

Store Closed Two Whole Days to Mark Down Prices—Sale Starts Wednesday Morning at 9 o'Clock

Tomorrow Morning Promptly at 9 o'Clock These Doors Swing Open



Chiffonier, like illustration, royal oak, sale.....\$5.85



Dresser, similar to illustration; serpentine front, bevel plate mirror; royal oak, very pretty \$8.85

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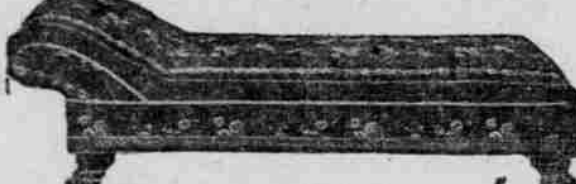
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The first one hundred people who enter this store when doors open Wednesday at 9 A. M. will receive a ticket bearing a number. (You don't need to buy a cent's worth—just walk in and get a ticket.) There will be crowds of eager buyers in line in front of the store—so get up early.

It Will Cost You Nothing to Try—You May Be the Lucky One.



Handsome Bed Davenport, like illustration; solid oak frame, green velvet upholstered; regular \$35.00 value; sale price \$16.75

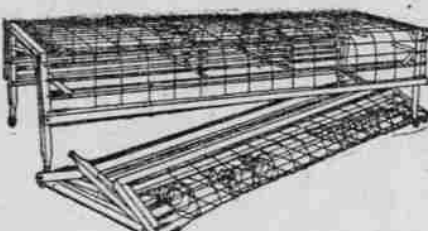


Velour Couch like illustration; roll edge, hardwood frame; \$12.50 value, sale price \$6.75

Morris Chair, solid oak frame, velvet cushions, priced at \$5.85



EVERYTHING GOES AT BIG REDUCTION



Sanitary Couch, like illustration, can be made into bed instantly \$3.35

Mission Rocker like illustration; solid oak, in early English or golden wax finish; genuine Boston leather upholstered.....\$4.40



Chiffonier, like illustration; very handsome, large bevel plate mirror; Royal oak; sale price \$12.25

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Royal Oak Center Table, full 18-inch top; sale price \$6.50



Carpet Sweeper, like illustration; some early if you want one \$1.65

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\$40 Steel Range, Four-Hole, Sale Price \$23.85



Kitchen Treasure, like illustration; table and top; special \$7.85



Buffet, like illustration, solid quartered oak, in golden or early English; formerly \$30. Sale \$18.65

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Schmeer Furniture Company's Stock

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Private Sale No Auction

GOTHAM'S IDEA IS OFFERED AS MODEL

East Side Push Clubs Insist Utilities Bill Shall Fit Portland Alone.

MALARKEY'S PLANS DIFFER

State Senator-elect Favors Wisconsin Law or Amendment to Railway Commission Statute to Cover City Trolley Lines.

Declaring it to be the desire of the committee of East Side Push Clubs to confer the power of a court upon the Public Service Commission, which is to be created by their "exclusively-for-Portland" bill, Chairman Rieselund yesterday announced that the commission should not only have power to make orders for betterments of the service rendered by the public utility corporations, but should be able to enforce them by imposing fines and penalties. The right of appeal to the Circuit Court will be provided for.

The bill which is being framed in the office of Attorney A. R. Clark is rapidly nearing completion, the committee and the attorney holding nightly meetings to discuss its provisions. The committee of East Siders is composed of Ben Rieselund, M. C. Van Tye, W. A. Martin, E. G. Brand, Rev. Father Gregory, Dan Kellisher and J. Woods Smith.

Will of People Heeded.

"We are going to frame a Public Service Commission bill for Portland alone," said Chairman Rieselund, "and we cannot do anything else under the instructions which have been given us. We are a committee from the people of the East Side, and were told to prepare a bill, get out an initiative petition and have it presented to the people as soon as possible. There has never been but one meeting of the people on the matter, and that was where we received our authority. There will never be another meeting until we have discharged our duty and are ready to report."

"We are insisting that the bill shall be absolutely fair to the public utility corporations, and will not be satisfied with anything else. Such a law will be of benefit to the corporations, as well as the people, and can be made a means of bringing the corporations and the people into much closer and more friendly relations. We realize that corporations are a necessity in the commercial world and the lives of the people. Putting on the reverse English, the people are necessary to the corporations, and both have rights. We have tried persuasion, and failed. The people will now cut the melon fairly."

New York Bill Is Model.

"The streetcar companies, electric concerns and other corporations which will be affected must be allowed to earn fair dividends on their investments, but the companies will not be allowed to take money from the people to pay dividends on watered stock."

