

Sale of \$4.00 Nemo Corsets at \$2.00—Entire Stock Furs Reduced—Sale of Christmas Silverware, Andirons, Fire Sets, Etc. Parisian Ivory Toilet Sets, Brushes, Mirrors, Combs, Etc., Sale of Velvet Handbags at Half the Regular Prices—Main Floor

Red Cross Seals on 1st Fl. Put Them on Your Xmas Packages

This will be your most generous gift to suffering humanity. The booth will be in charge of Miss Anita Burns. Stamps will be sold in the morning by Miss Muecke, in the afternoon by Misses Sallie Hart and Clementine Lambert.

Xmas Candies Large assortment of fancy boxes to be filled to your order with our splendid O. W. K. Candies. They are made fresh daily. Try them.

Olds, Wortman & King The Big Economy Store

Holiday Sale of Women's Apparel

A Clean Sweep In the Millinery Store All Knox Hats Are Reduced 1/3

Suits, Coats, Waists, Dresses, Furs, Sweaters, Petticoats, Etc.

- Entire Stock Ready-to-Wear Apparel at Reduced Prices \$40.00 Suits for \$19.95 \$4.00 Sweaters for \$2.79 \$27.50 Suits Only \$12.95 \$5.00 Waists Only \$2.19 \$25.00 Coats Only \$11.95 \$6.50 Waists Only \$3.98 \$35.00 Coats for \$14.95 \$10.00 Petticoats \$4.49 \$38.50 Coats for \$21.95 \$38.50 Dresses for \$13.95

All Trimmed Hats, Except Knox, 1/2 Price Entire Stock of Fancy Feathers at 1/2 Price Our Entire Stock Ostrich Plumes at 1/4 Off Our Entire Stock Paradise Goods at 1/4 Off All Novelty Dress Hat Shapes at 1/2 Price

An unparalleled sale worthy of the careful investigation of every thrifty woman in Portland. No matter what your requirements in headgear might be we can supply them at great savings to you. Practically everything in the Millinery Store is on sale at reduced prices this week.

Do Your Xmas Shopping Early

Shop early in the month, early in the week, early in the day. That will be your greatest gift to the workers behind the counters and on the delivery wagons. Now is a good time to begin. Select while the stocks are full. Take advantage.

Merchandise Bonds on Sale We sell merchandise bonds for any amount for Christmas gifts. Parties having accounts in this store may have the bonds charged, same as merchandise. Ask about them.

The Great Silk Hose Event 'Oynx'-Silk Hose-'Oynx'

For Women \$1.50 Silk Hose \$1.00 For Men \$1.75, \$2.25 Sox \$1.35

Women's Silk Hose in the plain blacks and all wanted colors; a very superior quality, with double tops, "wide" tops and lisle garter tops with lisle and all-silk feet; reinforced at heel, sole and toes; \$1.25 to \$1.50 grades, special price, pair \$1

\$2.00 Silk Hose \$1.35 An exceptional lot of women's black and colored Silk Hose in the heavy, medium and gauge weights, some with lisle soles; outsize in black for stout people; also black with self-clocks. Some have double tops, high spliced heels and all-silk toes. "Double" soles and wide tops; \$1.75 and \$2.00 values, a pair \$1.35

Embroidered Silk Hose \$1.50 Grade \$1.10 \$1.75 Grade \$1.35 An exceptional showing of beautiful gift Hose, machine embroidered; black, white, pink and sky shades, all self-embroidered; the most extraordinary values at \$1.50 the pair; specialized \$1.10 for this sale at only, the pair \$1.10

\$3.00 Embroidered Silk Hose \$1.95 Here's the hose for women who want "quality." It's an extraordinary offering of hand-embroidered Silk Hose in original, rich and elaborate designs in self and contrasting colors; good values at \$2.00 to \$3 a pair, special price \$1.95

\$5 Embroidered Silk Hose \$2.85 Women who study economy will select from this line of Silk Hose. A superb selection of artistic hand-embroidered designs; black ground. Regular \$3.75 to \$5.00 grades, specialized during this sale at the low price of, a pair \$2.85

For Men \$1.75, \$2.25 Sox \$1.35

An attractive and most acceptable Christmas gift for a man would be a pair or a box of these beautiful socks, black or plain colors, self or colored clocking; our best regular \$1.35 \$1.75 to \$2.25 values, special, only \$1.35

Silk Sox \$1.00 An extra special quality of men's plain black and colored Half Hose that will outwear one's expectations. Buy all you want of them \$1 during this special sale at, the pair, only \$1

Silk Hose 50c Extra fine quality of pure thread Silk Hose, full fashioned, with lisle soles; in black and colors; special, 6 pairs for \$2.50

Silk Sox 50c An extraordinary showing of men's Half Hose in black and all the leading colors, suitable for Christmas gifts. Priced exceedingly low 50c during this sale—special, the pair, only \$1

Silk Hose 25c 2000 pairs of men's pure thread Silk Hose in black, tan, gray, heliotrope and Burgundy; \$1.35 for six pairs, or, the pair \$25c

