

### POLICE ARE WEARY

#### Wholesale Resignations Are Threatened by Patrolmen.

### NEW UNIFORMS TOO COSTLY

#### Old Officer Resigns, Saying Chief Treated Him Unfairly—Another Says Arrests Are Useless, as Chief Releases Prisoners.

Wholesale resignations are threatened by members of the police force. Two have resigned within the past ten days on account of alleged unfair treatment and a dozen others yesterday declared their intention to follow their example unless present methods were changed.

The last man to hand in his star is Fred Mallett, a patrolman of five years' experience. W. H. Gabriel resigned the week before. R. H. Austin resigned last week to take a special boat as watchman. These three men were among the most experienced on the force and their places are hard to fill.

The orders of Chief Hunt and the police committee as to the new uniforms are the cause of dissatisfaction with most of the men. They have been ordered to buy a long military cape, costing \$15. They say that, as this is not waterproof, they will be forced to buy a rainproof cloak in any case. So they have protested against the military cape which, so the men believe, tickled the fancy of General Bebee.

A different spirit pervades the police department from that of six months ago. Suspicion reigns supreme. Every one is afraid to say anything openly, even when only officers are present.

"Why, the men can't be afraid of any one," says Sig Sichel, of the police committee. "This town is under civil service now." But about all the policemen think of the civil service is the examination.

#### Useless to Make Arrests.

"Think I'll make any more arrests than I can help? Not me," said an officer of the second night relief, who has been in the department for years. "What's the use of my making any arrests when nine times out of ten those I arrest are dismissed next morning by the Chief. Then I get the horse laugh. Why, I hate to arrest any one now, only when I have to."

"Even if the Chief doesn't dismiss the case, it is continued and continued in the Municipal Court until we lose most of our money waiting for the court to witness. Look at the case of that ex-convict, Peter Adams, that Officer Robson arrested at the head of Lovejoy street one night. He had a gun and was standing behind a tree waiting for some one to come along that he might hold him up. He was a hold-up man sure enough, but his case was continued and continued while Robson had to lose sleep every morning waiting for the court. When the case was called, Peter Adams was not there. He had done some work for a detective, so had been let go. That was another 'escape,' I guess."

#### Old Officer's Grievance.

Mallett's complaint was that he had been transferred to a round beat in the outskirts of the city, whereas he thought that as an officer of five years' experience he should be down town. His horse threw him a short time ago, and he says that he was forced by Chief Hunt to return to work before able to walk readily. He handed in his star Sunday evening. His resignation as filed with the police committee is as follows:

Portland, Oct. 12, 1903.—To the Hon. Board of Police Commissioners.—I hereby tender my resignation, to take effect immediately. I regret that it has become necessary to take this step, but owing to the unfair treatment accorded me by the Chief, I feel that I am justified in doing so. Thinking you all for all you have done for me, I remain, respectfully yours, FRED MALLET, Patrolman.

### WANT NEW ELECTRIC LINE

#### Property-Owners Petition for Extension of Portland Railway.

There will be another electric railway through to Mount Tabor and Montavilla if the wishes of the property-owners and residents on the Base line road, as expressed in a petition, are complied with.

For some time G. W. Gay and his associates have been industriously circulating a petition along the proposed route eastward from East Twentieth street asking the County Court to grant a franchise for a line to Montavilla. The petition calls for a franchise on the Base line road past the West-avenue schoolhouse postoffice and Baptist Church, over what is called the hill road to Montavilla. Another branch of the Base line swings around to the north to avoid this high hill. Mr. Gay yesterday had secured the signatures of all but three property-owners. William L. Ladd, of the Ladd estate, has said that if the other property-owners want the franchise granted he will offer no objections. The Ladd field is on the north side of the road.

The problem for Mr. Gay and his associates is now to get the franchise from the County Court and then induce the Portland Railway Company to extend its East Burnside street line, which it is now building, on East Stark and the Base line. There is a large settlement adjacent to the Base line road on both sides, and it is urged that a line there would command a large travel. Heretofore the policy of the County Court has been against granting a franchise for electric lines on any of the county roads, but it made an exception in favor of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company on West avenue. It is hardly probable, however, that Mr. Gay and his associate promoters would go to so much trouble unless they had some assurance of securing a franchise and getting the Portland Railway Company to build the line.

