WOULD BUY NO PIANO

Mr. Coles Squanders Little Money on His Wife.

SHE SUES HIM FOR DIVORCE

Admits Searching His Pockets as He Slumbered, but Says He Threatened to Drown Her in a Barrel.

Marjorie Coles, in testifying yesterday at the trial of her suit against her husband for a divorce, stated that he has plenty of money, but quarreled constantly with her because she demanded enough properly to support the family. They own their home at Montavilla, and also have property in Connecticut. Many residents of Monavilla, both men and women, were called as witnesses.

Mrs. Coles testified that early one morning, before her husband was up, she put her nightgown over his pantaloons, so he would not observe what she was doing, and took them down stairs to ascertain if he had any money. There was $29 in one pocket and $6 in another. She took the trousers up stairs without disturbing the contents in the pockets. Then she said:

"Jim, let me have five dollars."

He answered that he did not have any money, and although she knew he was following in the footsteps of Ananias, she was patient and inquired:

"Jim, haven't you got any money at all?"

Jim testily asked: "What do you want of it?"

When informed the children needed shoes, he said he would give it to her later.

Mrs. Coles stated that her husband kept money in a trunk, but objected to giving her any of it; and she got mad and threw away the key, and he had to remove the lock to get his naturalization papers so that he could vote.

She stated that she asked him for $5 to buy underclothing, and he "flew off the handle and threatened to drown her."

He pumped a barrel full of water from the cistern, and first drowned two kittens and the old cat as a matter of experiment. He then said he was going to get her in four minutes, but she told him to go to "Helena," and threw a saucepan at him. On another occasion he threw a bowl of mutton broth at her. The bowl struck her on the wrist, inflicting a wound which bled copiously.

The plaintiff also stated that she worked at dressmaking and earned money to help pay for their home. She hired a girl to do the housework, and with the money she made at dressmaking paid many of the household bills. Mrs. Coles said she had credit at stores, but her husband grumbled constantly at the size of the bills.

Once, she said, he came home and stated that he had $100. He spoke of an indebtedness of $150 which they owed, and asked her if he should pay it. She answered, "By all means, as the property is worth very much more." He gave her the $100 to pay on account, saying as he did so: "Well, here it is. You can't say I didn't give you $100 to do as you pleased with."

Attorney J. C. Moreland, for the defendant, asked: "Didn't you request him to buy a piano?"

"What! Ask him to buy a piano? No, never! What good would it do me to ask him to buy a piano?"

Mrs. Coles testified further along these lines.

Mrs. Anna Graff testified that one day she was washing at the home of the litigants. Coles made an improper proposal to her, and she hit him on the head with a wash-bowl.

Irene Kirk testified that Coles quarrelled with his wife.

Mrs. Mary Specht was called as a witness, and asked to tell what she knew of a quarrel between Mr. and Mrs. Coles.

"Which one?" responded the witness. She stated that Coles abused his wife habitually, and admitted to witness that he had been a brute, but would try and do better. Coles said it was nervousness. Mrs. Specht expressed the opinion that anger was not nervousness.

Lena Rider testified that Coles cursed his wife, threw water at her, threatened to drown her and broke the neighbors' windows.

Coles denies these charges, and will interpose his defense today.

Attorney Moreland, representing the defendant, in his opening address to the court said it was a pitiful case. There were two children and a home, which represented the hard work of both husband and wife. It was a trifle pathetic, counsel said, when the father came into court in the morning and tried to speak to his little girl, and the mother sharply forbade her to do so.

HOGUE CHANGED HIS MIND.

Petition for Release of Prisoner on Writ of Habeas Corpus Not Needed.

A petition asking for the release of James A. Reed on a writ of habeas corpus, was filed in the State Circuit Court yesterday morning, but was dismissed later in the day, for the reason that Reed who was restrained of his liberty by the police authorities, was set free. The petition stated that on January 19, Reed had an examination before Municipal Judge Hogue on a charge of larceny, and after hearing all the evidence, Judge Hogue said: "I will have to discharge the prisoner. The evidence clearly shows that he did not steal the stuff from the Southern Pacific Company, in fact, the evidence does not show the stuff was stolen at all."

