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A BIG SALE OF HIGH-CLASS SUITS

For today and next week, we have made big reductions in our NOVELTY AND SAMPLE SUITS. Read these prices: \$85 and \$97.50 suits for \$65 \$60 suits for \$41 \$75 suits for \$55 \$45 suits for \$35

THIS IS A RARE CHANCE FOR YOU TO GET A GEM IN THE SUIT LINE AT LESS THAN MANUFACTURERS' COST.

GREAT PRICE-CUTTING ON ALL PATTERN HATS

A charming collection, that must win the admiration of every woman of good taste. Every hat a work of art, whether from Paris, New York, or our own workrooms. NO TWO ALIKE. These are the prices:

\$20.00 for \$35.00 hats.	\$10.00 for \$15.00 hats.
\$18.00 for \$25.00 hats.	\$8.00 for \$12.00 hats.
\$15.00 for \$20.00 hats.	\$6.00 for \$10.00 hats.

Today winds up Special Sale of Men's Night Shirts

Bes: 75c grades 45c ea at

Plain or twill muslin, silk embroidered or plain fronts.

On Ladies' Kid Gloves

Fine \$1.50 to \$1.75 values at \$1.12 pr

Fancy colors and black, 2 or 3-clasp wrists.

On Ladies' Hose

"O.K." fast-black 24c pr

40c values at

Summer Petticoats CHEAPER

Made like silk ones, in novelty black and white cambric and corded madras. Prime \$1.85 val. \$1.47 ea

us. This week, SECOND FLOOR ANNEX.

Very Important Sale of Ladies' Shoes

\$2.48 pr

For our \$3.50 and \$4.00 HIGH-TOP OUTING BOOTS.

Your choice of black or tan, and Cuban or Louis heels.

THE ACTIVE BUYING CAUSED BY OUR

REDUCED PRICES ON ALL ORIENTAL RUGS

Increases daily. Many who did not expect to buy any of these artistic floor coverings are doing so freely on account of our strong combination of splendid qualities and low prices. Every rug we offer is the ripened product of the art and genius of the Orient, and you can select them leisurely, with the fullest assurance that everything is right or your money back.

THE QUESTION OF SHIRTS IS OF IMPORTANCE TO MOST MEN.

MOUNT HOOD NEGLIGEE SHIRTS

HAVE ATTAINED A WIDE REPUTATION. It's not the result of chance, but the culmination of years of intelligent study by expert shirt makers. The workmanship of Mount Hood shirts shows every touch of experience and skill, with most thorough and honest painstaking at every point of construction. Shaped to give the fullest ease and comfort as well as lasting service. They are made in Portland.

WE'VE VARIETIES TO COVER ALL NEGLIGEE PURPOSES—INDOOR OR OUTDOOR. PRICES 50c to \$2.25 EA.

MAY BE TELEPHONE WAR

EASTERN CAPITAL LOOKING FOR WESTERN INVESTMENT.

Portland Company Approached on Subject of Independent Long-Distance Service.

It plans which Eastern capitalists are said to have in view are carried out, it is likely that there will be considerable building of telephone lines on the Pacific Coast this year. The stimulus to competitive service was given by a decision which Judge Brown rendered in the United States Circuit Court at Boston early in the year in a case involving the validity of the Berliner patent on a transmitter. The court held, in the suit of the American Bell Telephone Company, against the Century Telephone Company, that the Bell Company has not an exclusive right to the use of the transmitter and receiver employed in telephone conversation. Eastern papers said at the time that the effect of the decision would be that capital would become available for investment in lines independent of the Bell Company. The first hint of extensive competition, so far as Portland is concerned, is contained in the following dispatch received yesterday in the Associated Press report:

Warren, O., April 26.—Warren and Youngstown capitalists, who now own the independent telephone system at Seattle, Wash., are organizing a company with \$500,000 capital to buy the independent system at Portland, Or. The same company owns the Birmingham (Ala.) plant.

