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The Meier & Frank Store's Great Midwinter Sale of Women's Suits, Coats, Wraps, Costumes, Waists, and Petticoats



Tomorrow in the Big Second Floor Cloak Store continuation of the great Midwinter Sale of Women's Ready-to-Wear Apparel of every description—New up-to-date garments at prices the lowest ever quoted on apparel of equal style and quality—Tailored suits in all styles, materials and prices—Handsome and fashionable coats, costumes, opera coats, walking skirts, silk petticoats, waists, bath robes, kimonos and furs—Bargains of the greatest importance to every woman having garment needs to supply—A cordial invitation is extended holiday visitors from out of town to share in these remarkable offerings

125 Fancy Costumes \$45 Values \$19.85

A sensational half-price sale of women's fancy dresses in silks, satins, broadcloths, panama cloths, albatross and fancy wool materials made in Princess and Empire styles trimmed with Val lace yokes and fancy tucked net sleeves and yokes—Others trimmed with heavy cluny lace, also round lace yokes finished with narrow braid trimming and tucked bands of self material—The skirts are full flare and sheath effect—A splendid assortment of styles, colors and combinations—Costumes suitable for evening and afternoon wear—Values in the lot up to \$45.00 each, your choice at each \$19.85

Great special reductions on all our finest evening wraps and costumes—Paris and New York models—Exclusive dress apparel for all occasions marked at surprisingly low prices—On Second Floor

\$28.00 Raincoats for \$9.65 Each

\$35.00 Raincoats at \$14.45 Each

Two special lots of silk, satin and alpaca rubberized raincoats; long, loose, semi-fitting and Empire effects, in black, navy, gray, blue, wine, brown, tan, green and large variety of stripes, checks and plaids; all sizes; entire stock divided into two lots, as follows: Regular values to \$28.00, for, ea., \$9.65—Regular values to \$35.00, for, ea., \$14.45

Great Clean-up Sale Women's Coats

\$16.50 Values for \$ 7.85 \$30.00 Values for \$16.95
\$20.00 Values for \$12.85 \$40.00 Values for \$22.65

A great clean-up sale of women's Coats in three-fourths and full lengths; this season's most fashionable outer garments, at prices below actual manufacturing cost. Semi, tight and loose-fitting coats, also Empire styles; serges, chevots, coats, broadcloths, worsteds and tweeds; back, navy, brown, wine, Edison blue, and fancy mixtures in grays, tans, browns and navy. All are this season's garments—handsomely tailored throughout and perfect-fitting; four immense lots, every one guaranteed the best values for the money ever offered. Here's your opportunity to buy a new outer garment at a very low price. On sale on Second Floor

\$35.00 Long Covert Coats \$26.25

A timely offering of 100 long tan Covert Coats in Empire effect; the newest popular garment of the season; splendid style coats; button trimmed; a practical and serviceable garment, well made and finished; all sizes; \$35.00 value, on sale at this low price, each \$26.25

Sale of \$8.50 New Waists at \$3.45

In the Waist Department, a grand special offering of 500 Waists in silk and wool batiste; tailor-made styles, in plain colorings, checks, stripes, plaids and polka dots. Light and dark colorings. All new, pretty tailored waists in grand assortment—just the waists you want for shopping and morning wear; all sizes. An advantageous purchase enables us to offer values up to \$8.50 each at this exceptionally low price—by far the best bargain of its kind you have shared in this season; in \$3.45 the Waist Department, on the Second Floor; choice, each.

\$40 Opera Coats at \$19.85

\$25 Fancy Dresses \$12.85

Sale extraordinary of Women's Opera and Evening Coats in broadcloth, satin and chiffon broadcloth—All new up-to-date evening wraps, made in full, loose back effect or Mandarin cape style—white, black, light blue, green, garnet, taupe, catawba and apricot and trimmed with flat silk braid, satin, velvet or gold soutache braid—A splendid assortment to select from—Evening apparel sold regularly at \$40.00 a garment—Your choice of this special lot \$19.85 at the low price of \$19.85



Great Sale of Women's Fancy Dresses in broadcloths, satins and albatross—Made in Princess and Empire effect, trimmed with lace yokes and fancy tucked net sleeves of full length—The skirts are full flare and sheath effect—A very pleasing assortment to select from—Costumes regularly at \$25.00 each—Your choice while they last at this wonderfully low price each \$12.85 Our Cloak Department is on the Second Floor

Regular \$40 Fur Coats \$29.50

Regular \$35 Pony Coats \$22.50

Special lot of women's Astrachan Fur Coats, made with high storm collar and large levers; close fitting; black satin lined; well made and finished. Regular \$40 coats on sale at this exceptionally low price \$29.50 Women's 24-inch black Russian Pony Coats, double-breasted style; low collar; finished with braid and fancy buttons; best Skinner's skin lining; all new this season's garments; best \$35.00 values. On sale at, ea., \$22.50 Our entire stock of Furs on sale at greatly reduced prices. Call and inspect them.

