

BIG DOMESTIC AND WHITE GOODS SALE AT THOMSON COMPANY'S

Will continue through next week. This big sale which we advertised to last for this week only started off with a rush. The first two days were all we could desire. Then came the ice king and kept the shoppers close to the fires at home. For this reason we have decided to continue this sale for the remainder of this week and

Throughout Next Week.

Many of our patrons have been kept away on account of the severe weather and we do not wish to deprive them of the great reductions we are making. A number of new features have been added to this sale which makes it more interesting. Now is your opportunity. Don't hesitate. Come and save money for yourself.

THOMSON COMPANY THE PEOPLE'S STORE.

THE WASHINGTON SUNDAY.

How It Has Become a Day of Social Entertainment.

Washington Dispatch to New York Herald

Society's progress toward a more liberal Sunday has been gradual, but the broader region has come steadily on. Bishop Satterlee, of the Episcopal diocese of Washington, has frequently spoken of the practice of making Sunday like every other day in the six.

But society has gone merrily on. Sunday dinner parties have become more and more the vogue. Now the capital on Sunday has its round of dinners, informal at homes, theatre parties for the evening concerts, which are the only attractions at the local playhouses on this day, with gay little suppers at terward at the hotels and restaurants or at the homes of the hosts and hostesses.

It was three weeks ago Sunday that Mrs. W. S. Cowles, President Roosevelt's sister, gave a tea, following a luncheon, for Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, who were her house guests. Until then teas had been largely confined to week days. There had been informal at homes on Sunday afternoons, when a few friends were invited by telephone to drop in for an hour or two for conversation or gossip over the cup that cheers. But cards were sent out for the events of to-day, thus making them more formal and apparently marking another milestone toward the continental Sunday.

It does not appear that there has been any leader in this tendency. It seems to have unconsciously developed. Washington life brings together many elements unused to the restrictions which have formerly robbed the Sabbath of all distractions save calling. Many Westerners are here who have been accustomed to the great Western cities, where Sunday night is the first of the week at the theatres.

Then there is the important social influence of the diplomatic corps, to whom a Sunday marked by important social affairs is a mere matter of course. In the diplomatic corps Sunday evening has been much given over to dinners, and suppers, and as diplomatic society intermingles with the other society in a most Democratic manner, the custom has evidently proved infectious.

At first American guests of these Sunday evening affairs accepted the invitations, responding with invitations for other days of the week. Now local hosts and hostesses are following in the diplomatic wake, and each Sunday sees an increase in the number of luncheons and dinner parties. Cabinet homes and those of persons prominent in the Congressional and real estate circles have been largely following suit.

Thus far the White House has neither followed nor set the example of having entertainments on Sunday, although Miss Roosevelt accepts invitations for that day, dining out and attending popular concerts.

Governor Gann Will Speak at Appomattox

Richmond News-Leader.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 4.—The North Carolina Appomattox commission, headed by H. A. Lord, its chairman, and accompanied by all the Confederate veterans in the legislature yesterday called on Governor Glenn and invited him to attend the unveiling of the monument at Appomattox April 9, and to be the orator. Mr. Lord addressed the governor, telling him that being the Governor and the son of a distinguished Confederate soldier and representing a State which gave more soldiers than it had voters, he was desired to deliver the address, and that he could tell about this State's grand record.

The governor replied saying the compliment touched him and that it would give him great pleasure to deliver the address and that his heart was in it not only because of his great love for the State, but because his father gave his life for the cause.

Governor Mountain and Senator Martin, of Virginia, will speak and Henry J. Rome Stockard will read an ode.

Tolstoy was Unable to Answer.

Success Magazine.

Once in Moscow, near the Borovitskaya gate, he (Count Tolstoy) saw a persistent beggar asking alms, who exclaimed: "A little penny, brother, in the name of Christ!"

A police officer approached: he was young, martial, and wrapped in the regulation sheepskin. At the sight of him the beggar fled, hobbling away in fright and haste.

"Is it possible," said Tolstoy to himself, "that people are forbidden to ask charity in Christ's name—in a Christian land!"

"Brother," he said to the policeman, "can you read?" "Yes," said the officer, politely, for Tolstoy has a grand air.

"Have you read the Bible?" "Yes."

"And do you remember Christ's orders to feed the hungry?"—and he cited the words. The policeman was evidently troubled; he turned to his questioner, and asked:

"And you, sir—you can read?" "Yes, brother."

"And have you read the police regulations?" "Yes, brother."

"And do you remember that begging in the main street is forbidden?"

The prophet found no answer.

A contract for the erection of the Crittenton Home building in Charlotte was let Wednesday to Mr. E. C. Griffith for \$4,850.

TO MAKE DAMASK CLOTHS.

The New Line of Textile Manufacturers in Which Mr. H. L. Wheat Will Engage in Gaffney.

A Ledger representative called on Mr. H. D. Wheat in his office at the Irene Mills yesterday. He found him busily engaged with the preparations incident to the starting of his new enterprise. When asked as to his future movements, Mr. Wheat said:

"I have purchased this property and will at once install machinery for the purpose of manufacturing damask table cloths. We will have a complete plant for carding, spinning and weaving table damask, grade of damask not heretofore made in the South. We will make both white and colored goods. We expect to be ready to commence manufacturing by April 1st. All the machinery has been purchased. It is brand new and the latest improved machinery to be had. We will employ about one hundred people to commence with, and the plant will be increased from time to time as we may create a demand for our goods."

