Klamath Canal Company Reduces Price of Works.

HITCHCOCK CONSIDERS IT

If He Decides to Accept, Obstacle to Klamath Irrigation Project Will Be Removed - Engineers Say Price Is High.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington. May IL-The Reclamation Service oday received a telegram from J. B. Lippencott, the engineer in charge of the investigation in the Klamath basin, announcing that the Klamath Canal Company, after further deliberation, had submitted an offer to sell out its canals and other works to the Government for \$150.000, which is \$100.000 less than the price it has been demanding for the past four months, and \$550,000 less than the price it originally asked. This offer has been laid before Secretary Hitchcock. If he decides to accept it, the last obstacle the way of Government irrigation in Klamath County will be removed and the Reclamation Service will be ready to begin construction. If he rejects the offer because it is too high, there must be further negotiations and perhaps a resort to condemnation proceedings, which would probably postpone construction of

the Klamath project for a year or two.
There are numerous features of this ase which make it doubtful if the Sec retary will authorize the purchase at the price named. Government engineers have carefully estimated that the value of all work done in the Klamath country by this California corporation is not more than \$100,000. If It sells out to the Government and withdraws from the field, it will, in equity, be entitled to some bonus, but the people of the Klamath basin are reported to be very much averse to giving \$50,000 in excess of the value of its plant, and officials of the Reclamation Service are inclined to this same view. particularly as reports show that the Sovernment would not be able to make se of the canals and other works that have been constructed by this company. in other words, any payment made to these people is, from the Government's

#### Government View of Case.

Then, too, according to the contention of the Reclamation Service, sustained by the Secretary of War and the Attorney-General, the Klamath Canal Company har been attempting to frrigate unlawfully from a navigable stream without authority of the Government. It is asserted by Reclamation officials that the Klamath canal property has no real or practical value, because it has canals with no water right, and, even should it complete its canals, it would have no water to fill them. Government englneers from the very first have looked upon this company as a speculative con-sern. The belief has prevalled with them that it had gone ahead with work. with the idea of actually irrigating land, but with a view to getting firmly established in order that it might eventually sell out to the Government. manner in which it has come down in its price from \$500,000 to \$150,000, they consider, apparently strengthens this view But the Reclamation officials fear that s bad policy will be established if the pays too large a price works of the Klamath Canal Com-They pointed out today that if the Government buys up the canals and other works of this corporation, knowing it will be unable to use them, and con lending that the company is operating in the Klamath basin in violation of law, it will induce other speculators to establish thenistives similarly under other contemplated projects, for the sole purpose of selling out to the Government at a

On the other hand the Government cannot show that the Klamath Canal Company, organized for speculative purposes and there will always be a reasonable doubt that it started in good faith, although its course during the past year, considered with its plans, which are pronounced by the Reclamation engiutterly impracticable, makes it very plain to the Reclamation Service that it is now struggling solely to unload its property on to the Government at the nightst price obtainable

#### Hitchcock Will Decide.

All the facts bearing on the case are now in the hands of Secretary Hitchcock and he must, and will, decide whether to buy at the p rice named or to reject that He will not lose sight of the fact that time is an important factor, and, while he may deem the price asked unreasonable, he may yet consider it better to pay it rather than take the case into the courts at some considerable expense and lose a year or two while fighting to get control of the property by legal methods. The Secretary gives no mation as to how he will decide and until he acts it will be impossible to safely predict what will be done with the offer, It can be said authoritatively, however, that the Government will never pay more than \$150,000 to get the Klamath Canal Company out of the way.

#### Congressional Irrigation Party.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 11-The Congressional irrigation party that will tour the West in June, visiting projects where the Government has begun construction will consist of Senators Newlands of Nevada, Fulton of Oregon, and their wives: Senators Simmons of Norta Caro-lina. Dubois of Idaho, Warren of Wy-oming: Representatives Mondell of Wyoming. Cooper of Pennsylvania, Reeder of Kansas, Marshall of North Dakota, Smith of Texas, Jones of Washington, Hitchcock of Nebraska, with their wives; C. J. Blanchard of the Reciamation Service and J. I. Parker of the Interior Department.

#### Road Heads Toward Eugene.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May IL-(Special.) J. J. Burns, the contractor, has moved his grading outfit from North Bend to the Ten-Mile country to commence work on the railroad. This is the II-mile road the Simpsons are building to the timber, but it is believed it is to form part of the line to Eugene. Coon County and the Simpsons are spending 115,000 dredging North Iniet, and the embankment thrown up will also be used for the railroad grade.