### THEY WANT NEW ROAD.

#### Milwaukee People Will Be Generous With Southern Pacific.

R. R. McLeod, who made the survey for the Southern Pacific Railway Company through Milwaukie for the new line up to Oregon City and across the Willamette River, is surveying the branch up the Tualatin River towards Hillsboro. He was back in Milwaukie last week, and said that he expected the right-of-way man alone in a short time to induce the property-owners through whose land the new branch would run. Mr. McLeod sent in his report of the survey made through Milwaukie some time ago, but had not heard anything adverse to it, and hence had concluded that it was approved.

The survey through Milwaukie passes through several houses and cuts up considerable property, but the owners are enterprising and will not fight the road, but naturally are a little anxious to know what the right-of-way man will do in adjusting the damage. Mr. McLeod said that he had over a month's work on the West Side before completing the survey there.

### THEY DODGE BULLETS.

#### Tries to Steal Boat, but Marshal Keck Interrupts by Shooting.

Marshal Jesse Keck, of Milwaukie, while attempting to arrest a man who had tried to steal a small boat belonging to J. Eaton on Sunday, caused considerable excitement by taking several shots at the would-be-thief, who was running.

### LUMBER IS CHEAPER

#### But Cost of Building Remains Unchanged.

### LULL IN CONSTRUCTION WORK

#### Reduction in Price of Logs Is Followed by Cut in Retail Trade—Residence Structures Slightly Affected.

Architects and builders say that although the price of lumber has fallen off the cost of building has not appreciably diminished. Prices of other building materials, in the main, are not lessened nor are they weakening.

#### Will Spend a Million.

Convention Visitors Will Leave Memento in Portland.

Portland bids fair to win the title of "Convention City" in 1904 and 1905. It is expected that not less than 13 conventions of a National character will meet here in those two years, and it is probable that others will be secured that are not at present counted upon. Four of the 13 conventions have already been won and it is almost certainly "over" each of the remaining nine will be captured. A conservative estimate is that these conventions will bring to Portland not less than 20,000 persons who will spend at least \$1,200,000 while they are here.

The conventions sought for, for this place, the number of persons each is estimated to bring here and how much each man may be expected to spend each day follow:

- Letter Carriers' Association, '05, 3,000 persons, \$5 per day; National Livestock Association, '04, 2,000 persons, \$10 per day; American Mining Congress, '04, 1,500 persons, \$10 per day; Order of Railway Conductors, '05, 1,200 persons, \$5 per day; National Irrigation Congress, '05, 3,000 persons, \$10 per day; Concatenated Order of Hoo Hoo, '05, 1,500 persons, \$10 per day; American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents, '04, 1,000 persons, \$10 per day; National Educational Association, '04, 1,000 persons, \$5 per day; Trans-Mississippi Congress, '05, 300 persons, \$10 per day; National Convention of the Christian Church, '04, 1,500 persons, \$5 per day; Modern Woodmen of America, '05, 2,000 persons, \$5 per day; Bible students' convention, '05, 1,000 persons, \$10 per day; Master Horsehoers' Protective Association, '04, 1,000 persons, \$5 per day.

The first four conventions named have been scheduled for this city. Correspondence is going on with the others and delegates are preparing to make a fight in Portland's behalf to secure them. Those who have taken up the matter of getting these meetings held here have all been provided with invitations from the necessary sources and plenty of material with which to tempt the conventions. The Lewis and Clark people are backing every effort that is being made in this direction.

If all these conventions are secured it will mean that people from every section of the United States and from every business station of life will come here, and spend a few days in Portland, and of course it is expected that the fame of this city and Oregon will be spread over the country to a degree that could hardly be accomplished in any other manner, and with the most beneficial result to the city.

It is expected that the visitors of each convention will remain in the city at least six days, and estimating the amount they will spend the million mark will be passed. This, it is argued, should mean a big stride forward in business and prosperous times in the city.

### ROOSEVELT RANCH SOLD

#### North Dakota Property Where the President Wrote Many Sketches.

BISMARCK, N. D., Oct. 12.—The old "Chimney Butte" ranch, made famous as the ranch established by President Roosevelt when he was a Bad Lands cattleman, has been sold by the Northern Pacific to Ferris Bros., at Medora. It was at this ranch that Roosevelt wrote some of his Western sketches. Subsequently he located another ranch known as the "Elkhorn," four miles from Medora, and where he outfitted for many of his mountain trips.

### ATTACKS COLORED LEADER

#### Civil Rights League President Disagrees With Booker Washington.

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### CHOCK FULL OF CURIOS.

Visit the B. B. Rich curio store up-stairs over the B. B. Rich cigar store, corner Sixth and Washington. Entrance on Sixth.

