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25c-50c Values I Oc Each

Today only in the Muslin Underwear Section we offer an excellent assortment of Children's Corset Waists-Knitted in coutil, drab and white -Ages 2 to 12 years-For boys and girls-Regular values 25c to 50c-Special for Saturday at 10C

40c Values in Canton Flannel Drawers 25c

Another good Saturday special for your choosing. All regular stock, and the quantity and quality offered will produce lively selling until closing time. A special lot of children's Canton flannel Drawers, trimmed in torchon lace edgings; ages 2 to 8 years. Regular 40e values, at the special low price. 25c

Couch Covers

A saving of over one-third on every purchase made today in our Drapery Section in Cashgar Couch Covers-All the \$3.25 kind with Oriental Rug Designs, blendings of soft blue, red and brown colorings, full size 60 inches wide and 3 @ yards long-Knotted fringe all round & . 3

50c Nets, Special 29c

Again a saving of almost half in nets for Curtains or Drapes-The 50c quality in Bungalow and Fancy Nets in plain white, ecru or colors-Special for Saturday only, at per yard, 290

Tomorrow-ValentineDay

We have never shown such complete assortments and prices are within reach of all. Buy and send some today.

Great Reduction yrography A 25 Per Cent Savings

For today in our Picture Section we are aiming to make radical reductions in stocks-To accomplish this we have named some very attractive prices-Anticipate your needs and take advantage of the saving today in Special Sale Give us a trial and you will be convinced



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20c Glove Box, only **15¢** | \$1.00 Stein for only **75¢** | 40c Panel for only **30¢** 20c Picture Frames **15¢** 30c Nut Bowl, only **23¢** \$1.25 Waste Basket **94¢** 35c Match Holder **27¢** 75c Stool, for only **57¢** 25c Broom Holder **18¢** 70c Pipe Rack, only **53c** \$1.50 Dresser Box **\$1.13** 25c Letter Rack for **18c** 25c Picture Panel at 18¢ | 25c Panel, for only 18¢ | 15c Handk'e'f Box 10¢ For today only at the prices quoted-Note the savings offered you in each item

"Billy Possum" Makes His Bow and Has His First Showing in Portland--The Latest Craze--See Him in Toy Store--Prices 50c to \$2

For Saturady in the Shoe Department we have planned a busy day. The sale includes new Spring Oxfords, very desirable and stylish; an extraordinary reduction in 2000 pairs ladies' new Spring Oxfords, in patent, colt and glazed kid; new, high, cot-All sizes, 2½ to 8, widths A to E; \$2.50 values, for ... \$1.98 tage shapes, short vamps, extension and light soles.

In the Shoe Section, on the first floor, near the main elevators.

Great Sale Sheet Music Special for Saturday 15c

A good demonstrator, a complete stock and the lowest prices always are the chief attractions in our Music Store. Note titles and price, 15c: Rainbow, Honey Time, School Days, Down in Jungle Town, Moon Won't Tell, Northern Lights, Normandie, Stung, Sweet Pickles, Rose Leaves, Doll Rags, Merry Widow, Outing March. Your choice of the bunch for. 15c For today only in Music Dept., Alder-street entrance, 1st floor.

2000 Pr. Ladies' Oxfords | Greatest Saving in Men's Needs

A list of matchless Saturday Bargains at prices that will interest thousands of men-The Meier & Frank Men's Furnishing Section is always busy-The values offered in today's sale are exceptional - Take advantage now and anticipate for the future

Men's tennis flannel Overshirts, made with buttondown collar, double stitched and reinforced seams. All the very latest designs and patterns in light and dark colors; our regular \$1.25 values, at .. 89¢

Men's and Boys' Sweaters Our entire stock of men's and boys Sweaters at

greatly reduced prices. Saving of 25 to 50 per cent.

\$1 Vals. Underwear 79c Men's worsted form-fitting Underwear, very highly

finished; our regular \$1.00 values, on sale at .. 79¢ Dr. Ruff's Woolens \$1.29

The celebrated Dr. Ruff's Sanitary Wool Underwear, best regular \$1.50 values, on sale for .. \$1.29

Worsted Underw'r \$1.49

Men's medium-weight form-fitting worsted Underwear in natural gray; regular \$1.75 values .. \$1.49 | Regular \$1.00 fancy Shirts on sale for, each ... 50¢

\$1.25 Flannel Shirts 89c 25c and 35c Hose for 17c

figures, etc., in light and dark colors, in an endless assortment; on sale today only at, the pair .. 17¢ \$1.25 Night Shirts 89c

