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Inman-Poulsen Site Thought to Be Taken for Railroad Seeking Terminals.

RUMORS SEEM AUTHENTIC

Portland Railway, Light & Power Company Said to Be Buying for Railway Company—Route to City Is Thought Secured.

Sale of the Inman-Poulsen mill site on the east river front is about to be made to the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway, according to the rumors that have been floating for the past five or six months and which were current from a variety of new angles yesterday.

In some of the recent reports the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company is named as the agent of go-between in the transaction, the latest unauthorized plan being the segregation of the affairs of the Oregon Water Power Company so that its property and that of the Inman-Poulsen concern could be disposed of to the Milwaukee road simultaneously.

"I know nothing of either scheme that has been mentioned," said R. R. Joseph, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, last night. "We have had no negotiations with anyone representing the Milwaukee Railway, that I know of and we don't contemplate the segregation of the business of the Oregon Water Power Company."

"I have heard of the reported sale of the Inman-Poulsen property, but our company does not contemplate the purchase. I believe that those reports are started by ambitious real estate men who want to boom the price of adjoining East Side property."

Site Is Desirable.

The Inman-Poulsen mill site is a most desirable one for railroad terminals and it is considered a matter of only a few years until one of the initial lines in this city secure it as a terminal or depot site.

It is known that a number of roads have endeavored to secure control of it within the past six months. In every transaction the desire of the Milwaukee to enter Portland seemed to be the impelling factor. It is believed that the Milwaukee really is the only road that can use the property to advantage. If any other system tried to get possession of it the action was taken merely to prevent the Milwaukee from taking a similar step, thus keeping that line out of the city.

Affairs have developed so far of late, however, that the transfer of the ground to the Milwaukee is expected at any time. The purchase, it is announced, will be made simultaneous with the acquisition of trackage from Portland to Troutdale.

Milwaukee Surveyors at Work.

The fact that surveyors, known to be in the employ of the Milwaukee system, have been engaged in work along the banks of the Columbia near the point where the rails of the local line will connect with the proposed high level bridge, leads additional reliability to the report that the Puget Sound road is connected with the movements of officials of the local electric line.

With the acquisition of the Inman-Poulsen site and the trackage between Portland and the Columbia the Milwaukee people would have their connection between Portland and the main line of the system, that recently entered the Puget Sound country complete.

The only additional step would be the extension of the Tacoma & Eastern Railroad around Mount St. Helens to the north bank of the river. Bounding the mountain, it is asserted, would not be such a difficult feat as would be the construction of the north approach to the Columbia bridge. Engineers have declared the building of a road over the ground immediately back of the river opposite the Columbia impracticable on account of the high hills. The Milwaukee is said to have prepared estimates showing that it can be done at no greater cost than attended the construction of much other work of the kind in the Northwest.

Bridge Task Is Huge.

The building of the bridge itself will be a task of some magnitude. Yet the river is not so wide at this point as where the new Columbia River double-track bridge was built. It is reported intention to build but a single-track structure.

Agents of the Milwaukee system have been in Portland on numerous secret errands in the past few months. They have concluded to erect their freight and passenger depot on the East Side, they say. The acquisition of the mill property will give them ample room for their business. With the completion of the Hawthorne-avenue bridge the car service to that portion of the city and its availability as a railroad terminal became practicable.

Inasmuch as the Tacoma & Eastern route has been considered so undesirable it is pointed out that other ways are left for the Milwaukee to enter Portland by making use of the trackage of the Oregon Water Power Company and the Inman-Poulsen site.

In this connection joint usage agreements with the Northern Pacific for the double track between Vancouver and Puget Sound and crossing the Columbia River bridge, thence operating into the city over the East Side tracks, has been mentioned.

CAROLINANS WANT APPLES

New York Product Inferior and Oregon Fruit Desired.

Complaining of the quality of the New York apples received in the North Carolina market and desiring of securing some from the Pacific Northwest, the Durham Commission Company, of Durham, N. C., has written to the Portland Chamber of Commerce seeking information as to reasons why North Carolina is not considered a market for Oregon apples.

The writer says that the apples received from New York are of inferior quality and the price paid is \$4.50 to \$4.75 a barrel. Most of the apples are of the Red Baldwin variety. He asserts that the Oregon apple should be placed in the Carolina market, and the price could not be much out of the way of the New York apple. He believes that the Carolinians would readily consume several thousand carloads a year if the right sort of inducements were made.

