Effort Made to Release Frank McDaniels.

CLAIM HE IS INNOCENT

Many Sign the Petition to Governor.

NEW EVIDENCE IS SECURED

Young Man Was Tried and Convicted of the Murder of Claire Adelaide Fitch and Went to Penitentiary.

Frank E. McDaniels, who has now nerved six years of his life in the Oregon penitentiary for the murder of Claire Adelaide Fitch and who has yet nine years to live before he can step out a free man, will be washed of the stain of what is alleged to be unjust conviction if the efforts of his brother, Clarence McDanand his brother-in-law, Thomas mer, are effective.

Frank McDaniels was the center, in 1899, of one of the most sensational mur-der crimes of the state. Miss Fitch had been found dead in Cycle Park, now Holladay Park, and had last been seen with McDaniels. The prosecution wove a chain of circumstantial evidence around the suspected boy as best it could and upon this testimony he was convicted of manpreme Court was sentenced to the Su-preme Court was sentenced to the peni-tentiary for 15 years. He has now served six years of that time, four being spent in the state prison and two in the Manin the state prison and two in the Multao-man County Jall.

Claim New Evidence. At the bad the trial there were many who did non-lock that McDanlels had committed the crime, and there was a great deal of disantisfaction when the verdict of guilt was returned against him.

At the present time two of the lives, who sat on the case have died, and of the remaining ten, eight have recommended that the Governor issue a pardon, Mc Daniels is falling rapidly and will never live to complete his sentence. It is also claimed by the brother and

the brother-in-law that new evidence has been discovered which materially alters the case. W. G. Stacey, of this city, is said to have seen McDanlels on the night of the crime, at either II o'clock or within a quarter of an hour of that time, and that the man now serving time was on Grand avenue near Couch and Davis streets. This in substantiation of the story by the

defendant at the time of the trial.

It is also said that a letter has been discovered written by a young man at that time a resident of the East Side, threatening to kill Miss Fitch if she was wen again in the company of McDaniela.

But aside from this new evidence there
are many persons in the county who
would be willing to see McDaniels out of
prison, for there is a strong belief that
he is serving a sentence for a crime done by another, or at least of which he is not guilty. The list which has been circulated and which will in a short time be presented to Governor Chamberlain contains some of the most prominent men of the county and city. It is understood that John Manning has agreed to recommend the pardoning of the prisoner, and all of remaining jurors will yet agree to sign the petition for the release of the man whom they sent to the penitentiary BIX years ago.

Chaplain St. Pierre's Letter.

The prison chaptain, who has been much associated with the prisoner, informs the move to secure pardon by the following To whom it may concern: I am very

well acquainted with Mr. Frank McDan iels, now confined in the Oregon State Prison. When assuming my office as chaplain of that institution I was of the epinion that he was a guilty man, but after two years' acquaintanceship with him and many intimate conversations held together, I am free to say that I now feel convinced of his innocence of the crime he was accused of.
"That he is, besides, of decidedly delicate

bealth, and not at all likely to live out his sentence if kept in confinement, and that if released, he will prove a useful and upright member of society, are all facts which lead me to most heartily join with any effort looking to his release.
"REV. E. W. St. PIERRE.

"Chaplain Oregon State Pentitary."
William Frazier, who was Sheriff of
Multnomah County at the time of the trial, writes a letter to the Governor, in which he states that he did not at any time think McDaniels guilty of the murder of the girl. During the time of his in-carocration be watched him closely, and was firmly convinced that he was an in-

R. D. Inman, John Minto, D. Solis Cohen. W. M. Davis, C. H. Jackson, W. T. Vaughn and many others have written personal letters to the Governor urging him to grant the pardon upon various grounds, among the contentions being that the evidence had been lucking and that there was a general conviction among many people that the wrong man was being punished for the crime of an-

Names on Petition.

Many names have been secured to the petition which is being circulated, among the collection being Calesby Young, Sig Sichel, J. V. Beach, W. T. Vaughn, V. K. Strode, Dan McAllen, C. H. Jackson, F. W. Graves, A. F. Flegel, H. R. Albre, R. E. Moody, J. M. Long, Dan J. Moore, A. C. Spencer, R. A. Wilson, W. W. Robin son, Charles Coopey, H. W. Stone, H. W. Goddard, G. C. Mosler, Sandford Whiting, '. E. Rumelin, John Bain, Mrs. Millie R ull. Phil Metschan and others. presented, with the arguments of the petitioners, to the Governor in a short time, and it is thought that there will be but little doubt of the outcome.

