ARMOUR OFFERS

Will Reduce Icing Charge on Refrigerator Cars if Suit Is Abandoned.

COMMISSION MEN SAY NO Only Terms on Which Tucoma Can

Battle With Yellow Car Lines Will Be Fought to Finish Between Armour and Michigan Fruit Men.

CHICAGO, May 8.-(Special.)-Officials of the Armour car lines will go before the Interstate Commerce Commission tomor-row with an offer to reduce icing charges from 15 to 20 per cent over the entire Michigan fruit belt, on condition that what is known as the Michigan fruit case be dismissed. The compromise was offered today to George W. Plummer, atrney for the commission men, but was fintly refused. It was said the proposition was presented at the suggestion of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the plan having been outlined to that body earlier in the day.

it is understood that Vice-President Robbins, of the Armour lines, will publicly offer to make the reductions in iclas charges, provided the commission will dis-continue its investigation. He is said to have been told that if such an offer had come prior to the time the commission made an order in the case it might have been accepted.

Will Fight to Bitter End.

The car line officials stated that, unless the compromise was accepted, they would fight the matter to the bitter end. If this resolution is adhered to it will be likely to put the Pere Marquette Railroad out of the Michigan fruit business unless it can get hold of its own or of another line of refrigerator cars. The Michigan Central will have its own cars, and, unless the icing charges are reduced on the Armour cars, it will be impossible for the Pere Marquette to compete with it.

Commission Men Will Not Yield.

The commission men evidently are unwilling to make any compromise. maintain that the present freight rates fruit from that territory are sufficiently high to include the icing charge; that as a matter of fact they did include such charges before the advent of the exclusive Armour contract, and that the freight rate should include all charges, so that emmission and fruitmen could know what margin to depend upon,

interest is added to the investigation by the fact that a suit has been begun by the Eastern Illinois against Edward G. Davies to collect a charge of \$45 for icing a car of fruit from Decker, Ind., to Chicago, a distance of 200 miles. It is understood that, following the cenclusion of this case, the commission men will start suits for damages against the railroads for having placed them on the a Forty-Niner.

PEOPLE MUST HAVE RELIEF

(Continued from First Page.) and lost no time in greeting the Nebras kans gathered here. He had already begun to address the throng when Miss Anna Garmire and the members of the High School graduating class worked their way through the crowd and pre sented the President with a fine bouquet

of Grand Island and of the schools. The President expressed his appreciation of the gift especially as coming from the school children, venturing the opinion that he need not call attention to his fondness for school children. After re-ferring to his former visit here his ad-dress took a more general turn. He had barely closed when his train pulled out of the yards amid shouts and hurrals.

of flowers on behalf of the business men

With only four stops for speeches, the trip of the Presidential special from Den-ver to this city was uneventful. The train arrived here at 5:20 o'clock. United States Senator Burkett and Edward Rosewater, publisher of the Omaha Bee, were taken on board and were the President's guests as far as Omaha. The speeches were all brief and were devoted almost entirely to the discussion of the country through which the President passed and to the subject of Irrigation.

ON TRAIN THROUGH NEBRASKA

President Has Enjoyable Day Riding Over Union Pacific.

Ower Union Pacific.

OMAHA, Neb., May 3.—Late this aftermoon it was decided to change the route of the Presidential train and send it across the Missouri River at Blair, Neb., 25 miles north of Omaha. When the train reached Fremont, it was turned over to the Northwestern road, which took it across the cutoff to Missouri Valley, Ia., where the main line branches off and runs direct to Chicago.

The trip across Nebraska today was most pleasant for the President. Leaving Denver early Tuesday morning, nearly the entire day was spent in crossing the Nebraska plains. Several speeches, all brief, were delivered by the President from the rear platform of his car.

Special arrangements had been made by the Union Pacific for the President's comfort. A special car carrying Vice-President Mohler accompanied the train from Denver to Fremont. The schedule prepared for the trip was followed exactly, and at no point was there any delay or running behind time. Buring the day the Union Pacific transmitted ever its wires the fresh news of the day, which was delivered in its regular bulletin form to the President, who expressed his gratification at this innevation in keeping his train in touch with the news of the world.

The Chicage & Northwestern road sent

"The Chicage & Northwestern road sent a pilot train out of Omaha at 250 o'clock tonight to Muscuri Valley, where it will take up the President's special and take it eastward.

