

TONS OF BUTTER

Transfer of Big Industry to Portland.

OREGON CREAMERY STATE

Move of Hazelwood Company Means a Revolution.

WILL BRING MORE FARMERS

New Butter Factory to Be Larger Than Others in State Combined—Organizing Great System of Gathering Cream.

To make Portland the center of a great dairy industry is the project of the Hazelwood Creamery Company, which has transferred its headquarters to this city from Slouss City, and commenced installing the largest creamery plant on the Pacific slope. A reorganization of the company has been effected, with a capital of \$350,000, a long lease on the four-story brick block at the corner of Oak and Fifth streets secured and the actual work of preparing the building for the butter-making machinery, begun.

For some time past the Hazelwood Company has carried on a small business here, and as a result of its experience has decided that Oregon offers the best field for a great creamery business in the entire country. "This state does not seem to realize its advantages as a dairy country," said General Manager Brown, of the company, yesterday. "The climate offers decided advantages over any other portion of the United States for securing the best possible results from dairying. A comparatively small section, embracing Northern Iowa, Southern Minnesota, Eastern Nebraska, Kansas, Northwestern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin, now furnishes practically the entire creamery product of the country. Dairying is an important factor in the prosperity of that section, and creameries which started business on a small scale there a few years ago have grown into enormous concerns."

No Limit to Oregon's Possibilities. "If such signal success has attended the business in those states, there seems to be no limit to the possibilities in Oregon. Here there are no climatic extremes, which are such a serious handicap to the dairy farmer elsewhere. Here there is good grass for 12 months in the year, instead of six or seven, as in the states I have named. In fact, I can think of nothing in which this region does not exceed the other dairy sections. We believe in the future strongly enough to center all our efforts here, and have disposed of our Slouss City property. We have a plant at Spokane which has been very successful and, with our course, continue the business there, but Portland will be our headquarters."

The output of the big creamery will be packed in one-pound cartons and shipped all over the country to supply the high-priced trade. The local demand is expected to be very heavy, as the present supply of Oregon butter falls far short of supplying the Portland market. During the past year an average of from five to eight cars of butter have been shipped in from the East every month, and the Hazelwood plant expects to supply this shortage in the local production.

Members of the company state that they will in no sense compete with the smaller creameries now in operation throughout the state. On the contrary, they expect to foster the interests of the smaller plants by maintaining an advertising bureau for the purpose of exploiting Oregon as a dairy state among the farmers of the East and Central West, and to encourage butter-makers and dairymen to locate here.

System of Collecting Cream.

The system to be pursued in collecting the butter fat which the company will use does away with skimming stations and bulky shipments of milk. The butter fat will be secured by the use of hand separators, which the company will supply the farmers, and only sweet cream will be shipped here to be made into butter.

Experts will commence the work of organizing the business of securing butter fat from the farms of the Willamette Valley, Eastern Oregon and the adjacent sections of Washington and California. Depots will be established at various points on railroad and steamboat lines, and refrigerator cars will be put into service on both the steam and electric lines. The cream will be collected along routes which will be laid out through the farming regions and pasteurized before it is shipped.

No Trust is Contemplated.

The new concern will make no attempt to absorb existing plants, and denies that it is in any sense a trust, such as the Continental Creamery Company has formed in the states of the Central West. The last-named company is said to be contemplating an invasion of this field, and the Hazelwood people announce that they would welcome its coming. The dairy business has been so neglected in Oregon that they argue in favor of greater competition in the creamery business as a means of developing the latent resources of this section in the direction of dairy products.

Sell Milk and Cheese Also.

Much of the cream to be used here will for the present come from Eastern Oregon and Utah, but as the work is organized in the Willamette Valley, the capacity of the plant will be enlarged to meet the increased quantities of cream received. The business here will be exclusively wholesale, so far as it is possible to make it, but as a side issue the company expects to do a dairy business for the purpose of supplying milk to the city. A cheese department will also be maintained, but this branch of the business will be of secondary importance.

Between \$50,000 and \$75,000 will be expended at once in remodeling the building and putting in the latest improved machinery. It is expected that the plant will be ready for operation by March 1 with a daily capacity of 20,000 pounds, which will be increased as the business demands. This represents a much larger output than all other creameries in the state com-

bined, and will immediately furnish a market for every pound of butter fat which the dairy farms at present produce.

Bring Farmers From the East.