"Our committee cannot co-operate with Senator Malarkey in framing a statewide Public Service Commission bill. Our instructions are to formulate a bill for Portland alone. Our bill will provide

that the Commission shall sit as a court on complaints, make orders and impose penalties. It will follow very closely the lines of the New York state bill, which created a commission for the City of New York and another for the state outside of the city.

At the headquarters of Senator Malarkey great stacks of printed information is being absorbed concerning the formation of a bill to create a "state-wide" Public Service Commission.

"I have not been consulted by the committee of East Side people who are advocating the Commission for Portland alone," said Senator Malarkey, "but I am giving the entire matter a close study."

Malarkey Wants Wisconsin Law.

"To begin with, there is a demand from other cities in the state for a Public Service Commission to serve their towns. Somebody will introduce a state-wide bill, and I believe the Madisonian delegation will have to vote for it."

"Let it be understood that I approve of the motives and actions of the city people who are advocating the exclusive Portland bill. It is a good move to wait until after the Legislature has acted and see just what the result will be."

"In studying the question I find that Wisconsin has the most effective control over public service corporations of any state in the Union. Wisconsin governs all its corporations through its State Board of Railway Commissioners. In New York there was a special reason for creating a separate commission to govern the City of New York, and which does not appear to prevail here. There was a large amount of public work to be done, such as the underground railroads and tunnels. The state outside the City of New York, governed by one commission, has several cities almost, if not quite, as large as Portland, and they seem to get along all right."

Amendment Is Proposed.

"There may be several ways of securing desirable results in this state. The law creating the State Railway Commission, which has been repeatedly sustained by the courts, might be amended to include street railways. If that were done we would gain several years on the preliminary litigation which is sure to follow any action. By framing a statewide law on the lines of the Wisconsin law, we would also have the advantage of a long line of sustaining decisions."

"I believe that the Oregon Railroad Commissioners can handle the work, and if given a liberal appropriation for hiring experts, clerks and all necessary help, the Commission would produce as good results as an exclusive Portland Commission."

FRIENDS WATCH HUSBAND

Much Mystery Surrounds Disappearance of J. W. Myers.

Mystery surrounding the disappearance of J. W. Myers, a barber of 421 East Thirty-third street, deepened yesterday when Mrs. Myers reported to the detective bureau that, for the third time since her husband's departure last Thursday, she had been called up by telephone by some unknown person who gave her assurance of his well-being.

When Myers left home, he drew \$300 from a bank. The next day, according to the records of the bank, he drew an additional \$500. Friday morning Mrs. Myers received a telephone message saying that Myers had gone to Greenham to look at a tract of land. Later the same day she received a second message to the effect that he had gone to Clatskanie, to take up a homestead.

Yesterday someone telephoned from the Hotel Morrison, that her husband was established on the homestead and wished to have his carpenter tools left in some place where he could get them.

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PETTY CASE TURNS INTO SLAVE PROBE

Story Told by Woman in Municipal Court Involves Several Men.

IMMORAL GIRL IS ALIEN

Proprietor of Cigar Stand Will Be Asked What Part He Played in Her Coming From British Columbia Town.

Through chance admissions made in Municipal Court yesterday morning, a new line of investigation was opened in relation to the white slave traffic, and the facts brought out are now in the hands of Immigration Inspector Barbour for a thorough probing.

Involved in the developments are A. R. Tozer, proprietor of a cigar stand at Seventh and Morrison streets; Roy Turner, a grading contractor living at Fifth and Montgomery streets; Pete Lovelace, a waiter; Myrtle Lovelace, Lovelace's former companion; Herbert Halliwell, son of a Tacoma real estate man, and Ida Bell, a girl 18 years old, who is alleged to have been brought here from Vancouver, B. C. once and possibly twice, for immoral purposes.

The revelation came when Myrtle Lovelace was on the witness stand, testifying in support of her charge against Lovelace that he had used profane language to her. The woman said that she fled with Lovelace from her home in Waterloo, Ont., two years ago, leaving her husband and two children, who now live at Adna, Wash. Last July she left Lovelace and since then he has pursued her with threats and violence, she says, until she was compelled to appeal to the courts for protection.

"White Slave" Aspect Shown.

The case against Lovelace had not progressed far before Deputy City Attorney Sullivan called the attention of the court to the white slave aspect it presented, and further action was postponed until today, while Inspector Barbour was called in, and the witnesses were turned over to him.

