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P. J. Carney's First Annual Clearing Sale

Begins January 18
Closes February 1

OWING to the mild winter, I have at this time more goods than I wish to carry over. I want to make room for my Spring Stock; then again my object is to show new and up-to-date merchandise at all times. In order to do this I must avoid an accumulation of goods which naturally grow old, in order to do this, I will dispose of all goods during this sale at cost price. Anything you buy at this sale is the latest style of make and material, as I have been in business only 18 months, consequently everything is brand new. I have the best clothing in the land. The Kupenheimer and Micheals, Stearns & Co., which you can have at the lowest prices ever heard of. I will carry out every quotation and assertion made here to a dot.

A few of the prices just to give you an idea of the big reductions from the usual prices:

All suits and over coats which sold for \$22.00 now go for-----	\$18.00
All suits and over coats which sold for \$18.00 now go for-----	\$14.00
All suits and over coats which sold for \$15.00 now go for-----	\$11.75
All suits and over coats which sold for \$10.00 now go for-----	\$ 7.75
Longley world famous 3.00 hats for-----	\$2.50
All 1.50 hats will go for-----	\$1.25
All 1.00 hats will go for-----	\$.90
Heavy wool underwear, formerly 3.00, now-----	\$2.50
All 2.00 wool underwear now-----	\$1.68
Heavy fleeced cotton, 1.00 and 1.25, at-----	\$.85
Ribbed cotton underat-----	\$.55

All 2-piece suits for boys and children will be sold at these same reductions. These are only a few of the articles, lots of others as good.

THIS IS A CASH SALE. All goods not satisfactory will be exchanged, altered or money refunded.

Remember the dates. Begins January 18, Closes February 1.

The One Price Clothier-Tailor

LIGONIER, - INDIANA

SENATOR IS SENT TO JAIL.
Ohio Solon Convicted of Getting Certificate Without Examination.

Columbus, O., Jan. 15.—The supreme court Tuesday sentenced former Supreme Court Clerk Lawson W. Emerson to ten days in jail and \$100 fine in connection with the charge of securing the latter's certificate to practice law in this state without proper examination.

The two prisoners joined their attorney, Cyrus Huling, who came forward before the justice and in a few words stated that the offense of which they had been found guilty was at least certainly with a reasonable doubt as to their guilt.

Guard Town's Turnpike.
Lexington, Ky., Jan. 15.—A special from Flemingsburg Tuesday says that 12 men, armed with Krag-Jorgensen rifles, are guarding the town and the turnpikes leading thereto to prevent a threatened attack of night riders. Tobacco is being received at all warehouses.

Boiler Works Burned.

Norwich, Conn., Jan. 15.—Fire Tuesday destroyed the William H. Page boiler works in Franklin street and caused a loss of about \$50,000, as far as it can be estimated at this hour.

Special Announcement Regarding the National Pure Food and Drug Law.

We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs colds and lung troubles is not effective as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults.

41-1 S. J. WILLIAMS.

Why Suffer From Rheumatism?
Do you know that rheumatic pain can be relieved? If you doubt this just try one application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It will make rest and sleep possible, and that certainly means a great deal to any one afflicted with rheumatism. For sale by S. J. Williams.

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Farmers and Merchants Trust Company

Ligonier, Indiana

**Capital Stock, - \$50,000
Surplus, - - \$12,500**

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4 Per Cent Interest on Certificates of Deposit and Savings Accounts

The company's close affiliation with leading financial interests throughout the country proves a source of distinct advantage to its customers, and the unusual makeup and strength of the company's directors are assurances as to the care and prudence with which any business entrusted to it will be managed.



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THEATER HOLOCAUST TAKES LIVES OF 160

GAS TANK IN BOYERTOWN, PA., PLAYHOUSE EXPLODES, KILLING SCORES.

EXACT DEATH ROLL CANNOT BE TOLD

Awful Panic in Burning Auditorium When Cry of "Fire" Starts Audience Estimated at Four Hundred—Recovering Bodies Commenced.