## 20 Commutation Books

Each Containing 50 Admissions to the Lewis and Clark Exposition

To 20 pupils of Portland Schools by OLDS, WORTMAN & KING. The fortunate recipients to be selected by popular vote of the people. A vote with every 25c purchase at the store. The voting to end Saturday, July 1. The 20 standing highest at 6 P. M. of that day will each receive a book of 50 free admissions. As the knowledge to be gathered during 50 visits to the great Fair is of incalculable educational benefit, it is no wonder such intense interest is already aroused in the contest. Just think! The world's greatest features bro't to our very doors-what an education is involved! It is indeed the opportunity of a lifetime-for few of us will ever see a WORLD'S FAIR again-probably no one now living will ever see one in the Northwest. It's 20 prizes worth winning this great store offers - peerless education worth working for. Get the votes of parents and friends, boys and girls—you all stand an equal chance. The vote will be published with standing of contestants in Friday evening and Saturday morning papers.

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

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SESSIONS 9 A. M. TO 12 M., AND 1 TO 4 P. M. DAILY. LESSONS FREE EVERY DAY.



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MENU FOR TODAY Coffee. Chocolate. Milk in Bottles.

Clam Chowder. Scalloped Soad Rog. Hot Rolls. Bread and Butter. Ham Sandwiches. Ice Cream Cakes

A Sensational Wash Fabric Value First Ploor-Domestic Section.

## 25c Etamine, 12½c

Extra Special for Today Only. 1500 yards fancy plaid and striped wash etamines, white and tan grounds, regular value 25c, special, yard ....

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A group of rare values await today's buyers. Shop-pers in the store should never neglect a visit to the Jewelry Aisles. There's always a grist of pretty things for gurniture at wonderfully low prices ready to become yours. Come 'round and be tempted. These special for today.

#### Jewelry Shop

One let of pretty Rainestone Bar Pins-Our regular 35c values for 15c; 25c values for 10c; 25c values for 5c 

#### Leather Goods Counter

ne lot of Ladies' Fine Suede Leather Belts, with pretty back and front buckles, in greens, blues, tans and browns—Our regular \$2.25 values at..... \$1.80 Another lot of Ladies' Fine Suede Leather Belts, in greens, blues, tans and browns—Our regular \$1.75 values for

EXCEPTIONAL SPECIAL VALUES IN

#### Women's, Misses', Boys' and Children's Knit Underwear and Siliari nosiery

These in the Friday Sale-First Floor. Women's "Merode" White Lisle Vests, low neck and sleeveless, hand-crocheted silk trimmings; with knee and ankie-length Tights to match \$1.00 quali-

Women's Black Gauze Cotton Hose, with finished foot, double sole—Splendid 25c quality; special, pair. 18c Children's plain black mercerized fine-ribbed Hose, seamless style; sizes 6 to 8½—Regular price 25c pair; special at pair . 19c Sizes 9 and 9%-Regular value 20c; special, pr. . 24c Boys' Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers: Shirts have long sleeves and French necks: Drawers are double seated—Regular 45c values: special at, each.... 27c

#### **Exceedingly Timely** Specials

In Women's Furnishing Shops First Floor.

The recent long dry spell thro' which we've just pushed put us all a bit careless perhaps on the Umbrella question. Now that the good old Oregon rains are falling once more on the just and the otner fellows, it behooves us a bit to look to the Umbrella stocks. How's yours' There are some here at bargain prices today. Lace Robes and Ribbons add to toe bargain interest.

#### Lierre Lace Robes for \$12.48

#### Economy in Umbrellas

\$1.50 UMBRELLAS FOR 98c. Ladies' Fast Dyed Taffeta Umbrellas, with paragon frames, steel rods, assorted handles in norn, pearl and silver and natural wood—Our \$1.50 value; special at, each

PERSIAN GIMPS WORTH 25c FOR 10c. lot of Fancy Colored Persian Guimps, for trimming waists, coats, children's dresses, etc.—Values from 15c to 25c; special at, the yard

AN ENTHUSIASTIC SALE OF RIBBONS-40c SATIN TAFFETA RIBBONS 25c.