The independent service at Portland is owned by the Columbia Telephone Company, of which Napoleon Davis is president, and John Lamont, vice-president. Both of these officers said yesterday that their system is not for sale. They professed to know nothing about the men who are said to be backing the Seattle undertaking, but admitted that they had been approached on the subject of long-distance connection for their system. "What we are looking for," said Mr. Lamont, "is a traffic arrangement for long-distance business. We cannot get this through the Bell Company, and must look to independent lines. An independent system is being put in at Seattle. It is the successor of the Automatic Company, which was organized several years ago. Boise, Idaho, and The Dalles, Or., also have independent exchanges. When the Seattle exchange begins business quite a stimulus will have been given to competitive telephone service, and it is likely that all these systems

will organize for exchange of business and for other purposes. Our hope is ultimately to have an extended long-distance service that will cover every point on the Pacific Coast."

The Seattle corporation is known as the McGroarty Telephone System. It is owned by John Smoulder, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., who arrived at Seattle a week ago, accompanied by T. W. Hart, his attorney. Mr. Smoulder says the first work will be to lay the underground system at Seattle, as the franchise requires. After that, the company will reach out for the suburbs and the surrounding country. Mr. Smoulder says that his company will build a long-distance line in Western Washington and Oregon as far as Portland, and then will devise ways and means for getting into California. The Seattle company will not have to build all the way to Portland unless it wants to spend money. Mr. Lamont said yesterday that the Columbia Telephone Company would be willing to pay half the cost of a line to Puget Sound in order to get into that territory. To make the business profitable, he said an independent exchange would have to be organized at Tacoma. The California situation, he added, is rather muddled on account of litigation between the Bell Company and an independent company which is trying to gain a foothold in San Francisco.

GAMBLING IS RUNNING.

Games Being Conducted in Several Portland Resorts.

More or less quiet gambling is going on in Portland. Officially, gambling is prohibited, but as a matter of fact any person of legal age and duly sober can find all the opportunity to "get a run for his money" that he desires.

Naturally, the chief interest in local gambling circles centers in the Portland Club, located at the corner of Fifth and Alder streets. Visitors secured admission into the gambling-rooms of this institution last night without difficulty, though a man was stationed at the door. In a gambling-room was found a faro game, a roulette wheel and a crap game. Not many players were in the room, but all the games were running.

Games are also running in Scott's place, at the corner of Seventh and Washington, and at Erickson's, Blazier's and Fritz's in the neighborhood of Second and Burnside streets. In each of these places a sort of supervision is made of those admitted to the gambling-rooms, and a man is stationed at the door. Thus, in a strict sense, gambling is not "wide open," although the opportunity to gamble is extended to the public generally.

This condition, it is said, has prevailed for about three weeks. The gamblers have not been fined, nor has any other

Another big shipment of the Livo Kid Gloves. Best \$1.50 glove in the world.

Lipman, Volfer & Co.

Saturday Attractions

In the Cloak Room
Petticoats
Made of the mercerized Saten, with tailor strapping and accordion plaited ruffle; in black and colors; special 98c

Taffeta Etons
Black Taffeta Etons, made in the new collarless style; all lined with silk; regular, \$5; at \$6.95

Children's Jackets
Children's Cloth Reester Jackets in red, royal and mode, made with sailor collar and trimmed with braid; ages 2, 3, 4 and 5; special, \$1.55

Children's Reester Jackets
in box coat and sailor collar styles; red, royal, mode; ages 2, 3, 4, 5; special, \$2.85

Children's Box Coats, made trimmed in red, brown, royal, castor; special.

Millinery Store
New Girls' Hats
Today we show a new Girls' Straw Poke Bonnet, decidedly new; in all colors; exclusive with us. New Girls' Straw Garden Hats, with big taffeta bows; exclusive with us. New Trimmed Sailors, Walking Hats and Outing Hats. Swell silk, crash and flannel Soft Hats; shown by us only.

