Advance Showing of New Spring and Summer Millinery All This Week---Second Floor

The Meier & Frank Store's Great Monday Bargain News

125 New Covert Coats

Marvelous Values $7.45 Ea.

Another great special offering of the jaunty tan and black Covert Jackets for women—125 of them, bought from a well-known manufacturer at a price far below regular value -- All are made in neat, tight-fitting effects same as cut—English fly-front Tan Coverts and black broadcloth, coat collar, small revers, strap trimmed, leg o'mutton sleeves, satin-lined throughout, splendidly tailored, sizes 32 to 44, a coat other stores ask $15.00 to $18.00 for—Sale price today..... **$7.45**

Walking Skirts $3 to $30

We are showing an immense variety of new Walking Skirts in all the latest modes, materials and colors. By far the most extensive display ever attempted by any Portland store. Prices range all the way from ..... $3.00 to $30.00

New three-quarter length and box Coats in light colored plaids and mixtures; all prices, grand assortment. Second floor.

Great Sale of Towels and Bed Linens

All linen hemstitched Huck Towels, 35c values 24c
Hemstitched satin damask Towels, each 19c
Entire new stock of John S. Brown & Sons fine Table Linen for Easter—Beautiful designs and qualities.
100 dozen bleached Turkish Bath Towels; big sizes; fine quality; great special value at the low price of, each 27c
Fringed Turkish Bath Towels; full bleached, big size; best value ever offered at this low price of, each 20c
Hemmed Marseilles pattern Bedspreads; great values at $1.10
Hemmed Marseilles pattern Bedspreads; $1.75 value at $1.40

100 New Tailored Suits at $27.00

The best suit for the money we ever offered—All new, up-to-date garments and the equal of most $35 and $40 values being sold around town—Exactly 100 suits all told—Two days' selling should clean them up—Tight-fitting, box, Eton and jacket styles. All the newest materials in light mixtures, grays, navy blue, fancy checks, etc.—Long or short sleeves, circular skirts, every suit handsomely made and finished, all sizes—An exceptional value at this popular price..... **$27**

Women's Spring Suits in all the newest and best fashions and materials. Double the assortment to be found in any other store in town. Prices from..... $18.00 to $100

50,000 Yards New Embroideries

Values to $8.00 at $1.19 per Strip

Values to $4.50 at 89c per Strip

$5 All-Over Embroideries $1.19 yd.

3 sensational bargains in Embroideries for today—Great special purchases enable us to offer the grandest values we have ever had the pleasure of inviting you to share in—Plan to come early if you want the best patterns

20,000 yards of beautiful Swiss and cambric Embroidery and Inserting in the newest and prettiest designs for shirtwaists, skirts, infants' wear, etc. 6 3-4 yard strips, 5 to 18 inches wide; values up to $8.00 a strip. Your choice at this phenomenally low price for a strip of 6 3-4 yards **$1.19**

30,000 yards of Swiss and cambric Embroidery and Inserting 5 to 16 inches wide. Handsome patterns in great assortment, 4 1-2 yards in a strip. Values up to $4.50 a strip. Your choice at this low price for strip of 4 1-2 yards **89c**

3,000 yards of magnificent all-over Swiss Embroideries in French, English and Irish point designs for waists and yokes in very large variety. Values up to $5 a yard, at **$1.19**

—See Fifth-Street Window Display Today—

$3.50 Lace Curtains $2.79 a Pair

Great three days' sale of Cluny and Renaissance Lace Curtains in white and Arabian, all new, desirable styles.
Cluny Curtains with edges, Renaissance Curtains with inserting and edges or corners and edges. Every pair the best $3.50 value; your choice at this low price, pair $2.79
One and two-pair lots of figured Rep Portieres with velour borders, also mercerized Portieres fringed top and bottom, 50 in. wide by 3 yds. long; green, red, blue, Nile; $6.50 to $7.75 values $4.85
Scotch Lappet, 36 inches wide, for Sash Curtains, stripes and checks. Washes and wears better than Swiss; great special value for three days at this low price 8c
Brass Extension Rods, 54 inches long, silver ends; 15c values at the low price of, each 7c

Muslin Underwear Spc'ls

Rare values in high-class Muslin Underwear—Chance to supply your Easter wants at a big saving—Second Floor.

