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NEW FANCIES FOR SPRING IN

LADIES' HOSIERY

One of the most catchy and best assorted lots of 50c pr novelties we've ever seen, at—
Tasty combinations and two-toned effects in vertical, zig zag and circular stripes, polka dots, fancy drop stitchings and boot patterns.
Fashion is smiling on fancy hosiery again this season and the demand for them will be large.

Hosiery Sale

A clean-up of odd lines that offers large savings.

LADIES' FANCY HOSE

Heavy cotton or lisle, excellent 40c and 50c pr grades to close at
Polka dots, embroidered boot patterns, plain zig-zag, or circular stripes. Kinds you'll want to wear with street Oxford this spring.

LADIES' BLACK

Fleeced-Lined Hose

Good between-season weights, seamless. 12c¹ pr While they last—

Childs' Cotton Hose

Extra heavy weight, fast black, heels, knees and toes reinforced, single or double rib. A small lot; sizes 6, 7¹/₂ and 8¹/₂. While— 12c¹ pr they last—

For a Few Days Only

All incomplete English semi-porcelain Dinner Sets at a

Big Discount From the Price

Most thrifty housekeepers will appreciate this economical chance for dainty dishes. A few prices:

Open Vegetable dishes 14c ea
10-inch Platters 14c ea
Soup Tureens \$1.00 ea
Dinner plates \$1.50 doz

A NUMBER OF

Kitchen Sundries

Also get prices cut. Assamples:
No. 8 Wash Boiler 54c ea
No. 8 Granite iron Teakettle 55c ea
3-quart granite iron Sauce kettle 17c ea

Most women want comfortable shoes, but all want stylish ones.

OUR "LAIRD SCHOBER" SHOES

Are both comfortable and stylish. Their newest ideas for spring now here include TWO FULL DRESS STYLES.

In finest kid, extra high Louis heels, hand sewed, flexible soles \$6 pr

Hand welt soles, bench-made shoes, with narrow, round toes, 1¹/₂ in. concave heels \$6 pr and stain stitched.

MAY CUT LIGHT SERVICE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FUND TOO SHORT BY \$10,000.

Electric Company Offers to Renew Its Contract at \$53,000—Conference to Be Held.

Whether Portland's street lighting service for 1901-1902 will be the same as now or 20 per cent less, depends upon the outcome of a conference which the Board of Public Works will hold with the light committee of the City Council and the officers of the Portland General Electric Company. It was expected that the Board of Public Works would take some action on this year's contract at yesterday's meeting, but it found itself forced to choose between spending \$10,000 more than is available, or cutting out every fifth light, so it decided to await the result of the conference. The electric company has offered to renew the present contract and give the same service as now for \$53,000. The light fund, which the board has at its disposal, amount to \$43,000. Under the relief act recently passed by the Legislature, the Council has power to transfer from the general fund to the light fund. If the Council will not transfer \$10,000 and the company will not come down in its bid, the chances favor a reduction in the number of lights. The board did a big day's business in street work. Contracts for improvements amounting to \$23,154.97 were awarded. The sewer contracts were small, amounting all told, to only \$252. The two largest contracts were for the opening of East Eleventh, between Belmont and East Gilsan, at a cost of \$6677.36, and East Thirty-fifth between Hawthorne avenue and East Stark at a cost of \$2696.25. The improvements of these streets will be a vast improvement to the East Side. The street work ordered follows:
East Thirty-third, between Belmont and East Salmon \$2,479.78
Kearney, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth 485.30
Eleventh between Hall and College 626.66
Eleventh, between Couch and Everett 1,149.51
East Eleventh, between Belmont and Gilsan 8,967.16
College, between Twelfth and Twelfth 1,283.18
Fourteenth, between Burnside and Davis 1,128.37
East Thirty-fifth, between Hawthorne avenue and East Stark, 4,509.25
Davis, between Twelfth and Twelfth 1,111.20
Hancock, between East Fifteenth and East Seventeenth 350.01
Tillamook, between East Twenty-fourth and East Twenty-seventh 332.79
Couch, between Thirteenth and Fifteenth 1,251.55
East Couch, between East Third and East Sixteenth 7,446.00
Total \$33,154.97
The sewer work ordered was:
Safford street, at Mississippi avenue, 160 feet \$4.30
East Salmon street, between East Thirty-fifth and East Thirty-sixth, 135 feet 58.40
East Salmon street, at East Third and Fourth, 150 feet 89.30
Total \$147.00
Bids were opened for the improvement of Main street between Third and Fourth, the block on which the Thompson fountain stands. The plan of the board is for Belgian blocks of the first class, resting on a foundation of concrete, but proposals for concrete and macadam foundations were asked. These were:
Concrete, Macadam,
J. R. O'Neil \$2,208.29 \$2,581.25
Smith & Howard \$2,244.44 2,591.49
O. D. Wolf 4,421.22 2,751.45
As the street is surrounded by public property, the cost of the improvement falls upon the city. The board voted to ask the Council for an appropriation to lay Belgian blocks on a concrete foundation. Smith & Howard are the lowest bidders for the work.

