

IN PREPARATION, HOUSEHOLD AND FOOD SHOW, BEGINNING MONDAY, FEB. 28—SIXTH FLOOR

### AUDITORIUM AWARD MADE OVER PROTEST

#### Council Lets Contract to Hans Pederson and He'll Do Work, Even at Loss.

#### OTHER PLEAS IGNORED, TOO

#### Chamber and Builders' Exchange Representatives Appear in Behalf of Contractor—Former Low Bid Not Successful.

Hans Pederson, Seattle contractor, protested against receiving the contract for building the public Auditorium yesterday, but his protest was of no avail. The City Council by unanimous vote passed an emergency ordinance, awarding him the contract in accordance with his bid, which was the lowest submitted for the work.

Mr. Pederson appeared before the Council and declared that several mistakes had been made by his engineer in preparing the bid and that he could not take the work at the figure quoted without losing money.

He said he personally was not responsible for the mistakes and he considered it an injustice for the Council to force it onto him. He asked the Council to return to him the \$20,000 certified check he furnished to guarantee good faith.

**Protest Is Voted by Attorney.**  
Harrison Allen, attorney representing Mr. Pederson, declared that it would be an injustice to force a contractor to take a contract when it was a foregone conclusion that he would lose money. He said that if the contract was forced onto Mr. Pederson he would "be a good sport and perform the contract and suffer the loss of the contract as a murmur." But he does not want the contract, he said.

"I'm very sorry," said Commissioner Baker, "but I cannot either recommend or favor the return to you of your certified check. When we advertised for bids, we specified just what we wanted, and if you bid certainly should be required to stand behind your contract in all fairness to other contractors. I would not be the author of a precedent such as the return of this check would be."

**Low Bid on Former Contract Lost.**  
"I have found some very unusual conditions locally," said Mr. Pederson. "I was the low bidder some time ago for paving on the Interstate bridge and I wanted the contract, but didn't get it. Now I am low bidder for the Auditorium and I do not want the contract and it is being forced onto me. Everybody within the hearing of my voice knows I will lose money on this contract."

Otto Heintz, representing the manufacturers' bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, announced that the bureau favors the return of Mr. Pederson's check and the award of the contract to the next lowest bidder, Roy Johnson, Arnold Company. O. G. Hughson, of the Builders' Exchange, made the same recommendation in behalf of his organization as did also David M. Dunne, of the Manufacturers' Association.

**Requests Bear No Weight.**  
But these requests apparently had no weight on the Council. Commissioner Baker moved to give the contract to Mr. Pederson, but his motion met unanimous approval. An ordinance was passed, putting the award into legal form, effective at once.  
The contract amounting to \$23,262. This includes \$17,400 for the general contract and \$5862 in extras provided for in alternate specifications.  
The contract for installation of the plumbing in the building was awarded to Rushlight & Haas, who submitted the lowest bid in the sum of \$27,877. The issue of \$45,000 in 4 per cent 30-year Auditorium bonds was awarded to Morris Bros., who submitted the highest bid for the bonds. The bid was 98.44 cents of the dollar.  
After the Council meeting, Mr. Pederson conferred with his attorney, Harrison Allen, and others. Last night he left for Seattle, intending to return to Portland today.  
"Mr. Pederson has not fully decided yet what to do," said Mr. Allen last night. "It will be several days before the contract is ready for signing, and he will take that time to think the proposition over. Of one thing he is sure, and that is he will not forfeit his \$20,000 certified check."

#### FIGHT VICTIM SENTENCED

##### Man Who Can't Walk for 30 Days Will Pass Ten of Them in Jail.

Byron Dean, who was taken to the Emergency hospital two weeks ago, suffering from a broken ankle and a score of bruises, was in Municipal Court yesterday on the charge of vagrancy. Dean hobbled back to the lodging-house where he was injured in a fight and his arrest followed.  
He told Judge Langguth that at least 25 days must elapse before he could walk without crutches. Ten days of this period the court will permit him to spend in jail.