While living with Lovelace, over a year ago, the Lovelace woman became acquainted with Ida Bell, then 17 years of age. The girl had been brought here, according to her story, from her home in Westminster, B. C., by Herbert Halliwell, who lived with her and upon her earnings for four months, and then deserted her. They lived at different times at the Willamette Hotel and the Manhattan Hotel, both at Sixth and Stark streets. Thrown upon her own resources, the girl went into a place run by Jimmy Whalen on Clay street. When the reports in that part of the city were closed by the police, she removed to a house on Gilman street, and was again forced to give up her place there. She then took up quarters with Mrs. Lovelace and Lovelace and became acquainted with Tozer, who admits that he spent much money upon her. Last April or May, Tozer took her to Seattle and sent her on from there to her home in Westminster. The girl married Tipton Holley, a clothes-renovator, who soon afterward was

sent to prison for accepting money from fallen women.

Pare Is Sent to Girl.

Ida Bell wrote to Tozer that she wished to return here, and he sent her a railroad ticket and \$2. Displeased at the smallness of the amount, she did not accept the ticket. Then Tozer gave the Lovelace woman \$25 and sent her to bring the Bell girl back to this city. They arrived here on November 17 and went to live at the apartments of Roy Turner, Fifth and Montgomery streets, where the Lovelace woman says she is employed as housekeeper.

The Bell girl acknowledges that she is an alien, and it is shown by a letter from her mother, that the Lovelace woman that she was following a dissolute life in British Columbia. The one needful link to connect Tozer with the case is to show that he caused the girl to be brought here for an immoral purpose. He was questioned upon that point by Inspector Barbour and refused to say that his conduct with the girl had been blameless. Tozer is nearly 60 years old, and has a family of grown children.

Large Sums Spent.

He admitted that he had spent large sums of money on the girl, and that he was paying \$5 a week for her board at the present time, but declared that his purpose had been to lift her from a life of immorality. He will be called before Inspector Barbour again today.

Effort will be made to locate Halliwell, who first brought the Bell girl to this city. Mrs. Lovelace told the inspector that when she first found Ida Bell working in a restaurant, her body was covered with bruises, administered by Halliwell in efforts to force her to get money for him, and that she was miserably clad.

Mrs. Lovelace told the inspector that Lovelace had forced her and Ida Bell to go upon the street to get money for him. An additional charge to that effect was placed against him today.

Pending the thorough probing of the case, the Bell girl is being detained. Her family connections in British Columbia are said to be excellent.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost, bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A sure, convenient, great healer of burns, boils, piles, cuts, sores, Eczema and Sprains. Only 25c at all druggists.

The women of Babylon, on the Congo, wear wedding rings of brass welded around their necks.

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POSTOFFICE LID URGED

MINISTERS ADVOCATE CLOSING OF PLACE SUNDAY.

Committee Named to Wage Campaign—Last Year's Request Unheeded—Gypsy Smith Coming.

Another effort is to be made by ministers of Portland to close the Postoffice Sunday. Steps to this end were taken yesterday at the monthly meeting of the Ministerial Association, when a committee was appointed, with Rev. E. Larson chairman. Last year the association sent the Mayor and Federal authorities copies

of resolutions requesting that steps be taken to close the Postoffice Sundays, but nothing was done. The law is in effect in other cities, say the ministers.

To prepare for the campaign to be conducted by Gypsy Smith, the well-known English evangelist, in Portland next November, Rev. W. E. Reagor, Rev. W. H. Foulkes and Rev. Benjamin Young were named as the committee of arrangements. In a paper on "The Message of the Modern Minister to the Modern City," Rev. Benjamin Young cautioned pastors not to confine their work to their congregations, but work for the betterment of all mankind. He said that people had gone mad over the fight for the dollar and paid too little attention to human betterment.

The speaker told of difficulties experienced by ministers in trying to please everybody.

"If he talks from his pulpit on the topics of the day," he said, "he is branded as a 'sensationalist.' If he criticizes the condition of local government, he is

meddling with politics." In fact, he is often "between the devil and the deep sea."

NEW TRAIN SERVICE On the S. P.

A new fast local train has been put in service between Portland and Eugene by the Southern Pacific Company. This train will leave Portland daily at 6:30 P. M. and arrive in Eugene at 10:30 P. M.—a four hours' run, and will stop only at Oregon City, Woodburn, Salem, Albany and Junction City. Returning, the train will leave Eugene at 6:00 A. M., will stop at all local stations, arriving in Portland at 11:00 A. M. Train No. 14 will leave San Francisco at 9:40 P. M. and will arrive in Portland at 7:40 A. M. No change in No. 16.

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