

Charge Purchases Today Go on January Bills Rendered February 1

### RUMORS OF ORCHARD DAMAGE ARE DENIED

F. V. Brown of Polk County Makes Investigation.

### OUTLOOK DECLARED GOOD

O. I. Lewis of Oregon Growers' Association Finds Little Evidence of Cold Weather Injury.

Emphatic denial of earlier reports from Salem that great damage had been wrought to the fruit industry of the central Willamette valley by the recent cold snap was made in Portland yesterday by F. V. Brown, secretary of the Polk County Fruit Growers' association, who has just completed a searching investigation into fruit conditions throughout the valley.

"As a matter of fact, expert investigation shows that the damage was practically negligible," said Mr. Brown. "I made a painstaking examination in every part of the central Willamette valley and the only place where I could find any damage of any kind as a result of the freezing weather was in a section of bottom lands, containing about 800 acres, where the actual loss is almost so slight as to pass unnoticed."

Reports Made Unfounded. During the recent extremely cold weather alarming reports emanated from Salem saying that the Willamette valley fruit industry had received the most bitter blow of its history by reason of the below-zero weather. These reports stated that orchard after orchard had been practically ruined; that the apples, peaches, prunes, loganberries and other fruits of that section were destroyed.

Nine-tenths of the central Willamette valley orchards are on rolling land and are absolutely free from the slightest damage, according to Mr. Brown's investigation. His findings are in every way substantiated by C. I. Lewis, secretary of the Oregon Growers' association, who conducted an independent investigation of the

purpose of determining the true conditions. "The harmful effects of the recent cold weather have been the subject of much rumor, without much foundation of facts," reads Professor Lewis' report. "After visiting many orchards in the Willamette valley and viewing sprigs and cuttings from trees and vines of the entire section, it can be safely stated at this time that the losses will be very nominal. All things being taken into consideration, the fruit yield should be above normal. In fact, even at the present time I am looking forward to the largest prune crop yet produced in the Willamette valley."

Loganberry Vines Escape. Even the tender sprigs of the loganberry vines escaped injury during the freezing weather, according to the findings of these two investigators. Most of the vines were imbedded beneath the snow, while those which were trellised were affected by frost. This, however, is no cause for alarm, but only strengthens the contention of Willamette valley loganberry growers that this industry can be carried on only in that favored climatic section.

"These earlier reports of the heavy damage wrought are the only damage sustained by the fruit industry of our section," said Mr. Brown. "The outlook for the new year never was brighter and there is absolutely no cause for alarm from any source."

### INDUSTRIAL HEARING IS ON

Charges Against Accident Commission Aired at Courthouse.

All the members of the committee named by Governor O'cott to investigate charges made against the industrial accident commission except two were present yesterday at the hearing which opened at room 529 of the courthouse. The charges were made by LeRoy Keeley, a Portland attorney, who occupied most of the morning session yesterday and was in attendance throughout the day. The members of the committee adopted a motion before adjournment last night to endeavor to complete the investigation today and discussed the feasibility of continuing until its report can be completed, if unable to finish today.

The committee is made up of three representatives of employers: F. A. Dooty and A. C. Labbe of Portland and A. C. Dixon of Eugene; three representatives of labor: Frank Green and J. H. Brooks of Portland and Sandy McLain of Pendleton and by three representing the general public, R. S. Gill of Portland, H. J. Overturn of Bend and C. Apperson of McMinnville.

S. & H. Green stamps for cash. Holman Fuel Co. Main 353. 560-21. —Adv.

### BOYS:—

Remind the folks to look into the sale of suits at \$14.85 now going on at MEIER & FRANK'S. 7 to 18 years. Many have 2 pairs pants.—Third Floor.



### MEN:—

Don't forget to remedy any shortage in your furnishings department now when extra good values are available in The Store for Men, Main Floor.

