Artistic Picture Framing to Your Order at Exceptionally Low Prices-Fourth Floor Custom Shade and Drapery Work Our Specialty-Best Materials Used-Low Prices

## The Meier & Frank Store Theater Wraps and Costumes



Portland's Leading Cloak and Suit Store directs attention to its magnificent display of Evening Coats and Gowns for the opera-Beautiful and exclusive styles and very moderate prices are distinctive features of the showing-Evening Coats in lace, pony jackets, etons and box effects, also chiffon, broadcloth, silk and pongee garments in 3/4 lengths-Loose back and full sleeves-Coats are trimmed in fancy braid and lace-White, black and all the leading shades and mixtures-Also a full line of Evening Capes in white and champagne-\$25.00 to \$150.00-New arrivals in Evening and Reception Gowns in fancy silks, silk etamines and chiffons-Made in empire effects-Satin stripe chiffons in white with deep lace yoke-Magnificent, highclass Gowns in silks, lace, chiffon, etc.-Imported and domestic models in exquisite materials and superb fashions. A display that would do credit to the leading New York and Chicago establishments-Let us show them to you-

Second Floor

New Voile Dress Skirts in white and black-New Tailored Suits in grand assortment and priced from \$20.00 to \$125.00 each-New Lace, Net, Silk and Cotton Waists in beautiful styles and immense assortment-New Silk Petticoats in plain and fancy styles-Great assortments

### \$2.25-\$2.50 Swiss Alloyers at 98c Yd.

	Special lot of handsome Swiss Allover Embroideries for lingerie waists, trimming purposes, etc.; very attractive designs in large assortment; regular \$2.25 and \$2.50 values, yd
	2000 yards of Cambric Corset Cover Embroidery—pretty designs in good variety. Best qual- ities for serviceable wear. The regular 75c values are now on sale at this low price, vd 45c
ı	Special lot of double-edge Embroidery Beadings and Appliques for Corset covers, etc., 1/2 to 11/2 inches wide. Regular values up to 40c the yard; now placed on sale at this low price, yd 19c
	White Baby Irish and Venise Edges, Insertions and Appliques—beautiful patterns, great assortment, best values, \$1.25 values, yd89¢. \$1.75 values, yd81.29. \$2.50 values, yd81.79.

### A Great Easter Sale of Fine Undermuslins SECOND FLOOR

Great Easter Sale of women's Nainsook and Cambric Gowns-low round and square necks; high, V and square necks; short or long sleeves; yoke effects and Bishop Slipover Gowns-trimmed in Val. laces, fine embroideries, clusters of tucks, beading and insertions Great special values, on special sale as follows:

### \$1.50-\$1.75 Values at \$1.33 Ea. \$2.00-\$2.25 Values at \$1.53 Ea.

Women's Nainsook and Cambric Corset Covers, trimmed in laces broideries, tucks, beadings and ribbons; blouse fronts, \$1.22 trimmed backs. Regular \$1.50 values, on sale at, each. Women's fine Nainsook and Cambric Drawers, made with fitted waist bands, wide flounces; tucked and trimmed in fine embroideries, laces, insertions, beadings; \$2.25, \$2.75 val. \$1.53 Women's fine Cambric Underskirts, made with fitted waistbands, wide flounces, tucked and trimmed in good quality embroideries, laces, insertious and separate dust ruffles; handsome styles. \$1.93
Regular \$2.50 and \$2.75 values at this low price, each.. Women's hand-embroidered French Chemise, with embroidered scallop and yoke, drawn with ribbons; handsome styles; \$1.27 regular \$1.75 values on sale at the special price, each.

### \$3.50 Shoes at \$2.35 Pair

Another great sale of Women's Fine Shoes-All the new, up-to-date models for Spring wear to be sold today at a price that must interest every woman who has Easter footwear needs to supply-Patent colt in lace, button and blucher styles - Vici kid patent tip, lace and blucher styles-Hand-sewed, walking-weight soles - 12 models to select from-All sizes and every pair in the lot regular \$3.50 values - Your choice today at, per pr.

