

TO SEATTLE OR NOT?

Army Headquarters May Be Moved From Vancouver.

SOUND CITY'S CLEVER GAME

Departments of Alaska and Columbia Were First Merged—Next Underground Move May Be Made Suddenly.

Every once in a while rumblings are heard that the Army headquarters at Vancouver are to be moved to Seattle. And just as often strenuous denials come from the department at Washington. These rumblings recur with such frequency that many Portland citizens are getting anxious. They are received at Seattle with a silence which looks ominous. There can be no denying the fact that Seattle has its iron in the fire. There is no denying the fact that Seattle has employed subterranean forces in its behalf. But the workings of this city are so far underground that all inquiry about them has hitherto been futile. Only rumors have escaped, rumors which could not be substantiated, neither could they be absolutely denied, except by the heads of the War Department, who declared "no such change is contemplated."

Now the rumor is sounded again. It is no new thing, however. Portland has been on its guard for many months. The Oregon delegation in Congress has had its weather eye open. Every time the rumor revived they bounded to the War Department, where it was deprived of animation for another period. The Oregonian has kept its news bureau stirred up at Washington to get its correspondents to keep a close watch. If the change is made it will probably come suddenly, and be as suddenly announced. Then the Seattle newspapers, now so ominously quiet, will break out with noisy glee.

But will Portland give them the opportunity? Will it not rather stir heaven and earth to keep things as they are? Seattle has friends who know how to pull wires at Washington. They have pulled wires gently for a long time, not so gently, however, that a twitch or two has not been felt in Portland. No denial of this sinister influence has ever come either from Seattle or Washington.

Recently the Department of Alaska and the Department of the Columbia were merged. At the time this was supposed to be part of the Seattle game. Recent events appear to bear out the suspicion. Although Seattle professes to hold all the strings to which Alaska is attached, and to be the great entrepot of Alaska commerce, that city raised not the slightest objection to the removal of the headquarters of Alaska to Vancouver.

Why did it not do so? Because it had designs on the headquarters both of Alaska and the Columbia. In any other circumstance Vancouver would be an out-of-the-way place to Seattle. It is the Columbia River at which Seattle ever sneers.

Portland has desired to have the removal of the headquarters to this city. But endeavor to accomplish this end has been given over because it was feared if the headquarters were moved, they might not come here. Therefore, it was decided to let well enough alone.

The policy of the Government has been to separate Army headquarters from Army posts. The combination at Vancouver is an unusual one. Precedent would, therefore, seem to favor removal from Vancouver. But would it be to Seattle or Portland?

Removal would not retard the growth of the Army fort. The government has one of the best sites in the country at Vancouver. It has recently ordered improvements there which will cost nearly \$100,000. But it would mean that 30 or 35 staff officers would leave Vancouver, the Adjutant-General, Chief Quartermaster, Chief Paymaster, Chief Commissary of Subsistence, Chief Surgeon, Chief Engineer, Chief Signal Officer, Chief Engineer-Officer, Acting Inspector-General and Judge-Advocate. The aid-de-camp would go, also about 30 clerks and messengers, and a number of civilian employees.

AMATEURS AT SHIELDS'.

Scored a Big Hit With Their Various Acts.

Last evening was the second amateur night at Shields' and every seat in the house was taken. The excellent programme which has been given this week was rendered before the amateur acts came on. Joseph Thompson continues to make his big hit in the illustrated songs and his "Stay in Your Own Back Yard" brought down the house. The amateurs also took well in their various songs and dances, and English songs completely won the audience with his turn with the drum. The others who took part in the local end of the performance were: Rastus Hotfoot and Mushy Bill, Little Miss Parker, John Never Ever, Backus Hurst, Miss Oyster Pattie and Emerson. Their stunts were all well received, and some of those present who were used to seeing amateur shows in other cities jilted the amateurs as is done in other towns, but some of the natives here did not seem to understand the joke, and thought that fun was being made of the new stars. Both the Helena and Portland baseball teams were there, but they did not give an exhibition of their amateur ball playing. The regular bill will be on this evening.

NEW CUT BY SALT TRUST

Prices Drop \$2 a Ton on Fine Article, and \$1 on Crude.

It was rumored on the streets yesterday that the Federal Salt Company, or the salt trust, as it is better known, had cut the price of salt again \$2 on fine salt and \$1 on crude salt, making the new prices \$12 and \$10 per ton, respectively. When asked concerning the truth of the rumor last evening, J. S. Harby, local manager of the company, stated that it was a true report, and that the price of salt had been cut according to the above schedule. This will go into effect today. A few weeks ago the prices were \$28 and \$25, but several shipping companies running sailing vessels from here to Europe determined to fight the trust, and to that end loaded their Portland-bound ships with the saline article. This move disturbed the trust people, and they immediately cut on their list prices. From that time on the prices have been dropping every few days, the last decline being that given above. It is not known as yet whether the independent shippers will meet the new prices or not.

