WAS SHE STOLEN?

Mary Robinson Says She Was Kidnaped.

DENIAL BY AGED CAPTOR

Missing St. Helens Girl Is Returned to Her Home.

TELLS STORY OF ABDUCTION

Venerable Michael Piertier Declares He Persuaded the Child Not to Commit Suicide, but to Enter Home of Mercy.

It was a picturesque little group that sat in a corner of the women's waiting-room at the Union depot last evening between the hours of 6 and 7. The center of the group was 14-year-old Mary Robinson, the St. Helens' girl who disappeared from her home July 29, and who was not found until Thursday night, when she was arrested at Hillsboro.

Another of the group was Michael Piertier, a recluse, a hermit, an old man 65 years of age, who has spent the greater part of his life on a scow on the Columbia, without desiring to mix with humankind to any greater extent than was absolutely necessary. It was Michael Piertier, the aged hermit, and not Dan Lope, the handsome young lover, who ran away with the pretty daughter of Al Robinson and caused a furore in the little village of St. Helens which will not be forgotten for days to come.

The third in the group was Sheriff White, who had the two prisoners in charge, and who was taking them back to a people that stand aghast at the escapade of the recluse who has spent the last 25 years of his life in a scow under their very eyes, who was always shunned by children and despised by adults, who was the laughing stock of the town, and who finally retaliated by stealing from under the noses of the people that scoffed at him one of the town's fairest daughters.

Mary Robinson sat in her corner at the Union Station, looking now at the Sheriff, now at the passing throng outside the window. Tears came to her eyes now and then, and there were tear stains on her cheeks. She looked worried and weary and tired. Dread and fear were her masters.

But she talked. She was very willing to talk. She said she wanted to tell the truth, to let the people know that she was not to blame.

"Stolen From Home," She Says.

"I was stolen from my home on the night of July 29 by Piertier and several other men, whom I did not know," she said. "I learned afterward that one of the men's names was McDonald. Piertier had asked me three times to marry him, and I always laughed at him, because all of us at home used to laugh at him. I thought he was either crazy or joking. The day before he stole me away he saw me in the blackberry patch and told me he had made preparations to take me away, and that if I refused to go with him, he would kill me. He frightened me so badly that I was afraid to refuse to go with him. That night we went outside St. Helens to a timber claim, where Piertier, myself and the men with Piertier stayed until the following night, when we went to Vancouver. From Vancouver we went to Portland, stayed there two days, then left for Sacramento. We remained there several days in a hotel and then returned to Vancouver by way of Astoria by boat. At Astoria I was left alone in my room all day and part of a night, and then I was taken to Vancouver. I am glad I am going home, but I hate to meet my parents. I don't care for Piertier, and only went with him because he threatened to kill me if I did not."

A long, gray beard hangs to the breast of Michael Piertier. His appearance is awe-inspiring. His occupation is catching driftwood on the Columbia, hauling it ashore and cutting it up. He is said to be worth $15,000.

Patriarch Tells His Story.

Piertier sat on the bench at the depot with tears in his eyes. He says it is all a mistake and that he was trying to befriend the girl. His story is a plausible one, and may prove to be the true tale, when the conflicting stories are sifted out.

"I have known Mary Robinson since she was old enough to walk," he said. "One night I saw her wandering around the river bank near my scow. I asked her what she was looking for, for I thought she had lost something. She would not answer me at first, but finally declared that she was never going to go home again and was going to drown herself. I asked her why, and she said that Dan Lope had ruined her and that she could not face the disgrace. I tried to reason with her and told her to go home and maybe I could find a way to help her out of her difficulty. I finally told her that if she would run away from home I would put her in some school or hospital where no one knew her and where she could hide her shame. She agreed. I planned it all, and she seemed pleased with all my plans. I took her away and first tried to place her in the Sisters' school at Vancouver. Failing there I went to Oregon City, then to Beaverton, where I arranged to place her in St. Mary's Home. No one went with us when we left St. Helens. I have not mistreated the girl, but have watched her carefully, fearing she might, in a moment of melancholy, take her life."

