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Manufacturer's clearance, together with brand-new Spring Sample Suits in approved and practical plain tailored or trimmed styles. Of fine WOOL SERGES, BASKET WEAVE, MANNISH WORSTEDS, WIDE WALE CHEVIOTS and PENCIL STRIPES and NOVELTIES, in Black, Blue, Brown, Gray, Green and Black and White Mixtures. Some have silk collars or revers set off with braid; various style skirts; some button trimmed. All sizes are included in the lot. —Second Floor.

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$8.50 Women's COATS of Brown Mixtures; semi-fitted back..... $3.00

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EXCEPTIONALLY HANDSOME and unmistakably correct — these brand new Suits will appeal to the most particular dressers, by reason of their smartness, grace of line and toneful appearance.

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This Suit, $12.50 — This Suit, $15 —Second Floor.

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Torchon, Imt. Cluny, Novelty and French Val. Edges and Insertions, in good patterns and desirable widths. Some wide Lace Bands are included.....

Lace EDGES & BANDS, worth up to 39c 15c

Venise and Macrame Lace Edges, Bands and Insertions—all tasteful effects. White and Cream.

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Venise, Macrame and Ratine Lace Edges, Bands and Insertions—rich effects, up to 5 inches wide. White, Cream and Ecru.

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Swiss and Cambric Embroidered Demi-Flounces, Edges, Insertions and wide Bands. Some 27-inch-wide Embroidered Flouncings are included.

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45-inch-wide Embroidered Flouncings—fine work, many in lace effect patterns; also, 38-inch-wide Allovers, in handsome blind work, for waists or underblouses. —First Floor.

CLEARANCE of Notions and Sewing Needs

BASTING COTTON—white; 100 yards. Regular 3c spool.... 1c

5c Vero Hair Nets; medium brown only 1c

5c. BELT PIN SHEETS—Jet, natural and white. A sheet..... 1c

5c. KING COLLAR BUTTONS—One dozen on a card..... 3c

25c. SHOULDER BRACES—All sizes..... 3c

10c. SKIRT BRAID—Black; heavy quality..... 1c

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Smart and dainty Jabots of Lace or Plaited Net; Stocks, Bows and high or low Robespierre Collars.

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Odd lots of Knitted Underwear, including Women's Fleeced Vests and Pants; low neck Union Suits, sleeveless Corset Covers and Children's Lightweight Vests. Not all sizes. —First Floor.

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Odd and small lots of warm and serviceable Overcoats. Sizes 3, 4 and 5 years. —Third Floor.

$1.50 Handsome NIGHT-GOWNS 98c

Ten very choice and select new styles of particularly good quality Nainsooks and Cambrics, with yokes effectively trimmed with Val. or Torchon laces, or tasteful embroideries; butterfly, elbow length or long sleeves; Empire, Slip-On, high, low or V neck styles. Some have handsome embroidery medallions. Also numerous other models, profusely trimmed. One style like picture. All REGULAR and EXTRA SIZES.

$1.50 to $2.50 PETTICOATS 98c

Limited lots of Women's Long White Petticoats—made of fine Cambric with deep flounces of handsome wide embroidery, combination laces and fine tucks.

75c CORSET COVERS 49c

Six exceedingly pretty styles—with perfect Covers of fine soft Nainsooks; mostly round neck styles with yokes of combinations of fine wide Laces, Insertions and Embroideries, Silk Ribbon Medallions and Silk Ribbon drawn beading. —Second Floor.

$2 Newest W. B. Corsets $1.47

Very latest extra long hip models, of extra fine French Coutil, exceptionally well boned; designed on long, straight lines, with medium or low bust; extra wide lace trimming; 4-string hose supporters. Sizes 19 to 30. —Second Floor.

50c to 69c Children's Wash DRESSES

Prettily made Dresses—various styles—of fine and serviceable fast-color Ginghams, in stripes, checks and plaids; 2 to 4 year sizes. No C. O. D. or phone orders..... 29c

Children's Knitted WOOL CAPS 29c

Aviation Caps and Toques; well knitted of Elderdown Wool Yarn, in all the popular colors. A trifle soiled from display.

$3.00 Children's Red Cloth COATS $1.79

Full-length Double-breasted Coats of bright red all-wool cloth, with collar, cuffs and pockets trimmed with black silk braid; large brass buttons. 2 to 6 year sizes.