\$7.50 Walking Skirts \$3.55

\$8.50 Walking Skirts \$4.85

LOT 1—Women's Walking Skirts, in striped Panamas and tweeds, cut in plain flare effects, with bias folds and button-trimmed; navy blue, brown, gray and fancy mixtures; regular \$7.50 values, on sale at this low price, ea., \$3.55
LOT 2—Women's high-grade Walking Skirts in worsteds and herringbone serge; navy blue, black and brown only; cut in plain flare style with bias folds around the bottom; also row of buttons on each side, giving sheath effect; regular \$8.50 and \$9.00 values, on sale at this special low price, each, \$4.85

BOXES WERE FIXED

Executive Board to Investigate Fire Alarm Test.

MAYOR IS VERY ANGRY

Says Apparently All Officials Present at Test of Star and Gamewell Boxes Were "Jobbed" and Censures City Electrician.

That the Executive Board intends to probe another branch of the Fire Department is evident from a report that was submitted to the committee on fire at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon by P. E. Sullivan, one of the members. It was in regard to the tests of the Gamewell and Star alarm boxes, held last October at the City Hall. The report is very plain, implying that fraud was perpetrated, and as City Electrician Savarian was present at the tests it seems that the Mayor and members of the committee seek to charge him with gross ignorance or complicity. An investigation was asked by the officials of the Star Electric Company, who alleged that they were absolutely humiliated, with the Mayor, members of the fire committee, Fire Chief Campbell and City Electrician Savarian at the tests, when the Mayor and all the others were present, the Star boxes did not work at all with the Gamewells, but "interfered," and George E. Morley, representative of the Star Company, after examining the apparatus and making a test to satisfy his curiosity, declared to those assembled that the Gamewell boxes were "jobbed."

The Mayor and members of the committee were dissatisfied with the action of the Star boxes, and later, when the bias was opened, it was found that the Gamewell Company was the lowest bidder, anyway, and to it was awarded the contract. However, the Star officials were angry and humiliated, and declared they had been "jobbed." They demanded an unofficial test, which was conducted at the City Hall Saturday, October 17, at which Mayor Lane, P. E. Sullivan, City Electrician Savarian and George E. Morley were present. Mr. Morley, acting for the company, set off both Gamewell and Star boxes simultaneously, and both worked perfectly, there being no "interference." He then turned a certain small screw in the Gamewell box, ac-

ording to the report, again set both boxes in motion and they acted just as they did on the official test—refused to work together. Mr. Morley said that he demonstrated beyond doubt that he was right when he said he was "jobbed" right in the presence of all the officials named at the first tests.

Mayor Lane and the members of the fire committee were greatly humiliated, and resented the matter strongly, according to the report. They were placed in the position of being innocent parties to an apparent "job," and now that an official report has been made to the Executive Board, it is said "that a full investigation may be made, even though it is late in the day. At any rate, the facts are to be made known to the Executive Board and to the public, and a copy of the report by Mr. Sullivan will be forwarded at once to the Star Electric Company, so that that company may be fortified with proof in future that its boxes did not have a fair test in Portland.

It is said Mayor Lane and the members of the committee hold Electrician Savarian responsible, contending that he is either guilty of gross ignorance of electrical apparatus or that he is culpable.

"There is nothing true in the statement of Mr. Morley that his company did not have fair treatment in Portland," declared Electrician Savarian. "If the Gamewell boxes were 'jobbed,' I was as much deceived as the Mayor and the members of the committee. In the unofficial test the Gamewell representative was absent, and Mr. Morley adjusted the tests to suit himself, doing just as he pleased. In the first test his boxes failed to make good, and I consider they will not work with the others."

DECISION TO APPLY TO ALL

Judge Wolverton Consolidates Cases Against O. & C.

Judge Charles E. Wolverton, presiding over the United States Circuit Court, yesterday morning, upon motion of attorneys acting for complainants, who are seeking to force the Oregon & California Railway Company to sell for \$2.50 an acre, lands granted to the company something like 49 years ago, consolidated the cases with the suit against the railway company brought by the Government. This means that when the case is tried the decision in one case will go as the decision in all of the cases.

In addition to entering this order, the application of 149 new intervenors to enter the case was granted, bringing the total of home-seekers who are after the railroad company up to about 600. The suit of the Government is being looked after by E. D. Townsend, special assistant to the Attorney-General, and United States Attorney John McCourt. The suit is brought to cancel the grant given the railroad company because it has not lived up to the terms of the grant, in that it had refused to sell the lands and has actually withdrawn them from the market.