Elegant Satin Taffeta Ribbons: all-silk: fine for mak-ing girdles, neckwear and so on-Splendid the val-ue: Special Economy Sale Price, the yard...... 25c

#### Specials that Bristle with Bargain Interest

Exceptional news of pretty Cushions in the Art

Women's Drawers and Children's Walsts in the Undermustin Salous and a big Half-Price Sale of Chil-dren's Reefers and Jackets in the Junior Store.



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## Portland's Largest and Foremost Suit and Wrap Store

Grand Salons-Second Floor.

VALUES ALWAYS ADMITTEDLY THE BEST

Today's are greater than ever. When, through its customers, the word goes abroad that one store has greater variety of correct styles, and manifestly higher average quality at every price than any other store, that word arouses interest and brings new customers. Evidently such word has been spoken for us many hundred times this season.

One who strolls through the big Apparel Stores-the largest West of Chicago-can't help remarking that ours is the busiest of any in the city. Any woman who examines our garments can tell why. The greatest assortments and biggest values are always here. Today's values

### Women's \$45 Suits for \$9.98

We have congregated every Suit left over from the past Winter's selling in one group, and shall offer them at a most astonishing sacrifice today. Every wanted material included; every size in the lot and every fashionable color represented. Not a Suit under \$20 in price—most of them are the regular \$28.50, \$35 and \$38.50 values and up to \$45. They are all in good styles, plain tailored and all smart trimming 

#### Ladies' \$5.00 White Lawn Waists, Price, \$2.98.

Handsome white lawn Waists, beautifully trimmed, in embroidery and tucks, Some are trimmed and tucked fronts, others all over trimmed in pretty embroideries, narrow and wide effects; regular \$5 values. Special today for ... \$2.98

#### A Great Sale of Rich Black Taffeta Walking Skirts

Rich, rustling Silks-a splendid quality of black taffeta material, made up in single and double box plaits, some in trimmed yoke effects and box plaited; others in 9-gore flares trimmed with taffeta straps, front and back paneled.

| est | \$13.50 | values. | special | Friday | for | \$ 9.65 |
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|     |         |         |         |        |     | \$10.75 |
| est | \$16.50 | values. | special | Friday | for |         |
|     |         |         |         |        |     | \$18.95 |

#### Sensational Friday Bargains in the Men's Shop

First Floor-West Annex. MEN'S 35e HOSE 19e.

new line of Men's Spring and Summer Hose; the very latest styles in black and white, black and red, checks, isn, embroidery, gray, plaids, tan, lace lisle, etc.—Our very best 35c value; special, pair, 19e MEN'S 50c UNDERWEAR 20c.

## We're Strong on **Housefurnishing Lines**

There's Proof in the Prices We Make

Fourth Ploor-Three Elevators.

No use paying the "long" prices of exclusive furni-ture nouses when you may come here and select from larger lines of absolutely dependable goods than any such houses in the city snow, and receive the same saving privilege as is accorded to all our patrons throfout every department of this great store. Com-plete maetery of the markets is ours by virtue of our immense outlet. We save you money on everything you buy. How much is governed only by bow much you buy. Best line of newest Carpets in the city. These items for today—



#### \$5.00 Iron Beds, \$3.98

White Enameted Iron Beds, with brass trimmings, one of our best styles; a very strong, well-built Bed, with improved side rail attachment; you may have your choice of either three-quarter size or full size Bed-Our \$5.50 value; Special Economy Sale Price, each

## \$6.00 Wool Blankets for \$4.48

icuns Wool Blankets, of good, heavy weight; large size; just the thing with which to clothe the "extra bed" or to use for your outing this Summer—Our regular \$5.00 value; Special Economy Sale Price at, the pair

\$2.50 Smyrna Rugs, \$1.53

All-wool, double-faced Smyrnn Rugs; here in a large assortment of handsome patterns and combinations of colors; size 20x50 inches—Our \$1.50 value; Special Economy Sale Price, each \$1.53

## Did This Catch Your Eye? THE SILKS

Will Catch Your Fancy; the Price Your Purse

South Annex-Silk Store-First Floor.

Novelty Suit Silks-the largest assortment shown in the city-in all the new colors and makesbought direct from manufacturers—including Chiffon and Messaline Taffetas, Figured Cleo Messalines, Louisines, and the durable Mohair Warp Silks; every color, from the delicate evening shades to a full assortment of street colorings; our regular \$1.25 grades. Special for today only, yard .....

