

TRUSTS

Knox Tells the House What He Is Doing.

REVIEWS COAL ROAD CASE

Refusal of Companies to Submit Books Caused Delay.

WAY OPEN TO GET THEM

Attorney-General Explains It is Incompatible With Public Interest to Prosecute Those Involved in the Merger Decision.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Attorney-General Knox today transmitted to the House replies to the two resolutions of inquiry introduced by Williams (Dem. Miss.) relative to trusts. First, replying to the question as to whether any criminal prosecutions have been begun by him against persons involved in the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Northern Securities case, as guilty of violating the laws by combining into combinations, in restraint of trade, the Attorney-General says:

"I have the honor to say that no criminal prosecutions have been instituted against the persons referred to in the resolution, and further than this I do not deem it compatible with the public interest to comply with the resolution."

The other resolution asks if any investigation ever was made by the Department of Justice of the so-called anthracite coal trust, consisting of the anthracite coal-carrying railroads. The Attorney-General replies to this as follows:

"I have the honor to say that during the time of the anthracite coal strike the Department of Justice began an investigation for the purpose of determining whether the anthracite coal business was conducted through a combination or conspiracy in violation of the anti-trust act."

"This investigation had not proceeded far until I discovered if such a combination existed the evidence of its existence had been adroitly concealed, and that if it were to be established would largely depend on the Government's ability to secure evidence of a chain of circumstances, which, in the aggregate, would establish a combination."

"About this time a complaint was made before the Interstate Commerce Commission raising the questions above referred to. During the progress of the hearing before the commission upon this complaint several witnesses refused to produce papers and answer questions which the commission considered and ruled to be germane to the inquiry; whereupon, under the direction of the Attorney-General, proceedings were begun in the United States Circuit Court of New York for the purpose of compelling the coal companies to produce papers and answer questions."

"This was decided on appeal to the United States Supreme Court in favor of the powers of the committee to compel the production of the testimony, and as I am informed, the commission is about to renew the hearings which, when completed, will lay before the Department of Justice, in connection with other evidence it has gathered itself, and has been furnished to it by sundry persons, all the available information in relation to the alleged combination."

"Further than this I do not deem it compatible with the public interest to comply with the resolution."

AGREES ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Conference Strikes Out Many Amendments to Sundry Civil Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The conference agreement on the sundry civil appropriation bill reported today shows all differences between the two houses on this measure. Senate amendments making appropriations for lighthouses, beacons and for signals are retained for the station at Point Conception, California, and New Dungeness, Washington. The House provision making the appropriations hereafter made for the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion act available for the Bertillon system of identification is restored.

The Senate amendment providing for an office building for Senators is retained in relation to the extension of the east front of the Capitol, substitutes are provided for House and Senate provisions for a joint commission of three Senators and three Representatives to inquire and report at the next session of Congress, plans in detail and estimates of cost for the extension and completion of the Capitol building.

The Senate amendment appropriating \$50,000 for a statue of Thomas Jefferson is stricken out, the provision adopted to create a commission to report plans and designs for a statue to cost not exceeding \$100,000.

The Senate amendment increasing from \$50,000 to \$150,000 for construction and enlargement of public buildings at military posts is retained.

The amount appropriated for improving the Presidio at San Francisco is reduced from \$25,000 to \$15,000.

The Senate increase from \$30,000 to \$22,000 for Shiloh National Park is retained. The House provision regarding the National home for disabled volunteer soldiers is restored. The appropriation for the enforcement of the anti-trust laws is made available, as proposed by the House, for the fiscal year 1906, instead of until expended, as proposed by the Senate.

The House provision of \$85,000 prevails instead of the Senate provision of \$125,000 for assistant attorneys in special cases.

The following Senate amendments are retained. Appropriating \$3000 for an international Congress to consider the subjects relating to collisions at sea and salvage; \$250 for the international sanitary bureau; \$50,000 for legation buildings; \$5000 for the international exposition at Liege, Belgium, reduced from \$25,000; \$2000 for the purchase of a bust of General Lafayette; authorizing medals for a railroad map of the United States; \$50,000 for the education of Indians in Alaska; \$71,900 for a building for the bureau of American republics; and \$25,000 for a cable from Angel Island, Cal., quarantine station.

Rural Carriers for Oregon City.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 27.—Rural carriers were appointed today as follows:

Oregon—Oregon City, Christian Graiser, Gottlieb A. Heinz, regulars; Nicholas T. Humphreys, Thomas Trembath, substitutes.

