

Olds & King

LAST DAY OF BLACK TAFFETA SILK SALE

Among the Toys

Descriptions fall hopelessly short of our great variety. We'll limit ourselves today to an outline of

Musical Toys

Sorts that all children delight in—
Pianos from 25c to \$10.00
Violins from \$1.00 to \$6.00
Drums from 25c to \$5.50
Banjos from \$1.25 to \$17.75
Glockenspiels from 45c to \$2.25
Zithers \$1.35 each
Horns and Harmonicas from 5c to \$1.00 each, etc.

IF IN DOUBT ABOUT A SMALL GIFT

Buy a Calendar

We've a beautiful collection of these continual friendship reminders.

ECONOMY AND COMFORT IN

Furs

Our entire choice collection of newest shaped reliable furs ALL REDUCED THIS WEEK in time for these sharp days. Judge of other reductions by these—
\$5.00 Furs at \$3.75 each
\$7.50 Furs at \$5.63 each
\$10.00 Furs at \$7.50 each

REDUCTIONS ON ALL

Libbey's Cut Glass

THIS WEEK

Christmas patterns of latest cuttings for your gift-choosing and THE MAKE THAT LEADS THE CUT GLASS WORLD.

New Initial Handkerchiefs for Ladies

In neat little boxes for Christmas gifts. Richardson's pure linen. Initials hand embroidered—
Box of 3 Handkerchiefs 75c and \$1.00 box
Box of 6 Handkerchiefs \$1.25 and \$1.50 box

Men's Initial Linen Handkerchiefs

Hemstitched, hand embroidered Initials, 25c each
Box of 6 Handkerchiefs at \$1.40
Men's plain hemstitched linen Handkerchiefs at 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c and 75c each
SPECIAL PRICES BY THE BOX

Men's Neckwear

Choice selecting for gifts in this fascinating lot. Prices begin at 25c.
Very effective high novelties from \$1, \$1.50 to \$3 each

CHRISTMAS

Fancy Hosiery

FOR LADIES

Smart styles for evening or street wear—
Black lisle hose with colored embroidered fronts, all over embroidered or silk polka dotted—
FROM \$1.00 to \$1.75 PAIR
Silk hose, light fancy colors, plain or Richelieu ribbed, from \$1.50 to \$3.50 pair
Black silk hose with lace boots or all over lace patterns, from \$2.50 to \$5.00 pair

OPPOSED TO BONDS

County Commissioners Regard It Wasteful.

MORTGAGE TAX MAY HELP OUT

If the Supreme Court Should Decide In Favor of the County in Pending Suits, There Will Be No Necessity for Bonding.

The members of the Board of County Commissioners do not approve of the scheme to bond the county indebtedness for a number of good reasons, economy being the principal one. The argument is made that by thorough business men would mortgage an indebtedness for a long period of years when he could liquidate by degrees so much a year, and thus pay off all of the warrants much cheaper than under the bond system. The mortgage tax suits now in the Supreme Court involve a large amount of money, more than sufficient to pay all of the outstanding warrants of the county, and if the county wins the suits it is expected that most of the money will be promptly collected. Attorneys M. L. Pipes and Bernstein & Cohen, who appear for the county in the case, most positively assert that if the decision is their way, there will be no doubt whatever about the collection of the claims.
County Commissioner Steele said:
"If the Supreme Court decides in favor of the county in these tax cases, there won't be much demand for bonds; everything can then be paid up so close. There won't be much more use talking about bonds so far as Multnomah County is concerned."
Commissioner Showers—The trouble with bonds is that they are the easiest mortgages. They are the hardest things to get rid of (imaginary).
Mr. Steele—You bet they are.
Continuing, Mr. Steele said: "Independent of tax suits, if the public wants the warrants paid, it is easy enough to do it. Instead of bonding it is better to pay by degrees, so much a year. The Commissioners could make a small levy to pay the indebtedness for a few years. One mill would raise \$22,500, and 2 mills \$45,000. If the property was valued at \$5,000,000, as it ought to be, a 2-mill levy for three consecutive years would liquidate the whole debt. No man ought to want to bond in preference to paying a 2-mill tax for three years."
Commissioner J. G. Mark said:
"I have not looked into the matter very much. I am willing to leave it to the Legislature, but there is no doubt in my mind that the indebtedness will be wiped out much sooner if it is not bonded. If it is bonded we will have interest to pay for 20 to 25 years. The prospect of getting the mortgage-tax money cuts some figure. It is estimated at \$200,000 to \$300,000. If we get \$200,000 it would pay the biggest part of the debt. The more I think of the bonding proposition, the less I think of it. It is the trouble with the City of Portland, too many bonds. We don't want to get the county in the same fix."
Commissioner Showers said:
"There is one thing when you bond you pay the interest right along, because once they are issued you never get them back again. It would be better gradually to reduce the indebtedness. There is a great deal of money due to the county in these mortgage-tax suits. If the county wins the cases it would pay most of the warrants. The cases will probably be settled before this thing comes up. They are to be argued in the Supreme Court on the 18th and a decision may be given before the Legislature adjourns."
There is one thing that may be referred to in connection with county warrants, and that is that they have been

kept within bounds, notwithstanding the bridges and Albina ferry were put onto the county. These cost for repairs, salaries, etc., a total of not less than \$300,000, yet the total amount of warrants now out is less than a few years ago.

FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Multnomah and Salem Football Teams to Meet Saturday.

After many trials and tribulations the two representative football teams of the Northwest will meet for the first time on Saturday at Multnomah field.

It is altogether fitting that Multnomah and Salem should try conclusions in a series of games. Both teams have so far proven invincible. Both have defeated the crack Eugene College eleven, and both have played a stand-off game with the Indians. Each side is confident of vast superiority over the other, and neither will concede the banner except by the arbitration of battle.

Salem has all along sought the contest ever since it surprised the Eugene team, the Multnomah team, and itself most of all, by winning from the university. To give Salem credit, it must be admitted that the time has the team finished from meeting the enemy half way, and Multnomah has always been considered the team worthy of its rush line.

Multnomah has, on the other hand, had to consider the possibility of meeting either the Berkeley or the Stanford team in order to defend its championship of last year, and so could not make any definite arrangement with Salem until it found, as it did two days ago, that no California team would come north this season. As matters stand now, Multnomah is ready to meet either the Salem or the Eugene team or any football aggregation in the Northwest, and as Salem is the most anxious for honors in this line, the favor of overcoming Multnomah if she can has been accorded her.

By the arrangement made with Salem and Eugene, each of the up-valley teams will be given a chance to defeat Multnomah—the first on Saturday and the second on Christmas day. Should there be a dispute of uncertainty, the contending clubs can try conclusions on New Year's day.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"Why Smith Left Home."

George H. Broadhurst's London and New York success, "Why Smith Left Home," comes to the Marquam next Friday and Saturday night and Saturday matinee, and a delightful entertainment is in store for all lovers of good, wholesome fun. "Why Smith Left Home," like Broadhurst's other farces, is written for laughing purposes only. The piece has proven even more successful than his "What Happened to Jones." It is overflowing with comic situations, and throughout the entire performance there is abundant evidence that the author was intent upon funmaking.

The characters form a diversified aggregation, and all the personages are drawn upon comedy lines. One incident may be outlined to illustrate the tone of the play—that of a married man making a pecuniary bargain with his cook to furnish such ill fare for the table that an unwelcome guest shall be forced to shorten what promises to be a protracted sojourn under his roof. The company is composed of players of reputation, most of whom established themselves as favorites during the season just passed. Sale of seats begins this morning.

"Under Sealed Orders." The Metropolitan Theater will offer James Harkness Jr.'s, romantic comedy-drama, "Under Sealed Orders," week commencing Sunday, December 15, presented under the direction of Joseph Mrocz, with all the original scenic and mechanical effects, as produced for over 200 nights at the Garrick Theater, New York City.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

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

Lipman Wolfe & Co.

THIRD DAY OF HOLIDAY SALE

The Lipman-Wolfe store is a pleasant place to shop in. Thousands of pretty holiday articles and elegant fabrics are shown here. You are not asked to buy. The holiday displays are yours to admire and enjoy.

Should you wish to buy you will find prices most moderate. You will find hundreds of bargains, courteous, quick service. The holiday business is in full swing already, and this week you will find it more easy and pleasant to do your shopping than later on.

Our Holiday Sale prices mean dollars of saving to you.

GOT BACK STOLEN STUFF

BURGLAR SCOTT'S VICTIMS GET THEIR PROPERTY.

Additional List of Dwellings That He Looted—Sept Not in the Best of Spirits.

Many people whose houses have been robbed within the last two years or more called yesterday at the police office to see whether they could recognize any of the plunder found in W. W. Scott's room, on Fourth street, as their missing property. Nearly 20 people seized on what they claimed as their property, and took the same home without giving the customary receipt to the police.

Those who gave receipts yesterday included: James T. Gray, for teapot, coffee-pot, sugar bowl, cream pitcher, spoon-rest, syrup jar, butter dish, basket and shell; J. A. Stroudbridge, Jr., shotgun and lock; Mrs. Rose Kelly, spoons and earrings; W. E. Hartman, jewelry and powder box; F. C. Barnes, hat, wrapper, book, picture frame and silverware; K. R. Smith, dairy thermometer, dagger, silk, cane and atomizer.

