

MORE ITEMS FROM OUR 22d Annual Clearance Sale

Today's store news bristles with notes of our clearance reductions. So many lines press for notice that it is impossible to do the rounds. We speak of a few today, and trust you to come and see others for yourself.

Umbrellas. A timely topic. We mention two numbers for every-day purposes. Ladies' Umbrellas—Best steel rods and paragon frames, handles of natural wood, horn, silver-trimmed and Princess styles. At \$1.25—Soft-finish serge umbrellas, our \$1.50 grade.

Women's Gloves. Some excellent for winter wear, yet trim and tasty appearing, are Heavy Kid gloves. The blue style, black and late popular street shades, our \$1.50 value at \$1.25 pair. Cape Goat, outsmart style, in Smyrna tans, English robes, mahogany, black, and white, \$1.00 gloves at \$1.50 pair.

Extraordinary Veiling Values. Odd Lines at 12c yard. Don't miss this sale.

LAST DAY OF HAIR SALE—elegant hair switches at half price.

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BLUFFED INTO CONFESSION

ASSASSIN ADMITS A CRIME ATTRIBUTED TO ANOTHER.

Thomas Stevens Cuts the Throat of a Man Struggling With a Drunken Companion.

That circumstantial evidence, however strong, is not always to be relied upon. Has again been demonstrated, this time by District Attorney Sewall. The real culprit in a serious cutting affair has been discovered, and an innocent man has been saved from going to the penitentiary for a term of years.

On October 23, 1899, Fred Holmes' throat was cut in the Brunswick saloon, while he was engaged in a quarrel with A. Anderson, a sailor. For several days Holmes hovered between life and death, and it looked very much as if Anderson, who was charged with the crime, would have to face a trial for murder.

Holmes eventually recovered, and the grand jury proceeded to investigate the case, with the result that an indictment was returned against Thomas Stevens yesterday. Anderson was discharged from custody, and is now as happy as a lark in springtime.

At the time of the arrest of Anderson it was decided by the authorities that Stevens, who saw the quarrel and struggle between the two men, was an important witness, and to insure his attendance at the trial, he was held in custody.

Mr. Sewall was not expecting a favorable response, and states that he nearly fell over with surprise when Stevens answered: "I did cut him to get even with him, because he kicked me." Stevens then proceeded to relate the incident, which had quarreled with Holmes, and that Holmes hurt him. When he saw Anderson and Holmes struggling, he thought it was a good chance to get even, and took out his knife and slipping up alongside of them, reached between them and cut Holmes' throat, cutting Anderson's finger at the same time, Anderson having held Holmes by the neck.

The grand jury had an indictment all ready to return against Anderson, and had only deferred it at the request of the district attorney. With this entirely unlooked-for event, the indictment was changed to read, "Not a true bill," and a true bill was instead drawn against Thomas Stevens. Anderson was at once discharged from jail, and was very much puzzled to know how it all came about after he had been informed, only a very short time before, that he was certain to have to spend a long time in the penitentiary. He jumped several feet in the air and remarked that he had said right along that he did not do it. The witnesses examined in the case were: J. Hoesley, O. E. Swartz, H. Chase, Fred Potts, J. M. Roberts, B. Svensen.

Stevens indictment was filed in the criminal court yesterday. He will probably plead guilty when he is arraigned, and receive sentence.

Do You Need a Jacket Hat or Shoes?

Then we can make you happy for Sunday. We have our entire stock of colored jackets.

In Millinery. Jaunty Street Hats at Half Price. See special tables of walking hats—sailors, tams, crushers, etc., etc.

Women's Shoes at 98c pr. They're prime values, but small lines. Springing heels, sizes 2 1/2 to 5, values to \$2.00. With heels, sizes 2 1/2 to 4, values to \$1.00.

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friend Anderson when the time came for final statement.

"I knew Holmes about three years. He has always been a bully among Swedish workmen. I saw him beat a man up terribly about two years ago for no cause whatever, and ever since that time I have not liked him. That night of the trouble a lot of us were in Schwartz's place, some of us drinking. Schwartz went out for a few moments, when Holmes, who was half drunk, went in behind the bar and started to set up for the house. When Schwartz came back he found Holmes out from behind the bar, which made him mad."

"Anderson and I were then off a little distance talking about Swedish men, saying that they were about the only ones in this country, but that they differed among themselves at home. Holmes was mad because Schwartz fired him out, and, coming in where we were, he said that 'that's what you damn my countrymen?' I told him I was not damning his countrymen, but he hauled off and struck me anyhow and knocked me over against some chairs. When I got up he struck me over the side of the head and knocked me over again and kicked me both times when I was down. Anderson said to him, 'You ought to be ashamed of knocking a man that way when he did not say anything to you, an old man,' when Holmes said, 'Maybe you want some of it.' Anderson stepped back to take off his coat, wanting to give him a thrashing. Just as he was partly off Holmes jumped on him. They fought around, and I was standing back towards the bar. When they got around that way, I took out my pocket knife. Holmes saw me, and letting go of Anderson, he made for me. I made a dash at him, more to frighten him than anything else, and it hit him in the throat. I went out on behind, while he went out in front."

