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

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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; regu-ular 50c and 75c values on sale at, per pair... 37c 10,000 yards of French faille Ribbons for soft bows and millinery; also for fancy work; great variety of patterns and color combinations; 25c and 35c 18c values in this lot; on sale at, per yard, only. . 18C Bows and sashes tied free at the Ribbon Department. Women's linen hand-embroidered Collars, 11/4 and Women's linen nand-embroidered; sizes 25c 12 to 141/2; best 50e values on sale at, each. . Great Clearance Sale of Veilings and Leather Goods. Great Clearance Sale of Stationery and Jewelry. Great Clearance Sale of Silverware and Cut Glass. Great Clearance Sale of Millinery. Second floor.



Misses' and Children's Men's Shirts on Sale 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:

Ages 2 to 5 years 52c each Ages 2 to 5 years 78c each Ages 6 to 12 years \$1.42 each

Misses' and children's White Lawn Dresses, made with low neck and short sleeves and full pleated skirt; waist trimmed with lace and insertion; ages 6 to 12 years; \$1.98 \$3.50 values, but offered to you now at, each .. Children's Bearskin Coats in all colors, ages 2 to 6 years; best quality; great values; on sale at.. \$3.22 Our entire stock of misses' and children's ready-to-wear apparel on sale at greatly reduced prices for Saturday.

Great Clearance Sale of 50c-75c Four-in-Hands 25c

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 Great Annual Clearance Sale of men's highgrade Shirts, including Manhattans, E. & W., Star, Cluett, etc.; all this season's very best styles, patterns and colorings. These are excellent values at the prices offered: \$1.50 Shirts \$1.15-\$3.00 Shirts \$1.85 \$2.00 Shirts \$1.35-\$3.50 Shirts \$1.95 \$2.50 Shirts \$1.75-\$5.00 Shirts \$3.25 Broken lines of men's high-grade Underwear; browns, grays, reds, tans, pink, blue; best styles; values up to \$2.50 a 95c garment. On sale at, garment... Great clearance bargains in all lines men's Furnishings. Come while prices are low.



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 121/2 Outsizes, 35c values, now only...18¢ Women's extra-good quality mixed Wool Union Suits, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length, gray color, all sizes; well made and finished; best \$1.50 values; buy all you want at the exceedingly low price of, per garment....75c Women's Heavy Weight Mixed Wool Union Suits, high neek, long sleeves, ankle length; all sizes; \$1.25 quality; on sale at the low price, ea. 63c Children's Gray Color Mixed Wool Union Suits, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length; good Winter weight; all sizes; 75c values, garment. 38c 3000 garments of Women's Knit Underwear vests and pants; gray color; best styles and weights; \$1.25 values; reduced now to, per garment......89c Women's Extra Heavy Weight Fleece-Lined Cotton Union Suits; high neck, long sleeves, ankle length; cream color; all sizes; best \$1.50 values. . 78c

35c Wool Hosiery 18cPr.

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 Boys' and Girls' good quality Black Fleece-Lined Cotton and Medium 17c Weight Cashmere Wool Hose; all sizes; the best 35c values, per pair.... 17c Great Clearance Sale of Women's Gloves, Ribbons and Handkerchiefs Great Clearance Sale of Our Entire Stock of Women's Suits, Coats, Etc. Great Clearance Sale of Our Entire Stock of Women's Fine Undermuslins Great Clearance Sale of Shoes, Hosiery, Underwear, Neckwear, Etc.

Men's high-grade patent colt and gunmetal calf bluchers, handmade footwear; French, Shriner & Urner's best make; all sizes; \$6.00 values; sale price, per pair, \$4.85 Men's patent colt and gunmetal bluchers, hand welt, up-to-date lasts; French, Shriner & Urner's best make; best \$3.85 Men's box calf, velour calf, patent colt and vici kid blueher and button Shoes; five good lines included; regular \$4 \$3.35 values are offered at the low price of, per pair Boys' boxealf and vici kid bluehers, swing last, heavy drill lined; all sizes; great values at the price we offer them to you. \$2.00 sizes, per pair...\$1.59 \$2.50 sizes, per pair...\$1.99

Sheet Music Clearance

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

At 17c Rainbow; Some One; Redwing; Dreaming; Doll Rags, Stung; Normandie; Awakening of Birds; Paddy; Moonbeams; Moon Won't Tell; Goodbye; Annie At 17c

At 19c Jungle Town; Mandy Lane; While You Are Mine; For You, Dear Heart; At 19c Vanity Fair; Sunshine; Smarty; and others.

