

N. P. R. R. BUYS OUT HAMMOND

Sale of Astoria & Columbia
River Railroad for \$4,-
000,000 Reported.

NEW LINK IN BIG SYSTEM

Official Announcement Is Soon Ex-
pected of Purchase of Eighty
Miles of Railroad That Cost
\$3,200,000 to Construct.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Company has paid, or has contracted to pay approximately \$4,000,000 for the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, according to the stories that are now floating around in railroad circles. It has been rumored for some time that the Astoria & Columbia River road was on the market, and at one time the story gained circulation that E. H. Harriman had secured an option on the property and intended to make of it a part of the Northwest division of the Harriman system, but this was denied officially not long ago by President A. R. Hammond, of San Francisco, executive of the Astoria line.

According to the stories told by the men who are said to have inside information that the Astoria road has been purchased by the Northern Pacific, it is to be the financial interest of the Hill line to make the purchase at this time, or, at least, in the near future. The Astoria & Columbia is operating over the tracks of the Northern Pacific between Portland and Goble, under a 20-year lease. It is a question whether or not the income derived from this lease will pay the cost of the maintenance of this Portland-Goble line. After the construction of the new link road by the Northern Pacific, the company will have no further use for the road now operated between Portland and Goble, or, at least, it will be used as the main line. In that case the chief use would be by the trains of the Astoria road.

In view of this fact, it has been argued by the Northern Pacific Company, so the story runs, that it would be better, since the terms of the lease would have to be observed to purchase the entire Astoria road and make it a part of the Northern Pacific Oregon property. While Northern Pacific officials will not admit that they have any knowledge of the sale, it is believed that the deal has been made, and that official announcement will be made of it in a short time.

The Astoria & Columbia River road has, in round numbers, about 80 miles of track, including the Fort Stevens extension. It cost close to \$40,000 per mile to construct this line, and since its opening many improvements have been made on it. It is said that the company is now paying \$4 per cent interest on \$4,000,000, and that the price paid for the property by the Northern Pacific was approximately \$4,000,000. It has been reported that the Harriman interests were looking toward the purchase of the Astoria & Columbia River road, but nothing of the plan is known at the general offices in this city, and it has been officially denied by President Hammond. It is further argued that it would not be to the advantage of the Harriman line to buy the road at this time.

FRANK C. BAKER ON TRIP Will Visit Los Angeles and Possibly Go to Hawaii.

Frank C. Baker, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee of Oregon, set out for Los Angeles yesterday morning, with his wife and little daughter, to be gone a month and possibly to visit Hawaii. The trip is primarily for the benefit of his daughter, who needs a warmer winter climate than that of Astoria. Mr. Baker will return in February to take up the duties of the chairmanship in connection with the state campaign for the June election. The State Central Committee, he said, will have little to do until after the primaries, because it will have the nomination of candidates entirely to the party. Before starting Mr. Baker remarked:

DENIES HAVING ANY OFFER

Jefferson Myers Says Coney Island Submitted No Proposition to Him.

Jefferson Myers, president of the Oregon State Commission, stated yesterday that no advances were ever made to him or members of the commission by Coney Island people for the purchase of the Foresty building. A representative of the Coney Island amusement enterprise did call on the officials of the corporation and make overtures for the purchase of the log structure, but nothing was ever said to the State Commission, which had in charge the disposition of the building. It was rumored about town yesterday that a public meeting was to be held to protest against the purchase of the building by the Council and to advocate the sale of the building to the Coney Island capitalists.

Mother Deserts an Infant.

Asking to leave a 16-month-old baby boy for five minutes at the home of J. G. Harris, 306 First street, the mother of the infant, Mrs. Minnie Edwards, failed to call for him last night, and it is now being cared for until it can be put in the hands of the authorities. Mrs. Edwards was well known to Harris, having boarded there for some time. She is in bad health and without money. A report of the deserted infant was made to the police, but the department was at a loss to know what to do with it and Policeman Wade, who investigated the case, refused to take it away.

Milwaukee Country Club.

Eastern and California races. Take Seifwood and Oregon City cars, First and Alder.