It was alleged that the court thereafter said to the Deputy District Attorney: "Had you not better notify the Southern Pacific Company?"

To this Attorney J. F. Watts answered: "I will notify the Southern Pacific by bringing an action for damages on account of their treatment of Reed."

It was set forth further in the petition that Judge Hogue then remarked: "If that is so, I will not dismiss the case," and held Reed in the sum of $500 bail.

It was charged that Reed was unlawfully restrained of his liberty, but as the Judge of the Municipal Court adhered to his original resolution to discharge the man from custody, there was no necessity of the habeas corpus proceeding.

Seems to Have Suffered.

Suit for $2625 damages was filed yesterday in the State Circuit Court by Abraham Jones, against John H. Peterson, on account of alleged personal injuries. In his complaint Jones recites that on January 16, 1903, Peterson violently, ferociously and maliciously assaulted, struck and beat him on the face and body, cutting and wounding the left cheek, discoloring both eyes and bruising his nose and lips. Jones avers that Peterson kicked him several times, fracturing his ribs, and that he has suffered great pain and distress. Peterson is a well-known logger and Jones is a man 60 years old. John H. Ditchburn appears as his attorney.

Locked Her In the House.

Pauline Leasia has sued M. V. Leasia for a divorce in the State Circuit Court because of cruel treatment. Mrs. Leasia in her complaint sets forth that her husband is extremely jealous of her, and on many occasions when leaving their house has locked her in, bolted and barred the doors, taken the keys with him, and nailed up the windows to prevent her escape, as well as to prevent her friends and relatives from visiting her. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant has on various occasions struck, choked and beaten her, and one time threatened to kill her with a revolver. She says he has accused her of unchastity, and she is afraid he will carry out his threats, and do her physical harm and injury. There is one child 6 years old, of which Mrs. Leasia asks the legal custody.

Property Sold for Taxes.

The sale of property delinquent for 1901 taxes was begun at the Courthouse by the Sheriff yesterday morning. The delinquent list is small and much of the property offered for sale belongs to non-residents. Under the new law property-owners have three years in which to redeem; and the law also affords more protection for tax-title purchasers. There were about 40 persons at the sale, mostly brokers. The county bids in all property which is not sold.

Court Notes.

Daniel Wennerberg has sued A. Anderson in the State Circuit Court to recover $200 on a note.

The Ibex Land Company has filed suit against P. H. Marlay and H. E. Noble to quiet title to 10 acres of land, and also four lots in North Albina, and four lots in Cole's Addition.

A motion for a new trial in the case of James Stanley, alias Doc Sheehan, and Hugh Traynor, alias John Harris, who buncoed the Louth brothers, was argued before Judge Sears yesterday and was continued for further hearing.

Susanna Schmidt has commenced suit in the State Circuit Court against Louis Schmidt for a dissolution of the matrimonial bonds, and for the custody of their minor child. They were married in Portland on November 26, 1888, and she avers that he abandoned her in August, 1901.

HE FINALLY EXPLAINED.

Excitable Man Is Afraid of Being Shot by Careless Boys.

"The lives of the people who live near Guilds' Lake are in danger, and we want the protection of the police," said Anton Ganderson yesterday, as he came rushing into the police station.

"Why, see here," and he drew a small 22-caliber bullet out of his pocket, "I found this in my front door this morning. The boys hunt birds in that community and take no care in which direction they shoot."

"Your address?" said the captain.

"And they like to scare people, too," continued the Scandinavian, so wrapped in his story that he did not hear the question that was put to him. "When they see people walking along the street they shoot in their direction because they think it fun to see them jump when the bullet whizzes past them. My little girl was coming home the other night and the bullet just missed her nose."

"Do you know their names?" asked the captain.

"We are in the city limits, and we are taxpayers, and we want protection."

"Can you find the boys."

"I don't care how much they shoot, but I want them to be careful of people's lives," continued the excited man.

"Do you know who the boys are?" roared the captain at the top of his voice.

"No, but I know where they live, and I want you to make it hot for them. There is no use—"

"Where can an officer find you? What is your number?"

"I have no number, but I am in the city limits, and I am a taxpayer, and I pay for protection and—"

"Answer my questions," said the captain. "Where can an officer find you when we send him out?"