Heard in the Rotundas

"MINING operations at Roosevelt, Idaho, are progressing with great activity," says Charles Estee, an experienced mining man, who has been a prospector at many of the world's greatest camps. "The Tounder Mounin the United States today and with opening of the roads for heavy freight hauling in the Spring I look for renewed industry upon all the valu-able claims in that section."

Mr. Estee was in South Africa during the famous Jameson raid and has had experience in mining camps for years. He says that the Sunnyside mine on Thunder Mountain already has a 40 mill and that new machinery is being hauled into the district for that Store Closes This Evening at

WE ALWAYS AIN TO GIVE YOU THE BEST VALUES FOR THE LEAST

9:30 o'Clock

The Meier & Frank Store

Established for Nearly Half a Century

SATURDAY SPECIALS

We Are Showing Easter Novelties in Great Profusion Priced From 5c to \$1.50

New Shipment Picture Frames and Moldings Just Received-See Display

Bo-Peep Showing of Children's Hats Special for Today

For the little ones and the misses also we can provide splendidly-You should see our new line of Bo-Peep Bonnets-So many pretty new creations here that you must come in and see them-We offer a few new arrivals at special prices for today

Misses' Lace, Braid or Leghorn Hats, trimmed with chiffon and flowers, in all colors, special at........\$1.49 Misses' large fluted Mull Hat, in white, pink, light blue

Bo-Peep Hat and Bonnet, trimmed in satin ribbon bow and streamer; splendid value for today...... \$2.50 Just received—A full line of "Sailors" for ladies, misses and boys; prices range from 39c to...... \$10.00

Chiffon Hats \$1.49 Each

complete showing of Ready-to-Trim Chiffon Hats and Braid Hats; special oday.

Boys' Willamette Flyers \$4.98 Ea.

Here is a reduction in our Toy Section that will interest many a boy and, incidentally, the father or mother; our \$6.50 line of Willamette Flyers reduced to \$4.98 for today.

LAST DAY OF

Notion Sale

Laundry Wax, 3 for 5¢

Wire Hairpins, pgs., 2 for .. 1¢

Tracing Wheels, each4c

Ladies' Rubber Cuffs, pr. 19¢

Black and White Pins, in boxes,

Black Pins, on cards, 4 for 5¢

Assorted Safety Pins, on eards,

card 3¢

Large cubes Pins, in black,

white and assorted, cube .. 6¢

Twentieth Century Needle

60-inch Tapelines, each 4c

C. B. Darning Cotton, on cards,

eard 2¢

Curling Irons, in large and

small, each4c Wire Hairpins, asstd, box. 6c

Queen Louise Sew-On Support-

ers, in black, white, pink and

heavy elastic, in white and

pink, pair39¢

Magie Plaiters, each 63¢

25c Fancy Brocade Shields, per

pair 18¢

Half-Shields, dble, cord, pr.9¢

S. H. M. Shield, No. 2, 3 and 4,

pair 20¢

Horn Bones, 8, 9, 10-in., doz.6¢

Snapper Garment Fasteners,

card of 2 dozen15¢

O. M. O. Zouave Shields, for

Hooks and Eyes, on tape, black,

white, yard8¢

Binding Ribbon, assorted col-

Nottahook Garment Fastener,

Silk-finished Machine Cotton,

300-yard spool, black and

white, spool 8¢ Half-Moon Shields for evening

dresses, pair 20c to 15¢

100 yards, spool3¢

drab, white, yard 4c

Basting Cotton, black only, six

for 5¢ Hall & Borchert Bust Forms for

dressmaking, sizes from 32 to

42, each\$3.00

for \$1.50

Bust Forms, odd lot, small sizes,

Shaped Skirt Binding, black,

Odd lot Sewing Silks, colors,

on tape, reg. 50c yard. 43c

shirtwaists, reg. 65e pair. 49¢

Lindsay Sew-On Supporters, in

Great Shoe Special Today

Good Shoes for little money is the argument we put forth in our Shoe Section at all times. Today's an exceptional chance

For Boys and Girls

Misses' spring-heel and lowheel, in box calf and vici kid lace Shoes, sizes 12 to 2, special

Value in box ealf and vici kid lace Shoes in sizes 9 to 11, special

5 Value in both low and high-heel lace Shoes, calf, vici kid, sizes 5 to 8, special.....

A special lot of little gents' Lace Shoes in box calf and velour, sizes 10 to 131/2, sale @ price for today.....

