

CHAMBER FAVORS NATIONAL DEFENSE

Local Commercial Body Goes on Record as Advocate of Specific Programme.

UNIVERSAL TRAINING URGED

Portland Organization, However, Insists Qualification That Pacific Coast Be Given Consideration in Naval Construction.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has voted in favor of the programme for National defense recently outlined by the special committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The local chamber cast an affirmative vote on each of the several defense proposals made by the National committee, with the sole qualification that the Pacific Coast be given equal consideration with the Atlantic Coast in planning future naval construction.

A referendum vote on the National committee's programme is being taken among all the organizations affiliated with the National chamber. This vote will be canvassed and submitted to the public after May 22.

Recommendations Are Recited.

The substance of the various recommendations made by the committee representing the Chamber of the United States are:

For the preservation of the peace and honor of the United States, the National defense forces both on sea and land should be so increased and the industrial resources so co-ordinated as to make fully available the military, industrial and financial strength of the Nation.

A body in the nature of a Council of National Defense should be created by law to assist in the development of an adequate and continuing policy for National defense.

A staff of industrial mobilization should be created by law, and an organization maintained in times of peace as to insure the most effective use of the economic resources of the United States in case of war.

A programme of naval construction should be adopted immediately, sufficient to restore the United States to at least its former position of second naval power in the Atlantic, with surplus in the Pacific sufficient to protect its coast, its possessions, its trade routes, the Canal Zone and adjacent territory.

It is the latter proposal that the Portland Chamber seeks to modify by asking prime consideration for the Pacific. The other recommendations, all of which were endorsed by the Portland Chamber are:

That there be created by law a general staff for the Navy and an organization to present office of naval operations of the Navy Department or otherwise.

That the regular Army be increased until it, together with its trained reserves, shall be sufficient to furnish the Army and the National Guard as recommended by the general staff of the Army or by the Council of National Defense or similar body after it has been created by law.

Universal Military Training Urged. Recognizing military obligation equally with the civic obligation as a fundamental duty of citizenship in a republic, and to establish a system which will affect every man alike—that universal military training be adopted as a fundamental democratic principle of citizenship, to be enforced by law to furnish adequate land, sea and industrial forces in peace and war.

Recognizing that the consistent element of necessary war material are of such infinite variety that they cannot be produced in Government war plants in time of war, but are and must be produced in highly diversified and specialized industries in revenue, says G. W. Luce, freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific, who is in Portland on business.

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Ed S. Muford, of Juneau, Alaska, is at the Cornelius.
T. H. Burton, of Cleveland, and party are at the Imperial.
W. E. Pearce is registered at the Oregon from Seattle.
W. F. Mills, of Newport, is registered at the Portland.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carson, of Salem, Or., are at the Imperial.
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Downing, of Boise, are at the Seward.
Walter M. Pierce, ex-hotelman of La Grande, is at the Seward.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoech, of Shaniko, Or., are at the Nortonia.
H. L. Douglas, rancher of White Salmon, Wash., is at the Seward.
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Graves, of Sunny-side, Wash., are at the Portland.
J. W. Chandler, cattleman of La Grande, is at the Imperial.
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Miller, of Cottage Grove, are at the Cornelius.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mallock, of Spokane, Wash., are registered at the Nortonia.
Marion Jack, of Pendleton, arrived in this city for a few days' visit yesterday. Mr. Jack is a member of the Oregon State Fish and Game Commission.

STOLEN AUTO BOBS UP

MACHINE LEFT NEAR SHERIFF'S OFFICE BY JOYRIDERS.

Owner Appears and Gives Description but Finds His Car Half Block Away With Lights Lit.

"I lost my auto last night," announced H. L. Martin, of 613 Main street, Oregon City, to Deputy Sheriff Beckman yesterday.

"Well, well, that's too bad. Where?" asked the deputy.

"In front of the Orpheum. Left it there last night when I went to the show and when I went to go home I couldn't find it. It was a four-passenger car and had—" Mr. Martin launched out into a description of the lost machine.

At last the description was nicely typed, copies were made and circulated to the other deputies of Sheriff Hurlburt and Mr. Martin departed. He was back again within five minutes.

"Say, what do you know about this?" he ejaculated, as he threw open the door.

"About what?" was the polite inquiry.

"I found my car," was the pleased response.

"Check! I suppose you found it where you left it—around the corner from the theater instead of in front of it," was the disgusted comment of Deputy Beckman.