"I live just below Smith & Howard's rock quarry. You can't miss it. Why that is the same place where there was a lady hit in the foot some time ago, and she was laid up in the hospital for about six months. Just think of it, all because those boys are allowed to shoot at people and at their houses."

"I'll attend to it," said the captain, and the man turned to a bystander and commenced to tell of the awful danger he was in.

GOT HIS MONEY FIRST.

Then Mr. McIntyre Remembered His Duty to the State.

After having accepted $10 as compensation for a number of articles that were stolen from his daughter, C. M. McIntyre yesterday prosecuted a criminal charge against Charles Roach, who stole the things.

"I gave McIntyre $10," said young Roach's father. "At the time I gave it to him I asked: 'Now what is this $10 for?' To pay me for the things that were stolen,' he said. 'All I want is my money back. I have children of my own, and I feel as bad about your boy's guilt as you do. Upon my word of honor, I promise you that I will not prefer charges against the boy.'" And at this Roach bestowed upon the complaining witness a look of contempt, and his expression showed that he felt his position deeply.

"Yes," he said in response to a question from the Judge, "my boy stole the things. When I asked him about it he broke down and confessed to me. There was another boy with him, and I think my son was led into it. He has always been a good boy, and has never had any trouble before."

The Judge wore a puzzled look. "I am sorry for the boy," he said, "and I do not know what is the best thing to do in his case. I do not like to send him to the county jail, nor do I like to send him to the Reform School. He admits that he is guilty of even a graver crime than he is charged with. He is only charged with larceny, and admits that he is guilty of burglary."

McIntyre wore a stern look and a haughty smile played about his face, as if this was just the time he had been looking for. He made no attempt to deny that he had taken $10 in settlement for the things that were stolen nor that he had promised not to prosecute the case. His allowing it to be settled, however, had no influence upon the Judge's decision as to the guilt of the boy.

After some deliberation the Judge decided to let the matter stand until an effort could be made to find the boy who was with Charlie Roach at the time the burglary was committed.

OUR ANIMAL ANCESTRY.

Professor Hutchinson Talks to Large Audience About Evolution.

In a lecture on "The Process of Evolution" at the Ancient Order United Workmen Hall last night, Dr. Woods Hutchinson entertained a large audience with a non-technical talk that was frequently interrupted with applause. He said that there was no longer such a thing as a theory of evolution; that evolution was now an accepted fact. He contended that it was not contrary to the teachings of Scripture, and one of the best hits of his talk was this:

"Mostly the unthinking portion of mankind reject a belief in evolution because they think it gives them an animal ancestry. Just why they should do this is not clear, for if we seek for such virtues as perseverance, fidelity, truth, affection and integrity we find them highly developed in the animal. And we do not find an animal who drinks whisky or lies or gambles or beats his wife. We do not descend from the monkey, however. The human family and the monkey family split from the common tree of life many thousands of years ago, and each today is a perfect distinct species. But that old rumor that Darwin made our remote parents out to be chimpanzees continues to worry a majority of the world's human inhabitants."

It was announced that among the other lecturers to take part in the series would be Dr. Emil Hirach, of Chicago.

BOARD ENDS WORK

Water Committee Meets for the Last Time.

CHAIRMAN CORBETT REPORTS

Calls Attention to the Fine Water System Given the City, and Expresses Confidence in Ability of New Water Board.

The final meeting of the Water Committee was held yesterday afternoon, and was attended by Chairman Corbett and Messrs. Bates, Haseltine, Josephi, Knapp, Ladd, Lewis, Raffety and Teal. Chairman Corbett then presented the following report:

Portland, Or., Jan. 17, 1903.—The Water Committee of the City of Portland, Or.—Gentlemen: I herewith submit the report of the receipts and disbursements by the committee during the last quarter of the year 1902, the inventory of property in possession of the operating department at the close of the year, and the statements of the receipts and disbursements by the operating and constructing departments during the entire year, and also during the entire period that the water works have been owned by the city. If they meet with your approval, they will be signed by the chairman and clerk and filed with the Auditor for publication, as required by the charter.