MEIER & FRANK STORE OPEN TONIGHT TILL 9:30

The Great "White Fair"

Thousands of eager buyers thronging the muslin underwear section every day—Never have we been called upon to serve so many enthusiastic women—Undermuslins of quality at the lowest prices ever known



90 dozen women's Nightgowns, cambrics and nainsooks; high, low, round and square necks; trimmed in embroidery and terehon laces, tucks and beading; regular \$1.25 values on sale for the exceptionally low price of, each..... **84c**
Special lot of cambric, muslin and nainsook Gowns, trimmed with laces, embroidery, tucks and insertions; values from 75c to \$1.00 each; grand value at..... **59c**
Special lot of 900 cambric Petticoats, beautifully made with wide flounces, hemstitching, plain tucks, lace and embroidery trimmings; made full; reg. \$2, \$2.25, \$1.53
Special lot of \$1.50, \$1.75 Petticoats for, each..... **\$1.19**
Special lot of \$1.25, \$1.50 Petticoats for, each..... **87c**
Petticoats worth up to \$50.00, all marked at clearance prices.
Special lot of women's cambric Drawers, wide ruffles, tucked and embroidery trimmed; 35c and 50 values on sale for, each..... **25c**
Special lot of cambric, muslin and nainsook Drawers, trimmed in good quality embroideries, laces, insertions and tucks; values up to \$1.25 a pair, on sale for low price of, pair..... **71c**
80 dozen nainsook and cambric Corset Covers, dainty styles, trimmed in fine embroideries, laces, tucks and beading; values up to 85c each, on sale for the special price of..... **54c**
Special lot of pretty Corset Covers; values up to 50c each, on sale for the exceptionally low price of, each..... **29c**
All our Corset Covers at clearance prices.

Clearance Sale of Bathroom Supplies

Three grades of nickel-plated glass holders, 12c values, 12c 50c values, 40c 50c values..... **80c**
Nickel-plated Paper Holders, each..... **20c, 25c, 20c**
Nickel-plated Whisk Broom Holders, each..... **20c, 20c**
15c Towel Bars, each..... **25c** 50c Towel Bars, each..... **40c**
15c Towel Bars, each..... **25c** 35c Towel Bars, each..... **40c**
Nickel-plated Towel Rings, each..... **25c, 30c, 25c, 25c**
Nickel and glass Bathroom Shelves, each..... **25c, 12c, 60c**
Nickel-plated Soap Holders, each..... **\$1.25 and \$2.00**
Soap Dishes for bath, tubs, 40c \$1.00 Wall Dishes..... **20c, 40c, \$1.00**

Men's, Young Men's and Boys' Clothing

Matchless Clearance Sale Bargains Are Being Offered

Men, young men and boys who have winter apparel needs to supply had better investigate the splendid bargains being offered here before purchasing elsewhere—We can quickly convince you of the superiority of our merchandise and values—2d Floor

2000 men's fine Suits in the newest and most desirable styles and materials. The best garments from the leading manufacturers in the land. The greatest suit bargains we ever offered. Let us show you—
Men's \$10.00 Suits..... **\$ 7.83** Men's \$20.00 Suits..... **\$14.89**
Men's \$12.50 Suits..... **\$ 9.15** Men's \$22.50 Suits..... **\$16.15**
Men's \$15.00 Suits..... **\$10.85** Men's \$25.00 Suits..... **\$18.85**
Men's \$18.00 Suits..... **\$13.85** Men's \$30.00 Suits..... **\$23.15**
Men's \$35.00 Suits on sale at the low price of, each..... **\$26.15**
Entire stock of Men's Trousers at greatly reduced prices—Men's Fancy Vests to be closed out at clearance sale prices—Men's Smoking Jackets and Lounging Robes greatly reduced—Men's Bathrobes on sale at low clearance sale prices.
Men's genuine Priestley "Cravenette" Raincoats and Overcoats—every garment bears the Priestley label—all the best styles and patterns—all sizes. Best values for the money in the city—Second Floor.
Priestley's \$12.50 Cravenette Raincoats at, each..... **\$ 9.85**
Priestley's \$15.00 Cravenette Raincoats at, each..... **\$10.85**
Priestley's \$20.00 Cravenette Raincoats at, each..... **\$14.69**
Priestley's \$22.50 Cravenette Raincoats at, each..... **\$16.15**
Priestley's \$25.00 Cravenette Raincoats at, each..... **\$18.85**
Priestley's \$27.50 Cravenette Raincoats at, each..... **\$21.55**
Entire stock of Men's Overcoats in this season's most approved styles and materials—large assortment for your choosing—phenomenal values.
Men's \$15.00 Overcoats **\$10.85** Men's \$25.00 Overcoats **\$18.85**
Men's \$20.00 Overcoats **\$14.69** Men's \$35.00 Overcoats **\$26.15**

