

# Our Year End Clean Up Sale Started

Yesterday with great vim and enthusiasm, and from all indications this is going to be a busy week at our store. We advise you to call early as our stock is limited.—

## Any Ladies' Suit in the Store Half Price

Our Lot Ladies' Hats 98c	Our Lot Ladies' Hats \$1.48	Our Lot Ladies' Hats \$1.98
-----------------------------	--------------------------------	--------------------------------

### These Hats are Worth Many Times This Amount

<b>LADIES' COATS</b>	One Lot Young Men's	<b>BOYS' OVERCOATS</b>
\$37.50 Coats .....\$25.00	Long Trousler Suits—	One lot of Boys' Over-
\$30.00 Coats .....\$20.00	Sizes up to 35	coats worth many times
\$25.00 Coats .....\$16.25		the amount, at
\$15.00 Coats .....\$10.00	\$4.39	\$2.60
\$12.50 Coats .....\$ 8.35		

### OUR LOT OF 38 MEN'S OVERCOATS—ALL SIZES—ONE-HALF PRICE

<b>BOYS' WINTER UNDERWEAR</b> 19c and 23c Garment	<b>BOYS' DRESS SHIRTS</b> 23c—Worth a Lot More
--	---

### OUR LOT BOYS' HATS—ONE-HALF PRICE

### ONE LOT MEN'S FLANNEL SHIRTS, TO CLEAN UP VALUES UP TO \$1.50—YOURS FOR 50c

These are only a few of the many bargains you will find displayed during our YEAR-END CLEAN-UP SALE

# Hill's Department Store

At Arcade Today and Tomorrow.



BESSIE BARRISCALE AND WILLIAM DESMOND IN TRIANGLE PLAY, "THE PAYMENT."

## ARCADE

BESSIE BARRISCALE IN NEW PLAY BY GARDNER SULLIVAN

Triangle Star's Latest Vehicle Is Called "The Payment" and Gives Actors Excellent Dramatic Opportunities.

Phyllis Page, the central figure of "The Payment," the new Triangle

play starring Bessie Barriscale, which will be seen at the Arcade theatre today and tomorrow, is the daughter of a plodding mill-worker. There is a strike, and, after some furious battles with armed guards, the strikers get the worst of it, and go back to work. Phyllis feels that she does not belong to this life, where the best achievement is three meals a day and a place to sleep. She has ambitions and talents. She wants to become a miniature painter. So she goes to New York. Upon arriving in the city she soon learns that the plodders are not con-

fined to small towns. She secures a place in a department store, and with the little saved from her scanty wages she studies art with an old professor quite as poverty-stricken as herself. He tells her she has real ability and with a couple of years' training abroad unquestionably would win recognition. Then she attracts the attention of Reyburn, a wealthy lawyer who chances into the store with his wife. He offers to send her abroad if she will consent to his terms. She consents. Three years later, as the result of her studies abroad, she has become famous. Society flocks to her, and among the fashionables is Reyburn's wife. Mrs. Reyburn forms an instant liking for the young artist and insists upon her coming to their home. Phyllis is strongly drawn toward the woman she has wronged, but tries to keep away. But Mrs. Reyburn insists and she becomes a frequent visitor. Mrs. Reyburn tries to arrange a match between Phyllis and her handsome young brother, and, sure enough the young people fall in love.

Then Reyburn intervenes. "You are not the woman for him," he tells her. "If you marry him you will be cruelly deceiving him and my wife." Phyllis pleads for her happiness. "You'll tell!" she exclaims in sudden fear. He slowly shakes his head. "I won't tell, but you will. There'll come a time when you can't stifle your conscience, and then"—Phyllis knows he speaks the truth. And to this picture there is a smashing finish with a big lesson.

OLD PAPERS—For sale at The Observer office, 25 cents a bundle.

### SUMMARY OF REPORT

Secretary of Agriculture Discusses Nation's Food Supply—Distribution and Marketing—Recommendations.

Washington, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The food of the Nation is discussed by the Secretary of Agriculture in his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916. The Secretary states it is notable that, with the exception of meat and dairy products, the per capita production of the leading food commodities, notwithstanding the increase in population, has remained approximately the same or has increased. It is gratifying to note, he adds, that the alarming decline in beef production reached its lowest point in 1913, and that since that time there has been a material increase, while there has been a market advance in the number of swine since the census year 1899. The number of sheep has continued to decline, but only to a slight extent. The number of animals slaughtered and the quantity of meat products prepared under Government inspection during the past fiscal year are the largest in the history of the service. This shows heavier increase in the remaining stock of animals. He points out that with all the agencies now available for improving agriculture there is ground for optimism as to the ability of the Nation not only to supply itself with food but increasingly to meet the needs of the world. MORE TO COME

### Are We All Slaves to Our Nerves?

In the January Woman's Home Companion, a writer says: "I am always newly amazed when I hear people say that they cannot exercise self-control; that they cannot, for instance, give up a harmful or unpleasant habit. "It is a habit I cannot get over," said a very pretty girl to me a few days ago. "I have to bit my nails. I've done everything! I've even gone so far as put bitter aloes on my fingers. It doesn't do a particle of good." "I shouldn't try aloes." "What would you try?" "I should just say to myself: 'I can control myself, and I am going to do so.' And then I should start right in to prove it, and I should prove it over and over again each day."