George Vosburg Injured.
George B. Vosburg, father of Mrs. George B. Van Waters, of the East Side, interested in the lumber business in Tillamook, met with a serious accident several weeks ago. He went to Tillamook Bay on the tug hull on the East Side about two months ago, for the lumber company. While at Tillamook Bay Mr. Vosburg was

Eyes tested free of charge by competent optician. Artistic Picture Framing at Popular Prices. Watches cleaned and repaired.

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School Supplies, Lowest Prices

Umbrellas

Two Great Values—
At \$1.50—Ladies' and men's (twill) gloria silk umbrellas, steel rods, paragon frames, choice assortment of handles.
At \$1.75—Ladies' and men's tight-roll gloria umbrellas, steel rods, paragon frames, cases and tassels. Princess, Congo, Dresden and silver-mounted handles.

Also—
SPECIAL VALUES
In Children's Umbrellas
50c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00
All steel rods, fast color.

COMFORTABLES
Covered on both sides with dainty figured silk lining
each \$1.50
The best value you have ever seen.

New Cravenette Raglans for ladies.

Latest Fashion Ideas

Spring dress materials, early Spring millinery, Spring amusements for children, the Lenten table, a Spring buffet, and the latest styles of Spring dressmaking are part of the offering to women in the March Delineator. The ruff which in many forms, has so decidedly changed the appearance of garments in past years, is described in the March number. "The Evolution of the Ruff." The article very fully illustrates and traces the ruff back beyond Elizabethan times.

Liwo The best \$1.50 Kid Glove ever offered. Ask our expert glove fitter to show you the "Liwo" today.

VALENTINES
1c to \$3.00 each

Picture Frames—A Sale
Heavy gold-plated Florentine picture frames at 25% less than regular prices.

JEWELRY STORE
Sterling silver mounted tea bells, special 48c each.

Beacon Alarm Clocks
68c special

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La Grecque Lattice Ribbon Corset

The artistic and classic shapes in "La Grecque" Corsets allow full, deep, lung breathing and expansion. They assist in the development of an erect stately figure.

New Silks, New Wash Goods, New Dress Goods
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INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS NUMBER NOW 10,595.

This is a Gain of 411 Over the Corresponding Week Last Year, With More to Come.

The attendance report of Superintendent Rigger shows a total of 10,595 pupils at the public schools yesterday. This is an increase of 411 over the attendance of one year ago, notwithstanding the fact that about 100 pupils of the Central School are still absent on account of the diphtheria scare. There are many applications to have the absentees transferred to other East Side schools, but the crowded condition of those schools makes it impossible for such requests to be granted. The school attendance will probably continue to increase for the next three weeks, when it will have reached its maximum for the year. The attendance in detail follows:
Ainsworth 87
Albina Central 137
Atkinson 629
Brooklyn 218
Central 1,212
Chapman 423
Clinton Kelly 714
Couch 637
Felling 729
Forestwood 113
Fulton 66
Fulton Park 72
High 82
Highland 109
Holladay 891
Midway 19
North Central 250
The Park 1,212
Peninsular 1,212
Portsmouth 1,212
Stephens 637
Sunnyside 349
Sunnyside 349
Thompson 642
Williams-AV 685
Woodlawn 214
Total 10,595

FLAX IN EUROPE.

Exorbitant Prices for Raw Material Prevail—America's Opportunity.

