

APARTMENTS NOT PROFITABLE HERE

Homes and Industrial Plants Are Main Need.

MATERIAL DECLINE SEEN

Stern Necessity Assures Much Construction in Portland for 1920, Says Building Inspector.

"Apartment house building is still on the wane in Portland because it is not yet a safe investment," says H. E. Plummer, chief building inspector.

High Level Reached. The prices of building materials will not remain at the present high level for five years is predicted by many persons versed in building material conditions.

While I am certain that the prices of building materials will not drop as quickly as the price of clothing and foodstuffs, I do not feel that the prediction that building materials will remain at the present high level for at least five years is at all probable.

The prices of building materials must come down as soon as there is an overproduction, and considering the condition of world affairs today it is almost certain that our exports will fall.

Mr. Plummer attributes the present extensive building operations in Portland to stern necessity. He said yesterday that the major portion of building now consists of public garages and residences.

Home Building to Continue. The acute house shortage which Portland still faces is resulting in the building of many new homes.

Couple Divorced Second Time. WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 8.—(Special)—Twice married to each other, Mr. and Mrs. William Martin are now twice divorced.

THE Furniture Gift Shop

All year long the one object of the Gift Shop is to have ready the unexpected gift—the something finer and more beautiful which will fulfill the desire of the person seeking an especially interesting gift.

This aim seems to have been realized, for many visitors are commenting upon the collections of charming objects assembled for this spring.

ANTIQUE Chinese porcelain vases, all more than a hundred years old, are in vogue.

CHINESE altar tables of teak wood are long enough to be used as a sideboard or short enough for a console table.

SERVICE plates are of silver-on-copper in old Dutch designs; serving trays, mainly of copper and fruit dishes are also fashioned of the same beautiful metal.

ARTISTIC flowers include the real Egyptian lotus as well as artificial orange trees, hollyhocks and many others.

COLORED glass bowls for fish bowls are in blue, green or red, which the water magnifies until the whole bowl is a continuous sunset effect.

KOROS from China number a particularly beautiful one of bronze.

RASS opium bowls and brass bowls for wood are also newcomers.

DOLLY and Bobby and Dottie Dimple doorstops are amusingly colorful.

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

Umbrella Sale Continues

It brings five extraordinary lots as follows:

All our women's \$11.85 to \$15 silk umbrellas \$9.85; women's black gloria silk umbrellas at \$4.65 and \$5.65; women's extra fine cotton umbrellas at \$3.95; men's black cotton umbrellas at \$1.95.

All are made with seven-ribbed paragon frames. Many styles of handles, some fancy Bake-lite trimmed.

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



Portland Symphony Orchestra Concert

Fifth of the current season—will be given Thursday night at the Heilig theater, beginning at 8:30 P. M. Carl Denton, conductor.

Famous De Mille Quartet

will sing at the Municipal Auditorium tomorrow evening, 8:30 P. M. auspices of the Ellison-White Lyceum Bureau.

Fashion Vies With Economy in Our March Activities



A New Importation From the Philippines

ENVELOPE CHEMISES \$5.95, \$6.95 NIGHTGOWNS \$5.95, \$6.95, \$8.50

Fine soft white stuffs, made by hand with such tiny stitches they are a pleasure to scrutinize.

Delicately hand-scalloped and hand-embroidered with butterflies, roses and daisies and still further enriched with hemstitching, dots and typical Philippine punch work.

Charming for brides because of their elaborate needlework.

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

"Boyshform" Brassieres

New satin brassieres designed with the one thought of giving straighter, more boyish lines to the stylish woman.

In black, navy blue or flesh satin. \$4.50.

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

Maids', Waitresses' Aprons 98c

Just dropped from \$1.25 and \$1.50.

White aprons with and without bibs and pockets. Square or round tops. Some trimmed with lace and embroidery.

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

Dollar Sale OF Jewelry

Imported French Lavallieres \$1

Just received. Attractive new imported French lavallieres with dainty white metal chains and pendants of various imitation stones such as amethysts, emeralds, topaz, lapis and pearls. One style illustrated.



Solid Gold Rings \$1



Regularly \$2.50 to \$5. A limited number of women's 10-karat solid gold rings set with colored stones. Dainty filigree mountings.

New Novelty Necklaces \$1



Just received. A good selection of new novelty necklaces in a combination of white metal and colored cut beads. A variety of popular shades. One style illustrated. Excellent values at only \$1.

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

SECOND DAY Women's and Children's Hosiery Sale

Thousands of Pairs—Best Makes and Qualities—Most Exceptional Values

Our first announcement of Sunday gave full particulars. We have not room here to go into detail but as an indication of the scope and determination of this sale we set down that

There Are 18 Big Specials

of which 14 are specially planned for women and that of these

11 Are SILK Hosiery Specials

Prices on silk hose begin with a marvelous 3-pair sale at \$5 (pair \$2), thence going upward by easy stages to "Wayne Knit" silk embroidered silk hose at \$3.50 pair.

