

New Spring Tailored Suits Arriving Daily—Three-Piece Effects so Popular for Early Spring Wear—A Most Complete First Showing

Today Only 69c SALE

The Meier & Frank Store HUNDREDS OF BARGAINS AT 69c TODAY

Our Book Section offers the greatest assortment of Valentines to be found anywhere—Dainty greetings and tokens of every description—Newest novelties in comics, drops and tissue paper creations—Postcards.

At 69c Today Only Velvet Ribbon at 69c

Special lot 5-inch satin back velvet Ribbons, in light blue, old blue, tan, cerise, old rose, cardinal, navy, brown and emerald, suitable for millinery purposes; the best regular \$1.25 values, on sale at, special, yard.

At 69c Today Only \$1 White Petticoats 69c

Ladies' short white cambric Underskirts, trimmed in good quality embroideries, lace and tucks, fitted waistbands; regular value \$1.00; on sale at, special, each.

At 69c Today Only Men's \$1 Shirts at 69c

Our regular line of \$1.00 Shirts, cuffs attached or detached; coat or regular style, in plain chambrays, madras and percales; all desirable shades and patterns; our regular \$1 shirts, on sale at the low price of.

At 69c Today Only \$1-1.25 Neckwear 69c

Special clean-up on women's fancy Neckwear, assorted lots; regular values 85c, \$1 and \$1.25; on sale at this special price.

At 69c Today Only 90c Stew Kettles at 69c

6-quart Stew Kettles, the best grade Royal steel; our regular 90c covered kettles, selling at the special low price of, ea.

At 69c Today Only \$1 Hair Brushes at 69c

500 Hair Brushes, ebony backs, best grade bristles; regular \$1.00, special.

\$1 String Handb'gs 69c

250 women's Drawstring Handbags, good quality, in black, brown, navy and tan; regular \$1.00 values, special, for.

Alarm Clocks at 69c

1000 American Alarm Clocks, every one warranted perfect; an excellent value, today.

\$1 Steel Scissors 69c

1000 pairs fine Steel Scissors, best quality and absolutely guaranteed satisfactory or money back; regular \$1 values, special.

At 69c Today Only 85c-\$1 Kerchiefs 69c

A combination lot of women's fine Handkerchiefs—fine linen embroidered and Madeira eyelet embroidered effects, as well as a few Armenian Handkerchiefs; regular 85c and \$1.00 values; special price, each.

At 69c Today Only Picture Values to \$1.25

Picture values up to \$1.25, special at. 69c This lot includes carbonets, framed in the latest style old gold, also pastels and colored prints, framed in the most artistic manner.

At 69c Today Only 90c Outing Skirts 69c

Short Outing Flannel Petticoats in white and fancy stripes, with tucked ruffle or silk scalloped edge; 90c values, for.

At 69c Today Only Heatherbloom Pettic'ts

Imitation Heatherbloom Petticoats, made with deep double flounce and small ruffles; regular values \$1.25, on sale for.

At 69c Today Only Royal Lanterns at 69c

A good, serviceable Lantern, with No. 2 burner, Royal make; special today.

Toy Department

Iron Truck, Wagon and Horse; regular 85c value, on sale at this special low price. 69c All Musical Mechanical Toys, \$1 values. 69c Wood Music Boxes, regular 85c, special. 69c Racehorse Metal Toy, regular \$1, sp. 1. 69c 10 1/2-inch by 20-inch Steel Wagon, best regular 90c values, on sale at, special, ea. 69c Doll Go-Carts, metal rim wheels, at, ea. 69c Toy Ice Cream Freezers, on sale for, ea. 69c Doll Jewelry Sets, regular \$1.00, special. 69c Felt Tige, regular values \$1.00, each. 69c Regular \$1.25 Brown Teddy Bears, ea. 69c Regular \$1.00 Felt Elephants, at, each. 69c

At 69c Today Only Child's Hose 4 Pr. 69c

Children's Hose in black cashmere, good medium weight; sizes 5 to 9 1/2; buy all you want at special price of 4 pairs.

