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THE MEIER & FRANK COMPANY, ESTABLISHED 1857.

WEATHER FORECAST—FAIR TODAY.

THE MEIER & FRANK CO., 5th, 6th, Morrison and Alder Sts.

Stupendous Purchase "Gotham" Shirts and Underwear!

11,500 New, Perfect Garments Bought to Sell Below Ordinary Wholesale Cost When Gotham Manufacturing Co. Reorganizes! Entire Lots on Sale Today--- See Morrison St. Window Display



In but a few years the "Gotham" line has become nationally famous. The celebrated Gotham trademark and motto, "The Shirts and Underwear of a Gentleman," is known and accepted by men from New York to Portland, as the hallmark of style, quality and comfort.

Outside of New York City, we are the largest distributors of Gotham Shirts and Underwear in America!

The wonderful growth of the Gotham Manufacturing Company demanded an enlargement of the firm on January 1, and during the

course of reorganization our Men's Furnishing Goods buyer arrived in New York. The present made-up stock of Gotham Shirts and Underwear was to be cleared out. We secured 6200 fresh, crisp new Gotham Shirts and 5300 garments of Gotham Athletic Underwear to sell at less than ordinary wholesale cost.

The entire purchase goes on sale today, at the height of timeliness for men who will want new apparel for Easter. On sale in Men's Store—Morrison-Street Entrance.



6200 Gotham \$1.50- \$2 Shirts, Today 95c | 5300 Gotham to \$2.50 Shirts and Drawers, 65c

95^c

Thirty-nine cases of these famous "Gotham" Shirts have been unpacked since the purchase arrived Saturday! Every fabric, style and color included.

White box and knife plaited Shirts. Plain white, tan and fancy Oxford Outing Shirts with soft French cuffs. Short stiff-bosom Shirts. Negligee and Golf Shirts with plaited or plain fronts.

Every possible pattern and coloring. Madrases, penangs. Russian cords and fine imported shirtings in smart black-and-white pin stripes, pencil stripes, neat, small figures of every kind. Every one full cut and perfectly finished. Cuffs attached and detached. All sizes, from the 13¹/₂ for boys, to men's 18. Every Shirt bears the Gotham label. Finest \$1.50 and \$2 grades today, 95c.

95^c 65^c

Gotham is the original athletic-style Underwear! And in this great purchase are the identical grades and fabrics listed in "The Gotham Book" at \$1, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50. Think of it!—65c.

Fine, plain mercerized cloths, soisettes, satin-striped soisettes, silk-and-linen weaves, in white, blue, tan, pink and helio. The Shirts are coat style and sleeveless. The Drawers all made with double seats and patent adjustable waistband.

Shirts in all sizes, 30 to 46; Drawers in sizes 28 to 42. Every garment bears the famous "Gotham" label. Secure your Summer supply of this cool, sanitary Gotham Underwear today. Not a garment in the lot worth under \$1.50. Mostly \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50 grades. Choose early, as the supply can't last long at 65c a garment.

65^c

Ah-- It Comes!

Nearer and nearer--yonder's the smoke. Ere many days there'll come from across the ocean--from over the lands afar--will come to the people of Portland and the great Northwest a message of interest to you. Watch this space again tomorrow.

EST. 1857

MEIER & FRANK STORE

TELEPHONES—PACIFIC, PRIVATE EXCHANGE 4; HOME, A 6101

Boys' \$1, \$1.25 Shirts 69c

SPLENDID, soft Negligee Shirts for Boys. They're the regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 grades, military collar style, in neat stripes of blue, tan, etc. We've 25 doz for this sale **69c**

Boys' \$2.00 Scratch Hats; an assortment of about 25 doz. en, in nobby telescope shapes of all colors. Special today **\$1.65**

—Third Floor, New Building.

TWENTY FOUNTAINS PRESENTED TO CITY

Gift of S. Benson, Millionaire Timber Operator, Pleases Portland Water Board.

TOTAL COST IS \$10,000

Drinking Places, of "Bubbling" Type, to Be Placed Down Town. Donor Anxious to Keep Men Out of Saloons.

Twenty beautiful bronze fountains, of the "bubbling" type, latest design, have been donated to the city by S. Benson, millionaire timber operator, known all over the country, and who has large holdings in Portland. Their total cost is \$10,000.

His munificent gift was announced by Frank T. Dodge, superintendent of the Water Department, at a meeting of the Water Board yesterday afternoon. Mr. Dodge has known Mr. Benson for many years, and is much elated over the donation.

Mayor Rushlight and members of the Board were delighted and, without hesitation, voted to accept the water for the fountains, which are to be installed in the business districts at the discretion of the City Engineer.

Gift Pleases Water Board. "I think this act on the part of Mr. Benson is one of the most notable and thoughtful," said the Mayor, after Mr. Dodge had explained the situation and had exhibited some designs that had been prepared by the manufacturers. "I think the Board should furnish the water for the fountains. We need more actions of this kind."