Peruvian Cabinet to Resign.
LIMA, Peru, Aug. 1.—The determination of the present Cabinet to resign was announced today. The Cabinet was formed September 10, 1901.

The Sensitive Minister.

New York Press.
It happened in a New Jersey town several years ago. There was a casino, a newspaper, a handsome church, and numerous lovely women, whose husbands were commuters. Said one of the latter: "We have reason to be proud of one thing—we can safely trust our minister. There is not a family skeleton in any closet in—Not every community can say that." Another, less emotional, replied: "I'm not so sure

Store open tonight until 9:30—Usual concert on third floor.

Meier & Frank Company

Trunks and Traveling Bags in immense variety—Third Floor. Brass and Iron Beds—Every size and style—Low Prices. Our "Willamette" Machine is strictly high grade \$25.00.

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Artistic Picture Framing to your order at very lowest prices. Hardwood flooring satisfactorily laid—Get our prices. Entire stock of Hammocks at greatly reduced prices.

35c, 40c Ribbon 25c



Without doubt the most inviting ribbon bargain we have placed on sale in many months—2500 yards of fresh, clean, Liberty Satin Ribbon—4 inches wide in all the most desirable shades, white, cream, black, maize, light blue, lavender and turquoise, every yard regular 35c or 40c value, your choice of this special lot at

25c yard

White Silk fabric Gloves in all sizes. Many styles in fancy Green veiling, suitable for hat drapes.

Shirtwaist Clean-up

Today we place on sale our entire remaining stock of Shirtwaists at prices remarkably low considering the qualities and styles—Not a job lot of Waists two seasons old, but all the newest and most desirable styles shown this season—Not one Waist in reserve but you can pick from the entire stock at the following tempting prices:

All 75c Waists 55c	All \$4.25, \$4.50 Waists \$2.90
All \$1.00, \$1.25 Waists 70c	All \$5.00, \$5.50 Waists \$3.40
All \$1.50, \$1.75 Waists 95c	All \$6.00, \$6.50 Waists \$3.90
All \$2.00, \$2.25 Waists \$1.30	All \$7.00, \$7.50 Waists \$4.40
All \$2.50, \$2.75 Waists \$1.63	All \$8.00, \$9.00 Waists \$4.90
All \$3.00, \$3.25 Waists \$1.95	All \$10.00, \$10.50 Waists \$5.55
All \$3.75, \$4.00 Waists \$2.25	(Second Floor).

Bargains in Men's Wear

Scores of economical men have taken advantage of the splendid bargains in Clothing, Furnishing Goods and Shoes which we have been offering past three days—Today is the last day of the sale—The price pruning knife has been at work with a vengeance with the result men's wear was never so low priced as at present—Note these splendid values:

Men's Clothing

Men's wool Outing Suits in medium dark shades, best materials and styles; the regular \$9.50 suits at **\$6.35**

Men's wool Suits in chevots, tweeds, cassimeres, best materials and Summer styles; \$10.00 values at **\$7.10**

All our extra fine grade of Summer Suits, \$17.50 and \$18.50 values, in fancy and unfinished worsteds, fancy chevots, fancy cassimeres, very best styles and makes; your choice at **\$13.15**

Men's all-wool, fine grade fancy worsted Trousers in new and neat stripes, all the \$5.00 values at **\$3.98**

Men's Furnishings

Men's stiff bosom Shirts in good patterns, two pairs of cuffs to match, regular \$1.00 line **88c**

Men's reversible Silk Neckwear—four-in-hands in green and tan, regular 50c ties for **38c**

Men's fancy Hose in large variety of desirable patterns, lace and drop-stitch effects, 75c grade **57c**

Men's French Balbriggan Underwear—shirts and drawers, all sizes, exceptional value at **\$1.32**

Men's French Summer Suspenders, good patterns, pair **14c**

All men's and boys' Straw Hats greatly reduced in price.

Men's pearl, dove and tan Fedora Hats—bargain, \$1.68.

All our fancy wash Vests greatly reduced—\$1.50 Vests, \$1.10; \$2.00 Vests, \$1.35; \$2.25 Vests, \$1.65; \$3 Vests, \$2.10.