Mary Robinson, when asked, stated that Piertier had treated her with the utmost respect. She also admitted that she had been intimate with Dan Lope and that she was in serious trouble because of it. She expressed the hope that he had been released.

Town of St. Helens Shocked.

The town of St. Helens is sadly shocked over the outcome of the case. Never for a moment did the citizens dream that Michael Piertier, the aged recluse, who was so unpopular that no one had noticed his absence, was the man who could have told the whereabouts of Mary Robinson and who was instrumental in her disappearance. Sheriff Martin White and Deputy R. S. Hatton, who had the prisoners in charge, said that Dan Lope returned to St. Helens on August 4, and as it was believed he was implicated in the case, he was arrested and placed under $500 bonds.

Concerning Piertier, Sheriff White said:

"The residence of the Robinsons is near the scow of Piertier, and he has known the girl all her life. She is of a peculiar turn of mind, but is bright and has a good education. She is nothing but a child, as you can see. Piertier has lived in the county for 25 years. He is not married. He has many times been suspected of doing things that would have landed him in the penitentiary could they have been proved against him. He has been in St. Helens a number of times since the girl first disappeared, and his theory always was that she had committed suicide. Half a dozen letters written by the girl have been found, and it is supposed that Piertier left them at the home of her parents when he made visits to the city. The last one was dated August 8, and stated that she was in California. Another letter said she was in Sacramento, but she was never there."

This is the puzzle the authorities of Columbia County will have to solve: Whether the girl told the truth when she said she was abducted by Piertier and several other men; whether Piertier told the truth when he said he was helping the girl to hide the shame that had come upon her as a result of her intimacy with Dan Lope, or whether both tales are fabrications and the truth is yet to be learned. If the hermit is the trickster the Sheriff paints him he has turned to virtue, for the girl says he always treated her with the greatest respect. Aside from the fact that Piertier has an unsavory reputation there remains the fact that Mary Robinson says things which prove a part of Piertier's tale to be true. The point that the officials have to discover is whether the girl was abducted or whether she willingly allowed Pierfier to take her away where she could hide her shame.

MAY USE BULL RUN WATER.

Gresham is Extended Privilege in Case of Fire.

Gresham was granted the right to use water from the Bull Run main in case of fire only, by the Water Board yesterday afternoon. Each connection that is made will be collected for on the basis of $5 per month. There will be three connections, thus giving the city a revenue of $15 per month.

The reason for granting the request is the danger to the trestle which holds up the main pipeline carrying Bull Run water into the city. Some of the members of the board thought it would be bad policy to allow the tapping of the main for any purpose, but when Superintendent Dodge called the attention of the members of the Water Board to the fact that the trestle might burn during a fire in Gresham, the privilege was extended.

The Oregon Water Power & Railroad Company asked the board to reimburse them to the extent of $1500 for four-inch mains placed along Lexington street. The board agreed to pay the amount if the figures as set forth in the application prove correct.

The application for privileges to install water-power elevators in private houses was granted with the expressed understanding that the meter system would be followed in every instance in which the elevator is installed. Many families are using water on the flat-rate system, but if they decide to put in one or more of the lifts they will have to pay for the water consumed.

The Union Oil Company, of California, presented a proposition to the Board to substitute oil for wood as fuel at the Albina waterworks. At present it is costing the city about $21 per day for fuel for the waterworks, and the company claims the city can save much by using oil. The matter was taken under advisement and the superintendent instructed to make a written report on the subject at the next meeting.

Bids were accepted for work on the reservoirs as follows: R. G. Lundstrom, concrete on No. 3, $6980; on No. 4, $7322.50; J. C. Bayer, 35 cents per foot for the first layer of felt and 25 cents per foot for subsequent layers; Fisher, Thornton & Co., $16 per ton for 20 tons of asphalt.