Also
100 New Trimmed Hats
in straw, in etched silk, in chiffon, in fancy braids; black and colors; very special values at \$4.95 \$5.95 \$6.95

1901 model of Rough Straw Sailors; special at 75c
Children's Mexican Hats; trimmed for us especially.. 50c

Sale of Household Needs

At the Notion Counter—piled high—are bargains in washing powder, silver polishes, brass polish, stove polish, laundry soap, candles, dusters, wax tapers, etc., all at cut prices.

Bargains in Lace Curtains, Portieres, Upholstery, and Drapery Materials.

Two Big Wash Goods Specials

Mercerized Foulard at 19c yd
Printed Dimity at 13c yd

Heretofore 30c yd. Heretofore 20c yd.

In both of these special wash goods offerings the fabrics, colors and designs are the very newest and most desirable, most exceptional bargains.

Sale of Black and White Valenciennes Lace

1/2-in. to 3/4-in. Black Valenciennes Lace...reg. 25c doz. yds. at 10c doz. yds.
1-in. Black Valenciennes Lace...reg. 50c doz. yds. at 25c doz. yds.
1/2-in. White Valenciennes Lace...reg. 30c doz. yds. at 20c doz. yds.
1-in. White Valenciennes Lace...reg. 60c doz. yds. at 35c doz. yds.
1 1/4-in. White Valenciennes Lace...reg. 75c doz. yds. at 50c doz. yds.
See display in Washington-street window.

WEDDING CARDS

W. G. SMITH & CO.
Wedding and Visiting Card Engravers
THIRD FLOOR Washington Building
Fourth and Washington Streets
Over Litt's

CLARY'S "THE FAIR" 329 WASHINGTON Under the Imperial Hotel

Ladies' Sleeveless Vests, each..... 10c
Children's Fast Black Hose, extra heavy..... 19c
Ladies' Muslin Night Gowns, 50c grade..... 28c
Gentlemen's Collars for today..... 5c
Ladies' Sun Shades in black gloria..... 8c
Turkish Wash Rags, good size..... 5c
50 dozen Shirt Waists, 50c quality..... 28c
Children's Parasols..... 19c to \$1.00

G. P. RUMMELIN & SONS

MANUFACTURING FURRIERS 126 Second St., near Washington

ALASKA FUR SLEEPING ROBES

FUR COATS, CAPS, GLOVES, ETC.
Alaska Sealskins and Fine Fur Garments Our Specialty.
Highest cash price paid for raw furs.

official notice been taken of their operations. It is said, however, that semi-occasional raids will be made by the police and the gamblers taken into the Municipal court and fined. This has not been done as yet.

The authorities seem to be proceeding on the theory that the recent moral wave, which resulted in the closing of gambling, has subsided, and that the running of games will not now meet with serious opposition. It is asserted among the gamblers that the recent close-up has resulted in knocking all the profits out of the business, now that tacit permission has been given to reopen. Many of the gamblers—that is, the dealers and employees—who were here before the close-up have left town.

LITTLE DRYDOCK ADVICE.

Port of Portland Request for Suggestions Apparently Overlooked.

The Port of Portland Commission thought when it asked for opinions on drydock site, style of construction, etc., that it would be flooded with suggestions from all quarters, but the mail carrier on the Worcester block route has been giving it the go-by. But four letters have been received—one from the Chamber of Commerce tending co-operation, one from Rafferty Bros. offering a site, and the following in an advisory way:

Western Lumber Company, by F. H. Ransom, treasurer.—We think that this drydock should be located within the City of Portland, and below all of the bridges, and so arranged that it will be accessible for entrance, no matter what the state of the current may be.

Joseph Supple, boatbuilder.—It is my opinion that the safest and best way to determine the best location and method of construction of an enterprise of such large proportions as this would be to appoint a committee of vessel-owners and ship commanders and practical drydock men and have them report to the Port of Portland the result of their investigation.

Contracts for County Supplies.
The County Commissioners yesterday awarded a contract for stationery to Sanborn & Vail for \$400. Wyckoff, Seaman & Bennett received a contract for a cabinet and chair, and typewriter supplies, amounting to \$87, and the Anderson Printing & Lithographing Company, lithographing, \$60. The bids of the Kilham Stationery Company and the J. K. Gill Company are the same, and each will probably receive one-half.