The following is a summary of the reports of the operating department:

Cash receipts during 1902		$346,594 65
Operation and repairs	$ 47,812 18	
Interest on bonds	160,000 00	207,812 18
Balance paid Treasurer		$138,782 47

The apportionment of the above receipts is as follows: 13.8 per cent for operation and repairs (including $2449 for additional meters, $6096 for rebuilding wagon bridge near head works, and $650 for renewing roof of Palatine pumping station), 46.2 per cent for paying interest on bonds, and 40 per cent net profit applied towards the purchase of the Albina water works and extending water mains.

The reports of the constructing department show as follows:

Balance on hand December 31, 1901		$142,240 19
Received from operating department in 1902		138,782 47
Total		$281,022 66
Disbursements.		
Albina water works	$176,144 00	
Extending water mains	68,876 42	
Reservoirs	1,681 76	
Submerged pipes	410 34	
General expense	3,297 13	$250,409 65
Balance with Treasurer December 31, 1902		$ 30,613 01

If it had been possible to obtain pipes in time, this balance would have been expended in further extensions of mains before the close of the year. A portion of it might have been used for the final payment for the Albina water works, $25,000 due on or before February 1, 1904, with 5 per cent interest, but it was deemed better to use all available funds for supplying the rapidly increasing need for more water mains. Five miles of new mains, 6, 8, 10, 14 and 20 inches in diameter, were laid during the year 1902, making the total length of street mains 197 miles, including 39 miles of mains less than four inches in diameter.

The engineer of the committee reports that during the year 1902 there was no appreciable movement of the land west of the park reservoirs, and that the slide has been stopped by draining away the water beneath it by means of the tunnels on the bedrock. These tunnels should always be maintained, and, to make them permanent, the timber lining should be replaced with a permanent drainage system of concrete sewers and tiling.

If the condition of the land should remain as satisfactory as it is now throughout the present rainy season, the engineer thinks it will be safe to proceed with the work of reservoirs repairs during the coming Summer.

The estimated cost of repairing both of the reservoirs is $57,000, but, because of the need of funds for extending mains, it may be advisable to repair but one reservoir this year.

The following is a summary of the estimated cost of the various projects under consideration:

Distributing and reinforcing mains already planned	$100,000
Additional distributing mains during 1903 petitioned for	40,000
Drainage tunnels, permanent structure	12,000
Repairs of one reservoir	31,000
Total	$183,000

With the $30,600 on hand December 31, 1902, and the $140,000, the estimated net receipts for water sold during 1903, there will be, approximately, $170,000 available for the above described extensions and betterments.

In conclusion, as this is probably the last meeting of the water committee as originally constituted under the act of the Legislature, for supplying the City of Portland with pure and wholesome water, allow me to congratulate you upon the faithful performance of your duties under the act, whereby you have not only performed this trust faithfully in furnishing such water, but in great abundance, and have greatly reduced the price. I may say that the committee, as constituted, has been so faithful in the discharge of its duties that no breath of scandal has ever been connected therewith. No one has ever sought to use his position for private gain, always considering and bearing in mind that it was a public trust, in which every one took pride.

It was the intention when the committee was created that, as the work of the committee should be finished and completed, a commission of a smaller number would be appointed for the purpose of continuing the work under such commission for the benefit of the community. The Legislature, under the new charter, which will soon go into effect, provides for this commission, and we are about to relinquish our trust to the four Commissioners and the Mayor for continuing the work so auspiciously begun. While the works are not complete in every respect, the wise selection of the commission that will take charge—having been intimately connected with us in the past, therefore well acquainted with the duties to be performed—makes me sure that every care will be taken to perform their good offices in the interest of the entire community. We therefore leave this matter in their hands, in full confidence in their faithfulness to discharge the trust imposed upon them.

I wish also to add a few words of commendation of the work performed by our faithful superintendent and clerk, and also the engineer in charge, who have so faithfully discharged their important duties.