Women's fancy Drawers, trimmed in dainty embroidery, val. laces, beading and ribbons, insertions and tucks; very pretty style; $2.50, $2.75 values for..... **$1.97**

Women's fancy Gowns of fine cambric and nainsook, trimmed in dainty embroideries, val. lace edgings, insertion, medallions and tucks; low, round, square and V necks, short, fancy sleeves; $3.50, $4.00 values..... **$2.98**

Women's fine, white Underskirts, trimmed in the best quality embroideries and laces, open work and imitation hand embroidered effects, separate dust ruffles; $4.00 values at **$3.12**

Women's fancy skirt Chemise, trimmed in dainty laces, embroideries, tucks, insertion, beading and ribbons; $1.75 values.... **$1.29**

Special lot Cambric Gowns, lace and embroidery trimmed; $1.25 val., at **83c**

Easter Gloves

Easter Glove needs can be best supplied here. Long and short Gloves, all grades and shades, complete stock for your choosing. Gloves of guaranteed quality at the very lowest prices.

"Perrin's" celebrated real French Kid Gloves in 1, 2 and 3-clasp styles; glace and suedes in all the leading shades. Perrin's "Adriana," "Charmette," "La Mure," "Manhattan" and Xtra quality Gloves, all sizes. Every pair guaranteed, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00.

Very large variety of 6-button Biarritz Glace Gloves in black, white, gray and colors, all sizes, pair..... **$1.25**

LONG GLOVES $3, $3.50

$4.00 A PAIR

Vallier's 12 and 16-button length Gloves in black, white, colors and delicate opera shades, all sizes; best values in town at, $3, $3.50

"Perrin's" 16-button black glace Kid Gloves, pair..... $4.00

"Perrin's" 16-button Glace Gloves, in colors, pair..... $3.50

French Hand-Made Waists

Values to $30 at $9.95

Here's a special sale announcement that must be of interest to the best buyers in city. Thro' our very intimate acquaintance with a prominent French underwear manufacturer we were given a "tip" as to where we could secure French hand-made waists at unusually low prices—Here they are, 50 of them, exquisite styles—Every stitch made by hand—Fine French batistes and linens—Hand embroidered, lace trimmed and tucked long and short styles—Values to $30 each, on sale while they last at **$9.95**

See Fifth-St. Window Display

You better come early

SILK WAISTS AT $5.45 EACH

Great special lot of 200 beautiful Silk Waists made of radium and peau de cygne silks of superior quality. Fancy lace trimmed yoke, front and back, short sleeves, white, pink, blue and black, all sizes; exceptional value at this low price **$5.45**

Women's Hosiery at Special Prices

Women's black cotton Hose in three weights—heavy, medium and gauze—Imported Hose of standard quality, Hermsdorf dye, all sizes. The best 50c values on sale at this low price 33c
Women's imported cotton ingrain Hose, white heel and toe and sole. Double white stripe at the top; all sizes. Best 50c values on sale at... 27c
Women's fine black lisle Hose in all sizes. The best 35c values on sale at this low price 18c
Women's 25c black cotton Hose on sale at, pair..... 18c
Black Cat Hose for boys and girls, 6 to 11, pair..... 25c
Buster Brown Hose for boys and girls, 6 to 11, pair..... 12½c

15,000 Yards Ribbons---4 Bargains

5-inch all-silk Taffeta and Satin Taffeta Ribbons in all the leading shades—red, navy, black, white, cream, light blue, pink, Nile, mais, brown, reseda, greens, helios, etc., etc. The best 35c val. on sale at, yard... **18c**

Broken lines of 8-inch black satin brocaded Ribbons, also satin merveilleux in good shades; regular 50c values, being cleaned up at, yard **12c**

20,000 yards of handsome tab Ribbons in Bulgarian, Roman, Persian, Dresden and polka dot effects; large assortment of colors in No. 9 and No. 12, suitable for tab and stock collars. Values up to 50c, on sale at, yard.. **29c**

Broken line of double-faced cord-edge cream Ribbons, 3 to 5 inches wide; best quality 33c to 85c values, on sale at, yard **19c**

ALMOST A BLIZZARD

Unprecedented March Weather for Portland.

EFFECT ON FRUIT SLIGHT

May Thin, but Not Greatly Injure the Earlier Varieties — Rose Bushes Set Back by the Cold Snap.

Portland received a touch of Winter weather yesterday. But for the absence of snow and sleet the cold snap would have been a real blizzard, the visitation of which would give Portland people an opportunity to sympathize with their cousins of the storm-swept East. It was cold enough, however, to make Oregonians more thankful than ever that they lived in a country where such inclement weather is rarely experienced.

