

CHRISTMAS 1895.

NEW YEAR 1896.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

GRAND HOLIDAY OPENING!

Headquarters for the Largest and Most Elegant Display of Holiday Goods in Jasper County.

Everything else moved from the counters and the store converted into a museum of curiosities for the old and young from one cent each to the Finest Overcoat or Suit made at \$24.50.

SPECIAL CUT PRICES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE STOCK!

JEWELRY and Silver plated ware on White Metal. Choice in one show case—25c for each of the following lots that often sell for 50c to \$1.00: Six Tea Spoons; 3 Table Spoons, 3 Forks, Napkin Rings, 3-piece Child's sets. Pin Trays, Hair Ornaments, Breast Pins, Butter Knives, Sugar Shells, etc.

FURS—All kinds of Ladies' and Children's Muffs, Fur and Feather Boas, Fur trimming, Fur Capes, etc.

NECKWEAR—Complete in all the latest novelties. Bows and Tecks, put up in individual boxes with a Christmas Card for a present. Also suspenders, gloves, mackintoshes, hats, caps, etc.

This is a bona-fide sacrifice sale as we cannot afford to carry goods over and you can now save your hard earned \$\$ at the old reliable one price cash house where all are treated alike.

Come early—bring your families and spend the day sight-seeing throughout the entire stock in four rooms.

At the close of the most successful year in the history of our business career we heartily thank you all for your liberal patronage and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

B. FORSYTHE.

Special Bargains in all Kinds of Slippers.

CELLULOID, Plush and Leather goods. Glove Boxes, Necktie and Handkerchief boxes, Toilet cases, Infant sets, Albums, Japanese goods, Pictures and Frames, Work boxes, etc.

Dolls 1c each to \$4.00.

A beautiful line of Initial Linen Handkerchiefs—50c kind, now 25c.

A beautiful line of Silk Stripe Mufflers at 25c.

10,000 Kinds 5 and 10c Counter Goods.

Mens' and women's Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at 10 and 16c.

A Beautiful Line of Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, the \$1.00 kind, to go in our Special Holiday Sale at only 50 cents each.

LINENS—All kinds of fine Linen Towels, Table Linens, Napkins, Fancy Turkish Tidies, Silk Throws, Silk Head Rests, Dresser and Sideboard Mats.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, Violins, Accordeons, Horns, Umbrellas, Canes, Vases, Bisk, Glassware, Atomizers, etc.

FUR CAPES and Jackets—nearly one-half price to close. Many new ones to just arrived. All must go at any price rather than carry them over.

Great reduction on Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Dry Goods, Underwear, Blankets, Yarns, Hosiery, Mittens, Carpets, Trunks, Valises, etc., etc.

A beautiful line of Red Silk Plaid Mufflers at \$1.00.

300 doz. Handkerchiefs and Mufflers from 1c to \$2.00 each.

COMPETITION PLEASE COPY AS USUAL.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

Down with all banks of issue.

The tariff question likewise seems to be dead.

All inventions should be so utilized as to benefit humanity.

No bosses need apply for admission to the People's party.

The Democratic party seems to know that it is dead this time.

The only reason left for being a Democrat is because "Daddy was."

Patriotic Under Difficulties. You should be patriotic!

No matter about conditions, be patriotic!

You may be poor, but you must be rich in love of country.

You may be drinking the very dregs of poverty, but don't neglect patriotism!

When you see your family in rags and living on corn bread and bacon, love your flag just the same!

As you realize that you are too poor to get your wife one new dress per year, sing "Hail Columbia!"

It is the homes of the land that should breed patriotism. Your home may be sterile, but plant patriotism!

When the combines rob you of your years' savings of till, and do so sanctioned by law, be patriotic enough to make the sacrifice with loyalty to your country!

When congress passes a law that reduces your wages and robs you of the profits of production, you must not complain or howl about it. Be a loyal subject!

When a Democratic administration construes the law in such a manner as to fatten the trusts and money combines, and rob the wealth producers, you should say that it is sound policy, and with a tin rooster on your hat, howl for Democracy!

When the Republican party does similar acts—democratizes silver, and by that act depreciates your labor and products one-half in value, keep cool, look pleasant, and be loyal and patriotic!

When your government heaps burdens upon you, too grievous to be borne, and confers powers upon trusts too outrageously unjust to be tolerated, you must not complain or say anything about wrongs of government, as that would not be in line with the actions of a patriotic citizen!

When the combines turn you out of your low-salaried position, and your income ceasing, rent dues cannot be paid, which finally lands you and your meager belongings out in the street, your condition has met a crisis. Patriotism and forbearance, my miserable friend! Look to the stars and stripes that float over you and be patriotic still!—Mer-

EXPLOSION AT SEA.

