

OREGON BUSINESS CONDITIONS GOOD

Trade Operations Sustained. Says Latest Report of R. G. Dun & Co.

PROSPECTS ARE FAVORABLE

Building Activities, Bank Clearings and Postal Receipts All Show an Increase and Lumber Business Is Better.

The sixth semi-annual trade review of business conditions in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, just issued by the Portland office of R. G. Dun & Co., shows that trade operations were well sustained in the second half of 1913, while the prospects for 1914 are favorable.

In describing the situation, the report says that exchanges of property and merchandise have not been made so readily on former terms, but the moderate growth of the postal savings bank does not indicate that the public generally has refrained from using the deposit facilities previously existing.

Activity to Be Renewed. Present indications are that confidence is being re-established, and that already a renewal of activity has set in throughout the country.

The prospects for 1914 in the Pacific Northwest are shown to be favorable by the tenor of reports received from correspondents representative of the entire territory.

The grain and forage crops of the three states show an increase in total value over that of 1912 in the face of a reduced yield of wheat.

Women's \$4 Neckwear at \$1.39. Taken from our regular stock, pieces consisting of Flannel Lace Collars and Waist Sets.

Women's \$1.50 Neckwear, 33c. Assortment in large and varied. Comprises Medici Frills, Jabots, Vestees, in lace and embroidery.

Women's 50c Neckwear, 10c. Lot consists of Dutch Collars, Tailored Stocks, Fancy Lace Stocks, Gumpes and Jabots.

Women's \$1.59 Gowns, Special, \$1.29. Empire and square-neck style Gowns, very effectively trimmed.

Women's New \$2.50 and \$3 Gowns, \$1.98. A new departure in Gowns. Made Empire style, entire upper part of Gown, yoke, sleeves, made of 3-inch linen lace with Swiss embroidery insertion.

Women's Princess Combinations, \$1.98. The yoke is formed of Swiss medallions and Val. insertion, the trimming of the drawers dainty Val. insertion to match.

Made of nainsook and cambric, in high or low-neck style. Swiss embroidery and lace trimmed. Specially priced for White Sale at only \$1.22.

DR. LOVELAND IS PRAISED. Bishop Lauds Pastor Called to First Methodist Church.

Dr. Frank L. Loveland, who will come from the First Methodist Church at Topeka, Kan., to be pastor of the First Methodist Church in this city, exchanging pulpits with Dr. Benjamin Young, is said to be an exceptionally able preacher and church worker.

Bishop Cooke said last night that Dr. Loveland was known as a successful man, and that he had an excellent church at Topeka, with a congregation of more than 2000 and an immense Bible class.

"He is an able preacher and social worker," said the bishop, "and will be a great accession to the Methodist Church in Portland."

Knight coal has no equal. Albina Fuel Co., 401 1/2 East 122. C 1117, 4-67.

Delightful 50c Luncheon Served From 11 to 2:30---Music by Fischer Trio---7th Floor Restaurant

"Acorn" Stoves and Ranges—Sold in Portland by Meier & Frank only. "Acorn" signifies perfection. Fourth Floor, Main Building.

"Indestructo" Trunks—The only Trunks that carry their own insurance. Guaranteed for 5 years against loss or damage. New Basement Annex.

J. & T. Cousin's Shoes for Women—Popular from coast to coast. We're exclusive Portland agents. Third Floor, New Building.

Good Morning! Weather forecast for today, fair; year ago today was cloudy, with a maximum temperature of 41, minimum 34 degrees.

Silk Maid Hose. The Hose that quality made famous. This Hose is always satisfactory. First Floor, Main Building.

Let Us Repair Your Furs. We employ experts only to do this work, so satisfaction is assured. Located on Fifth Floor, Main Bldg.

1/2 Price--Remnants Today at Meier & Frank's

Remnants of Black and White Checks, 1 to 5-yd. lengths, 1-2 Price. Remnants of Cloakings, 1 to 5-yd. lengths, offered at 1-2 Price. Remnants of Wool Cloakings, 1 to 5-yard lengths, at 1-2 Price. Remnants of Black Goods, 1 to 5 yards long, at just 1-2 Price. Remnants of Wool Challies, 1 to 5-yard lengths, for 1-2 Price. Remnants of White Wool Goods, 1 to 5 yards long, 1-2 Price. Remnants of Silk and Wool Poplins, 1 to 5-yd. lengths, at 1-2 Price. Remnants all Plain and Fancy Dress Goods, 1 to 5 yds., at 1-2 Price.

Original Prices Range From 50c Up to \$5.00 the Yard. Remnants of Wash Goods, Gingham, Poplins, Dimities, Voiles and Ratines 1/2 Price Today. (STORE OPENS AT 9 A. M. CLOSSES AT 6 P. M. INCLUDING SATURDAY)

All Charge Purchases Made Today and Balance of the Month, Go on Your February Account, Payable March 2d

1000 Pairs of Women's Gloves, 18c Pr. Regular Prices 35c to 75c

Under no circumstances can you afford to pass up such a timely offer. See what this excellent line consists of: Cashmere fabrics, neatly lined with silk; all-wool Gloves; short and long wrists. Come in black, white, red and navy. Right now, when you can use such Gloves advantageously, you can secure them without paying 35c, 50c and 75c, as customary. Pay just 18c.