ELEVEN FIRMS JOIN

Chamber of Commerce Holds Interesting Meeting.

BULL RUN FOR VESSELS

Move Begun to Have Good Water Furnished Boats at the Docks. Protest Against Increased Lumber Rates is Ordered.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce held a meeting at 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon and admitted 11 new members, as follows: M. H. Houser, Dean Land & Improvement Company; Hassalo Engineering Company; J. S. Hamilton Lumber Company; the Josiah C. Moore Company; B. S. Cook & Co.; Graham Motor-Car Company; Portland Lime & Lumber Company; May-Holland Company; A. C. McDonald, and the Northwestern Long-Distance Telephone Company.

It was ordered that the officers take such steps as seem proper to undertake to get the Water Committee of the City of Portland to have water pipes so laid at the principal docks that Bull Run water shall be supplied to ships for their water supply instead of Willamette River water. It is thought there could be no better advertisement for the city, besides taking into consideration the health of the sailors.

It was also ordered that a resolution prepared by the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce asking Congress to make the appropriation recommended by the Board of Engineers for improving the depth of water at the entrance of Humboldt Bay be indorsed and forwarded as requested to the committee of the Chamber of Commerce made a report regarding the condition of affairs at the city crematory. The committee has gone into the matter very carefully. This report was read at the meeting of the trustees, was unanimously indorsed, and the committee directed to take such steps as would be necessary to bring about their recommendation in regard to the handling of garbage.

The request of the American Consul-General, Charles Denby, of Shanghai, China, that Portland present the American company of the Volunteer Corps with an Oregon state flag, was read and it was ordered that proper

steps be taken to comply with the request. This American company is a "son" of an American citizen resident in Shanghai, constituting the unit in the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, a military organization got together for the protection of American interests.

In response to a letter from the secretary of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast the trustees unanimously protested against the reduction or removal of the present duty on lumber. The Associated Chambers of Commerce is an organization of the Chambers of Commerce of all the Coast cities, and when there is no dissenting voice their recommendation of the amendment is sent to all the proper officials and Congressmen in Washington as representing Coast sentiment of commercial organizations.

The question of the amendment to the present compulsory pilotage act was taken up at this meeting and each one of the trustees was asked to be suit and be present at a meeting to be held Monday evening at the Commercial Club, with the delegation to the State Legislature. The amendment to the present law, which is prepared by the rivers and harbors navigation committee, of which Mr. Flanders is chairman, and this amendment or some similar one is positively necessary, it is said, in order to reap the full value of the additional powers that have been granted to the State of Oregon to handle the towage from the mouth of the Columbia River to Portland. At the same meeting with the delegation the subject of amendments to the insurance laws and other matters of general interest will be taken up and disposed of.

Spent Your Vacation at Paso Robles

If complete rest and the most perfect conditions imaginable for Nature cure are what you need, spend your holidays at Paso Robles Hot Springs, California. A week or two, or even a few days there, will accomplish more in the way of restored energy than a much longer period and more expensive treatment elsewhere, because good old Mother Nature is nurse and physician.

Paso Robles is taking the same rank in America and enjoying the same fame for wonderful cures that Carlsbad and Baden Baden do in Europe. The hotel is a marvel of comfort and luxury, and the bathhouse built by the city, free to all, is said to be one of the best in the world. It is a stubborn ailment and a hopeless condition of physical breakdown that the mineral waters and hot mud baths of Paso Robles will not heal in a short time.

Call on City Ticket Agent Stinger, Third and Washington streets, for detailed booklets of Paso Robles, and he will also tell you all about rates.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"
That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

Olympia Beer. "It's the water." Brewery's own bottling. Phone, Main 871. A 345.

Fitted suit cases, Harris Trunk Co.

ROADS WILL HELP

Hill Lines to Issue Million Festival Ads.

GIVE OUT DETAILS OF PLAN

Folders, Schedules, Menu Cards and Letterheads Will Call Attention to Big Celebration to Be Held Here Next June.

Nine hundred and eighty-four thousand pieces of literature, advertising the third annual Rose Festival, to be held the week of June 7-12, 1909, will be distributed by the affiliated Hill lines. Most of it will be sent out by the Northern Pacific under the direction of Assistant General Passenger Agent A. D. Charlton.

This volume of exploitation, embracing as it does almost 1,000,000 pieces of literature, is the largest single bulk of advertising that has ever been gotten out in the Northwest by any railroad.

The manner in which this "boasting" will be taken care of is explained in a letter from Mr. Charlton to President Ralph W. Hoyt, of the Rose Festival Association, which was received last night.