GERMAN SHIP ATHENA LOST IN MIDOCEAN.

The cargo of Nitro-Glycerine Exploded—Fourteen of the Crew Perish—Six Men Rescued by the British Steamer Tafna—List of Those on Board.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—The German ship Athena, from New York for Bremen, was lost at sea on Sunday, Dec. 15, together with the captain and 13 men, who were part of a crew of 20 men. The first-mate, second-mate, and four seamen were picked up by the British steamer Tafna, bound for this port. The accident was due to an explosion of the ship's cargo of naphtha and nitro-glycerine. The explosion occurred while the ship was lying in a helpless condition at sea off Cape May, N. J. Following is a list of those lost: Capt. M. Haak, George Kenke, cook; Fritz Nehring, Hans Roenig, John Spencer, John Anderson, Johann Voght, R. Wahlen, Salmeske Holtz, Hans Asmussan, Wilhelm Heinz, Bernhard Pechsteir, apprentice; two cabin boys, names not known.

Those saved were: Alex Franzellius, first-mate; John Freese, second-mate; William Moulder, carpenter; John Rudisit, Martin Pillis, George Schroeder. The Athena left New York Dec. 10 with a cargo of naphtha in barrels and several hundred cases of nitro-glycerine. She experienced severe weather until Friday. On that day she had all her masts carried away and sprung a leak. Her bow sank down into the water and the deck was submerged to where the forecastle had been. On Saturday morning the Tafna was sighted. Distress signals were hoisted, but, on account of the heavy seas, the British steamer could not get near her. The Tafna signaled that she would stand by until Sunday.

On Saturday afternoon the vessels drifted apart, and the Athena's crew had given up all hope of being saved, but at daybreak on Sunday morning the Tafna was again sighted. Sunday morning about 8 o'clock the Tafna approached the Athena, and when within a cable's length of her a flame was seen to shoot out of the center of the deck and the portholes at the stern. A terrific explosion followed, and instantly every man on board the doomed ship was either thrown or jumped into the icy water.

The Tafna put out boats to rescue the men, but they were only able to pick up six. It is supposed that the remaining 14 were so injured by the explosion or numbed by the cold water that they were unable to battle with the heavy sea which was running at the time.

The Tafna lay by for two hours before continuing on her voyage.

The only theory that can be advanced for the explosion is that the side of the vessel was sprung during the heavy weather, and the barrels of explosive oil rubbing together caused a spark, which ignited their contents.

Capt. Haak, the commander of the Athena, was about 45 years of age. He leaves a widow and two daughters in Germany.

Just watch the inside-the-party free silver Democrat after the holding of the national Democratic convention in 1896. Dollars to doughnuts he will tuck his tail and lick the hand of his political masters.

When Democrats in Kansas vote the Republican ticket, and Republicans in Texas vote the Democratic ticket—as was the case in both instances last fall, for the purpose of defeating the Populists, who otherwise would have won, it is simply the fulfillment of predictions made years ago by the Greenbackers that, when driven to the wall, the leaders of both old parties would unite, notwithstanding their former enmities. As further evidence that there are no real differences existing between the old parties, that they are committed to the same policy, we have only to cite to records of congress on the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law, the coinage of silver and the more recent question of issuing bonds, but the most striking evidence of the unity and good feeling existing among the leaders of the old parties is the warm and hearty support Mr. Cleveland is receiving from the leading Republican papers in his financial policy. They really seem to be more leading Republican papers supporting his policy than Democratic papers. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat is giving a more hearty support and is far more adulatory and fulsome in its flattery of Grover than its contemporary, the Republic, a Democratic paper. Honest Republicans and Democrats may well inquire, "Where are we at?" when their leaders and organs are so lovingly embracing each other and cooling like sucking doves. How long can the honest rank and file in the old parties be deceived by their hypocritical leaders? If there are no differences between the old parties why keep up the sham fight between them? What is the necessity for two party organizations when the leaders of both find it necessary to unite? These may be difficult questions to answer, but in all sincerity, friends, do they not claim your serious attention?

For Sale—Lumber.

All kinds of Oak lumber at mill. Pierce farm 2½ miles south of Rensselaer. J. W. PIERCE.

GOVERNMENT RAILROADS.

Australia, Victoria, Hungary, and Germany Enjoy Them.

In these days of trusts and strikes it may be interesting to note what has been done to remedy these evils. We never hear of strikes or labor troubles on the railroads in Australia, and why?

Because the government owns and operates them in the interest of the people.

In Australia you can ride a distance of 1,000 miles across the country for \$5.50, first class, too, while workingmen can ride six miles for 2 cents, twelve miles for 4 cents, thirty miles for 10 cents, etc., and railroad men receive 25 to 30 per cent. more wages for eight hours than they are paid in this country for ten hours of toll.