FEWER COMMITTEES FOR FAIR

Board of Directors Cut List From Fifteen to Six.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lewis and Clark Fair Corporation held yesterday afternoon, the by-laws of the corporation were amended to cut down the list of 15 standing committees to six. Under the amendments the committees in force are as follows: Grounds and buildings; exhibits and transportation; exploitation and publicity; legislation and judiciary; concessions and admissions; music and special attractions. Each of the committees is made up of five members, with the exception of the committee on exhibits and transportation, which has seven. The members of the committees who will serve throughout the 1905 Fair were selected at the meetings, and are as follows:

Grounds and buildings—Wessinger, Ainsworth, Bates, Connell, O'Shea.

Exhibits and transportation—Wilcox, Fleischner, Devers, Ladd, Myers, Church, Van Dusen.

Concessions and admissions—Mills, Fenton, Connell, Dresser, Mears.

Legislation and judiciary—Fenton, Mills, Bush, Mallory, Raley.

Music and special attractions—Ainsworth, Wessinger, McKenzie, Wolfe, Mears.

Exploitation and publicity—Fleischner, Wilcox, Livingstone, Wittenberg, Riddle.

COMPANIES WILL NOT MERGE.

Electric and Gas Corporations Deny Rumor of Combination.

A story received currency yesterday that the Portland General Electric Company and the Portland Gas Company were about to consolidate with the purpose of cutting down expenses and removing competition. That this is so is denied in the flattest terms by those who should know. C. F. Adams, president of the Gas Company, said last night:

"It is a pipe-dream pure and simple. We had never even thought of such a thing, and I cannot think how such a story could have gained currency. We have no intention whatever of forming a combination."

The two companies concerned supply the electricity and gas of the city. The Portland General Electric Company is capitalized at $4,000,000, with $2,000,000 bonds outstanding bearing 6 per cent interest. Most of the capital comes from the East. The Portland Gas Company is capitalized at $1,000,000 and has out $750,000 of 5 per cent bonds. A merger of these two companies would mean a control of the lighting power of the city by one concern.

WHAT ABOUT NEXT SUNDAY?

Go to Cascade Locks and Return on Steamer "Bailey Gatzert."

The only enjoyable way to pass a pleasant Sunday is to take your family or friends for a trip to Cascade Locks and return on steamer Bailey Gatzert. Leaves Alder-street dock 8:30 A. M., gets back 6:30 P. M. Fine Sunday dinner served. Round trip, $1.00. Phone Main 914.

FINE ST. LOUIS SERVICE.

New Sleeping-Car Arrangement Made by the O. R. & N.—Low Rates.

St. Louis Fair visitors will be interested in knowing that the O. R. & N. has inaugurated a daily through standard sleeping-car service to that city, passengers arrriving there in the morning.

September 2, 6, 7, October 3, 4, 5, the O. R. & N. will sell 90-day return trip tickets to St. Louis for $67.50; to Chicago, $72.50. Stopovers allowed going and returning. Particulars of C. W. Stinger, city ticket agent, Third and Washington.

Women, from their sedentary habits, are often subject to headache and constipation. These are quickly removed by Carter's Little Liver Pills.

ASK MONEY FOR FURS

Police Offer to Return Stolen Goods if Paid.

RUMMELIN AND SONS SUFFER

Firm Accuses Chief of Police Hunt, Deputy District Attorney Adams, and Detectives Kerrigan, Snow and Joe Day.

Over several detectives and police officers, one of whom is no less a personage than Chief of Police Hunt, there hangs an impending cloud which the laws of Oregon may have to clear away. In the case of John McCarthy, who pleaded guilty recently to the theft of $1340 worth of furs from G. P. Rummelin & Sons, it is alleged that the detectives and officers instrumental in bringing the thief to justice were working, not for justice, but for the reward that had been offered for the recovery of the goods and the conviction of the man who stole them.

Detectives Kerrigan, Snow and Day and Deputy District Attorney Adams are alleged to have endeavored to extort $220 from Frank Rummelin in order to secure the return of the stolen furs. It is also alleged that Adams offered to receive a check for the amount after it had been refused by Chief Hunt.

The furs stolen were valued at $1340, while those recovered by the officers were valued at only about $300. Two of the missing garments are worth about $300 each. One has been placed in storage by an Astoria lady, and it is the one the firm is most eager to have returned.

