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Sale of Boys' Clothing

The Meier & Frank Store's Half-Price Sale of Men's--Young Men's--Boys' Clothing

Sale of Men's Clothing

1/2 PRICE

The war on Men's and Boys' Clothing is waxing warmer and warmer—We've joined the price-attacking forces with a vengeance—No half-way measures here—Instead of 1/3 or 1/4 off we take the lead in the field by offering men's, young men's and boys' high-grade suits and overcoats at 1/2 regular selling prices—Values never before known in the city's history—Sale starts today

Men's Suits at Half Price

Our entire stock of men's high-grade, hand-tailored, fancy suits on sale at half regular prices—This season's most attractive ready-to-wear garments in fancy worsteds, chev iots and cassimeres—Tans, browns, olives, greens, dark grays and shadow stripes—This season's handsomest suits in splendid variety—The best product of the leading manufacturers in the country—You cannot afford to pass these marvelous values:

- Men's \$15.00 Suits \$ 7.50
- Men's \$20.00 Suits \$10.00
- Men's \$25.00 Suits \$12.50
- Men's \$30.00 Suits \$15.00

Men's Overcoats Half Price

Great Half-Price Sale of men's three-quarter and full length overcoats and cravenettes, also silk lined tan coverts, medium and heavy weights—Blacks, dark blue kerseys, dark gray unfinished worsteds, chev iots, brown and fancy mixed cassimeres—All new desirable overcoats—Such great values as these you never before had an opportunity to share in:

- \$20.00 Overcoats \$10.00 Each
- \$25.00 Overcoats \$12.50 Each
- \$25.00 Topcoats \$12.50 Each
- \$30.00 Cravenettes \$15.00 Ea.

Great values in men's smoking jackets, men's lounging robes.

Youths' Suits at Half Price

Great Half-Price Sale of young men's and youths' high-class, ready-to-wear suits—1908 fashions and materials, plain or college cut, handsomely tailored and finished throughout, splendid assortment to choose from, ages 14 to 20 years—All the leading makes are included—Big values at these prices:

- Young Men's \$15.00 Suits \$ 7.50
- Young Men's \$18.00 Suits \$ 9.00
- Young Men's \$20.00 Suits \$10.00
- Young Men's \$25.00 Suits \$12.50
- Young Men's \$28.00 Suits \$14.00
- Young Men's \$30.00 Suits \$15.00

Sale Boys' Knickerbocker Suits at Half Regular Price

Great Half-Price Sale of boys' high-grade knickerbocker suits—This season's handsomest fashions and materials—Best patterns and colorings for boys 6 to 16 years—Big bargains:

- \$10.00 Knickerbocker Suits \$5.00
- \$12.50 Knickerbocker Suits \$6.25
- \$15.00 Knickerbocker Suits \$7.50

Half-Price bargains in young men's overcoats, cravenettes.



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Half Price for Boys' Sailor and Russian Blouse Suits--Half Price

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Great Half-Price Sale of our entire stock of Boys' Sailor Suits and Russian Blouse Suits—Plain blues, tans and other leading shades, also fancy mixtures in endless assortment—School suits and dress suits for little fellows 2 1/2 to 12 years of age—All are prettily made and trimmed—Styles to please every individual fancy—Boys' Russian Blouse and Sailor Suits selling regularly at prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$15.00—You may have your choice of the entire stock at one-half of the regular prices—Economical parents will take advantage of this bargain sale and give immediate attention to their children's wants—Second floor.

1/2 PRICE

ASKS APPEAL RIGHT

Bonaparte Says Law Now Favors Rich Offenders.

HAS CHECKED MONOPOLY

Attorney-General Says Cases Tried Are Removing Doubt of Law's Meaning—Land Frauds Due to Lax Administration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—That the United States should have the right of appeal to the Supreme Court as a matter of right, whenever a conviction is reversed on appeal by the defendant in a Circuit Court of Appeals, is the opinion expressed by Attorney-General Bonaparte in his annual report submitted to Congress today. In this connection he cites the case of the reversal of the fine of more than \$20,000,000, in which an application for the allowance of a writ of certiorari has been made to the Supreme Court. He holds that an amendment of the present statute would be appropriate in the case of all criminal proceedings, but suggests that it would be especially so in connection with prosecutions where the wealth of the defendant usually renders an appeal on his or her part from any adverse judgment a matter of course. The Attorney-General's opinion is that in such cases there is no question of double jeopardy as to the appeal of the defendant from the original conviction.