New Importations and Arrivals, Laces

A complete showing of Laces and Embroideries for Spring and Summer, 1909. The line consists of the daintiest baby sets on swiss and nainsook. Batiste flounces and bands to match for lingerie gowns, corset covers, embroidered galleons, allover, tuckings, nainsook, cambric and swiss match sets, for women and children's wear. All sorts in narrow edges, insertions and ribbon headings. See Fifth-Street window display. Just received, new Embroidered Net Bands, in all the new colorings. New Dutch Collars, assorted styles. The newest and latest styles from the Eastern markets. New assortment of Neck Ruchings. Let us show you.

Carpets 69c Yard

Supply your wants in floor coverings today; anticipate your needs; arrange to visit the Carpet Section early.

69c Yd. for Brussels Carpet

50 rolls of Brussels Carpet, elegant quality, beautiful colorings, Oriental and floral designs; sewing, laying and lining extra; on sale for, yard.

Ingrain Carpet at 69c Yard

5000 yards all-wool Ingrain Carpets, every yard guaranteed to be of the finest and best quality of yarn. Regular value 90c, on sale for, the yard. Sewing, laying and lining extra. Take advantage of sale.

Reversible Rugs at 69c Ea.

500 Jute Smyrna Rugs, reversible; good strong colors; an exceptional value; selling regularly at \$1.50 the yard, to close out—Carpet Dept., 3d floor.

\$1 Foot Stools 69c

Do not overlook this value in stools, always needed for the home. We offer today 500 Brussels Footstools in various shapes, colors and patterns. Regular \$1.00 values—buy all you want of them at, ea.

Washable Bath Rugs

Another bargain in our Rug Section. Secure one of these Bathroom Rugs, washable and reversible; color combinations are blue and white, green and white, red and white; 18x36 inches, each.

Embroideries 69c

In the main center aisle today, 3000 yards of Swiss Embroidery Flouncing and Bands for lingerie gowns, waists and combination garments; 3 to 18 inches. Designs in file, venise, English eyelet and imitation handwork; values to \$1.75 per yard, for.

Valentines, 1c to \$5.00

At 69c Today Only \$1.00 Shopping Bags at 69c

Women's fine quality Shopping Bags, in an assortment of good leathers; colors, tan, brown or black; regular values to \$1.00; on sale at, special, ea.

At 69c Today Only \$1.50 Women's Belts at 69c

Women's fine Belts in the new shapes and very artistic styles, in plain elastic or fancy effects; all shades; best regular \$1.50 values, on sale for.

The Meier & Frank Store TODAY—69c SPECIALS FOR YOUR CHOOSING

Knee Deep Bargains at Portland's Largest and Best Store has proved of unusual interest—Bargains in odds and ends at every turn, which means a great money-saving opportunity for the economical buyer.

At 69c Today Only \$1.50 Boys' Pants 69c

Boys' Knee Pants, sizes 3 to 16 years, in wool materials of fancy tweeds and chevrons, worsteds and navy blue serges; \$1.00 to \$1.50 values; on sale at, special, pair.

At 69c Today Only Boys' Neg. Shirts 69c

Boys' Golf and Neglige Shirts, sizes 12 to 14 years; a splendid shirt for school wear, in fast color percales, oxfords, chambrays or neat stripes or checks; \$1.00 values.

At 69c Today Only Men's Underwear 69c

Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 lines of men's Wool Underwear in blue, gray, tan and vicuna colors; all well made and nicely finished; 69c best regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 values.

At 69c Today Only Infants' Kid Shoes 69c

Infants' fine vic kid Lace and Button Shoes, patent tips, turned soles, good round toes; sizes 2 to 5 1/2; special, the pair.

At 69c Today Only \$1 Dresser Scarfs 69c

Special lot of Felt Scarfs, 18x54, large assortment of patterns; regular \$1.00 values, on sale at this special price, ea.