The Meier & Frank Store

### Easter Sale Table Linens

Bleached Satin Damask Table Linen, 72-inch; handsome designs; great special value, yard, at only ... \$1.05
Bleached Satin Damask Table
Linen, best patterns, in large
assortment, Regular \$1.75 value on sale at, yard. \$1.48 Bleached Satin Damask Table Linen, fine quality, regular \$2.50 value on sale, vd.\$1.98 Great special value in large Sat-in Damask Table Napkins, best patterns at, doz. \$2.45 Grand special values in hand embroidered round linen Cloths; 36x36-in.; beautiful styles and qualities; phenomenal values at, each: \$3.00 values, each.....

\$2.98 \$3.40 \$3.98 \$3.50 values, each.... \$4.00 values, each. \$5.00 values, each.... \$6.00 values, each .... \$4.98

#### Trunks and Bags

en-lined, with shirtfold; brass lock and bolts; two leather straps all around. This is a regular \$8.50 value....\$7.20 Odds and ends of Suiteases an Traveling Bags at reduced

34-inch canvas-covered Trunks; waterproof-painted, hardwood strips; has steel clamps and corners; set-up tray and hat-box. Regular \$7.50 values on sale at this low price.\$6.40 34-inch duck-covered waterproof-painted, brassplated trimmings; has two heavy leather straps over top. Regular \$9.50 value... \$8.40 \$7.00 Steamer Trunks... \$5.95 \$7.80 Steamer Trunks... \$6.60

#### Brush Sale

back Hair Brushes; values to 75c each, at, special.....49¢ White bone Nail Brushes, 25c values, on sale at ..... 19¢ Wood-back Scrub Brushes sale at this low price....4¢ Four-row Tooth Brushes..12¢ Bath Brushes with or without handles; great special on sale at, each .......28¢ Fine wood-back Complexion Brushes, special ......28¢ Ebony-back Hair Brushes, regular \$2 values, each ... \$1.49 Wood-back Clothes Brushes sale at, special, each.... 19¢ Ebony and fine wood-back Military Brushes, \$2.50 value the low price, each ... \$1.49 Celluloid Soap Boxes, ea. 19¢ Small rolls of Okayed Toilet Paper; on sale at the special low price, doz. rolls ... . 35¢ Royal Tooth Powder, can. 9¢ Celluloid Dressing Combs, speeial price, each ......12¢
All lines of Drug Sundries sold here at the lowest prices.

#### Hosiery Special 13c Pair

1500 pairs of women's tan Hos in plain and lace instep; black cotton Hose, with fancy embroidered instep; red Hose. with white polka dots; also plain black cotton Hose, seamless foot-all sizes; values up to 35c; special price .... 13¢

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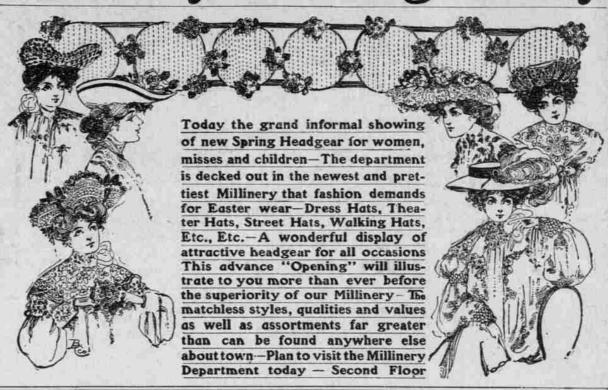
offered at the last meeting of the Water Board, March 1, 1997. We feel, every-thing considered, that we have no other reasonable alternative. Competition against Buil Run water at the present rates means ruln to any suburban water

At the last meeting of the Water Board

it looked as if the deal had fallen through, as there was a difference of

Beautiful New Draperies, Curtains and Curtain Materials in Great Variety-Third Floor Portland Agents for "Ostermoor" Patent Elastic Felt Mattresses-On Sale at Factory Prices

# The Meier @ Frank Store Millinery Showing Today



## 30c-35c Ribbons 17c Yard

Extra special offering of Ribbons today-3000 yards of beautiful all silk, washable Ribbons; full 4 inches wide; all the very best Spring shades; white, light blue, pink, red, garnet, green, brown, navy mais. Regular 30c and 35c value on sale today at this special low price, the yard-Take advantage...