In commenting on the policy of the Department of Justice in reference to interstate and foreign commerce, Bonaparte declared that it had been consistent and careful. The success of the policy throughout the year was fairly according to the report. In regard to the prosecution of trusts violating these laws the Attorney-General said that present obstacles might be removed by legislation. He reports that many communications have been received asking the Government to take action to procure temporary injunctions against the collection of increased rates on freight by various railroads, claiming that such rates, although duly filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, had been adopted in fact through agreements in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. He reports that, as applications had already been made in a majority of the cases to the Interstate Commerce Commission, who deemed it inappropriate to institute proceedings looking to the procurement of temporary injunctions, the principal purpose of which would be to keep the old rates

in force pending the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Has Checked Peonage.

Two classes of cases which have engaged a large part of the attention of the department, the Attorney-General reports, have been prosecutions for peonage and civil and criminal proceedings arising out of alleged frauds and irregularities in the acquisition of title by private parties to the public lands.

Land Frauds and Banks.

"The land fraud cases," he says, "have forcibly illustrated the unfortunate consequences of administrative laxity and toleration of abuses in the enforcement of any laws during a considerable length of time."

Allow Arrests Anywhere.

In his opinion, as a matter of justice, no good reason exists why a warrant of arrest issued by any court of the United States should not be directly executed in any part of the United States. He asserts that it has been found that certain districts constitute for practical purposes sanctuaries for certain classes of offenders against Federal statutes.

OCEAN IN MIDWINTER.

Christmas eve, December 24, and New Year's eve, December 31, the 6 P. M. train of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad will run through to Seaside. This will accommodate those wishing to spend the holidays at their Summer homes. Special dinner served at hotels. For tickets and parlor car reservations call on city offices, Third and Morrison streets and 123 Third street.

FAR-SIGHTEDNESS SHOWN

By those who take advantage of the genuine bargain table offered in Springfield lots at 10 per cent discount. After 7 P. M. Monday, December 21, they will be held at regular prices until Christmas. After that look for a 10 per cent advance. Automobiles go to the property every half hour from our office in the Couch building, 104 Fourth street, near Washington.

COMFORT LESS COSTLY.

Overcoat prices have taken a tumble at our store. You can therefore be comfortable at a lessened cost. Savings are a fourth, like this: \$15 overcoats at \$11.25, \$18 overcoats at \$12.50, \$20 overcoats at \$15, \$25 overcoats at \$18.75, \$30 overcoats at \$22.50. Brownsville Woolen Mill Store.

NEW COPPER TRUST

Independents Organize to Beat Smelter Combine.

RYAN AND COLE AT HEAD

Thought to Have Greene's Mexican Properties and Phelps-Dodge Interests in Company to Oppose Guggenheim Interests.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Herald this morning gives what purports to be the details of the movement under way to organize an independent smelter concern. It says: Plans are well advanced for the formation of a smelting and refining organization on a large scale, in which leading parts are taken by men of the Standard Oil-Amalgamated Copper group and United States Steel Corporation.

Ryan at Head.

John D. Ryan of Butte, president of the Amcoada Copper Company and managing director of the Amalgamated Copper Company, is in charge of the promotion of the new organization, and with him in this preliminary work is associated Thomas F. Cole, a prominent mining man of Duluth, Minn. As the new concern is actively to compete with the Guggenheims, it is believed that the stock issues will be not less than \$10,000,000. Western miners, it is said, have been complaining of the excessive charges on the part of the existing companies, and are negotiating with the men back of the new movement.

Will Absorb Other Companies.

It is believed the new organization will take over the business of many existing concerns and it is even stated that the

THE FIRST BOTTLE.

