

OUR ARTIST TAPESTRY & DRAPERY

Tapestry Portiere Sale

Gives easy chance to save money.

Small Lots Worth \$2.50 TO \$12.00 Now \$2.10 to \$9.60 pr

All that's required is to be quick and make selections.

Today's arrivals in Suit room include NEW SPRING

Tailor-Made Suits
Very refined, perfectly tailored, of dependable cloths.

New Cloth Eton Suits
Castor, brown, light and Oxford grays. Jacket has touch of gold and black braiding. Skirt, new seven gored flare; also

Cheviot Reefer Suits
black, well tailored and smart appearing.

New Golf Waists
Red or blue, Oriental effects.

New Spring Jackets
Two forerunners of the season's most popular styles.

Box Jacket
In castor covert cloth with half fitting back.

Coat Jacket
With half fitting double breast front and novelty collar. Material fine gray covert cloth.

SPECIAL SALE OF Kitchen Ware
A stock that's pitched toward the bargain side prices this week. A few hints:
10-qt. water pails 15c ea
Wash boilers 15c ea
2-qt tin coffee pots 10c ea
Dust pans 5c ea
Whisk brooms 9c ea
Dover egg beaters 9c ea
Third floor. Take elevator.

More Novelty Goods for Waists and Dresses
This section grows busier and more interesting daily from our constant striving to anticipate your wants in every way. We touch just two of the season's new popular stuffs today.

Embroidered Linons
in variety of pastel tints, and

Fancy Grass Linens
Natural colors.

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

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—MORE—

FOULARD SILKS

SUELL NOVELTIES AT \$1.50 YD.

By express yesterday we received more Fine Silks. Our collection of Foulard Silks is being constantly added to. Our assortment, already very large, is constantly changing. Visit our Silk counters daily and you will always see some new Silk novelties—Silks that are not commonplace.

A big shipment of PASTEL Venetian Bond
The latest and most desirable Writing Papers shown in all the odd sizes.

HOUSE PAINT
Half pint cans 15c
Pint cans 25c
Quart cans 38c

FLOOR PAINT
Quart cans 38c
Half gallon cans 60c

Enamels 20c can
Varnish Stain 50c can
Brushes, 8c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 35c and 50c each.

The above paints are the same that you have always used, and are guaranteed to give the same satisfaction as before.

Reduced Prices on all BRUSSELS LACE CURTAINS

Meier & Frank Co.

Cheney Bros.' Foulard Silks—best styles, 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 the yard. Advance Spring Styles in Boys' Clothing—new ideas. (Second floor.)

Tomorrow Our 608th Friday Surprise Sale

815 Pairs Ladies' Shoes \$2.12

Regular \$3.00 Values

Tomorrow the first grand shoe sale of the twentieth century. INVEST IN SHOES—don't misunderstand us, this Friday surprise sale is no cleaning up of old shop-worn goods, every pair we are going to tell you about first saw the light of this store not over a month ago; all fresh and new, direct from the factories. It's money in your purse to plan for future needs.

English walking shoes, vicci kid, heavy sole, latest toe, all sizes and widths, regular \$3.00 values **\$2.12 pair**

Ladies' fine dress shoes, patent tip, latest toe, all sizes and widths, the best \$3.00 shoes, tomorrow only at **\$2.12 pair**

Ladies' cloth top shoes, flexible sole, sensible heel, best style toe, \$3.00 kind, **\$2.12 pair**

Arriving Daily
The Newest Ideas in ladies' costumes and wraps.
Shirt waists, madras, linen and silk styles.
Boys' suits and kilts.
New lace curtains.
Novelties in French underwear.
Latest in ladies' neckwear.
"Hawes" hats for men.
Ladies' walking hats—new arrivals.
Foulard silks in dress patterns.
Handsome new grenadines.
Spring lines of ladies' shoes and oxfords ready.

