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Christmas Presents...

WHEN you make a present give something that will be appreciated for a long time—something that will do honor to yourself and be an everlasting pleasure to the receiver. This is the kind we handle and the prices are right.

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Annual Display of

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For the Christmas trade will be made during the week.

There will be Handkerchiefs for the masses and classes—for young and old.

Plain, embroidered and laced, in cotton, linen and silk.

Prices will be quoted later.

If wanting handkerchiefs be sure to inspect the stock at

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White and colored aprons for all occasions and occupations.

About 300 yards 85c and 90c Full Bleached 70-inch

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Until closed out at

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Great Bargain.

(Linen counter, dry goods side.)

250 fine Beaver and Felt Shapes, formerly sold at \$1.50 to \$2.00 each, closing price--

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(Special table, millinery department.)

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THE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

Fourth Annual Convention Opens in Charleston.

WELCOME TO STATE

Address Delivered by Governor McSweeney.

SEVERAL TOPICS RELATING TO MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT DISCUSSED AT FIRST DAY'S SESSIONS.

Charleston, Dec. 12.—The fourth annual convention of the League of American Municipalities met in this city today.

The address of welcome to South Carolina was delivered by Governor McSweeney, and Mayor Smythe of this city extended the freedom of Charleston.

The response for the league was delivered by President Johnson.

Reports of several committees were read and referred to the proper committees and adjournment was taken.

The afternoon session was devoted to the discussion of several topics in relation to municipal government.

This evening there will be a reception at City Hall, Governor McSweeney and Mayor Smythe receiving.

The following mayors will either read papers or lead in the discussions during the convention: Chappelle, Columbus, Ga.; Maybury, Detroit; Gray, Minneapolis; Johnson, Fargo, N. D.; Harrison, Chicago; Ashley, New Bedford; Weakley, Florence, Ala.; Harbison, Hartford, Conn.; McGuire, Syracuse; Robinson, Colorado Springs; Redmond, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Driscoll, New Haven; Swartz, Columbus, O.; Capdeville, New Orleans; Phelan, San Francisco; Head, Nashville; Perry, Grand Rapids; Hartenbower, Des Moines; Williams, Memphis; Kirschner, St. Joseph, Mo.; Drennen, Birmingham, Ala.; Jones, Toledo. Papers will also be read or discussed by Clinton Rogers Woodruff of Philadelphia, secretary of the National Municipal League; Bird S. Coler, comptroller of New York city; Professor Bains, late of Chicago university, and many others. The subjects discussed are of the most practical character.

The officers of the league are: President, Mayor Johnson, Denver; first vice president, Mayor Johnson, Fargo, N. D.; second vice president, Mayor Driscoll, New Haven; third vice president, Mayor Flower, New Orleans; treasurer, Thomas P. Taylor, ex-mayor of Bridgeport, Conn.; secretary, B. F. Gikison, New York; trustees, Charles A. Ashley, mayor of New Bedford; J. A. Smythe, mayor Charleston; J. T. Harley, councilman, Columbus, O.

TO FEED 25,000 POOR.

WORK OF THE SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS DAY.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Salvation army will provide on Christmas day a dinner for 25,000 poor persons in Madison Square Garden.

In the morning 16,000 uncooked dinners will be distributed to poor families in 3200 baskets. Each basket will contain provisions for five persons. In the evening 3000 cooked dinners will be served at tables on the main floor of the garden. After the dinner there will be an entertainment, when "The Passion Play" will be reproduced. Commander Booth-Tucker will preside over the gathering.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR SHOT.

MEN IN WAGON THOUGHT IT WAS A HOLDUP.

Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 12.—Deputy Collector John Lanier was shot and probably fatally wounded this morning while holding up a wagon which he believed was carrying illicit whiskey. Two men were in the wagon and they, thinking it was a holdup, fired. The officers with Lanier returned the fire, wounding both occupants. Lloyd Johnson and R. M. Dronnen of Molino, Tenn.

FIGHT WITH INSURGENTS.

Manila, Dec. 12.—A detachment of the Fifth cavalry had a fight with 100 insurgents south of Santa Cruz Sunday. Fourteen insurgents were found dead. There were no American casualties.

Verdict after eight years' trial—the best. They don't smoke. They don't smell. The Banner Oil Heaters. Ask those who use them, and you will buy no other. J. H. Law, 35 Patton Ave. 12-1127

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AUDITORIUM PLAN IS DECIDED UPON

Architect Davis of Philadelphia the Winner.

