

The New Book "Septimus" by Wm. J. Locke on Sale Today at \$1.18—Portland Agents for "Ostermoor" Mattresses—Fourth Floor Demonstration of "Nemo" Corsets by Mrs. A. L. Craig, Expert Fitter From the Factory—Portland Agents for Mme. Irene Corsets

Feb Patterns Are Now in The Meier & Frank Store's Saturday Clearance Sales Open Until 9:30 Tonig't

75c Golf Gloves for 37c



25c and 35c Ribbons on Sale at 18c Yard

Great Saturday sale of women's and children's all-wool knit Golf Gloves, black, white, red, gray, brown, navy, green and mixed colors, all sizes; regular 50c and 75c values on sale at, per pair... 37c

Great Clearance Sale of Misses' and Children's Ready-to-wear Apparel

Great cleanup of Wash Dresses in gingham, chambray, French rep and pique; blues, pinks, tans and fancy plaid materials; made in Buster Brown, jumper, Russian and sailor styles, and trimmed in braids, insertion, lace and buttons. Very pretty styles and large assortment, and priced as follows:

50c-75c Four-in-Hands 25c

Men's Shirts on Sale

300 dozen men's 50c and 75c four-in-hand Ties, made full French fold, plain and fancy colorings, in endless assortment; styles to please every individual taste; regular 50c and 75c values; your choice at the 25c extremely low price of, each... 25c



Women's Winter Underwear at Great Clearance Sale Price Reductions



2000 garments of Women's Fleece-Lined Cotton Vests and Pants, high neck, long sleeves; pants are ankle length; good Winter weight; great values at these prices: Regular sizes, 25c values, now 12 1/2c

35c Wool Hosiery 18c Pr.

5000 pairs of Women's Good Quality Black Cashmere Wool Hose, also white foot Cotton Hose; seamless and full fashioned; all sizes; 35c vals... 18c

Buy "Ramie" Linen Fibre Underwear At Special Low Clearance Sale Prices

The celebrated "Ramie" Linen Fibre Underwear on sale at clearance sale prices—This famous underwear for which we are sole Portland agents is finding great favor with men folks who want health underwear



that has merit combined with comfort and wearing qualities—"Schlichten" underwear made of pure Ramie linen, the most superior linen in the world, is a supplementary skin and the only kind which answers the requirements so essential to health—Furthermore it is most comfortable to wear, and in the highest degree hygienic—All weights, shirts, drawers and union suits—Unusual values at the following special low prices:

No. 10—"Ramie" Linen Mesh Underwear, shirts and drawers, Summer weight, quarter sleeves, long and knee drawers; regular \$2.50 garment \$1.95



Great Clearance Sale Of Men's Fine Shoes

Men's high-grade patent calf and gunmetal calf bluchers, hand-made footwear; French, Shriver & Urner's best make; all sizes; \$6.00 values; sale price, per pair, \$4.85

Sheet Music Clearance

At 14c Morning Cy (barra dance); Arms (Zulu love); Night and Day; Monterey; Good Bye, My Soldier Boy; Sweet Pickles; Tropical Moon; Secret; Like the Rose; and many other numbers.

6 to 9:30 Specials

RUFFLED SWISS CURTAINS FOR 79c A PAIR Tonight, 6 to 9:30, 200 pairs of ruffled Swiss Curtains; dots, stripes and figures; 36 inches wide and 2 1/2 yards long; 79c

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MEN'S REGULAR \$5 BATHROBES \$1.98 EACH On sale tonight, from 6 to 9:30, men's fancy Blanket Bath Robes in fancy pinks only; made with Byron collar; fancy cord and tassel; regular \$5.00 values on sale at... \$1.98

Sale of Boys' Reefers

Regular \$5 Values \$1.98 Boys' \$10 Coats \$3.98

Extra special clearance offering of 100 boys' heavyweight Reefers, ages 3 to 6 years, fancy tweeds and chevrons in dark blue, grays and tans; made with velvet collar; handsomely tailored throughout; best lining and... \$1.98



\$1.00 Belts at 15c Each \$2 Handbags 89c Each Big odd lot of Belts in leather, elastic, fancy braids, etc., gilt and other novelties; great stock cleanup; values up to \$1 each, 15c to be closed out at this low price, each.