The cold of yesterday was intense, and those who ventured out-of-doors suffered greatly. The high and piercing winds added to the intensity of the chilly atmosphere, and made many people believe it was colder than it really was. District Forecaster Edward A. Beals reported that the thermometer was lowest at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, when it registered 27 degrees above zero. Ice has formed upon many of the small ponds in the vicinity of Portland, and if the cold snap continues for a few more days roller skates will be supplanted by ice skates.

Predicts Milder Weather.

The indications are, though, that within two or three days Portland will once again have mild weather and that the thermometer will gradually rise. The wind of yesterday came from the North and East.

"The present cold weather will probably stay with us for several days, but I look for a gradually rising temperature," said Forecaster Beals last night. "We may have cold weather Tuesday, but I think that it will be much milder. When a cold wave strikes the valleys it generally stays two or three days.

"With but one exception, it was colder this morning at 6 o'clock than at any time this year. On December 24 the thermometer registered 27 degrees above zero, the same as we had this morning. Last Winter it got as cold as 16 degrees above zero, but the year before the weather was very mild."

Occasional light rain or snow is forecasted for Portland and vicinity for today, with easterly winds and rising temperature. Continued cold weather is forecasted for Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon, but milder weather for both states this side of the Cascades. Traveling men reported yesterday that the storm was much more violent in Seattle and Tacoma than in Portland.

Little Damage to Fruit.

Horticulturists are of the opinion that but little damage will be suffered by the fruit from the freeze. Some of the early fruit, such as cherries, plums, almonds, may be damaged slightly, but not to any great extent. They say that apples and pears are safe, as the trees have not budded sufficiently to be injured.

"I do not think that the fruit is far enough advanced to be materially affected by the cold wave," said Colonel Henry E. Dosch, who has a large orchard at Hillsdale, last night. "The plum and almond trees have been in full bloom, but if the storm is followed by cloudy or rainy weather the damage will be very slight. If it should turn warm suddenly the buds might be turned considerably. Early fruit has a tendency to overbear, so that the damage, if any, will be very slight. Apple and pear trees are still dormant. The rose bushes, which have taken on an early growth, have wilted, but this injury is only temporary.

"I do not anticipate any disastrous effects from the storm as far as the fruit is concerned," said George H. Lamberson, secretary of the State Board of Horticulture, last night. "The early fruit may be damaged, but it will probably be very slight. The late fruit is safe."

Wind Breaks Plate-Glass Window.

The high wind of yesterday broke a large plate-glass window in the store of Lipman, Wolfe & Company, Third and Washington streets. About 2:30 o'clock, when the wind was blowing almost a gale, the large glass suddenly collapsed, showering the sidewalk with broken glass. Fortunately no one was standing near at the time.

MAYOR LANE IS IMPROVING

Convalescent Now From Attack of Inflammatory Rheumatism.

Mayor Lane was so much improved yesterday that he was removed to the Oregon Hotel from the Turkish baths in the Chamber of Commerce building, whither he had been taken after suffering an attack of inflammatory rheumatism while attending a banquet at the Commercial Club Friday night.

The Mayor evinced the most profound regret concerning the death of Colonel L. L. Hawkins, the two having been intimate friends of many years' standing. He also expressed deep sympathy for the people of St. Johns when informed that the town was on fire, and said it was an unfortunate circumstance that the fireboat was out of commission, indicating that she would be sent to the relief of the town otherwise.

He expects to be confined to his room for a week or ten days, although last night His Honor was able to use a pair of crutches to good advantage.

No Time to Write Letter.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—The authenticity of the note picked up on the coast at Half-Moon Bay, purporting to have come from a sailor on the British ship Drumcraig, and which stated that that vessel was sinking, is doubted by underwriters. They said that if the Drumcraig were lost—as is now the general supposition—she had in all probability "turned turtle," and in that case there would have been no time for letter-writing.

SNOW DRIFTS IN UMATILLA

Much Grain in Light Lands Is Believed to Have Been Destroyed.

PENDLETON, Or., March 11.—Snow has been flying throughout Umatilla County since late Saturday night, and tonight a severe wind storm is raging, accompanied by fine, driving snow. The ground is freezing and every indication points to a severe cold spell.

Trains running into Portland are being delayed, the line from the east being partially blocked by snow in the Blue Mountains, while the O. R. & N. track between Umatilla and The Dalles is blocked with sand, which fills the cuts faster than the large gang of workmen can shovel it out. The train from Portland, which should have reached Pendleton this morning at 5 o'clock, did not pass through until 10:40, and it was followed closely by the one due at 5 in the evening.