Detectives Snow and Kerrigan stated that among the keys found in Scott's room was a bunch of keys stolen from the St. Charles hotel. Scott, who originally came from a little town near Tillamook, Canada, talked more freely yesterday to the police officials than usual, and is stated to have said: "While you fellows are at it, you may as well 'sock' it to me for all the recent robberies where no arrests have been made. I have a good thing." Then he went on another tack, and with tears in his eyes spoke with regret of his past life. He said his specialty was houses that were shut up, and that he bought such places by watching the heap of circulars and newspapers littering doorways, when the people were away from home.

The police said that those second-hand dealers who had bought stuff from Scott would probably get into trouble next.

Chief of Police McLaughlin said, last night, that there had been another "matinee" at which more things had been identified as stolen from them by Scott. "I'm about tired of this special case, and showing Scott's stolen property," went on the Chief. "We have just discovered that a leather-bound trunk filled with clothing, etc., and found in Scott's room, was really stolen by him from J. O'Connell's house, in Holladay's Addition, one year ago last April. In this trunk were photographs of Scott and his family. Scott is a quiet fellow, and about the last man one would suspect of burglary. He always burned a certain kind of match when he worked in empty houses."

The detectives said that the pawnbrokers had materially aided them in recovering some of the stolen property, but that the gold, silver, watches and canned fruits, provisions of all kinds, vegetables and clothing, that will go far toward keeping the children at the Home during the winter months.
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ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY AID.

Postoffice Accommodating the Public Except in Money Orders.

The advent of the holiday season causes a large increase in the volume of business at the Postoffice, as well as in the business houses of the city. Postmaster Crossman has been allowed extra help for the occasion, and will open an extra stamp window to accommodate citizens during the holiday rush. Mrs. Wheeler, the tracing clerk, will have charge. Additional help will also be furnished the holder, except in money orders, at the registry department. As to the money order department, there is no room for any more employees there, and no room for people wishing to procure money orders.

YESTERDAY THE POSTOFFICE WAS CROWDED, AND THE MONEY ORDER DEPARTMENT WAS FULL AND RUNNING OVER.

The Portland Postoffice was crowded, and the money order department was full and running over, and a long string of people were waiting in the hall for a chance to get in. This is not to be wondered at, as there is accommodations in this department for only about eight persons by crowding them in. The receipts of the Portland Postoffice are increasing all the time, but it seems impossible to obtain any adequate increase of facilities for doing the business. Postmaster Crossman has been more fortunate in this respect than most of his predecessors, but has never been able to obtain what is really necessary. If Uncle Sam could see the miserable little den into which he is crowded himself, and the long string of people in the hall waiting a chance to get in, he would be very much ashamed of some of his subordinates.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' AID SOCIETY

More Donations and More Interest Shown Last Month Than Before.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society was held yesterday afternoon in the chambers of United States Judge Gilbert, when there were present Dr. T. L. Elliot, Judge C. B. Bellinger, Judge W. B. Gilbert, George H. Williams, F. E. Deach, L. L. Hawkins, Mrs. W. A. Buchanan, Mrs. Levi White and Superintendent Gardner.
The superintendent reported that donations last month exceeded those for any previous November, and never was there greater encouragement by friends of the institution. Over \$200 in cash was received last month, besides the large donation of the public schools of this city and that of the copies of fresh and canned fruits, provisions of all kinds, vegetables and clothing, that will go far toward keeping the children at the Home during the winter months.
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SCHUBERT SONG RECITAL.

One of the Most Enjoyable of the Schott Series.

One of the most delightful of the entire series of song recitals given by Herr Schott this season was the Schubert recital of last evening. The songs were very happily selected, representing many phases of Schubert's genius, and as Schott was in excellent voice, the audience was held in a state of lively enthusiasm during the entire program. The opening number was the favorite "Erl King," which is never given without bringing a recall, such splendid dramatic force does Herr Schott throw into it. Another old favorite was the familiar "Serenade," which brought out more sweetness and richness of tone from Herr Schott than any other number given during the evening. "Mark, Mark the Lark" so full of sparkling brightness, made a very effective contrast with this.

Among the more unfamiliar Schubert songs was "Denz and the Maiden" (22), sung by Miss Schuecking. This, with its long, reverberating notes and slow-moving melody, was freighted with fateful meaning, the spirit of the song being especially well caught by Miss Schuecking. Her rendering of the "Ave Maria," which came later on the program, brought her a hearty encore.
"By the Sea," given by Herr Schott, was full of pathos, developing into splendid majesty. "Looking Backwards," a tender love song, was pregnant with feeling. "The Song to the River" was most impressive, beginning with slow-moving phrases into which crept the spirit of agitation rising to a powerful climax. The bright spring song, with its plaintive closing cadence, was more familiar to Portland music-lovers, but none the less enjoyable on that account.
Mr. Yannod gave a charming Winter



Our regular \$6.00 silk waists, made in a variety of shades, nicely made and corded Special Today \$4.00
Our regular \$7.50 silk waists, made in handsome combination of colors, such as white and red, white and gray, nicely made and corded Special Today \$5.90
Our regular \$15.00 silk waists, made in the Russian blouse effect, handsomely tucked and corded, in all new shades. Our regular \$25.00 silk waists, some of these exact copies of Paris models, made of beautiful imported silk. These waists are exclusive designs Special Today \$19.85

See Window Display
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Furs, Cloaks and Suits
283-285 Morrison St., Portland, Oregon

Meier & Frank Co. Meier & Frank Co. Meier & Frank Co.

