

Meier & Frank's 865th Friday Surprise Sale
200 Doz. Men's Neckwear
Values to \$1 at 35c Each

In the Men's Furnishing Goods Section for today's 865th Friday Surprise Sale we will offer a great special purchase of Men's Fine Neckwear at a price far below regular value. 200 dozen in all the newest and prettiest silks made up in French fold and reversible four-in-hands—1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2 and 2 3/4 inches wide—Plain and fancy figured silks in a grand assortment; figures, stripes and dots in endless variety—Neckwear that finds ready sale at 50c 75c and \$1.00—Buy all you want of them today only at this phenomenally low price, each 35c



MEIER & FRANK'S 865TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALE
40 "Peninsular" Steel Ranges \$25.95 Ea.

Opportunity is offered to buy a high-grade Steel Range today at an unusually low price; 40 handsome Peninsulars to be sold at a great reduction; built of planished steel, asbestos lined; duplex grate for coal or wood; extension firebox; 6 holes; ventilated oven and steel oven-rack; nickel-trimmed; 50 per cent more heating and cooking capacity than any other make; 10 years' guarantee; \$25.95

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500 White Shirtwaists
\$3.00 Values on Sale at \$1.08 Each



500 handsome new lawn shirtwaists at less than half their value for today's 865th Friday Surprise Sale—All the prettiest styles—Entire remaining reserve stock of a well-known Eastern manufacturer—Sheer, dainty styles made up with three rows of wide embroidery down the front and tucks—Wide insertion with rows of hemstitching—Fancy pointed yokes, lace and embroidery trimmed or clusters of tucks—All sizes—Waists selling regularly at \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3 each—Choice while they last today at the wonderfully low price, each \$1.08

Women's Shoes
\$2.50-\$3.50 Vals
\$1.35 Pair

Broken lines of standard Footwear for women on sale at a marvelously low price; lace and button styles in kid or patent tips; light or heavy soles; shoes for street or dress wear; regular \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 values, \$1.35 Women's tan Oxfords; this season's very best styles; light weight or welt soles; all sizes and widths; best \$3.00 values on \$1.65 sale at, per pair \$1.65 Great special lot of men's fine Shoes in box calf, velour calf, kid and patent calf; all sizes and widths; regular \$3.50 values on sale wonderfully low price, \$2.35 per pair \$2.35 Misses' and children's Footwear on sale at greatly reduced prices—All grades and all styles.

Trunks, Bags-Grand Values

32-in. leather-bound Trunks, full lined, bolt lock, best iron corners; 2 trays and leather straps; regular \$19.00 trunks on sale at this unusually low price, each \$15.20 36-in. iron-bound Trunks, malleable iron corners, full lined, two trays, etc.; regular \$17.00 trunks, at \$13.50 34-in. Steamer Trunks, bolt lock, heavy malleable iron trimmings, lined; \$10.75 value, on sale at this low price, each \$9.15

Curtain Bargains

Thousands of pairs of cross-stripe Madras Curtains on sale at greatly reduced prices—Curtains suitable for windows or light portieres. Best designs—light and dark colorings, red, green, blue or yellow cross-stripes; three yards long by 49 inches wide—all grades, at special low prices. Mail orders filled. \$1.45 values, per pair \$1.15 \$2.25 values, per pair \$1.65 \$3.75 values, per pair \$2.15 \$5.50 values, per pair \$2.70

The Meier & Frank's Store
Great Sale of
Clocks

All Styles—All Grades
Alarm Clocks, Mantel Clocks, fancy gilt clocks—Clocks of all kinds, at very low prices. "American" Alarm Clocks...69c Beacon Calendar Clocks...98c "Alert" Alarm Clocks...\$1.25 Spasmodic Alarm Clocks...\$1.33 Intermittent Tattoo with luminous dial, special...\$1.49 1-day Mission Clocks, assorted designs, special...\$1.49 8-day Kitchen Clocks in oak or mahogany finish; strike every half-hour...\$2.23 8-day Mission Clocks, assorted patterns; gong strike; great special value at...\$2.98 Enamel Clocks with gold trimmings; 8-day; half and hour strike; special...\$4.59 Iron Enamel Clock, ivory dial; \$9.50 value for...\$7.79 \$15.00 hardwood, bronze inlaid Clock; best works; special low price of...\$12.50 Our entire assortment of fancy Gold Clocks at 20 per cent off. Waltham and Elgin Watches at special low prices. Ingersoll Watches \$1.00 and \$2.00.