Boydertown, Pa., Jan. 15.—When daylight dawned Tuesday the full extent of the awful fire when the Rhodes opera house burned was fully apparent. The list of dead is placed at 160 and the injured at 75. Exactly how many were killed may never be known, for among the victims were a number of visitors who may have no relatives to trace their untimely fate. It is estimated that there were 400 persons in the playhouse when the explosion of the gas tank occurred. The tank was being used in connection with pictures. An amateur performance of "Scottish Reformation," for the benefit of St. John's Lutheran Sunday school, was being produced. Instantly the explosion occurred some one yelled "fire," and in almost less time than it takes to tell the center of the opera house was a blazing furnace. The rapidity with which the flames spread was caused by the upsetting of the coal oil lamps used as footlights.

Awful Panic Kills Scores.

Some of the persons on the stage endeavored to allay the frenzy of the frightened women and children and quiet the audience. But even the men seemed to lose all control of themselves and fought with the women and children who composed the greater part of the audience to gain the street. In this manner many women and children, who might otherwise have escaped the flames, were forced back and trampled upon. Particularly was this the case with those who were caught on the stairways. Pandemonium reigned and the mad scramble for the exits was simply indescribable. The weaker ones were brushed aside and in many instances trampled to death. Scores of persons on the second floor, seeing the awful jam on the stairways, risked their lives by jumping from the windows. In this way several were so badly injured that they died before reaching any of the numerous temporary hospitals. Boydertown is a village of about 2,500 people, and there is scarcely a house in the little town that has not been affected.

Fire Controlled at Last.
The fire was not brought under control until Tuesday after assistance had arrived from Reading and Pottstown. Physicians and nurses were also sent to Boydertown from Reading and aided materially in alleviating the sufferings of the injured who had leaped from the windows in their mad rush to escape the flames. Tuesday about 50 members of the state constabulary, which is stationed in this district, came over from Reading on a special train. The work of removing the bodies from the debris will be unusually tedious and hazardous. When the crush was at its height the floor gave way, precipitating many persons to the basement, and the bodies of these will be buried beneath the charred timbers and tons of bricks from the ruined walls. In addition to the opera house and Farmers' National Bank, Rahn's hardware store and the dwellings of George Rahn, Harry Penypacker and Alfred Zashard were burned. The monetary loss will amount to about \$75,000.

Songs; Then Terrible Blast.
The people taking part had finished their songs and, incidentally to the drama, a number of pictures were shown by a moving picture machine. This was operated by H. W. Fisher of Carlisle, Pa., who used calcium lights. While he was operating the machine there was a flash and a loud report and the people sitting in the rear of the opera house near the machine arose in fright and rushed toward the stage. Their action caused a panic in the audience and many of the people, thinking the building was afire, rushed toward the stage. The young people who were taking part in the performance motioned to them to keep back and resume their seats but the frightened spectators attempted to climb onto the stage. One of the young people made a motion as to repel them and in his excitement he overturned one of the coal oil lamps that were used as footlights for the stage. It fell with a crash into the auditorium and exploded.

Ablaze in an instant.
In an instant the stage floor was ablaze and the frightened people surged toward the rear again. The youthful actors fled from the stage and managed to escape, clad in their stage garments. The crowd in front of the auditorium fled to the rear and they were met by a crowd from the rear frantic to escape from the peril of the burning picture machine in the rear. The mob became panic-stricken, and strong men beat down women and children in their efforts to get out of the building. Frank Callen, a blacksmith, seized his four-year-old son and made his way to a window. When he attempted to return to get his wife, she was in a struggling mass of humanity and it was impossible for him

to reach her. The flames spread rapidly and many of the audience were caught and overcome before they could reach the fire escapes. The frenzied people fought with each other to reach the front entrance.

Confusion After Holocaust.

