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Thanksgiving Sale of Richardson's Linen Tablecloths.

Pure white satin damask cloths, 2 1/2 yards square

\$3.25 Cloths at \$2.70 to \$5.75 Cloths at \$4.69

People who have studied linen know that Richardson's have no equal. The satisfaction they have given for more than a century proves it.

Special Prices on Thanksgiving China

ALL DINNER SETS REDUCED, including Haviland, American, Semitvorous and English semitvorous. Some plain, some decorated. Two price limits.

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| 25-piece Haviland china set..... | \$20.50 | 30-piece semitvorous china set..... | \$11.75 |
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LADIES' WRAPPERS

Special \$1.74 Each

New \$1.00 to \$2.00 grades in flannellets, percale and saten. Her's Autumn comfort cheap.

OFFERED THEIR EXCUSES

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS EXPLAIN ABSENCE FROM DUTY.

Some Are Referred Back for Further Explanation—Salaries of a Few Raised.

Every member of the School Board was present at the session last evening, and a lively interest was taken in each proposition presented, and in each case a decision was reached after arguments pro and con. The vacation question was settled for the third time, several teachers were raised in salaries, free tuition was granted to a number of applicants, new seats ordered for several school-rooms, and other matters of routine settled.

The first matter that came up was the excuses offered by the teachers who had been absent during school hours from various causes. Several had attended weddings or funerals of "very dear friends." One had a new reason. The day in question she had turned the clock back to the correct time. The unknown schoolteacher reckoned on a half-hour's leeway and was late by 30 minutes. The entire frankness of this excuse was appreciated by the board and readily granted. The others were referred back to the writers, requesting them to be more specific, by giving names of their friends whose funerals or weddings they had attended.

The vacation question bobbed up again, despite the decided acquiescence of the past meetings. A dozen applications for exemption were received. In some cases when the physician furnishing the certificate of ill health was known by the members of the board to be conscientiously opposed to the excusation, his certificate was not deemed sufficient, and several applicants were advised to consult the City Physician. Others were not specific as to the nature and cause of the illness suffered by the children, and more definite information was requested. A few were granted when the children were afflicted with serious diseases, or such ailments as bronchitis.

The following changes were authorized as to the salaries and personnel of the teaching force: The resignation of Miss Isabel McDermott of the Clinton Kelly school, to date from November 20, was accepted. Janitor Wilhelm, of the South Portland School, was raised in salary from \$22.50 to \$24 a month, having taken an extra room. Miss Heimbach, of the South Portland School, was raised in salary from half pay to full pay. Principal Alderson, of the same school, was raised from \$90 to \$95 a month, the regular scale fixed by the board. City Superintendent Higley's appointment of Mrs. Victor as assistant in the night classes of the Central School was confirmed, and salary fixed at \$8 a month. The salary of Principal Jameson, of the Thompson School, was raised from \$120 to \$140, having stood at the former figure when he was in charge of the smaller Thompson School. The salaries of the janitors of the night schools were fixed at last year's figures, approximately \$5 a month for each room caretaker.

A little trouble occurred between Directors Thompson and Beach when the question of securing new seats for one of the rooms in the Thompson School came up. City Superintendent Higley recommended that this be done. He also added that the first grade room in the North Central School had the poorest equipment as to seating of any room in the city. Director Beach championed the cause of the North Central School.

Thompson made this rejoinder: "I propose to see that the Thompson School is well provided with seats. If the district can't do it, I shall do it myself, and let the champion of the North Central School go the same way." By a consensus of the board, in question were finally ordered furnished with necessary equipment.

The following stipends were granted to receive Thanksgiving donations from the pupils for the Children's Home, Baby Home, and Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. The accumulated bills were audited and ordered paid. The South Portland and Fulton Park Schools were ordered supplied with drawing models. The typewriting of the School Clerk's census report was ordered, after which the board adjourned.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

The Frawley Repertoire.