Men's NECKWEAR Of Best 50c Silks 17c

Correct, open end and straight reversible Four-in-Hands, of standard 50 Silks in choicest patterns and tasteful colorings. Hundreds to select from—17c, or 3 for 50c.

25c Men's Knitted Or Silk TIES 12½c

New and stylish Knitted or Silk Four-in-Hand Ties—plain or fancy effects. Subject to slight mis-weaves, but no holes.

25c Men's Silk HOSE 17c

Black and colors; slightly imperfect.

25c Men's SUSPENDERS 15c

Good strong web. —First Floor, Howard St.

50c Stylish Wool DRESS GOODS 29c

Remnants—mostly waist and skirt lengths—of desirable fabrics, including Serges, Panamas, Mohairs and Mixed Suitings—Black and the favorite colors in the lot. A yard, 29c.

89c 50-Inch Storm SERGE 49c

Good weight, well woven Serge, with double twisted warp; a sturdy wearing quality. Black and Navy Blue.

Yard-Wide SILK REMNANTS Worth to $1.25. At, Yd., 49c

All yard wide, high grade, all pure silk fabrics, including Messaline Silks, Taffetas, Satin Duchesse and other handsome weaves, in a wide range of wanted colors and shades. Mostly in waist and skirt lengths.

$1.00 Yd. Wide Habutai Wash SILKS 69c

Splendid weight, firmly woven and guaranteed all pure Silk—a strong and excellent wearing quality. We show these in a pleasing variety of stripes and beautiful colorings.

$1.25 Fine Chiffon BROADCLOTH 79c

54 inches wide. Handsome, all wool Chiffon Broadcloth, with brilliant, lustrous face and twilled back. Just the thing for Women's Suits and separate Skirts. —First Floor.

CLEARANCE of Toilet Goods—6 Specials

15c OAKLEY'S CORYLOPSIS TALCUM POWDER—about 200 cans; per can..... 9c

25c. MANOLINE FACE CREAM—Well recommended by facial specialists and best barbers; 108 tubes. Per tube..... 10c

25c. CELLULOID TOILET NOVELTIES—Soap boxes, powder puffs, nail polish box, etc.; painted tops. Choice..... 10c

25c. CLOTHES BRUSHES—Good stiff bristles and well finished back..... 10c

10c. LONG COLONIAL MIRRORS—Decorated with Gibson picture and pretty frames; about 50 to sell. At, each 5c

98c. BATH BRUSHES—With long handles; about 25 to sell. At, each..... 50c

Linens, White Goods, Domestics & Blankets

12½c Pure Linen TOWELING 8½c

18-inch-wide Pure Linen Crash Toweling; bleached or unbleached; plain or with blue borders.

50c Bleached Table DAMASK 29c

60 inches wide. Durable, mercerized Damask, with a high satin lustre, not affected by washing; in dots and beautiful floral designs.

19c White Mercerized MADRAS 12½c

Extra fine quality Mercerized Madras, with new woven silky dots, stripes and neat figure effects. —First Floor.

$1.25 English LONGCLOTH 98c

10-Yard Piece for Yard wide, extra fine, smooth and even thread Longcloth, with pretty, soft chamois finish.

12½c Yard Wide PERCALES 7¾c

4,500 yards of good-wearing Percale, in neat figure effects and stripes; suitable for house dresses, children's wear, etc.

10c and 12½c MUSLINS and CAMBRICS 6¾c

Yard-wide Bleached Muslins, Cambrics and Longcloths, of various weights and smooth, soft finish.

35c BOLSTER CASES 25c

50 dozen Bolster Cases, of very serviceable Bleached Sheeting, well made, with 3-inch hems on each end. —Basement.

12½c OUTING FLANNELS 5⅞c

6,500 yards of extra heavy Outing Flannel, in pretty stripes, checks and plaids.

69c Seamless BED SHEETS 49c

Double-bed-size Sheets, made of one of the best grades of Sheeting; good weight and soft finish; 3-inch hems.

$1.39 BED SPREADS 95c

Full double-bed-size White Crochet Bed Spreads; heavy and closely woven in pretty raised Marseilles patterns.

$1.98 White Wool Nap BLANKETS $1.19

200 pairs to sell. Extra large size, good-weight Blankets; soft, warm and serviceable.