McCallum Silk Hose \$1 A superior quality of black and all the leading colors, with lisle thread soles, \$1.00

35c Cretonnes 23c 35c Scrims 22c

A remarkable offering of beautiful decorative Cretonnes in a splendid variety of neat and attractive designs in floral and conventional effects. New, artistic colorings; 35c grades, 23c offered special during this sale at only 23c

Lace Curtains \$6 Grades \$3.15 White Irish Point Lace Curtains, made of the best quality net, with rich floral borders and plain net centers; 45 inches wide, 3 yards long; regular \$8 grades, for \$3.15

\$3.50 Portieres \$1.75 A sample line of single art crash Portieres with artistic stenciled borders, in green, blue, crimson and tan, suitable for single door drapes or couch covers. Our best \$3.50 values, special \$1.75 during this sale at only, each \$1.75

Bargain Circle 10,000 Men's Silk Ties at 25c

On the bargain circle, between the elevators, a sale of 10,000 men's new Silk Ties, all pleasing patterns, in the open-end and reversible shapes, plain, Barathas or fancy figured silk ties in all the leading plain shades and hobbie knit effects; fancy batwings and graduated club ties, also a handsome new line of silk shield bows in medium and dark colors. The best 25c of all Christmas ties. Your choice for \$25c

Christmas Offerings of Solid Mahogany Sewing Tables

- Patterns include Martha Washington, Sheraton and Post Colonial. All perfect types, reduced for this sale as follows: \$20.00 Mahogany Sewing Tables now priced at only \$15.50 \$21.00 Mahogany Sewing Tables now priced at only \$16.00 \$28.00 Mahogany Sewing Tables bargained at only \$22.00 \$32.50 Mahogany Sewing Tables bargained at only \$26.00 \$40.00 Mahogany Sewing Tables selling now at only \$32.50 \$42.00 Mahogany Sewing Tables during this sale at \$34.50

Great Sale Bedding

- \$4.50 Blankets, Pair \$3.45 \$7.00 Blankets, Pair \$4.95 Good White Wool Blankets with pink or blue borders, extra large sizes. \$9.00 Blankets \$5.95 \$10.00 Blankets \$6.95 Very fine quality White Wool Blankets with slight mill defects, but wearing quality is perfect. Prepare for the Winter now at great savings. \$2.50 Comforts \$1.95 \$2.75 Comforts \$2.25 \$3.00 Comforts \$2.35 \$3.50 Comforts \$2.95 Downline Comforts, covered with best quality silkoline—yarn tied; light and fluffy and warm. Take advantage of the great savings offered.

BROADWAY BRIDGE BIDS IN TANGLE

R. A. Wakefield Complains That Tenders Are Handled by Unfair Method.

REJECTION MAY BE ASKED

Plaint Is That Offers Are Made on Unit Basis Instead of Lump Sum as Specified—Pennsylvania Firm Is Lowest.

Completions set in yesterday on the tabulations of bids for the Broadway bridge which may terminate in some of the contractors demanding readjustment for bids on a lump-sum basis. They also may seek rejection of all the bids which have been submitted on a unit basis, including the bids of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, which are on all the types of bascule provided in the specifications, and which average \$11,000 lower than the bids of their competitors. Robert A. Wakefield appeared before the bridge committee of the Executive Board yesterday and declared that the specifications called for lump-sum bids and that the bids are being handled on the unit basis. He said the method is unfair.

The only thing which, it is thought, will stand in the way of the contractors' demands being pressed is that the Pennsylvania company's bids are much lower than all the other bids, and probably would remain lower than the others if new bids were submitted. Mr. Wakefield declared that all the other contractors are willing that the Pennsylvania company be awarded the contract at the price of its bid, as they considered the price extremely low.

estimated weights of the bridge, as contained in the bids of all the contractors, were averaged and established as the probable weight of the bridge. The unit on the basis of each contractor's bid was established on this average weight. It is said the average weight established is but a trifling over the weight as announced by Engineer Modjeski as the weight which would be necessary. The average established was 14,955,000 pounds.

The bid of the Pennsylvania company showed a unit price much lower than the other companies that bid on parts of the bridge.

On the weights, as estimated, the tabulated tenders of the various bidders are as follows:

On Strauss design of bascule—Pennsylvania Steel Company, \$744,159.25; Robert A. Wakefield, \$792,702.80; Sound Construction & Engineering Company, \$847,223.25; United States Steel Products Company, \$891,692.

On Rail bascule design—Pennsylvania Steel Company, \$92,777.15; Robert A. Wakefield, \$744,048.50; United States Steel Products Company, \$752,215.78.

On Strauss Modified design—Pennsylvania Steel Company, \$705,621.25; Robert A. Wakefield, \$754,122.80; United States Steel Products Company, \$758,144.90.

On Sherris bascule design—Pennsylvania Steel Company, \$700,446.25. There is a great deal of contention among the holders of patents on the various types of bascule bridges as to which type will be accepted. Representatives of three types are in the city and have presented the advantages of their plans to the bridge committee. These will be forwarded to Engineer Modjeski, who will check the various types and recommend the adoption of one. At least two of the types submitted are said to fall below specifications.