# 1000 Men's New Golf Shirts



In the Men's Furnishing Goods Section for today and tomorrow a sale extraordinary of a sample line of Men's Fine Shirts-All new Spring and Summer styles from one of the largest and best manufacturers in the land - Madras, oxfords, percales, plain and plaited bosoms, coat styles, attached or detached cuffs, stripes, checks, figured-Great variety of patterns and colorings-Most of the lot are size 15-Regular \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values-Your choice

\$1.00-\$1.50 Values 79c

low price of, each ...... Anticipate Your Summer Needs

of the lot while they last at the phenomenally

## 3000 Handkerchiefs &c Ea

For today and tomorrow-3000 women's fine silk-finished Handkerchiefs; plain hemstitched, Swiss em broidery and lace edge effects; full regular size Handkerchiefs. Most stores ask you 15c for them, Buy 8c all you want of them at this phenomenally low price, each.... New Veilings and Hat Drapes just received. Beautiful styles. New Ribbons, new Gloves, new Laces and Dress

Difficulties Beset Paths of Initiative Bills.

PETITIONS ARE HELD UP

Fate of High-License Bill, Free Water Amendment and Petition for Gas Franchise Still Uncertain.

No one seems to have a clear idea of the laws governing the introduc-tion of initiative bills, so that the fats of the high-license bill fathered by of the nigh-license bill fathered by Francis I. McKenna, the free-water charter amendment being boosted by H. D. Wagnen, and the petition of the Economy Gas Company for a franchise from the city, is still an uncertainty. "I will refer the matter to the City Attorney," said City Auditor Devlin yesterday. "I would not like to take the responsibility of filing either of the petitions while there is a doubt in my mind as to their compliance with the law. If the Municipal League desires to de so, it can take the matter sires to do so, it can take the matter into the courts and have the Auditor mandamused, thus compelling him to place the initiative on the ballot." "I want to give the City Auditor a little time to look over the signatures and satisfy himself that the free-water and high-license petitions have the requisite number of names." said City

requisite number of names," said City Attorney McNary. "It will probably be several days before we will know waether they will be put before the voters of Portland, or whether they will be killed on technicalities. The matter is up in the air at present."

The cid law and the law passed at the last session of the Legislature are confusing. The city officers understood the old law, but the new law carries amendments not in the printed bill. Copies of the new state law were

received here Saturday, but the officials have not had time as yet to compare them with the provisions of the city charter to find out where they conflict. The old law provides that 8 per cent of the voters algn the petition, and that it be filed 90 days before election, while the new law requires the signatures of 15 per cent of the voters, and that the petition be filed 60 days before election.

"If necessary, we will fight this thing

Baby Carriages and Go-Carts-All the New Models-Lowest Prices-Third Floor

Demonstrations of Jell-O and the Celebrated Lipton's Teas in the Big Basements Store

before election.

"If necessary, we will fight this thing out in the courts," said H. D. Wagnen yesterday. "I intend to do everything in my power to get this free-water proposition before the people. I beleve we are still operating under the old law, and in that case we have more than the required number of signa-tures, and an affidavit for each 20 names is not required."

### ROBERTS MAY BE FOUND

Thought to Be in Washington Insane Asylum.

Dexter Roberts, a well-to-do rancher owning extensive interests at Pendleton and Gervais, who mysterfously disappeared on February 7 while en route from this city to his Eastern Oregon property, may be the unknown insane patient committed from Roy, Washington, to the state asylum at Stellaccom on February 12 last. This information was received last evening from Chief of Police Maloney, of Tacoma, who called up Chief Griftzmacher of the local department over the long-distance telephone in

the offense. Roberts attended the trial of these men and disappeared shortly after its conclusion. The man committed to the Stellacoom asylum from Royanswers the description of Roberts in a general way. Unless definite news of him is received today, his wife will probably visit the Washington town for the purpose of ascertaining whether the unknown nation; is her missions in when a patient is her missing husband.

### THE PORTLAND HOTEL.

be made until Thursday morning only. pany, says:

H. C. BOWERS. "We hereby accept your proposition

### MARTIN HOGE GOES FREE

OBTAINS RELEASE UNDER POOR DEBTOR'S OATH.

Medford Man, Sentenced Last Fall, Swears That He Is Unable to Pay \$500 Fine.

Martin G. Hoge, of Medford, who was sentenced last Fall to serve a period of four months in the Multnoman County Jall, was released yesterday, his term of imprisonment having expired. He took the 4:15 train for Medford.

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Yesterday afternoon Hoge with his attorney, Judge O'Day, appeared before United States Commissioner Sladen in the Federal building in this city and applied for his release. He formally took the "poor debtor's oath" that he could not pay the fine of \$500 which was assessed against him at the time of his jall sentence, and this formality over, he was left free to go where he pleased.