Men's Smoking Jackets and Lounging Robes in Great Variety. Umbrellas in Wondrous Assortment for Men and Women.

A Great Christmas Store

What would a Portland Christmas be without this store? You don't like to think of such a thing, nor do we. There's a great deal besides the mercantile feature here—just come up to the big third floor holiday store at almost any hour and see. What delights for the little folks, yes, and older people, too. We all get young at Christmas time, at least we should, and there's no better place to renew youth than in this great Christmas store. (Elevators, third floor.)



Lamps for an Xmas Gift

This lamp department has several times given you hints of how it was prepared to supply your Christmas wants. A great assortment. Prices, too, add an inducement. (Basement.)
Styles with decorated base and globe, rich gold trimming, \$5 to \$15.
Styles with plain colored base on wrought iron stand, decorated globes, \$4 up.

Great Variety of Parlor and Library Lamps.

Fancy Goods

The center tables—main aisle—show a host of fancy Celluloid articles to grace the dresser. You can't judge their attractiveness by these prices. How so little money can buy so much is a marvel.

- Handkerchief Boxes 25c and 50c.
- Glove Boxes 25c to \$1.
- Collar and Cuff Sets 50c, 75c.
- Brush and Comb Trays, 25c and 50c.
- Work Boxes 50c and 75c.
- Etc., etc.

Umbrellas

Christmas Umbrellas—never such a variety in a Portland Christmas store before—wonderful variety—most unique designs in handles, Pearl and Agate handles trimmed with silver or gold, handles of clear horn, or burnt ivory with sterling mountings, or natural sticks with heavy sterling mountings, all qualities of coverings.
\$1.25 to \$15.

= Book Store =

- Have you read "Eben Holden"? It equals \$1.15
- David Harum.....
- OTHER NEW BOOKS
- Tales of the Ex-Tanks, by Cullen. Contains a story of Portland. \$1.15
- Cardinal Snuff Box, by Harland..... \$1.15
- Alice, of Old Vicennes..... \$1.15
- Household Edition of Poets. Tennyson, Meredith, Holmes, Lowell, Taylor, Aldrich. Publishers' price \$1.50 90c

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Scott, Salem; Henry W. Meyers, Salem; Hon. H. H. Hewitt, Albany; A. R. Martin, Junction City; John M. Williams, Eugene; G. T. Billings, Ashland; John A. Aiken, Roseburg; Professor E. B. Hamblin, Roseburg; D. S. K. Bulck, Roseburg; Mrs. E. L. Smith, Hood River; Mrs. A. S. Blowers, Hood River; Mrs. G. P. Crowell, Hood River; H. A. Faxon, Pendleton, and S. R. Thompson, La Grange. From Huntington he will go into some parts of Idaho for the purpose of visiting a few of the society's wards in that section.

The appointment of agents by Visiting Agent Robert H. Wilson was ratified. The superintendent was instructed to thank the public schools of the city and state through the columns of The Oregonian for their kind remembrance on Thanksgiving, and also the many friends of this city who had so generously donated both money and provisions for use in the receiving home.

Martha Washington Election. Martha Washington Chapter No. 14, O. E. S. Monday evening elected the following officers: Worthy matron, Elizabeth Dunning; worthy patron, J. Hyland; assistant matron, Susie Starr; secretary, Margaret Houston; treasurer, Millie Terry; conductor, Millie Sully; assistant conductor, Mrs. H. Beckwith.

Don't Wait for the Doctor, Cure Cramps with Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

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A Good Watch
A Fine Diamond
Solid Gold Jewelry
Lemaire Opera Glasses
Solid Silverware
Fine Umbrellas
Real French Ebony
and Latest Novelties at
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Of style and elegance from the most select stock of men's haberdashery in Portland. Underwear in the finest domestic and imported silks, fine imported linen handkerchiefs, lisle and silk hosiery, Dent and Adler gloves, smoking jackets, bath robes, canes, umbrellas, silk nightrobes, underwear and all the latest styles in hats.
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Japanese and Fine Christmas Goods of all kinds. See our complete line of BAMBOO Furniture. Prices low.
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