The Frawley repertoire, at Cordray's Theater for the week beginning next Saturday night, has been arranged as follows: "Secret Service," Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night; and for the Saturday matinee; "The Senator," Thursday; "Madame Sans Gêne," Friday; and "A Divorce Colony," Saturday night. These plays are all amongst the greatest successes ever produced by Mr. Frawley, and two of them, namely, "Secret Service" and "A Divorce Colony," have never been seen here before. The first of these is by William Gillette, the author of "Held by the Enemy," "Too Much Johnson," "All the Comforts of Home," "Sherlock Holmes" and other plays. "Secret Service" is a military piece, and is generally admitted to be the best dramatic work ever produced by an

A Festival of Ribbons

RIBBON BARGAINS

Today

At 49c Our 65c Roman Stripe and Persian Ribbon. Our 75c 4 and 5-inch Double-Faced Satin Ribbon, in all colors.

No. 1 Picot Edge Ribbons, 10 yds. for.....50c
No. 2 Best Satin and Grosgrain Ribbon, 10 yds. for.....50c
No. 14 Best Satin and Grosgrain Ribbon, 10 yds. for.....17c

DOUBLE-FACE SATIN RIBBONS
At about half price.

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| No. 8 at..... | 90 yd | No. 16 at..... | 81c yd |
| No. 7 at..... | 120 yd | No. 22 at..... | 25c yd |
| No. 9 at..... | 140 yd | No. 40 at..... | 30c yd |
| No. 12 at..... | 120 yd | | |

For the Thanksgiving Table

REAL THANKSGIVING BARGAINS

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| 1000 Battenberg Lace Dollies, special, each..... | 10c | Fine Hemstitched Damask Tray Cloths, special, each..... | 35c |
| 5-inch Mexican Drawn work Dollies, hemstitched, special, each..... | 12c | 34-inch Square Hemstitched Damask Tea Cloths, special, each..... | 85c |
| 8-inch Mexican Drawn Work Dollies, hemstitched, special, each..... | 19c | 36-inch Square Damask Tea Cloths, hemstitched, special, each..... | \$1.50 |
| 9-inch Mexican Drawn Work Dollies, fringed, special..... | 25c | Heavy Quality Bleached Napkins, special dozen..... | \$1.63 |
| 14-inch Fringed Damask Dollies, extra quality, special, each..... | 10c | Bleached Irish Table Damask, 68-inch, special, yard..... | \$1.00 |
| 16-inch Fringed Damask Dollies, extra quality, special, each..... | 12c | Napkins to match, special, dozen..... | \$3.25 |
| 26-inch Extra Fine Hemstitched Damask Center Pieces, special, each..... | 75c | Extra Heavy German Damask Table Cloths, 22x34 yards, special, each..... | \$3.50 |

Sale of Finest Garments and Costumes

Sale of Tailored Blouse Suits at.....\$25.00
Colored Silk Taffetas, value 75c, at.....35c yd
Heavy Black Pebble Cheviot, at special.....\$1.18 yd
Mixed Venetians, Zibelines and Cheviots at.....\$1.29 yd
Sale of Kitchen Cutlery, Kitchen Needs, Carving Sets
Sale of Velvet Shapes, new styles, special.....\$1.00

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

IN NO WAY INJURIOUS.

Telegraph Operator, Sick and Despondent, Kills Himself.

Manufacturer of Process Butter Denies His Product.

Dependent on account of ill health and lack of money, J. B. Arnold, a telegraph operator, temporarily living in Portland, took his own life yesterday afternoon, by shooting himself through the head with a pistol bullet. This he did in broad daylight on the street bridge at North and 17th, in full sight of a number of passers-by. He was seen standing looking over the railing, then to place a pistol to his head and pull the trigger. He was nearly dressed in a dark blue suit, and the sudden tragedy aroused the whole neighborhood. The coroner was notified immediately and removed the body to the morgue.

