

Demonstration "Nemo" Corsets by Mrs. A. L. Craig, Expert Demonstrator—Portland Agents Gossard "Lace Front" Corsets—2nd Floor

Clearance Sale of Trunks and Bags

38-inch duck-covered Trunks, water-proof painted, steel center bands, metal trimmings, 1 tray, 2 leather straps; regular \$9.60 value... \$8.10

Special lot of fiber-bound Trunks, full lined, 2 trays, brass trimmings, 2 leather straps, strongly built throughout; great special values.

34-in.—\$16.75 val.—\$14.20 36-in.—\$17.50 val.—\$14.80

34-inch Steamer Trunks, brass trimmed, full lined, 2 leather straps, etc.; regular \$11 value on sale at, only... \$9.40

24-inch Keratol Suitcases, 9 inches deep, lined, with shirtfold; brass bolts and lock; regular \$4.25 value at... \$3.10

24-inch full stock cowhide Suitcase, leather lined, shirtfold; \$6.85 regular \$8.25 value, each.

24-inch Suitcase, elephant grain leather, full stock; brown with moire silk lining; the best regular \$14 value on sale at \$9.50

Women's 24-inch Suitcase, linen lined, brass lock and bolts; \$15.25 value... \$12.10

18-inch genuine alligator Club Bag, leather lined, Vienna handle; \$9.25 value; ea. \$7.45

3-piece high-oxford Traveling Bag, full stock leather, sewed frame; 16 inches long. The best regular \$12.50 value at \$10.40

Dress Goods at 98c \$1.50 Silks 79c Yd.

Great clearance sale of high-grade Dress Goods—about 2500 yards in the lot—all this season's very best weaves and shades. Included are lightweight wool and silk and wool fabrics, suitable for afternoon, dinner and evening gowns; beautiful styles; high-class dress materials at a fraction of their real value.

2000 yards of figured Silk Suitings, in handsome styles for suits, waists and children's apparel; come in checks, stripes and Dresdens, in light and dark effects; also plain pongees and rajahs. Regular values up to \$1.50 a yard; on sale at this exceptionally low price, yard... 79c

Clearance Sale of Heating Stoves

Special lot of 25 Peninsular Heaters; burn wood or coal; 14-inch firepot, nickel trimmings; regular \$17 value for... \$13.40

25 Peninsular Baseburners, for wood; full nickel trimmed; large size; extra good heater; regular \$19.50 \$25 value; sale price, \$19.50

Complete stock of Peninsular Ranges in all sizes and styles; every one guaranteed. Prices range all the way from \$25 to \$75 each. In Basement. 100 large size Oil Heaters, every one guaranteed not to smoke; \$3.90 on special sale for, each.

Airtight Heaters in all sizes and grades, \$2.50 to \$13.50 ea. Basement.

Special Values On Groceries

Eastern sugar-cured Hams, 21c value at, per lb. 18c

Malta Vita breakfast food, great special value at, pkg. 9c

Extra large Oregon Prunes, lb. 8c

New ripe Olives at, per jar. 10c

New Jams and Jellies at the low price of, per jar. 18c

Marashino Cherries, regular 75c value at, per bottle. 59c

Sliced Bacon in jars; regular 30c value at this low price. 23c

Carnation, Pioneer and Jersey Milk, sale price 3 tins for 25c

Both phones and prompt delivery.



Our Great Annual Clearance Sale

Is the greatest merchandising event of the year - It offers unusual opportunities for money saving on wearing apparel of all kinds for women, men and children as well as household effects of every description - We direct particular attention to the drastic reductions that have been made in our entire stocks women's suits, coats, costumes, wraps, waists, petticoats, men's and boys' clothing, millinery, fancy goods, etc.—Also the marvelous values in women's fine undermuslins—\$100,000 worth of new and pretty undergarments at prices you cannot afford to pass by—Second Floor - In fact every department in the establishment has a full quota of wonderful clearance sale offerings from which wise buyers will make early choice

Great Bargains in Portieres Lace Curtains, Draperies

1000 pairs of new white and ecru Net Curtains, with Renaissance and Marie Antoinette designs, 36 to 45 inches wide, 2 1/2 yards long; regular \$3 values on sale at this \$1.95 exceedingly low price for today, per pair.