$8.00 California Wool BLANKETS $4.75

Extra large size, strictly All-Wool White Blankets, with pink or blue borders and two-inch-wide silk mohair binding. These Blankets are of extra select wool, well woven with deep, soft fleece, and weigh 6 pounds to the pair.

Men's & Boys' Overcoats—This Sale Offers Real SAVINGS of ⅓ to ½

Men's Overcoats Worth to $10.00 $5.00

Men's Overcoats Worth to $15.00 $7.75

Men's Overcoats Worth to $20.00 $11.75

Men's Overcoats Worth to $25.00 $13.75

$3.00, $3.50 and $4.00 Boys' OVERCOATS $1.75

$5 to $6.50 Boys' OVERCOATS $3.98

$7 to $10 Boys' OVERCOATS $5.00

Re-inforced With New Lots We Continue the Clearing Sale of Women's $2, $2.50 & $3.00 SHOES

Thousands of pairs—discontinued styles and odd lots of good and serviceable Footwear at

High Shoes of Patent Colt, Gunmetal Calf, Kid and Glazed Calfskin; Button and Blucher lace models; high or low heels. Nearly all sizes in the lot. Included are 98 pairs of Women's $3.00 Satin Slippers (Pumps), White, Pink or Blue—they're a trifle soiled from handling, but can be easily cleaned. Displayed on tables for easy choosing. All at one price—$1.00.

$2.50, $3 & $3.50 Women's High SHOES $1.89

Styles that will be correct for spring. Of Tan and Gunmetal Calf and Patent Colt—splendid leathers; hand-sewed welts; new, knob toes; high or low heels. All sizes.

$2.00 Boy's High Buckle BOOTS $1.39

Extra high cut, Tan or Black Storm Shoes with reinforced seams and solid leather soles; built to withstand hard service. Sizes 9 to 13½.... —Basement.

FINAL CLEARANCE SALE OF Small and Room-Size RUGS

$8 to $10 Room-Size RUGS . . $5

All-Wool Brussels Rugs, sizes 6x9 ft. to 9x12 ft.; also Velvet, Axminster and Wilton Rugs, in sizes 4½x6½ to 7x9 ft. One of a kind of $8.00 to $10.00 values for $5.00.

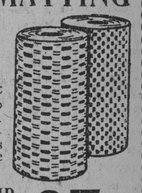
50c JAPANESE MATTING RUGS; size 3x6 ft.; each..... 25c

$1.25 and $1.50 VELVET AND BRUSSELS RUGS; size 27x54... 75c

$3.00 and $3.50 VELVET AND BRUSSELS RUGS; size 3x6 ft. $1.95

$5.00 and $6.00 MATTING AND WOOL INGRAIN RUGS; 9x12 ft..... $2.95

30c to 40c Jap & China MATTING 19c



Heaviest (95-100 lbs) and finest (116 warp) China and 180 warp Japanese Mattings in carpet patterns, in Red, Blue and Multi-color stencils. As many yards as wanted of best 30c, 35c and 40c grades—yard, 19c.

59c & 69c Cork LINOLEUM LAID FREE 37c

Extra heavy D and E grade Cork-filled Linoleums, in parquette and block patterns. These are 5 to 25 yard lengths of best 59c and 69c grades; all perfect (laid free); sq. yd., 37c. —Third Floor.

Home-Furnishings ON SALE 'TILL SOLD

10c WOOD TOWEL ROLLERS; natural or walnut finish. Each..... 3c

10c JAPANNED CUSPIDORS; small size, various colors. Each..... 3c

12½c SILK TASSEL FRINGES; various color combinations—yard..... 5c

10c 18-INCH STAIR OIL CLOTH; 5 to 20 yard lengths—yard..... 5c

35c and 40c RAG CARPET; extra heavy grades—yard..... 25c

$1.00 LAUNDRY (clothes) DRYERS; 4-wing, 16 arms. Each... 25c

30c 4-STRING BROOMS; Limit 2. No phone, mail or C. O. D. orders. 15c

$1.00 and $1.25 MEDICINE CABINETS; Oak or White finish. Each.... 75c

75c TAPESTRY COUCH COVERS; Oriental stripes, fringed. Each... 38c —Third Floor.