Olympia Book Beer.
On tap, April 27th, 1901.
At the following places:
"The Olympian," 148 Fifth St.
"The Nook," 148 Washington St.
"The Brewster," First and Morrison.
"The Bodega," First and Sheridan.
"The Turnwater," at Union Depot.

Hoed's Sarsaparilla is not a cure-all; but it cures all blood diseases. Take no substitute.

Meier & Frank Co

\$7.50 to \$8.50 Trimmed Hats for \$4.95. Today only. (2d floor.) Last day of the great sale of Curtains, Carpets and Upholstery Goods. 50 special bargains in Fine Groceries for today. (Basement.) Usual Saturday evening concert 7 to 9:30 tonight.

This is Children's Day

Today the store is given over to the little folks. Everything in the entire establishment that would entertain or interest them has been put forward where they can see and admire—especially on the third floor—in toy land. Toys, games, and seasonal playthings have been given unusual prominence. For the parents we prepared a most notable bargain feast in Boys' and Girl's Wearing Apparel and Playthings. Remarkable reductions in every line of merchandise for children 2 to 14 years of age. Look this list over carefully; then come early, and bring the children.

Children's Playthings

On the third floor—the children's Mecca—an array of playthings to make every child happy. Then see what a list we offer for today at prices surely reasonable enough for every purse.

The Develine Whistle, 6c.
The Dying Pigs, 3c and 7c.
Jackstones, 12 for 3c.
Great lot of Stereoscopes, 25c
Pocket Dime and Nickel Bank, 6c.
Ready Change Coin Box, 8c.
Kindergarten Beads, in wood box, 8c.
Jumping Rope for 6c.
Steel Garden Trowel for 3c.
Kindergarten Sewing Cards, 7 kinds, 15c.
Bargains in Wagons, etc.
Boys' Clappers, 2c a pair.

See the children's Typewriters in the window. Boy and girl operating. A very useful and inexpensive article. Instructive to children.

Roller Skates, fit any child, 33c a pair.
Good Baseball Mitt, 18c.
Good Baseball Bat, finely oiled, 12c.
Baseballs, "King of the Diamond," 13c.
Auto Tops, will run a block, 8c.
25c 3-pc. Garden Set for 17c.
Prismatic Top, will spin ten minutes, 25c.
Folding Checker Boards, Checkers and Dice Box complete, 8c.
Bargains in all lines of Toys.

Children's Suits and Jackets

Crash Sailor Suits for young ladies 4 to 14 years of age, white braid trimmed, 98c exceptional value at 98c

White Pique Jackets and Capes for children 2 to 5 yrs. Neatly made and trimmed. \$2.00 values, \$1.49 at

Boys' Wash Suits

Boys' washable Suits in crash and striped duck, combination collars and cuffs, ages 3 to 10 years. 63c

Little Boys' Kilt Suits, percales, with embroidery trimming, madras with P. K. collar and cuffs, ages 2 to 3 1/2 years. \$1.23

Boys' percale and madras Blouses in dark blue and medium patterns, 3 to 10 years. 42c

Children's Handk'fs

5000 children's school Handkerchiefs, colored borders, just the thing for them to lose. Buy as many as you want at 1 cent each.

Waists for boys and girls 2 to 12 yrs, a knit jersey waist that is comfortable and keeps a child in form. 19c

Children's Books

Henty Books, cloth bound, 42 popular titles, interesting stories for boys and girls. 22c

Cooper's Leather-Stocking Tales and Sea Tales 10 titles. 22c

Series for boys, 50 titles by well-known juvenile writers; gilt top. 22c

Other bargains in popular books for boys and girls.

Children's Stationery

Pencil Boxes, neatly polished, box contains pencil, pen, holder, eraser, rule, etc. Look and key.

10c kind. 7c
15c kind. 11c

School Crayons, Wax Crayons for general drawing, 28 assorted colors. 7c

Juvenile Note Paper, pink and blue tints, 24 sheets paper, 24 envelopes. 15c

MEIER & FRANK COMPANY