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SPECIAL BARGAINS FROM OUR

# Twenty-Third Annual Clearance Sale

The items in today's bargain bulletin are worth weighing well. Many of them are reasonable articles priced lowest now when you most want them.

**TWO SPECIALS IN Black Drapery Net**

Plain or dotted for fancy waists or costumes. No. 1. Fine \$1.75 and \$1.00 \$1.50 nets at per yd. No. 2. Best 45 in wide \$1.25 grades, per yd. 67c

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for making up with lawns, nainsooks and other wash fabrics for spring wear.

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**FOUR LOTS SPECIALLY SO**

In 4 1/2 yd. pieces, 18c, 32c, 50c and \$1.00 piece.

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Many widths and pretty patterns for dress trimmings or neckwear, divided in 8 lots and priced extremely low for quick clearing.

Lot 1. Laces to \$1.65, 79c yd  
Lot 2. Laces to 85c, 49c yd  
Lot 3. Laces to 70c, 42c yd  
Lot 4. Laces to 50c, 28c yd  
Lot 5. Laces to 38c, 20c yd  
Lot 6. Laces to 30c, 15c yd

**ALL FINE ARABIAN LACES BANDS AND ALL OVERS, REDUCED AS FOLLOWS**

\$2.25 grades for \$1.87 yd  
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\$1.00 grades for 85c yd

**Ladies' Handkerchiefs At Half**

Two lots slightly mussed in Christmas rush, get scant courtesy in the matter of pricing.

**25c** for dainty embroidered 50c handkerchief each with lace or hem-stitched edge.

**19c** for choice lot of 35c and 40c embroidered handkerchiefs.

**Our Ribbon Bargains**

Should be looked into. Ribbons are always needed to give the finishing touch or bit of color to personal or home decorations. All now reduced and all

**SILK TAFETTA RIBBONS** in complete range of colors at these prices:

3-inch widths at 20c yard  
4-inch widths at 18c yard  
3 1/2-in. widths at 10c yd

**200 Cocque Boas**

Long lengths and full \$1.25 plumage, special, ea.

**Ostrich Boas**

Our grand stock, priced from \$6.75 to \$30.00, all reduced in this proportion. \$10.00 boas at \$8.25 each \$14.25 boas at \$11.35 ea.

**Lipman, Wolfe & Co.**

## Indian Shopping Baskets

The right kind, well-made and properly shaped, correct sizes at reduced prices.

## Lace Curtains

A superb assortment of up-to-date Lace Curtains at greatly reduced prices. Portieres and Tapestries at reduced prices.

## Linens, TOWELS, SHEETS, BLANKETS

at lower prices than at any other time in the year.

## WOOLEN UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

## LACES, RIBBONS AND EMBROIDERIES AT LOWEST PRICES.

Crown Taffetas are made exclusively for LIPMAN, WOLFE & CO.

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Oriental Rug Auction today, 10:00 a. m., 2:30 p. m. Third floor. Carpets and Curtains at Clearance Sale prices. Third floor.

# About Oriental Rugs

This morning at 10 o'clock commences the first sale of this magnificent collection of Oriental Rugs—worthy Rugs, every one of them, and the Meier & Frank Co. guarantees on every one you buy. These Rugs gathered by an organization, with an immense purchasing power annually, gathered for auction sales in their own establishments, comprising ten of the leading department stores in the country, and only through a very intimate acquaintance were we able to bring this superb collection to Portland. This auction sale will be conducted in an honorable way. No "Cappers," no "Gold Brick" Rugs. Seems to have worried a near competitor of ours, this rug auction.

One of the great pleasures of modern retailing is clean competition. It has always been the policy of this concern never to refer to a competitor, large or small, in the columns of the daily newspaper, but when a competing concern comes forward with unreserved remarks attacking the honesty of a concern which for nearly half a century has enjoyed the respect and confidence of the community, then it's time to reply. Competition is the coal in the furnace. It is the steam-maker of progress. Without it wheels would not turn. It must live forever or the world must decay. It is the life of trade, and trade by the way is the life of the universe. We have lived on it, thrived on it. Man is not satisfied to have just as much as his neighbor. Supremacy is the idea, and because we lead in the race for the tape, a competing firm grows angry; real angry. Even calls names. Just think! A 20th century merchant bumping his head against conditions existing in a competitor's store, but enough said. This is no fake Rug auction, no "Gold Bricks." Genuine Orientals, and the sale takes place at 10:00 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Third floor.

