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Welcome the Jolly Crowds!
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Regular \$25.00 Raincoats	Half-Price \$12.50
Regular \$30.00 Raincoats	Half-Price \$15.00

Regular \$20.00 Suits	Half-Price \$10.00
Regular \$25.00 Suits	Half-Price \$12.50
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Regular \$35.00 Suits	Half-Price \$17.50
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\$10.00 Misses' Coats	\$ 6.85
\$12.50 Misses' Coats	\$ 8.35
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\$18.00 Misses' Coats	\$12.35
\$20.00 Misses' Coats	\$13.85
\$22.50 Misses' Coats	\$14.85
\$25.00 Misses' Coats	\$16.35
\$30.00 Misses' Coats	\$19.85
\$37.50 Misses' Coats	\$24.85

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\$15.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats	\$11.85
\$20.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats	\$14.85
\$25.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats	\$18.75
\$30.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats	\$22.50
\$35.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats	\$26.50
\$40.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats	\$29.85

Boys' Suits and Overcoats Reduced

\$ 5.00 Suits and Overcoats	\$ 3.95
\$ 6.00 Suits and Overcoats	\$ 4.85
\$ 6.50 Suits and Overcoats	\$ 5.10
\$ 8.50 Suits and Overcoats	\$ 6.95
\$10.00 Suits and Overcoats	\$ 7.85
\$12.50 Suits and Overcoats	\$ 9.85
\$15.00 Suits and Overcoats	\$12.35
\$20.00 Suits and Overcoats	\$14.85

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All Men's Hosiery Reduced
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All Pajamas Reduced
All Men's Trousers Reduced

BEN SELLING

Leading Clothier

Morrison at Fourth

SNOW HOLDS TRAINS

Great Northern Reports Line
Into Seattle Blocked.

PORTLAND ROUTE CLEARED

Transcontinental Roads Expect to
Have Schedules Reorganized by
This Morning—Renewed Gale
Hits Puget Sound Coast.

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—Three Great Northern passenger trains are reported snowbound in the Cascade Mountains. At Great Northern headquarters, where it previously had been reported that the mountain division was clear, it was admitted that all wire connection with the scene of the trouble was cut off and that no definite reports of conditions had been received.

The Great Northern officials said they expected the trains in Seattle about midnight, but had no reports on the movements of the trains. The three trains out are the fast mail from St. Paul, due here at 9 o'clock this morning; the Oriental Limited, from Chicago, due at 8:15 tonight, and the Burlington-Kansas City Express, due at 11:20 tonight. All Great Northern wires are down between Nipon, 15 miles west of Cascade tunnel and Leavenworth, 33 miles east of the summit.

Portland Line Clear.
The Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound, which has been routing its transcontinental trains over the mountain division of the Northern Pacific, announced that the night Chicago train would go out over the Milwaukee tracks.

At Milwaukee headquarters it was said wire trouble prevented the receipt of complete reports from the mountains, but General Superintendent Hart said they expected to get the train through over their own tracks without serious delay.

The Northern Pacific reported their Portland and Grays Harbor line clear, after a tie-up by washouts. Trouble was experienced on the line between Seattle and the international border, but it was said this was due to prostration of telegraph wires by high winds which interfered with the handling of train orders and made train movements uncertain.

The Great Northern reported its overland trains arriving two to four hours late. A slide near Marysville on the Seattle-Vancouver line interfered with international traffic.

New Storm Hits Coast.
The coast line would be cleared early tonight, it was said, and trains from Vancouver, which had been held all day, would arrive before midnight.

A severe wind storm, which struck the coast early today, interfered greatly with telegraph and telephone communications and many points were cut off entirely. The wind reached a maximum velocity of 48 miles an hour at Seattle and at Tatoosh Island, at the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, reached a maximum velocity of 72 miles an hour.

GOLD HILL MAN GRATEFUL

Grant Harrison Still Wonders How
Dynamite Sticks "Got There."

GOLD HILL, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.) Grant Harrison, of this city, is thanking providence for the lucky termination of an attempt to wreck his barn by dynamiting. Sunday morning, while choring around the premises, Harrison noticed a coil of fuse, such as is used in blasting operations, protruding from a dust heap beneath the corner of his barn. Presumably the coil had been scratched out by his chickens. Investigating the coil he discovered that it had been ignited and completely burned and further search discovered seven sticks of dynamite, carefully packed down and covered by sack. Apparently the fuse had set off the cap, which was not to be found, but for some unknown reason the powder had failed to respond. As several heavy frosts have been experienced of late it is thought that the sticks were frozen at the time of the attempt, in which condition it is not infrequently difficult to cause an explosion. Directly above the plant are the stails of Harrison's team, and had the apparent plan not miscarried, these undoubtedly would have met death in the complete demolition of the barn. The structure is but a few steps removed from the dwelling houses, which would also have been endangered by the terrific blast. The discovery was reported to the authorities, and an attempt will be made to trace the dynamite to its point of sale by the datings which are upon each stick. Harrison has no opinion as to the identity of the perpetrator, stating that no enmity exists to his knowledge that would prompt so cowardly an attempt at reprisal.

Union Council to Change.