Jewish Women's Council to Meet.

The Portland Council of Jewish Women will hold the regular monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Concordia Club, corner Sixth and Morrison streets. A programme of which

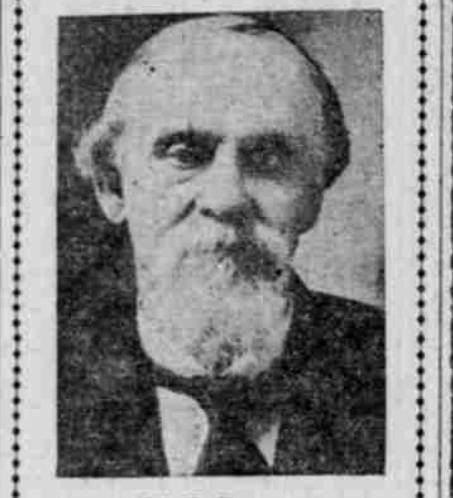
Mrs. M. Baruh has charge will consist of instrumental selections by Miss Eda Trotter, recently returned from Berlin, and vocal numbers by Miss Delia Watson. A farce entitled "Maid to Order" under the direction of Mrs. Lucy Edwards Bruce will also be given with the following cast: Miss Belmont, principal; Miss Miriam Jacobs, Miss Poor, Miss Atkinson, Miss Henrietta Lauer and Miss Olga Friendly, teachers; Miss Ogilthorpe, president of the girls' college; Miss Gertrude Ash, Jenny Bangs, Betty Gray, Miss Helen Coblenz and Miss Mildred Meyer, pupils.

EAST LURES LITTLE GIRLS

Sisters, Aged 15 and 6, Leave Estacada Home; Found Here.

Bound for Chicago, "to see Lillie," two Polish girls, one 15 and the other six years old, were picked up at the Union Station yesterday and are now in the custody of the Y. W. C. A. They were found by the matron at the station.

OREGON PIONEER OF 1852 DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER IN PORTLAND.



W. P. Burns, one of the early pioneers of Oregon, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Laura M. Fuller, 305 East Salmon street, yesterday afternoon at the age of 53. Pneumonia was the cause of death.

He was born in Maine, February 11, 1852. In 1852 he crossed the plains to Oregon on Quincy, Ill., arriving at Oregon City in September of that year. Other members of the party were his brother, Edward P. Burns, and his brother-in-law, E. W. Conyers, of Clatskanie. Mr. Burns was for many years engaged in wagonmaking at Oregon City. In 1852 he was elected Sheriff of Clackamas County, in which capacity he served for three terms. For a number of years he and his wife have made their home with their daughter, where the death occurred.

Besides his widow, Mr. Burns is survived by two children, Charles E. Burns, of Oregon City, and Mrs. Laura M. Fuller of Portland. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

tion, jolting about at midnight, and when questioned, confessed that they had run away from their home near Estacada and were going east on a job. They were the daughters of John Poviak, a farmer.

Stealing law from home in the night, they took \$18 from the family purse, which was all the preparation for their journey into the unknown east.

This provision was squandered upon dolls, candy and moving picture shows. Then they went to the station, where their aimless wanderings invited the attention of the matron. The father was notified, and he arrived yesterday and took the younger girl. The elder one refused to return home, and her father left her with Miss Chandler, who will find a home for her in the city.

FALLS CITY HAS BAD FIRE

Conflagration of Probable Incendiary Origin Damages.

FALLS CITY, Or., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—A fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, broke out here at 2 o'clock this morning and destroyed a rooming-house, a restaurant and a pool hall, on Main street, and for a time menaced a large portion of the city. One man, Ira Marling, was injured by falling walls during the fire, but his injuries will not prove fatal.

The fire started back of the Edgar restaurant and had gained great headway before it was discovered.

Mr. Edgar carried only \$200 insurance and the property was worth \$200. The property of Mrs. Jennie Grant adjoining the saloon was also destroyed and it is thought there was no insurance on the dwelling or contents.

The drug store of M. L. Thompson was badly damaged by the fire, as well as the glass store fronts across the street. Total damage of fire about \$500, partially insured. This is the second heavy fire in Falls City in one year. February 21, 1909, the department store of Walter L. Toose was burned, entailing a loss of about \$10,000 above the insurance.