CONTEST IS BIG SUCCESS

MORE THAN 1000 "BEN HUR" ESSAYS ARE RECEIVED. Forty-eight Judges Are Busy Selecting Winners, Whose Names Will Be Announced Tomorrow.

The widely-discussed "Ben Hur" essay contest which The Oregonian has been constructing, closed at noon yesterday with a total of more than 1000 articles submitted by the pupils of the high school, the eighth and ninth grades and the Catholic schools. There was such an unexpected rush of manuscripts at the eleventh hour that it was found necessary to appoint four more judges. The judges will complete their work this afternoon and the successful competitors will be announced in The Sunday Oregonian.

SHANAHAN'S FLOODED.

Big Stock of Dry Goods Damaged by Snow Water. The eavestroughs of the building on Third street, occupied by L. Shanahan, the dry goods merchant, were frozen during the late cold spell and when the thaw set in the water was unable to run off through this channel, with the result that it soaked through the ceiling and damaged a large portion of the stock on both floors and basement. Mr. Shanahan stated that about \$50,000 worth of all kinds of goods were more or less damaged.

WATER FIGHT IS ASSURED

TWO BILLS ALREADY PREPARED FOR LEGISLATURE. State Commission Has Measure, as Has Senator Bingham—Main Points of Each. SALEM, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—There will be the usual fight over water legislation this session of the Legislature, though perhaps the controversy will not involve the usual number of issues. The Oregon Conservation Commission will have a water bill which is under preparation by a committee headed by State Engineer Lewis. Senator I. H. Bingham has a water bill which he will introduce Monday, and the enactment of which he will urge.

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The most important difference between the two measures will consist of different methods of settling disputes. While the Commission's bill has not yet been made public, it is understood that the measure will provide for a board with authority to hear and determine controversies as to priority, extent of right, etc. The Commission's bill will also vest the State Engineer and his deputies with extensive power in controlling the use and diversion of water. Senator Bingham's bill will place the power to hear and settle disputes in the jurisdiction of the courts, authorizing the courts to appoint referees to take the testimony, but leaving the courts to decide the issues.

HAY FOR SALE.

Have 500 tons of choice Gardena alfalfa hay in warehouse on O. R. & N. track can make quick shipment. Order now before washouts occur. Price, 1 c. b. car, \$12; ship anywhere. B. C. Furlingane, Walla Walla, Wash.

Unlike the Beef Trust, we are not bringing meat from California. We are giving you the very choicest and best of absolutely fresh Oregon meat. We are paying a premium to secure livestock these days, but we have cut the retail price down. When you come to Smith's Alder-street market you will have to pass up the markets our opponents have started on both sides of us in order to trap you. We will not be accountable for the quality of meat nor the prices they will try to charge you at these places.

FRANK L. SMITH MEAT CO. "Fighting the Beef Trust"

226 ALDER STREET, BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND. (See that Smith's name is over the door.) 512 Williams Avenue. Astoria, Twelfth Street, between Bond and Commercial. 791 Mississippi Avenue. Astoria, 253 Taylor Street (Uniontown).

- Porterhouse Steaks... 12 1/2c-15c Sirloin Steaks... 12 1/2c Tenderloin Steak... 12 1/2c Hamburg Steak... 10c Best Round Steak... 10c Excellent Pot Roast of Beef... 8c Beef for boiling, stewing, braising, potpie and to cook in casserole, pound... 6c and 7c Leg of Lamb and Young Mutton... 15c Loin and Rib Chops of Lamb and young Mutton... 15c Shoulder Roast of Lamb and young Mutton... 12 1/2c Picnic Hams... 10c

Do you know that Beef Trust Sausages are doped with potatoes, flour and other trash? Smith's other Sausages are all, per pound... 10c Fresh Oregon Chickens at Smith's, pound... 20c Creamery Butter, several different brands... 75c Sweet pickled, lean Pork... 12 1/2c Dry Salt Pork... 12 1/2c Smith's Sugar-Cured Breakfast Bacon... 16c and 17 1/2c