Basement Bargains
Brass and bronze brackets, 10x12, 9x11, and 8x10, 35c values at 23c pair.
8 in. yellow pudding dishes, regular 12 1/2 values at 9c ea.
Granite iron sauce pans, two quart size, at 16c each.
8 inch glass fruit dishes, 13c each.
10 quart slop pail, 22c each.
2 quart granite iron pudding dishes, at 14c each.
Last week of the Food Fair, 100 extraordinary bargains in fine groceries.
"Gendron" baby carriages and go-carts, \$4.25 to \$35.

Bargains in the Cloak Dept.
Cleaning up all odd lots to make room for the new Spring goods arriving daily. These will interest you.
Ladies' tailored suits, about 20 of them in the best styles and materials, were from \$16.00 to \$25.00, your choice at **\$12.85**
Ladies' jackets, box and tight fitting styles, best materials and make, \$12.50 to \$20.00 values at **\$7.85**
24 silk petticoats in the best colors, double flounce, corded and stitched, fine quality of taffeta silk, \$6.50 values, at **\$4.72**

EXHIBITION OF 1905

Articles of Incorporation to Be Filed Today.

THE CAPITAL STOCK IS \$300,000

Legislation to Be Asked for Aid and Congress for a Liberal Appropriation—Assurance of Indorsement From Washington.

The 1905 fair, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition, will take definite form today. City Attorney J. M. Long, president of the joint committee of the Board of Trade and the Manufacturers' Association, left for Salem last night to file with Secretary of State Dunbar articles incorporating the fair for \$300,000, with shares at \$10 each. The incorporators are H. W. Scott, Judge Charles B. Bellinger, L. R. Cox, H. W. Corbett, Henry Hahn, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Samuel Connel, president of the Board of Trade, E. Ehrman, of Mason, Ehrman & Co.; R. W. Lewis, of Allen & Lewis, and J. M. Long. Mr. Scott has been designated to select a name for the fair.

Mr. Long will ask the Legislature today to pass a resolution guaranteeing state aid to the fair and a resolution asking Congress for an appropriation. The amounts will be decided upon after a conference with the members of the Legislature. The large appropriation made by Congress for the St. Louis exhibition leads Mr. Long to believe that a liberal amount will be set aside for the Portland fair and that the Government will make a fine exhibit.

The Washington Legislature has been soundly on the side of the Lewis and Clark fair. Mr. Long says he has assurances that the State of Washington will do its part.

MRS. FISKE TONIGHT.

Will appear in "Becky Sharp" at the Marquam.

Mrs. Fiske's great production of "Becky Sharp," with this famous actress in the name part, will be seen at the Marquam Grand tonight and tomorrow night. "Tess" will be the bill Saturday night. In "Becky Sharp" Mrs. Fiske has a character perfectly suited to her. This character is one that stands out above all others in one of the greatest novels ever written. There is no actress on the stage today—and there seems to be no record of any actress of former times—so peculiarly fitted to give a mental, as well as a physical picture of Becky as Mrs. Fiske. Her triumphs in the role wherever she has been seen has been absolute.

Mrs. Fiske's play is founded upon the adventures of Becky as Thackeray described them. And it introduces many of the more prominent persons that figure in the novel. While "Vanly Fair" is filled with matters of minor interest, the prime interest of the novel attaches to Becky and those concerned in her adventures. Thus, a play devoted to Becky and to them practically exhausts the prime dramatic material in the novel. "Vanly Fair," as its name indicates, describes worldly persons and their weaknesses, their strengths for good or evil, and their successes or their defeats as they are deserved. It is a story with a strong moral, yet is still one of the most fascinating stories ever written.

Mrs. Fiske will be supported by an excellent company, numbering with the extra people that take part in the scene of the ball—and all of these are actors—some 50 persons. The scenery is very handsome, and the scene of the ball, with its many figures, all costumed richly, according to the modes of the time, present a very effective picture. The costumes are particularly noteworthy. They were designed by Percy Anderson, of London, and reproduce the civil and military dress of the day, from the best authorities, every detail being accurate.

"The Eleventh Hour."

"The Eleventh Hour," a comedy-drama in five acts, will be presented at Cordray's Theater next Sunday night. It contains many bright situations and climaxes, and most gorgeous scenery, the

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OLD PUGET SOUND ROAD

MYSTERIOUS RAILROAD ENTERPRISE IN CHAOTIC CONDITION.

