

NOT SO VERY BUSY

City Detective Force Solves No Mysteries.

MURDERERS ARE UNCAUGHT

Lack of System in Police Department is Responsible for Absence of Arrests in Many Serious Criminal Cases.

For the murder of Dr. Lee Sing Nom, who was slain early in August last, no arrests have been made by detectives of the Portland police force, though there is a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer.

There are no new developments in the Bremer murder case because no detective in the city is working on the case, it having been abandoned.

The case of the overdressed baby found in a grip at the Union Station remains at a standstill. No detective is now working on this case.

No arrests have been made for the nation hold-up in Astoria, and to explain their inactivity, the police say that they deem the crime the work of tramps who immediately left town. Excellent descriptions of these three criminals were furnished the police, but no officer is working regularly on the case.

With these cases to be solved, five detectives are putting in their time on such trivial matters as collecting reports of pawned articles, arresting people riding wheels on sidewalks and corralling habitual drunkards.

These detectives report to no captain, and when a crime occurs it is rarely that a captain can find a detective to whom the alarm and get the scent while it is hot.

All of which is a part of the system.

It developed yesterday that there is even a limit to the patience of a "sensible Chinese." When Dr. Lee Sing Nom was murdered, the Lee Company, to which the murdered man belonged, knowing the principles of Portland police business, offered immediately a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the physician's assailant, placing the cash in the hands of the Chief of Police. In spite of this fact, there have been no arrests for the crime, and are likely to be none, as no detective was working on the case during the first three days after its occurrence.

Dr. Lee Sing Nom was murdered at 10 o'clock at night. The first detective to be detailed on the case was assigned at 10 o'clock the following morning. The members of the Lee Company held a meeting yesterday afternoon, at which the names of the heads of the Police Department were handled roughly. The outcome of the meeting was not made public, but it was hinted that a delegation of members from the company would wait on Chief Hunt today and tell him a few facts with a choice assortment of Chinese metaphors thrown in gratis. The Chinamen declare that the physician was slain by a drunken man and that, had a detective been assigned to the case that night the man might have been captured. They also declare that either the detectives are not giving the proper attention to the case or are purposely ignoring the guilty person. And they may double the reward in the near future, if they are assured that such a course will not result.

The members yesterday busy in the following manner: Detective Vaughn was in Seattle attempting to secure the return of George Harrison, who stole and pawned furs to the amount of \$100.

Detective Joe Day was preparing to aid Detective Vaughn.

Detective Welner was awaiting the leisure of Detective Day before working on a case. Welner is Day's partner.

Detective Hartman was awaiting the receipt of a letter from Walls Walla in regard to the man he arrested for selling numerous pairs of Portland-made shoes.

Detective Snow arrested a youth for purchasing a bicycle and the owner hesitated about prosecuting, saying there was a mistake.

Detective Kerrigan, as Snow's partner, was looking up the pedigree of the youth who stole the wheel.

"Anything doing in the Bremer case?" one detective was asked.

"New! Haven't you forgotten that yet?" was the answer.

"How about the baby in the grip?" "Nothing new."

"How about the Chinese case?" "Nothing new."

"How about the Albin hold-up men?" "Nothing doing."

"Nothing new at all."

"Yes, I had a cracking good story today on Joe Day."

And thus the Sherlock Holmes of the Portland force solve somber mysteries and receive the plaudits of the press and the people. It's part of the system.

EASY PAYMENTS.

\$1.00 Per Week.

Gentlemen's made-to-order merchant-tailored suits and overalls—made for you on installment payment—weekly or monthly payments to suit you. Only one-fifth down when order is placed, balance in payments. When the largest tailoring establishment in Portland—come to us here with you—one that has grown from a very small beginning to such extensive proportions and enjoying a high reputation for reliability—extends such liberal terms, why it is needless to say that there is no need of you buying inferior clothing. Come to us, take advantage of our terms—you will never miss the paying for them. Come to us even if you have thousands in the bank. These terms absolutely guarantee you to get satisfaction, don't you see that? We know what we can do or we would not offer such terms; for garments must be right.

