

First Arrival of Spring Tailor Suits

Suits that will please the most fastidious as to style, quality and tailoring.

Of Broadcloth Tweeds and striped Tailor Suits in the Spring shades of grays, modes and navies.

NEW THINGS IN CRUSH BELTS

Of best silk ribbon, plain, striped or corded, solid colors, or fancy effects, with seal leather fastenings.

More New Dress Goods

Tailor and Demi Cheeks, Shirting, Plain Homespuns, Plain-back Homespuns.

Galashells Tweeds, Broadcloth Tweeds, and Evening shirtings.

Three Days' Special of Ladies' Hosiery and Underwear

OUT SIZE-
Fast black cotton hose,
full fashioned, high
knit, heel, double toe,
and toe; etc. hose at...
23c pr

Fine lined cotton hose,
fast black, double toe,
heel and toe...
27c pr

Fine lined cotton hose,
full fashioned, fast black;
etc. grade, at...
25c pr

Flannel lined cotton hose,
fast black, double toe,
heel and toe...
49c ea

Infants' New Eiderdown Jackets at 40c Each

Colors, pink, blue and cream; daintily silk stitched and ribbon trimmed.

OLDS & KING

PORTLAND-NEW ORLEANS

ILLINOIS CENTRAL WILL ESTABLISH AN AGENCY HERE.

Company Will Ship Cotton From the South to the Orient via Columbia River.

The Illinois Central railroad will establish a commercial agency and ticket office in Portland at an early date. This is an assured fact. It means that the great system of railroads, whose branches recently the cotton-growing section of the South and the grain-growing states of the Middle West is looking for Oriental trade, and that immense quantities of its own corn and wheat and soybean and other products will be shipped from the port of Portland to China, Japan and all the Orient.

ever put on. The play will be staged according to the directions of the playwright himself, whose copy of the manuscript is in Mr. Corby's possession. The advance has been a very large one for tonight and for the remaining performances, and there is every prospect that the theater will be packed for the rest of the week, including the matinee.

NATIONAL MUSEUM REPORT

Exhaustive Chronicle of Foraminifera, Finely Illustrated.

The report of Charles D. Walcott, acting assistant secretary in charge of the United States national museum, upon the prospect of a smelter being set in operation here, as he has unnumbered tons of gold-bearing rock in his mines on the Washougal, 35 miles northeast of the metropolis, and within sight of town on a clear day. He has owned and developed these diggings for the past 14 years, but, owing to the distance to a smelter, no ore has been shipped.

Among the contents of the volume are a number of papers describing and illustrating collections in the museum, as follows: Recent foraminifera; a descriptive catalogue of specimens dredged by the United States fish commission steamer Albatross. The foraminifera are minute aquatic, mostly marine, animals, having spheroidal bodies composed of granular protoplasmic inclosed in shells or cases. They are interesting objects of study to geologists and geologists, but, except their beauty and delicate structure, would not arrest the attention of the casual observer. An exhaustive article on the pipes and smoking customs of the American Indians, of volcanic origin, is illustrated with 30 pages of plates.

There is also an illustrated paper on the properties of minerals, and an interesting article on Easter Island in the southern Pacific. It is a volcanic origin, isolated for the number of large stone idols found there, the work of an ancient race almost entirely destroyed by some calamity. The present inhabitants live in a few small huts, and the only article of commerce is the cargo of an Oregon vessel wrecked there some years ago. "The Man's Knife Among the North American Indians," a study of articles in the museum, prepared by Mr. Kinney, covers some 20 pages. Nearly 200 pages are devoted to an article on arrowheads, spearheads and knives of prehistoric times, illustrated with hundreds of cuts of every imaginable form of such articles from all parts of the United States and foreign countries.

MAY ORGANIZE TODAY.

Oregon Bureau of Mines to Be Launched.

A meeting of the incorporators and others interested in the proposed Oregon Bureau of Mines will be held this morning at 11 o'clock in the office of L. B. Cox, in the Chamber of Commerce building. At this meeting it is probable that the financial interests involved in the Portland-Oregon line. He is secretly has a controlling personality in the Illinois Central. For these reasons, a good understanding and harmonious working arrangement between the Illinois Central and the Union Pacific and allied lines is fraught with great possibilities for Portland. It is not too much to say that it may lead to practically a new line between Portland and New Orleans.

W. F. Kinney, secretary of the Mining Stock Exchange, of Colorado Springs, was in the city yesterday, and by invitation met a dozen or more gentlemen who are interested in the Oregon Bureau of Mines, at Laid & Tilton's bank, and explained to them at length the workings of the institution of which he is secretary, and the benefits it has bestowed on Colorado Springs and on the state.