\$2.00 Belts 89c

Special lot of high-grade gold and silver Belts in assorted styles; with or without buckles; values up to \$2.00 each on sale at this special low price...89c Women's white Wash Belts in assorted styles, with embroidery or hemstitched edge; gilt buckles, values to 65c on sale at...39c Special lot of women's Handbags; fitted with coin purse; \$1.50 values on sale at this low price, each .79c

Brush Sale

Bath Brushes, with or without handles; great value at this low price, each...19c Hand Scrub Brushes, 4c each; solid wood back Hand Scrub Brushes, special...12c Loonen's Tooth Brushes, none better; 35c value at the special price of, each...19c Bath Brushes, detachable handles; great special values at this low price, each...98c

Knit Underwear

Women's fine white gauze Lisle Vests, Swiss ribbed; low neck and no sleeves; prettily made and finished; all sizes; 50c values on sale at this special low price, each 37c Women's Knit Drawers, French bands, umbrella style, lace-trimmed, all sizes; the best 50c values on sale at, pair...37c "Harvard Mills" Union Suits for women; fine ribbed lisle, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length and low neck, no sleeves, knee length; hand-finished, perfect-fitting, all sizes; regular \$1.25 values for 98c Women's mercerized Jersey-ribbed Vests, high neck and long sleeves; all sizes; regular 65c values...42c

Artistic Picture Framing to Your Order at the Very Lowest Prices—Second Floor
Custom Shade and Drapery Work Our Specialty—Third Floor

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Women's \$1 Lisle Hose 69c Pair

Special lot of women's fine lisle Hose in fancy designs; lace and all-over effects; also lace and embroidered boot novelties; splendid assortment in black, white and gray; all sizes; values up to \$1.00 a pair on sale at...69c Women's plain black and tan Hosiery in drop-stitch styles; 18c all sizes; 25c values at, pair...18c Great special lot of women's lace Hosiery in black, white, light blue, pink and tan; all sizes; best 35c values on sale today and tomorrow at this low price, per pair...23c Children's fine ribbed cotton Hose with full fashioned foot, no seams over the toes; all sizes; regular 25c values on sale at this low price, per pair...17c Children's fine ribbed cotton Hose; double knee and double sole; all sizes; great special value at, a pair...10c



Great 2-Days' Ribbon Sale

3000 yards of Belt and Tab Ribbons; polka dots, plaids, checks and Bulgarian effects; very large assortment, handsome styles; values from 25c to 85c a yard on sale at, yard...15c 3000 yards of satin and silk taffeta Ribbons, 5 to 6 inches wide; all the leading shades; regular 35c values on sale at this low price, per yard...18c 4500 yards of all-silk Ribbons in plaids, checks, Dresdens and polka dots; great assortment; 35c to 50c values on sale at this low price, per yard...21c

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1000 Pairs Lace Curtains
\$3.00 Values at \$1.65 Pr.



Parties furnishing up new homes or renovating the old must be interested in today's great Surprise Sale of Lace Curtains—1000 pairs, the entire stock of a prominent importer—White or Arabian color; Nottingham and Madras weave effects for the parlor, bedroom, servant's room, etc.—25 patterns to select from—Dainty Brussels or heavy all-over designs; widths 50 to 60 inches—By far the best value in medium-priced Curtains we have offered this season. Regular \$2.75 and \$3, on sale today at this low price, pair...\$1.65 Buy all you want of them—See Big Fifth-Street Window Display—Mail Orders Will Be Promptly Filled

Men's Suits Half Price
Boys' Suits Half Price

Special lot of 200 boys' 2-piece School Suits of strictly all-wool materials; fancy mixed tweeds in double-breasted styles; ages 7 to 16 years; suits selling regularly at \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$8.00; your choice for a few days only at...1/2 Price Great special values in Young Men's Summer Suits; very best style and materials; all grades.—Second Floor. 1/2 Price

Men's high-grade 3-piece Suits in fancy tweeds, worsteds and chevrons; strictly all-wool materials, in the best patterns; single or double-breasted styles; suits made by the leading wholesale tailors—Stein-Bloch, L. Adler & Bros. Co., Hart, Schaffner & Marx, The Washington Co., and others; \$18.00 to \$25.00 values on sale at low price of, per suit...1/2 Price All our Men's Outing Suits on sale at One-Half regular prices.