It is confusion and it was late Tuesday night before anything like an orderly count could be made. What may be a true statement of the cause of the disaster was given by an eyewitness. Toward the end of the performance the man in charge of the moving-picture machine was testing his apparatus and it gave forth a hissing sound. This caused a stir in the audience and somebody on the stage lifted the curtain for the evident purpose of seeing what the commotion was about. On the front of the stage was a thin tank about eight feet long and a few inches higher than this were placed 12 kerosene lamps which served as footlights. The curtain was then lifted over the stage and the subsequent fire. There were 310 paid admissions to the performance, and it is believed that about 400 persons were in the hall, including the performers, when the fire started.

State Officials in Charge.

The state constabulary immediately took charge and roped off the scene of horror. Tuesday a gasoline tank exploded and blew down the standing walls, and but for the precaution of the guards many others would have been killed. The building which was destroyed was a large brick structure, three stories high, and with a frontage of 125 feet on Philadelphia avenue. The first floor was occupied by the Farmers' National bank and a hardware store. The second and third floors were occupied by the opera house and a lodge room. The building also extended on Washington street for a distance of 250 feet. In the rear of the bank were four large dwelling houses which were part of the building. These were burned. Survivors and spectators unite in saying that the attending scenes were the most horrible that can be imagined. People threw themselves from the balcony into the body of the theater, hoping to find some means of escape. Others jumped from the windows of the building.

BONI HAILED INTO COURT.

Count Admits He "Spat in the Face of Prince Helie."

Paris, Jan. 15.—The first sequel to the fist fight between Count Boni De Castellane, the divorced husband of Anna Gould, and Prince Helie De Sagan, his cousin, was placed in the correctional court Tuesday when Count Boni and Count Jean De Castellane, his brother, appeared to answer to the charge of assault brought by Prince Helie. Replying to a question put by the judge, Count Boni admitted that he had spat in the face of his cousin, but only after provocation. Count Jean denied that he had struck Prince Helie and maintained that he was in no wise connected with the fight. Owing to the absence of the attorney for Count Boni further hearing of the case was postponed until February 4.

BECKHAM FAILS IN ELECTION.

Kentucky Governor Three Votes Short in Race for the Senate.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 15.—The result of the ballot for United States senatorship in the house and senate Tuesday leaves former Gov. Beckham three votes short of election. In the house the ballot resulted: Beckham, 48; Bradley, 48; James N. Kehoe, David W. Baird, 1. One Republican was absent and Millard, Democrat, did not vote. In the senate the ballot resulted: Beckham, 18; Bradley, 16; Charles K. Wheeler, 1; John B. Castleman, 1; John L. Dodd, 1; D. H. Smith, 1.

CHIEF DIES ANSWERING CALL.

Fire Leader Killed Under Wagon at Jackson, Ohio.

Jackson, O., Jan. 15.—Fire Chief J. H. Harding was instantly killed Tuesday while answering a fire call.

In getting ready to rush to the fire he suddenly fell from the wagon when the horses started and was run over. His body was frightfully mangled by the animals' hoofs and he died instantly. He was 46 years old and had been fire chief for ten years.

Choose Campaign Managers.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 15.—Republicans of Indiana in district conventions Tuesday selected members of the state committee which will manage the coming presidential campaign in Indiana. Each district convention unanimously adopted resolutions heartily endorsing Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks for the presidential nomination. The administrations of President Roosevelt and Gov. Hanly were commended. Senators Beveridge and Hemmenway were endorsed.

Burglars Get \$25,000.

New York, Jan. 15.—When a caretaker visited the residence of Frederick Pinney Earle, the artist, at Monroe, Orange county, he discovered that burglars had paid the place a visit, stealing or ruining pictures, china, rugs and bric-a-brac valued at more than \$25,000.

St. Louis Fire Costs \$100,000.

St. Louis, Jan. 15.—The five-story building occupied by the Carruthers Jones Shoe company and other firms at 2640 Locust street, was gutted by fire Tuesday. The total loss is estimated at \$100,000. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Rabies Gains in Gotham.