EXTREME DIMENSIONS OF BUILDING 93X162 FEET—SEATING CAPACITY OF 3500.

The Asheville auditorium movement is running strictly on schedule time. Secretary Powell gave it out some weeks ago that the plans from the different architects would be in and a selection made by December 10, which practically tallies with the result, for the board of directors met yesterday afternoon and received and adopted a report of the executive committee in regard to a choice of a plan.

The committee's report was to the effect that the plans submitted by Architect Seymour Davis of Philadelphia came nearer meeting the requirements than any others. The committee is now in correspondence with Mr. Davis with a view of arriving at satisfactory arrangements for securing the plans, and expects to have the plans contracted for by the 15th.

A rough sketch of the plans is posted on the wall of Secretary Powell's room, and even in this shape shows that a very attractive building is called for. The plan is for a building on the monumental style, as Architect Davis designated it.

Its extreme dimensions are 93x162 feet. It has a seating capacity of 3100, exclusive of the stage, which will accommodate 400.

There are three large entrances in front, which lead to a loggia, 55x170 feet in size, to one side of which are box offices, etc.

The management has reasons to be proud of the good time made with the work.

Secretary Powell and President Weaver predict that the contracts will be made by February 15, when work is expected to begin at once.

The date of the opening, July 15, is still adhered to.

The plans submitted by Architect Davis show the front of the building, the main floor, the gallery, the stage and a cross-section. In addition to the plans selected various others submitted are to be seen on the walls.

POPULATION FIGURES.

ASHEVILLE GOES UP TO THIRD PLACE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The population of North Carolina cities is given out by the census bureau as follows:

Asheville	14,694
Beaufort	2,195
Burlington	3,692
Charlotte	15,091
Concord	7,910
Durham	6,669
Edenton	3,046
Elizabeth City	6,348
Fayetteville	4,670
Gastonia	4,610
Goldboro	5,877
Graham	2,052
Greensboro	10,035
Greenville	2,565
Henderson	3,746
Hickory	2,535
High Point	4,163
King's Mountain	2,062
Kinston	4,106
Monroe	2,427
Mount Airy	2,630
New Bern	9,090
Raleigh	13,643
Randleman	2,190
Reidsville	3,262
Rocky Mount	2,937
Salem	3,642
Salisbury	6,277
Statesville	3,141
Tarboro	2,499
Washington	4,842
Wilmington	20,975
Wilson	3,525
Winston	10,008

HOSE WAGON AND CAR.

UGLY COLLISION WITHOUT SERIOUS RESULTS.

Savannah, Dec. 12.—This morning, while the fire department was responding to an alarm, a heavy supply wagon, used temporarily as a hose wagon, ran into a closed street car. The accident occurred at the corner of Drayton and Broughton streets and caused considerable excitement. The tongue of the wagon went through the car, but a woman, the only occupant of the car, escaped uninjured. The motorman was arrested, charged with obstructing fire apparatus en route to a fire.

FEAR OUR INFLUENCE.

SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLICS NEGOTIATING ALLIANCE.

New York, Dec. 12.—A Herald dispatch from San Juan, P. R., says: "It is reported here that the republics of South America are negotiating an alliance, having been prompted to do so by the fear that American influence will become paramount in the western hemisphere. The movement is said to be the outgrowth of the Ibero-American congress, recently held at Madrid."

CHILDREN'S DAY tomorrow afternoon and evening, 5 and 10 Cent Store. 12-1127

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KNOX REPORTS RUNNING FIGHT

Dewet's Forces Moving Toward Reddersburg.

TO BE REINFORCED

A Column There to Co-Operate With Them.

IN HOUSE OF COMMONS SIR ROBERT REID PAINTS GLOOMY PICTURE OF SOUTH AFRICAN CONDITIONS.

London, Dec. 12.—Lord Kitchener cables the war office from Pretoria, undated December 12, that General Knox reports from Helvetia that he is engaged in a running fight with General DeWet and that the enemy are moving toward Reddersburg, where there is a column ready to co-operate with them.

Lord Kitchener in the dispatch says Boers attacked a post near Barton. The casualties were three killed, five wounded, 13 taken prisoners on the British side. The captured men have since been released.