A systematic campaign will be conducted in the East for the purpose of inducing dairy farmers to come to Oregon and to advertise the product of Oregon's creameries. The officers of the company, which has been incorporated under the laws of Oregon, are: President, David Brown; general manager, George M. Brown; secretary and treasurer, John L. Smith; all of whom are practical creamery men of large experience. Much more capital than represented in the incorporation papers is said to be behind the scheme.

The organization of this vast creamery concern means much to the agricultural interests of the state. It will advance the price of milk from 3 to 3 1/2 cents a gallon on every farm within a radius of hundreds of miles around Portland. It will systematize the dairy business and put it upon a much more lucrative basis than at present. It will distribute thousands of dollars monthly to the farmers who keep milk cows. It will result in the seeding down of thousands of acres of stump lands to tame grasses and a vastly increased acreage of forage crops. It will also result in improving the breed of milk-producing cattle and advertise the state's dairy resources.

From a local standpoint it means a considerable increase in the volume of business in the city, large additions to the payroll of the community and the building up of the tributary country on which Portland's growth and prosperity largely depends.

CARRIED \$28,000 IN DRAFTS.

George Bennett Said He Was Robbed but Police Find the Money.

"I've been robbed of \$28,000," was the statement made by George Bennett at the police station last night. The police officers were all attention, and questions were showered upon the individual. But Bennett was so drunk that he did not know the meaning of any of them and only answered with broken words of no meaning and a vacant stare.

After he had been at the station for a few moments he rallied slightly, but was unable to give the slightest account of himself after landing in the city. He did not even know how he came to be in Portland.

"Did you lend any one any money?" he was asked.

He had not the slightest idea whether or not he had even met any one. He finally managed to explain that the money was all in bank drafts and the officer remarked with satisfaction that so one else could cash them, anyway. From the story he told the officers were inclined to doubt his having been robbed, and they took him to the private rooms of the detectives, where a thorough search of his person was made. Twenty-eight thousand dollars in checks and drafts were found upon him, contained in such a manner that the best of pickpockets must have overlooked them. After being shown the bills the man admitted that he had made a mistake and had not been robbed.

LOOK BEFORE THEY LEAP.

Seattle City Officials Investigate the Portland Method of Franchises.

A party of Seattle city officials, comprising R. H. Thompson, president of the Board of Public Works; City Engineer C. W. Colby, Consulting Engineer; and Messrs. A. S. Walters, came to Portland yesterday morning for the purpose of making a study of Portland's method of handling city franchises. The men from Seattle will also investigate the various methods of awarding them. The officials spent the greater part of yesterday in inspecting franchises granted to various corporations operating public utilities and hearing from the city officials their methods of awarding them. Mr. Colby, who was the spokesman of the party said:

"Many electric companies are asking the city of Seattle for franchises to operate cars over the public streets, and it is thought by the city officials that Portland has some particularly good features incorporated in its ordinances and charter provisions governing the placing of poles for overhead wires, and other points involved, which should be copied. Then, too, the desire to locate in the city a sidewalk and other matters of municipal regulation, to gather information that may be of benefit."

SNOW, RAIN AND SLUSH.

Continuation of Wintery Storm Promised by Weather Bureau.

Portland is promised a continuation of the unpleasant weather of yesterday unless there is a radical change in the temperature. Snow in a good form is not a bad thing, but when it turns into slush the instant it strikes the ground and pavement it becomes a nuisance. The hillsides about town have presented a beautiful appearance the past two days, the green fir boughs laden with the snow making a typical winter scene, but down in the city the beauty was not apparent.

The rose bushes, which are blooming, looked as fresh as ever yesterday, although they had been through quite a spell of real winter, the thermometer registering 23 degrees. The frosts in Northern California have been playing havoc with vegetation, and in Utah and Arizona terrific snowstorms are reported.

TWO MINING CONVENTIONS.

Oregon Miners' Association Will Meet in Spring and Fall.

The Oregon Miners' Association will hold two conventions this year, one at Baker City in April and another at Grant's Pass during the Fall. This was decided last evening at a meeting of the executive committee of the association held in the office of the Pacific miner. Those present were: President Philip S. Bates; secretary, A. L. Morris; J. Frank Watson, J. H. Fisk, Dr. C. F. Candiani, J. W. Wickham, William H. Dodge and Professor James M. Hyde, of the State University. The accounts for the past year were audited and found to be in excellent condition. The association shows 200 members in good standing, with branches at Baker City, Quartzburg, Greenhorn, Sumpter, Grant's Pass, and Bohemia. A resolution was introduced by Professor Hyde and unanimously carried indorsing the bill now pending before Congress which provides for apportioning a fund among the mining departments of the various state universities and technical schools. Word was received from Secretary Irwin Mahon of the International Mining Congress, that he will open his headquarters here in April and plans for the coming sessions of the congress in this city were informally discussed.

