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Business Is Good! My January business so far has been phenomenal. This proves that the people of Portland wanted lower prices— They knew I was kicking the daylights out of high prices—that is why my business is so good.

COME UP I want you to share in the wonderful values I am giving at the new low-price levels. Men's and Young Men's SUITS and OVERCOATS \$25 \$30 \$35 \$40

LOOK! Still have some good patterns left in those High School Suits and Overcoats... \$15 LOOK! Still have some Overcoats at below new low price level... \$20

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets get at the Cause and Remove It. Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel, act gently on the bowels and positively do the work of calomel.

SCENE FROM "WHAT WOMEN WANT," STARRING LOUISE HUFF, WHICH OPENS TOMORROW AT THE STAR. TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Columbia—Marc MacDermott, "While New York Sleeps." Peoples—Frank Mayo, "Honor Bound." Majestic—Cullen Landis, "It's a Great Life." Hippodrome—Lyons and Moran, "A Shocking Night." Globe—"Love, Honor and Obey." Liberty—Allan Dwan's "In the Heart of a Foot." Star—Tom Mix, "The Untamed." Circle—Mary Pickford, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm." Hippodrome—Lyons and Moran, "A Shocking Night." Globe—"Love, Honor and Obey."

THE ONLY GRANDCHILDREN OF Mrs. Caldwell. William Caldwell died at Condon, Or., December 25, 1907. James at Portland, Or., April, 1911, and Frank at the same place in 1917. Stephen was married late in life and now resides in Eugene, Or. Della took care of her mother until her last illness and now reside in Roseburg with her brother William's wife. Verlin Ennis was born in Indiana, November 15, 1839, and died January 3, 1921, leaving his widow, Bertha Ennis, and two daughters by a former marriage, Mrs. Mary Bergstrom and Mrs. Nellie Powell. Mr. Ennis crossed the plains in 1851 with his parents and settled at Oregon City, later moving to Washington county where he lived for several years. Later he located below Astoria and in 1860 of the island where he passed most of his life. He will be remembered by the old settlers and many friends as the ferryman of Stauvies and before the time of the steamboats. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the chapel of Dunning & Entee. Burial was in Riverside cemetery. Joseph Harris, father of Mrs. Meyer Marks, 281 North Twenty-fourth street, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Royal, aged 72 years. Funeral services will be held at Holman's undertaking establishment today at 2 P. M. The death of Mr. Harris constituted a tailoring establishment at 125 Thirteenth street. He was born in West Prussia July 30, 1848, and came to this country at the age of 19. He resided in Portland for the last 20 years. Mr. Harris' only survivor is his daughter, Mrs. Marks, and son-in-law, Meyer Marks, 281 North Twenty-fourth street. William J. Stanley, a pioneer school teacher of this state, died yesterday at 1291 East Morrison street. He was born in Delaware, N. Y., July 24, 1842. He moved to Illinois with his parents in 1854 and was educated in Knox college, at Galesburg, Ill. In 1866 he came to Oregon, joining his brother-in-law, John Stanley Royal, and served as a public school teacher at Jacksonville and Roseburg.

BLUE LAWS CONDEMNED. AGITATION DECLARED MERE POLITICAL DEMAGOGUERY. Sunday Closing Issue Has Nothing to Do With Religion, Avers William P. Strandberg. Determined opposition to Sunday blue laws was voiced by William P. Strandberg, who was the principal speaker at the luncheon of the Motion Picture League yesterday noon at the Benson hotel. Mr. Strandberg declared that to his mind agitation in favor of Sunday "no work" laws and closing ordinances is mere political demagoguery and will prove impossible of accomplishment. "In my opinion," said the speaker, "the Sunday closing issue has nothing to do with religion. It is merely a political move on the part of cheap publicity-seekers who would cripple the largest industry in the country for them a remunerative salary or place them in a responsible position. To succeed in their desires they must first change human nature." W. A. Graeper of the Union avenue theater, state secretary of the Hoover European relief fund, asked co-operation of the league in the campaign. The theaters have recently voted to provide four-minute speakers in their playhouses who will explain the need for first-class educational films, denoted by exchange men, will be exhibited in connection with the speaking programs. J. J. Parker, chairman of the entertainment committee, announced that the motion picture hall scheduled to take place during February, reported that J. G. Von Herberg, now in the east, is arranging to bring to Portland for the event several of the most noted screen stars. Epidemics Sweep Rumania. CONSTANTINOPEL, Jan. 12.—Owing to the prevalence of epidemics free entry into the Rumanian cities of Kustendie and Galatz is not permitted, according to dispatches here today.

