

WOLDS, WORTMAN & KING

THE different stocks in our great store that relate to Spring attire are daily growing by "leaps and bounds." No former season has ever shown such an increase in volume, while in attractiveness and utility the merchandise shows wonderful progress.

It's an Easy Matter

For Portland women to walk in the best medium-priced shoes made. We are Portland agents for Pingree's "Gloria" The World's Best \$3.50

Shoes for women. The newest lasts and finishes for Spring are now all in, and comprise 21 styles, suitable for all kinds of occasions. They represent the highest type of Workmanship Materials and Designs

Ever seen in a \$3.50 shoe. To wear a Pingree "Gloria" shoe is to receive the most of shoe goodness for the money.

Just Opened Large Invoices of Ladies' Sumptuous Costumes

Aristocratic garments. "Brimful" of beauty and quality. Suits that carry the marks of richness and good taste in every fold. All the new modifications of color and trimming. Now is the time to make selections and get all the season's use of them.

Also Handsome Jackets

Checked taffeta Etons. Very smart garments with newest sleeves, cuffs and trimmings; veritable things of beauty.

PORTLAND'S FAST GROWTH

HAS NEARLY 22 PER CENT OF OREGON'S POPULATION.

City and Immediate Suburbs Have Over 103,000 People—Increase Since Last June, 5000.

Portland is growing faster than the remainder of the state and has been for over 40 years. Its percentage of increase in population has been greater than that of the state at large, in every decade since 1850, with the exception of the 10 years between 1850 and 1860. From 1850 to 1860 the state increased 28.7 per cent; Portland, 29.1 per cent. Increases for other decades have been: 1860 to 1870, Portland, 38.5 per cent; Oregon, 23.3; 1870 to 1880, Portland, 31.1; Oregon, 22.2; 1880 to 1890, Portland, 35.3; Oregon, 25.5; 1890 to 1900, Portland, 34.9; Oregon, 21.8.

Portland's per cent of the population of the state has increased from a little over one-twentieth in 1850 to over one-fifth in 1900. Comparisons follow:

Year	State	Portland, Pr. ct.
1850	112,526	21.8
1860	212,767	14.7
1870	174,768	36.0
1880	266,922	12.0
1890	325,465	5.4
1900	472,294	6.1

According to the Federal census last June, Portland had 96,426 people. Precincts close enough to the city to be considered part of it increase the total to over 98,000. C. H. McLeaac, who was assistant to Supervisor Telfer in the enumeration last year, estimates that Portland has gained 8000 people in the last nine months. This would make the present population of the city and its immediate suburbs over 103,000. Last June it was:

Town	Population
Portland	96,426
St. Johns	2,211
Columbia	237
Mount Tabor	1,916
South Mount Tabor	500
Woodstock	500
Lents	428
Kilgavver	211
Montavilla	1,288
Russellville	283
Sylvan	424
Mount Zion	238
Bertha	413
West Portland	226
Total	98,007

There are 116 incorporated towns in Oregon, of which 12 had more than 3000 population last year. The total urban population of the 12 principal towns was 135,470, or 22.7 per cent of that of the state. The figures for each town follow:

Town	Population
Portland	96,426
Astoria	5,281
Baker City	3,251
Pendleton	4,496
Salem	4,283
The Dalles	2,192
Oregon City	2,434
Eugene	3,226
Albany	1,649
La Grande	2,591
Ashland	2,634
Grant's Pass	2,290
Total	135,470

Since 1850, Portland has more than doubled its population in every decade except the period between 1850 and 1860, in which although the rate of increase was slightly less than 100 per cent, the numerical increase was greater than for any preceding decade.

DIRECT WIRES TO CHICAGO

Western Union Establishes Instantaneous Through Service.