### BEAD LOOMS 50 CENTS.

Beads—500 pounds arrived. Black, blue, white, all shades. Lessons on beids, fobs and chains free. Farlor C. Portland Hotel.

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### \$1.00 Wastings 82c per yard

#### Great Blanket Bargains

Three thousand yards of heavy Waistings, basket weaves and madras, white, cream and a variety of colored effects in the leading patterns. All are regular \$1 values. For this sale at 82c per yard.

### 75c White Waistings 52c per yard

Twenty-five hundred yards of heavy White Waistings in fine patterns, all new this season's goods selling regularly at 65c and 75c yard, for this sale only at 52c

### Great Blanket Bargains

#### Oregon Wool Blankets, silk bound, colored borders, great special purchase direct from the mill, all are slightly imperfect.

\$6.00 Blankets . \$4.50

\$5.00 Blankets . \$3.75

\$4.25 Blankets . \$3.19

\$3.50 Blankets . \$2.68

### Sheets and Pillow Cases

One hundred dozen extra heavy linen finished Sheets, 81x90 inches, great value at, each . . . . . 44c

One hundred dozen plain hemmed Pillow Cases, 45x36 inches, marvelous value at, each . . . . . 9c

One hundred dozen hemstitched Pillow Cases, extra heavy muslin, 45x36 inches, at each . . . . . 11c

One hundred dozen best heavy muslin Pillow Cases, size 45x35 in., great bargain at, each . . . . . 13c

Ten thousand yards of 36-inch Bleached Muslin, fine and soft, great bargain at the low price of, yard . . . . . 7c

## Meier & Frank's Store News

Special offerings that kept every nook and corner of this Big Store crowded with buyers all day yesterday. The busy bound throng sounded like an army marching through the different aisles. We'll let the descriptions and prices do their own talking

### The Great October Linen Sale

Splendid values down the entire line. Thanksgiving Linen needs can be supplied at a saving. You'll appreciate all are new dependable Linens—best patterns—best qualities—best values. Then remember we are sole agents for the famous John S. Brown & Son's fine Table Linens Standard of the World.

- 72-inch Half-Bleached Table Damask, yard . . . . . 72c
- 66-inch Bleached Satin Damask, only, yard . . . . . 78c
- 72-inch Bleached Satin Damask, only, yard . . . . . 89c
- 72-inch Bleached Satin Damask, only, yard . . . . . \$1.08
- Great assortment of the very best patterns.
- 22x22-inch Bleached Damask Napkins, dozen . . . . . \$2.05
- 22x22-inch Bleached Damask Napkins, two great special lots in fine patterns and quality, remarkable value at, per dozen . . . . . \$2.40 and \$2.68
- 25x25 Satin Damask Napkins at, dozen . . . . . \$3.35

### Table Sets Reduced

- Handsome Table Sets—Cloth 2x2 yards, 1 dozen Napkins to match, fine patterns, great value at . . . . . \$3.35
- Table Set—Cloth 2x2½ yards, 1 dozen Napkins to match, new patterns, great value at . . . . . \$3.80
- Handsome Table Sets—Cloth 2x3 yards, 1 dozen Napkins to match, big bargain, per set . . . . . \$4.15
- One hundred dozen Fine Hemstitched Satin Damask Tray Cloths, size 20x28 inches, great value at, each . . . . . 44c
- Twenty dozen Hemstitched Damask Tea Cloths, 45x45 inches, superb patterns, marvelous value at . . . . . \$1.05
- Sewed Fringe Damask Napkins—pretty patterns, per dozen . . . . . \$1.28
- One hundred dozen all-linen Hemmed Tuck Towels, 19x36, each . . . . . 16c
- One hundred dozen Bleached Turkish Bath Towels, for this sale, each . . . . . 13c

### Drug Sundries

- Tempting prices in Drug Sundries, Jewelry and Stationery.
- Black Bristle Hair Brush . . . . . 32c
- Regular 50c value . . . . . 32c
- Eastman's Perfume in Violet, Rose, Lily and Carnation—35c value, ounce . . . . . 21c
- 4711 Toilet Water. Regular 59c value for . . . . . 39c
- Toilet Soaps—3 cakes in a box. Regular 25c val., box . . . . . 16c
- 25c Hair Retainers for each . . . . . 18c

