

# Unseasonable Weather Did It.

## The Consequences Are We Have An Overstock of Seal Garments, Fur Capes, and Ladies' Furs. Commencing To day We Knife them at the following Prices:

- Seal Sacs, former price \$275, now \$150.
- Seal Sacs, former price \$225, now \$125.
- Electric Seal Capes, solid sable collar and edging, 30 inches deep, 109 sweep, former price \$40, now \$25.
- Electric Seal Capes, 36 inches deep, 115 sweep, former price \$50, now \$30.
- Wool Seal Capes, former price \$40, now \$25.
- Baltic Seal Capes, former price \$75, now \$45.
- Moire Astrakhan Jackets, former price \$75, now \$30.
- Moire Astrakhan Capes, former price \$30 to \$40, now \$20 to \$35.
- Alaska Sable Capes at half regular price.
- Alaska Sable Muffs, former price \$6 to \$12, now \$3.50 to \$5.
- Mink and Seal Muffs, former price \$10 to \$25, now \$5 to \$12.
- 39 dozen fine Brook Otter Muffs at \$1.33, formerly sold for \$2.50.
- English Hare Muffs at 33c.
- Fur animal Neck Scarfs in Brook Mink, former price \$2.75, now \$1.50.
- Baltic Seal Neck Scarfs, former price \$3 to \$8, now \$1.50 to \$3.
- Alaska Sable Neck Scarfs, former price \$4 to \$10, now \$2 to \$5.
- Mink Neck Scarfs, former price \$4 to \$8, now \$2 to \$5.50.
- Children's Fur Sets, former price \$1.25 to \$5, now 50c to \$2.50.
- Fur Sleigh Robes and Fur Rugs at less than cost.
- Men's Seal Capes and Seal, Beaver and Otter Gloves at less than half former price.
- Men's and Boys' Fur, Plush and Cloth Winter Caps at unheard of low prices.

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### LOCAL NOTES.

**A Public Morgue.**  
There is a probability that before long the city will have a public morgue in which bodies of unfortunate persons and those who die from contagious disease or under suspicious circumstances can be placed until identified or buried. For many years it has been apparent to the physicians and undertakers of the city and county that a public morgue was necessary and they have hoped that some arrangement might be entered into by either the city or county by which the institution might become established.

**Perpetual Help Society.**  
There was a meeting of the Perpetual Help Society Wednesday afternoon at St. Mary's Hospital. Mrs. Klein and Mrs. Heagerty received visitors.

**New Weather Observer.**  
Mr. Olin Parker, who will deal out Rochester weather, arrived in the city Tuesday from Columbus, Ohio, and will take charge of the weather bureau in the Federal building, Thursday. Observer A. L. White will leave for Columbus, Ohio, Saturday.

**R. C. U. Knights of St. John** have elected the following officers at their regular meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 11th: President, John Eckl; First Vice-President, Jacob Wahl; Second Vice-President, Geo. Lingl; Secretary, Edmund Braun; Treasurer, Geo. Fromm; Messenger, Chas. Kooz; Sergeant at arms, Henry Kohl; Guard, John Schaffter; Executive Committee, Edward Schmalz, Robert Knittel, Geo. Singl, Chas. Claus and Joe. Millner; Finance Committee, Adam Voelkl, Wenzel Haubner and Henry Baugarten; Captain, Jacob Wahl; First Lieutenant, Chas. Claus; Second Lieutenant, Jobi Wahl; First Sergeant, Edmund Braun; Second Sergeant, Joe Metzger; Quartermaster, Adam Voelkl; Physician, F. W. Maloney, M. D.

**Full of Business This Week.**  
Don't know how it is with others, but we are on the jump. "Sensible gifts at moderate prices," is the watchword. Likly's, 96 State street.

**What a Solitary Dollar Will Do.**  
It will buy a ladies' genuine lizard combination pocketbook and card case; or a silver-mounted real seal, real alligator or grain calf book, or one of a score of other useful things on our dollar table. Likly's, No. 96 State st.