Today in Our Grocery Great Bargains at 69c

Crosse & Blackwell's Lucca Oil, large bottles, on sale at this price, bottle. 69c Peaches, 2 1/2-lb. tins, Stag brand, 4 tins. 69c Malta Vita, Ideal Health Food; regularly selling at 2 for 25c; 8 packages. 69c Prunes, choice new crop, 11 pounds for. 69c Oysters, good quality, 8 tins on sale for. 69c Seeded Raisins, new 1-lb. packages, on sale at low price of 6 packages for. 69c Best Carolina Head Rice, selling regularly at 10c lb., now at 8 lbs. for.

At 69c Today Only French Batiste 69c Yd.

45-inch wide all-wool self-stripe French Batiste, one of the most desirable fabrics for the new Empire gown for street and house wear; all leading shades, for, the yard.

Today Only 69c SALE

At 69c Today Only \$1 Boys' Waists at 69c

Boys' laundered Blouse Waists, with or without collars, sizes 5 to 16 years, in light or dark patterns of fast color; chambrays, percales in neat stripes or figures; regular \$1.00 values, on sale at this low price, each.

At 69c Today Only Men's \$1 Shirts at 69c

Men's tennis flannel Neglige Shirts, with soft button-down collars, in striped, dark and light patterns; regular \$1 values.

At 69c Today Only Cashmere Gloves 69c

Special sale of two-clasp all-wool Cashmere Gloves, in black only; sizes 6 to 8; regular 85c values, special at, the pair.

At 69c Today Only Great 69c Umbr'la Sale

Great sale of School Umbrellas—26-inch frames, fast back covers and Congo handles; on sale at this special price.

At 69c Today Only 2-pt. Coffee Pots at 69c

Solid copper Coffee Pots, plated with best grade of nickel-plating; copper nickel-plated Coffee Pots, on sale at this low price.

At 69c Today Only Madras Curt'ns 69c Pr.

\$1 cross-stripe Madras Curtains, ecru ground with red, green, yellow and blue stripes; 40 inches wide, 3 yards long; for, the pair. 69c See Fifth-Street Window. Take advantage.

\$1.50 Plaster Masks 69c

\$1.50 Plaster of Paris Masks, suitable for wall decorations in cozy corners and Oriental rooms; on sale at this price, each.

Scrims, Nets 69c Yard

\$1.25 colored Madras, fancy and plain Serims and Bungalow Nets; all new designs, in lengths from 5 to 15 yards of a pattern, at, yd.

Florentine Silks 69c Yd

85c Florentine Silks, in light and dark grounds with floral or Oriental designs; 31 inches wide, on sale at low price of, yd.

69c Skirt Gauges for hanging skirts—Great assistance to dressmakers—Today only at 69c 69c Women's Adjustable Shields—Buy all you want today, regular 75c and 95c values at 69c 69c Black Moreen Linen—27 inches wide—Regular 75c value—Take advantage at 69c

SEATTLE DROPS PORTLAND

PULLS OUT HURRIEDLY FROM FIGHT FOR OPEN GATEWAY.

Exposition Officials Announce Friendship for Northern Pacific Precludes Their Taking Action.

That the officials of the Seattle Fair have experienced a change of heart in regard to co-operating with Portland in effecting the opening of the Portland gateway is shown by a letter from Director-General Nadeau that reached Manager Tom Richardson of the Commercial Club yesterday. By a letter from the same official late last week, Mr. Richardson was assured that the fair officials and the interested parties would work with Portland to lift the bars placed across this gateway by the Northern Pacific.

But the letter received yesterday reads quite otherwise. It says it is impossible for the fair officials to take any action in the matter, due, it is hinted, to the influence brought to bear on the fair project by the Northern Pacific Railway. As a matter of fact, President Howard Elliott, of the Northern Pacific, was in Seattle last week and is said to have taken the matter up with the fair authorities. That President Elliott succeeded in shutting the mouths of Director-General Nadeau and his associates as tightly as he had already closed the Portland gateway is indicated by the following letter:

Seattle, Feb. 8.—Tom Richardson, manager Portland Commercial Club—Dear Sir: My relations with the Northern Pacific in the past and their extremely friendly attitude toward the Exposition cause our officials to hesitate to take action in reference to the matter you mention. While there is no doubt that the opening of the Portland gateway would relieve passengers of considerable annoyance, our executive committee does not wish to take action that would appear to be hostile

or influence the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which, I understand, will be made soon. Very truly, I. A. NADEAU.