Washington—Prosser, David M. Eykel, regular; Lawrence C. Lee, substitute.

THE "DIFFERENT STORE"

PORTLAND'S BEST SORT O' SHOP

Olds, Norton & King

HOME OF QUALITY AND FASHION

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Sole Portland Agents for Standard Patterns, the leader in Fashion's world—conceded authority on newest authoritative styles among Eastern Fashion centers. Their accurate tailor system makes them superior to all others. May Designer now on sale at Pattern Counter, 10c. Special subscription price, postpaid to any address for one year, 80c—Annex, First Floor.



Tremendous Carnival

OF BARGAIN-MAKING OPENS HERE THIS MORNING LASTS THREE DAYS

ABSOLUTELY AND TRUTHFULLY THE BIGGEST VALUE-GIVING EVENT THAT EVER HAPPENED IN PORTLAND! Every department contributes, every sort of merchandise under our great roof—basement to fourth floor—goes into this monster sale. This is actually the greatest bargain opportunity that ever confronted Portland buyers. There's a reason for this unusual, sensational sale. We'll state it in tomorrow's papers. Suffice today to say the unmatched bargains are here—garner them. THESE BARGAINS ARE FOR THREE DAYS ONLY—TODAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO CREDIT CUSTOMERS: Those patrons who favor us with their monthly accounts will receive full benefit of this great sale, and all goods bought during it—Today, Tomorrow and Saturday, April 28, 29 and 30—will go on the May accounts.

In addition to the following list, every advertised special value of the week goes in the sale.

750 Portland Women to Be Made Superlatively Happy

THE GREATEST, GRANDEST SALE OF Women's Fashionable Dress and Walking Suits

Ever held in America—The consummation of weeks of planning and fortunate trade concessions. 750 new, smart, stylish suits at

EXACTLY HALF PRICE

FOR THREE DAYS ONLY—TODAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—Sale starts today at 8 A. M. and ends at closing time on Saturday—6 P. M.

Two immense purchases involving thousands of dollars, divided for swift, sharp selling in two lots. Extra salespeople in attendance. Patrons will be waited upon promptly, carefully and with every attention for which the store is noted at all times.

LOT 1 includes about 300 Suits in dress styles, materials of Etamine, Broadcloth and handsome novelty Tweeds, also Venetians, in all the newest styles, blouse, Eton and jacket effects, handsomely trimmed, with every earmark of the high art, man-tailored garment. Values range up from \$45 to \$85—the best regular values shown this season—for three days only, starting this morning at HALF PRICE.

Any Suit in the lot—most of them are far under cost of actual make, many under first cost of material. Instead of \$45 to \$85, for Today, Friday and Saturday, they're \$22.50 to \$42.50.

WALKING SUITS of Cheviots, Homespuns and swell novelty Tweeds, in all popular, wanted colors, jacket, Eton or blouse styles; very chic, jaunty suits; regular \$38.50 to \$65 values—Today, Friday and Saturday at One-Half Price.

\$19.25 to \$32.50

LOT 2 embraces about 450 Walking Suits, all new this season, very latest, smartest styles. Regular \$19.50 to \$25 values—for three days only—Today, Friday and Saturday—choice at half price—\$9.25 to \$12.50.

Every suit in this great sale is new, ultra-fashionable and would be a bargain at regular prices.



Unmatched Undermuslin Bargains

Annex—Second Floor.

For Three Days' Selling—Today, Friday and Saturday Only.

Ladies' Fine Cambric Corset Covers, either three 2-inch ruffles edged with fine valenciennes lace and same lace at neck and armholes, or with three rows of 1/2-inch wide valenciennes insertion, edged at neck and armholes with 1/2-inch valenciennes edging, ribbon braiding and draw ribbon—regular price \$1.25, special at \$89c

Misses' Petticoats of fine cambric, deep lawn flounce with either two rows of lace insertion, two clusters of tucks and edging or deep cluny lace insertion between clusters of tucks and deep cluny lace edging—regular price \$2.25, special \$1.59

Sets of Cuffs and Collars of fancy hemstitched cream art material or white mercerized, stamped in Swedish cross-stitch designs—regular prices 10c, 20c, 30c, special at, set 7c

Also insertion of same material and stamped designs—regular prices 20c and 30c, special at 7c

Ladies' Fine Cambric Drawers, cluster of fine tucks, ruffle of 4 1/2-inch blind or open-work embroidery—regular price 85c, special at 57c

See Fifth-street Window Display.