In every household should be a bottle of Lane's Kidney and Backache Medicine. The kidneys are of greatest importance in protecting and maintaining the health of every human body. But because of the very nature of their work they frequently become clogged and need help to free themselves from impurities. These are some of the kidneys' warnings: Pain in the back, loss of appetite, swelling in the lower limbs, pain in the calves of the leg, swelling and pain in the right side, dizziness and blurred eyesight. A few doses of Lane's Kidney and Backache Medicine always gives relief. It is the very best specific for kidney troubles—safe and sure—purely vegetable—guaranteed under the pure food and drug law. Made by Chas. E. Lane & Co., Chemists, St. Louis, Mo. Sold in Portland by the Lane-Davis Drug Co., at their four stores—Third and Yamhill, 224 Washington street, Twenty-fourth and Thurman and at East Twenty-eighth and East Gilliam.

recent incorporation of the Phelps-Dodge interests in Arizona and Mexico into a \$50,000,000 corporation may have been the preliminary step toward their association with the new company, although this is denied.

That the Greene-Canaan properties may be linked indirectly or directly with the new organization is thought probable, as Thomas F. Cole is president of this corporation and John D. Ryan is a director and both are identified with various subsidiary companies in the Greene-Canaan concern. Also Dr. D. L. Ricketts, of the Greene Company, has been in the city recently in connection with the promotion of the new company.

Daniel Guggenheim, president of the American Smelting & Refining Company,

today said in regard to the alleged Ryan and Cole organization:

Says Nothing New.

"There is nothing new that I can see or any difference of policy in the so-called Ryan-Cole development of the copper smelting business. The Ryan-Cole Company and their following have been for many years in the copper mining and smelting business. They are great believers undoubtedly in copper as a metal. So am I. Whether or not they have now formed a large company for the purpose of taking in other interests, or for the purpose of building new smelters and buying new mines, is nothing new; nor is it anything that the American Smelting & Refining Com-

pany's shareholders need look upon with any concern whatever, because the American Smelting & Refining Company has not a single exclusive copper smelter in the United States."

Standard Oil Behind Move.

Speculation as to the controlling influence in the new company reported as about to build smelting plants in competition with the American Smelting & Refining Company continued today and in certain supposedly well-informed circles it was said with assurance that this backing was none other than the copper interests of the Standard Oil Company. This is based on the theory that the new company is the result of dissatisfaction over charges made for smelting the ores

of other companies having Standard connections.

There is no connection, it is said, between the new smelting company and the meeting of representatives of copper-producing and refining companies who discussed plans for the establishment of a statistical copper bureau, to compile and publish monthly statistics of the copper business. Those attending denied that there was any intention arbitrarily to govern the price of copper.

New York—Evidences of prosperity promise to bring about a bountiful Christmas in New York's Wall-street district. The total number of gifts for Stock Exchange will run into hundreds of thousands. The usual 2 per cent of a year's salary will be greatly increased, it is said.

FOR MEN and WOMEN

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Square Deal Shoes

For Discriminating People

In this brilliant age of deception it is possible to produce well-appearing shoes, without putting much real value into them. Selling that kind of shoes promises so much extra profit that a great many dealers have not moral backbone enough to resist the temptation. Even aside from the moral consideration, we cannot afford the consequences of that kind of merchandising.

No shoe has ever knowingly been misrepresented in the CRAWFORD establishment; we have been satisfied to tell the truth and take our chances. We insist on our shoes being so made that our salesmen can sell them without any sacrifice of self-respect. We enjoy a fast-growing patronage, because our responsibility follows our shoes far beyond our cash-drawer. Accepting your money is the beginning of a transaction which we consider closed only with your full satisfaction.

Don't allow another week to get past you without finding out what "CRAWFORD SHOES" mean to you. They are positively the best shoes made in America today, and sold at reasonable prices. Just now we are showing the most elaborate assortment of Winter styles ever presented by any other two stores in Portland, taken together. We urge you to see them.

\$3.50 \$4.00 \$5.00

"The Crawford Stub."