36-INCE BLACK ALL-SILK TAFFETAS RADI-CALLY REDUCED FOR TODAY ONLY-

Our regular \$1.75 grade, special for Our regular \$1.60 grade, special for Friday only, yard \$1.31

Our regular \$1.50 grade, special for \$1.19 Our regular \$1.25 grade, special for These yard-wide Taffetas come in both glaced

Big Reductions in Haviland Decorated China

and chiffon finishes.

For Friday Economy Sale

Third Floor Stores. HAVILAND CHINA CUPS AND SAUCERS, with deco-rations of small pink flowers and stippled gold top and bandles.

TEA CUPS AND SAUCERS—Our \$4.50 value; special

HAVILAND CHINA BON BONS-Our 63c value; spe-

FRUIT SAUCERS, with decoration of pink flowers and stippled gold top—Our \$2.50 value, special at, the dozen FRUIT SAUCERS, with decorations of violet sprays—
Our \$2.35 value; special at, the dozen.

ROUND PRUIT COMPORTS, with decoration of pink
sprays and full gold line—Our \$5c value; special
at, each

The Friday Sale of Special Import to Home Milliners 39c the for Dollar Braids

Another event in the bustling Millinery Salons that's sure to attract throngs of women who prefer making their Hats at home. We shall place on sale this morning 200 pieces of handsome braids for making up pretty Summer Hats, all the popular and wanted colorings in the offering and values up to \$1.00 for the piece, at a choice for full 12-yard pieces of . . . . . 39C

Bijou Millinery Salons-Annex, Second Floor.

#### Special Sale of Wire Hat Frames at 25c

Another lot of wire Hat Frames that came our way at a bargain price thro' the close of a prominent manufacturer's season, will be offered our patrons today as we bought 'em-wonderfully low. 25 dozen in the lot-all best styles, in black or white silk-covered wire. Turbans, Tricorns, Sailors, "Charlotte Cordays," "Maxine Elliots," ete. Choose today from

## A Dress Goods Bargain

South Annex-First Floor.

That furnishes convincing evidence of this store's leadership in value-giving. Cream, All-Wool and Silk and Wool Dress Fabrics

for Today Only. Crepe de Paris, Crepe de Français, Poplin de Chenes -Armures, Granites, Panamas, Serges, Cheviots, Voiles, Novelty Mohairs and Brilliantines, Sicilians, Mohair Mistral, Fancy and Plain Etamines, Bedford Cords, Caritas, etc., etc.; our regular \$1.50 grades. Special for teday only, yard.....

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Immense advantages await Shoe buyers here to-day. A group of the greatest shoe bargains of all the year. Smart, sen styles and best makes in Ameri-ca. Matchless values for men, mairous and maids. Rend-and come to



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First Floor-West Annex.

Women's \$3.50 and \$3.00 Shoes for \$1.49

Women's \$2.00 Juliets for \$1.49 Women's Juliet or Comfort Shoes, of dongola kid, for either street or house wear, light rubber heels; solld comfort in every pair—Our regular \$2.00 value; Special for one day only at, the pair.

Men's \$3.50 Shoes for \$2.49

Men's Low Cut Shoes, in tan Russia calf; brand-new goods, correct styles, and made especially for us to sell at \$3.56—Special Economy Sale price, pair. \$2.49 Misses' \$2.00 Shoes for \$1.49

## **Bargain Nuggets**

From Veritable Mines of Everyday Values in the Small Wares Shous-First Floor. Notions, Toilet Sundries and

Stationery. SPECIALS FOR TODAY ONLY

An Exceptional List. 15c DRESS SHIELDS 10c. White Nainsook Covered Dress Shields; all sizes, Nos. 2, I and 4; light Summer weight—Regular value loc: special, pair ......10c 15e MACHINE OIL De.

Can Sewing Machine Oil in combination oil can Regular value life; special, can 10e STOCKING DARNERS 7c. Large size Hurdwood Stocking Darners, with de-tachable handles—Regular value 13c; special, ea. . 7e 25c TOOTH BRUSH AND POWDER 15c.

All-bristle Hand or Nail Brushes, large size soild back, hand-drawn—Regular value Joc. special at.

back, hand-drawn to the cach the cach white Castile Soap

10e PAPER NAPKINS Se PER 100.

Box White Writing Paper, plain or ruled-Regular value 15c; special, box

Se SHELF PAPER 3c.

Shelf Paper, 10-yard pieces, lace edge; pink, b.
white, yellow and green—Regular value 5c; specat, the piece