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Clearance specials, in fancy colored brocade silk, and plain black, white, pink or blue satin, \$6 and \$5 Royal Worcesters for **\$3.95**

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LADIES' GOWNS—Fine cambric, high neck, embroidery or lace trimmed, \$1.25

grade at **89c**

LADIES' DRAWERS—Muslin, tucked and embroidered

trimmed, 85c value for **69c**

cept in a few rooms, which will be finished in Tennessee marble.

Work will be begun on the foundation within a month, and the contractors have 18 months to complete the building. The present contract includes everything, but the heating and lighting apparatus. One peculiarity about the construction of the building is the style of the main entrance, which is to be furnished with a turnstile door. The person entering must turn to the right and the door closes after him as he swings to permit his entrance. Considerable glass will be used in the make-up of this turnstile door, so that people may see each other approaching and avoid collisions. The turnstile door is something new on this side of the continent, but several are in use in public buildings in the East. They obviate the necessity of providing storm doors in bad weather, as only a small amount of cold air is admitted as the turnstile is used.

THROWN FROM A TRAIN.

Mrs. E. A. Miller, of Portland, in a Critical Condition.

Mrs. E. A. Miller is in a critical condition at the home of her daughters, Mrs. M. E. Williams and Mrs. E. M. West, 48 Everett street. She fell from a train on the Sacramento division of the Southern Pacific, near Tahama, on January 21. Mrs. Miller was thrown from the train, and the following statement yesterday to an Oregonian reporter:

"Mrs. Miller was returning to her home in the city after visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Whitney, of Pasadena. Near Tahama she had occasion to pass from one car to another. There was a sudden lurch of the train, and, there being no hand to assist her, she fell from the train. She landed on the ground, and the accident was observed and she was picked up unconscious, with her right arm broken and her shoulder and head severely bruised. Her family in Portland were notified of the accident, and a telegram came addressed to Mrs. Wilson, 48 Everett street, saying that 'the first telegram sent was a mistake.' We did not receive the telegram indicating that the telegram messenger told us verbally about the accident. Mrs. Miller arrived here in an unconscious condition, unable to tell her name and was met by a relative at the depot."

LADIES' NIGHT.

Programme of Exercises at Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club.

This evening is ladies' night at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club. An attractive programme has been arranged for the entertainment of the members and their invited guests. Physical Director Robert Krohn, Fred Rasch, chairman of the gymnasium committee, and J. C. Muebe, chairman of the social committee, have charge of the arrangements. In the gymnasium there will be various athletic events. The junior day class will give a wand drill and marching. The junior night class will go through a torchlight drill, and perform on the horizontal bar. The senior class is down for parallel bar exercise, and high diving. In addition to the gymnastic exhibition, there will be wrestling bouts by the pupils of Joe Acton, and several rounds of boxing by promising protégés of Instructor Dave Campbell. Orchestral music, vocal solos, and other numbers by well-known entertainers complete the programme of the evening's entertainment. The first of the winter season, President W. M. Wake will present the medals won by the juniors in their recent gymnastic contest.

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RELICS OF EARLY DAYS

INTEREST IN COLLECTION OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Young People Examine Household Utensils That Were Obsolete Before Generation Was Born.

The rooms of the Oregon Historical Society in the City Hall, and the curious and relics of early days have been made much more attractive and interesting to the visitor by the addition of show cases, which permit of the display of at least a portion of the collection. Enlarged space has afforded better opportunity for arranging things, so that they can be inspected. The number of visitors to the exhibit is steadily increasing, and additions to the collection are constantly being made. Young people examine, with much interest, the many household utensils, etc., used by the pioneers, but which have become antiquated before the present generation was born. Older people, when children, saw cooking done before open fireplaces, and the shovel, tongs and poker, the andiron, hake, kettles, long-legged spider, the crane and pot hooks, in actual use, linger longingly and lovingly over these relics of by-gone days, and recall the memories of grandfathers and grandmothers long since dead. There is an old hand loom in the collection, "hand-made" rude and rough, looking at which the children of today can only wonder how cloth ever could have been made on such a machine. To many elderly people it recalls visions of some old house in the country, where the wool sheared on the farm was carded, spun and woven. They look back and see themselves winding "quills" on the "quill-wheel," or watching some member of the family busy at the loom, throwing the shuttle back and forth, between every throw moving the treadles below to change the threads running through the reed, and swinging the suspended frame in which the reed hung up against the growing end of the cloth, to drive the added thread of yarn firmly into place.