Mr. Kinney said that at the time of the organization at Colorado Springs, Cripple Creek was a mining camp, and the town had suffered much from the operations of curbsone brokers, but, through the influence of the exchange, as much progress had been made in its development in a few years as would have been accomplished in a century through private agencies alone.

He said that the natural advantages are greater in Portland, apparently, than they were in and around Colorado Springs before the organization of the exchange, and that Portland has a better showing for success than his town did when the organization was made there.

Mr. Kinney described at length the workings of the stock exchange of which he is secretary, and answered many questions asked him.

GOOD TRAIN SERVICE.

Between Portland and Chicago via the O. R. & N.

The time to Chicago by either of the O. R. & N. trains, the St. Paul fast mail, or the Portland-Chicago special, is only about a half day less than it is several hours faster than by any other route from the coast. The cars on either of the above trains are new and strictly up to date, being fitted with all the latest improvements, and are ventilated throughout. Dining cars are attached to all trains, thus doing away with the proverbial "30 minutes for dinner."

For full information, call on City Ticket Agent, 24 Washington street.

Smoke Shells Suggested.

The great loss of life incurred by the English troops is mainly attributable to the charges they have had to make across open spaces in order to dislodge the enemy from the sheltering kopje. In order to minimize the death toll it has been suggested that just before a charge takes place smoke shells should be fired, which would temporarily hide the English soldiers.

Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

OPENING OF ADVANCE STYLES OF DRESS TRIMMINGS FOR 1900

Black and white silk fringes—some in straight edges, others in pointed effects. Another style is shown where the silk fringe has a graceful applique scroll-design heading.

Specially rich are the spangle bands, spangle gimps, spangle headings. Row upon row of spangles, fashioned into wavyline and scroll designs. \$5.00 yard, \$4.50, \$3.75, \$2.50, are the fair prices for some of the best; \$1.75, \$1.25, \$1.00, will purchase very pretty new trimmings also; some as low prices as 25c, too.

IN ART DEPARTMENT
New Baitenberg Point Lace Honiton Braids

DRESS GOODS
New rough effects in Dress Goods, specially made for tailor-made suits

SUGGESTIONS FOR EVENING WEAR

Solid Colors—The Correct Idea in the following

- Point de Seie**—A sheer silk and cotton fabric of finest texture, embroidered in self-colored dots. In pink, blue, lilac, cardinal, new blue, gray, etc.
- Mousseline de Soie**—Silk wash cotton filling, sheer material equal in finish and sheen to pure silk. Pink, blue, lilac, gray, new blue, etc.
- Stripe de Soie**—Like point de soie, a silk and cotton fabric with self-colored satin stripes. Pink, blue, lilac, gray, etc.

The above new fabrics on display at counters near Third street entrance.

MINES ON THE WASHOUGAL

PROPOSED SMELTER WILL DEVELOP UNTOLD WEALTH.

Any Quantity of Low-Grade Ore Awaiting Shipment, and Uncounted Tons in Sight.

S. P. White, a Clark county, Washington, citizen, who was in Portland yesterday, said he was more than pleased at the prospect of a smelter being set in operation here, as he has unnumbered tons of gold-bearing rock in his mines on the Washougal, 35 miles northeast of the metropolis, and within sight of town on a clear day. He has owned and developed these diggings for the past 14 years, but, owing to the distance to a smelter, no ore has been shipped.

On the Blue Jacket, he says, he has a tunnel 14 feet deep, and shaft 150 feet deep, which tap a 12-foot ledge of rock that assays \$7 to \$11 a ton in gold, 15 per cent copper, and shows traces of silver. This ore can be shipped to Portland at an expense of \$1 a ton. The mine is 21 miles distant from Washougal, and the building of five miles of wagon road will give an all down-hill grade to the bank of the Columbia river, where the ore sacks can be loaded on steamboats or barges for this city.

"There are a great many claims up and down tributaries of the Washougal," he said, "which have undergone more or less development within the past 10 years, and we can go a long way toward keeping

a smelter busy ourselves. Portland capitalists with a shrewd eye to the future have purchased groups of ledges along the Little Washougal, and work on these progressed steadily all last summer, and the present winter. The result is a large amount of good ore on the dumps, only awaiting a smelter to ship to. On the Blue Bird, ore has been struck that will go \$50 to the ton in gold, and \$9 to 15 ounces in silver. The ore chute here is 35 feet wide, having been cross-cut with a 48-foot tunnel.

"The Gray Eagle group has ore that goes high in copper, but its development has been retarded because there is no place to ship the ore."

