

WILL DRAW UP BILL

Measure Appropriating Funds for Fair Is Outlined.

ALL RIDERS MAY BE OPPOSED

Members of Committee Are Practically Agreed on Restrictions Which Shall Be Placed on Expenditure of Money.

The Legislative bill to appropriate \$500,000 for the Lewis and Clark Fair will be drawn up next week. The members of the legislative committee of the Fair board who were delegated to prepare the measure have put on their thinking caps and their brains are now in gyratory motion.

This subcommittee is composed of W. D. Fenton, P. L. Willis and Rufus Malbury. The gentlemen will meet today to get their thoughts centered. They will not discuss their opinions for publication at present.

"Our common judgment of what will be best for the Fair and Oregon will be approved by the people of Oregon who show their interest in the bill," said a member of the committee yesterday.

"What will you do with the bill, then," a reporter asked.

"Submit it to the Multnomah delegation in the Legislature."

Practical Understanding Reached.

The measure will no doubt meet the approval of the delegation in every respect, because the committee is understood to be familiar with the sentiment of the lawmakers. The subject has been discussed actively for several months, so that a common understanding has been reached for some time.

The bill will probably provide for a state commission of 11 members, by whom the appropriation will be administered. Unless riders are fastened to the bill, the commission will have full power over the expenditure of the money. The desire is to allow the commission to use its own discretion in the apportionment of the fund to various objects. Therefore, the commission will decide itself whether to erect a permanent memorial building. However, it is likely that part of the appropriation will be devoted to an Oregon display in St. Louis in 1904, with the provision that the exhibits be returned to Portland for the Lewis and Clark Fair in 1906.

Wants to Appoint Commission.

The appointment of the 11 members of the commission is likely to be made by Governor Chamberlain. It has leaked out that Mr. Chamberlain will resist any attempt to take the appointing power away from him as an affront to the dignity of his office. The Governor is quite touchy on the question of his relations with the Legislature. Mr. Chamberlain wishes to have a "happy family," and thinks that a Republican Legislature should bear and forbear just as much as a Democratic Governor.

"I talk on my own toes; you walk on yours," is Mr. Chamberlain's sentiment; but, even if it is analogous to Governor Penney's remark that he is a "rider" on the Legislature, Mr. Chamberlain's friends do not think it similar.

H. S. Lyman has a provision to tack on to the Fair bill in the interest of the public schools. He asserts it is not a "rider," but it looks very much like one to some persons. He would set aside \$20,000 of the appropriation to issue a complete school history of the Northwest in about 10 volumes. The maximum price of the books he would fix at something like 50 cents per volume. The books would be distributed among the 3000 schools of the state. The youth of Oregon would read of the histories would return to the Fair fund. Another proposal is to distribute the books free in the schools and have the counties return their cost to the Fair fund.

Object to Any Riders.

The objection is based on the argument that such a function as this belongs properly to the text-book commission, and not to any other; that the Fair commission should not be encumbered with a duty that clearly does not belong to it; that the Fair commission should work according to its best judgment, without hampering restrictions, and that if one rider is admitted, the way will be opened for others.

That the histories would be valuable aids to education is admitted by everybody. That the youth of Oregon should be instructed in the history of this Coast, no one denies. The only dispute is over the method of going about the work.

"The history of the Northwest Coast is just as full of interest and importance as that of any part of America," said a leading citizen yesterday. "It seems to me that the youth of Oregon should know just as much about the discovery of the Columbia River as about the landing of Plymouth or the founding of Jamestown. Our present school histories are written from the viewpoint of New England or Virginia or the Eastern colonies. We need local spice and flavor in our historical studies. We have material abundance of it, for as good school books as are written."

Colorado Is in Line.

More good news from John F. Knapp, who is visiting the Governors of Western States in behalf of the Lewis and Clark Fair. A. L. Mills, chairman of the legislative committee of the Fair, yesterday received the following letter from Mr. Knapp, written at Cheyenne, last Tuesday:

"I am pleased to report that I called upon Governor J. B. Orman, of Colorado, yesterday, and found him entirely agreeable to recommending that their state be represented at our Exposition, either in its regular or special message to the Legislature, and authorized me to report that he would do so. I am pleased to report also that I have just visited Governor DeForest Richards, of Wyoming, and he authorizes me to say to you that he will recommend to the Legislature that Wyoming be represented at the Lewis and Clark Exposition by taking the exhibit from St. Louis to Portland, and that any appropriation made should cover the expenses of both. I have also seen Mr. E. S. Slack, chairman of the St. Louis commission for Wyoming. He is editor of the Leader, of this city. He informs me that he will take a personal interest in the matter, and that their commission can handle it."