**READY FOR SALE**

**Multnomah Delegation Organizes for the Session.**

**SENATOR F. P. MAYS CHAIRMAN**

Six Committees Appointed to Pass on Legislation—Subjects of Interest Will Be Given Consideration If Submitted in Writing.

Sixteen of the 20 members of the Multnomah legislative delegation, including the Joint Senators and the Joint Representatives, attended the meeting in Senator Mays' office, Chamber of Commerce building, last evening, to organize for the session. The absentees were Senator Porter, who lives in Oregon City, Senator Inman, who has sickness in his family, Senator Washburn, who is ill, and Representative Johnson, who is in California. All sent regrets at being unable to attend.

The meeting was all business. There was no suggestion of politics. Regular Republicans, Citizen Republicans, Democrats and Populists all joined hands to present a solid front in Salem. Representative George L. Story, Republican, was elected temporary chairman, and Representative George W. Holcomb, Citizen-Democratic, temporary secretary. Permanent organization was effected by the election of Senator F. P. Mays, Citizen Republican, as chairman, and Representative Frank A. Heitkemper, Citizen Democrat, as secretary.

All committees and chairmen, except the head of the committee on city affairs, were appointed by the chair. Senator Mays was made chairman of the city committee on motion of Representative Orton, Secretary Heitkemper taking the vote on the motion. The committees are:

City affairs—Senator Mays, chairman; Senator Smith, Senator Joseph, Representative Holcomb, Representative Heitkemper.

Labor laws—Representative Orton, chairman; Senator Inman, Representative Shipley, Representative Thompson, Representative DeLoach.

Judiciary—Representative Shipley, chairman; Representative McCracken, Senator Porter.

County affairs—Representative Watson, chairman; Senator Swoek, Representative Nottingham, Representative Schumann, Representative Driscoll.

Taxation—Senator Inman, chairman; Senator Swoek, Representative Nottingham.

Primary and other election laws—Senator Hill, chairman; Joint Representative Driscoll, Representative H. A. Smith.

All bills originating with the delegation, or presented to it for introduction, will be referred to these committees.

The members of the delegation have been approached individually on a great many subjects of legislation. The delegation voted to give full hearing to all through petition or remonstrance. All such matters should be offered in writing and addressed to Frank A. Heitkemper, secretary of the delegation. He will lay them before his colleagues for action.

**DENVER WINS ITS FIGHT**

and freight agents and other officials directly engaged in the solicitation of business for the lines. Should the plan be carried out, it would result in the discharge of more than 50,000 men and the annual saving of millions of dollars to the carrying companies will be the result. The intention of the railroads to bring about the new reform came as the result of the recent big deal engineered by J. Pierpont Morgan, James J. Hill, John D. Rockefeller and others.

**ORGANIZE FOR A RAILROAD.**

Citizens of Gilliam County to incorporate for \$500,000.

CONDON, Or., Jan. 7.—An enthusiastic mass meeting of citizens of Gilliam County was held in this city Saturday to discuss the feasibility of organizing a company to construct, equip and operate a railroad between this point and the Columbia River. More than 100 representative citizens of the county were present. Mayor Dunn called the meeting to order, and W. S. Meyer, a prominent wheat-grower, was elected chairman, with A. Patterson as secretary. A committee recommended that a joint stock company be formed, with a capital of \$500,000. A committee on permanent organization and incorporation was elected, as follows:

S. B. Barker, Ed. Dunn, Condon; B. T. Snell, H. D. Randall, Olex; Fred Tobe, W. L. Barker, Arlington; John Shorb, Ralph Froman, Ferry Canyon; W. J. Edwards, A. Greiner, Mayville; G. Schilling, H. L. Probst, Matney; C. A. Daneman, W. R. Boyer, Tem; A. B. Lamb, Will Hoover, Painesville; M. Johnson, Lone Rock.

The proposed road will be about 50 miles long, and with but little expensive grading. The wheat crop of 1900 in the territory which this road will tap amounts to 1,000,000 bushels, much of which is now being hauled in wagons 40 to 60 miles, at a cost to the farmers of \$5,000.