UNION, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The old Council of the City of Union will go out Saturday evening and the new one take charge. The officials for the new year will be Robert Withcombe, Mayor; William Vogel, J. H. Hutchinson, Nels Schoonover, C. J. Forsstrom, William Wigglesworth and John L. Jacobs, Councilmen; Osburn Richins, G. A. Casper, Marshal; John Ferguson, Street Commissioner. The City of Union, under the outgoing Council, has paid nearly all of its floating debt, and warrants are at par for the first time in many years. The city during the past two years has built much cement walk, made vast improvements in the city water system, graded streets, and authorized many other improvements to the general betterment of the city. For the next year, further improvement in the water system is scheduled, more cement walks anticipated, better streets in contemplation and many other improvements under consideration. The city during the present year has also authorized a levy for the support of the new library, the building for which was furnished by Andrew Carnegie. The general outlook for the city is the best in years.

Road Complete to Columbia.

County Court Superintendent Chapman yesterday reported to the County Court the completion to the Columbia County line of the St. Helens road. The distance is 19 miles from the Courthouse. Construction of the road has proceeded on and off for five years and it represents an investment of \$100,000. There are 15 miles of macadam and two miles of Warrentite.

TWO ARE INDICTED

Veterinarian Accused of Murder of Dr. Helen Knabe.

WOMEN PRESSING CASE

Developments Result of Reward Offered Privately After Police Had Declared Victim Had Taken Own Life.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 31.—Dr. William B. Craig and A. M. Ragsdale, undertaker, were indicted today by the grand jury in connection with the investigation of the murder of Dr. Helen Knabe on October 23, 1911. Craig, who is president of a veterinary college, was indicted as a principal, and Ragsdale as an accessory after the fact. Craig has been previously mentioned, but Ragsdale, who was an administrator of the Knabe estate, did not enter the case until a short time ago, when he was ordered to produce a silk kimono, which, it was known, Dr. Knabe had been in the habit of wearing when answering professional calls at her door late at night. A chemical examination showed it had been stained with human blood and washed with chemicals. It is declared by detectives that Dr. Knabe and Dr. Craig had a violent quarrel on the Sunday preceding the murder of the woman on Tuesday. The indices in the outcome of the work of several women of Indianapolis, who raised \$2500 as a reward for the conviction of the murderer. This action was taken after the police had declared Dr. Knabe met death by her own hand.

EXTENSIVE CHANGES DUE

If Appropriation Is Approved Secretary Olcott Has Plans.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Should the appropriation for the completion of the new Capitol building and remodeling the old building go through, Secretary Olcott is planning on some extensive changes in the location of state offices during the coming year. About \$50,000 will be needed to remodel the old Capitol building. On completion of the additional building the Supreme Court, Attorney-General and probably the state printing plant, as well as the State Library, will be moved to the new building. This will leave a large amount of empty space in the old building. It is the tentative plan, should the appropriation be secured, to cut the present state library room into small rooms for legislative committees. If a central heating plant is secured, the present engine room and rooms of the State Land Board will be given to the State Treasurer, and the State Land Board will move to the second floor, where the Treasurer is now located. The office of Secretary of State will be removed to the room now occupied

YOUTHS GO TO PRISON

VANCOUVER HIGHWAYMEN SENTENCED FIVE TO TEN YEARS.

Lad of 20 and "Pal" 22 Arrested 40 Minutes After Robbing Scott Swetland of 13 Cents.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—For robbing Scott Swetland, manager of the local branch of the J. K. Armby Packing Company's plant of one dime, three pennies and a trade check valued at five cents, in addition to a purse and penknife, James Brennan, alias James Lane, 22 years old, and Joseph Cameron, 20 years old, were sentenced not less than five and not more than 10 years in the state penitentiary. The sentence was passed by Judge Donald McMaster, of the Superior Court of Clark County, after both had pleaded guilty to robbery.

The young robbers held up Mr. Swetland as he was returning from his office one day last week, and while he was yet in the city hall talking with Wynn Gasaway, night sergeant of police concerning the robbery, Patrolman McCurdy appeared at the jail with the men and they were at once identified by Mr. Swetland. This was just 40

Happy New Year



On this, the first day of the new year, we wish to express our appreciation to the public, for their patronage during the past year and of what we value even more, their confidence and cordial good-will. We realize that the public's interests and our interests are mutual and that whatever helps one helps the other.

In extending our thanks to the public for their patronage during the past year we pledge ourselves that during the coming year we will use our most earnest efforts to merit the continuation of the pleasant relations which have existed during the past year.

Accept our sincere wishes that the New Year may bring you happiness and prosperity.

Southern Pacific Company

CATS WORRY HOOD RIVER

"Woods Are Full of Them" and War Is Declared by Citizens.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—"Tom cats are a menace here," says D. A. Turner, a pioneer citizen, on East State street. "The woods are full of them and dozens of them may be found in the tall growth of reeds that rear themselves luxuriantly on the banks of the Hood River gorge and

along Indian Creek." Mr. Turner has declared war on the felines, which, he says, are destroying the chickens of his neighborhood and are even making nightly raids on outside refrigerators and cupboards. Thinking that his chickens were secure, the windows and doors of the henhouse having been fastened, he went to feed the fowls one morning and found nine of them killed and a big cat asleep in one corner of the building. The brute had entered from the roof, where a shingle had been blown off. However, its exit was impossible, its stomach having grown several sizes from the chicken feast. The many cats are driving away the silver gray squirrels that live in the oaks here.

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