"It is an act which makes me happy," said Theodore B. Wilcox, one of the members of the Board. "Thank God, there is some one who wants to give away something to the city that will make others happier. I move that we authorize the furnishing of the necessary water gratis, and that this Board thank Mr. Benson for his donation."

J. C. Answorth, W. B. Mackay and F. W. Finn, the other members of the Board, expressed great pleasure, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Benson Explains Act. "Mr. Benson," said Superintendent Dodge, "has said that in making the city a gift of these fountains, he has so often noted the fact that thousands of men are tempted to go into saloons for a drink, when, were it possible for them to get Bull Run water from a public fountain on the sidewalk, they would gladly do so. His desire to help the general public and to assist in providing an ample water supply in the more congested districts, led to his de-

termination to install at his own expense 20 beautiful fountains. The fountains will be scattered throughout the streets of the business district, at points to be selected by City Engineer Hurlbut. They are of bronze and cost about \$500 at the factory. Freight and installation will bring the cost per fountain up to \$500, making a total expenditure of \$10,000 by Mr. Benson.

JUNKET TRAIN PROVIDED Southern Pacific to Offer Special Service to Corvallis.

J. M. Scott, of the Southern Pacific Company, announced yesterday that the company would put on the road for the business men's excursion to Corvallis April 25-27, a special train of six coaches, including four sleepers, an observation and baggage car, capable of accommodating more than 100 persons. No dinner will be arranged, since banquets, luncheons and other entertainments of that kind are being prepared for the excursionists in McMinnville, Sheridan, Dallas and Corvallis, where they are to be guests.

This excursion of business men to look over the Oregon Agricultural College and study its actual working, is the first step in a campaign to awaken interest throughout Oregon in the extension work of the college, and to secure support for a movement for adequate appropriation for increasing the number of demonstration farms and state agricultural experts in all parts of Oregon.

Sheriff to Collect Taxes. GOLDENDALE, Wash., April 1—(Special).—The County Treasurer has turned over the roll of delinquent personal property taxes to Sheriff Warner for collection. The amount delinquent is \$5000.31. Killekitt has nearly 100 miles of river front on the Columbia and the Sheriff will start on a collecting tour immediately.

NEW ROAD PLANNED

Mount Hood Cars May Find Way to Heart of City.

OFFICIALS VIEW PROPERTY

Connection Between Existing Lines of Companies Recently Merged Considered Next Step—Third-Rail Plan Also Discussed.

Connection between the existing lines of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company and those of the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company, which concerns recently were consolidated by the former company is the object of a party of officials who inspected the Mount Hood property yesterday.

Members of the party were F. D. Hunt, traffic manager; C. J. Franklin, general superintendent; Thomas Pumphrey, chief of maintenance of way, and E. R. Emsberger, general manager of the railway department of the Mount Hood road. They traveled over the new Mount Hood line from Montavilla to Bull Run, and not only inspected the railway, but looked over the terminal property at Bull Run and the new power house, which will be ready for operation within ten days.

Although nothing definite relative to future construction work has been determined, it is probable that among other improvements soon to be made will be the construction of a road between Russellville and the Hawthorne-avenue line.

This would afford an outlet for the Mount Hood cars over a standard-gauge track into the heart of the city and would, at the same time, open for development a territory that rapidly is being populated.

People between the present terminus of the Hawthorne line and Russellville have been hoping for rail facilities for several years and before the Mount Hood road was merged with the Portland company a movement was on foot to provide a right of way through this territory so that the Mount Hood cars could have entrance to the business district over the Hawthorne-avenue tracks. About three miles of track work will be necessary to provide this connection.

Third Rail May Be Added. It is proposed, also, to lay a third rail on the Mount Hood road between Montavilla and Russellville, thus allowing the Montavilla cars to serve the Russellville district in that manner. Both these plans now are being considered.

In the event the road between Hawthorne avenue and Russellville is built, it is not likely that the cars from Bull Run will be brought into Portland over Hawthorne avenue. It is more probable that they will operate over the Casadero line via Ruby and Gresham, as the running time over that route would be reduced fully 20 minutes.

The proposed Russellville extension is purely for the purpose of providing local service and to afford an alternative route between Portland and Mount Hood in cases of emergency. Electrification of the entire Mount Hood system will be completed before the end of the present month. The dam at the head of the Sandy River is finished and the reservoir covering 400 acres is filled with water. The penstocks, which provide a drop of 350 feet from the reservoir to the power house, are finished and the machinery in the big generating plant is virtually in place. Power will be turned into the wires before the end of the week. The overhead wiring will be rushed to completion, and the new passenger cars, which were designed for electric, as well as steam service, will be transformed into electric motor cars as soon as the situation demands.

The office of the Mount Hood Company, at present in the Lewis building, soon will be consolidated with that of the older company in the Electric building. S. G. McMeen, president of the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company, probably will return to Chicago, where he has successfully engaged as an electrical engineer.