Sweeping Sale of Dress Goods

Annex—First Floor—A sale without an April precedent in value-giving. Splendid, new, desirable Dress stuffs slaughtered.

44-inch all-silk and mohair Striped Grenadines, in black only, six different styles to select from, beautiful fabrics for dressy gowns and fancy waists. Our regular \$1.25 quality—for today, Friday and Saturday at, per yard 72c

44-inch Figured and Striped All-Silk Grenadine, in black only, eight different styles to select from. These are new, down-to-date designs, and splendid values at our regular price \$1.75—special for today, Friday and Saturday at the extreme low price of \$1.07

45-inch Imported Black Crepe Voiles, in plain and boutonne effects, beautiful color and very hard twisted yarns. Our regular \$2.50 a yard fabric—special for today, Friday and Saturday \$1.49

Great clean up on Colored Dress Fabrics, coming in the nick of time, when you are wanting goods for shirtwaist suits, tailor suits, dress gowns and walking skirts, should bring everyone in the city to our Dress Goods Department. These are all new goods, and strictly the most stylish, best-wearing fabrics to be found in America.

44 to 48-inch Heather Milled Etamines, Voiles, All-Wool Crashes, Armures and Granite Cloths, in all the new, seasonable colors—our regular \$1.00 a yard fabrics, for three days' extra special, at 69c

MEN'S BARGAINS--1st Floor

A swell line of men's new Summer Golf Shirts, in plain blues, tans and grays, fronts tucked or with white pipings. Values to \$1.50. Very swaggar—special for three days at a choice for 98c

Men's White Kerchiefs, best 15c quality, excellent fabric, hemstitched—special at Three for 25c

Men's Spring Underwear, in natural gray, trimmed and finished attractively. Best 75c values, at 47c

Men's regular 50c values in handsome, fancy Half Hose, all new Spring styles and latest swell colorings, for three days, pair 27c

MEN'S \$1.00 NIGHTSHIRTS 41c

A surpassing bargain in the first-floor man's shop. Today, Friday and Saturday we shall sell men's Muslin Night Robes, very prettily trimmed, the best 75c and \$1.00 values ever offered to our best knowledge in the city—for the great three-day sale, choice for 41c

Grand, Sweeping Clearance Sale of Lace Curtains

A QUICK, DECISIVE MOVE INSURING COMPLETE CLEAN UP OF THE LOT IN THE NEXT THREE DAYS—Fourth Floor.

This sale that starts this morning includes every broken lot, every odd one, two or three pairs of lace curtains in the house. Some are samples and slightly mused from handling—but see the values—you'll appreciate them better when you see the beautiful curtains these absurdly low prices are put upon. With moving days and house renovating at hand no prudent housewife can well afford to pass up this bargain chance. For three days only we'll slaughter prices this way—

\$2.00 Curtains for.....	\$1.39	\$11.50 Curtains for....	\$6.85
\$2.75 Curtains for.....	\$1.85	\$17.50 Curtains for....	\$10.50
\$4.00 Curtains for.....	\$2.45	\$22.50 Curtains for....	\$11.75
\$5.00 Curtains for.....	\$3.15	\$30.00 Curtains for....	\$16.00
\$6.50 Curtains for.....	\$4.00	\$37.50 Curtains for....	\$19.00
\$7.50 Curtains for.....	\$5.35	\$42.50 Curtains for....	\$22.50

An Art Shop Special--2d Floor

Second Floor.

60c CUSHION COVERS, 35c—The Eastern fad, cushion tops in Dutch designs in lithograph or stamped on ecru linen and fancy art denim with plain backs, the old blue shades predominating; over 18 different designs to select from—regular price to 60c, special at 35c

Salvage Sale of Blankets

Saved From Portland Woolen Mills Conflagration

Final shipment from the warehouse of the Blankets saved from the great fire at the Bellwood Mills in February. Slaughter prices for the wind-up. Colors include vicunas, maroons, mottled, sanitary or Jaeger gray and silver gray.

THE SALVAGE SALE PRICES are

Plain gray wool Blankets, \$5.00 values, at.....	\$3.50
Very fine all-wool sanitary and Jaeger gray Blankets, regular \$5.00 values, at.....	\$3.50
Regular \$5.00 values, at.....	\$4.25
Vicuna brown, extra \$4.50 values, at.....	\$3.25
Maroon or black, extra \$4.50 values, at.....	\$3.25

DECORATED AMERICAN PORCELAIN—BROWN FLOWER, FANCY SHAPES—Third Floor.