"No, sir; someone brought it near your office so you wouldn't have any trouble finding it—it's half a block down the street, with the lights still burning."

"True enough, the machine was there, headlights blazing, wailing in the air of day, driven up to the curb less than a block from the Sheriff's office, on Fourth street. The auto was not damaged and had been used for some joy-ride.

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Easter Needs at Surprise Prices--That's the Keynote of Our Easter Friday Surprise Sales

Meier & Frank's 1367th Friday Surprise

APPAREL SHOP

MEIER & FRANK'S 1367TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES.

65 Women's Easter Suits at \$15

One Style Illustrated.

GOOD looking, yet inexpensive suits for women and misses.

—Smart styles of good materials, made on the newest lines and in popular Spring shades.

—Gabardine, Serge, Broadcloth and Poplins, in plain tailored and Russian effects.

—Trimmed with touches of silk or contrasting material in collar, belt and cuffs.

—Unusual values—for Friday Surprise only \$15!—Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor



GIRLS' SHOP

MEIER & FRANK'S 1367TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES.

Girls' Pongee Coats \$4.95

Regularly \$6.50

ISN'T that an interesting Easter Special? Pretty little pongee coats, with deep collar and cuffs of poplin in brilliant blazer stripes. Sizes 2 to 6 years—Friday at \$4.95.

59c to 75c Rompers 45c

—Good washable rompers, made of heavy gingham and Devonshire cloth. Both light and dark colorings in stripes, checks and plain shades. Several different styles in sizes 3 to 6 years—Friday at 45c.

\$1.50-\$1.75 Middies 98c

—Sizes for children, misses and women. Regulation style, made of blue galatea with detachable collar and cuffs. Others trimmed with cotton corduroy collar, cuffs and pockets. —Girls' Shop, Second Floor



MEN'S FURNISHINGS SHOP

MEIER & FRANK'S 1367TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES.

Men's Undergarments

The Finest 75c Quality

50c

—Here's a surprise special that will fill our Men's Furnishings Shop Friday.

—Chalmers' famous spring needle ribbed undershirts and drawers of medium weight Egyptian cotton, very soft and elastic, noted for their fine wearing qualities.

Pad Garters, 8c

—Popular style pad garters made of good quality webbing. In black, white, tan, gray, lavender, blue and other colors. Pair, today, 8c.



MILLINERY SHOP

1367TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES.

Easter Hats

\$6 to \$8 Trimmed

\$4.75

—Women's and misses' styles. Large, dressy hats, or small, chic tailored models for wear at any time. Smart sailors, drooping brimmed hats liked by the younger girls and models for the woman of mature taste. Flower, quill, wing and ribbon trimmings—good styles and fashionable colors.

—Millinery Shop, Fourth Floor.



MEN'S CLOTHING SHOP

MEIER & FRANK'S 1367TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES.

MEN!

\$12.50 to \$18.00

Raincoats \$8.95

—A broken lot of men's raincoats—every one guaranteed waterproof.

—Good, practical, seasonable and always serviceable garments.

—Sizes 34 to 48. Friday only \$8.95.

Take Escalator or Any Elevator to 3d Floor



1367TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES.

12 1/2c Kerchiefs, 5c

—Broken lines of men's fine quality cambric handkerchiefs, some initialed and others with colored or fancy borders.

Men's 75c Night Shirts for 45c

—Flannelette night shirts—of a weight comfortable for all-year-round wear. Well made and finished, with military collar, braid trim'd.

—Men's Furnishings Shop, Main Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1367TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES.

White Enameled Cooking Utensils

59c

—A fortunate special purchase enables us to make you this price Friday only.

—The quantity is somewhat limited. Come early and get any of the following white enameled utensils at 59c.

Tea Kettles, No. 8 size.	Berlin Covered Kettle, 6 quart.	Dish Pan, 14-quart size.
Coffee Pots, 2-quart size.	Rice Boiler, 2-quart size.	Berlin Covered Saucepan, 5 quart.
Berlin Covered Kettle, 5 quart.	Water Pail, 10-quart size.	Lipped Preserving Kettle, 8 quart.

—Basement, Fifth Street.



1367TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES.

Baby Flannel

98c 1 1/2-Yard Pieces, Regularly \$1.25

—An excellent grade that will not shrink in laundering. Very pretty patterns. For baby skirts and other undergarments.

—Second Floor, Fifth Street.