Yesterday marks another epoch in the annihilation of time and distance between Portland and the far East, from a telegraphic standpoint. The Western Union Telegraph Company has established and will maintain a new and direct circuit with Chicago. Since early yesterday morning, two expert operators, F. E. De Parcq and W. F. Hunter, in the Western Union Telegraph Company's operating room have been busily engaged, one sending directly to and the other receiving private messages from Chicago. The importance of this new circuit to the business community, and, in fact, to the entire Pacific Northwest, can scarcely be overestimated, and will be more fully appreciated when it becomes generally known that it is both possible and practicable to land a telegraph dispatch in Chicago, almost 2000 miles away, within one minute after it is filed at the Western Union Telegraph Company's office in this city. This business has heretofore been relayed, that is, repeated, thereby entailing more or less delay, which, under

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Lipman, Wolf & Co.

NO TWO ALIKE

Imported Shirting

FOR LADIES' SHIRTWAISTS

From Charvet, Paris, and Swears & Will, London

In shirtwaist lengths (2 1/2 yards), \$1.50, \$2, \$3 per length.

NO TWO ALIKE (At Men's Furnishing Counter.)



Fourth Shipload of BARGAINS

21,900 Yards of **Torchon Laces**

In 100 different patterns Regular price 8c, 9c and 10c yard, at **5c yd**

Torchon Edging and Inserting.

Kid Gloves

For many years the favorite kid glove of the most fastidious and critical glove buyers has been the "Trefousse." Today we show a complete assortment of Trefousse Gloves that for quality, style and perfect fit surpass any assortment ever shown before. Trefousse is the highest standard of merit in kid gloves.

PURE DYE | PURE DYE | PURE DYE | PURE DYE

The Nampil Pure Dye Silks have real strength and durability. They are elegant in appearance. For silk waists they have no equal. And the price is only 85c yard.

New Ribbons New Laces New Walking Hats

FOR VANCOUVER B. C.

Steamer Mainlander, in order to accommodate Portland patrons, now leaves Seattle at 10 P. M. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is not a cure-all; but it cures all blood diseases. Take no substitute.

All Suits May Look Alike

to you — but there's a difference — Ours are the regular tailor-made kind — hand-made button-holes — hand-padded collars, sewed with silk, and best of linings — made to our special order by the Largest Wholesale Tailors in America. Others may offer you a

SPRING SUIT

—FOR—

\$15.00

Until you have worn one of ours you haven't had the best.

Give us an opportunity of proving our claim. We give you the best suit you ever had—the best anyone ever had—THE BEST THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO GET for the money.



While you are in the Store let our hat man show you one of our

BREWER HATS PRICE \$3.00

The best hat for the price anywhere—All shades.

Latest Spring Blocks. We have the largest and handsomest hat department in Portland.

UP TO THE TIMES ALL THE TIME.

RELIABLE CLOTHIER

Ben Selling

S. E. Cor. Fourth and Morrison St.

Meier & Frank Co.

Another shipment of Box Coats for ladies arrived yesterday. (Second floor.) Free instructions in Art Needlework today. Expert instructor. (Second floor.)

Toilet Goods

Special values for Friday and Saturday shoppers.

Good quality perfumed Talcum Powder, for babies and adults, can 7c

4-row good quality Tooth Brush, special each 7c

1-lb. Transparent Glycerine Soap, special for today and tomorrow, bar 7c

Stationery

Extra quality kid finished Note Paper, assorted tints, regular 25c value, for Friday and Saturday, 16c box, at 16c

Wire Racks for cards and photographs, large size, each 16c

Men's Collars

25c dozen

Sale commences Saturday morning.

About 1800 collars remaining from our great sale of men's collars and cuffs of a week ago. Most of them are soiled, others are broken sizes. There's a large variety of styles. In turn-downs you'll find 15, 15 1/2, 16, 16 1/2 and 17. In stand-ups 14, 14 1/2, 15, 15 1/2, 16, 16 1/2. On sale Saturday morning, 8 o'clock at

3c ea., 25c doz.