Mr. Rummelin stated yesterday that, in May, Chief Hunt notified him that he could secure all but five of the missing garments if the firm would pay $220 in addition to the reward of $150 offered. Mr. Rummelin refused to assent to the proposition, but stated that the firm stood ready to pay the $220 if it included the reward. This was finally agreed on.

Rummelin wanted to deposit a check with Chief Hunt, but the Chief, so Mr. Rummelin alleges, refused the check and said he wanted the cash. A few days later Attorney Adams approached Rummelin and told him he would take the check the Chief refused. Rummelin refused to give the check to anyone but Chief Hunt. Mr. Adams denied yesterday that he offered to take the check. The way the matter stands the firm is still out their furs, though the firm alleges that the officers know where they are and are attempting extortion before they will surrender them.

COUNTY WILLING TO TRADE.

Would Exchange Privileges With the General Electric Co. for Power.

The County Commissioners are planning to have the Burnside-street bridge draw operated with electricity instead of steam power, and also to make the Portland General Electric Company furnish power for the three bridges—Burnside, Morrison and Madison-street bridges free of charge.

The draws of the Morrison and Madison-street bridges are now opened and closed by an electric apparatus, and the county pays $50 per month for the power used on each bridge to the Portland General Electric Company. The wood bill for the engines on the Burnside-street bridge amounts to a considerable sum yearly, and if electricity instead of steam is used the fuel bill will also be saved. The Electric Company uses the bridge to string cables which cross the river, and in exchange for this use of the bridges the Board of County Commissioners think the Electric Company should furnish power free to the county. The matter has not yet been definitely settled, but it is understood it will be soon. If the change is made the engine will not be removed from the Burnside-street bridge, at least not for the present.

It is stated that some owners of bridges and municipalities which control such structures think electricity on bridges is damaging to the steel or iron work, but there is probably a difference of opinion on that point.

The steel bridge will not be included in the deal, for the reason that it belongs to the O. R. & N. Co., and is only leased to the county, which has nothing to do with the motive power used to operate the draw.

The working forces on the bridges will be reduced by the removal of the power stations from the center to the east end of the draws. On the Morrison-street bridge, where the stations are at the end, only six men are required to perform the work. On the Madison and Burnside-street bridges 18 men are employed to do the work, which the court thinks, after the change of the power stations, 12 men can do.

TO ADVANCE PORTAGE ROADS.

Open River Committees and Commissions Will Work Together.

The open river committee of the Chamber of Commerce will meet on Tuesday next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the consideration of plans for the advancement of the work on the Portage road.

It is the intention of the committee to work in close harmony with the open river commission of the eastern part of the state, and whatever plans may be had by these people will be adopted by the Portland committee.

No definite line of action has been outlined by the open-river committee as yet, but various ways of placing the work before the people and before the authorities will be discussed at the meeting and some plan of operation will be chosen.

From now on the two organizations will keep up active work on the question in an endeavor to bring the Government to consent to the granting of the right of way over the canal route and in turning the state commission to the favorable consideration of the project.

CROWDS NOT ALL THE SAME.

Brown's Park Band Entertains All Sorts of People.

Different crowds of different kinds attend the public band concerts given by Brown's band. It is a mixed crowd of grown-ups in the Plaza; Hawthorne Park brings out the babies, and in the park by the Custom-House people come quietly from the back streets within hearing of the strains of the music and sit on the grass without talking all evening. Last night the concert was by the Custom-House and a large crowd sat and listened attentively to the band render the following programme:

March—"Conciliator" ..... Scoutom
Waltzes—"Jolly Girls" ..... Vollstedt
Overture—"Martha" ..... Flotow
Descriptive piece—"A Hunting Scene" .....
..... Bucalossi
March Cosmopolitaine—"Down the Pike" ....
..... Aronson
Medley of popular airs ..... Mackie
Indian March—"Navajo" ..... Van Alstyne
Excerpts from "The Prince of Pilsen" . Luders
Novelette—"In a Cosy Corner" ..... Bratton
A Ragtime Doxology—"Nappy Lee" .... Jordan

The charm of beauty is beautiful hair. Secure it with Parker's Hair Balsam.
Parker's Ginger Tonic cures inward pains.