WHAT IRRIGATION HAS DONE

President Talks to Eastern Colorado

People of Their Resources. NORTH PLATTE. Neb., May 2.—President Roosevelt's special stopped at Steeling, Colo., today. The President addressed a large crowd there, as follows:

It is a great pleasure to have the chance of saring a word or two to you. For more chan-three weeks I have been in your great mate, and I admire the diversification of its "resisting and wonder at its great future."

Stip.

-You who fought in the late war know that what counted was the average of the man who west into the ranks, and it is the average man, woman and child of Colorado that makes its future.

MUST MAINTAIN WATERWAY

Get Puyallup Dredged.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 2.—The chief of engineers today received the project for dredging the Puyallup waterway in Tacoma Hat bor, framed in accordance with the last river and harbor bill. But under the stipulations of that law, no money can be expended on this waterway until the City of Tacoma or owners of the land abutting on the waterway give satisfactory assurance to the Secretary of War that they will maintain the waterway after it is dredged by the Government Two hundred and ninety thousand dollars is available to carry on work when the requirement of the law is met.

Will Buy Sonna's Water Works.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ington, May 5 .- The Secretary of War to day authorized the purchase of the Sonna water works for Bolse Barracks, Idaho. A board of three Army officers which examined the works last month reported that this system would provide an adequate supply of water for Boise Barracks and ought to be owned by the Gov. ernment. The board appraised the water system at \$40,000, which sum will be paid over to Mr. Sonna by direction of Sec retary Taft. The board reports that this price is acceptable to the owner. One hundred and sixty acres of land go with the water works.

OLIVER W. NIXON DEAD.

Author of Book on Marcus Whitman and Newspaper Man.

CHICAGO, May 9.-Dr. Oliver Woodson Nixon, for many years associated with the Chicago Inter-Ocean as literary editor, ir dead at Biloxi, Miss.

Dr. Nixon was born in Guilford County

North Carolina, October 25, 1835, and was the son of Samuel Nixon, the first man in North Carolina to free his slaves. The family removed to Indiana in 1830, and Oliver Nixon attended the Farmers' Col-lege of Ohio, where he graduated as S. B. in 1868, and graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1854. He married Louise Elstun at Batavia, O., in 1855. He had traveled overland to Call-fornia in 1850, in 1861 he raised the Thirtyninth Ohio Volunteers, and later became medical director of the Army of the Mis-souri and a member of General Pope's staff. He settled at Cincinnati, after the war, and served two terms as treasure of Hamilton County, Ohio. He established the Evening Chronicle, Cincinnati, in 1870, and with his brother, William Penn Nixon, consolidated it with the Cincinnati Nixon, consolidated it with the Cincinnati Times. In 1878 the two brothers bought the Chicago Inter-Ocean under a chattel mortgage, and they have built it up into a great newspaper. William Penn Nixon being editor and manager, and Oliver W. Nixon literary editor. He was the author of "How Marcus Whitman Saved Oregon to the United States" and "Memories of Exert. Nines."

Flavius J. Fisher, Artist.

WASHINGTON, May 2.-Flavius Fisher, a noted portrait painter, is dead here, aged 73 years.

REFUSE TO WORK IN SWAMP

Islanders on Canal Strike and Appeal to British Consul.

COLON, May 9.-Fifty Inagua Island (Bahamas) contract laborers, who were brought here on the American steamer Advance last Friday, and who were detailed to work at the Colon reservoir, two miles back of Monkey Hill station, obstinately refuse to work, saying that they have to work in mud swamps, that their buts are not fit to live in and that their buts are not fit to live in and that their hute are not fit to live in, and that their food is unsatisfactory. The islanders marched in a body yesterday to the Brit-ish Consulate and laid complaints before the Vice-Consul, who is looking into their alleged grievances. In the meantime the men are idle. The canal authorities are finding it difficult to obtain labor for that locality.

Two Staten Island electric cars colilded yesterday, and Mrs. Dora David-son, of New York, was fatally injured.

Peptiron Pills Hood's Pills

After-dinner pill, purely regetable easy to take, sany to operate. Sc. Druggiets or mail. C. I. Hood Co. Lowell. If Made by Hood It's Good.

To make man better, make trade better. To make trade better, make goods better. Schilling's Best:

softe favoring extrast

Your grocer's; moneyback

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver IIIs.