He thinks that district will be one of the richest mining regions in the world, within five years, and yet it is only a few hours' travel from Portland, while people have been rushing to Alaska and British America without paying any attention to what is right under their noses here at home.

"At night, from our mines," he says, "we can plainly see the electric lights of Portland glimmering while the city's people are also asleep to the great wealth slumbering imbedded in their own hills. A smelter here will rectify all this."

Will Rebuild Hotel.
At Troutdale, where the hotel and several other small buildings were swept away by fire several weeks ago, a large hotel is to be erected to take the place of the one burned down. It will be three stories, and will be a credit to the place, and it is thought it will be needed. Troutdale is a great shipping point for railway lines, and many men are employed in loadings for shipment. If the spur is built to the Cone Bros. sawmill, for which a route has been surveyed, it will further add to the importance of the place.

SUPPOSED MURDERER OF WILLIAM KIRK.



JAMES L. WARREN, THE MISSING BOATSWAIN.

The murder of William Kirk, first mate of the American ship Clarence A. Bennett, is now supposed to be James L. Warren, whose picture is herewith presented. The Portland police have been using every means within their power to trace Warren, since the morning the mate's body was found in his cabin aboard the vessel, January 24.

Warren, who had alighted as housemate on the vessel, shortly after got into a fight with the crew, who threatened to quit unless he was discharged. Kirk was in charge of the vessel when he was murdered in San Francisco, and he died in company with him, having known him before. Warren, in fact, spent several nights in Kirk's cabin, after the two had been in companionship all day, and he knew Kirk had several hundred dollars in his possession, as the mate was in the habit of handing the men various amounts from deposits in his possession.

On the morning of the murder Warren disappeared, and no trace of his whereabouts has yet come to light. He is well known in Puget sound ports, and has been master of a vessel out of Seattle. His last command was the schooner Hera, which was wrecked on the coast of Vancouver island last fall. The cargo caught fire, and an attempt had been made to beach her.

561st Friday Surprise Sale

Tomorrow Only
Boys' and Misses' Fast Black, Ribbed

Cotton Hose

10c
A PAIR
Spliced heel and toe; sizes 5 to 9, excellent value.

See Display In Fifth-Street Window.

MEIER & FRANK CO.

LEASE OF PUBLIC LANDS

SPOKANE AND BOISE INDORSE PORTLAND'S ACTION.

Both Cities Promise to Work for the Defeat of All Measures Now Before Congress.

But little business came before the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon. So busy have the trustees been each week since the annual meeting in January that all business matters before the chamber have been cleaned up, or are in fair way of completion. Reports were received from the chambers of commerce in Spokane and Boise City indorsing the action of the Portland body regarding the proposed law to lease public pasture land. Another communication was received from a private individual in San Francisco asking the chamber to indorse by resolution or otherwise the shipping subsidy bill now before congress. This was simply referred to the trustees, where it doubtless will sleep.

President Taylor and Secretary Fitchner were both present when the meeting was called to order. The minutes of the last convention were affirmed. The work of the trustees since the previous monthly meeting, being so well known, was not reviewed. Levi W. Myers, a resident of the United States and Great Britain, and another communication was received from a private individual in San Francisco asking the chamber to protest against ratification of the Pauncefote-Hay treaty between the United States and Great Britain, and demanding that construction of the Nicaragua canal be made a separate issue. The matter did not impress those present as a proper one to be taken up at this time, and the communication was laid on the table.

The following communication from the Boise City chamber of commerce was read: "I. N. Fitchner, Secretary Portland Chamber of Commerce, is aware in receipt of your communication of February 8, regarding the leasing of public lands lying west of the 99th meridian.

"We are also in receipt of a communication from the National Irrigation Association of Chicago, touching in a way that the leasing of public lands. As you are more thoroughly informed on this subject, will you kindly notify us if such is in any wise antagonistic to the resolution passed by your chamber? Kindly return the enclosure."

"Wishing the proposition success, and thanking you for the interest you have taken, we are, very truly, the Boise Chamber of Commerce."
"W. E. PIERCE, President."

From Spokane came the same hearty assurance of support in defeating the land-leasing measure now in congress. Mr. Zan gave notice that at the next meeting he would move an amendment to the by-laws regarding meeting, which gave rise to some discussion.

FINE VALENTINE PARTY.

Bible Class of 221 Have an Enjoyable Evening.

The girls' Bible class of the First Presbyterian church gave a delightful party last night in honor of the anniversary of good St. Valentine's. The class, which was organized by Mrs. Dr. Ford-Warren only two years ago, consisted of 22 members, and is the largest one in the United States. The party given last evening is one of a series given every three weeks.