Today Our 610th Friday Surprise Sale

\$1.50 Curtains

97c Pair

For the 610th Friday Surprise Sale we offer 200 pairs of Ruffled Swiss Muslin Curtains, dotted and figured, good full size. There's small and large dots, bow knots, wreaths and other figures. All are regular \$1.50 curtains. 97c pr Today only at 97c pr

Framed Pictures

At 25c Each

A great purchase from a prominent art concern of 1500 framed pictures, size 7x9 1/2. Platinotype photographs, glass and neat black frame. Great variety of subjects, including Baby Stewart, Madonnas, Landscape Scenes, Dog and Cat Pictures and many others. They go on sale today at (See window display.)

25 Cents Each

Rainy-Day Skirts at \$4.67

Ladies' Rainy-Day Skirts in light and dark Oxfords, plaid back, tailor-stitched, good \$8.50 values. To clean them up quickly, \$4.67.

Silk Petticoats

Exclusive novelties in ladies' silk and brocade satin petticoats. The grandest collection of high-class skirts ever shown in the Northwest. Fancy black stripes, grays, yellows, white and green. Silk ruching lace and accordion plaited. Magnificent creations. Come and look at them. (2d floor.)

\$25.00 to \$50.00



Lace Collars

A magnificent array of swell Lace Collars. Came yesterday. We've been waiting anxiously for these some days. Arabian, Venetian, Babilian, Russian and Venice lace in many styles. Prices range from \$1.25 to \$8 each.

Newest styles in Ladies' Neckwear and Buckles.

Infants' Wear. All the new Spring goods now ready.

Clothing Sale

The great March Sale of men's and boys' clothing ends tomorrow night. It's the only opportunity you'll have for some months to buy good stylish Spring clothing at such remarkably low prices. Look over this list carefully:

Men's \$12.50 suits at	\$ 7.85
Men's \$15.00 suits at	\$10.35
Men's \$18.00 suits at	\$13.25
Men's pants at \$2.49 and	\$ 3.15
Boys' suits at \$2.10 and	\$ 4.95



MEIER & FRANK COMPANY

BUYING HORSES FOR ENGLAND

Oregon Will Supply Many to Go to South Africa.

The British Empire is hunting for horses in Oregon, with which to mount its cavalrymen, renew its artillery stock, and haul its army supplies in South Africa. J. F. Cook of Omaha, who has purchased many thousands of horses in the United States for the British Army since John Bull and Oom Paul locked horns in the Transvaal, is at the Perkins. He expects to buy 200 or more in Oregon within the next few months, and to that end will do considerable traveling over the state. He already has 3000 head engaged in Harney County for delivery early in Summer.

Mr. Cook says most of the American horses purchased for the English Army are shipped either from Buffalo or New Orleans. "It takes about a year," he said, "to render a Western horse capable of passing muster at the hands of the English inspector. When we first get them they are wild, but a 200-mile ride in a stock car renders them pretty docile. They have, however, to be acclimated to the Mississippi Valley States, and fully 30 per cent of the animals die during this test, as the change from the elevation and breezy pastures to the hot, malarious low lands is a very severe one. The horse which survives this ordeal for a year, displays an iron constitution, and is considered a valuable accession to the South African stables."

The cavalry horses bought for the British Army are of the same height and weight as desired by Uncle Sam, the regulation cavalry horse being 14 to 15 hands high and weighing 1000 to 1100 pounds. No blemishes or shortcomings will be accepted, and the gait must be regular and without interference in the hoof or fetlock. A horse may meet all the requirements as to color, height, weight and expression of eye, but if he lacks a good, ready stride he must be condemned. Artillery horses and those intended for fighting, must, of course, be heavier and capable of handling their share of the load whether maneuvering with light sun carriages on the battle field, or hugging the heavy supply wagons over the hot sands of the veldt."

NEW FEE BILL IN FORCE.

By Accident, an Emergency Clause Was Inserted.