**Christmas Thoughts.**  
Christmas is almost in sight, and stockings are much longer than they were last year. —Dallas News.  
A praiseworthy Christmas decoration—lining the pockets of the poor with gold and silver. —New York Journal.  
Christmas comes but once a year, and when it does it sneaks up on every one unawares. —Chicago Record.

**THE CHARGES DISMISSED.**  
Brookway and Florida Altruists Expelled by Governor Flower.

ALBANY, Dec. 11.—Governor Flower has dismissed the charges against the board of managers of the Elmira reformatory. The governor says that he has studied with great care both the majority and minority reports, and concludes that the charges against the board of managers are unfounded. He concludes that the managers are in no way to be blamed for the punishment inflicted. There should be no more of these kind of charges, if Brockway and his associates are to be treated as prisoners, they should be treated as such. Judge Learned's report contains that there is absolutely no need for such a punishment as was given.

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Do Everything but Talk. Refined, instructive, interesting, amusing. Enjoyed and praised by over one million people. Next attraction—Florence Bindly in "The Captain's Meats."

**EYES EXAMINED FREE.** Take care of them; they are priceless. Lenses ground to remedy all defects. L. L. MINNER, Mfg. Optician, over 37 East Main St.

### THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Lake small curled feathers, white and soft.  
The little cloud went by,  
Across the moon, and past the stars,  
And down the western sky,  
To upland pastures, where the grass  
With frost-dew was white.  
Like snowy clouds, the young sheep lay  
That first silent Christmas night.

The shepherds slept, and glimmering faint,  
With twigs of thin blue smoke,  
Only their fire's crackling flames  
The tender slumbers broke.  
Saw where a young lamb raised his head,  
Or when the night wind blew,  
A mistle bird would softly sing,  
Where dusky olives grew!

With finger on her solemn lip  
Night hushed the child's cry,  
And only stars and angels saw  
The little Saviour's birth.  
Then came such flash of silver light  
Across the bending aisle,  
The wonderful shepherds woke and hid  
Their frightened, dazed eyes.

But all their gentle, sleepy flock  
Looked up, their eyes again,  
Nor knew the light that dimmed the stars  
Brought endless peace to men.  
Nor ever heard the righteous words  
That dawn the ages ring:  
"The Christ is born, the Lord has come,  
Good will on earth to bring!"

Then over the moonlit, misty fields,  
Dumb with the world's great joy,  
The shepherds sought the white-walled town,  
Where lay the baby boy.  
And, oh, the gladness of the world,  
When the longest day of Christmas came,  
In Mary's happy eyes!  
—Margaret Deland.

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

BY LERTA SMYTH.

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From a window of a crowded apartment  
heavily situated in the business district of a  
great city a woman with a pale, wistful  
face was looking down into the street below.

In spite of her shabby black dress, there  
was an aristocratic air about the tall figure  
which impressed one that she was a  
lady born, and in the face pale with  
years, she could be detected traces of  
what once had been a radiant beauty.

Christmas eve, and the street was  
filled with persons hurrying to their va-  
cuous homes after the last day of holiday  
shopping. Heavily laden express carts  
were rattling noisily over the cobble-  
stones, and groups of small urchins were  
adding to the festive din by looting lustily  
at their car splashing Christmas horns.

But the pale woman at the window  
neither saw nor heard all this confusion.  
Her thoughts were in the fancy world  
where Christmas eve in the luxurious home  
of her childhood used to be the gladdest  
time of all the year. But now she glanced  
sadly around the stuff bare room and  
tried to think of the terrible change  
which she could have brought a few tri-  
angles for the children! But she had  
been able to spend a penny from her  
Christmas savings, and this year dear faith-  
ful Santa Claus had sent her a pair of  
slippers, a new comb and a box of  
candy.