Seven culprits appeared to explain their drunkenness of the previous day. One of these was a middle-aged woman, a domestic, with whom Judge Langguth was lenient 10 days ago. She is an excellent housekeeper, witnesses said, and upon her promise that she would get a position in the suburbs at once, she was given another chance.  
Men "jazz" received fines and sentences. With trembling lips and the pitiable nervous state of a chronic dipsomaniac, one of the backsliders pleaded with the judge.  
"I think you need ten days, to get in shape again," said the court.  
Ah Bow, Ah Sing, Ah Jik and Charles Han, charged with opium smoking, had their cases continued until today.

#### EMMETT TO BE HONORED

##### Hibernians Will Hold Programme in Hall on March 5.

The ancient Order of Hibernians, Sunday, March 5, will honor the birth anniversary of Robert Emmet in their hall on Russell street. There is no name in the Irish calendar dearer to Hibernian hearts than that of Robert Emmet.  
M. J. Murnane, chairman of the committee on arrangements, promises a splendid patriotic programme of song, oratory and music. Judge P. H. D'Arcy, of Salem, will speak. John D. Walsh will be chairman.

**Roseburg Store Looted.**  
ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Effecting entrance through a rear window, unknown persons Monday night entered the Golden Rule store here and appropriated a small sack containing about \$10 in small change. Another sack containing about \$200 was overlooked by the robbers.

Out-of-Town Patrons—Note the Excellent Sales Now in Progress—and Send in Your Mail Orders at Once!

—Fur repairing and remodeling. Furs stored in our safety vaults, refrigerated from our own ice-making plant on the premises.—Fourth Floor, Fifth Street.



—Men find our restaurant an ideal place to eat and meet their friends. Wholesome, appetizing foods, quick service and courteous attention.—Ninth Floor.

—Expert chiropodist in constant attendance, Manicuring Parlors, Fifth Floor. Make appointments by phone or personal visit. Satisfaction assured. Moderate fees.

First in the Field With a Thoroughly Representative Showing of the New Things for Spring and—

# The Keynote of Today's News Is SPRING!



### The Loveliest of Chic New Neckwear

—We're specializing in moderately priced Neckwear for women this season. Just "stacks" have arrived, several absolutely new styles, as you'll note by the illustration. All kinds of collars, vestees and sets priced 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c. —Ask to see the new "Chevalier" Collar! —Main Floor, Fifth Street.

## Men's New Shirts at 55c

—It's time to buy new Spring Shirts when such a sale is in order! —The "Paragon" is a regular \$1 shirt—made of fine quality percales, well cut and tailored.



Portland men will surely look to their shirt needs today with \$1 Paragon Shirts at 55c —Main Floor, Just Inside Morrison Entrance



—This is a special purchase made by our Men's Furnishings Chief in New York—some time ago—before prices advanced—and just delivered to us as agreed upon when contract was first placed.

—That is why we can offer you the newest, smartest Spring effects in stripes and colors at such a low price! Blue, rose, lavender, green, tan, brown, black—all the newest shades in stripes of varying widths and combinations.

## Notions—Miscellaneous

Items From Semi-Annual Sale Now in Progress

- 15c Folding Skirt Markers, 10c
- 25c "Ideal" Folding Skirt Markers, 17c
- 65c Rubberized Household Aprons, 55c
- 15c Veribest Hat Fasteners, 10c
- 2 1/2c Shoe Laces, in black, tan, 3 pairs, 5c
- 15c Lead Dress Weights, 10c
- 50c "Alon" Ironing Board Pads, each, 45c
- 25c "Alon" Ironing Board Cov., 21c
- 10c Wilson's Hooks and Eyes, doz., 7c
- 80c, card, 7c
- 10c DeLong Dress Fasteners, doz., three cards, 25c on sale for 7c
- 10c Flat Hat Elastic, the yard for 7c
- 5c Flat Hat Elastic, the yard for 3c
- 10c Hat Wire, black, white, the card 7c
- 25c Women's Pad Hose Support-ers, pair, 21c
- 5c Queen Collar Stays, 3 cards 10c for
- 10c Tourist Folding Curling Irons, 7c now
- 25c West Electric Curlers, No. 5, card, 19c
- Valiant Pins, bulk, sizes 4, 5, 6, 1/2 lb., 20c

### New and Beautiful Small Figured

## Filet Curtain Net, Yard Today 23c

—New—just received—and the very finest 30c quality. Ecu color. —Seventh Floor, Sixth Street.