Our regular 25c and 35c men's fancy Hose at 17c

pair. All the latest effects in stripes, checks, plaids,

Men's flannelette Nightshirts, made with military and lay-down collar, in a very large assortment of colors; our best regular \$1.25 values, at, each. . 89¢

Men's Fancy Shirts Half

Men's fancy high-grade stiff-bosom shirts, including E. & W., Manhattan, Cluett and Monarch, attached and detached cuffs, on sale at half price:

Regular \$2.50 fancy Shirts on sale for, each .\$1.25 Regular \$2.00 fancy Shirts on sale for, each. \$1.00 Regular \$1.50 fancy Shirts on sale for, each ... 75¢ Many more Saturday specials not mentioned above that will interest-Note values:

Cravenettes \$9.85 Men's "Priestley

ion offers men's Priestley Cravenette Raincoats and 3/4-length Overcoats,

15.00 Values \$9.85

Cravenettes are the genuine Priestley cloth, in neat dark gray and dark striped fabrics, full lengths, three-quarters Venetian lined. Overcoats are 45 inches in length, in blacks and dark blue wool, kerseys and cheviot--made with velvet collar and extra quality lining. Special. \$9.85 Regular \$15.00 values. For today only at the price quoted. Second Floor.

Should you want another Rug for the home or office, do not fail to secure one of these very desirable bargains in our Carpet Section. For today only we place on sale at a very special price good colors, Oriental and floral designs. Reg. \$2.75...\$1.79

County Building Affords No Room for His Court.

ALL SPACE IS TAKEN UP

but He May Have to Find Quarters Outside Courthouse in Which to Hold Court.

When W. N. Gatens, the newly-appoint-

ed Circuit Judge for Multnomah County,

Plenty of Work Awaits New Judge,

reports for duty he will find himself out a courtroom in which to try any cases that may be assigned to him. The first duties of his judicial office will be to solve the perplexing problem of getting a roof over his head. At the Court-House there are just four

courtrooms for circuit cases. And there are four judges, each having a room. It may be that Judge Gatens will have to may be that Junge Gatens will have to engage special quarters in some building down-town. The District Attorney now has his quarters in the Chamber of Com-merce building and the Justice Court is located in a business block, the Worces-ter, at Third and Oak streets. It may be that the new judge can hold his session around in the courtrooms when

there is a momentary vacancy, or he may be able to borrow Judge Webster's courtroom on stated occasions. There are comparatively few cases before the County
Court, especially in the afternoon, and it
may be that a loan can be arranged.

No decision will be reached as to the purposes of Judge Gatens until his ar-rival. Circuit Judges Cleland, Gantenbein, Bronaugh and Morrow talked the matter over informally last night, but agreed that nothing could be done until the addition to their circle is at hand to express his

As to the work of the new official. nothing will be done regarding that until his arrival. Presiding Judge Gantenbein will set him to work, however, as soon as the perplexing question of quarters is solved. He will take up the trial of equity and criminal cases and the general run of cases such as go to the State Circuit

Court.
As to the need of the new Judge, his associates at the Court-House say there can he no question. Judge Gantenbein estimates that even with the help of the wheel in the judicial mechanism, it will take eight months of steady grinding to eatch up and get all cases disposed of which are now docketed.

Gatens in Office Monday.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Feb. 12 - (Special.)-Three judges were commissioned today by Governor Chamberlain under emergency acts creating the offices. Two | makes at Rosenthal's.

GATENS IS SHUTOUT were Supreme Justices W. R. King and W. T. Slater; the other was Circuit Judge for Julitiomah, W. N. Gatens Judge Gatens will begin his new duties next Monday, and will shortly move his family to Portland.

CROWLEY UNDER ARREST

Ex-Deputy Constable Charged With Theft of Diamond Ring.

Charles Crowley, formerly a Deputy Constable of Multnomah County under Constable Wagner, was arrested last night on a warrant sworn out in the Municipal Court charging him with larceny The complaint against Crowley is M. W. Rubin, proprietor of the Diamond Palace,



Frank T. Dodge, Superintendent of City Water Department, Who Refuses Raise in Salary.

a small jewelry store on Washington street, between Sixth and Seventh streets. Rubin alleges that Crowley attempted to swindle him out of a diamond ring valued a \$56. He says that Wednesday of last week Crowley entered his place and on the pretense that he had a friend across the street who wanted to buy a diamond ring, secured one from Rubin with the understanding that if the ring was not sold in a few minutes he would bring it

COLD WAVE COMING.

Order your coal new. Rock Springs and other high-grade coals at bottom prices. Careful drivers and quick delivery. In-dependent Coal & Ice Co., 353 Stark Phone Main 780; A 3380.