Prevention

better than cure. Tutt's Liver Pills will not only cure, but if taken in time will prevent

Sick Headache, dyspepsia, biliousness, malaria,

constipation, jaundice, torpid liver and kindred diseases. TUTT'S Liver PILLS ABSOLUTELY CURE

Welcome, O. R. C., to the Exposition City and its Greatest Store

New Bargain Bill Daily During Mayfair. Fresh List of Specials Every Day and for One Day Only

See evening papers and tomorrow's Oregonian for standing of leaders in the Pupils' Exposition Contest.



TODAY AY 1000, NINTH DAY OF THE GREAT PRE-EXPOSITION SALES. NORE DAYS ONLY OF THE GREATEST SALE PORT. LAND EVER KNEW.

TEA ROOM

Auspices Portland Y. W. C. A. MENU FOR TODAY.

Tea: Coffee. Chocolate.

Milk in Bottles.
Chicken Gumbo Soup.
Fotato Salad.
Creamed Eggs with Asparagus Tips.
Tongue Sandwiches.
Hot Rolls. Bread and Butter.
Tea Cakes. Ice Cream.

Today's Special Mid-Week Bargains a Star Feature

Of the Great Home-Folk's Pre-Exposition "Mayfair" That Has Done so Much to Increase the Store's Reputation as Best Value-Givers

We have put forth this month the most masterly efforts of which we are capable to make it the greatest month of all the year in volume of business. To give added impetus today, we have gotten together this most sensational list of almost incredible

Sensational Bargains Today in the **Wanted Dainty** · Summer White Wash Fabrics

French embroidered, dotted and figur-od dress Swisses, 40 inches wide, fin-est qualities, in 3 separate lots.

Lot 1, reg. \$1.25 val. 84C special, yard Lot 2, reg. \$1 value, 70C

special, yard ... Lot 3, reg. 90c val. 640 special, yard

Hosiery, Knit Underwear Timely Specials for Women, Misses and Children

First Floor Shops.

our aim to give our patrons the benefit of low prices when their need of the goods is greatest; we offer won-derful bargain opportunities now, in-stead of waiting until needtime is past, as is the custom with most stores. These values special for today-

Women's very fine Imported Black Lace Lisie Hose; full finished in every respect, new design patterns; a lot of beauties. Regular price \$1.50 pair; extra special at

Women's Waite Cotton Union Suits; low neck and sleeveless; lace-trimmed at knee-50c value; special at, suit......35c

grand special for misses who wear an 8, 814, 9, 914 or 10 size Hose. A fine black Imported Cotton Hose! 1-1 rfb-fin-shed foot—Value 40 and 45c pair; ape-cial at pair

Today's Bargains in the Women's Shop

First Floor. 50c SILK NETS 25c.

WOMEN'S \$5.00 UMBRELLAS \$2.98. mbrellas. 26-inch size, in navy, cardinal, green and black; suitable for protection from rain or sun; best natural wood handles with heavy swedge, silk tassels, best paragon frame, double improved locked ribs; very durable and in down-to-date styles—Regular values \$4.50 and \$5.00; special, each

WOMEN'S 121/2 HANDKERCHIEFS Sc. Kimona Handkerchiefs in light colors and floral designs—Regular value 12%; spe-We cut them out and show you how to make the pretty kimonas from them.

25c NEW TURNOVER COLLARS 3 FOR 50c

Corset Bargains Royal Worcester Salons, Today

West ABBOT Second Floor.
CLOSING OUT ALL BROKEN LINES OF SAPPHIRES AT BIG REDUCTIONS. Another flurry in broken lines of Royal Worcester hand-made Sapphire Corsets. They are the best Corsets made, and embody Corsets made, and embody
all the requirements of
feminine taste, style, dash,
fit, finish, workmanship,
material, durability and
economy. The lines include
styles in high and low
bust and short and long
hip; made of silk batiste,
silk imported coutille and
Italian cloth; in colors
pinks, blues, blacks and
white; pure whalebone
filling; sizes from 18 to 30;
Regular prices 16:50 to 18 Regular prices \$6.50 to \$9 - spec'l today only ... \$4.55 Regular prices \$9.50 to \$16 -special today only.... \$5.78 Regular prices \$12 to \$15 —spec'l today only ... \$7.97

Children's Jackets Reduced Handsome, Dainty White Pique Jackets at Drastically **Cut Prices**