STATE AID FAVORED

Linn County Farmers Draft Good Roads Bill.

FUND TO BE PROVIDED

Construction of All New Highways Will Be Carried on Under Supervision of Competent State and County Officials.

An annual state tax of 1 mill for the creation of a state-aid fund, supervision of all road construction by the County Court of the respective counties, and annual district road elections for voting a district road tax and expending the voters' choice for Road Supervisors, are the essential provisions of a good roads bill proposed by Sweet Home Grange, No. 381, of Sweet Home, Linn County. Drafts of the bill have been forwarded to the various subordinate Granges in the state for indorsement.

The plan is to submit the measure under the initiative in the November election. The proposed bill first provides that an annual tax of 1 mill on the dollar upon all taxable property in the state shall be levied annually for the construction and maintenance of highways within the state. The tax is to be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected, and the proceeds therefrom shall become what is known as a state-aid fund which shall be paid out on warrants drawn by the Secretary of State against the State Treasurer, under the supervision and direction of the County Courts.

Fund to Be Apportioned. The fund so created is to be apportioned among the counties of the state on the following basis: One-third in proportion to the assessed valuation of the counties and two-thirds in proportion to the number of miles of public roads in each county. Supervision of the location, construction and maintenance of all roads constructed with state-aid money is vested with the County Court, which is authorized to employ a competent expert road engineer at not more than \$5 a day, which shall be paid out of the county's share of the state-aid fund. A Board of County Road Viewers is created, consisting of the County Surveyor and two members of the County Court.

The bill also makes provision for the construction of roads in each county independent of the state-aid fund by the levying of a special road district tax. It provides that an annual election shall be held in each road district on the second Monday in December, for the purpose of voting a district road tax and expending the voters' choice for Road Supervisors. The funds raised by this tax can be expended only in the district in which they are collected.

County Court Given Authority. In case any district or districts in such election fail to vote a special road tax, the members of the County Court are given authority to make such a levy as in their judgment is needed, if it is apparent there will not be sufficient funds available from the state-aid fund to keep all the roads in such district or districts safe and passable. The money raised by the voluntary act on the part of the voters in any road district or by compulsory order of the County Court is to be expended solely under the direction of the members of the County Court.

The bill expressly gives to the County Courts full control of the expenditure of all funds for road construction, whether raised by direct state tax or a levy made by separate road districts, and at the same time gives to the voters an expression of their choice which will amount to a recommendation to the County Court as to the appointment of Road Supervisors.

County Delegation Chosen. CENTRALIA, Wash., April 1.—At a caucus held in the Sixth Ward in Centralia, 19 delegates were elected to the Republican county convention to be held at Chehalis on May 13. The choice for Presidential candidate was not mentioned at the caucus. The delegates elected were H. H. Tilley, James Calighers, J. H. Stout, George Sturgis, Armand Mills, C. D. Spencer, T. M. Rowan, Mrs. C. C. Cassidy, Mrs. Sam H. Mills and John T. Jones.

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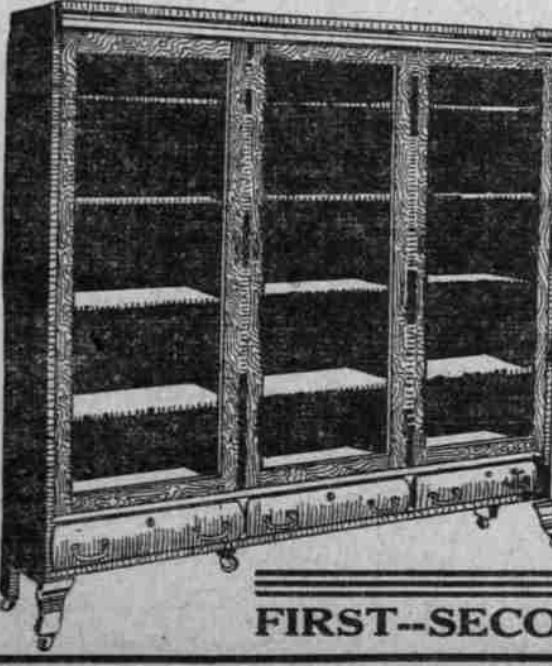
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BRONZE "BUBBLING" FOUNTAIN—S. BENSON, MILLIONAIRE TIMBER OPERATOR.

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When it comes to selling out a big business like ours, it hurts to have to include in the sale such articles as these. When we purchased this lot of bookcases, we expected to be able to sell them for something like a satisfactory price, so far as legitimate retail profit was concerned. Such is not the case, however, and this case goes with the other goods at a wonderfully reduced price. This is a polished golden oak case, made by the Oriole Factory. It has three compartments, with adjustable shelves. At the bottom are three drawers. The whole piece is 5 feet long, 5 feet high and 12 inches deep. It is a bookcase that could not, ordinarily, be placed in your home for less than \$55.00; but, owing to the fact that we are going out of business, we offer it now for.....

\$34.35

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