Boers raided the Riverton road station December 11. They are being followed up.

IRRITATION AROUSED. Considerable irritation was aroused during the debate in the house of commons today on supply.

Sir Robert Reid, Liberal member for Dumfriesshire, painted a gloomy picture of conditions in South Africa. He said that after 14 months of a war costing £5,000,000 per month anarchy is prevalent and famine is threatened, and this may be followed by a native rising. The attempt to place the colonies under military rule, he said, would imperil the very existence of the empire.

He thought the time had arrived for offering the Boers amnesty not inconsistent with British dominion. All ideas of an unconditional surrender should be discarded.

James Bryce, Liberal, followed similar lines. He suggested granting general amnesty to Boers now in arms as legitimate combatants. The negotiations, Bryce also said, should not be entrusted to Sir Alfred Milner, who was the object of almost universal distrust by the queen's subjects in South Africa. Broderick, secretary for war, hotly challenged Bryce's statements regarding Sir Alfred Milner. Sir Robert's speech, Broderick asserted, was impracticable, unwise and mischievous. The government was perfectly willing to offer terms for surrender, so long as it would not be interpreted as proof of weakness and thereby cause a prolongation of warfare.

LABOR FEDERATION.

ACTION REGARDING LABOR UNIONS IN PORTO RICO.

Louisville, Dec. 12.—The American Federation of Labor today received invitations from Washington, Scranton, Pa., and Niagara Falls, N. Y., for holding the convention next year. No action was taken.

Upon resolutions with reference to labor unions in Porto Rico the convention adopted a declaration recommending to all affiliated unions whose trade or calling is pursued in Porto Rico that they take prompt action for the purpose of disseminating information in Porto Rico necessary to give the Porto Ricans an opportunity to become allied with the national or international trade association in America.

KILLS TWO OFFICERS.

ESCAPED MURDERER RUNS WILD IN INDIANA.

Logansport, Ind., Dec. 12.—Marvin Kuhns, the murderer who escaped from the Ohio penitentiary and shot a policeman here Monday, shot and killed two officers who were trying to arrest him at Avilla this morning. Avilla is near Kuhns' home. A posse is in pursuit.

Policeman Dean of this city, who was shot by Kuhns Monday, is in a critical condition.

COL. LISCUM'S BODY.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The remains of Col. Emerson H. Liscum, which have been lying in state in this city, were interred in Arlington cemetery yesterday afternoon with imposing ceremonies.

MYER'S NAME SENT IN.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The president has sent to the senate the name of George Von L. Meyer of Massachusetts to be ambassador to Italy.

Christmas Cards and Calendars. A selection from the best and most artistic, and some that are not found elsewhere. J. H. Law, 35 Patton Ave. 12-1127

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MUCH CORDIALITY ON SULTAN'S PART

Americans the Only Foreigners at a Dinner.

THE TURK SHOWS EXCESSIVE FRIENDLINESS FOR CAPTAIN OF THE KENTUCKY.

Constantinople, Dec. 11.—Americans were the only foreigners at a dinner given at Yildiz palace Monday. The sultan sat between the grand vizier and United States Charge Griscom, and showed unusual cordiality.

His majesty's display of excessive friendliness for Captain Chester of the battleship Kentucky is attributed to a desire to demonstrate that the visit of the Kentucky to Smyrna has produced no irritation.

Some question has arisen in regard to the alteration of a clause in the contract for building a cruiser for Turkey in the United States, concerning the supply of ammunition, but no importance is attached to it.

CONFESSED THIEF.

WHEN HE GETS OUT HE WILL ENJOY HIMSELF.

Boston, Dec. 12.—The case of Morris Aaronburg, the youth who has confessed that he stole \$887 from Mrs. Margaret Beck, which has puzzled the police from the first, still staggers the officials, although the boy has declared his guilt.

It is the first case in police records here where a man or boy has confessed to having stolen money and has stood ready to take all the punishment which could be given for the offense without making restitution and trying to escape the full penalty.

The police have figured it out that if Aaronburg goes to prison for the maximum term of five years without returning the stolen money he will come out financially as if he had been at work all the time on a salary of about \$1800 a year. All evidence is taken as indicating that Aaronburg has the money safely concealed and intends to go to prison without revealing its hiding place.

DOLL SALE RECEIPTS.