"You may say I have nothing but the kindest feeling for the success of the Gaffney Manufacturing Company. I still retain my stock in the mill. I know Mr. Moore and believe he will make a good official. He is a very nice gentleman, indeed, and I see no reason why he should not succeed."

The public may be interested in knowing that Mr. Wheat has had this project in view for some time, and the fact that he already has everything in shipshape is evidence that he has already been quietly working along this line.

Under the direction of Mr. Wheat the Gaffney Manufacturing Company has made great strides. The company, was organized in 1892 with a capital of \$50,000, and in the twelve years it has been in existence has increased its capital to \$50,000 paid in; and the property is now valued at \$1,400,000. It has paid out 114% per cent in dividends since its establishment. The property consists of one of the largest spinning and weaving plants in the South and a finishing plant unsurpassed by any establishment in this country. That Mr. Wheat will make a success of the new enterprise there is not the slightest doubt on the part of those who are acquainted with his abilities as a mill man.

Should Try Carnegie.

The Gaston county man who presented a bill of \$25 to the county commissioners for taking from a pond an inmate of the county home should communicate with the custodian of the Carnegie hero fund since the local authorities have failed to cough up.

Prominent citizens of Shelby are taking steps toward the organization of a building and loan association.

Mr. Page's Embarrassing Situation.

Raleigh Post.

Representative Page, of B'con, N. C., is in a plight, such as comes rarely to members of Congress. He is the treasurer and chief owner of the Asheville and Aberdeen Railroad, some eighty miles long. There was a wreck on that road the other evening, in which Rev. G. A. Oglesby, pastor of a neighboring church, was killed. It was the first time any one was ever killed on the road. Mr. Page was doubly grieved over the occurrence because it was unfortunate for his road and also because the victim was his own personal friend.

But, to add to his troubles, Mr. Page learns that the dying request of Rev. Mr. Oglesby was that the member of Congress should be the administrator of the estate. As the estate will naturally claim damages Mr. Page feels that it would put him in a delicate position to have to sue his own road. At the same time he does not like to refuse compliance with a dying friend's request.

Sixty Negroes Draw a Hearse.

Charlotte News and Courier.

Columbia, February 5.—The unusual spectacle of men drawing a hearse containing a corpse was witnessed here this afternoon. This was made necessary by a sleet storm which has prevailed for twenty-four hours, making it almost impossible for horses to keep their footing. After several futile attempts to draw the hearse with horses, sixty negroes, members of fraternal orders, to which George McFee (the man whose body was to be buried) belonged, procured ropes, which they fastened to the tongue of the hearse, thus carrying the body to the cemetery, a distance of over two miles.

Three funerals which were to have taken place to-day were postponed on account of the icy condition of the streets.

GUESSING ON THE BIG DIAMOND

Estimates of Its Value go Beyond \$125,000,000.

Yorkville Recorder.

The discovery at Elandsfontein, near Pretoria, of a diamond which is reputed to be three times heavier than the largest stone previously found, says a London letter, has set the calculators at work, with amusing results. One of these, who bases his calculations on the estimated value of the famous Regent or Pitt diamond, figures that the new gem, even if two-thirds of its bulk is lost in cutting, ought to be worth £25,574,085. This is the most daring of all computations, most of which vary between a half million and three million sterling, with one of £15,000,000.

Nothing beyond the bare report of the discovery of the stone is yet known and later information may reduce this marvel to dimensions which can more easily be grasped. There is no present reason, however, to doubt that it greatly exceeds the Excelsior stone of 970 carats weight, which was found at Jagersfontein and was the largest hitherto found in South Africa.

This was cut into nine large gems in December, 1904, by Tiffany, and doubtless the new stone will also be divided.

Whatever the value of the new discovery, the shareholders of the Premier mine, in which it was found, have every reason to congratulate themselves. The market valuation of the shares increased on Friday by nearly a million pounds sterling. The boom in the shares was largely the result of the assumption that where one gem of 3,032 carats is found others as big or even bigger may be located. The discovery cannot, however, be regarded as a net gain to the company, because under the present diamond law the government is entitled to six-tenths of all the net profit.

There is something very much like a fairy tale in the history of the Premier mine, which is

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located on a farm whose Boer owner sold it two years ago for £667,738 and the market value of the shares is now in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000. Between October and January £1 shares had risen from 40 to 80. When the latter figure was reached a few days ago the shares were split into five shilling preference shares and half crown deferred shares. The former were quoted on Friday at 49 1/2 and the latter on Wednesday at £14 10s., on Thursday, £15 1/2 and on Friday, £16. The advance is generally understood to have been caused by heavy buying by De Beers company, with the object of obtaining control of the company and maintaining its monopoly in the diamond field.

Even these gigantic figures give but a small idea of the value of the greatest known diamond deposit, for thorough prospecting shows diamondiferous earth within 400 feet of the surface of the estimated value of no less than £124,000,000.

Chatham Rabbit Market. The rabbit market at New City closed for the season Tuesday. The Grit says 40,000 rabbits were sold there during the season at an average price of 8 cents apiece. About 25,000 quills were also sold at an average price of 3 1/2 cents apiece, making a total of about \$3,283 paid out for game during the season.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. The undersigned having this day duly qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Maria, deceased, of which Peter Lee is the executor, notices to all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly substantiated by payment on or before the 10th day of February, 1906, at this office (which is located in the office of the County Clerk, at Gaston, N. C.) or to the undersigned at his residence at 100 North Second Street, Gaston, N. C. If any claimant fails to do so, the price of the estate will be distributed to the persons named in the will, and the undersigned will not be bound to pay the same.

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