CHRISTMAS FOR THE POOR

Volunteers of America Will Try to Gladden 100 Families.

The Volunteers of America have received over \$100 in money and provisions with which to supply destitute families during Christmas week, but ask for an additional \$50 worth of supplies. The names of over 100 persons whose families are destitute are on the list of the Volunteers, and as each box contains food worth \$4, the contributions thus far received are not sufficient to supply all the needy. The Volunteers of America will otherwise be a mournful one.

The Volunteers and the Salvation Army evidently conflict in their charitable work.

"We received many donations every day in the past week, but the contributions in the public schools," said Captain John Anderson, the local secretary, last night. "We find that many people never distinguish between the two organizations, and that, as they have given money to their

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE

OPENING OF HOLIDAY SEASON APPROPRIATELY CELEBRATED.

Popula Give Christmas Programmes of Songs and Recitations With Great Zeal.

The public schools of Portland closed yesterday for the two weeks' Christmas vacation. The holiday was celebrated in almost every school either by an entertainment given by pupils by all grades in the assembly hall or under the direction of the teachers in their own rooms.

The prospect of a longer holiday than usual gave the children added zest in their songs and recitations, and they marched out from the schoolhouses prepared to enjoy their Christmas vacation to the utmost. For "Christmas comes but once a year," and the children did not intend to forget it. In their own rooms the little ones performed better than in the assembly hall, for the presence of the "grown-up" and the "real big" boys and

THE DALLES GIVES \$104.50

Secretary Mitchell Receives Christmas Gift for Sword Fund.

Yesterday morning when Secretary Mitchell, of the Admiral Clark testimonial committee, opened his mail he picked up a large, fat envelope postmarked The Dalles. "I knew it would come," he said, and

BISHOP MORRIS APPEALS FOR CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Episcopal Congregations Asked to Give Aid to Disabled Clergy Fund and Child's Cot Number Three.

THE bishop takes this means of calling the attention of the clergy, and through them the attention of their congregations, Sunday school teachers and children to the offerings appointed for the approaching festival of the nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The offerings from the congregations on Christmas day are for the fund for disabled clergy—and those from the children taken on the Sunday before Christmas or at their Christmas festival are for the Child's Cot No. 3, at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

These are both familiar objects for our offerings at the joyous season of the church; but neither of them has received the attention it should. For the disabled clergy fund, last year only \$200 were given by our whole diocese, being just about the rate of 10 cents per communicant.

When compared with the lavish and increasing expenditures for pleasure, vanity and personal indulgences, what a humbling sum is this for such a high purpose! Will not the clergy use all their influence to bring about an improvement in this matter? There never was a time when this religious festival received so much attention as at the present day, though worldly pleasure seeking and irreligious observances, which are fast turning this sacred season of the nativity into an occasion of hilarity and buffoonery, divested of every Christian sentiment or elevating influence. And we should be on our guard, that we do not allow these trifling and unseemly performances to influence our children and to destroy all reverence and right appreciation of this high festival and its precious associations. I feel that it is a matter of grave importance in the training of our children and the future welfare of the church.

I have spoken of this before, and quoted from a special pastoral of the bishop of Pittsburgh to his clergy and Sunday school teachers, asking them "to give a wide berth to this paralyzing of Christianity, this lowering the nobility of Christmas observance, inserting in the place of the figure of our Lord—coming in great humility to save us from our sins—the burly, jovial figure of a pretended demigod, as patron saint of our children; filling them with thoughts of Santa Claus, with no teaching whatever concerning our blessed Savior.

Bishop Whitehead regards this as a matter of very grave importance; and the evil is as great here as in the diocese of Pittsburgh, the striving utterly to pervert the whole idea of Christmas observance in the minds of our children. Here is one help in preventing this calamity—in this object-lesson, that, properly used, could not fall of good results. But when we see our children and young people lavishing money almost without stint upon their small pleasures and indulgences, at this season, and then observe the small sums given to this noble charity, you will surely admit that there is great room for improvement. And I beg the clergy and teachers to see to it that this evil is not allowed to grow upon us till the whole high purpose of this festival is destroyed.