THE J. M. ACHESON CO., Merchant Tailor, 8th and Alder Sts.

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Suits, splendid one at \$25.00 up—no always has been our custom, our cloth is marked in plain figures—You can see the price.

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We are the only concern in this city who maintain and operate a factory for making ladies' garments. We have the tailors to make them. Ladies' garments ready-to-wear. Elegant coats, suits, rain-coats, etc., on easy terms, \$1.00 per week.

THE J. M. ACHESON CO., Merchant Tailors and Makers of Ladies' Garments Ready-to-wear.

STOP FOR COLLINS HOT SPRINGS.

A covered platform has been erected by the O. & N. immediately opposite Collins Hot Springs for the accommodation of passengers who desire to visit this resort. The Spokane Flyer, trains 3 and 4, stop at this point on flag to take on or let off passengers. A commodious launch is carried across the river to the hotel.

Paper and Metal Horns 3c, 5c and 10c

Rooters

Root for your favorite. Buy a rooster and save your lung power. Only 10c. Don't be without a rooster.

Flags of All Sizes

Dress Goods Sale

New fancy mixed Dress Goods; materials for suits, skirts, shirt-waist suits; the newest patterns and colorings; the entire line at decided reductions from the regular selling prices—

- 75c Dress Goods 63c Yard
- 85c Dress Goods 71c Yard
- \$1.00 Dress Goods 79c Yd.
- \$1.25 Dress Goods \$1.07 Yd.
- \$1.50 Dress Goods \$1.29 Yd.
- \$1.75 Dress Goods \$1.47 Yd.
- \$2.00 Dress Goods \$1.63 Yd.

Entire stock of black and colored dress materials at greatly reduced prices all this week

Great Silk Sale

New pretty Shirtwaist Suit Silks, neat figures and stripes; attractive colorings; unusual values; \$2.50

85c grade 59c Yard

\$1.00 grade 83c Yard

\$1.25 grade 99c Yard

Beautiful new Plain Silks just received by express. New Crush Velvets in brown, black, gray, etc.

New Chiffon Velvets in new colorings.

BLANKETS, COMFORTERS

A Great Special Sale

600 pairs of 10-4 White Wool Blankets, colored borders; the best \$4.50 value money can buy; on sale this week at, pair \$3.25

11-4 extra large size White Wool Blankets, colored borders; fine heavy blankets; regular value, for this sale, pair \$5.25

Silkoline-covered Comforters, white cotton filling, handsome patterns and colorings; \$1.50 values each \$1.27

High-grade Silkoline-covered Comforters, laminated cotton filled; best patterns; regular \$2.25 value; \$1.89

1/3 Off on Trimmed Hats

Great November Clearance Sale in our Millinery Department—Choose from our entire stock of Trimmed Hats, the most attractive creations, new shapes, very latest trimmings and colorings, imported models, New York hats, the product of our own workrooms are all included—Hats for dress and evening wear—None reserved, your choice of the entire stock at the marvelously low prices of 33 1/3% reduction from the 1/3 Off regular selling prices.

Thanksgiving Silverware Sale

Your Thanksgiving silverware needs can be supplied at a big saving if you take advantage of the great special November Sale in progress here—Hundreds of bargains in useful and ornamental pieces of every description—Basement

Forbes Silver-Plated Ware

- "Forbes" Cake Baskets, satin or burnished finish, \$3.75 value, for \$2.79
- "Forbes" satin-engraved Mugs for, each 32c
- Children's silver-plated Mugs, French gray or burnished finish; \$1.50 value, for \$1.23
- 3-piece Tea Sets, burnished finish, newest shapes, best \$12.50 values, \$8.93
- 4-piece Tea Sets, French gray finish, very neat; regular \$12.50 values, \$8.93
- 4-piece Tea Sets, satin engraved, medium size; regular \$6.50 value, \$4.89
- Crumb Pan and Scraper, French gray finish; \$3 and \$3.25 value, \$2.37
- Silver-plated Syrup Pitcher with tray, newest pattern; \$3.50 value, \$2.74
- 6-inch Trays, fancy edge; \$1.50 value, \$1.27
- 4 and 5-light Candelabra with candles; regular \$8.50 values, for \$6.85
- \$1.65 Bon-Bon Dishes, for, each \$1.29