In Victoria, where the above rates prevail, the net income from the roads last year was sufficient to pay the federal taxes.

In Hungary, where the roads are state owned, you can ride six miles for 1 cent, and since the government bought the roads wages have doubled. Belgium tells the same story—fares and freight rates cut down one-half and wages doubled. Yet the roads pay a yearly revenue to the government of \$4,000,000.

In Germany you can ride four miles for a cent on the government owned lines. Yet wages are over 120 per cent. higher than they were when the corporations owned them, and during the last ten years the net profits have increased 44 per cent. Last year the roads paid the German government a net profit of \$25,000,000. If our government owned the railroads we could go from San Francisco to Boston for \$10. Look at the proof:

Uncle Sam pays the railroads not quite \$275 to transport loaded postal car from Boston to San Francisco. A passenger car will carry fifty passengers, which, at \$10 each, would be \$500, or a clean profit of \$225 a car, and this, too, after paying 5½ per cent. on watered stock, which is fully 20 per cent. on the cost of the roads.

To show how our railroads have watered their stock, look at the New York Central and Hudson River railroad, which, when the Vanderbilts obtained control in 1869, was capitalized at \$40,000,000. They at once watered it up to \$90,000,000. More water has been added until the present capital stock is \$145,000,000 (in addition \$10,000,000 of water was poured in a short time ago)—all but \$45,000,000 being water.

Government ownership would save the people the gigantic sum of \$1,000,000 a year and bring shorter hours and better pay to the 700,000 railroad employees.—Chicago News.

Christmas shoppers! Don't miss Fendig's Drug Store in your rounds. Biggest assortment in town.

Wonder if the Democratic party will organize.

Congress has met again, but that signifies nothing.

Internationalism on our financial affairs is toryism.

The present congress has no policy, except as a dodger.

Congress and the cockney are again playing horse at Washington.

Money is power and the contraction of money is a concentration of power.

It is reported that Grover won't fish in a place where there are any silver sides.

Gold and banknotes is the kind of "sound currency" the money power wants.

The veto power should be taken away from the executive officers and given to the people.

It was certainly an "off year"—for Democrats. But the Populist gain steadily on, regardless of off years.

Push the work of organizing the Legion. For particulars write to Gen. Paul Van Dervoort, Omaha, Nebraska, always enclosing stamps for constitution, etc.

Bring Long & Hardman your watches, clocks and jewelry for repairs.

Cheap Farm Loans.

Call on Valentine Seib, Rensselaer, for the cheapest farm loans offered in Jasper county. Large or small amounts.

For Sale-Posts.

2000, burr oak and white oak, for sale at 6c each, 3½ miles west and one mile south of Rensselaer by Carr Bros.

Texas Land For Sale or Trade.

I have 1920 acres of bottom land in the Pan Handle district which will sell at a bargain or trade for property nearer this locality. For information address Anson Stewart, Rensselaer.

Farm Loans.

We are prepared to make farm loans at a lower rate of interest than any other firm in Jasper county. The expenses will be as low as the lowest. Call and see us. Office in the Stockton & Williams Block, near the Court House. WARREN & IRWIN

Indiana school books at Meyer's drug store.

D. A. Stoner is closing out some good cockerels cheap, if taken within the next week.

A good heater at from \$3.50 up. N. Warner & Son.

Wanted to rent, a house for small family, in Rensselaer. Inquire at this office.

Musical instruments of all kinds. Also violin and guitar strings, violin bows, etc.

A. F. LONG, the druggist. We are the only steam laundry in town. SPITLER & KIGHT.

Long, the druggist, wants you to see his novelties in toys, handkerchief boxes, glove boxes, cuff and collar boxes.

Glove and handkerchief, veil, necktie, photo, brush and comb, perfume, manicure, collar and cuff and travelling cases, at Fendig's Drug Store.

Mr. Frank Maloy as "Tony, the convict," will wear the prison garb of a life-terminer, obtained from the state's prison for this occasion. "Tony, the convict."

The steam laundry is now prepared to take a limited number of small family washings at the following prices: Rough dry, 20c per doz. Washing and ironing, 50c per doz. These prices does not include starched articles which requires a high gloss polish. SPITLER & KIGHT.

Wanted. C. W. Coen wants 25,000 bushels of corn within the next 30 days and will pay the highest market price for the same.

For Sale. Four thoroughbred poland china boars, at O. K. Ritchey's, four miles south of Rensselaer, and also some thoroughbred poland china sows safe in pig to the best boar in Northern Indiana.

Found—A Valise. The undersigned found a medium sized valise about the 20th of November on the Ridge road one mile east of Rensselaer. The owner will please identify property and pay for this advertisement. VANCE COLLINS.