"What slaves some of us are, not only to physical habits but to mental ones as well, slaves to habits of doubt, of pessimism, of envy, of temper, and egotism, of selfishness, of temper or irritability, or meanness, of variety, of self-deprecation, or the deprecation of others, of instability and morbidness. The weak, the unreliable, the inadequate, the unkind, the moody, the cisions only to doubt and change them, and who make resolves and promises only to break them, these are of inferior and slave class. And if we could see truths and facts in vivid pictures and symbols, as Dante and John Bunyan saw them, we should see all these men and women bent like slaves while these habits, their tyrannous masters, cracked long whips across their backs and compelled them to drag heavy burdens hither and yon. To how many masters have we been slaves to-day, and how often have we bent the knee obsequiously to them. Hail, King Envy and Selfishness, you who direct my comings and my goings, and note how completely I am your slave! And you, Oh Weakness, who have so long set yourself to rule over me, see how long abase myself and all my God-given strength before you! Here is my slave neck for you to put your foot upon!"

### Oregon's Fruit Crop.

Oregon's 1916 fruit crop will net growers fully \$9,000,000. This is the valuation placed on the commercial shipping crop, and does not include the value of fruit consumed at home. Taken altogether, the crop was worth \$11,000,000 more than in any previous year. The apple crop proved to be better than had been anticipated. The total shipping crop is estimated at about 3000 cars. On account of the continued car shortage, a large proportion of the crop remains yet to be moved. While apples head the list in point of value the prune crop takes first rank for the amount of outside money brought into the state. The 1916 production of Oregon Italian prunes reached the 40,000,000-pound mark, the shipping value of which was \$3,000,000. There was a creditable showing in other varieties of fruit.—Oregonian.

# Start the New Year Right

Phone Main 70 For Your Groceries

The Reason we are always about the busiest Grocery Store in La Grande is because our prices on goods we can guarantee, are the lowest. Then too, you get prompt service and courteous treatment. When you buy here you can feel confident you are getting the Best Goods and we meet any and all competition.

## Harris Grocery

PHONE MAIN 70 FARMERS PHONE B. 192  
408 North Fir Street, Cross Track

## SHERRY'S

### AN IMPORTANT LETTER FROM A WOMAN

In search of adventure a young millionaire from the west decided to show the big city how red paint should be applied. Before he realized what was happening to him he faced a confidence man's revolver, was relieved of his bank-roll and fell out of that adventure into others equally exciting. In picturing "A Stranger from Somewhere," to be exhibited at the Sherry theater for the last time tonight Bluebird Photoplay, Inc., have created one



AT SHERRY'S

of the most unique and unconventional entertainments ever screened. Complications multiply, adventure piles upon adventure, and at the outcome of all there is a "surprise finish" to cap the climax of excitement and laughter. Franklin Farnum plays two roles in "A Stranger from Somewhere," and during the time he was being photographed was the busiest man ever in pictures. Every element that goes to make for popularity of "the movies" will be disclosed in this Bluebird, and devotees of motion pictures are assured in advance of delightful amusement.

### Prefers Chamberlain's.

"In the course of a conversation with Chamberlain Medicine Co.'s representative today, we had occasion to discuss in a general way the merits of their different preparations. At his suggestion I take pleasure in expressing my estimation of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I have a family of six children and have used this remedy in my home for years. I consider it the only cough remedy on the market, as I have tried nearly all kinds."—Earl C. Ross, Publisher Hamilton County Republican-News, Syracuse, Kan.

A limited number of Christmas Observers are on sale at The Observer office. Ten cents a copy including mailing.

There is nothing that will bring comfort and renewed hope to the invalid so surely as good news. When the vital forces are at a low ebb and everything seems useless, a ray of joy and assurance will stimulate the weary body to new effort and energy. A letter from a loved one has turned the tide in many a siege of sickness. Dr. Pierce, of the Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., has good news for every suffering woman. Write him today and tell him your troubles, and he will send you just the right advice to restore you to health and bring back the roses to your cheeks, and without charge. His "Favorite Prescription" has been the rescue of thousands of suffering women. Many grateful patients have taken Dr. Pierce's advice.

Mothers, if your daughters are weak, lack ambition, are troubled with headaches, lassitude and are pale and sickly, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is just what they need to surely bring the bloom of health to their cheeks and make them strong and healthy. For all diseases peculiar to woman, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a powerful restorative. During the last 40 years it has banished from the lives of tens of thousands of women the pain, worry, misery and distress caused by irregularities and diseases of a feminine character.

If you are a sufferer, if your daughter, mother, sister need help, get Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription in liquid or tablet form from any medicine dealer to-day. 126 page book on women's diseases sent free. The modern improvement in pills—Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They help Nature instead of fighting with her. Sick and nervous headache, biliousness, costiveness, and all derangements of the liver, stomach and bowels are prevented, relieved and cured.

### MINNESOTA GIRL HAMMERS DOWN NAIL DRIVING CONTEST CHAMPIONSHIP TODAY

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 3.—(United Press.)—Driving twelve ten penny nails into a plank in one minute, fourteen and one-half seconds, during which time she hit her thumb with the hammer only once, Miss Lillian Reike, of Fairfax, Minn., today has nailed down the Minnesota woman's nail driving championship, awarded by the Minnesota college of agriculture. Miss Reike, 20, drove a wedge into society at the same swing, and has made herself quite a favorite with the younger set. Her home is on a farm.

### Don't Let Skin Troubles Spread.

Red, pimply skin that itches and burns is embarrassing, and gets worse if neglected. Bad skin is a social handicap and a constant source of worry. Correct it at once with Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. This healing ointment kills the germ, soothes the irritation and quickly restores your skin to normal. For bad

Wedding invitations, announcements and calling cards printed at the Observer Job Printing Department. 10-28-ft.

## Col. Heeza Liar, He Becomes a Trifle Peeved

By J. R. Bray