Women's Shoes \$2.22 Pair

Women's vic' kid, lace and bluchers, light or heavy sole, patent tip, Cuban heels—Patent colt lace shoes, light soles for dress wear, Cuban heels, mat kid top—Patent calf and patent colt lace shoes, welt soles, military heels, mat kid top—Patent colt button shoes, military heels, mat kid top—Shoes we'll guarantee equal to best \$3.50 values to be found anywhere—American Work' price is, pair \$2.22

Men's \$6 Shoes \$3.95 Pair

French, Shriver & Urner's famous \$5.00 and \$6.00 Shoes for men; broken lines in about all sizes offered at a ridiculously low price. Shrewd men will snap up these bargains quickly. It isn't often that \$5.00 and \$6.00 shoes can be bought for \$3.95 pair. Patent Calf Lace Shoes, imperial toe; \$5.00 Patent Colt Lace Shoes, Carleton toe; \$6.00 Patent Horse Lace Shoes, double sole; \$5.00 and \$6.00 heavy Lace Shoes, in Box Calf and Zorah Calf, about all sizes; take your pick of all above lines at this price. \$3.95

Complete Election Returns by Direct Western Union Wire Tonight

Portland Agents for Butterick Patterns and Publications—Subscriptions Taken for the Delineator at \$1.00 a Year "Willamette" Sewing Machines on the Easy-Payment Plan—15 Models, \$13.00 to \$35.00—\$5.00 Down \$1.00 Weekly

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Portland's Largest and Best Store

Cake Baking Demonstration in the Basement—Prof. Chapman Continues to Interest Thousands of Housekeepers Daily

Largest Trunk and Bag Store on the Coast—Every Good Size and Style of Trunk and Bag—Reasonable Prices

Custom Shade and Drapery Work Our Specialty—Best Materials and Workmanship—Lowest Prices Guaranteed

John S. Brown & Sons' "Shamrock" Linens

Get the Grand Prize and Two Gold Medals

In competition with the best table linens manufactured in England, Ireland, Scotland, Austria, Germany and France the World's Fair Judges have awarded the highest honors, a grand prize and two gold medals, to Messrs. John S. Brown & Sons' famous "Shamrock Table Linens and to Messrs. Wm. Liddell & Co. "Gold Medal" Table Linens—Both makes are liberally represented in our complete stock—John S. Brown & Sons' linens have a reputation of over 100 years' standing—Beautiful new designs are here for your choosing and entire stock is being offered at special prices during our

Great Thanksgiving Linen Sale

- All linen, bleached satin damask—\$4-inch, Best patterns; remarkable value, 66c
- All linen, bleached satin damask—7 1/2-inch, 12 new patterns; \$1.25 value, yard 94c
- All our \$1.50 bleached, satin damask Napkins on sale at, dozen \$1.21
- All our \$2.00 Napkins for, dozen \$1.53
- All our \$2.25 bleached Napkins, dozen \$2.06
- 7 1/2-inch Satin Damask Table Linens, all the best patterns; regular \$1.00 grade at, yard, 89c
- 7 1/2-inch Satin Damask Table Linens, handsome designs; regular \$1.25 grade, at the low price of, yard, 94c
- 7 1/2-inch Satin Damask Table Linens, all the regular \$1.50 values, for \$1.29
- 7 1/2-inch Satin Damask Table Linens, the low price of, yard, \$1.76
- Hemstitched Damask Tray Cloths, 17x23 inches; values extraordinary at, 21c
- Hemstitched Damask Tray Cloths, 20x25 inches; marvelous values at, each, 28c
- Our entire stock of Dinner Napkins, all grades, best patterns, immense variety, all at Thanksgiving Sale price. The grandest Napkin bargains ever offered.
- \$1.00 Napkins, dozen \$1.25
- \$1.50 Napkins, dozen \$1.75
- \$2.00 Napkins, dozen \$2.40
- \$2.50 Napkins, dozen \$3.00
- \$3.00 Napkins, dozen \$3.60
- All Napkins up to \$12.50 dozen at reduced prices.