She was pushed open.

and her sad face was illuminated by the  
entrance of two children, a tiny girl with  
a mass of golden hair framing a very ex-  
cited little face and a dark eyed boy about  
3 years her senior.

"Mamma, mamma," the fairy cried,  
rushing to her mother and throwing both  
arms about her neck. "Tony and I have  
a beautiful plan, just as you told us to do.  
It is to sing carols tonight under peo-  
ple's windows."

"The mother drew a quick breath.  
"And then when they open the door to  
find us we'll run away, just like the chil-  
dren in the story."

Ah, then her children had not yet thought  
of begging or strange doors, and they  
wanted to follow out the beautiful old  
English custom simply for the fun and  
novelty!

"And, mother, Tony was saying in  
his grave way, perhaps you'll think it's  
an angel when Kathie sings, she can  
make her voice so soft."

The mother smiled. Her little daugh-  
ter's truly wonderful voice was a great  
delight to her, and she hoped some day to  
have it carefully trained.

Yes, she would give her consent to the  
frolic, and all through the evening  
meal the children chattered like veritable  
magpies. Then, clad in their plain, warm  
wraps, they set out after bidding their  
mother a merry goodby.

Hand in hand they hurried through the  
crowded streets, past the rows of brilliant-  
ly lighted shops, gay with holly and ever-  
greens, not making a stop until they  
reached a wide avenue, where the shops  
gave way to handsome private houses.

"Now, Kathie," Tony whispered by way  
of a signal. While Shepherds Watched  
Their Flocks." And a moment later the  
childish voices were ringing on the frosty  
air in clear, sweet tones. "Before they  
could run away, as the story had said was  
the proper thing to be done, a group of  
children appeared at one of the richly cur-  
tained windows, and catching sight of the  
little singers out in the snow beckoned to  
them to come in. Tony shook his head

and do your best! Let a sing, Hark, the  
Herald Angels Sing!"

"You begin it, Tony," And Tony,  
who acted in the double capacity of busi-  
ness manager and choir master, gave the  
note, and the choir began.

The mother, who had remained in the  
house, being obliged to go to the  
great open fire. He knew that it was  
Christmas eve, but he did not seem to  
rejoice in it particularly. He had been  
tired from a long day's work, and he was  
feeling a little sad, as though he had  
been disappointed in some way. He had  
been hoping to see his mother that evening,  
and she had not come.

"What a half-muttered  
word," Tony said. "I wish Christmas that was  
over, and I could go home to my mother  
and my sister. It's just like a Christmas  
ten years ago. Ah, those were merry  
Christmases in the old years when Kathie  
was a child with long golden hair."  
What was it that she sang every time, he  
felt was so mysterious, the mysterious stock-  
ing? "Kathie," he remembered it well—  
"Hark, the herald angels sing—  
Was he disappointed or was it really his dar-  
ling's voice that broke the stillness of the  
winter night? He listened intently. Faintly  
the air of the old anthem came to him.  
Then, as his ear grew accustomed to the  
voice, he caught each word distinctly.  
"Gloria to the newborn King."  
The sound came from the street, and the old  
man rose from his armchair and walked  
noiselessly to the window. Hiding him-  
self among the heavy folds of the hang-  
ings, he gazed eagerly out into the snowy  
avenue.

Two sets of children were standing di-  
rectly in front of the house. One, the  
smaller of the two, a girl, with bright  
curls, as he saw by the friendly light of

the street lamp, was singing with all her  
small might. And such a voice! It filled  
him with the "herald angels" about  
whom she sang, or, better still, of Kathie-  
line.

He waited until the carol was ended,  
and then raising the sash called out in a  
persuasive tone, "Little ones, will you  
come here," and as the children hesitated  
he added: "Don't be afraid. I only want  
to speak to you a moment." And a little  
later Tony and his sister were standing  
before the old man in the great wide hall.