Skirts Made to Measure Free

Every person purchasing a Skirt Pattern from us, costing at least \$1.00 a yard, can have a stylish, plain-tailored Skirt made, absolutely free of charge. Every Skirt guaranteed satisfactory as to workmanship and fit. This departure in our Dress Goods Department has met with splendid success and should not be over-

Men's Furnishings

Something will probably be needed in the furnishing line for Sunday; and then it being so near to Easter!-Special value in Neckwear, Hosiery, Overshirts, Underwear and Handkerchiefs makes it an opportunity not to be overlooked by the proper and economical dresser

20c HANDKER CHIEFS 12c | 50c NECKWEAR AT 35c

Men's pure linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs, regular 20c value, special, 12c.

MEN'S UNDERWEAR 39c

Men's derby-ribbed Form-Fitting Underwear, in light or heavy weight, in blue.

\$1.00 UNDERWEAR 87c

Men's superweight natural wool Underwear, always sold at \$1.00; sizes 34 to 48.

Men's Spring Neckwear, in

ANNOUNCEMENT WEDNESDAY

APRIL 5

Evangelistic Day of

Prayer, This Store

Will Be Closed From

11:30 A. M.

To 2 P. M.

stripes, figures and dots; all the new creations-Four-in-Hands, Tecks and String Ties; our regular half-dollar values; spe-

25c MEN'S HOSIERY 19c

Men's new Spring Hosiery, the latest styles included in this special; late arrivals in tans, grays and fancy stripes; regular 25c values.

PERFUME 19c A BOTTLE

Eastman's Quadruple Ex-

tract, Violet, White Rose, Helio-

trope, Royal Jockey Club and

many others, all in glass-stop-

CASTILE SOAP 16c BAR

2-lb, bars of White Bernaldo

Castile Soap. Regular price

50c COMBS FOR 38c EA.

Back and Side Combs, in shell.

amber, mounted and plain. Note

SATIN SKIN CREAM FREE

and heals; in 25e and 50e pack-

Perfect Skin Food: beautifies

Our complete line of 50e

25e; special price, 16c.

the special price.

ages

pered bottles.

Men's \$1.00 Night Shirts 83c Each

A good value in Men's Nightshirts, with or without collar; light or heavy weight, plain or trimmed, showing six different styles; all intended to sell at \$1.00; special, 83c.

Men's Furnishing Goods Section, Morrison-street Entrance.

65c VALUES 49c

The care exercised in selecting Men's Apparel for this department cannot be questioned. The main point for the buyer's consideration is good clothes for the least money, and this store is the place for that. Give us a call before buying your Easter Suit. Men's Clothing Department, Second Floor.

In Men's Apparel Section

A Few Items for Consideration

Men's all-wool fancy mixed Cheviot Suits, in neat, medium dark mixtures, and well tailored, at, per \$12.50 suit Men's all-wool fancy Worsted Suits, in latest cut \$13.50

and patterns; splendid suits at Men's fine all-wool Worsted Cheviot Suits, in brown and gray mixtures, per suit.....

Men's extra fine Suits, in Overplaid Worsteds, Worsted Cheviots, in-fancy or black; an excellent \$20.00 value at..... Men's fine Dress Trousers, in neat patterns, a great

Sole Agents "Hawes" \$3.00 Hats

variety; prices \$4.00, \$4.50 and

Ladies' Neckwear Specials

Lace and Net Stocks, trimmed in lawn bands and beads; sky, white and pink; 65c values; special at Crepe de Chine Windsors, in all the newest shades; special today

Mercerized Cotton and Linen Turnovers, embroidered in colors, deep styles with slots, special......9c

White Liberty Silk and Chiffon Ruffs, slightly soiled, at

Silk Shirtwaist Suits

The greatest line of Silk Shirtwaist Suits Portland will choose from this season is on sale here at \$20.00. Plain tailored or gimp trimmed styles, shirred sleeves, full shirred or plaited skirts, green, brown, red, blue and black; made up in the very best quality cost you \$30.00 at other stores..... \$20.00

Women's Tailor-Made Suits

Women's Tailor-made Suits, in Voiles, Shepherd Worsteds, Serges, Sicilians, Coverts and Alpacas; in box, tight-fitting, redingote, blouse, jacket or Eton styles-all the very newest effects and shades; Portland's greatest display. 315 to \$85

ThreeUnderwear Specials

Harvard Mills hand-finished Ladies' Underwear, fine ribbed lisle, high-neck, long-sleeve or high-neck, quarter-sleeve vests, in white; knee-length pants to

35c VESTS 27c

A splendid assortment of Ladies' Cotton Vests at 27c.