Clearance Sale of Boys' and Young Men's Clothing

Extra special bargains in boys' all-wool 2-piece School Suits—the most serviceable materials—well made throughout; ages 9 to 16 years; regular \$3.75 values for the suit..... **\$2.49**
Little boys' Reefers and Topcoats—the season's best styles and materials—\$5.00 values..... **\$4.20** \$6.00 values..... **\$4.85** \$6.50 values..... **\$5.20** \$7.50 values..... **\$6.15**
\$8.50 values on sale at..... **\$7.10** \$10.00 values for..... **\$8.30** \$12.50 values for..... **\$9.95**
Boys' Raincoats—our entire stock on sale at low clearance sale prices—Second Floor.
\$5.00 values..... **\$4.20** \$6.00 values..... **\$4.85** \$7.50 values..... **\$6.20** \$10.00 values..... **\$8.35**
Boys' Overcoats in all the leading styles—exceptional bargains at **\$2.98, \$3.85, \$4.15, \$5.15, \$6.20 and \$7.15** each. Best values in the city—Second Floor.
Boys' Flannel Waists at **29c, 52c, 63c, 79c, 88c and \$1.15**—Best styles.
YOUNG MEN'S CLOTHING 2D FLOOR
\$1.50 Suits for..... **\$ 8.20** \$12.50 Suits for..... **\$ 9.05**
\$10.00 Suits for..... **\$ 6.80** \$15.00 Suits for..... **\$11.30**
\$15.00 Suits for..... **\$10.85** \$20.00 Suits for..... **\$15.25**
\$20.00 Suits for..... **\$16.30** \$25.00 Suits for..... **\$19.75**
\$25.00 Suits for..... **\$18.85** \$30.00 Suits for..... **\$23.15**
\$30.00 Raincoats..... **\$23.15** \$35.00 Raincoats..... **\$26.15**
All our young men's Overcoats at clearance sale prices.

TOILET ARTICLES	RIBBON SALE	HANDKERCHIEFS
Great Four Castle Soap, long 4c bars; great value at..... Fairbanks Tar Soap, cake..... Transparent Glycerine Soap, 2 cakes in a box—box..... Cold Soap Boxes, all col- ors, regular 25c values..... Eastman's Perfumes, in glass stopped bottles..... Turkish Bath Soap, cake..... Satin Skin Cream, jar..... Royal Tooth Powder, can..... Rubber Dressing Combs, each..... Women's Spray Syringe..... Family Bulb Syringe, hard rubber fitting, special..... Women's all-rubber Vagina- l Syringe; special.....	800 yards of all-silk satin and all- silk taffeta Ribbons; also fancy and President Ribbons; all widths; great assortment to select from; regular 35c and 11c 50c values on sale for yard..... 500 yards of high-grade Ribbons, Roman stripes, plaids, moires, satin brocades, etc.; widths rang- ing from 3 to 8 inches; all the best shades; 35c to 50c values on sale, per yard..... Fine all-silk Taffeta Ribbons, full 8 inches wide; \$1.25 values for 73c and white; 5 to 11 inches 30-30 yard fancy Ribbons, 5 and 6 inches wide, 65c and 75c val. 25c	Special lot of 50 dozen hand-made Handkerchiefs of the finest linen, embroidered corners; each one in a fancy box; values up to..... 43c Special sale of French embroidered Handkerchiefs, very choice styles; grand values— \$22.50 val. \$16.50 \$27.50 val. \$21.00 \$25.00 val. \$17.50 \$37.50 val. \$25.00 35c, 40c pure linen Handkts..... 40c all-linen undaunted..... Handkerchiefs..... 25c Swiss embroidered Handkts..... 25c undaunted Initialed Handkerchiefs.....