The many Indian relics and ornaments, the old guns and powder-horns and rude implements are very interesting, but the old books and papers are the most interesting of all. Only a portion of these old documents can be displayed at present, but there is a large lot of such things stored away in the iron vault, which, when more showcases are provided, will be put on exhibition and will add greatly to the interest of the collection. In one of the showcases are copies of the earliest "New England Primer," rudely illustrated. Opposite a cut of an "hour glass" are the lines: "As runs the glass, man's life doth pass." Few children of these days have seen an hour glass, and many have no knowledge of such a "timepiece," so the little chap who was looking a few days ago at the old primer, which perhaps his grandfather studied, was excusable for asking: "How does the glass run?"

Among the collection of old school books, old people can see some of the books they read at school, but one who was looking over them failed to find the New Testament, which he read through many times. He said the class used to stand on the floor and use a line (crack on the floor), and read. When they came to the chapter in which occurred the verse, "Jesus wept," there was much weeping, and the class would fall, and the lucky boy who secured the place would read the verse as "shortly" as possible, and then look around to see how his effort was appreciated. This same "oldest" went on to say that during his career in school he saw many kinds of testaments, apparently of all ages, but every one of them was a New Testament, and as he had heard his grandfather spoken of the Old Testament he was anxious to see one. Once while rummaging the drawers of an antiquated bureau at home, he came across a much worn book on which was a "cover" of cloth, to protect the binding. It had originally been green baize, but was worn thin and ragged from use and had been bound by age in a dirty grayish yellow. He felt certain that at last he had found an Old Testament and was not a little disappointed on opening it to find that it was a New Testament.

Judicial Humors.

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—(To the Editor.)—It is a pleasing fact most creditable to human nature that

A little humor now and then is rebuffed by the best of men.

And when that humor is exhibited either in the pulpit or from the bench, the dignity of its source adds weight to its merit. In this morning's Oregonian an

extract is given from a decision of the Supreme Court of Indiana nullifying a law of the Legislature, which provided for the removal of a Judge from office, in which decision the court declared that "the constitution divided the state government into three distinct co-ordinate departments, carefully excluding any control of one over another." In thus controlling the action of a co-ordinate branch of the government, while quoting from the constitution that it could not be done, the court, without intending it, displayed a manifestation of humor which, if not troling the action of a co-ordinate branch of the government, while quoting from the constitution that it could not be done, the court, without intending it, displayed a manifestation of humor which, if not

STIRRING MELODRAMA.

"Northern Lights" Entertains an Audience at Corday's.

"Northern Lights," a stirring drama based on the disposition of the American Indian to go on the war path on the slightest provocation, was the attraction at Corday's Theater last evening, and judging by the reception it received from the audience, it proved an agreeable change from a too steady diet of "coon" shows and farce comedy.

The scene is laid at a military post on the frontier of the camp of General Crook, and at a battleground where a detachment of his division is threatened with destruction. While Indian warfare is the theme on which the playwright has constructed his drama, it enters into the story chiefly by way of the concluding scene being the only one where it becomes necessary to employ volleys of musketry to heighten the effect of the climax.

The two central figures are John Swiftwind, an educated Indian, who holds an assistant surgeon's commission in the army, and Wallace Gray, the son of the commandant of the post. The son of a brave, having been a coward, owing to a fright his mother received before his birth, deserts from the army and narrowly escapes being shot for a coward.

Swiftwind, who was his college companion, intercedes for him and saves his life. By a rather startling misadventure, the doctor's villain, who saves his wife, but is filled with disgust with civilization and returns to his people, only to find that they distrust him. He meets his death in returning to Crook's camp to warn him of the threatened destruction of his soldiers.

The comedy, which is necessary to relieve the strain imposed by the plots of the Indians and the machinations of the experimenting doctor, is supplied by a pretty series of love scenes between a post girl and an officer, and by two New York who are visiting in the West.

The play as a whole is consistent, the interest is well sustained, and none of the scenes are overdrawn.

Mr. O'Connor, as John Swiftwind, had the severest task of any of the men, and his fulfillment of it seemed eminently satisfactory to the audience. Mr. Brooks, as Sidney Sherwood, the chief surgeon, had a thankless part, but made the most of it. Mr. Aldridge, as Wallace Gray, excited the sympathy and admiration alternately in keeping with his character.

Mr. Bittner, as Hugo Dars, a New York boy, an excellent piece of comedy work, easily proving himself the most finished actor in the company. R. E. French, as a scout, was welcomed by his many Portland friends. As Colonel Gray, Mr. White was a typical veteran Indian fighter, and Mr. Russell, as General Crook, seemed so thoroughly at home in his part that he was suspected of being an army officer in real life.

