

WILL RETURN SOON

Governor Mead to Visit Portland Thursday.

TO INSPECT THE EXPOSITION

Washington Executive Says He Enjoyed Himself at Commercial Club Banquet, and Will Be Pleased to Enjoy Himself Again.

A tall man wearing a democratic hat and a republican air hurried out of the Hotel Portland yesterday afternoon in great haste. In one hand he carried a box, which, all probability contained flowers, while in the other was a sun-browned suitcase, from the end of which protruded a small fluted glass of something blue. It was A. E. Mead, Governor of Washington, hurried home after a night spent with the members of the Portland Commercial Club at their annual banquet held Saturday evening.

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In fact, I think the railroads are working in harmony for the creation of the commission. All that they want is a square deal, and I am confident that they will get it, and am of the opinion they know this to be a fact.

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HART SECURING PLAYERS.

Historic Artists Being Engaged for New Stock Company.

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WILL INTRODUCE BILL.

Senator Holman to Present Park Act to Legislature.

Senator Herbert Holman, of the Multnomah delegation, today, before the Senate at Salem, will introduce a bill for an act empowering the city of Portland to sell \$250,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of acquiring lands for public parks and further, for the relinquishment to the city of buildings erected at the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds by the State of Oregon.

The bill, as prepared by Judge Fenton, was taken under consideration at a meeting held Saturday in the Lewis and Clark Corporation offices. Mayor George H. Williams, Paul Westinghouse, Judge Fenton and others were present. It was decided that the bill was complete in every respect and a copy was sent to Senator Holman in the night's mail.

Portland, through its Park Board, is empowered by the act to dispose of bonds to the extent of \$250,000. It is stipulated that the purchase of the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds as desired shall not entail an expenditure of more than \$250,000. The remaining \$250,000 is for the purchase of lands on the East Side for public parks.

Contrary to resolutions adopted by the Taxpayers' League, which recommended that the proposition to purchase lands for park purposes be submitted to a vote of the people, the bill calls for an act empowering the city to condemn any property which in the opinion of the Park Board may retard the progress and increase the value of said property, and to determine a value of said property and compensate the owners with warrants from the City Treasurer.

The desired act further provides that the city, on acquiring the Lewis and Clark Fair site, shall reserve a piece of land for the state on which at some future time a Lewis and Clark memorial structure will be erected. The buildings which are recommended to be relinquished to the city are the Forestry and Oriental exhibits structures.

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Six Days More of The Meier & Frank Store's Clearance Sale

Merchandise Purchased on Credit Today and Tomorrow Goes on Your February Account. Last week of the great Annual Clearance Sale—Not for another year will the opportunity present itself to choose from the largest and best stock of merchandise on the Coast at such extremely low prices—Every article in every department is included (a few contract goods alone excepted)—Wearing apparel for women, men, and children; homefitting needs of every description—The economical buyer will look to the Meier & Frank Store for his or her supplies because only merchandise of dependable quality is sold here—More than your money's worth in every instance—Get your share

75 Women's Suits at Half Price

At promptly eight o'clock this morning we will place on sale 75 Women's High-Grade Suits—Regular values from \$25 to \$65 at exactly one-half price—Styles are desirable, materials the best—The offering is worthy the earnest attention of every woman having garment needs to supply—The reputation of Portland's Leading Cloak and Suit Store is so well established that an announcement of this sort never fails to attract a throng of buyers, so better plan to come early if you want to choose from the entire lot—Materials include chevots, broadcloths, tweeds and coverts—Black, blue, brown and mixtures—Jackets are Tourist style, tight-fitting with or without vest—Directoire—Strictly tailored or fancy trimmed—Plaited skirts, all sizes—\$25 to \$65 values

Table listing suit prices: \$25.00 Suits at \$12.50, \$32.00 Suits at \$16.00, \$40.00 Suits at \$20.00, \$27.00 Suits at \$13.50, \$34.00 Suits at \$17.00, \$45.00 Suits at \$22.50, \$30.00 Suits at \$15.00, \$35.00 Suits at \$17.50, \$55.00 Suits at \$27.50, \$75.00 Suits at \$37.50, \$65.00 Suits at \$32.50. Second Floor.