This last year there were five sick and dying children who had the benefit of the previous endowments raised in this way.

The present value of this Child's Cot No. 3 fund—contributed mainly from the beginning by our children—is about \$1900, which, with its increasing interest, will be a great help toward the final sum of \$4000.

Wishing you all a "Happy Christmas," in the true and proper sense, and begging you to remember that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," I close with these beautiful lines, which I have just cut from the Christmas number of "Mission News of New York":

CHRISTMAS-TIDE

Thou Blessed Babe of Bethlehem!
Whose life we love, whose Name we laud,
Thou Brother, through whose poverty
We have become the heirs of God;

If any act that we can do,
If any thought of ours is right,
If any prayer we lift to Thee
May find acceptance in Thy sight.

Hear us, and give us to us today,
In answer to that sacred love,
Some portion of that sacred love
That drew Thee to us from the skies!

Very truly, your loving bishop,
B. WISTAR MORRIS.

THE LAST SATURDAY

On Which \$12.50 Takes All the Woolen Mills Suits and Overcoats Up to \$15.

The \$12.50 suit and overcoat sale at the Brownsville Woolen Mill store is a bumper, and the big piles of suits and overcoats are going down like a snow bank before a chinook wind.

This will be the last Saturday before Christmas, and people, to get a good selection, should get early.

Today we also cut prices on wool mittens, gloves and sweaters. There are a few pairs of the fine quality socks left, which will go at half-price.

Store on Washington street, between First and Second.

BLACK MONTE CARLO COATS

Today at \$10 and \$12.50.

They are made of heavy all-wool kersey cloth, regular tailor cloth. They are ready to wear, linings warranted to wear two years, buttons stay the same. We are at the head of the procession in this line. No one can equal the variety of styles and well-made garments we show, for we are the only concern who manufacture their garments in the city.

THE J. M. ACHESON CO.,
Fifth and Alder streets.

OPEN EVENINGS AND SUNDAYS

The office of Wells, Fargo & Co. and Pacific Express Company, Fourth and Yamhill streets, will remain open until 10 P. M. until Christmas, and from 12 to 4 on Sunday, for accommodation of holiday shippers.

Transcontinental Trains

Make connections here for all major depots at Minneapolis and St. Paul with the North-Western Line for Milwaukee, Chicago and all points East. For further information, write to rates, etc., to the call on H. L. Sliser, general agent North-Western Line, Portland, Or.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE

OPENING OF HOLIDAY SEASON APPROPRIATELY CELEBRATED.

Popula Give Christmas Programmes of Songs and Recitations With Great Zeal.

The public schools of Portland closed yesterday for the two weeks' Christmas vacation. The holiday was celebrated in almost every school either by an entertainment given by pupils by all grades in the assembly hall or under the direction of the teachers in their own rooms.

The prospect of a longer holiday than usual gave the children added zest in their songs and recitations, and they marched out from the schoolhouses prepared to enjoy their Christmas vacation to the utmost. For "Christmas comes but once a year," and the children did not intend to forget it. In their own rooms the little ones performed better than in the assembly hall, for the presence of the "grown-up" and the "real big" boys and

SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL

Entertainment Witnessed Last Night by More Than 700 People.

A delighted audience of 700 people enjoyed an entertainment given last night in the assembly hall of the Sunnyside School for the benefit of the piano fund. Some time before the program was opened all the seats had been occupied, and still the people continued to come, filling all the available space. The hall is in the new part of the building, and flags were displayed, and there were profuse decorations of ivy.

The programme was made up of a dialogue, "Vice-Versa," drills and court exercises, all of which were given with special interest.

A piano solo was the opening number, and this was followed by the laughable farce, "Vice-Versa." Then followed "The Dairy Song," "The Tale of a Bumble Bee," physical exercises, "The Waters," violin solo by Arthur White, of Sellwood; milkmaids' drill, "Mary's diminutive drill," solo by N. Green, "And Lullaby," dumb-bell exercises and "Babes in the Wood."

All the drills and exercises were given in appropriate costumes, some of which were very quaint. Those who took part had been well trained, and the programme went along with smoothness to the close. The violin solo by Arthur White, of Sellwood, and the vocal solo by Miss N. Green were worthy of special notice.