JOB IS TOO SMALL

City's Piping Contract Does Not Tempt Bidders.

ONE LONE BID SUBMITTED

Lack of Response for Bids on Water Board Contract Attributed to Rush of Business Elsewhere.

Inquiry as to why the Oregon Iron & Steel Company alone submitted bids for cast iron piping to the Water Board last Wednesday develops that, while there was some complaint relative to the limited time for delivery, the main cause is based upon the fact that manufacturers are indifferent to handling small orders, owing to a general demand throughout the country for materials.

Proposals for this material were first invited August 4, one of the conditions being that delivery was to be completed on or before September 25. D. D. Clarke, engineer of the City Water Works, stated yesterday that these firms were notified concerning the proposed letting of bids on the day the advertisement first appeared, by having a copy thereof mailed to them; Oregon Iron & Steel Company; Sherlock building, Portland; P. T. Crowe

& Co., 252 Oak street, Portland; J. R. Bowles, 209 Stark street, Portland; W. D. Hofius & Co. and W. B. Addy, Seattle; United States Cast Iron & Foundry Company, Chicago; Diamond Pipe Company and American Cast Iron Pipe Company, Birmingham, Ala. Hofius & Co. are the agents for the United States Cast Iron & Steel Company, of Chicago; Crowe & Co. represent R. D. Wood & Co., of Philadelphia, while Bowles is agent for the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, of Denver.

Heavy Demand for Piping.

J. R. Bowles stated that he did not bid on the pipe and would not enter into such a proposition for the simple reason that his company could not fill the order. A heavy demand for all kinds of piping exists throughout the country at the present time, he said, and he thought these conditions would prevail the balance of the year, at least. P. T. Crowe & Co. intimated that they would have submitted a bid, but had refrained from doing so on account of the limited time for completing delivery. A representative of the firm said yesterday that R. D. Wood & Co. might be able to begin shipments in 30 days but could not complete delivery in the time specified in the contract, owing to the crowded condition of the foundries.

"From what I can learn," said Mayor Lane, who in ex-officio chairman of the Water Board, "there was nothing out of the way in awarding the contract to the Oregon Iron & Steel Company. The whole transaction involved only about \$2000, and I guess that was too small an amount to attract outside bidders."

Price Charged Is High. While there has been a material advance in the price of pig iron within the past few months, it is considered among local dealers that the increase does not justify the extravagant price proposed to be paid by the Water Board under the contract just awarded. Considerable scandal arose last October in connection with the Water Board's action in awarding the contract to the same company for the high service cast iron mains from Mount Tabor to Highland, owing to the fact that William M. Ladd, president of the Oregon Iron & Steel Company, was a leading member of the City Water Board. By reason of this manifest illegality, coupled with the knowledge that the bid of the Martin

Pipe & Foundry Company, of San Francisco, was 55 cents ton lower for riveted steel main than the successful bidder, Mr. Ladd first resigned as head of the corporation, and later, under stress of the sharp criticism evoked by the transaction, severed his connection with the Water Board. The municipal body later recommended its action in making the award to Ladd's Oswego plant, with the result that new proposals were invited, and the contract finally let to the United States Cast Iron & Foundry Company, of Chicago, at an increased figure.

BABE DROWNS IN CESSPOOL
Infant Son of Harold Meier Meets Horrible Death.

Harold Meier, the 15-months-old son of John Meier, residing at 754 Grand avenue North, met a horrible death yesterday afternoon by falling into a cesspool. The little fellow was playing in the yard in the rear of the house with his sister, who is but 2 years old. The mother, who was working inside the house, was suddenly startled by the little girl running in, crying, "Brother gone! Brother gone!" Following the little girl, the mother came to the old vault in the yard, and, looking down, she saw her child struggling in the slime below. Mrs. Meier hurriedly raised an alarm and several neighbors rushed to the rescue. Some time was lost seeking for a means to get at the little fellow, and finally one of the men tore the boards from the vault and put down a ladder. The child was seized and the drowning infant was taken to the open air. The whole time consumed was not more than ten minutes, but it had been long enough for the helpless infant to suffocate. Drs. Neubaer and Croddy were called, but their heroic efforts to restore life to the baby were unavailing.