Another meeting will be held next Saturday, at which time a permanent organization will be effected. The farmers and business men are in earnest in this matter, and the prospects are good that the road will be built.

**To Pay Fare of Stranded Miners.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Secretary of War has submitted to Congress an appropriation of \$200 to reimburse the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, of San Francisco, for transportation furnished a party of 22 stranded miners who were left helpless at Fort Wrangell, Alaska, last week. The company, which is a subsidiary of the United States Government, was found that neither the War nor the Treasury Department had funds available for bringing these men back, but that the steamship company was requested to bring them back on condition that they would do so at their own expense. The company has agreed to do so, and the bill will be passed at the present session.

**Low Rate to Inauguration.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—The Tribune says: Western roads have agreed to make a rate of one fare plus 25 for the round trip to Washington and return for the inauguration of President McKinley on March 4. Tickets at this rate will be sold on February 28 and March 1 and 2 from the western cities of Colorado and Wyoming, and on February 27 and 28 and March 1 from points west thereof, but no tickets will be sold to reach Eastern gateways before March 1. Tickets will be good to return until March 5.

**In Favor of Railroad Company.**

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 8.—The Supreme Court has reversed judgment in the case of F. C. Doremus, respondent, vs. Samuel Root, defendant, and the O. R. & N. Co., appellant. This case was brought to court because of damages for personal injuries received by Doremus from the alleged carelessness of defendant, Root, who was conductor on the company's freight train at the time of a collision with an extra train near Starbuck, Columbia County.

**Sale of Railroad Lands.**

JAMESTOWN, N. D., Jan. 8.—The Northern Pacific has sold all its lands in this state, amounting to 1,400,000 acres, to a syndicate of New York and Eastern capitalists. Ranches will be established.

**Deep Snow at Vancouver, B. C.**

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 8.—Vancouver is covered with from three to four feet of snow. It is still snowing and threatening to change suddenly into a thaw. The weight of snow on its roof the Vancouver Sash and Door Factory roof collapsed, causing a loss of about \$200. The tram system in the city and between Vancouver and Westminster is suspended. The local shipping in both cities is tied up.

**Start for Copper River Gold.**

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 8.—The steamer Excelsior sails for Port Valdez tomorrow with one of the largest crowds bound for the gold fields in the Copper River country that has gone north since the boom days of 1898. She will have over 100 passengers, of whom two-thirds will seek fortunes in the new Chetcocheas diggings. Twenty of the "Excelsior's" passengers will take the overland route from Katmai bound for Nome.

# The Clearance Sale

Keeps booming merrily along. Making new records in almost every department. More bargains, better bargains than ever before. Your dollar does double duty in many instances. The sale is of keen interest to every economical shopper.

**Men's Clothing, Cloaks, Suits, Furs, China, Kitchen Utensils, Silverware, Groceries, all at Clearance Sale prices.**

**John S. Brown & Sons Fine Table Linens reduced. The best Muslin Underwear in the land at greatly reduced prices. (Second floor.) Dress Goods, Silks, Cottons, Hosiery, Underwear, Shoes, Laces, Trimmings, Notions, all reduced.**

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WORKING ON THE INDEX.

New Assessor Takes Up the Task Neglected by Greenleaf.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners, Assessor McInnes yesterday put a force of deputies to work on the 1899 tax-roll index left in an unfinished state by the late incumbent of the office, Captain R. S. Greenleaf. The work is only completed on letters A, B, and C, and the personal property has not been indexed at all, not any data prepared for it. This will now be done, and the names inserted under the index in the alphabetical arrangement. Mr. Greenleaf, it is said, assured the board about a month ago that the index was well along, and he desired to finish it before he retired from office, and could do the work more satisfactorily and quickly than they could have it performed by others. He intimated that there was time to complete the same before he left, but before he went out of office. It is now obvious that he could not have finished the work in December without the assistance of an army of clerks, and it appears strange that he led the County Commissioners to believe that he would have the index finished by the time his term of office expired, but this it seems was their understanding.

It is said that \$120 has probably been spent on the work. The commissioners several months ago objected to the time consumed on the typewriter in the men employed, and as a result of the dispute between Assessor Greenleaf and the commissioners over the matter, the work on the index was suspended by Mr. Greenleaf. The commissioners then demanded the index and the data from which it was being made up, and Mr. Greenleaf positively declined to surrender the same, alleging among other reasons that he required the use of the matter in connection with other work in his office.