Sale of Mt. Vernon Pants Co.'s Men's & Boys' TROUSERS At 50c & 60c On The Dollar

$1.50 Men's TROUSERS 75c

$1.75 and $2.00 Men's TROUSERS 95c

$3.50 and $4 Men's TROUSERS $1.85

$2.50 Men's TROUSERS $1.55

$4.00 and $5.00 Men's TROUSERS for.... $2.35

$1.00 Boys' Wool Serge PANTS..... 59c

Of hard, double and twist Indigo Blue, firm and good weight ALL-WOOL SERGES. Bloomer styles; stoutly made and full cut. 5 to 15 year sizes.

25c and 29c Boys' PANTS 15c

Bloomer Pants of good weight, dark, well-woven wool cloths; 4 to 14 year sizes. —Third Floor.

50c Boys' PANTS 29c

Knickerbocker and Bloomer Pants; well made of serviceable woolens, in good patterns; 7 to 16 year sizes.

HER LIFE A LONG SERIES OF WOES

SERVIAN WOMAN DESERTED BY MEN SHE TRUSTED.

After Unsuccessful Battle for Her Three Little Children She Is Compelled to Let Son Enter Orphanage—First Husband a Bigamist. Deceived by the Father of Two of Her Tots.

A young Servian woman stood before Judge Williams, in the Juvenile Court yesterday, and watched the officials make out the papers which were to take her little son from her to an institution where he would be properly educated and cared for. She was satisfied to let him go—it seemed best—and, anyhow, it was in perfect harmony with what her life had always been.

A few minutes before it was decided that the child should go the mother, in broken English, whispered to Mrs. Thompson, of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, as the tears streamed down her cheeks: "I have never had a good time. When I was a child I had a stepmother who beat me; my father was cross to me, and now I must give up my boy. No, I have never had a good time."

When the woman was found several months ago she was desperate. Mrs. Thompson found her wringing her hands. Some well-disposed but tactless person had offered to send in the police. "The police," she cried. "What have I done to deserve the police? I am not good to the children, they say. How can I be? I have nothing. I cannot even be good to myself."

Frank W. Radcliffe, of the Society for the Protection of Children, told the court that the woman had been seen on the street struggling to carry a bundle of overcoats, on which she had been sewing, to get food for herself and her children. The burden was enough for three women to carry and she was stopped. One week her work brought her 85 cents. On this she had to support herself and three little ones. The youngest was born last August. But before the birth of the last child her husband deserted her, and she was left to care for the children alone.

Helen Stanov is the woman's name. She is now 26. She was married when a girl to Ivan Stanov in her native village. While they worked in the fields they thought of America and saved their money to emigrate. The husband crossed the ocean first. He wrote her often, but after a while his letters ceased altogether. Then the first baby came. The mother did embroidery and sold her work to tourists. Finally she and her baby came to this country to look for the husband. When she arrived at Steelton, Pa., she found that her husband had married another woman. It was the custom of the country, she heard. Another man paid his respects to her, and when they went through certain proceedings before an official of some sort they were married. The new husband was one of her countrymen. It was somewhat strange to her, but quite right in America, she had been told.

There were two more children—Michael, aged 2, and then the baby, Annie. But before that the new husband had departed. Several days ago Annie was taken to the Garrett Hospital. Insufficient nourishment was the cause of the trouble. She is getting better now. Samuel went to St. Vincent's Infant Asylum yesterday. The mother called him her "big boy." Next month he will be 4. Michael she still has with her.

The mother went with Mrs. Thompson to St. Vincent's yesterday. When she kissed Samuel good-by she asked the good sister, who took her boy's hand, whether she might take the coat with her. There was only one coat, she said, and she still had little Michael with her at home.

John Da Costa, Artist, Here.

John Da Costa, a celebrated English portrait painter, is a guest at the Hotel Stafford. Some time ago Mr. Da Costa painted the portraits of Waldo Newcomer's children.

OSCAR M. PETERS HONORED

Foreman of Mount Clare Shops Is Given Gold Charm.

Oscar M. Peters, foreman of the tool and electrical repairing department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Mount Clare shops, was presented a four-piece gold charm yesterday afternoon by the railroad employes on his resignation from the road to accept a position as superintendent of a big manufacturing plant in Waynesboro, Pa.

Mr. Peters, who has been with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for the last nine years, was very popular with the officials and employes of the road. He has been foreman of the tool and electrical repairing department for over three years. Entering the service of the road nine years ago he started as a piecework inspector and worked his way to his present position.