Residents of Oregon who view the culture of flax with favor will be interested in the following report, taken from the official advance sheets, February 5:
The annual flax markets at Breslau, Germany, December 11, 1900, and at Trautenau, Bohemia, December 13, 1900, were largely attended. While great interest in these meetings was manifested, both by flax dealers and manufacturers, there was very little business transacted, as the prices of the raw material this year has increased threefold, compared with previous years.
It has been said by growers and dealers that four years of good harvests in Europe will be necessary to bring flax down to a normal price.
At the present time, Russian flax meets with no effective competition in Europe; the flax spinners of Germany, Belgium, Austria, France, Great Britain and Italy are chiefly dependent on Russian flax, the production of raw flax in those countries being only an insignificant percentage of their consumption.
To meet the very difficult situation of the flax market and to bring the prices of yarn into consonance with the high-priced raw material, the spinners of Germany, Austria, Belgium and France have made an agreement that on and after January 1, 1901, only 85 per cent of their spindles shall be operated. It is well known that many flax spinners are operating only one-third and others only one-fourth of their spindles.
Austrian flax spinners have united and bought one of the largest Bohemian mills with 12,000 spindles, with the positive agreement that the machines are to be sold and

Meier & Frank Co.

Today, free instructions in art needle work to all ladies purchasing their materials here. (Second floor.)
Largest variety of valentines to be found in the city.

"Food Fair" Spring Goods

Continues to interest thousands. We want every housewife in Portland and vicinity to visit us during the Pure Food show, learn how to prepare many new dishes, taste them rightly prepared by experienced demonstrators. 25 of the well-known foods, cereals, coffees, chocolates, gelatin, etc., to please you for an hour or more.
Then we offer

100 Bargains In Groceries

That means a considerable saving to every economical housewife.

On Thursday and Friday afternoons Mason, Ehrman & Company will distribute

2000 Loaves of Bread Free

To all visitors to the "Food Fair"—small loaves made from their famous Red Ribbon flour.

Ladies' Shoes

Spring styles are ready. The best line we have ever displayed, embracing every style in shoes or oxfords for street, dress or evening wear. "Easelfelt" shoes are the best shoes for women.
Spring styles in men's shoes now ready.

New Spring merchandise rolling in by every express and every freight. In almost every section of the store there's something new to interest you. Advance styles in Spring suits. The new cotton, linen and silk waists, French muslin underwear in grand variety. New wash silks, new foulard silks, new laces and embroideries, new black and colored dress goods, new wash fabrics—latest effects. New white goods, splendid variety new curtains and curtain materials.



"Gendron" Carriages Go-Carts

Every style, every price. A more complete line of baby carriages or go-carts have never been shown in the Northwest. Two carloads of them—steel, rubber or cushion tired, and ball bearings if wanted. "Gendron" carriages are the best built, have graceful lines and are the easiest riding.

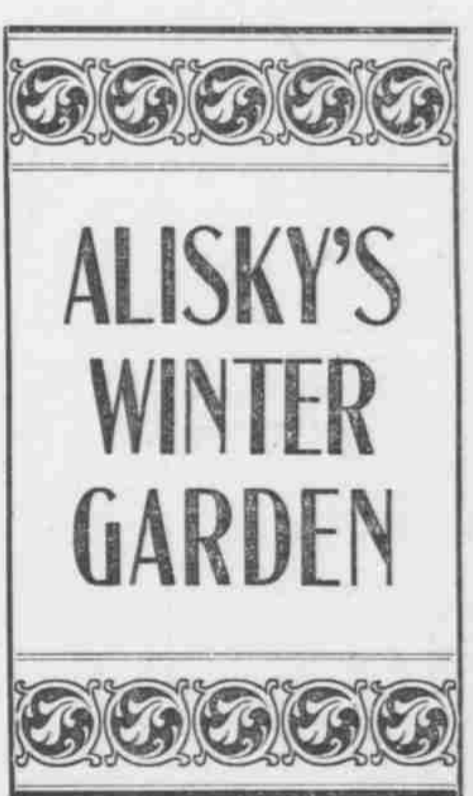
50c the yard

Bargains in Kitchen Goods

3-quart granite iron kettle with cover 32c
6-quart granite iron kettle 48c
10-quart tin dish pan 16c
Tin flour sifters 10c
50c salt boxes 23c
No. 1 Burner oil stove 43c

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JEANETTE LOWRY, WITH "THE ROUNDERS."

Perry and Mr. Terris. "Nothing in It." "The Rounders" Trio, and a wait finale of the first act—all of which are easily remembered, and have become popular successes. In addition to Mr. Seabrooke, there are a number of well-known people who have been seen here in the past, notably: Bertha Wattlinger, Jeanette Lowry, W. C. Mandeville, Jack Bernard, Herbert C. Cripps, Nellie Lynch, Harry

every night. Prominent in the cast is Miss Charlotte Tittle, who is well known in Portland, and who since leaving here has won a wide reputation as an actress. The plays to be presented are all new, and will be handsomely staged and costumed.
The Federated Churches of Sunnyside will erect a union church building.