Stevens claims he was asked only a few questions in the police court, but does not explain why he kept silent three months, permitting his friend Anderson to remain in jail all of this time. He says he will plead guilty when the case comes up for trial. He is quite bitter against Holmes, whose conduct he asserts, is the cause of all the trouble.

STIRRING SPEECHES.

J. C. Moreland and A. H. Tanner Address M. T. Tabular Republic Club. An interesting meeting of the Mount Tabular Republic Club, held last night in Orient hall, there being a fair attendance of the members.

The subject of expansion would cut a prominent figure in the coming election, but he could not believe that any considerable number of the American people would favor the retention of the Philippine Islands to anarchy, after they had been won by the valor of American soldiers on land and sea.

Following the remarks of Mr. Moreland, A. H. Tanner was called on for remarks. He spoke entertainingly of the history of the retention of the Philippines, and expressed the conviction that there would be no backward steps in their disposition.

The party had declared for the gold standard in the last presidential election, in the national convention of 1896, for the reason they did not know what position the republican party would assume on that question.

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

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Brushes, Combs, Perfumes, All Toilet Articles, Rubber Goods. All in standard qualities at lower prices than any other time in the year. Universal Brand. Is the standard of excellence in Muslin Underwear.

Every Article Reduced Great Sale

BOGUS SILVER DOLLARS

have appeared before him a second time, after serving a sentence. The charge against them in Wasco is horse-stealing. SPURIOUS COINS NOW IN LOCAL CIRCULATION. They Are Excellent Counterfeits, but May Be Detected by a Careful Test.

A dangerous counterfeit of the American silver dollar seems to have come into rather general circulation in Portland within the past few days. In general appearance it is to the ordinary observer a genuine silver dollar, and the person who detects it off-hand must be on the lookout and rather expecting it. The counterfeit is dated 1899, and is rather lighter than the genuine. The configuration is apparently perfect to the naked eye, but an examination under a magnifying-glass reveals a roughness on the surface.

SOCIAL AT Y. M. C. A.

Literary and Musical Entertainment Well Attended. The Y. M. C. A. rooms were tastefully decorated last evening on the occasion of the literary and musical entertainment given by the young people of the First Methodist Episcopal church.

TRIBUTE TO MR. FORD.

Dr. Blackburn Will Discuss the Late Editor of the Youth's Companion. Dr. Alexander Blackburn, of the First Baptist church, will devote his evening sermon tomorrow to a resume of Daniel Sharp Ford, editor of the Youth's Companion, who died recently in Boston.

WAITING FOR JUSTICE.

Men Who Held Up Portland People in Dallas Jail. Broom and Wilson, the two thugs who held up several persons in the suburb of Portland last fall, are in jail at The Dalles, patiently awaiting the action of the Wasco county grand jury, which convenes in February.

For 25 cents, you can get Carter's Little Liver Pills—the best liver regulator in the world. Don't forget this. One pill a dose.

He is well paid that is well satisfied.—Shakespeare.

All who have taken advantage of the extremely low prices prevailing during

OUR GREAT Annual Clearance Sale

Are evidently well paid—they are certainly well satisfied. The extent and variety of our stock, and the all-around price-reductions made naturally attract shrewd buyers, and the daily increase in their numbers and eagerness proves that the opportunities we offer are the best and that they are appreciated by our patrons.

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PIONEER SCHOOL IN MANUAL TRAINING ON PACIFIC SLOPE. Sloyd is One of the Studies and a Recitation Hour is Always Devoted to It.

The Bishop Scott academy is the pioneer manual training school on the Pacific coast, and was the first school in the Northwest to establish a course of manual training.

ESTIMABLE WOMAN DEAD. Mrs. Roberts Was Prominent in Church and Society Affairs. Mrs. Cora Perkins Roberts, wife of Dr. W. A. Roberts, died at the home of her mother, Amanda M. Perkins, on Grand avenue and Ellsworth street, at 10 o'clock Thursday evening.

PERSONAL MENTION. W. J. Milligan, of Seattle, is registered at the St. Charles. John Murray, of Pendleton, is registered at the Imperial.

SHIPYARD CROWDED WITH BOATS. The Johnston shipyard, on East Water street, is crowded to its utmost capacity with new boats, and Mr. Johnston is making estimates for another steamer. The handsomely rigged Calender, just finished, is still standing in the yard for the launch.

Collector Ivey to Resign. A close friend of Collector J. W. Ivey, living on the East Side, made the statement yesterday that he had signed a resignation for the purpose of resigning the office of collector of Alaska.