Buy New Tourist Coats at Half Price

Women's Tourist Coats, belted backs, in chevots, kerseys and coverts, blue, black and browns, this season's very best styles, \$27.00 values, at the extraordinarily low price of \$12.95. \$34.00 Tourist Coats, coverts and mixtures, for the very low price of \$18.45. Tourist Coats, tweeds, chevots, kerseys, coverts, \$22.00 values, at the low price of \$11.65.

Evening Costumes, Wraps and Waists at Extremely Low Clearance Sale Prices—Magnificent Creations All Suits, Coats, Skirts and Cravettes at Low Clearance Sale Prices—Largest Display in the City Choose from All Our Silk Petticoats, Tea Gowns, Kimonos, Etc., at Clearance Sale Prices—Second Floor We Are Offering Our Entire Stock of Children's Garments at Very Low Clearance Sale Prices

Sheets and Pillow Cases

The best grade Sheets and Pillow Cases priced at a point where housewives, hotel and boarding-housekeepers must be interested—Prices that should start them to taking stock of the linen closet in a hurry. 81x90 Sheets, 60c value, each... 49c. 72x90 Sheets, 55c value, each... 44c. 63x90 Sheets, 50c value, each... 39c. 81x90 Sheets, 55c value, each... 46c. 72x90 Sheets, 50c value, each... 41c. 45x36 Pillow Cases, two great lots, remarkable values at each... 15c, 16c. 42x36 Pillow Cases, great val., ea... 11c.

12-yard pieces of long cloth for the low price of, piece \$1.08. 15,000 yards of our best 7c and 8 1-2c Prints, in the best patterns and colors at this low price, yard... 4c. New fancy silk dot Organdies, all the leading shades and designs, poppies, roses, violets, apple blossoms, etc.—styles desirable for evening and Summer gowns, 50c value, yard... 33c. 10,000 yards of Dress Ginghams, in all colors and immense variety of patterns, at, yard... 9c. Entire stock of White Goods, Lawns, Nainsooks, India Linens, Swiss, etc., all marked at exceptionally low Clearance Prices.

\$3.50 to \$4.50 Corset Covers \$2.98

Great special offering of 500 fine Corset Covers, sheerest materials, daintiest styles, lace and embroidery trimmed, tucked and trimmed backs, blouse fronts, all sizes, \$3.50 to \$4.50 val., your choice... \$2.98. Our entire mammoth stocks of Paris and American Lingerie on sale at Clearance Prices.

Big Soap Sale

- Pure white Castle Soap, cake... 7c. 2-lb. bars pure Castile, 25c value, bar... 16c. 4 in 1 Castle, long bar... 4c. 4711 White Rose Soap, cake... 16c. Witch Hazel Soap, 2 cakes... 11c. Cuticura Soap, great bargain... 16c. Fairy Soap, "It floats," dozen cakes... 35c. Old-fashioned Soap, large cake... 16c. Jockey Club Soap, per box... 17c. 3 cakes Peau d'Espagne... 17c. La Gloria pure Glycerine Soap, bar... 7c. Japanese Pine Tar Soap, box... 15c. Juvenile Soap, for, cake... 11c. Kirk's Glycerine Glycerine, 3 cakes... 17c. Kirk's Brown Windsor, at, cake... 17c. Mennen's Toilet Powder, can... 12c. Williams' Shaving Soap, cake... 4c. Sossodon Tooth Wash, bottle... 12c. Wisdom's Robertine, jar... 12c. Large bottle Violet Ammonia... 18c. Dressing Comb, ea... 25c, 25c. Pure Bristle Hair Brushes... 25c, 25c. Arnicin Tooth Soap, cake... 16c. Listerine Toilet Powder, bottle... 16c. All grades of toilet papers at exceptionally low clearance prices.

Carpet Sale

Supply your carpet needs during the Clearance Sale. The saving is sufficiently large to interest everyone and the Meier & Frank store presents for your choosing the largest and best-selected stock in the city. Carpets of all kinds and grades, Linoleums, Mattings, Rugs, Art Squares, etc., all at the very lowest prices—Third floor.

10,500 Towels at Special Prices

There's going to be some fun in the Towel Section this last week of the Clearance Sale because we have planned a sale we know every housewife in town wants to share in—Towels of every kind and quality at prices that mean a big saving.