Sale of Women's Neckwear

New Lace Collars, in cream, white and
ocru, assorted designs, Oriental and
Ballet, lace; also silver and eye-
let embroideries; 50c values, each.....
Protection Collars, narrow divided
embroidery and linen embroidered
in mercerized cotton with tabs,
solid white, black and white.....
and orange; 25c to 50c value..... **9c**
Cape Collars, of white Venise lace
and Arabian braid, all black and
assorted colors, trimmed in taffeta
silk, navy, brown, green, champagne
and white; 5 to 11 inches
wide, values up to \$1.50..... **\$1.89**
Changeable Taffeta Silk Stocks with
stitching and white piping, brown,
garnet, gray, black and navy; sizes
12 to 14½; values from \$1 to.....
\$2 each, grand values at..... **26c**
White lawn Chemises and Yokes, lace
and embroidery trimmed; wash-
able materials; regular 25c and 50c
values on sale for the very.....
low price of..... **23c**
White Butcher's Linen Stocks, embrodered
in light blue and white hard-
anger; adjustable tabs and white
for the low price of..... **48c**

Sole Portland Agent for the Famous "Ostermoor" Patent Elastic Felt Mattresses
"Willamette" Sewing Machines—15 Models—\$15 Up to \$35—Every One Guaranteed

The Meier & Frank Store

Open Tonight Until 9:30

Custom Shade and Drapery Work Our Specialty—Best Materials and Workmanship
Artistic Picture Framing to Your Order—New Mouldings—Lowest Prices—2d Floor
All Mail Orders Carefully Filled at Clearance Sale Prices—Send Your Orders to Us

Sale of Misses' and Children's Coats

Values Up to \$16.50 for \$3.85 Ea.

Great special clearance sale of misses' and children's garments today—Lot one is composed of children's and misses' long and short coats—Ages 2 to 14 years—Cheviots, serge and broadcloth in red, blue, brown and green, trimmed with capes, braids and velvet—Full sleeves—All are good desirable garments for school or dress wear—Values from \$6 to \$14 ea.—Your choice while they last \$3.85 ea.—Children's full-length coats of cheviot in red, blue and tan—Double breasted, cape trimmed—Ages 6 to 14 years—Splendid styles—Values up to \$5.00 each—Your choice of this small lot at the low price of, each..... **\$1.52**

Children's Bearskin Coats

Children's Bearskin Coats, box styles, in white, navy blue, green and gray; ages 2 to 6 years; very prettiest Winter coats for children; grand values at the following exceedingly low prices of, each:
\$3.75 Coats for \$2.45 Each \$4.00 Values for \$2.85 Each
\$5.00 Coats for \$3.65 Each \$6.50 Values for \$4.25 Each
Great special lot of children's Dresses, in blue, red, brown and green serge; plaited skirts, trimmed with buttons and braid; all ages 6 to 14 years; \$2.75 values on sale for, each..... **\$1.85**
Children's Coats and Raincoats at clearance prices.
Children's Novelty Dresses, "Peter Thompson" Suits, etc., all at low prices.



MEIER & FRANK STORE

Groceries At Low Prices PHONE EXCHANGE 4

1000 Doz. Oranges 27c doz.
Meier & Frank's famous Mocha and Java Coffee, equal to the best 40c grades sold elsewhere, at this sale, a pound **24c**
"Victor" Flour, none better at any price; 50-lb. sk. **\$1.20**
New California Walnuts; great special value, pound..... **15c**
2 packages Maita Vita..... **25c**
2 packages Grape-Nuts..... **25c**
1-lb. can Shrimps..... **10c**
3 cans Smith's Kipperd Herring for..... **50c**
½-lb. can Baker's Cocoa..... **20c**
1-lb. can Baker's Cocoa..... **40c**
Blue Label Catsup, bottle..... **20c**
Fig-Prune Cereal, pkg..... **18c**
2 lbs. Paper Shell Almonds, 35c
1-lb. jar Long's Jams..... **20c**
Van Camp's Catsup, bottle, 20c
1-lb. Royal Baking Powder, 40c
19 pounds Granulated Sugar for..... **\$1.00**
A & N. Corn, can..... **8c**
Alpha fancy Maine Corn, 2 cans for..... **25c**
2 cans Hulled Hominy..... **25c**
2 cans Custard Pumpkins, 25c
1 jar Libby's Sliced Beef..... **25c**
2 cans Amazon Peaches..... **25c**
Baker's Unsweetened Choconate..... **32c**
Quart McNally's California Olive Oil..... **75c**
Pint McNally's California Olive Oil..... **40c**
C & B. Lucea Oil..... **65c**
5-lb. pkg. Domino Sugar, 60c
16-oz. jar Queen Olives..... **25c**
5-oz. jar Queen Olives..... **10c**