Rivalry among the competitors is said to be particularly keen because of the size of the Broadway bridge. It will be the largest bascule bridge of this particular kind in the world, says City Engineer Hurlbut.

Union labor will oppose letting of the contract to the Pennsylvania company. It is declared, because that company is fighting for the "open shop." Officers of the local union of Structural Bridge and Ironworkers declare that the low bid on the Broadway work is made by the Pennsylvania company for the express purpose of obtaining the contract and making an attack against union labor in Oregon. Secretary Conley, of the Ironworkers, says the Pennsylvania concern will import a large force of men to build the bridge and will use no local union labor.

Laurie Island, in Scotts Bay, is the southernmost inhabited in the world.

LUMBER TRUST SEEN

Alex Polson, of Hoquiam, Says Retailers Have Combine.

SHIP LAWS ALSO BLAMED

Big Grays Harbor Timber Owner Declares Manufacturers Are at Mercy of Monopoly—Surplus Deemed Menace.

A strong combination of retailers in the Middle West is one of the conditions that affect seriously the lumber industry in Oregon and Washington, said Alex Polson, of Hoquiam, Wash., yesterday. Another influence toward low prices is due to the obsolete navigation laws of this country, he said.

Mr. Polson is one of the largest loggers and timber owners on Grays Harbor and is also an extensive lumber manufacturer. He is interested in the Lumbermen's National Bank, of Portland.

"Manufacturers in this territory are at the mercy of this combination of retailers, of which Edward Hines, of Chicago, is at the head," said Mr. Polson. "As far as that part of our product which is shipped into that territory is concerned, we must reckon with this trust of retailers. The situation cannot be remedied until our manufacturers associate themselves and sell their own lumber."

changed before that time. Almost the entire American merchant marine has been driven from the high seas. Why not drive it so as to bring our ships back? Why give all our cheap lumber to foreigners instead of to our own people? It is time for lumber manufacturers and timber owners to get busy.

Surplus Weights Prices. "With free ships we would be enabled to ship our low-grade lumber, on which railroad freight rates are prohibitive to the East. Since the common lumber is two-thirds of the log and this lumber is kept out of the Eastern market now by high freight rates, it can readily be seen what an advantage this would be."

"As far as local conditions are concerned, prices are held down by the enormous surplus of logs on the Columbia River. On Puget Sound they are working from hand to mouth, as you might say. The supply just keeps up with the consumption, and there is no surplus. On Grays Harbor there is a small surplus, but it is not large enough to affect prices. On Willapa Harbor the mills are cutting their own logs and a shortage prevails. There are no independent loggers on Willapa Harbor."

The Columbia River surplus at present is between 250,000,000 and 275,000,000 feet. Puget Sound manufacturers are afraid to raise prices in the face of this condition, because they feel that with their large supply of logs the Columbia River mills would be able to control the market by price-cutting. "However, I look for improvement in prices in the Spring. This local surplus will be wiped out by that time, because the logging camps are closing down on account of the large supply of logs and also on account of snow in the mountains. Freight rates are growing higher, and this also will cause a stiffening in prices. It is hard to get ships to handle the California and off-shore business."

E. C. Griggs, of the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company, who is in the city in attendance upon the annual meeting of the Northwest Forest Fire Association, is of the opinion that the lumber industry in the Northwest will have much stronger within the next few months. Lower stocks of retailers and widening of the market are among reasons for the prospective stiffening of the market.

SLY HUNTERS "EXPOSED"

Patrolman Sloan Says Detectives Didn't Really Shoot Game. After posing for more than a year as the champion hunters of the Police Department, Captain of Detectives Baty and former Patrolman Gruber, are exposed. The fraudulent laurels they have worn for a cycle of the seasons have slipped away when Patrolman Sloan returned from the scene of their alleged exploits. Sloan, after the manner of hunters, had promised every one of his ac-

quaintances a goose when he returned and among them Acting Chief Slover. "I haven't seen that goose yet, Sloan," said the acting Chief.

"Honest, Chief, I didn't get a one." "You're a fine hunter; why, when Baty and Gruber were up at Arlington last year, they got over 70."

"They never killed a bird," said Sloan, solemnly. Then he went on to relate the story he heard in Arlington. He said that Baty and Gruber lay in the blinds and banged away for hours, till Gruber exhausted his ammunition and his patience. Then he sneaked away up town, where he bought a bird and exhibited it to Baty as his spoil. The detective chief, not to be outdone, slipped away and bought two. Gruber met the rise and went his superior two better.

"And I'll be hanged," said Sloan, "if they didn't keep it up that way till they bought every goose for sale in Arlington."

Captain Baty says the story is a slander. Gruber has gone to the Tillamook country.

The kind with the natural flavor of the tomato—"keeps" after it is opened

Blue Label Ketchup

Contains only those ingredients Recognized and Endorsed by the U. S. Government Remsen Scientific Expert Referee Board National Association State Food and Dairy Commissioners Made from red-ripe tomatoes—fresh from the field—combined with pure spices, prepared in cleanly kitchens.

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