No route across the continent offers many attractions as does the Denver & Rio Grande. Write the Portland Agents, 124 Third street, for illustrated booklet.

HEADS G. A. R. LADIES

President of National Organization in Portland.

INSPECTS THE LOCAL LODGES

Mrs. Belinda S. Bailey Seeks Aid From Auxiliaries of Three States in Erecting Home for Disabled Veterans and Wives.

Mrs. Belinda S. Bailey, of San Francisco, National president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, is at the Portland. Mrs. Bailey is on her way to Indianapolis to attend the women's council which meets there February 2, and is inspecting the various lodges of California, Oregon and Washington.

Mrs. Bailey's principal object in visiting these various lodges, however, is to endeavor to get the auxiliaries of the three states to combine in erecting a home for disabled aged veterans and their wives.



Mrs. Belinda S. Bailey, National President Ladies G. A. R.

disabled aged veterans and their wives, such as are now located in Pennsylvania and Michigan. These homes are supported jointly by the Government and the ladies of the G. A. R., the latter bearing the expense incurred by the support of the veterans' wives. The idea that a couple, who have grown together through inability to work is one that appeals to this organization of women, and the homes they have so far started have proven very satisfactory.

"I have a good deal of money behind this project in San Francisco and I feel that such a home, if it is established on the Coast, should be somewhere in California.

"The ladies of the G. A. R. are not as strong an organization here now as I hope to see them in the near future. They are growing, however, and a few years will see them as strong as the Daughters of the Revolution. We admit all lineal descendants of soldiers, sailors and marines who served during the War of the Rebellion. We labor under this disadvantage at present—the mothers are about all gone; in fact we have only two throughout the United States. The wives are either old or else they are young married women who have society cares and duties, and the daughters are yet too young to take much interest. In a few years, however, the Dames and Daughters of the War of the Rebellion will be just as an important organization of women as the Daughters of the Revolution or Colonial Dames.

"I do not know just what the programme for tomorrow night is, but I think it is an open meeting and I sincerely hope there will be a large attendance and that all members will bring their friends and get them interested in this movement."

Mrs. Bailey is a remarkably conversational woman and a fluent conversationalist. She is deeply interested in woman's suffrage, and evidently has great ability as a leader.

When asked the specific objects of the organization, she gave the following statement:

"The objects of our order are to unite in loyalty and practice the precepts of true fraternity toward sisters of the order, thus emulating the spirit which unites our fathers, husbands, sons and brothers; to honor surviving Union veterans, and to perpetuate their sacred memories."

"To assist the Grand Army of the Republic; to aid, encourage and sympathize with it in its noble work of charity; to extend moral aid to members in sickness and distress; to aid all soldiers, sailors and marines; to attend the funerals of veterans and place the United States flag upon their silent graves; to look after soldiers' homes; to watch the schools and see that our children obtain proper education in the true history of our country, and in patriotism; keep from almshouses the mothers, wives and widows of permanently disabled soldiers."

"To further the interests of all subordinate circles and institute new circles throughout the United States.

"We are banded together to perpetuate and transmit to our descendants a true and correct record of the names of the women who are related by ties of blood and marriage to the men who freely offered their lives upon the altar of their country that this Union might be saved. There are at present some 400 posts of the G. A. R., with corps. We can form circles in these places and can also maintain circles where no posts exist, so there is abundant room and work for us, and for any and all societies organized in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic, and devoted to those patriotic principles for which the Union Army fought, and which are today the hope of the nations of the civilized world.

Meier & Frank Company

"Pit" and "Finn," the Popular Card Games—Third Floor
The New Valentines are Ready—An Immense Assortment

Sleds and Coasters in a great variety of styles; prices from 40c up—Toy Department on Third Floor
Trunks, Traveling Bags, Telescopes, Suit Cases, the largest and best variety in town—Special low prices
Twenty-five pounds Western Dry Granulated Sugar for \$1 providing you purchase \$5 worth of Groceries—Basement

Children's Garments

Greatest Bargains Ever Known
Sensational values in Children's Garments today, tomorrow and Saturday—Bargains never before equaled in the history of Portland retailing—Economical parents will see to the children's coat needs today.