NOTE—Every pair of hose in this sale is FIRST QUALITY, taken from regular stock. Buy the special 3-pair and 2-pair combinations.

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

Lessons in Making Antique Filet Laces

Probably you have often studied old Italian filet and wished you could make it but realized that it was a difficult lace to copy.

MRS. S. C. CARROLL will be in the Art Needlework Shop beginning this week, and she will give lessons in the creation of exact reproductions of the old patterns to be done in an easy way that she has originated.

This modern filet will make rich over blouses, camisoles, jackets, bags, centerpieces, chairbacks, lampshades, scarfs and many other articles.

—Meier & Frank's: Art Needlework Shop, Second Floor.

Sale Stamped Needlework 79c

At this special price we have grouped an assortment of stamped needlework, including women's fudge aprons, children's dresses, luncheon sets, 36-inch centers, 18 x45-inch scarfs, etc.

Regularly to \$1.25. —Meier & Frank's: Needlework Shop, Second Floor.

GIRLS!

Gymnasium Suits Khaki Outing Suits Bathing Suits

are all ready for your spring needs. —Meier & Frank's: Second Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

Three New Books for the Family

"Chatterbox," 1920, for the younger boy and girl, priced \$1.50.

"Pollyanna," for the girl who will soon be ready for high school, priced \$1.75.

"Man of the Ages," by Zane Gray, a wonderful book for mother and father, priced \$1.90.

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

Curtaining Special!

Standard 65c to 85c Curtain Materials 42c

Thousands of yards of the most wanted curtaining for summer homes, hotels, boarding houses and clubs.

Included are the popular kinds of nets, marquisette and voile in plain, dotted, cross-barred and bordered weaves.

A remarkable opportunity to get just what one would really like to have at a large saving. —Meier & Frank's: Seventh Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

CELEBRATED TRADE-MARKED FASHIONS

TO BE HAD IN PORTLAND ONLY AT MEIER & FRANK'S

"Miss Manhattan"

coats and suits—youthful New York styles created by master designers and the workmanship is so good that the garments hold their shape and style indefinitely.

"Co-Ed"

dresses for misses—gay unusual clothes with the vivacity and charm that misses of 14 to 20 years appreciate.

"Kenyon"

coats and suits—some of them weather-proof against Oregon mists—for women and misses.

"Custom-Tailored"

long line suits for the large woman.

"House of Youth"

suits for women and misses—among the most popular fashions here because they are always a little different from any others.

"Golflex"

suits and dresses—the Golflex knitted fabric is the rage of New York—the styles are created for healthful outdoor sports and motoring.

"Blackshire"

dresses—the perfect black apparel created by specialists for American women.

"Piping Rock"

riding habits for women, misses and girls, in sizes from 10 years upward.

We shall be glad to show them to you.

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

Novelty Blouses

Novelty means "something new" says the dictionary and certainly according to that there are few such centers of novelties as the MEIER & FRANK Blouse Shop.

Spend a few minutes looking at the new arrivals and you will probably gain more information than by reading the latest copy of your favorite fashion magazine.

Hand-made batiste blouses from Paris are \$12 and \$18.50. White shadow organdie or dawn blue and rose colored dotted Swiss novelty blouses begin at \$12.50.

Tricotee sport blouses begin at \$18.50.

The new short basque blouses, the new cut sleeves, the new back-to-blouses, the new flowered georgette blouses, the new sash blouses, the new Dream Crepe blouses and dozens of other kinds.

Something new which is distinctive.

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

FOR THE AUTO



Following is a list of many automobile supplies carried in our department of hardware and allied lines—base-ment.

- Auto Cushion Dressing Auto Jacks Auto Theft Signal Locks Schroder Pressure Gauge Shaler's Tube Vulcanizer Simonize Cleaner Simonize Polish Skid Chains Soap Stone Spark Plugs Spark Plug Wrenches Sponges Spring Leaf Lubricant Star Cup Grease Stop Leak Radiator Compound Tire Pumps Tire Taps Tool Boxes Tube Patches Valve Caps Valve Grinding Compound Valve Insides Valve Repair Tools Washaway Hand Soap Whiz Gear Life Whiz Klear Glass Whiz Nickel Polish Whiz Radiator Cleaning Compound Zerolene Cup Grease Zerolene Oil Zerolene No. A Transmission Lubricant Zerolene No. BBB Transmission Lubricant

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

Large advertisement for Japanese baskets. Text: 'Sale Extraordinary ENTIRE THOROUGHFARE, MAIN FLOOR, FIFTH STREET IS DEVOTED TO THIS SALE OF 3000 Imported Japanese BASKETS 1/2 PRICE Now 25c to \$7.50'. Includes illustrations of various baskets and a list of types like Fruit Baskets, Flower Baskets, etc.