Hand-embroidered Afternoon Tea Cloths and Center Pieces, beautiful designs and qualities, great bargains at the following prices—

- \$2.50 pieces, each \$1.97
- \$3.00 pieces, each \$2.10
- \$3.50 pieces, each \$2.50
- \$4.00 pieces, each \$2.85
- \$4.50 pieces, each \$3.20
- \$5.00 pieces, each \$3.50

All our finest pieces up to \$15.00 greatly reduced.

Hemstitched Damask Tea Cloths—all the best sizes and patterns—great bargains at the following prices—

- \$1.00 grades, 88c each; \$1.50 grades, \$1.21 each; \$2.00 grades, \$1.53 each; all \$1.90
- Tray Cloths for, each, \$2.25

See the new French Table Linens being offered at Thanksgiving Sale Prices.

Hemstitched Satin Damask Table Cloths, beautiful styles, all the best grades at Thanksgiving sale prices—

- \$4.50 Cloths for, \$3.50
- \$5.00 Cloths for, \$4.00
- \$5.50 Cloths for, \$4.50
- \$6.00 Cloths for, \$5.00
- \$6.50 Cloths for, \$5.50
- \$7.00 Cloths for, \$6.00
- \$7.50 Cloths for, \$6.50
- \$8.00 Cloths for, \$7.00
- \$8.50 Cloths for, \$7.50
- \$9.00 Cloths for, \$8.00
- \$9.50 Cloths for, \$8.50
- \$10.00 Cloths for, \$9.00

All our high-class Satin Damask and Double Satin Damask Table Cloths, in all sizes from two yards long to five and a half yards long; magnificent styles; values ranging from \$1.50 up to \$75.00 set, will be offered at exceptionally low prices during the great Annual Thanksgiving Linen Sale. Entire stock of John S. Brown & Sons' Fine Linens at special sale prices.

Silk Skirts

\$8.50, \$9 \$10 and \$11 Values \$5.85



Hundreds of beautiful silk petticoats—Values up to \$11.00 are on sale at \$5.85 ea. The best silk petticoat bargain in the city—All clean, new desirable styles in plain and changeable silks of superior quality—deep accordion plaiting and tucked ruffles or deep corded flounce with ruche and ruffle—Browns, garnets, grays, blacks, navy, helio and changeables

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THIRD FLOOR SPECIALS

Bathroom Rugs, washable and reversible—blue, red, blue and green—36x36 inches, \$1.50 values for, each \$1.15

Cocoa, 36x23 in., reg. \$1.25 val., ea. \$1.00

36x27 inches, \$1.50 values for, each \$1.15

Outside Doormats, special values—Cocoa, 18x30 inches, reg. \$1.10 val., ea. \$1.00

Cocoa, 36x23 in., reg. \$1.25 val., ea. \$1.00

Steel, \$1.25 values, for \$1.15 values for, each \$1.00

\$1.25 Roller-Bearing Carpet Sweepers for, each \$1.00

Brass Beds

Our entire stock of Brass Beds at great special reduction this week. Big variety of new styles to select from. Third floor.

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Free with every purchase of Suit or Overcoat in our Boys' Clothing Department—second floor. The American Boy is the biggest, brightest and best paper for boys and young men. Interesting stories, articles relating incidents in the boyhood days of the successful captains of industry. From cover to cover it is a mine of enthusiasm and pleasure for the American boy. Our Boys' Clothing stock is larger and better than ever, embracing all the popular styles and materials at reasonable prices.