Obituary. Mrs. Sarah Ann McKinley Caldwell was born in Booneville, Boone county, Missouri, October 17, 1827, and died in Youncella, Douglas county, Oregon, December 26, 1920, at the age of 93. In April, 1848, Mrs. Caldwell with her father's family joined the wagon train at Council Bluffs, Ia., under the guidance of Joe Watts, Oregon pioneer. February 14, 1849, Sarah Ann McKinley was married to Alexander Caldwell. Their older son, James, was born in Oregon City, William, Frank, Della and Stephen were born in 1848, 1850, 1852 and 1854, respectively, because the present site of Astoria, Or. Alexander Caldwell died March 15, 1876, and the family then moved to Goldendale, Wash., where they lived 11 years. In May 1899, William married Helen H. Tappan of Independence, Mo. Five children were born to them.

AMUSEMENTS. "BETTER THAN EVER" Verdict Last Night's Audience. HEILIG Broadway at Taylor Phone Main 1 TOMORROW NIGHT TONIGHT, 8:15

THE PIPER AT THE PARADISE A LOVE STORY OF HAWAII FLORENCE ROCKWELL AS "LUANA" Splendid Cast and Production. HEILIG Famous Hawaiian Singers. HEILIG Famous Hawaiian Singers. HEILIG Famous Hawaiian Singers.

ATTEND THE AUTO SHOW Today—Tonight JAN. 13 & 14 1921. Admission—50c, plus 5c Tax. Children Half Rates. AUDITORIUM 3rd & Clay Sts.

BAKER NOW PLAYING A Good Show Today DAYBREAK by Jane Corl and Jane Murfin.

OPHEM THE BEST IN VAUDEVILLE 4 NIGHTS TO THE PIPER AT THE PARADISE. DE WOLF CONLIN GIRLS AND GLASS ED. HEALY AND ALLEN CROSS JIMMY LUCAS

EXTRA SHOW WEDNESDAY NIGHT HIPPODROME "THE FOREMAN OF YOUTH" JOE BRENNAN—A Portland Boy. LYONS AND MORAN, "A Shocking Night." SIX—EXCELLENCE ACTS—SIX

LYRIC Musical Comedy DILLON AND FRANKS IN "Belle of the Rancho" The Roubled Chorus in Full Bloom

CIRCLE Fourth at Washington. Mary Pickford IN "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" Also a Comedy and Pathe Review.

GLOBE Eleventh and Washington. Love, Honor and Obey ALL STAR CAST

Cornish Puppets in "THE MAKER OF DREAMS" (Down) "THE STORY OF PETER RABBIT" (Potter)

LITTLE THEATER Twenty-third Street. Friday matinee and evening, Saturday matinee and evening, January 14 and 15, Adults 15c, children under 12c, 75c.

DANCING TAUGHT ALL NEW STEPS & POPULAR DANCES guaranteed in 3 hours—last session, Ladies 12c, Gentlemen 15c. De-Honey's beautiful academy, 226 and Washington, featuring class starts Monday and Thursday evenings.

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WREFOOT CAMP NO. 65, WOODMEN OF THE WORLD, meet every Friday night at W. O. W. Temple, 218 Second st. All members requested to be present. Visiting members welcome.

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FRIEDLANDER'S for ladies, ambience, class pins and medals, 119 Washington st.

MEETING NOTICES. AL KADER TEMPLE, A. O. N. M. E.—A ceremonial session will be held Saturday, January 22, 1921, at 7:30 P. M. in the hall of the temple, 1011 1/2 Broadway. All members must be in not later than 5 P. M. Monday, January 17, 1921, at 7:30 P. M. in the hall of the temple, 1011 1/2 Broadway. By order of the presiding officer, HUGH J. BOYD, Recorder.

Funeral Home. Miller & Tracey. Independent Funeral Directors. Washington at Ella, Near 21st. Main 2001-078-85.