Children's Long Coats, of melton, ladies' cloth and covert, all colors, ages 2 to 14 years, this season's very best styles,
VALUES UP TO \$9.00.....
TO \$3.95

Children's Long Coats, in kerseys, chevots and broadcloths, ages 2 to 14 years, all this season's best styles, richly trimmed, well made,
\$9.00 TO \$12.00.....
VALUES FOR \$4.95 ONLY

All our High-Class Novelty Garments—Coats and Dresses, chevots, kerseys, velvets, zibelines, broadcloths, the handsomest line to be found in the entire West—\$14.00 TO \$35.00 VALUES FOR
Half Price

Drug Sundry Pricing

That you want to take advantage of—All the well-known advertised articles are cut down to the very lowest prices. Here's bargains you can't equal in town.

- Big Bottle Witch Hazel. 16¢
- Eastman's Florida Water for only 19¢ and 31¢
- Coke's Dandruff Cure. 57¢
- Dr. Graves' Tooth Powder. 8¢
- Dr. Graves' Talcum Powder for 7¢
- Eastman's Violet Cold Cream for 8¢
- Eastman Talcum Powder. 9¢
- All of Mme. Yale's Face and Toilet Preparations, the \$1 articles for 69¢
- Mennen's Talcum Powder for only 10¢
- Lyon's Tooth Powder. 12¢
- All Toilet Articles, Combs, Brushes, Sponges, etc., at low prices.

- Glycerine Tar Soap, 3 cakes for 10¢
- Cocoa Honey Soap, cake. 3¢
- Green Castile Soap, cake. 3¢
- Witch Hazel Soap, 3 cakes. 9¢
- Fancy Toilet Soap, all odors, 3 cakes in box, box. 17¢
- 2-lb. bar White Castile. 14¢
- Imp'd Castile Soap, bar. 49¢
- Imported Almond Oil Soap, per bar. 49¢
- Imported Castile, cut in pieces, for 7¢
- 4-in-One Castile Soap, bar. 4¢
- Large Oval Cakes Glycerine Soap for 7¢
- Benzoine Cosmetic, 22c value, for, cake. 11¢

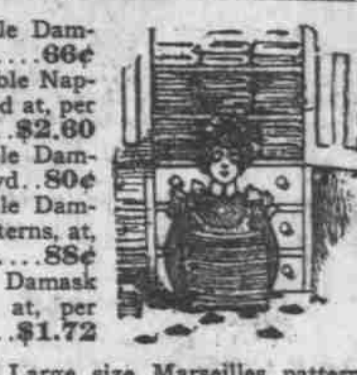
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"Peninsular" Stoves and Ranges are All Greatly Reduced
"Willamette" Sewing Machines at Clearance Sale Prices

Linens, Cotton Goods, Etc.

Everything in the line of table and housekeeping linens at surprisingly low prices—The Clearance Sale offers the best opportunity of the year to replenish the linen closet.

- 64-inch All Linen Bleached Table Damask, yard. 86¢
- 22x22-in. All Linen Bleached Table Napkins, grandest value ever offered at, per dozen. \$2.60
- 56-inch All Linen Bleached Table Damask, best designs, great value, yd. .80¢
- 72-inch All Linen Bleached Table Damask, big variety of the best patterns, at, per yard. 88¢
- 21x21-in. All Linen Bleached Damask Napkins, extraordinary value at, per dozen, only. \$1.72



- 24x24-in. All Linen Bleached Table Napkins, fine quality, best patterns, dozen. \$3.48
- All Linen Hemstitched Damask Tea Cloths, 36x36 in., at, each, \$1.09 and. 88¢
- All Linen Hemstitched Damask Tea Cloths, 45x45 in., best patterns, great special values at \$1.53 and \$1.32
- Sheets and Pillow Cases at Clearance Sale prices.
- Cottons and Sheetings all greatly reduced—all brands.
- Flannels and Wash Fabrics at Clearance Sale prices.

- Large size Marseilles pattern Bedspreads, hemmed, great bargain at, each. 88¢
- Large Marseilles Bedspreads, handsome patterns, great value, at, each. \$1.98
- All Linen Hemstitched Huck Towels, great bargains at, each. 19¢
- All Linen Hemstitched Huck Towels, extra good values at, each. 24¢
- 100 dozen Bleached Turkish Bath Towels, special value at, each. 14¢

Great Hosiery Bargains

A great list of Hosiery bargains for women and children—Greater reductions than Clearance prices have been made.