stripes and figures; 36 inches wide and 21/2 yards long; 79c great special values at the low price of, pair (3d floor) 500 DOZ. WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS 4c EA. For tonight, on sale from 6 to 9:30, 500 dozen women's Handkerchiefs, plain white, crossbar or colored borders. Won-derful values at this low price. Buy all you want at.... 4c WOMEN'S REGULAR 20c HOSIERY 11c A PAIR Tonight, from 6 to 9:30, 1000 pairs of women's Seamless Hose, fast black and stainless; extra good quality; best 20e values on sale at this extremely low price, per pair... LACE VEILS, \$2.00 VALUES AT 48c EACH Tonight, from 6 to 9:30, women's Chantilly Lace Veils, 11/2 yards long; black, brown, red, navy and green; regular 48c \$2 values on sale at this very low price, each..... REGULAR \$3.50 CORSETS AT \$1.98 A PAIR Tonight, from 6 to 9:30, broken lines of women's Corsets. white and drab; all good models; regular \$3.00 and \$1.98 \$3.50 values on sale at this extremely low price, pr. 15c WRITING TABLETS ON SALE AT 8c EACH Tonight, from 6 to 9:30, 500 Writing Tablets of fine 8c REGULAR 20c NECK RUCHES FOR 14c EACH On sale tonight, 6 to 9:30, 500 women's Neck Ruches, neck lengths; white, black and colors; best 20c values on sale 14c

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 \$1.95 val.; garment No. 20-"Ramie" Linen Mesh Underwear, medium

weight flat garment, shirts and drawers; regular \$2.50 \$1.95 value. In this sale at the low price of, per garment.... \$1.95 No. 30—Heavy weight "Ramie" Linen Mesh Underwear, all sizes, shirts and drawers; regular \$3 values, garment, \$2.35

No. 40—Medium weight flat garment for Winter wear; \$2.65 regular \$3.25 value on sale at, per garment, only..... \$2.65 No. 50—Heavy Winter weight "Ramie" Linen Mesh \$2.85 Shirts and Drawers, all sizes; regular \$3.50 value at... "Ramie" Linen Mesh Union Suits, all styles and weights. On sale at \$5 values \$3.85—\$6 values \$4.70—\$6.50 vals. \$5.25 \$7 values \$5.65—Mail Orders Will Be Carefully Filled

in fancy pinks only; made with Byron collar; fancy \$1.98 cord and tassel; regular \$5.00 values on sale at.

BOYS' \$1 FLANNEL NEGLIGEE SHIRTS AT 59c Tonight, on sale from 6 to 9:30, boys' outing flannel Negligee Shirts, made of neat materials; blue and gray striped outing flannel; also plain gray; sizes 2½ to 14; best \$1.00 59c values are offered in this sale at extremely low price of THIN BLOWN TUMBLERS ON SALE AT 4c EA.

In the Big Basement Store tonight, from 6 to 9:30, 10,000 thin blown Table Tumblers. Buy all you want at, each. 1000 CHINA SALAD BOWLS AT 23c EACH Tonight, from 6 to 9:30, 1000 fancy decorated German china Salad Bowls, assorted decorations, for, each. 23c MEN'S REGULAR 25c HOSIERY 12 1-2c PAIR On sale tonight, 6 to 9:30, 1000 dozen men's black cashmere Hose, all sizes; best 25c values. Buy all you want 121/2c of them at this extremely low price, per pair....

SCISSORS WORTH 50c GO AT 23c THE PAIR Tonight, from 6 to 9:30, 1000 pairs of fine Steel Scissors, 31/2, 41/2 5 and 6-inch; every pair warranted; regular 23c VERY BEST 36-INCH SILKOLINE AT 9c YARD On sale tonight, 6 to 9:30, 5000 yards of the best quality Silkoline, light and dark grounds, floral and Oriental de- 9c signs; 36 inches wide. Great value at this low price....

Great Clearance Sale 6 to 9:30 Specials 6 to 9:30 Specials Sale of Boys' Reefers Of Men's Fine Shoes RUFFLED SWISS CURTAINS FOR 79c A PAIR MEN'S REGULAR \$5 BATHROBES \$1.98 EACH On sale tonight, from 6 to 9:30, men's fancy Blanket Bath Robes 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 cheviots in dark blue, grays and tans: made with velvet collar; handsomely tailored throughout; best lining and \$1.98 findings; \$4 and \$5 values at... Boys' heavyweight Automobile Coats, ages 21/2 to 6 years; made to button close to the neck; ages 21/2 to 6 years; fancy wool tweeds, fancy cheviots in gray and brown mixtures; velvet collar; double-breasted, full cut; \$3.98 regular \$8 and \$10 values at...

\$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 Special lot of 500 women's leather Handbags, leather lined, riveted frame and fitted with coin purse; several styles and shapes; black, brown, tans; values to \$2.00 on sale at the very low price of...89c

Astoria, Twelfth Street, between Bond and Commercial.



