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Twenty-Third Annual Clearance Sale

NOW IN FULL OPERATION.....

A very gratifying feature of yesterday's—the first day's business of the sale—was the appearance of so many of our old customers, who know by past experience that there's no jugglery in our Clearance Sales; that our goods are just as represented—high-class sorts, and prices always reasonable, now all substantially reduced. Our store was never so full of bargains as now.

SOME SPECIAL ITEMS TO REMEMBER

Look Through the Muslin Underwear Stock

Second Floor Annex.

We're pretty well informed as to the undermuslin market and say without hesitation that for splendid values in well proportioned, daintily made lingerie, we've no equal in Portland. A few prices.

LADIES' GOWNS, SPECIAL

37c, 41c, 59c, 65c and up.

See the Embroidery Offerings

Four special lots, all new and fresh, in 4 1/2 yard pieces.
Lot 1, special.....18c piece
Lot 2, special.....32c piece
Lot 3, special.....50c piece
Lot 4, special.....\$1.00 piece

Taffeta Ribbon Chance

Not mussed or left overs, but a fresh, attractive lot, all silk and in a great variety of colors AT VERY SPECIAL PRICES

Were 15c, 19c, 23c, 28c, 32c and 35c.
Now 10c, 12c, 14c, 16c, 18c and 20c per yd.

LADIES' DRAWERS, SPECIAL

16c, 20c, 25c, 28c, 41c, up.

Some Extra Specials

Prices even lower than regular clearance reductions on a group of DRESS GOODS.
Black fancies, regular 83c yd \$1 and \$1.25 grades.

Fine Colored Dress Fabrics

Regularly \$1.50 and \$1.75 at 89c per yard.
Regularly 75c and \$1.00 at 37c per yard.

Fancy Silks

\$1 and \$1.25 values, 52c yd. 75c and \$1 values, 33c yd.

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Dark colors, neat patterns. New this season. Waist linings fitted, skirts with deep Spanish flounce. Plain braid or self-trimmed. \$1.35 wrappers at 98c. \$2.50 wrappers at \$1.69

Remember the Baby Home Entertainment

Continues tonight. Friday and Saturday nights at Rambler Cylery building, Sixth Street. A chance for enjoyment, while helping a worthy cause.

BRITISH CAUSE IS JUST

REPUBLIC NOT THE SAME IN DUTCH AS IN ENGLISH.

Boer Stories of the Mistreatment of Women and Children Entrance—End of the War in Sight.

Ex-Representative W. S. U'Ren, of Clatsop County, went to South Africa last July propped up in favor of the Boers. He came home convinced that the British are right, and that the sooner the country is brought under their form of government the better. "When I went to South Africa," said Mr. U'Ren, yesterday, "I thought the Boers were fighting for equal rights. I thought they had a republic like our own, and that a republic meant the same thing in Dutch as in English, but I found that I was wrong. The Boer idea of a republic is a government by Mr. Kruger for the benefit of Mr. Kruger and the Transvaal Boers. Their conception of our Declaration of Independence is that all Transvaalers are created free and equal, that they have certain inalienable rights, and that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Under this scheme of government, no one but the Transvaal Boer has rights. Others have privileges which may be withdrawn at any time, but they have no rights. The British are fighting for the equal rights and self-government we have in the United States, and for the spirit of our Declaration of Independence. One of the best things the McKinley Administration has done for the basic principle of free government was to keep its hands off the war. McKinley and Hay have been greatly abused for not intervening, but they have taken a wise course."

Mr. U'Ren was asked about stories which have come from Boer sources that the British are harsh in their dealings with foreigners who have business in the Orange Free State and the South African Republic, that they mistreat Boer women prisoners, and that British soldiers and officers must be served first in the eating stations on the railroad lines. He said he had business at Pretoria and Johannesburg, and that after he had established his identity and shown that his mission was urgent and legitimate, he received cordial assistance. He went in by way of Durban and was three weeks in the interior. "As far as I was able to judge," said Mr. U'Ren, "these courtesies were extended regardless of nationality. Many cases similar to mine came under my observation. It was necessary, of course, to satisfy the British officials that everything was all right. After that it was no trouble to get a time permit to visit the interior. The truth is that the British have carried on the war with as little interruption to legitimate business as is possible, and with about half as much severity as Americans have shown to their enemies in war. Wherever it has been necessary to destroy homesteads, women and children have been carefully removed to Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban or East London and given tents and regular

rations. I saw three different trains and some cars attached to other trains conveying women and children, and I rode for three hours in the same compartment with women prisoners. I never heard of a British soldier insulting a woman, although I saw many soldiers in the country through which the train passed. In my judgment, the women and children were remarkably well treated. In a trip from Durban to Pretoria and return, I met many British officers, and neither at the eating stations nor any other place did I observe any misconduct on their part. There were great crushes at the eating stations the same as there are in this country, but the British officers were served the same as other travelers. "I met a number of Americans who have been in South Africa from two to 20 years. They were almost to a man sympathizers with the British. I did not find half a dozen native-born Americans who wanted to see the Boers win. I became acquainted with 20 Americans who were serving in the British volunteer forces, and they told me that there were from 300 to 350 Americans serving in the British Army. "There is no doubt that the Boers have used the flag of truce as a decoy. I have this from American figures. This abuse became so flagrant that the British refused to recognize the white flag unless the Boers displaying it put down their arms and came out into the open. "The present activity of the Boers was not unexpected. There was a lull in October and November. The British looked for a renewal of hostilities about December 1, and they figured that after that date from 60 to 90 days would be required to end the war. We may look for peace in South Africa any time between February 1 and March 1. "Mr. U'Ren went to South Africa to settle the estate of his brother. His trip took him over 30,000 miles. United States Consul Hay, at Pretoria, was of valuable assistance to him. "Mr. Hay," said Mr. U'Ren, "is universally commended for the able manner in which he has conducted his office in a difficult situation."