H. W. CORBETT, Chairman.

The annual report of Treasurer L. A. Lewis was presented and was adopted. Its principal features were embodied in the report of W. T. Branch, the expert accountant who had been engaged to examine the reports of the committee, and whose report was as follows:

To the Honorable Members of the Water Committee, City of Portland, Or.—Gentlemen: In accordance with your request and appointment, I have the honor to report that I have audited the accounts of your committee, both in the matter of extension of mains and construction and the sources of all revenues and expenditures under the supervision of your subcommittee for the year 1902, and I find the same to be correct. A correct account has been kept of all receipts and vouchers for all expenditures of moneys during the year 1902 are on file in the office of your committee. I have also audited the Treasurer's account, and find the same to be correct and to agree with the books of the general office as kept by Frank T. Dodge. The balance of cash in the hands of the Treasurer, as shown by the books December 31, 1902, is $30,613 01. On the 12th day of January, 1903, there stood to the credit of your Treasurer in the First National Bank the sum of $29,860 23, and to his credit in Ladd & Tilton's Bank the sum of $752 84, a total amount of $30,613 07. The cash book on this, the 20th day of January, 1903, which includes the amount on hand January 1 and the receipts up to and including January 19, calls for the sum of $30,392 30. This amount I find to be correct, having counted the cash on hand in possession of Frank T. Dodge.

In this connection, permit me to say that having audited the accounts of the water committee from the time of its first organization down to the present time, I believe I am in a position to say that the statement of all the earnings, receipts and disbursements by the water committee of the City of Portland, Or., and the subcommittee on water works, operating the works from November 25, 1895, when the committee was appointed by act of Legislature, until December 31, 1902, as furnished to you this day by Frank T. Dodge, shows a correct and complete statement of all such earnings, receipts and disbursements. Respectfully submitted, W. T. BRANCH.

Portland, Or., January 20, 1903.

The committe then held a sort of a quiet conversational session, and reference was made to the 18 years which Chairman Corbett had served as a member of the committee. The talk then ran into a discussion as to the probable approval of the city charter by Governor Chamberlain and as to the appointments to the new Water Board of Messrs. Ladd, Raffety, Lewis and Josephi. Mr. Teal, as usual, made some remarks that would lead the chairman to believe that he was going to propose a motion of an entirely different sort, and then he introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the water committee be extended to the chairman for his uniform courtesy and fairness as presiding officer, and that the committee express its satisfaction at the efficient and faithful work and conduct of the business of the committee under the charge of the superintendent and clerk.

The motion was carried, and after the adjournment Mr. Teal said to Mayor Williams: "You could not appoint all the old members to the new commission, but we hear that you will give fine dinners to those who got left."

"No, Mr. Teal," laughed the Mayor, "the new members of the board will have to give those dinners."

SMALL BOY IS SKEPTICAL

Professor E. M. Lance Tells Him "Whoppers" About the Sun.

"That professor," said a small boy at the Russellville School, yesterday, in a voice vibrant with disgust, "that professor don't know nothing." And he shot about four withering glances at Professor E. M. Lance, the principal, who was delivering a lecture on "Astronomy" to the pupils.

The pedagogue was endeavoring to instill a thirst for knowledge into the rising generation, but achieved his most complete success in convincing some of his juvenile audience that he was dwelling in an abysmal ignorance of things solar, lunar, stellar and astronomical.

"The sun," said Professor Lance, with the true oratorical inflection, "is 95,000,000 miles away from us."

Not being prepared to argue this point, the small boy accepted it with a vague but inarticulate distrust, and the learned man, who had told the school children to question him freely, proceeded uninterrupted.

"Ninety-five million miles," said he, "is so great a distance, that if a boy had an arm long enough to reach the sun, it would be many thousand years before he knew he was burnt." And the pedant paused benignantly that his illustration might percolate the mental jungle before him.

It was at this juncture that the small boy reached the stage of indignation which demands a verbal outlet. He rose from his seat, as Mr. Lance had invited the curious to do, and sought the speaker's eye.

"How is that?" said the small boy with the forceful brevity of language which belongs to the young, the unlettered and the foreign-born. "How can it be? If I put my hand on the stove I know it right away. Isn't the sun just as hot as a stove?"

The professor carefully explained the matter to the skeptic, who resumed his seat, vanquished by the mellifluous verbiage of the lecturer, but unconvinced. His distrust of Mr. Lance as a leader in the paths of knowledge was rapidly growing. And then the schoolmaster turned to the subject of gravitation.

"Were the force of gravitation suspended for one brief moment," said the imaginative professor, "everything on the earth would immediately fly off into space at an inconceivable velocity."