35c PANTS 27c

Umbrella Pants, lace-trimmed, in good quality, special,

Umbrellas at 93c

A lot of Men's Gloria Silk Umbrellas, our regular \$1.25 value, with steel rods and paragon frame. Morrison-street en-

Kid Gloves 29c

Should you be fortunate enough to secure a pair of these Gloves today you will certainly find a bargain. Broken line of Misses' Kid

Gloves and small sizes in Ladies' Gloves, the regular values being \$1 and \$1.25; in 2 and 3 clasps; in assorted colors, as stated above, per pair....

GirdleCorsets39c

A special purchase of brocaded tape Girdle Corsets, sizes 18 to 23; a regular 60c value, and a splendid bargain at 39¢

\$1.50 Children's Dresses at \$1.29

We offer for today an excellent value in Children's Dresses -cambrie and nainsook, trimmed in fine laces and embroid-

Oranges About 700 dozen 20c Doz. For today's selling at this special sale price-Basement

Drug Sundry Specials

BATHASWEET 19c A perfumed luxury for the bath. Softens the water and is a most desirable toilet article. At Drug counter, First Floor.

ALARM CLOCKS AT 83c

Dot Alarm Clocks, the best \$1.00 Clock made. Every one guaranteed. Do not fail to secure one at this price.

TAR SOAP 4c PER CAKE

Fairbank's Glycerine Tar Soap. It is cleansing, disinfecting and healing. Do not overlook this special value. Drug

SACHET 8c A PACKAGE

Eastman's Sachet Envelopes. in Verona Violets, Heliotrope, Carnation, Crushed Roses, etc.; special today, 8c.

\$1.50 Books 50c

Copyrights, best edition. Our purchasing list of patrons in our Book Section increases every day. The reason

date reading. Prices always the lowest. We are never undersold. Here are a few at 50¢ each: A Daughter of New France.

-all newest books and up-to-

A Rose of Normandy. In the Country Go Forgot. From Kingdom to Colony.

Truth Dexter. And hundreds of other good

Suit Cases

value in 24-inch sheepskincovered case, reg. \$2.74 \$3.50, special....

FREE-SAMPLES-FREE. Hosiery Specials

Women's German Lisle Hose, black, medium weight, embroidered in elaborate bouquet designs and conventional patterns; an immense assortment 50e values; special...39c

Women's Black Lisle Hose, hand-embroidered in bouquet, single flowers and allover designs; our regular \$1.00 and special, pair.....79c

"1905" FAIR SOUVENIRS

We are displaying many new and attractive novelties in Silver-plated Goods, Oregon woods, photo prints, books and postals. The largest and best assortment in the city.

working is about 600 feet wide and 45 ing the granting of the free use of the feet deep and extends through nearly Parama Railroad to the vessels flying the all of tacir 175 claims. The Dewey mine is now running a ten-stamp mill, but to through billing. It is impossible at the

met is the nearest railroad point

and from there to the mining district is a distance of 180 miles. The roads are very poor and when the ground is vered with snow it is almost impassble for heavy teams. The ore at the Sunnyside mine is free ing and runs as high as \$100 to the

130-stamp mill.

"I was greatly surprised when I first learned of the stand that the people and the Legislature of this state have taken on the local option question," said El R. Lillenthal, of the Crown Distilleries Company, at the Hotel Portland yesterday afternoon. Mr. Lillenthal is the owner of the largest hopyard in the world. which is situated in Alameda County, Cal-ifornia. He is a millionaire. "Oregon is the greatest hop-producing state in the Union, and it is one of her principal products, yet she tries to discourage in-

is now running a ten-stamp mill, but to through billing. It is impossible at the in the Spring expects to install a new present for the American shipping interests to compete with vessels of foreign

"Frank Gugilelmo will never again be in the dark," remarked C. W. James, superintendent of the State Penltentlary, esterday afternoon in the lobby of the mperial Hotel. "At night when the pris-Imperial Hotel. oner sleeps the electric lights are turned on and his cell is as light as day. This is done so that the guard who is on the death watch can see every move made by

the Italian.
"We are taking absolutely no chance with Gaglielmo. I do not think there is any possible way in which the prisoner could commit suicide. There is nothing n his ceil which he could use to injurhe eats his meals he is allowed a dull caseknife with which to cut his meats. The knife is very dull. The guard stands at his elbow while he is eating.