The Meier & Frank Store Will Be Open Until 9:30 Tonight

Fair weather today, the weather man says, as we write—Let us hope he speaks the truth—You desire to be here, and we want you here with the least inconvenience to you—This store open all day today and this evening until 9:30 and there is a matchless list of merchandise values awaiting Saturday buyers, better at the counters than they look on paper and this brings us to the point we wish to make:—Every statement of store news is made with the intention of having the merchandise on counters more than make it good—In other words to have values more than meet your expectations—Increased store service insures every one prompt attention

75c Silk Gloves 39c Pr

Another great special offering of women's Silk Gloves for today—All clean, new, stylish goods, just the kind we haven't been able to get fast enough for you all season—700 pairs in black and white, finest real Milanese silk, two-clasp styles, sizes 5½, 6, 6¼, 6½, 6¾, 7, 7½, 8, 8½—The best 75c Silk Gloves money can buy—A lucky turn enabled the glove buyer now in Eastern markets to pick them up at an exceptionally low price—The grandest bargain in silk gloves Portland women have ever shared—75c values, all sizes, today **39c**

Groceries

Phone Private Exchange No. 4

1 Can Shrimps for 18c
2 Packages Scotch Oats 25c
1-Poung Jar of Sliced Beef 25c
2-Pound Can Pork and Beans 10c
10-lb. sack yellow or white Cornmeal 25c
1-Pound Box of Stuffed Dates 20c
2-Pound Basket Washed Figs 40c
Quart C. & B. Lucca Oil 65c
Pound Baker's unsweetened Chocolate 35c
1-lb Can Royal Baking Powder 40c
Figprune or Postum Cereal 20c
3-Pound Package Soda Crackers 20c
2 Cans of Shrimps for 20c
3-Pound Package Saratoga Chips 25c
5-Pound Package Domino Sugar 55c
16 Pounds Granulated Sugar $1.00
Full line of the National Biscuit Company's fancy package crackers and wafers.

$11.00 Silk Coats $3.89 Each
$20.00 Silk Coats $6.85 Each

Two lots of Women's Silk Coats on sale today at remarkably low prices. The best values in town, guaranteed—we invite comparison.

Women's Black Silk Coats, of fine quality taffeta silk, Etons and blouses, all new styles, values up to $11, on sale today at **$3.89**

Magnificent Silk Coats, in taffetas, peau de soies and pongees, Etons, blouses and loose effects, all handsome, new garments, values up to $20.00, for **$6.85**

Closing out all our fine Cotton Waists at August prices—Second Floor.

August Linen Sale

Continues the most interesting of all store events. Thousands of women are taking advantage to supply all needs in housekeeping linens at August sale prices. These extra special values for today:

200 dozen Unbleached Turkish Bath Towels, big size, 20c values, on sale all day today at the low price, each **11c**

2000 yards of Bleached Table Damask, 64 inches wide, very best patterns, regular 75c grade, all day today at the low price of, yard **56c**

Duck and Goose Mixed Feather Pillows, fancy striped covering, value extraordinary all day today at the low price of, each **$1.37**

Men's Wear Specials

Men's Clothing and Furnishing Goods at extremely low prices today—our Men's Store at all times aims to supply you with the best in seasonable and staple apparel at the very smallest cost.

Choice today of any $1 Colored Golf Shirt in stock, plain or plaited bosom, best patterns and colorings, all sizes, at **78c**

Men's 75c Fancy Lisle Half-Hose, in figures and stripes and clockings, big variety, all sizes, today at **53c**

Broken sizes in Men's 50c Cotton Mesh Underwear, fancy silk fronts, shirts and drawers, today, choice .. **36c**

Men's 75c Navy Blue Bathing Suits, 2-piece ..... **52¢**

Men's Linen Finish Handkerchiefs, full size ..... **5¢**

Finest Fancy Tweeds, Cheviots and Fancy Worsteds, best patterns and materials, $20.00 and $22.50 Suits, on sale today at **$15.65**

Men's Golf Suits, in medium dark fancy cheviots and fancy tweeds, all at ..... HALF PRICE

Men's all-wool Oregon Cassimere Pants, in dark gray Oxfords, best $2.50 values, on sale at, pair **$1.65**

All remaining Outing Suits, homespuns, in the best patterns and colors—great bargains at ..... HALF PRICE

Men's Golfing Pants, neat mixtures, at ..... HALF PRICE

Neckwear Clearance Sale

Cleaning up broken lines of Women's Neckwear at low prices today—opportunity to pick up a piece or two of dainty, stylish neckwear at a saving you won't object to.