The Health Department, it is understood, are investigating the case, and it is probable that this accident may result in a condemnation of the many old-fashioned vaults about the city which are a danger to life.

Says Wife Deserted Him. OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Charging desertion, Judson L. Seely has brought suit for divorce from Carrie E. Seely, whom he married in this city June 15, 1901.

WING TAKES FLIGHT

Partner of Ontario Pastor Eludes Police.

REV. MR. HOLMAN REMAINS

Charges Against Him Increase Rapidly, and He Will Have to Face Numerous Counts When Taken Back by Sheriff.

Taking advantage of the parole given him by Acting Chief Gritzmacher, C. B. Wing, the traveling companion of Rev. E. H. Holman, the Ontario minister who is wanted at that place for beating a board man, took sudden leave of Portland yesterday, and up to a late hour last night no efforts of the Portland Police Department could locate him. Rev. Mr. Holman daily reported yesterday, only to find that the charge of beating a board and lodging bill, is not the only one against him, and that the authorities of Caldwell, Idaho, would also be glad to secure him to answer a charge of obtaining \$1000 from Mrs. Sarah Joiner, a widow, of Caldwell. Another surprise for the reverend gentleman lay in store for him when a stranger confronted him at the police station last night with the accusation that he had defrauded a number of innocent people at Slovan and Nelson, B. C., and that the authorities there badly wanted the two men for a series of enterprises in frenzied finance on a small scale. Rev. Mr. Holman was released yesterday on \$500 bonds furnished by his friends, and will be taken to Ontario, Or., by Sheriff Ottell, who arrived last night with warrants for Holman and Wing. Never was a name more appropriate than that of the gifted Mr. Wing. He has disappeared as though he had flown away, and all search for him, high and low, yesterday proved futile. Inquiries at 287 Morris street, where Wing resided, revealed the fact that he had left the house early yesterday morning and had not been seen since.

OIL SAVES STREETS

Sprinklers Ruin Them, Says Arthur Velguth.

SPEAKS TO COUNCILMEN

Nine Hundred Thousand Gallons of Water Are Washing the Pavements Away, Declares Oil Advocate.

"It's a shame, a beastly shame, gentlemen, that we of Portland have to stand by and see our streets ruined by the sprinklers," Arthur Velguth, an oil advocate, said yesterday to a group of councilmen. "By what" came a sudden chorus of questions. "By your street sprinklers, I repeat. You sprinkle about 900,000 gallons of water daily, and what do you get from it? You are washing your streets away. Where there is not hard pavement the water washes away the sand and the teams come along and tear up the rocks. Can't you do something to stop it? You are wearing your streets away. Gentlemen, it's a beastly shame, a beastly shame." A young man made a stirring appeal to the street committee of the Executive Board yesterday to save the thoroughfares of Portland from destruction. The members of the body were much impressed with the warmth, eloquence and ring-trip expressions of the young man, and began asking questions. It turned out that this particular young man was no other than Arthur E. Velguth, president and general manager of the Portland Road Oiling Company, and that he was there to secure a contract to oil the streets of the city. What is more, the street committee was much taken with the argument of Mr. Velguth, and

JAPAN ACKNOWLEDGES GIFT

Sends Pamphlet Expressing Gratitude for Donation to Sufferers.

The Chamber of Commerce has received acknowledgment of the funds sent to Japan some time ago, for the relief of the people in the northern part of Japan during the famine. Portland's contribution amounted to \$71,442 yen, or \$4,522.95. The receipt is in the form of a pamphlet issued by the foreign committee on relief for the famine of Northern Japan. The amount given by the Portland people amounted to considerably more than that contributed by the citizens of Yokohama and vicinity. From the press of the celebrated Wynken de Worde the first book containing musical characters was issued in 1495.