Men's Shoes Very Low Priced

French, Shriner & Urner's viel kid, patent leather and cordovans, very best styles, best leathers—the \$5.00 values for this sale, pair **\$3.95**

French, Shriner & Urner's tan Shoes for men, heavy soles, best styles, regular \$5.00 values at, pair **\$3.50**

Men's \$3.00 Oxfords for this sale, pair **\$2.15**

500 pairs men's velour calf, viel kid and Bluchers in black, best style toe, light or heavy soles, all sizes, \$3.50 values, pair **\$2.85**

Men's patent leather, velour and box calf Shoes, best styles, heavy soles, \$3.50 and \$4.00 values, pair **\$3.05**

The August Linen Sale

Look to the needs of the linen closet, Mrs. Housekeeper—Mr. Hotel Man—There hasn't been a time in many months and there won't be another chance for many months when you can buy satisfactory Linens of every description at such low prices as we are quoting during this "August Linen Sale"—Yesterday's response surprised us—A very pleasant surprise to have such a generous response to a Linen sale in midsummer—The reputation of this Linen store together with the big array of special values was a combination few housekeepers could resist.

Damask—Napkins

John Brown's 64-inch Satin Damask, in beautiful designs, August price, yard **78c**

John Brown 70-inch Satin Damasks in fifty patterns—August price, yard **86c**

John Brown's 72-inch Satin Damask in handsome patterns—August price, yard **\$1.04**

John Brown's 72-inch Satin Damask in beautiful patterns—August price, yard **\$1.18**

22x22 inch Satin Damask Napkins, doz **\$1.92**

22x22 inch Satin Damask Napkins, doz **\$2.42**

24x24 inch Satin Damask Napkins, doz **\$3.55**

25x25 inch Satin Damask Napkins, doz **\$4.20**

Towels

17x32 Hemmed Huck Towels a great bargain at, ea **8c**

19x36 Hemmed Huck Towels—remarkably low priced, each **12c**

20x38 Hemmed Huck Towels—great values for this sale, each **16c**

Hemstitched Huck Towels, 18x34, —best values ever offered at, each **14c**

20x42 Hemstitched Huck Towels, about 40 dozen only, so buy early—a big bargain, each **19c**

Webb's Grass Bleached Irish Linen Hemstitched Huck Towels, 20x40 inches, the best towel in the world—spe'ial price for this sale only, each **29c**

Bedspreads

You never bought bargains like these in Bedspreads.

50 dozen large size white hemmed Bedspreads in splendid patterns **74c**

White hemmed Bedspreads in Marcellies patterns, big value **\$1.18**

White hemmed, satin finish Bedspreads, best patterns **\$1.58**

White fringed Marcellies patterns Bedspreads, great variety of patterns, each **\$1.58**

Fringed Bedspreads in pink and blue, each **\$1.42**

Hemmed Bedspreads in pink and blue, splendid designs, big value **\$1.52**

Toweling

18-inch heavy Barnsley Linen Toweling—very special, yard, **11c**

18-inch bleached cotton Huck Toweling—yard **6c**

18-inch unbleached Linen Crash at, yd, **10c**

16-inch bleached Twiled Crash, yard, **8c**

Tea Cloths

Hemstitched Tea Cloths, 36x36 inches—best tea cloth bargain we have ever offered, **62 Cents Each**

John Brown Table Sets

Our entire stock of John Brown & Sons' fine Table Sets in all the newest designs—Superior qualities at exceedingly low prices during the August Linen Sale.

Tray Cloths

50 dozen Fringed Doilies, size 16x16 inches—a stirring bargain at **9 Cents Each**

50 dozen Hemstitched Tray Cloths, 17x23 inches, fine quality—big bargain, **19 Cents Each**

50 dozen Hemstitched Tray Cloths, 18x27 inches—a rattling good bargain at **27 Cents Each**

Pillow Cases

45x36-in. hemmed Pillow Cases, big bargain, each **9c**

45x38 1/2 in. hemmed Pillow Cases of good muslin—bargain, each **11c**

50 dozen hemstitched Pillow Cases, 50x36 in. at the low price of, each **15c**

81x90 hemmed Sheets of splendid quality muslin, exceptional value, each **50c**

72x90 Sheets of heavy muslin, bargain **45c**

63x90 Sheets, for this sale only, each **40c**

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of that. He's a good looking chap, and impressive." "Have you any suspicions?" "Not of a definite character. But we can test his nerve by inserting a notice in the paper like this: 'All is known; fly at once!'" Accordingly the notice was inserted, in big type, in a conspicuous column, and the minister immediately disappeared. True story, as the London Family Herald would say.

Origin of the Feather Boa.
(New York Times.)
It has long been a popular impression that the feather boa originated in Paris, the birthplace of so many fascinating creations for enhancing woman's beauty. The cradle of the feather boa, however, was a leather factory on Third street, in this city, and it first saw light in 1887, when a girl employed there in sorting over a lot of plumes that had been sent back damaged struck them together for her own amusement. A member of the firm

chanced to see the result, pronounced it good, and the feather boa was born. The first boa sold was bought by Lillian Russell. It was pink, formed of 40 plumes, and was worn by her on the stage in that year.

Thirty thousand Philippines have been vaccinated by Americans.



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