The new fee bill covering the offices of the Sheriff, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clerk of the County Court, and Recorder of Conveyances is now a law, and will be put into operation at once. A certified copy of the act was received from Salem yesterday by County Auditor Pope. The act as originally drawn was made to take effect in 90 days. This was so as to allow time to obtain some new books. By some mistake, the emergency clause was inserted, and the various officials will have to do the best they can for the present with the books they have on hand. Changes in the style of books have only to be made in a few instances. Under the new law, upon the filing of any suit, action, appeal, etc., in the State Circuit Court, a deposit of \$10 must be made to cover the fees which will be charged up as they are earned, and a further deposit will be required when necessary. Fees unearned will be refunded when the case is closed. A deposit will be required of \$5 from each defendant on his appearance, and a deposit of \$25 is required, and a further deposit of \$5 or a sum to cover additional fees, as is necessary. The Sheriff collects the actual fees due, and continues under the old fee laws until ended.

The idea of the new fee system is to charge for the amount of services performed in each case, instead of the former blanket fee method of a certain specified sum in each case. The new act is patterned after the statute of 1882, which was repealed to realize more revenue for the county, but in the state Circuit Court Clerk's office, and office of the County Clerk, at the beginning, and until a number of the cases already on file, and for which fees have already been paid, have been wound up, the receipts will probably be less.

ROBBED ON THE HIGHWAY.

Gang of Hobos Steal Fifteen Cents From a Cripple.

A gang of eight hobos who infest the water front attacked a cripple in his trundle chair, yesterday noon, and robbed him of 15 cents. R. P. Gilliam is the name given by the victim, who says he was born in Polk County, Oregon, and was rendered helpless at the age of 3 years by St. Vitus' dance. He has an assistant, a young man named Fred Roschel, who wheels him around the country, the pair living off the contributions of the charitable. Both were near the foot of Everett street yesterday, when the hobos, who were rendered hideous by drink, came out from under the dock, and one of them ordered the cripple to give up what money he had. Roschel objected and threatened to call the police, and was dealt a blow in the mouth for his pains, after which two of the gang went through Gilliam's pockets and were rewarded with three nickels for their trouble. The cripple and his helper were then told to remain where they were until the thugs could get out of sight, on penalty of being thrown into the river. The police were notified soon after, however, and succeeded in rounding up the whole gang in various portions of the North End, and they will be given a chance in the Municipal Court this morning to deny the charge of highway robbery, which Gilliam will prefer against them. Their conduct since their arrest shows that they have no dread of imprisonment as they will obtain a series of square meals, with little or no effort on their part.

The crippled man and his assistant recently arrived in Portland, overland, by team from San Francisco, stopping at towns and farmhouses on the way, and say they had a good time enjoying the mountain scenery and the charity of those whom they encountered. They traveled around all the time, Gilliam said, as his relatives in Polk County care nothing for him and will render him no assistance. He also has a sister and brother-in-law in Spokane, but they are unable to help him. He is now finding refuge in the Medical Mission, corner of Fourth and Ankeny streets, where the pair are being kindly cared for, without money and without pity. The team, Gilliam said, is being cared for by a Linn County friend.

Benefit for a Soldier's Parents.

Albina Assembly No. 3, United Artisans, will give a dance next Wednesday evening, in Davis Hall, Russell street, for the relief of the parents of Hays B. Taylor, an Oregon boy who was killed in the Philippines. The young man was the sole support of his father and mother, and they are in reduced circumstances.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby is Cutting Teeth, Be sure and use this old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children's teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

Woolen Mill Meeting.

A meeting of the people of Peninsula will be held Saturday night under the auspices of the Peninsula Sub-Board of Trade for the purpose of considering the location of the proposed woolen mill. An effort will be made to secure the mill for the Peninsula.

The action of Carter's Little Liver Pills is pleasant, mild and natural. They gently stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels, but do not purge.