Mr. Peters was born in Butler county, Pa. He was graduated from the Pennsylvania State Normal School and then came to Baltimore, where he obtained a position with the old Columbia Iron Works and Drydock Company, which is now known as the Skinner Drydock and Shipbuilding Company.

After remaining in this city for several years Mr. Peters went to Washington, where he secured a position at the Navy Yard in Washington.

The presentation yesterday took the form of five gold pieces, including a $20, $10, $5 and $2½ pieces attached to each other by a gold chain. The charm was presented by Charles Fiske, inspector of No. 3 machine shop, on behalf of the employes of Mount Clare. It bore an inscription on the reverse side of one of the gold pieces which reads as follows:

"Presented to Oscar M. Peters by the employes of the Mount Clare Shops of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as a token of their appreciation and esteem."

Mr. Peters will leave Baltimore on Wednesday to accept the post of general superintendent of the Emerson-Brantingham Company, Waynesboro, Pa. The concern is a $50,000,000 one and is engaged in the manufacture of heavy agricultural machines. There are 12 plants scattered over the country and the Waynesboro plant, to which Mr. Peters is going, is the second largest in the United States.

SHIP TAKES INITIAL PLUNGE

Montanan Christened at Sparrows Point by Little Miss Shepard.

Under ideal weather conditions, the big steamer Montanan, which the Maryland Steel Company is building at its Sparrows Point plant for the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, of New York city, was successfully launched yesterday morning.

As the big vessel started down the ways pretty little Miss Lubelle Shepard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Shepard, the former of whom is the superintendent of the steamship company, broke a bottle of champagne on the vessel's bow as she pronounced the words: "I christen thee the Montanan." As usual, the plunge of the boat was accompanied by shouts from the spectators and the whistles from the tugboats and nearby shops.

After the ship had arighted herself in the river, she was taken in tow by tugboats and taken to the fitting-out department, where she will be completed. The launching was a very informal one, there being no invited guests outside of the sponsor's party. In Miss Shepard's party were Miss Lillian Shepard, a sister, and her father. On the launching stage Miss Shepard carried a large bouquet of American Beauty roses, the gift of the shipbuilders.

The new vessel is 426 feet 4 inches in length over all, 414 feet 2 inches in length between perpendiculars, 53 feet 6 inches beam molded, 39 feet 6 inches depth molded, and will make 12 knots per hour when loaded. She is a combination freight and passenger boat. She will have accommodations for 16 passengers. Her boilers will number three, each 16 feet in diameter by 12 feet 3 inches long, with a working pressure of 215 pounds. The Montanan is a sister ship of the Dakotan and Minnesotan, which were recently delivered to their owners by the Maryland Steel Company. Besides these boats the steel company have contracts for five more vessels for this same concern.

LITTLE FAIRIES DANCE TUESDAY

CHILDREN'S ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD AT BELVEDERE.

Alice in Wonderland Verse Reversed in Unique Invitations Sent to Baltimore's Future Belles and Beaus—Grownups to Be Permitted to See Little Ones at Fancy Costume Ball.

One of the most attractive events of the week will be the Children's Assembly ball, which is to be held at the Belvedere on Tuesday afternoon. The ball is to be unusually beautiful, and the little folks are busy getting their costumes ready, for they have been invited to come as fairies or favorite characters in fables or folklore; and no grownups ever took keener interest in an event than these small girls and boys. When the rumors began to get around that it was going to be such an unusually attractive ball fond parents and relatives began to express wishes to look on, so invitations were issued to them.

The invitations are most unusual. They are exact copies in size of those sent out for the important Assembly ball, given at the same place a few weeks ago. They have at the top a little verse from Alice in Wonderland, which is printed backward. The invitations read:

Will you, won't you,
Will you, won't you,
Will you join the dance?
Will you, won't you,
Will you, won't you,
Won't you join the dance?

Day—January 28.
Hour—Half after 4.
Dress—From fairy tale, fable, folklore and fancy.
Admission—By countersign.
Can you keep a secret? Then come to me and I'll whisper the countersign in your ear—V. M. Hillyer.

A very clever reply was received by Mr. Hillyer from one of the children. A colored drawing of a page in one corner represents the costume which the child is to wear, and the answer, in the same style of the invitation, reads:

William wants to,
William wants to,
William wants to join the dance.
William wants to,
William wants to,
But William cannot dance.
Still, I promise you, Mr. Hillyer,
If you'll whisper it in my ear,
To keep the countersign close under cover
Until I arrive at the Belvedere.