# January Sales To Bring Down Living Costs

**P**RACTICALLY every one of the more than 70 Meier & Frank departments contributes noteworthy January economies—the sale cards beckon to scores of unadvertised bargains. Look for them throughout the store. Extra salespeople in attendance.

Now in Progress All Over the Store—a New and Wonderful Demonstration of This Store's Consistent Willingness to CO-OPERATE With Its Patrons by Providing Wanted Merchandise at Less Than Current Prices



## ... Reduced ...

Prices on Evening Dresses, Street Dresses, Coats, Tailored Suits, Velveten Skirts

Crowds are coming to the January sales in the Fashion Salons to find the values that everyone in town is talking about. Each day many garments are sold, some of which cannot be duplicated. Perhaps you will want to take advantage of the last day of 1919 to make an appreciable saving in clothes for the New Year.

### Enchanting Frocks for New Year's Celebrations

Lovely as they are each one bears a special price. Dozens of different styles in the collection. Four are pictured:

One of maize colored taffeta with loops of metal ribbon and flowers, specially priced, \$58.50. Another of youthful blue tulle over silver-like cloth with silver ribbon at the waist, specially priced, \$35.63. A third of soft taffeta in blue with Paris-like roses and silver, specially priced, \$22.50. A very beautiful gown of delicious white taffeta heavily embroidered with gold thread, specially priced, \$51.75.

### Two Groups of Very Unusual Coats

"Give me something good" is the first request made by almost every customer. Here are fine velvet, bolivia and silvertone coats, silk lined, some with fur collars, all wanted colors, almost every size, were \$85 to \$95, now \$68.50.

"We want something for busy mornings and for wear in the country," say other customers. For them are velvet and extra heavy coats with collars which fasten high around the neck if desired, but without fur, were \$35 to \$45, now \$25.55.

### Dresses to Wear on New Year Mornings

Serge and checked frocks with the new double skirts or long tunics, many styles, were \$29.50 to \$32.50, now \$18.85. Satin dresses, some with georgette, having the new long waist lines and draped skirts which will be seen in later spring models; were \$47.50 to \$55, now \$34.50.

### \$75 to \$95 Tailored Suits Down to \$41.45

Almost half price and sometimes less than half price for the simple, finely tailored suits which can be worn almost any time, anywhere. Velour, silvertone, tinseltone, heather mixtures, mostly lined with peau de cygne, some with fur collars. They are very good for early spring wear.

### Velveteen Skirts Exactly Half

Velveteen skirts that were \$15 to \$32.50 are now \$7.50 to \$16.25.

A velveteen skirt and pretty blouse solve many a question of what to wear. All these velveteens are medium or quite wide. Some are shirred all around, others have fullness only at the sides, a few braid trimmed. Black, navy, taupe and brown.

### Matinee Blouses

—Fully a third has been taken from the prices of the most fascinating collection of casaque blouses.

Choice of any one of them can be had at savings of almost \$6 to fully \$22.50. In other words: \$17.50 casaque blouses are now \$11.67. \$22.50 blouses are now \$15. \$27.50 blouses are now \$18.33. \$45 blouses are now \$30. \$67.50 blouses are now \$45. Usually only one of a kind, so please do not expect all sizes in every style.

An irresistible casaque like the one pictured is profusely embroidered with the delicate velvety material called chenille and is combined with Liberty Blue georgette and long silk fringe. Semi-transparent affairs of georgette have long floating sleeves. Lovely ones of black velveteen have transparent sleeves and rich touches of silver. White silk jersey is embroidered in pastel colors. Demure gray georgette has elaborate embroidery. Many others.



### Women's 65c to \$1 Neckwear 49c

More oddments culled from our large neckwear collections. Pretty collars of Georgette crepe embroidered and lace-trimmed, plain Georgette with touches of color, dainty ones of lawn or organdy embroidered or lace-trimmed, and still others of Venise laces. Plenty of washable styles for school girls. Ever so many effective kinds at this small price. —Meier & Frank's: Main Floor.