50-piece Set.....	\$3.60
60-piece Set.....	\$4.60
100-piece Set.....	\$7.13

DO YOU WANT A LAWN MOWER?

One made to cut—not a cheap machine—one that will last.	
12-inch.....	\$2.20
14-inch.....	\$2.45
16-inch.....	\$2.70

SMYRNA RUGS

FOURTH FLOOR—A fortunate purchase of our rug buyer—our luck's yours—this week 500 handsome, all-wool, double-faced rugs, 30x60-inch size, best \$2.25 values ever shown—special at \$1.49

WOMEN'S 25c HANDKERCHIEFS 15c—First Floor

Very Dainty, Fancy Handkerchiefs, with hemstitched, embroidered and scalloped edges, of white Swiss. Best 25c values—special at 15c

RIBBON SPECIAL

NEW 40c RIBBONS 25c YARD—FIRST FLOOR—All Pure Silk, Satin Taffeta Ribbons, 4 1/2 inches wide, finest quality 35c and 40c values, all new, bright, fresh ribbons in all wanted colors; also blacks, creams and whites, yard 25c

Amazing Shoe Values

SLAUGHTER PRICES FOR THREE DAYS.

WOMEN'S \$6 PATTERN OXFORDS \$3.43—Handsome, new, fancy pattern Oxfords, with full Louis heel or military style, in patent kid, colt or extra vic kid. All the \$4, \$5 and \$6 qualities this week at one price \$3.43

Women's \$3.50 Street Shoes, in eight of the newest, latest leading styles, all the popular, stylish leathers, heavy or light soles—special this week at \$2.69

MEN'S \$3.50 SHOES \$2.59—Very newest, swellest lasts, very swaggar styles, Oxfords or high cuts, patent or velour calf—tans, too, full round toe lasts. Best \$3.50 Shoes in Portland—special this week at \$2.59

Women's best \$1.50 House Shoes, Juliette styles, comfort lasts, for three days only at, pair 98c

Boys' strong, durable, stylish and well-made School Shoes, full of service, of calf or kid stock, best \$2 values in Portland, for three days only at, pair 1.38

Women's \$5 and \$6 Dress Shoes, of fine patent or plain kid stock, Louis heels, very fashionable shapes and extremely smart in appearance, choice for three days only at \$3.28

Special One-Day Sale of Tailored Hats

TODAY ONLY

A new shipment, received this week, of ultra-stylish, charming Tailored Hats. Very Smart, in all popular colors and leading shapes. Actual values in the lot up to \$6. Today only you may choose yours at \$2.98

Startling Sale of Silks

Annex—First Floor.

Unparalleled Values for Three Days Only—Today, Friday and Saturday.

Regular \$1.25 and \$1.00 values, 50 pieces to select from, in the following makes: Foulards, Louise, Taffetas and the new Roungeant Taffeta in neat dots, checks, illuminated dots, boutonne effects, in fact nearly every new weave and color. Splendid wearing qualities for shirtwaist suits, fancy waists and gowns. Positively no better silks sold anywhere at the regular price—but for today, Friday and Saturday, special at the yard 73c

24-inch all Pure Silk Crepe de Chine, very rich finish and sheer; colors are white, ivory cream, reseda, navy, champagne, tan, brown, pink, light blue and black—regular \$1.00 a yard grade, special at yard 69c

Special reductions on Black Taffetas—our well-known regular numbers radically reduced—

19-inch all pure silk and very durable, regular price 75c—special clearance price, yard 57c

21-inch all pure silk, regular price \$1.00—special clearance price 67c

23-inch all pure silk, regular price \$1.10—special clearance price 86c

27-inch all pure silk, regular price \$1.25—special clearance price 97c

36-in. all pure silk, regular price \$1.60—special clearance price \$1.32

Underwear and Hosiery at Little Prices--1st Floor

Ladies' White Swiss ribbed, fine quality, low neck, sleeveless Vests, dainty crochet yoke and over shoulder—40c quality, special, each 27c

Ladies' Fine ribbed white lace Vests, low neck, sleeveless, lace yoke, lace arm bands—30c quality, special 24c

Ladies' white lace, knee length tights, top, pants lace trimming at knee—50c quality, special, each 37c

SPECIAL HOSERY SALE—Ladies' all lace and lace ankle black hose, full finished—special this week, pair 43c

See Tonight's Papers—WATCH THIS SPACE TOMORROW FOR ANOTHER STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT—See Tonight's Papers