Sched Floor-Thoroughfare Alele.
Children's white Pique Jackets, plaited in back, trimmed in embroidery insertion, edging and medallions, some with sallor collers; ages from 1 to 4 years— Regular \$1.50 to \$1.85 values special at. Regular \$2.50 to \$2.75 values—special at... Regular \$3.50 value-special at

ART SHOP

White linen Drawn-Work Pieces, deep hem-stitched hem elaborate drawn-work border, with fancy corners; 15x45 searfs and 32-inch squares. Regular price \$1.50 -special at

Dainty Combric Petticoats on Special Sale--Today A RARE BARGAIN.

Pay \$1.19 for the \$1.75 Petticoats, Today

Ladies' Fine Cambric Petiticoats, 25-inch iswn flounce, three rows of 3-inch maitese lace insertion between four clusters of fine tucks, deep lawn ruffle with cluster of four fine tucks and 4-inch lace edging, lawn dust ruffle; or Ladies' Fine Cambric Petiticoats, 18-inch lawn flounce with clusters of five wide or fine hemstitched tucks, 7-inch heavy embroidery ruffle and lawn under ruffle—Regular price \$1.75; Special

Spirited Selling Must Ensue from Such Dress Goods. Offerings as These for Today

Dress Goods Salons South Annex-

Here are fabries peculiarly adapted for naking up into the trim and natty sairtwaist suits so indispensable this season to the amartly dressed woman's wardrobe.

Special prices for today on new Eng-lish noveity mohairs in Sicilian and bril liantine weaves; very rich silk finish, styles are neat checks, dots, stripes and chameleon effects; every wanted color in

Our regular \$1.25 grades—special for today only, the yard

Black Dress Goods Specials

Imported English Mohairs, Brilliantipe and Our regular \$1.25 grade—special for today only, the yard These are all imported makes and guar-anteed fast blacks.

Home Needs Easily Filled Here Today

"Roosevelt" Go-Carts in the Sale

Fourth Floor-Three Elevators Up.

ABY GO-CARTS, FEATHER PILLOWS AND DAINTY LACE CURTAINS IN THE "SPECIAL SALE" COLUMN.



\$13 Go-Carts \$10.32

Reciining Go-Carts, one of our 1905 mod-els, fancy reed body, cushion of Armure tapestry and parasol; automobile style running gear, rubber-tire wheels, anti-friction, wheel fasteners, non-leakable hubs, and foot brake. Regular value \$13.00—special, each

\$5 Feather Pillows \$3.43

\$2.75 Lace Curtains \$1.87

Attractive Trade Magnets **Bound to Draw Throngs** of Women Buyers to the Jewelry and Leather **Goods Counter** West Annex-First Floor.

Two Great Values for Today—Jewelry Section

Today we will place on sale our en-tire stock of Fine Back Combe at one-fourth off the regular prices. All our fancy gold and silver-mounted, richly enameled and elaborately jeweled combs will be in-cluded in this sale. One-fourth off of the regular prices, which range from 650 to \$6.06, means a big saving to ladles wishing to own a fine back comb at a small price.

Leather Goods—Ladies' \$3 Handbags \$2.15

A Grand Carnival of Bargains Today in the Big Suit Salons - Second Floor

Reductions in Women's Suits

Superb Evening Waists at Half-Price!

Handsome, New Walking-Skirts Sharply Reduced

Very Fashionable, High-Grade \$35 and \$38.50 Tailored Suits \$19.75

For Today Only In very latest models and newest style effects; rich, handsoms serges and Panama cloths, both blouse and jacket styles. Jackets have leg-of-mutton and filschoff sleeves, with snirring at shoulder and are slik taffets or full sain lined. Cuffs are in shirred and fancy braid-trimmed effects. Skirts are fancy plaited and salirred or in plaited flounce effects. Handsomely trimmed in fancy braids, these suits are the biggest values at the regular prices—\$35 and \$35.50—ever offered in Portland. Blacks, blues and browns in plain effects, form the color range—Special for today only

Handsome Evening Waists Today at Half-Price! We have grouped several lines of superb evening Waists in one lot for quick closure to-day, the assortment is too large and varied to admit of detailed description; suffice to say the beautiful Waists include some of the daintiest and most charming creations shown. Chiffons, nets, peau de sojes, taffetas, crepe de chines and rich laces. Many are hand-made and all are prettily trimmed in Jainty laces and embroideries. Values range from E.50 to \$6. Choose today at