1000 pairs of high-grade Curtains in Cluny, Renaissance and braid effects, made on good French nets, 45 inches wide, 2 1/2 yards long; best \$6.50 values, per pair. \$4.35

Importer's sample line of Couch Covers. Exact copies of Oriental rugs. All new colorings and designs; 3 yards long, 60 inches wide. These are great values at the prices offered: \$8.50 values at \$6.35—\$14.50 values at \$9.65 \$12.50 values at \$8.35—\$16.50 values at \$10.85

10 patterns of colored Scotch Madras in light and dark colorings, floral, Oriental and leaded glass effects; 50 inches wide. \$1.00 vals. 75c yard—\$1.50—\$1.75 vals. 98c yard

Plain "Shaiki" Silks—blue, brown, French gray, rose and helio, 30 inches wide; regular \$1.25 values, yard. 78c

Handsome new matting and cretonne-covered Boxes in all sizes. You can have your choice at one-third off regular prices. Remnants of Swiss, silk, cretonnes and Madras, 1 to 5 yards to a pattern, all styles and grades, at one-half regular prices.

- Clearance sale of China. Clearance sale of Silverware. Clearance sale of Cut Glass. Clearance sale of Cutlery. Clearance sale of Kitchen Goods. Clearance sale of Lamps. Clearance sale of Stoves. Clearance sale Steel Ranges. Clearance sale of Groceries. Clearance sale of Flannels. Clearance sale Wash Goods. Clearance sale of Umbrellas. Clearance sale of Infants' Wear. Clearance sale of Millinery. Clearance sale of Furs. Clearance sale of Waists. Clearance sale of Corsets. Clearance sale of Suits. Clearance sale of Boys' Clothing. Clearance sale of Lace Curtains. Clearance sale of Silks. Clearance sale of Ribbons. Clearance of Dress Goods. Clearance sale of Linens. Clearance sale of Trimmings. Clearance Sale of Books. Clearance sale of Shoes. Clearance sale Underwear. Clearance sale of Veilings. Clearance sale of Stationery. Clearance of Leather Goods.

Great Sale Coat Sweaters For Men, Women and Children

In the Men's Furnishing Goods Section a great Clearance Sale of Sweater Coats for women, men and children Red, white, oxford and fancy colors - Best styles and makes - Extraordinary values at these very low prices

- Regular \$1.00 values at ea. 73c Regular \$1.50 values at ea. 95c Regular \$2.00 values at \$1.49 Regular \$2.50 values at \$1.95 Regular \$3.00 values at \$1.98 Regular \$3.50 values at \$2.29 Mail orders will be carefully filled Regular \$4.50 values at \$3.35 Regular \$5.00 values at \$3.59 Regular \$5.50 values at \$3.95 Regular \$6.00 values at \$4.25 Great Clearance Sale Bargains in all lines of Men's Furnishing Goods Best values to be found in the city

The Great "White Fair" \$100,000 Worth Fine Undermuslins Very Low

At prices that are of the greatest importance to the shrewd buyer; all new, dainty lingerie—best product of the best underwear mills in the land. Beautiful gowns, corset covers, drawers, skirts and combination garments, in grand array. Every piece new and fresh, and the prices are the lowest ever quoted by us or any other Portland store. See them. Magnificent white Petticoats in lawn and cambrics, trimmed in the best quality lace and embroideries, clusters of tucks and insertions; separate dust ruffles; great variety; matchless values. On sale at prices ranging from 97c to \$50.00. New Chemise, in fine nainsooks, lawns and dimities, trimmed in dainty laces and embroideries, insertions and ribbons. They are priced in this sale at from 33c to \$6.98 each. Short White Underskirts, in nainsook and cambric and trimmed in lace and embroidery. On sale at from 49c to \$4.98.