1367TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES.

Easter Gloves

Pair \$1

—Selected skins. Three styles embroidered backs, three-row trimming. One-clasp, pique sewn, sizes 5 1/2 to 8. 25c saved on every pair Friday.

\$1-\$1.25 Gray Mocha Gloves 75c

—Also black, white and tan glaze. Not every size in each color but all sizes 5 1/2 to 7 1/2 in the lot. One and two-clasp style. 400 pairs.

—No exchanges, C. O. D. nor Approval Orders.

—Glove Shop, Main Floor.



1367TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES.

La Vallieres

69c Regularly \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.50

—A charming Easter gift at little outlay!

—Included are beautiful silver and gold-finished chains hung with pendants of semi-precious stones—topaz, amethysts, pearls and rhinestones. Also a number of fancy bead chains and pearl beads.

—Main Floor.



PAPER BUSINESS PROSPERS

Colors and Chemicals Difficult to Obtain, Says Mr. Bloch.

The paper business is in a flourishing condition at present, according to Louis Bloch, general manager of the Crown Willemette Paper Company, who arrived in Portland yesterday from San Francisco.

Mr. Bloch said he had just returned from the East, where he found unprecedented prosperity.

"Our principal difficulty in the paper business," said Mr. Bloch, "is in obtaining the colors and chemicals necessary for the manufacture of our product. Prices on such products have advanced from 50 to 400 per cent, and even at that rate we find difficulty in getting deliveries."

Mr. Bloch said his firm is planning some improvement in its mills at Camas.

Mr. Bloch is at the Benson.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. F. Hill, of Seattle, is at the Cornelius.

F. Welch, of Spokane, is at the Oregon.

W. E. Langdon, of Seattle, is at the Oregon.

A. J. Scott, of Astoria, is at the Perkins.

SCHOOL BIDS ARE OPENED

Work of Board of Education Is Mostly Routine.

Considerable business, chiefly of a routine character, was transacted at the regular meeting of the Board of Education yesterday afternoon. Four Directors were present, M. G. Munty, Dr. Alan Welch Smith, J. V. Beach and S. P. Lockwood. O. M. Plummer has been attending the sessions of the Inland Empire Teachers' Association convention only.

Bids were received and opened on a number of contracts. The figures were referred in each case to a waiting checking before awards were made.

H. R. Everding Has Operation.

The condition of H. R. Everding, who submitted to an operation at Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday afternoon, was reported as good last night. Mr. Everding had regained consciousness after the anesthetic and was doing well. Mr. Everding is one of the best-known sportsmen of the West, and a former president of the Portland Gun Club.

"Victor" High-Grade Butter 65c

—Strictly fresh Oregon creamery-made butter, roll specially priced Friday at 65c.

Pure Lard, "White Lily," No. 10 pails \$1.39, No. 5 pails 70c.	Blue Ribbon Butter, fancy Oregon make, roll 68c.
Blue Label Catsup, best made, bottle 20c.	Cream of Wheat, pkg. 15c
Challenge Coffee, fresh, 4 lbs. 95c, lb. 25c.	King Salmon, Rival, No. 1 tall cans 12 1/2c.
Quaker Oats, package 10c.	Ground Chocolate, Baker's 3-lb. 75c, 1-lb. cans 25c.
Mixed Clams, Aberdeen pack, No. 1 cans, dozen \$1.35, can 12 1/2c.	Naptha Soap, Economy brand, 6 bars 19c.
	Laundry Soap, Winner, well aged, 10 bars 30c.

—Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.

Children's Stamped Dresses 35c

Good 50c to 85c Quality

—All well made, ready to embroider. Stamped in pretty patterns, some lace trimmed. Dresses for girls 1 to 7 years.

A Limited Quantity Friday at 35c

—Needlework Shop, Second Floor.

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Drapery Remnants 1/2 Price

One to 5 1/2-Yard Lengths, Priced, Yard 8c to 75c

—A splendid variety to select from. Lengths suitable for curtains for single windows, small or piano windows, door panels, etc. All handsome and desirable materials.

Scrim— 3 to 5 1/2-yard lengths, yard 8c to 25c.	Sunfast— 1 to 2 1/2-yard lengths, yard 33c to 75c.
Nets— 1 to 2 1/2-yard lengths, yard 15c to 43c.	Colored Madras— 1 to 2 1/2-yard lengths, yard 18c to 75c.

—Curtain Shop, Seventh Floor.