## Smart New Models in "Welworth" Blouses \$2

Sold Here Only

—One desirable style as illustrated—representative of Welworth "Better Blouses at \$2." Our patrons have learnt the sterling worth of these moderately priced waists and our weekly announcement of the new arrivals always evokes enthusiastic response, so come early today! —Fourth Floor, Central.

—Every woman is interested in New Spring Styles—and almost every Portland woman planning a Spring wardrobe has been in during the past few days to see the

**NEW SPRING SUITS AND DRESSES** arriving in quantities now daily! They have all the dash and chic—with just a touch of quaintness—that make the Spring styles so charming. We invite you to see them today. Priced from \$19.50 to \$65. Separate Skirts of Silk and Wool—\$5 to \$15 —Fourth Floor, Fifth Street

## Demonstration Nemo Corsets



—by Mrs. A. L. Craig, of the Nemo Hygienic Fashion Institute, New York, continues. —Come in and let Mrs. Craig advise you about your corset—and show you the hygienic features of the new "Wonderlift." It is modeled on the very latest fashion lines. Priced \$5.00. —Third Floor, Sixth Street.

## SALE of FURNITURE

Judge for Yourself the Values

- \$3.75 Arm Rocking Chair, imitation mahogany now, \$1.85
- \$7 Golden Oak Commode, good looking finish, now, \$2.85
- \$7 White Enamel Iron Bed, full size, reduced, \$3.25
- \$11 Iron Bed, 2-inch continuous posts, full size, \$6.20
- \$12 Oak Dining Table, wax finish, 5-ft. exten., \$6.75
- \$15 "Lifetime" Arm Chair, leather seat, wax, now, \$7.50
- \$14.50 Oak Dining Table, fumed or wax—6-ft. exten., \$8.20
- \$13 "Lifetime" Arm Chair, leather seat, wax, now, \$6.75
- \$18 Solid Oak Hall Seat, fumed finish—now for, \$9.75
- \$22.50 "Lifetime" Library Table, wax finish—now for, \$11.75
- \$25 Walnut Dressing Table, fine quality. At only, \$11.50
- \$24 Mahogany Bed, plain lines, reduced now to, \$12.50
- \$30 Princess Dresser—very attractive—now for, \$15.00
- \$39 Napoleon Wood Bed, wax finish, full size only, \$16.75
- \$31 Princess Dresser—satin walnut—now for only, \$16.75



## Our NEW Spring "Invincible" Suits for \$16.50

—When we tell you that these new Spring arrivals are hand-tailored by master craftsmen to our own exacting specifications from all-wool materials, you will realize what a wonder value they are at \$16.50. —Tweeds, worsteds and cassimeres, latest patterns in smart Spring colors—banjo, zither, pencil, pin, hairline and Roman stripes—overblends, mixtures and plain colors—blues, greens, grays, browns and tans. —English, box-back and conservative models in all styles and sizes to fit every build—long, short, stout, slim, regular and extra sizes. —Some exclusive young men's models with patch pockets and all the other wanted style features. —Fit and workmanship guaranteed. Superb finish and all around excellence at \$16.50. —Third Floor, 5th St.

## 5-Lb. Sack Small White Beans 39c

- Fancy California stock. Cook evenly and tender. Order before another advance in price.
- Rye Flour, best quality, No. 10 sacks 37c.
- Lunch Tomatoes, solid pack, No. 1 1/2 cans, dozen 85c, can 7 1/2c.
- Cider-Vinegar, Blue grass, 20c full qts. 15c.
- White House Coffee, high-grade 45c blend —1-lb. cans 39c.
- Apricots or Peaches, No. 2 1/2 cans, dozen \$1.40, can 12 1/2c.
- California Asparagus, round cans, doz. \$1.15, can 10c.
- Rockwood's Cocoa, 1/4-lb. cans 9c.
- Kenton Bacon, sugar-cured backs, 1/2 strips, lb. 16 1/2c.
- Vegetable Sauce, De Luxe Spanish style, 6 cans for 25c.
- Alaska Codfish, boneless, No. 2 bricks 22c.
- White Lily Butter, fancy Oregon make, 2-lb. roll 70c.
- New Prunes, 50-to-60-to-pound size, the pound 7 1/2c.
- Ceylon Tea, Challenge brand, special the pound 35c.