At the risk of invoking a very material wrath upon himself, the doubting Thomas in the rear seat once more rose.

"Where would we go to?" he asked.

About this time the lecture adjourned.

HE LOST HIS JOB.

Negro Waiter Who Assaulted Two Chinamen Is Fined.

For assaulting two Chinamen, Simon Jones, a colored employe of the Portland Hotel, will have to pay a fine of $50. Moreover, he has lost his job. Lee Pooa and Ye Yoon, the two injured Chinamen, exhibited their scratches before Judge Hogue yesterday, and it was decided that the colored gentleman had used entirely too much violence. The two Chinamen concerned wait on the hired help at the Portland Hotel, and a few days ago got into a row with Simon. A complaint was sworn to by the Chinamen, and yesterday the case appeared in the Municipal Court. An attempt was made by the defense to prove that one of the Chinamen had seized a butcher knife and rushed at Jones, but the Judge's decision showed that he did not take much stock in that part of the story. "Twenty-five dollars for each offense," he announced.

"I will appeal the case," said the negro's attorney.

"The bail, in that case, will be $60," said the Judge.

"That is pretty high bail," interrupted the attorney. "He is working there at the hotel."

"Are you working at the hotel?" asked the Judge.

"No,' replied Jones, with a sorrowful look, "I lost my job, too."

VALUABLE BOOK.

Prisoner Uses It to Tell His Name in Police Court.

"What's your name?" asked Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Adams yesterday as a dignified-looking man, charged with being drunk, was led before Municipal Judge Hogue. The man fidgeted about as if something was bothering him, looked from one to the other, then reached into his pocket and drew out a large book. Turning the leaves over carefully, he finally found the place he was looking for.

"There," said he in triumph, "that's my name," and he pointed to a carefully written name in the book.

"Yes," said he, "I plead guilty to the charge of being drunk, but I want to tell your honor ——"

"Five dollars," said the Judge. "Next case.

With a startled look the man made another dive for his book, and turning the leaves over carefully until he found the proper place, announced that he would pay the fine.

Not Bankrupt Yet.

The petition in bankruptcy of H. G. Miller, objections to which had been filed in the United States District Court, was referred yesterday to Albert Abraham, referee in bankruptcy at Roseburg, for investigation. Objections have been filed to the petition on the ground that Miller had not accounted for all the property which he is reported to have possessed.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth,

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

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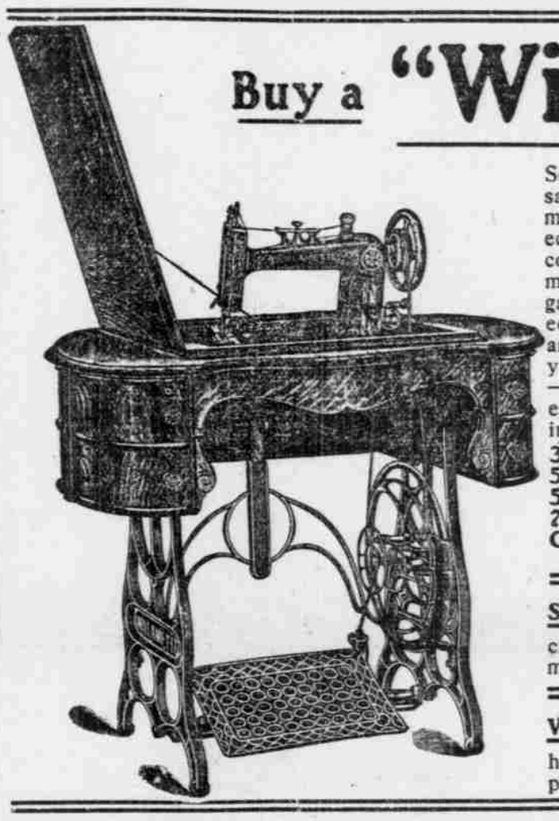
Odd pairs of Lace Curtains—One, two and three pair lots at one-third off regular price.
Picture Framing to your order at 25 per cent discount from regular prices—Second Floor.
Trunks, Traveling Bags, Suit Cases, Telescopes—Every good size and style—Special prices.