### Jewelry

- Waist Pin Sets—3 pins. Regular 50c value . . . . . 33c
- Cuff Links of different metals. Regular 25c value . . . . . 14c
- Pearl Hat Pins. Regular 25c values for this sale . . . . . 16c
- Good Tortoise Shell Back Combs—20c and 25c val. . . . . 14c
- 15c Black Dressing Comb at, each . . . . . 9c
- \$1.00 Nickel Watches . . . . . 77c

### Stationery

- Hulburt's Papers—50 sheets paper—50 envelopes—White, blue and lavender, 40c value. Per box . . . . . 23c
- Linen Box Paper—Ruled and unruled—24 sheets paper, 24 envelopes . . . . . 8c
- Box satin-finished Paper—24 sheets paper, 24 envelopes, ruled, only at, box . . . . . 6c
- Satin-finished and bound Tablets—ruled and unruled—25c values . . . . . 14c
- Fifty Kodak Albums, 6x9. Regular 50c values . . . . . 29c

### "BABY THINGS" REDUCED

Our Second-Floor Infants' Room is just filled to overflowing with bargains this week. Hundreds of mothers bought yesterday—in fact we couldn't accommodate all who came. We'll try and serve you better today. Here's the magnet which kept this department thronged all day:

- Infants' Quilted Bibs, lace trimmed, 15c value . . . . . 10c
- Infants' Quilted Feeders, best 15c value for . . . . . 10c
- Infants' Quilted Carriage Pads, 40c value . . . . . 29c
- Infants' Quilted Crib Pads, 50c value . . . . . 43c
- Infants' plain pink and blue Sacques . . . . . 27c
- Eiderdown Carriage Robes with embroidered centers, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 values at . . . . . 77c
- Ten patterns of Embroidered Flannels, yard . . . . . 43c

### Infants' \$1.00 Slips 77c

- Infants' Cambric and Nainsook Slips made with dainty round and square yokes, trimmed with fine laces, embroidery, tucks and insertions, regular \$1.00 values . . . . . 77c
- \$1.50 values in Nainsook and Cambric Slips at . . . . . \$1.17
- \$2.00 values in Nainsook and Cambric Slips, daintiest styles . . . . . \$1.57
- \$1.50 Skirts \$1.17

- Infants' White Flannel Wrappers feather stitched in pink, blue and white, each . . . . . \$1.17
- Infants' White Flannel Skirts, embroidered, regular \$2.50 values, price . . . . . \$1.87 each
- Stockinette Diapers, the regular 60c line at . . . . . 39c
- Infants' Soft-Soled Shoes, best styles, odd lots, 65c, 75c and \$1.00 values at, pair . . . . . 47c
- Infants' Knit Bands, shoulder-straps . . . . . 22c
- Infants' Wool Booties, pair . . . . . 19c

- Children's Cambric, Nainsook and Lawn Dresses daintily trimmed with lace, embroidery, tucks and insertion, round and square yokes, ages 6 months to 3 years, values extraordinary at the low price of . . . . . 83c
- Children's Cambric, Nainsook and Lawn Skirts, lace, embroidery and tucked styles, ages 6 mos. to 3 yrs., very dainty garments, superb values at . . . . . 97c
- Children's Cambric Drawers, tucked and embroidery trimmed, ages 1 to 8 years, unusual value at the low price of . . . . . 21c
- Children's Lawn Aprons, Grecian style trimmed with hemstitching, lace and embroidery, big variety, 50c styles 43c; 85c styles . . . . . 73c

### Great Embroidery Sale

Five thousand yards of Cambric Embroideries at about half value will keep things lively in the lace section for a few days. It's another one of those splendid Embroidery bargains this Store is noted for. These edges and insertions in an immense variety of patterns, widths from 1½ to 9 inches—The great majority of the lot are regular 25c values—Your choice at the low price of 14c per yard

### Unusual Carpet Offerings

Two thousand yards of Handsome Brussels Carpets, all the newest designs, Oriental and floral effects, sewed, laid and lined. It's the grandest value we have offered in years at the very low price of, per yard . . . . . 83c



A Full Bust in an ordinary Corset Cover. A Full bust in La Grecque Bust Supporting Corset Cover.

### LA GRECQUE Bust Supporting Corset Cover.

Is indispensable to a full figure in a Shirtwaist, because it takes the place of a fitted lining, and holds a full bust firmly without shifting or sagging in any position, even in an extreme low-bust corset. It brings the bust forward, making a full figure narrower.

It is adjustable at shoulders, bust and waist, so that each figure is fitted exactly. Has no seams, wrinkles or superfluous fullness anywhere; cannot push up. The heaviest figure will never be unsightly in this garment.

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