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At a Reduction of 25 Per Cent

The margin of profit Evening Costumes and Wraps are marked at here won't permit a reduction of one-half or even one-third from regular prices. The Meier & Frank policy is to mark women's high class garments at the same reasonable prices that everyday merchandise in every one of their fifty-five departments is marked at—No tacking on immense profits to enable half-price sales every other day in the week—The public evidently know this, judging by the response to our offer yesterday of 25% reductions on all evening Wraps and Costumes—Sold more high-class garments than ever before in a single day—Sale continues through the week—The best buyers will take advantage

Silk Costumes, Lace Costumes, Velvet Costumes, White Broadcloth Evening Wraps, Party Costumes, Evening, Theater and Carriage Wraps, Black Silk and Lace Costumes

\$27.50 to \$500

An unequalled opportunity is offered to buy a magnificent Costume or Wrap at a big saving—The showing is by far the largest and best in the city—Both imported and domestic models are included—Let us show them to you

Women's \$30, \$32 Suits \$23.85

And we'll guarantee them superior to the \$35 and \$38 Values heralded elsewhere—This sale was organized with the determination to give the best values for the money Portland women ever bought—The active buying all day yesterday illustrated your splendid confidence in the Meier & Frank Merchandise and Store News—Portland's Leading Cloak Store always invites comparison knowing that the Great American Public can't be fooled even part of the time

Women's high-grade Dress Suits, all this season's models, in Cheviots, Coverts, Broadcloths and mannish mixtures, Tourist Directoire, jacket or tight-fitting models with or without vests, velvet guimp or cloth strap trimmed; blues, blacks, browns, grays, tans, light and dark mixtures; regular \$30.00 and \$32.00 garments, for only \$23.85

\$18.00 and \$20.00 Coats \$14.45

Women's Jackets—all this season's leading styles in Cheviots, Kersey and mannish mixtures, Tourist back with belt, plain box back, French backs, yoke effects with plaits, velvet collar or plain tans, castors, blues, grays, browns and fancy mixtures \$14.45

"Peninsular" Stoves, Ranges and Heaters

A special sale of "Peninsular" Ranges, Stoves and Heaters. The best line America produces. Everyone guaranteed for 10 years. Easy payments for parties of good credit.

- "Peninsular" Steel Range, elegant nickel trimming, polished steel body, boiler-head rivets, burns wood or coal, 50 per cent more heating and cooking capacity than any other make; ten years' guarantee; special sale this week \$32.50
- "Peninsular" Cook Stove, with steel over-shell, solid steel base, full nickel trimmed, a perfect baker, heating and cooking capacity guaranteed for ten years; great value \$12.75
- A beautiful little Coal or Wood Heater, castron front, swing top, shapen; a dandy hot-blast heater and great value \$5.45
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Closing out broken lots of fine Swiss, Cambria and Nantuck edgeings and insertions, 3-15 inches wide—Detailed designs—Great assortment Values up to 60c, 50c Yd. Val. up to 85c, 50c Yd. Val. up to \$1.25, 60c Yd. Val. up to \$1.50, 50c Yd. Values up to \$2.50 for \$1.25 each

- Great special sale of fine Valenciennes Lace, Mechlin Laces and Round-Mesh Veil; four great lots and remarkable values at—7c yard, 10c yard, 15c yard, 18c yard
- 50-inch Tapestries, suitable for furniture covering, cushion, couch covers, etc., all the best patterns, yard \$1.00
- \$2.00 Tapestry, 50 inches wide, all colors, heavy quality suitable for upholstering purposes yard \$1.50

Torn and hemmed Sheets of superior quality, at special prices—

- Size 72x90 in., for, ea. \$4.00
- Size 81x90 in., for, ea. \$4.50
- 42x56 in. Pillow Cases, ea. \$1.00
- 45x56 in. Pillow Cases, ea. \$1.00
- 45x56 in. hemstitched Silps, each \$1.00
- 45-inch Pequot Pillow Case, yard \$1.00
- 34-in. White Cambric Mullin, great value, yard \$1.00
- 55c, 40c, 50c Silk Orgrandy in all the very best colors, marvelous value, yard \$1.00
- The fancy White Memorized Walking in medium and heavy weight, patterns, big assortment, great bargain—yard \$1.00