

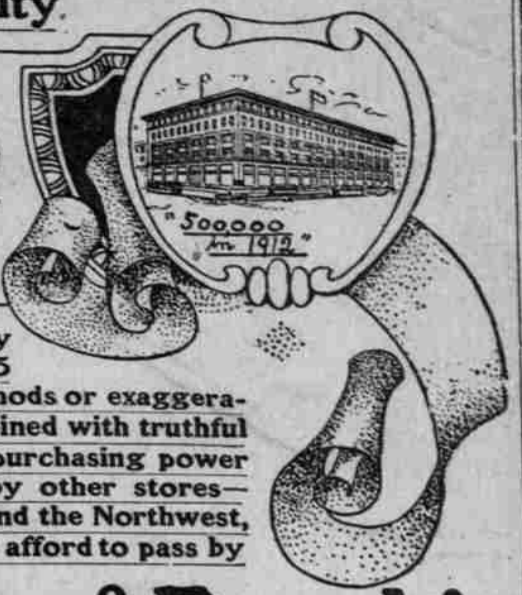
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Thursday-Friday, Red Letter Bargain Days at Meier & Frank's See This Evening's Papers for Tomorrow's 1000th Surprise Sales See Thursday's Papers for Friday's 1000th Friday Surprise Sales

EVANS SAYS WAR WILL COME AGAIN

Believes Japan and Russia Are Preparing for Renewal of Open Hostilities.

AMERICA IS NOT INVOLVED

Admiral Who Will Speak at Armory Tonight Does Not Fear Clash With Oriental Power—Talks of Panama Canal.

This is done, retaliation may be expected from the country affected, which will injure missionaries as well as business men from this country. It would also be a means of preventing a thorough commercial relation between the two countries.

"I do not think that the Panama Canal would be of any use in time of war. One man with a stick of dynamite could put the canal and whatever happened to be in it at the time out of commission. I would not like to attempt to take a fleet



Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, Who Will Speak at Armory Tonight.

That another war is impending between Russia and Japan was the statement of Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, when interviewed yesterday by The Oregonian over the long distance telephone. Admiral Evans was in Seattle yesterday. He will come to Portland today to lecture tonight at the Armory on the historic cruise of the Atlantic fleet from Hampton Roads to San Francisco.

Japan Also Getting Ready.

"Japan is also preparing for the encounter that is certain to come. She is slowly getting money and a navy of sufficient strength to cope with Russia. Russia will also have to rebuild her navy before war can be declared, for no matter how many tracks are laid across Siberia and how many men can be massed on the coast, they cannot ford the sea. The Japanese navy was strengthened by the nine ships captured from Russia in the late war, and even with these additions, there are being built.

through the canal in time of war. Its only use to the country, in my opinion, will be in a commercial way.

"I have not been feeling so well in ten years," said Admiral Evans in response to an inquiry. "If I had felt as well as I do now, I would have gone around the world with the fleet. I am particularly struck with the great Pacific Northwest. Soil, climate, scenery are here, and I am surprised that any one will stay East.

"I have visited the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, and I call it a little jewel in expositions. It will be ready when the gates are opened. No prettier site could have been chosen for the fair, and I predict it will be a great success. As far as location and surroundings go, it could not possibly be surpassed.

Enjoys Tour of Country. "I am greatly enjoying my land cruise. I will have traveled over 12,000 miles on this continent before I get back home again. I have been introduced by nine Governors so far, and everywhere I have met with splendid receptions. I have spoken to crowds at almost every railroad stop.

CHARTER UP TODAY

Council Expected to Submit New Plan to Vote.

BELDING TO LEAD FIGHT

Member Who Defeated Prompt Action Will Endeavor to Keep Voters From Passing on Commission Form of Government.

REHEARSALS IN PRIVATE

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economical administration had. It has much more drastic provisions also for the control of public utility corporations, and includes the recall of public officials, and does away with party politics. In that party titles are eliminated from the ballot under its provisions. In fact, it is revolutionary throughout, and would reduce the number of office-holders greatly, and, by its advocates, is said to enable the Mayor and Council to administer public affairs largely upon the basis of a great corporation.