## Grafonola 'Favorite' Outfit \$67.80

Payable \$6 Down and \$6 a Month  
—This Columbia outfit is gaining popularity every day. Famous for its tonal qualities and slightly appearance. —The Grafonola, in Mahogany or Oak case, with cabinet to match—24 selections (12 double 10-inch records), 500 needles and record cleaner, complete for \$67.80. \$1.00-\$1.75 Record Filing Albums, 75c —Basement Balcony



## Headquarters for GARDEN TOOLS of All Kinds---Basement

**Read These BOOKS ON GARDENING**  
—Selected titles that will deeply appeal to every lover of the garden beautiful.  
—The Practical Book of Outdoor Rose-Growing. Thomas. \$4.  
—A Book About Roses. Dean Hole. \$1.50.  
—The Backyard Farmer. Bolte. \$1.  
—That Farm. Wittingham. \$1.20.  
—Vines. McCollom. 50c.  
—Gardening for Young and Old. Harris. \$1.  
—Play and Profit in My Garden. Roe. \$1.  
—Modern Strawberry Growing. Wilkinson. \$1.10.  
—Everblooming Roses. Drennan. 50c.—Basement Balcony.

- The "earthy smell" in the Spring air makes the nature-lover's fingers tingle to dig up the soil and plant a garden now! Good garden tools are absolutely necessary.
- Meier & Frank's have the largest assortment of recommended garden implements in this part of the country. Every piece is of highest quality—and a glance at the prices quoted below will show how moderately they are priced! Hundreds more that we haven't room to list!
- Short-handled Shovel, round point, 67c.
- Long-handled Shovel, round point, 67c.
- Long-handled Spade, special at 67c.
- Short-handled Spade, special at 67c.
- Long-handled Spading Fork—special at 74c.
- Short-handled Spading Fork—special 74c.
- Steel-bow Rake, with 12 curved teeth, 59c.
- Steel-bow Rake, with 14 curved teeth, 74c.
- Malleable Iron Rake, 12 straight teeth, 22c.
- Grass Shears, good quality, special at 36c.
- Grass Shears, extra quality, special at 59c.
- Rose Sticks, 5 feet, painted green, dozen \$1.35.
- Wheelbarrows, wooden stave, special at \$2.85.
- Poultry Netting—2-in. Mesh, 150-ft. Roll  
12-inch 60c. 30-inch \$1.50. 60-inch \$3.00.  
18-inch 90c. 36-inch \$1.80. 72-inch \$3.60.  
24-inch \$1.20. 48-inch \$2.40. —Basement.



- Malleable Iron Rake, 14 straight teeth, 27c.
- 3-Piece Set, Malleable Rake, Steel Shovel and Hoe, \$4c.
- Hand Cultivators, special at \$3.15.
- Riveted Steel Hoe, medium size, for 22c.
- Steel Shank Hoe, special now at 43c.
- Pruning Shears, special at 24c, 41c and 57c.
- Garden Trowels, special now at 4c.
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- Turf Edgers, excellent grades at 51c.
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**Time to Plant FLOWER and VEGETABLE** Seeds. We carry a complete line of the Portland Seed Co.'s "Diamond Quality."  
Victor Lawn Grass Mixture, rapid-growing variety, 29c  
Diamond Brand, 1-lb. cartons 35c.  
Blue Grass, Kentucky variety, lb. 19c.  
Red Clover, selected quality, lb. 25c.  
White Clover, No. 1 quality, lb. 65c.  
Rye Grass, English variety, lb. 12 1/2c.  
Onion Sets, fancy stock, lb. 10c.  
Fertilizer, Rose Lawn, No. 10 cans 50c. —Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.