At the inquest last yesterday afternoon the following facts were brought out: Arnold was a telegraph operator, employed by the O. R. & N. Co. at Coyote, this side of Umatilla. There he was lonely and told friends the idea of staying there was maddening. He started in work there August 3, quit November 1, and called Saturday at the office of the train dispatcher for his time. He was almost penniless and pledged his watch with the proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel, J. F. Davis, for \$100. Yesterday, while talking to R. S. Poole, a lodger at the St. Charles, he expressed himself as being very depressed. He said he would like to go to New Mexico, and if his health did not improve he would kill himself. He visited a Portland physician, who told him he had only a few months to live on leave for India on the afternoon train yesterday. He bade his friends goodbye and left them.

The dead man was a native of Carlisle, Ind., where his mother lives. He was unmarried and about 29 years old. Before coming to Portland he worked as a telegraph operator at Terre Haute, Ind., Louisville and Nashville, Richmond, Va., and Seattle. He served in the Spanish-American War as a signal-officer, and was honorably discharged.

The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of suicide, due to despondency, due to ill health and want of funds.

IN SEVEN DEVILS DISTRICT

Three Railroads Are Now Hoped for the Mining Region.

Thomas Heady, a Seven Devils mining man, who is staying at the Perkins for a few days, thinks that portion of Western Idaho will become a very important mining section when it is connected by rail with the O. R. & N. or Oregon Short Line. He is company with Portland capitalists, is interested in the Red Lodge mine, whose ore is high in gold, with a good sprinkling of copper. Considerable development work has already been done on the ledge, which bears every evidence of depth and permanence. The Peacock mine near by, he says, is already shipping ore to Boston, although the rock has to be hauled over the rough mountain roads to Coonard, a new station on the Weiser River, 75 miles distant. The cost of shipment over this wagon road is \$70 per ton, and the freight by rail to Boston amounts to 1 cent a pound, or \$20 per ton. The cost of mining the ore is \$4, and the incidental expenses of handling en route, he thinks, will bring the total cost to the Red Lodge mine, whose ore is \$40 per ton, there is thus \$60 profit netted on every ton shipped.

Seven Devils has the prospect of three railroads in its near future. Mr. Heady says. One has been surveyed from Baker City; 80 miles of another have been graded down Snake River from Huntington to the river, and a third is already within 3 miles, and is still building. With one or all of these connections, the district will soon become a great mining center of the West. He thinks the Huntington road will be the most available, as it follows down the Oregon side of Snake River, with an easy grade, and the mines on either side of the river can have branches connecting with the main line. Snake River will have to be bridged here and there, but the immense mineral deposits of the district will justify this.

Insolvent Estate.

Andrew Allen, executor of the will of William O. Allen, deceased, filed his final account in the Probate Court yesterday, showing that the estate is insolvent. The property was appraised at \$20,714, and much of it was taken on mortgage foreclosure suits. The cash receipts were \$2063, and the executor's commission was \$234. The approved claims amounted to \$15,690. The name of William O. Allen was mentioned in connection with the George Byrnes murder case, and he was one of the bondsmen of X. N. Stevens, who was tried and acquitted of participation in the crime. Among the claimants against the estate were those of a number of well-known lawyers, but they received only a little on account, as the dividend paid to the creditors was small. The executor was authorized by the court yesterday to sell a lot of worthless notes, of the face value of about \$17,000, for \$28.

Will Spend Winter in California.

Mrs. Otto Klemm, who has been in falling health for some time, left for Oakland, Cal., Sunday morning, with her daughter, where she will spend the winter with her parents. Mrs. Klemm has improved so she could make the trip in safety. Mr. Klemm went as far as Albany with her, to make sure that all was well. Her many friends in the city hope she will benefit from the California climate and return home.

Arm Broken.

The little son of Albert Johnson, living at 84 East Twentieth street, met with a severe accident Sunday morning while playing. He had hard fall, causing a compound fracture of the left arm. The arm was broken at the elbow and above

Is Baby Is Cutting Teeth.

Be sure and use that old well-tried remedy, Winsor's Soothing Syrup, for cutting teeth. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

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