### Plush Scarfs and Capes

—\$5.50 to \$7.50 Scarfs, now \$3.85 —\$9 to \$12.50 Scarfs and Cape Effects, now \$6.55 —\$15 to \$25 Scarfs and Coatee Effects, now \$9.45

Entire remaining collection of the fur-like straight throws, scarfs, cape effects and coatees made of plush but shown in the Fur Salon, are included in this reduction. Mostly black, some in mole color. Many of the throws have pockets and belts and give almost the effect of fur coatees. Limited quantity. —Meier & Frank's: Fourth Floor.



### Notions

Featuring a Clearaway of Holiday Notions 1/2 Price

Sewing Boxes, regularly 35c to \$2.00, now 1/2. Ribbon Novelties, regularly 50c to \$1.25, now 1/2. Needle Boxes, regularly up to 65c, now 25c.

Charter Oak Cotton Thread, black and white, 6-cord sewing thread, special 6 spools for 30c.

Human Hair Nets, cap shape, all colors, 10c. Bias Fold Tape, Wright's, lawn and cambric, best sizes, 6-yard piece 15c. —Meier & Frank's: Main Floor.

### Odds and Ends Silverware Reduced

Bread trays, sandwich trays, children's cups, odd pieces remaining from tea sets, candlesticks, vases, picture frames and so on. All more or less marked by handling. Priced to hurry out in a jiffy. —Meier & Frank's: Main Floor.

### \$1.50 and \$1.75 Novels 75c

A thousand books to read over the holiday. Majority show some marks of handling but their contents are as diverting as ever. Many of the most popular authors' later works are included. —Meier & Frank's: Book Shop, Fifth Floor.



## ... Going ...

Hundreds of Men's and Young Men's Suits of Famous Make—Average Less Than Present Wholesale Cost ..... \$38.50

That's the story in a nutshell. What more would you like to know— The makes? Society Brand, Adler-Rochester, etc. The fabrics? Dependable kinds—many all-wool. The styles? Everything to please the advanced or the conservative dresser. The sizes? Virtually all sizes to fit men of every build. GOING—and no wonder. Pick yours out today. —Meier & Frank's: The Store for Men, Third Floor.

### Much Finer Lace Curtains

Special \$1.95 to \$7.85

Several hundred pairs of curtains which will look very charming hanging at somebody's windows. Taken from our regular stocks and price lowered because they are styles not to be duplicated or odd pairs.

Wonderfully nice ones at \$1.95. At \$2.45 both voile and marquisette with good heavy laces. At \$3.80 marquisette in cream, white and ocre with heavy lace edges and insertions. At \$5.35 and \$7.85 the finer nets trimmed with filet, Brussels or Duchesse lace. It is the big winter opportunity to get something extra special at away below usual price.

### January Sale of Draperies

Beautiful cretonnes at 49c and 77c yard. Curtaining of voile, marquisette, madras, 49c yard. Portieres, \$6.55, \$7.15, \$8.35, \$10 pair. Wise housewives find such sales as these a very great help in lowering the cost of home-like living places. —Meier & Frank's: Curtain Shop, Seventh Floor.

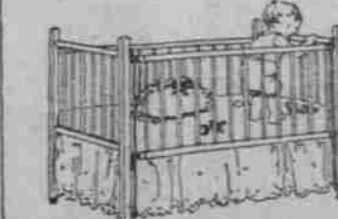
### A Wonderful January Sale of Furniture

All odd pieces in the Furniture Galleries have been reduced to hurry out before the end of January. Not only is the economy available at once, but if you are planning a home next spring any of this furniture can be purchased now and we will store it for as long as six months. There are period reproductions. There are suites for bedroom and dining-room. There are single pieces, such as day-berths and easy chairs for the living-room. There are odd pieces for the dining-room and bedroom which can be used in combination with furniture you may already have. Usually there is only one piece of a kind.

