

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 Damier Checks, Shirting, Plain Homespuns, Field-back Homespuns.

Galashells Tweeds, Broadcloth Tweeds, and Evening silks.

Three Days' Special of Ladies' Hosiery and Underwear

OUT SIZE—
Fast black cotton hose, full fashioned, high laced, with double sole and toes; 5c hose at... **23c pr**
Flannel lined cotton hose, full fashioned; fast black; 5c grade, at... **25c pr**

Flannel lined cotton hose, fast black, double sole, toes and heels, at... **27c pr**
VESTS AND PANTS—
Natural gray wool plaid, correctly shaped; pants with French bands; 6c values, at... **49c ea**

Infants' New Eiderdown Jackets at 40c Each

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

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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 raw cotton and wool and other commodities will be shipped from the port of Portland to China, Japan and all the Orient.

E. T. Harriman, second vice-president; H. H. Harman, general passenger agent, and M. C. Markham, assistant traffic manager, were in Portland yesterday in Mr. Harman's private car, having come to the Pacific coast to look over the route and to study the prospect for Oriental trade.

"We now have," said Mr. Harman, last evening, "direct connections over our own tracks from New Orleans, Natchez, Memphis, Vicksburg, Louisville, St. Louis and Chicago to Omaha, and we have amicable arrangements with all roads from that point into Portland. We cover all the great cotton-producing country of the South and the great grain-producing sections of the states of Illinois and Iowa, and have formed a direct line to the Pacific at Portland. The Illinois Central has 700 miles of its own tracks which run through the richest lands on the continent. This territory is opened up to Portland's shipping interests. There is a demand in the Orient for Southern cotton. It is now being loaded at Memphis, Vicksburg and New Orleans. Many thousands of miles can be saved by hauling the cotton to Portland and loading it here. This will be far the cheapest and quickest route, and we prefer to encourage it, because it gives us a much longer haul."

"Some Southern states' cotton has been sent to the far East already by way of Vancouver, and much more will come through Portland as soon as means of ocean transportation have been secured."

Mr. Harriman said that no details of the establishment of the Portland office have been made, but that it would be done within a very short time. This is his first visit to Oregon, and he was somewhat surprised at the wealth and solidity of the metropolis of the Pacific Northwest.

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.

NO SYMPATHY FOR THE BOERS

Miner Who Spent Five Years in the Transvaal Talks of the War.

J. B. Dillon, a mining man, who spent nearly five years in the Transvaal, is at the B. C. Charles. He thinks it only a question of time when the British will conquer the Boers, and that "after the Dutch have been treated to one good kicking, they will be treated to another." He believes that every available Boer in the Transvaal is now in the field, and that the Boer army must, therefore, become weaker as the war proceeds.

"Who does the work at home while the Boers are guarding the pasture?"

"The Kaffirs. The Boer never works, and so his absence from home makes no difference. These Kaffirs are captured when the Boers are at war with native tribes, and they are then used as serfs, a good deal like those of Russia used to be. The Boer will ride a horse or take charge of an ox team, but he is always assisted by the blacks, who take care of the stock."

Although no soldier, Mr. Dillon thinks General White should have blown up the railroad tunnel at Laing's neck, and thus cut the Boers off from their base of supplies. This would also have prevented them from entrenching themselves around Ladysmith, and given the British soldiers a great advantage in the outset.

He considers the Boers as a tyrannical people who want all the liberty for themselves, but none for the Uitlanders, as English-speaking people are called. Com Paul's government is not only intolerant but corrupt, and he hopes that the British will soon take entire possession of the country, thus assuring equal rights to all.

CHANGE OF BILL TONIGHT.

"Arrab-na-Pogue" Will be Presented at Corby's Theater.

Boudesell's famous Irish comedy, "Arrab-na-Pogue," will be presented by the Moore-Roberts company at Corby's tonight, and will be the attraction for the remainder of the week. This is one of the best Irish comedies ever written, and although it has been played for many years, it is ever welcome. It has been thoroughly rehearsed by the company, and Mr. Roberts believes that it will prove one of the strongest attractions he has

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.

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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 waveline 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

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"At night, from our mines," he says, "we can plainly see the electric lights of Portland glittering 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.



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561st Friday Surprise Sale

Tomorrow Only

Boys' and Misses' Fast Black, Ribbed

Cotton Hose

The newest and sweetest fabric in the market for nearly two years. Miss Motter then recited "Miss Penelope P." very well, after which the orchestra closed the exercises with "Dreams."

Refreshments were served in the way of ice-cream and cake. Then the real fun began. Valentines, cut in half, were given out, one-half to a boy, and one-half to a girl, while the amusement came by going around to find the missing half and thus read the love poetry. All present were reluctant to go home until nearly midnight.

Spliced heel and toe; sizes 5 to 9 1/2, excellent value.

See Display in Fifth-Street Window.

MEIER & FRANK CO.

LEASE OF PUBLIC LANDS

SPOKANE AND BOISE INDOORSE 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 endorsing 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 endorse 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 Fletchler 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 endorse by resolution or otherwise the shipping subsidy bill now before congress. This was simply referred to the trustees, where it doubtless will sleep.

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

"I am glad to hear of the board of directors of the Boise chamber of commerce, at a meeting held on the 10th inst., unanimously passed a similar resolution, and have also sent copies of the same to the members of the Idaho and Montana congress, requesting them to use their united influence in defeating any measure now pending in congress bearing upon this subject. We fully appreciate the importance of this matter to the entire Northwest.

"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."

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, contained 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 suitably decorated for the occasion. Long strings of Oregon grape roofed the entire hall, and upon this was 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 Car." Mr. Palacios played "Baltimore to Spout" on the banjo, with "Caprice Brillante" for a well-merited encore.

The feature of the evening then came in the way of a vocal solo by Miss Helen Goss, entitled "You and I," from the play of Lisa Lehman. Miss Goss' voice appeared to be at its best last night, and her high tones were exceedingly clear. Her response was "Napoléon Bonaparte Song," by Denza. "Non a Vev" was next played on the French horn by Miss Jones. After much applause, she played "I Have

We Are Now Showing SPRING STYLES

In Silks

Silk Pleases, 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 Gremadines.

For Shirt Waists

The newest and sweetest fabric in the market for nearly two years. Miss Motter then recited "Miss Penelope P." very well, after which the orchestra closed the exercises with "Dreams."

Ladies' Tailor Suits

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 Suits, Neatly Shirts, fancy patterns; Starbed Shirts, fancy patterns; Underwear, spring and summer weight.

Boy's Wear

New Waists, New Vestee Suits, New two-piece Suits.

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PORTLAND WAKING UP.

Will Hereafter Reorganize and Encourage the Mining Industry.

Portland is undergoing an awakening toward industrial affairs in the Northwest. A smelter company has been organized here, and a number of enterprising 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 boasting excluded these fundamental values and occupations from the legitimate means by which men might acquire a living and a comfortable future. 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