In the vault of the Assessor's office there are stacks of paper slips, on which are pasted the cards, on which are written the names of property-owners, together with the number of the page on the assessment or tax roll, on which the property described appears. About a dozen cards are pasted on each slip, and the purpose of pasting was for the convenience of the typewriters in writing the index. This saves the necessity of lifting one card from another every time a name is written on the typewriter in the index. The names are first written on cards in order that the names may be assorted alphabetically. Mr. Greenleaf's idea was to have the cards pasted on the typewriter in the order in which they were written, so that the typewriters could be obtained by the names. The County Commissioners objected to the new method, alleging that it cost too much money. The system now operated which the commissioners first took exception to, and it is doubtful if there will ever be any more of it.

**SENATOR SWEK'S BILLS.**

**To Reform Jury Drawing, Fees for Justice Clerk, Sundays for Barbers.**

Senator Swoek has prepared several bills for introduction. One relates to the making up of jury lists and the drawing of juries in Multnomah County. The bill provides that as now the County Clerk, shall at the beginning of the year, make a list of 600 persons eligible for jury duty. From this list the Clerk of the Circuit Court will draw, under the supervision of the Circuit Judges, panels for the regular term courts. Under the present law, the juries are drawn by the Clerk and the Sheriff, and there is no supervision. Methods of drawing juries in other counties will not be amended.

Another of Senator Swoek's bills will require barbers to close their shops on Sunday. A statement has been circulated that the Senator is not in sympathy with the barbers' Association, and that he will introduce the bill simply to oblige. He said yesterday that he favors Sunday closing of barber shops, that representatives of the Barbers' Association requested him to introduce the bill, and that he will do all he can to pass it.

The Senator's third bill provides for the payment of fees in Justice Courts. No schedule of the same has been decided upon, beyond that costs in civil cases will be advanced. The aim will be to make the courts self-sustaining.

**To Shut Out Troutdale Actions.**

Some member of the Multnomah delegation will introduce a bill requiring actions in Justice Courts to be filed in the district in which the defendant resides. This measure will be prepared by the Taxpayers' League. It aims at such practices as have recently inconvenienced a number of Portland people, who have been compelled to make defense to actions begun at Troutdale.

**To Reduce Sheriff's Salary.**

The Multnomah delegation will introduce a bill to reduce the salary of the Sheriff from \$4000 to \$2500.

**CROWDS ARE COMING.**

**To Witness the Fight Between Tracey and Case.**

If all the people that have expressed the determination to witness the Tracey-Case fight Friday evening attend, the large hall will be crowded to the doors. In all probability it will be a long time before two such noted pugilists will again meet in this city, and late advice received indicate that lovers of the sport from all parts of the state will be in attendance. Both of the principals are top notchers, and have defeated men of national reputation. The men were visited yesterday at the different training quarters and from all indications are in splendid condition. Neither of the pugilists is disposed to brag or bluster, but a quiet confidence seems to have taken possession of both camps. Patrons of square sport will be pleased to learn that Mr. Jack Grant is the manager, a sufficient guarantee in itself that the fight will be conducted in a manner to satisfy the audience, and make ring events popular in this city.

Persons suffering from sick headache, dizziness, nausea, constipation, pain in the side, are asked to try one vial of Carter's Little Blue Pills.

**CONSOLIDATION OF OFFICES.**

**County Clerk to Be Restored and Auditor to Be Elected.**

Members of the delegation shy at questions respecting their attitude in the matter of legislation affecting county offices, but The Oregonian learned definitely yesterday that a bill has been prepared to abolish the offices of Recorder and Clerk of the Circuit Court and restore the office of County Clerk as it was prior to the first Monday in July, 1888. Section 25, article 7, of the constitution provides that "wherever the number of voters in any county shall exceed 100, the Legislative Assembly may authorize the election

of one person as Clerk of the Circuit Court, one person as Clerk of the County Court, and one person as Recorder of Conveyances." The county reached the duty of 1200 votes many years ago, but it was not until 1887 that the Legislature abolished the office of County Clerk and divided its duties. If the office of County Clerk is restored, consolidation will not take effect until the first Monday in July, 1902, so the present terms of the present officers will not be affected.

