEASURE PASSES HOUSE

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 18.—The house today passed the Burnett literacy test immigration bill 178 to 52.

The measure, a substitute for the senate Dillingham bill, would bar from the United States immigrants over 16 years unable to read, except those proving to have emigrated on account of religious persecution at home.

THE ELECTRIC STORE

By special arrangement with the publishers of Popular Electricity Magazine, we have a quantity of coupons worth 75 cents each on subscription price of this magazine. To each customer whose purchase amounts to \$1.00 or more between now and Christmas we will present one of these coupons free.

Everything Electrical

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Men's suits, business and dress, handsome opera cloaks and furs, white gloves, kid slippers, etc., cleaned perfectly,—modern plant, skilled workmen.

Asheville Dry Cleaning Co. Next Door to Entrance of Langren. Phones 835 and 836.

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24 lbs. Gold Flour 74c, 10 lbs. Cottolene. \$1.29. Armour's Canned soups, and flavor, 6 for 50c, 12 for 98c., Quaker Oats 10c, Post Toasties 9c, Sliced Wheat 11c.

Quality, Courtesy, Quick Delivery, Right Prices.

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Pipes from 5c to \$15.00. Cigars from 50c per box to \$6.50. Cigar and cigarette cases in leather and sterling silver. English and domestic tobacco pouches. Humidors for cigars and tobaccos at all prices. Cigars and cigarette holders in amber and meerscham. Smoking sets, silver match boxes.

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A new line just in. Pocket knives from 25c to \$2.50, all guaranteed. Igersoll watches from \$1.00 to \$2.00, all guaranteed. The public is cordially invited. All goods delivered.

BLOMBERG'S, ON THE AVENUE

Sporting Goods and Toy Department

Baseball, football, golf, tennis, gym. goods, hunting goods, sweaters, jerseys, auto coats and gauntlets.

Automobiles for boys from \$6.50 to \$25.00.

SLEDS, flexible flyers, a full line just in. Roller skates for girls and boys from 75c pair to \$5.00.

Express and goat wagons for the boy.

LEATHER GOODS

Gentlemen's toilet sets, collar and cuff boxes, flasks and drinking cups, Pullman car clocks, Gillette's and Andy's safety razors, shaving brushes and strops.

BLOMBERG'S, ON THE AVENUE