The Clearance Sale

Of 1903 is fast approaching the end. Ten days more in which to take advantage of the greatest bargains of the year in all lines of merchandise. This clearance sale will go into history as the largest and most successful ever held in the Far West. Right from the first hour huge throngs of eager buyers have crowded every department. More merchandise, better merchandise and greater bargains than ever before. No matter what you want in wearing apparel or household furnishings, there's money to be saved by taking advantage of our great clearance sale.

Brass and Iron Beds, Springs, Mattresses, Pillows, etc., at clearance prices.
Blankets and Comforters at exceptionally low prices during the clearance sale—Third Floor.
All kinds of Carpets and Rugs greatly reduced during the sale.

Buy a "Willamette"



Sewing Machine during the clearance sale if you want a strictly high-grade machine at the lowest prices ever quoted. The "Willamette" embodies in construction the best workmanship and materials the market affords. In elegance, simplicity and durability it has no equal. Every machine full ball-bearing and guaranteed for ten years. We want you to see them before buying elsewhere—Compare the "Willamette" with others. It sells upon its own merits. During clearance sale these prices prevail.

3-Drawer, Box-Top at	$20.00
5-Drawer, Box-Top at	$21.00
5-Drawer, Drop-Head at	$22.25
7-Drawer, Drop-Head at	$23.00
Crescent Cabinet, 5-drawer	$24.25

(SECOND FLOOR.)

SHOE BARGAINS Extraordinary for men, women and children—Shoes of quality and style at marvelously low prices.

WHITE SALE Of ladies' Undermuslins and infants' wear; hundreds of bargains in all lines—Supply yourself at present prices.

The New White Goods

Have you seen the rich new White Waistings at Meier & Frank's? That's the question hundreds of Portland women have been asked the past two days—Sunday's announcement of the arrival of the new White Fabrics brought scores of lookers and buyers—Never sold so many white goods before in January—All are imported English Waistings—Best that will be shown this season.

Beautiful conceptions in Satin Damasks, Cheviots, Oxfords, Basket Weave Vestings, plain white grounds and plain white, embroidered whites, woven whites—About 70 patterns for choosing, which is exceedingly good for so early in the season—They are worth seeing even if you have no intention of buying—Prices during the clearance sale are

Per Yard—23c, 36c, 46c, 52c, 57c, 67c—Per Yard

The American-made White Fabrics promise to be the most beautiful ever shown—Pricing up to $3 yard—If the mills keep their word we'll have them for you in a week or ten days.

We are showing about thirty styles in the new Imported 1903 Fabrics in colored and fancy figured—Advance guard.

Reductions In The Cloak Store

Offerings are interesting the masses—Tempting bargains in Jackets, Suits, Waists, Wrapper Dressing Gowns—All new, desirable goods, every garment priced at lowest point of entire ye

Silk Waist Reductions

Our entire remaining stock of Silk Waists at surprising reductions—High-class novelty Silk Waists at less than cost.

$3.75	Waists, now only $2.67
$4.50	Waists, now only $3.55
$5.00	Waists, now only $3.55
$6.50	Waists, now only $4.75
$7.00	Waists, now only $5.15
$7.50	Waists, now only $5.25
$8.00	Waists, now only $5.75

All our fine quality French Flannels and Prunella Waists at very low prices.

$4.50 Waists $3.55	$5.50 Waists $4.45
$6.50 Waists $4.92	$5.00 Waists $3.95
$6.00 Waists $4.72	$7.00 Waists $5.25

Flannel Waists in best patterns and styles.

$1.25 Waists now $ .89	$1.50 Waists now $ .98
$1.75 Waists now $1.22	$1.95 Waists now $1.32
$2.25 Waists now $1.55	$2.50 Waists now $1.72

Garment Section

Offers rare bargains in Jackets, Suits, Skirts, Walking Suits and Skirts—A larger and better assortment to choose from than can be found anywhere else on the Pacific Coast.

Children's Cloaks

At greatly reduced prices—All high-class Novelty Coats at a sacrifice—Children's Dresses and Blouse Suits less than cost.

Robes and Dressing Sacque

Eiderdown Sacques and Dres ing Robes, satin trimmed, si frogs, cord and tassel.

$4.50 Robes, now only $3.2
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