Then, when requests from the grownups for invitations became so urgent, long, narrow cards were sent with the following engraved on them:

Do you want to see the fairy folk dance?

Then come with this card to the Belvedere on the eight and twentieth day of Janus' month at four-thirty o'clock.

Mr. Hillyer has gained a reputation as a delightful host, not only among the girls and boys, whom he entertains at his home, but among the debutatnes and older members of society, whom he entertained last year at a unique party, when the rooms were illuminated by 200 candles which Mr. Hillyer had collected in different parts of the world.

The dance on Tuesday will be an important social event, as the guests will be members of the Calvert School, of which Mr. Hillyer is headmaster, and many old and prominent families will be represented, while a large contingent of society will come to watch the future belles and beaux as they glide gracefully about the room.

The decorations and features of the dance are being kept a secret, but from the original invitations the guests may be assured of a delightful afternoon.

Gittings Party at Tunis.

A cablegram to the New York World from London says: John S. Gittings, of Baltimore, and his wife and daughter, who toured Italy in their motorcar taken from America, have gone to Tunis to spend the rest of the winter, returning to Baltimore in the spring.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW

Dun and Bradstreet Report on Local Business Conditions.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Trade Review for Baltimore states:

The prospect in the more important industries appears favorable, although immediate business for the week was hardly up to expectations, and collections have fallen off to a marked extent. Retail trade in the cities as well as in the rural districts was materially affected by the prevailing weather, which was such as to cause a smaller demand for seasonable merchandise of all descriptions. Wholesale dry goods and notions houses have received an abundance of orders, but a larger number than usual are being held in abeyance until accounts for previous shipments, now past due, shall have been settled. This is having a demoralizing effect upon the volume of current business in certain sections, especially in the cotton region. Jobbers of boots and shoes report doing a fair amount of business during the week, though collections were slow and retail trade below expectations.

Business with the manufacturers of men's ready-made clothing for the week was very quiet, this being between seasons. Orders for spring merchandise to date are fully equal to those for the same period of last year, and collections have been fairly good, while values of material are firm and some lines are higher. Labor conditions are somewhat unsettled, but no serious disturbances have occurred and some of the smaller manufacturers are profiting by strikes in other markets, which enable them to get new business therefrom.

The outlook for spring business in hardware at wholesale appears quite good, and most of the jobbing-houses have already booked substantial orders for future shipment. Collections have been about up to the usual standard and values are very firm. Dealers in paper and stationery note no improvement in the demand for goods, and collections in general are slow, money being very tight. Prices are firm and very little, if any, cutting of prices to stimulate sales is heard of. A better demand developed during the week for leaf tobacco, and the larger manufacturers, who have been carrying light stocks, placed some liberal orders, which materially benefited the trade. High prices prevail and collections are good.

Bradstreet's review says:

New business is comparatively good. This applies to merchandise for future shipment as well as to orders for immediate delivery. Conservatism is evidenced by the absence in some lines of large-sized orders. The outlook, however, is promising. Demand for both groceries and provisions at wholesale keeps up exceptionally well, and while individual orders are not large, quick shipments are, as a rule, insisted upon. Sales of iron and steel, particularly shop business, are exceptionally good, but jobbers' stocks are not as full as desired, owing to continued backwardness of mill deliveries.

Wholesale hardware and upholstery goods are in fairly good demand, being in point of volume ahead of this time last year. Bookings with manufacturers of harness are quite good, especially from Southern points. In paints and oils road and mail-order business is quite satisfactory. Woodenware, house furnishings and kindred lines show a steadily growing demand. Open weather facilitates outdoor work, and in consequence building operations are active, with a good demand for supplies and materials. Collections average fair, and in a few lines are held to be good.

Loyola Alumni Banquet.

The annual dinner of the Alumni Association of Loyola College will be held next Tuesday evening at the Emerson Hotel. The toastmaster will be Isaac S. George. The speakers will be Congressman David J. Lewis, who will talk on Express Problems; Albert C. Ritchie, who will speak on Problems on Public Service Commission; Judge James J. Carmody, of the Juvenile Court, whose topic will be Juvenile Problems; Dr. Charles O'Donovan, who will talk on the Sixtieth Anniversary of the First Graduation of Loyola College, and Rev. William J. Ennis, S. J., president of Loyola College, whose subject is not announced.

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