THEY AMOUNT TO OVER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

At the doll sale of St. Mary's Guild last evening two young people's hearts were made glad. Vance Brown was the lucky man, while the "unlucky" young lady was Miss Clara Davidson. It was simply love at first sight, as Mr. Brown had no trouble at all in securing Miss Davidson's consent. Which all means that Mr. Brown won the doll raffled off.

Miss Minnie Greenlee was voted the most popular young girl and Miss May Bernard was voted the prettiest young girl. Miss Greenlee received a hand-painted picture frame and Miss Bernard a beautiful rose picture frame.

Over \$100 was taken in at the sale and the ladies wish it known that there are a few dolls remaining that may be seen at Mrs. Dunn's on Haywood street. The ladies expect in the near future to have a rummage sale.

NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDE.

INTRODUCTORY CLAUSE OF THE NOTE IS ELIMINATED.

London, Dec. 12.—Negotiations of the powers with regard to the joint China note were concluded satisfactorily yesterday, all agreeing to the conditions identical as outlined by Count Von Buelow November 19, with the exception of the introductory clause, saying that the demands are irrevocable, which is eliminated.

SANTA FE STRIKE.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 12.—There is little change in the strike situation on the Santa Fe today. The Topeka operators who went out hold an expectant attitude. President Dolphin is reported on his way here and J. A. Newman of the O. R. T., for the Santa Fe system is expected to arrive before the day is out.

PUGS MAY FIGHT.

Cincinnati, Dec. 12.—Mayor Fleischmann today refused to recede from his promise to grant a permit for a prize fight at Saengerfest hall between Jeffries and either Ruhlkin, Sharkey or Fitzsimmons.

TO MEET IN JACKSONVILLE.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 12.—The Southern Grocery association has accepted Jacksonville's invitation and will hold the annual convention here in January.

BRAGIC SAMTSIRHC.

Ladies, those words mean a whole lot to your husband, many pleasant moments. We have just received a fine lot of Christmas Cigars which we will sell at special prices—from \$1.00 up, per box. Wells' High Grade Cigar Store, 14 Patton avenue.

Coal, Coke and Wood. Best quality at lowest prices. Phone 40. Asheville Ice and Coal company. 12-1127

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CENTENNIAL DAY AT WASHINGTON

The National Capital is in Gala Attire.

BUSINESS STOPPED

Great Concourse Participating in Festivities.

PROGRAM BEGINS WITH RECEPTION BY PRESIDENT AND CABINET TO GOVERNORS OF MANY OF THE STATES.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The national capital is in gala attire today in honor of the celebration of the hundredth anniversary, and for the time being the wheels of government have ceased revolving.

Business, public and private, is suspended, while the president and his cabinet, the senate and house of representatives, the federal judiciary, governors of many states, and a great concourse of citizens and visitors joined in the elaborate festivities of the day.

Perhaps never again will this generation witness such a significant gathering of heads of states and of the chief executive of the nation.

One hundred years ago the transfer of the seat of government was made from Philadelphia to Washington and the site previously selected by President Washington was taken possession of by the various branches of the government. President and Mrs. Adams driving over from Philadelphia, the senate and house holding sessions here for the first time.

The program of the day began with a reception at 10 o'clock by President McKinley and members of the cabinet to governors of states and territories at the executive mansion. This was followed by the unveiling in the east room of the model of the proposed enlarged executive mansion, which is to be a lasting memorial of today's celebration.

Other events of the day were a parade from the white house to the capitol, participated in by the president and other dignitaries and visitors and the district militia, and joint exercises by the senate and the house.

AUCOUTRIER GIVES UP.

New York, Dec. 12.—The third day of the big bicycle race in Madison Square Garden opened with eight teams still in the contest. Aucoutrier gave up at 7 this morning, saying he was completely exhausted. His partner, Muller, is heartbroken.

Go to Mrs. L. A. Johnson's to select Christmas presents, 43 Patton avenue.

THGIRLLAERASRAGIC'SLLEW. That looks funny, don't it? And so it is, but it reads all right—from right to left—it is Wells' cigars are all right.

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IN NOTHING so much as in PAINTS must a consumer trust to the dealer.

GOOD and bad paint look alike when cans are opened—tim alone will tel the tale.

SOME PEOPLE may leave us on account of price but never a one because of quality.

Smith's Drug Store ON THE SQUARE