Women's \$4 Neckwear at \$1.39

Taken from our regular stock, pieces consisting of Flannel Lace Collars and Waist Sets. Made up in all the late and popular styles. Regularly \$4.00. Pre-Inventory price, \$1.39

Women's \$1.50 Neckwear, 33c. Assortment in large and varied. Comprises Medici Frills, Jabots, Vestees, in lace and embroidery effects: Dutch Collars, Bows and Fancy Stocks. Some slightly soiled. Priced to effect quick rid-33c dance at only.

Women's 50c Neckwear, 10c. Lot consists of Dutch Collars, Tailored Stocks, Fancy Lace Stocks, Gumpes and Jabots, in a good variety of styles. Pre-Inventory price, each, \$1.00

Great Three-Day Pre-Inventory Sale of Underwear

For Men, Women and Boys



50c, 65c and 75c Undergarments, 25c—Women's Cotton and Fleece-lined Vests and Worst Knitted Vests, in high-neck style with long or short sleeves—also a few Cotton Union Suits in broken lots and sizes, are included for this great sale.

"Harvard Mills" Undergarments—Women's separate Undergarments, of good quality—Pants, ankle length, and Vests in high-neck and long-sleeve style.

75c Undergarments, in outsizes, 59c. 50c Undergarments, regular sizes 43c. \$1.25 to \$2 Undergarments, 79c—In this lot you'll find Women's Separate Undergarments in Silk and Wool or Silk and Cotton—of famous Harvard Mills brand. Vests have high neck and long or short sleeves—Pants are ankle length. \$1.25 to \$2 Garments—for this three-day sale, 79c.

\$1.25 Union Suits, 95c—Women's Union Suits of the famous "Harvard Mills" make. They're of medium-weight Cotton, in high-neck, long-sleeve and ankle-length style. Regular sizes. Ordinarily \$1.25—for three-day sale, 95c.

\$2 "Richelieu" Union Suits, \$1.29—Women's good, warm Union Suits of Wool and Cotton. In high neck, long sleeve and ankle-length style—or low neck and sleeveless, in ankle length. Regular sizes. \$2 Union suits priced for three-day Pre-Inventory Sale, \$1.29.

A Price-Cutting Event of Importance! Garments 1/2 Price & Less

Men's \$2.50 Wool Union Suits—ribbed style, in natural gray, reduced to, suit, \$1.69

Men's \$1 Cotton Fleece Union Suits—in gray and ecru colors, Pre-Inventory price, suit, 79c

Wright's \$3.50 All-Wool Union Suits—in a heavy weight, radically reduced to, the suit, \$2.98

\$2.25 Norfolk and New Brunswick Cashmere Shirts and Drawers—in tan color only, reduced to, the garment, \$1.49

Lewis' \$5.00 Silk and Wool Shirts and Drawers—in blue and flesh colors, just 1/2 price, garment, \$2.50

Cooper's \$1.50 Large Size Wool Drawers—ribbed style, sizes 46, 48 and 50—in blue and pink—garment, 59c

Boys' \$1.25 Wool Union Suits—ribbed style, size 6 to 16 years, reduced to, the suit, 89c

Boys' Cotton Fleece-Lined Union Suits—in ecru and gray, sizes 6 to 14 years, special, the suit, 43c



Two Corset Specials for Today Only At 79c

An assortment of odd sizes, all shapely, rust-proof Corsets, some made of good grade coutil, others of splendid quality batiste. Many have the graduated clasp. Every size, though not all sizes in each style.

At \$1.29

High-grade Corsets, odd sizes. All made on models conforming strictly to the requirements of the new-style gowns. Many have elastic gussets inserted at the bottom, insuring comfort to the wearer when seated. An exceptional opportunity to procure a splendid Corset at a decidedly deep reduction in price. Good range of sizes.

Important! Annual Sale "Hurt" Goods Begins Today!

On the First Floor, Main Building. Silverware, Cut Glass, Hammered Brass, Coffee Machines, Candelsticks, Brass Trays, Novelties, Smoking Sets, Cutlery, Copper Goods, Umbrella Stands, Nickel Goods.

THOUSANDS of articles—that accumulated during the Holiday rush and January Clearance Sale—slightly marred or "hurt" from handling or display, enter our Annual "Hurt" Goods Sale today at radically reduced prices.

In the Big Basement Store. Dinnerware, Tinware, Fancy China, Vases, Graniteware, Nickelware, Glassware, Aluminumware, Woodenware, Portables, Jardinieres.



New Undermuslins

A delayed shipment of Undermuslins—intended for the opening week of the January White Sale—has just reached us and is now included for the last week of this important event, making it possible for those who have "put off" purchasing to do so at great economy.