COMBINATION GARMENTS in a very large showing of styles and qualities; two and three-piece garments, made of fine lawns, cambrics, crossbar dimities and embroidery, trimmed in dainty laces and embroideries, beading and ribbons. Prices will range from 98c to \$20.00 in this sale. Entire stock Paris Underwear selling at greatly reduced prices. Children's and infants' white Dresses on sale at special low prices. See them and taken advantage. Women's cambric, nainsook, muslin and dimity Nightgowns, made low, round and square neck, with tucks, insertion, beading and ribbon; all new, pretty undermuslins and extraordinary values. On sale at prices ranging from 79c to \$25.00 each.

Thousands and thousands of pretty Drawers, made of fine muslins, cambrics and nainsook, trimmed in lace and embroideries, tucks and insertion, dainty beading and ribbons; made wide umbrella and regulation style, open and closed. Grand variety, on sale at the low price of 25c to \$10 a pair. See them. Corset Covers in beautiful styles and endless assortment, of fine nainsooks, lawns and dimity; trimmed in dainty lace and embroidery, clusters of tucks, insertion, beading and ribbon. Great values. Take advantage. On sale at prices ranging from 25c to \$4.98 each.



Women's \$4 Shoes \$2.65 Pr.

A timely offering of Women's High-Grade Footwear—A decisive clean-up of standard styles in the very best makes—Black gun metal calf, tan and Russian calf and black patent colt—Dull tops, swing or straight tips, welt soles, Cuban heels—Sizes 2 1-2 to 7—Widths A to E—All new high-grade shoes with best models—Shoes we guarantee to give thorough satisfaction in every particular -Women's fine shoes that find ready sale every day in the year at \$4.00 per pair, at \$2.65 pair \$2.65

Clearance of Women's Hosiery - Underwear

Clearance Sale of Blankets-Comforts

1000 pairs of extra large white Oregon Wool Blankets, with pink and blue borders; size 78 by 86 inches; regular \$9.00 values; on \$7.10 sale at, the pair, only.

500 pairs full size dark gray Oregon Wool Blankets; the best regular \$5 values; on sale at the \$3.97 special low price of, pair.

500 pairs of white Wool Blankets, with 4-inch satin banding, pink and blue borders; 11-4 size; \$3.55 regular \$4.75 value, pair.

500 pairs light gray Wool Blankets, with fancy borders; regular \$4 values; buy all you want of them at this low price. \$3.35

300 pairs full size mottled Oregon gray heavy Wool Blankets, \$5.50 value; pair. \$4.37

Four great special lots of Comforters, silklike covered; best patterns and colorings and filled with pure laminated cotton. Supply your comforter wants at these low prices:

72x72 inches, on sale for, ea. \$1.13 72x78 inches, on sale for, ea. \$1.23 72x80 inches, on sale for, ea. \$1.81 72x84 inches, on sale for, ea. \$2.50

Down Comforters in all styles and grades, on sale at \$5.85 to \$25 each. \$28 Suits \$12.45 \$16.50 Coats \$7.85

In Portland's leading Cloak and Suit Store a sale extraordinary of high-grade Tailored Suits for women and misses. The greatest values ever offered at this low price. Every garment of this season's manufacture, up-to-date in style and material; made semi and tight-fitting effect, 26 to 36-inch coats. Strictly tailored or edged with braid and satin; others fancy braid and velvet-trimmed. Black, navy, brown, green, wine and a large assortment of fancy stripes and mixtures. Broadcloth, serge, herringbone stripes, fancy tweeds and worsteds. Suits worth \$12.45 to \$28. Your choice at \$12.45

Great special offering of 200 women's en's and misses' Coats in three-quarter and long semi-fitting and Empire styles; plain tailored or fancy braid and velvet-trimmed; materials in storm serge, broadcloth, tweed and covert; colors are black, navy blue, wine, tan and assorted mixtures; all new, this season's coats; \$7.85 \$16.50 values at, each.