Another bill proposes to make the office of County Auditor elective. The delegation believes that as the Auditor is, as a check on the County Court, he should not, as now, be dependent upon the court for his appointment.

**PRESIDENT HILL MUCH SOUGHT.**

**Conference in New York with the Big Railroad Financiers.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—J. J. Hill arrived in this city today. From the moment of his arrival in town in the afternoon until bed time he has been surrounded by the prominent Wall Street financiers. It was Mr. Hill's first appearance in New York since he became one of the "Big Three," who have, recently conducted great railway deals.

It is understood that only J. Pierpont Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Daniel B. Lamont and a few others were successful in gaining a conference with him. Mr. Hill had much business to transact, and besides was not feeling well. He announced this as he left the train. When Mr. Hill arrived at the Grand Central Station he was met by Daniel B. Lamont, who went to Mr. Lamont's office, where, it is said, Mr. Hill met J. F. Morgan and other prominent railroad men of the East. Mr. Lamont is vice-president of the Northern Pacific. Then Mr. Hill went to the office of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., where he met Jacob H. Schiff. From there Mr. Hill went to his own office. He was met here by Darius Miller, president, and M. D. Grover, general counsel, of the Great Northern. What was accomplished at the conference could not be learned tonight.

**AIMING FOR LONG BEACH.**

**Northern Pacific Said to Be Headed in That Direction.**

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Jan. 8.—Surveyors have just returned from another examination of the survey of a branch of the Northern Pacific from Pasco to the Columbia, striking the river at some point near Knappton or Frankfort, and extending down the river to Ilwaco. It is surmised that the Northern Pacific has an eye to a share of the beach traffic during the summer, as well as to a convenient terminus on the Columbia.

**ROADS WILL SAVE MILLIONS.**

**Scheme to Displace With Traveling Passenger and Freight Agents.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The Record tomorrow will say:

"The financial powers controlling the destinies of the great railway systems of the Nation are reported to be planning one of the biggest economical reforms in the history of American railroad operations. The intention is to displace with the vast army of traveling passenger

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**SUICIDE BY POISONING.**

**Man Takes His Life With Carbolic Acid—No Apparent Cause.**

From a motive that is so far unknown, John Wesley Karsteter, 42 years old, of Hillsboro, committed suicide yesterday morning at the Belvedere Hotel, by swallowing carbolic acid.

At the inquest, Coroner Rand stated that in view of the increase of cases of carbolic acid poisoning he had caused the law to be amended in the near future that every druggist who sold carbolic acid to a customer would be required by law to keep a record of the customer's name and address. If this were done, the Coroner thought the sale of such a deadly poison as carbolic acid would be regulated.

The evidence in Karsteter's case showed that he had been a guest at the Belvedere Hotel for about 30 days, and that Monday night, shortly before he retired to rest, he became ill and vomited. He was taken to the hospital, and on Tuesday morning he was found dead in bed. A partially empty bottle containing carbolic acid and a tumbler containing the deadly drug were on the bureau.

Stipe testified that Karsteter had been in Diamond Cross, Ill., and that he had more recently been employed as foreman on the Ladd farm, but moved to Hillsboro about two months ago, so that his son could attend the High School there. The witness knew Karsteter well, and could assign no cause for the suicide. Karsteter had come to Portland to effect the purchase of a feed-stable at Fourth and Ankeny streets. Karsteter had been a guest at the Belvedere Hotel for some time for heart and stomach troubles. The bottle of carbolic acid was bought one week ago. Dr. Linklater was not inclined to believe that Karsteter committed suicide, but probably was not conversant with the facts of the case as brought out at the inquest.

**Donnelly and His Cryptogram.**

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(To the Editor.)—The recent death of Ignatius Donnelly has called forth remarks concerning his literary work, and in particular concerning the cryptogram which he claimed to have discovered in Shakespeare's plays. For the sake of any readers who may not have noticed this claim, it may be said that Mr. Donnelly published a large volume, some years ago, in which he maintained that certain words were so arranged at ascertained points in the Shakespeare Folio of 1623, as to form complete sentences; that these sentences recited passages in Shakespeare's private history; and that it appeared from them that Sir Francis Bacon was the true author of the plays. The law books of his own, he put them forth under a false name. So far as the cryptogram