- Hemmed Huck Towels, 16x26-inch, the best 10c. Towels money can buy are on sale at, each... 6c. Hemmed Huck Towels, 17x32 inches, thousands of them, 12 1/2c Towels, extraordinary value at, each... 8c. 18x36-inch Hemmed Huck Towels, each... 11c. 18x36-inch All- linen Hemmed Huck Towels, each... 16c. 18x36-inch Hemstitched Linen Huck Towels, each... 19c. Hemstitched Linen Huck Towels, 19x39-inch, Webb's famous grass-bleached Towel... 32c. Knotted Fringed Damask Towels, 18x36 inches, greatest value ever offered at, each... 16c. Knotted Fringe Damask Towels, 20x40-inch, great Clearance value, ea... 19c. Famous "Rudby" Bath Towel, made of long fiber Egyptian cotton, absorbs the water quickly, great value... 42c. Knotted Fringe Damask Towels, 21x42 inches, 35c value for... 24c. Bleached Turkish Bath Towels, 22x46-inch, best 35c values, each... 26c. All high-grade Towels are marked at the lowest Clearance Prices.

Entire stock of fine table linens, damasks, napkins, sets, cloths, linens of guaranteed style and quality are being sold here at very low Clearance Sale Prices. Included will be found John S. Brown & Sons' famous "Shamrock" table linens, the best world produces.



Wonderful Clearance Bargains in Fine Lace Curtains

Today—Third Floor

Two, three and four-pair lots of Nottingham Lace Curtains, plain centers and all-ever patterns; great values now as follows:

- \$1.25 qualities, pair... \$1.00. \$1.50 qualities, pair... \$1.07. \$1.75 qualities, pair... \$1.19. \$2.25 qualities, pair... \$1.58. \$2.50 qualities, pair... \$1.88. \$3.00 qualities, pair... \$2.25. \$3.25 qualities, pair... \$2.45. \$3.50 qualities, pair... \$2.55. \$6.00 CURTAINS \$3.95 PR. \$5.50, \$6.00 Irish Point Curtains, scroll centers with heavy Irish Point borders; size 53 inches wide; 3 1/2 yds. long, pair... \$3.95. \$7.50 CURTAINS \$4.95 PR. \$8.25 and \$7.50 Irish Point Curtains, plain and detached figure centers, small borders; 59 inches wide; 3 1/2 yds. long, pair... \$4.95. \$8.50 CURTAINS \$5.95 PR. \$8.50 Irish Point Curtains, scroll, plain or detached figure centers, neat borders, best nets, 59 inches wide, 3 1/2 yards long, pair... \$5.65. Three-fold Screen, white enamel, oak or imitation mahogany, 11 1/2 yds... \$9.8c. The greatest values in high-class Lace Curtains.

Great Clearance

Lace Sale

Imitation Cluny Bands and Edges and Point de Paris Laces, 1 1/2 to 2 inches wide, splendid variety; values up to 15c yard on sale for... 6c. Black, white and cream evening Nets, fine quality; values up to \$1.75 yard, on sale at the low price of... \$1.19. Exceptional reductions on real Valenciennes and Torchon Laces; handsome patterns—1 1/2 values, yard... \$1.45. \$2.50 values, yard... \$1.42. \$3.25 values, yard... \$1.94. \$3.50 values, yard... \$1.18.

Cutlery Sale

Paring Knives, best steel, 8c, 16c. Clam Knives, 25c value, ea... 16c. Potato Ball Cutters, all sizes 30c. Apple Corers-Parers, each... 4c. 6-in. Butcher Knives, 20c; 7-in., 22c; 8-in., each... 40c. 6-in. Bread Knives, fancy handles... 40c. Pastry Knives, 15c value... 8c. 12-in. Chinese Knives... 24c. Boning Knives, each... 20c, 24c. Knives, celluloid handles, medium size, \$2.75 value, doz... 83c. 3-piece Kitchen Sets, bread, cake, paring knives, set... 20c. 5-piece Carving Sets in case, best steel and handles, \$5.50 value, \$4.49; \$7.50 values... \$6.00. Christy Knife sharpener... 16c. Stag-handle Carving Set, 3 pieces; \$1.50 value for... \$1.02. Carving Knife and Fork, celluloid handles, great val. 72c. Knives and Forks, set of 6; \$1.75 value for, set... \$1.46.