- Ladies' Plain Black Extra Heavy 2-Thread Maco Cotton Hose, every pair the regular 50c grade, sale price, pair. 32c
- Ladies' Ribbed Top Black Wool Hose, merino heel and toe, all sizes, the best value ever offered at, pair. 21c
- Ladies' Black Ribbed Wool Hose, also plain with ribbed top, all sizes, the regular 35c values, for this sale at only, per pair. 25c
- Ladies' Black Ribbed Cashmere Hose, fast color, the best 50c quality—reduced to, pair. 38c
- Children's Black Ribbed Wool Hose, all sizes, 5 to 8 1/2, the regular 25c values, at, pair. 18c
- Children's Extra Quality Black Cotton Hose, sizes 6 to 10, greatest value ever offered at, pair. 15c
- Ladies' Allover Black Lace Lisle Hose, in handsome patterns, big variety, all sizes, best 85c values, pair. 48c
- Plain Black Cotton Hose, also white feet, split feet and plain black ribbed top, best 35c quality, for this sale, pr. 25c

Active Clearance Sale Buying

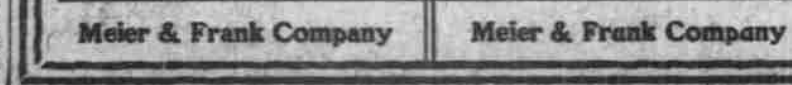
Prevails in every department of the Meier & Frank Store—When you see the merchandise and the prices you will understand the cause—Look this way and you will find the store that serves you quickly and satisfactorily—A store that you can trust—A store that represents facts only—A store where buying can always be done to best advantage, because stocks are the largest in town—New merchandise is always shown here first—Prices in every instance the lowest—Our Great Annual Clearance Sale offers you unlimited choice of every article in our store at a greatly reduced price.

About Cloaks, Suits, Skirts

New Spring Suits are being shown and sold here—Established styles—Exact reproductions of the sample garments now being shown by the leading manufacturers—Styles that are finding special favor include the collarless double-breasted walking suits with kilted skirt—Eton dress suits in plain and cape effects—Braid and gold-button trimmed. A neighboring store announced in Sunday's paper that their cloak buyer left for the Eastern markets last Thursday—On Tuesday they received word from her that there was "nothing doing" in Spring styles as yet—Fast traveling that—Probably their famous aeriamobile was brought into use—This vain scribe's concoctions are too ridiculous for consideration by sane people—Portland women know who's who in the garment business without information from such unreliable sources as the "windy" store.

"Shir-Top" Walking Skirts

In box-pleated effects are being shown here for the first time—Cheviots, Voiles, Etamines, in black, gray, white, blue and brown—Our "hot air" friends are springing some rubbish on the public as "Shir-Top" Skirts—Ours are the new box-pleated "Shir-Top" Skirts—The first as usual to show them—\$10.00 each—Second Floor—The Clearance Sale offers all winter Suits, Coats, Waists, Wrappers, Raincoats, Etc., at very low prices



Our Great Offerings for the 742d

Friday Surprise Sale

\$1 Gowns 43c 85c Drawers 43c

250 Dozen Gowns and Drawers at a marvelously low price is the offering for the 742d Friday Surprise Sale—Handsome Cambric Gowns in high neck and long sleeves and low neck and short sleeves—Val. Lace and Embroidery-trimmed styles—Big, full sizes—Regular 85c and \$1.00 values at 43c—Muslin Drawers—Cut full—Torchon Lace and Embroidery-trimmed styles, tucked—All sizes—Regular 85c values for 43c—These two offerings are the best of the season—See Fifth-St. window display.

\$5 Shoes \$3.65

J. & T. Cousins' Fine Shoes for Women, patent leather and "Vici" kid styles, French heel, every pair guaranteed to give satisfactory wear, the best \$5.00 dress shoes in all sizes, at, pair. \$3.65 Also vici kid with Cuban heel, patent or stock tip, light or heavy sole, \$5.00 value, at, per pair. \$3.65 J. & T. Cousins' \$3.50 and \$4 Shoes, in button style, "vici" kid stock or patent tip, light and medium sole, all sizes, \$3.50 and \$4.00 value, at, per pair. \$2.65

Boys' Clothing

Boys' Outing Flannel Waists and Blouses, all sizes, the regular 50c line reduced to. 33c All-Wool Flannel Waists, in gray, cardinal and blue, best styles, the regular 83c \$1.25 line for only. 83c All-Wool Suits, the regular \$4.00 line for. \$2.50 Little Boys' Overcoats, the regular \$10.00 values, at only. \$6.15 Young Men's Overcoats, the best \$10.00 values, at. \$7.80 Young Men's All-Wool Suits, the \$7.50 line at. \$5.95