Dorothy Dunbar, in the part of the little Major, carried off the honors for the women, while Louise Carter as Florence Sherwood, the doctor's wife, Eva Eide French as Helen Dars, and Ouida Marlon, as Starlight, an Indian girl, were all equal to their parts. The remainder of the large cast was satisfactory.

"Largo," receiving an ovation from the audience.

"Northern Lights" will be the attraction all the week, with the usual Saturday matinee.

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GROWTH OF FREE LIBRARY

OVER 700 PERSONS HAVE BECOME BORROWERS.

School Children Inquire for Many Books Which Are Not on Hand—Donations Requested.

The Public Library in the City Hall has been circulating books for three weeks. In that time over 700 persons have become borrowers. Boys and girls from the schools make up the greater proportion of this number. Every day after school they fill the rooms looking for books to take home. Unfortunately, the number of books suited to their needs is insufficient. This lack will be filled as fast as there is money on hand for the purpose, but a large number of books might be secured if people would look over their shelves and give to the library the books which they have outgrown or for which they have no pressing use. This does not mean useless books. The following is a list made up from the requests handed in mainly by school children and their teachers, and will be a guide as to the kind of literature desired by the library:

Piction.

"Arabian Nights," "Lorna Doone," "Holland—Arthur Bonnicastle," "Seven-," "Hubertton—Helen's Babes," "Rupert of Hentzau," "Pioneers of Hope," "Stowe—Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Weyman—Gentleman of France," "Besant—All Sorts and Conditions of Men," "Armstrong of Lyons," "Children of Gibbon," "Bells of St. Paul's," "Hardy—'Fair of Blue Eyes,' 'Far from the Madding Crowd,' 'Mayor of Casterbridge,' 'The Return of Elsmere,' 'David Grieve,' 'Eleanor,' 'Jewett—Country Doctor,' 'Deephaven,' 'Country of the Pointed Pine,' 'Wilkins—'Jane Field,' 'Jerome,' 'New England Num.,

Cooper—'The Spy,' 'Doyle—'Mischance,' 'Martineau—'Peasant and Prince,' 'Larcom—'A New England Girlhood,' 'Cook—'Stories of the Old Dominion,' 'Hale—'A New England Boyhood,' 'Frederic—'In the Valley,' 'Poe—Works,

Trollope, Anthony—Works, Meredith, George—Works.

Literature.

Stephens—'English Thought in the Eighteenth Century,' 'Hours in a Library,' 'Moulton—'Shakespeare as a Dramatic Artist,' 'Roife's edition of Shakespeare,' 'Hudson's edition of Shakespeare,' 'Morley—'English Writers,' 'Ward—'English Poets,' 'Complete works of Chaucer, Dryden, Pope, Wordsworth, Shelley, Byron, Macaulay, Carlyle, Bryant, Ibsen.

Sociology.

De Tocqueville—'Democracy in America,' 'Cable—'Negro Question,' 'Blunt South,' 'Ely—'Taxation in American States and Cities,' 'Adams—'Railroads, their Origin and Problems,' 'Lloyd—'Country Without Strikes.'

History, Biography and Travel.

Cressy—'Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World,' 'Pike—'War of Independence,' 'Wilson—'Davision and Reunion,' 'Thwaites—'The Colonies,' 'Froude—'Short Studies on Great Subjects,' 'Hart—'American History by Contemporaries,' 'Frothingham—'Rise of the Republic,' 'Channing—'Students' History of the United States,' 'Knox—'Boy Travellers in the Far East,' 'Du Chailly—'Country of the Dwarfs,' 'Taylor—'Views Afoot,' 'Hare—'Walks in London,' 'Coffin—'Life of Lincoln,' 'Southey—'Life of Nelson,' 'Adams—'Christopher Columbus,' 'Sumner—'Alexander Hamilton,' 'Natural Science.

Clodd—'Story of Creation,' 'Ingersoll—'Country Cousins,' 'Miller—'Little Folks in Feathers and Furs,' 'Ball—'Story of the Heavens.'

Useful Arts.

Call—'Power Through Repose,' 'Blakie—'How to Get Strong and How to Stay So,' 'Lincoln—'Cook Book,' 'Farlow—'Young Housekeeper,' 'Century Cook Book,' 'Beard—'American Boys' Handy Book,' 'American Girls' Handy Book.'

Fine Arts.

Clement—'Handbook of Legendary and Mythological Art,' 'Jammison—'Sacred and Legendary Art,' 'Van Dyke—'History of Painting,' 'Hamlin—'History of Architecture,' 'Marquand and Frothingham—'History of Sculpture.'