The great crowd was composed mostly of Sunnyside people, who for the first time had an opportunity of seeing the inside of their new schoolhouse and aiding in the purchase of the building.

Principal E. D. Curtis, the teachers and pupils worked hard in getting up the entertainment. For the benefit of the large number who were turned away, the programme will be repeated Monday night.

WONDERFUL FIGHTER

Deputy Sheriff Convinces Police That County Officers Are Good Men.

"Johnson" came a walling voice from the dark cell at the police station last night. The reporter noticed that it was a voice he had heard before, and he inquired of the jailer who his friend might be. Jailer Johnson was vigorously scrubbing the mud from his clothes. Beads of perspiration were standing out on his face, and there was every suggestion that he had had a hard tussle.

"Was I that man on the police force," said he.

Upon examining the transcript it was found that Ed Rankin, Deputy Sheriff, was confined in the Stygian cell, and that the charge of drunkenness was placed after his name. A crowd of his friends were waiting outside for his release, but would not attempt to take him until some of the effects of the liquor had worn off.

Rankin had evidently started out for a good time and thought a little of the festive booze would make him feel more like enjoying himself. It certainly had the desired effect, for there was never a man more joyful than he became. Soon, however, he got hold of a different brand of whisky. It was evidently a fighting brand, and by the time he reached the corner of Sixth and Washington streets he was fighting his clothes on. He undertook to demoralize everything and everybody in sight. A window in B. B. Rich's cigar store was smashed through, and when some of his friends tried to tell him that wasn't the right sort of thing, he changed his tactics and commenced on them. Danny Welner happened along about this time and declared that he was a police officer, but Rankin didn't care any more for policemen than he did for cigar store windows, and the patrol wagon was sent for.

Jailer Johnson little thought that he was going to get into a tussle with the wagon by himself. When he arrived at the corner of Sixth and Washington he found four citizens holding the man down, waiting anxiously for him to get up. The whole force combined their efforts and threw Rankin into the wagon, but he didn't like the outlook and commenced to fight. Welner and Johnson took a firm hold on him, but he was vigorously fighting. Biting, scratching, kicking and striking, he attempted to free himself. Welner was near the rear end of the wagon, and no sooner had they started than their prisoner was jumping and a violent kick and the nimble form of the detective was hurled through the air and into the street. Jailer Johnson was game and getting on until his assistant could get him into the police car, they succeeded in getting to the station with all the passengers. Captain Moore and a score of assistants came to the rescue and the fighting man was rushed into a cell, where he spent his time trying to induce the officers to listen to his explanation.

"It's no Spring chicken," said Jailer Johnson, after the trouble, "but they can all have my interest in a tussle with that man."

RESTORE COMMUNICATION

Movement on Foot to Repair Cable to Tillamook Rock.

For four years Tillamook Rock has been without telephone or telegraph communication with the shore. A movement has been started to restore communication with the lighthouse. The rock is one mile and a half from shore, and reports from the lighthouse would be a great aid and convenience to navigation.

The Chambers of Commerce of Astoria and Portland are making a movement, inasmuch as a submarine cable has been found ineffectual, some marine men think a wireless system might be used. Others believe that a cable could be laid, but that it would not break. The old cable was made in 1883, and was laid in 1885. It broke in December, 1897, and again in September, 1898, and since the last break has been out of use. The cable was about three-fourths of an inch in diameter. The outside covering was of 15 No. 12 galvanized wires. Within this was an insulation of rubber and gutta percha, containing three copper wires. The cost of the cable was \$1800. The cable broke near the lighthouse, where it was frayed against the rocks by the action of the sea. Owing to the fact that Tillamook Rock rises sharply out of the ocean on all sides, a cable could be protected only at the lighthouse. By following out a trench in the rock and imbedding the cable in concrete, and by otherwise securing the cable to the rock, the communication might be permanently maintained. The telephone line from Fort Stevens to the end of the cable would have to be repaired. This would cost probably \$5000.