### Specially Priced Bedding

Solid comfort mattresses filled with forty pounds of clean cotton filling and made with roll edge, single, three-quarter and double bed sizes, our standard \$16.50 quality, special \$14.85.

Steel springs with oxidized frame having galvanized wire fabric spring, specially priced at \$8.65.



Cribs of ivory enamel and wood complete with good spring, regulation size, specially priced at \$11.98.

All furniture in the January Sales may be purchased on your own terms—in reason. —Meier & Frank's: Furniture Shop, Fifth Floor.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

### The Year's Last and Greatest Sale of Women's Silk Hose!

2000 Pairs of Pure Thread Silk Hose \$1

As a fitting climax to a year of unusual sales of women's silk hose we offer today 2000 pairs of pure thread silk stockings in a remarkable year-end disposal at \$1 pair. Every pair in the lot is offered at

### Less Than Present Wholesale

Included are odds and ends of plain silk hose in black, white, corvovan, castor, gray and many other wanted shades—mock seam and seamless stockings. Also plain black drop stitch lace hose as well as fancy striped silk boot and vertical striped effects. All have double heel tops and reinforced heels and toes. All regular sizes.

Early selection is advised if you would share in the savings offered by this wonderful silk hose sale today at, pair \$1. —Meier & Frank's: Hosiery Shop, Main Floor.



ON SALE TODAY

### The New January Victor Records

We list below a few of the sure-to-be-popular numbers on the new January list of Victor Records on sale today:

#### POPULAR SONGS

- 18620 I Am Climbing Mountains.....Henry Burr 10-inch, 85c
- You Didn't Want Me When You Had Me.....Henry Burr 85c
- 18625 Wait Till You Get Them Up in the Air, Boys.....Billy Murray 10-inch, 85c
- 18626 Plottin' Down to Cotton Town.....American Quartet 85c
- 18631 Wonderful Pal.....Sterling Trio 10-inch, 85c
- There's a Lot of Blue-Eyed Marys Down in Maryland.....Shannon Four 85c

#### DANCE RECORDS

- 18625 My Baby's Arms—Medley Fox Trot.....Pietro 10-inch, 85c
- And He'd Say Oo-La-La! Wee-Wee!—Medley On a Step.....Pietro 85c
- 18626 I Want a Daddy Who Will Rock Me to Sleep—Medley Fox Trot.....All-Star Trio 85c
- 18627 All the Quakers Are Shoulder Shakers—Medley Fox Trot.....All-Star Trio 85c
- 18628 Might Be Your Once-in-A-While—Medley Fox Trot.....Joseph C. Smith's Orchestra 85c
- 18629 Patches—Fox Trot.....Joseph C. Smith's Orchestra 85c
- 18630 Oh, What a Pal Was Mary—Medley Waltz.....Joseph C. Smith's Orchestra 10-inch, 85c
- 18631 Nobody Knows—Medley One-Step.....Joseph C. Smith's Orchestra 85c

#### RED SEAL RECORDS

- 64836 Dear Heart.....Emilio de Gogorza, baritone 10-inch, \$1.00
- 74507 Hymn to the Sun (from "The Golden Cockerel").....12-inch, \$1.50
- 87292 Sans Toi (Without Thee).....Mitscha Elman, Violinist 10-inch, \$1.50
- 74509 Don Pasquale (Cavatina).....Geraldine Farrar, soprano, in French 10-inch, \$1.50
- 64838 Only You.....John McCormack, tenor 10-inch, \$1.00
- 74508 Invitation to the Waltz, Philadelphia Orchestra 12-inch, \$1.50
- 64831 Pasquale—Prologue, Part I (Soprano).....10-inch, \$1.00
- 64832 Pasquale—Prologue, Part II Duet....."So" 10-inch, \$1.00

—Meier & Frank's: Sixth Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)