Half Price! \$3.75 to \$22.50 \$10.00 WALKING-SKIRTS \$6.98

ery smart and pretty styles in the newest novelty accordion-plaited effects, with shirred pokes. But in the popular full, round lengths, from near and durable monairs in black, blue brown and white. The latest and newest style effects. A lot just in from a \$6.98 famous Eastern maker. Splendid \$10 value; special today only for



A Grand Clean-Up of the \$3 Hats Today

his 'Style Store' has afforded numerous sensations this Spring in the way of little prices an Millinery, vying with the most beautiful and expensive products of the city's exclusive millinery shops. We are keeping up the most sensational selling of FINE MILLINERY. Savings that are of the greatest moment, because tryle and beauty and intrinsic value are the highest. Today's values are among the best of the season, its bargain offering pernaps the greatest, as it embraces a clean-up of the smartest

\$3.00 Hats for \$1.49

It's a sort of May score-cleaning. We've grouped all broken lots, including most charming nats in tailored and suit styles, embracing all the popular chapes and colors; turbans, tricorns Charlotte Cordays, sallors and dress shapes—Values up to \$3.00 in the lot; special for today \$1.49

TODAY'S SHOE SPECIALS Men and Women Equally

Interested The "Fair-Way" Boot Shop-West Annex. First Fleer.



Black suede one-strap Slippers, Louis heels, hand-turned soles, all sizes and widths, regular value \$5.00—special, pair....\$2.49 MEN'S \$4.00 HALF SHORS \$3.20.

A List of Little Usefuls at **Helpful Prices**

NOTIONS, STATIONERY AND TOILET SUNDRIES—BLUE PENCILED FOR TODAY BY THE SPECIAL BARGAIN MAN.

Small Wares Afales-First Floor.

10e SNAP PASTENERS Sc. Best quality hall and socket Snap Fasten-ers, in black or white, small or large sizes. Regular value 10c-special at.per

25e NEEDLE BOOKS 17e. Needle Books, containing 291 assorted ar-ticles in needles, pins, safety pins, etc. Regular value 35c—special at...... 17c

50e DRESS SHIELDS 35c. Se ENVELOPES, TWO PACKAGES FOR Se

White wove Envelopes, sizes 5 or 6, long or square shape, 25 in the package, regular value 5c package—special at, two pack-25c TOOTH BRUSHES 12c.

Best English Tooth Brushes. in assorted styles, with wire-drawn wax back, regular value 25c-special at Listerated Tooth Powder, in large-size bot-ties, regular value 25c-apecial at.... 17e

Marked Savings for Women With Silks to Buy

South Annex-First Floor. Such prices have never been known in Sitks of equal qualities at this time in the season.

Our regular 85c quality of 19-inch Colored Taffets; the best wearing silk known; all wanted colors creams, Ivory and white included—Special for today unity, yard

OUR Men's Trade

There's better all-the-time values here than elsewhere; prices are a deal lower than at the exclusive "man's store," and qualities better looked after. Quick turning of the stocks keeps the styles newer, brighter and fresher. These specials for today only. The Haberdusherie, First Floor, West Annex.

IS A GROWING ONE

Men's 50c Underwear 38c

line of men's eeru shade baibriggan Un-derwear, made in an open mesh, silk trimmed, French neck; nothing better made to sell for 50c-special at 35c gar-ment, or, per guit.

Men's 5c Drawer Sup-

porters, Two for 5c

Pair

Men's 25c Half Hose 17c

Men's \$1.00 Shirts 50c

A Remarkable Sale of Silver Table-Ware and Lamp Stoves

NEEDED FOR SUMMER USE-TRESE AMONG TODAYS

Third Floor Bargains

Duelda Community Ca.'s Wild Rose Silver-Teaspoons, special at, for set of 6 Desert Spoons, special at, for set of 5...\$1.00 Tablespoons, special at, for set of 5...\$1.10

\$1.00 Coal Oil Lamp Stove 70 Cents

Gravy Ladies, special at, each......

What is more convenient than a lamp stove when a light lunch is to be pre-pered quickly or hot water is wanted? Two-burner Cost Oil Stove, good qual-ity, regular value \$1.00—special, each. Fee