Handkerchiefs at Clearance Sale Prices

Four grand bargains that every woman wants to take advantage of—Quantities sufficient for two or three days' selling.

Women's and Children's hemstitched lawn Handkerchiefs, with fancy embroidered corners and lace edge, best 10c values on sale for, each... 4c. Women's embroidered hemstitched all-linen Handkerchiefs, big variety of patterns, styles suitable for stock collars and corset covers, 20c values... 2 for 25c. Women's Shirtwaist Handkerchiefs with colored borders, all pure linen, best 25c values on sale for... 12 1/2c. Women's Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and scalloped edges, just the kind for fancy aprons, bureau scarfs, 20c and 25c values on sale for, each... 12 1/2c.

Women's and Children's Hosiery Sale

100 dozen Women's seamless, fast black, ribbed cotton Hose, all sizes, the quality most stores ask 35c pair for regularly at the extraordinarily low price of, pair... 18c. Women's outside black cotton Hose, Hermsdorf dye, all sizes, 35c values on sale for the low price of, pair... 25c. Entire stock of Lisle, Cotton and Silk Hose at Clearance Prices. Children's "No-Mend" linen knee Hose, fast color, sizes 6 to 10, great special value at, pair... 18c. Boys' Heavy Seamless Hose, 6 to 10, pair... 15c. Entire stock of Hosiery at Low Clearance Prices.

Knit Underwear

Women's light weight fine ribbed cotton Vests, high neck, long sleeves, 50c value... 39c. Women's silk and lisle, light weight, high neck, long sleeve fine ribbed Vests, all sizes, \$1.00 value, at the low price of... 78c. Ankle length Tights to match, \$1 values, for... 78c. Children's fine ribbed white wool "Munsing" Union Suits, regular \$1.50 value... \$1.19. Entire stock of women's and children's Underwear at Clearance prices.

Specials in Stationery Dept.

Newest copyrighted Book "The Clansman" by Thos. Dixon, Jr., \$1.08 per Copy. Royal Coronation silk-bond bulk paper, 1-lb. packages, regular \$1.00 values, for, lb... 28c. Eaton Hubbard's bond, Blate and linen papers, in a large assortment of shapes and shades, best 25c value, for... 15c. Eaton Hubbard's Highland Linen Paper, all colors, extra special values... 27c. Dennison's Crepe Paper, all colors, price of roll... 7c. Dennison's fancy Crepe Paper, 20c fold, best patterns, at the low price of, each... 12c. Crepe Paper Napkins, large assortment, special values, great special values at the very low price of 5c, 12c, 18c, 25c, hundred, Commercial Envelopes, white wove, all sizes, 2 packages, set per hundred... 89c.

The Y. M. C. A. are being felt in various ways. C. V. Hibbard, writing from Antung, speaks of the eagerness with which the Japanese soldiers receive tracts and the printed Gospel, and the deep attention with which they listen to addresses given by the Christian workers in the field. Headquarters have been established at which the men can obtain a comfortable hour and obtain stationery and writing materials, which is a great boon to them. The Emperor's birthday was observed by a big reception in a tent erected for the occasion, and great hordes of men and commissioned officers crowded in to pay their respects to the American Christians. Good work is being done in the hospitals and much is accomplished by use of the phonograph. The National Committee of Japanese Y. M. C. A. is sending out an appeal for \$10,000 with which to carry on the work during 1905. A Kansas "Leader." Eric Record. An Eric man who has no ambition to be a Chesterfield or a leader of Eric's 400 was invited out to dinner a few evenings ago. He conjured up every excuse imaginable, and as a last resort tried to make his wife believe she was sick and unable to go, but she gave him to understand that she was going and he must accompany her. "Well," he said, "I'm sick myself, but I reckon I'll have to go." And they went. When the first course was brought on, the old gentleman filled up pretty well, but seemed to be getting along all right. In the middle of the second course he declared he was full "clean up" and pushed back from the table. "Ahem," you folks just go ahead an' eat your supper an' don't mind me. I've got to go home an' feed the pigs!"