BABY HOME BENEFIT.

Substantial Contributions to the Opening Entertainment.

The entertainment for the benefit of the Baby Home at the Rambler Cylery was popularly at its opening last evening. The programme was clever from start to finish, and in addition to enjoying a pleasant evening the audience assisted a worthy charity. Well-known men received the donations at the door, there being no admission fee. A number gave \$5 gold pieces without asking for change, while dollars were given freely. The benefit entertainment will be continued tonight, and Friday and Saturday evenings. Following are tonight's features:

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REV. S. A. STARR'S CASE WILL COME UP THIS MONTH.

Judiciary of Northwest Methodist Conferences Will Rehear It—No Oregon Men on the Jury.

Bishop Earl Cranston has called a meeting of the judiciary of Northwest Methodist conferences, outside of the Western Oregon conference, to meet at Tacoma, the 23d and 24th of the present month, to hear an appeal of Rev. S. A. Starr, formerly pastor of the Sunnyside Methodist Church. At the trial before a conference committee of 15, at Astoria, he was found guilty of indiscretion and conduct unbecoming a minister, which finding was confirmed by vote of conference. He was not only expelled from the ministry, but also from the church. From this decision, Dr. Starr took an appeal, and the rehearing of the case will take place at the coming sitting of the conference judiciary. There will be no member of the Western Oregon conference on this judiciary committee, the object being to secure a wholly disinterested court. The evidence brought out at the conference trial will be used, but the rehearing is not confined entirely to this.

In some respects this case has not a parallel in the history of the Methodist church in Oregon. Dr. Starr has a long career, both as educator and minister, and occupied a prominent place in the Oregon conference, and as pastor of the Sunnyside church appeared to be successful. The charges against him were the outcome of a church trial against a woman member for slander. She was acquitted and the pastor was put on trial as the result, the jury being composed of Portland Methodist preachers. He was suspended and the case went to conference, where he was expelled. The result was the Sunnyside church was temporarily disrupted, a number of prominent members taking sides with Dr. Starr and withdrawing from the church. The woman who started the matter has also withdrawn. On the whole, however, it should be said the church has fully recovered. The members who withdrew are still staunch friends of Dr. Starr, and firmly believe him guiltless of any intentional wrong. But outside of them, those who heard both trials say the evidence against him is very strong. The whole case will be gone over at the meeting of the judiciary at Tacoma in a fair and impartial manner and finally settled.

HOLDING INSANE PATIENTS.

Complaint From Salem That Seems to Be Based on an Exception.

The complaint comes to The Oregonian from Salem that insane patients are held at Portland in order that Robert Thompson, who is employed in the Custom-House here, may bring them up when he visits his family at Salem on Sundays and holidays. According to the biennial report of Superintendent Calhoun, patients have the best chance of recovery if they receive good attention during the first few days of their disease. Deputy Sheriff Charles Frasier, who attends to the taking up of convicts and insane, states that the complaint is probably the result of the jumping from the train of a patient named Anderson, on Monday. He alleges that it has not been the practice to keep insane persons here to suit the convenience of Thompson or any one else. Anderson jumped from the

train when it was opposite the graveyard at Chemawa. Thompson stopped the train as soon as possible, and Anderson was caught and put in the baggage car. His face was scratched as the result of his wild leap. On reaching Salem Anderson again endeavored to escape by jumping out of the back. He is insane on the subject of religion. Mr. Frasier said that Anderson was arrested on Friday afternoon, and it was expected to have him taken to the Asylum on Saturday, but burglar W. W. Scott and a prisoner named Long had to be taken to the Penitentiary, and District Attorney Chamberlain, desiring that they be placed in the Penitentiary as soon as possible, they were transported on Saturday, and Anderson was held here until Monday. Mr. Frasier said this was the longest time an insane man was ever held, and that they are generally taken up on the same day the commitment papers are made out. Insane women are generally conveyed to the Asylum by Mrs. E. J. Dougherty, County Judge Calkins makes these appointments on the recommendation of the Sheriff. Thompson was once employed in the Penitentiary for a year or more he has conveyed most of the convicts from Portland to the state prison.

BLAMED THE WOMAN.

How Hugh Kerr Lost \$60 in the Badger Game.

For over an hour yesterday, Municipal Judge Cameron, two lawyers and two detectives wrestled with the case in which Hugh Kerr accuses S. H. Chapman, and his wife, Carrie, of taking \$60 from him

by means of the badger game. Kerr, in his evidence, proved himself a true son of Adam in throwing the blame on the woman.

"When I was in the Chapman house," he testified, "Mrs. Chapman entertained me, and made me play cards. I wished to go away, and then her husband came. 'Why didn't you leave when you found that the husband wasn't there?' asked the Judge. "The woman would not permit me, sir," said Kerr, sadly. "She was to blame. She told me, after Chapman returned, that I had better make it right with her husband or that he would shoot me. I paid Chapman \$60. No, I wasn't satisfied to do this. But I had never been in law before."

Judge Cameron continued the case until today.

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