

A Grand Success!

We wish to thank the people who attended our Matting Sale for the grand success they made the occasion, and to show our appreciation we have about 25 rolls which we will hold at sale prices to accommodate those who could not get here on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

- 10 pieces Japanese Matting, worth 30c, our price, 19c.
- 5 pieces Japanese Matting, worth 25c, our price, 18c.
- 4 pieces Japanese Matting, worth 20c, our price, 16 2-3c
- 3 pieces China Matting, worth 18c, our price, 12 1-2c
- 3 pieces China Matting, worth 25c, our price, 17c.

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For the dressiest thing in men's Oxfords you should see our line, on display in east show window. Made in all leather, vic, velvet, patent calf, etc. The styles and shapes are correct in every respect. Fit Guaranteed.

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Our line of ladies Oxfords are real creations of art, stylish, nobby and up-to-date. Made in all leather, and in shapes from the high heel French Opera to the comfortable Common Sense.

Prices to Suit the Purse.

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One solid week, commencing

Monday, May 2,

The National Stock Company

Will present as the opening Bill
Hall Cane's great story,

THE BONDMAN,

High Class Specialties between the acts.
Seats on sale at Brown's Pharmacy, Thursday April 28th.

Prices, 15, 25, and 35 cents.

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J HAVENS,

Is the Freshest and Best Meal
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It takes about ten days to get a car of Virginia meal, manufactured in Ohio and Indiana. We are offering

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Washington's Greatest Store!

We are in business to sell you better goods for the same money than others do. We do it by buying from the manufacturer. We can handle enough goods to get them direct. We have the facilities, let us sell you what you want and save you money. We are headquarters for

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Special sale of ladies' Fancy Parasols. All-silk Parasols, Congo Handles, Ribbon Borders, all colors, Regular price, \$2; Special at \$1.50.

KNIGHT & COOPER.

Agts Queen Quality Shoes. New Oxfords now in, \$2.50

Another Stopper for the Port Arthur Bottle.

OLNEY MASSACHUSETTS' FAVORITE.

Bitter Feeling Against Americans in Manchuria by Russians.

AUSTRALIAN MINISTRY TO RESIG. I.

Democratic Leader Williams Tells the Republicans of Some Things Left Undone.

**TO BOTTLE UP
PORT ARTHUR HARBOR.**

By Cable to Gazette-Messenger.

Rome, Italy, April 21.—A telegram has just been received from Chefoo China to the effect that Admiral Togo of the Japanese squadron has a special vessel and will make another attempt to bottle up Port Arthur tonight. If the effort proves successful the Japanese propose to attack the forts one by one and if such a thing is possible dismantle them.

HARMONIOUS GATHERING.

Special to the Gazette-Messenger.

Boston, Mass., April 21.—The Democratic State Convention, which has promised to be most stormy, now bids fair to develop into a comparatively harmonious gathering. The program for today will include the resolution announcing the Democracy of the State of Massachusetts declares for the nomination of Hon. Richard Olney as a candidate for the office of president of the United States. Then will follow the election of the delegates and alternates.

A resolution will be offered instructing the delegates to vote on all questions in national convention as a unit. It is not expected that the platform will be adopted.

Boston, Mass. April 21. (Later) The delegates are slow in gathering and it was eleven o'clock before the convention was called to order. After the usual routine business John J. Flaherty was made permanent chairman. He was conducted to the platform and addressed the convention. His speech was received with rousing enthusiasm.

ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING.

By Cable to Gazette-Messenger.

Berlin April 21.—The Frankfurter Zeitung today prints a dispatch from from its correspondent at Manchuria which says that there is a bitter Anti-American feeling prevalent throughout that section of the Chinese domain. This feeling, says the correspondent is so strong that the lives of the Americans are endangered. The Russians are persecuting the Americans and they are now detained at Mukden on the charge of espionage in behalf of the Japanese. An American named Reilly, of New York City, has disappeared from Mukden and his fate is now unknown. The Russian authorities at Mukden have ordered the arrest of a Canadian named Davidson on the charge of espionage but he could not be found.

There is a similar feeling prevalent against the English arrested at Port Arthur on the charge of being spies and they have been hanged at Mukden. There is a persecution of the Jews also.

Senator Ben Tillman, we see has declared that he is not for Bryan nor Hearst, and says that combination would be fatal to democratic success at the polls next fall. The south is in a conservative mood this year, for sure when the South Carolina senator cuts loose from its old association and disavows extremist policies.—Winston Sentinel.

Roper must sell lots of embroideries and laces, and must buy them in large quantities, to sell them as cheap as he does.

**TO CONTROL
EVERY COMMODITY.**

Special to Gazette Messenger.