Jay Gould Stopped the Building. Most of the Officers Resigned. No Meeting for Eight Years.

Mystery has followed the Portland & Puget Sound Railroad Company from the beginning and today there is as much mystery as ever regarding its exact status. The records of the corporation do not show the relations that are understood in well-informed circles to exist. It has no officers except a second vice-president and an assistant secretary, both of which being held by one man, W. W. Cotton. No meeting of stockholders or directors has been held for eight years or more. When the Union Pacific system went into receivership in 1893 the Portland & Puget Sound was involved in some way, and the officers soon afterward resigned. Since that time the corporation has been scattered, by means of tax sales and in other ways. And even now, when there is such activity in respect to the old right of way and grade, which constitutes the only tangible property of the corporation, there seems no disposition to revive the organization or to take steps to protect its corporate interests.

As a matter of fact, the records of the Portland & Puget Sound Railroad Company reveal very little of the real history of the concern. It is a matter of public record, of course, that it started in Oregon with an authorized capital of \$2,500,000, which was afterward increased to \$5,000,000. The organization was effected in September, 1883. The work of actually building the road between Portland and Puget Sound was begun in June, 1880. Between \$1,500,000 and \$2,750,000 was spent on the enterprise, when, in the summer of 1893, the contractors were called off and the road was left an unprotected orphan. At the annual meeting, June 15, 1893, Jay Gould succeeded Charles Francis Adams in control of Union Pacific interests, and that ended the Puget Sound railroad project. Sidney Dillon was then made president, S. H. Clark and W. W. Cotton vice-presidents, C. W. Mink controller, Erastus Young Auditor, J. G. Harris treasurer, Alexander Millar secretary, and W. W. Cotton assistant secretary. Sidney Dillon died and at the last meeting of the board, held August 22, 1892, Mr. Clark was moved up from first vice-president and the vacancy thus created was filled by the election of H. Y. Thompson. This would still be the official roster but for the fact that most of the officers formally resigned after the Union Pacific failure in 1893.

Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins were a contracting firm that had been affiliated with the Union Pacific. They came to Portland and undertook the survey for the road to Puget Sound several months before the Portland & Puget Sound Railroad Company was organized. They were instrumental in organizing the new company, the incorporators of which were J. H. Smith, of the contracting firm of Hale & Smith; E. T. Johnson, a workman in the employ of Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins, and Emal Adler, a man employed by the contracting firm of Hoffman & Bates.

No official information is available as to just who subscribed to the stock of the company, but it is pretty well understood that it was taken by Union Pacific interests; that is, it was taken by the Oregon Short Line, which was controlled by the Union Pacific. It is not alleged that the Oregon Pacific had any closer connection with the Puget Sound road than was obtained through its control of the Oregon Short Line. The Great Northern Railroad was not then built west of Montana, but President Hill, it is understood, got a great interest in the new Portland & Puget Sound enterprise. It is alleged that a contract or in some way other than by transfer of stock at the time. It is said that one of the reasons for the suspension of work on the road was that Mr.

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cut by the Southern Railway Company in favor of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, and Noble C. Butler, as trustee, to secure bonds for the purchase of the Air Line road, from Louisville to St. Louis. It required \$817 in revenue stamps to legalize the document, and it will cost upward of \$200 in recording fees.

Southern Pacific Still Buying.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—The Call says: "It has been learned that the proposed transfer of the city holdings of the Southern Pacific Improvement Company to the Southern Pacific Company will shortly be carried out. The city properties of the Pacific Improvement Company are estimated to be worth \$3,500,000, and a prominent railroad official stated that he knew the Southern Pacific would pay spot cash for them."

New Position on Canadian Pacific.
VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 20.—The position of the general superintendent of the Kootenay division of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been created. William Downie, local superintendent of the Pacific division, has been appointed and will be located at Nelson, B. C.

Of the 3000 head of beef cattle in the feed yards on Butter Creek last Fall, all have been sold except one lot of 75 head, according to the Pendleton Tribune.

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