"I believe the Italian would take his own life if he had the chance. His counstead of encouraging the industry.

"I had hoped Portland would fail in line with the views of the San Francisco merchents who passed resolutions and other form of execution. Gugilelmo property. The owners have discovered merchants, who passed resolutions at a spends a great deal of his time in bed had been given him by the bookment that the ledge upon which they are also very friendly with

bed nearly all day, only arising to eat his meals. He is a very pitiful sight."

"The lobby at the Oregon Legislature is not to be compared with that to be found at the teacher's institutes which are be-ing held in several of the counties in Washington." said C. H. Jones, of Salem, who has been attending a meeting at Castle Rock. Mr. Jones is the editor of the Teachers' Monthly, which is published

The books to be used in the schools of the different countles are selected by a committee of five, consisting of the County Superintendent and four others persons, whom he shall appoint. The books to be decided upon are selected every five years. New books will be selected this year, and as a result the representatives of the different firms are trying to make themselves solid with the principals and teachers. The books have to be selected before the first of July.

Whenever there is a meeting of the

teachers you can always find a lot of bookmen. At the institute at Castle Rock there were at least half a dozen of these representatives present. They have a hard time of it generally. The men teachers as a rule do not smoke or drink. Cigars have but very little influence with the teachers, although the other even saw one principal smoke 12 cigars that "They are also very friendly with the

women teachers. They hope by creating good impression with the women that of their books. Of course, the teachers themselves have nothing to do with the selections, but their wishes and views will be considered. The salesmen realize The principals are the ones they are after, however.'

"I have noticed that Portland is a great town for department stores, said C. M. Leavy, advertising manager of an Eastern company, at the Hotel Portland last evening. "I have noticed before that cities about the size of Portland are filled with department stores. Portland has as many department stores as most of the cities twice the size of this.

try to make their ads look attractive. I looked over the morning paper today. The ads are up-to-date in every particular. The latest type and the very latest de signs are used in the advertisements. There is no paper in the United States that carries neater advertisements than The Oregonian. The local displays are all good. The only poor ones are those coming from Eastern offices."

There is rarely an evening at the Hotel Portland that a small crowd of traveling men does not congregate. The men sit

W. H. Wehrung, formerly a member Dun't miss it.

around, smoke and relate the different experiences they have had during the day Sometimes the subjects are entirely for-eign to this city, but there is nearly always something of local interest to be found in their conversation.
"You may not believe it, but I waw a

drove of pigs being driven down Jefferson street the other day," said a salesman who works for a big cereal concern. "I was making all the small grocery stores. When I was up on Jefferson I saw a farmer driving about 20 pigs down the street. About that time a street car came up street and stopped immediately in front of the drove to take on a pas-

genger. The pigs were pretty badly frightened evidently having been raised on the farm and were looking for some place to hide When the car came up they saw their opportunity and made a rush for li There were about a dozen pigs unde that car at one time. It took the combined efforts o. the motorman, conductor and the farmer to get those pigs out. The car was delayed fully 15 minutes."

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. B. Eastham, ex-Mayor of Vancouver, is at the Imperial. F. A. Young, of the State University at

of the Oregon Senate, is registered a the Perkins Hotel Mr. and Mrs. Alex Laird, of Toronto.

Bank of Commerce. Miss Julia G. Duly, who has been en-

gaged in newspaper work in Spokane, has come to Portland to remain with her father, John D. Daly. E. M. Heafer, Alderman and ex-Mayer of Bloomington, Ill., is in Portland, on a our of inspection of the Northwest. He

is the guest of Rinaldo M. Hall. NEW YORK, March 31.-Northwestern registered at New York hotels to-

Portland-Savoy, E. Long; Netherland, Seattle-Vendome, J. S. K. Irving.

VALUES AND BARGAINS TODAY

Visit our cloak room today and see the intest and newest things in all shirtweist suits, in all colors, at \$12.50, \$14, \$15, \$17.45, \$18.50, \$20, \$22.50 and upwards. Best fitting suits in the city. Only one of a kind. New silk petificoats, new silk waists, new walking skirts at \$2.50, \$4.50, \$5.45 and \$6.50. Big sale on corsets and French kid gloves today.