"I want to tell you how much I have  
enjoyed the anthem that you have been  
singing out there in the cold, and to ask  
you if you won't come tomorrow and sing  
it for me again. I used to have a little girl  
like you," Tony said. Kathie's hair softly  
as he spoke, "who sang it every Christ-  
mas day."

HE GAZED RAGERLY OUT.

THE DOOR WAS PUSHED OPEN.

and called out gayly that they were Christ-  
mas children and didn't mind the cold.  
Then, clasping hands more tightly, they  
ran on.

Hours after house was roused by the  
clear little voices, and coins were offered,  
but Tony always refused the money, say-  
ing that they were Christmas children,  
and that seemed to explain their situation  
perfectly, for no one pressed them further.  
"Kathie don't sing any more after this  
one," Kathie said as they passed before a  
large, imposing house of somber brown-  
stone. "Cause I'm very tired."  
"All right, Kathie, so brace up for the last



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The men continued at work under protest until Saturday when a notice signed by the United Mine Workers was posted at a number of the tipplers calling on the men to resist the reduction and to demand the 5 per cent Jan. 1.

The reduction is now felt to be one which may result in a strike about that time. This strike would affect from 10,000 to 12,000 men in the Reynoldsville, Dubois and Punxsutawney districts and about 2,000 miners in the New Bethlehem district.

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**THE MARKETS.**  
New York Money Market.  
New York, Dec. 11.  
Money at 10 1/4 per cent.  
Prime mercantile paper, 9 1/4 per cent.  
Sterling exchange: Actual business in bank-  
ers' bills, 24 1/2 @ 25 for demand, and 24 1/2 @  
4 1/2 for 60 days. Futed rates, 24 1/2 @ 25  
and 24 1/2 @ 25. Commercial bills, 24 1/2 @  
4 1/2.

Government bonds—United States 2s, reg.,  
112; do 4s, coup., 114; do 5s, 115.

**New York Produce Market.**  
New York, Dec. 11.  
FLOUR—City mills patents, 14.00 @ 14.15; winter  
clear, 13.75 @ 13.90; city mills clear,  
13.50; winter straights, 13.00 @ 13.15; winter clear,  
13.00 @ 13.15; Minnesota patents, 13.00 @ 13.15;  
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grades, 11.75 @ 12.15; spring, extra, 11.50 @ 12.00;  
Southern flour, coming to fair, extra, 11.50 @  
12.00; good to choice do, 11.50 @ 12.00.  
RICE—White, extra, 11.00 @ 11.50.  
BUCKWHEAT—Flour, extra, 11.00 @ 11.50.  
CORNMEAL—Yellow western, 11.00 @ 11.50;  
bran, 11.00 @ 11.50.  
WHEAT—Spot sales of No. 2 red, extra, 1.00 @ 1.05;  
No. 2 red, 99c @ 1.00; No. 2 white, 98c @ 1.00;  
No. 2 yellow, 97c @ 98c; No. 2 white, 96c @ 97c;  
No. 2 yellow, 95c @ 96c; No. 2 white, 94c @ 95c;  
No. 2 yellow, 93c @ 94c; No. 2 white, 92c @ 93c;  
No. 2 yellow, 91c @ 92c; No. 2 white, 90c @ 91c;  
No. 2 yellow, 89c @ 90c; No. 2 white, 88c @ 89c;  
No. 2 yellow, 87c @ 88c; No. 2 white, 86c @ 87c;  
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No. 2 yellow, 11c @ 12c; No. 2 white, 10c @ 11c;  
No. 2 yellow, 9c @ 10c; No. 2 white, 8c @ 9c;  
No. 2 yellow, 7c @ 8c; No. 2 white, 6c @ 7c;  
No. 2 yellow, 5c @ 6c; No. 2 white, 4c @ 5c;  
No. 2 yellow, 3c @ 4c; No. 2 white, 2c @ 3c;  
No. 2 yellow, 1c @ 2c; No. 2 white, 0c @ 1c.