Pasco Women Register.

PASCO, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The registration of women for the coming special election to be held February 27 on the question of the city purchasing water rights for irrigation of streets through the residence section.

All Credit Purchases Made Today Go on Your February Account, Payable March the First

Boys, Final Entries in Our Annual Aviation Contest Close Tonight—First Prize \$50.00

Framed Pictures 1/2 Price

PRE-Inventory Cleanup of a special lot Sample Framed Pictures—some slightly marred from handling—including wide range of popular subjects. **Special at 1/2 Price**



All Pyrography 1/2 Price

FIFTH FLOOR, MAIN BUILDING. CHAIRS, Plaques, Tabourettes, Boxes, Steins—everything desirable for burning; also all burnt pieces reduced for the Pre-Inventory to 1/2 Price

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"Sell 1000 Suits in Four Days"

The Chief Wired, and We Will if These Extraordinary Prices Can Do It.

Second Floor, Main Building. Order by Mail.

NEARLY three weeks ago our Ready-to-Wear Store chief left for the East on his Spring buying trip. A day or so ago he wired to find out how many Women's Suits we had left. We answered him and the message came back, "Sell 1000 Suits before Inventory, no matter how low you make the prices."

And so we've cut nearly every Tailored Suit in stock to about half regular price! Styles which differ little if any from the new Suits shown for Spring. Scores of beautiful styles and models in every wanted color and fabric.

- Fine Serges Broadcloths, Cheviots, Tweeds, Homespun, Barathea Cloths, Men's Wear Weaves and among the finer Suits handsome Silk Velvets and Silk Corduroys. Black, blues, grays, browns, greens, lavender and every other wanted shade. All sizes in each lot from the 14 misses' to 42 women's. Just glance at the five phenomenally low prices below—come today.
- All \$15 to \$25 Tailored Suits at \$ 8.95
- All \$28 to \$40 Tailored Suits at \$15.00
- All \$35 to \$38 Tailored Suits at \$19.45
- All \$40 to \$50 Tailored Suits at \$23.85
- All \$55 to \$60 Tailored Suits at \$32.45

Big-Inventory Cleanup of Books

FIRST FLOOR, MAIN BUILDING. JUST INSIDE ALDER ST. ENTRANCE.

FOUR big bargain tables filled with Books of every kind for Pre-Inventory selling today! Popular fiction, poetry and prose by all the popular Old World and American Authors. Divided into 4 lots, prices 10c, 15c, 33c and 50c. All odds and ends of calendars are reduced.

The De Luxe Book Sale—We are still selling these elegant de luxe subscription books at about one-third the intended prices. It's the book-lover's chance of a lifetime. If desired, our credit office will arrange easy payments.

First Showing of Valentines—Our first showings of new Valentines are now ready on the fifth floor. Hundreds of dainty, new concepts of every imaginable sort, ranging in price from 5c to \$5. You should not fail to see them.

Women's \$3 to \$4 Shoes at \$1.69

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IT'S been a long time since we've offered a more extraordinary Shoe value! Around 1200 pairs of Women's \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 Shoes—complete lines, of course—but in the lot nearly every wanted style, leather and size. For the big Pre-Inventory Cleanup \$1.69

Men's to \$5.00 Shoes at \$2.79—Men's high-grade \$3.50 to \$5.00 Shoes in patent, gummetal, velour calf and vic kid leathers. Button and blucher lace styles for dress and street wear. Pre-inventory sale \$2.79

Women's to \$4.00 Slippers, \$2.35—Hurrying out of all broken lines in women's \$3.50 and \$4 Evening and House Slippers. Patent leather and gummetal in ankle-strap, three-strap and pump styles; special, pr. \$2.35

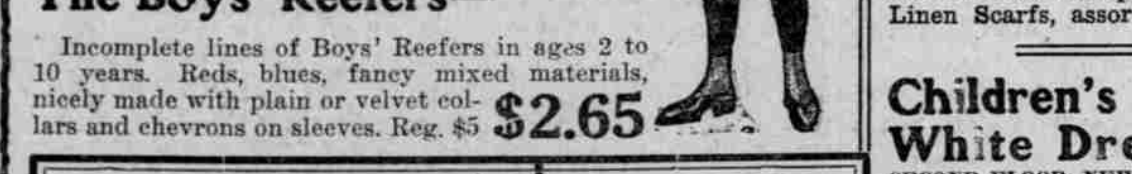
\$5 Suits and Reefers \$2.65

THIRD FLOOR, NEW BUILDING. ORDER BY MAIL.