Entire Stock Women's Suits, Coats, Costumes, Furs, Waists, Petticoats, Kimonos, etc. at Very Low Clearance Prices

Great special offering of 200 women's outing flannel Nightgowns, both plain white and fancy stripes; braid-trimmed; all are well made and extra full size; \$1.75 val. \$1.19

Women's fine cambric and nainsook Gowns, made high or low neck, long or short sleeves; trimmed in good quality embroidery and lace tucks, insertion, beading and ribbon; all sizes, large variety; the best regular values up to \$2; on sale at this remarkable price, \$1.19

Paris Waists at Less Than 1/2 Reg. Price

A sensational offering of women's high-style novelty Paris Waists. Exclusive styles for dress and evening wear. Laces, chiffons and messaline silks—magnificent assortment. Made in Princess lace, Venise lace, soutache braid, net, allover laces, embroidered filet in silver and gold, Oriental embroidery, hand-made Danish lace, real Irish lace, Duchess lace, baby crochet, French vals, figured chiffons, etc. By far the greatest value in high-class waists we have ever offered.

\$35 Waists for, each. \$16.45 \$36 Waists for, each. \$16.95 \$40 Waists for, each. \$18.25 \$48 Waists for, each. \$21.45 \$55 Waists for, each. \$23.50 \$62 Waists for, each. \$27.85 \$68 Waists for, each. \$29.45 \$70 Waists for, each. \$32.25

All our fine American Waists at Clearance Sale prices. Inspect them.

ESSAY CONTEST EXTENDED

PUPILS OF SCHOOLS MAY STILL ENTER "BEN HUR" CONTEST.

Competition for Seats to the Great Biblical Drama Will Not Be Closed Until Friday Night.

Owing to the inclement weather and the fact that the public schools have been closed for some days the department of this paper which has had the "Ben Hur" essay contest in charge, along with Superintendent Rigler, of the city schools, and the Rev. Father Edward V. O'Hara, representing the Catholic schools, has decided to continue the contest until Friday night, up to which time the pupils of the public and Catholic schools will be invited to submit essays to be passed upon by the various boards of judges in the competition for the 300 seats The Oregonian will give away to the winners. Successful competitors will be given tickets for the performance of "Ben Hur," the wonderful Biblical drama at the Helig Theater on Monday evening, January 13.

All scholars who are eligible according to the terms of the contest will be given until midnight on Friday, January 23, in which to file their essays. It is by no means too late and all pupils of the high schools and the eighth and ninth

grades are eligible to compete as well as pupils of the corresponding grades of the Catholic schools.

The essays should be written on one side of the paper only, and in the upper left-hand corner of the first page, the writer should put his name, address, grade and school. Mail your essays to the "Ben Hur" Editor, The Oregonian, Portland, Or.

The contest has received the highest endorsement of the Board of Education, of Superintendent Rigler and of Father Edward V. O'Hara, of the Catholic schools. Superintendent Rigler and Father O'Hara have appointed two committees of judges and as soon as the contest closes the essays will be turned over to these committees. Names of the 300 winners will be published in The Oregonian next Sunday.

Every pupil who is eligible should enter the contest. If he has not yet written his essay he should do so today. He is sure to receive benefit from the story of "Ben Hur" and also for writing his composition. Besides this every who enters has a good chance to be included in The Oregonian's theater party, which will be the biggest ever given in Portland and is sure to be very enjoyable. The 300 winners will have the best 32 seats on the main floor of the Helig Theater and it is safe to say that the audience will be one of the brightest and most appreciative that has ever witnessed a theatrical production. Besides the 300 winners of the contest, the 44 members of the two committees of judges will also be guests of The Oregonian at this time.

New York—Mrs. H. Semming, wife of a New York publisher, was attacked by two robbers in her home at Stapleton, Staten Island, late Monday, dragged into a clothes closet and left in a semi-conscious condition, while the intruders ransacked the place. She is in a serious condition today.

Amusements

What the Press Agency Say.

Twice Today at Helig. There will be two performances at the Helig Theater today, a special matinee at 2:15 o'clock and tonight at 8:15. The attraction will be Henry Miller's excellent company of players in the interesting drama, "The Great Divide." This will be found to be one of the best plays Portland has had in years. The last performance tomorrow.

Baker Bargain Matinee Today. The bargain of all bargain matinees in this city will be given by the "Babe in Toyland" at the Baker this afternoon and a theater twice as large could not hold half the people who want to attend it. This is the first time this magnificent production has ever appeared at popular prices and it is packing the Baker all week.