In the vicinity of Umatilla, in the irrigated belt, a good deal of damage has been done to late-sown grain, according to reports, much of the seed having been blown out of the ground by the high wind or else covered to the depth of several inches by drifting sand. In the opinion of prominent farmers, this same thing will in all probability happen to many of the light land fields throughout the country, especially where the fields have been reseeded within the past few weeks, but little damage is expected outside of this, as the grain is not far enough advanced in growth to be harmed by snow or the slight cold that prevails.

Outside of a few crossed wires, no damage has been reported as a result of the high wind.

Blizzard Sweeping Montana.

HELENA, March 11.—Reports from all over the state indicate that one of the fiercest storms of the Winter is raging. Sundown at Marysville, a few miles west of here, it was 12 below with the wind blowing a gale and a foot of snow on the ground. In the eastern part of the state it is below zero, registering 18 below at Livingston. At Havre, usually the coldest place in the state, it is six above.

The snow is general. Livestock men do not look for any losses of stock unless the storm is of unusual duration.

DRESS GOODS SALE.

Special sale of new Spring dress goods, including exclusive weaves from the leading American, German, English and French manufacturers begins today at the popular drygoods house of McAllen & McDonnell. Dressmakers invited to inspect the new styles.

M. Armand Fallieres, the new President of France, had a peasant blacksmith for a grandfather, a court clerk for a father and in a commonplace and even lazy youth he betrayed no signs of later greatness.

WIND BITTER COLD

Freezing Weather Is Reported From All Over Northwest.

HEAVY SNOW IN PLACES

Sand Drifts on Track of the O. R. & N. in Eastern Washington, and Trains Are Delayed for Several Hours.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 11.—(Special.)—A freezing north wind has prevailed in Walla Walla for the past 24 hours. While it is yet too soon to predict the damage that has been done to the fruit, it was announced this evening that the apricot crop will be seriously curtailed. The sap has started in nearly all of the fruit trees, but in those other than the apricot it is not believed to be sufficient to permit damage from the cold weather.

Reports received last evening from the Snake River country above Riparia are to the effect that the peach and apricot trees were in full bloom, and probably greatly damaged by the cold wave.

The Spokane-Portland train was stalled Saturday night near Page, between Wallula and Riparia, by drifting sand, and returned to Grange City, where the passengers were transferred to the Spokane-Pendleton train. Those bound for Portland stopped off at Walla Walla and will start again for Portland at 12:30 tonight on the Spokane-Portland train, which was sent down by way of Walla Walla from Riparia. Passengers who left Walla Walla Saturday night for Portland were able to go no farther than Wallula, on account of the train from Spokane failing to get through the sand drifts at Page.

Reports from along the O. R. & N. main line are to the effect that the westbound trains out of Portland were also blockaded by drifting sand near The Dalles. No Portland mail arrived in Walla Walla today.

The Washington & Columbia River reports that trains were delayed for several hours between Hunt's Junction and Pasco, but all have so far been able to get through.

A report from below Wallula today stated that the wind there attained a velocity of 78 miles an hour.

BIG WIND IN YAKIMA VALLEY

Trees Blown Down and Houses Damaged in North Yakima.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 11.—(Special.)—The worst windstorm in the history of Yakima has prevailed in the Valley since Saturday morning. During Saturday night a veritable gale blew down from the north and much damage to property was done. A singular feature of the storm was that the sky was clear and the air was of a zero coldness.

Between 25 and 30 fine shade trees of the city were leveled to the ground and many fences were torn down. Part of the top of the Yakima Milling Company's mill blew off, the barn of the Golden Rule Dairy blew down, killing one cow and injuring several others.

At the residence of Mrs. L. B. Sharkey, on North Sixth street, a chimney blew over and the bricks fell through the roof, doing considerable damage. A water tank and wind wheel at the home of Thomas McCausland blew down and crashed through one side of the house, Mr. and Mrs. McCausland narrowly escaping serious injury.

It is thought the damage to property will run into the thousands of dollars although at present the amount cannot be estimated.

STORM CENTERS ON WEISER

Other Sections on All Sides Experience but Light Fall.

WEISER, Idaho, March 11.—(Special.)—Weiser and the immediate sections surrounding was visited by a remarkable snow storm last night about 8 o'clock. Last evening a light snowfall set in, and at midnight it was snowing heavily. At 9 o'clock this morning 15 inches had fallen, and it has been snowing almost continuously all day.