SURELY not a thrifty parent will miss this phenomenal Pre-Inventory Sale bargain today in Boys' Clothing! Absolutely best \$5 Suits and Reefers \$2.65

The Boys' Suits—Include all our celebrated Indestructible and Two-Pant Knickerbocker Suits which sold at \$5. Strictly wool fabrics in dark and fancy mixtures, grays, tans, browns, Snappy mannish styles, in all sizes, 7 to 16 years. \$2.65

The Boys' Reefers—Incomplete lines of Boys' Reefers in ages 2 to 10 years. Reds, blues, fancy mixed materials, nicely made with plain or velvet collars and chevrons on sleeves. Reg. \$5 \$2.65



Look Men! \$20 to \$30 Top Coats Reduced to

\$9.98

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THINK of buying a good, stylish Top Coat at half—yes, a third regular price! That's what you can do here today.

All our Men's 36-inch Top Coats, including fine all-wool Tan Coverts, fancy gray and black unfinished Worsteds and black Thibets. Every coat is hand-tailored and lined with silk and serge. Just the Coats you'll want for early Spring wear. Positive \$20 to \$30 Coats for our great Pre-Inventory Sale price \$9.98

SEE OUR GREAT WINDOW DISPLAY ON SIXTH ST.



Join the Free Classes in Needlework and Knitting

THIRD FLOOR, MAIN BUILDING.

WE only ask that you buy the materials here to join these free classes in Art Needlework and Knitting. Classes are held daily 2:30 to 5 o'clock. Our stock of all necessary materials is complete.

TO \$7.50 FANCY GOODS FOR \$2.98

Pre-Inventory Clean-Up on pretty hand-embroidered Linen Center Pieces and Sofa Pillows. The latter are in oval and oblong shapes—many handsome designs. Regular \$5.00 \$2.98 to \$7.50 grades. Special, this sale \$2.98

New Royal Society Packages, 25c to \$1.50 Bright Red 8-fold Germantown Yarn, skein, 20c 50c and 65c Stamped and hemstitched Austrian Linen Scarfs, assorted designs, selling for 39c

Children's \$2.00 to \$2.50 White Dresses for \$1.39

SECOND FLOOR, NEW BUILDING. ORDER BY MAIL.

PRE-INVENTORY Clean-Up price on the daintiest of Children's White Dresses—little frocks of the finest sheer lawn, nainsook and madras, charmingly trimmed in tiny tucks and dainty lace edges and insertions.

Made long-waisted or Mother-Hubbard styles, in sizes from 6 months to 3 years. Best \$2 to \$2.50 grades. Pre-Inven. \$1.39

Children's Sleeping Garments, warm, close-knit and comfortable. Fitted with feet, white only. Ages 1 to 8 years. Reg. 75c grades 25c

Children's Drawers, made of good quality muslin, cambric, nainsook, neatly trimmed. Best 60c, 65c and 75c grades. Special 49c

Women's Petticoats, made of cambric and lawn, with wide flounce, prettily trimmed. All have separate underlays. Sell regularly \$1.79 for \$2.50. Special Pre-Inventory at \$1.79



Clean-Up of Corsets

GOOD, staple models and sizes, including many of the best known Corsets. Medium and low bust models, with long hips. Made of good quality batiste and coutil, with hose supporters attached. Sizes 25 to 36 in first lot, 18 to 50 in the second lot. \$3.50 Corsets today \$1.29 \$5 to \$6 Corsets for \$2.29

Women's Out'g Flannel Gowns

Outing Flannel Gowns plain white and striped

- All \$1.75 Outing Flannel Gowns only \$1.19
- All \$2.00 Outing Flannel Gowns only \$1.39
- All \$2.50 Outing Flannel Gowns only \$1.79

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All other laundry soaps contain from 20 to 40% rosin. Rosin is unkind to clothes. There is no rosin in Sunny Monday Soap—that's why it's white. It will wash woollens and flannels without shrinking, and colored goods without fading. It works in any kind of water—hot, cold, hard or soft—and contains a marvelous dirt-starter, which saves fully half the time consumed by rubbing.

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