Bicycle Paths and Special Taxes.

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(To the Editor.)—I saw lately that Colonel McCracken was preparing a bill to provide for a special tax on users of bicycles for public purposes. The late special tax on bicyclists was defeated in the Supreme Court on ac-

BONDS TO BE CALLED IN

SOUTH MOUNT TABOR DISTRICT LEVIES 12-MILL TAX.

Crushed Rock Found Serviceable for County Roads Where the Traffic Is Heavy.

At a meeting of the taxpayers of South Mount Tabor school district, Saturday night, a levy of 12 mills was voted upon the recommendation of the directors, to raise the amount necessary to pay outstanding bonds and maintain the school. School Clerk Gustaf Peterson reported a balance of \$280 available for the payment of bonds maturing this year. The bonded indebtedness of this district is \$6000. The report of the Clerk showed the valuation of taxable property to be \$181,072, and the school attendance 160. The number of children of school age is about 210.

Crushed Rock for Road Building.

The County Commissioners have made a thorough test of crushed rock for road building by spreading it on the Section line road from the 10-mile post westward nearly to the city limits. The result is that crushed rock has been found superior for road work, where travel is heavy, than the ordinary gravel obtained from the pits. When the rockcrusher was set to work grinding up rock at the pit just east of the home of Commissioner Steele, there was objection on the part of farmers to the use of the material on the road. They thought it would make a very rough surface, but this has not been the result. Where the crushed rock has been used there is a firm and compact bed, and the heavy loads are easily drawn. Travel on county roads into Portland has reached enormous proportions. It is said that the ordinary gravel obtained from the pits will not stand the pounding and grinding of heavy wagons for any length of time, and that crushed rock will have to be used on all the roads. Commissioner Steele urged the purchase of a rockcrusher that worked up the material used on the Section line road. The machine will be moved to the Base Line and set to work crushing rock for that road.

Adventist Church Burned.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Church, on East Eleventh and East Everett streets, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. It is known that seven electric globes and 40 cents in stamps were taken, and perhaps some other articles. L. Gosage, the janitor, who had the church go into the church through a window, as one was found open and the doors were all securely locked. The church was thoroughly ransacked and much of the furniture was dismantled and scattered.

East Side Notes.

Bishop Earl Cranston occupied the pulpit of Centenary Methodist church, on Saturday morning. At the Sunday school hour the bishop remained and talked interestingly to the children.

The Christian Mission was opened yesterday afternoon in the building at the corner of East 34th street and Union avenue, under charge of H. G. Odell.

Amos Thompson, father of Charles H. Thompson, is dangerously ill from the grip at the home of his son at Mount Tabor. Saturday night he was not expected to live, but last evening he was somewhat improved. Mr. Thompson is nearly 94 years old.

Mrs. Kenna, a well-known pioneer woman living near the junction of the Powell's Valley and Foster roads, has been seriously ill for some time. Eight sons, four of whom live in Portland, the others elsewhere in the state, have been summoned to her bedside.

There will be a meeting of the taxpayers of school district No. 2, Mount Tabor, on the evening of January 30, to vote a tax to maintain the school and pay interest. At this meeting will be decided whether the bonds falling due this year are to be refunded or paid off.

NEW AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Union County Entitled to It, Says Representative Kirk.

Representative T. J. Kirk, of Umatilla County, speaking yesterday of the proposal to build a State Agricultural College in Union County said he thought Union County is fully entitled to the institution. He said that this same objection can be raised in regard to the Agricultural College at Corvallis, the State University at Eugene, or the Normal Schools at Monmouth, Weston and Ashland. A good deal depends, however, on the condition of the state's finances. We do not yet know what amount will be needed for this Union County college. A large number of appropriations are being asked in aid of various objects, and some of these will have to be turned down.

CHAUTAUQUA MEETING.

Programme of the Open Session to Be Held Tonight.

An open meeting of the Chautauqua Association will be held this evening at the Taylor-Street Methodist Church. Following is the programme as arranged by Miss Lulu Mae Baudemere:

Opening remarks—J. Allen Harrison

Piano solo—"The Old Golden Bucket," Miss Edna

Reading—"Ere the Sun Went Down," Mrs. Guy Richards

Vocal solo—"The Diver," Sidney E. Fadrell

Monologue—"When Jack Comes Late," Miss Florence Walton

Address—"Chautauqua Work," Dr. W. W. Hogg

Vocal solo—"Farewell to Summer," Miss Susan Richards

Reading—"The Women of Mumble Head," Miss Susan Richards

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