"Masters of Men" Powerful Play. The Baker Stock Company is presenting Avery Howwood's powerful political play, "Masters of Men," all this week and it not only has special interest because of its political influence just now, but is a play of great dramatic intensity. All week Matinee Saturday.

"Thorns and Orange Blossoms." "Thorns and Orange Blossoms," this week's offering at the Star, is proving one of the most popular plays seen at this playhouse in a long time. It is rich in comedy and pathos and all in all makes a delightful evening's entertainment.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS.

"Van Dyck" at the Orpheum. Nothing ever before seen in vaudeville was quite so peculiar as the little one-act tragic comedy called the "Van Dyck," which Harrison Hunter, assisted by Frank Reicher and Gerald King, are presenting at the Or-

pheum. It deals with a supposedly madman, a music master a doctor and a fake Van Dyck picture.

Buster Receives Today. After the matinee at the Grand today Buster Brown and his dog Tige will hold a reception at the matinee Saturday. Buster and his dog are the headliners at the Grand this week and every child in Portland wants to see them.

Hot Weather at Pantages. The Pantages Theater is equipped with a new, modern steam-heating plant, which is a guarantee that the patrons can enjoy the performance in solid comfort. The De Kok brothers' marvelous French acrobats, are making a tremendous hit and must be seen to be appreciated.

LOST MEN COME HOME Two Elbe Residents Hunt Bear in Mountains and Lose Trail.

ELBE, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—John Lester and William Lockhart, both of Elbe, found their way into Eatonville last night in a thoroughly exhausted condition, after being lost in the mountains for several days. They started out Saturday on a hunting trip, killed a bear and then lost the trail. They spent two nights in the mountains and were almost exhausted when they stumbled on a trail leading to Eatonville. Meantime searching parties went out to look for the missing men, but owing to the snow were unable to find the trail, and all hope of finding them was abandoned.

Chicago—The pensioning of destitute mothers by the government is advocated by Mrs. C. H. Zimmerman, of the Evanston Women's Club.

UNITARIAN SOCIETY MEETS

Reports Show Organization to Be in Flourishing Condition.

At the annual meeting of the First Unitarian Society, held last night in the Unitarian Chapel, reports were rendered by the church officers and heads of the various organizations. The report of the treasury showed the secretary's finances to be in a most satisfactory condition, there being no liabilities and a balance in the treasury. The Christian Union, Woman's Alliance, Young People's Fraternity, Post-office Mission and Sunday school also showed gratifying results. During the past year the Sunday school membership has been nearly doubled. Dr. T. L. Eliot, pastor emeritus, delivered an address in which he advised that the income from the various endowment funds be used in a greater degree in extending

WE ARE PAYING 10c for good dressed, fat veal up to 130 pounds. Large veal from 7c to 9c. 8c for good dressed pork, any size. 15c for good dressed chickens. 32c for good dressed turkeys. 15c for good dressed geese. 20c for good dressed ducks. SHIP AT ONCE BY EXPRESS We Do Not Charge Commission On Anything.

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the work of the church throughout the state. The pastor, Rev. William G. Eliot, Jr., announced that the Billings endowment, a fund devoted to the maintenance of a lecturer, would be used in the near future. In the coming month a lecturer will arrive from Boston to visit various parts of the state in the interest of Unitarianism. The following trustees were elected at last night's meeting: Frank Kendall, G. G. Gammans, W. F. Woodward.

Brighton, Colo.—A battle between nearly 100 armed men was narrowly averted at the County Courthouse here Monday at midnight as the result of the election contest between Packard, Republic, and Nordie, Democrat, candidates for the office of County Commissioner.

NO MEAT FAMINE AT SMITH'S

We have an abundance of meat—we will not run short. 5000 pounds of Sweet Pickled Lean Pork. 12 1/2c Any quantity of Smith's sugar-cured Breakfast Bacon. 16c and 17 1/2c Pione Hams, 10c. Cottage Hams. 12 1/2c Smith's Sugar-Cured Hams or half a ham. 15c Smith's absolutely pure Lard, 5-lb. pails. 65c Beef from. 5c to 15c—No Higher Lamb from. 10c to 15c—No Higher Pork from. 8c to 15c—No Higher

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