Women's Cream Serim Stocks, embroidered in red and navy blue, 25c value, choice of a splendid lot at **9c**

Butcher Linen Turnovers with tabs, embroidered in raised designs, best 35c values, on sale today at **19c**

Madras Wash Collars, in red, black and white, 35c values, at the low price of **8c**

Large variety of Wash Stocks, in white, blue and Persian effects, 50c and 65c values, on sale all day today at **29c**

New line of Scrim Stocks, Val. lace and insertion trim'd, best 35c values, on sale all day today at **23c**

$2.00 Bathing Suits $1.34
$2.50 Bathing Suits $1.64
$3.00 Bathing Suits $1.95
$5.00 Bathing Suits $3.54
$6.00 Bathing Suits $4.20
$8.50 Bathing Suits $5.95
$10.00 Bathing Suits $6.95
$12.50 Bathing Suits $8.45

BATHING CAPS, SHOES

15c Bathing Caps now 8c
25c Bathing Caps now 12c
50 Bathing Caps now 25c
$1.25 Bathing Caps now 75c
25c Bathing Shoes 16c
50c Bathing Shoes 23c

Odd Trav'ling Bags at Cost

About 75 odd Traveling Bags we want to close out quickly to make room for new styles just received—Prices like we have quoted below ought to clean up every one of them before 9:30 tonight

Alligator Oxford Bags

$4.50 values ..... $3.35 | $5.00 values $3.85
$5.50 values for $4.25.
$11.50 Horn Alligator Oxford Bag $8.50
$6.50 High Club Alligator-bag $4.90
14-in. square Bag, new style, $9.50 val. $7.25
15-in. square Bag, new style, $10 val. $7.50

Unbreakable Cabin Bags. Great bargains
$10.00 values .... $7.50 | $12.50 values .... $ 9.25
$13.50 values .... $9.75 | $14.50 values $10.50
Fitted Cabin Bags, $13.50 values for .. $9.50

Trunks, all Sizes and Styles

Leather-Lined Bags

Raw edge—Sewed—Oxford styles.
14-inch $8.50 values, for $6.75
15-inch $9.00 values, for $7.00

New oxblood Leather Bags—
14-inch $8.75 values $6.70
16-inch $9.75 values $7.75
$7.75 black seal Bag, for $6.50

Gents' Walrus grain Bag—
$7.85 value .... $6.50 | $8.25 value $6.75

Patent leather Bags—Very swell—
$12.00 values .... $9.00 | $12.50 values $9.50

Gents' Bag with straps—
$12.00 value .... $9.50 | $13.00 value $10.00

Sheet Music

For today only, exceptionally low pricing on popular Music, vocal and instrumental—Second Floor

"Love's Reverie," a beautiful ballad—500 copies today at—

6c COPY

"Susan Van Duzen."
"Moon Moths."
"The Strollers."
"Drummer Boy of '76."
"Man With the Ladder and Hose."
"If You But Knew."
"American Eagle."
"Beautiful Venice."
'Anona." "My Pauline." All at—

10c a Copy

Ladies' $3 Shoes $1.70

5$$ pairs of Women's $3.00 Lace Shoes, in patent leather, vici kid and box calf, splendid styles, very best leathers, all sizes, every pair regular $3.00 value, your choice today at, ... **$1.70**

Women's $2.00 Congress Shoes, in "vici" kid, Princess patent tip, all sizes, **$1.40**

Odd lot of Ladies' tan lace and tan Oxfords, good styles, $3.00 and $3.50 values, on sale today at **$1.70**