New York City ranks high as a love of dogs. The sales of dogs for the lar year amounted to about \$65,000. Children's shoes at factory cost. Best

Lovelorn Lass of Lovelock, Nev., Seeks Spouse.

FORESTALL GERMAN MAIDS

Learns of 300 Flaxen-Haired Teutonic Girls Coming to Wed Bachelor Oregonians and Makes Plea for Her Own Charms.

In Lovelock, a struggling water-tank station on the railroad in the sagebrush desert of Central Nevada, lives a maid. Her name is Laura Schad. The attractions of Lovelock-if Nevada towns can

tions of Lovelock—if Nevada towns can have attractions—have palled on Laura. Satinated with Lovelock's galeties, she would now leave there.

Recently Laura read in a San Francisco paper a dispatch from New York to the effect that the steamer Graf Waldersee, which arrived there recently from Germany, carried among her steerage passengers 390 German girls on their way to wed bachelor farmers in Oregon. way to wed bachelor farmers in Oregon.
If 300 farmers in Oregon were pining for sweethearts, why should Laura continue to live in single blessedness in Nevada?

to live in single blessedness in Nevadar-reasoned she.

Accordingly she took pen in hand and told her troubles to The Oregonian, whose willing ear she took for granted is always open to the pleas of lovelorn men and maids. And here is what she

wrote:

Lovelock, Nev., Feb. 8—(Information Editor, Dear Sir.)—As I was looking over the paper I noticed an article stating that 250 German girls are on their way to wed Oregon farmers. I wish you would kindly give me the names and addresses of some of these blooming farmers.

I am a young girl raised here in the West and I presume I would take their fancy more than the German girls when further information is furnished. So kindly do not delay. I would like to have them write, as I am looking for a good, charming, faithful and true husband. As ever, sincerely, "ISS LAURA SCHAD.

If one of those 300 bachelor farmers If one of those 300 bachelor farmers is unpatriotic enough to pine for any

WOULD WED STEPMOTHER But if Man Becomes Own Father

of far-off Germany's daughters, with a willing helpmeet waiting in Lovelock, Nev., he is no true son of Oregon.

Does He Get Property?

"Is there any law in this state against a man marrying his stepmother?'
Rather a gawky-appearing youth of say 25 timidly put this amazing query to Deputy County Clerk Wilde vesterday forenoon. The official thought he was being jested by some flippant loafer, but

Why, no, I never heard of any such law," replied Mr. Wilde.
"I'd like to ask you a few more ques tions before getting a license, then," pro-ceeded the aspirant to matrimonial

"If my father marries a second time after I am born and a daughter is born, giving me a half-sister, and my father dies leaving considerable property, do I have any greater rights as an heir than my half-sister, who was born several years after I was."

"Not that anyone ever heard of," re-sponded the Clerk, after several minutes' of careful deliberation.
"If I marry my stepmother, what effect loes it have on my property rights?"

Mr. Wilde peruse! several law books

in vain. "You are now her stepson, and after you marry her you become her husband," suggested the Clerk. "Thus as her secsuggested the Clerk. "Thus as her sec-ond husband you are no longer her step-son. In fact, you thereby become your own father, your half sister's father and your stepmother is your wife. And you, being your own father, your father is no longer your father and inasmuch as you are not his son you cannot well farme to

are not his son, you cannot well figure in the distribution of his estate. Shall I write you a marriage license?" "No, I think not, just at present anyway. I need a little more time to think it over," said the youth who aspired to be his own father, and he vanished in a thoughtful mood from the Courthouse.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT RE-FUSES RAISE IN SALARY.

Says \$250 Monthly Is Enough and Fights Attempt to Include His Office in List of Increases.

Frank T. Dodge, Superintendent of the City Water Department, is the only man, so far as is recorded in history, who ever refused a proffered increase in salary This is the extraordinary, remarkable and unheard-of action, however, which Mr. Dodge took when the Water Board, in handing out generous "raises," at a recent meeting, and he is very likely des-tined to hold this record exclusively through life.

When the members of the Water Board were figuring on increasing the pay of employes in the service, Superintendent Dodge absolutely refused to allow them o give him any more money each month than he is now receiving. He said that he was satisfied now and did not regard him-self entitled to any more; there was no use in trying to persuade him to take any more, and so the members of the Board simply quit. That is the brief and re-markable tale of the first and only known man refusing a larger salary. He will therefore, continue to draw \$250 a month

St. Petersburg.—There has been a serious outbreak of the Asiatic cholera among the staff of St. George Hospital, an institution maintained by the Red Cross.

JEWISH SOCIETIES UNITE

HOLD LINCOLN EXERCISES AT TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL.