Great Bargains in Men's Furnishings

New, Seasonable Apparel at Low Prices

The greatest men's patronage we ever enjoyed, and every one being served with a degree of satisfaction and care particular buyers like—There's no question about where the best values are being offered—A little shopping tour will quickly convince you that the Meier & Frank Store leads as usual

Men's \$1.50 kid and dress Gloves; tans, grays, brown; also silk-lined gloves; all sizes, pair..... **\$1.29**
Men's \$2.00, \$2.25 kid and dress Gloves; all lines, with the exception of "Dent's"; best shades, pair..... **\$1.53**
Men's extra quality French Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers; medium weight; all sizes; best \$1.50 grade on sale at the exceptionally low price of, each..... **98c**
Boys' 50c and 75c Golf Shirts; two collars to match, each..... **39c**
Men's fine neckwear; large English squares of the newest and prettiest silks; regular \$1.00 values, each..... **69c**
Men's mercerized gloria-silk Umbrellas; attractive handles; best \$1.50 values on sale at low price, each..... **95c**
Men's \$2.50 fine twilled gloria-silk Umbrellas, plain and fancy handles, in great assortment; special at..... **\$1.79**
MEN'S \$1.00 SHIRTS 79c
Our entire stock of men's \$1.00 Shirts in stiff, plaited or soft-bosoms—"Monarchs," "Eagles" and other well-known makes. All new patterns and colors; the best \$1.00 values on sale for..... **79c**
MEN'S \$1.50 SHIRTS \$1.19
Our entire stock of men's \$1.50 Shirts—"Cluets," "Manhattans" and other leading makes, in all the newest and best patterns. Regular or coat styles, with or without attached cuffs..... **\$1.19**
MEN'S WORK SHIRTS 37c
50 dozen men's Work Shirts in dark gray stripes, good quality, well made and finished, all sizes; great special values at this low price..... **37c**
\$1.00 NIGHTSHIRTS 63c
Men's extra quality Flannelette Nightshirts, new patterns, made large, all sizes; best \$1.00 values on sale at this unusually low price..... **63c**



CLEARANCE SALE BARGAINS THROUGH- OUT THE STORE

Portland's Leading Cloak Store

Women's Jacket Suits, the newest and most desirable styles, in cheviots, serges, broadcloths and mixtures, fancy braid and gimp-trimmed, all the best shades. Largest variety and best values at these low prices. No trouble to show goods here.

\$16.50 Suits \$11.55	\$22.50 Suits \$16.85	\$28.00 Suits \$21.60
\$20.00 Suits \$14.00	\$27.00 Suits \$18.90	\$30.00 Suits \$23.00
\$35.00 Suits \$24.50	\$38.00 Suits \$26.60	\$46.00 Suits \$36.75

Women's Dress Skirts, in voiles, crepe de chine, broadcloths and silks. All the newest modes and trimmings. Great special values at:

\$15.00 Skirts \$ 9.95	\$20.00 Skirts \$13.45	\$25.00 Skirts \$16.95
\$27.00 Skirts \$18.50	\$32.00 Skirts \$22.50	\$34.00 Skirts \$24.50

Women's three-quarter Coats, hundreds of them, in all the leading styles and materials. Empire, loose back and tight fitting effects, in tans, coverts, kerseys, broadcloths and mannish materials; great variety; all grades.