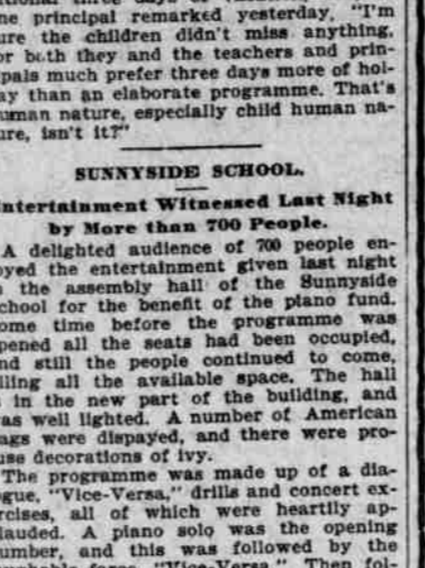
The Astoria Chamber of Commerce

Meier & Frank Company

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Picture Framing to your order—Largest and best line of moldings—Low prices. One of our handsome "Willamette" Sewing Machines would make a pleasing gift. Our display of Leather Novelties is the largest and best the town has ever seen.

Toy Land, Third Floor



If you happened on to the third floor and was close observer, you'd see how rapidly the Toys, Dolls and Games are finding new owners—temporary owners—for they'll change hands again on Christmas eve. This is particularly true of the high-priced sorts—the best toys—for if a child is given half a dozen there's usually one in the lot that costs more than all the rest.

We certainly have magnificent toys. Imported them direct from the toy centers of the world. Great many are American made. We never before displayed so many high-class toys, mechanical and otherwise. Toys in

PRICES UP TO \$40.00

for a handsome Pool Table, Steam Trains, Electric Trains, Steamboats, Autos, magnificent Dolls and Doll Furniture, Tool Chests, Wagons, etc., etc. The toy store is resplendent in holiday attire. Large space, many employes, prompt service and delivery.

Purchase today. We'll deliver any time you state.

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Indian Robes, Bath Robe Blankets, Carpet Sweepers, Rugs, etc.—Third Floor. Don't fail to visit the Second-floor Picture Store if in search of sensible gifts.

Great Holiday Shoe and Slipper Sale

It's hardly possible to conceive a shoe or slipper need of man, woman or child that this shoe store isn't able to satisfy on the spot. The real strength of a shoe store lies in its supply of standard kinds of shoes and slippers for the needs of everyday people. Here this store excels. These special values hold good till closing time next Wednesday night.

Six styles of ladies' Shoes, patent colt, patent leather, vic'i kid, patent and kid tips, also box calf and ca- det kid, light or heavy welt soles, all sizes, pair \$3.00

Men's black velvet Slippers, embroidered in color, black leather back, sizes 6 to 11, \$1.00 value, pair 79c

Boys' Black and Tan Kid Slippers, sizes 11 to 5, \$1.00 value, pair 79c

One hundred styles of Men's Slippers, all leathers, prices up to, pair \$5.00

A pair of J. & T. Cousins' Shoes would make a pleasing gift to any woman or miss. All the latest styles and leathers. Prices from \$3.50 to \$5.00 pair.

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Thousands of useful as well as ornamental gifts will be found in the basement—Fancy China, Silverware, Cut Glass, Vases, Lamps, etc., etc. A full line of ladies', men's and children's Gold and Silver Watches.

Boys' Clothing

Special values in the Boys' Clothing Section for today— Suitable presents given with every purchase.

Boys' Knee Pants, dark blue and mixtures, ages 3 to 16 years, regular \$1.25 98c values for, suit \$1.00

Boys' all-wool 2-piece Suits, dark blue cheviot, gray and brown mixtures, 8 to 16 yrs., \$3.50, \$3.75 val. for, suit \$3.10

Boys' \$5.00 Suits in 2-piece and Norfolk styles, blues and mixtures, 8 to 16 years, suit \$4.20

Thousands of holiday Handkerchiefs at every price—Best qualities. Glove and Hat Orders sold for any amount—Holiday Neckwear.

Stationery

Holiday stationery stock is immensely large—Newest and best shapes and boxes—Hurd's, Hurlburt's, Whiting's, Marcus Ward's famous makes in 1, 2, 3, 4-quire boxes, 6 different shades, prices from 25c to \$5.00 a box—Lea's recipe Sealing Sets 50c and 75c.

Celluloid goods in great variety—Albums, Toilet Sets, Toilet Cases, Work Boxes, Smoking Sets, Comb and Brush Sets, etc.—Very lowest prices.