Columbus, Ohio, April 21.—The Standard Oil Company is said to be now engaged in pushing plans to control every commodity in the country. It has been known for sometime that John D. Rockefeller and his associates for sometime have been prosecuting a systematic effort to control the railway, coal, steel and iron business of the United States. This company has a growing interest in sugar, coffee and all kinds of cereals. The company is now endeavoring to control the wholesale grocery business; this fact developed by the increase which has just been made in the capital stock of the Eldridge Niggins Company, of Columbus Ohio. The stock has been increased from a half million to two million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. It now seems certain that the Standard Oil Company owners will take new issue and through the Eldridge Company expect to eventually control the wholesale grocery business in the State of Ohio and later of the entire country. The Standard's ambition is to make all the people buy goods from them.

STOCKHOLDERS MEET.

Special to Gazette-Messenger.

Hoboken, N. Y., April 21.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Security Company to vote on the proposed stock by 99 per cent and to distribute the assets on a pro rata basis met today. The meeting was held in order at 11 o'clock by J. J. Hill. The first session of the meeting was the filing of protests by representatives of the Oregon short line railroad and the Union Pacific interests. A vote was taken on the plan proposed by the directors for the distribution of the merger stock held by the company. It was unanimously adopted.

PROMINENT N. Y.

ATTORNEY DEAD.

Special to Gazette-Messenger.

Lockport, New York, April 21.—Hon. John E. Pound, one of the most prominent attorneys of Western New York, and United States commissioner for this district, was stricken with apoplexy while at work this morning.

He died later today at the hospital.

**ACTED IN BAD FAITH,
THINKS WILLIAMS.**

Special to Gazette Messenger.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—Representative Williams, of Mississippi, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, in a three column interview today which has just been published, enumerates the things which Congress has not done this session, and which in his opinion should have been done. He accuses the majority of bad faith.

MINISTRY TO RESIGN.

By Cable to Gazette-Messenger.

Melbourne, Aus., April 21.—The Arbitration bill was today defeated. It is now stated that the ministry will tender its resignation at once.

If troubled about your thinking cap, try a glass of Pepsi-Cola, it will freshen you up and make work easier. It is the best soda fountain drink. Only 5c. at all soda fountains.

Business Men "Read, Mark, Learn and Inwardly Digest" This Inconventible Fact:—

That it will be to your infinite advantage if all employees make themselves proficient in the art of "touch typewriting." Let me demonstrate:— A thrifty prosperous business is much to be desired, and the manager of this business is a man with whom we like to deal. Why? Because he has things done in the proper manner, and any business given him will receive the requisite attention.

The successful business man has his work done in the most systematic way, being particular that everything leaving his office should look strictly correct, and all correspondence seen from him should be done in the very best style. The reason he is so careful about the impression his correspondence makes on the recipient is because he recognizes the fact that nothing so advertises a business as a well-dictated letter, concise and to the point, punctuated to emphasize the exact meaning, and last, but of equal importance, that it should be typewritten; for all know what the value of a typewritten letter is to a concern, it being an outward sign of thrift and prosperity.

Another strong point is the appearance of the typewriting itself, not being done by a person who uses one or two fingers, the work smeared with erasures, words out of alignment, letters struck over each other,—all which making up a soiled copy; but, on the contrary, the work done by an adept, presents a fresh clean type.

If you really desire a prosperous business, let your correspondence be an advertisement instead of a detriment. Many successful business men do not know how to manipulate the typewriter, and if this is the cause with you, instead of being perfectly dependent upon the stenographer, why have clerks and office boys learn typewriting so they can write from your dictation? When you have finished dictating, your letter or contract is ready for you, neatly written.

Reflect upon the amount of time you would consume daily if the number of letters you answer were hand-written. Learn to economize time by having all your letters typewritten, and as a "means to this end," have your clerks and office boys to take lessons and become proficient in the art of typewriting in the fullest sense of the term.

"Touch Typewriting" Taught.

At class room. Will start at once, giving a practical course in "Touch Type Writing," the most scientific method of mastering the keyboard. Some of the advantages over the old method.

Enables operator to transcribe shorthand notes, or copy long lists of figures without removing his eyes from the copying matter.

Can write faster and more accurately. This course familiarizes you with the writing of all legal and commercial papers. All commercial colleges are adopting this new system, and business men are advertising for touch operators.

Be prepared for this twentieth century emergency. Enroll me with a call.

Respectfully,
LUCILLE PUGH.

W. J. Bryan's Views.

Bryan gave to the press the following statement concerning the action of the New York State Democratic convention:

"I do not think the instructions will give Judge Porter any additional strength, but the platform adopted by the convention ought to prevent his nomination, unless the Democrats, when they assemble at St. Louis, decide to attempt a confidence game on the public."

Nothing Equal to Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy for Bowel Complaints in Children.

"We have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in our family for years," says Mrs. J. B. Cooke, of Nederland, Texas "We have given it to all of our children. We have used other medicines for the same purpose, but never found anything to equal Chamberlain's. If you will use it as directed it will always cure." For sale at Dr. Hardy's Drug Store.

"I have used Chamberlain's Stomache and Liver Tablets with most satisfactory results," says Mrs. F. L. Phelps, Houston, Texas. For indigestion, biliousness and constipation these tablets are most excellent. Sold at Dr. Hardy's Drug Store.

The Hoyt Store.

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