At Ontario, 30 miles south, the roads were dusty; at Payette, 15 miles south, about three inches fell; at Huntington, 20 miles north, ten inches of snow had fallen at 12 o'clock; at Council, 40 miles north of here and 1500 feet higher, one inch had fallen; at Meadows, 2000 feet higher, 1½ inches had fallen; at Landore, in the Seven Devils Mountains, two inches had fallen.

In every direction the snowfall was very light, it appearing as if all the snow in the heavens was dumped down on Weiser. The roads are blockaded in every direction. The weather is warm and the snow is melting rapidly. It was by far the heaviest snowfall of the Winter. The storm appears to have been heavier west than east, as western-bound trains are several hours late.

WORST STORM OF THE SEASON

Snow and Sleet Make a Disgreeable Day at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—Albany is today experiencing the worst storm of the season. Beginning with a snowfall last evening, the storm gradually increased in fury until today one must be in shelter to be comfortable. A cold wind is blowing from the northeast, bringing with it the chill of the north, and intermittently snow and sleet falls, adding to the disagreeableness of the day.

This is the worst storm of the year, and the change from a balmy Spring day to a raw Winter temperature took place in a single night.

PEACH CROP IS ENDANGERED

Some Fears Are Felt Also for Pears in Marion County.

SALEM, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—The temperature has been around the freezing point all day today and tonight is four degrees below freezing. No snow has fallen, with the exception of a light flurry yesterday afternoon which melted as fast as it fell.

Opinions differ as to whether damage will be done by the cold snap. Pear and peach buds are out enough to be injured and the peach crop may be very seriously damaged. Pears are only partly out, and it is thought that even though some buds are killed there will be enough remaining to make a crop. Other fruit trees will be uninjured, so far as present conditions indicate.

Much will depend upon the next few days. Successive freezing and thawing will undoubtedly do great damage, not only to peach and pear trees in the orchard, but to nursery stock as well. Manager McDonald, of the Oregon Wholesale Nursery Company, says it is yet too soon to say what damage will be suffered, but probably injury will be sustained.

It is generally thought that the grain will not be damaged unless freezing and thawing weather should follow. No garden vegetables are up enough to be injured.

WIND CUTS TO THE BONE

Severest Northeaster of Winter in Idaho and Eastern Washington.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 11.—(Special.)—Northern Idaho and Central Washington towns report the most severe northeaster of the Winter. In the region directly contiguous to Spokane the sky is cloudless, but the wind seems to pierce to the marrow of one's bones. Pipes are frozen and early vegetation is beginning to suffer, house plants being nipped, some fruit blighted and a set-back given some fields of Winter wheat.

Railroad men at Sprague say the wind in that vicinity at times reached a velocity of 50 miles an hour. At Harrington awnings were blown down, sheds and outbuildings unroofed and dwelling house shaken like reeds. The ground is frozen at Almira. Pretty much the same conditions prevail in the Big Bend.

Moscow, Idaho, reports clear weather, but much suffering from cold. Director French of the Agricultural Station fears the cold wave has reached the apricots and peaches in the Snake River Valley and other localities.

The Palouse country reports unprecedentedly cold weather for this time of year. House plants are frozen, water pipes are bursting and ice has formed to the thickness of an inch. The ground is also frozen hard.

In the Coeur d'Alenes the coldest weather of the Winter is experienced. At Burke the mercury fell to three below zero. Trees were blow across the stage road between Murray and Wallace. A howling gale is blowing up and down the canyon.

If the cold weather continues and the snow storm continues to rage, the slush in the ditches may compel the mills to close and mining operations will be hampered.

Cold East Wind at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—Last night was with one exception the coldest of the present Winter. The air was clear, but a strong East wind blowing making the cold especially disagreeable. At an early hour this morning the thermometer registered 31 degrees above zero, the lowest it has been since December 26, when it dropped to 30 degrees.

Vessels arriving down the river report that there was quite a heavy fall of snow last evening along the river between Stella and Westport and the hills in the vicinity are covered.

Ice Forms on Gray's Harbor.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 11.—(Special.)—Today and last night the weather has been about the coldest ever recorded on Gray's Harbor for March. Following a season of sunshine and balmy air, the cold was the more a surprise.

Ice a quarter of an inch formed in pools and pails wherever exposed and early buds and plant life is believed to have received a serious setback. The indications are that it will be still colder before Monday.

Heavy Snow at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—The heaviest snow storm of the Winter visited this vicinity last night and this morning. At least three inches fell, remaining on all day, a very unusual occurrence.

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