The Sunday school room, in which the party took place, was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Long strings of Oregon grape rosette the entire hall, and upon this were hung large hearts of a deep red color. Coming in from the hallway was a complete lattice work of the same material, while choice flowers of various kinds were placed around the room.

The programme was rendered by members of the class only. The Warren string orchestra opened with "The First Sunday in Church," and gave a reverie for an encore. The girls have been organized less than two months, and already play like professionals. The recitations by Miss Balls went far to show her versatility in dialect. Her first number was "A Yankee in a Street," the second "An Irishman in a London-Box." Mr. Paluscius played "Salute to Spicco" on the banjolin, with "Caprice Brillante" for a well-merited encore.

We Are Now Showing SPRING STYLES

In Silks
Silk Dresses, Drop-Stitch Silks, Glory Quail Patterns, New Zibeline Plaids. All new, all beautiful, all worth your while to see.

In Dress Goods

New Gray and Brown Homespuns, New Zibeline Plaids, And the Lady Curzon Grenadines.

For Shirt Waists

The newest and sweetest fabric is Versailles Serge. A fine all-wool material in New Stripes and Plaids. Other popular shirt waist materials are Silk Cambray, Silk-Striped Dimity, Poulardines and Zephyrines.

Ladies' Tailor Suits

Children's Jackets
SIZES 2 to 6 years, and
Children's Capes
SIZES 6 to 12 years, and
Ladies' Jersey Waists
New styles just received.

Men's Wear

Men's Stylish Topcoats, New Silk Vests, Necktie Shirts, fancy patterns; Starbed Shirts, fancy patterns; Underwear, spring and summer weight.
Boy's Wear
New Waists, New Vestee Suits, New two-piece Suits.

Special Remnant Offering

During this, the last week of our Remnant Sale, we allow purchasers a special discount of 10 per cent off the following lines: Silks, Dress Goods, Ginghams, Calicos, Cutting Flannels, Muslins, Sheetings, Embroideries, Laces, Ribbons, Linings, Trimmings, Table Linens, Towels, Napkins, and Table Cloths.

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PORTLAND WAKING UP.

Will Hereafter Reorganize and Encourage the Mining Industry.

Lawton Tribune.
Portland is undergoing an awakening toward industrial affairs in the Northwest. A smelter company has been organized here, and a number of conservative men in the city have subscribed freely to the enterprise. A few days previously a mining exchange was organized to handle and promote the mining interests of Oregon, Idaho and adjoining sections. The turn Portland is taking toward the mining industry is significant. It has not been long since that center of wealth and conservatism took special pride in its exemption from the follies and uncertainties of mining, and discouraged and derided the energies of less selfish localities in that direction, instead of contributing to the opportunities that the varied mineral resources of the country have afforded to industrious and needy men. Portland has boastfully excluded these fundamental values and occupations from the legitimate means by which men might acquire a living and establish a home.

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MAN AND WIFE.

To sweeten sour human nature, one of the best methods is to leave off coffee. It gives you dyspepsia or makes you nervous.

"I used to hate this morning to write out a testimonial for the Postum Cereal Co., and from it I quote, 'I am pleased to be able to state that my wife has been cured of sick headaches and general constipation by leaving off coffee, and getting your Postum Food Coffee. My home is now a happy one.'

"I am forced to admit that his joke contains more than a nucleus of truth, for I had been troubled with sick headaches for many months, while formerly I was often free from them, and husband himself has been entirely cured of insomnia by leaving off coffee and taking up Postum. He sleeps peacefully for long hours, and, being tired, he goes to bed, until morning, and perhaps his improvement is partly a reason for his seeing such an improvement in me. At any rate, our old sickness and troubles have disappeared."

"I had tried everything for my sick headaches, but as long as I stuck to the coffee, the headaches stuck to me. It took me a little while to learn that we must follow the directions in making Postum, in order to obtain a really palatable, delicious beverage. People must get over the idea that they can make it in any kind of a slipshod way by leaving off coffee and putting in making Postum. It is certainly a simple enough, and when the cook becomes accustomed to making Postum, one can depend upon a regular quality every morning."

"I know people who seem to be able to drink coffee, with no bad effects; and on the other hand, I know that probably one-half of all my friends are more or less unhealthily affected with coffee, when they persist in using it, but Postum has obtained a strong hold since its qualities have become known, and a great many who have been unable to get along in place of the ordinary coffee, and you may be sure every family that has used Postum for even one month will be ready to testify to the improvement in health."

If you should have purchased the latter, please suppress my name, as I have a horror of undue notoriety. If any one will take the trouble to write for my name and address, I will certainly answer any questions that may be asked, and furnish satisfactory evidence to substantiate my statements. Respectfully,
Mrs. —, Hyde Park, London, Can.

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