D. Solis Cohen and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise Are Among Speakers at Patriotle Service.

The four Jewish congregations of Portland met last night in the Temple Beth Israel, to honor the memory of Lincoln. The L. O. E. B., Council of Jewish Women and the First Hebrew Benevolent Society were also represented. E. E. Coursen, who presided at the organ, opened the service with a brilliant pre-lude, and the programme was most artis-tically set off by the musical numbers. The prophetic minors chanted by the male voices in the rendition of the 24th psalm, responded to by the treble voices, went to form a choral structure of rare beauty. Gounod's "O Divine Redeemer" was sung by Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer in excellent

D. Solls Cohen's address on Lincoln was biographical, eloquent and clear, Although circumstances combined to make Lincoln great, his unassumed love and sincerity toward mankind, was pointed out by the speaker as the founda-tion upon which circumstances only could

unconsciousness of it, the wholes tolls and pastimes that it compelled; the sterling trials of youth that it urged. and the marvelous consummation of manhood that this very poverty helped build, Mr. Cohen took occasion to de-

build, Mr. Cohen took occasion to de-nounce money-worship and called at-tention to the evils of sordid commer-cialism in the forms of the sweat-shop and child labor.

To Dr. Jonah B. Wise, Lincoln appears as the greatest and most luminous among the permanent stars of the past century's history, "Asain in Lincoln lives and "Again in Lincoln lives and

dies anew the Spartan martyr Leonidas," he said. "Another Roland, with the soul of chivalry, dies with Lincoln. Lincoln appears as another Cromwell sans Crom-well's sternness; another Peter the Great sans Peter's cruelty." Dr. Wise concluded with the verse

Sp came the captain with the mighty heart—
And when the step of earthquake shook the Wrenching the rafters from their ancient hold, He held the ridgepole up and spiked again The rafters of the home. He held his Held the long purpose like a growing tree. Held the long purpose like a growing tree. Held on through blame and faltered not at praise.

And when he fell, in whiriwind he went flown.

As when a kingly cedar green with houghs Goes down with a great shout upon the hills.

And leaves a long-some place against the

build the noble character. In holding Central Labor Council in Bartenders ly passed protesting against the decision of Judge Wright in imposing sentence of fine and imprisonment on Mesers. Gompers. Mitchell and Morrison for contempt of court. The resolution declares the judge's action to be unfair, un-American and one calculated to jeopardize the lib-

erties of free institutions.

Preceding the taking of the vote on the resolution various members of the Council expressed their views on the matter. It was the opinion of several that the in-dignity, as it was termed, toward the Union Labor officials would tend to units the elements in the organization more closely than ever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Dr. Horn, the optician, 3d floor Swet-land blog., guarantees satisfaction or money refunded. No fancy prices.

The Secret pf Long Life.

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A French scientist has discovered one secret of long life. His method deals with the blood. But long ago millions of Americans had proved Electric Bitters prolongs life and makes it worth living. It purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, rebuilds wasted here cells, imparts life and tone to the entire system. It's a godsend to weak, sick and dealitiated people, "Kidney trouble had blighted my life for months," writes W. M. Sherman, of Chahing, Me., "but Electric Bitters cured me entirely." Only 50c at all druggists.

To get these meats at Smith's low prices you must be sure to come to a Smith market. Down on Alder street our opponents have placed markets on both sides of us in order to trap you—but pass 'em up, and come to Smith's. Come early in the day and avoid the afternoon crush. 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.

(Be sure to pass up the Beef Trust Markets) 226 ALDER STREET, BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND ALBINA-512 WILLIAMS AVE., AND 791 MISSISSIPPI AVE ASTORIA-TWELFTH ST., Bet. Commercial and Bond, and 253 TAYLOR ST.

At Smith's you can get cuts of the choicest Oregon steer Beef at the following prices. The Beef Trust markets near us are raising the price of | it to you. Beef. Smith has lowered the price. Sirloin Roast Beef, very special, per

Sirloin Steak, very special, per Prime Rib Roast Beef, standing, per pound 10e-121/2e Hamburg Steak, fresh every

VEAL The sweet country dressed Veal you | Our Lamb is Lamb. It is not mutget at Smith's cannot be duplicated. ton nor ram. Never in your lifetime The Beef Trust markets cannot give have you eaten anything to compare

ours is pure, no adulteration of any sort; made with meat, eggs, milk and Oregon Chickens, fresh dressed, per seasoning. PORK

Other Roasts of Beef......Sc-10¢ here from the East dressed. Don't Smith's pure as pure can be Lard

with the genuine Lamb we are offer-

DELICACIES AND OTHER GOOD

THINGS Fancy eating Pork that is brought Oregon Geese, fresh dressed 15c