New York, Jan. 15.—Rabies, according to a statement made by Health Commissioner Darlington, is reaching the proportions of an epidemic in this city. There were 29 cases reported last month. Last year the number of deaths from the disease was 27.

DEFENSE IN EFFORT TO PROVE INSANITY

THAW LAWYERS TAKE UP LINES OF THEIR CASE ONE YEAR AGO.

FAMILY PHYSICIAN TAKES THE STAND

Tells of Treating Man, Accused of White Murder, for St. Vitus' Dance and Measles—Alienists Are Present When the Court is Opened.

New York, Jan. 15.—The defense began the presentation of its case at the trial of Harry K. Thaw Tuesday. Physicians who had attended the insane members of the defendant's family were called upon by revoking the rule of confidential relations between doctor and patient. District Attorney Jerome succeeded in blocking some of the intended testimony. One of the witnesses was a former teacher of Thaw at Wooster university, who declared the boy's conduct so long ago as 1886 was irrational.

That insanity pure and simple is the defense on which Thaw's attorneys will rest their case was made plain in the opening address of Mr. Marion W. Littleton, Thaw's chief counsel. The attorney promised to show the jury that Thaw had been insane since a boy, that the burden of insanity came to him from both the paternal and maternal line, and that in the very nature of things he could not have been mentally responsible for his actions on the night of the tragedy. How Mr. Littleton expects to show that Thaw is now sane, he does not say.

Delay in Opening.

There was a delay of half an hour beginning the trial Tuesday. Justice Dowling having been caught in a submarine blockade down town. John T. Deemar, the Thaw family physician, was the first witness called to the stand. His home is at Kittanning, Pa. Dr. Deemar testified he treated Harry Thaw for St. Vitus' dance and measles. He repeated this testimony and also told of attending members of the Copley family, the mother's family of the defendant's antecedents. Dr. Deemar said a brother of the older Mrs. Thaw turned an imbecile.

Objection Sustained.

Dr. Deemar was asked as to the present mental condition and whereabouts of John Ross, a maternal cousin of the defendant, but District Attorney Jerome objected on the grounds that the doctor obtained his information while acting in a professional capacity, and it would require a waiver from his client before he could testify. Justice Dowling sustained the objection over the protest of Mr. Littleton, who declared it did not lie in the mouth of the prosecuting attorney to raise such an objection. On cross-examination Attorney Jerome drew out the fact that Henry Copley, while incapacitated for mental work, was never confined. Dr. William S. Butler of Roanoke, Va., former assistant physician at the Western Lunatic Asylum, Staunton, Va., where Horace S. Thaw, a paternal cousin of Harry Thaw, was confined, next testified.

Other Defense Witnesses.

When he was asked as to the condition of his health, Jerome again objected and was sustained. The district attorney also successfully objected to the introduction in evidence of the commitment papers prepared when Horace Thaw was admitted to the asylum on the ground that the evidence was hearsay. Mr. Littleton took an exception to this ruling. Dr. L. S. Foster of Norfolk, Va., formerly of the Eastern state hospital for the insane at Williamsburg, Va., where William S. Thaw, another cousin of the defendant, was confined, next was called to the stand. Dr. Foster was asked to identify the records of the asylum as to the admittance of William S. Thaw, and did so. Mr. Littleton recalled Dr. Deemar and succeeded in circumventing the former objections. Dr. Deemar said he ceased to be Ross' physician after the latter had been committed to the Hope institution of feeble-minded.

Makes Bequest of \$100,000.

New York, Jan. 15.—Confident that his inventions and investments would net millions to his estate, Walter T. Griffin, ex-United States consul to Limerick, Ireland, who died in Brooklyn, left a will dated three days before his death in which he made bequests of over \$1,000,000 to relatives and friends and large gifts to charitable and philanthropic enterprises.

Says Lewis Is Elected.