In addition to the discussion that will occur over the proposed commission plan, other amendments to the present charter will be up for consideration. It is thought, and there will be also the question of printing copies of the commission charter, if the Council votes to submit it. About 5000 copies will be printed for distribution, if it is decided. Women's electors an opportunity to pass upon it, and this will cost about \$500.

When the City Council meets in adjourned session this morning at 9:30 o'clock, the question of submitting to the voters the proposed commission form of charter will come up for discussion, as well as several other proposed amendments to the present charter. A lively meeting is expected, as it is known that there will be some opposition to the proposition of submitting the charter to a vote of the people. There will be a fight, led by Councilman Belding, to keep the Council from adopting a resolution to submit the commission plan to a vote of the people.

Having defeated the plan to submit the proposed commission plan of charter to a vote of the people at the primary election, Mr. Belding and his followers, it is announced, intend to carry the fight still further in an attempt to head off the whole matter, so that the people will not have an opportunity to say whether or not they want the commission form of government. The basis for Mr. Belding's attacks is said by him to be because he believes the provisions of the charter are vicious; that the committee of taxpayers who compiled it inserted numerous "jokers," and that "it is loaded on every hand." He also stated that he intended to present his own plan to the Council, which he said would be a better one than the present one.

So far as known no member of the Council personally favors the commission plan, but all members of the majority feel that it is properly a matter for the voters to determine, and are therefore favorable to the resolution to submit it.

Summary of New Charter.

The commission plan provides for a Mayor and six Councilmen, who shall control all of the business of the city through departments, and who shall have much greater liberty in the exercise of their judgment than is permitted under the present charter, to the end that business may be facilitated, and a more

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no attorney but who will praise the court when it decides in his favor, and none but who will curse when the judge upholds the contention of his adversary. "You can never have a great bench without a great bar," he continued, "for the bench must look largely to the bar for its enlightenment upon legal questions."

Easterners Are Welcomed.

Attorney Hardy said one of the reasons why Easterners come to Oregon to practice law is because they are so cordially greeted. "They say, 'Come on, let's have a drink,'" he continued. "It was only after I had met a few of them that I discovered the meaning of Statement No. 1. And Statement No. 2 is much like it. 'Have another.'"

"I was handed out an adverse decision by Judge Gatens today, in a very important case," said Mr. Heckbert, "with as much ease as that which he just now introduced me, which I thought was surely not in accordance with justice. When we look up here and see \$50,000 in 1912 on the wall, and see what the business men of the city are doing, I think we should arouse to do our duty as occasion offers. A city of that size needs more lawyers. There are lawyers here for whom we are not doing enough."

In behalf of the association Charles J. Schnabel presented Mr. Davis with a handsome silver loving cup, on which is engraved: "Presented to W. M. Davis by the Multnomah Bar Association, 3-30-1909."

In his remarks Mr. Schnabel referred to the fact that Mr. Davis has three times refused to accept payment for his services in behalf of the association in lobbying at Salem. Circuit Judge Gatens, who acted as toastmaster, remarked that there isn't a man in Oregon who should thank 'Pike' Davis more than himself.

Mr. Schnabel also referred to Mr. Davis' efforts in organizing the Multnomah Bar Association three years ago.

Kerr Speaks on "Railroad Lawyer."

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a violin." Jimmy played before the jury, he said, with such telling effect that he was acquitted on the ground that he was moved by emotion at the time he entered the house and took the instrument. Mr. Joseph mentioned Judge Shattuck's name as the greatest old-timer of Multnomah County, and Judge Gatens said he tried his first case before Judge Shattuck.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Berage S. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, will leave tonight for Los Angeles, where he goes for a short rest. He will be away from the city for about ten days.

NEW YORK, March 30.—(Special.)—Northwest visitors registered at leading hotels today are: From Portland—C. T. Whitney, at the Imperial. From Everett, Wash.—P. E. Hall, Jr., at the Grand Union. From Salem—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rogers, at the Empire. From Spokane—St. S. Craddock, at the Longacre. From Seattle—J. W. Williams, at the York; Mrs. E. Hood, at the Herald Square.

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