Thousands of holiday Handkerchiefs at every price—Best qualities. Glove and Hat Orders sold for any amount—Holiday Neckwear.

Meier & Frank Company

Meier & Frank Company

Meier & Frank Company

Meier & Frank Company

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Picture Framing to your order—Largest and best line of moldings—Low prices. One of our handsome "Willamette" Sewing Machines would make a pleasing gift. Our display of Leather Novelties is the largest and best the town has ever seen.

Toy Land, Third Floor



If you happened on to the third floor and was close observer, you'd see how rapidly the Toys, Dolls and Games are finding new owners—temporary owners—for they'll change hands again on Christmas eve. This is particularly true of the high-priced sorts—the best toys—for if a child is given half a dozen there's usually one in the lot that costs more than all the rest.

We certainly have magnificent toys. Imported them direct from the toy centers of the world. Great many are American made. We never before displayed so many high-class toys, mechanical and otherwise. Toys in

PRICES UP TO \$40.00

for a handsome Pool Table, Steam Trains, Electric Trains, Steamboats, Autos, magnificent Dolls and Doll Furniture, Tool Chests, Wagons, etc., etc. The toy store is resplendent in holiday attire. Large space, many employes, prompt service and delivery.

Purchase today. We'll deliver any time you state.

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Indian Robes, Bath Robe Blankets, Carpet Sweepers, Rugs, etc.—Third Floor. Don't fail to visit the Second-floor Picture Store if in search of sensible gifts.

Great Holiday Shoe and Slipper Sale

It's hardly possible to conceive a shoe or slipper need of man, woman or child that this shoe store isn't able to satisfy on the spot. The real strength of a shoe store lies in its supply of standard kinds of shoes and slippers for the needs of everyday people. Here this store excels. These special values hold good till closing time next Wednesday night.

Six styles of ladies' Shoes, patent colt, patent leather, vic'i kid, patent and kid tips, also box calf and ca- det kid, light or heavy welt soles, all sizes, pair \$3.00

Men's black velvet Slippers, embroidered in color, black leather back, sizes 6 to 11, \$1.00 value, pair 79c

Boys' Black and Tan Kid Slippers, sizes 11 to 5, \$1.00 value, pair 79c

One hundred styles of Men's Slippers, all leathers, prices up to, pair \$5.00

A pair of J. & T. Cousins' Shoes would make a pleasing gift to any woman or miss. All the latest styles and leathers. Prices from \$3.50 to \$5.00 pair.

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Thousands of useful as well as ornamental gifts will be found in the basement—Fancy China, Silverware, Cut Glass, Vases, Lamps, etc., etc. A full line of ladies', men's and children's Gold and Silver Watches.

Boys' Clothing

Special values in the Boys' Clothing Section for today— Suitable presents given with every purchase.

Boys' Knee Pants, dark blue and mixtures, ages 3 to 16 years, regular \$1.25 98c values for, suit \$1.00

Boys' all-wool 2-piece Suits, dark blue cheviot, gray and brown mixtures, 8 to 16 yrs., \$3.50, \$3.75 val. for, suit \$3.10

Boys' \$5.00 Suits in 2-piece and Norfolk styles, blues and mixtures, 8 to 16 years, suit \$4.20

Thousands of holiday Handkerchiefs at every price—Best qualities. Glove and Hat Orders sold for any amount—Holiday Neckwear.

Stationery

Holiday stationery stock is immensely large—Newest and best shapes and boxes—Hurd's, Hurlburt's, Whiting's, Marcus Ward's famous makes in 1, 2, 3, 4-quire boxes, 6 different shades, prices from 25c to \$5.00 a box—Lea's recipe Sealing Sets 50c and 75c.

Celluloid goods in great variety—Albums, Toilet Sets, Toilet Cases, Work Boxes, Smoking Sets, Comb and Brush Sets, etc.—Very lowest prices.

Thousands of holiday Handkerchiefs at every price—Best qualities. Glove and Hat Orders sold for any amount—Holiday Neckwear.

Meier & Frank Company

Meier & Frank Company

Meier & Frank Company

Meier & Frank Company

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Picture Framing to your order—Largest and best line of moldings—Low prices. One of our handsome "Willamette" Sewing Machines would make a pleasing gift. Our display of Leather Novelties is the largest and best the town has ever seen.

Toy Land, Third Floor



If you happened on to the third