Women's \$1.59 Gowns, Special, \$1.29. Empire and square-neck style Gowns, very effectively trimmed. Linen lace and Val. sewn together forms yoke and sleeves, bottom of short yoke, sleeves and neck finished with embroidery beading daintily ribbon run. One illustrated. For White Sale reduced from \$1.59 \$1.29

Women's New \$2.50 and \$3 Gowns, \$1.98. A new departure in Gowns. Made Empire style, entire upper part of Gown, yoke, sleeves, made of 3-inch linen lace with Swiss embroidery insertion. 2-inch ribbon under linen lace and effective bow finishes this lovely Gown that's reduced to only \$1.98

Women's Princess Combinations, \$1.98. The yoke is formed of Swiss medallions and Val. insertion, the trimming of the drawers dainty Val. insertion to match. Made of splendid sheer material. Specially priced for the White Sale at \$1.98

Made of nainsook and cambric, in high or low-neck style. Swiss embroidery and lace trimmed. Specially priced for White Sale at only \$1.22

Select the Valentine. For "Him" or "Her" At Meier & Frank's. Post Card Valentines, great assortment at, each 1c. Novelty Valentines, Prop. art or tissue, 1c to \$3.00. Illustrated Gift Books for Valentines, Graduation Books—leather gift editions. Chap Records. "Glad I Have Met." School Day Records. Commencement Cards. —Bookstore, Basement Annex.

Wash Fabrics Reduced. 50c Ratine—40 inches wide, in a variety of plain colors. Reduced for outclearing to, the yard, 25c. 75c Silk and Cotton Fancies—36 inches wide, in an assortment of good dark color to, the yard, 50c

Exquisite Ribbons, 25c Formerly 50c, 65c Yard. Come in early this morning and mingle—and enthrall—with the throngs of eager shoppers! This offering particularly will make choosing hum. Lot includes Dresdens, richly patterned brocades, black and white stripes and dainty taffeta effects in black, white, sky blue, pink, Alice blue, cardinal and King's blue, that can be made up in popular and charming hairbows, sashes, girdles and for hat trimmings.

200 Coats in Big "Clean-Up"

\$16.50 to \$22 Coats at \$10. \$25 to \$35 Coats at \$14.65

—and they're all smart, modish Coats, in up-to-the-minute styles—two as illustrated. Many Portland women have been waiting for just this opportunity to select an ultra-fashionable Coat, right at the height of the Winter season, at a "clean-up" price.

There's a selection of Boucle, Wool Plush, Tweed, Broadcloth, Chinchilla and other popular materials, in Navy, Black, Rose, Brick, Brown and a large assortment of checks and mixtures. You may choose from lined and unlined Coats, in three-quarter and full-length styles.

Grouped in two lots for this Pre-Inventory Clean-Up Sale. Coats usually selling from \$16.50 to \$22—now \$10. Coats originally from \$25 to \$35—now \$14.65.

Popular Plaid Skirts, \$4.95. We've just received a special lot of Plaid Skirts—now so much in vogue—and for quality, workmanship and fashion they're unsurpassed at the special price of \$4.95.

Sale Women's Mannish Shirtwaists. Women's \$3.00 to \$3.50 Linen Waists, \$1.68

All linen, made in shirt or shirtwaist style, with either soft or stiff collars and cuffs. Also at this reduction is an assortment of Lingerie Waists, with high necks, long sleeves, German Val. lace trimmed. Nicely made, with hemstitched seams—some slightly soiled. Regular price of these Waists \$3-\$3.50—sale price \$1.68



GROCERIES AT LOWEST PRICES!

- THREE CANS VIRGINIA SWEET POTATOES, 25c. These are Sweet Potatoes of excellent quality, put up in No. 3 cans, which are well filled. Special for Thursday, dozen cans, 97c; three cans for only 25c. Holland Herring—New Milchers, keg, 98c. Cottage Hams—Sugar-cured, pound, 19 1/2c. New Codfish—Boneless pieces, No. 2 brick, 22c. Royal Banquet Butter—Best grade, roll, 67c. Heinz' Jelly—Several kinds, glass, 15c. Loose Raisins—Good size, four pounds, 25c. 38c Cabinet Coffee—Two pounds, 65c; pound, 35c. 50c Japan Tea—Basket fired, pound, 35c. New Walnuts—Special, pound, 17 1/2c. Iowa Corn—Latest pack, dozen cans, \$1.00; can, 9c.

Meier & Frank Co. 1887 1914 THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND Fifth, Sixth, Morrison, Alder Sts.

\$1.00 Neckwear, 25c

1000 pieces of Women's Neckwear, in all the prevailing and popular effects of the season. This is indeed a noteworthy Pre-Inventory event for alert women. Many fancy frills, charming satin collars, with stunning jabots attached; cascades, jabots, rabats and vestee effects; coat collars of Medici, Platen; some daintily trimmed in lace. Most of pieces soiled from handling, but what of that at such a price? Piece, 25c

25c-75c Ribbons, 15c

A Pre-Inventory "wind-up" of all Ribbon Remnants—a splendid opportunity for the woman who has various needs for trimmings, etc. Lot includes fancy stripes, rich brocades, plain taffetas, fast and exquisite moire designs, soft velvet effects, striking designs in checks, warp prints and Dresden designs. In 1 and 1 1/2-yard lengths. A choice of any piece for only 15c.