\$10.00 Coats for, each..... \$ 5.65	\$25.00 Coats for, each..... \$15.25
\$12.00 Coats for, each..... \$ 8.65	\$24.00 Coats for, each..... \$16.25
\$14.00 Coats for, each..... \$ 9.85	\$26.00 Coats for, each..... \$17.75
\$16.50 Coats for, each..... \$12.25	\$30.00 Coats for, each..... \$21.75
\$20.00 Coats for, each..... \$13.85	\$35.00 Coats for, each..... \$22.50

Linen, Mulls and Lawns, beautifully made, hand-embroidered and lace-trimmed effects, long or short sleeves, exquisite styles at clearance prices. Largest showing in the city—Second Floor.

All our fine Silk Waists at great reductions. All our imported Waists at one-half regular prices.

\$4.00 Waists..... \$2.50	\$5.00 Waists..... \$3.25	\$6.00 Waists..... \$4.00
\$8.00 Waists..... \$5.00	\$10.00 Waists..... \$6.25	\$12.00 Waists..... \$7.50

Petticoats—Choose from entire stock of Silk Petticoats at low clearance sale prices—styles, colors and quality.

Extra special bargains at \$4.50, \$5.00, \$7.25, \$9.00, \$11.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00, \$40.00, \$45.00, \$50.00, \$55.00, \$60.00, \$65.00, \$70.00, \$75.00, \$80.00, \$85.00, \$90.00, \$95.00, \$100.00, \$105.00, \$110.00, \$115.00, \$120.00, \$125.00, \$130.00, \$135.00, \$140.00, \$145.00, \$150.00, \$155.00, \$160.00, \$165.00, \$170.00, \$175.00, \$180.00, \$185.00, \$190.00, \$195.00, \$200.00, \$205.00, \$210.00, \$215.00, \$220.00, \$225.00, \$230.00, \$235.00, \$240.00, \$245.00, \$250.00, \$255.00, \$260.00, \$265.00, \$270.00, \$275.00, \$280.00, \$285.00, \$290.00, \$295.00, \$300.00, \$305.00, \$310.00, \$315.00, \$320.00, \$325.00, \$330.00, \$335.00, \$340.00, \$345.00, \$350.00, \$355.00, \$360.00, \$365.00, \$370.00, \$375.00, \$380.00, \$385.00, \$390.00, \$395.00, \$400.00, \$405.00, \$410.00, \$415.00, \$420.00, \$425.00, \$430.00, \$435.00, \$440.00, \$445.00, \$450.00, \$455.00, \$460.00, \$465.00, \$470.00, \$475.00, \$480.00, \$485.00, \$490.00, \$495.00, \$500.00, \$505.00, \$510.00, \$515.00, \$520.00, \$525.00, \$530.00, \$535.00, \$540.00, \$545.00, \$550.00, \$555.00, \$560.00, \$565.00, \$570.00, \$575.00, \$580.00, \$585.00, \$590.00, \$595.00, \$600.00, \$605.00, \$610.00, \$615.00, \$620.00, \$625.00, \$630.00, \$635.00, \$640.00, \$645.00, \$650.00, \$655.00, \$660.00, \$665.00, \$670.00, \$675.00, \$680.00, \$685.00, \$690.00, \$695.00, \$700.00, \$705.00, \$710.00, \$715.00, \$720.00, \$725.00, \$730.00, \$735.00, \$740.00, \$745.00, \$750.00, \$755.00, \$760.00, \$765.00, \$770.00, \$775.00, \$780.00, \$785.00, \$790.00, \$795.00, \$800.00, \$805.00, \$810.00, \$815.00, \$820.00, \$825.00, \$830.00, \$835.00, \$840.00, \$845.00, \$850.00, \$855.00, \$860.00, \$865.00, \$870.00, \$875.00, \$880.00, \$885.00, \$890.00, \$895.00, \$900.00, \$905.00, \$910.00, \$915.00, \$920.00, \$925.00, \$930.00, \$935.00, \$940.00, \$945.00, \$950.00, \$955.00, \$960.00, \$965.00, \$970.00, \$975.00, \$980.00, \$985.00, \$990.00, \$995.00, \$1000.00