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Hoge looked thin and downcast and appeared to keenly feel the disgrace which his acts have brought upon him. He has a wife and family at Medford, and immediately made arrangements to go home on the first train.

Hoge was tried last Summer in the Federal Court on a charge of subornation of perjury with Frank Kincart. Henry Miller and Charles Nickell in connection with the notorious Emettsburg

Gritzmacher of the local department over the long-distance telephone in response to a query from the local official.

While in Portland in January Roberts fell a victim to J. Delore and A. Geerin, lot New Zealand swindle. Kincart and two crooks, who picked his pockets at the Miller both pleaded guilty and each was union Depot. They were later captured and are now serving terms in prison for the offense. Roberts attended the trial of these men and disappeared shortly the Circuit Court of Appeals, pending a decision on appeal. cision on appeal.

### WATER COMPANY TO SELL

Mount Tabor Concern Agrees to Take \$25,000 for Plant.

The Mount Tabor Water Company has "Madam Butterfly."

"Madam Butterfly."

Engagements for tables in Palm room after performance Thursday night may day, J. M. Arthur, president of the com-

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### Chocolate Bonbons

Always Delicious-Pure-Wholesome-Digestible One Box will make A Happy Home! Every Sealed Package guaranteed Fresh and Full Weight

Pancy Boxes and Baskets in exclusive designs—for Gifts

THE WALTER M. LOWNEY CO. BOSTON, MASS.

# company should pay \$120 taxes then due. This matter has since been adjusted and the city will now have its own plant. Ar-

by putting in larger matns or by increas dents of that section never have high pressure, and when a cold snap comes on and the residents of the down-town dis-tricts open their faucets to keep the

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### FRANK L. SMITH MEAT CO.

226-228 Alder St., Bet. First and Second Sts.

### "FIGHTING THE BEEF TRUST"

Smith's meats are selected with scrupulous care by experienced buyers, picked from the best livestock that Oregon can boast of, city dressed in our own abattoir, handled with exquisite cleanliness and kept INDOORS, away from the dust and grime of the street, until they are purchased by YOU, the consumer.

Soup Meat ...... 3¢ Breast of Veal ..... 10¢ Rib Roast Veal ..... 15¢ Prime Rib Roast Beef 10¢ Veal Rump Roast ... 15¢ Oxtails, per pound ... 5¢ Beef Sirloin Steak ... 121/2¢ Best Round Steak ... 10¢ Beef Liver ...... Small Porterhouse...121/2¢ Beef Shoulder Steak. Fancy Porterhouse Steak ..... 15¢ Pot Roast Beef .... Fancy "T"-Pone Steak ..... Beef Loin Steak .... 121/2¢ Pork Shoulder Roast 121/2¢ Our Own Pure Lard . 12¢ Legs of Pork ..... 121/2¢ Pork Mixed Sausage . 10¢ Our Own Breakfast Pork Loin Roast .... 15¢ Pigs' Feet ...... Pork Steak ..... 15¢ Leaf Lard ...... 121/2¢ Loin Veal Cutlets .... 15¢ Side Pork ...... 121/2 Leg Roast of Veal ... 121/2¢ Rib Veal Cutlets .... Veal Shanks for broth 6¢ Shoulder Roast Veal. 10¢ Calves' Liver ..... Veal for Stewing ....

Beef Shoulder Roast. Rump Roast Beef.... 8¢ Tripe ..... 15¢ Hamburger Steak.... 8¢ Kidneys .....

5¢ Our Own Hams ..... 171/5¢ Se Loin Roast Veal .... 15c Calves' Brains ..... 10c

8¢ Choice Brisket Beef. .

Sc Beef Necks to Boil ...

Se Beef to Stew .....

SMITH DOES NOT sell bulls. Smith WOULD NOT sell bulls. Smith COULD NOT sell bulls, because the Beef Trust has contracted all the bulls in the country. The Trust has bargained for bulls enough to keep things a-going for one year to come. Every market, large and small, high and low, from the center of the city to the suburbs, will be offering the public those Beef-Trust bulls. The fact that they are Government bulls or Uncle Sam's bulls doesn't make them a bit better. to our way of thinking, than if they were Johnny Bull's bulls.