GENUINE FARMERS' FAIR Gresham Grange County Exhibit Is Making Big Plans.

H. A. Darnall, to whom was assigned the arrangements for the farmers' institute to be held in connection with the Grange County Fair at Gresham, October 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, was in the city yesterday on business in connection with the institute. He said that at least three days will be given up to the institute, and it is expected to secure as speakers some of the leading agriculturists and horticulturists from the Oregon schools and from the practical fields. Mr. Darnall also consulted with C. A. Bigelow, president of the East Side Business Men's Club, about the part that organization will take at the annual fair. "We hope to make it of interest to the business men and people of Portland," said Mr. Darnall, "to come out and help us hold a genuine farmers' fair. Nobody makes money out of this fair, but it is for the benefit of the whole county."

LINENS, CURTAINS.

Wide-awake housekeepers are fast absorbing the best things in Swiss, muslin and lace curtains—50c a pair up to \$1.50. Table damasks, 25c up to 65c yard. Nothing in the city to compare with the values. Yard-wide bleached muslin, soft finish, 50c yard. See us on household supplies. McAllen-McDonnell, Popular Dry Goods Store, corner 3d and Morrison. The Good Goods Store.

Today, Wednesday, is positively the last day for discount on West Side gas bills. Read "Gas Tips."

No really young and attractive woman ever gets off a streetcar backwards.

COUNCIL HAS MUCH WORK

WILL CONSIDER VETOES AND OTHER BUSINESS.

Ordinance Granting Pay to Old Detectives Will Be Passed on Finally This Morning.

The City Council will meet in regular session this morning at 9:30 o'clock, and among the items of business considered will be several vetoes by Mayor Lane, which will probably provoke considerable discussion. These have to do with the ordinance granting a year's pay to four ex-detectives who were discharged by the Mayor and have not been working; making it possible to declare an emergency on any ordinance by a majority vote, and increasing salaries in the park department.

There are other matters that are certain to cause debate. The recommendation of the street committee that a big wholesale district in North Portland be paved with Belgian blocks will bring about considerable discussion. It is thought. Some of the Councilmen are unfavorable to this procedure, wishing vitrified brick to be used, and it is thought that some of the members will continue their fight for competition in this respect, notwithstanding the action of the committee. The recommendation of the committee on judiciary that James Macdonald, bailiff in the Municipal Court during a portion of Judge Cameron's administration, be paid for his services there at the rate of \$80 a month will cause heated discussion. This matter has been up on several occasions in various forms, and while some members want to pay him, others contend that it cannot be legally accomplished, inasmuch as the Supreme Court of Ore-

gon decided that he was illegally appointed.

The proposed new charter, just completed by the Charter Board, will also be submitted to the Council today. It is expected that it will be accepted and ordered placed on the ballot, and that a special election will be called to give the electors an opportunity of expressing their wishes as to whether it shall become the law of Portland.

In addition to these matters, there is a large accumulation of all kinds of public business, and an all-day session is certain.

STREET IS TO BE OPENED Midway Sure of Extension of East Seventeenth to Sellwood.

According to the report of the committee at the meeting of the Midway Improvement Club Monday night, the opening of East Seventeenth street to Sellwood is considered assured. The committee reported no opposition on the new street lines through Midway, the Ladd estate, it was announced, is ready to open the street through the big farm on the east side of Milwaukie road to Sellwood. East Seventeenth, it was told, would be opened 200 feet east of the Milwaukie road, connecting with the east side of Milwaukie road to the suburb of Sellwood. Councilman Willis has already started proceedings for the opening of the street.