MEN'S SHOE SPECIALS

300 pairs of Men's Patent Leather, Vici Kid and Velour Calf Shoes, very best styles and all sizes, $3.50 and $4.00 values; value extraordinary today . **$2.65**

Boys' Clothing

Boys' all-wool 2-piece and 3-piece Norfolk Suits, best materials, neat mixtures, cassimeres, cheviots and serges, $4.50, $5.00 and $6.00 values for ... **$3.23**

Boys' Knee Pants in corduroy and dark and light mixed cassimeres and cheviots, ages 3 to 16 years; wonderful values at the low price of, pair **89c**

BOYS' WASH SUITS ONE-HALF PRICE—Our entire stock of Boys' Washable Sailor and Russian Blouse Suits and Kilt Dresses; best patterns and colors, all at ONE-HALF PRICE.

Picture Departm't

25 Beautiful Oil Paintings, 14 x20 inches up to 30x50 inches, mountain scenes, marine views, landscapes, forests, etc.; values up to $35.00 and $40.00, take any one of the lot at, each **$5.00**

All medallions, immense variety, at exactly ONE-HALF regular prices.

ONE-HALF OFF on all busts, figures and statuary—Second Floor.

Big assortment of Matted Pictures, 8x14 and 12x14, landscapes, water views, animals, etc., special values, each **8c**

Two picture pendants, Poets and Their Homes, matted; great values, each **11c**

25 pr. ct Discount on our entire stock of framed Pictures, subjects suitable for parlor, dining-room, library.

Basement Specials

Today and Tomorrow

60c 4-quart granite covered Kettles great bargain at 47c
Asbestos Mats for 3c
Wire Soap Dishes for 3c
45c Wooden Table Mats, six in set, great bargain 27c
50c Glass Water Pitchers 39c

BATH ROOM FIXTURES

25c Toilet-Paper Holders 19c
25c Hatracks for 21c
50c Towel-Racks for 41c
15c Towel-Racks for 11c
$1.50 Soap Dishes for $1.22
Whick Broom Holders 8c

The above are all of the finest nickel-plated ware and every item an exceptional bargain.

1/3 Off On our entire remaining stock of Refrigerators, all sizes. Best models, values $7.50 up to $35.00 at ONE-THIRD OFF.—(Basement.)

Sale of Belts

65c Values 32c

Splendid line of White Wash Belts, best 50c and 65c values, on sale today, each ..... **32¢**

Crush Leather Belts and Silk Belts, in black, gray, brown and green, 75c to $1.50 values **59c**

All Chatelaine Bags, in black, gray, brown and tan, walrus, seal, alligator and suede, with safety clasps, at ..... **1/2 PRICE**

Bathasweet, 18 Cents Can

500 cans of Bathasweet, a perfumed luxury for the bath, everybody wants a can at the low price of box **18c**

Curative Skin Soap 18c Box

3 cakes of Curative Skin Soap, a delightful and healthful toilet Soap; great special value at, box **18c**

Fairy Soap 35c Doz. Cakes

1000 dozen cakes of Fairy Soap—"It Floats"—Best of all toilet and bath soaps, sale price, dozen **35c**

Bulb Syringes at 15c Each

100 Columbia Bulb Syringes, hard rubber pipes; best 30c value, for this sale only, each **15c**

HAMMOCK SALE

Closing out our entire remaining stock of Hammocks at exceptionally low prices—pleasing variety of the best patterns and colorings; all grades. A Sunday afternoon nap enjoyed in one of these big, cozy Hammocks will more than repay the entire cost—Third Floor.

All the best grades reduced as follows:

$2.35 Hammocks $1.75
$2.75 Hammocks $1.96
$4.50 Hammocks $3.35
$2.50 Hammocks $1.87
$4.00 Hammocks $3.15
$5.50 Hammocks $4.25

Hammocks for the Coast or outing purposes—
$1.85 values $1.27
$2.00 values $1.48
$2.25 values $1.69

Children's Hammocks—
70c kind 48c
85c kind 67c
$1.00 kind 79c

Entire stock of Croquet Sets at greatly reduced prices.