In this letter, which has the personal indorsement of President Howard Elliott, Mr. Charlton says:

"In this connection (referring to the general publicity campaign of the Festival) and in line with our conversation, the Northern Pacific will give full publicity all over the United States, Canada and Europe, covering the Rose Festival in 1909. The Rose Festival dates will be shown on all of our passenger department letter-heads. These include outside agencies and will amount to 800 a month from now until the opening of the Festival. An ad of the Portland Rose Festival will be carried on all bills of fare on the dining-cars of the system, which will mean a total of 15,000 a month. In addition to this there will be mention in conspicuous place of the Festival on all of our buffet and cafe bills of fare, of which about 100 a month are issued. All folders and schedules will carry an ad of the Festival, and this will mean something like 50,000 folders each month and 60,000 schedules each month from now until the opening of the great celebration. This

does not include the advertisements which will be placed in the daily newspapers, the weekly publications and the magazines.

"This will mean the reaching of no fewer than 15,000,000 readers between now and the time the Festival will open."

Summarized, the special advertising which the Hill lines in the Northwest will give the big show is as follows:

Classification	No. per Month	No. of Months	Total
Buffet and cafe bills	1,000	6	6,000
Letterheads	8,000	6	48,000
Bills of fare	100,000	6	600,000
Folders	100,000	6	600,000
Schedules	100,000	6	600,000
Total			914,000

In addition to this the Hill lines carry advertising in something like 500 daily newspapers with a combined daily circulation of close to 15,000,000. These will all carry mention of the Festival. Among the magazines the total circulation reached by the Northern Pacific in this class of publicity is very close to 5,000,000. All will advertise the Festival.

For this reason, the magnitude of the scope of publicity which will be accorded Portland's great exposition next June may be understood. It is to be exploited in connection with the A.-N.-P. Exposition at Seattle and it is figured that every person who is attracted to the one celebration will patronize the other.

EXCURSION.

The Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, "The North Bank Road," has authorized the sale of round trip tickets at a very low rate during the holidays.

The tickets are sold on basis of one and one-third of the one-way fare for the round trip. Sale dates are December 22, 24, 25 and 31 and January 1.

The return limit is January 4, 1909, sufficient to give patrons along the line of the North Bank Road an opportunity to visit Summer homes and families over the holidays.

Concession is made between all points 20 miles or less apart.

For tickets and parlor car reservations call at city ticket offices, Third and Morrison streets, and 122 Third street.

Trains leave Portland, Eleventh and Hoyt-street station. Take "S" car.

Sues Husband for Maintenance.

The afternoon session of Judge Cleland's court was devoted to a hearing of the case of Luella C. Parrish against Edward E. Parrish, for maintenance. Mr. Parrish is a farmer of Linn County. Mrs. Parrish has resided in Portland for the past four years. Testimony of witnesses was presented for the purpose of showing that Mrs. Parrish was responsible for the separation and therefore not entitled to support. The case will be resumed at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Elegant stock of fitted bags and suit cases at Harris' Trunk Co. Note window display.

Webfoot Oil Blacking keeps feet dry. Makes shoes last. All dealers.

ONE WOMAN IS SAD

Young Wife of B. F. Germain Sees Husband Handcuffed.

FEARS FOR HIS SAFETY

When Taken to Court Corridors Are Cleared of Angry Women and Girls Who Are Said to Have Sworn Vengeance.

This Christmas Day is one of tears and sorrow instead of gladness for at least one woman in Portland. And the Christmas Eve was expected cruel to her, for it was yesterday afternoon that even before her eyes, her husband of only a year, Benjamin Franklin Germain, charged with astounding scores of persons, chiefly women, was manacled and removed to a cell in the County Jail, awaiting a hearing in Justice Olson's court next Tuesday.

Since the arrest of her husband Tuesday, Mrs. Germain has visited the jail daily, remaining there as long as she was permitted. Yesterday she went to the jail shortly after noon, for it had been announced that Germain would be given a hearing in the Justice Court at 1:30 o'clock. And when the officers came they handcuffed him. She watched the ordeal with tearful eyes, but braving the stares of a curious crowd, she walked bravely at his side through the corridors from the Jail to the Justice Court.

The halls and corridors about the courtroom were packed with crowds of women and men who said they had suffered as a result of Germain's operations. They threatened violence and by orders of Deputy Constable Kierman the hallways were cleared as the prisoner emerged from the courtroom to be returned to the jail. His wife also accompanied the prisoner on his return trip.

The woman declares that she had no idea that he was an ex-convict when she married him a year ago. She is said to be almost penniless, though she was attired in the costliest and most fashionable clothing, and on her fingers were a group of glittering jewels.

Detectives and other officers who have been endeavoring to learn Germain's record in that he served time in San Quentin prison for swindling operations in California. He himself says he was sentenced for bigamy.