CONTEST IS BIG SUCCESS

MORE THAN 1000 "BEN HUR" ESSAYS ARE RECEIVED.

ing Winners, Whose Names Will Re Announced Tomorrow. The widely-discussed "Ben Hur" essay contest which The Oregonian has been

Forty-eight Judges Are Busy Select-

constructing, closed at noon resterday 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 planes of the pupils 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.

Superintendent Rigier and his assistants worked industriously all day yester-day and are making splendid progress with the work of examining manuscripts. The 300 successful competitors will be awarded seats for the opening performance of "Ben Hur" at the Hellig on Monday night, January 18. As an instance of the interest manifested in the contest, the students of the East Side High through Performal H. H. Herdman. ol, through Principal H. H. Herdman, have engaged 100 seats for next Thursday night. Every china in the grades of the public schools above named, as well as Special sale prices at Rosenthal's.

those in attendance at the Catholic schools was eligible to compete and the participation has been so general that The Oregonian and those in charge are greatly gratified. The judges have been selected from among the teachers in the local schools and it is understood from their reports it is apparent that the es-says submitted have been uniformly cred-itable, making the final selection of the

prize winners a difficult task.

Monday night will be a gala night in local theatricals and the presence of so many bright students at the performance of "Ben Hur" will add noticeably to the interest of the evening. The production of the famous Biblical drama promises to be a notable one and altogether the affair will be one long to be remembered. Remember that the names of the winners will be announced in tomorrow morning's

SHANAHAN'S FLOODED.

Big Stock of Dry Goods Damaged by Snow Water.

The eavestroughs of the building on Third street, occupied by L. Shanahan, thaw set in the water was unable to run off through this channel, with the result that it soaked through the celling 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.

at a price that will induce you to buy them, each.....

TWO BILLS ALREADY PREPARED FOR DEGISLATURE.

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 legis-lation this session of the Legislature, though perhaps the controversy will not involve the usual number of issues. The Oregon Conservation Commission will Oregon Conservation Commission will have a water bill which is under prepara-tion by a committee headed by State En-gineer Lewis. Senator I. H. Bingham has a water bill which he will introduce Mon-

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 contro-versies us to priority, extent of right, etc. The Commission's bill will also vest the State Engineer and his deputies with ex-tensive power in controlling the use and diversion of water. Senator Bingham's bill will place the power to hear and set-tle disputes in the jurisdiction of the courts, authorizing the courts to appoint

referees to take the testimony, but leaving the courts to decide the lesues.

Presumably, too, the Commission's bill will make it the duty of the Engineer's office to proceed at once to litigate and determine the relative rights of waterusers on all streams in the state and to secure a decree that will show the amount of unappropriated water in each stream still belonging to the public. Senator Bingham's bill will provide for litigation only upon the initiative of water-users. The Commission's bill will provide an extension of administration with a view sive system of administration, with a view to preventing waste or over-appropriation

The Supreme Court having disposed of the question of riparian rights, in its re-cent decision in the Lake County case, that issue, presumably, will not be a fac-tor in water legislation. The main issue will relate to the extent of authority and power to be vested in the State Engineer and courts.

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, f. e. b. car. \$12; ship anywhere. E. C. Burlin-

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS. Page Ointment is guaranteed to cure any case of itching blind, bleeding or protruding piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

Dr. Lorenz' Lerve Tonic tablets at Evssell's, 289 Morrison, bet. 4th and 5th. ** Webfoot Oil Blacking keeps feet dry. Makes shoes last. All dealers.

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.

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"Fighting the Beef Trust"

226 ALDER STREET, BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND. (See that Smith's name is over the door.)

Smith's famous Pig Pork Sausage,

made fresh each hour, clean, pure,

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Shoulder Roast of Lamb and young

Porterhouse Steaks 121/26-156 | Whole shoulders of Lamb and young Sirloin Steaks 121/2¢ Cottage Hams121/2¢ Tenderloin Steak 121/26 Smith's Sugar-Cured Hams or half a Hamburg Steak10¢ Ham......15¢ Best Round Steak10c Smith's absolutely pure Lard, 5-lb. Excellent Pot Roast of Beef 86 pails......65¢ Beef for boiling, stewing, braising, Selected Roasts of fancy Oregon Pig potpie and to cook in casserole, Pork 10e-121/2e-15e pound 6¢ and 7¢ Pork Chops, very choice, from Oregon Leg of Lamb and Young Mutton. 15¢ Pig Pork121/26-15¢ Loin and Rib Chops of Lamb and

Astoria, 253 Taylor Street (Uniontown).

and other truck? Fresh Oregon Chickens at Smith's, Creamery Butter, several different Sweet pickled, lean Pork 121/20 Smith's Sugar-Cured Breakfast