Max O'Neil, of South Portland, was present and addressed the meeting on the proposed bridge across the Willamette at Sherman street on the West Side and Caruthers on the East Side. He contended that the Southwest and the East Sides are entitled to this new bridge. A vote was taken with nine in favor of the bridge and seven against. However, C. H. Tabke, secretary, says the sentiment of the community is against the bridge on the grounds that Portland already has all the burden it can carry in the way of debts and to pile up another \$1,500,000 for this bridge would be too much. It was reported that property-owners

had signed up for the improvement of Eliza street, a committee was appointed to ask the County Commissioners to improve the Milwaukie road south.

Teachers' Examination.

The regular county and state teachers' examination for Multnomah County will be held in the Marquam building, east hall, eighth floor, commencing this morning at 9 o'clock. Owing to the crowded condition of the schools, Superintendent Robinson was unable to secure the use of schoolrooms this year and was obliged to engage a hall and temporarily furnish it with tables and chairs. Applicants for county papers will write tomorrow on penmanship, history, spelling, reading and physical geography. Those for state papers will write on the same subjects with the addition of psychology.

Divine Healing Free.

At Christ's Gospel Mission, 3d floor, Alamy Hall, Morrison St., nr. 3d. Teaching and prayer for all sick every Wednesday, 2 P. M., by Rev. C. A. Hoy. Come.

TO SHIPPERS:

Send us all of your chickens, both hens and springs, alive or dressed. We are using unlimited quantities of pork and veal in large quantities of good quality produce; it must arrive in sweet, fresh condition. We do not charge commission on anything, and we will remit check promptly. Dressed Hens and Springs, 15c. Live Hens and Springs, 13c. Dressed Turkeys, 20c. Live Turkeys, 18c. Dressed Ducks, 15c. Dressed Veal, under 150 pounds, 9c. Dressed Pork, any size, 8c. Eggs, 40c per doz., subject to fluctuations. Butter according to quality. FRANK L. SMITH MEAT CO., "FIGHTING THE BEEF TRUST," Portland, Oregon.

Smith's Markets sell cheaper than any other market throughout the city or suburbs. The Beef Trust markets are working overtime trying to raise the retail price. Smith will not raise the price of meat—he is lowering it, as you will see by the following prices. We guarantee you the freshest, purest, cleanest and best of Oregon meats. When you come to Smith's Alder Street Market you must avoid the markets on both sides of Smith's. They belong to our opponents and are put there to trap you; they are charging much more for meat than we are. See that Smith's name and "Fighting the Beef Trust" are over the door and then you'll get in the right place.

FRANK L. SMITH MEAT CO. "FIGHTING THE BEEF TRUST"

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- STEAKS AND CHOPS. Sirloin Steak, very special 10c. Hamburg Steak, fresh every hour 10c. Round Steak 10c. Shoulder Veal Cutlets 12c. Tenderloin Steak 12c. Pork Chops 12c, 15c. Porterhouse Steak 12c, 15c. Rib Veal Cutlets 12c, 15c. Loins Veal Cutlets 15c. Shoulder Mutton Chops 12c. Loins and Rib Mutton Chops 15c. ROASTS. Shoulder Roast Pork, end cut. 10c. Shoulder Roast Pork, better cut 12c. Loins Roasts of Pork 15c. Rib Roasts of Pork 15c. Shoulder Roast Beef 8c. Sirloin Roast Beef, very special 10c. Prime Rib Roast Beef 10c, 12c. Roasts of Veal, breast cuts 8c. Shoulder Veal Roasts 10c, 12c. Roasts of Lamb 10c, 12c, 15c. SUNDRIES. Beef to Boil 5c, 6c, 7c. Columbia River Smelt 5c. Rogue River Salmon 12c. Dressed Chickens 15c, 18c. (Prepared fresh each day.) Smith's own sugar-cured Hams 15c. Half a ham same price 15c. Smith's own absolutely pure Lard, 5-pound pail 65c. Smith's Willamette Brand Butter, per roll 75c. Smith's second grade Butter, Columbia Brand 65c.